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2025 C Counting the Cost Sept 7

Theme; The cost of discipleship.

Scripture; Discipleship is a true disciple, a true Christian, a true believer. Their sins are truly forgiven; the anger of God never again rests on them. They have a true eternal life. They are one of Jesus's sheep, and no one can take them out of His hand (John 10:29).

Kid's Talk Object; Sheet music and or a recording of piano music.



How many of you would like to play the piano? Wait! Not so fast! Before you raise your hand and say "yes" to that question, let's see what it would cost to be able to pay for learning how to play and see if you are willing to pay the price.

First of all, you would have to buy a piano. It would be rather silly to say that you wanted to play the piano if you weren't willing to go out and buy a piano, wouldn't it? So the first you would need to do is look for a piano. I found a used piano in the classified section of the newspaper for \$700. The ad said it needed some repairs, so it probably isn't a very good one, but it's a start. Hmm. . . **\$700.** Do you still want to play the piano?

Next you need to find a teacher. After all, you can't teach yourself. Not if you really want to play well. I looked in the newspaper again to find a piano teacher. I found one for \$25 a week. Let's see, that's **\$100 a month or \$1200 every year.** Do you still want to play the piano?

What else do we need? Oh yes, we will need some music! I went to the music store and found out that most of the **music books cost \$10-\$15 each.** If you want to buy a single copy of sheet music, they usually cost around \$5.00 each. Do you still want to play the piano?

Now that you have a piano, a teacher, and some music, you must be willing to practice. Most piano teachers require their students **to practice at least 1/2 hour every day.** That means that there will be times when other children will be out playing while you must stay in and practice. **"Do you still want to play the piano?"** Good for you!!!! If you want to play the piano, you have to count the cost and make sure you are willing to pay the price to learn how to make beautiful music!

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Did you know that Jesus said that same thing to some people who said they wanted to be his disciples? Jesus told them that if they wanted to follow him, they had to count the cost. He said they had to be willing to work hard every day and follow him. To follow him, they might have to be willing to give up their time with family and friends. Jesus also said that people might make fun of them and call them names and that some people might even want to hurt them. **They had to count the cost and make sure they were willing to pay the price.**

A lot of people today say that they want to follow Jesus. They join the church and for a while they will come every week, but when they find out how much they will need to change their lifestyles, **like loving and forgiving everyone, to share what they have with others in need, to stay in touch with Jesus by praying and to singing to Him every day**. They feel it is too hard to do. Being a true follower of Jesus is not always easy, but it is always worth it, if you are willing to pay the price.

Heavenly Father, it is easy to say that we want to follow Jesus, but it isn't always easy to do. Help us to follow him, to pray to Him and to sing to Him every day. Amen.

