

WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Sep. 27, 2026

Worship Service — 10:30 am



“Fear & Trembling”



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—*We Walk by Faith*
by Haugen/Trapp

Linda Custer

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Everly

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—*God of Grace and God of Glory*
by Paul Manz

Linda Custer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Erin Smeller

LEADER: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, let us gather in praise.

PEOPLE: ***We come together with thankful hearts, seeking to be of one mind and one love.***

LEADER: Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

PEOPLE: ***Let us look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others.***

LEADER: Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled himself and took the form of a servant.

PEOPLE: ***At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!***

LEADER: For God is at work in us, enabling us to will and to work for His good pleasure.

ALL: Let us worship God with humble, unified, and joy-filled hearts!

OPENING PRAYER

led by Erin Smeller

Gracious and Loving God: We come before you today with humble hearts, longing to be transformed into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may share the same mind, the same love, and live in full accord with one another.

Forgive us when we act out of selfish ambition or pride, and teach us the beauty of Christ-like humility and service.

Work within us today, enabling us both to will and to work for your good pleasure, to the glory of God the Father.

In the exalted name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN—*We Are Called*

TFWS 2172

*CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Betty King

FIRST READING—*Philippians 2:1-13*

Wendy Huff

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

ANTHEM—*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Bell Choir

arr by Bill Ingram

SECOND READING—*Matthew 21:23-32*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

MESSAGE—*Fear & Trembling*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

*HYMN OF RESPONSE—*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

UMH 420

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—*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

UMH 155

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC—*Trumpet Tune*

Linda Custer

by Douglas E. Wagner

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

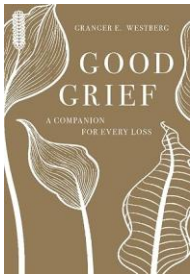
Sun–Sep 27 18th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 – 10:15 am 9:15 – 10:15 am 10:15 – 11:45 am 10:30 – 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School– Rm 6/Zoom Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8 Nursery– Room 5 Worship Service w/Children’s Moment- S/YouTube
Mon–Sep 28	1 – 3 pm 6 – 7 pm 7 – 8:30 pm 7 – 8:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group Meeting– Noah’s Ark Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Rm 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Rm 6
Tue–Sep 29	10:30am–11:30am 2:45 – 7 pm 6 – 8 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors– FH Beth Taylor String Lessons– Room 2 WUMCO - Class– Room 4
Wed–Sep 30	9 – 10 am 7:30 – 9 pm	Body Sculpting— Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu–Oct 1	9 am – 4:30 pm 6 pm – 8 pm 6:30 pm – 9 pm 7 – 8 pm 7 – 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/Therapy-WUMCO– PL/NA Rm WUMCO - Class– Room 4 Poolesville Day Committee Meeting– Room 6 Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim– ZOOM Zumba- Fellowship Hall
Fri–Oct 2	9 am – 9 pm	Set-Up for Dave Johnson’s Memorial Service– FH/S
Sat–Oct 3	9 am – 12 pm 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm 1 - 4 pm	Prep for Dave Johnson’s Memorial Service– FH/Kit/S Dave Johnson’s Memorial Service– Sanctuary/FH/Kit The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun–Oct 4th 19th 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	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 with Communion - Sanctuary/YouTube
Mon–Oct 5	6 pm – 7 pm 7 – 8:30 pm 7 – 8:30 pm 7 – 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Rm 1 SPRC Meeting– RZOOM Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Rm 6
Tue–Oct 6	10:30am–11:30am 2:45 – 7 pm 4 – 5 pm 6 – 8 pm 7 – 8 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors– FH Beth Taylor String Lessons– Room 2 Room Prep for Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall/Kit WUMCO - Class– Room 4 Men’s Group– Room 6

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED

Wed-Oct 7	9 - 10 am 3 - 5:30 pm 5:30 - 7 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting— Poolesville Seniors– CANCELED Prep/Drop for Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall/Kit Community Dinner– Open to ALL! Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu-Oct 8	6 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	WUMCO - Class– Room 4 Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall Independent Order of Odd Fellows #97 Meeting– Room 6
Sat-Oct 10	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun-Oct 11 20th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School– Rm 6/Zoom Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8 Nursery– Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube



Adult Classes **The Adult Sunday School class.** What does it truly mean to live by faith? 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.



