

WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Sep. 13, 2026

Worship Service — 10:30 am



“Welcome”



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith We Sing.

Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

GREETER—TBD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—*Reflection* by Douglas E. Wagner Linda Custer

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Everly

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Linda Custer
by Beethoven/Limbaugh

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Beth Parker

LEADER: Come, let us gather in the presence of God, who welcomes us with open arms and limitless grace.

PEOPLE: ***We come as we are, diverse in mind and background, yet united in Christ's love.***

LEADER: In a world quick to judge and condemn, God calls us to patience, mercy, and peace.

PEOPLE: ***May we forgive one another from our hearts, just as God has abundantly forgiven us.***

LEADER: Let us worship together with grateful hearts, seeking to walk in unity and grace.

ALL: ***Praise be to God, who upholds us and binds us together in love!***

OPENING PRAYER led by Beth Parker

Loving and Merciful God, as we gather before you today, we ask that you open our hearts to the radical grace and unconditional love you so freely offer us.

Teach us to welcome one another without judgment or quarrel, recognizing that each of us stands before you supported by your unwavering grace.

OPENING PRAYER- CONTINUED

Remind us of the vast debt you have forgiven us, and empower us to extend that same boundless forgiveness to our brothers and sisters.

May our lives reflect your patience, compassion, and unity as we seek to live not for ourselves, but for you. Amen.

OPENING HYMN—*Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

FIRST READING—*Romans 14:1-12*

Eleanor Bateman

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM—*We Belong to Christ with When We Are Living*
by Eslinger /Lund

Chancel Choir/
Linda Custer

SECOND READING—*Matthew 18:21-35*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE—*Welcome*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

HYMN OF RESPONSE—*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

UMH 390

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

OFFERING—*offering plate located in Spurrier Hall*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

DOXOLOGY—*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

CLOSING HYMN—*At the Name of Jesus

UMH 168

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC—*Toccato in C*

Linda Custer

by J.S. Bach/VanDenman Thompson

Thank you to all that participated in “Back to Blessings Kick Off” TODAY



by arriving at 9am in the Fellowship Hall for
Sunday School's Opening Program and for
bringing your backpack/bags to be blessed at worship!



Church Conference – Saturday, November 7 at 9am

Jackson Chapel UMC, 5609 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD 21703

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Sun–Sep 13 16th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am - 10:15 am 9:15 – 10:15 am 9:15 – 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Back to Blessings - Sunday School Fall Kick-Off- FH/2/3/4 Adult Sunday School/Bible Class- Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary/Room 8 Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service w/Blessing of the Backpacks/Bags- S/YouTube
Mon–Sep 14	1 – 3 pm 6 – 7 pm 7 – 8 pm 7 – 8:30 pm 7 – 8:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group Meeting- Noah’s Ark Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Rm 1 SPRC Meeting– ZOOM Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Rm 6
Tue–Sep 15	10:30am–11:30am 11 am – 4 pm 2:45 – 7 pm 7 – 8 pm 7 – 8 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors– FH Poolesville Day Prep– Kitchen Beth Taylor String Lessons– Room 2 Men’s Group– Room 6/ZOOM BWCUMC Training– Online
Wed–Sep 16	9 – 10 am 11 am – 4 pm 7:30 – 9 pm	Body Sculpting— Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Poolesville Day Prep– Kitchen Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu–Sep 17	9 am – 4:30 pm 11 am – 4 pm 7 – 8 pm 7 – 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/Therapy-WUMCO– PL/NA Rm Poolesville Day Prep– Kitchen Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim– ZOOM Zumba- Fellowship Hall
Fri–Sep 18	7 – 10 am	Poolesville Day Prep– Kitchen
Sat–Sep 19	7 am – 10 am 8 am – 4 pm 10 am – 4 pm 1 - 4 pm	Poolesville Day Set-Up– Kitchen/Whalen Commons Parking for Poolesville Day– Parking Lot Poolesville Day– Whalen Commons The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun–Sep 20 17th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am– 12:30 pm	Sunday School - 3yr-K, Rm 3 ; 1 st -5 th , Rm 4 ; 6th-12 th , Rm2 Adult Sunday School- Room 6/ZOOM Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary/Room 8 Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Fellowship Time- Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED

Mon–Sep 21	5 pm – 7 pm 7 – 8:30 pm 7 – 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Rm 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Rm 6
Tue–Sep 23	10:30am–11:30am 1 – 2 pm 2:45 – 7 pm 7 – 8:30 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors– FH Photography Class-Poolesville Seniors– Room 6 Beth Taylor String Lessons– Room 2 Christian Education Meeting– Rm 6
Wed–Sep 23	9 - 10 am 7:30 – 9 pm	Body Sculpting— Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu–Sep 24	9 am – 4 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/LCSW– Noah’s Ark Rm/Parking Lot Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall
Fri–Sep 25	7 – 8:30 pm 8:30 – 9:30 pm	Line Dancing – Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Set-Up for Memorial Service – Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
Sat–Sep 26	9 am – 5pm 1 – 4 pm 1 - 4 pm	Set-Up/Clean-Up for Memorial Service– FH/Kitchen Reva Hoewing’s Celebration of Life Service– S/FH/K The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun–Sep 27 18th Sunday after Pentecost	9 am - 10:15 am 9:15 – 10:15 am 9:15 – 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Back to Blessings - Sunday School Fall Kick-Off- FH/2/3/4 Adult Sunday School- Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary/Room 8 Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service w/Children’s Moment- S/YouTube

Choir Anthem- *We Belong to Christ (with When We Are Living)* -Eslinger/Lund

When we are living, we are in Christ Jesus.
And when we're dying, we are in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to Christ the Lord.

The love of God fills all our days.
And even after, we will sing his praise.
For in our living, and in our dying,
We belong to Christ the Lord.

For I am not my own; I've been bought with a price.
The precious Lamb of God has given his life.
To live is Christ; to die is gain.
This is my hope, my life's refrain:

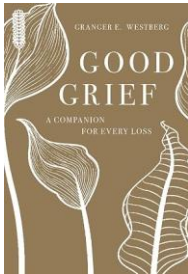
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!
We belong to Christ to Christ the Lord.
We belong to Christ the Lord.
We belong to Christ, Alleluia!



The Adult Sunday School class. What does it truly mean to live by faith? And how do we remain faithful when life makes that difficult? This quarter, we will focus on the Letter to the Hebrews and what it reveals about living a faith-rooted life. Then, we'll look at some of the prophets, whose own wrestling with faith and faithfulness speaks directly to the struggles believers face today. **Come and join us! Bring your questions and comments as we grow together; no experience necessary.** We meet in Room 6 and via ZOOM.



Poolesville Day is September 19th! The BEST way to see the festivities is to work at the church's booths! You can **SIGN-UP TODAY** to work or make a monetary donations to offset the costs. **THANK YOU to those that are already signed up to help!**



Grief Support Group starts Monday, September 14. With grief coming from all types of losses – loved-ones, jobs, health, etc.; there are lots of us that could use a place to come for support while we help each other heal. This fall we will be using “Good Grief: A Companion for Every Loss” by Granger E. Westberg to help guide us in our journey. Copies of the book have been ordered and will be available this week. Please reach out to Betty King, 240-674-6206 or bking21710@gmail.com, if you would like to join this compassionate, caring group of men and women and let's **Heal Together**.



PMUMC Men's Gatherings and Study will resume our 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month meetings on September 15th, at 7 pm in Rm 6 and by Zoom (<https://pmumc.org/2023/04/blog-4/>).

Our Study is posted on the Church's Website (Men's Group Fall Study: The Wesleyan Way of Salvation – Poolesville Memorial) with a Reading List.

All men are invited to participate. Please share the information with anyone who may be interested in deepening their faith and growing their relationship with the Lord and fellow brothers.



