

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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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 entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—September 8, 2024
Sunday Worship Service—10:30 am



Connections



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

Priere

Linda Custer
by Doulas E. Wagner

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Evie S.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Linda Custer
by Joel Raney

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Beth Parker

LEADER: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

PEOPLE: ***We come because we seek to abide in Christ.***

LEADER: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

PEOPLE: ***We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.***

LEADER: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

PEOPLE: ***We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.***

LEADER: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

PEOPLE: ***May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.***

Written by Joanna Harader (2011). Posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/2011/02/02/wednesday-worship-pieces-3/>

***OPENING PRAYER**

led by Beth Parker

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012*, © 2011 Abingdon Press. Posted on the **Worship Elements** page of the **Ministry Matters** website.

***OPENING HYMN**—*God of Love and God of Power*

UMH 578

FIRST READING—*Psalms 1*

Bob Bachman

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

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

Like a Tree Planted by the Water

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer
by Sandra T. Ford

SECOND READING—*John 15:1-17*

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

Rev. Timothy Dowell

MESSAGE—*Connections*

Bible presentations and Blessings

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*Bind Us Together*

TFWS 2226

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

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN**—*Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*

UMH 566

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Rondeau

Linda Custer
by Mouret/Hopson

Lyrics to Anthem, ***Like a Tree Planted by the Water*** by Sandra T. Ford

Like a tree planted by the water, may I stay rooted in the love of God.

Like a tree planted by the water, let me grow in your knowledge, O Lord.

Like a tree planted by the water, standing firm and thriving through the wind and rain,

Like a tree planted by the water, let me grow in knowledge, O Lord.

May my gains reflect your goodness, my delight be in your law,

Your counsel be the course that I embrace.

In your guidance may I flourish, and each season be enriched,

So my deeds return the harvest of your grace, of your grace.

Like a tree planted by the water may I stay, ever stay, in the love of God.

Like a tree planted by the water, let me grow in your knowledge, O Lord.

Like a tree planted by the water, may I stay always rooted in your love,

In your love, in your love.

Please gather in our Fellowship Hall after Worship for More Connecting!

Children/Youth will go to Sunday School Open House. Adults will have the opportunity to explore and ask questions about all of our ministries. We will then ALL reconvene for a light lunch.

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 1:20-33
 Psalm 19
 James 3:1-12
 Mark 8:27-38

Thank You from the Polak's
 Barbara and Richard would like to thank all those who have provided meals and those that continue to provide meals through the end of the month. Things are looking up and hopeful by then they will no longer be needed. It was said that the meals have been a "true life saver." Thank you for your generosity!

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 TODAY. 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

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Worker Bee WORKDAY
 Next Saturday, September 14th
 8am-12pm

EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to swing by and help for as long as you can next Saturday so we can get everything spruced up for Poolesville Day which will be September 21st. We will also be 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@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 15 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	SEPTEMBER 22 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	SEPTEMBER 29 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
LITURGIST	Betty Jean Selby Kirsten Lewis	Erin Smeller Gary Hartz	Bob Bachman Ralph Hitchens
ACOLYTE	Nicole L.	Knox H.	Isabel S.
GREETERS	NEED VOLUNTEERS	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



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:

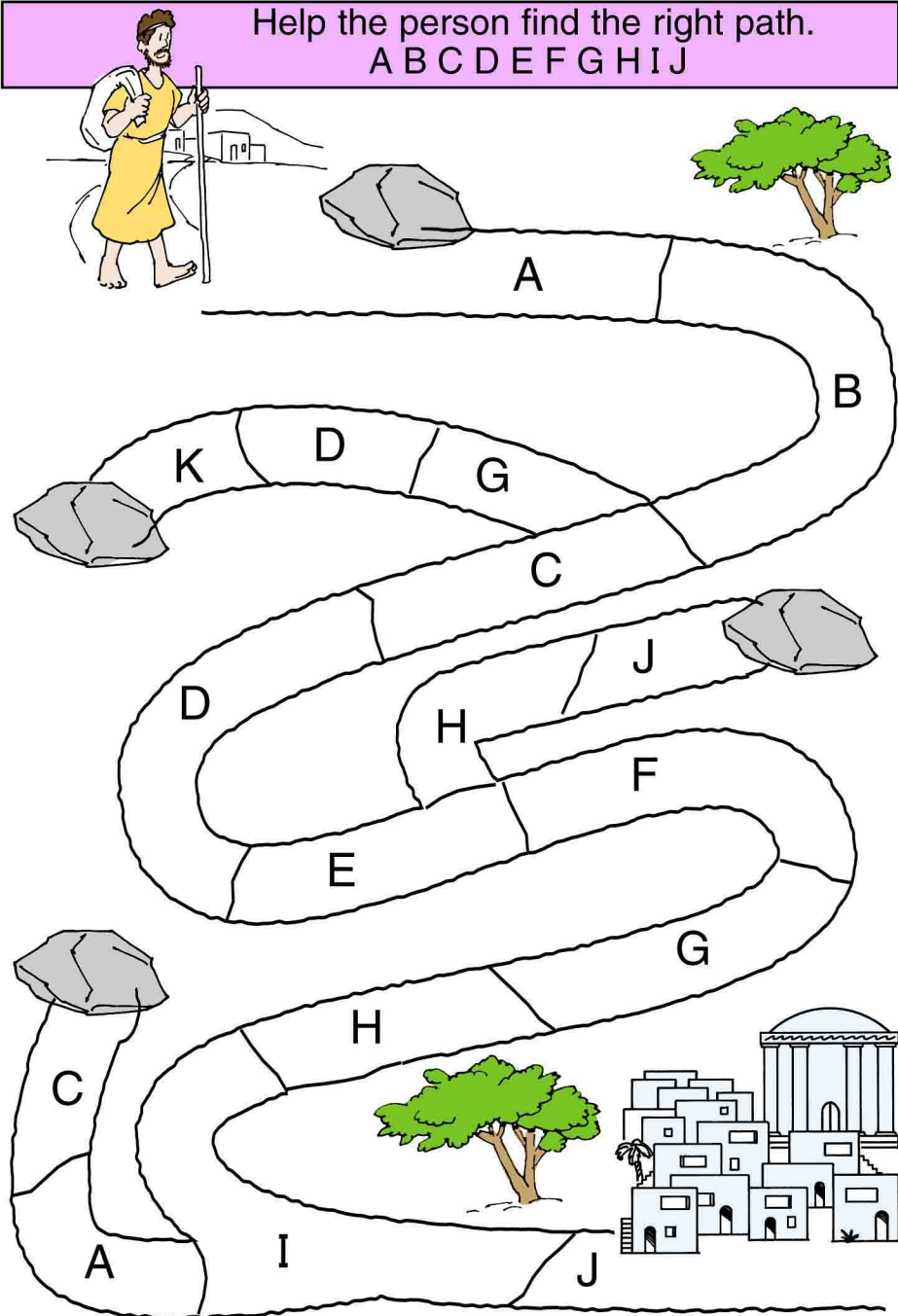
- PICKLEBALL (M-F, 7:30am-12pm) • PING PONG (M, 1-4pm)
- WALKING CLUB (M&F, 7:30-8:30am) • TAI-CHI (T, 10:30-11:30am)
- BRIDGE (T, 1-4pm) • TRIVIA GAME NIGHT (1stW, 7pm)
- ZUMBA GOLD (W, 1-2pm) • MAHJONG (Th, 10am-12:30pm)
- SENIORS AT THE BARRE (F, 10-11am)

