

OUR PURPOSE



Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Mon., Mar 24 **JEREMIAH 29:10-14** *Good Intentions*
Tue., Mar 25 **1 KINGS 18:22-39** *Two Words*
Wed., Mar 26 **PSALM 121:1-8** *God Never Fails*
Thu., Mar 27 **1 SAMUEL 17:38-50** *Fully Equipped*
Fri., Mar 28 **1 JOHN 2:15-17** *Past and Present*
Sat., Mar 29 **PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7** *Praying With*
Sun., Mar 30 **MATTHEW 6:25-34** *My Source*

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

CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (*last 8 weeks*)
\$6,949.66

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

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WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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301-349-2010 | office@pmumc.org

Third Sunday in Lent—March 23, 2025
Worship Service—10:30 am

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*

“Repent! (or else)”



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

Meditation on 'St Flavian' (Lord, who throughout these forty days)

Linda Custer
by Brenda Portman

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Knox H.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—TRUMPET/PIANO DUET

When Peace Like a River

Walter Moskwa/Linda Custer
by Bliss/Althouse

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

MISSION MOMENT

Ray Hoewing

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

MinistryMatters.com, Worship Elements, March 23, 2025

LEADER: Seek the Lord while God is to be found.

PEOPLE: ***Call upon God while God is near!***

LEADER: Repent of unrighteous ways.

PEOPLE: ***It is never too late to turn to God!***

LEADER: Get rid of evil thought.

PEOPLE: ***Let us turn to God, that God may have mercy on us!***

LEADER: For God will pardon our sins and cleanse us of our transgressions.

PEOPLE: ***We will praise God for the new life we have found!***

LEADER: Alleluia!

PEOPLE: ***Alleluia!***

***OPENING PRAYER**

MinistryMatters.com, Worship Elements, March 23, 2025

Gracious and eternal God, you call us into a new way of being, and give us so many second chances in life. May your love wash over us, as we turn toward you from our sinful ways. Mold us as your people in new and powerful ways, that we may be true disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

led by Erin Smeller
by Erik Alsgaard

***OPENING HYMN**—*Are Ye Able*

UMH 530

FIRST READING—*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

Kirsten Lewis

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

ANTHEM—**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Lord, I Need You

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer
by Reeves/Stanfill/Maher/
Nockels/Carson /arr by Larson

SECOND READING—*Luke 13:1-9*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

MESSAGE—*Repent! (or else)*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

HYMN OF RESPONSE**—Just As I Am, Without One Plea***

UMH 357

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**—Seek the Lord***

UMH 124

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Our Father In Heaven

Linda Custer
by Bach/Smith

Lyrics to Anthem by Reeves, Stanfill, Maher, Nockels, Carson and arr by Larson

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess;

bowing here, I find my rest.

And without you, I fall apart.

You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you;

every hour I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness;

oh, God, how I need you.

Where sin runs deep your grace is more;

Where grace is found is where you are.

And where you are, Lord, I am free;

Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you;

every hour I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness;

oh, God, how I need you.

So teach my song to rise to you

when temptation comes my way.

And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.

Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need you, oh, I need you;

every hour I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness;

oh, God, how I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness;

oh, God, how I need you.

I need you.

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.



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

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 1 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 Independent Order of Odd Fellows #97 Meeting – Room 6
FRI - MAR 28	7 - 9 pm	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	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
MON - MAR 31	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 - APR 1	10:30 - 11:30 am 2 - 4 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Food Prep for Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall Men's Group Meeting– Room 6 and Zoom Set-Up for Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall
WED - APR 2	3 - 5:30 pm 5:30 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Set-Up for Community Dinner– Kitchen/Fellowship Hall Community Dinner– Fellowship Hall Clean-Up for Community Dinner– Kitchen/FH Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 8
THU - APR 3	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 - APR 5	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– On Location
SUN - APR 6 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	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

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 craft, game, and/or song related to Sunday's scriptures, plus a snack.

