

REFLECTION IDEAS – Jesus, the Role Model

Peter, the fisherman - Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1: 16–20 and Luke 5:1-11

Matthew (also known as Levi), the tax collector - Matthew 9:9–13, Mark 2:13–17 and Luke 5:27–28

For millions of people around the world Jesus is their role model; the person they look up to as an example for how to live their lives. The way Jesus lived his life has inspired, motivated and guided people over the last 2,000 years and still does today. In turn Jesus' example influences people to be good role models to others.

Reflection

- Who do you look up to as a role model?
- What qualities do you think a role model needs?
- What qualities do you see in Jesus as a role model?

Links

A short version of the Bible story relating to Peter can be found here: <https://youtu.be/EhlwTU9RbxY>

And to Matthew here: <https://youtu.be/xgy6TWuUkK0>

Please check if these are suitable for your group.

The video mentions some examples of Christians who were inspired by Jesus and who can be good example to us through some of their words and actions. Here are some links:

Elizabeth Fry - [Who was Elizabeth Fry? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Mother Teresa - [Mother Teresa: Everything you need to know - BBC Newsround](#)

Martin Luther King Jr - [Martin Luther King facts | National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](#) ; [Who was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? - BBC Bitesize](#)

Bible verse to consider

'Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behaviour from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.' *Ephesians 5:1-2 – The Message*

Inspire Prayer Space Activity – Following in Jesus' Footsteps

Equipment

A piece of paper for each student, pens, pencils and scissors.

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Description

Jesus asked his disciples, his friends, to follow him. That means learning from him and following in his footsteps.

Christians believe that the best way for us to live is to follow Jesus' example, to make Jesus our role model. This means being honest, kind and forgiving, caring for people around us who are sad or need help.

Instructions

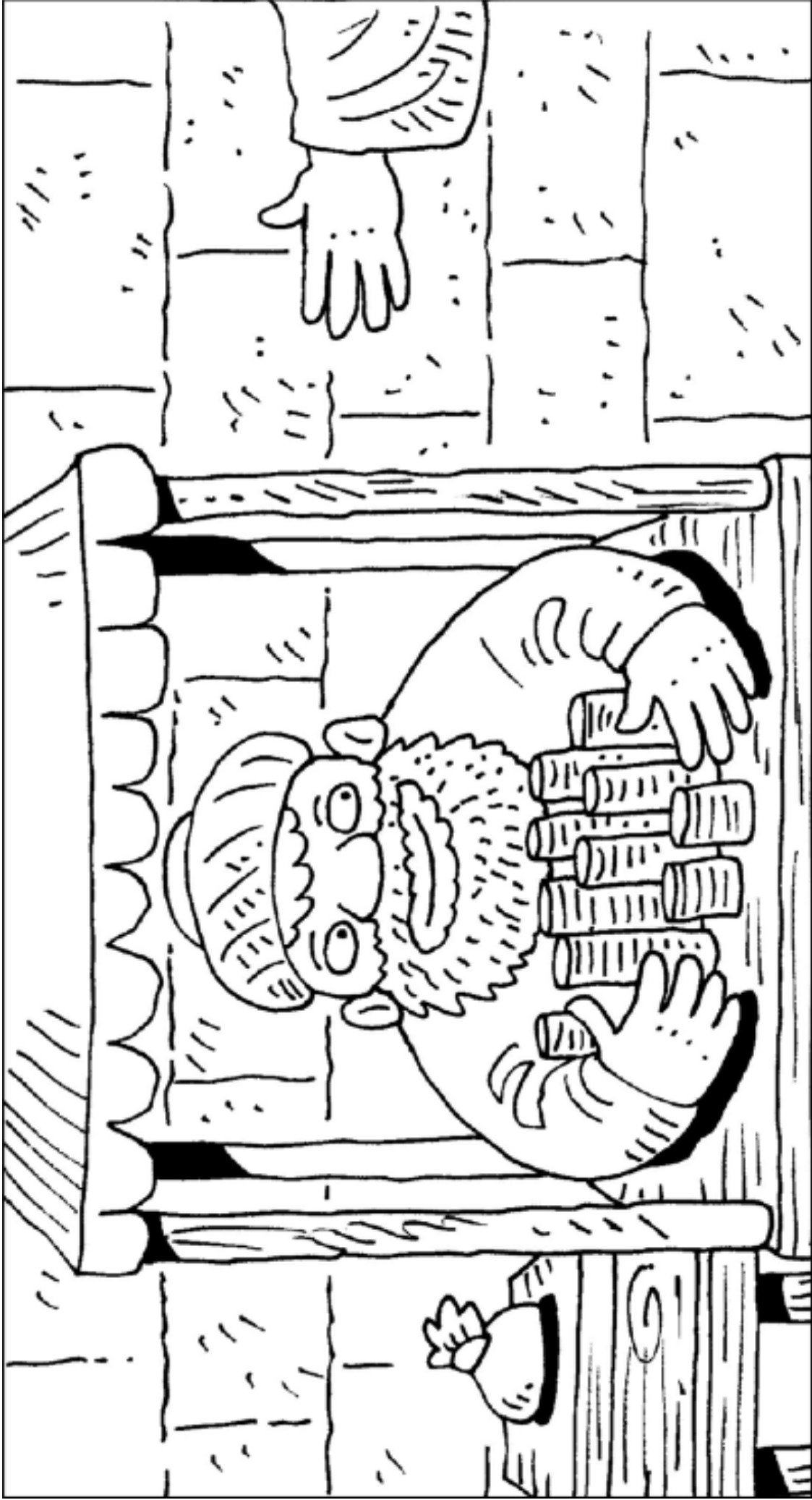
Draw around your foot onto the piece of paper and cut out the shape. Think about what you could do to follow in Jesus' footsteps then write one or two ideas on your footprint. You could pray and ask God to help you to live like this. Your class could make a display of their footprints together!

See below for activity sheet

Adapted from a Prayer Spaces in Schools resource



Peter and Andrew left their fishing and their families and followed Jesus.



Matthew was a tax collector. He collected money from people, but left his job and all his money to become a disciple of Jesus.

Who is your role model?

Draw a picture of them and write below what you are admire about them.

(Your role model might be someone in your family, someone famous, or it might be Jesus).