



# The Spirit of St. Paul's

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

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Pastor

## Happy Easter!

On April 9th it is Easter Sunday and with resounding “Alleluias!” we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ. In this part of the world and at this time of the year the weather seasons match up well with the seasons of the Church Year. Winters can be long and cold and dark. It is always a great relief when we enter spring and enjoy more sunlight, warmth, and start to see things coming back to life again. In the church we experience something similar as the sombreness of the season of Lent gives way to the hope and joy of Easter.

The hope and joy of Easter are founded on and secured by Jesus through His sin-forgiving and death-defeating resurrection. Everything we believe, teach and confess about God's promise of salvation hinges on Jesus' resurrection. In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul said, “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the

twelve” (1 Corinthians 15:3-5).

When St. Paul repeats that Jesus died for our sins and was raised on the third day “in accordance with the Scriptures,” he is emphasizing that Jesus fulfilled what was prophesied in the Old Testament about the promised Messiah. This is also true when we confess in the Nicene Creed “And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures”—it means that we confess with St. Paul that Jesus rose just as the ancient prophecies in Holy Scripture said He would. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead then those prophecies were not fulfilled and we are dead in our trespasses. St. Paul teaches this bluntly, “...if Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14).

Then St. Paul teaches boldly, “But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1



Corinthians 15:20). It's a fact that was attested to when Jesus appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve, and then to hundreds more. Because of the fact of Jesus' resurrection St. Paul teaches, “For as by one man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (1 Corinthians 15:21-22).

Dear baptized child of God, you are made alive in Christ and His resurrection secures your own resurrection to life everlasting. This is what St. Paul was talking about when he reminds us of what is of first importance—it is the gospel which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are being saved. Happy Easter!

*God's blessings,  
Pastor Keith*

## Reminders

- Please remember that, because we have a number of members with allergies to nuts, any foods brought to church events should be nut-free.
- Also, several have allergies to fragrances. Please consider them when choosing toiletries and whether or not to wear perfumes.
- LWMLC mites and society offerings may be put in the offering plate, mailed to the church or given to society treasurer, Marion Hollinger. Please make any cheques payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church but mark them clearly as being for LWMLC. Indicate the amount for mites and the amount for society funds.

## Classifieds

Something to sell or give away? Need something? Services to offer to fellow members? Try The Spirit Classifieds first. No cost. Leave your ads at the church office or give them to the editor.

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# WELCOME

We are happy to welcome our new members, Timothy and Jocelyn Seibert, to St. Paul's. The Seibert's live in Birch Hills and travel here to join us for service as they are able.

We are excited to also welcome their baby which they are expecting soon and look forward to the upcoming baptism. Welcome to our church family Timothy and Jocelyn!



We are in need of a volunteer to tidy the pews and refill the communion cards, visitor envelopes and welcome brochures each week. This could be done after service on Sunday, or any other day of the week during the day or in the evening. This job could also be shared bi-weekly or bi-monthly with a fellow member. The estimated time commitment would be about 20-30 minutes each week. If this is something that you are interested in helping out with please contact Sandy in the office for more details.

## Consider subscribing to Tapestry

*Tapestry* is a publication of Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada (LWMLC). While it is national in scope, it is edited and prepared for printing by a member at St. Paul's. The magazine is published four times a year. We invite you to consider ordering a copy for the coming subscription year.

The publication is available in a variety of formats: regular print, large print, audio (on CD and MP3) and electronic. The electronic version is \$8 per year and the rest are \$15 per year. For more information or a sample copy, contact Marion Hollinger at [hollinger@sasktel.net](mailto:hollinger@sasktel.net) or 306-343-7396.

St. Paul's LWML will be placing their order by April 30.



### THE PROMISE OF EASTER "BECAUSE HE LIVES WE TOO SHALL LIVE"

We need these seven words above  
 to help us to endure  
 The changing world around us  
 that is dark and insecure.,  
 To help us view the present  
 as a passing episode,  
 A troubled, brief encounter  
 on life's short and troubled road...

