

OUR PURPOSE



Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Mon., Mar 17 - **GENESIS 8:1-5** *God Remembers*
Tue., Mar 18 - **PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18** *Excited To Serve*
Wed., Mar 19 - **1 PETER 2:9-10** *The Church In The Sky*
Thu., Mar 20 - **PSALM 46:1-11** *Be Still*
Fri., Mar 21 - **MATTHEW 7:13-14** *The Narrow Way*
Sat., Mar 22 - **ROMANS 5:1-5** *A Change Of Attitude*
Sun., Mar 23 - **PSALM 34:15-22** *Broken Shells*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

OFFICE INFORMATION

GENERAL QUESTIONS & 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 designated email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

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

CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (*last 8 weeks*)
\$7,349.66

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

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Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (alternate)

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Jenny

Rivenbark, Janet Spiker,

ACOLYTE COORDINATOR - Kirsten Lewis

HEAD ACOLYTE - Sam L.

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

NURSERY - Stephanie Parker, Cynthia Cook

CHURCH COORDINATOR - Shirley Prasada-Rao

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ACOLYTES - Knox H., Nicole L., Sam L.,

Addison S., Aubrey S., Evie S., Isabel S.

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Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis,

Priscilla Lyon, Michelle Palmer, Beth Parker,

Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

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Lyon, David Melton, Tim Melton, Walter

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WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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The Lenten candles were lit the First Sunday of Lent..




Each week of Lent the light will slowly fade into darkness as the story of Jesus' betrayal and suffering and death is retold.

*In telling this story, God is revealed—
the transformation of death into life,
in endings into beginnings, and
in dead-ends that become a
source for new possibilities*

Second Sunday in Lent—March 16, 2025
Worship Service—10:30 am

“Looking Beyond Fear”



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.

GREETERS—Cindy McCraith and Steve McCraith

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC
The Old Rugged Cross

Linda Custer
by Bennard/Larson

WORSHIP SERVICE
ACOLYTE—Isabel S.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—PIANO DUET
Softly and Tenderly

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz
by Thompson/Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
MinistryMatters.com, Worship Connection, March 16, 2025

led by Bob Bachman
by Nancy C. Townley

LEADER: Open your hearts to God’s love today.

PEOPLE: *In the midst of winter darkness, we seek the brightness of God’s love.*

LEADER: Don’t be afraid. God is with you.

PEOPLE: *With the Lord’s help, we can overcome the darkness.*

LEADER: The Lord is your light and your salvation.

PEOPLE: *Even though everything around us is disturbing, yet God’s love is constant. Thanks be to God. AMEN.*

***OPENING PRAYER**
MinistryMatters.com, Worship Connection, March 16, 2025
Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.

led by Bob Bachman
by Nancy C. Townley

***OPENING HYMN**—*Come Down, O Love Divine* UMH 475

FIRST READING—*Philippians 3:17-4.1* Ray Hoewing

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

ANTHEM—BELL CHOIR
What Wondrous Love Is This

Becky Smalley
arr by Anna Laura Page

SECOND READING—*Luke 13:31-35*
This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

MESSAGE—*Looking Beyond Fear*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* UMH 295

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Timothy Dowell

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall) Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY**—*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

***PRAYER**—*The Lord’s Prayer* UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN**—*Come Away with Me* TFWS 2202
1st verse sung by choir

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC
Print Thine Image Pure and Holy [Genevan Psalter 1551]

Linda Custer
by Bach/Cassler

NEW Children’s Moment-Starts March 23rd
The fourth Sunday of each month, there will be a short lesson for the children in the sanctuary after the Opening Prayer. During the Opening Hymn the children will be taken to the Fellowship Hall where they will continue with crafts and/or songs related to that Sunday’s scriptures.



Looking for Adventure?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for Activity Stations

VBS “Road Trip”
June 22-26 from 6-8pm

● Music


● Snack

● Craft

● Story

● Recreation/Science

Contact Dianna at mdmcgrews@aol.com
Fun will be had by all!



