



**Celebrate the Good News**

**5 WEEK SUMMER DEVOTIONALS  
(w videos)**

**Elementary Kids**

**JUNE 2ND - JULY 7TH**



## LET'S STARY THE PARTY

Hey parents while we are taking a break from MDWK on campus, here is an amazing opportunity for you and your child to do a 5 week study.

A video will drop every Monday that can you can watch together and then use this booklet to follow up on **the big idea.**

Jesus gives us the most amazing reason to party. That's why we believe God's love and the gospel of Jesus is the best news ever. It's worth celebrating and inviting others to the party.





## Acts 2:28, NIrV

**JUNE 2 - 8**

Bottom Line:

**Jesus is a  
good reason to  
have a party.**

**Matthew's Party • Luke 5:27-32**

**“This is Matthew’s story, but it can be our story too. We can decide to follow Jesus, just like Matthew did. We can live a life of joy and celebration because we know Jesus loves us!”**



## Jesus is a good reason to have a party.

### Read Luke 5:27-29

Think about the BEST party you've ever attended. What did you eat? What did you do? Who were you with? Why was it so memorable? Describe that party below or draw a picture to represent the fun you had.

Everyone loves a great party because parties are FUN! All week long, we're celebrating BIG! Because the GOOD NEWS about Jesus is worth a big, fun, epic party!

Matthew knew right from the start that Jesus was worth following. And he was SO excited that He threw a party and invited all his friends to meet Jesus too, because Jesus is a good reason to have a party.

Pray and thank God that you get to learn about Jesus. Ask God to help you be ready to listen. Ask God to show you ways to celebrate Jesus, the life of the party!

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## What is your favorite type of party?

### Matthew's Party Matthew 7:24-29

In Luke 5:29, Luke wrote that Matthew hosted a huge party for Jesus in his house. But why? In the second half of verse 27, Jesus said two words that changed Matthew's life and explain why Matthew wanted to celebrate: "Follow me."

Fill out this party invitation based on the party that Matthew hosted.

WHO (was invited?): \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT (did they do?): \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN (before or after getting right with God?): \_\_\_\_\_