For in knowing life's eternal  
 because our Saviour died  
 And rose again at Easter  
 after He was crucified  
 Makes this uncertain present  
 in a world of sin and strife,  
 Nothing but a stepping-stone  
 to a NEW and BETTER LIFE!

*Helen Steiner Rice*

## Evangelism

### GOOD NEWS: CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

“Now I would remind you, brothers [and sisters], of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ESV)

In this, his first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul wanted them (and us) to know that the good news of the Scriptures that was being preached is true. Apostles had witnessed Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross, and found His tomb empty three

days later. After His resurrection, Jesus had appeared to hundreds of people. Then, after His ascension into heaven, Jesus had made Himself known to Paul on the road to Damascus, and Paul’s life had been changed forever.

“If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (1 Corinthians 15:19-26 ESV)

Christ’s resurrection has eternal



*Patience Asiamah displaying her cross.*

consequences for all who put our trust in Him. Not only does it confirm the victory He won for us, but it assures us that our bodies will be raised to life at His second coming.

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.” (John 3:36 ESV)

These words of Jesus remind us that it is only through faith in Him that we will experience eternal life. Everyone who has died in unbelief remains condemned by sin and its eternal consequences.

How important it is for us to share the good news of Christ with family, friends and neighbours!

If you plan to participate in the Easter Cross witness, please remember to display the plain side of your cross beginning on Palm Sunday (April 2) until turning it to display “He is Risen” on Easter Sunday (April 9) and throughout the week that follows.

*Verla Schmirler for  
Board of Evangelism  
and Public Relations*

## Stewardship

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way. This is why our Lord warns:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have. And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us:

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual

worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that, and then think that we have done what God has required.

Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us – not one for the other, but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God, and, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then

speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection.

Through this we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

*Blessings and Peace*  
*Board of Stewardship*

## Education

### KIDS CORNER

#### GROWING HEARTS OF FAITH

One Lord, One faith, One baptism (Ephesians 4:5)

Hi Kids!

I’m sure you all know we’ll be celebrating Easter this month. Let’s take some time to think about the events that led up to Easter and what that meant

for Jesus. In church, we’ll be celebrating Palm Sunday on April 2, when most people in Jesus’ time were excited and happy to see Him come into town riding on a donkey. He

had quite a few followers by then. He healed many of their illnesses and they thought He would make a great leader, but the people who were the leaders didn’t like Him very

much. Anyway, there's lots of people shouting and singing for joy while waving palm branches as Jesus goes by! Even though He was happy to see their excitement, He knew it would not last. By Good Friday, which we'll be honouring in our church on April 7, they're angry with Him because the leaders convinced them He had done something wrong. He did not. Here are some questions to help us better understand what Jesus went through. Looking up the Bible readings will help too!

- What is the worst pain you have ever had?
- Which is worse, pain in your heart or pain felt in your body?
- Did Jesus have only body

pain or did He have pain in His heart, too? Why?

- How much do you think it hurt to have nails put through Jesus' hands and feet? (John 20:24-27)
- Do you think it hurt Jesus to have His friends turn away from Him? (Matthew 26:56)
- Did Jesus deserve to be punished like this? (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- Why did Jesus do it? (John 3:16)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

- What did Jesus say about those who killed Him? (Luke 23:34)

Who does this?!! No one, but Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man, that's who! Only His love is this perfect that He would give up His own life in the most humiliating way possible, so we can have our sins forgiven and live with Him some day in heaven! **HAPPY EASTER!**

*Denise Timm and Lisa Poier  
St. Paul's Sunday School*

**Sunday School will be cancelled on Easter Sunday, but join us for an Easter Egg Hunt after church on Palm Sunday, April 2, to celebrate Easter!**



## Easter Cross Craft for Children

by Sandy W (from internet)

What you will need:

- 2 paper plates
- black paper
- yellow paper
- 2 craft pins
- paper and pencils to decorate an Easter egg
- scissors
- glue