Thank You to all that made another successful meal happen at the Frederick Rescue Mission last night!

Fellowship Time - TODAY!
 Come on down to the Fellowship Hall after worship service to share time with your church family. See you there!

Connection Directory Update. Thank you to the entire Connection Directory committee including our photographer, Ashlynn Stearns, for making the picture taking part go as smoothly as it did!
 If you were unable to have your picture taken, please submit a recent picture to office@pmumc.org or slide a printed copy of one under the Church Office door.

Next Week's Scriptures
 Joshua 5:9-12 • Psalm 32 • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 • Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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 mdmcrews@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.

Mens Group All Men Invited!
Please join us as we establish our foundation of what we believe by diving into the book of Genesis. 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

There's a Small Group for You!
Called to start a new group?
 Contact Pastor Tim

Medical Equipment Loan Program is **filling a need** in the community! Many pieces leave and return each week, making our neighbor's life just a little easier. To donate or request equipment, contact Eleanor Bateman at 301-461-7898.

Columbarium & Memorial Garden For information on our permanent resting place for cremains, visit www.PMUMC.org or speak with: Eleanor Bateman at 301-461-7898, Steve McCraith at 301.788-5987 or Jan Schmidt at 301-807-9449

Musical Talent? Please Share!
 Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm and Sundays from 9:15-10:15am. To find out more contact Janet Hartz, gjalaska@verizon.net.

Prayer Requests?
 Email prayers@pmumc.org

Need Ride to church?
 Email Scott.McGrew@aol.com

Can You Help? After worship on the third Sunday of each month (except this month—it's today!) a Fellowship Time is held. Help is needed to hosts these events. Hosting includes deciding what is being served and purchase (reimbursable), set-up, clean-up. Please call Jan Schmidt if you have any questions or if you want to sign up, visit our website at www.PMUMC.org and click on the purple "Engage in Service!" clipart then look for Fellowship Time.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to Our "CHURCH-FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION"
 Children/Youth/Adults/Family/Friends/Etc.
SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH—following Palm Sunday Worship Service—**11:45AM-1:30PM**
 Lunch, Children's Craft & Easter Egg Hunt, and Bible BINGO & Story for all ages
 For planning purposes, **PLEASE SIGN-UP** in Spurrier Hall. **SEE YOU THERE!**

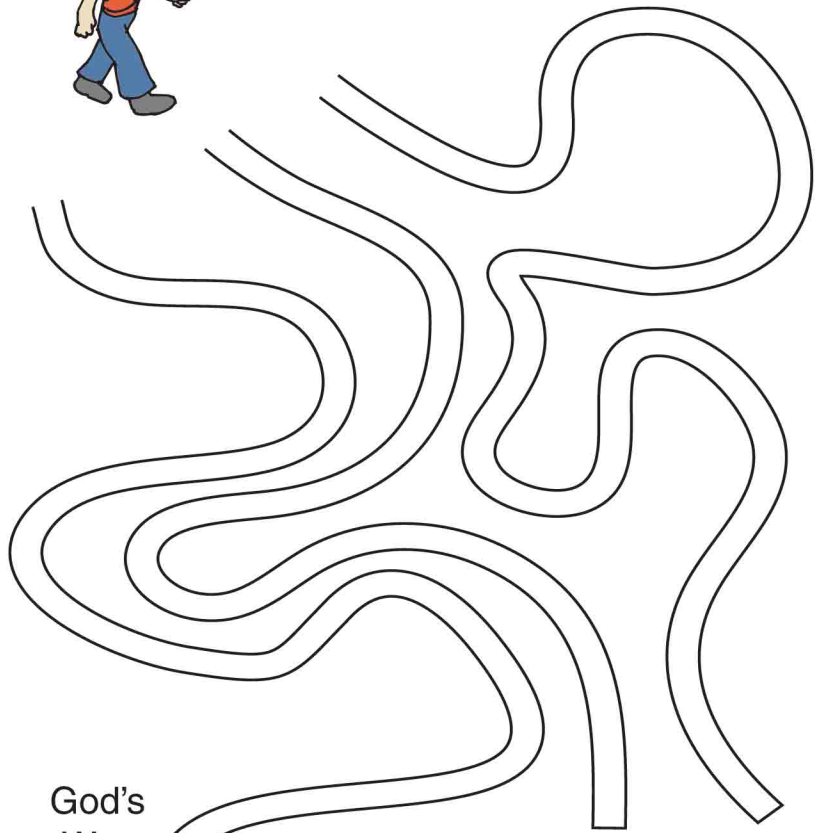
Looking for Fun and Adventure? Let's Go on a "ROAD TRIP!"
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for VBS Activity Stations
June 22-26 from 6-8pm
 • Music • Snack • Recreation/Science • Craft • Story
 Contact Dianna at mdmcrews@aol.com

