

EDUCATION

KIDS CORNER

GROWING HEARTS OF FAITH

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



Hi Kids!

The Summer season is soon over and it's time to go back to school. In the church year, we are still in the Pentecost season, where we are remembering how Jesus' followers spread the Gospel to the world. They also explained how we are, as Christians, by retelling the parables and stories that Jesus told them.

For the first two weeks in September, we look at **Matthew 18:1-35**. Jesus teaches us that in God's kingdom we do not need to try to be the most important. Jesus wants us to be humble and trust Him like little children. He reminds us that every child and every believer is precious to Him. When someone wanders away from God, Jesus is like a loving shepherd who goes looking for His lost sheep. Jesus also teaches us to be kind, to help others come back to Him, and to forgive one another. Because Jesus has forgiven all our sins, He helps us forgive others too. **Jesus loves us, forgives us, brings us back when we are lost and teaches us to forgive others.** We do not earn God's love by being the greatest, the strongest, or the best. God loves us because of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross and rose again

to forgive us, find us when we wander, and bring us into His family, the Church.

During the third week of September, the pastor will read **Matthew 20:1-16**. Jesus tells a story about workers in a vineyard. Some workers worked all day, and some worked only a short time, but the landowner gave them all the same pay.

The workers who worked longer thought this was not fair, but the landowner was being kind and generous. Jesus teaches us that God's love and forgiveness are not things we earn by working harder or being better than others. We remember that we are saved by **God's grace through faith in Jesus**, not by our own works. God gives His gifts freely because Jesus died and rose again for us. **God is generous and His grace is a gift.**

On Sunday September 27, we find out what **Matthew 21:23-27** says. In these passages, some church leaders ask Jesus who gave Him the right to teach and do miracles. They are not asking because they want to learn; they are trying to challenge Him. Jesus answers with a question about John the Baptist, and the leaders do not

want to answer honestly. Jesus shows that He knows their hearts. This reminds us **that Jesus is God's Son, so we can trust what He says.** We do not need to argue with Jesus or try to be smarter than Him. **We listen to His Word because He is our Lord and Saviour and Creator,** and He teaches us the truth.

Prayer: Dear God, thank You for loving us, forgiving our sins, and bringing us back when we wander away. Help us to be humble, to trust Your Word, to forgive others, and to remember that Your grace is a free gift. Teach us to listen to You because You are always truthful. Keep us in Your loving care as we go back to school. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Remember to check Ill.ca for the most current activity pages. If you don't want to do that, there are ones from a previous year included with this article, online or printed out at church for you!

Sunday School, one class every month, will be starting in October sometime after Thanksgiving.

