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#### I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow. Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

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#### **BBQ TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

New Members Sunday will take place June 15. We will be having a BBQ after service to welcome our newest members and celebrate with them.

If you are able to attend please add your name to the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Parish Fellowship will supply the burgers and ask members of the the congregation to bring a salad or dessert to share. Please remember that St. Paul's is a NUT FREE church, so any foods brought to the church should not contain any peanuts or tree nuts.

Don't forget your lawn chairs.

Everyone is welcome!

#### A WELL-EARNED BREAK



A big thank you to the crew who raked the lawn and removed all the twigs and other debris making the yard ready for summer. Ryan, Angie and Lance Neufeld along with Gary Morris, Dale Bieber and Keith Wallace made up the crew. As you can see, they relaxed with coffee and donuts from Tim's after the job was done.

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#### 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 in an envelope separate from your church offering, 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.



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#### LAY MINISTRY

#### **KEEPING YOU UP-TO-DATE**

We hope everyone has been enjoying our early warm spring weather. As is the normal practice the Board of Lay Ministry has met several times over the last few months to discuss the ministry at St. Paul's. These discussions with Pastor Keith included his overall ministry to the congregation, and specifically Bible classes and confirmation classes as well as visitation and providing private communion to those members of St. Paul's who are unable to attend worship services in person. We continue to be thankful for the ministry Pastor Keith provides to St. Paul's in carrying out the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

We also continue to be thankful for the dedication of Laura Neufeld and others as they share their musical gifts for our worship services. Specifically, we would like to thank the members of the choir for their contributions to our worship services this past Easter. We recognize and appreciate their commitment of time and talents.

We continue to use a small group of people for the altar guild and usher teams. Thank you to those individuals for their faithfulness to prepare communion and in ushering for worship services. Thank you to Doreen Morris and Daryl Walter for coordinating the altar guild and ushers respectively.

We hope everyone has a great summer and enjoys the summer weather. Pastor Keith will be taking some well-deserved vacation time over the next several months and we thank those individuals who have volunteered to lead our worship services in his absence. To those others who will be away on holidays or may be out of town during the next few months, we look forward to seeing you and worshiping with you in the fall.

Regards, Barry Walter Chair, Board of Lay Ministry

#### **APOLOGY FROM THE EDITOR**

Somehow time got away and suddenly the May newsletter was late. What to do? The result is this May/ June version in mid May so we can tell you about some things coming up in June. It will be followed up with a July/August newsletter in late June.

#### Classifieds

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

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### KIDS CORNER GROWING HEARTS OF FAITH

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

#### Hey Kids!

Enjoy learning about some special Sundays in the church year — Ascension, Pentecost and The Holy Trinity!

#### What Is the Ascension? (May 29)

The Ascension is like the big goodbye—but in a happy way! After Jesus came back to life on Easter, He spent 40 days with His friends, His disciples, teaching them and showing them He was really alive. Then, one day, He took them to a hill and promised them something amazing: He would always be with them, and He would send the Holy Spirit to help them.

After that, Jesus went up to heaven! That's what "Ascension" means—going up. Imagine Jesus being lifted high into the sky, disappearing into the clouds. The disciples were amazed, but angels appeared and told them, "Don't worry! Jesus will come back one day." The Ascension reminds us that Jesus is always with us, even if we can't see Him.

#### What Is Pentecost? (June 8)

Pentecost is like a birthday party for the church! Ten days after Jesus went up to heaven, His friends were together in one place, praying and waiting for the special helper Jesus promised—the Holy Spirit.

Then, something amazing happened! There was a sound like a big, rushing wind, and little flames—like candles—appeared above their

heads. But no one got burned! Instead, the Holy Spirit filled them with power, and they started speaking in different languages so they could tell people from all over the world about Jesus.

This day, called Pentecost, reminds us that the Holy Spirit is with us, giving us courage, helping us learn, and sharing God's love with others. It's often called the day the church began, so it's a very special celebration.

What Is the Holy Trinity? (June 15)
The Holy Trinity is a little tricky to
understand, but think of it like this: It's one
God in three persons—Father, Son (Jesus),
and Holy Spirit. It's like an apple! An apple
has three parts: the skin, the flesh, and the
seeds. All three are part of the same apple,
just like the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are
all God.

The Father is the creator—He made everything! The Son, Jesus, is the one who came to earth to save us. The Holy Spirit is the helper who lives in our hearts, guiding us and helping us grow in faith.

The Holy Trinity shows us that God is always with us in many ways, loving us and taking care of us. It's a reminder of how amazing and big God is!

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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### STEWARDHIP IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Baseball season is upon us. The southern images of spring training give way to the pageantry of Opening Day. On that day, the hopes and dreams of every major league team, player and fan focus on doing whatever it takes to get to the Fall Classic, the World Series. Baseball is a secular way that so many of us confess that hope "springs" eternal.

With all of this in mind, baseball can also teach us a new perspective about stewardship. Think about the game itself. Baseball is a team sport. The home team faces off against the visitors. Yet while it is a team game, there are repetitive, individual confrontations that take place within the game. The baseball game cannot start without the individual pitcher against the hitter. Once the batted ball is in play, the battle is between the ability of the fielder against the speed of the baserunner. Once there is a runner on base, an attempt to steal a base pits the runner against the catcher. A base hit into the outfield pits the outfielder against a runner trying to score.

Baseball is a team game with many smaller units at play. Without all those smaller units working together and achieving their tasks, the team will lose.

Romans 12 puts our stewardship of the Gospel in a similar setting. The church is certainly described as a team, if you will.

