

Jesus Begins His Ministry

based on Mark 1:14-20

Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock. For hundreds of years God's people had been waiting for God's chosen savior.

One day John the baptizer shouted in the wilderness:
God's chosen one is coming. Get ready!

After John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River, the heavens opened and God called Jesus "My beloved Son."

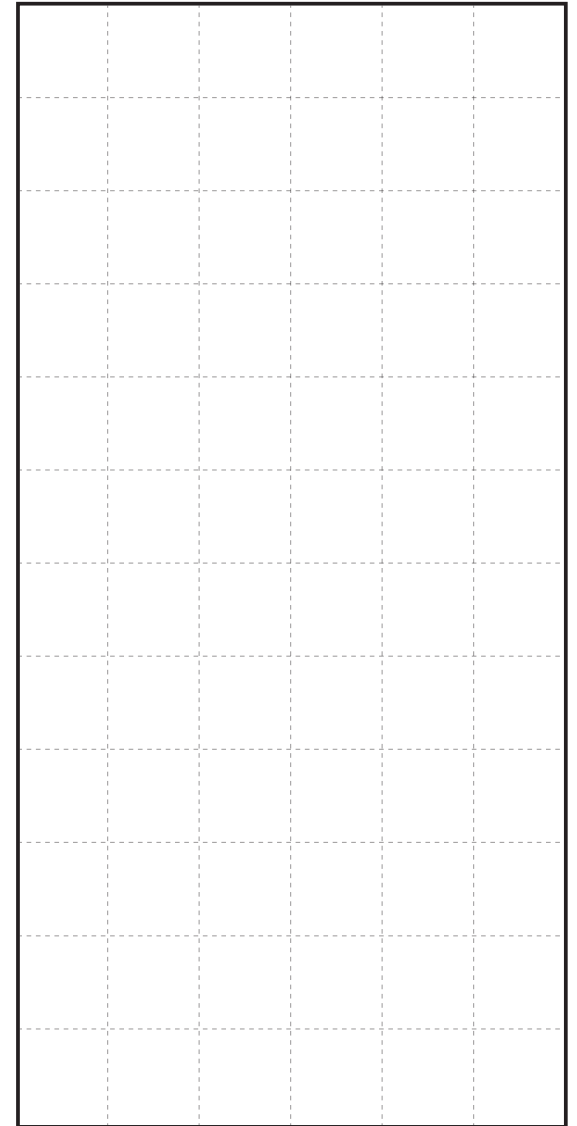
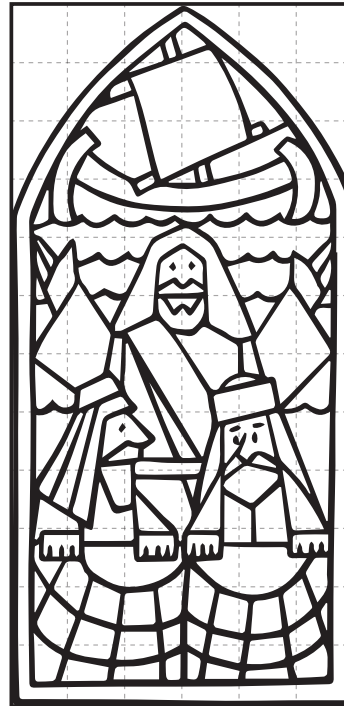
Jesus walked around Galilee, proclaiming: "The time has come! God's kingdom will soon be here. Turn back to God and believe the good news!"¹

Jesus watched fishermen at work on the Sea of Galilee. He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their fishing nets into the water. Jesus called to them, "Come with me! I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish!"²

Immediately, Simon and Andrew left their nets and followed Jesus. So did two other fishermen, James and John.

1. Mark 1:15, *Contemporary English Version*
2. Mark 1:17, *Contemporary English Version*

Jesus' disciples followed him. See if you can follow the pattern to draw a larger picture of Jesus with Simon and Andrew.



A Puzzle That Counts

Solve the math problems and use the key to find the solution.

Key

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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