In Jesus' love,
Denise Timm
For the Board of Christian Education and Youth

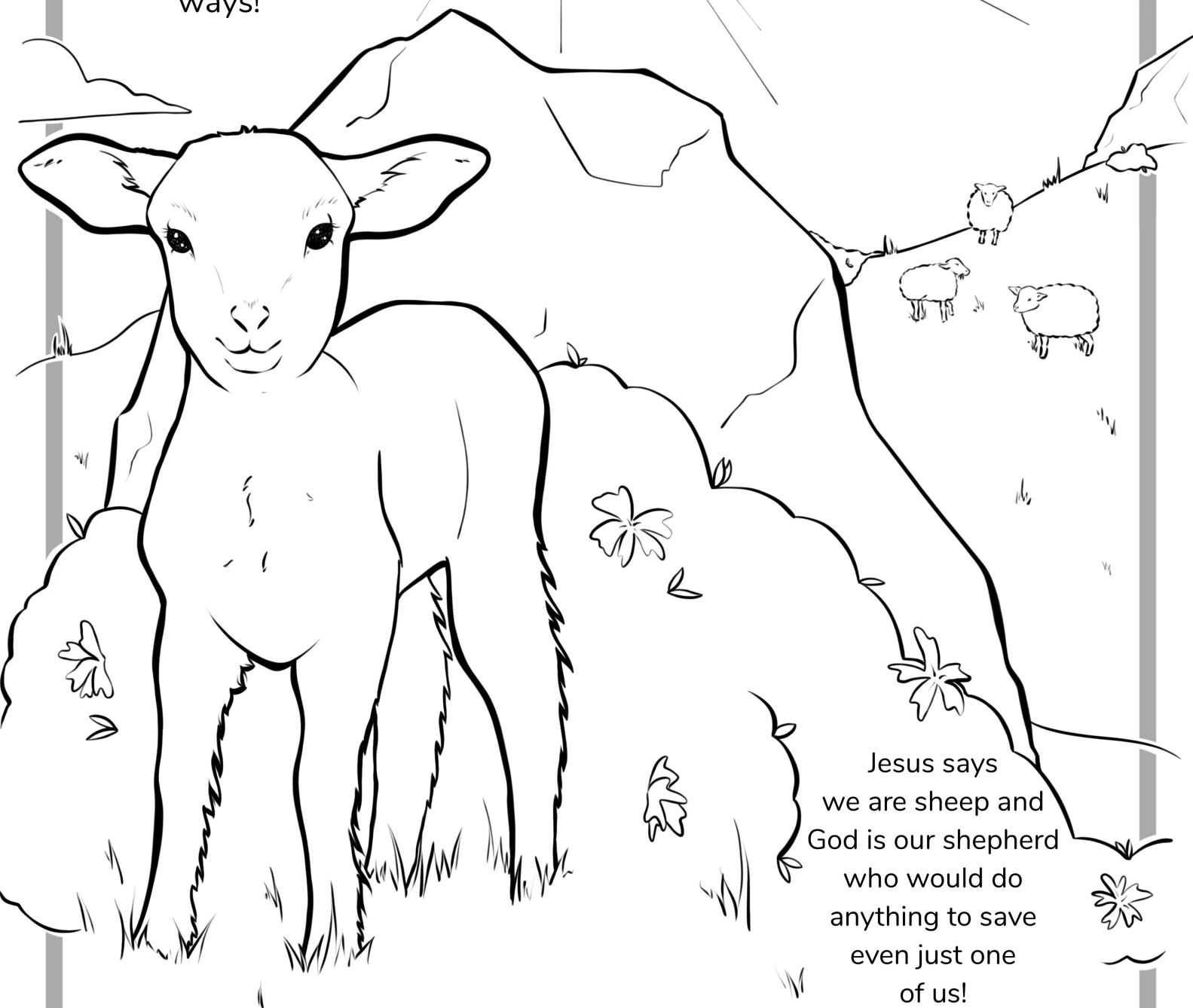


KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BIBLE LESSON: MATTHEW 18:1-20

In this week's verse,
Jesus describes the
kingdom of God and
His love in many
ways!



Jesus says
we are sheep and
God is our shepherd
who would do
anything to save
even just one
of us!

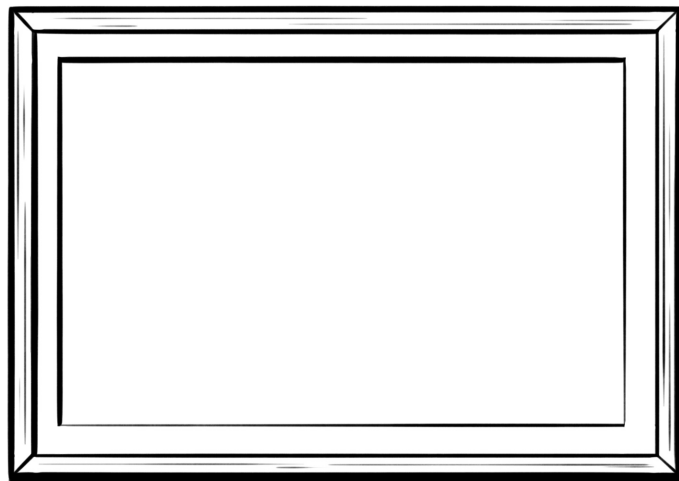


THE BIBLE IN REAL LIFE

Jesus says, **"Whoever humbles
himself like this child is the greatest
in the kingdom of heaven."**

(Matthew 18:4)

Draw yourself and other children
of God you know!