Verse 3: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that

God has assigned." This is where the Body of Christ is really seen as a team. No one member of the baseball team can win the game by themselves. In the same way, no one part of the Body of Christ can accomplish stewardship of the Gospel alone. The pastor cannot. The congregational chair cannot. The lead soprano in the choir cannot. But each of these individuals have been added to the local congregation to be built into a team that can win the victory with Jesus.

Verses 4–5: "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." In baseball, the pitcher pitches. The catcher catches. The hitter hits. When a pitcher attempts to hit, the result is usually not very pretty. Catchers often do not excel at running the bases. The hitter usually does not do well when they are sent to the mound to pitch. Every member of the Body of Christ has a unique set of abilities and functions. Not everyone preaches. Not everyone leads. Not everyone sings well. Yet when the congregation assembles together as a team, it can succeed in ways unattainable by the individual.

Verses 6–8: "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one continued next page

Kids Corner, continued

Why Are These Days Important?
These days—Ascension, Pentecost, and Holy
Trinity—help us remember different ways God
takes care of us:

- Ascension: Jesus went to heaven but promised to always be with us.
- Pentecost: The Holy Spirit came to help us and started the church.
- Holy Trinity: God is three in one, showing us His love in different ways.

So, every time we talk about these special days, we're celebrating how much God loves us and how He is always with us!

Let the love of Jesus shine through you as you let your mom and dad know how much you love them on Mother's Day, May 11, and Father's Day, June 15! Find the activity pages at the end of this newsletter!

Mrs. Denise Timm, for the Board of Christian Education and Youth

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#### Stewardship, continued

who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." Each member of the team has a role to play. Abilities and opportunities are entrusted to the individual members of the Body of Christ to be used for the ultimate purpose of stewarding the Gospel for the glory of God and the benefit of the neighbour. The one preaching is no more or less important than the others. The one serving or the one teaching, the leader or the merciful one — all are equally important in the faithful stewardship of all that the Lord has entrusted to the Body of Christ. All this stewardship is for the sake of the other!

A baseball team can have five All-Star pitchers but cannot win if the hitters do not hit. The best lineup in the league will struggle if the pitchers cannot get anyone on the other team out. Pitchers need the defense behind them to play well. Coaches need to lead well. When they all work together, you have a winning baseball team. When the Body of Christ has all its members faithfully stewarding the unique individual talents that have been entrusted to them, the victory goes to Jesus! This is the goal of faithful stewardship! It is all about Jesus!

The Board of Stewardship wants to thank you for your faithful giving during 2024 which resulted in a surplus for the year of \$19,121. On the basis of these results, the Board of Stewardship put forward a motion at the April 27, 2025, meeting of the voters recommending approval of a transfer of \$10,000 from our operating surplus account to a Designated Reserve Fund to be used for future capital equipment or repairs that might be required. The motion was approved making the money available when the need arises.

While we ended 2024 in a positive surplus position, our 2025 results to the end of February show a deficit of \$10,867. This compares to a deficit at the end of February 2024 of \$11,217. As we move into the spring and summer months we know our cash flow slows down somewhat so we encourage you to keep St. Paul's mission and ministry in mind at this time of year when they will pick up in a few months.

Blessings and God's Peace Board of Stewardship

Our LWMLC group at St. Paul's is planning a summer picnic for the women of St. Paul's and our sister congregations in the circuit.

Join your sisters-in-Christ as we dig into God's Word, share a provided picnic lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship.

Saturday, June 14, 2025 10:00 am - 2:30 pm Registration 9:30 - 10:00 am

A \$10 registration fee (payable on arrival) will cover all you need for the day and a small item to take home as a remembrance of the day.

Starting May 25, a sign up sheet will help with plans for lunch and any handouts needed.



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#### **EVANGELISM and PUBLIC RELATIONS**

#### LIFTED UP!

"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite'" (Isaiah 57:15 ESV).

My first remembrance of

being "lifted up" was as a very young child. It was my father's strong arms that scooped me up into a "bear hug" as he returned home at the end of his workday. Besides feeling safe and secure within his embrace, I enjoyed the opportunity to view my surroundings from an entirely different perspective. I could see the top of our refrigerator and I was at eye level with the portable radio my parents had placed there. For those few moments in time, I was given a glimpse of what it was like to be as tall as Daddy.

"So when [His disciples] had come together, they asked [Jesus], 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in



Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.' And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven'" (Acts 1:6-11 ESV).

With their feet firmly planted on the ground, it would have been difficult for Jesus' disciples to view their future from His perspective. It is no wonder they continued looking into heaven after Jesus had been lifted up above the clouds and out of their sight. It is also no wonder that Jesus had instructed them to remain in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit had come upon

them, for He knew that only the Holy Spirit's power could give them the heavenly perspective they would need to be His witnesses "to the end of the earth."