What to do:

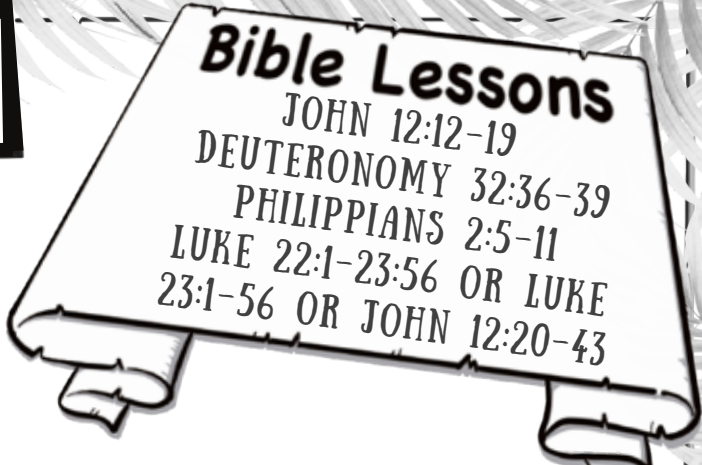
1. Cut out the light from the yellow paper and glue it to the first plate.
2. Cut out the cross from the black paper and glue it over the light.
3. Draw and decorate an Easter egg and glue it on the second plate.
4. Cut the plate down the middle.
5. Attach with pins to the first plate so that it slides open.

You could choose to add a Bible verse to the plates.





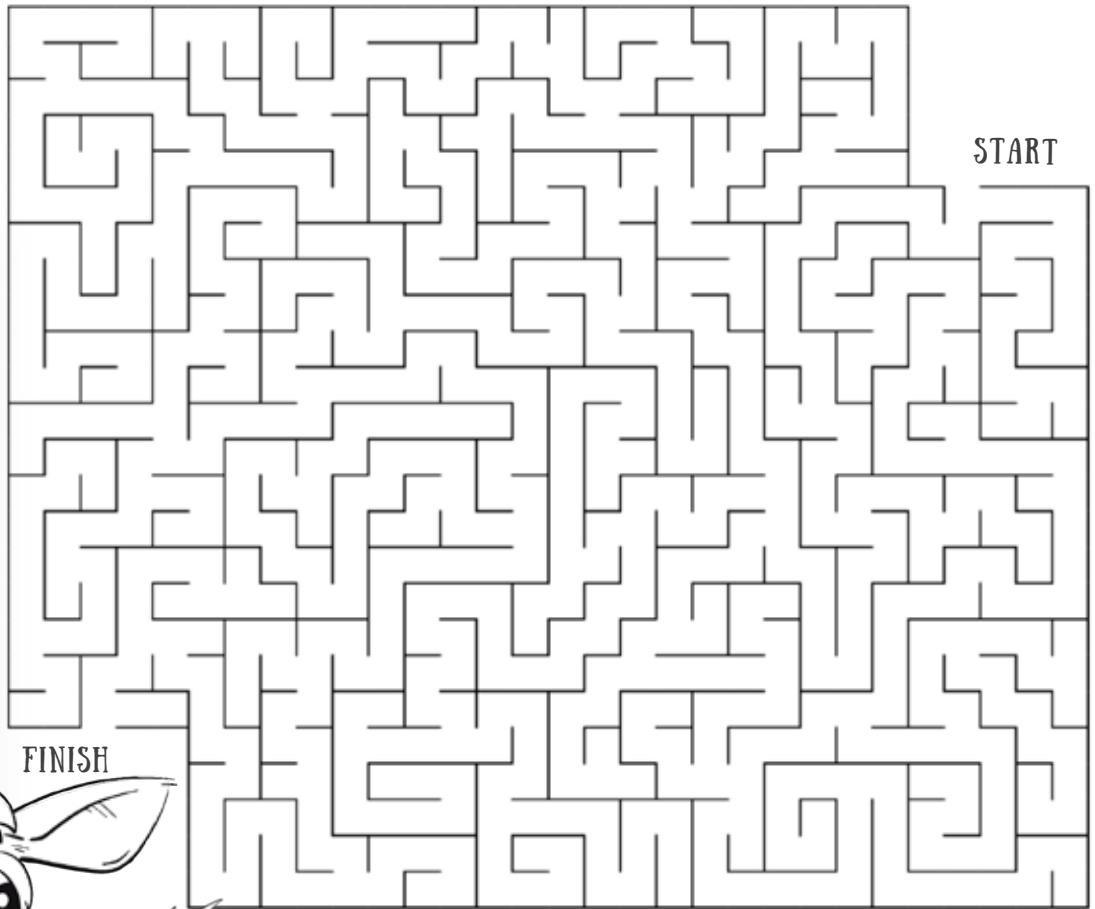
# Kids Lectionary Learning PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



