

Sunday Worship Services at 9am

In-Person in the Sanctuary, Live Online,

(YouTube, Facebook, reedleymbc.org) and On Demand after 1pm on Monday

Children's Church Ages 3 through 1st Grade

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FREE KID FRIENDLY MEAL FROM 5:30-6PM

Tuesday - Hot Dogs

Wednesday - Mac 'n Cheese, Chicken Nuggets

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Thursday - Chicken Quesadilla

Friday - Pepperoni Pizza

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(Meal is free but donations are appreciated)





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WELCOME

Welcome to Reedley MB. We're pleased to have you join us today for our worship service. It's our prayer that you will meet the living God in this place as we hear from the Word of God. We are here to **GLORIFY** God. **GROW** together as equipped disciples of Jesus Christ, and **GO** proclaiming His gospel to all. If you have any questions, please ask, check out our app, or stop by The Welcome Center on our main lawn. Malcolm Light, Senior Pastor

SERMON MATERIALS

Each week, Pastor Malcolm sends out sermon materials ahead of Sunday's sermon. You can find them on our App or if you'd like to receive these in your email, please contact the Church Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have upcoming events! Don't miss out: check the RMBC Website, App, and online Bulletin.

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RMBC JOURNAL

REEDLEY MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH



WORSHIP TODAY

SUNDAY - JUNE 6, 2021

Everyone wants to be blessed by God. But what does it mean to blessed, and how do we receive that blessing? We'll answer this question as we look at Psalm 1. We encourage you to bring a friend with you to worship or invite a friend to join a watch party in online worship!

Today On Stage - we have Micah Hiett on the drums, Peter Estes playing the electric guitar/violin, Paul Davison on acoustic guitar/singing, Donna Dee Weems singing soprano, Tamara Schellenberg alto, and Randy Janzen singing tenor. Josh Reimer is on the keyboard with Ben Certain playing the piano. Thank you for sharing your amazing talents with us!

If you are visiting with us today, we encourage you to download our app (search: reedleymbc), visit our website (reedleymbc.org), or visit our Welcome Center where you can get more information and a gift.

Join the 5 Day Bible Reading Challenge!

This week's passages: Week 23

Day 1: Proverbs 3-5; Romans 10

Day 2: Proverbs 6-7; Psalm 7; Romans 11

Day 3: Proverbs 8-10; Psalm 144; Romans 12 Day 4: Proverbs 11-13; Psalm 8; Romans 13

Day 5: Proverbs 14-15; Romans 14

OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Prayer - Meets in Pastor Malcolm's office at 8:15am.

Wednesday Morning Prayer - Meets at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us as we seek the Lord for our church, our community, and our world.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Missionary of the Week: Michael Thompson serving with Multiply. Pray for Michael as he looks at a variety of initiatives to equip young people for service in missions through Multiply. Pray also for Michael's family and the birth of their second daughter Ember, in April.

Creative Donations to Missions - Ladies if you have any jewelry that you no longer need and your children don't want, please consider donating it to Marjorie Ekk's Thrift Store in Portugal. Place items in a ziplock bag and bring them to the church office. Marjorie picked up over fifty pounds from RMBC already. The next pickup date will be tomorrow, June 7th. We will continue to collect jewelry until September 1st. Thank you for your generous donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Announcement - Jason & Sandra Marshall announce the marriage of their daughter Emily to James Sorensen, son of Todd & Holly Sorensen, this Saturday June 12, 2021.

Chapter One Year-End Program and Graduation - Monday evening, June 7, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Chapter One began in 1983. During the last 38 years this ministry has impacted thousands of families in Reedley and our surrounding communities. Come see the fruits of this ministry at their lively, enjoyable, one-hour program.

STEWARDSHIP

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OPPORTUNITIES

New Rejoice Devotion Books for June, July, and August are available in the church office, Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 5pm or see Sheila at the Welcome Tent. Cost is \$5 each.

Lost & Found - Did you happen to leave a Bible, jacket or mug at church? Stop by the rack on the northeast corner of the church green this morning to see if any of the items belong to you or a friend.

