

OUR PURPOSE



*Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ*

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Unfortunately, there was an error with our subscription and we will not be receiving copies of the September/October 2024 edition of *The Upper Room* until the week of September 9th. Each day you can view the devotion at www.UpperRoom.com.

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

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- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 1, 2024
Sunday Worship Service—10:30 am

Open your hearts to hear
God speaking to you

*Give generously to
others*

*Be peaceful people -
listen and be slow to
react in anger*

*Provide
hope and peace to all
in your path*



Authentic Religion



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

GREETER—Judy Holt/Suzanne Shorts

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Just As I Am

Linda Custer
 by Bradbury/Young

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Evie S.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—PIANO/ORGAN DUET

Holy Manna

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz
 by John S. Dixon

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by David Melton

LEADER: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.
PEOPLE: *Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.*
LEADER: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.
PEOPLE: *Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.*
LEADER: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.
PEOPLE: *Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.*

***OPENING PRAYER**

led by David Melton

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

CTW and OP: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3027/worship-connection-september-1-2024>

***OPENING HYMN**—*The Gift of Love*

UMH 408

FIRST READING—*James 1:17-27*

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

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

A Clean Heart

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer
 by Benjamin Harlan

SECOND READING—*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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

MESSAGE—*Authentic Religion*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

UMH 549

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

COMMUNION WITH SUNG RESPONSE

A Service of Word & Table II w/Musical Setting C

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Various hymns from UMH and TFWS

Linda Custer

***CLOSING HYMN**—*Lord of the Dance*

UMH 261

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Recessional

Linda Custer
 by Douglas Wagner

Lyrics to Anthem, *A Clean Heart* by Benjamin Harlan

Create in me a clean heart, O God.	A heart that's free to give as you have given to me,
Create in me a clean heart.	A heart that's free to love as you have loved me,
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit.	A heart that really cares,
Create in me a clean heart.	A heart that always shares.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.	Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart.	Create in me a clean heart.
Renew my spirit, renew my spirit.	Renew my spirit, renew my spirit.
Create in me a clean heart.	Create in me a clean heart.

Happy "Getting Back in the Swing of Things" Days!
Church. School. Work. Organizations. Clubs. Activities.

REMINDERS for NEXT SUNDAY—Christian Connection Sunday

- No Children/Youth Sunday School (Adults will still meet)
- Everyone is invited to bring their "stuff transporter" (backpack, briefcase, bag) to be blessed

Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim
 No prep needed!
 Study Sundays' scriptures
 Thursdays @ 7pm on Zoom.
 For link, email: pastortim@pmumc.org

Next Week's Scriptures
 Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Psalm 125
 James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
 Mark 7:24-37

Meals Needed to help lessen the load for Barbara and Richard Polak while Richard recovers from medical treatment. Please visit the link below to help or call the church office at 301-349-2010.
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA62CAAF8C16-50141658-richard/100043850#/#](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABA62CAAF8C16-50141658-richard/100043850#/)

TODAY'S Sunday School Schedule 9:15-10:15am
 PreK-5th — Room 4 • 6th-12th — Room 2
 Adult — Room 6

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

Medical Equipment Loan Program
 Providing the community with temporary medical equipment. To donate or request equipment, contact Eleanor Bateman-301.461.7898.

Jan Deloria's Teapots—Over the years Jan collected many beautiful teapots that she would now like to share with her church family. The teapots will be out after worship on September 8th. She is asking that each family that would like one, to take one and enjoy.

New Grief Group starts October 7th
 Everyone that is dealing with a loss of any kind is invited to be part of this small group that supports each other unconditionally. If interested in learning more, email Betty at BKing21710@gmail.com.

Poolesville Day
 Saturday, September 21st, 10am-4pm
HELP NEEDED
 Memorial will be selling our famous Walking Tacos and hot dogs at one booth and providing high-lights of our church ministries at another. Our booths provide a place for families to get food at a reasonable price and a space to enjoy our hospitality while learning more about PMUMC. Without volunteers, none of this can happen! Please consider signing up to:

- donate time,
- hamburger meat, and/or
- financial support.