Community Dinner, Oct.7, 5:30-7pm. Pulled Pork/Beef Hotdog Sign-Up to assist by visiting www.SignUpGenius.com and search using office@pmumc.org. Please prayerfully considering helping.



Do you have photos from Memorial's Apple Butter making days? A collage of pictures will be put together and hung in the Fellowship Hall by the wall-mounted apple butter stirrers. If you have any to share, please reach out to Betty Jean Selby at 301-742-2853 or royandbj59@comcast.net



Keeping our Children Safe - If you will be working with any of our children or youth, it is **REQUIRED** that you complete the Safe Sanctuary training annually. Please

watch/re-watch the training at <https://pmumc.org/2024/05/safe-sanctuary-training/> and turn the forms into the office. Please contact the office with any questions.



NEEDED: Floater Sunday School Teacher's Aide ***Volunteer for one or more Sundays a month***

We are looking for a volunteer(s) to float to wherever support is needed. If several people volunteer, it could be one, two, or three Sundays instead of every week. Questions, call Dianna McGrew at 301-252-1555.

SCHEDULE	September 20 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	September 27 18 th Sunday after Pentecost	October 4 19 th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist	Betty Jean Selby Erin Smeller	Erin Smeller Wendy Huff	TBD
Acolyte	Nicole	Everly	TBD
Greeters	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

Plus more...

- **Review / Preview** with Pastor Tim, Thursdays– dive deeper into Sunday's sermons in a small group setting.
- **Chancel Choir** Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:30-9pm.
- **Bell Choir** Rehearsals start September 14th, 7:30-9pm
- **Fellowship Time** returns on the 3rd Sunday of the month, September 20th.
- **Reva Hoewing's Celebration of Life**, Memorial Service, will be Sept 26th at 1pm.
- **Children's Moment** returns on the 4th Sunday, September 27th.
- **Caregivers Support** - if you know of a need, contact Lori at 240-994-8011.
- **Greeters Needed** – all ages welcome-call office or go to signupgenius.com
- **Volunteer Opportunities** to help at **The Friendly Thrift Shop**, **Frederick Rescue Mission**, and **WUMCO!**

Poolesville Memorial's



PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

CHANCEL CHOIR - Janet Hartz (Director), Linda Custer (Accompanist), Eleanor Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Wendy Huff, Amanda Lyon, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim Melton, Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Roger Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller, Madelon Stone

BELL CHOIR - Becky Smalley (Director), Linda Custer, Jennifer Fielder, Jim Hardter, Janet Hartz, Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

ACOLYTES - Kirsten Lewis(Coord.), Grace H., Knox H., Nicole L. (Head Acolyte), Everly R., Isabel S.

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD- Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (Alt)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Betty King

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Jenny Rivenbark, Janet Spiker,

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton (Coordinator), Nicole Lewis, Kevin Schramm

CHURCH COORDINATOR - Shirley Prasada-Rao

CUSTODIAN - Ximenia "Patricia" Murdock

EVENT MONITOR - Linda Self

NURSERY - Cynthia Cook, Stephanie Parker, Julie Seger

OFFICEHOURS

Mon-Fri, 12-3pm, and by appointment

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Voicemails are sent electronically to emails

EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email PastorTim@PMUMC.org

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

(last 8 weeks)

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WAYS TO GIVE:

- **ENTERING/EXITING WORSHIP** - Place in Offering Plate in Spurrier Hall
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **SEND ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org



OFFICE INFO

GIVING

PURPOSE

Do not judge each other.

Draw a line to connect the matching words.
Trace the letters.

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not

Do not judge



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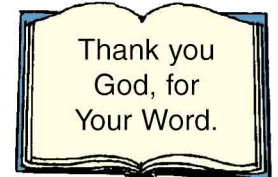
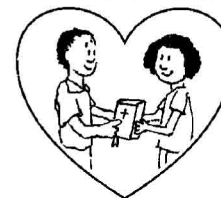
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September 13, 2026 • Romans 14:1-12

Live to the Lord

"If we live, we live to the Lord."

Match the shapes.



Thank you
God, for
Your Word.



Jesus is
coming!



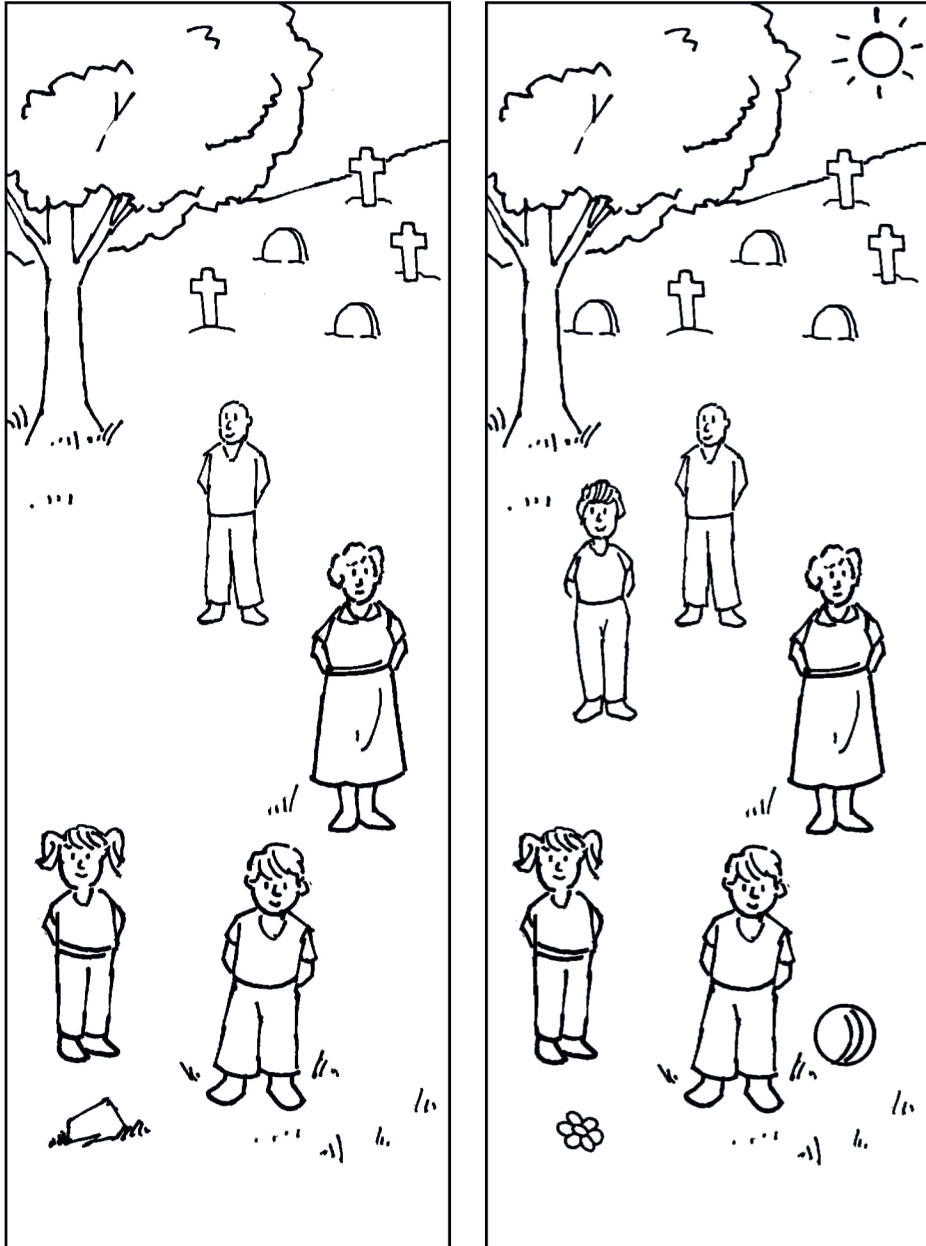
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you for
this food.



Thank
you
God, for
today!

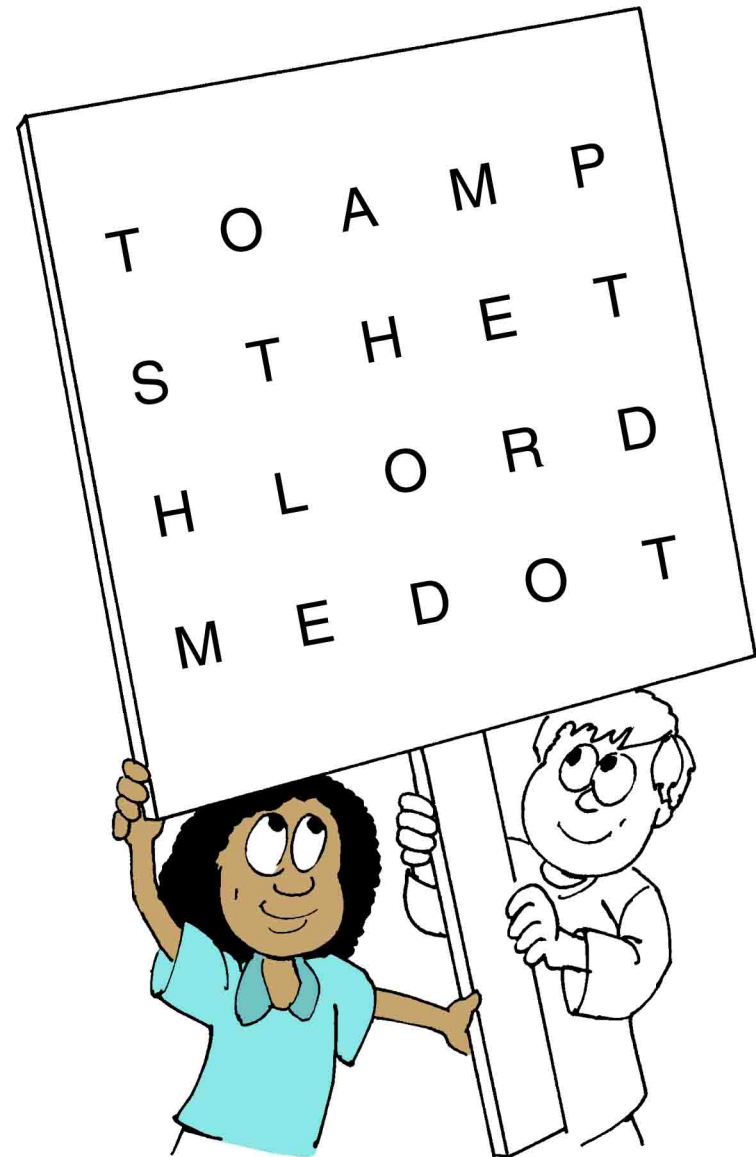
Christ is the Lord to the living
and the dead.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.



Whether we live or die we belong...

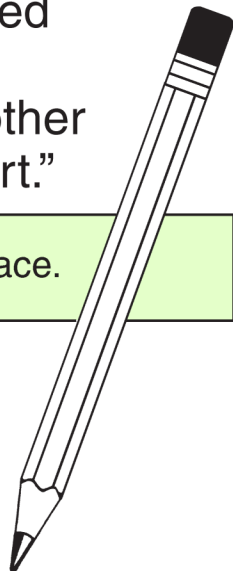
Circle these words. TO THE LORD





Jesus explained
the story:
“Forgive each other
from your heart.”

Transfer each letter into the empty space.



R F G V E I O

Seven empty boxes for letter transfer, with dashed lines connecting them to the letters above.

