

# WELCOME



**Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church**

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**Second Sunday in Lent—March 1, 2026**  
Worship Service—10:30 am

Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are...



**Born of water and Spirit!**

John 3:5

[www.heartlight.org](http://www.heartlight.org)

**“A New Creation”**



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

**GREETERS**—Cindy McCraith and Steve McCraith

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**—*Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley* by Albert Zabel  
Linda Custer

### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ACOLYTE**—Knox H.

**WELCOME**—Introductions and Prayer Rev. Timothy Dowell

**PRELUDE MUSIC**—*Jesus, Priceless Treasure* by Michael Burkhardt  
Linda Custer

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** led by Pam Flick

**LEADER:** In the quiet of the night, a teacher came seeking truth.

**PEOPLE:** ***We come seeking new birth and living hope.***

**LEADER:** Jesus says, “No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”.

**PEOPLE:** ***Spirit of God, breathe new life into us.***

**LEADER:** The wind blows where it chooses – unseen, yet powerful.

**PEOPLE:** ***Holy Spirit, move among us in ways we cannot control, yet deeply need.***

**LEADER:** God did not send the Son to condemn the world -

**PEOPLE:** ***But that the world might be saved through him.***

**LEADER:** Come, let us worship the God who makes all things new.

**PEOPLE:** ***We worship in gratitude, wonder, and trust.***

**\*OPENING PRAYER** led by Pam Flick

***Gracious and loving God: We thank you for your great love — a love not meant to condemn, but to save; not to shame, but to restore; not to destroy, but to give eternal life. As we worship today, help us trust in the One you have sent that we may live as people born of the Spirit,***

**\*OPENING PRAYER – CONTINUED**

*shaped by grace, and filled with hope. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

**\*OPENING HYMN—*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

UMH 384

**FIRST READING—*Psalm 121***

Nicole Lewis

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**ANTHEM—*God So Loved the World***

Chancel Choir

by Lloyd Larson

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer

**SECOND READING—*John 3:1-17***

Rev. Timothy Dowell

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**MESSAGE—*A New Creation***

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE—*To God Be the Glory***

UMH 98

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**OFFERING—(offering plate in Spurrier Hall)**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*DOXOLOGY—*Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow***

UMH 95

**COMMUNION WITH SUNG RESPONSE**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

*A Service of Word & Table II—Musical Setting C*

UMH pgs. 12-15, 20-22

*The Lord's Prayer*

UMH 895

Various communion hymns from UMH

Linda Custer

**\*CLOSING HYMN—*Lift High the Cross***

UMH 159

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**POSTLUDE MUSIC—*Solemn March***

by Mendelssohn/Blake

Linda Custer



### Next Week's Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42



**Rocks Needed** – all shapes and sizes from 2 to 6 inches in diameter. We will be using them for a project in Sunday School. If you have any questions, please see Dianna McGrew or contact her at 301-252-1555 or [mdmcgrews@aol.com](mailto:mdmcgrews@aol.com).

## UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

<b>Sun – Mar 1</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> <b>in Lent</b>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am <b>10:30 - 11:30 am</b>	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- <b>Rms 2, 3, 4, 6</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>Rooms 8 then Sanctuary</b> Nursery- <b>Room 5</b> <b>Worship Service w/Children’s Moment-Sanc/YouTube</b>
<b>Mon – Mar 2</b>	9 -11:30 am 5:30 - 6:30 pm 5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Caregivers Support Group Meeting– <b>CANCELLED</b> Daisy Girl Scout Groop #32238 Meeting– <b>Room 3</b> Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– <b>Room 1</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal– <b>Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall</b> Grief Group– <b>Room 6</b>
<b>Tue – Mar 3</b>	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– <b>Fellowship Hall</b> Men’s Group Meeting– <b>Room 6</b>
<b>Wed – Mar 4</b>	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– <b>Fellowship Hall</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal– <b>Sanctuary/Room 8</b>
<b>Thu – Mar 5</b>	9 am - 5 pm 9:15 - 9:45 am 6:30 - 9 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/LCSW Therapy-WUMCO- <b>PL/NArk</b> Blue Heron Take It with You Tai Chi- <b>PS–Fellow Hall</b> Poolesville Day Committee Meeting– <b>Rm 6</b> Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– <b>via ZOOM</b> Zumba– <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Fri – Mar 6</b>	7 – 8:30 pm	Line Dancing–Poolesville Seniors– <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Sat – Mar 7</b>	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– <b>Onsite</b>
<b>Sun – Mar 8</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in</b> <b>Lent</b>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am <b>10:30 - 11:30 am</b> 3 – 4:30 pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- <b>Rms 2, 3, 4, 6</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>Rooms 8 then Sanctuary</b> Nursery- <b>Room 5</b> <b>Worship Service w/Children’s Moment-Sanc/YouTube</b> Senior Girl Scout Troop #32009 – <b>Room 1</b>
<b>Mon – Mar 9</b>	5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– <b>Room 1</b> Bell Choir Rehearsal– <b>Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall</b> Grief Group– <b>Room 6</b>
<b>Tue – Mar 10</b>	10:30 - 11:30 am 1 – 2:30 pm 7 - 9 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– <b>Fellowship Hall</b> Photography Class—Poolesville Seniors – <b>Room 6</b> Church Council Meeting– <b>Room 6 and via ZOOM</b>
<b>Wed – Mar 11</b>	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– <b>Fellowship Hall</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal– <b>Sanctuary/Room 8</b>

**UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED**

<b>Thu – Mar 12</b>	9:15 - 9:45 am 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Blue Heron Take It with You Tai Chi-PS– <b>Fellow Hall</b> Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– <b>via ZOOM</b> Zumba– <b>Fellowship Hall</b> Independent Order of Odd Fellows #97 Meeting– <b>Rm 6</b>
<b>Fri – Mar 13</b>	6 - 8 pm	PHS Cheerleading Banquet– <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>Sat – Mar 14</b>	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– <b>Onsite</b>
<b>Sun – Mar 15</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am <b>10:30 - 11:30 am</b> 11:30 am – 12:30 pm 1 - 6 pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- <b>Rms 2, 3, 4, 6</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal - <b>Rooms 8 then Sanctuary</b> Nursery- <b>Room 5</b> <b>Worship Service w/Children’s Moment-Sanc/YouTube</b> Fellowship Time- <b>FH/Kitchen</b> Private Event – <b>Fellowship Hall</b>

**Choral Anthem Lyrics - *God So Loved the World* – by Lloyd Larson**

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son That all who believe in Him should not perish, should not perish. God so loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His Son, His one and only Son. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son That all who believe in Him	should not perish, should not perish. God so loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His Son, His one and only Son. God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,	But to save the world and grant eternal life. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son That all who believe in Him should not perish, should not perish. God so loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His Son, His one and only Son. God so loved the world. God so loved the world.
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<b>SCHEDULE</b>	<b>March 8</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent <i>Chancel Choir</i>	<b>March 15</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent <i>Bell Choir</i>	<b>March 22</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent <i>Chancel Choir/Child Moment</i>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Eleanor Bateman Beth Parker	Kirsten Lewis Betty Jean Selby	Scott McGrew Erin Smeller
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grace H.	Isabel S.	Sam L.
<b>Greeters</b>	Craig Winning Lillian Winning	Jenny Rivenbark John Rivenbark	<i>Available</i>

# 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), Eleanor Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Wendy Huff, Steve Krasner, 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), 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), Sam L., 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** - Ximena "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](mailto:office@pmumc.org), or visit [www.pmumc.org](http://www.pmumc.org)

#### PHONE MESSAGES

Voicemails are sent electronically to emails

#### EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email [PastorTim@PMUMC.org](mailto:PastorTim@PMUMC.org)

### GIVING

**AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING** (last 8 weeks)  
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#### WAYS TO GIVE:

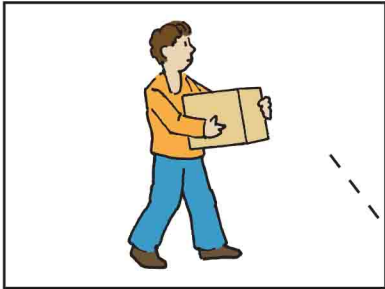
- **ENTERING/EXITING WORSHIP** - Place in Offering Plate in Spurrier Hall
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **SEND ELECTRONICALLY** via [PMUMC.org](http://PMUMC.org)

### PURPOSE

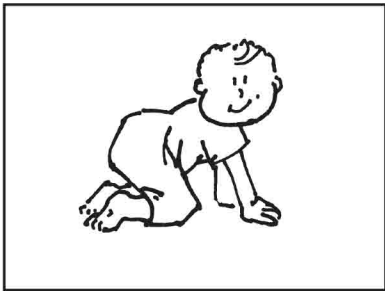


God will watch over you as you come and go, now and forever.

