


# *Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness...*


## Lesson Plan

Key Verses: *Matt 5:6, Luke 19:1-10*

Objectives:

 2's&3's -


- To learn how Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so much that he climbed a tree.
- To learn Jesus wants me to look to Him too.

 4's&5's -


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 K & 1st -

- To learn how Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus so much that he climbed a tree.
- To learn Jesus wants me to look to Him too.


 2nd & 3rd -

- To learn what Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness means.
- To learn how Zacchaeus Hungered to see Jesus.
- To learn Jesus wants me to Hunger and Thirst for Him.

 4th & up -

- To learn what Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness means.
- To learn how Zacchaeus Hungered to see Jesus.
- To learn Jesus wants me to Hunger and Thirst for Him.

Application:

 2's&3's -

- I can want to learn more about Jesus.
- I can look for Jesus in my life.

 4's&5's -

- I can want to learn more about Jesus.


- I can look for Jesus in my life.

 K & 1st -

- I can want to learn more about Jesus.
- I can Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness by reading God's word and learning about Him.
- I can look for Jesus in my life.

 2nd & 3rd -

- I can Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness by reading God's word and learning about Him.
- I can look for evidence of Jesus in my life.

 4th & up -

- I can Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness by reading God's word and learning about Him.
- I can look for evidence of Jesus in my life.

### Activities:

 2's&3's - Zacchaeus Retell (page 5-8 varying ability)

Fill Your Plate (color page) (page 9)

 4's&5's - Zacchaeus Retell (page 5-8 varying ability)

Children doing Right (page 10)


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Fill your Plate (Hebrews 11) (page 11)  
(w/parents)

 2nd & 3rd - What's on your Plate? (page 12)

Fill your Plate (Hebrews 11) (page 11)

Fill your Plate (Ephesians) (page 13)

 4th & up - What's on your Plate? (page 12)

Fill your Plate (Ephesians) (page 13)

 All Ages - Bible Journal Template (page 15-16)

Hunger and Thirst Color page (page 14)

## The Beatitudes

Have you ever been so hungry you thought you were going to starve? So thirsty you wanted to drink glass after glass of water? Well, Jesus says that's what we are supposed to be for His word. He tells us in Matthew



5:6 that *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.* Let's see how much Zacchaeus hungered and thirsted for righteousness.

## *Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness...*

*(Matt 5:5, Acts 9)*

If we are hungry and thirsty we are able to just go into the kitchen and get a snack or a drink of water. We usually eat breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as a snack or two during the day. Food is very important to us and when we don't have it, we become hungry. Well, God wants us to Hunger and Thirst (want it as much as we would food or drink) for His word and His teaching, then He will fill us and give us all we need.

Zacchaeus knew exactly what it meant to Hunger for Jesus. Zacchaeus was a tax



collector, un-liked by many of the Jews because many tax collectors were thieves and stole money from the people. He heard that Jesus was coming to his town and Zacchaeus wanted to see Him. So Zacchaeus ran out to see Jesus. But Zac-

Zacchaeus was short and could not see Jesus because of the large crowd. So Zacchaeus ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up into a tree just to get a look at Jesus as He went by. When Jesus came by the tree, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus. Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So Zacchaeus hurried and came down and received Jesus joyfully.

Many of the Jews were upset that Jesus chose to stay with Zacchaeus, a tax-collector and sinner. But Zacchaeus was joyful and his desire, or Hunger, to see Jesus was fulfilled when Jesus went to his home.

If we have the same hunger and thirst as Zacchaeus, we will be looking for Jesus. We will be reading His word, searching the scripture for what He wants us to do and doing our best to follow Him.



Cut out Jesus and Zacchaeus and use them on the age appropriate tree page to retell the story how Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus.