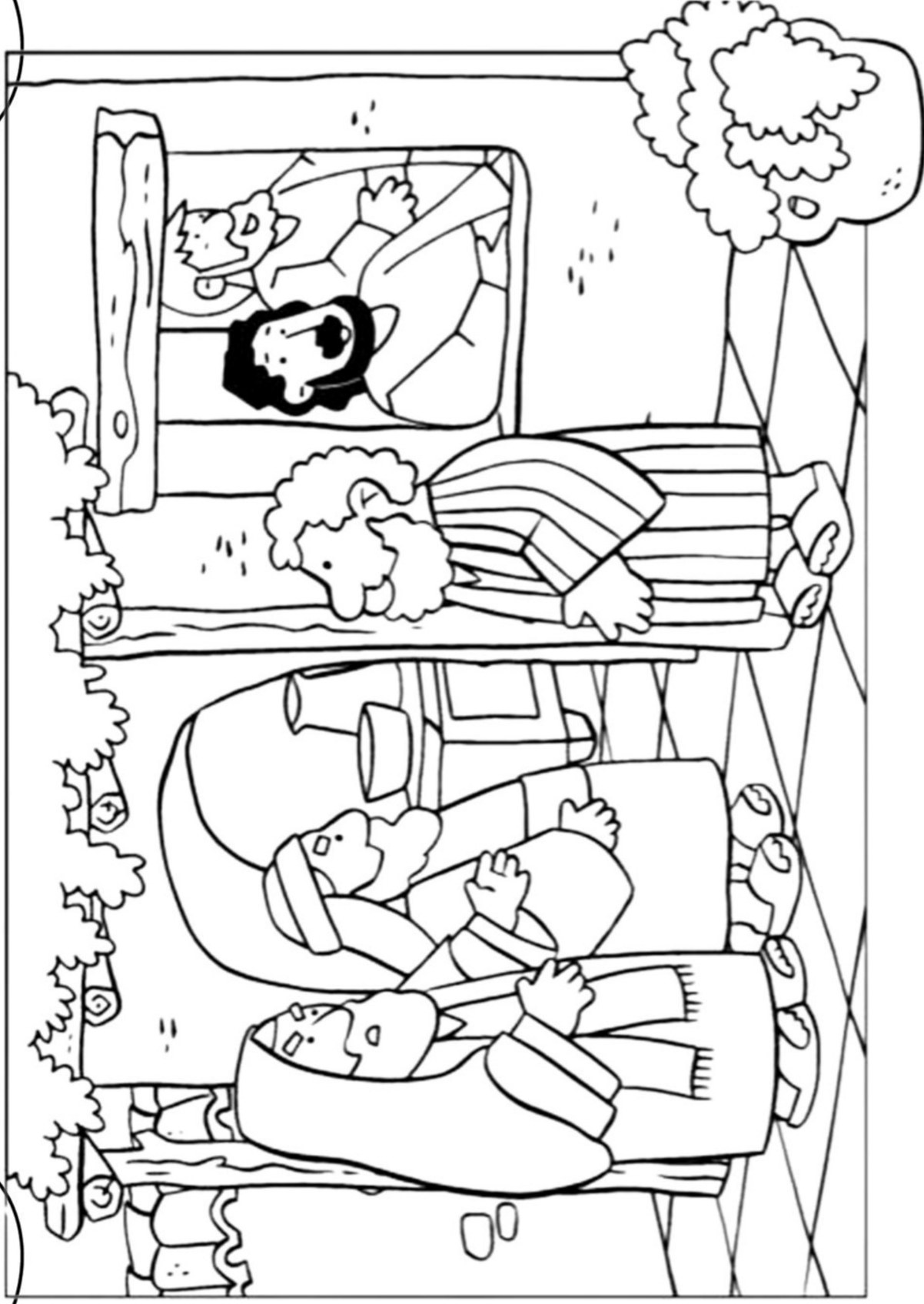
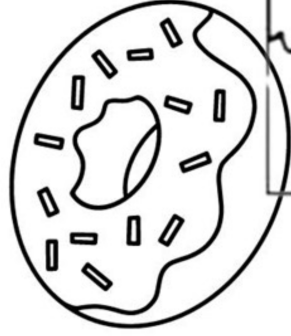
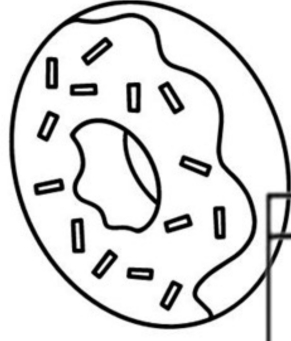
WHERE: \_\_\_\_\_

WHY: \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew and his friends must have been shocked to receive an invitation from Jesus to follow Him. He and the other tax collectors and party guests probably didn't expect to be loved and accepted after everything they had done wrong. But when they realized Jesus came to forgive them, they recognized that Jesus is a good reason to have a party, so they celebrated!



**Jesus is a good reason to  
have a party!**



**JUNE 9 - 15**

Bottom Line:

**Everyone is invited  
to the party.**

**Jesus' Parable of the Wedding Feast •  
*Matthew 22: 1-14***

**“When we choose to follow Jesus, we have the very  
BEST news to share. We believe that Jesus is God’s  
Son and He came to give us life in the best and  
fullest possible way. We want everyone to get to  
experience that same kind of life.**



## Everyone is invited to the party.

### Read John 3:16

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

People who live in other parts of the world might speak a different language, eat different foods, or have different jobs than people here. But every person in every part of the world has one thing in common. Everyone is invited to follow Jesus!

Look at today's verse. Who does God love? The world...that's every person everywhere. God loves us SO much! Jesus came to make a way for everyone to have a relationship with God. Everyone is invited to God's party.

But everyone might not know that. Who can you think of that might not know about Jesus? Write their name in the blank below. Say the verse aloud and ask God to help you be a party starter by inviting that friend to church.

"God so loved \_\_\_\_\_ that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life." John 3:16



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## How does it feel to be invited?