SIGN-Ups will be available after church TODAY.
 Don't miss being a part of this event!
 Poolesville Day gives us a chance to demonstrate we are a caring, friendly, and welcoming congregation.

Like to welcome others?
 Sign up to be a Sunday Morning Greeter at www.pmumc.org/signup

Upper Room Sept/Oct edition will not be available until after Sept 9th. Sorry for the delay

Brief TRUSTEES and other WORKER BEE MEETING
 immediately after church
TODAY in Room 6

Meeting open to all. We will be discussing a possible workday on Saturday, September 14 in order to prepare for Poolesville Day as well as taking care of other items that needs to be addressed. There is a lot to be done.

OUTSIDE:

- Trim bushes
- Remove brush along property line
- Weed flower beds
- General early fall cleanup-edging, mulching

INSIDE:

- Replace tiles in the kitchen as well as elsewhere in the Education wing
- Touch up scratches on the pews with dark stain.

There are likely many other items that need to be done. If you see something, please share with Gary Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net or contact the church office.

Memorial's Small Groups - To connect with a group, please email..

- **Adult Sunday School**- Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School**- Dianna at mdmcgrews@aol.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim**- Pastor Tim at [pmumc.org](mailto:pastortim@pmumc.org)
- **Men's Group** - Ray at RLHoewing@gmail.com
- **Youth Group**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Grief Group**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com

Have a calling to start a new small group? Contact Pastor Tim or call the church office.

SCHEDULE	SEPTEMBER 8 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	SEPTEMBER 15 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	SEPTEMBER 22 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
LITURGIST	Beth Parker Bob Bachman	Betty Jean Selby Kirsten Lewis	Erin Smeller Gary Hartz
ACOLYTE	Evie S.	Nicole L.	Knox H.
GREETERS	Judy Holt Suzanne Shorts	NEED VOLUNTEERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS

PMUMC's Church Conference
 October 26th, 12:30-2pm
 Room 6 and via Zoom

Send Prayer Requests to
prayers@pmumc.org

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

HELP CAR NEEDED
 One of our church families was hit hard by the storm Thursday night. It not only worsened roof damaged caused by an earlier storm, on their home, it also caused a tree to fall on one of their cars.
 Link Hoewing is working on getting assistance for the roof repair, however, they are in need of a reliable, low cost car so they can continue to get back and forth to work.
 If you have, or know anyone that has a car that fits the need, please reach out to the church office at office@pmumc.org or 301-349-2010.



Sunday, September 8 Christian Connection Sunday

We will be having special recognitions during church service and then move to Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and a chance to find ways to connect with Memorial's ministries.

There will also be an open house for students to visit their classroom and meet with their Sunday School teachers. **There will NOT BE Children or Youth Sunday School at 9:15am on this day.** Classes for 3-year-olds – Kindergarten, 1st– 4th grade, and Youth will resume on Sunday, September 15 at 9:15am.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15—Youth Fellowship Pizza & Planning Meeting—

Following Worship Service

FRIDAY, OCT. 18-SATURDAY, OCT. 19—Youth Rock-a-Thon—

7:00pm-7:00am

SUNDAY, OCT 27—Community Trunk or Treat at Whalen Commons—

5:00-6:30pm

SUNDAY, NOV. 24—Thanksgiving WUMCO Box Packing—

Following Worship Service

SUNDAY, DEC 15—WUMCO Family Christmas Shopping & Pizza—

Following Worship Service

Questions, contact Betty King at BKing21710@gmail.com or the church office



Friendly Thrift Shop **DONATE. SHOP. HELP.**

Wed & Fri, 2-8pm / Thu & Sat, 10am-4pm

Generated revenue supports local organizations including PMUMC.



Nursery Room 5

10:15 to 11:45 am



All men invited to meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays - Room 6 at 7pm.