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - SEP 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 - CANCELLED Adult Sunday School- Rm 6 & Zoom Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8/Sanctuary Nursery- Room 5 Worship Service-Christian Connection Sunday- S/YT/FH
MON -SEP 9	10 am - 12 pm 10:30 am - 12 pm 4:15 - 6 pm	Food Pick-Up- Kitchen VFW Auxiliary Meeting- Room 6 Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting- Room 1
TUE -SEP 10	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 pm - 9 pm	Poolesville Seniors-Tai Chi- Fellowship Hall Church Council Meeting- Room 6 and ZOOM
WED - SEP 11	5 - 6 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting- Room 1 Poolesville Day Committee Meeting- Room 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8
THU - SEP 12	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim- ZOOM ZUMBA- Fellowship Hall IOOF #97 Meeting- Room 6
SAT - SEP 14	8 am - 12 pm 11 am - 4 pm 1 - 4 pm	Fall Clean-Up WORKDAY- Church Grounds Private Party- Fellowship Hall/Kitchen The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry- On Location
SUN - SEP 15 <i>17th 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 - 12:30 pm 11:30 am - 1:00 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 Finance Committee Meeting-Open to All- Room 6 Youth Fellowship—Pizza & Planning- Room 2
MON -SEP 16	10 am - 12 pm	Food Pick-Up- Kitchen
TUE -SEP 17	10:30 - 11:30 am 7 pm - 8 pm	Poolesville Seniors-Tai Chi- Fellowship Hall Men's Group Meeting- Room 6 and ZOOM
WED - SEP 18	5 - 6 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting- Room 1 Chancel Choir Rehearsal- Room 8
THU - SEP 19	10 am - 6 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	LCSW Therapy Sessions- WUMCO- Noah's Ark Room ZUMBA- Fellowship Hall IOOF #97 Meeting- Room 6
FRI -SEP 20	5:30 - 9:30 am 7 pm - 9 pm	Prep for Poolesville Day- Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Line Dancing- Poolesville Seniors- Fellowship Hall
SAT - SEP 21	9 am - 4 pm 1 - 4 pm	Set-up/Work Poolesville Day Booths- Whalen Commons The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry- On Location
SUN - SEP 22 <i>18th 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 - 12:30 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 Worship Committee Meeting- Room 6

God watches over the way of righteous people.

Help the person find the right path.
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The Goodness of God's Way

Blessed is the person who does not walk in the way of the wicked.

Find the hidden objects in the picture.


















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Delight in the (laws) ways of God.

