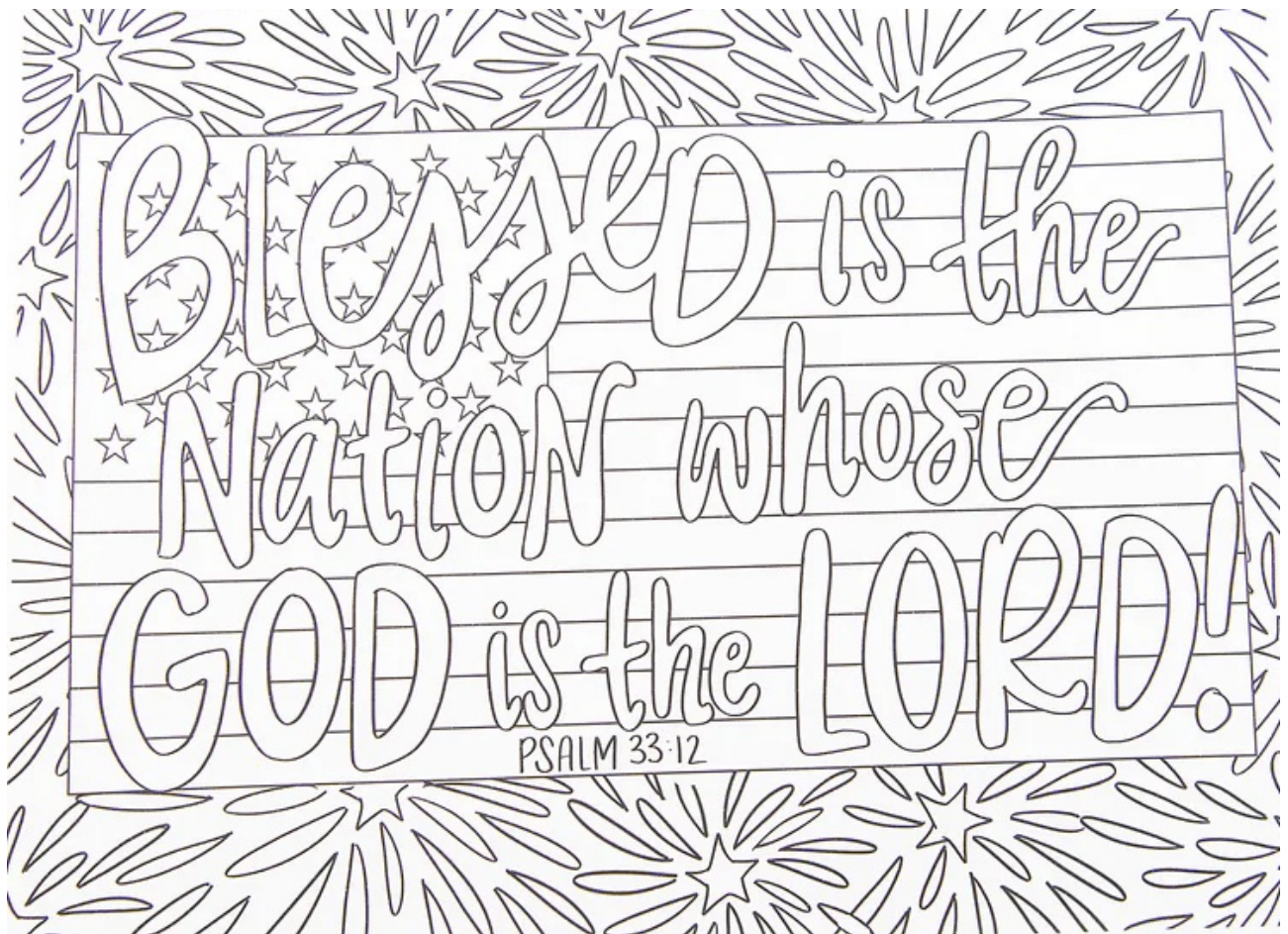


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Genesis 12

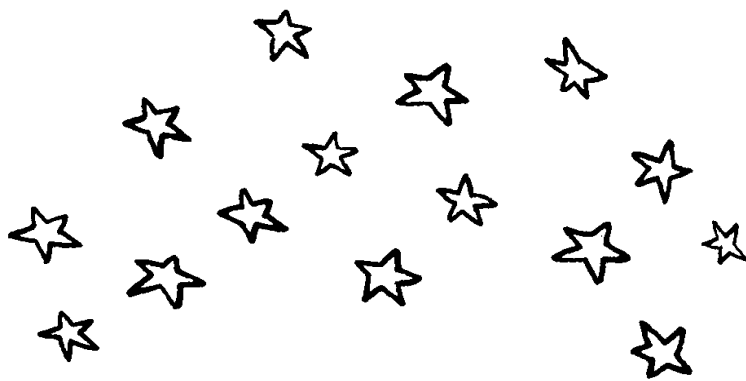


**Psalm 33**

God guided Abraham.