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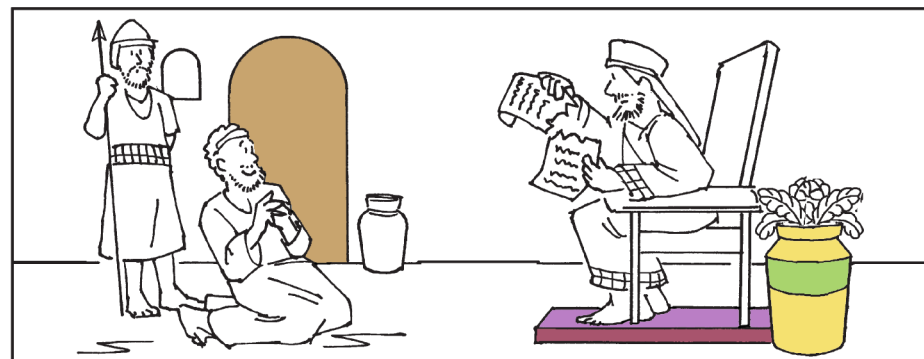
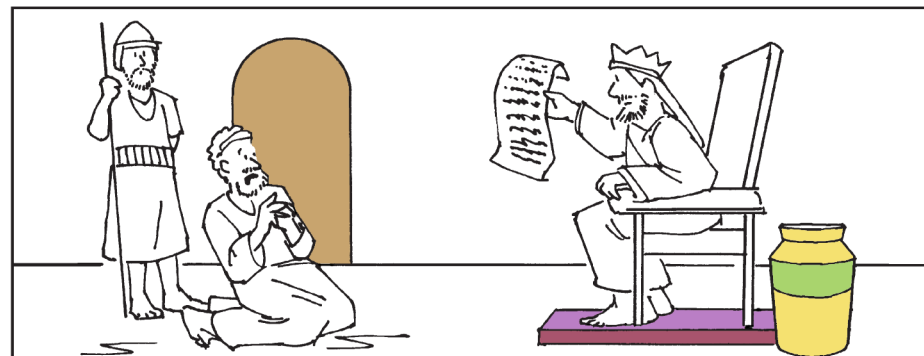
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September 13, 2026 • Matthew 18:21-35

The Servant Who Would Not Forgive

A king was collecting
what was owed him. One man could
not pay. The king forgave him his debt.

Circle the differences in the 2nd picture.



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The servant found another person who owed him. But he would not forgive him his debt.

Find and count.