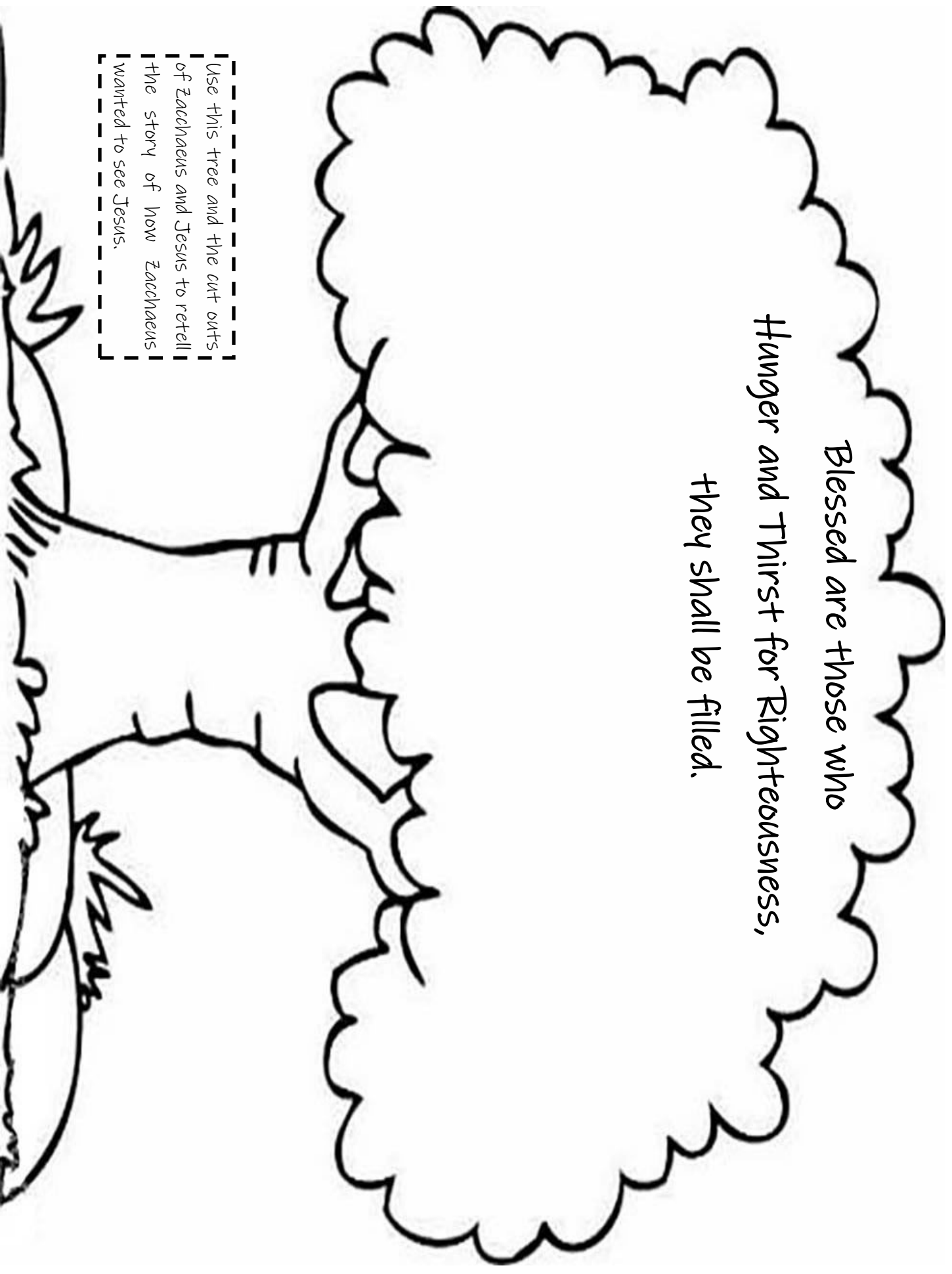


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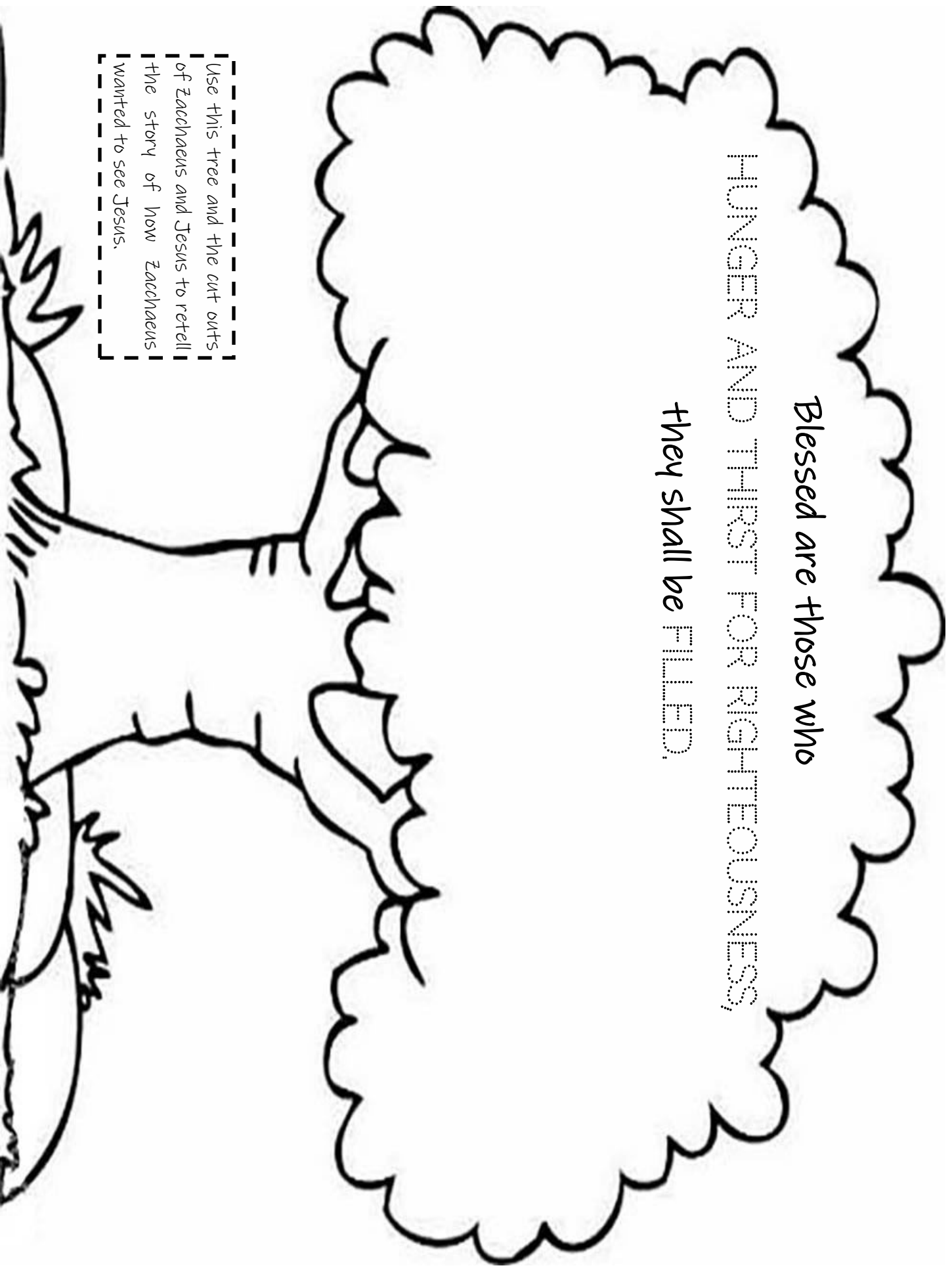
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Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness,  
they shall be filled.

