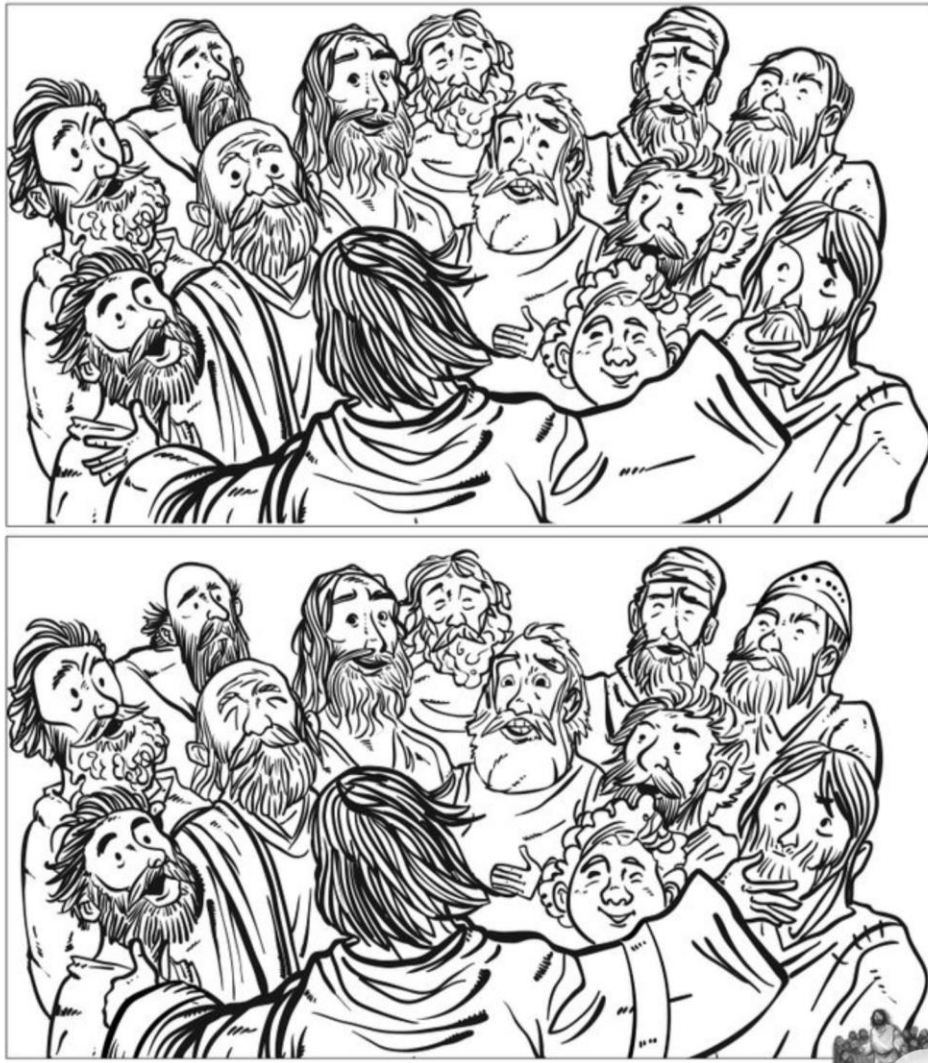


Ch 5: Consecration

Steps to Christ Children's Activity Sheet

Summary: Do you know what one thing Jesus wants most in the world? You! Jesus wants you to be His friend and a child of God. He wants to talk with you and be with you and He wants you to live with Him forever someday. Will you give yourself totally to Jesus? If you will, He will be your closest friend. He will give you a new heart and a new mind to be like Him, full of love, and joy, and peace.

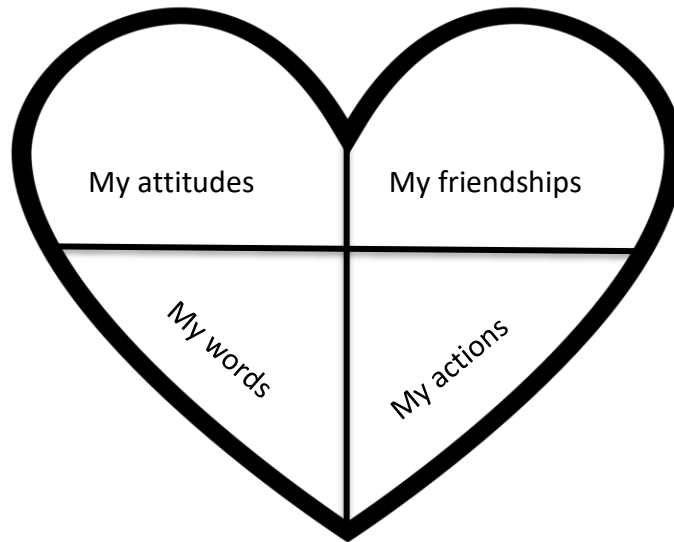
Activity: When Jesus met Peter, Andrew, James, and John at the Sea of Galilee, He said, "Follow me!" They immediately left everything (their jobs, their homes) and dedicated their lives to following Jesus. One by one, 8 more disciples joined them, giving themselves totally to Jesus. Can you spot 8 differences between the two pictures of Jesus and His disciples?



Look at the list below. How can you give these parts of your life to Jesus? Discuss with your family.

- a. My words.
- b. My activities.
- c. My attitudes.
- d. My friendships.
- e. My wants.
- f. Other _____

Activity: On a separate piece of paper, draw a heart like the one below (you can put other words in the boxes if you choose). Color the heart and cut it out. Then wrap it like a present (you could put it in a box or bag, or wrap in tissue paper). If you are ready to give Jesus your whole heart, tell Him so in prayer. Place the wrapped heart in a place where you will see it and remember that you have made this commitment.



Bible Story (John 12:1-7, Mark 14:3-9): Jesus was visiting some friends of His in Bethany and He was invited to a big dinner. Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead was there, along with all of Jesus' disciples and many other people. Mary and Martha, Lazarus' two sisters, were helping to serve the dinner and care for the guests. But Mary had something else to do too; she had a special gift she wanted to give Jesus. In those days, when guests came to someone's house, a servant would usually wash their feet. They walked on very dusty roads and their feet got dirty, so it was nice to have them washed. But this time, Mary came to wash Jesus' feet and instead of water she used a wonderful smelling perfume. It was very expensive perfume and probably cost her all her savings. She was really giving Jesus everything she had, and she was doing it because she loved Him so much. It was a beautiful gift and Jesus understood what it meant. He was so happy that she loved Him so much to give this special gift. Some of the other people started to grumble. They thought she had wasted her money on the perfume. But Jesus scolded them for their attitudes. Mary loved Him so much because she understood how much He had done for her. Jesus said "She has been forgiven much, so she loves much."

Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1mmHE4sV-4>)