Director of the Perk Cafe - RMBC has a paid, part-time (5-10 hours per week) position open that requires development of a robust volunteer team to see The Perk cafe in the Student Center run successfully. The job description is posted on the webpage and App. Interested applicants should email a resume and cover letter detailing qualifications for the position to Pastor Joel (joel@reedleymbc.org).

Children's Church - Our Children's Church program is expanding in numbers each Sunday and needs more volunteers. Please consider loving on our little ones and serving twice per month. Please contact Tanya Jones at 559-638-8123 or tanya@reedleymbc.org for details.

VBS - VBS will run June 21-25, 2021. Volunteer signups are in the breeze-way, at the children's check-in table. Sign up at the table, on the website, or on the app to serve.

Join us each evening, June 22-25 for a **free kid friendly meal**, served before VBS, in the Fellowship Hall, from 5:30-6pm.

Daily menu; Tuesday - Hot Dogs Wednesday - Mac 'n Cheese with Chicken Nuggets Thursday - Chicken Quesadilla Friday - Pepperoni Pizza (Donations Appreciated)

RiverLife - You are invited to join us down by the river Thursday nights, every other week, beginning June 17th. Bring your own food, drinks, blankets, chairs, games, and friends!

The schedule will be as follows: 6:00-7:00 pm Food and Games 7:00-7:15 pm Worship in Singing 7:15-7:45 pm Teaching 8:00 - Ice Cream/Social Time/Games Dates: June 17, July 1, 15, and 29 Location: 9587 Kings River Road Reedley

MEN'S MINISTRY

Forged Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6-7am in SC 100 Cross Trainers Basketball: Wednesdays, 7pm, Immanuel Men's Group: Thursdays at noon in the Student Center Pickleball: Thursdays at 7pm, at the RMBC Court Contact mike@reedleymbc.org for more information on Men's Ministries

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

VBS Sign-up - Your kids will not want to miss Rocky Railway VBS this Summer. We will learn together how Jesus' Power pulls us through. Register online today.

Nursery is available for children birth through Age 2 in the Children's Center. **Children's Church** is available for kids 3 years old - 1st grade in SC200. Children will meet in the breezeway when dismissed from the service.

Sunday School - Age 3 through 6th grade meet upstairs in the Student Center at 10:40am. **To allow our teachers time to prepare their classrooms for the children, please do not send them to the Student Center until 10:35am.** Check in children prior to church service in the breezeway or after service on the 1st floor of the Student Center.

Contact tanya@reedleymbc.org for more information on Children's Ministries

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOW 2021 - Community Bible Study will resume this Fall on Tuesday, September 7th.

MOMS 2021 - Takes a short break. Stay tuned for upcoming announcements regarding a planning meeting and start up dates for Fall.

ROOTED STUDENT MINISTRIES

Hartland Summer Camp

All camps are waitlisted but students can still sign up on the RMBC website and App. Preteen Camp is July 25-30, Junior High is July 4-9, and High School is July 18-23.

Today is Promotion Sunday all students 3 years old through 12th grade will move up to their new grade level.

Wipeout Wednesday Swim Nights

JH & HS students will be starting Wednesday night swim nights in the first two weeks of June. Watch your weekly email for specific details.

Contact joel@reedleymbc.org for more information on Rooted Student Ministries

COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRIES

Summer Tuesday Nights at Anthony & Sheri's house every Tuesday night at 6pm. We will notify you of any changes.

Contact Anthony (284-1875), Todd (859-8900) for more information on College & Young Adults Ministries

A Master Course in Receiving a Blessed Life Psalm 1

Psalm 1 is an appropriate beginning to the entire collection of Psalms called the Psalter. Psalm 1 sets the tone for the rest of the 149 Psalms to come, by pointing us to our need to follow after God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength as Jesus says. Psalm 1 serves as the introduction to the entire Psalter. Within these 6 verses, everything that follows can fit into the model and instruction we find here. **Psalm 1 is what's called a wisdom or Torah psalm**. Now, we'll look a more at the various categories of the Psalms next week, but being a wisdom psalm, Psalm 1 presents us with a choice we simply cannot avoid. Will we choose the way of blessing, the way of the righteous; or will we choose the path of the curse, the way of the wicked. Much as we may not like it in our day of seemingly endless choices, God gives us two: life or death; blessing or curse. There is no third way or middle road; the Bible consistently gives two paths, and only two paths. I mean Jesus even said in Matthew 7:13, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." I wonder if Jesus had psalm 1 in mind when He said that. Because the key truth of Psalm 1 mirrors perfectly what Jesus said – if you want to be blessed, you need to be on the narrow road, the narrow gate, that God blesses.

I think everyone wants to be blessed in life. Do you want to be blessed in your life? When you say you want to be blessed, what do you mean by it? People will often answer when asked, "How are you doing?", saying, "I'm blessed." Ok, how do you know? What does it look like? How is blessing measured? What do we mean when we say we are blessed or want to be blessed? I know sometimes, being blessed means I'm in good health. For others, being blessed means their bank account is strong. For still others, being blessed means they've weathered a particularly challenging time, or they've avoided going through an anticipated challenge in their lives. Sometimes people say someone is blessed with a particular talent, like an athlete or a singer. My daughter has been watching old clips of auditions for American Idol, X Factor, and the like. I'm amazed at how many people are just flat out lied to by their families and friends about the blessing of their singing voice. Here's the point – we all want to be blessed, the problem we often run up against is not only what does it look like but what do we have to do to get it?

I've always been impressed by master builders. Not being a particularly good builder myself, I'm amazed and, yes even inspired, by those who are masters of their respective trades. Mastery of a trade, a craft, a talent, some academic pursuit, or some other subject or profession requires high commitment, long hours, focused attention, and the strong desire to give the very best of ourselves, perhaps even the best years of our lives, to mastering it. When looking to master something in our lives, we are wise to submit ourselves to the influence of a master, to allow ourselves to germinate and grow under their watchful and sustaining care, and follow in the path they set.

This morning we are going to take a look at God's master course in the blessed life as it is found in Psalm 1. The Psalmist will show us what God's master course of the blessed life entails by comparing and contrasting it with the master course of wickedness, the only other path given to us to choose. Now please don't miss this. Living the blessed life from a biblical perspective does not happen by chance. It's chosen. We don't fall into a blessed life, as the Bible talks about it, we pursue it. And we will pursue something. We will either pursue the blessed life or the cursed life – as I said a moment ago, there is no middle road, there is no third way.

I asked a moment ago, do you want to be blessed in your life? And Psalm 1 begins by saying "Blessed is the man", so we need to define briefly what do we mean by being blessed from a biblical worldview. blessing in the Bible is not exclusively or even mostly about material things. That's how we tend to think about blessing; things are easy to measure. And contrary to what many want the Bible to say, being blessed is not about being healthy and wealthy. Sometimes those are by-products of blessing, but they are not the ends in themselves. He who dies with the most toys... still dies. So blessing must be much more than things. So, what does it mean to be blessed? Blessing is less about things we have, and more about how we live. From a biblical worldview, to be blessed is to be fulfilled or

content, a well-being or rightness in our relationship with God. In other words, those who are blessed are those who apply their hearts, apply their lives to the pursuit of heavenly wisdom.

We begin God's master course on receiving a blessed life by **Choosing the influence of the Master Mentor**. By way of contrast to the Master Mentor the Psalmist wants us to choose, we are given in verse 1 examples of the kind of mentoring influence the blessed person is to reject. Verse 1 says, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers".

Three kinds of detrimental mentors are mentioned. The first is the wicked, and we are to avoid them because they are detrimental to our thinking. The wicked are those who have been judged guilty in a court of law or would be if they were brought to trial. They are to be avoided as mentors as they desire to lead those who are seeking God astray by their counsel, their advice or guidance. The blessed man turns from the rotten advice and guidance, the corrupt counsel of the wicked.

The second detrimental mentor to be avoided is the sinner, because they are detrimental to our behaving. These are people whose lives are dominated and shaped by sin. This is not merely a person who has committed a one-time sin, this is a person who seeks out sin. You've probably met them, some of you might be them. Whenever there is an opportunity to choose to obey or disobey, they are naturally bent towards choosing sin for themselves, and desire to take as many of those around them with them.