Use this tree and the cut outs  
of Zacchaeus and Jesus to retell  
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Blessed are those who  
HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS,  
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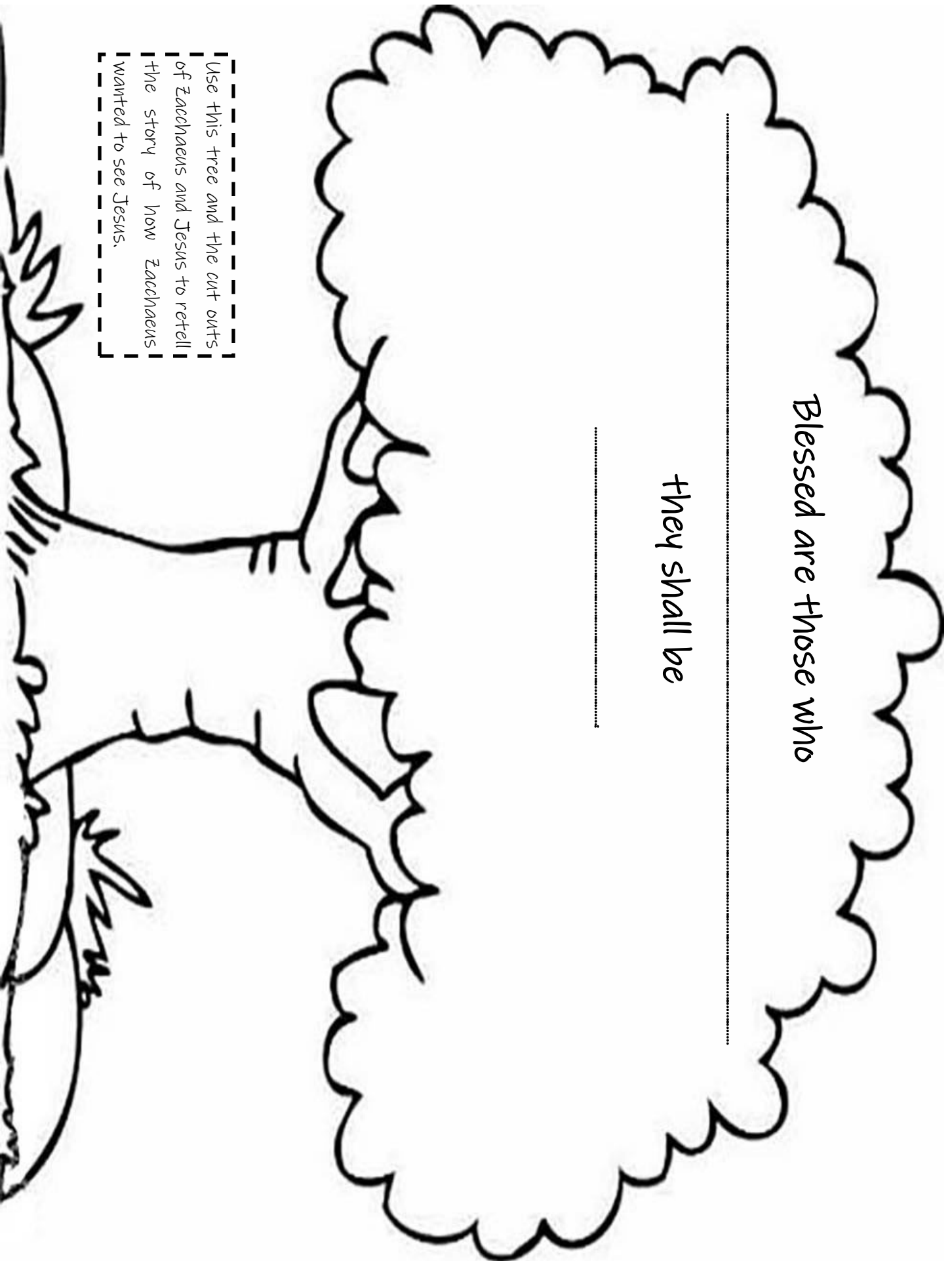
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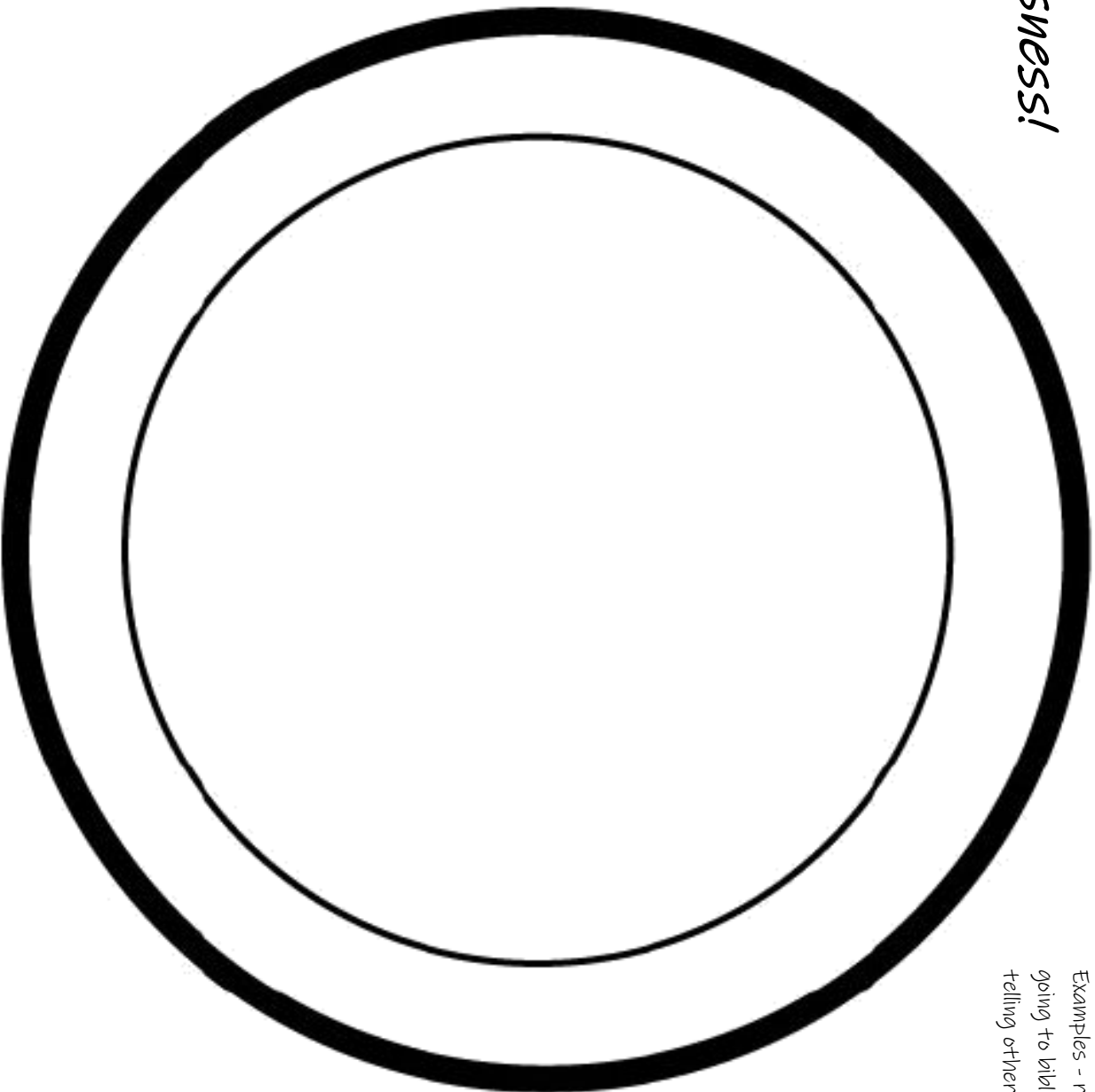
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*Fill your plate with*