SCHEDULE	MAR 30 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	APR 6 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	APR 13 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i>
LITURGIST	Betty Jean Selby Nicole Lewis	Eleanor Bateman Scott McGrew	Pam Flick David Melton
ACOLYTE	Sam L.	TBD	TBD
GREETERS	Cindy & Steve McCraith		Cindy & Steve McCraith

God will not let you be tempted
beyond what you can bear.
He will always give you a way out!



Follow the path with the open door
that leads away from temptation.



God's
Way

temptation

temptation

Examples From History

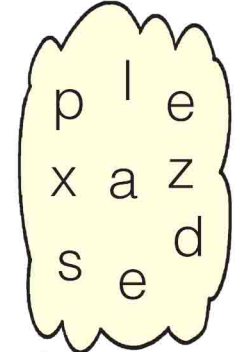
Many times God
was not pleased with the Israelites.

Circle the given letters in the shapes below.

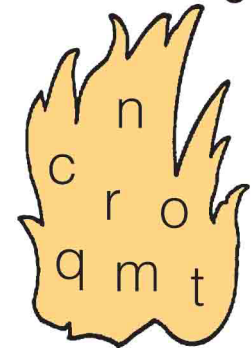
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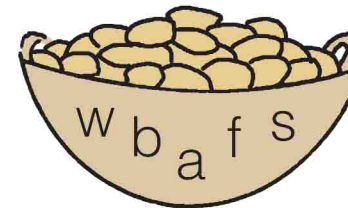
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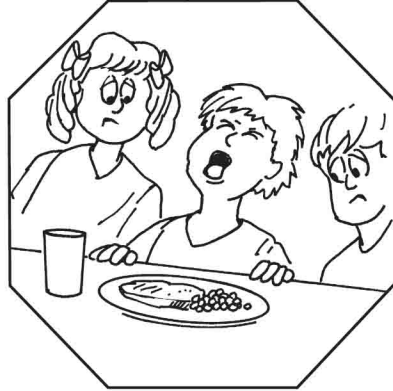


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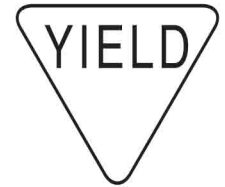
Learn from the Israelites;
do not complain!

Match the shapes.



“These things happened to them
as examples and were written down
as warnings for us.”

Circle all the WARNING! signs.