WORD SEARCH

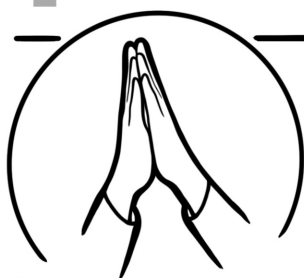
Find these words from our verse in this Word
Search!

ANGELS
BROTHER
CHILD
CHURCH
EARTH
GREATEST
HEAVEN
HUMBLES
HUNDRED
REJOICES
SHEEP
TEMPTATIONS

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

Let us pray: Dear Father in heaven, thank you for sending your Son to save us
when we were lost to sin. Please help us to have a heart that loves, and cares for
each one of your sheep. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BIBLE LESSON: PSALM 103:1-12



**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is **within** me,
bless **His** holy name!**

Psalm 103:1



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use our verse from this week and the Word Bank to complete the Psalm!

Hint: You know you've found the right word when the number of letters match up with the blank spaces!

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,**

who _____ all your **iniquity**,

who _____ all your **diseases**,

who **redeems your life** from the _____,

who **crowns you** with steadfast _____ and **mercy**,

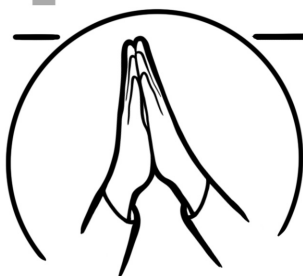
who _____ you with **good**

so that your **youth** is **renewed** like the _____.

Psalm 103:2-5

WORD BANK

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| • PIT | • HEALS | • FORGIVES |
| • LOVE | • EAGLES | • SATISFIES |



Prayer

Let us pray: Dear Father in heaven, thank you for your mercy and for loving all your children. Help us to be loving, and to forgive, especially when it is difficult. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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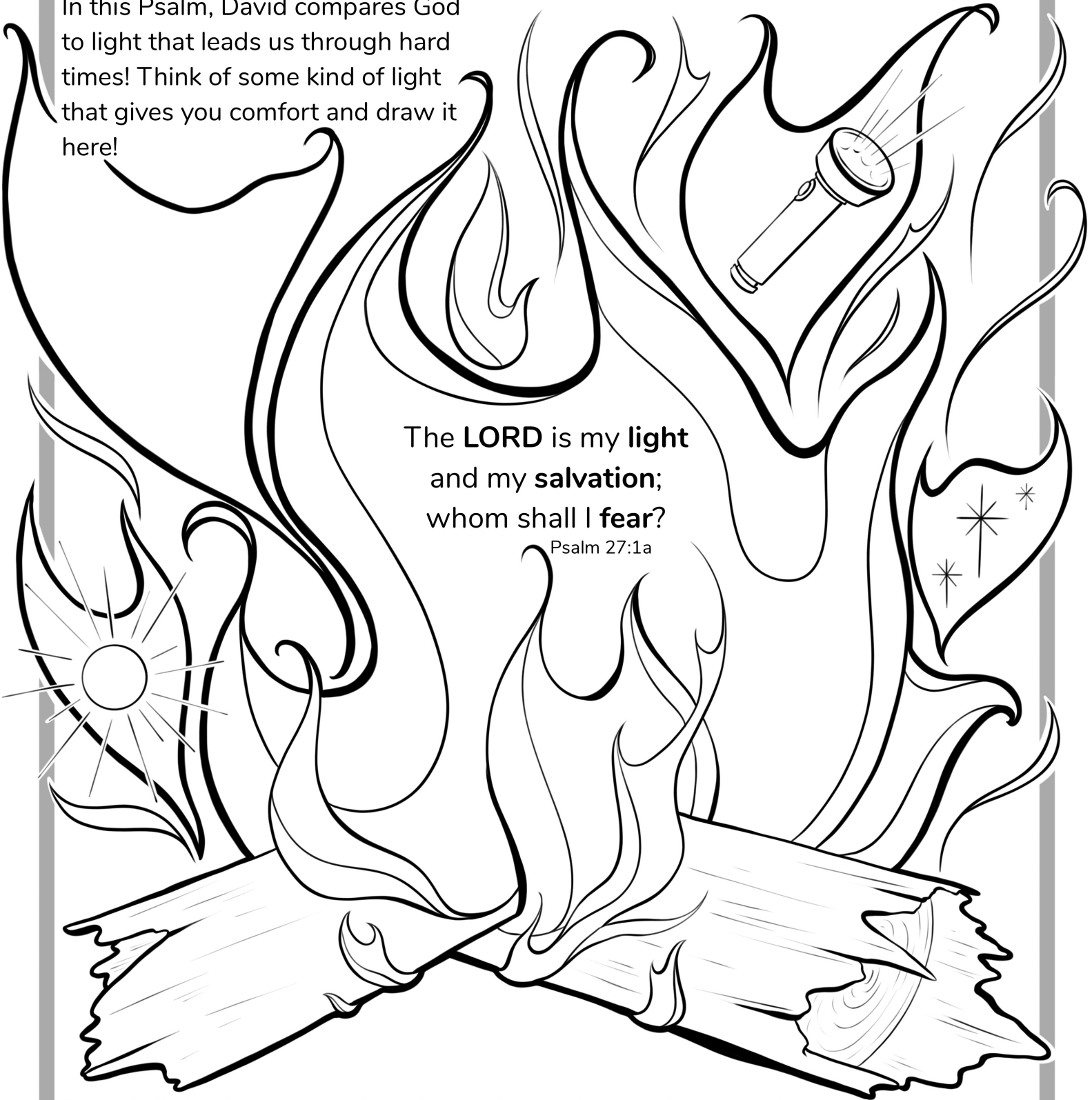
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BIBLE LESSON: PSALM 27:1-9