LET'S SING A SONG: I HAVE DECIDED TO **FOLLOW** JESUS,
I HAVE DECIDED TO **RUN** WITH JESUS

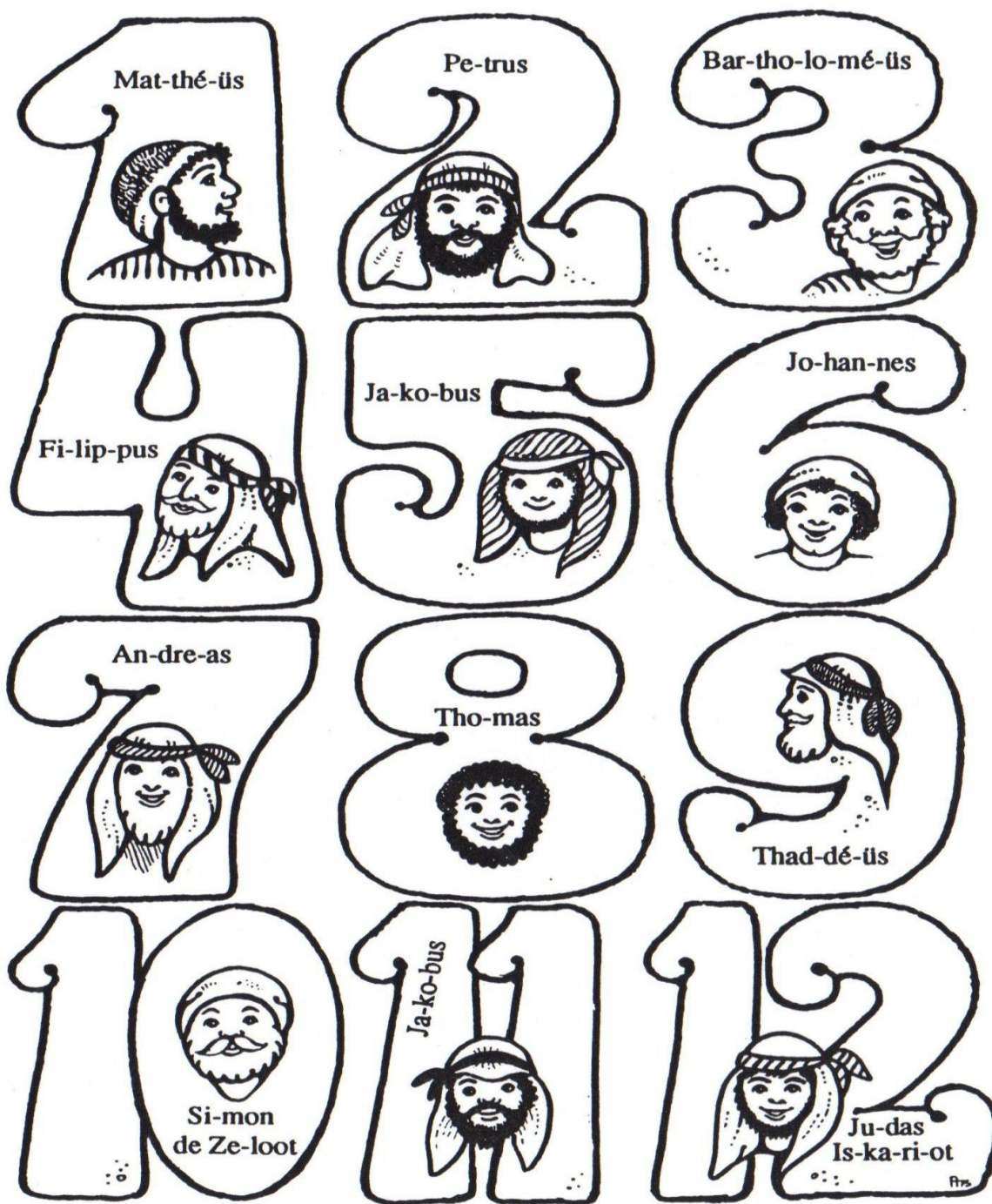
I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.
The cross before me, the world behind me. The cross before me, the world behind me.
No turning back, No turning back.

I have decided to run with Jesus. I have decided to run with Jesus.
I have decided to run with Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.
The race before me, the world behind me. The race before me, the world behind me. No turning back No turning back.

