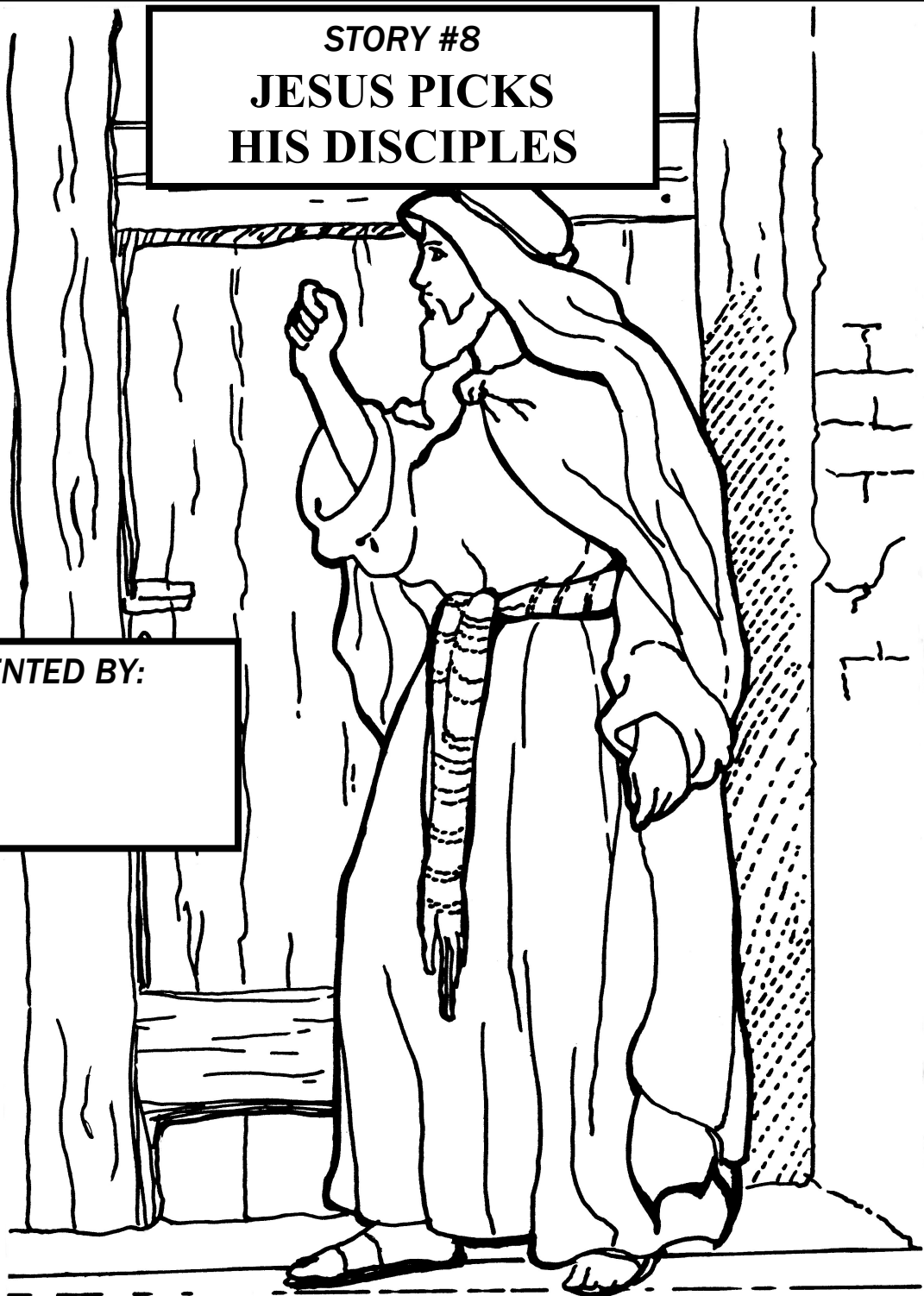


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TO READ AND COLOR**

STORY #8  
**JESUS PICKS  
HIS DISCIPLES**

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# JESUS PICKS HIS DISCIPLES

**MARK 3:13-19**

You would think that Jesus would have picked angels to tell the people of the world about how to get to heaven. Instead He picked ordinary people.