Help community members in need with housing, utilities, medicine, medical procedures and transportation, food, vehicle maintenance, gas by becoming a member of WUMCO. Feel good helping others plus receive discounts at many local businesses with membership card. **To join visit www.wumcohelp.org/membership**



Share Your Voice and/or Musical Instrument Talent!

Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-9pm and Sundays from 9:15-10:15am. Contact Janet Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net.



Poolesville Seniors Events Open to ALL

Register: www.PoolesvilleSeniors.org or 301-875-7701

REGULAR WEEKLY HAPPENINGS:

- PICKLEBALL (M-F, 7:30am-12pm) • PING PONG (M, 1-4pm)
- WALKING CLUB (M&F, 7:30-8:30am) • TAI-CHI (T, 10:30-11:30am)
- BRIDGE (T, 1-4pm) • TRIVIA GAME NIGHT (1stW, 7pm)
- ZUMBA GOLD (W, 1-2pm) • MAHJONG (Th, 10am-12:30pm)
- SENIORS AT THE BARRE (F, 10-11am)

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - SEP 1 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12 pm 1 - 10 pm	Sunday School- <i>Youth/Child-Rm 4 & Adult-Rm 6 & Zoom</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8/Sanctuary</i> Nursery- <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service- <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i> Trustee & Worker Bee Meeting- <i>Room 6</i> Private Party- <i>Fellowship Hall & Kitchen</i>
MON - SEP 2	<i>Happy Labor Day</i>	
TUE - SEP 3	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Men's Group- <i>Room 6 and ZOOM</i>
WED - SEP 4	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8</i>
THU - SEP 5	10am - 6 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	WUMCO- LCSW Therapy Sessions- <i>Noah's Ark Room</i> Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim- <i>ZOOM</i> ZUMBA- <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
SAT - SEP 7	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry- <i>On Location</i>
SUN - SEP 8 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 12:15 pm	Child/Youth Sunday School - <i>CANCELLED</i> Adult Sunday School- <i>Rm 6 & Zoom</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8/Sanctuary</i> Nursery- <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service—Christian Connection Sunday— Blessing of the Backpacks, Recognitions, Light Lunch, Ministry Fair, Sunday School Open House- <i>Sanctuary/YouTube then Fellowship Hall</i>
MON - SEP 9	10 am - 12 pm 10:30 am - 12 pm	Food Pick-Up- <i>Kitchen</i> VFW Auxiliary Meeting- <i>Room 6</i>
TUE - SEP 10	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 pm - 9 pm	Poolesville Seniors-Tai Chi- <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Church Council Meeting- <i>Room 6 and ZOOM</i>
WED - SEP 11	7 - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Poolesville Day Committee Meeting- <i>Room 6</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8</i>
THU - SEP 12	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim- <i>ZOOM</i> ZUMBA- <i>Fellowship Hall</i> IOOF #97 Meeting- <i>Room 6</i>
SAT - SEP 14	8 am - 12 pm 11 am - 4 pm 1 - 4 pm	Fall Clean-Up Work Day- <i>Church Grounds</i> Private Party- <i>Fellowship Hall/Kitchen</i> The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry- <i>On Location</i>
SUN - SEP 15 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Child/Youth Sunday School - <i>Rooms 2, 3, 4</i> Adult Sunday School- <i>Rm 6 & Zoom</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8/Sanctuary</i> Nursery- <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service- <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i> Fellowship Time- <i>Fellowship Hall</i> Finance Committee Meeting-Open to All- <i>Room 6</i> Youth Fellowship—Pizza & Planning- <i>Room 2</i>

God wants us to look after orphans and widows in their distress.

Trace the letters.

look after



Gifts from Above

Every good and perfect gift is from above.

In each row, draw an X over the picture that does not match.



These gifts come down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change.

