



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle C - XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19, 16b. 19-21; Psalm 15; Gal 5, 1. 13-18; Luke 9, 51-62

### Follow Me

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village. As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

### Reflection

**Why did Jesus go to Jerusalem?** (To suffer and die for us) **Why didn't the Samaritans want to help Jesus?** (Animosity existed between them because the Samaritans practiced idolatry and worshiped at Mount Gerazim; the Israelites worshiped God in Jerusalem) **Why did Jesus reprimand James and John?** (Jesus had taught them to love and forgive their enemies, not punish them.) **Jesus wants to teach them how to be His followers. They will not always be received well. He also told them, "The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." What is He telling His followers?** (They will also, not have a place to rest their heads because they must take His message to the ends of the earth.) **Another follower wanted to bury his father first. What does Jesus tell him?** ("Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." His followers must put God and His mission above everything.) **Another wanted to say goodbye to his family first. What does Jesus tell him?** ("No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." Jesus wants His followers to trust Him and to keep their eyes on the mission.) **What do His followers need to do?** (Put Jesus first before personal comfort, family, and work.) **How do we put God first in our life?** (Prayer, obedience, forgiveness, the holy mass, love...)



### Activity

On the following page, draw an arrow to Jesus from the children that are following Him. On the last page, color and follow the arrows to see who follows Jesus. Draw the follower next to Jesus. Play "Jesus Says" (like Simon Says): Give the children commands (hands on head, clap...) preceded by "Jesus says" and they must follow. If you give a command not preceded by Jesus says, and they follow, they are out of the game. The last person left wins.

### Prayer

Jesus, we want to place You first in our life and follow You. You know what we need most and always provide in Your time. Help us to love You more and to trust You more each day. We want everyone to see Your light shining in us. Amen

**Song:** I have Decided, Lifetreekids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/sEL0WpeH088>

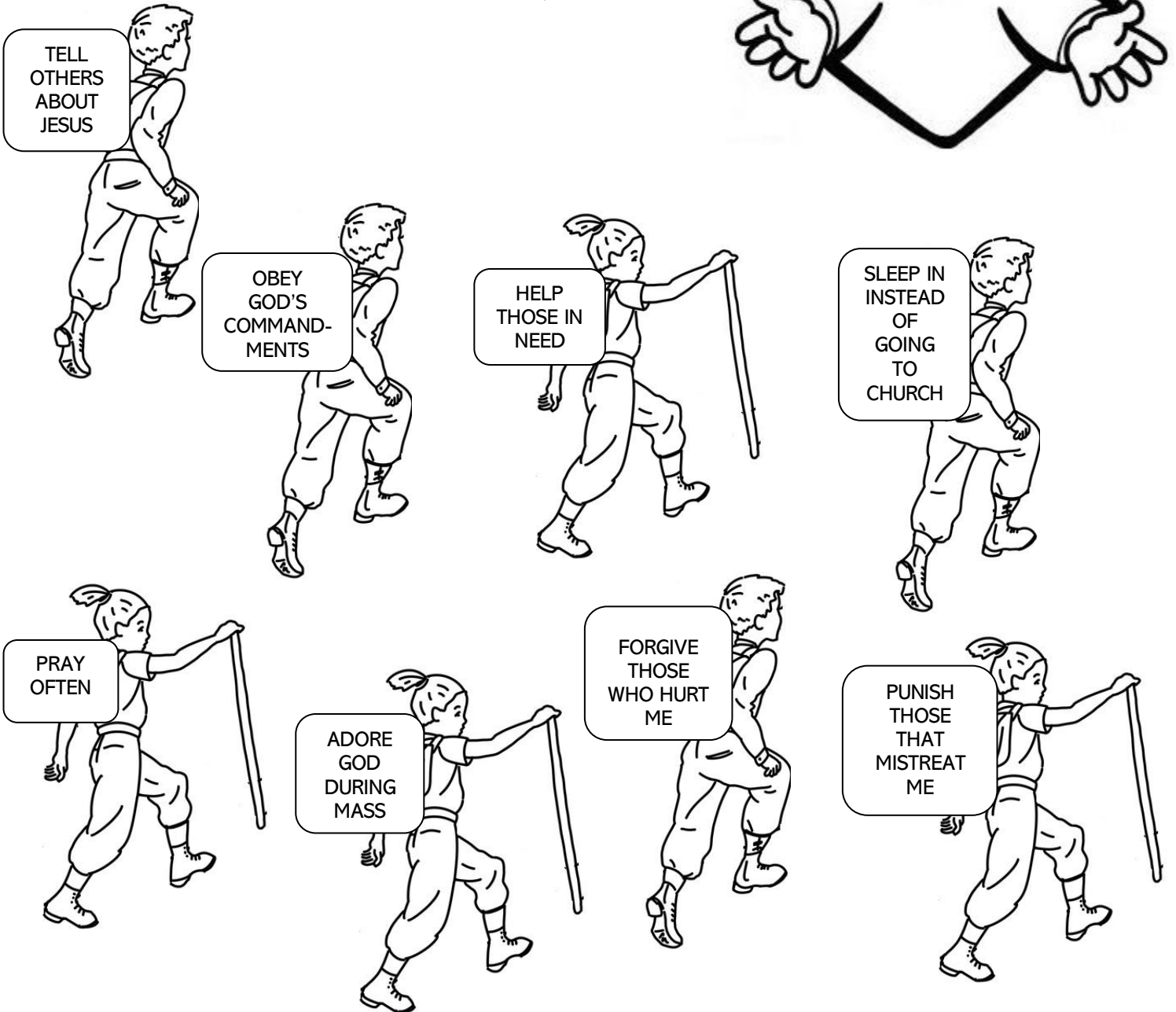
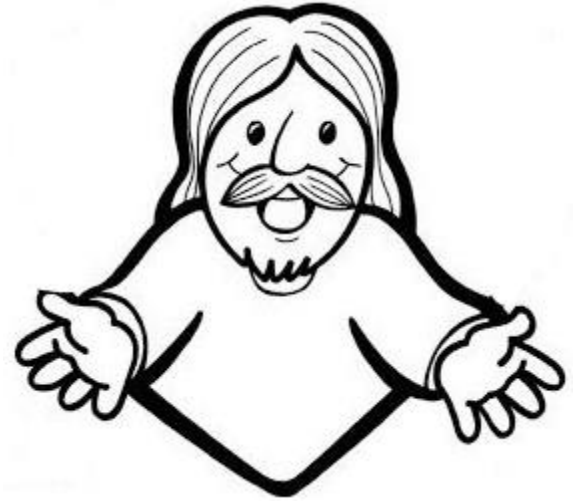
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**Instructions:** Draw an arrow to Jesus from the children that follow Him.

# HOW TO FOLLOW JESUS

Luke 9, 51-62





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Follow the paths of each disciple to see who follows Jesus. Draw him next to Jesus.