SCHEDULE	MAR 23 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	MAR 30 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	APR 6 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>
LITURGIST	Erin Smeller Kirsten Lewis	Betty Jean Selby Nicole Lewis	TBD
ACOLYTE	Knox H.	Sam L.	TBD
GREETERS	Cindy & Steve McCraith	Cindy & Steve McCraith	Cindy & Steve McCraith



FOOD & SERVERS NEEDED

Frederick Rescue Mission -**Saturday, March 22nd**

- **3 pots of CHILI—any type**—to be dropped off at church by 3pm on Saturday, March 22nd. If you need access to the building to drop it off, contact the office or call/text Shirley at 301-760-6542.
- **2 people to SERVE**—that includes picking up the donated food from PMUMC around 3:30pm, taking it to FRM, warming it up, praying with the men, serving them, and cleaning up. All done by around 6pm



Connection Directory Update. Today is the last day to have your picture taken after worship.

If you already signed up, PLEASE DISREGARD SCHEDULED TIMES because it is moves MUCH FASTER than anticipated. We were done in less than 1/2 the time expected during our first picture taking session. We will follow the order but not the timeframes.

If you still need your picture taken, please stay and you can be added.

If you are unable to have your picture taken, please submit an electronic picture to office@pmumc.org or slide a printed copy of one under the Church Office door.



Next Week's Scriptures

Isaiah 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9



REVIEW/PREVIEW—No prep needed! Study Sundays' scriptures Thurs. @ 7pm on Zoom. Email Pastor Tim@pmumc.org for link.



Free Tax Prep Help-No age or income restrictions. Trained and certified volunteers via AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. Fridays through April 11 at Poolesville's Library. To sign-up go to www.TaxAideMC.info or call 240-777-2577 (M-F, 9am-4pm and Sat. 9am-12:30pm)

Join a Small Group...

- **Adult Sunday School**- Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School**- Dianna at mdmcgrews@aol.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim**- PastorTim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group**- Ray at RLHoewing@gmail.com
- **Youth Connection**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Grief Group**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com

COMMUNITY DINNER

April 2, 5:30-7pm
HELP NEEDED April 1st & 2nd, plus, BAKERS to drop off cookies, brownies or cupcakes (that don't need refrigeration). Visit sign-up genius through our website at www.PMUMC.org.



All Men Invited!

We are diving into Genesis. Please join us as we establish our foundation of what we believe. By the way, there isn't a lot of reading. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm in Room 6 & on Zoom. Get the link from our website at www.pmumc.org.

Sunday School, 9:15-10:15am

3 yrs-K, Rm 3; 1st-4th, Rm 4
5th-12th, Rm 2;
Adults, Rm 6 & Zoom



Engage in



church ministries



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - MAR 16 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 - 12:30 pm	Sunday School- PreK-12 th Rms 2-4 ; Adult Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8/Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service- Sanctuary/YouTube Pictures- Fellowship Hall
MON - MAR 17	5:30 - 6:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32238 Meeting- Room 3 Bell Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group- Room 6
TUE - MAR 18	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors- Fellowship Hall Men's Group Meeting- Room 6 and Zoom
WED - MAR 19	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 20	9 am - 5 pm 5:45 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	WUMCO—LCSW Therapy Sessions - Noah's Ark Room Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting- Room 1 Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Online via Zoom Zumba Class- Fellowship Hall
SAT - MAR 22	1 - 4 pm 3 - 6:30 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop- On Location The Frederick Rescue Mission - On Location
SUN - MAR 23 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 - 12:30 pm	Sunday School- PreK-12 th Rms 2-4 ; Adult Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8/Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service w/Children's Moment-Sanc/YouTube Fellowship Time- Fellowship Hall
MON - MAR 24	4:30 - 6 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting- Room 3 Bell Choir Rehearsal- Sanctuary/Spurrier Hall Grief Group- Room 6
TUE - MAR 25	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 9 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors- Fellowship Hall Christian Education Meeting- Room 6 and Zoom
WED - MAR 26	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 27	5:45 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting- Room 1 Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Online via Zoom Zumba Class- Fellowship Hall WUMCO—LCSW Therapy Sessions - Noah's Ark Room
FRI - MAR 28	7 - 9 pm	PENDING-Line Dancing—Poolesville Seniors- FH
SAT - MAR 29	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop- On Location
SUN - MAR 30 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> UMCOR Sunday	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 4 - 9 pm	Sunday School- PreK-12 th Rms 2-4 ; Adult Rm 6/Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8/Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service- Sanctuary/YouTube PENDING—PHS Boy's Basketball Banquet- FH

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

UMCOR SUNDAY

March 30, 2025



On UMCOR Sunday, we join our United Methodist connection in a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief and development arm of the church. UMCOR comes alongside individuals, families and communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events – to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope.