*Righteousness!*

Draw pictures of you hungering and thirsting for Righteousness.

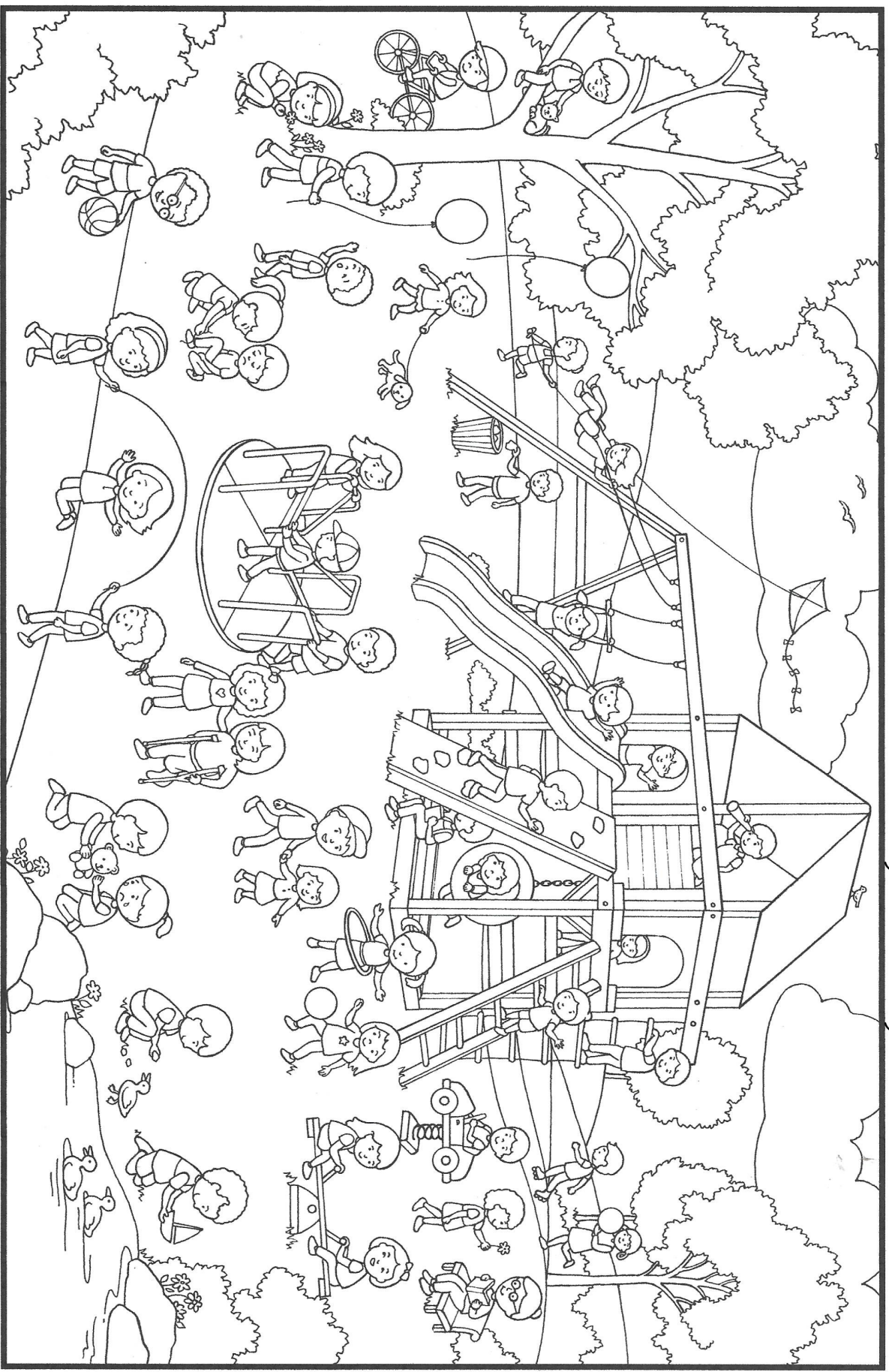
Examples - reading the bible, praying, going to bible class, helping others, telling others about Jesus



**Blessed are those who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness...**

When we read God's word we learn what He wants us to do.

Circle or Color the kids who are doing what is right.



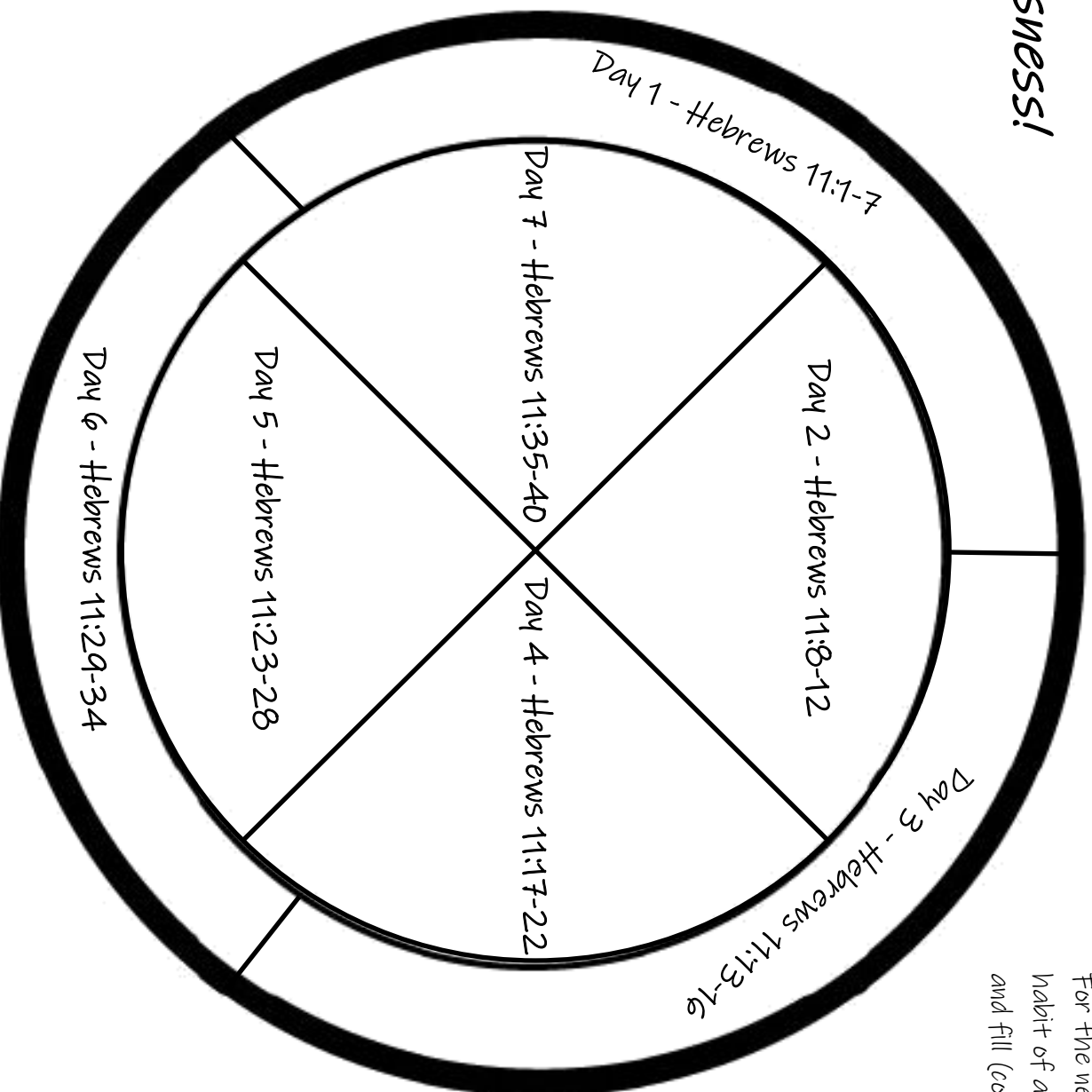
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One of the best ways to "fill our plate" is to read God's word daily.

