

WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 15, 2026
Worship Service—10:30 am

His divine power has given us
everything required for life
and godliness



2 Peter 1:3

Knowing-Jesus.com

“Everything Needed”



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—Jenny Rivenbark and John Rivenbark

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* by Bradbury/Thrupp/Larson
FLUTE/PIANO DUET Beth Parker/Linda Custer

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Isabel S.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* by Mark Hayes
PIANO DUET Janet Hartz/Linda Custer

***CALL TO WORSHIP** led by Kirsten Lewis

LEADER: Come, people of God – the one who calls us out of the boat and into life's water is already here.

PEOPLE: *We come to fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith.*

LEADER: When the winds rise and fear threatens to pull us under, Jesus reaches out his hand and lifts us up.

PEOPLE: *We trust the one who speaks peace to the storm and courage to our trembling hearts.*

LEADER: God has given us everything needed for life and godliness.

PEOPLE: *We come to grow in grace and to follow Christ wherever He leads.*

LEADER: So let us worship the God who calls us out of the boat and into a life of godliness.

PEOPLE: *With open hearts buoyed by faith, we worship the Lord!*

***OPENING PRAYER** led by Kirsten Lewis

Gracious and Holy God, You call us to step out in faith. As we gather in Your presence, steady our hearts, strengthen our faith, and shape us

***OPENING PRAYER – CONTINUED**

into people who reflect Your love. When fear rises within us, reach out Your hand. When doubt clouds our vision, speak Your peace. When we falter, lift us up again so that our lives may bear witness to Your power, Your mercy, and Your unfailing care. We offer our worship to You, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and our strength. Amen.

OPENING HYMN—*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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FIRST READING—*2 Peter 1:1-11*

Betty Jean Selby

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

BELL ANTHEM—*Celtic Grace*

arr by Tammy Waldrop
Bell Choir/Becky Smalley

SECOND READING—*Matthew 14:22-33*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

CHORAL ANTHEM—*Walking 'Cross the Sea from Cantata Upon This Rock*

by Pepper Choplin
Chancel Choir/Tim Melton
Janet Hartz/Linda Custer

MESSAGE—*Everything Needed*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

HYMN OF RESPONSE—*Blessed Assurance

UMH 369

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

CLOSING HYMN—*Where He Leads Me

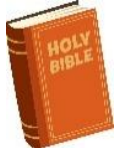
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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC—*The Lord's My Shepherd*

by Irvine/Hustad
Linda Custer

Next Week's Scripture Readings

Ezekial 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45



Fellowship Time –TODAY after worship in our Fellowship Hall. Come grab a snack and spend a bit of time with your church-family

Lyrics to Anthem

“Walking ‘Cross the Sea” from the Cantata, “Upon This Rock” by Pepper Choplin

I saw Jesus walking ‘cross the sea, oh, I saw Jesus walking ‘cross the sea,
I said, “Help me walk on the water, that’s where I want to be.”

He said, “Go where your faith will take you. Now, come on out to me.”

He said, “Come on out to me.”

So I stepped out on the water, but I wasn’t sinking down,

I stepped out on the water, but I wasn’t sinking down,

But the winds, the waves, the waters were stirring all around.

I said, “Help me Lord, I’m sinking, surely I will drown, surely drown.

Then I felt Jesus, He was holding onto my hand,

then I felt Jesus, He was holding onto my hand.

He said, “Oh what little faith you have, you poor and doubtful man.

Rise up, put your faith in Me and surely you will stand, now rise and stand.”

I held onto Jesus, we were walking ‘cross the sea.

Oh I held onto Jesus, we were walking ‘cross the sea.

And when I stepped back in the boat I fell upon my knees.

I said, “Surely You’re the Son of God, surely, You’re the Son of God,

You are the Son of God! Have mercy, have mercy on me.”

Jesus still is calling, “Come and walk with Me.”

Now Jesus still is calling, “Come and walk with Me.

Wherever faith will take you, I promise I will be.

Wherever you are walking even when you’re sinking,

go where faith will take you, rise up and walk with Me.

SCHEDULE	March 22 5th Sunday in Lent <i>Child Moment</i> Chancel Choir	March 29 Palm Sunday <i>Distribution of Palms</i> Chancel Choir	April 2 – 7 pm Holy Thursday <i>Communion</i> Chancel Choir	April 5 Easter Sunday <i>Communion</i> Chancel Choir
Liturgist	Scott McGrew Erin Smeller	Wendy Huff Eleanor Bateman	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Acolyte	Sam L.	Nicole L.	<i>TBD</i>	<i>TBD</i>
Greeters	Cindy McCraith Steve McCraith	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Sun – Mar 15 4th Sunday in Lent	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30am-12:30pm 1 - 6 pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service-Sanctuary/YouTube Fellowship Time – Fellowship Hall Private Party – Fellowship Hall
Mon – Mar 16	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– CANCELLED Daisy Girl Scout Groop #32238 Meeting– Room 3 Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – Mar 17	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Men’s Group Meeting– Room 6
Wed – Mar 18	9 - 10 am 7 - 9 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Meet and Greet– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu – Mar 19	9 am - 5 pm 9:15 - 9:45 am 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/LCSW Therapy-WUMCO- PL/N Ark Blue Heron Take It with You Tai Chi- PS-Fellow Hall Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall
Sat – Mar 21	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun – Mar 22 5th Sunday in Lent	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service w/Children’s Moment-Sanc/YouTube
Mon – Mar 23	5:30 – 6:30 pm 5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Girl Scout Daisy Troop #32238 Meeting– Room 3 Bell Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group– Room 6
Tue – Mar 24	10:30 - 11:30 am 5:30 – 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall PHS Girls Basketball Banquet – Fellowship Hall Christian Education Meeting– Room 6
Wed – Mar 25	9 - 10 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Body Sculpting—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chancel Choir Rehearsal– Sanctuary/Room 8
Thu – Mar 26	9 am - 5 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/LCSW Therapy-WUMCO- PL N Ark Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall Independent Order of Odd Fellows #97 Meeting– Rm 6

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED

Sat – Mar 28	1 - 4 pm 3 - 6 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– <i>Onsite</i> The Frederick Rescue Mission– <i>Onsite</i>
Sun – Mar 29 <i>Palm/Passion</i> Sunday	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30am–12:30pm	Sunday School (Adult, Child/Youth)- Rms 2, 3, 4, 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Rooms 8 then Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service–Sanctuary/YouTube Church-Family Easter Celebration–Potluck, Egg Hunt– FH



Church-Family Easter Celebration Potluck • Craft • Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited to come together after worship service on Palm Sunday, March 29th to celebrate Easter as a church family. **Please bring a main dish to share.**



FOOD DRIVE – For Easter, Christian Education is sponsoring a food drive for WUMCO! Please take a

paper grocery bag and fill it with non-perishable food items. Bags to be returned to church on Palm Sunday, March 29. Thank you for helping our “Outreach Ministry.”



Special Lenten Music – each week through Easter, our Chancel Choir will share a song from the cantata, “Upon

This Rock” by Pepper Choplin. The cantata tells the story of Peter’s call and passion. You won’t want to miss any parts of the story!



Frederick Rescue Mission –

Food and Servers needed for Sat., March 28. To sign-up visit www.signupgenius.com and then “Search for a Sign Up” by using “office@pmumc.org.” Thank you in advance for your help!



Children’s Moment

Fourth Sunday Each Month
Don’t miss our next time with Ms. Betty on Sunday March 22nd



Review/Preview – Study Sundays’ scriptures on

Thursday evenings at 7pm with Pastor Tim over Zoom. No prep needed! To connect, email

PastorTim@pmumc.org.



See something that needs attention around the church? Please see

Gary Hartz so it can be placed on our task list.



Problems with money? Debtors Anonymous can help. DA Meetings are held throughout the DMV and on Zoom. Visit www.debtorsanonymousdc.org for details.



Each week through Easter, our Chancel Choir will share pieces from the Cantata, “Upon This Rock” – a musical interpretation of Peter’s call and passion.

- March 22, 10:30 am—5th Sunday in Lent—“Upon This Rock”
 - March 29, 10:30 am—Palm Sunday—“Pray with Me at Gethsemane”
11:30 am – Church Family Easter Party—Potluck, Craft, Egg Hunt
 - April 2, 7:00 pm—Holy Thursday—“Didn’t I Deny Him” & “Were You There”
 - April 5, 10:30 am—Easter Sunday—“The Empty Tomb”
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Backpack Bites Update – Pack/Deliver/Fundraise

Backpack Bites helps feed 35 families in the Poolesville High School Cluster on a weekly basis. Here are several ways to help:

- **PACK** – pack and prepare bags each month for delivery to Poolesville Elementary and Monocacy Elementary at Poolesville Presbyterian Church. The next packing dates are **April 11 and May 9 starting at 9am.**
 - **DELIVER** – each Thursday the packed bags need to be picked up at Poolesville Presbyterian and delivered to PES and MES. Sign up to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CA5AC2EA2FB6-58859141-backpack>
 - **FUND-RAISE** – *Empty Bowls 2026* will be March 22 from 4:30-6:30 at Locals. This is the primary fundraiser, if funds are leftover they will go to WUMCO. Last year \$11,000 was raised. To purchase tickets or make a donation visit www.riverworksart.org/event-details/riverworks-empty-bowls-2026.
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Poolesville Seniors! - Open to All (mandatory registration) 301-875-7701



REGULAR EVENTS: Ping Pong, Walking, Seniors at Barre, Pickleball, Tai-Chi, Bridge, Zumba Gold, Knitting & Crocheting Instruction & Support, Trivia Game Night, Mahjong, Country Line Dancing, Chair One Fitness, Trail Hikes, Book Club, Body Sculpting, etc!

Check out www.PoolesvilleSeniors.org to view all!

This Week’s Spotlight - **March 20 – Movie Night: Last Breath; 7-9:30 pm**

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), 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 - 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

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(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

PURPOSE



Add to your faith goodness and love. For if you do these things, you will never stumble.

In each row, circle the picture that is different.



You will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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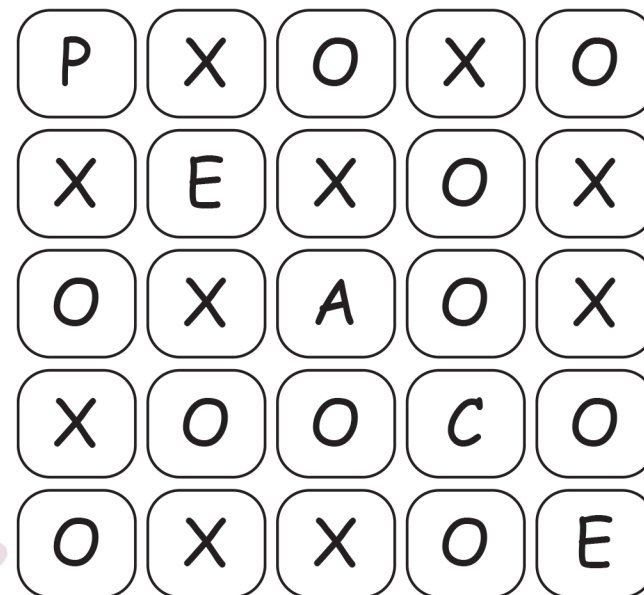
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God Has Given Us All We Need

Jesus' apostle Simon Peter said:

Shade in all the shapes that have an X or an O.



Grace and peace be yours through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

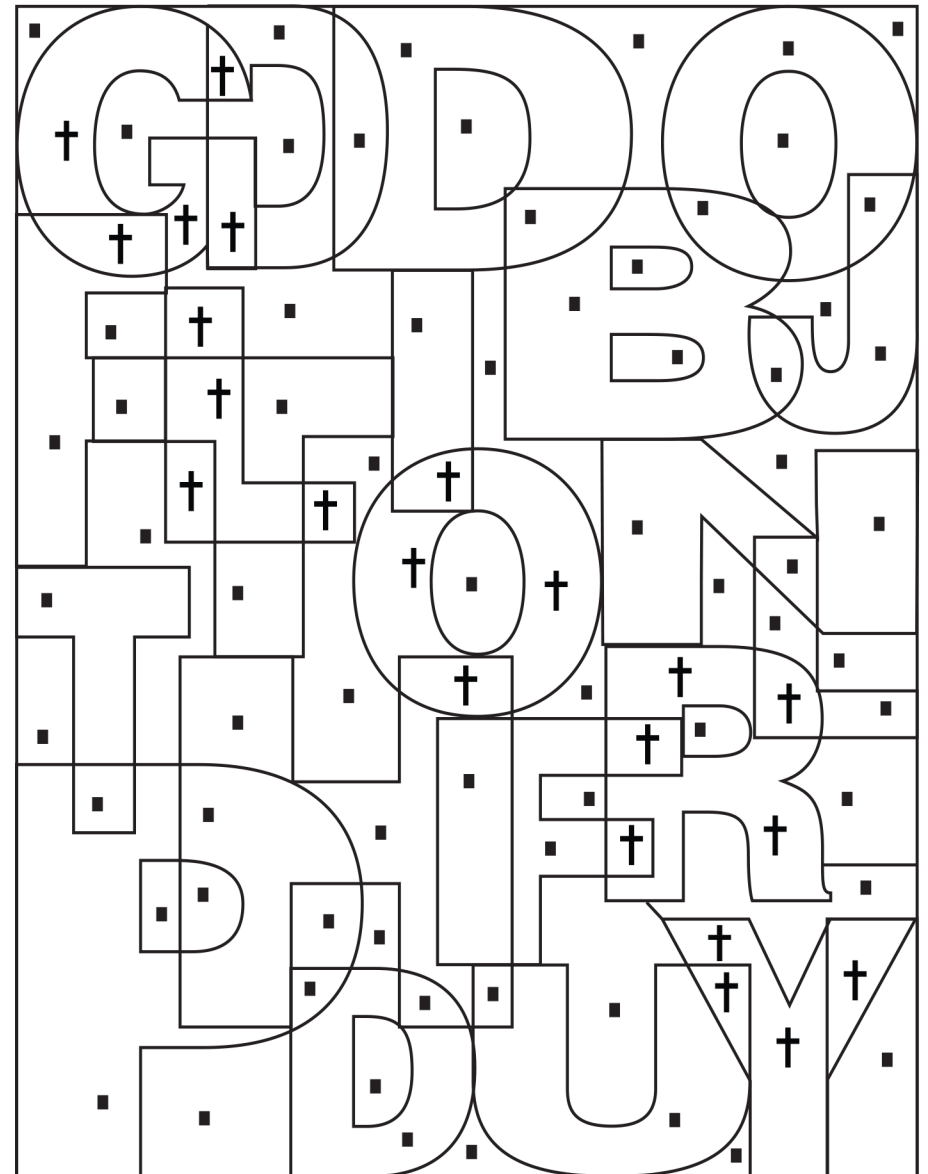
His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.

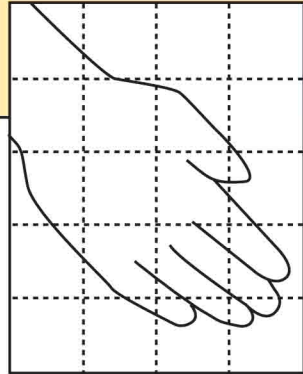


He called us by His own glory and goodness. He has given us His very great and precious promises.

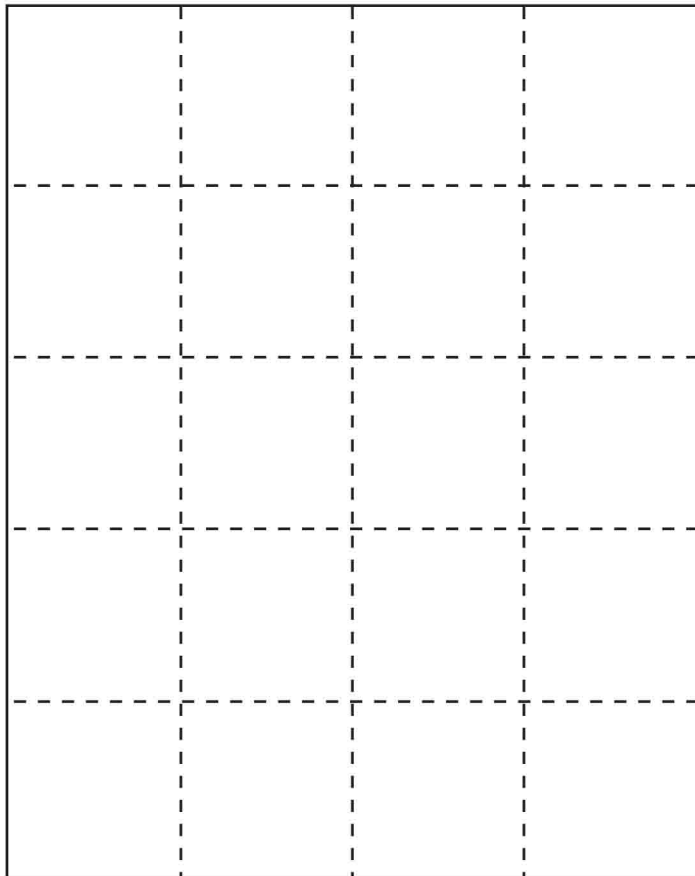
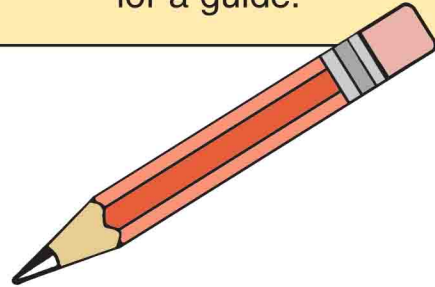
Shade in all the shapes that have a †.