Put the pictures in the correct order.



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# Children's Worship Bulletin™



Ages 3+

March 1, 2026 • Psalm 121:1-8

## The Lord Watches Over You

Where does my help come from?

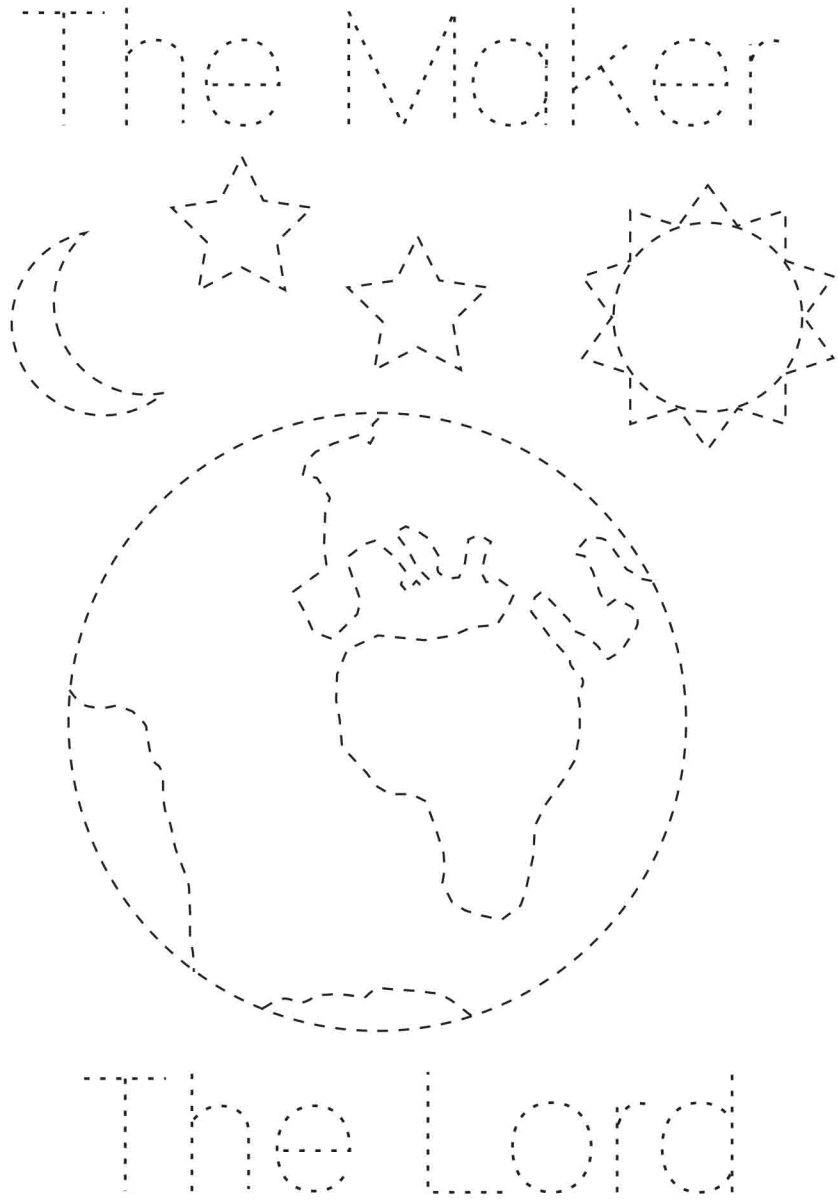
Find and count the ?'s. Circle the correct number.

7 8 9 or 10



The psalmist says, "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."

Trace the letters and the picture.



The Lord does not sleep.  
He watches you day and night.

Circle 5 differences in the pictures.



Jesus told him all who believe will have eternal life.



Trace the shapes and letters.

God so loved  
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He gave His

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that whoever  
believes in Him  
shall not perish  
but have eternal life.

