



The Spirit of St. Paul's

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Interacting as Christians with those around us can be a matter of ordinary conversation and hospitality

Please join us for a **Circuit Convocation on Saturday, October 29th from 1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church** (123 South Railway St. West, Warman).

The Saskatoon Circuit is hosting a workshop/seminar presented by Lisa Jackson, Managing Director of Lutheran Laymen's League—Canada.

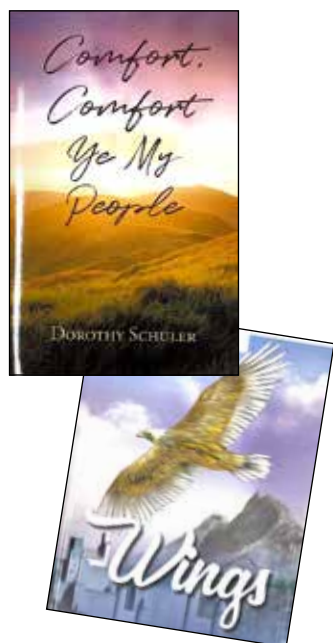
Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) partnered with Barna Group—an industry leader for research-based insights about faith and culture, leadership and vocation, and generational groups—in ongoing studies of faith in North America. This collaboration has

facilitated the creation of resources that address the needs of the individual Christian, the Church at large, and for those who don't yet know the Gospel message.

Three important topics will be covered: 1) The Spiritual Conversation (a study helping to equip people with the knowledge and confidence to have faith-sharing dialogues with others); 2) Households of Faith (this session presents vital principles that strengthen followers of Christ and their homes, which ultimately strengthens the family of God); and 3) Better Together (Congregational

members have a unique, personal chance to connect with non-Christian neighbours who place more faith in individuals rather than institutions. Together we can focus on teaching and empowering one another to give of ourselves generously, in church and all the other dimensions of our lives).

If you plan to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the front entrance. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Keith. We hope to see you there!



LIBRARY NEWS

Dear members of St. Paul's,

I would like to introduce *Wings*, the story of Amell, the golden eagle who willingly gave up his life to save his people. It was not until I was almost finished writing this story, that I realized the significance of his life and sacrifice, for like Jesus, he suffered and died to save those he loved. How great is the love and compassion of Jesus!

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People was written with the intent of comforting and encouraging readers, especially during difficult times, and it is my prayer, the message conveyed will do so.

I would be honoured if *Wings* and *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* became an addition to the church library.

With joy and faith, live under the shadow of God's wings!
Dorothy Schuler

These books are now in the library where you can borrow and enjoy them.

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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New officers and board members elected

Our thanks to the nominating committee for their work in seeking men and women to fill the positions in parish planning council and

the boards. Our thanks, also, to everyone who agreed to serve their brothers and sisters at St. Paul's in this way.

- President: Elton Harper
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Rhonda Billard
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Natalie Keith
Sandy Harper
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- Lay Ministry
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Art Timm
Chad Timm
Daryl Walter
James Dietrich
Owen Mitchell



Pastor's Corner

We are one body, many parts – each with a gift(s) for the benefit of all

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul teaches that we all have special and unique gifts that serve God and his church in various and important ways. He said, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). He then goes on to helpfully describe how this works using the analogy of our physical bodies. Just as the body is one and has many parts, so the church is one and

has many members. And as each part of the body is critical for it to function well, so we are all critical as members of the Body of Christ. St. Paul teaches, “If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body” (1 Corinthians 17-19).

Our congregation has just completed our elections and I am looking forward to working with the boards as we carry out the work we have

been called to do. Each board and member works together to “...see that the services of God’s house are held at proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught... that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution...and to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world” (LSB Agenda).

I am thankful for the gifts God has given each of these members and for their willingness to serve Christ’s Body with their unique skills. Please keep St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in your prayers and support our efforts to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that he may be glorified and his work be done in our midst.

*God’s blessings,
Pastor Keith*



Evangelism

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart came to mind as I thought of what to share with you for October, very fitting as on October 9 we will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday.

We learn from Scripture, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change” (James 1:17). Martin Luther simplifies this by saying “God the Father, giver of life and all good things.”

With that in mind, I have decided to reflect on the three articles of the Apostles’ Creed and the explanations written by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism as I ponder my thanksgiving to the Lord. Together it encompasses all and is better than any list I could come up with.

THE FIRST ARTICLE: CREATION
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any

merit or worthiness in me; for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

THE SECOND ARTICLE: REDEMPTION

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His Kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true

THE THIRD ARTICLE: SANCTIFICATION

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion

of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and will at the Last Day raise up me and all the dead, and give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 16-18).

*With a grateful heart
I give thanks to God,
Clara Zirk for the
Board of Evangelism*

Note to the reader:

If some of the wording is slightly different than you recall, I have used an older version of Luther’s Small Catechism that was used when my children were confirmed, which was slightly revised in 1965 and I know has been slightly revised since then to reflect modern day English.

Lay Ministry

Now that we are into the fall season the Board of Lay Ministry met in early September to discuss plans for the coming months as well for the 2023 year. These discussions with Pastor Keith included his ministry to members of St. Paul's, the resumption of Bible classes and confirmation classes as well as reviewing our current worship service protocols as we see a return to normalcy after the pandemic.

Based on these discussions we are revising our worship service practices specifically as they relate to holy communion and providing the option of the chalice or common cup.

We anticipate there will be further adjustments to our worship protocols in the coming weeks however we assure members of the congregation that as we move forward, we will do so keeping the health and safety of our members front and centre. In addition, we are hoping to reconnect with members of the congregation who have not been able to worship in person over the past several years as a result of the pandemic.

We wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. We continue to be thankful for the ministry that Pastor Keith provides to St. Paul's in carrying out the ministry of word and sacrament to the congregation.

*Regards,
Barry Walter
Art Timm
Board of Lay Ministry*



Come curl with us!

The Saskatoon Church Curling League is a Christian curling league for people from Saskatoon and area churches who enjoy curling together on a weekly basis. This is a non-competitive, friendly, social, open league that includes various skill levels and ages (beginners and inexperienced curlers are welcome!). We maintain an atmosphere of good clean fun! Join as an individual and we will find you a spot on a team, or join as a partial or complete team; the choice is yours. Any combination of team



formats are welcome...men, women, mixed. Please consider joining us for a fun way to exercise all winter long!

Join us on Wednesday evenings 8:45 p.m. starting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, through to April 2023.

This winter we will curl at the Sutherland Curling Club. For more information call, text or message David and Rhonda Kitsch at 306 230-9771, email: rdkitsch@sasktel.net.

Stewardship

“We Are All Beggars”

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.” And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we

owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved

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Stewardship, continued

love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

his is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies

us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace

for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

Board of Stewardship

Education

KIDS CORNER

GROWING HEARTS OF FAITH

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

Hi Kids!

As usual, check the back of this newsletter (online) for Pastor Cooper's activity sheets for October 2021. If you're at church, you can pick them up on a table at the back of the church.

Parents: In September 2022, Pastor Cooper started adding a teaching supplement for each week, so don't forget to check lll.ca under Kid's Resources for the current

year activity sheets with the teaching supplements.

We're still in the season of Pentecost, but on OCTOBER 30, we'll be celebrating.... wait for it.....REFORMATION SUNDAY! That's when Martin Luther realized the church in his day was not following God's Word, the Bible, and decided to tell them about it. There are some good YouTube videos! Check out "Martin Luther According

to Kids" (November 2018) and "A Fun Animated History of the Reformation and the Man Who Started It All" (November 3, 2017).

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

PS. My husband and I are about half finished harvesting, so I'll likely be able to start reading Arch books after church on October 16 or 23! I can't wait!



Kids Lectionary Learning

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Bible Lessons

Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:10

Mark 9:30-37



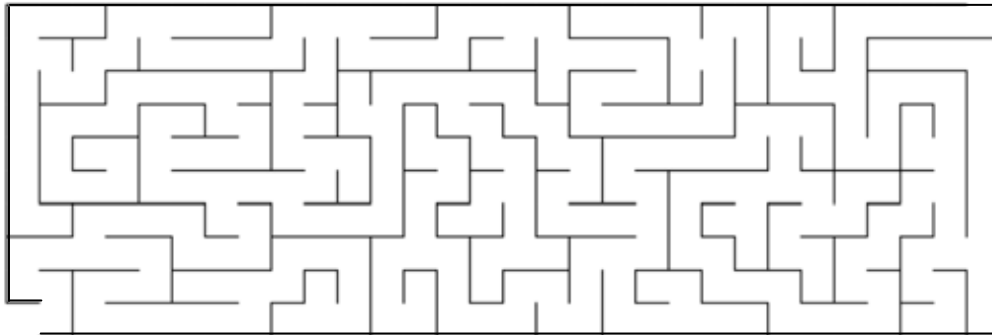
"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

- Mark 9:37 (ESV)

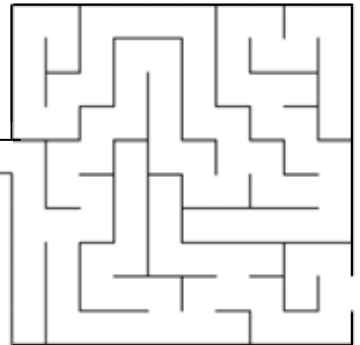
Today in our Bible lessons we hear of the disciples arguing over who is the greatest.

But Jesus uses a child to teach His disciples, and James talks to us about wisdom, and submitting to God.

Grab your Bibles and let's take a look.



Start



End

"Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom." - James 3:13 (ESV)



The owlets have heard people say that owls are "wise" birds. Have you ever heard someone talk about owls as being wise?

What is wisdom anyways?

Read James 3:13-4:10 to learn more, or ask your pastor or parents about wisdom and God's Word.



Kids Lectionary Learning

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Word Search

Read or listen to Mark 9:30-37 and find the words based upon Jesus teaching.

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| FIRST | TEACHING |
| LAST | DISCIPLES |
| ARMS | RISE |
| CHILD | ASKED |
| RECEIVES | ARGUED |
| SENT | GREATEST |

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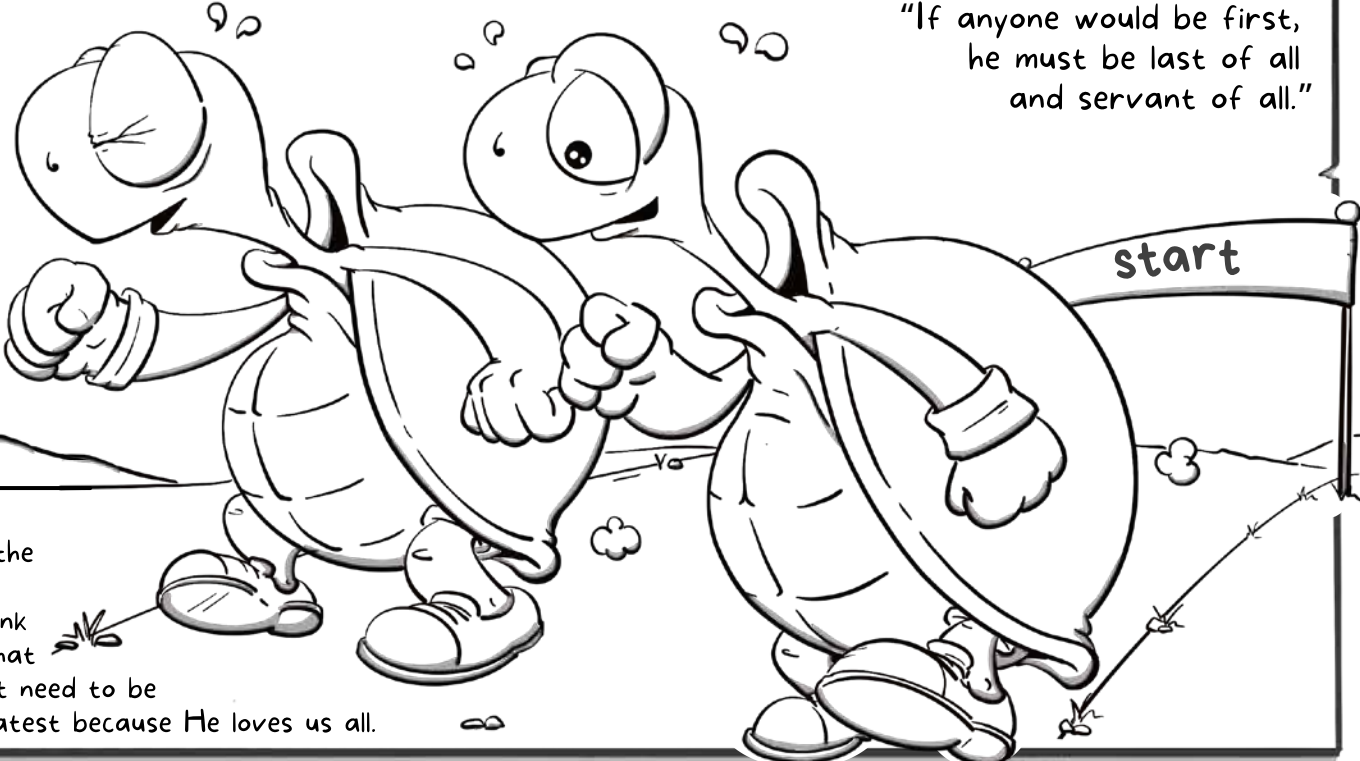
"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." - James 4:6 (ESV)

"But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest." - Mark 9:34 (ESV)

Tony and Todd the twin turtles love to race against each other. Today they are racing to see who is faster.

Jesus' disciples were arguing about who was "the greatest".

So Jesus teaches them and us that, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

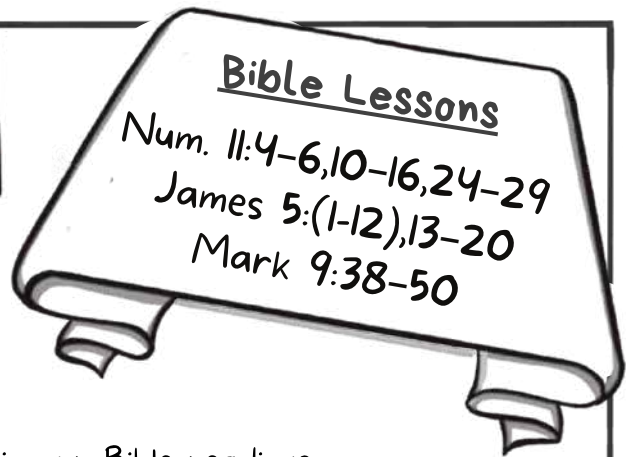


Colour the turtles and thank Jesus that we don't need to be the greatest because He loves us all.



Kids Lectionary Learning

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



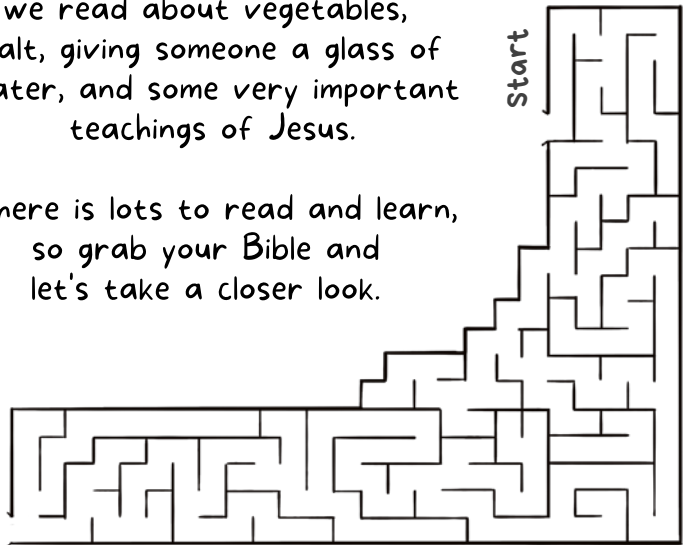
Bible Lessons

Num. 11:4-6,10-16,24-29
James 5:(1-12),13-20
Mark 9:38-50



Today in our Bible readings we read about vegetables, salt, giving someone a glass of water, and some very important teachings of Jesus.

There is lots to read and learn, so grab your Bible and let's take a closer look.



End

"For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward." - Mark 9:41 (ESV)

"Fill in the Blanks"

To find the words below start by crossing out the letter "U" and then cross out every other letter as you work your way through. The letters that you didn't cross out will reveal Jesus' question about salt.

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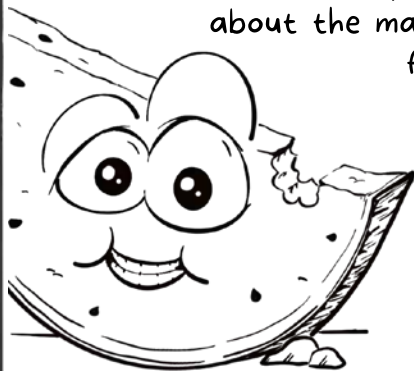
Fill in the Blank answer: Mark 9:50 (ESV)



Kids Lectionary Learning

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In our first reading from Numbers 11 we hear the people of God complaining about the manna God had provided for them.



"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

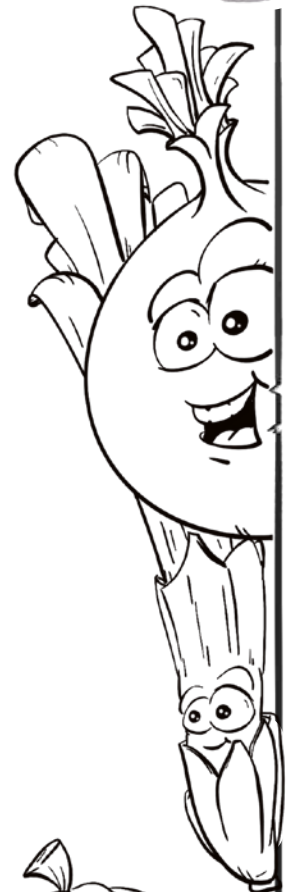
- James 5:16 (ESV)

Colour the veggies and fish on this page and then find the words in the Word Search

Word Search

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| CUCUMBERS | GARLIC |
| MELONS | FISH |
| LEEKS | MEAT |
| ONIONS | MANNA |

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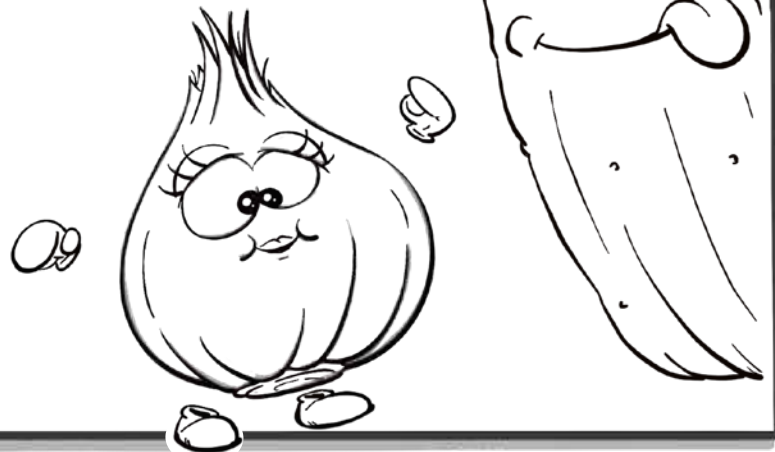


Have you ever complained about food or something you had to do?

Q: What are some foods or things God has given to us that shows us how much He loves us and cares for us?

"Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

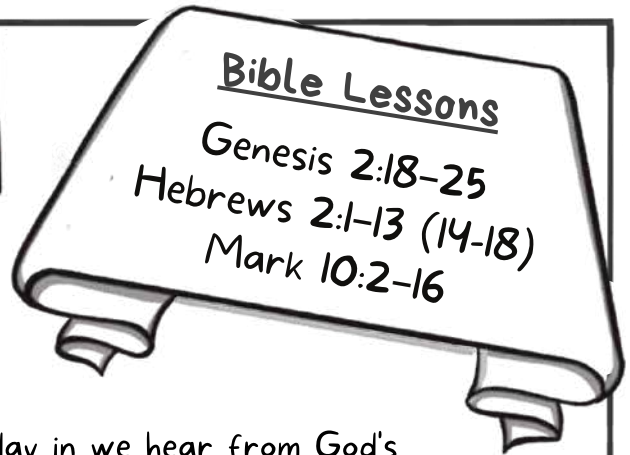
- Mark 9:50 (ESV)