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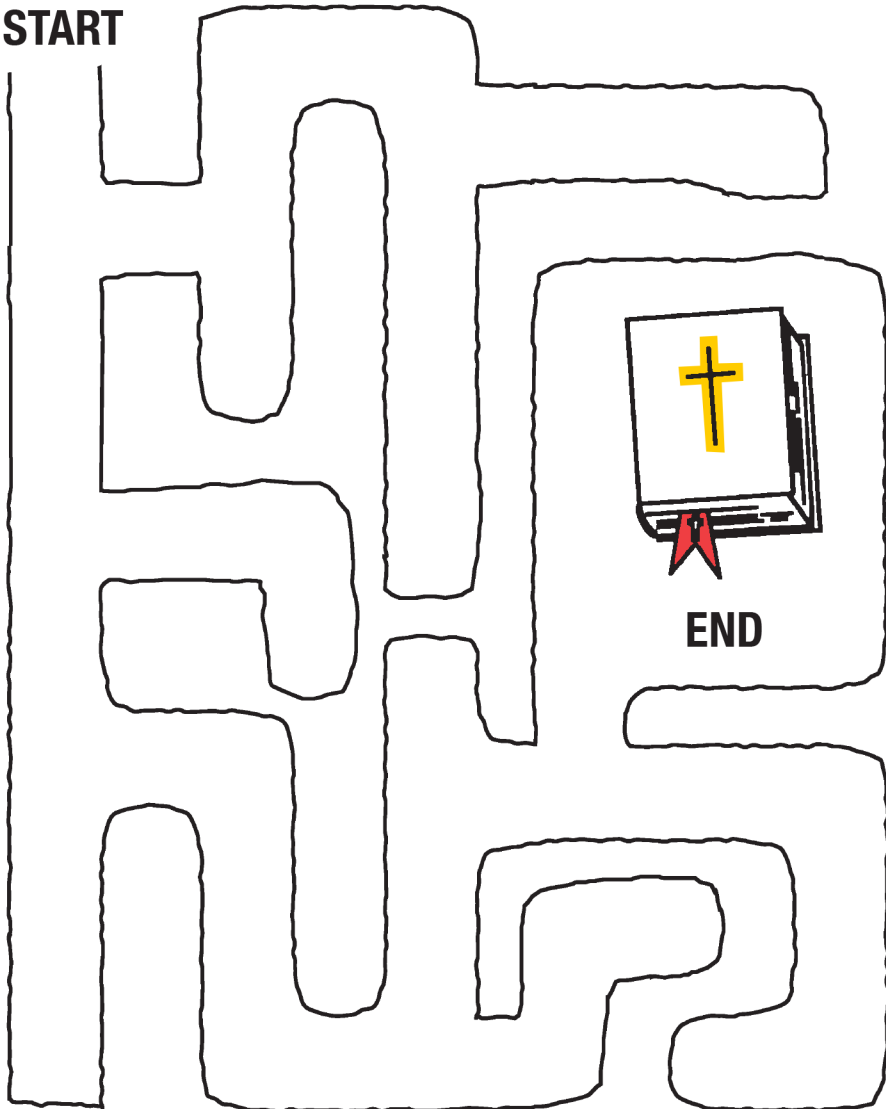
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He chose to give us birth through the word of truth.



Trace the path through the maze.

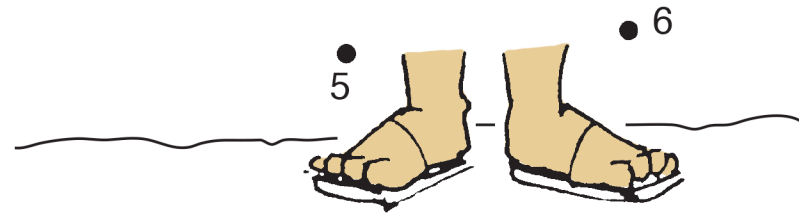
START



END

Humbly accept the word planted in you,
which can save you.


Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



Do not merely listen to the word, and so
fool yourselves. Do what it says.

What did Jesus tell the leaders?