Fill your plate with

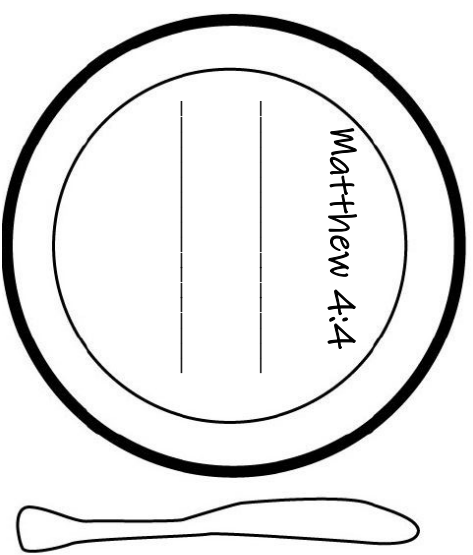
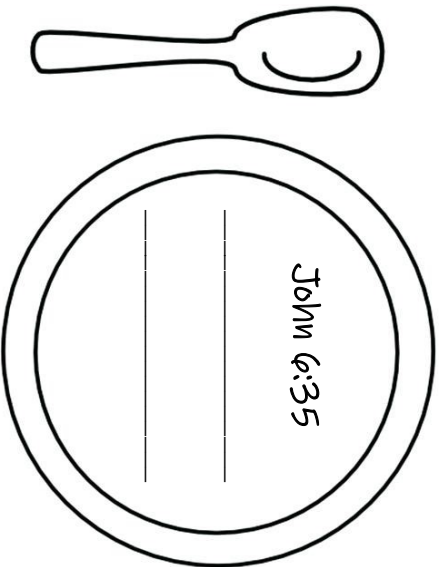
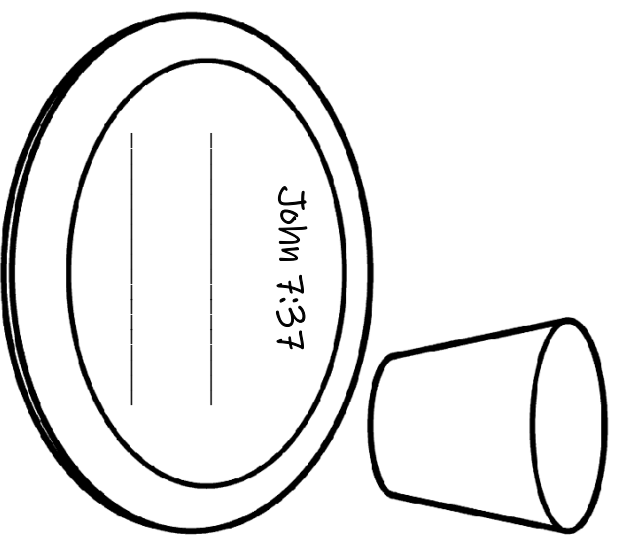
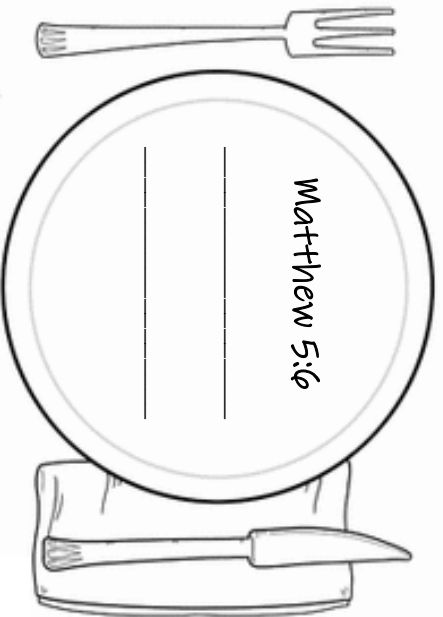
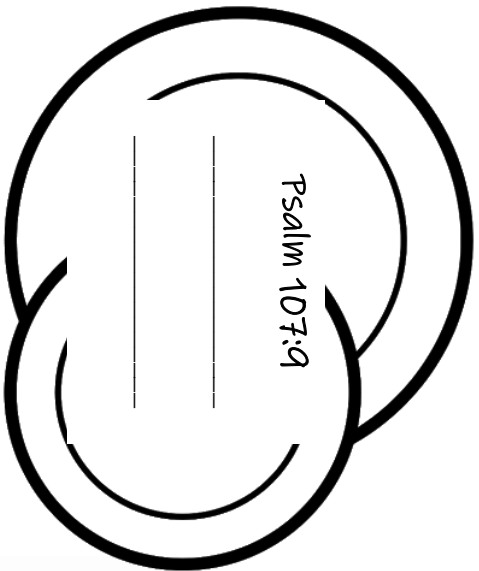
Righteousness!