The third detrimental mentor to be avoided is the scoffer or mocker, because they become detrimental to our belonging. The Scoffer does not wait for opportunities for sin to arise, the scoffer is active in creating them, almost flaunting, parading and boasting about their sin. I read an article recently purely from the headline. The article by Tim Challies was titled – Whatever is false, whatever is immoral, whatever is prejudiced... his point being that we are in a society that has no shame; actually we're in a society that celebrates and honors and exalts whatever is an afront to God. This detrimental mentor is growing in ever-increasing popularity and coolness, but this mentor is not your friend.

The point the psalmist is driving at is that we need to realize that whatever shapes a person's thinking shapes their life. Who and what we give our minds to will guide our thinking will ultimately shape and guide our lives. More than that, how we think is how we behave; and still more how we think, leading to how we behave, will determine to whose kingdom we actually belong. For the person in God's master course in the blessed life, who you get your instruction from, who and what has influence over you, who you choose as mentor makes all the difference.

So, Psalm 1 shows us the better way. Verse 2, "... but his (the blessed man) delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."

The blessed man, as the Psalmist states, is the one who gives their mind over to the influence of the Word of God, the Bible. The blessed person is the one who is immersed in the word of God, is the one who is wholly consumed with knowing, understanding, and most importantly APPLYING the revelation God has given of Himself in the Bible. If you think I am overstating the matter, listen again to the words that Psalmist uses to describe the way of the blessed man.

The blessed man DELIGHTS, or takes great pleasure in the law of the Lord. He takes such great pleasure in the law of the LORD, being under the Bible's influence that the blessed man meditates on the Bible day and night The point is not to be reading the Bible 24/7, the point though is that for the blessed person, the person in God's master course on the blessed life, their main influence, constant preoccupation, source of advice and guidance is the Bible.

God's master course on the blessed life continues as we **choose the tending of the Master Gardner**. Abundant, vibrant, and lasting fruit is what is produced by the blessed man under the tender care of the Master Gardner. Verse

3 says, "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

The blessed person is not one who haphazardly wanders into good things in their lives. There's a process and a careful system which enables abundant, successful, and long-lasting growth to occur. **The fruit the blessed person produces is cultivated by the Master Gardener**. The blessed man produces fruit each season and never experiences drought, not because of the blessed man – but because God as the Master Gardner has planted them by streams of water. In other words, God, the Master Gardner, has given the blessed man what is needed to make him grow. This is again set against a negative example that the blessed man needs to avoid.

In rejecting the Master Mentor, the wicked have also rejected the Master Gardner, and thus are shown in their pursuits to be utterly useless. Verse 4 says, "Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away."

In the ancient world, a farmer would separate the useful parts of the grain from the useless by throwing the grain into the air. The useful parts are heavy and will fall back to the ground, but the useless parts, the parts that have no weight to them, the parts with no substance, no utility are carried away by the wind. The Psalmist is saying that the wicked have not only rejected the influence of the Master Mentor but the things that they do, the deeds that they have, the fruit of their lives – in the end is utterly useless; leading them to ruin and destruction.

Verse 5 gives their sad state, "Therefore the wicked (because they reject the Master Gardener and are like useless chaff) will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous."

The rejected tending of the Master Gardener is seen in the withered and windblown lives of the people that surround us every day. But again, God desires to give a different way, God is at the ready to till the depths of our lives, to break up the hard ground of our hearts, and to plant us by streams of living water. Will we let him? Will we submit ourselves to the tending of the Master Gardener. How do we do this, how do we give ourselves over to the Master Gardner, we place deep roots into His word. We look for and cultivate the fruit of the Spirit, the fruit of Christ in our lives.

The final class in God's master course on receiving a blessed life culminates in **following the leadership of the**Master Guide. Verse 6 says, "For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."

Again in contrast to the righteous, to the blessed man, the wicked are shown for their lack of clear course and utter lostness. The way of the wicked is not only a pathway of sin and disobedience, it's a pathway that is completely blind and devoid of the presence of God. The Psalmist is blunt and clear, to continue down this path leads only to judgement, to eternal separation from God.