In this Psalm, David compares God to light that leads us through hard times! Think of some kind of light that gives you comfort and draw it here!

The **LORD** is my light
and my **salvation**;
whom shall I **fear**?

Psalm 27:1a





HIDDEN WORD SEARCH

In this Word Search find words from our Bible verse and
3 additional words not in the list!

ARMY
CONFIDENT
FACE
FEAR
FOES
HEART
JOY
LIGHT
SALVATION
SHELTER
STRONGHOLD
STUMBLE

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

Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in heaven, thank you for sending Jesus to be my Saviour even though I am unable to do anything to deserve your love and forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

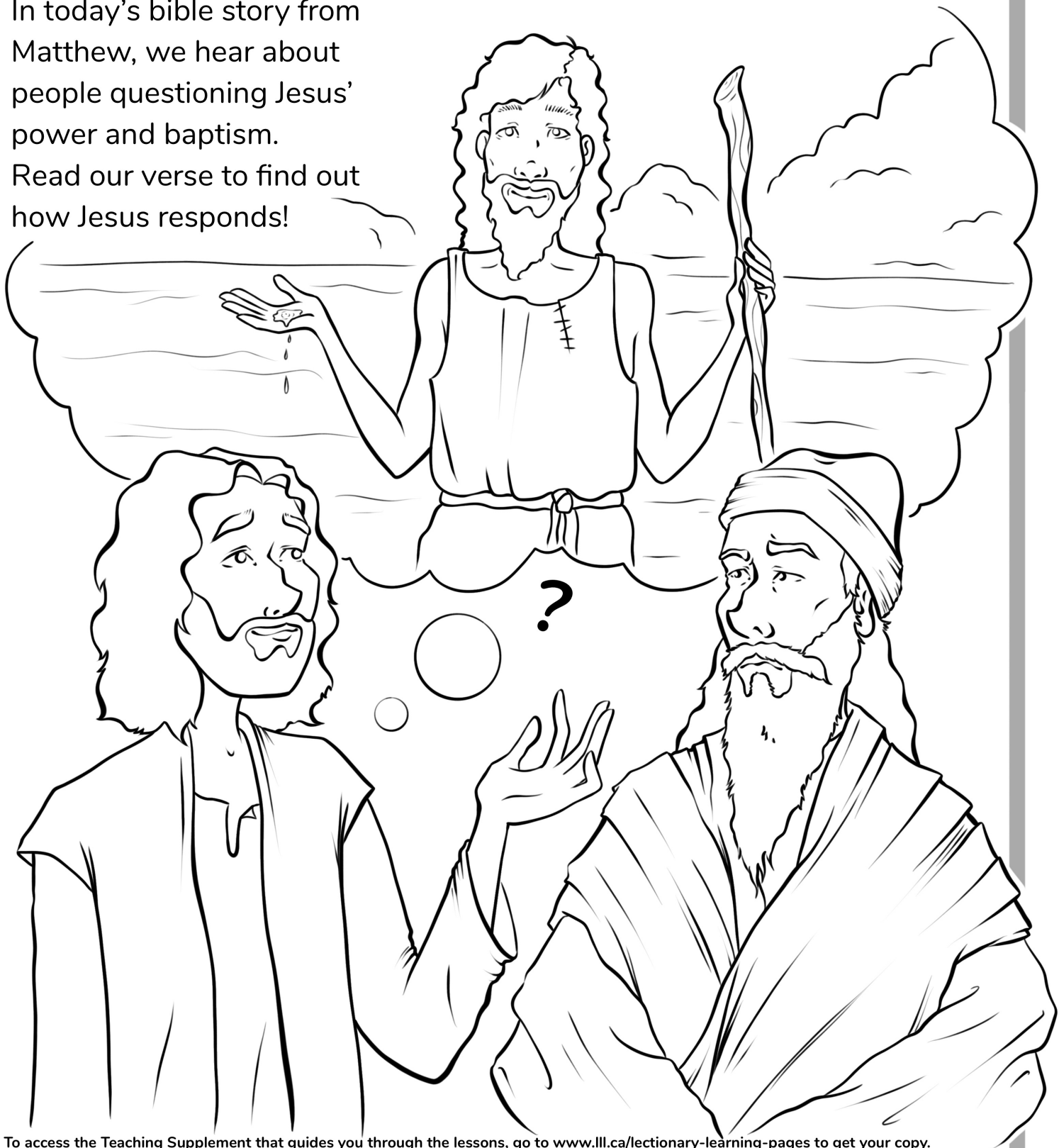


KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

BIBLE LESSON: MATTHEW 21:23-27

In today's bible story from Matthew, we hear about people questioning Jesus' power and baptism. Read our verse to find out how Jesus responds!