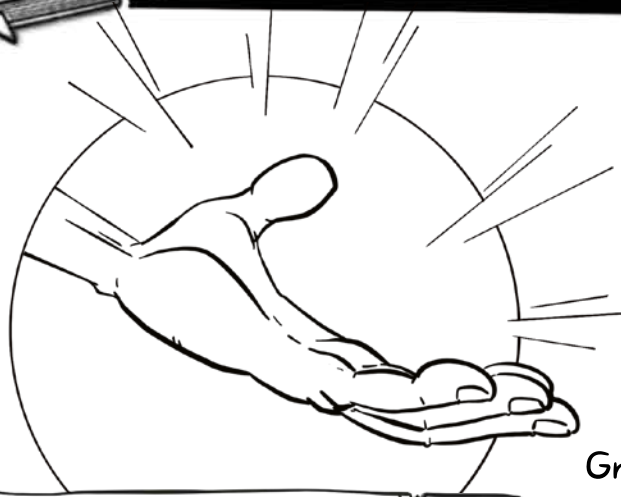


Kids Lectionary Learning

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



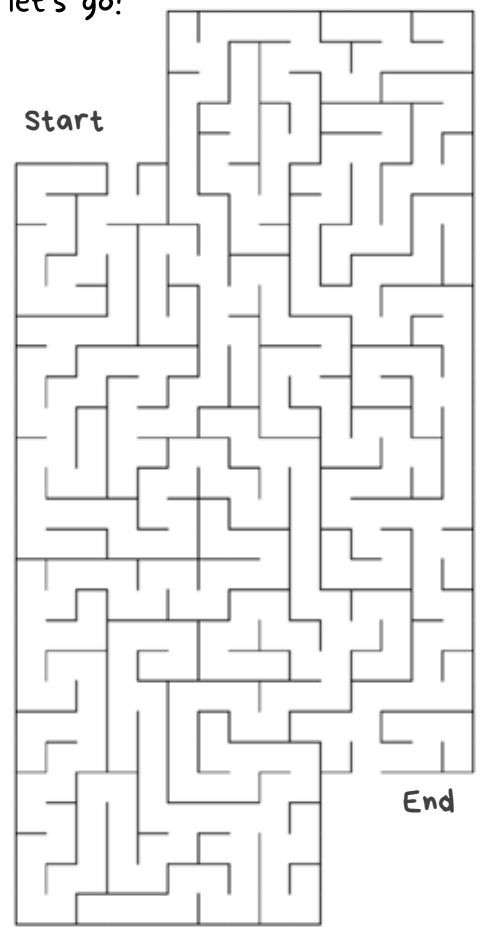
Bible Lessons
Genesis 2:18-25
Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18)
Mark 10:2-16



Today in we hear from God's Word about husbands and wives, warnings against neglecting God's gift of salvation, and Jesus again talking about "little children".

Grab your Bibles and something to colour with and let's go!

"I will put my trust in him"
- Hebrews 2:13 (ESV)



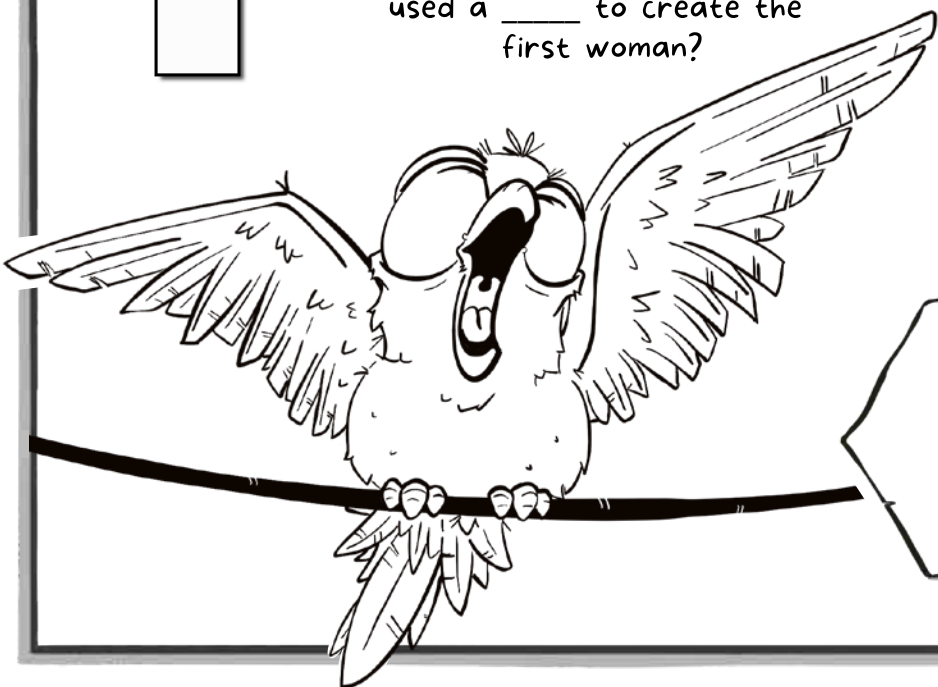
Crossword

1. In Genesis 2:19 we learn that God formed every beast and bird from the

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2. In Genesis 2:22 we learn that God used a _____ to create the first woman?



"in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."
- Hebrews 2:12 (ESV)