The Psalmist says that the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, he is telling us that God knows the path the righteous are to walk well because He has not only walked it himself, He has created the path. Therefore, God knows the twists and turns which come. He knows the areas of danger, how to spot them, and more importantly how to avoid them. Nowhere is this seen more clearly than in Jesus Christ himself. For those who would be disciples of Jesus, would be followers of Jesus, He is the living embodiment of the Master Guide himself. Therefore, the blessed man, the blessed woman, the blessed teen, the blessed child is one who ultimately decides to follow the Master Guide, to follow Jesus.

Throughout the Bible, the consistent theme we are faced with is that of a fork in the road and a pathway to choose. There are only ever two; Jesus says there is a wide easy road that leads to destruction, and a narrow hard path that leads to life. As we stand again at the fork in the road, for some of you here today the choice is a familiar one and an opportunity to be reminded of the blessings found in the hard choice for life with Christ. But friend, if you are

here today, and finding yourself walking on this path, you still have time to repent, to turn from the path you are on and come and walk the path Psalm 1 is laying before you. Perhaps you are standing at this road for the very first time, maybe you have been faced with this choice before and have postponed your decision. I as the Psalmist does, strongly urge you to consider choosing the life of the blessed man and rejecting the life of the wicked man. Choose to come under the influence of the Master Mentor, being tended to by the Master Gardner being planted and rooted in the source of life that God provides, by following the Master Guide, Jesus, out of the path of judgement and into His arms of merciful grace.

A Master Course in the Blessed Life Psalm 1

Pastor Malcolm June 6, 2021

Introduction:			
Psalm 1 is a	psalm		
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Psalm 1 is placed at the beginning of the Psalter as there are only ever two paths before us		and	that
Learning from the Mas	ter		
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• The counsel of the	wicked—detrimental to our		
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The blessed man,	, and	the Master Mentor's influence	
Learn from the	of the Master		
We respond to the tendin	g of the Master Gardner beir	ngin His word	
We respond to the tendin	g of the Master Gardner	His fruit in our lives	
Learn from the	of the Master		
Which path will I choose	?		

A Master Course in Receiving a Blessed Life Psalm 1

Pastor Malcolm June 6, 2021

Open Your Heart and Mind

How has God blessed you in your life? How do you typically define blessing in your life?

Finding God in His Word

Read Psalm 1

What role do you see that the influence from someone has in the life of another?

Why is who and what we are influenced by important in determining our growth and direction in life?

Psalm 1 warns the person seeking the blessed life not to associate or be influenced by three people; the wicked, the sinner, the scoffer. Looking at the notes, discuss the kind of influence these kinds of people can have in your life. Why are they to be avoided? What makes it difficult to avoid them?

To avoid the three detrimental mentors or influencers, discernment is needed. Discernment is the ability to judge well and to judge from a biblically informed worldview. What is the primary tool Psalm 1 points the person seeking the blessed life to in order to discern well, avoid detrimental mentors, and pursue the Master Mentor?

To meditate on God's word is to mull it over, to think deeply about it. How do you do this in our fast paced, instant society? What are some of the challenges you struggle with in meditating on God's word? Why is it necessary as God's people we make the time to be influenced from God's word?

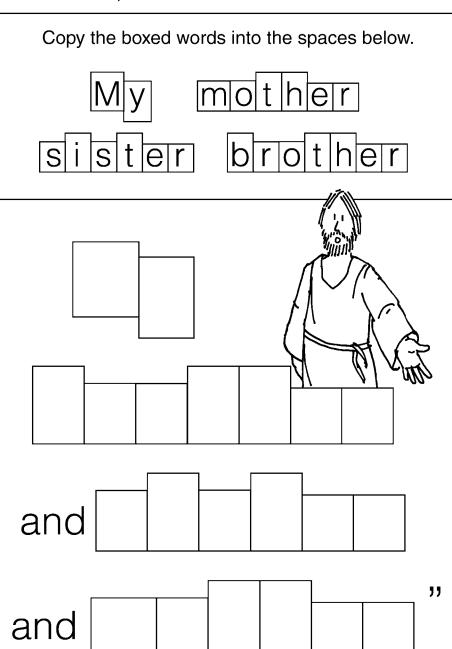
Psalm 1 makes a distinction in the usefulness of the man who is mentored by the Master Mentor or by detrimental mentors; the blessed man is like a tree planted by abundant fresh water and fruitful, the wicked, sinner, and scoffer are but useless chaff. Reading verse 3 and 4, discuss the active ways God is at work in bringing about the fruitfulness in the life of the blessed person.