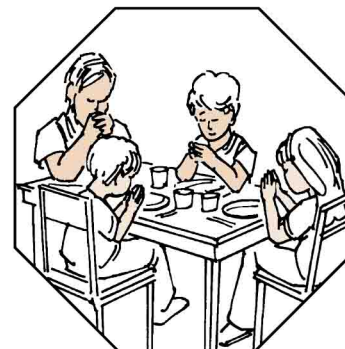
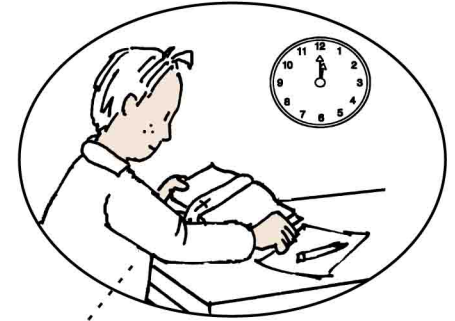
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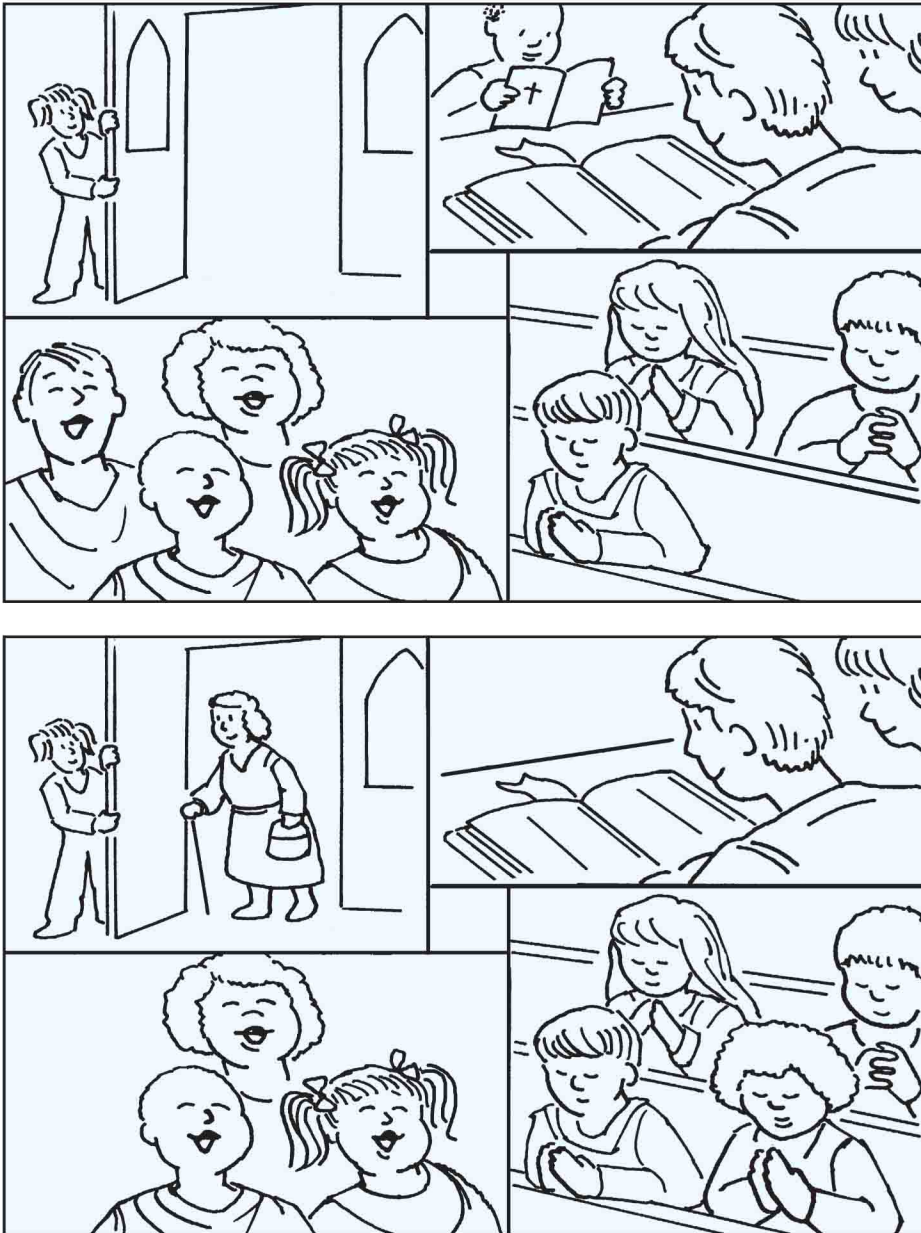
Think about God's ways day and night.

Match the pictures.



When we are fruitful we give God glory.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.



Children's Worship Bulletin™



Ages 3+

September 8, 2024 • John 15:1-8

The Vine and the Branches

God is the gardener. Jesus is the vine.



Count the bunches of grapes.
Trace the correct number.



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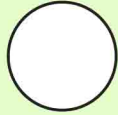
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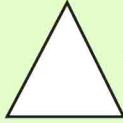
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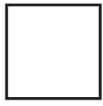


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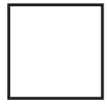


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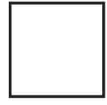
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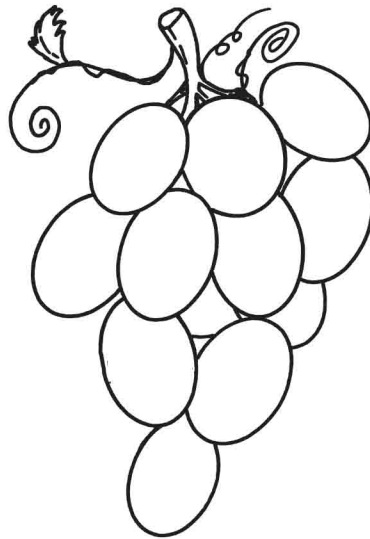
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As branches, we need to bear fruit.

Match the fruit shapes.

