

OUR PURPOSE



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

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Sun., Dec 31 - **LUKE 12:27-34** *Old News*
Mon., Jan 1 - **JOHN 1:1-9** *Speak A New Beginning*
Tue., Jan 2 - **ROMANS 5:1-5** *Standing Tall*
Wed., Jan 3 - **1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-23** *Sense of Purpose*
Thu., Jan 4 - **TITUS 3:4-8** *The Power of Love*
Fri., Jan 5 - **PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11** *Intent on Giving*
Sat., Jan 6 - **PSALM 55:1-8, 16-19** *One Day at a Time*
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OFFICE INFORMATION

GENERAL QUESTIONS & PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

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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*)
\$8,658.44

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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*Epiphany Sunday
December 31, 2023*



Have A Nice Day



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

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Linda Custer
by Anna Laura Page

Worship Service

Aubrey S., Acolyte

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE MUSIC—PIANO/FLUTE DUET

Brightest and Best (lyrics on insert)

Linda Custer/Beth Parker
by Robert J. Powell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

led by Pam Flick
by Dan Schifeling

LEADER: Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice in the vision of John: I saw a new heaven and a new earth! The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

PEOPLE: **Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband.**

LEADER: A great voice thundered from heaven: "See, God is making God's home with mortals! God will live with them. They will be God's people.

PEOPLE: **God will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. All of this—gone forever!"**
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

<http://worshipcalls.blogspot.ca/>

***OPENING PRAYER**

led by Pam Flick
by Moira Laidlaw

God of all time, we praise and adore you for breaking into the darkness of this world with the glorious light of your presence. A light which made your love for the world visible in the babe born in Bethlehem— Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. A light which guided those gift-bearing travelers from afar to find and worship the Christ-child. A light which leads us to you, now revealed in Jesus Christ. We pray that you will accept our worship for it arises from hearts and minds in awe over the enormity of your gift to us of pure love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Liturgies Online. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/opening-prayer-epiphany.html>.

***OPENING HYMN**—*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

UMH 220

FIRST READING—*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*

Ray Hoewing

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

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

Ever Since the Savior Came (lyrics on insert)

Janet Hartz
by Vajda/Jeffrey

SECOND READING—*Revelation 21:1-6a*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

SERMON—*Have a Nice Day*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*That Boy Child of Mary*

UMH 241

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY**—*In the Bleak Midwinter*

UMH 221, verse 4

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

***CLOSING HYMN**—*What Child Is This*

UMH 219

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

In Dulci Jubilo [German Carol]

Linda Custer
Setting by Paul Laubengayer



Blessings to you this Christmas Season
and a very Happy New Year!



Need a Ride to church? Email Scott.McGrew@aol.com or office@pmumc.org

**Up-Coming Week's Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 • Ephesians 3:1-12 • Matthew 2:1-12

SCHEDULE	JANUARY 7 Baptism of the Lord	JANUARY 14 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	JANUARY 21 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany
LITURGIST	Bob Bachman Betty Jean Selby	Eleanor Bateman Ray Hoewing	Brenda Boulter Kirsten Lewis
ACOLYTE	Chloe D.	Knox H.	Isabel S.

Brightest and Best—Prelude Music Lyrics

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all!

Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and off'rings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Ever Since the Savior Came—Anthem Lyrics

Ever Since the Savior came nothing is the same.
One day of all the days of earth, one solitary promised birth,
One name and gloom is turned to mirth, nothing is the same.

Ever since the Savior came nothing is the same.
For shepherds calloused, tired and bored, whose spirits with the angels soared,
Who ran to worship Christ the Lord, nothing was the same.

Ever since the Savior came nothing is the same.
For learned sages worldly wise who searched for meaning in the skies,
And saw the Morning Star arise, nothing was the same.

Ever since the Savior came nothing is the same.
God's just demands are satisfied and death destroyed by One who died,
And Christmas ends in Eastertide, nothing is the same.

Ever since we followed you everything is new:
A love we never knew before, a joy we never felt before,
A peace we never found before, everything is new!

NOTHING IS THE SAME!

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

Wed & Fri, 2-8pm
Thu & Sat, 10am-4pm
PMUMC receives generous monetary donations from sales generated at the Thrift Shop which go to help fund our ministries.



