

OUR PURPOSE



Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Mon., Mar 31 **JAMES 3:5-13** *Help From My Friends*
Tue., Apr 1 **EXODUS 3:1-4** *Hearing God's Voice*
Wed., Apr 2 **2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10** *Power in Weakness*
Thu., Apr 3 **ISAIAH 43:16-21** *New Life*
Fri., Apr 4 **1 JOHN 3:16-24** *Small Things Matter*
Sat., Apr 5 **GENESIS 32:22-32** *Known By Name*
Sun., Apr 6 **PSALM 51:1-12** *Accepting God's Grace*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

OFFICE INFORMATION

GENERAL QUESTIONS & PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

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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*)
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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

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

CHANCEL CHOIR - Janet Hartz (Directory), 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

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Betty King

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AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

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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*



"Prodigal Children"

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



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

Linda Custer

Pie Jesu (from *Requiem: For Us the Living*)

by Alfred V. Fedak

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Sam L.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—FLUTE/PIANO

Beth Parker/Linda Custer

Passion Chorale

by Bach/Bulla

MISSION MOMENT

Ray Hoewing

*CALL TO WORSHIP

led by Betty Jean Selby

LEADER: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

PEOPLE: *For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.*

LEADER: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

PEOPLE: *We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!*

LEADER: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

PEOPLE: *AMEN!*

*OPENING PRAYER

led by Betty Jean Selby

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. AMEN.

Call-to-Worship & Opening Prayer - *MinistryMatters.com, Worship Connection, 3/30/2025* by Nancy C. Townley

*OPENING HYMN—*Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here* UMH 579

FIRST READING—*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

Nicole Lewis

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

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer

Like a River Glorious

by Havergal/Mountian/Larson

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

POOLESVILLE, MD

SECOND READING—*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

MESSAGE—*Prodigal Children*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

*HYMN OF RESPONSE—*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* UMH 121

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—*This Is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH 383, vs 1-4

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Linda Custer

Chorale (from *Cantata No. 90*)

by Bach/Powell

Lyrics to Anthem *Like a River Glorious* by Larson/Havergal

Like a river glorious

Is God's perfect peace,

Over all victorious

In its bright increase;

Perfect, yet it floweth

Fuller every day,

Perfect, yet it groweth

Deeper all the way.

Hidden in the hollow

Of His blessed hand,

Never foe can follow,

Never traitor stand;

Not a surge of worry,

Not a shade of care,

Not a blast of hurry

Touch the spirit there.

Every joy or trial

Falleth from above,

Traced upon our dial

By the Sun of Love;

We may trust Him fully

All for us to do;

They who trust Him wholly

Find Him wholly true.

Stayed upon Jehovah,

Hearts are fully blest,

Finding as He promised,

Perfect peace and rest.

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EVERYONE IS INVITED to Our *"CHURCH-FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION"*

Children/Youth/Adults/Family/Friends/Etc. after worship service on Passion/Palm Sunday



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!**



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 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
MON - APR 7	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 - APR 8	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 - 9 pm	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Church Council Meeting– Room 6 and Zoom
WED - APR 9	7 - 8:30 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Poolesville Day Committee Meeting– Room 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Room 8
THU - APR 10	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– Room 6
SAT - APR 12	1 - 4 pm 4 - 8 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop– On Location Set-Up for Easter Celebration– FH, Kitchen, Rm 1
SUN - APR 13 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:45 am - 1:30 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 Church Easter Celebration FOR ALL– Fellowship Hall


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 by searching for “Community Dinner” through our website at www.PMUMC.org.

 **Thank you** Miss Betty for the Children’s Moment Ministry! From all accounts, our first Children’s Moment was well attended and was a hit! At this time, our Children’s Moment will continue on the fourth Sunday of each month starting in the sanctuary with a short lesson for the children after the Opening Prayer. Then 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 the Schmidt Family for hosting Fellowship Time last Sunday



 **Connection Directory Update.** If you were unable to have your picture taken earlier this month at church, **please submit a recent photo by April 6th.** Send electronic versions to office@pmumc.org or slide a printed copy of one under the Church Office door.