## Bible Lessons

JOHN 12:12-19  
DEUTERONOMY 32:36-39  
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11  
LUKE 22:1-23:56 OR LUKE  
23:1-56 OR JOHN 12:20-43

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" - John 12:13



Can you finish the maze and colour Danny the Donkey as we celebrate Palm Sunday.



Danny the Donkey is amazed that Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.

It is amazing how humble Jesus was so that He could give to us forgiveness and faith.

"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."  
- Philippians 3:14 (ESV)



# PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

"He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

- Philippians 2:8 (ESV)

## PALM SUNDAY WORDSEARCH

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| CROWD     | KING    |
| JESUS     | DONKEY  |
| JERUSALEM | SAT     |
| HOSANNA   | WITNESS |
| BLESSED   | WRITTEN |

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Lil' Lou is excited for Holy Week. Palm Sunday is an exciting celebration with Palm branches and "Hosannas". But we are also blessed to journey together in faith this week and focus on Christ and His journey to the cross for us.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

- John 12:24 (ESV)



Kids Lectionary Learning  
EASTER SUNDAY 2022

CHRIST IS RISEN!



HE IS

RISEN INDEED

ALLELUIA!

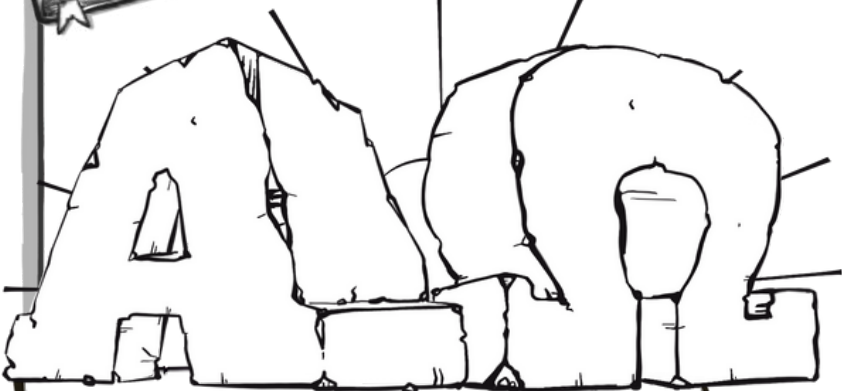




# Kids Lectionary Learning 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Bible Lessons

ACTS 5:12-20;  