Meet 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in
Room 6 at 7pm.



Thanks Amanda Lyon
for designing and painting
our new AV Control Station.
It looks great!

De-Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, January 7 after worship

All help would be greatly
appreciated.
It can be a fun time!



Send prayer request to
prayers@pmumc.org



Sunday School
9:15 am - 10:15 am



Nursery-Rm 5
(6mo-4yr)
10:15-11:45 am

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS


SUN - DEC 31 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube
MON - JAN 1	10 am - 12 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - Kitchen Bell Choir Rehearsal - Canceled
TUE - JAN 2	11 am - 1 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm	Annual Kitchen Hood Inspection - Kitchen Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Men's Group Meeting - Room 6
WED - JAN 3	7:30 - 9 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - JAN 4	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Via Zoom ZUMBA- Fellowship Hall
SAT - JAN 6	1 - 4 pm	Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - JAN 7 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube
MON - JAN 8	10 am - 12 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - Kitchen Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
TUE - JAN 9	6 - 7 pm 7 - 9 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Church Council Meeting - Room 6 & via Zoom
WED - JAN 10	8 am - 1 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Kitchen Hood Cleaning - Kitchen Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - JAN 11	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim- Via Zoom ZUMBA- Fellowship Hall
SAT - JAN 13	9:30 am - 1 pm 1 - 4 pm 6:30 - 7:30 pm	PENDING - Private Party (AS) - Fellowship Hall Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location PENDING - Girl Scout Troop 32066 - FH
SUN - JAN 14 <i>2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube

Backpack BITES **Food Donations Needed:** Oatmeal (plain/instant), Fruit Cups (single serve), Vegetables (canned), Granola Bars, Cheese Crackers), Milk (8oz, shelf stable), Pasta (1 lb), Mac & Cheese (box), Rice (1 lb), Peanut Butter (16 oz), Beans (dry/1 lb), Chicken (canned), Tuna (canned). Questions, email Catherine at crbeliveau@gmail.com.

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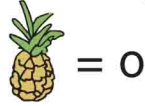
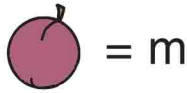
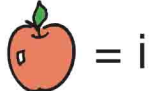
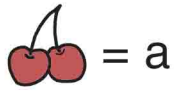
Review/Preview— NO prep needed!

Study Sundays' scriptures w/Pastor Tim, Thu.@7pm on Zoom.

For link, email:  pastortim@pmumc.org.

God gives us life.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.



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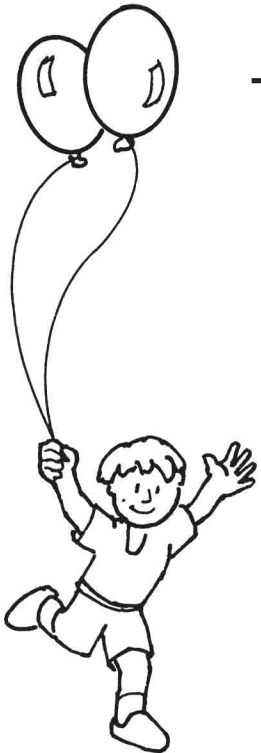
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A Time for Everything

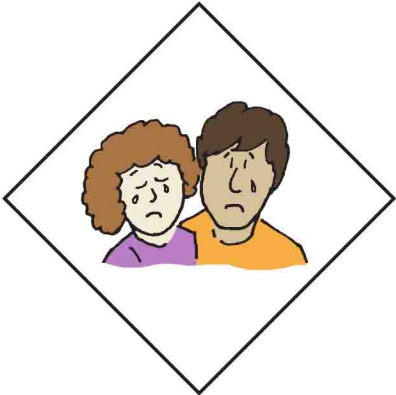
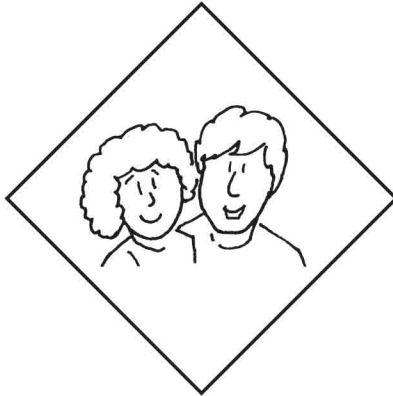
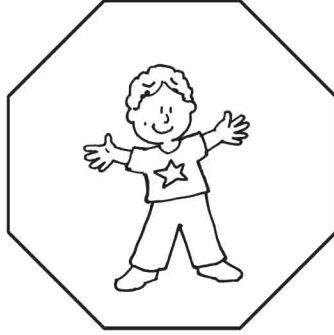
There is a time for everything.
There is a time for planting and a time to uproot.