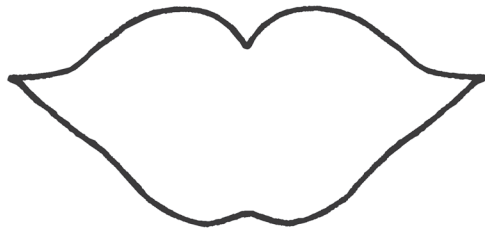
Write these words into the shapes. Trace the letters.

lips =  hearts = 

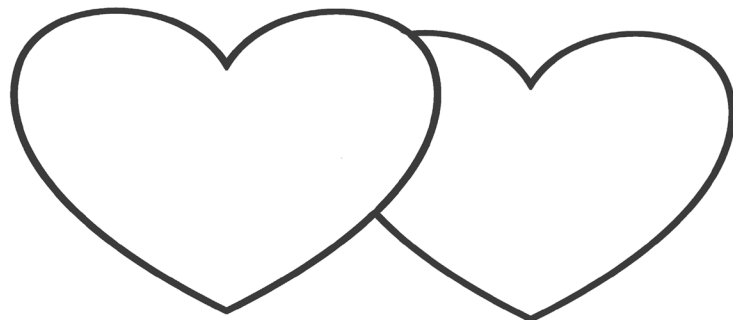
“You say you

honor

Me with your



but your



are far from Me.”



Clean and Unclean

Some leaders said the disciples
ate with unclean hands.

Draw food on the plates.



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Some leaders asked Jesus,
“Why don't Your disciples follow our law?”

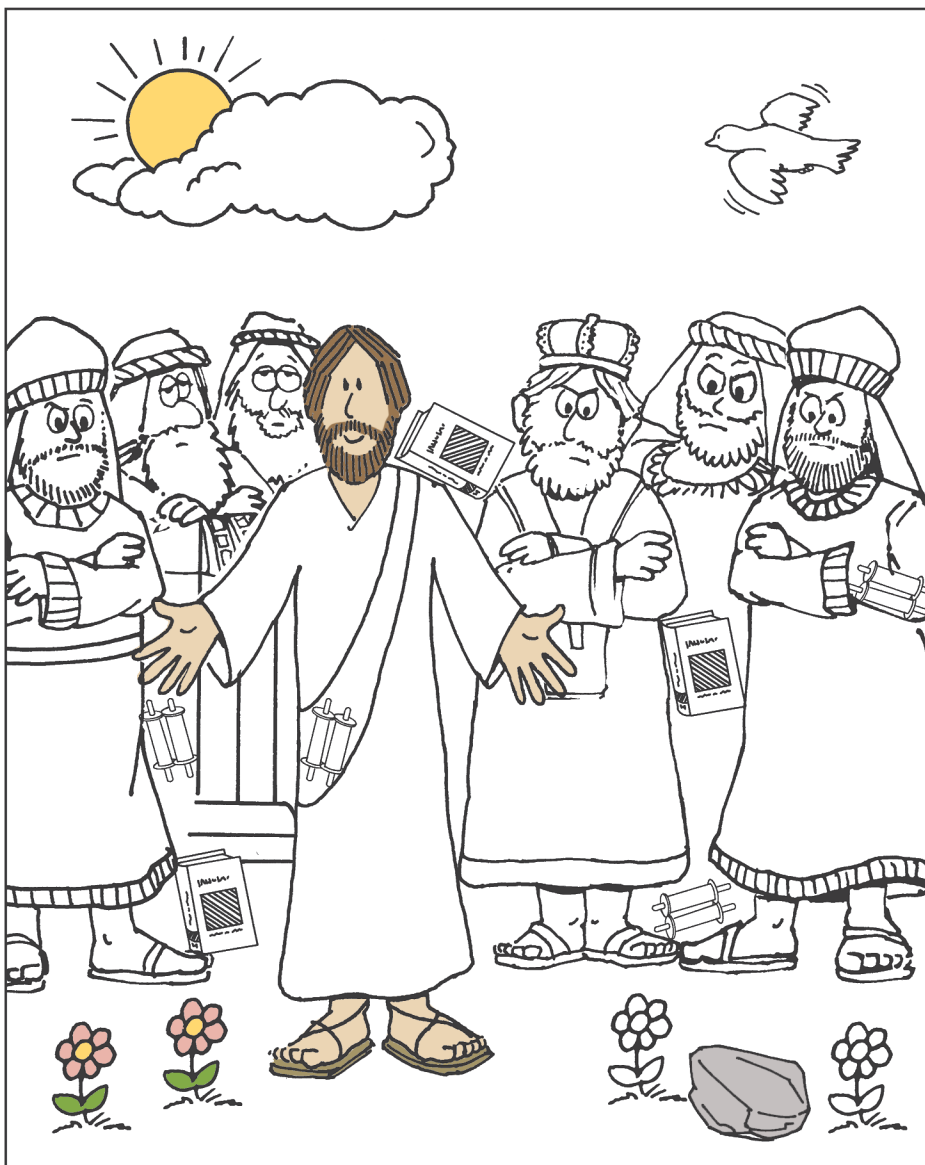
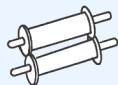
Jesus said to the leaders, “You
are not following the commands of God.”