Jesus reached out His hand
and caught Peter.



Draw a hand using the grid
for a guide.

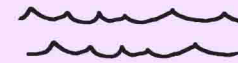


Jesus Walks on the Water

Jesus sent the disciples in a boat.
He stayed behind to pray.



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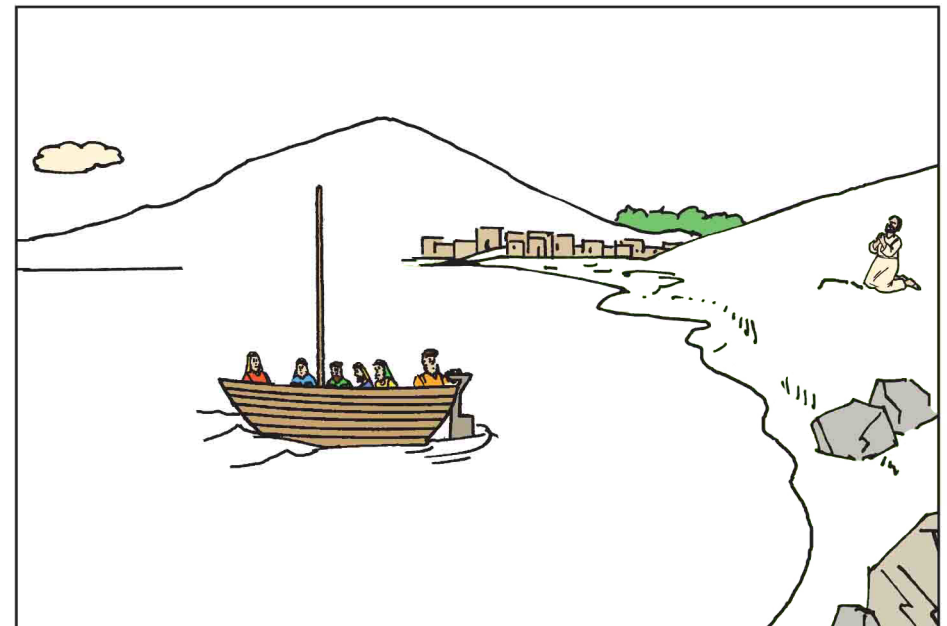


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Add these things to the picture.









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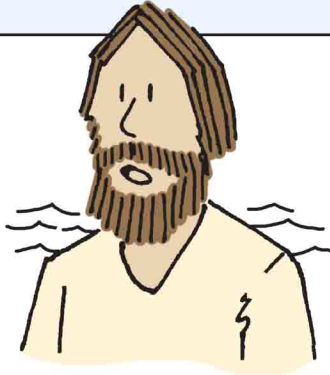
That night, Jesus walked on the water.
His disciples were afraid.




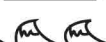
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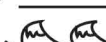
Jesus said,

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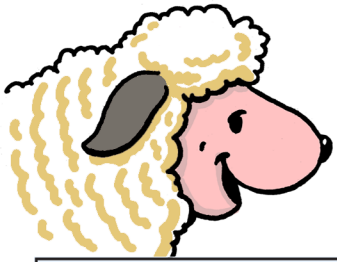
D__n't b__
 

__fr__d.”
  

Jesus called to Peter. Peter walked out on
the water. But then Peter began to sink.

Circle the picture of Peter sinking.





Peter continued his message.

Start at the arrow and cross out every "Q," "X" and "Z."
Then write the remaining letters in order on the blanks below.