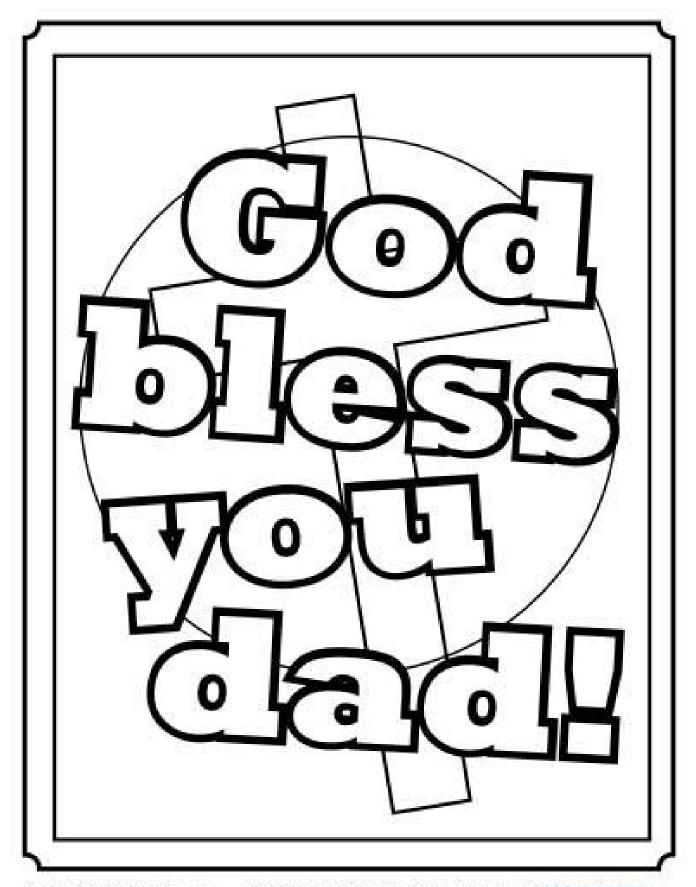
We, who have also received the power of the Holy Spirit through baptism and serve our Lord and Saviour as He enables us, await

that Great Day of Jesus' return and envision it according to what the scriptures have revealed. With this perspective in mind, we have no doubt that we will see the following prophecy fulfilled.

"It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law [or teaching (according to a footnote included by www.esv.org)], and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Micah 4:1-2 ESV).

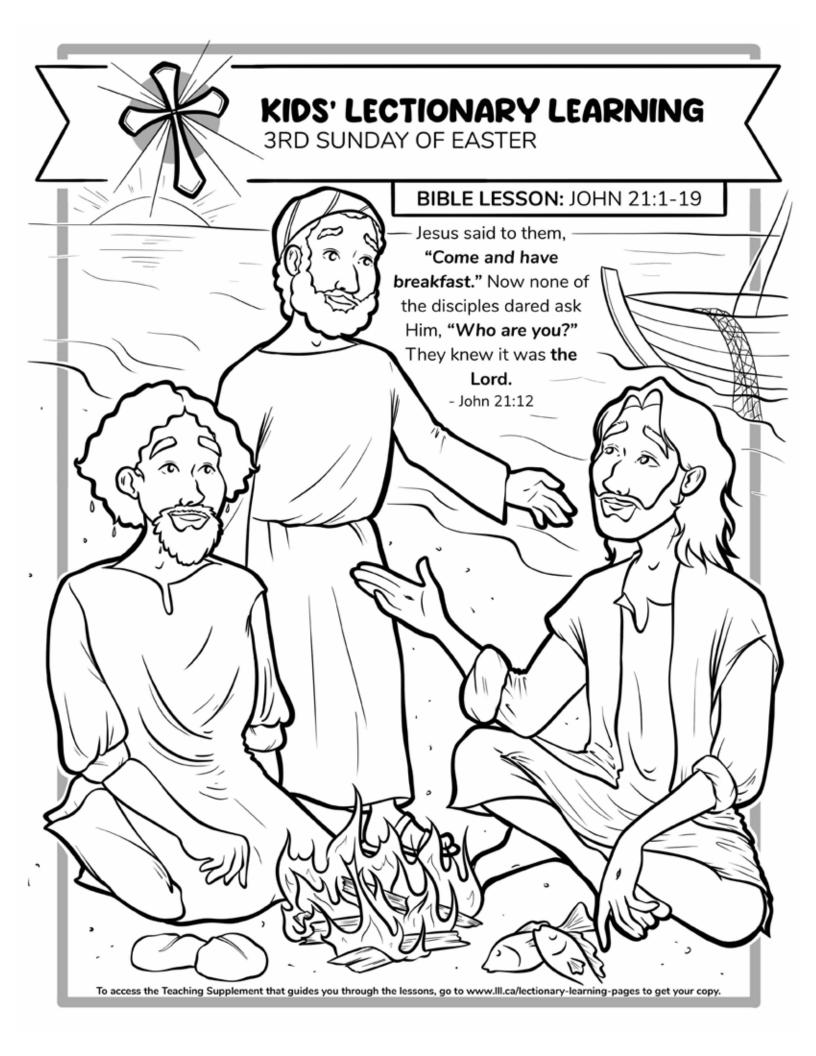
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### KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING



#### WORD SEARCH

Find these words from our Bible lesson in this Word Search

BOAT

NIGHT

SHORE

THOMAS

**TIBERIAS** 

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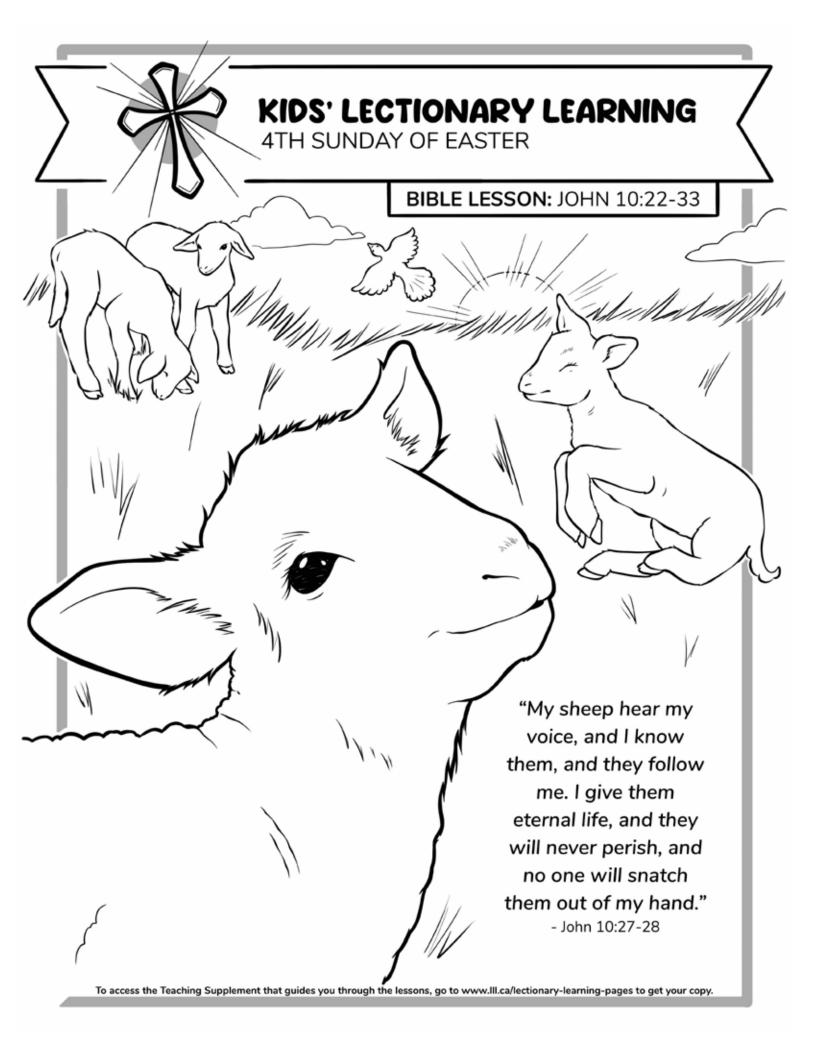
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**Let Us Pray Together.** Dear Father in Heaven, thank You for sending Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus to forgive, to care for, and love us. Holy Spirit, bless all Pastors and Church Workers, who forgive in Your Holy Name. Amen.



### KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING



#### WORD SCRAMBLE

Jesus often used parables or imagery to help explain things to His disciples!

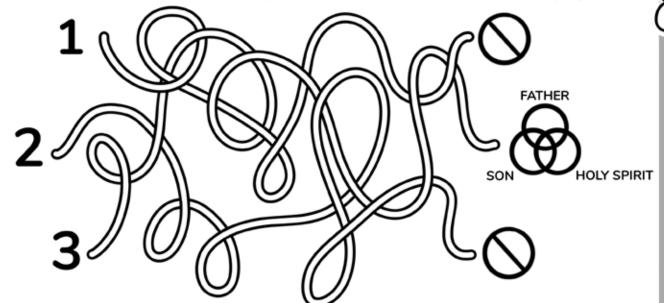
(Unscramble these words from our Bible verse where Jesus used a grape)

vine to explain how we should follow Him and teach others!

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- 2. IRTUF\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. NAECHSRB \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. DAEBI \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. NUPSER \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. TEFHAR

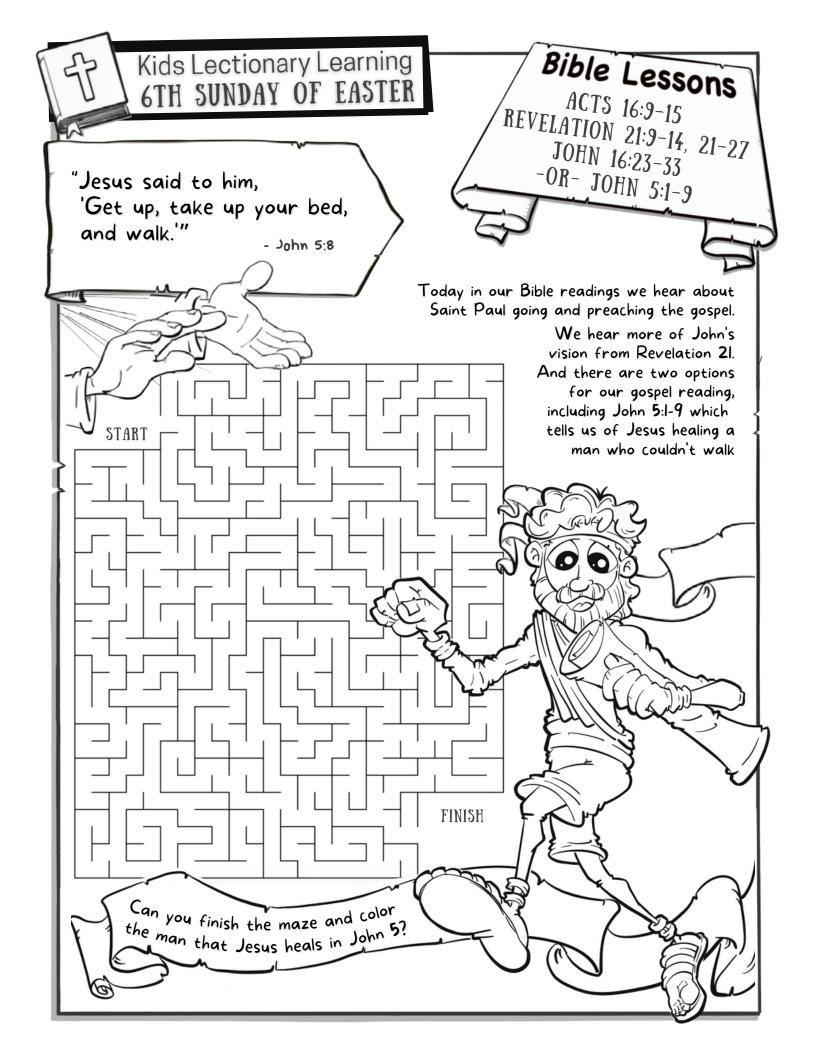
#### **FOLLOW THE VINES**

Find the correct vine that leads you to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!





Let Us Pray Together: Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for sending Jesus to be the true vine that we can be attached to. Holy Spirit, help us to be fruitful like Philip and the Ethiopian that as good fruit is made on us we may share the Good News of Jesus with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





"The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul."

- Acts 16:14b

REVELATION 21:9-14,21-27 WORDSEARCH

It is an amazing blessing that we can talk to God in prayer.

In John 16:23-33 Jesus talks to His disciples about how He has overcome the world.

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Lil' Lou sometimes has concerns and yet he knows he can pray and ask God to help him in times of need.

**ANGELS** SEVEN BOWLS

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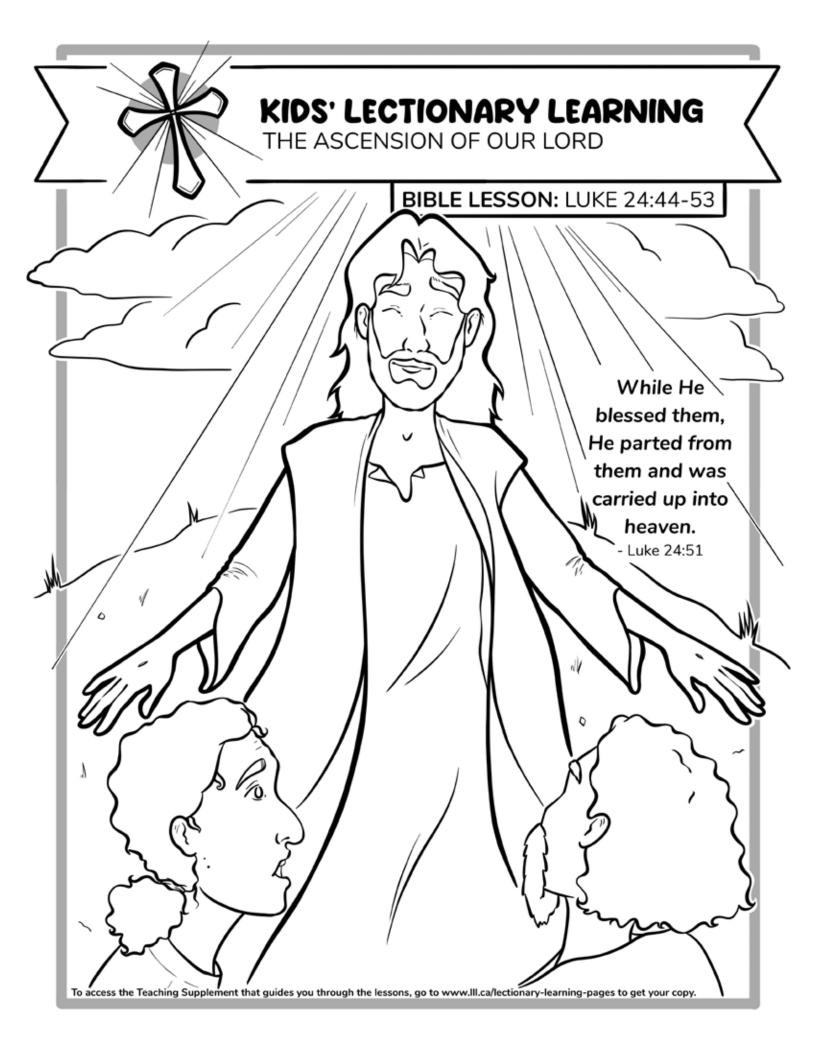
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BRIDE

"Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

- John 16:24b







### KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING



#### STORY MATCH

Draw a line from the 6 symbols on the left to match some of the events that happened in Jesus' life before He ascended on the right!







- JESUS CALLS FISHERMEN
   TO BE HIS DISCIPLES
  - JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS





JESUS IS WELCOMED INTO

JERUSALEM WITH PALM

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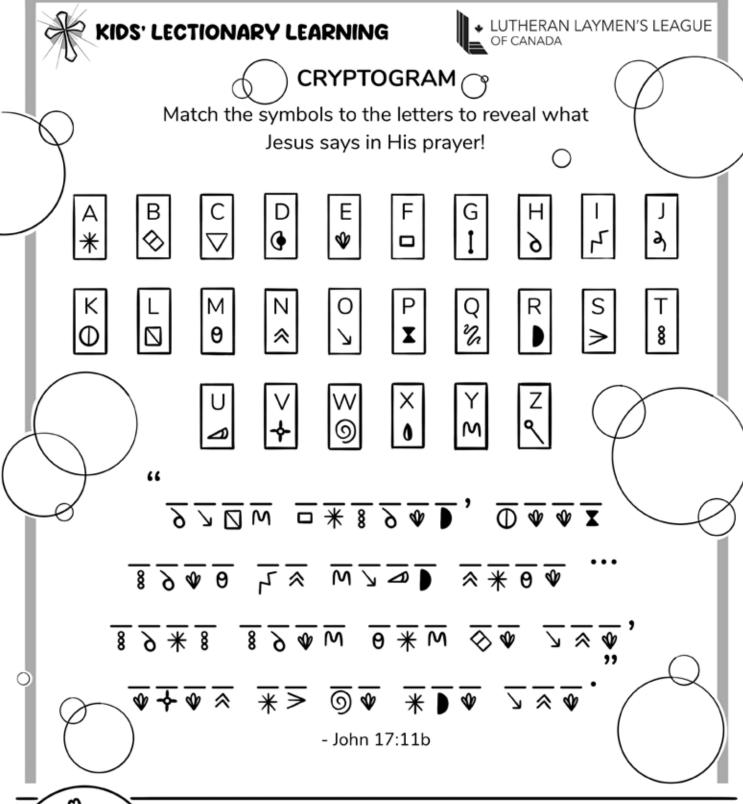


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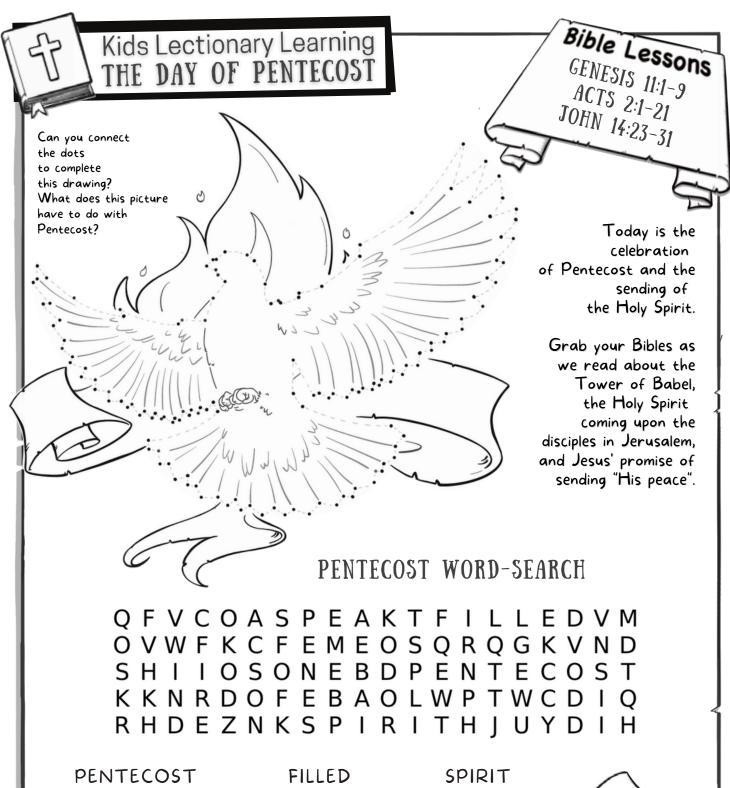
Let Us Pray Together: Come, Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus. Enable us to bear witness to our crucified and risen Saviour. Amen.







Let Us Pray Together: Dear Father in Heaven, thank You for sending Your Son Jesus to be human like me so that He could die and take away all my sin. Help me to share Your story with others so that their hearts and minds will look only to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

WIND

- John 14:27

Lil' Lou loves to imagine what it would have been like for the disciples on Pentecost in Acts 2.

SPEAK

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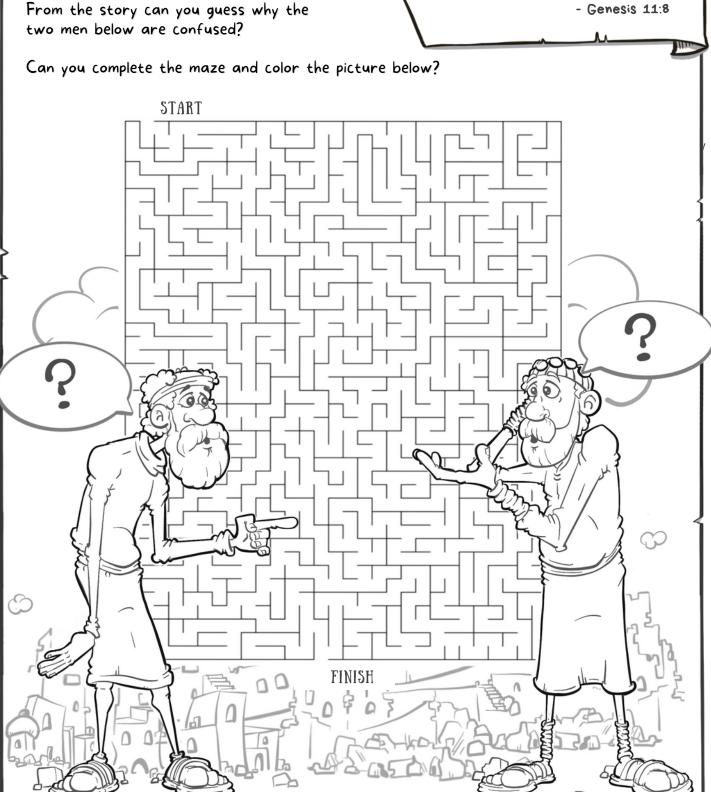
How does the Holy Spirit come to us?

