

LOVING PEOPLE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MAKING LAWS

(In Jerusalem) — One day Jesus met a woman who had been hurting for eighteen years. She was bent over so badly that she could only see the ground and things close to the ground. Jesus healed her and she was thrilled to be able to stand up straight. She thanked Jesus for his great love. But one of the leaders of the church was angry because no one was supposed to work on the seventh day of the week, the sabbath. He tried to get the people to dislike Jesus. But the people were happy that God cared for the woman and healed her, and they rejoiced knowing about God's love.

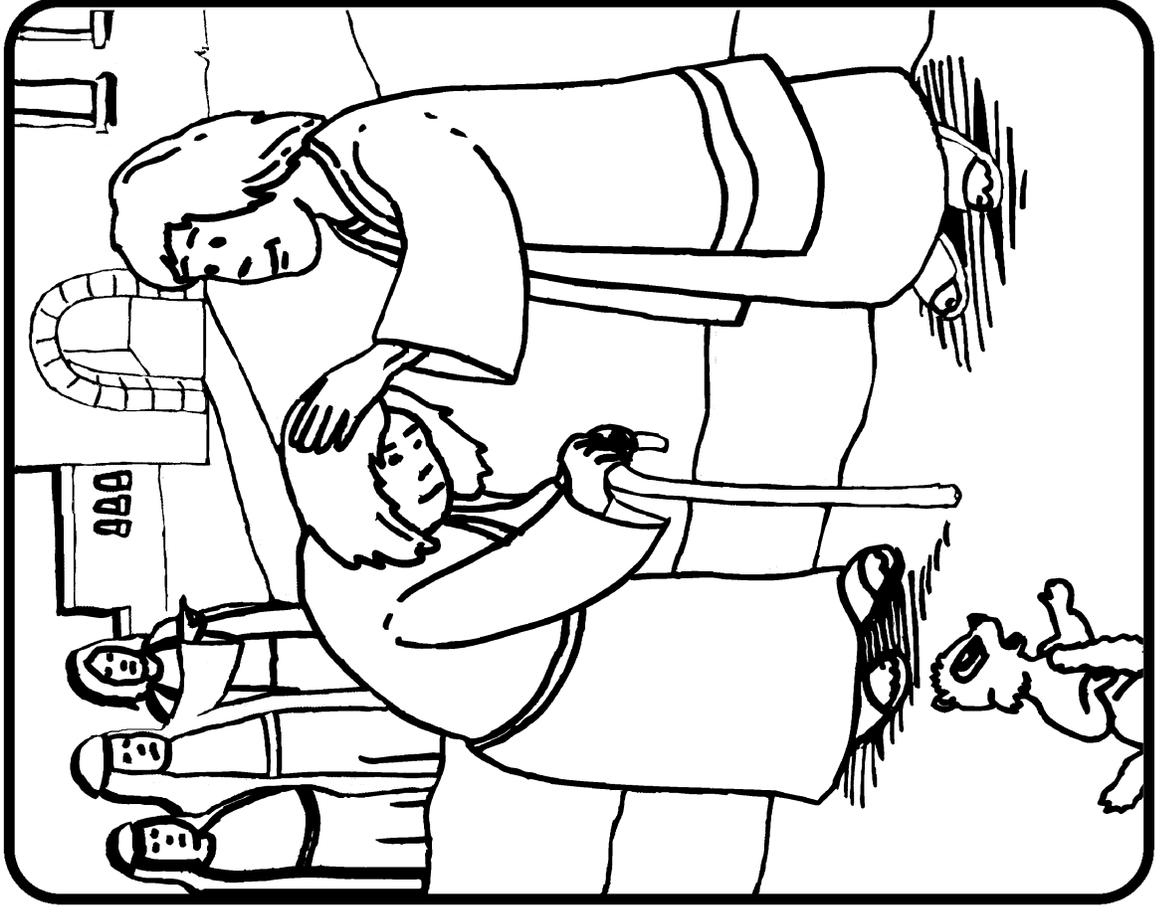
But Jesus said that we should remember that God made the sabbath for man and his rest, not just to have another rule. If people will help their animals who hurt on the sabbath day, surely God will be happy when we help each other be better; no matter what day of the week it is. Love comes first. Man's laws should grow out of our love for each other.

Luke 13:10-17

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GOSPEL GRAMS

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Gus the Gospel Gopher says: "God gave us a day to rest and he is a God who loves us every day of the week. Today's Gospel story is about Jesus caring for people and their hurts as much as people care about their animals. Draw a picture of you helping a person or an animal that is hurt."



Finish the List. Below is a list of people and animals that we love and care about. Can you think of others?

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| MOTHER | CAT |
| FATHER | DOG |
| SISTER | BIRD |
| BROTHER | HAMSTER |
| AUNT | _____ |
| UNCLE | _____ |
| GRANDMA | _____ |
| GRANDPA | _____ |
| COUSINS | _____ |

Gus the Gospel Gopher says, "Draw a picture of you praising Jesus for the love and help he gives to you and others."