REVELATION 1:4-18;  
JOHN 20:19-31

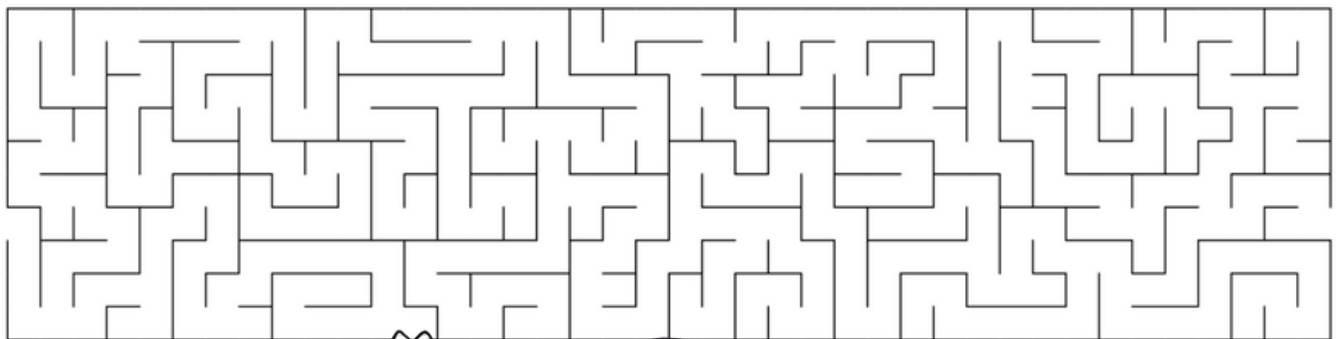


**"CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED,  
ALLELUIA!"**

"I am the  
Alpha and the Omega,"  
says the Lord God,"

- Rev. 1:8

Today is the second Sunday  
of the season of Easter.  
And we are blessed to hear from God's Word  
as we celebrate Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.



Can you colour  
Thomas as He  
touches  
Jesus and  
believes?

"Then he said to Thomas,  
'Put your finger here, and  
see my hands; and put out  
your hand, and place it in my side.  
Do not disbelieve, but believe."  
- John 20:27



# Kids Lectionary Learning 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



"Grace to you and peace  
from him who is and who was  
and who is to come,"

- Rev. 1:4B

## JOHN 20:19-31 WORDSEARCH

DOORS  
LOCKED  
DISCIPLES  
PEACE  
HANDS  
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FORGIVE  
THOMAS  
BELIEVE  
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Can you colour Lil' Lou and his sister Kate as they read God's Word and are amazed by God's love.

"but these are written so that  
you may believe that Jesus is  
the Christ, the Son of God,  
and that by believing you may have  
life in his name."

- John 20:31





# Kids Lectionary Learning 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Bible Lessons

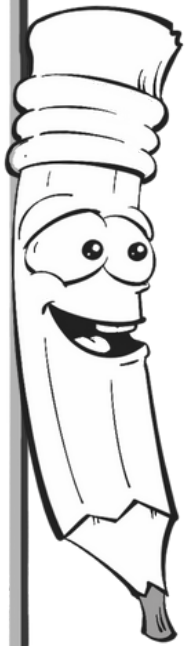
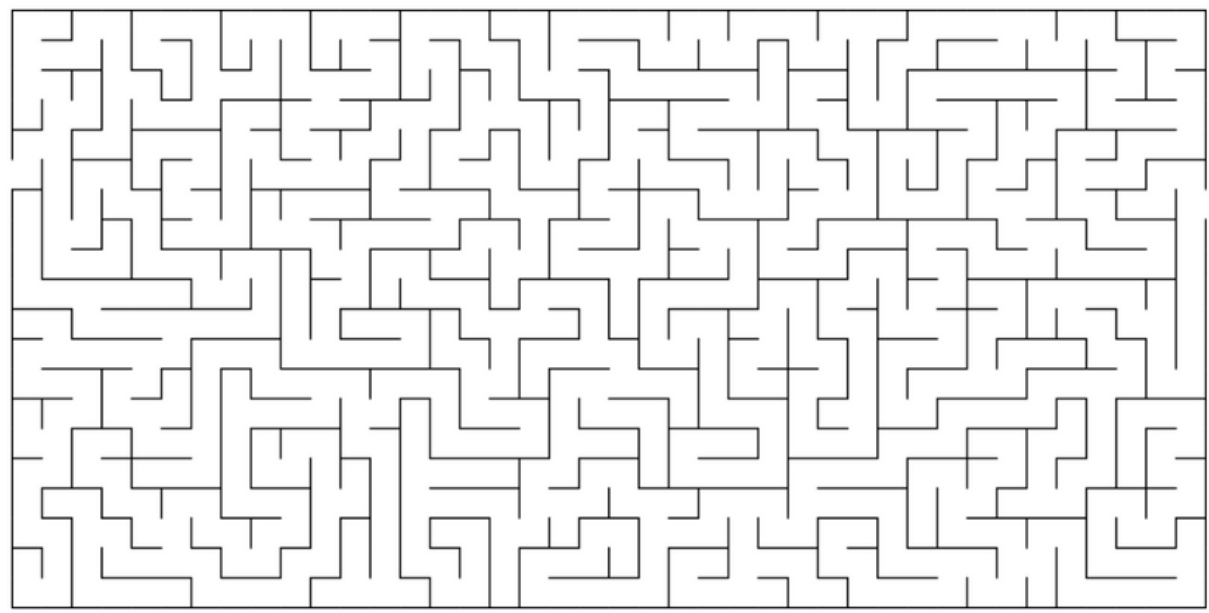
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JOHN 21:1-14 (15-19)