For the next week start the habit of a daily bible reading and fill (color) your plate!



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What's on your plate?



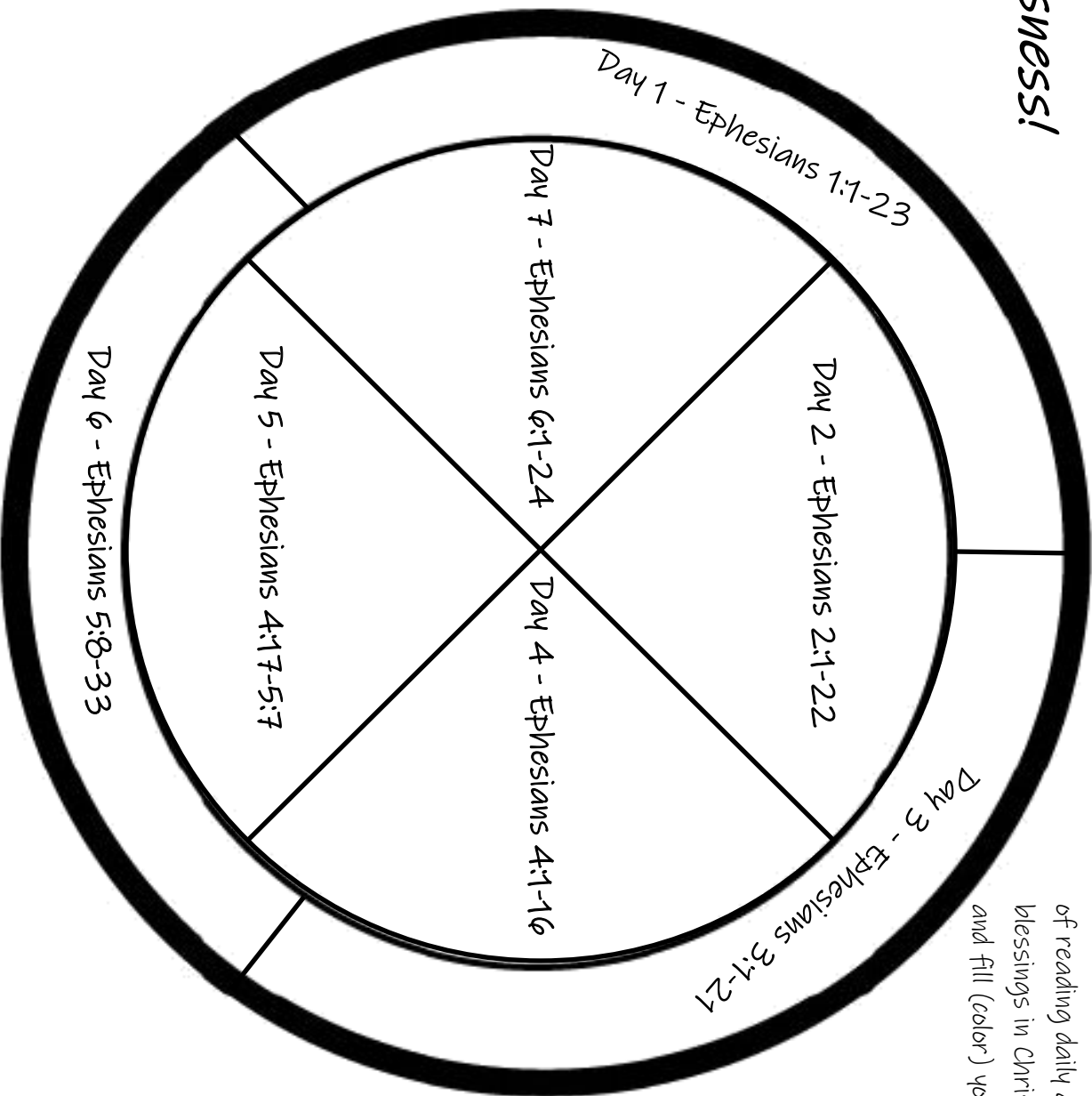
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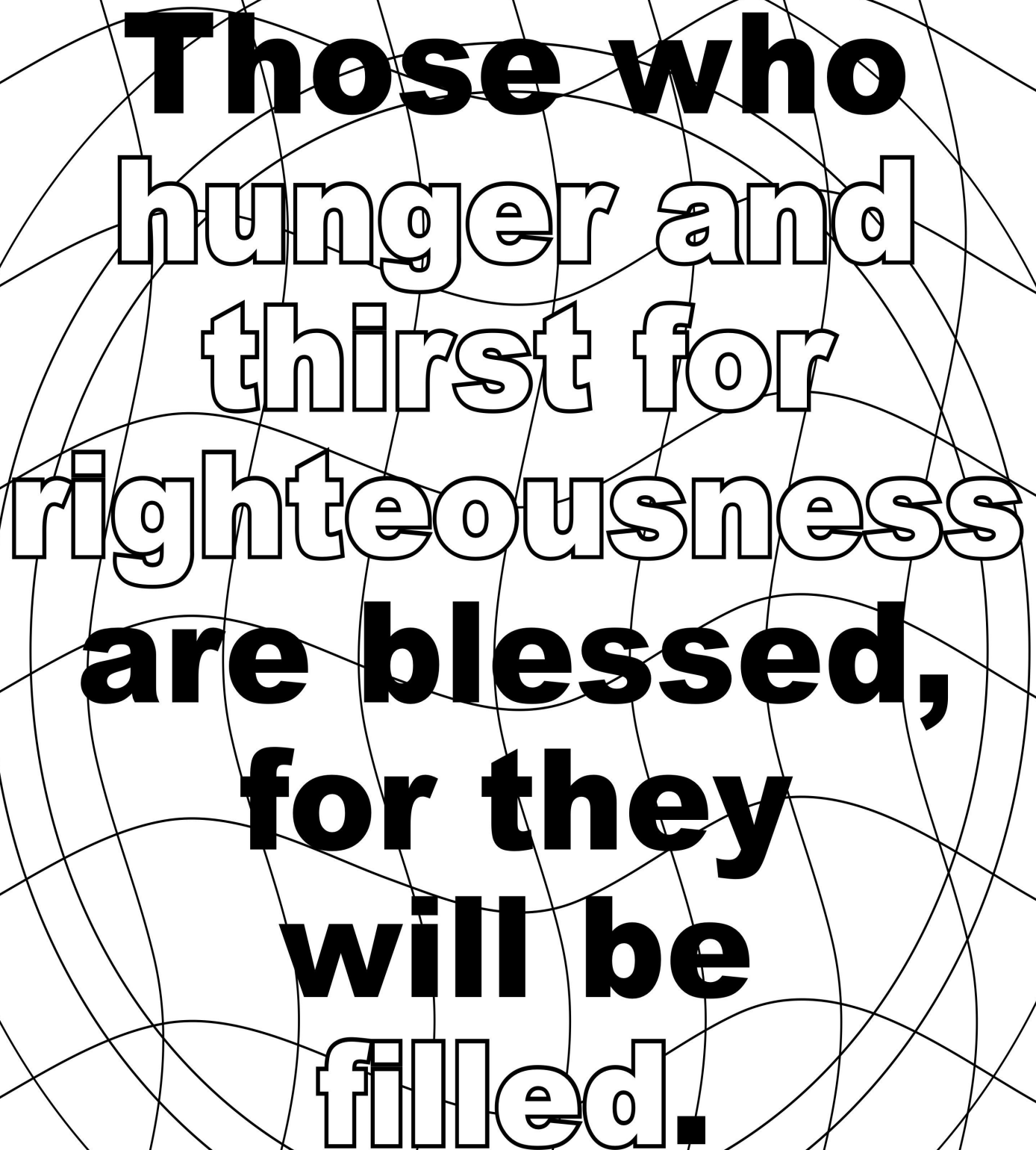
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Fill your Plate with