Kids Lectionary Learning

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

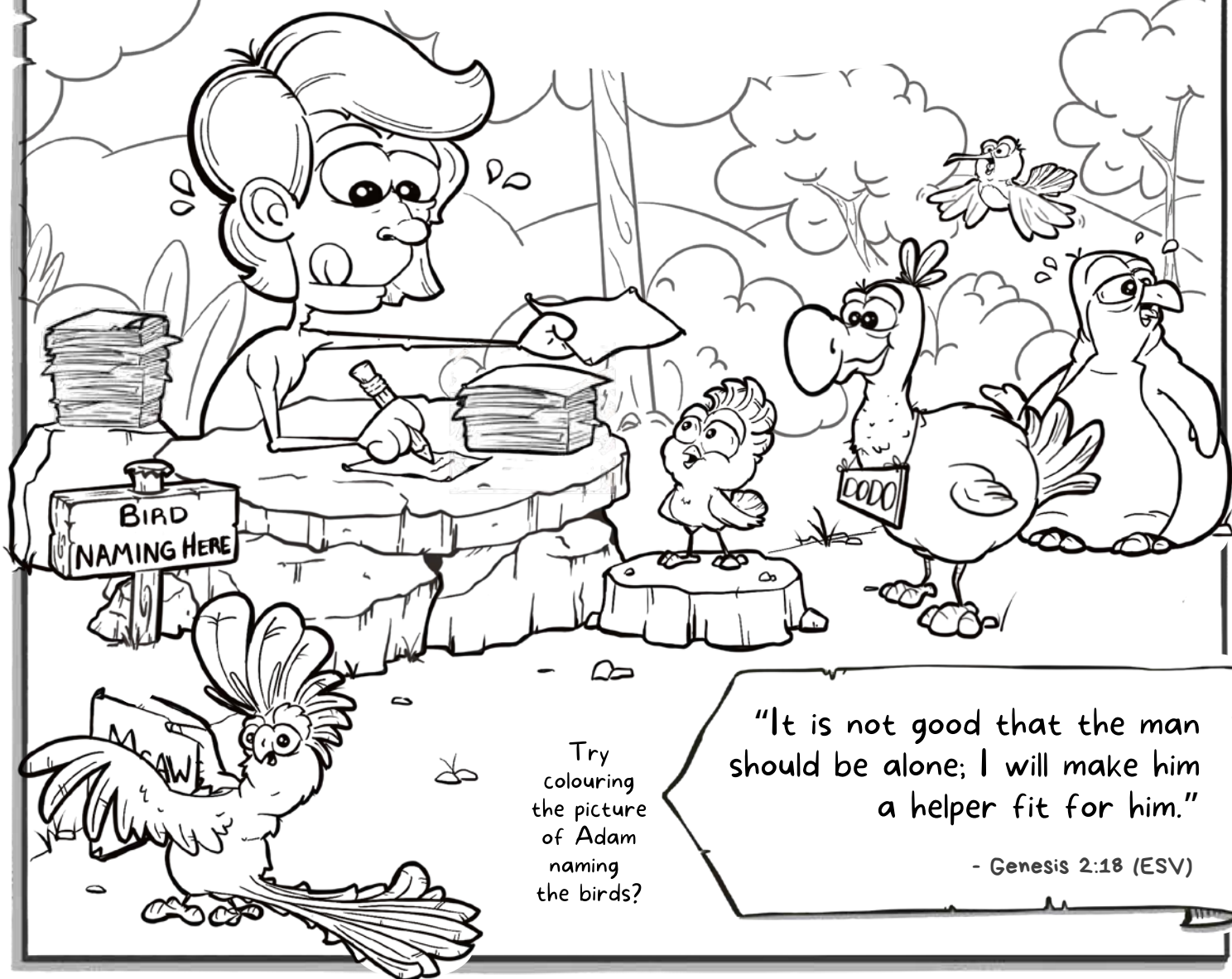
In Genesis 2 we hear of Adam naming the birds and livestock, and God creating Eve. Can you find the words from Genesis 2:18-25 in our Word Search?

HELPER
SLEEP
RIBS
MAN
WIFE
MADE

LORD
GROUND
GOD
NAME
BIRDS
BEAST

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

Adam is busy naming all the birds.
Can you imagine trying to name
all the birds and animals?



Try
colouring
the picture
of Adam
naming
the birds?

"It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

- Genesis 2:18 (ESV)



Kids Lectionary Learning

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Bible Lessons

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Hebrews 3:12-19
Mark 10:17-22



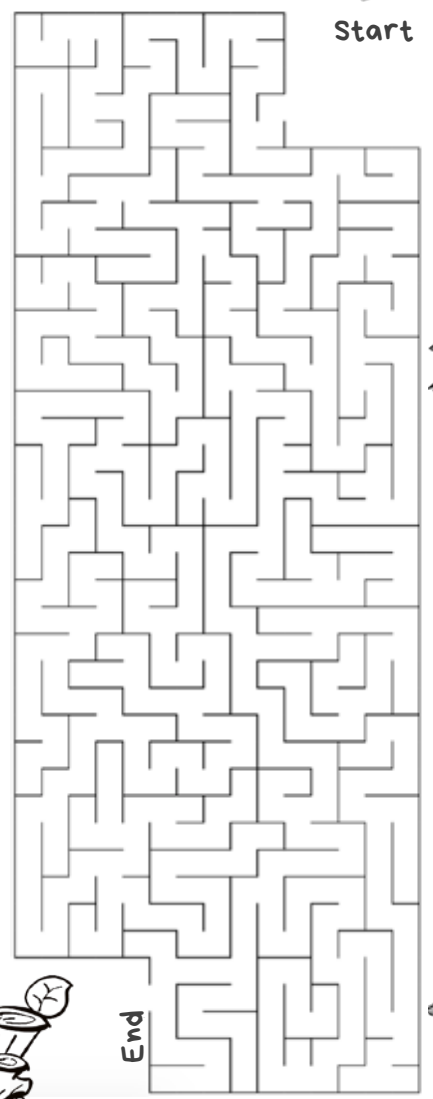
Today in Canada it is Thanksgiving Weekend.

This is a time we set aside especially to say "Thank You" to God for what He has blessed us with and to show appreciation for all we have been given.