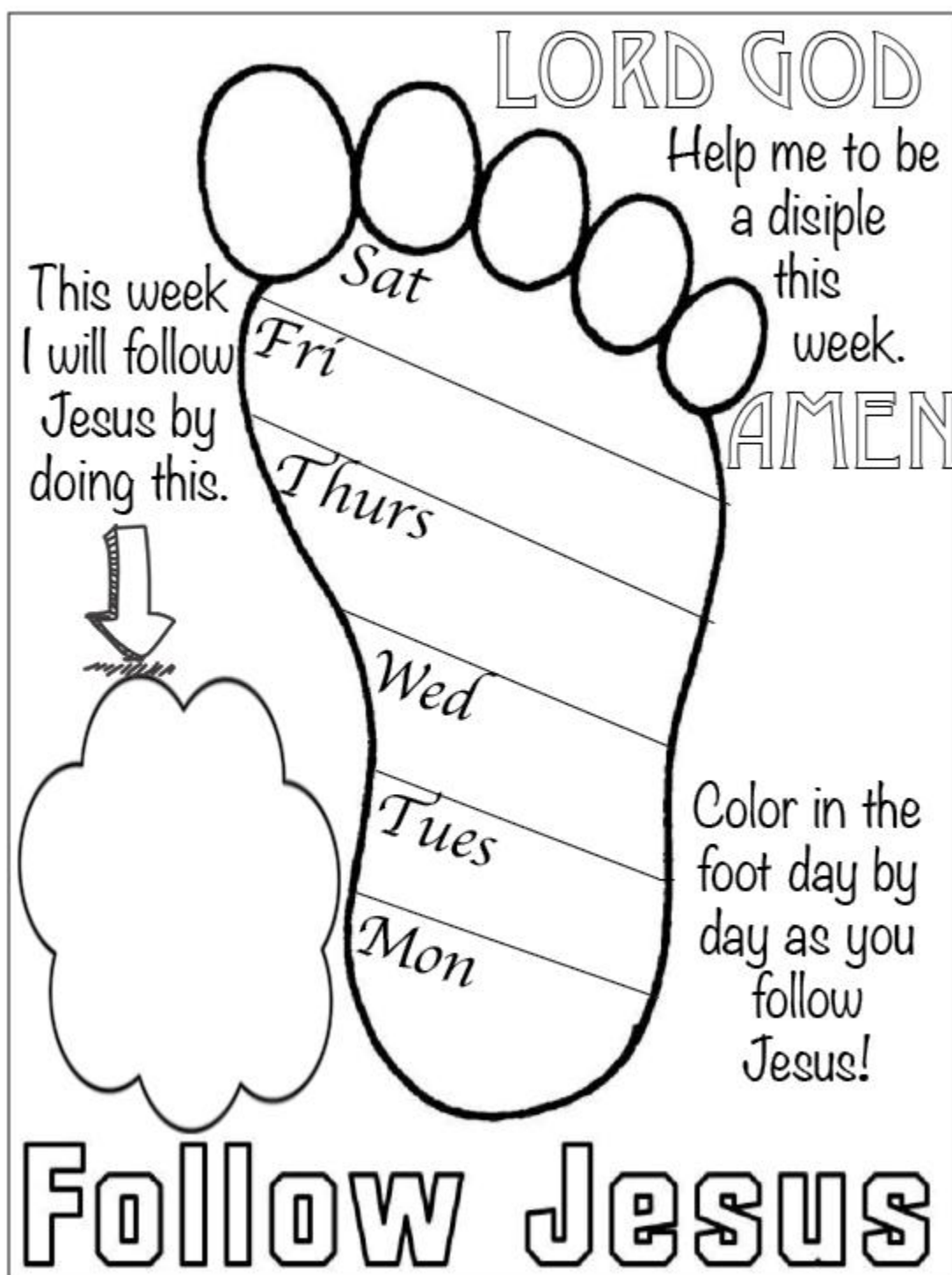
Following Jesus is not always easy but the more we try, the more Jesus will be helping us. Always give Jesus thanks for the help in prayer.

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These are the names of His first helpers (disciples). This is the way Jesus would have pronounced their names. 2000 years ago.



