

OUR PURPOSE



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

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Sun., Mar 3 - **ISAIAH 58:6-12** *God of Light*
 Mon., Mar 4 - **MARK 11:25-26** *A Family Feud*
 Tue., Mar 5 - **PSALM 18:1-15** *My Rock and My Fortress*
 Wed., Mar 6 - **MATTHEW 4:1-11** *Let God In*
 Thu., Mar 7 - **1 SAMUEL 17:32-37, 45-50** *Childlike Faith*
 Fri., Mar 8 - **EPHESIANS 3:14-19** *God's Unfailing Love*
 Sat., Mar. 9 - **1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11** *Something to Offer*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

OFFICE INFORMATION

GENERAL QUESTIONS & PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

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

PHONE MESSAGES

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 entrance
- **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

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD - Janet Spiker

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

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ACOLYTE COORDINATOR - Roy Melton

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AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

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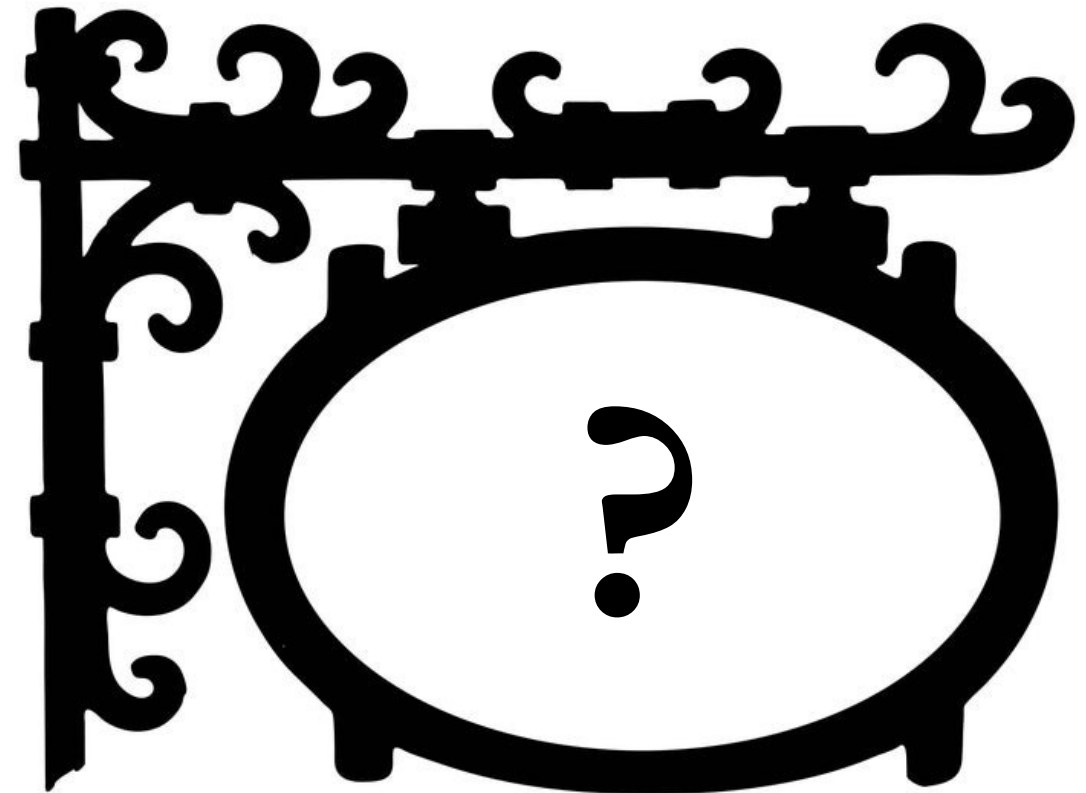
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*Third Sunday in Lent
March 3, 2024*



Here's Your Sign



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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Linda Custer
 by Maker/Larson

Worship Service

Aubrey S., Acolyte

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC

I Need Thee Every Hour

Linda Custer
 by Lowry/Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP—LENTEN MEDITATION