Circle 6 differences in the second picture.



There is a time to weep
and a time to laugh, a time to mourn
and a time to dance.

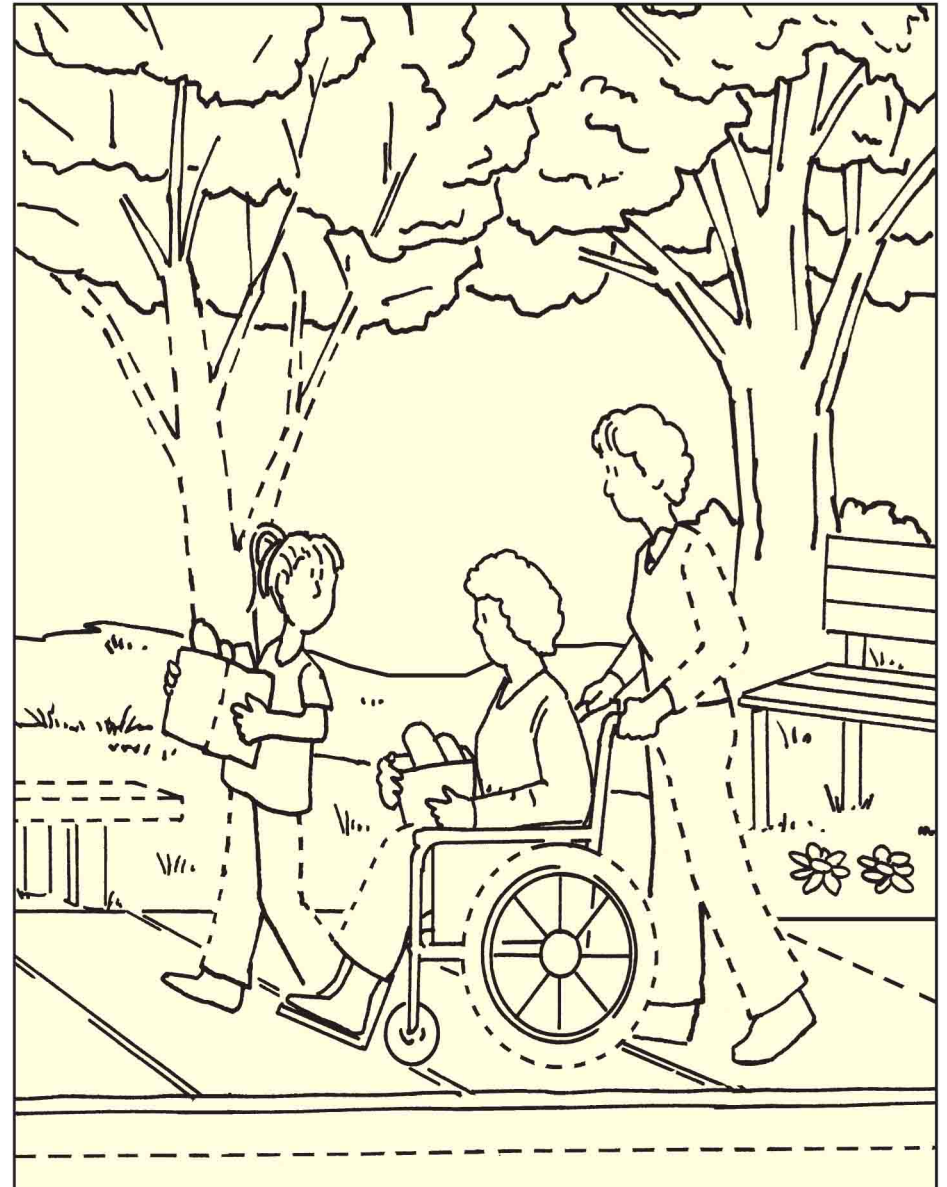
Match the opposites.