One day Jesus had so many people come to hear Him that He asked a fisherman by the name of Peter if his boat could be used as a place to preach. Most of the people that Jesus asked to follow Him and preach the good news to everybody were lowly fishermen. After He had called them, He said, *"Now I want you to catch people."* They were to tell others about Jesus and so bring them into God's family. Jesus picked twelve men to be His disciples and to carry on His work after He had gone back to heaven. Just before Jesus went back into heaven He said: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

## **PRAYER**

*Thank you Jesus; for sending us pastors and teachers so that we may hear the good news of being saved and become a part of God's family. Amen*

***Bible passage for older children to memorize:***

**JOHN 21: 15, 17** *(Jesus is talking)*

***"Feed my lambs (children)...take care of my sheep (adults)."***

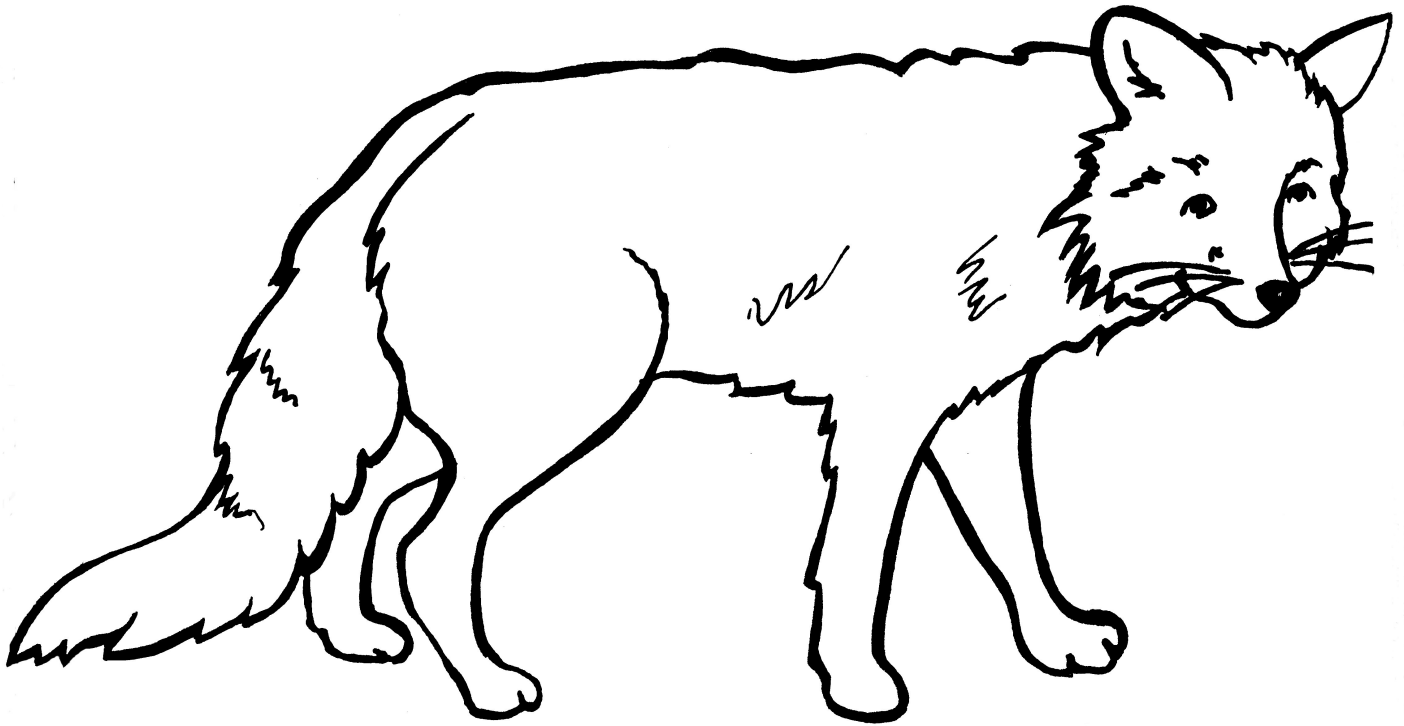
**ACTS 8:4**

***"Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went."***

**2 TIMOTHY 4:2**

***"Preach the Word!"***

# FOX



The fox is a very beautiful and smart animal. It often fools its enemies by doing unexpected and clever things.

The fox reminds us of Jesus. Jesus often did unexpected things. No one but Jesus would have thought that the ordinary men He chose to be His disciples would be good at the job. Jesus was wise enough to know just how good those men really were.

**JOHN 8:12**

**When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."***

**JOHN 8:31, 32**

**... Jesus said, *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."***

*(New International Version of the Bible)*