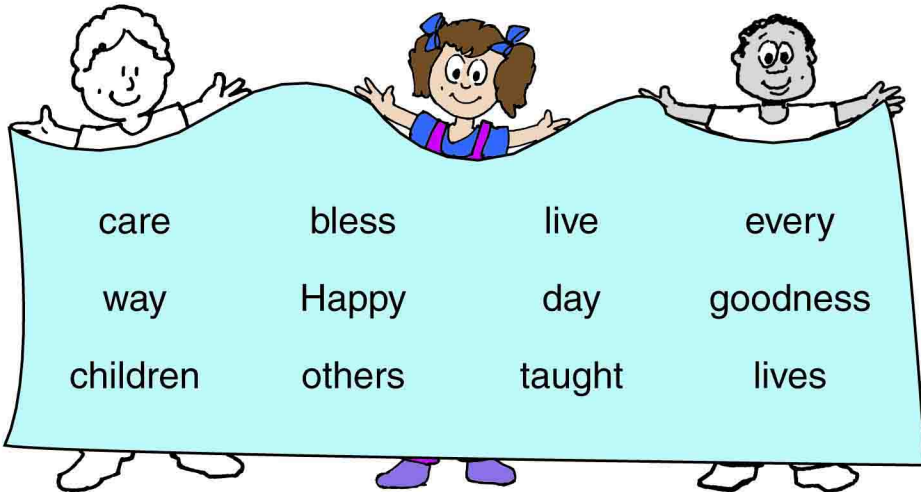




The book of Psalms is a collection of 150 songs and poems. There are Psalms of praise, worship, history and prayer. They were probably written between 1400 and 500 B.C.

Let's write a Psalm today!
Match the shapes with the words below.

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 with . God will be with
 them .



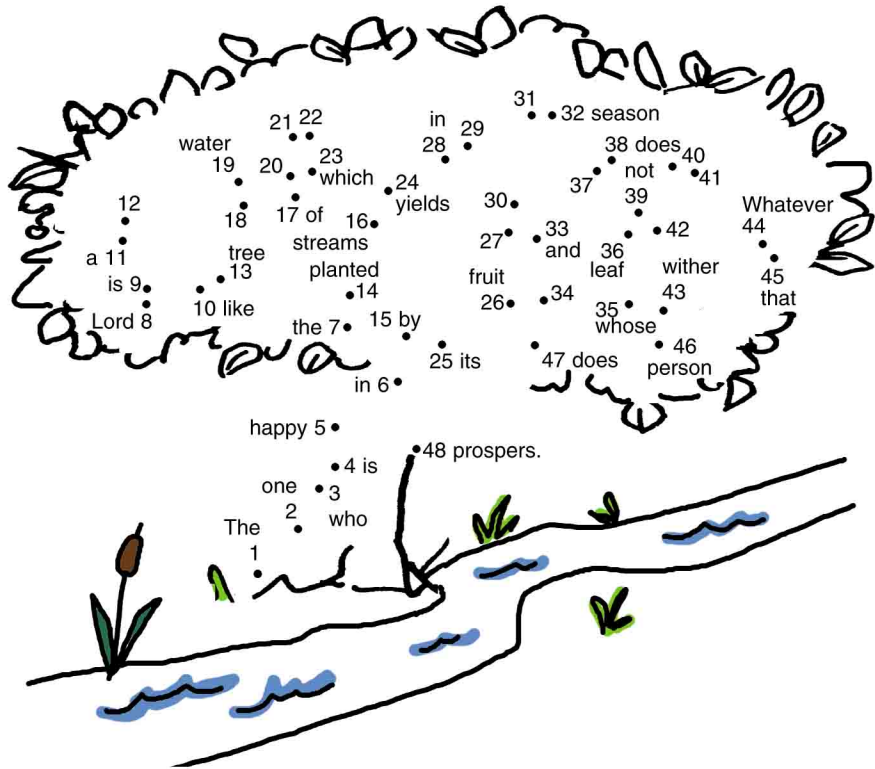
The Two Ways

“_____ is the one who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord ...” –Psalm 1:1-2

Find the missing word. Arrange the 5-letter words below in alphabetical order from top to bottom. The second letter of each word will form the missing word.