### Jesus' Parable of the Wedding Feast Matthew 22:1-14

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If you've ever been invited to a big party, you know it's always nice to thank the host for inviting you. Why? Because it feels good to be invited to the party, doesn't it?

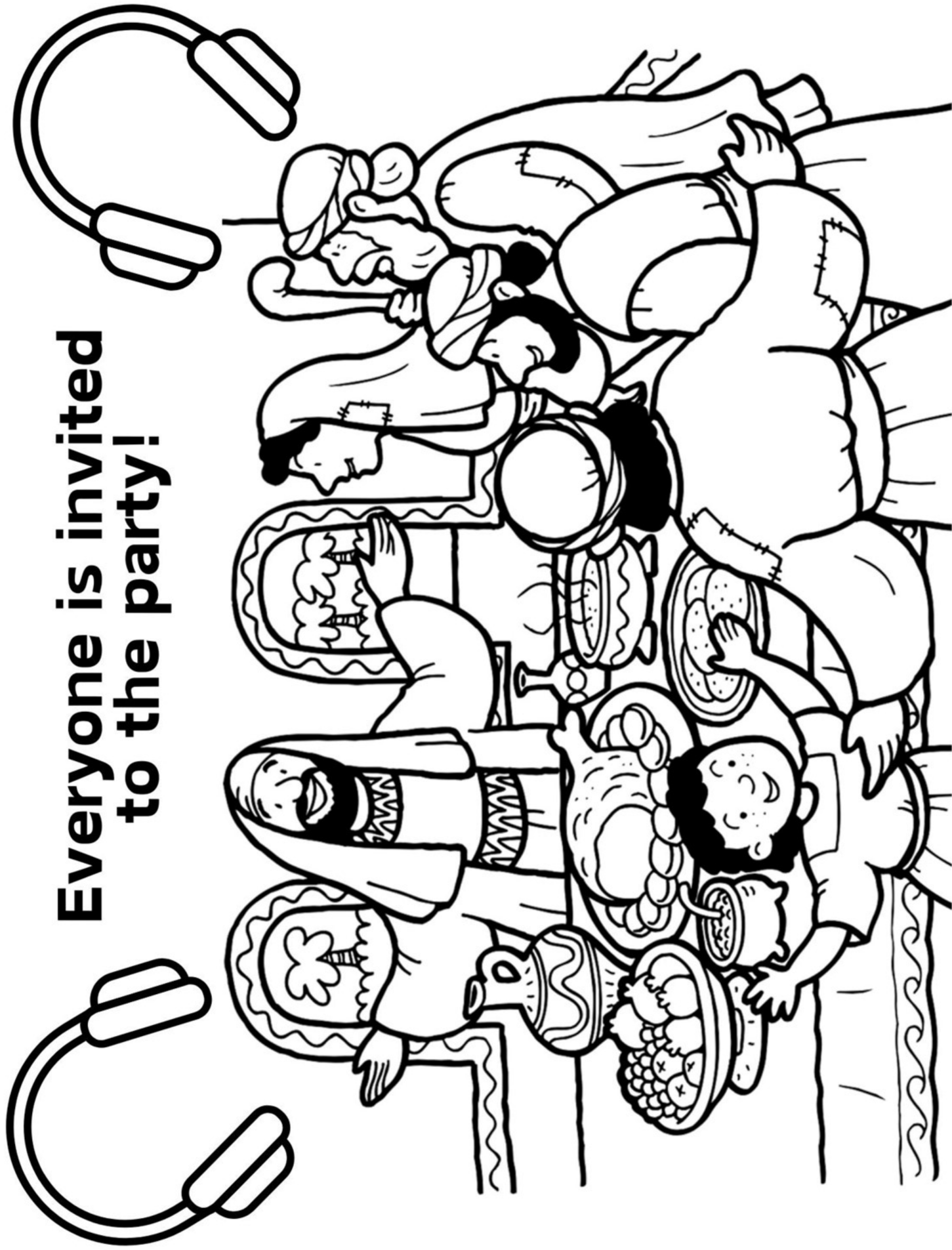
Everyone is invited to put their faith in Jesus and follow Him. And yes, that means you! So take a few minutes today to thank God for inviting you to the party.

