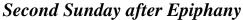
# Nurturing Faith...

Every Day in Every Way

January 17, 2021

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51



Hello friends! Christmas morning seems like so long ago, doesn't it? But...let's go back there. Tell me about the coolest thing you received as a gift. What makes it so cool? Is it something that you have wanted for a long time? I'll bet that you were soooo excited about this gift that you couldn't wait to show it to your friends, am I right? Did you call them and say, "Hey! Come and see!!??"

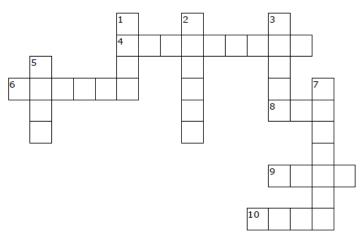
In our Gospel lesson from John today, we hear about a bunch of fishermen. One, named Philip had just met Jesus who told the fisherman "follow me". So, naturally, Philip did and became one of Jesus' disciples. Philip was so excited about being with Jesus that he couldn't wait to tell someone. He found another fisherman friend named Nathanael and said "HEY!!! Come and SEE!!!" See (see what I did there?!), people had been waiting a very long time for the Messiah to come, they had been waiting for Jesus, the Savior and now, he was finally here, right in front of them!

When we see or hear of something so amazing, we just have to share the news, and Jesus wants us to do just that. Who will you ask to "come and see"?

Loving God, you sent your Son to be the Savior of all and you ask us to tell everyone we know about how amazing he is. Help us to share this good news. Amen.



## Crossword Puzzle



### **ACROSS**

- 4. A friend of Philip
- 6. To come after
- To observe something with your eyes
- 9. A large woody plant with a trunk, limbs, and leaves
- 10. To move toward something

### **DOWN**

- To recognize someone; to be familiar with someone
- A man that Jesus called to be a disciple
- 3. The Son of God
- 5. The opposite of bad
- 7. To accept something as true

TREE	NATHANAEL	COME	PHILIP	BELIEVE
FOLLOW	GOOD	JESUS	SEE	KNOW

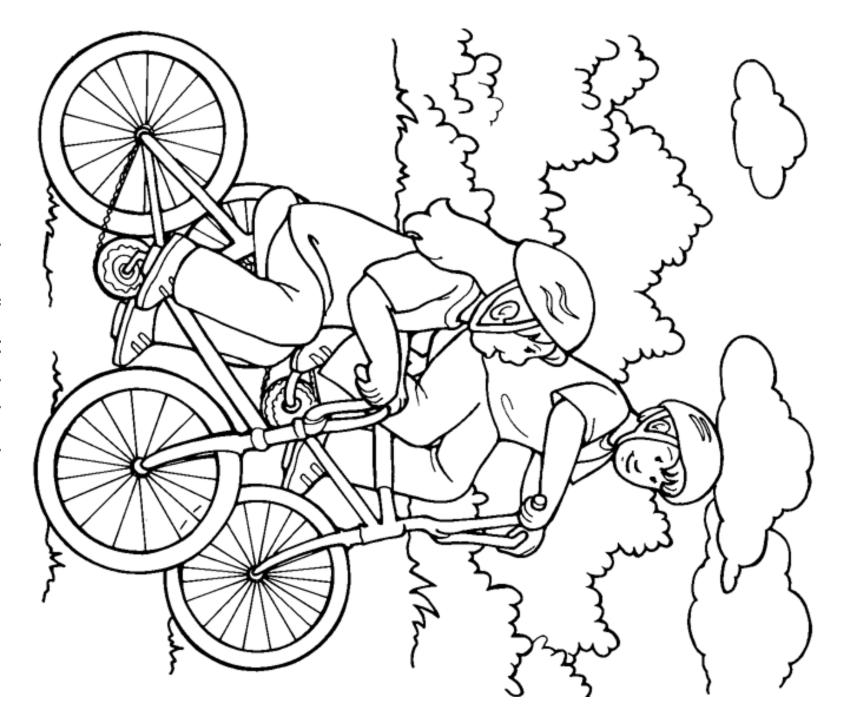
**Activity:** Play a game of I Spy with your family. Everyone takes turns choosing an object that they "spy with their little eye" and then, others ask yes or no questions about what you might be "spying".

**Discussion Question** If you could share just one thing about Jesus with your friends, what would you tell them? How about your church? What would you say about them?

### **Family Table Prayer for January:**

God of hope and all things new, we know your words are always true. We thank you for a brand new start and we love you with our whole heart. Amen.

**January Memory Verse:** Revelation 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."



# I can tell my friends about Jesus

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