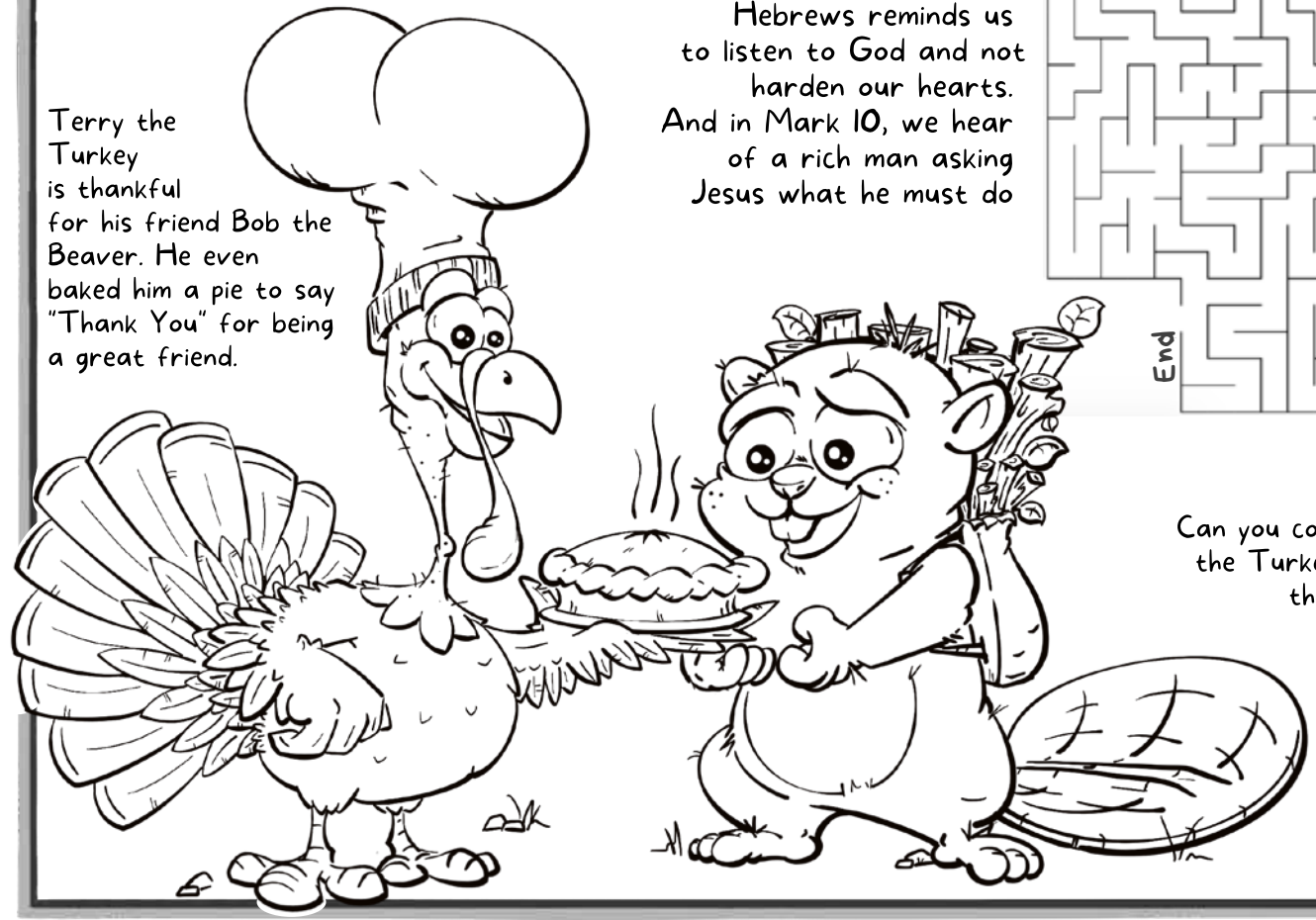
And in the readings for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost we read of the prophet Amos calling God's people to seek God and live.

Hebrews reminds us to listen to God and not harden our hearts. And in Mark 10, we hear of a rich man asking Jesus what he must do

"and come, follow me."
- Mark 10:21b (ESV)



Terry the Turkey is thankful for his friend Bob the Beaver. He even baked him a pie to say "Thank You" for being a great friend.



Can you colour Terry the Turkey and Bob the Beaver?



Kids Lectionary Learning

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Word Search



Read Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
and then find these words below.

Patrick the Pencil is very excited
for the pumpkin he grew.
It is amazing the blessings God has
given to us in His Creation.

What are some things
you are thankful for?
What are ways we
can "seek God"
even as God blesses us
with His grace and faith.