Grief Support Group -With grief coming from all types of losses – loved-ones, jobs, health, etc.; there are many 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**.



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

Thank You Schmidt Family for hosting our Fellowship Time last Sunday!



PMUMC Men's Gatherings and Study meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm in Room 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.



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.



FILL-the-TRUNK with non-perishable goods that
will be donated to WUMCO at our
Annual Community Trunk-or-Treat
Whalen Commons - Sunday, October 25th
Set-Up 4-4:45 pm / Event 5-6:30 pm



Church Conference – Saturday, November 7 at 9am

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

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

SCHEDULE	October 4 19 th Sunday after Pentecost	October 11 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	October 18 21 st Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist	Pam Flick Kirsten Lewis	Bob Bachman Nicole Lewis	Wendy Huff Scott McGrew
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	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** Rehearsal - Mondays, 7:30-9pm.
- **Fellowship Time** returns on the 3rd Sunday of the month, starting today.
- **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
- **Trunk-or-Treat** – Sunday, October 25th 5-6:30pm (Set-up 4-4:45pm) on Whalen Commons
- **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, Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby

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

OFFICE INFO

OFFICE HOURS

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)

\$6,468.91 as of 9/16/2026

GIVING

WAYS TO GIVE:

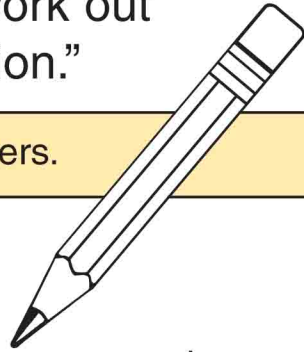
- **ENTERING/EXITING WORSHIP** - Place in Offering Plate in Spurrier Hall
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **SEND ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

PURPOSE



“Continue to work out
your salvation.”

Trace the letters.



God will
work in
you.



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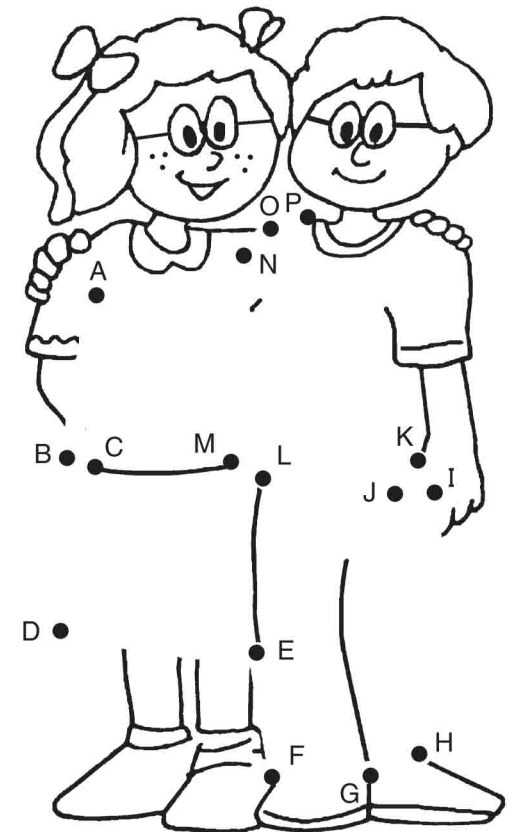
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September 27, 2026 • Philippians 2:1-13

Consider Others Better Than Yourself

Connect the dots.
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P

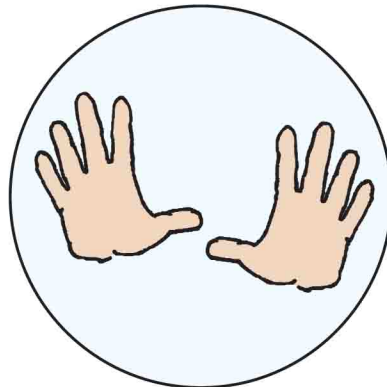
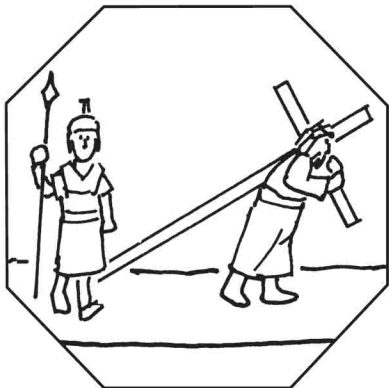
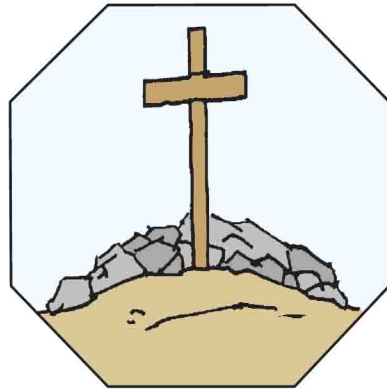
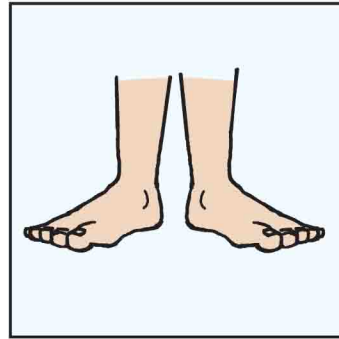
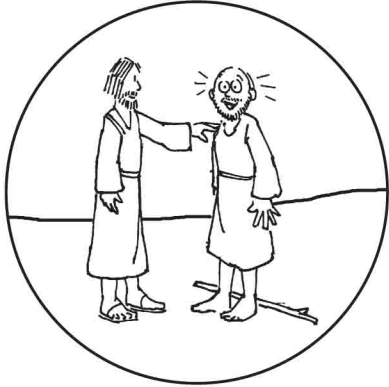
Be humble.
“Consider
others
better than
yourself.”





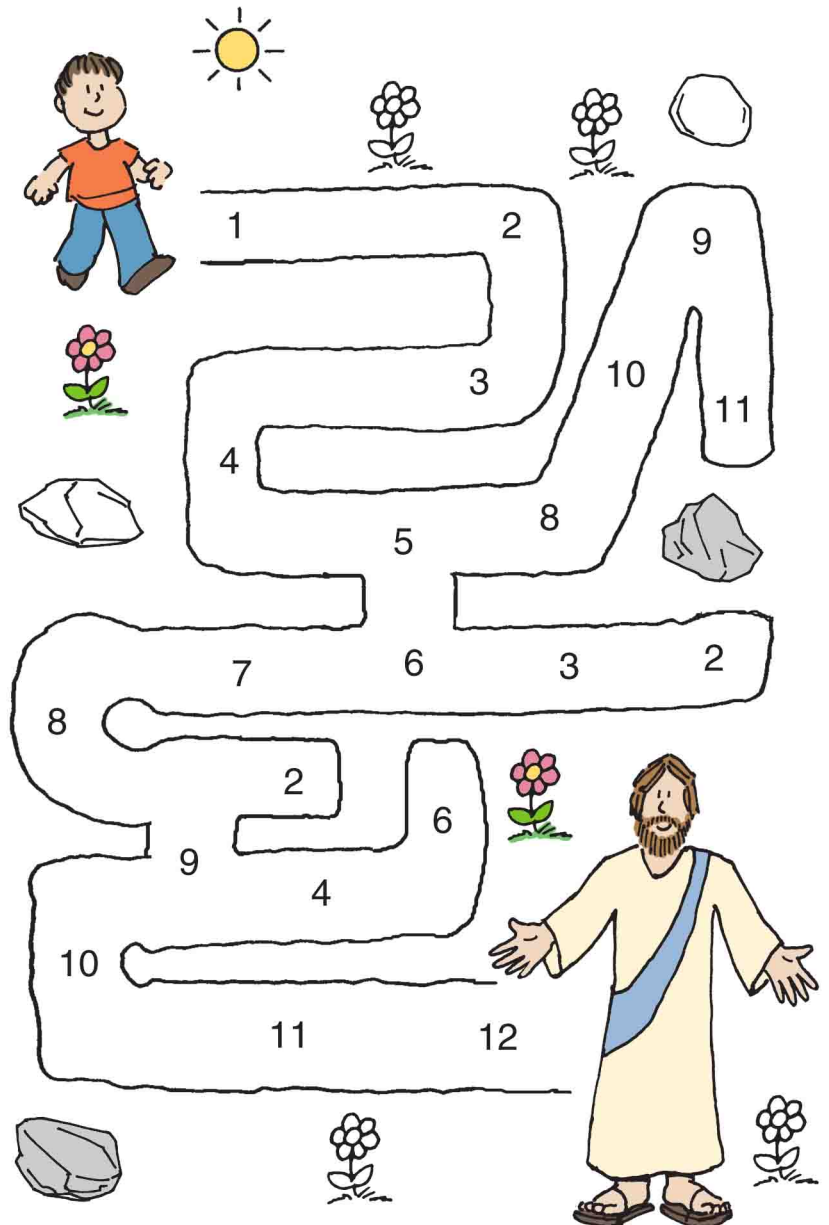
Jesus humbled himself.
He was our perfect example.