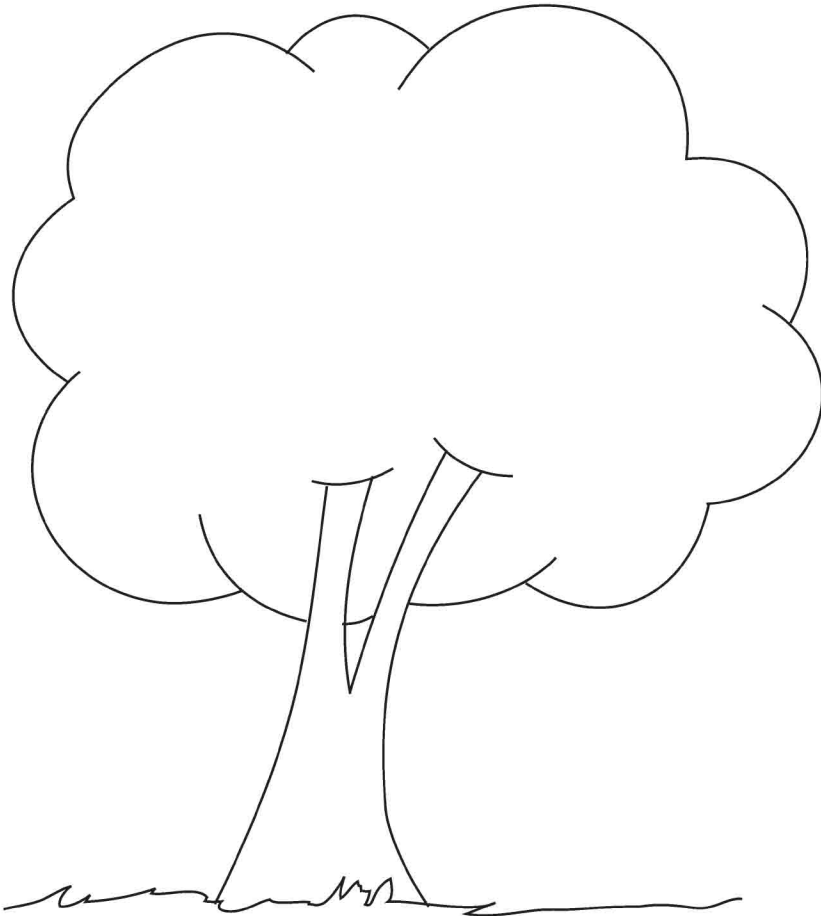


God gives YOU a chance to try again.

God  s _____

Write your name here.

Draw many  on this tree.



Count the figs on your tree.
How many did you draw? _____



The Parable of the Fig Tree

Jesus told the people
to repent of their sins.

Find and circle the hidden letters in the picture.