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"Dear God, thank You for inviting me to follow you. I can't think of a party I'd rather be invited to than Yours!

Sometimes when I mess up, I forget that my relationship with You lasts forever. Please help me remember that I am invited to the party—that EVERYONE is invited. Help me to keep following Jesus and living the life You made me to live. And thank You for inviting me to the party! In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen."



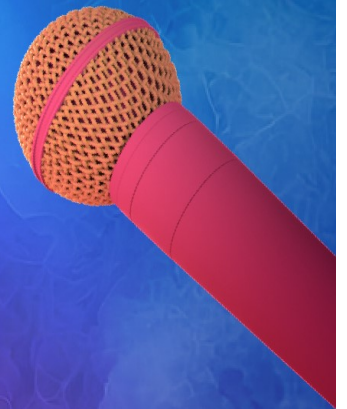
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**JUNE 16- 22**

Bottom Line:

**Celebrate the  
good news.**



**Jesus' Parable about the Lost Son.**

• ***Luke 15:11-3***

**“In Jesus’ story, the father is like God, and the younger son is like you or me. All of us have messed up. All of us have sinned. But Jesus made a way for us to be forgiven. He died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. Because of what Jesus did for us, God will al-**



K-5th Grade

## Celebrate the good news.

### Read Luke 15:31-32

When we hear the story of the lost son, it's easy for us to forget about the older brother. Think about it: the younger brother disrespectfully asked for his inheritance and wasted it, while the older brother stayed home, faithfully working for his father. When the younger brother returned, the older brother was angry at their father's reaction and refused to join the party.

Maybe you're thinking, "Yeah, I'd be mad too. Nobody's throwing me a party for doing the right thing." But the older brother missed something important. His brother's return wasn't a reason to be angry, it was a reason to celebrate.

Are you like the older brother, a kid who often makes the wise choice? While that might be true some of the time, it's not true ALL the time. No matter how hard you try, you aren't perfect. Just like the younger brother, you need forgiveness too. Thankfully, Jesus offers that forgiveness to everyone. We should celebrate, because that's good news!



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Preteen

## What's the best news you've ever heard?

### Jesus' Parable of the Lost Son Luke 15:11-32

**What's the best news you've ever heard?** The best news of all time is that Jesus came to be your Savior. On the cross, He made a way for us to be forgiven for our sins. All of us have messed up. But because of what Jesus did for us, God will always welcome us home, like the father in the story.