Match the shapes.



Follow Jesus' example.

Follow the maze. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

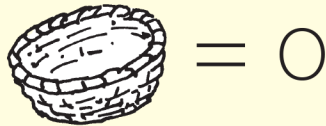
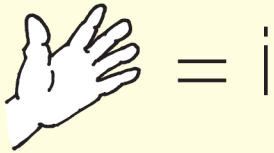
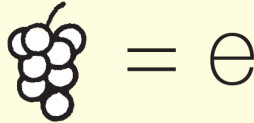




Which of the 2 did
what his father wanted?



Use the code to write the missing letters.



Th _____


f _____ rst
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September 27, 2026 • Matthew 21:23-32

The 2 Sons

Jesus told a parable:
A father had 2 sons. He asked them
both to work in his vineyard.

Connect the dots.

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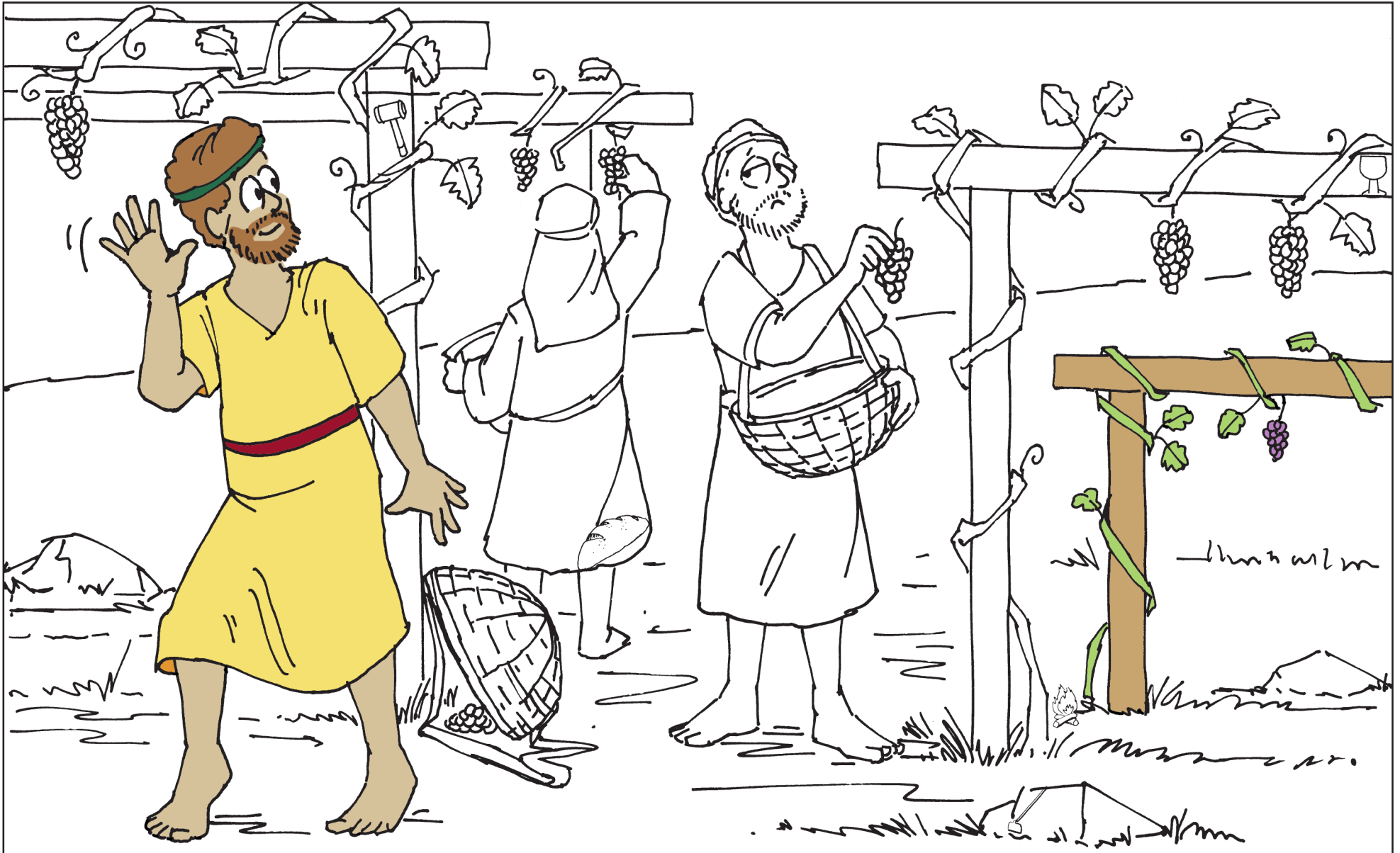


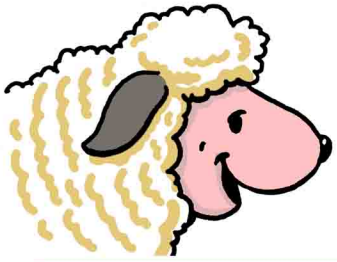
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The 1st son said, "No," but then went to work anyway.
The 2nd son said, "Yes," but did not go.

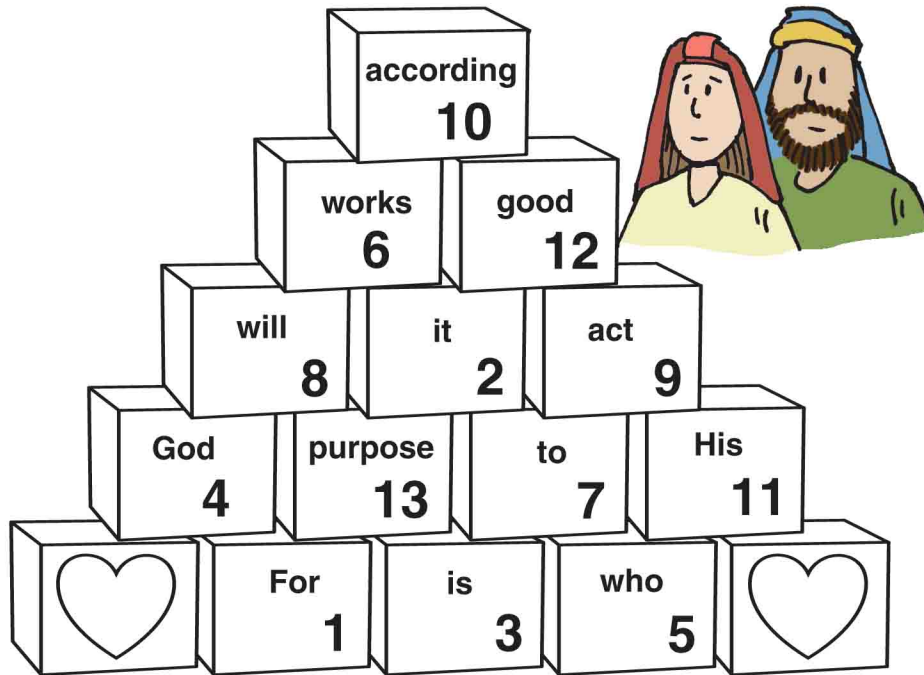
Find and circle objects in the picture below.





Pauls asks the greatly loved Philippians to continue to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. Who does he tell them is working in them?

Arrange the words from the building blocks in the correct order on the lines below.