 **Next Week’s Scriptures**
Isaiah 43:16-21 • Psalm 126 • Philippians 3:4b-14 • John 12:1-8

 **REVIEW/PREVIEW**—No prep needed! Study Sundays’ scriptures Thurs. @ 7pm on Zoom. Email PastorTim@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


*Called to start a new group?
Contact Pastor Tim*

Don’t forget...
GOD LOVES YOU!



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

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.



 **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 *(not in April this year because it lands on Easter)* a Fellowship Time is held. Help is needed to hosts these events. Hosting includes deciding what is being served *(can be VERY SIMPLE)* 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, search “Fellowship Time” to take you to our SignUpGenius.


Looking for Fun and Adventure? Let’s Go on a “ROAD TRIP!”
June 22-26 from 6-8pm

THANK YOU to all that have volunteered!

We now have Music, Crafts, Story, Science/Recreation, and Snack positions filled!

We still NEED VOLUNTEERS for helping with:
Publicity, Decorating, and to be Guides (taking the children between activities.)

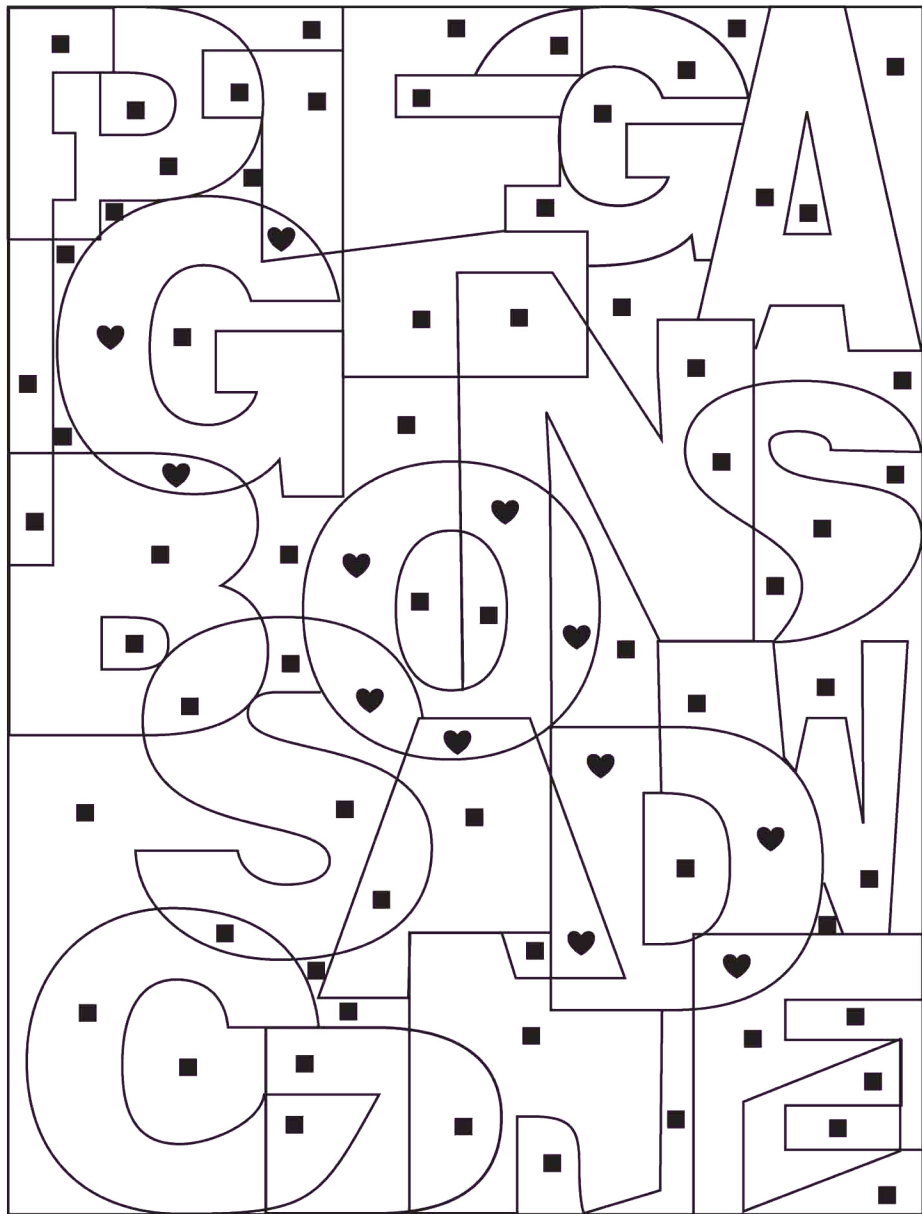
Contact Dianna at mdmcgrews@aol.com



SCHEDULE	APR 6 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Communion Chancel Choir	APR 13 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> Chancel Choir	APR 17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Chancel Choir	APR 20 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Bell & Chancel Choirs
LITURGIST	Eleanor Bateman Scott McGrew	Pam Flick David Melton	Ralph Hitchens Beth Parker	Ray Hoewing Betty Jean Selby
ACOLYTE	Knox H.	Isabel S.	TBD	Evie S.
GREETERS	Joan Carroll	Cindy McCraith Steve McCraith	TBD	Cindy McCraith Steve McCraith

In Christ we become the
Righteousness of ...

Shade in the shapes with ♥.



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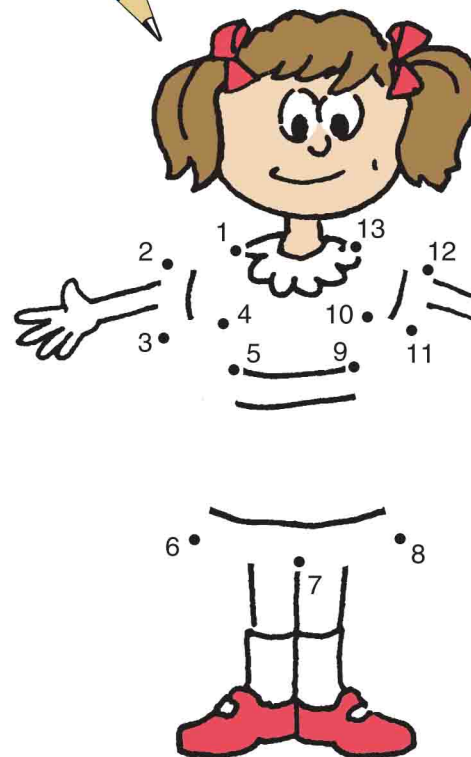
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We Are New Creations in Christ

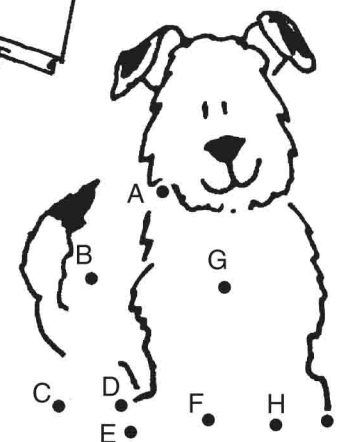
In Christ we are a new creation.

Connect the numbers and letters.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
A B C D E F G H I



The Bible
teaches that
Jesus loves us!

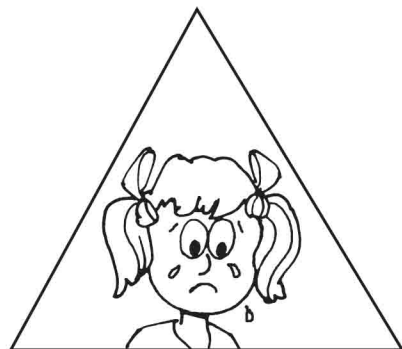
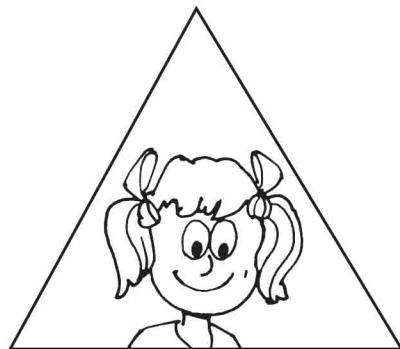
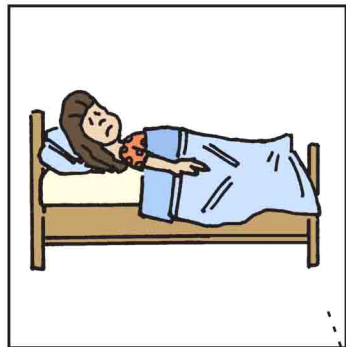


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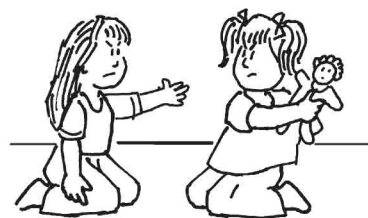
The old has gone and the new has come!

Match the opposites.



We are Christ's messengers.

Circle all the people telling about Christ.



But his father rejoiced and hugged him.
“My son was lost but now he’s found!”

