

BE PREPARED FOR STORMY TIMES

(Jerusalem) — Jesus knew his work would soon be over. God had told him to go to Jerusalem to teach and preach, and to be ready to die for the whole world. Jesus knew he had a lot of enemies and soon they would arrest him.

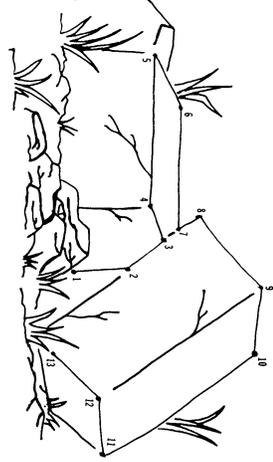
As he thought about the end of his work, he began to teach his friends about the end of the world. He told them some day the big stone temple in Jerusalem would be smashed down. His friends did not believe it. It was such a big building they could not imagine anybody wrecking it.

Not only would the temple be destroyed, said Jesus, but God's workers would be persecuted (hurt by people who did not like them). Jesus said, "Do not be afraid when stormy times come. Trust in God. He will keep you strong."

Luke 21:5-19

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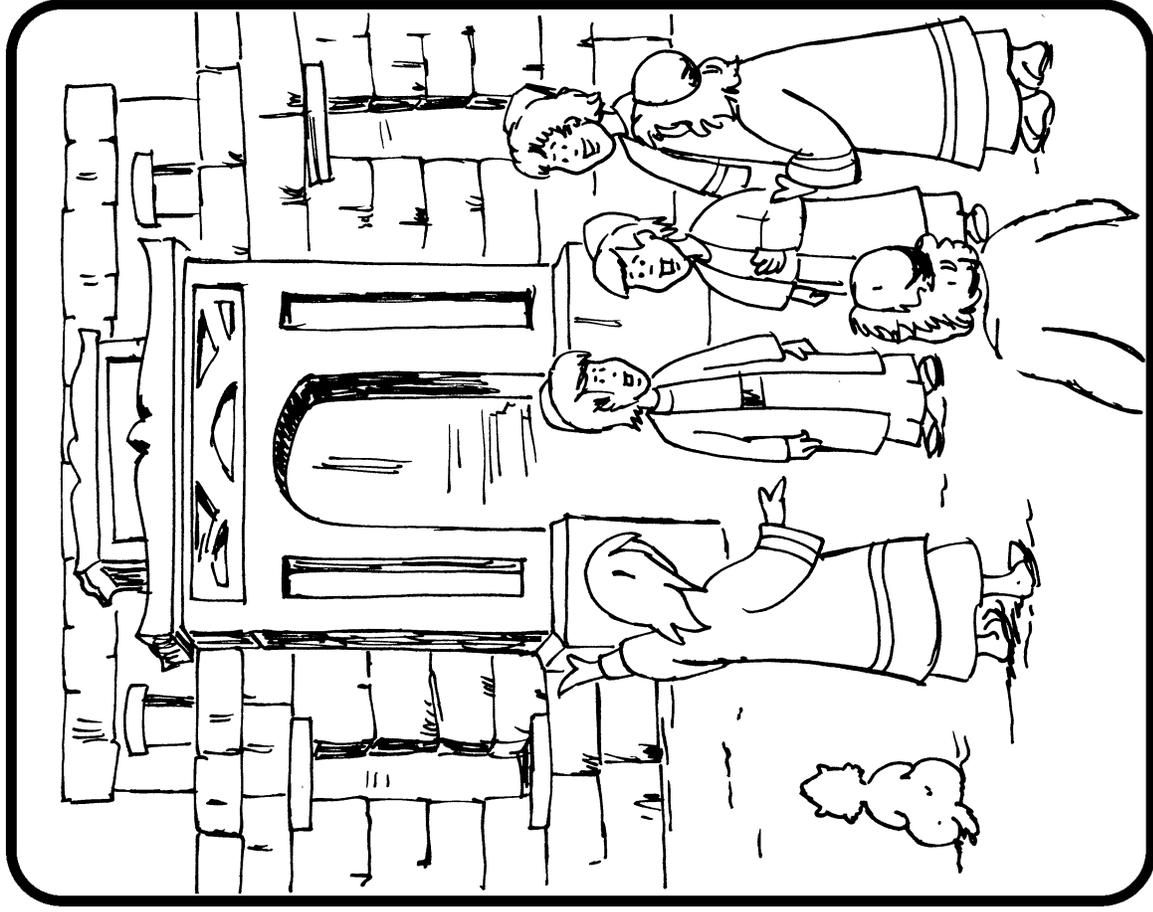
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ANSWERS

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SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Finish the Picture. Jesus taught his friends that some day the temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed. Only one thing would be left. To see what it is, finish the picture below. Begin at number 1 and connect all the numbers.



Matching Game. Can you match all the words in the left column with the words in the right column? The first one is already done for you.

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Draw the Picture. In today's lesson, Jesus was there for his friends when they were afraid. Jesus is always there for us too. Draw a picture of Jesus in each of the boxes showing that he is there for us when we are afraid.