Righteousness!

For the next week start the habit of reading daily and read about the blessings in Christ from Ephesians and fill (color) your plate!





**Those who  
hunger and  
thirst for  
righteousness  
are blessed,  
for they  
will be  
filled.**

Theirs is the  
Kingdom of  
Heaven

They will be  
comforted

They will  
inherit the  
earth

They will be  
filled

They will be  
shown Mercy

They will see  
God

They will be  
called sons of  
God

Theirs is the  
kingdom of  
heaven

Blessed are  
Poor in Spirit

Blessed are  
those who  
mourn

Blessed are  
the Meek

Blessed are those  
who hunger and  
thirst for  
righteousness

Blessed are  
the Merciful

Blessed are  
the Pure in  
Heart

Blessed are  
the  
Peacemakers

Blessed are those  
who are  
persecuted for  
righteousness

# Building our Beatitudes

- \* Cut on solid lines
- \* Fold into middle on dotted lines
- \* Add picture of Saul
- \* Draw or Write ways you can mourn




We will be adding a picture and how we can show the beatitude each week. Activity page only needs to be printed once. A new picture to put on will be sent each week. See samples below.

Folded

Blessed are Poor in Spirit	Theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
Blessed are those who mourn	They will be comforted
Blessed are the Meek	They will inherit the earth
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness	They will be filled
Blessed are the Merciful	They will be shown Mercy
Blessed are the Pure in Heart	They will see God
Blessed are the Peace-makers	They will be called sons of God
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness	Theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Folded and Filled

<i>Share my toys</i>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• share my toys</li> <li>• help others</li> <li>• tell people about Jesus</li> </ul>	<i>Share my toys</i>
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