## Romans 4



Saint Paul wrote:  
"Abraham hoped and believed  
and he became the father  
of many nations as he was promised."



Today is  
St Barnabas' Day

## Matthew 9



Jesus said, "I did not come to call the just, but sinners."



**S**t Barnabas was a Jew from the island of Cyprus. He was an apostle, although not one of the Twelve. It was Barnabas who introduced St Paul to the other apostles. Paul later joined Barnabas who had been sent to Antioch to lead the growing Christian community there. Together, Barnabas and Paul set out on the first missionary journey which began in Cyprus, but later they split up after an argument over their companion Mark (the author of the Gospel) who had returned to Jerusalem. Barnabas returned to Cyprus where he established the church and where he was also later martyred around the year 61AD.

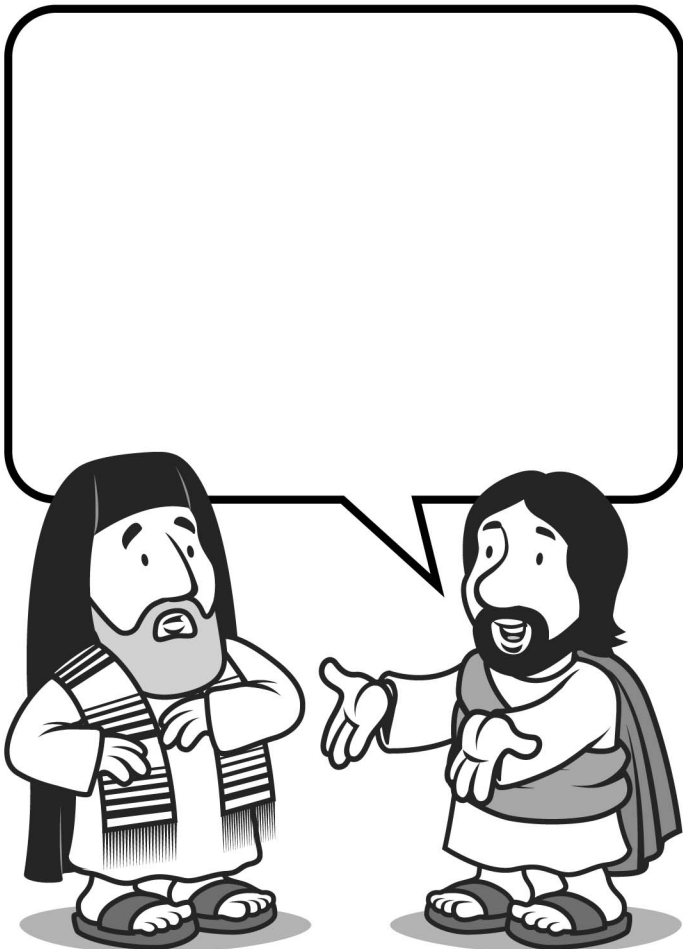
Matthew was unpopular because he was a tax collector who worked for the Romans. But Jesus asked Matthew to follow him and even shared a meal with Matthew and his friends. Draw a picture of yourself sharing a meal or being kind to someone who is unpopular or disliked by others.



The pharisees did not like seeing Jesus sharing a meal with the tax collectors and other sinners. What things did Jesus say to the Pharisees?

### What is Jesus saying to us?

In the puzzle below, cross out any letter that appears three or more times. Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete the sentence below.



A	F	Z	C	T	D	B	H	Y	K
V	I	U	A	N	R	X	K	G	P
C	D	K	S	H	K	Z	V	A	D
P	G	T	Z	P	A	R	Y	B	J
T	A	E	P	S	X	J	I	L	Q
W	B	T	Y	C	T	S	N	H	R
I	X	J	A	G	O	G	R	D	U
R	Q	T	K	S	H	N	B	Q	C
V	L	C	P	I	G	V	A	R	Z
T	S	J	M	H	U	R	P	S	X
Z	R	V	X	B	N	C	S	O	I

ANSWER

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 Dear God

Thank you that Jesus is our friend.  
Help us learn to be friends of all people. Amen.