**"CHRIST IS RISEN!  
HE IS RISEN INDEED,  
ALLELUIA!"**

"And he said, "Who are you, Lord?"  
And he said, "I am Jesus, whom  
you are persecuting. But rise and  
enter the city, and you will be  
told what you are to do."

- Acts 9:5-6



Today is the third Sunday of  
Easter, and the day on which  
we read of Jesus appearing  
again to the disciples, and  
about the miraculous events  
that happen to Paul on the  
road to Damascus.

**"Worthy is the Lamb who  
was slain, To receive power  
and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"**

- Rev. 5:12





Kids Lectionary Learning  
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



JOHN 21:1-14  
WORDSEARCH

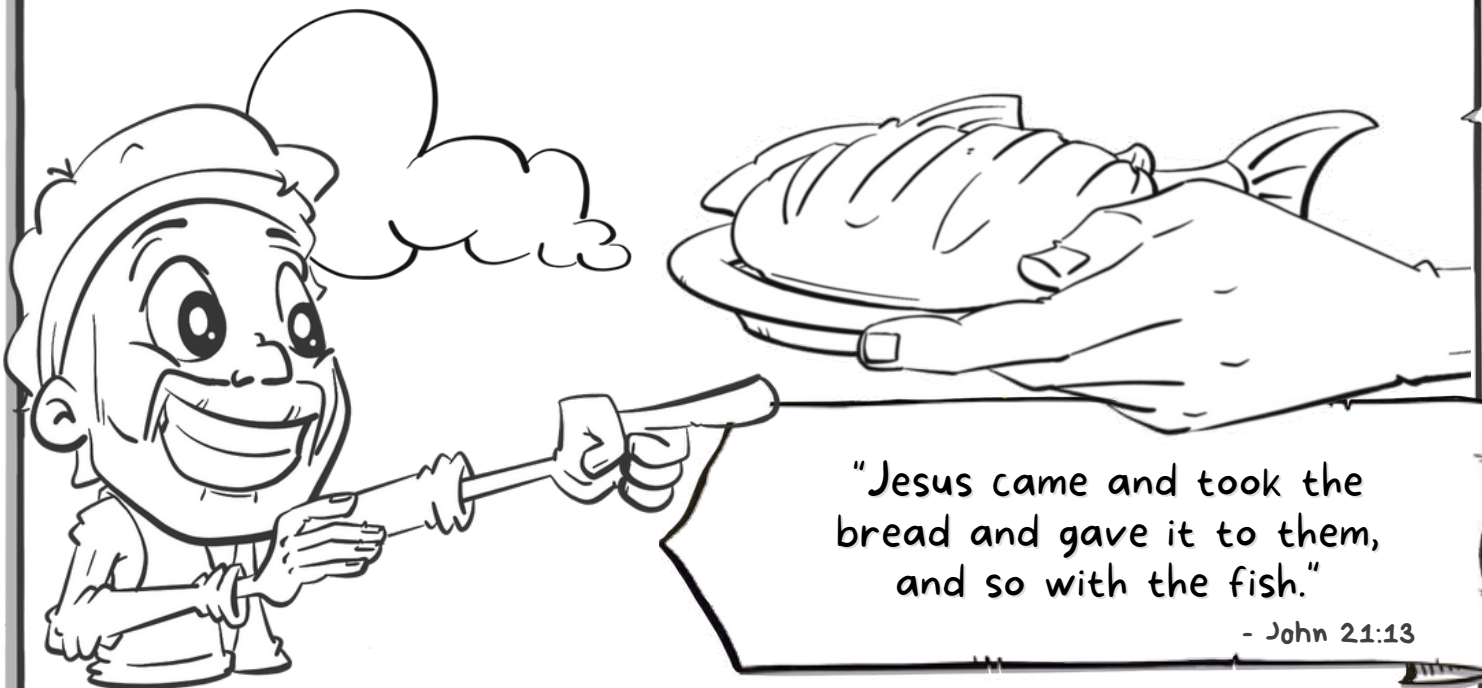
"Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish."

