

JOBS VACANT

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Based on Matthew 9 vv 35-38. Set in a job centre.

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Job Centre Worker

Job seeker

Job Centre Worker is seated at a desk. Job Seeker enters and approaches.

Job Centre Worker Morning, sir. How can I help you?

Job Seeker I'm looking for a job.

JCW Great. Well you've come to the right place. This is the Job Centre after all. The clue is in the title...

JS What?Oh yea.

JCW Right. Let's see then. What qualifications do you have?

JS None really. That's why I haven't got a job.

JCW OK. Well, let's see what we've got on the list. Er..... I've got a carpenter here who is looking for joiners.

JS I'm not sure. I've never really done any carpentry. Although I did put some shelves up at home once.

JCW Well there we are then. That's a good start.

JS They fell down.

JCW Oh.

JS And anyway, who is this carpenter?

JCW He's got a shop in Nazareth.

JS Bah Nazareth! Can anything good come out of Nazareth?

JCW Not too keen on that one then? Let's see what else we have..... I've got some sheep here in need of a shepherd.

JS You mean the sheep put in the ad?

JCW Not exactly, but there is a vacancy. It seems all you need is to be good at giving directions. Pointing out the way.

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- JS Oh, I'm rubbish at finding my way about. I once got lost when I went out to buy a paper.
And anyway, I don't fancy spending my life with a bunch of woolly-minded animals all going in the same direction.
- JCW That'll be a "No" to the Civil Service then? *[Pause as looks at papers]* Have you ever done any fishing?
- JS Only in rockpools on holiday. Why?
- JCW Well, there's someone here looking for fishers of men.
- JS You mean fishermen?
- JCW No, it says fishers of men.
- JS What would you use for bait? Worms would be no good. Maybe a football on a piece of string?
- JCW He's based near the Sea of Galilee so I reckon he means fishing with nets.
- JS You'd need a very strong net.
- JCW I guess so.
- JS No, I'm not very good on water. I get seasick on a boating lake.
- JCW OK, I've got one last job, and I reckon it could suit you down to the ground.
- JS What's that?
- JCW It's working for a Lord.
- JS A Lord eh? I'd have to watch my Ps and Qs.
- JCW He's looking for workers to bring in his harvest.
- JS What qualifications or experience do I need?
- JCW None. It says that all he wants are people who are willing to work hard.

JS Noone ever accused me of being workshy. I'll give it a go.

JCW Great.

JS Where do I report and when do I start?

JCW There's a map here which shows you where his harvest field is – and you can start right away.

JS Thanks. And thank you for your help.

JCW Don't mention it. Happy harvesting!

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