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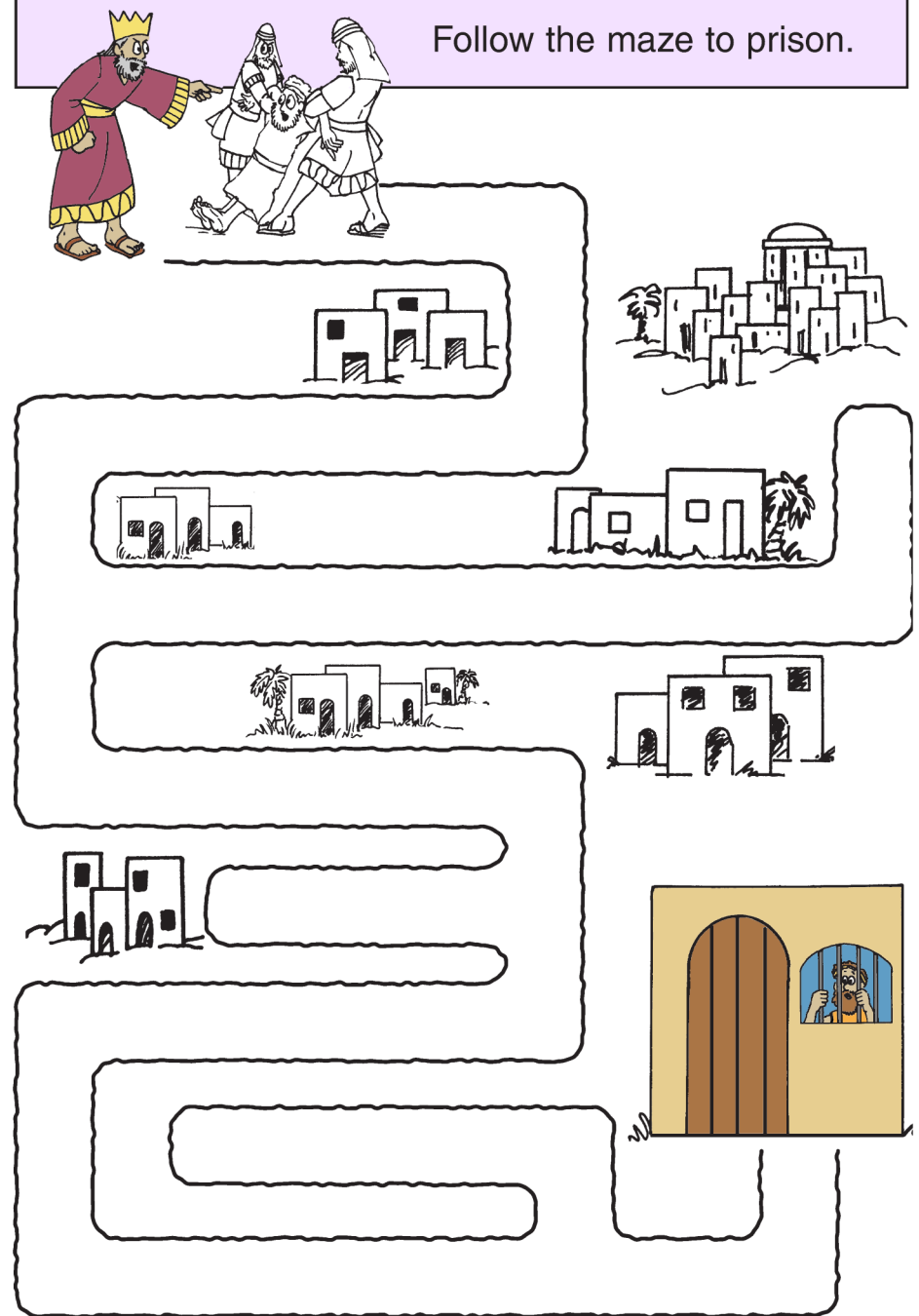


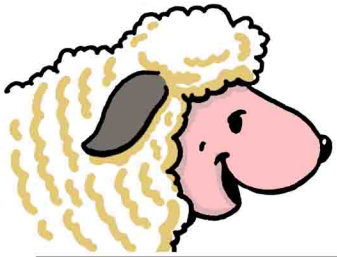
4 or 5 ?



The king heard this. He called for his servant and punished him.

Follow the maze to prison.

