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MATTHEW 9 THE LORD OF THE HARVEST

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Balloons, Paper fans (folded paper, stapled at one end), squirrel corn, vegetable or flower picture, bowls

Ask:

Do any of you have a garden? What do you like about it? What don't you like? Gardens give us a lot of good things, but they can be a lot of work! Today we're going to talk about a different kind of garden, or harvest.

Read: Matthew 9:35-38

Ask:

What is the harvest in this story? (People)

Why do you think we should pray for God to send workers? (Examples: Many hands make light work, there is a lot to harvest so more workers would make it easier)

How can we work in the harvest field?

Game- Sheep without a shepherd:

Explain shepherds often corralled their sheep into pens to keep them safe at night. Sheep without shepherds would likely get lost, separated from their flock or be in danger.

Today we're going to be shepherds to lost sheep.

Have one kid fan balloons into a circle of chairs. They have one minute to get all the balloons into the circle, without using their hands. They may only fan the balloons into the corral.

After, have them ask for more workers. Add another worker or two, depending on the size of the group. Do this until all kids are playing and all the sheep are corralled.

Jesus is the ultimate shepherd, but he uses us to help bring his kingdom to earth.

Game- Corn Harvest:

There will be an ear of corn for each child. In a minute, have them try to get as many kernels off and into a bowl as possible.

Explain:

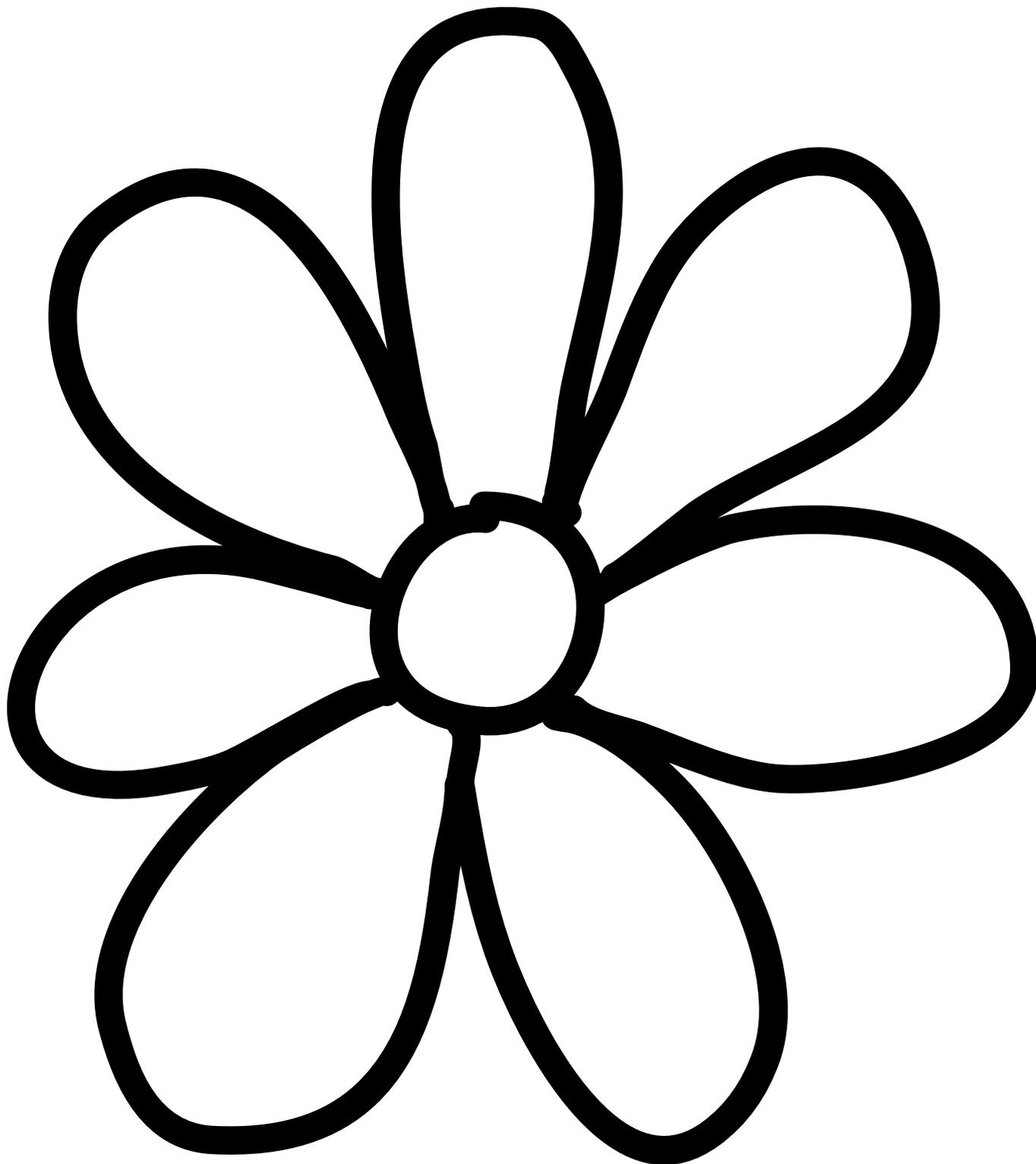
Harvesting can be really difficult. We are called to help in the harvest. This means that we are meant to be spreading the good news of Jesus to others, discipling and teaching others, and doing the things God asks us to do. Thankfully, we can know and ask the Lord of the Harvest for help. We can ask Jesus to send workers, and to help us as we work.

Craft:

Have the kids draw a fruit or vegetable or flower. On the leaves, have them write the name of a person who doesn't know Jesus that they can commit to pray for God to send workers or send them to help that person to be harvested for Jesus. They can draw their own or color the printable on the next page.

Memorize: Matthew 7:26

Close in prayer



Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

Matthew 9:38

I will pray for:

