



# The Spirit of St. Paul's

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

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JANUARY 2023

Christmas Social 2022



## 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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## Education

### KIDS CORNER

### GROWING HEARTS OF FAITH

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

Hi Kids!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas celebration! This isn't the end of the story though! Let me share with you what Jesus' life was like after He was born.

Eight days after His birth, He was officially given the name, Jesus. At forty days after He was born, His parents took Him to the temple in Jerusalem to be presented to the LORD (God). They had to walk about five miles to get there. When Jesus was about two years old, the wise men, magi or kings (they have many names!) from the East came to visit. In Matthew 2:1-11, it says, "When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house (not to the manger) they saw the child (not the baby) with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him." King Herod, the crazy, jealous king at the time, heard that Jesus was to become King, so he ordered all the male children who were two years old and under to be killed because he thought Jesus would grow up and take his job. An angel warned Joseph, Jesus' father, about King Herod's plan, so they went to Egypt to live for about three and a half years so Jesus wouldn't be hurt. That trip took about three or four days! After King Herod died, they travelled back to Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. Jesus would have been about five or six years

old by now.

Remember the wise men? In our church, "Epiphany" is when we celebrate the visit of the wise men (magi or kings) to Jesus after He was born. We do this on January 6, which is twelve days after we celebrate Christmas. Epiphany means finding out something you didn't know before. We celebrate this because the wise men had an "epiphany" when they saw God, in Jesus, lying in front of them in the manger. God was hidden from them before, but now, there He was! God let the rich wise men who lived far away and the poor shepherds who lived close by, all see Him! That's how we know Jesus was born for everyone, to save us from our sins! He loves ALL the people in the world so much! Happy Epiphany and Happy New Year!

Last year's activity pages by Pastor Cody Cooper are part of this newsletter on our website and printed separately for those picking them up at church. For the new ones this year, go to [lll.ca/lectionary/learning/pages](http://lll.ca/lectionary/learning/pages).

*Mrs. Denise Timm for  
St. Paul's Sunday School*

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are in need volunteers to read announcements at the beginning of each service. Please let office secretary, Sandy, know if you are willing to help out.



## Stewardship

### Your past does not define your future

New Year's is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it's over), and we look to the future in hope and anticipation, and perhaps with some worry, for what it holds.

The point is that New Year's celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be, what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we've lost. Who we've lost.

New Year's is our own version of Charles Dickens' classic, *A Christmas Carol*. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents and futures.

St. Paul writes: "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace

abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:6-15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord will both supply and increase what we need to give to the church for its work in the world. He tells us that this work God does in us will enrich and bless us in every way, and through this, will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving in years past and change what needs to be adjusted, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God's gifts of forgiveness,

life and salvation. If you've not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God's Word, to receive forgiveness and feast on the rich food of our Lord's body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn't want your money. He wants you — all of you (Matt. 22:20-22).

Second, pray for the Lord's help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1-16).

Third, consider what the church is and what the church does. The church is a place of mercy. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward neighbors. You are a member of the church, of God's family. Thus, you  
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are not only a recipient of God's mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the church in the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev. 27:1-34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament's teaching on supporting the work of the church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what's left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, or ten percent.

The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church's work. Are you relying on God's promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.


So, don't let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God's gift to you for this body and life.

Those who were able to attend the voters' meeting on December 11 heard about our financial challenges

in 2022 and the difficult decisions the voters made to reduce our remittances to Missions in 2022 if our giving in December resulted in a sizeable deficit. At the time of this writing, we do not know our 2022 year-end result but the motions that were approved in December to guide our Missions remittances, are available to pick up for those who were not at the meeting and want to read about the actions that were taken.

We thank God for the blessings He continues to shower on His people through our generous gifts and look forward to a happy and blessed 2023.

*Peace and Cheer*  
*Board of Stewardship*



**VOLUNTEERS  
WANTED  
to assist  
with webinars, etc.**

The LWML-Canada Webinar Support Team is looking for two women willing to assist with our webinars in monitoring "Hands" and/or "Questions" as well as assisting with future surveys and/or online elections.

Individuals should have an interest or aptitude for software and willingness to learn. Training will be provided. Candidates should be a member of Lutheran Church-Canada but membership in LWMLC is not required.

If this is you, please contact Karen Hildebrandt, LWMLC VP Communication at [vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.ca) for more details. St. Paul's member, Marion Hollinger, doesn't know all the details but you could chat with her if you want basic informatio.



# Kids Lectionary Learning 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

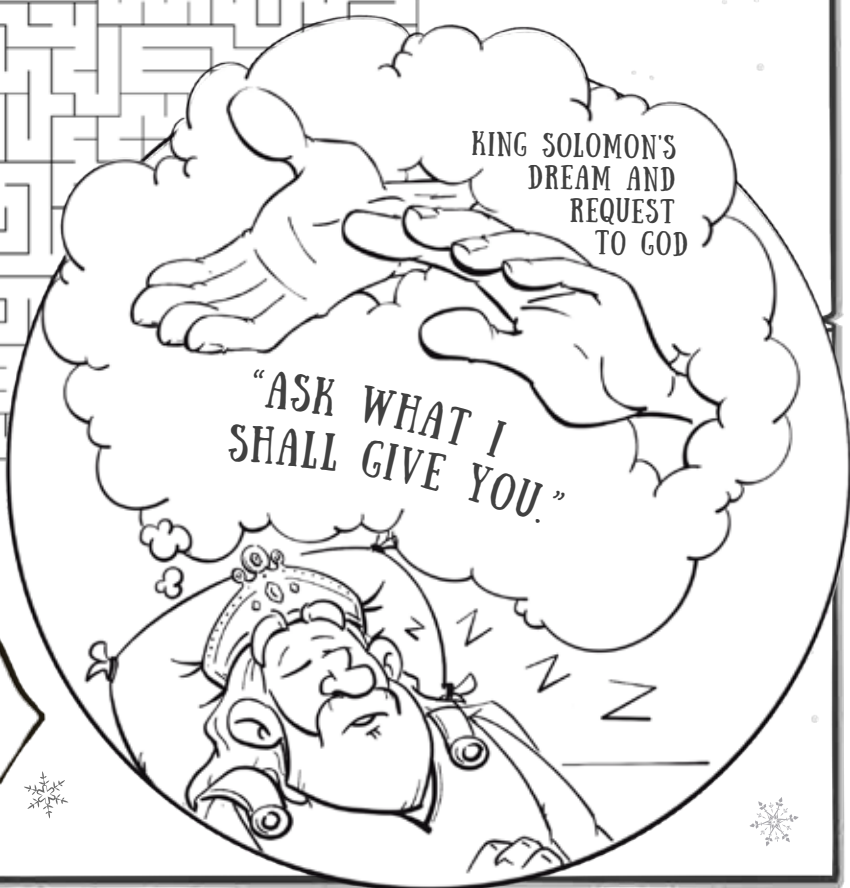
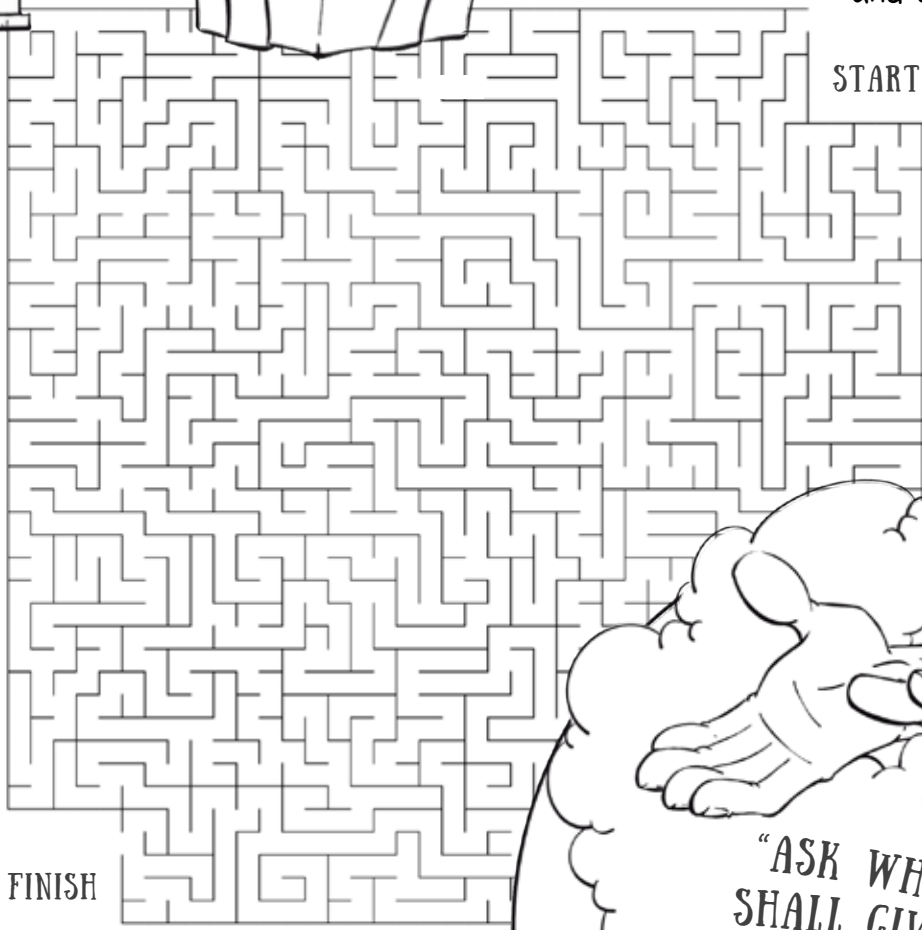
"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man." - Luke 2:52



Even though it is 2022 now, we are still in the season of Christmas.

Today we hear about God's gift of wisdom as we read about King Solomon, and about the young boy Jesus who goes to the temple.

Grab your Bibles and let us look closer at the readings for today, and God's amazing gifts of wisdom, love, forgiveness, and and grace.



"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil,"  
- 1 Kings 3:9a

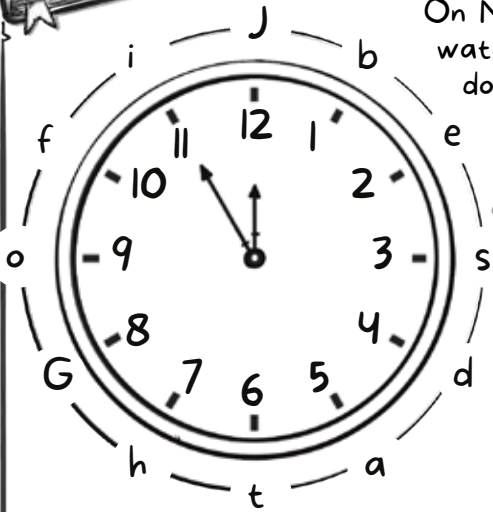


# Kids Lectionary Learning 2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

"In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,"

- Eph. 1:13 (ESV)

On New Years Eve we watch the clock to count down to the new year.



Use the clock here to find the verse from our Ephesians I Bible reading.

" 1 2 3 3 2 4 1 2 6 7 2 8 9 4  
5 n 4 10 5 6 7 2 r 9 10 9 u r  
L 9 r 4 12 2 3 u 3 C 7 r 11 3 6 "

## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words from Luke 2:40-52 in our word search?

- |         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| TEMPLE  | CHILD     |
| HEARD   | GREW      |
| HOUSE   | WISDOM    |
| HEART   | GOD       |
| STATURE | JERUSALEM |
| FAVOR   | FIND      |

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F H U D O N R O L M  
U L H L V J K W B E



Owls are sometimes used to represent being "wise". Jesus grew in wisdom during His earthly ministry, and He is our wisdom and strength each day of the year!

Can you colour Ollie the Owl as we start 2022?



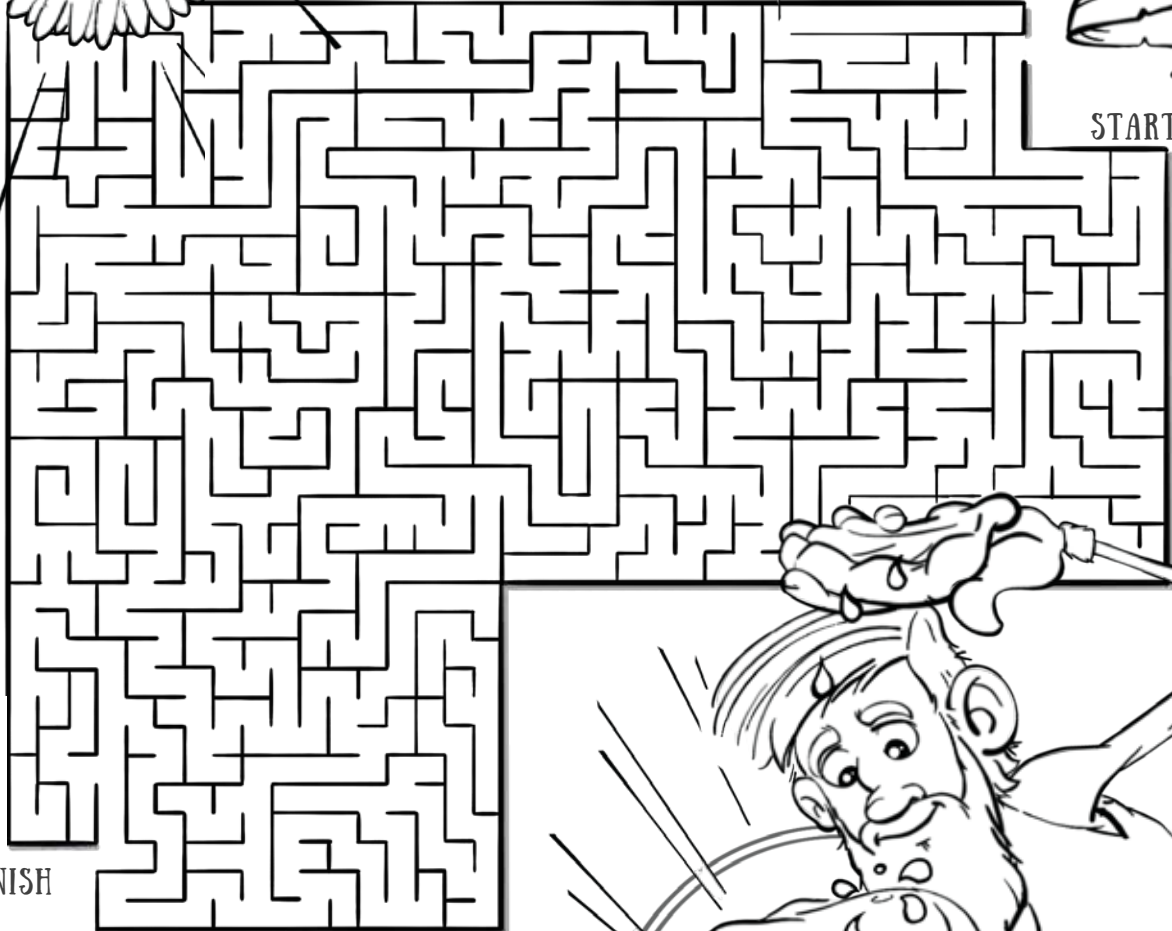
Kids Lectionary Learning  
1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Bible Lessons**

ISAIAH 43:1-7  
ROMANS 6:1-11  
LUKE 3:15-22



SEASON OF EPIPHANY



"and the Holy Spirit  
descended on him in  
bodily form, like a dove;  
and a voice came from heaven,  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am  
well pleased."

- Luke 3:22 (ESV)

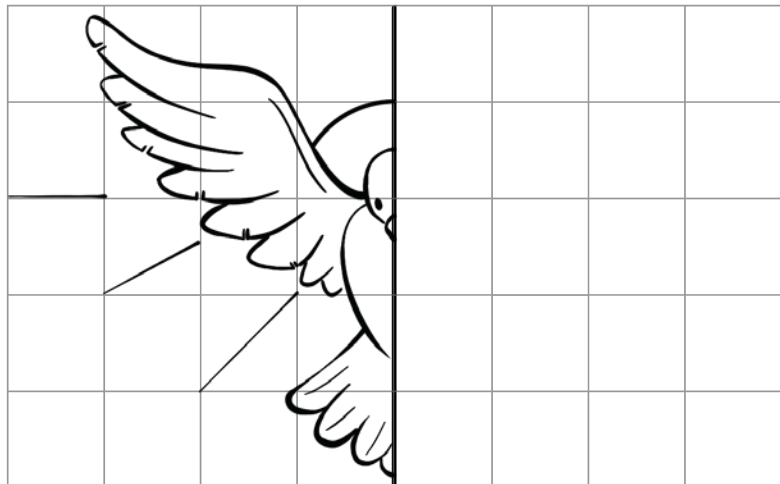
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



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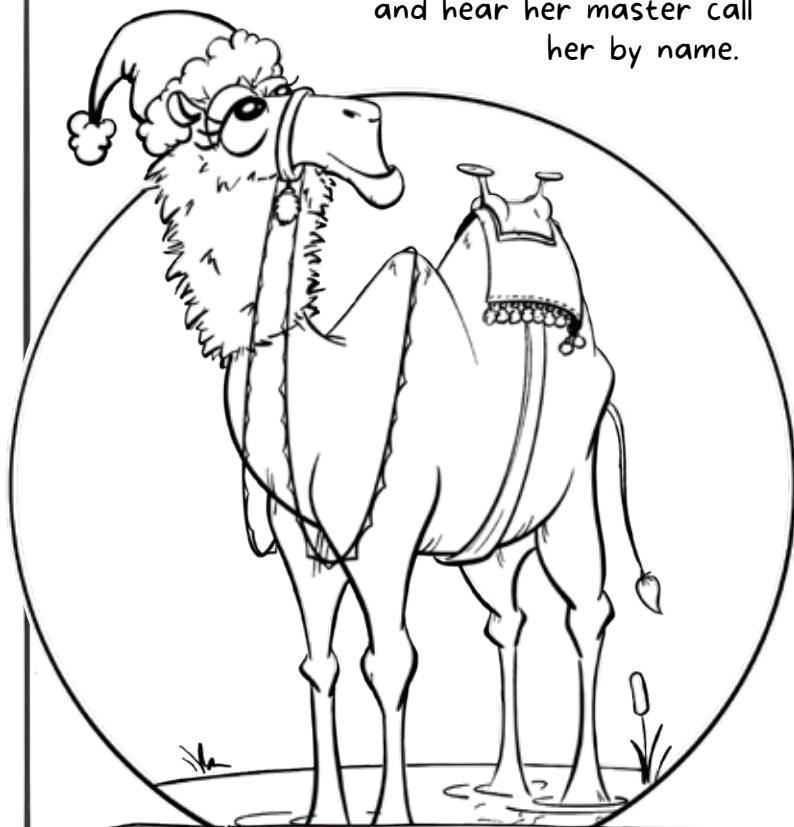
## GRID DRAWING

Use the grid to draw the other half of the dove.



In which reading do we hear about a dove descending?

Cathy the Camel loves to go on long walks,  
and hear her master call  
her by name.



"Fear not, for I have  
redeemed you; I have called  
you by name, you are mine."

- Isaiah 43:1 (b) (ESV)

"So you also must consider  
yourselves dead to sin and  
alive to God in Christ Jesus".

- Romans 6:11 (ESV)

## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words  
from Luke 3:15-22 in  
the word search below?

- BAPTIZE
- WATER
- JESUS
- JOHN
- SPIRIT
- DOVE
- HEAVEN
- VOICE
- BELOVED
- SON

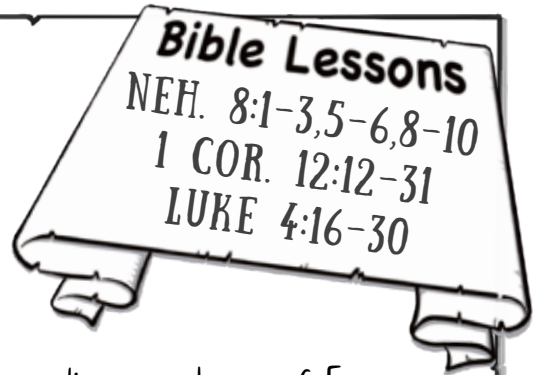
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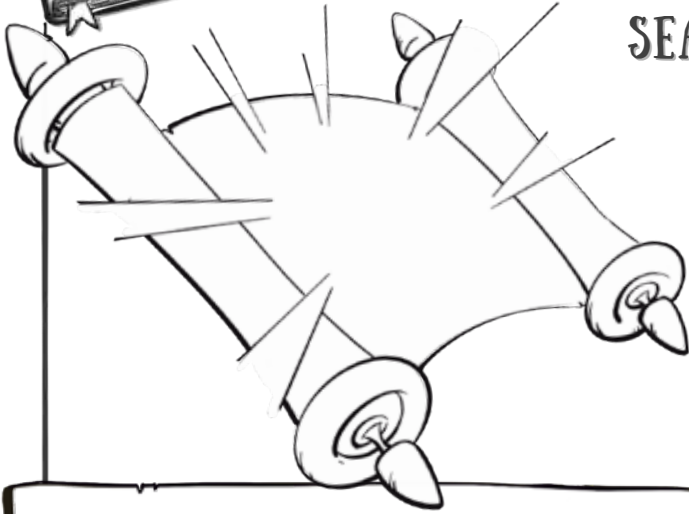




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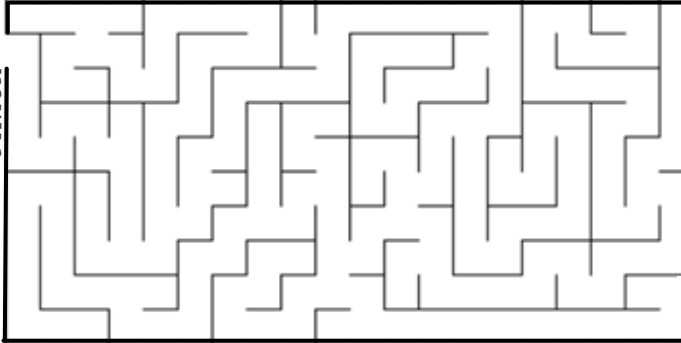
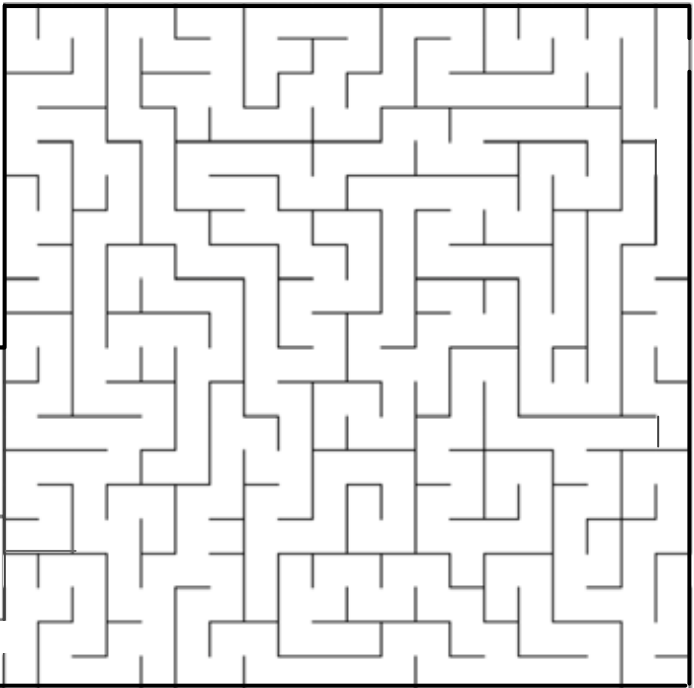


## SEASON OF EPIPHANY



Today in our readings we hear of Ezra the priest, reading God's Word to God's people. We are reminded that God has created us and called us together as His Church. And we hear of Jesus reading and fulfilling the words from the book of Isaiah.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."  
- Luke 4:18 (ESV)



Lil' Lou and his sister Kate love to hear stories from the Bible.

In our first reading we hear of Ezra reading from God's Word from "early morning until midday". Imagine how many amazing things they heard read that day.

What is your favourite story from the Bible?



"And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law."  
- Nehemiah 8:3 (ESV)



# Kids Lectionary Learning 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"And he began to say to them,  
'Today this Scripture has been  
fulfilled in your hearing.'  
- Luke 4:21 (ESV)

## WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words from Luke 4:16-30?

- NAZARETH
- SABBATH
- READ
- SCROLL
- ISAIAH
- SPIRIT
- LORD
- PROCLAIM
- SIGHT
- LIBERTY
- HOMETOWN
- HEARD

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

BB the Bible Bot wanted different robot parts. He wasn't happy with some of the parts that made up his body and he thought maybe he didn't need them. But now he is realizing that he needs the parts his maker gave him. Colour BB to help him get sorted out.

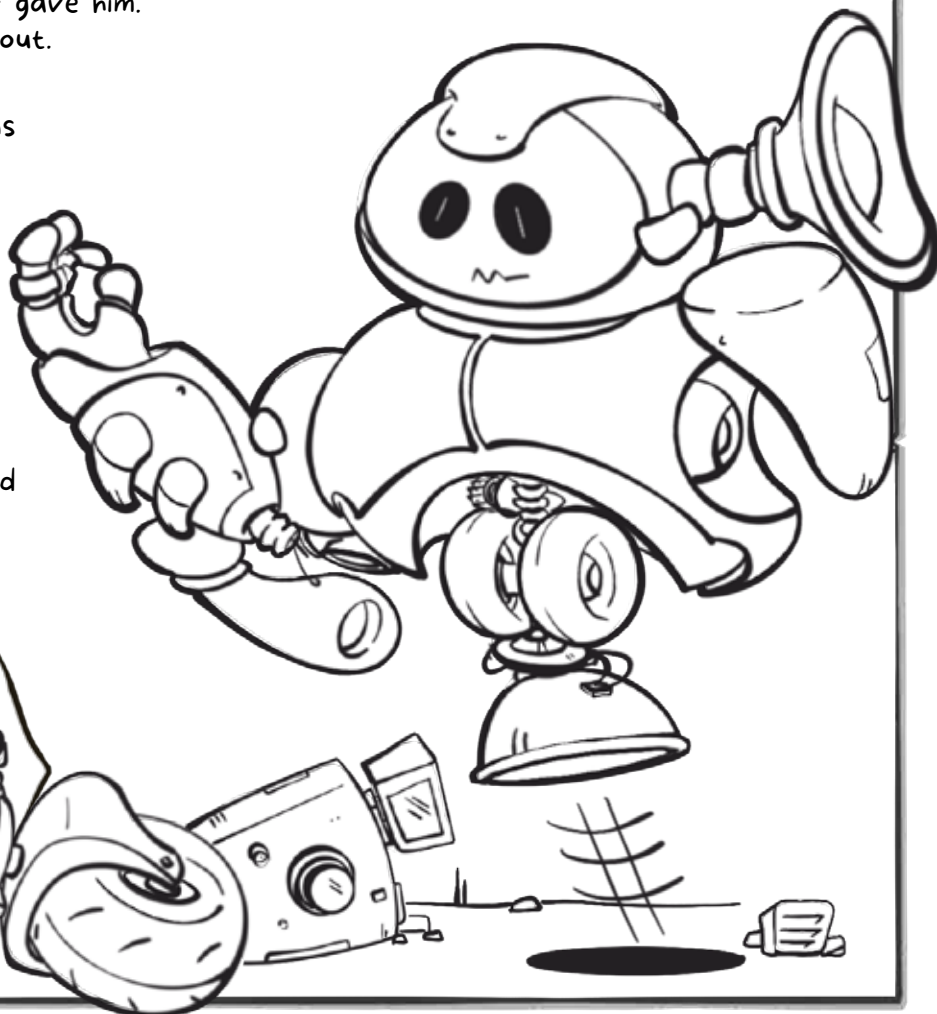
Our second reading from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 would help BB.

It reminds us that just as each of us has one body, but we have lots of different parts, God has created His one Church. And though there are different parts or members of God's Church they are one body.

"Thank You, God for creating us and for making us a part of Your Church."

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

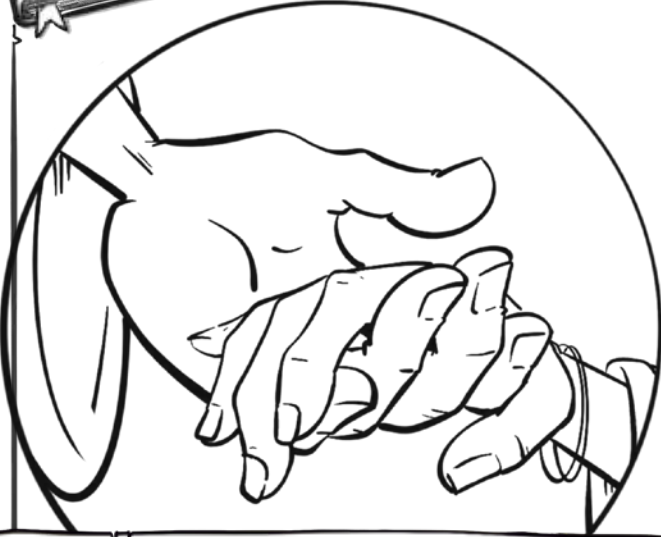
- 1 Cor. 12:12 (ESV)





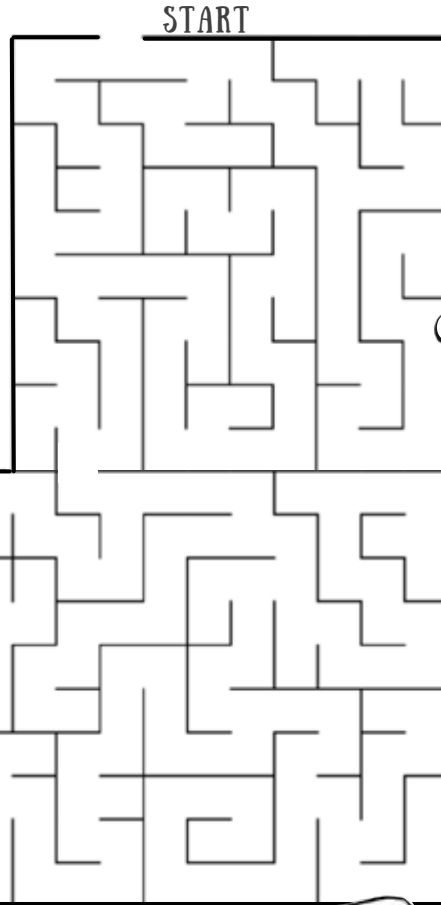
# Kids Lectionary Learning 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Bible Lessons**  
JEREMIAH 1:4-10  
1 COR. 12:31B-13:13  
LUKE 4:31-44



Today we hear about love, about God's call to the prophet Jeremiah, and about Jesus preaching, healing, and performing miracles.

"And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them."  
- Luke 4:39 (ESV)



"and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."  
- 1 Cor. 13:2 (ESV)

Lil' Lou is visiting the mountains. As he is looking up at a big mountain he remembers the verse we have today from 1 Corinthians 13:2.

He is amazed that God gives us such amazing and great gifts. Gifts like mountains, friends, faith and love.





# Kids Lectionary Learning 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,"  
- Jer. 1:5 (ESV)

## WORD SEARCH

Our Word Search today contains words from 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13, words that tells us about the importance of love?

- FAITH
- HOPE
- LOVE
- SPEAK
- KIND
- ENVY
- BOAST
- IRRITABLE
- REJOICE
- BELIEVES
- HOPES
- ENDURES

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

Can you colour Hughie and Kate?

Kate loves Hughie the Highland Steer.  
Hughie is a very patient, and kind steer, especially with Kate.  
Can you think of someone who is patient and kind, or whom you love?

Today God tells us about love and how important it is.  
God promises to always love us and never leave us.

Thank you, Jesus for Your love.



"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."  
- 1 Cor. 13:13 (ESV)