

Take Up Your Cross

Find the 39 **bold** words from Matthew 16:21-28 (ESV)

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I L N J O I A K A R S O M A S
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S U S E J O V G N O L L R P P
A N G E L S L G L O L F P E A
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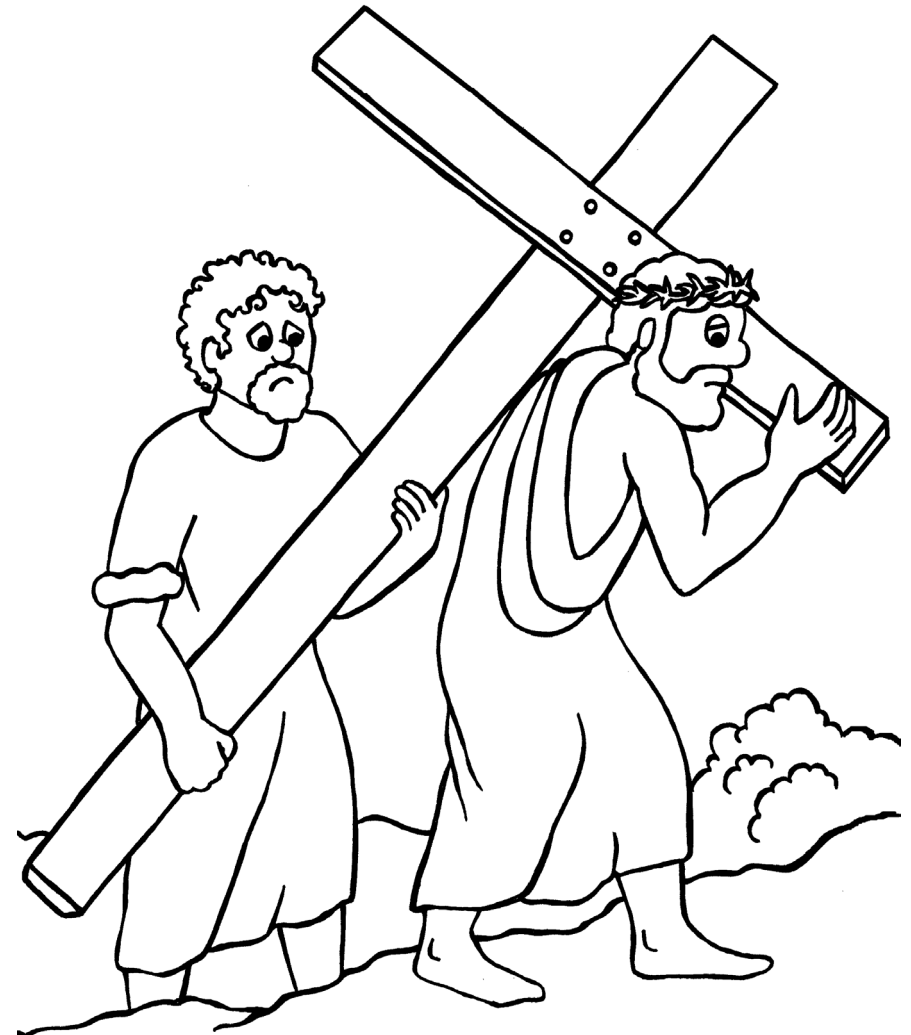
Then **Jesus** told his **disciples**, “If **anyone** would come after me, let him **deny himself** and **take up** his **cross** and **follow** me. For whoever would **save** his **life** **will lose** it, but whoever loses his life for my **sake** will **find** it. For what will it **profit** a man if he **gains** the **whole world** and **forfeits** his **soul**? Or what shall a man give in **return** for his soul? For the **Son of Man** is going to come with his **angels** in the **glory** of his **Father**, and then he will **repay each person** according to what he has done. **Truly**, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not **taste death** **until** they **see** the Son of Man **coming** in his **kingdom**.”

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Today's Gospel Lesson

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August 30, 2026

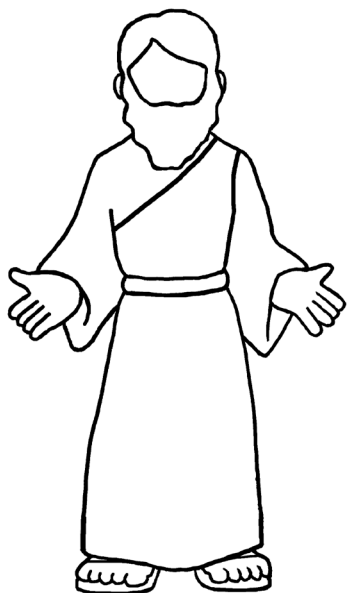


Being a disciple of Jesus means taking up our cross and following him.

Children's Worship Pages

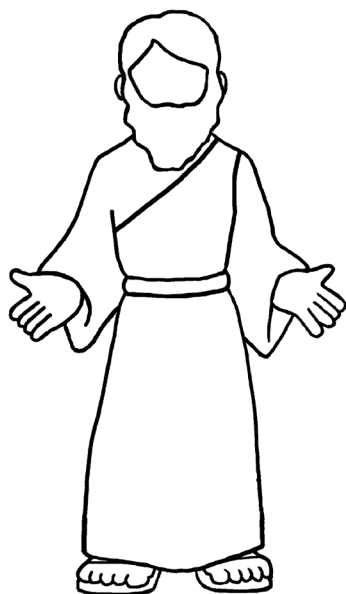
Peter was shocked when Jesus told him what would soon happen.
Peter thought Jesus would be a mighty earthly king, but Jesus said he would die on a cross.

Draw two different pictures of Jesus, following the directions below. Then, color both pictures.



Peter's Plan for Jesus

King's crown on his head
Ruling stick in Jesus' hand
Smiling face on Jesus
Happy people around Jesus



God's Plan for Jesus

A crown made of thorns
Large cross behind Jesus
Look of pain on Jesus' face
Sad people around the cross

*Jesus said to Peter, "You are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."
(Matt. 16:23)*

Troubles came to the prophet Jeremiah, and later, to Jesus' followers. We have troubles, too. But we can be patient, because we trust that God will be with us and will help us get through our hard times.

*What troubles did the disciples face?
To find out, follow the words around the spiral, starting at the arrow and ending in the center.
Put spaces between words, and write them on the lines below.*