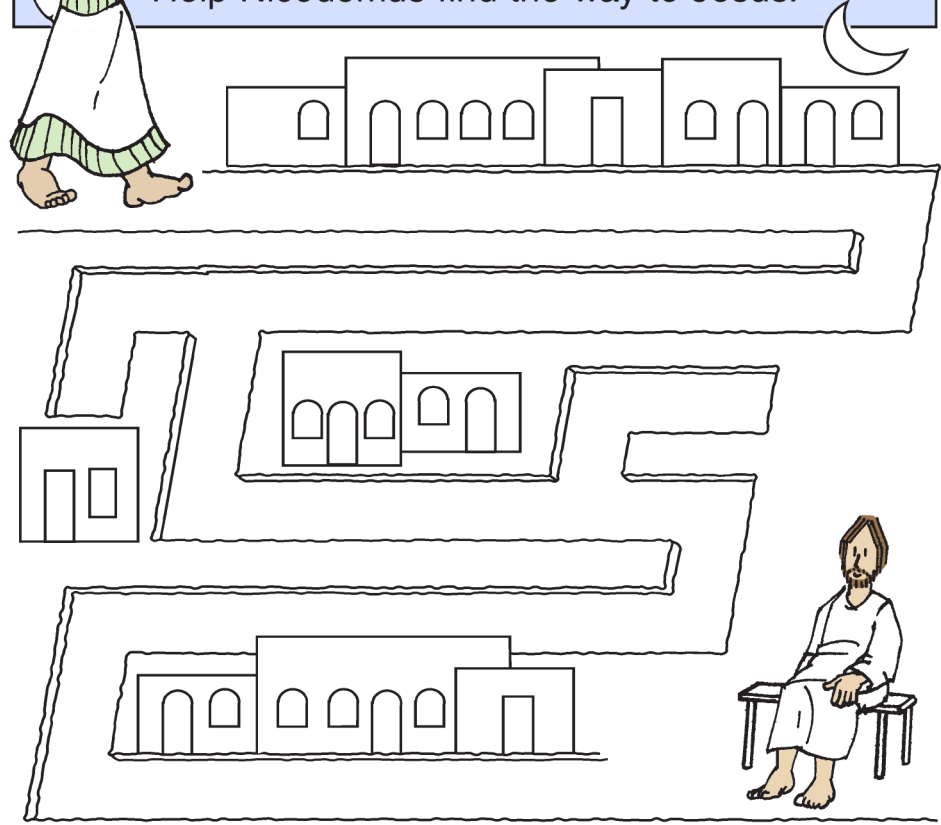


Jesus Teaches a Pharisee

Nicodemus went to Jesus at night to ask Him questions.



Help Nicodemus find the way to Jesus.



Nicodemus told Jesus, "I know that ...

Use the code to learn what Nicodemus said.

† = a    ? = e    🐑 = i    ★ = o    ☀ = u

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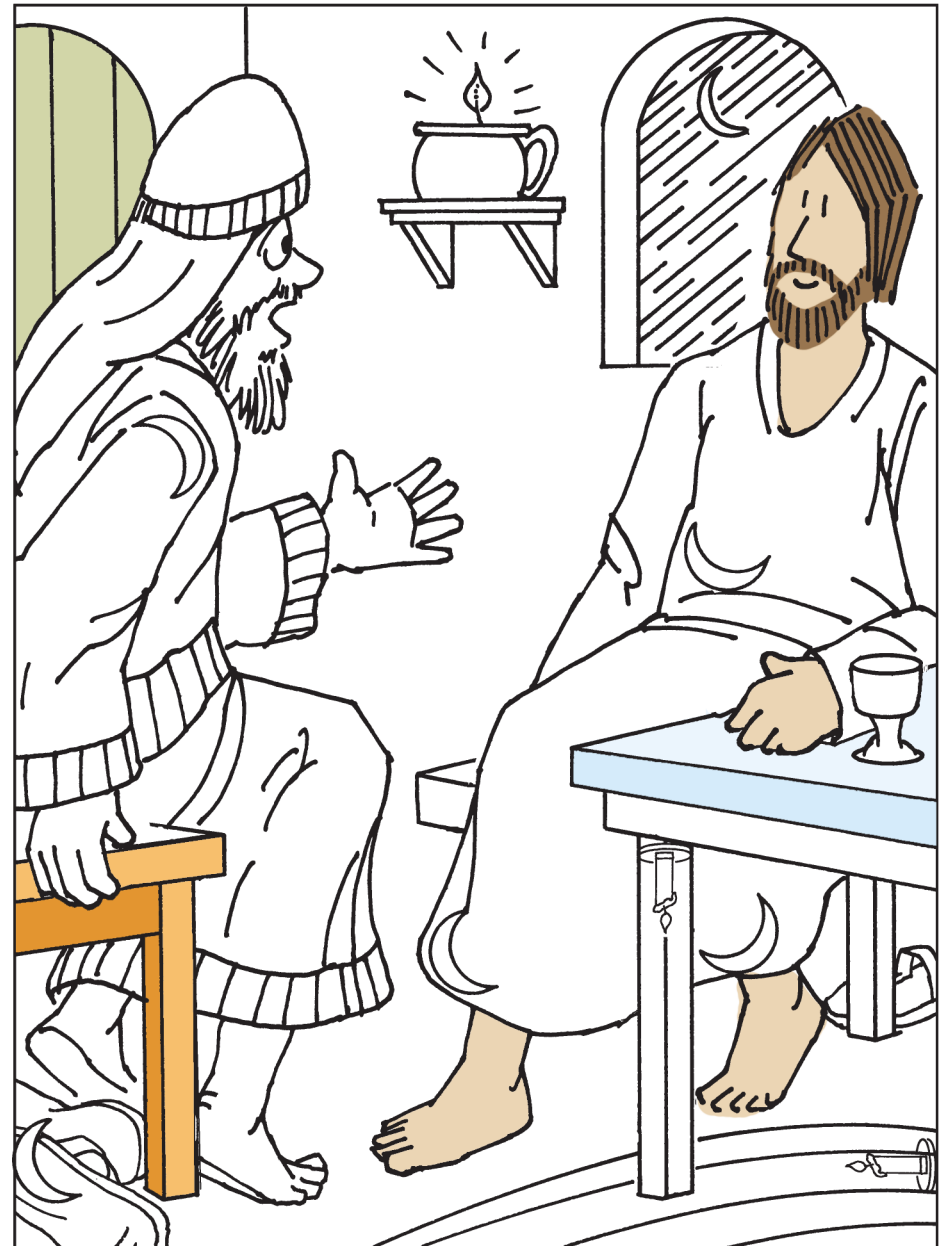
Nicodemus asked Jesus questions.