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



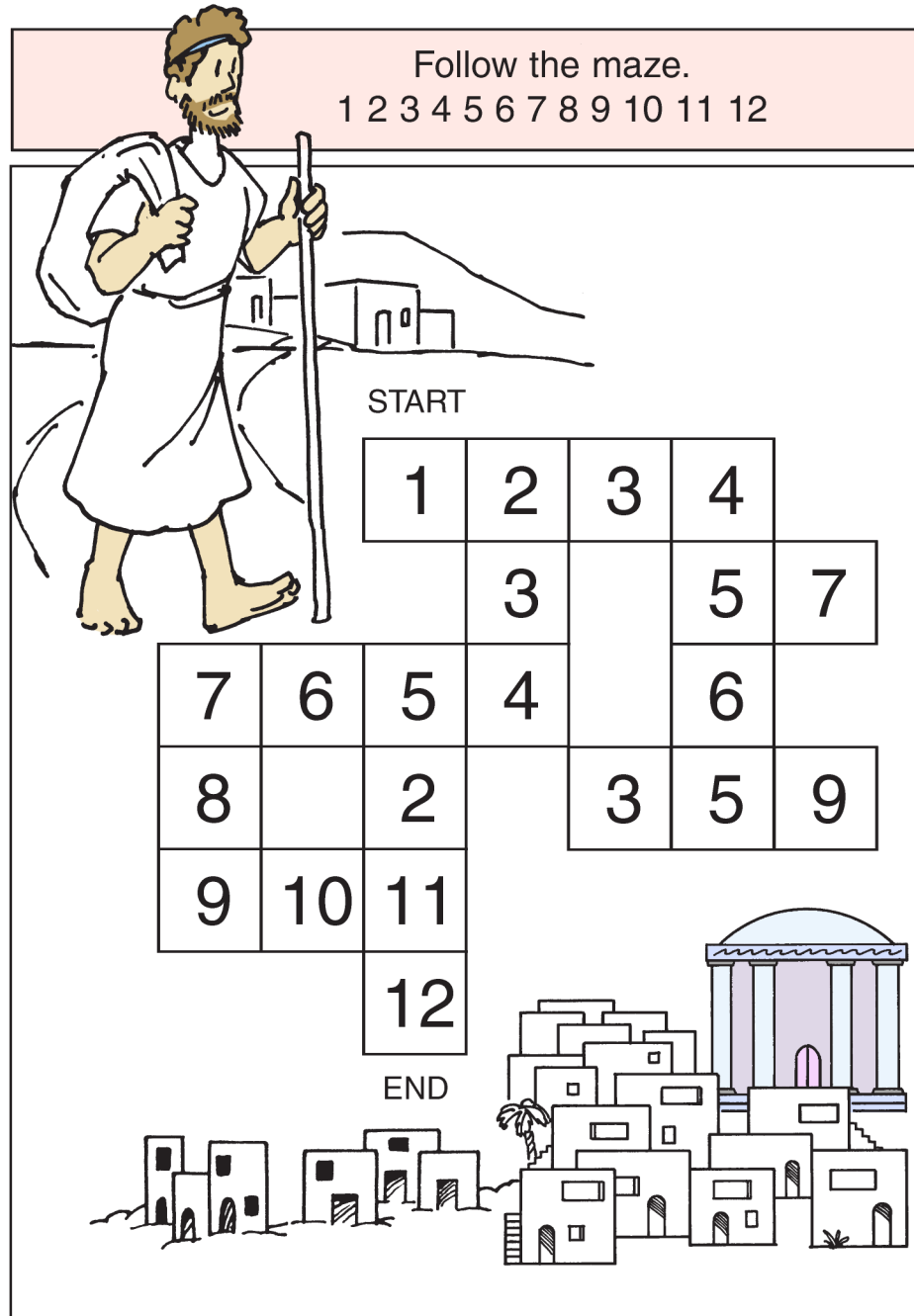
The Parable of the Lost Son

Jesus told a story about a man
who had 2 sons.

Circle the objects.



One son demanded money from his father,
then left home. After many days,
all of his money was gone.



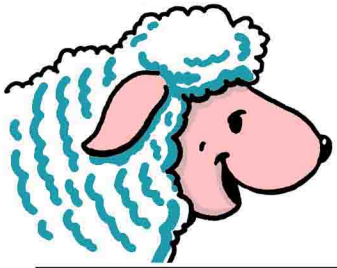
He came home, saying he was sorry.

Follow the code to fill in the vowels.

= a = e = i
 = o = u

“F ____ th ____ r,
 I h ____ v ____
 s ____ nn ____ d
 ____ g ____ nst
 G ____ d ____ nd
 y ____ u.”





In Christ we become something special.

Fill in the missing vowels (A, E, I, O, U).
Each shape represents a different vowel.

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H D N S N T B

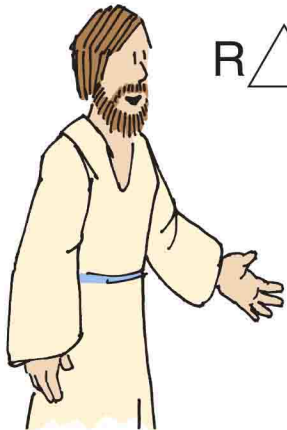
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TH T N H M W

M GHT B C M TH

R GHT SN SS

F G D.



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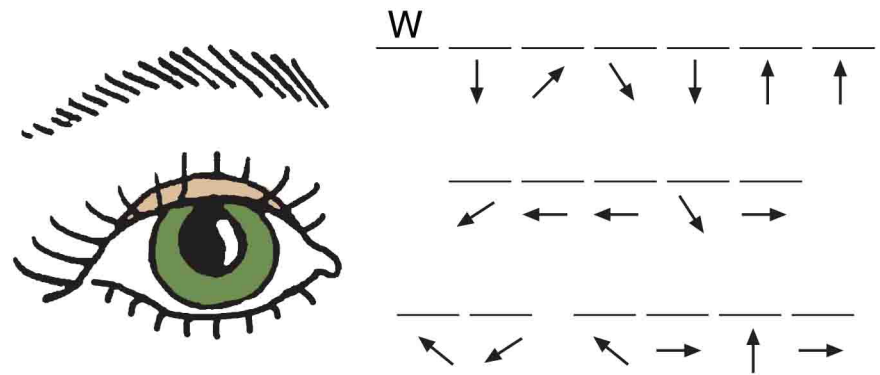
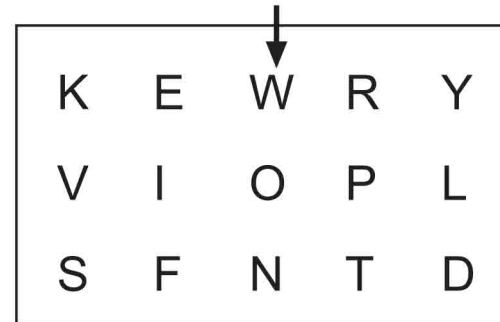
Ages 7+