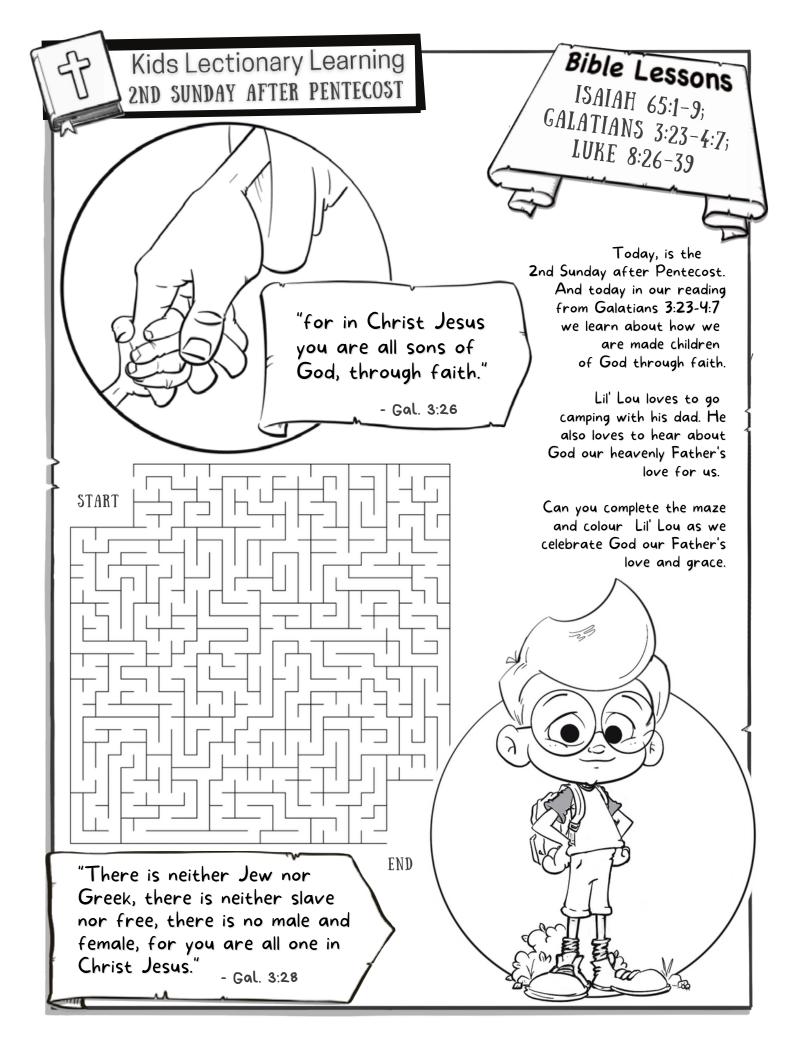


## Kids Lectionary Learning THE DAY OF PENTECOST

In Genesis II:1-9 we read about the Tower of Babel. What happens in Genesis II:1-9? From the story can you guess why the two men below are confused?

"So the Lord dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city."





## Kids Lectionary Learning 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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LUKE 8:26-39 WORD-SEARCH

Read Luke 8:26-39 and then find the words below in our Word Search.

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HEALED
HOME

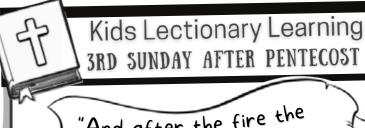
"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

- Gal. 4:4-5

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> Thank you Jesus that you love us and you free us from our sins.

MKGTARHIIAIIE



Bible Lessons
1 KINGS 19:9B-21
GALATIANS 5:1,13-25
& LUKE 9:51-62

'And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.

"And when
Elijah heard it,
he wrapped his face
in his cloak and went
out and stood at
the entrance of
the cave."

Grab your Bibles, a pencil, and something to colour with, as we grow together in the love of God, and in His Word.

### 1 KINGS 19 WORD-SEARCH

LORD FIRE
CAVE WIND
ELIJAH VOICE
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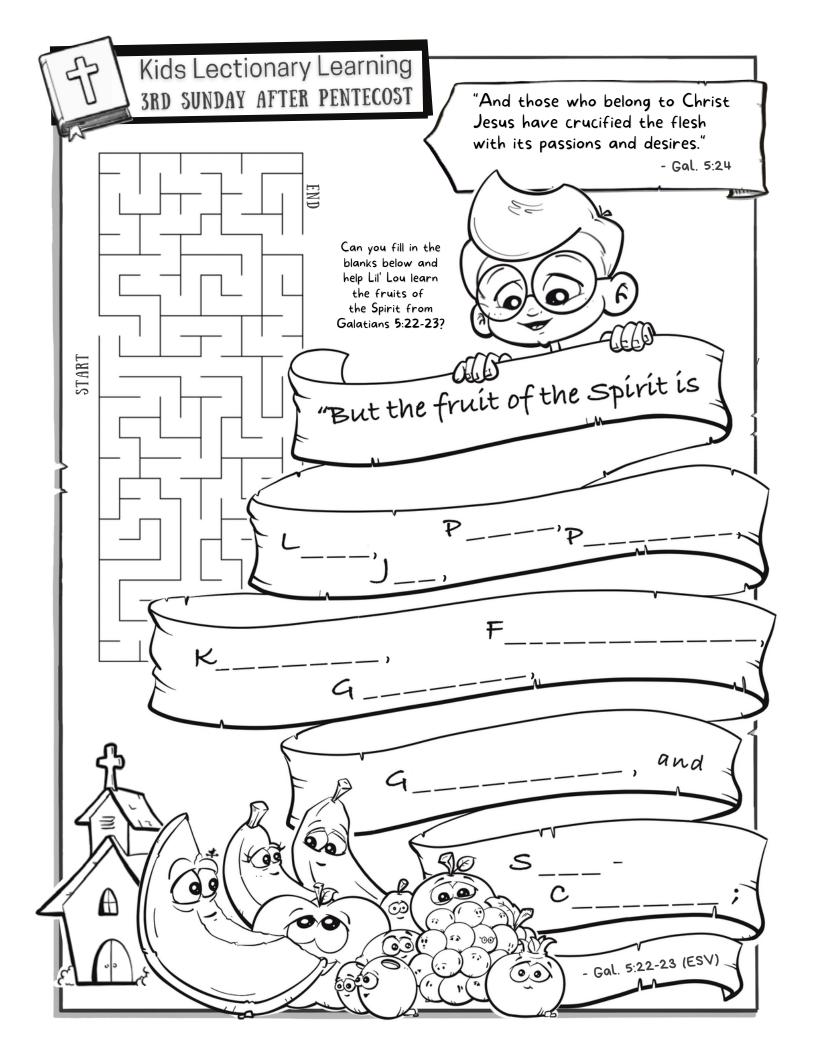
"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