DEBUT
 ISSUE
 ODORS
 ESSAY
 BLOOM
 ABIDE
 JEWEL

Connect the dots. Write the words in order, then read some of the words from the Psalm.



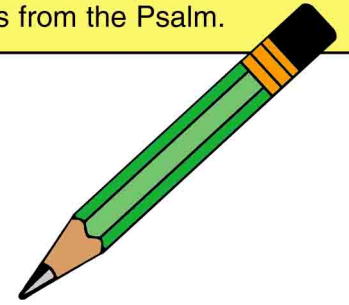
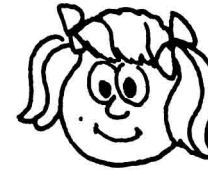
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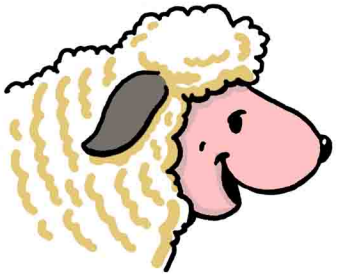
Beginning with the second letter, cross out every other letter. The remaining letters are words from the Psalm.



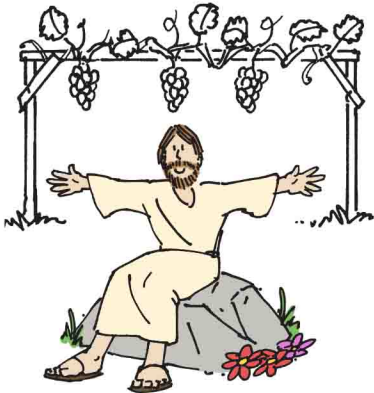
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“ _____
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What did Jesus say brings glory to the Father?



Use the code to find the answer.

+	= A	†	= H	▼	= O	✕	= V
✓	= B	*	= I	◐	= P	☆	= W
✈	= C	▲	= J	♥	= Q	×	= X
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The Vine and the Branches

Fit these words into the puzzle. Then use the puzzle to complete the sentences.

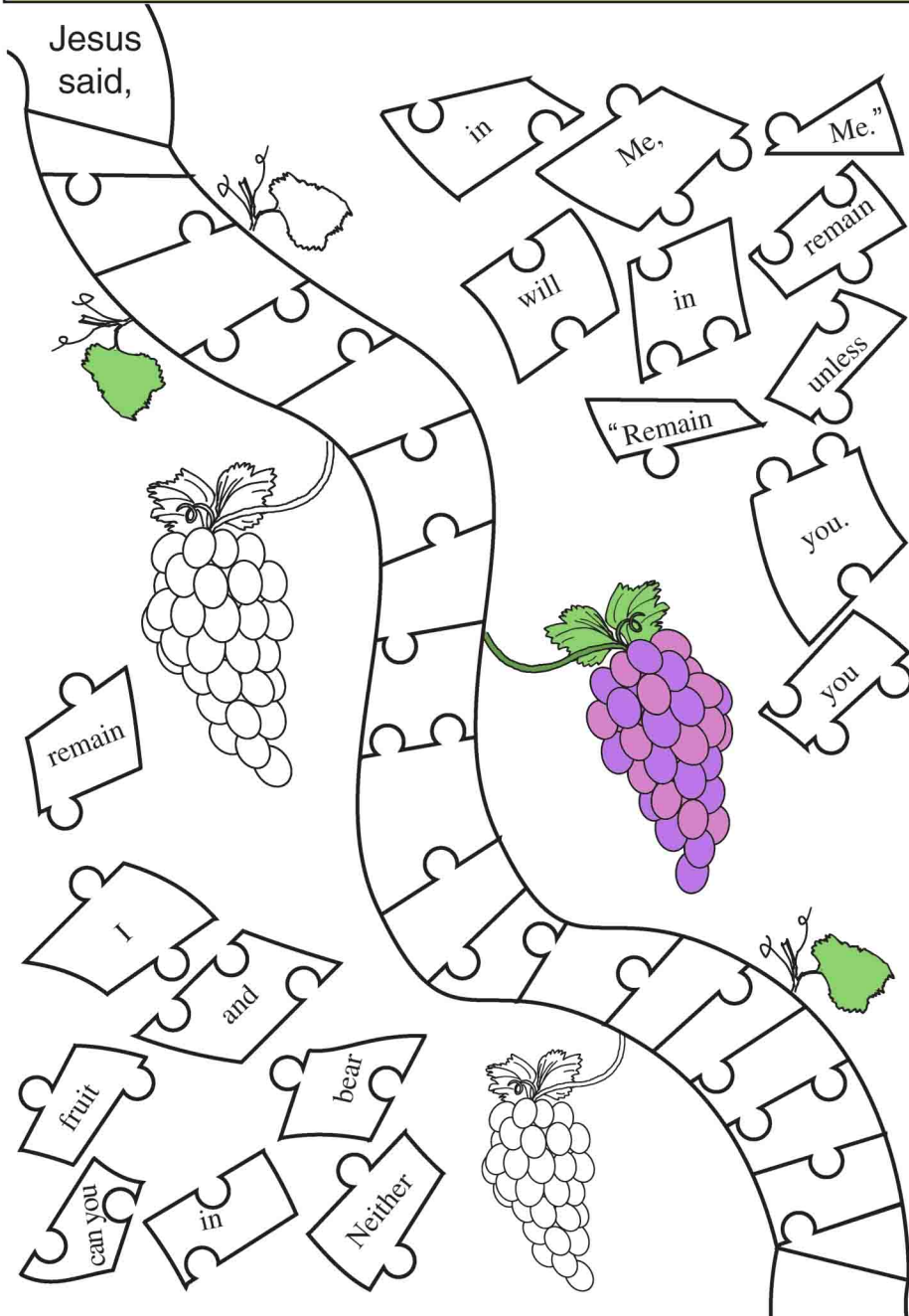
no
God
will
vine
more
cares
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branches