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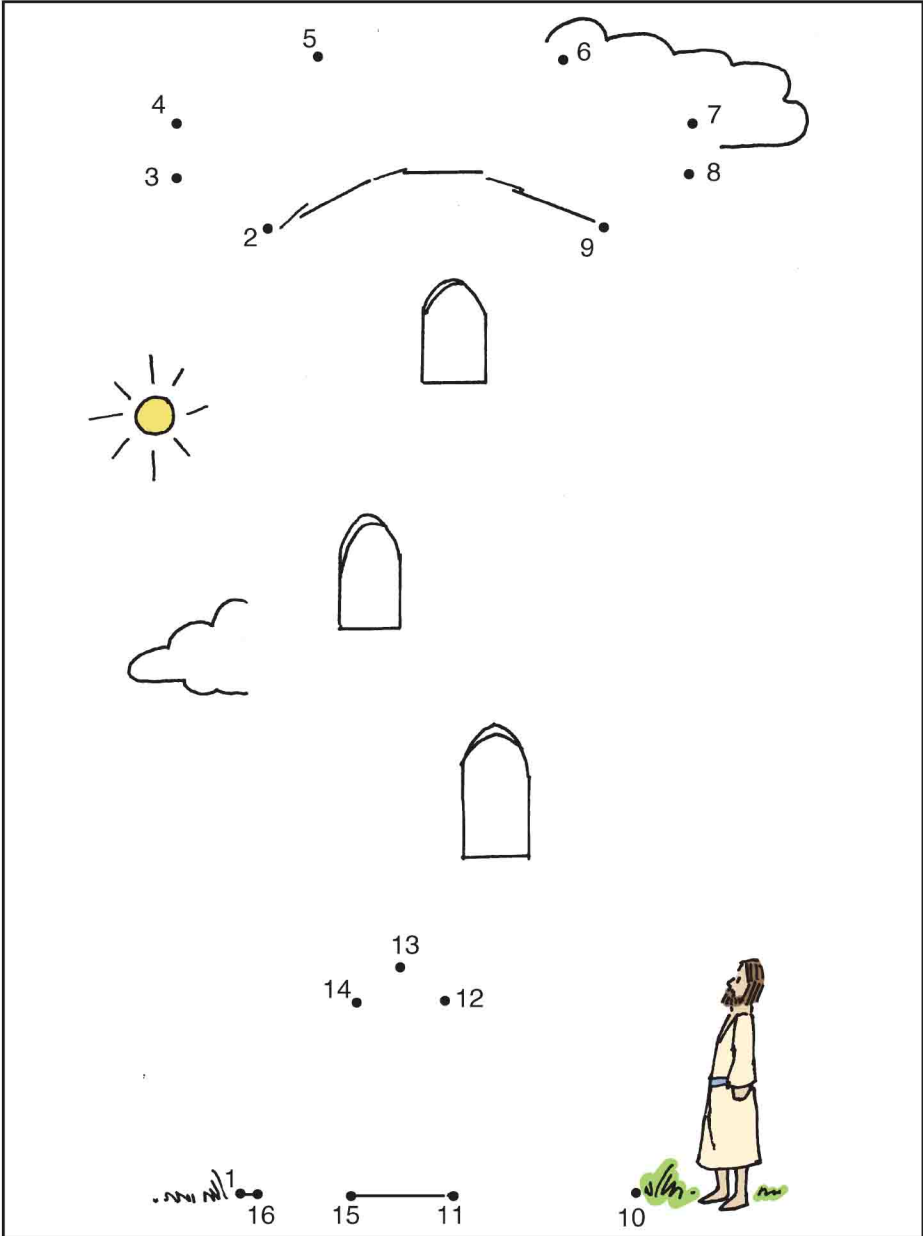


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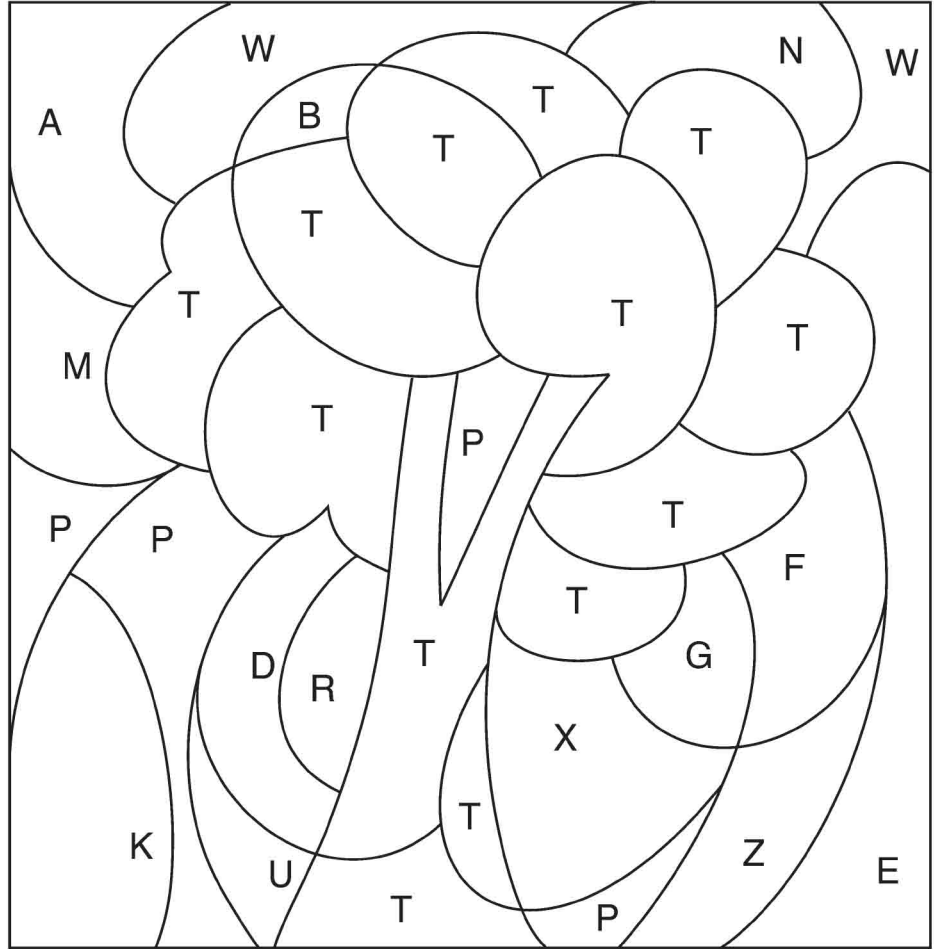
Jesus talked about something that fell down. What was it?


Connect the dots.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16





Jesus told a story about a ...

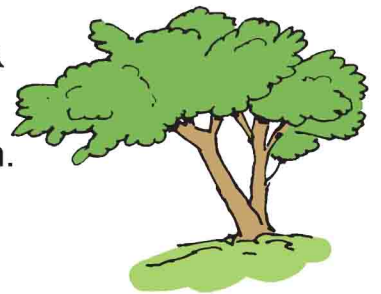
Shade in each shape that has a T.



This is a fig: .

The  tree had no .

The tree got a chance to try again.





God is faithful when we are tempted. He will not let us be tempted beyond what we can bear.

Find the way through the temptation maze.
Read the words along the path.

No temptation has seized you except what is common to all.

Words found in the maze include: But, And, you, let, that, faithfulness, God, will, you, And, a, loving, is, faithful, so, what, you, you, let, not, out, He, cause, faithful, will, is, follow, not, will, beyond, will, is, follow, not, will, be, God, tempted, what, He, you, you, be, believe, God, up, He, you, you, tempted, are, tempted, let, has, granted, you, gather, under, forgive, provide, you, can, bear, can, a, wilderness, to, up, under, when, But, what, are, stand, trials, understand, will, be, He, can, can, place, clouds, tempted, He, will, be, way, also, can, place, clouds, tempted, He, will, be, way, No, you, He, not, stand, heart, what, you, obedience, it, worthy, that, so, out, can, way, common, it, that, you, temptation, it.

Ages 7+

March 23, 2025 • 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Examples From History

Paul gave the believers examples from the Jewish forefathers to show the faithfulness of God.

Solve the math problems. Using the pictures and the answers, place the words in the correct spaces below.

$10 + 4 =$

$6 \times 2 =$

$12 + 8 =$

$11 - 7 =$

They were all under the (20) _____.
They all passed through the (4) _____ on dry ground.
They drank from the spiritual (14) _____.
They all ate the same spiritual (12) _____.

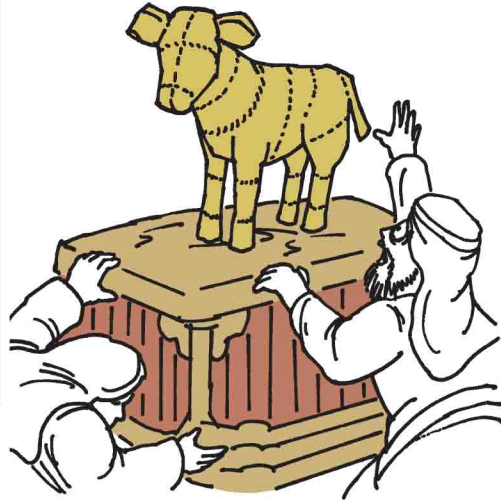
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However, God was not pleased with most of the people. Why?