It is good to be happy
and do good things.

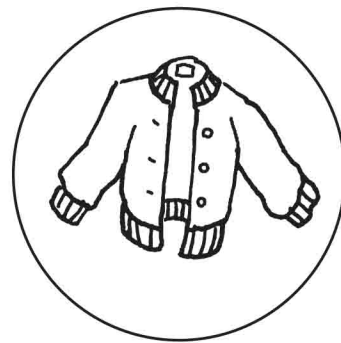
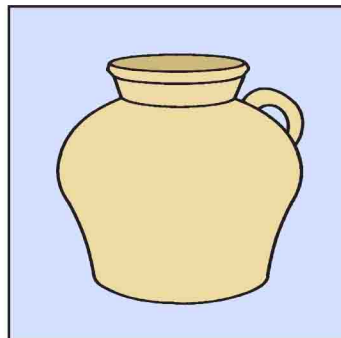
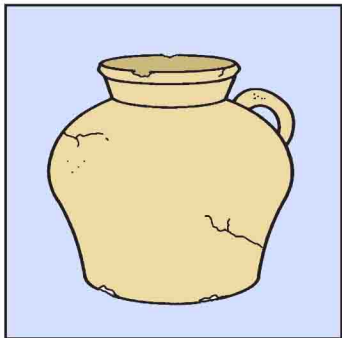
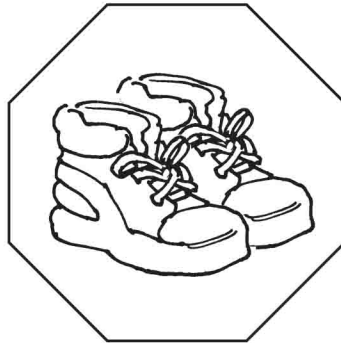
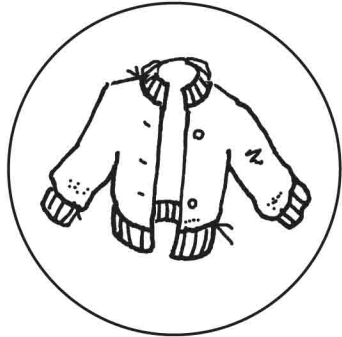
Finish the picture. Complete the dashed lines.

Draw smiles 😊 on the faces of the people.



God said He would make everything new.

Match the opposites.



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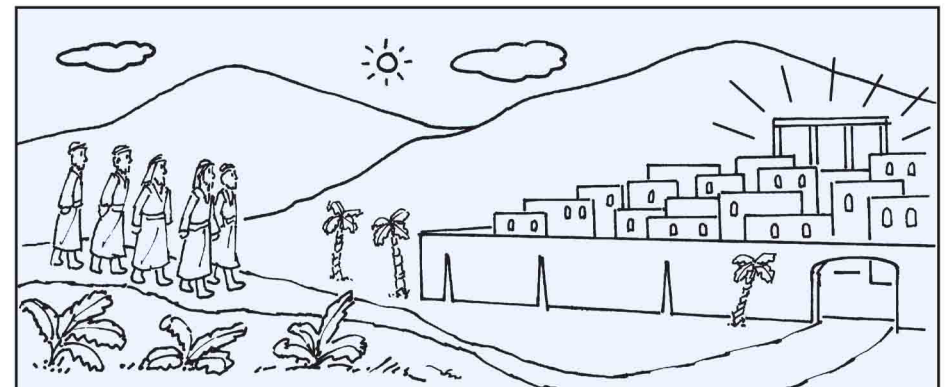
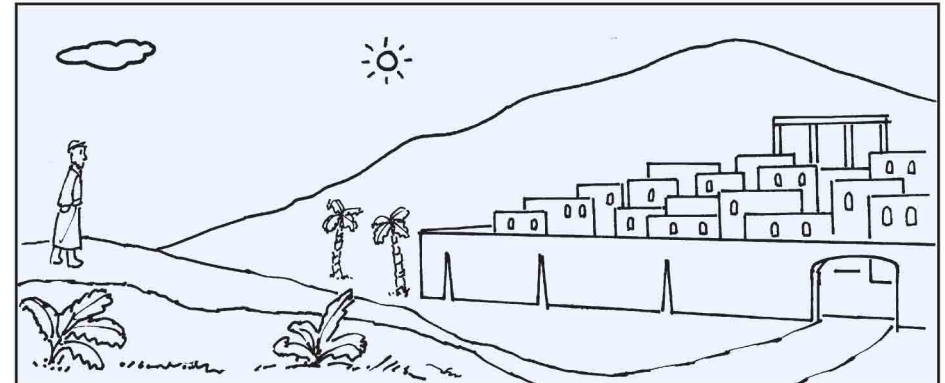
December 31, 2023 • Revelation 21:1-6