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

For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and

_____ of our

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God Has Given Us All We Need

Jesus' apostle Simon Peter said:
To those who have received a faith as precious as ours:

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His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

Circle six differences in the bottom picture.



Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature.

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, affection and love.

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.

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| ♥ = measure | ♥ = weak | ♥ = Jesus |
| ♥ = you | ♥ = your | ♥ = increasing |
| ♥ = keep | ♥ = knowledge | ♥ = Christ |
| ♥ = qualities | ♥ = Lord | ♥ = possess |

For if _____ these _____

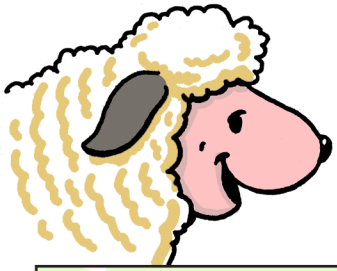
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they will _____ from being _____

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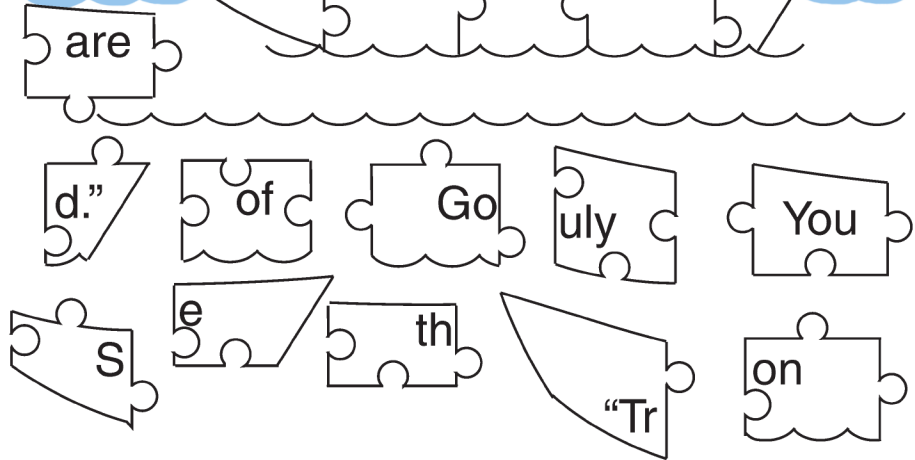
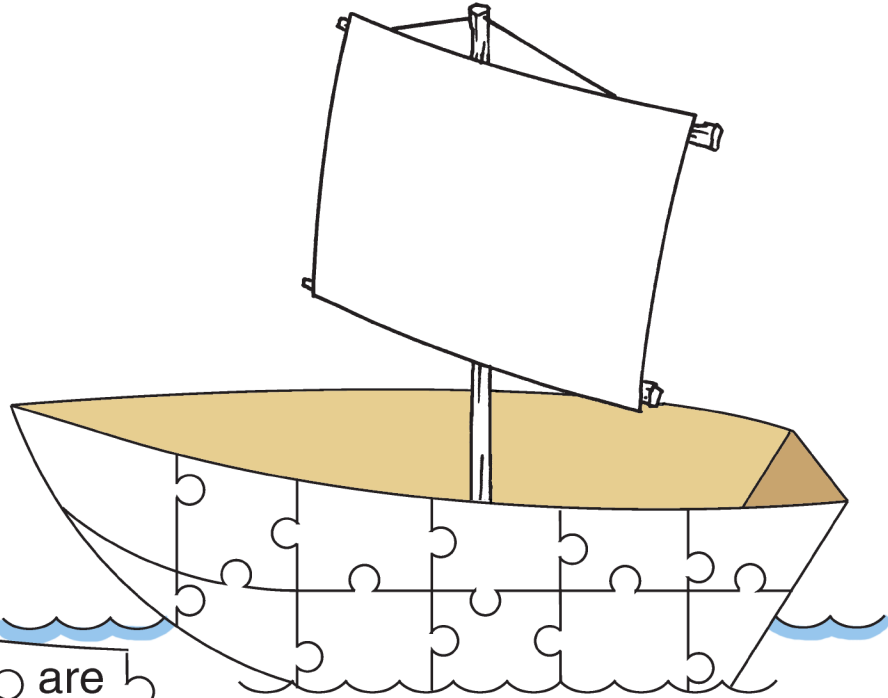
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When they climbed into the boat,
the wind died down.
The disciples worshiped
Jesus and said ...