Count how many.

2 or 3 ?

5 or 6 ?





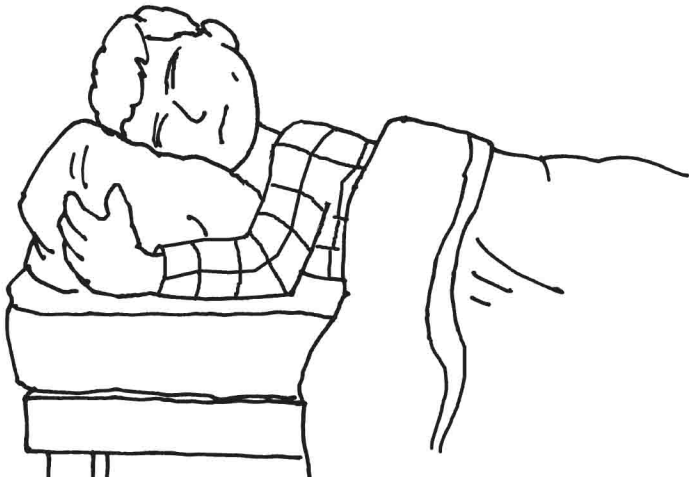
God is always available to help us – day and night.

Unscramble the names of 8 things that have wheels.  
Use the circled letters to spell something that God never does.

- 1) g y g u b ..... b ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) k u t r c ..... ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) c a e n u l b a m ..... a ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) k a e t s s ..... ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) s u b ..... ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) k i b e ..... ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) e j p e ..... ○ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) y o r t o m l c c e ..... ○ \_\_\_\_\_



4 8 1 3 5 6 2      or      4 8 6 6 7



The One who created us and all things  
is able to keep us safe.

In the grid, find and shade in boxes that spell the names  
of 8 growing things. (They may run up and down or left to right.)  
Starting with T and ending with M, write the remaining letters  
in order as you come to them. Read the message.

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



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Jesus told Nicodemus, "No one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are ...



Use the code to find the answer.

○=A	◐=F	◑=K	◒=P	◓=U
◔=B	◕=G	◖=L	⊕=Q	⊙=V
◗=C	⊗=H	◘=M	◙=R	◚=W
◛=D	◜=I	⊕=N	◝=S	◞=X
◟=E	◠=J	◡=O	◢=T	◣=Y
			◤=Z	

... ◔ ◡ ◙ ⊕ ◡ ◐

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Jesus gave Nicodemus an important message.  
What was it?

Unscramble these words to find John 3:16.

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