Your donations equip UMCOR to respond quickly when disaster strikes and to stay for the long term. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering helps cover the costs of this nonprofit UMC organization and allows for 100% of gifts given in response to disasters to assist with the disaster.

Thanks to UMCOR's reliable infrastructure, expert leadership and trained volunteers, every dollar received is leveraged to work as hard as possible, meeting the needs of people in crisis around the world. UMCOR equips and partners with churches, annual conferences and local organizations to help communities rebuild, even when rebuilding takes years.

When you give generously to support UMCOR Sunday, you embody God's love in action.

United Methodist Special Sunday offerings celebrate vibrant ministries while investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support these important ministries equips us to work together, empowered by God's love.

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2024 UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE

UMCOR coordinates with partners around the globe to support relief efforts and award grants.

- Hurricane Helene (Southeast U.S.)
- Typhoon Carina and Southwest Monsoon (Philippines)
- Hurricane Ernesto (Puerto Rico and Bermuda)
- Northwest wildfires (Washington and Idaho, U.S.)
- Tana River flooding (Northern Kenya)
- Hurricane Debby (Florida, South Georgia and New York)
- Hurricane Beryl (Caribbean, Texas and Vermont)
- Refugee Recovery Support (Central Congo)
- Tornado/storm recovery (Oklahoma, Alabama-West Florida, Western North Carolina, South Carolina, Missouri, North Georgia)



Like Paul, we eagerly await
our Savior's return.

Circle these words in the word search below.
await our saviors return



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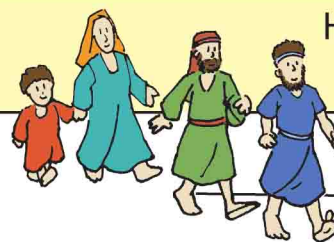


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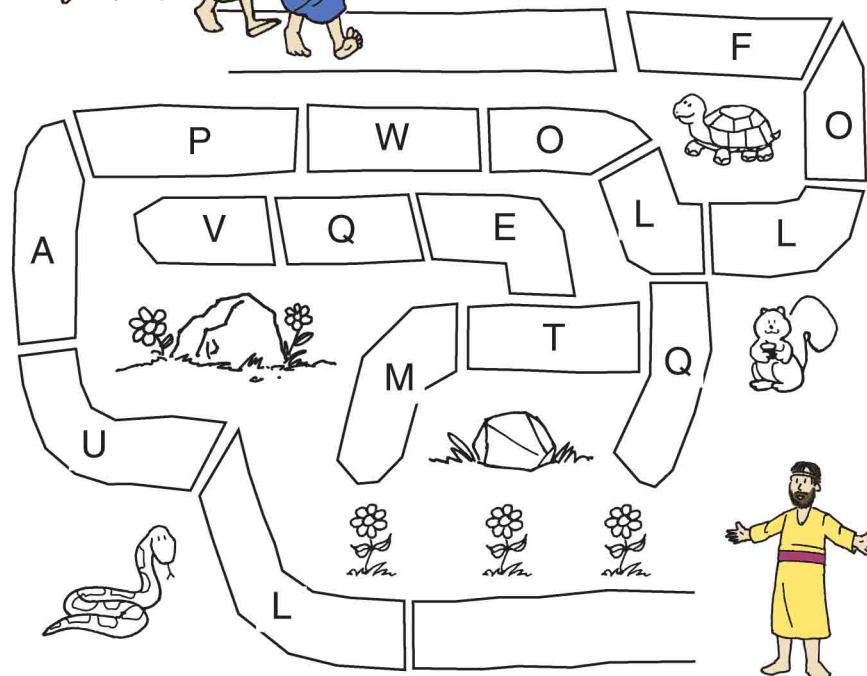
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Follow Paul's Example

Paul asks those of Philippi
to follow his example.



Help the people to follow Paul.
F-O-L-L-O-W-P-A-U-L



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Paul gave the Philippian believers
a pattern to live by.

Match what comes next.



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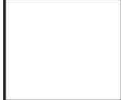
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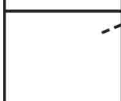
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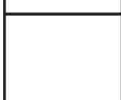
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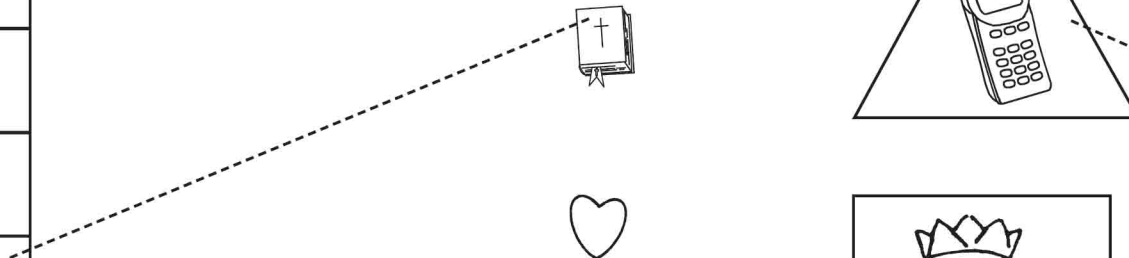
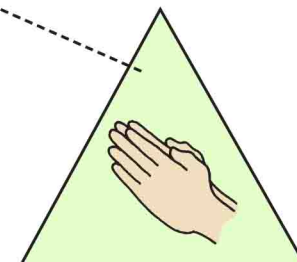
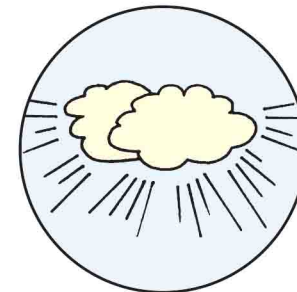
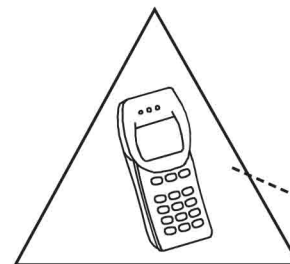
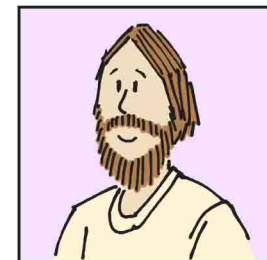
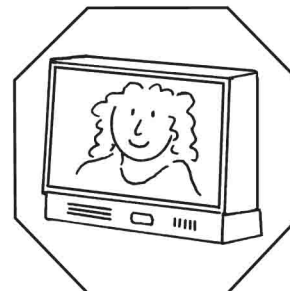
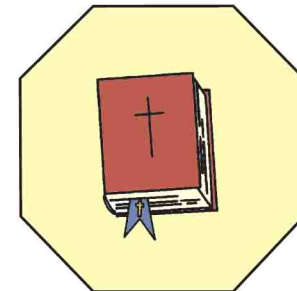
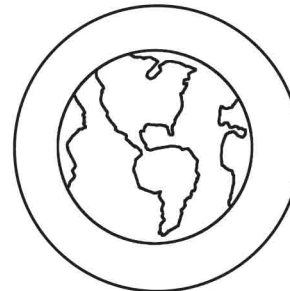


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Don't set your mind on earthly things,
but on heavenly things.

Match the shapes.



Jesus said that when they saw Him again,
they would say ... what?



Trace the letters.

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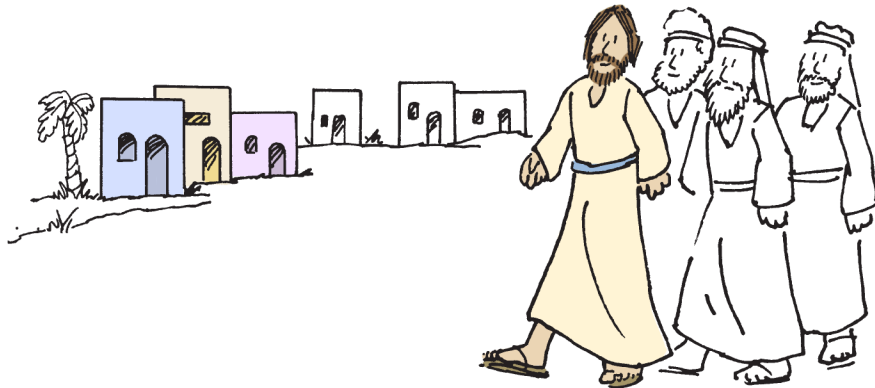
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March 16, 2025 • Luke 13:31-35

Jesus Is Sad for Jerusalem

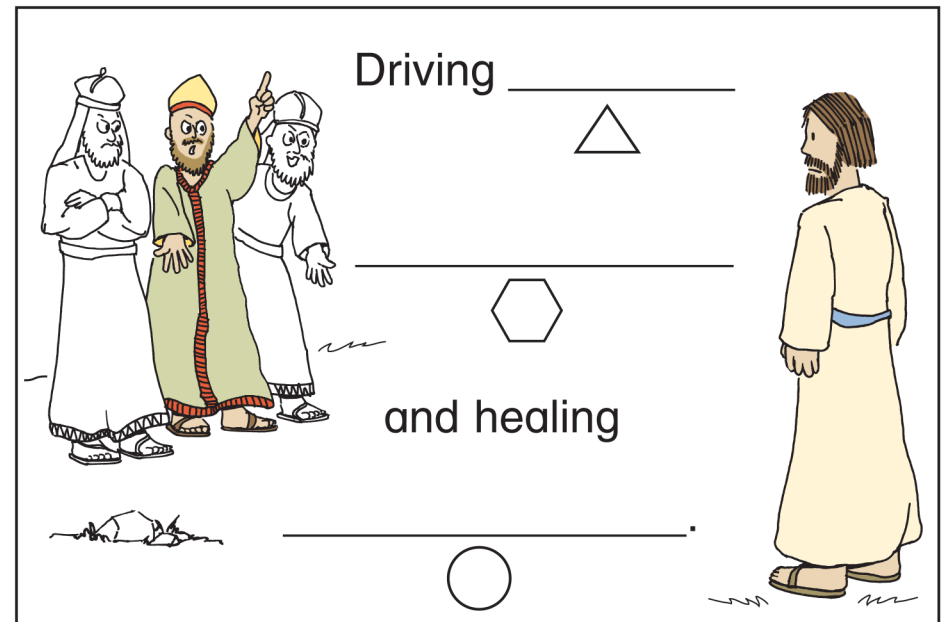
Jesus was in Jerusalem. Some Pharisees warned Him that He was in danger, but He said He still had work to do. What kind of work?

Use the code to write the words on the lines.

○ = people

⬡ = demons

△ = out

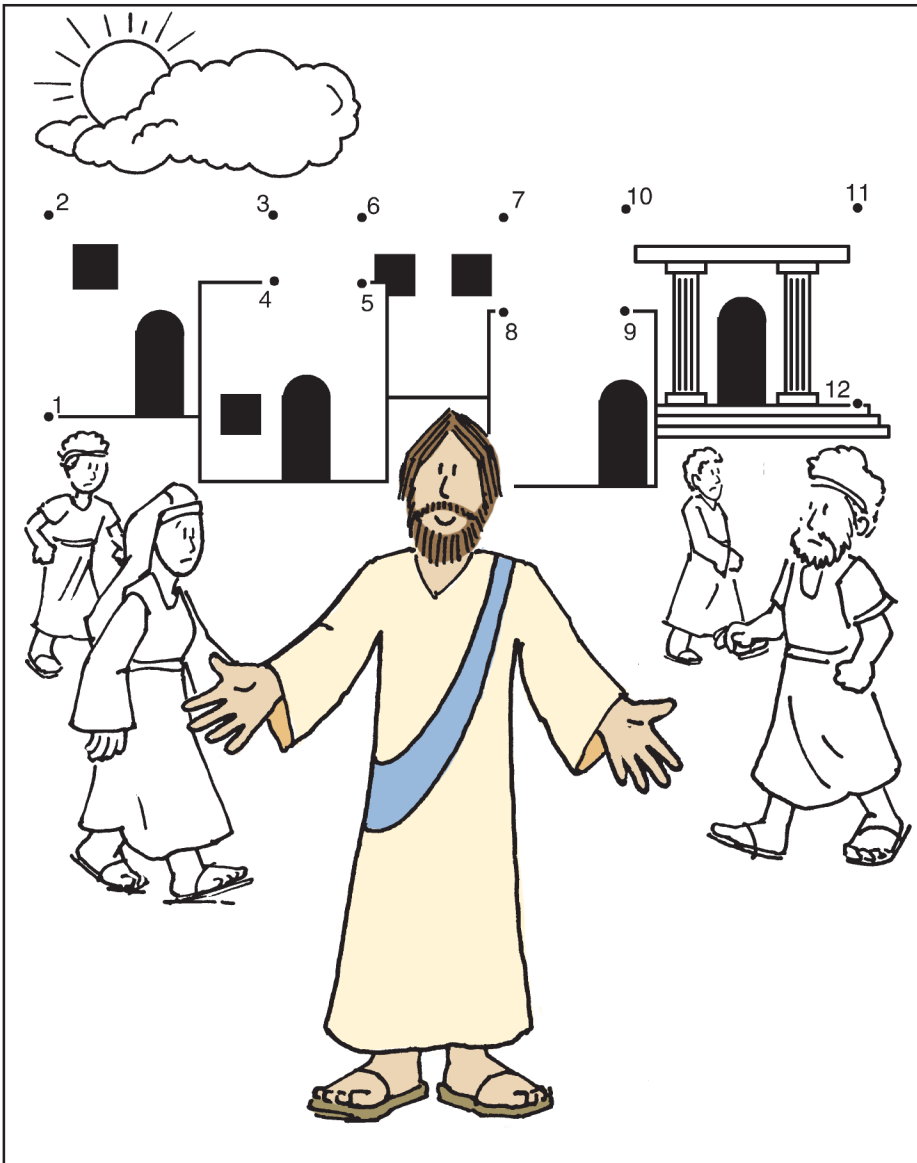


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Jesus wanted to
protect those in Jerusalem ...

Connect the dots.
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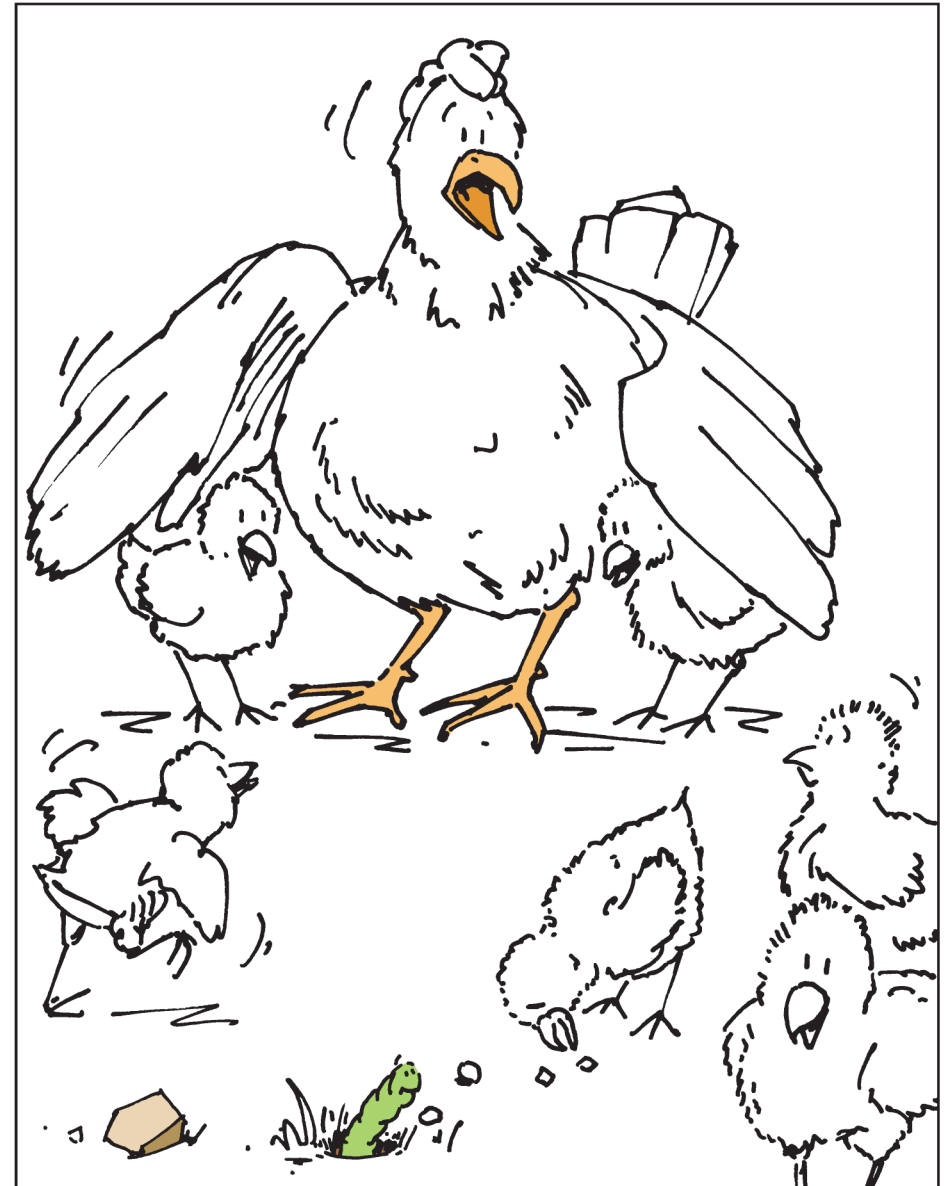


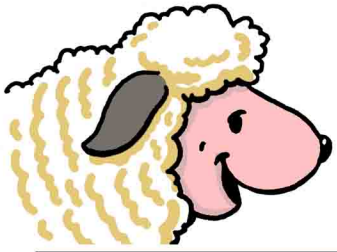
... like a hen gathers her chicks
under her wings.

Count the



— 6 or 7 ?





Paul loved all fellow believers and wanted them to stand firm in the Lord.

Rearrange the 3 given letters to make a word when combined with the letter A. Use the first letters to complete the sentence.

1

A ____ (RKD)

A ____ (YES)

____ A (QAU)

A ____ (REC)

3

____ A ____ (TOC)

A ____ (RNI)

A ____ (SOT)

____ A ____ (WRE)

A ____ (MEN)

2

A ____ (IJL)

A ____ (ROS)

A ____ (WYN)

4

A ____ (MRF)

A ____ (TER)

____ A (DIE)

A ____ (SET)

____ A ____ (ERN)

A ____ (DPM)

____ A ____ (TRS)

Paul called those he

loved and longed for his

1) _____ 4) _____,

his 2) _____ and his 3) _____.



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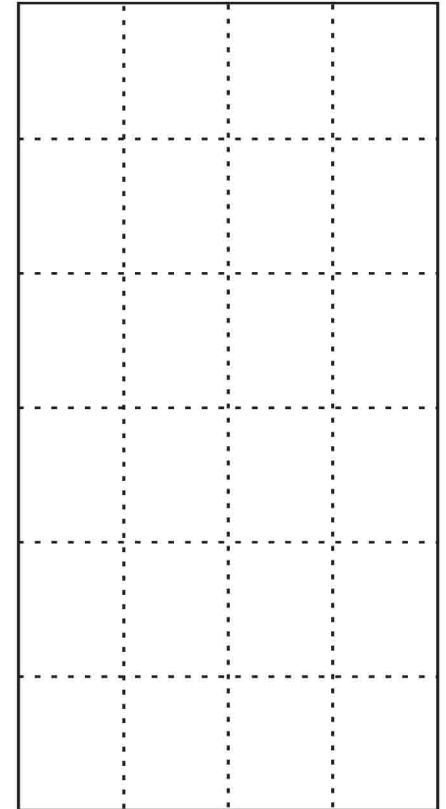
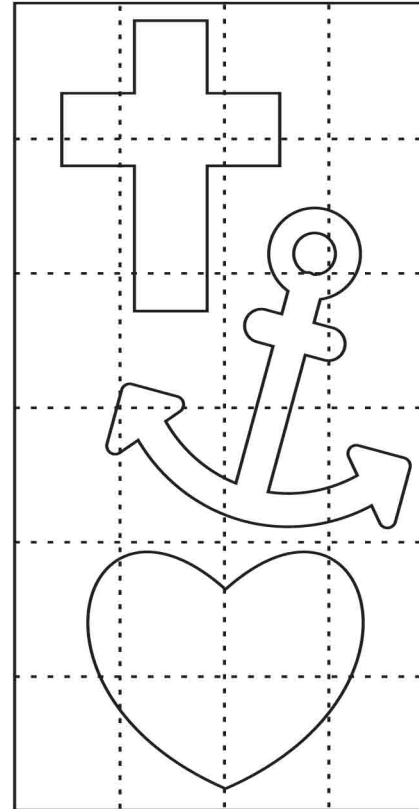
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Follow Paul's Example

Paul told the Christians to live according to the example or pattern that he had set for them.