1 2 3 4 5
 _____ in you _____ and to
 6 7 8
 _____ to _____
 9 10 11

 12 13



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Consider Others Better than Yourself

What did Paul say would make his joy complete?



Use the code to fill in the blanks below.



1,2 2,3 5,6 4,5 5 2,3 6 4,5 6,7 2 2,3 2

4 1 10 2,3 9 4 2,3 8,9 1 6 2,3

5,6 7 10 2,3 1,2 2,3 7 6,7 2,3 4,5 6,7

8,9 7,8 4,5 8 4,5 9 1 6,7 2

7,8 9,10 8 7,8 7 8,9 2,3

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Paul tells us how to treat others.

Find the missing part of the words
and add to the spaces in the box below.

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bet____	____rests	____wn	hum____
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____ur o____ ____ests, but ____so

to t____ inte____ of ot____.



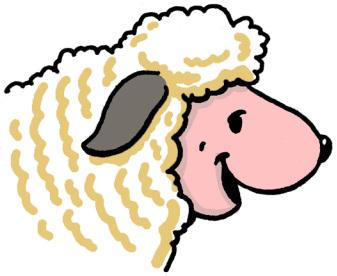
What did God do because Christ
humbled Himself and was obedient?

Find the underlined words in the word search below

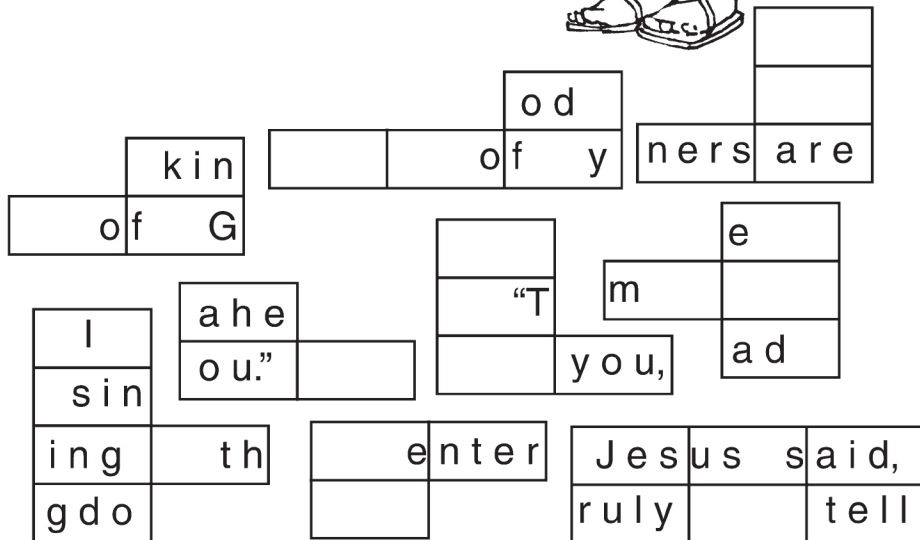
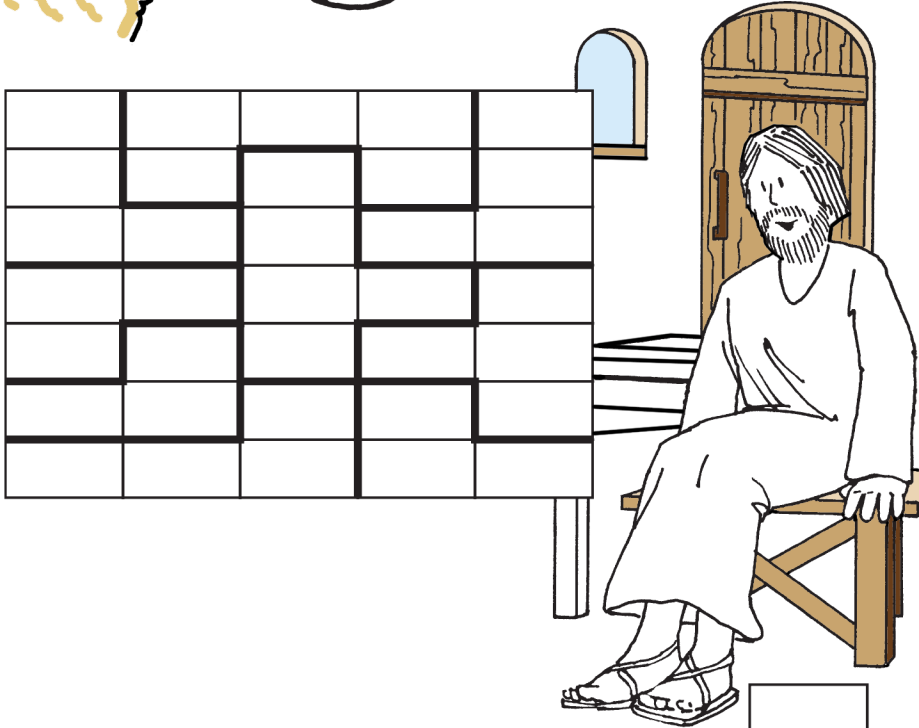
God exalted him to the highest
place and gave him the name that
is above every name, that at the
name of Jesus every knee should
bow, in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