Add the numbers at the top of each column to the numbers at the beginning of each row. Use the resulting code to find the reason.

+	10	20	30	40
5	A	B	D	E
6	G	H	I	L
7	M	O	P	R
8	S	T	U	W



They _____
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_____, were
 36 35 27 46 18

_____,
 36 17 17 27 47 15 46

_____ the Lord and
 28 45 18 28 45 35

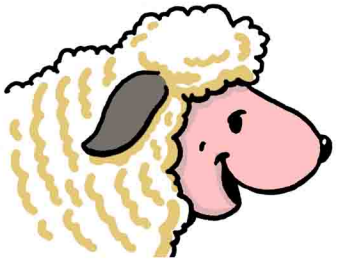
_____.
 16 47 38 17 25 46 45 35

We can learn from the sins of people in history so we will not repeat their mistakes.

Fill the empty boxes in each row with a 3-letter word that matches the clue. Start at the arrow and follow the path to read the message.

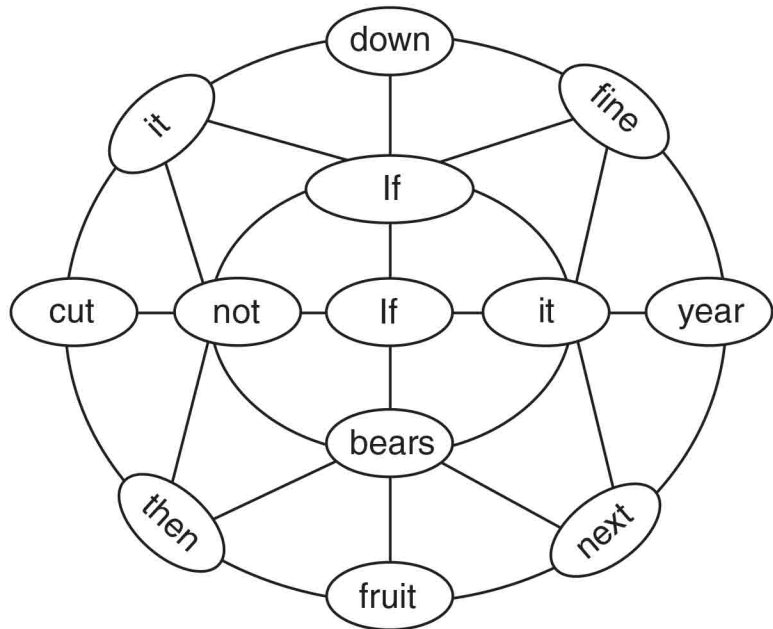
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	E	R	I	↑	I	E	E	↑	T
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chasing game	E	W				↑	U	O	F
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“Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it.’”
What else did he say?

Start at the center, then follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



“ If _____ , _____ !
 _____ , _____ !
 _____ , _____ .
 _____ .”

Children’s Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

March 23, 2025 • Luke 13:1-9

The Parable of the Fig Tree

There were some people with Jesus who questioned whether a group of Galileans suffered severely because they were wicked.

Write in the name of each item. Use the code to fill in the blanks.

F 1 2 3 4 5
 W 6 7 8 9
 Y 10 11 12 13
 S 14 15 16 17 18

What did Jesus say to them?

“ 3 13 2 18 14 14 10 16 3
 12 5 9 18 17 15 , 10 16 3 15 16 16
 6 8 2 2 11 2 2 9 5 12 8 14 7 ”

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Jesus asked the group a question about 18 people who died when the tower of Siloam fell on them.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

○=A	◐=E	◑=I	◒=M	▢=Q	◻=U	◻=Y
●=B	◌=F	◍=J	▣=N	◼=R	◼=V	◼=Z
◕=C	◖=G	◗=K	◒=O	◼=S	◼=W	
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I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

Then Jesus told a parable: “A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’”

Find 12 differences in the second picture.