Copy the picture by drawing your lines in exactly the same way.



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Paul felt very sad about people who would not follow Christ.



Write 3-letter words that match the clues. Use the resulting code to complete Paul's description of Godless people.

a folding bed

○	△	◆
⊕	⊙	◻
◇	☆	□
▲	■	★
⊗	◎	●

whichever

knight's title

what the leader did

wordless tune

Many live as



of the cross of Christ.

Their destiny is



Their god is their



Their glory is in their



Their mind is on things.



What will happen next?

Subtract letters from the given words, and then read the words between the ^ s to find a message.

^ HEN - N ^ WILLOW - OW ^ TRAINS - I ^ FORUM - U ^
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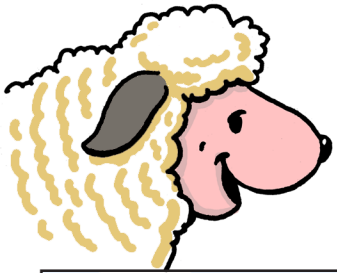
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^ SOUTH - U ^ BATTLE - BLE ^ PHONEY - PON ^

^ TWILL - T ^ BELT - T ^ PICKLE - PCL ^ WHIPS - WP ^

^ GLAD - AD ^ ORIOLE - LE ^ BUS - B ^ BOY - Y ^ DAY - A ^





Jesus said they would not see Him until a time when they would say ... what?

Use this code to find out.



○	C	L	W	S
□	I	T	B	M
☆	A	R	H	F
♡	O	E	N	D
	♥	■	●	★

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March 16, 2025 • Luke 13:31-35

Jesus Is Sad for Jerusalem

The Pharisees came to see Jesus. What did they say?



Find the underlined letters in the picture below.

“Leave this place and go somewhere else.
 Herod wants to kill you.”



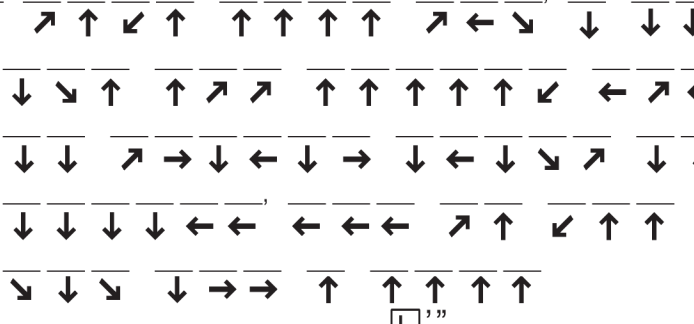
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Follow the arrows to find the answer. Write the letters on the lines below. Begin with  and end with .



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

“ (G)  ”

Jesus wanted to protect the people of Jerusalem. He wanted to take care of them. How did Jesus describe how He felt?

To read what Jesus said, do the math problems under the lines to discover the answer. Then, match your answer to the numbered word list and write in the correct word.

1. gather 8. children 14. chicks 4. willing
7. her 15. hen 6. gathers 2. your
9. have 11. her 5. longed 12. under
13. wings 10. together 3. were 16. not

"I _____ to
20 - 11 = 4 + 1 =

$9 - 8 =$	$9 - 7 =$	$12 - 4 =$
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_____, as a _____

$6 + 4 =$ $19 - 4 =$ $2 + 4 =$

$$\begin{array}{r} \hline 8 + 3 = \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \hline 17 - 3 = \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} \hline 9 + 3 = \\ \hline \end{array}$$

 , but you
3 + 4 = 7 + 12 - 6 =

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$12 + 6 - 15 =$ $9 - 7 + 14 =$ $12 - 8 =$