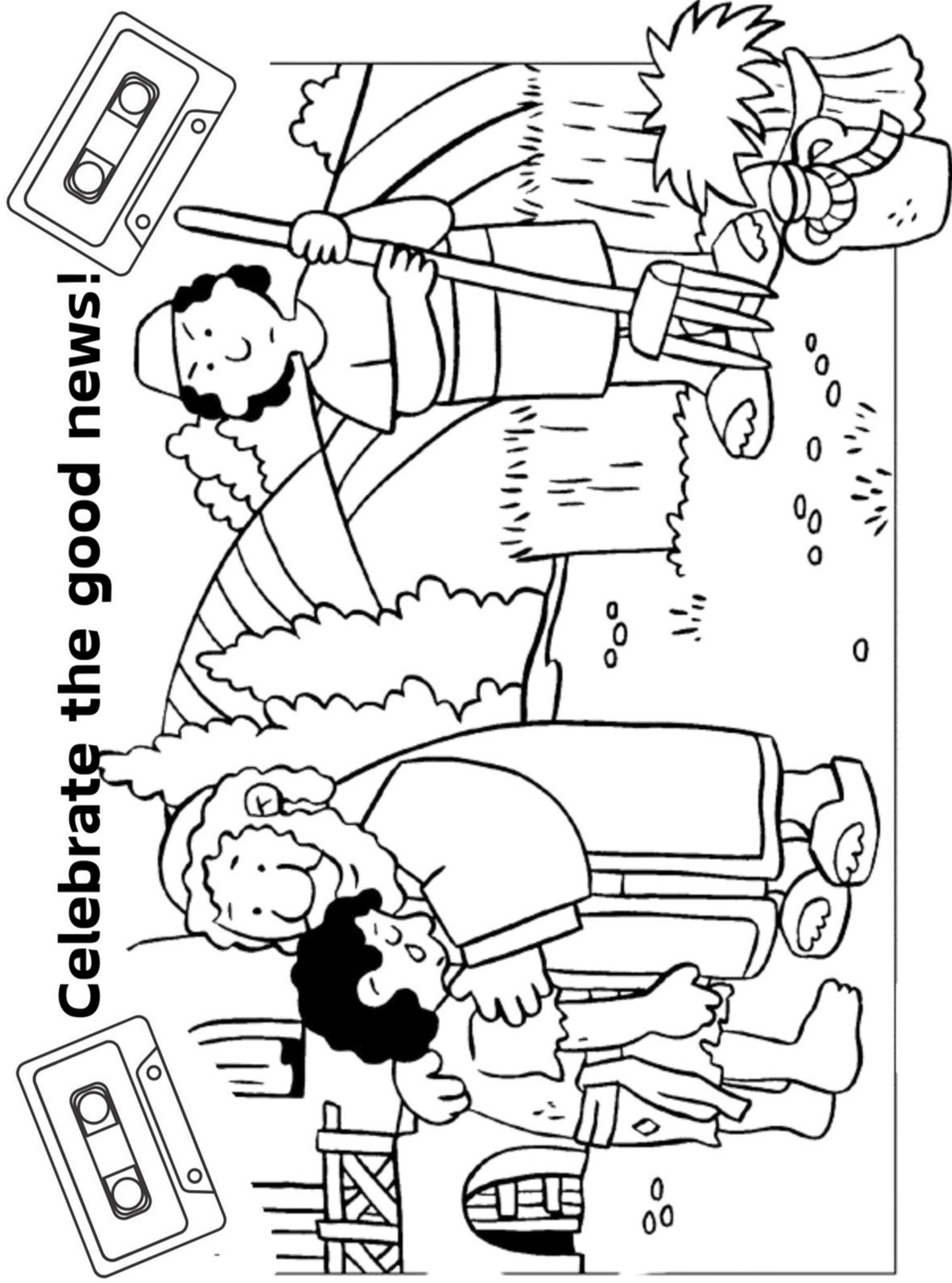
News like that deserves to be celebrated! Talk to a parent about meeting a friend or two to celebrate the good news. You could go out for cupcakes, some ice cream, or even grab some popsicles. Start out by sharing with each

other some good news you've heard (besides the good news that Jesus came to be our Savior). What made it good news? Was it good news for everyone or just you?

Then talk about the BEST NEWS ever with each other—the news that Jesus came to be our Savior. What's the best part of the good news? What does this news mean for you? For others? For the world? Celebrate the good news!



**Celebrate the good news!**



**JUNE 23 - 29**

Bottom Line:

**Jesus is the life  
of the party.**

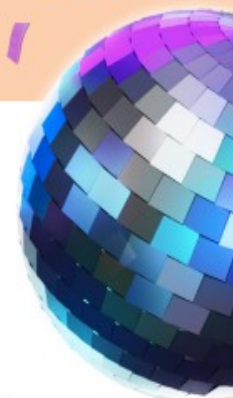
**The Woman at the Well • *John 4:1-26, 39-42***

**“The woman at the well discovered something important about Jesus that day that you and I can also discover for ourselves. Jesus gives us life that’s better than any other kind of life. Our relationship with Him is like a spring of water that leads to ETERNAL life and never ends.**





## Jesus is the life of the party.



### Read John 4:13-14

When the woman met Jesus at the well, she was coming to draw water for her household. As a woman who'd made wrong choices, she knew people that saw her would gossip or point fingers. So, she chose to draw water in the hottest part of the day, hoping to avoid the staring eyes of judgment.

But Jesus wasn't there to judge her. He was there to offer her living water—the kind of water that would lead to LIFE, eternal life forever with God. While she needed water to survive physically, Jesus wanted her to have living water that would sustain her soul forever. He offers the same living water to us, too. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever. Because Jesus is the life of the party!

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## How can Jesus change your life?

