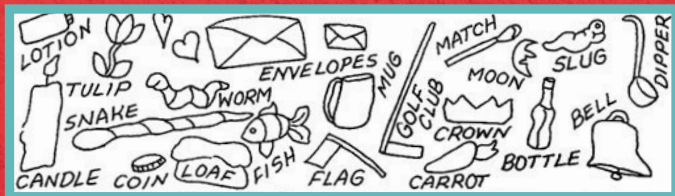
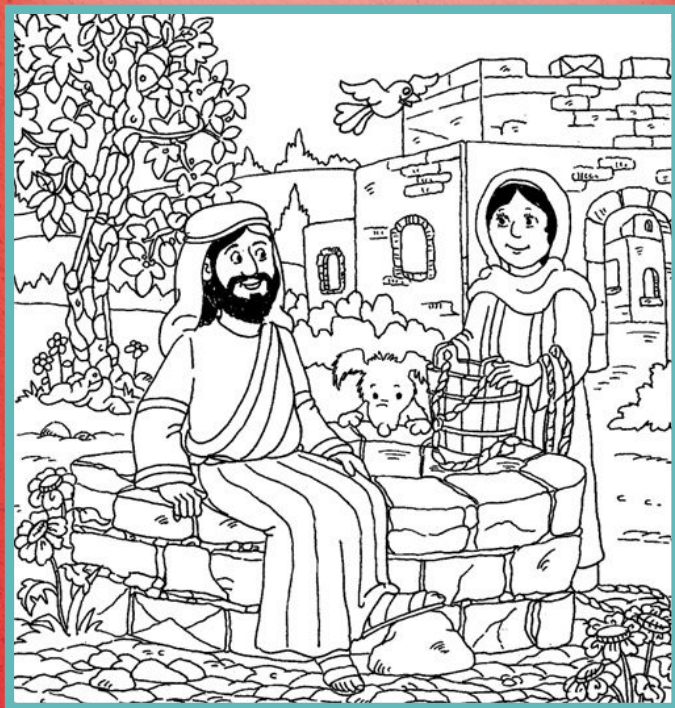


Look Closely!

Can you find all of the hidden items in the picture below?

Jesus shares His good news with a Samaritan woman.



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CHILD LESSON 3



Helpers Are Chosen

Sending: Helpers Are Chosen

Key Verse — Acts 19:20

About 2,000 years ago, some members of the early church in Jerusalem were forced out of their local comfort zone and into other communities far from their homes. They took with them the good news of the Gospel of Christ. Everyone they met who would believe on Jesus was saved from spiritual starvation and death in Hell.

Just like the villagers in our story who ate the Super Food became known as farmers, these people who believed on Christ became known as Christians. Each new community of Christians gathered together to form a new church. God's Word is the nutrient that helps each church to grow strong just like the Super Trees in our story. Many Christians even followed the pattern set by the men who came to tell them about Christ. These traveling followers of Christ became known as missionaries. In our lesson story, a servant of the scientist is a *farmer* who carries the *nutrient* to a starving world. As a servant of God, a Missionary is a Messenger who carries God's Message to a lost and dying world.

As Christians, God has commanded us to do the same as the farmers in our story and the Jews in the Bible. We must plant churches and teach them to plant other churches. This, however, is a big job that needs many helpers no matter the size or age. What are some things that you could do to help make other churches? Why not help around your church to make it grow? How do you treat your church? Do you try to keep it clean? Are you careful with the furniture? Could you pray for the missionaries your church sends? How about raising money for the missionaries? You could even write a missionary a letter to encourage them. Do you like getting presents on your birthday? Why not find out when your missionary's birthday is and have someone help you send them a gift? These are only a few of the things you can do to fulfill God's command to spread the Gospel. Would you pray that God would help show you what you can do?