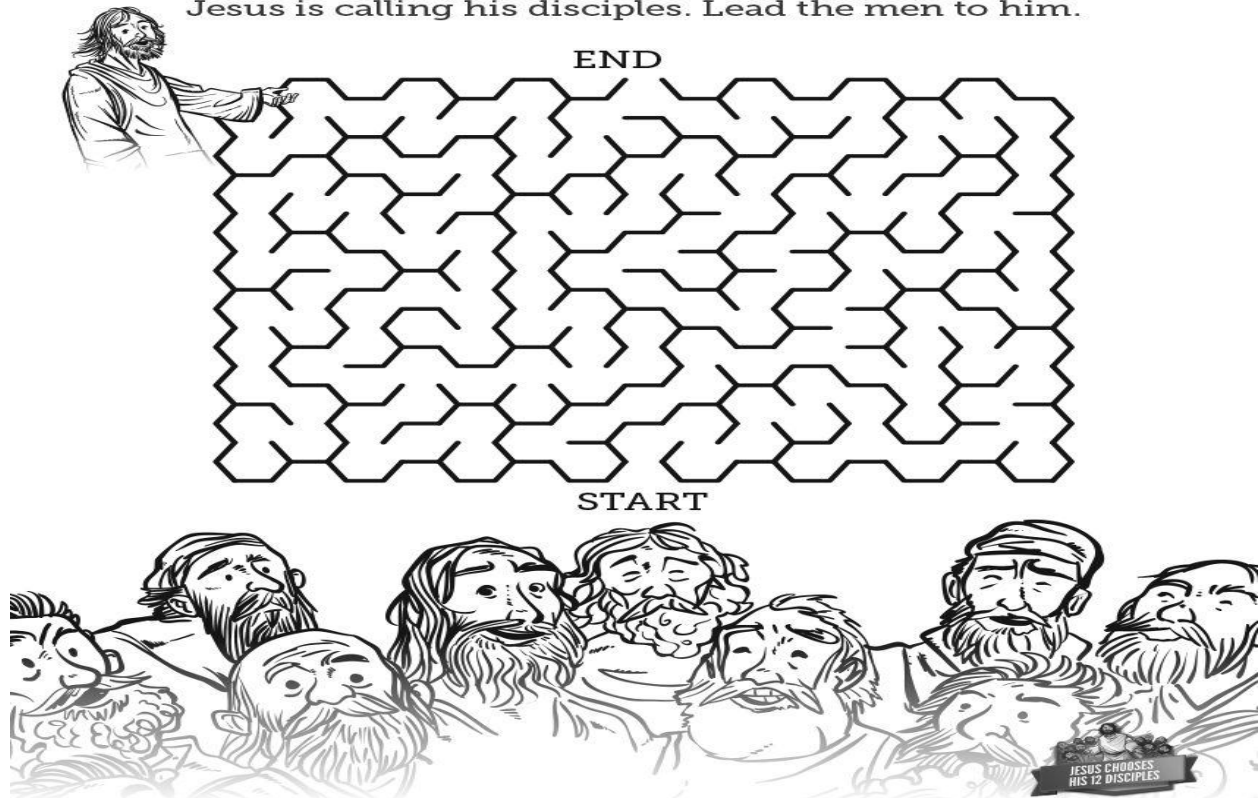
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JESUS CHOOSES HIS 12 DISCIPLES

Jesus is calling his disciples. Lead the men to him.



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Foot Prints in the Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed that he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed the scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. The LORD replied,

"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you,"

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God's Garden Church School is open to everyone on Sunday mornings at 9:30.



CRAFT #1 You will need 1 piece construction paper, (one piece narrower but 2 inches longer,) white paper. Tape, glue, coloured pencils. 1 piece of cardboard for the tree.

Draw a pathway, grass and leaves across the first half of the white paper, On the other side draw your version of heaven. Cut out the tree and colour it.

Fold the cardboard in half, Glue the paper so that it has a curve upward on both sides. Add the tree in the middle crease. Page 1 'I am the way,' Tree side,. Draw a cross on the other side of the tree that says "I am the life,' Pg 2 says 'I am the truth'.



CRAFT #2 You will need; large paper or bristol board. Turquoise or Blue, White, yellow, paints. Brown if you are using paint, (have a bowl of water ready to wash in.)

If you are using real sand, trace the footprints on the paper. Fill in with glue and sprinkle with sand. Cut out the story above and glue it on the picture.

Have Fun!

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