Count how many:



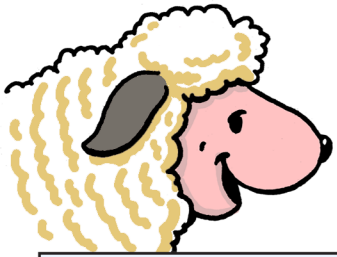
3 or 4 ?

4 or 5 ?



Match the shapes.





Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: ...

Write the name of each picture. Then read the darker boxes from top to bottom, and write the words in order on the blanks below.

... to look after _____ and _____
 in their distress and to keep oneself from being
 polluted by the world.

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Gifts from Above

James said: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, ...

Write the vowels in order on the blanks below to complete the words.

O O E O A E I E I I A O

... wh__ d__ s

n__ t ch__ ng__

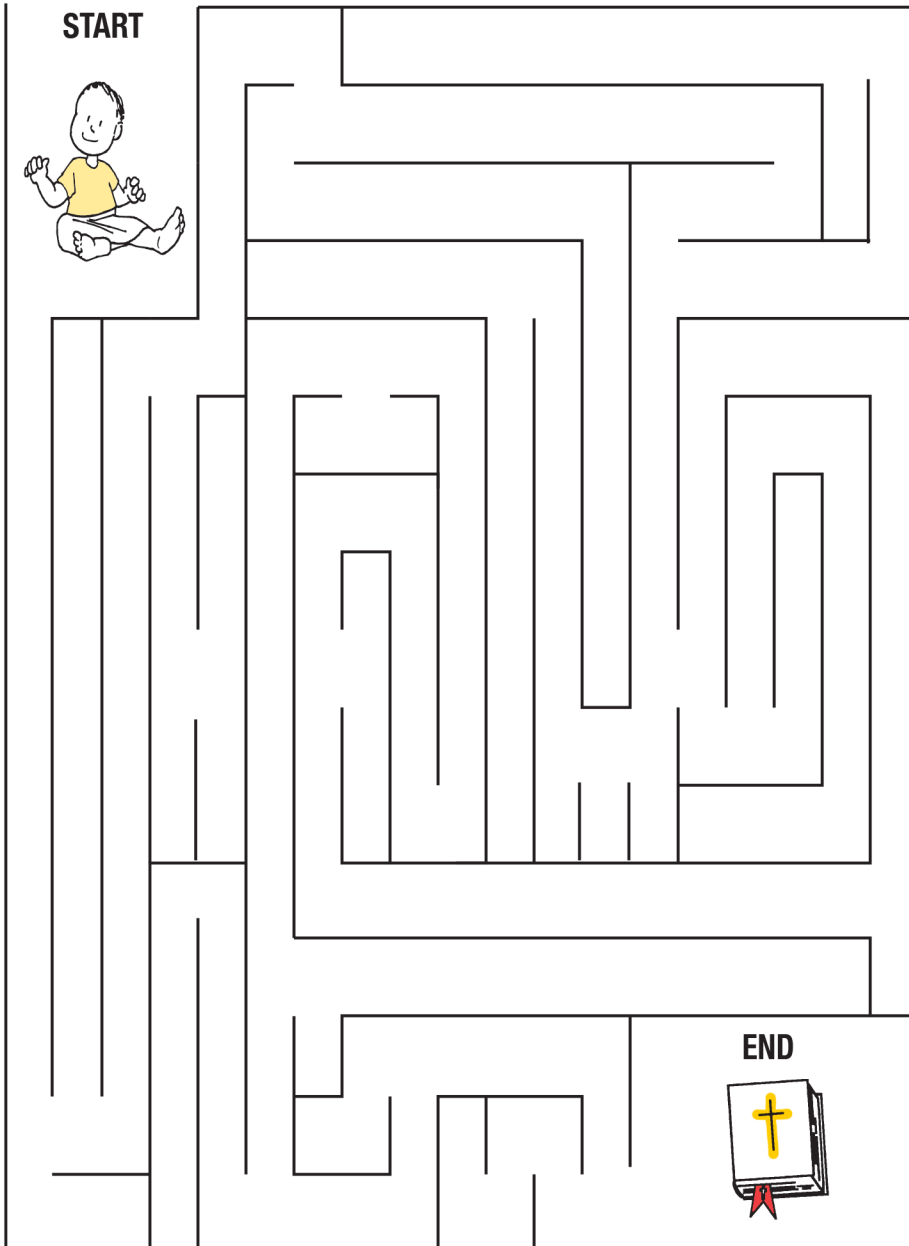
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TFWDM1

