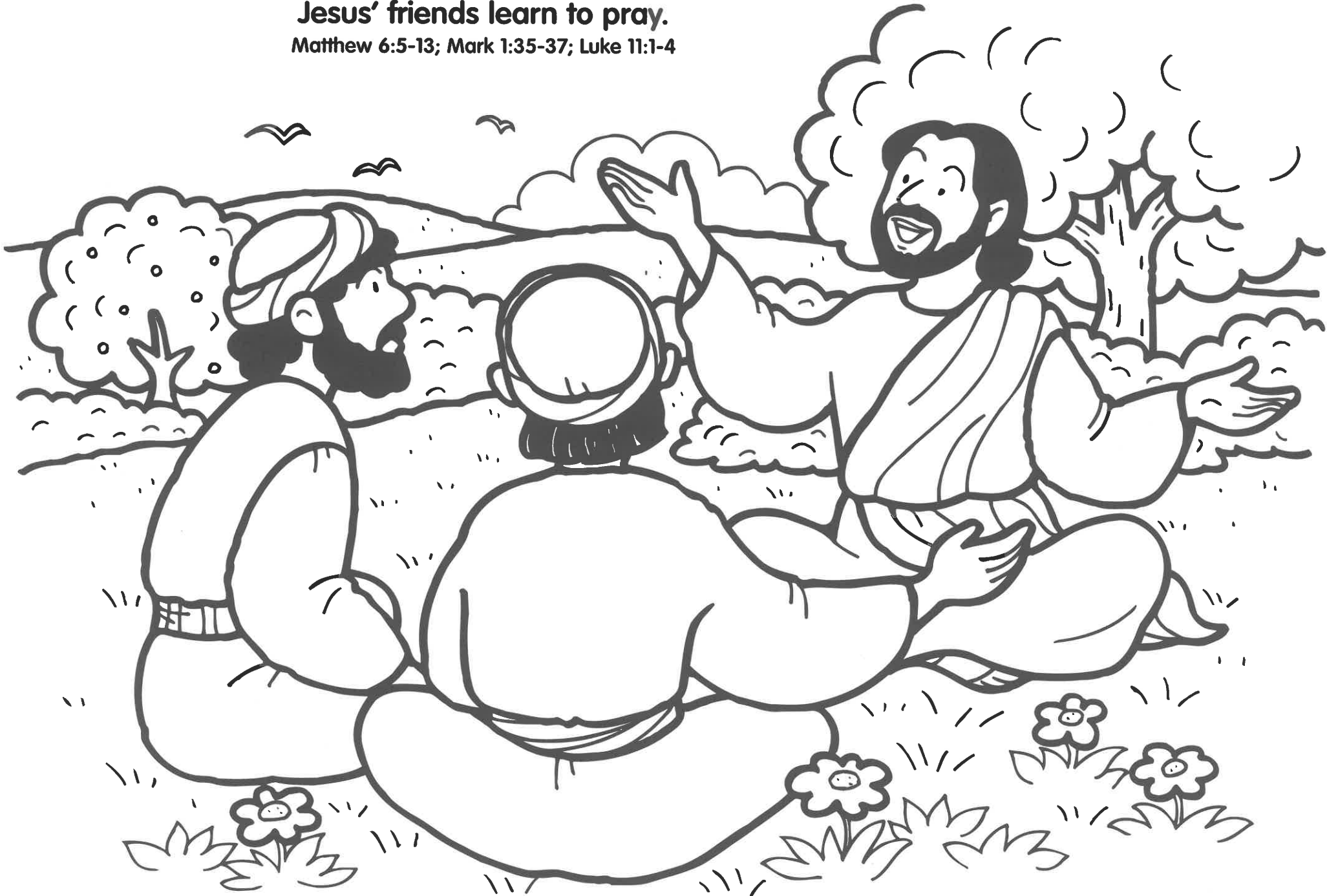


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One evening, Jesus stayed at a house with some of His friends. When morning came, Jesus' friends heard the sound of voices outside the house. Many people had come to see Jesus.

Jesus' friends looked for Jesus. They looked inside and outside the house for Him. But they did not find Jesus anywhere! So they walked down the road to look for Him. When Jesus' friends came to a quiet place, they saw Jesus. He was all alone, praying. He was talking to God, His Father in heaven.

Jesus' friends knew that Jesus liked to pray. Many times His friends had seen Jesus praying. And now they saw that Jesus would even get up early in the morning to pray!

Soon after, Jesus' friends asked Him to teach them to pray. Jesus told them to talk to God just as they would talk to a father who loves them very

much. Jesus said to ask God the Father for what they needed each day. Jesus said to ask God to forgive them for the wrong things they did, and to forgive other people for wrong things they did to them, too. Jesus also said to ask God to help them do right things.

"When you pray," Jesus said, "pray like this:

'Our Father who is in heaven, holy is Your name.

We want You to be our King.

Give us what we need today.

Forgive the wrong things we do.

We forgive everyone who has done wrong to us.

Please protect us. Help us to do right.

You are the King. You can do anything.

Amen.' "