REPROVES
GATE
POOR
GRAIN
DWELL

SEEK
GOOD
LIVE
JUSTICE
LORD

O O G H R R V P U W
C O H K T S E E K N
P W G A T E A R I L
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O O S Y E O P C T V
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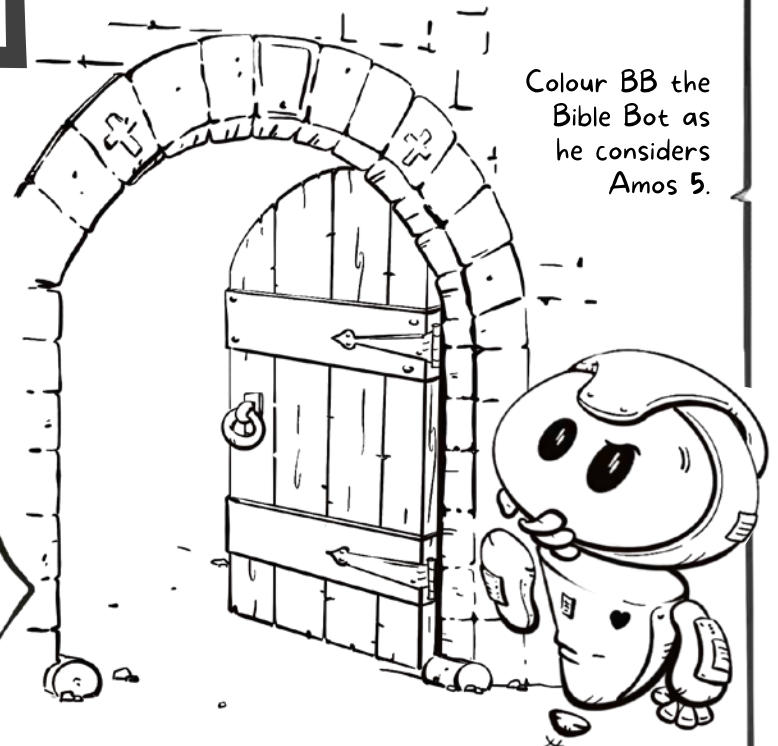
In Mark 10:17-22 we read of a rich man who
asks Jesus what he must do.
Sadly, the man doesn't like Jesus answer.

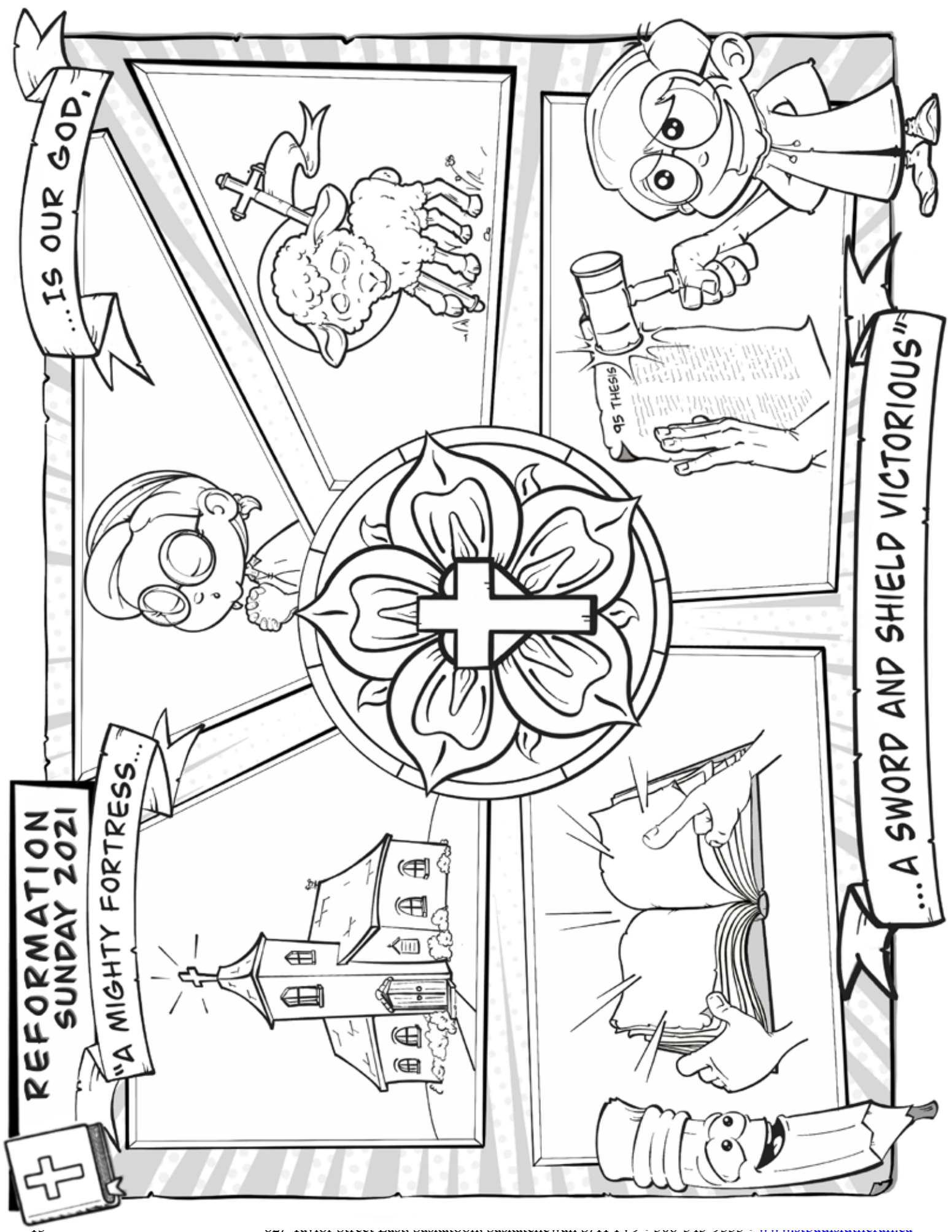
God has blessed us with faith, life,
and many earthly riches too.
But sometimes there could be moments when
we care more about our things than Jesus
and His Word. What are some ways we can
be thankful and honour Jesus and follow Him?

"You lack one thing: go, sell all
that you have and give to the
poor, and you will have
treasure in heaven; and come,
follow me."

- Mark 10:21 (ESV)

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