March 30, 2025 • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

We Are New Creations in Christ

Paul no longer looked at or considered people the way he used to.

Starting at the arrow and following the direction of the arrows, write the letters to find what Paul no longer had.



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When we are “in Christ,” we are changed.

Unscramble the body parts. Place the boxed letters in the blanks.

NEKE _____

SARE _____

TRIWS _____

NICH _____

GRINFE _____

EEY _____

MAR _____

THUMO _____

GIHHT _____

HOTOT _____

SONE _____

Anyone who is in Christ is a

_____.



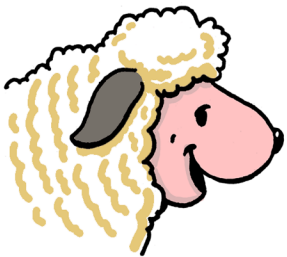
We are Christ’s representatives,
so we should act like Him.

Supply the first letter of a creature’s name at the top of each column.

We are Christ’s

N	O	U	R	N	C	L	E	R	A	H
T	S	F	M	A	O	I	E	N	B	E
E	E	A	A	K	R	G	R	G	I	E
A		L	D	E	P	A		T	T	
T		O	I		I	T		A		
E			L		O	O		N		
R			O			R				





The older son was in the field and heard the celebration. When he learned what it was for, he was angry. The father said to the older son, "You are always with me, and everything I have is yours."

Find out what else the father said. Write a word to fit each definition. Transfer the letters to the numbered boxes.

a celebration of the day you were born 5 27 6 33 18 38 12 52
 something to wear on your head 18 23 33
 a sweet, baked party food 1 7 43 29
 a toy filled with air and tied on a string 5 12 30 26 16 31 37
 a creamy frozen party treat 27 1 19 1 6 2 25 44
 party activities 10 25 61 22 32
 a banquet that rhymes with "least" 34 9 12 32 17
 warm feeling from the heart 11 31 28 29
 opposite of little 14 27 10
 what you do to a Christmas tree 13 4 1 31 20 12 8 9
 a bright color 15 29 21
 opposite of quiet 3 35 36 24

"But we had to

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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 and be

10	11	12	13
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, because this

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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 of yours was

21	22	23	24
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 and is

25	26	27	28	29
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;
 he was

30	31	32	33
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 and is

34	35	36	37	38
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March 30, 2025 • Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Parable of the Lost Son

The teachers of the law muttered,
 "This Man welcomes sinners and eats with them."
 Then Jesus told them this parable:

Write these words in order on the blanks below.

man sons younger share property country money
 wild spent hired pigs stomach eating anything



"There was a man who had two sons."

The _____ one said ... 'Father, give me my _____ of the estate.' So he divided his _____ between them. The younger son ... set off for a distant _____ and there wasted his _____ in _____ living. After he had _____ everything ... he went and _____ himself out to ... feed _____. He longed to fill his _____ with the pods that the pigs were _____, but no one gave him _____."