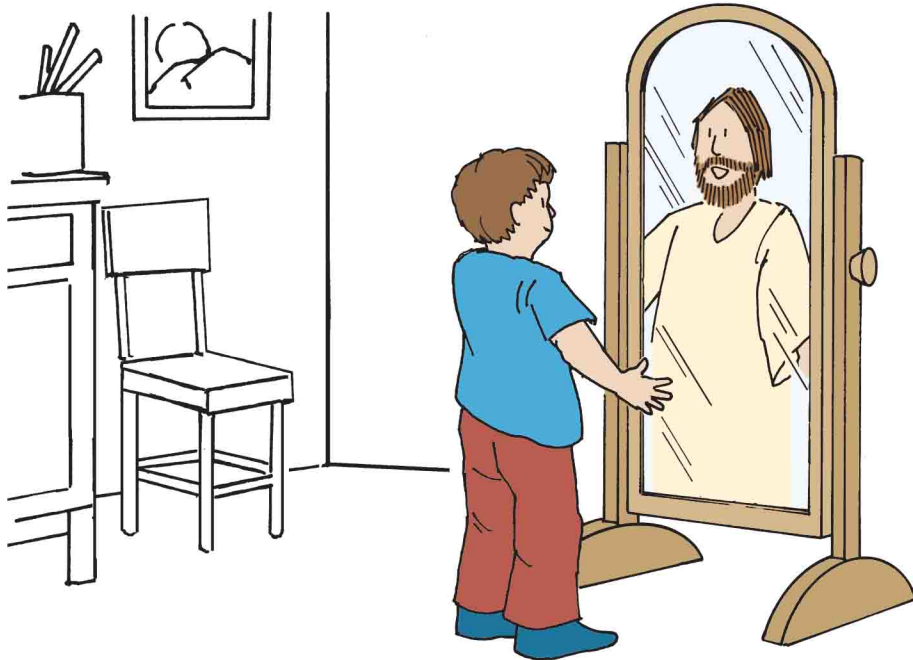




Paul gives us a very serious reminder in verse 12.

Find the consonant group to fill in the words below to complete the saying.

n	s	f	g, v	w, l, l	h, m, s, l, f
f	t	c, h	G, d	c, c, n, t	



Ea _ _ _ o _ _ u _ _ i _ _ _

_ i _ e a _ _ a _ _ ou _ _ _ o _ _

_ i _ _ e _ _ _ o _ _ o _ _.

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Live to the Lord

Paul tells the Romans to accept those of weak faith. God's judgment is different than ours.

Find the hidden letters: o p d n e l a i s e c a y.
Unscramble them and write them in the spaces below.



He who regards _ _ _ _ _ as
_ _ _ _ _ does so to the Lord.

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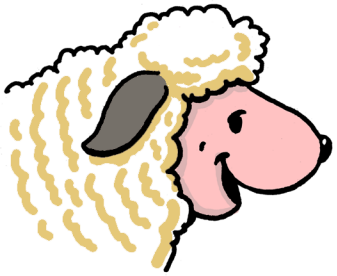
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None of us live to ourselves alone.
Who do we now live for?

Put the words in alphabetical order
then transfer the letters in the boxes to the lines below.

every	away	hat	bear	joy
reptile	clip	toy	word	mother



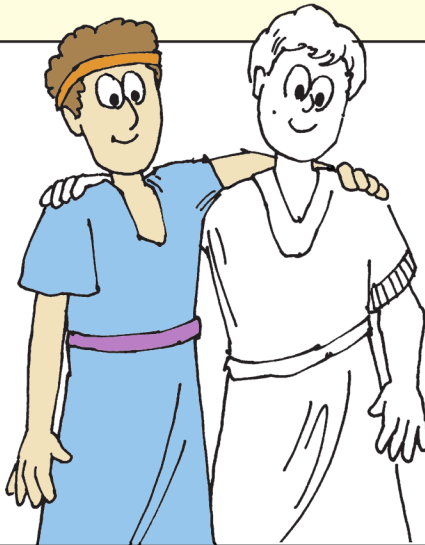


What did Jesus say
the parable means?

Find the underlined words in the word search below.

They can be .

"This is how My heavenly
Father will treat each of
you unless you forgive
each other from
your heart."



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



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The Servant Who Would Not Forgive

Peter came to Jesus and asked,
"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother
or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"
How did Jesus answer?

Add and subtract letters to find out.

- pencil = ____
- himbl + - aligator + - amp = ____
- arn + - frg + - mg = ____
- un + - las + - dou + - arn +
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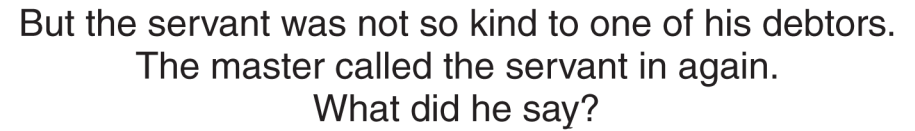
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ab_____ ted _____dom

de_____ and let h_____ go.



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21	9	13	2	7
24	26	12	11	14
17	27	10	6	8
4	1	16	20	19
18	5	22	15	23
3	25	?		

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