### The Woman at the Well John 4:1-26, 39-42

Can you imagine what it must have been like for the woman at the well to meet the Savior of the world? And then, in a simple conversation, Jesus changed her life—revealing that He was the expected Savior! Suddenly this woman knew she wasn't just talking to any partygoer, but to the life of the party—Jesus!

You get to hang out with the life of the party every day. That means whenever you're facing something hard, Jesus is there to help you. And whenever things are going great in your life, you know Jesus is there

celebrating with you!

Grab a sheet of paper and some colorful markers, as well as any glitter, glue, cutouts, etc. you want. Make a party poster that says, "START THE PARTY!" and make it as colorful and fun as you can. Hang the poster on your bathroom mirror, on your bedroom door, or in the kitchen on the fridge, to remind you to celebrate the good news that Jesus came to be our Savior!





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life of the party!**



**JUNE 30 - JULY 6**



**You Are the Light of the World • *Matthew 5:*  
*14-16***

**As believers, we've been given the charge to start the party every single day as we choose to turn on the light for this world. We can do this by how we live, love others, and point them to the guest of honor: Jesus. Unfortunately, this is a lot more challenging than making tasty food and hanging**



You can be a party starter.

### Read Matthew 22:37-38

When Jesus lived on earth, God's people worked hard to follow more than six hundred laws to show honor to God. They had laws about how you dressed, what you ate, laws about work—it was a very long list. One day, a religious leader asked Jesus which law was the MOST important one. He was trying to trick Jesus and get Him in trouble. But Jesus knew how to respond.

Jesus said the first and most important thing is to love God. But that's not all. We're also called to love others like we love ourselves. Loving others is one BIG way to get the party started and invite others to discover God's big love for them, too. When you follow what Jesus said by loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself, you can be a party starter too.

#### Start The Party

Make a banner that says: "Love God, Love Others." Glue paper scraps all around your banner to mimic confetti and hang it in your room as a reminder to help others join the party by sharing God's love!

### Read Matthew 5:14

If you were surrounded by darkness, unable to see where to go and what to do, what would you need most?

LIGHT.

If you were caught on a dark path, you'd want a flashlight to guide your steps. Just a little bit of light can make a big difference! Jesus said that our lives should act as a light to the world around us. Our words and actions should show others who we believe in. Because your light could be the little bit of light that leads someone else to follow Jesus too.

#### Light Play

Grab a flashlight, a paper plate, a small mirror, and a magnifying glass. What do you think will happen to the light when you shine it on these objects? Will it shine through, shine back at you, or stop completely? Make your predictions in the columns below. Then take a minute to shine your light onto each of these items and write down what actually happens in the columns on the right.

	What WILL the light do? (write your prediction below)	What DID the light do? (write your observation below)
Mirror		
Plate		
Magnifying Glass		





## Read Matthew 5:15

If the power went out, you wouldn't stay sitting in the dark. You'd hunt for a light to guide you until the power came back on. In the same way, people in Jesus' day didn't light a lamp and cover it with a bowl. They put it up on its stand to cast light over the whole house.

Jesus came to make a way for EVERYONE to have a relationship with God. As a follower of Jesus, you could be the one to shine your light to help others see their need for Jesus too. You have the power to show others that following Jesus brings joy and hope. Don't hide your light. Shine on so others can see Jesus in you. Be a party starter.

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### Dance Party

Find a flashlight in your home and some masking tape. Write the words "Party Starter" on the tape and place it on the handle. Gather your family in the living room, play some music, and turn down the lights. Move any furniture out the way so you have room to boogie. Shine the flashlight around the room, covering and uncovering the light to the beat as you dance together and celebrate the good news of Jesus. Leads as you meet needs around you.

## Read Matthew 5:16

### Here Comes The Sun

How many earths could fit inside the sun?

- A. 12
- B. 150,000
- C. 1,300,000

The sun is \_\_\_\_\_ miles away from the earth.

- A. 93 million miles
- B. 93 miles
- C. 93 trillion miles

TRUE/ FALSE: The sun is the largest object in our solar system.

The sun is mostly made of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. glitter
  - B. hydrogen
  - C. helium
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