DID YOU KNOW . . .

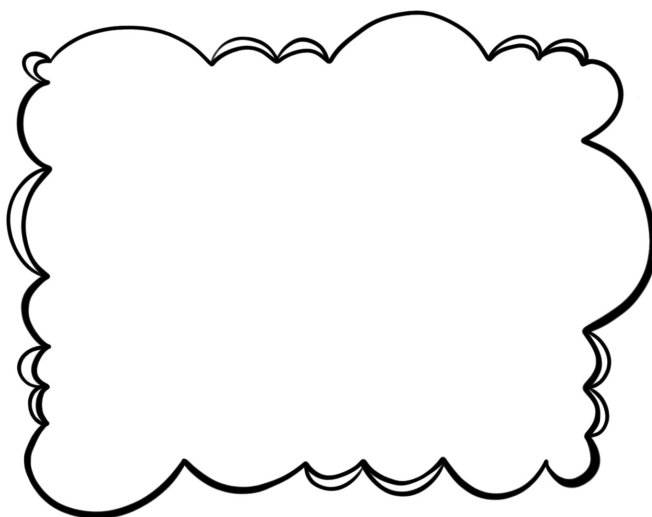
John the Baptist from this week's lesson was a very important prophet!
God sent John ahead to prepare the people for Jesus!

(Concordia Study Bible, 2009)

BIBLE LESSONS IN REAL LIFE

Instead of getting angry at the priests when they weren't respectful, Jesus was calm and asked them a question instead.

Think of a time in your life when you were upset but chose to be kind.
Draw it here!



WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble these words from
our bible verse!

1. M E L T E P _____

2. V A H E E N _____

3. N J O H _____

4. W O D C R _____



Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for sending Jesus to be our Saviour and to show us how to respond to people who disrespect us for believing in you. It can be hard to respect your authority, but with the Holy Spirit's help we can do so joyfully! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.