A New Heaven and a New Earth

What did John see in a vision?

Find 6 differences in the pictures below.

John saw a new heaven and a new earth.

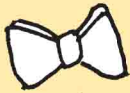


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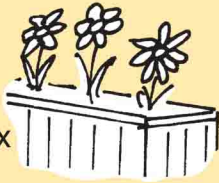
The new city was like a beautiful bride.

Add these things to the picture.

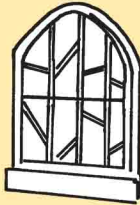


a bowtie
on the
groom

flowers
in the
flower box



stained
glass
in the
window



God will live with His people.
He will wipe away every tear.

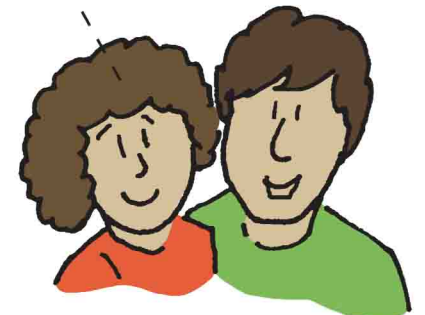
Match the opposite pictures.



Count the tears. 7 or 8 or 9 ?



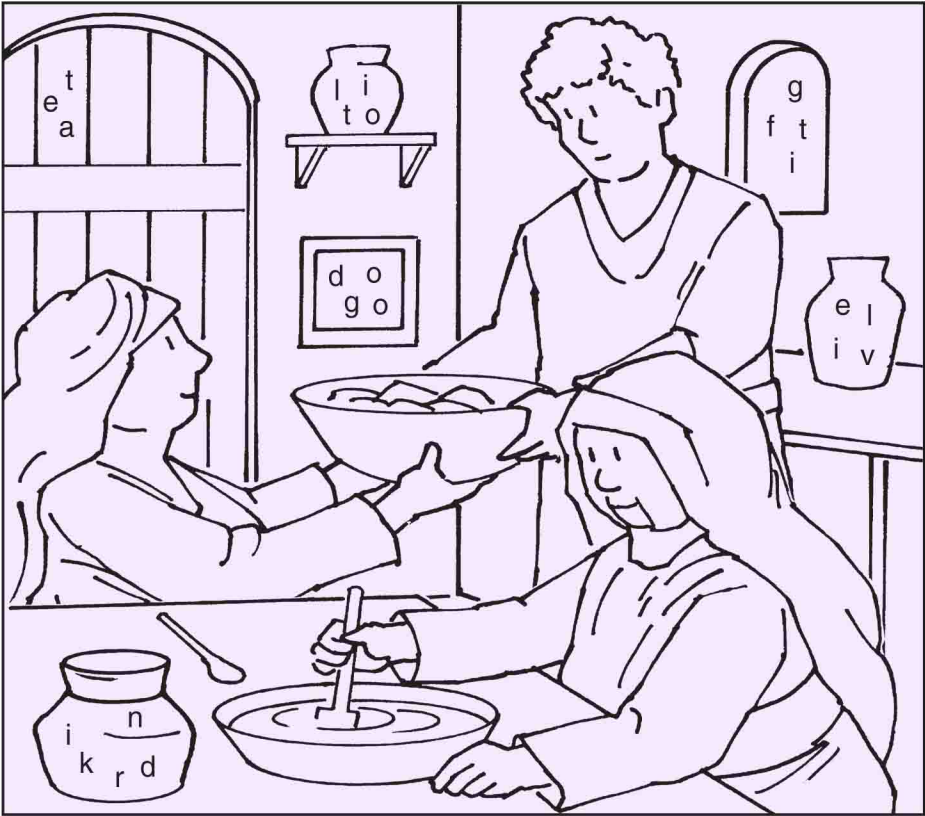
Count the smiles. 2 or 3 or 4 ?