- John 21:6

JESUS  
SEA  
BOAT  
SHORE  
FISH  
PETER

DISCIPLES  
FISHING  
BREAD  
BREAKFAST  
COME  
REVEALED

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"Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish."

- John 21:13



# Kids Lectionary Learning 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Bible Lessons

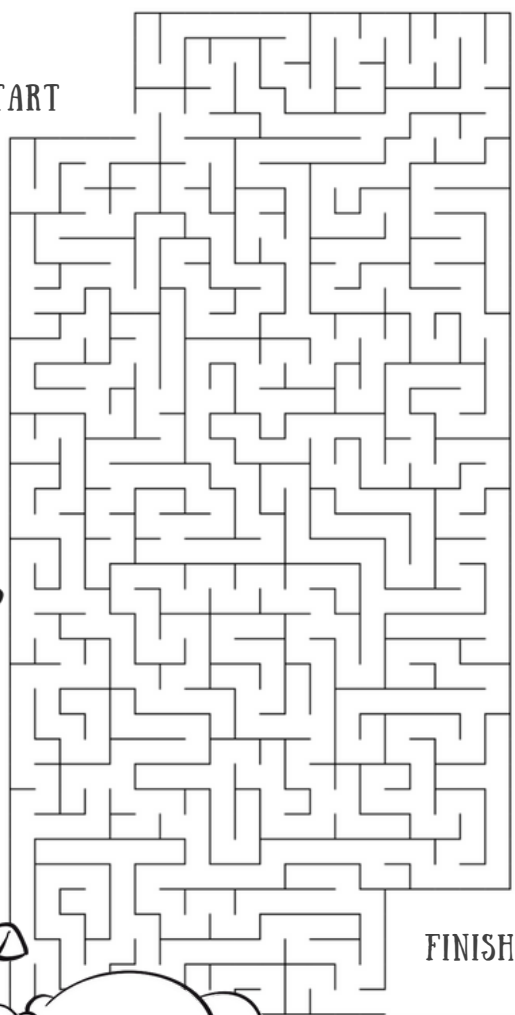
ACTS 20:17-35  
REVELATION 7:9-17  
JOHN 10:22-30

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

- John 10:27



START



FINISH

Jesus is our Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.



# Kids Lectionary Learning 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

- Acts 20:32

## REVELATION 7:9-17 WORDSEARCH

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GREAT  
MULTITUDE  
LAMB  
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ROBES  
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THRONE  
GOD  
SHEPHERD  
LIVING  
WATER  
GLORY



Lil' Lou is listening for his mother's voice. This Sunday is mother's day and Lil' Lou loves hearing his mother's voice.

Today we also read and learn of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who calls us by name and gives us love, forgiveness, and eternal life.

"For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- Rev. 7:17