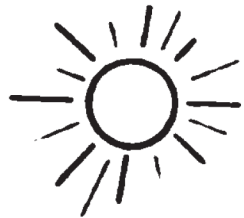
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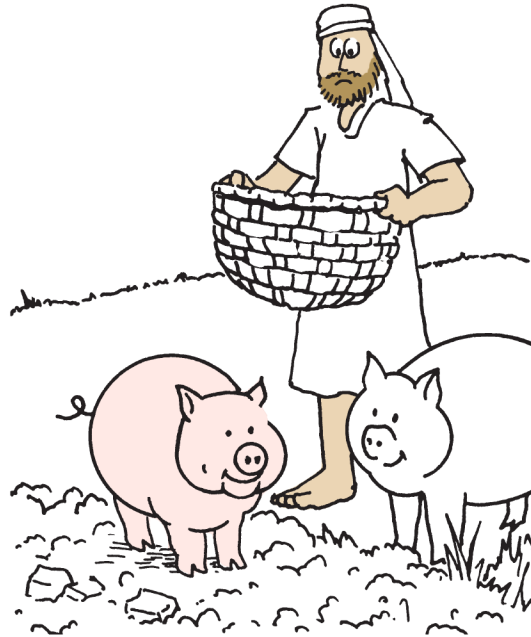
"When he came to his senses, he said,
'How many of my father's hired servants have
food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.

A	E	H	K	M	O	S	U
1		2		3		4	
D	F	I	L	N	R	T	V



'I will set out
and go back to
my father and say
to him ...
I am no longer
worthy to be
called your son;



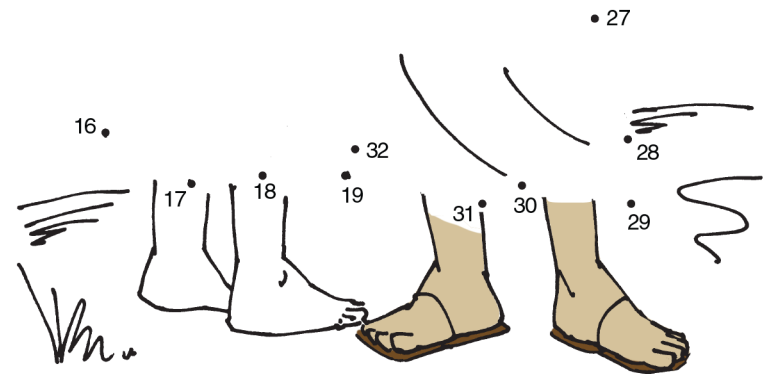
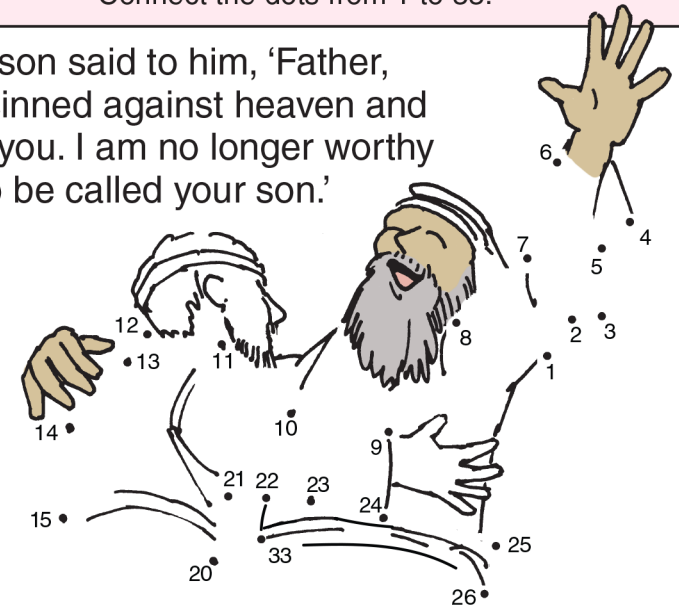
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Jesus continued, "But while he was still
a long way off, his father saw him ... he ran to his son,
threw his arms around him and kissed him."

Connect the dots from 1 to 33.

"The son said to him, 'Father,
I have sinned against heaven and
against you. I am no longer worthy
to be called your son.'



"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the
best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and
sandals on his feet. ... Let's have a feast and celebrate.
For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he
was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."