Jesus is the (9)_____. (7D)_____ is the (7A)_____. He (2)_____ the (5)_____ that have (4)_____ (1)_____. He (6)_____ for the (5)_____ that have (1)_____ so that they (8)_____ bear (3)_____.

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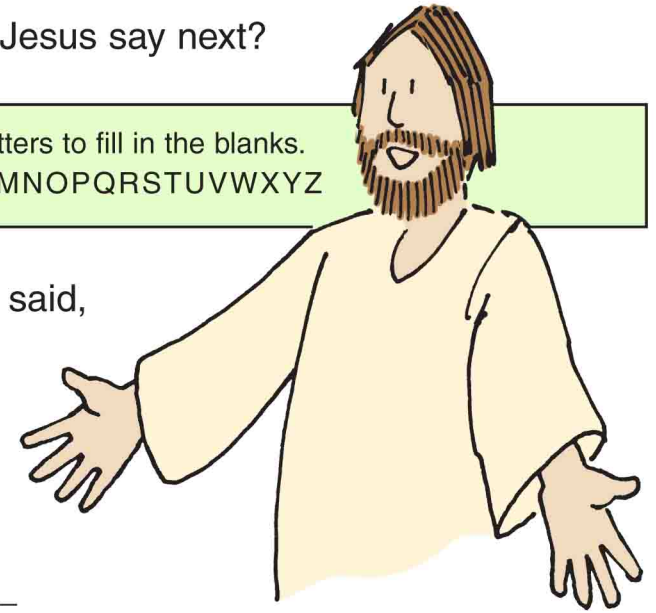
A branch cannot grow and produce fruit on its own.
It has to be connected to the vine – the plant.

Put the puzzle together.



What did Jesus say next?

Add or subtract letters to fill in the blanks.
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ



Jesus said,

" _____
G+2

_____ F-5 _____ W-10

_____ V-2 _____ A+7 _____ G-2

_____ O+7 _____ K-2 _____ E+9 _____ Z-21 ;

_____ T+5 _____ Q-2 _____ K+10

_____ J-9 _____ O+3 _____ A+4

_____ Y-5 _____ R-10 _____ D+1

_____ D-2 _____ W-5 _____ C-2 _____ K+3 _____ J-7 _____ B+6 _____ V-17 _____ M+6 _____