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.

Trace the path through the maze.



Therefore, get rid of ... the evil that is so common and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Use the code to write the words on the blanks.

	A	B	C	D
1	word	merely	to	Do
2	deceive	says	listen	it
3	not	what	yourselves	so

 D1 A3 B1

_____ the _____,
 C2 C1 A1

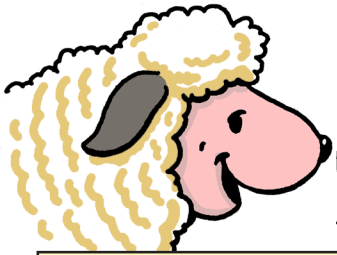
and _____
 D3 A2

 C3

 D1 B3

 D2 B2





Jesus said what comes out of a person is what makes him or her "unclean." Here is a list of things Jesus said are wrong – or "unclean."

Find them in the puzzle below. Circle them ← ↓ ↑ ↗ ↘ →
The letters that remain uncircled will tell you where these "unclean" actions come from. Write those letters on the lines at the bottom.

- | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| evil thoughts | immorality | theft |
| murder | adultery | greed |
| malice | deceit | lewdness |
| envy | slander | arrogance |
| | folly | |



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

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Clean and Unclean

The Pharisees saw some of Jesus' disciples eating food without first washing their hands. They asked, "Why don't Your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders?"

Find these letters hidden in the picture: P h a r i s e e s



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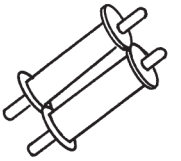
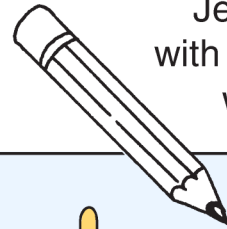
Jesus called the Pharisees

_____.

This means someone who says one thing,
yet acts in another way.

Write the name of each object in the boxes.
The darker boxes will spell the word.

Jesus replied to the Pharisees
with words from the prophet Isaiah,
written to people like them.



Fit the pieces in the scroll.
Find Isaiah's words.

Word fragments to be placed in the scroll:

- eir l
- ith th
- ple ho nor
- but the ir he
- are ips,
- in
- far f
- They
- worsh
- ar
- vain; the
- les."
- ip Me
- hu man ru
- ir teachi
- "The se peo arts
- e b ut
- Me w rom Me.