What are we told is the beauty and gift we can enjoy during our lifetime?

Find the missing words in the picture. Unscramble the words and match them to their places below.



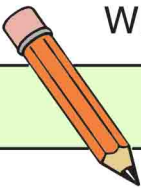
“There is nothing better for us than to be happy and do _____ while we _____. That everyone may _____ and _____, and find satisfaction in all our _____ – this is the _____ of God.”

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December 31, 2023 • Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

A Time for Everything



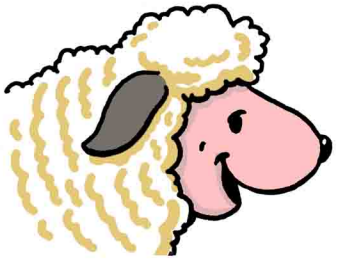
What does Ecclesiastes tell us about life?

Use the clock to complete the passage.

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 _____ a _____

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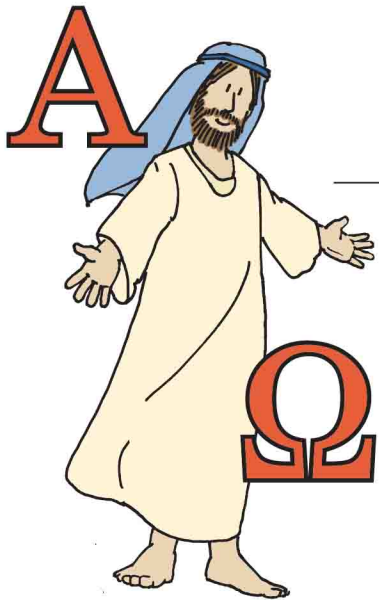
 _____ the _____.”



Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega" (α and Ω).
What else did Jesus say about Himself?

Cross out all the alphas (α) and the omegas (Ω) from the grid below. The remaining letters will spell out Jesus' message.

α	I	Ω	a	α	m	t	Ω	h	α
e	Ω	B	α	Ω	e	g	α	Ω	i
Ω	α	n	Ω	n	i	α	Ω	n	Ω
g	a	Ω	n	Ω	α	d	t	Ω	α
Ω	α	h	α	Ω	e	α	Ω	α	Ω
E	Ω	α	Ω	n	α	Ω	α	d	Ω



“ _____

 _____”

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December 31, 2023 • Revelation 21:1-6

A New Heaven and a New Earth

John saw a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. He saw a city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven.

Find your way to the new heaven and the new earth.

Begin

Prepared was going as led devil

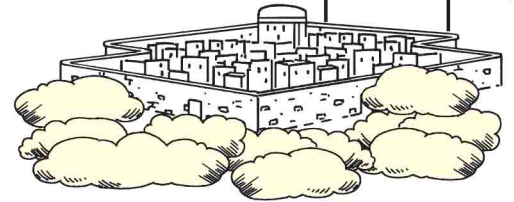
see vision bride

He was

beautifully days. dressed by the devil. God a her tired. husband.

months tempted was cup

to for END



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What will God do?

For each letter, count the indicated number of places ahead in the alphabet to find out which letter stands for it in the code below.
Example, A + 8 letters is I, so A = I and I = A in the code.

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

A(+8) = ___ E(+9) = ___ O(+9) = ___ R(+4) = ___

B(+10) = ___ F(+5) = ___ P(+5) = ___ S(+7) = ___

C(+7) = ___ G(+6) = ___ Q(+8) = ___ T(+3) = ___

D(+4) = ___

“ ... _____
M X H D A G Z N B K

T A B B L N T A W D

W D N G I E H L N

W D N A V M X H

D N T A B B T A U N

N R N V Q W N I V

K V X G

W D N A V

N Q N Z ...”



John heard Jesus speaking. What did Jesus say?

Connect the dots in the order given below.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A
B
C
D
E

A5 -> A7

E11 -> A12

A8 -> E9

C10 -> E11

E9 -> C10

C5 -> C6

A5 -> E5

A1 -> E1

C2 -> E3

A3 -> E3

A1 -> C2

E5 -> E7