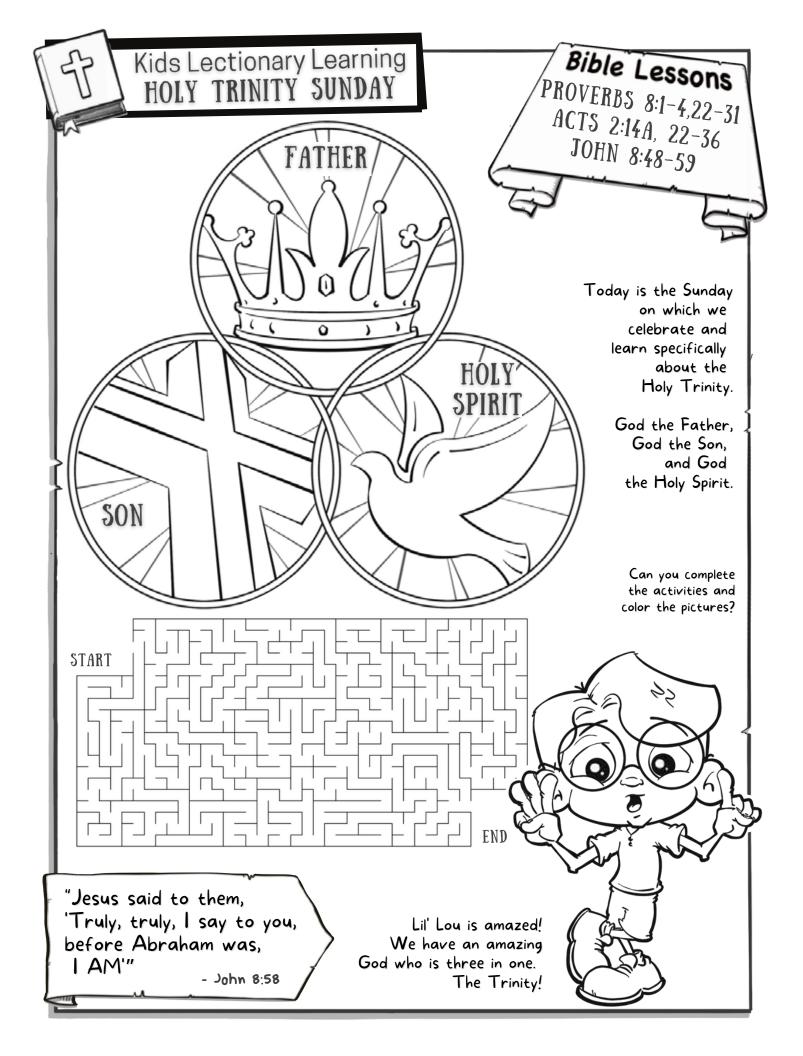
- Gal. 5:13

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- 1 Kings 19: 12b-13







## Kids Lectionary Learning HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

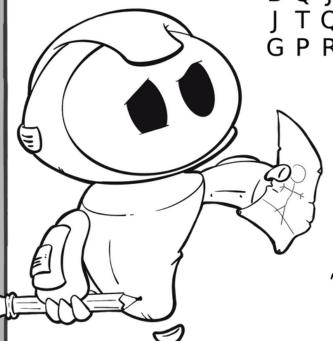
## HOLY TRINITY WORD-SEARCH

"Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing."

- Acts 2:33

TRINITY
GOD
FATHER
SON
HOLY
SPIRIT
JESUS
LOVE
SAVE
CREATOR

T M L G N V C W O J E S U S T Y D K V C Z M R A S N P K R P I F Q U B E L O E S I I C B U M R O S I R L Z J A N J A E U N K V H J L A G F V T O X S V K N F K G O V I T E N O R K Y F V S N M V E K J Q Z P R A U A Y J P I E I G F H Y H Z C T T B W Z I R B S J P O E P H U H Q V X G R Y O T G N D I G R E T Z L O G I D J Z E K B O S R Q T R I N I T Y Y W U E D O B Q J W Y X Z U D D G Q K G N J T Q B Q J J T G G S V M V N G P R U A R O D H O L Y C T P



BB the Bible Bot drew a picture. He tried his best but, it isn't quite the creation he had hoped it would be.

God has made a wonderful creation.

And we give thanks that He has created us, loved us, sent His Son to save us, and He sends us His Holy Spirit in His Word and Sacrament.