Fit the pieces into the puzzle.



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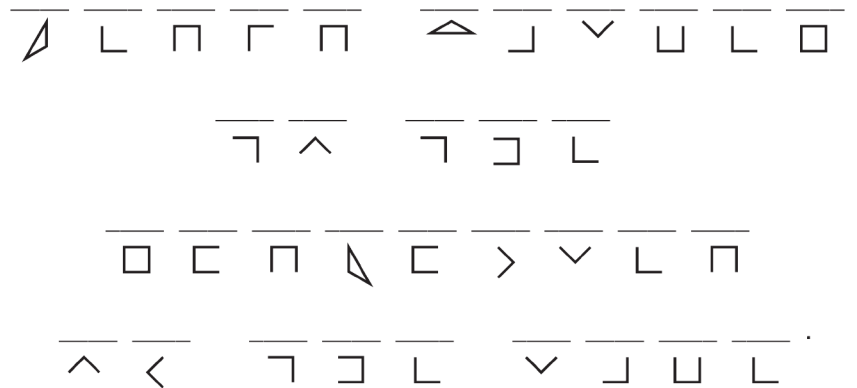
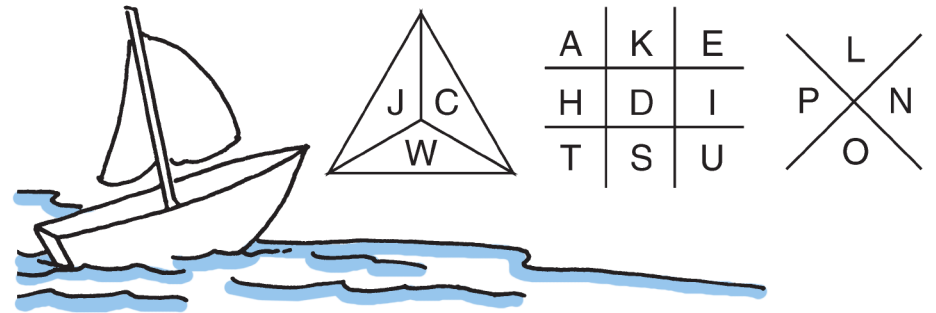
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Jesus and the Disciples

Jesus sent the disciples ahead in a boat
and went up a mountainside by Himself to pray.
Later, while the boat was far from land, a storm blew up.

Use the code to learn what happened next.



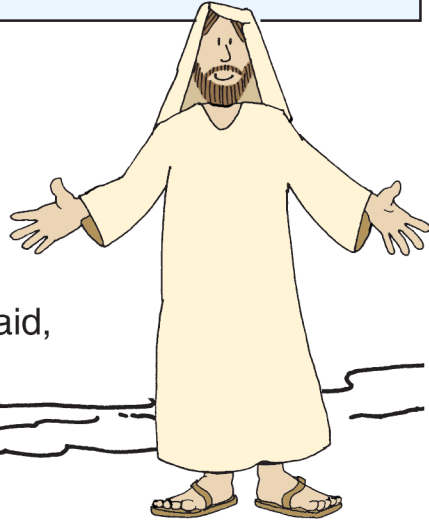
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When the disciples saw Jesus, they were terrified!
They thought He was a ghost.



Add or subtract letters to fill the blanks.

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



Jesus said,

“ T
R+2 D-3 H+3 C+2

_____!
G-4 L+3 R+3 T-2 F-5 C+4 J-5

L-3 Q+3 G+2 Q+2 M-4

A+3 R-3 L+2 Z-6 K-9 A+4

G-6 M-7 M+5 B-1 O-6 H-4

Peter said, “Lord, if it’s You, tell me to come to You on the water.” So Jesus said, “Come.”

Unscramble the words to complete the verses.

Then Peter got _____ out of the _____,
w o d n b t a o

_____ on the _____ and _____
w l d k a e r a t w e m c a e

toward Jesus. But when he saw the _____,
i n d w

he was _____ and, beginning to _____,
a a d f i r k s i n

cried out, “Lord, _____ me!” Immediately Jesus
v e a s

reached out His hand and _____ him.
h t a g u c

“You of _____
e t l t l i

_____”
a i h f t

He said, “why did you

_____?”
b d t u o

