

# Kids' Chronicle

## Bible Accent

The Gospel According to Matthew tells the story of Jesus from his birth, to his death on the cross, to his resurrection and the giving of the great commission, "Go and make disciples of all nations."

The main focus was on Jesus as a teacher and as the Messiah. In Matthew we find the stories of the baptism of Jesus by John, the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes, and the Lord's Prayer. Matthew records many of the parables that Jesus told, as well as accounts of miraculous healings.

Jesus fed 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. He walked on water. He was transfigured before Peter, James and John. Jesus told us the greatest of all of the Commandments was "to love your neighbor as yourself." And he gave us a great promise, "I am with you always, even until the end of the age."

### St. Margaret

St. Margaret became queen of Scotland after she had married King Malcolm III in 1070. She spent time in prayer every day, and she gave grants to support artists, scholars, teachers and priests. She encouraged her husband to build a church where the Scottish royal family could be buried, called the Church of Dunfermline. Margaret's daughter married King Henry I of England, and her son David was declared a saint.

Margaret was loved as much by the people of Scotland as she was by her husband. She convinced her husband to adopt some of the more civilized Anglo-Saxon standards of living. Margaret was buried in Dunfermline, and she is the patron saint of Scotland.

## 'You gave me your coat'

BY JOE SARNICOLA

"What will happen at the end of time?" one of the disciples asked Jesus.

"When the Son of Man returns, it will be a glorious event," Jesus answered. "He will be surrounded by all of the angels in heaven, and he will sit on a throne of polished gold. And at his feet will be his people, from every nation on earth. Then, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, he will direct his sheep to the right and his goats to the left."

"Who are the sheep," asked James, "and who are the goats? Are we one or the other?"

Jesus pointed toward James and said, "This Son of Man, the king, will say to the sheep, who are on his right side, 'You have been blessed by my father, the kingdom is yours. It was set aside for you when my father created all things. And this is why. When I had no food of my own, you fed me. When I was without water, you let me drink from your own well. When I was unknown to you, you made me feel welcome. When I was cold, you gave me your coat to warm me.'"

Thomas interrupted Jesus to say, "Surely we would have done these things for you, but when did we see the Son of Man thirsty or hungry or cold?"

"This is what the king will say," Jesus said. "When you helped those who are the least among my brothers, it was the same as if you helped me." Jesus paused to let his friends think about what he had been saying. Then he said, "But to those on his left, the goats, the king said, 'I do not want you in my sight. You will be sent to the flames that never die out, where the devil and his followers will spend eternity. When I was cold, you did

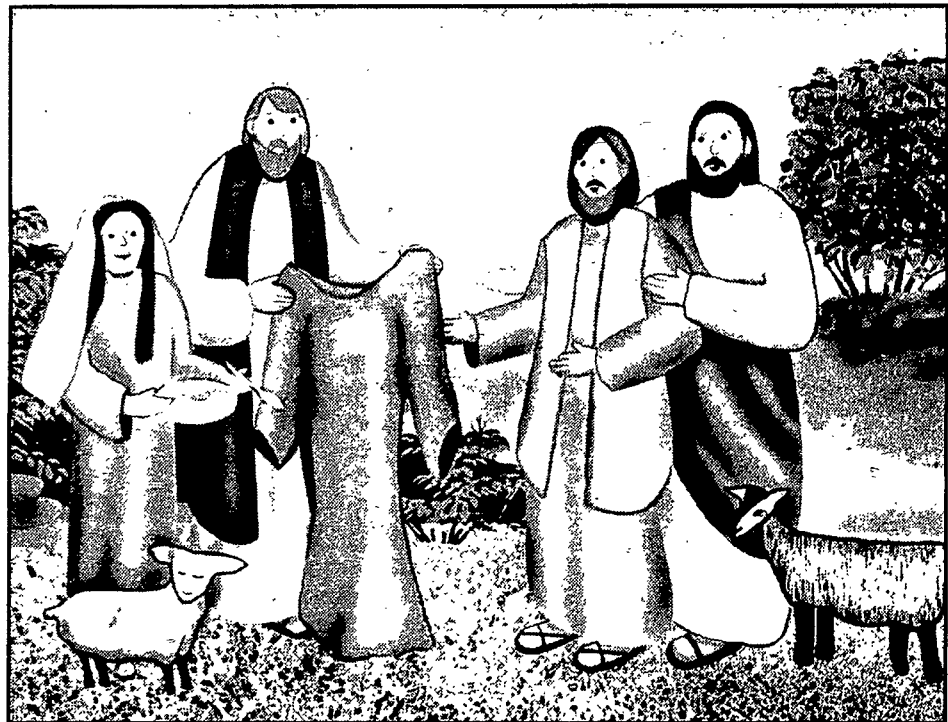


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not offer me a blanket. When I was hungry, you gave me no food. When I was thirsty, you did not draw from your well for me. And, because you did not do these things for the least among my brothers, it was the same as if you did not do it for me."

Again Jesus paused before he spoke to his disciples again. "In two days will come the Passover. At that time the Son of Man will be arrested, brought before the high priest, and sentenced to death

by crucifixion."

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## Q&A

1. Who was surrounded by the angels?
2. Who did the king give his kingdom to?



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Last month's winner was Bridget Kehm, a third-grader at Holy Cross School, Rochester. In response to the question **What can we do to show kindness to a new family who moved into our neighborhood or to a new student in school?** she wrote:

If there was a new student in my class, I would ask her if she wanted to play with me at recess. I could also ask her if she wanted to join me at lunch. We might talk about our favorite things to do, and about our families. During break time I could ask her if she wanted to draw with me. Hopefully we'd become friends.

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## Puzzle

Cross out the one word or name that does not belong with the other two. Can you tell how the other two names are alike?  
Answers on page 9

Example: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Judas.

Isaiah and Jeremiah are prophets.

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| 1. | Matthew   | Luke     | Joshua  |
| 2. | David     | Solomon  | Moses   |
| 3. | Jerusalem | Paul     | Jericho |
| 4. | Peter     | James    | Abraham |
| 5. | Joseph    | Benjamin | Michael |
| 6. | Ruth      | Jonah    | Esther  |

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