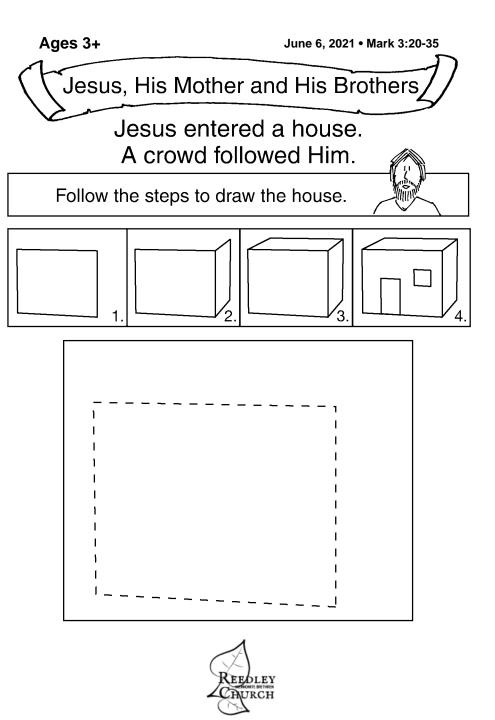
In verse 5 and 6, two paths are the final result of walking with the Master Mentor or following after detrimental mentors; salvation or judgment. What contrast does the Psalmist point out between the righteous and the wicked? What does it mean that God "knows" the way of the righteous?

Live the Christ Life

1. Does your life resemble "chaff" or the "tree" planted by streams of water? What needs to change in your life in order to be like the tree?

Jesus said, "Whoever does God's will is ...





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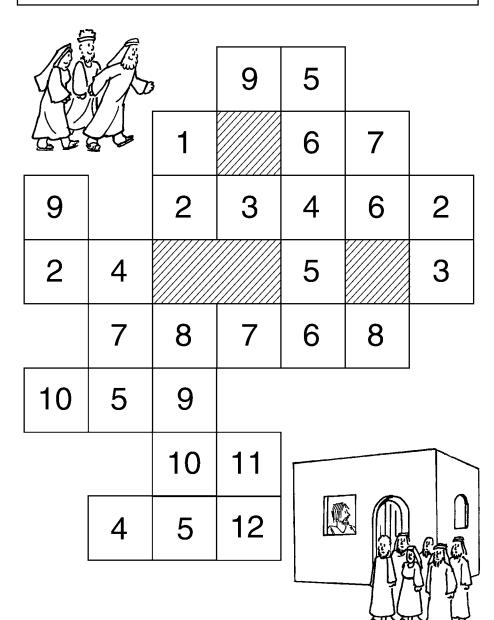


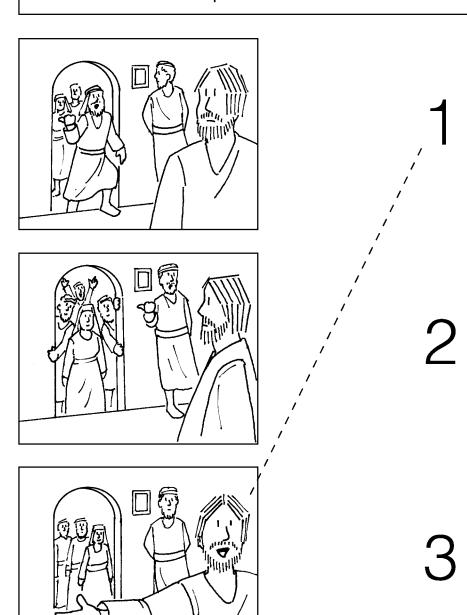
Jesus' family went to get Him.

The crowd told Jesus His family was outside.

Help the family get to Jesus.
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Put the pictures in order.







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