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Fit the pieces into the puzzle.
Find what Jesus said to the
priests and elders.



Ages 7+

September 27, 2026 • Matthew 21:23-32

Jesus' Authority, and a Parable

Jesus taught in the temple courts.
The chief priests and elders were not happy
with things Jesus was doing.

Find 12  hidden in the picture.

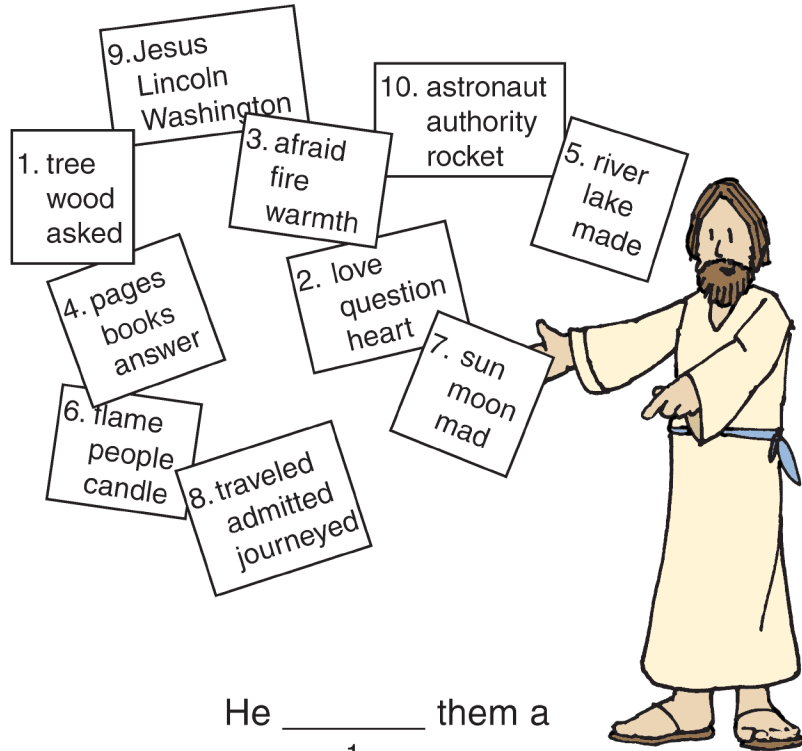


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The chief priests and elders asked Jesus who gave Him the authority* to preach and perform miracles.
What did Jesus say?

Find the word in each set that does not belong.
Write them on the numbered lines.



He _____ them a _____
_____ they were _____ to _____!
They would have _____ the _____ or
_____ was the _____!

* Authority - the right to do something.

Jesus told a parable: A man had two sons.
He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard."

Use the code to finish the "Parable of the Two Sons."

A	B	E	F	I	J	M	N
1	2	3	4				
D	C	H	G	L	K	P	O
R	S	V	W				
5	6	7					
U	T	Y	X	Z			



The son said ...



" _____ , _____
_____ , _____
_____ .

Then the father went to the other son, and said the same thing. The son said ...

" _____ , _____
_____ , _____
_____ .

Jesus asked, "Which of the two did as the father wanted?"