David Melton

There is so much during the day that clamors for our attention. Friends, family, work, classes, household tasks. And the noise! We are bombarded with sound, from the clock that awakens us to the telephone, the radio, the television, the conversation that we have or overhear. Where is the time and place to listen for the still, small voice of God? Sometimes it seems that God would have to speak in a whirlwind to be heard above the clamor! Listen now. There is a place of quiet rest, and it is the place where God dwells within you. Close your eyes. Be aware of the place. In Lent we journey to the parts of ourselves known only to God, beneath the clamor. Let the story of Jesus reach us there. Let it teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

(Silent time)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain of violence in the world and to the Earth.

OPENING PRAYER

led by David Melton

Draw us together in your love, O God. May our restless hearts not resist you, but continue to search until they find their rest in you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**—*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

UMH 454

FIRST READING—*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

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

Eleanor Bateman

ANTHEM—**CHANCEL CHOIR**

Jesus, Clear the Temple

Janet Hartz
 by Pepper Choplin

SECOND READING—*John 2:13-22*

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Rev. Timothy Dowell

SERMON—*Here's Your Sign*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*The Old Rugged Cross*

UMH 504

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY**—*What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH 292, verse 3

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

One Bread, One Body
How Beautiful

Linda Custer
 by Foley/Larson
 by Paris/Larson

***CLOSING HYMN**—*Lift High the Cross*

UMH 159

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Adante Con Moto

Linda Custer
 by Guilmant/Paxton

Lyrics to Anthem, *Jesus, Clear the Temple* by Pepper Choplin

Jesus clear the temple, come and make it clean and bare.
 Purge the needless clutter, make this place a house of prayer.
 Cast out all distractions that would take our eyes from You.
 Jesus clear the temple, make our worship true.

Jesus clear the temple, chase away our prayerless pride.
 Strip away pretenses, places where our sin can hide.
 Scour every corner where temptation draws us in.
 Jesus clear the temple, make us clean again.

Drive out self ambition, cast out the petty things.
 Break down the divisions and the conflict that they bring.
 Overturn the tables of our selfishness and greed.
 Break our hearts to minister to those in need, those in need.

Jesus clear the temple, let Your Spirit fill this place.
 Immerse us in Your power, transform us by Your wondrous grace.
 Let this place be sacred, where Your healing may be found.
 Jesus clear the temple, make this holy ground.
 Jesus clear the temple, make this holy ground.

Sunday School
Adult & Child/Youth
 9:15 - 10:15 am

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

Send prayer request to
prayers@pmumc.org

UMCOR SUNDAY is
March 10, 2024
What is UMCOR?
 The United Methodist Committee On Relief.
 Donation envelopes are in this week's bulletin

Poolesville Seniors has virtual and in-person activities that stretch your mind, renew your body, and lift your spirits? Visit PoolesvilleSeniors.org website or call 301-875-7701 to register for events. Registration is required. All events are open to the entire community. FYI: Speer Hall is located at the Poolesville Presbyterian Church, 17800 Elgin Rd.

March 4th—Heart ‘n Soul Online Auction closes at 8pm—Virtual

March 7th—How African American Communities surrounding Poolesville have impacted our Town and Nation! - Join historian and Poolesville resident, Skip Etheridge, for an in depth look at the African American communities that surround Poolesville. Learn how these African American Communities have impacted our Town and Nation! **In-person.** Speer Hall. 7pm

March 12th—BINGO: Shamrock Shenanigans—Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Shamrock Shenanigans BINGO with callers IJ Hudson and Roger Brenholtz, Irish music, trivia, Irish dance demo, and PRIZES! Bring a friend or neighbor for an afternoon filled with bingo, competition, congenial conversation, snacks, beverages, and of course, prizes. **In-person.** Speer Hall. 1pm

March 14th—2024 55+ Cardboard Boat Regatta—Come cheer the Poolesville Seniors team when they launch their cardboard boat at the Montg. Cnty Parks & Recreation Cardboard Boat Regatta at Martin Luther King Jr. Indoor Swim Center Pool in Silver Spring. **In-person.** 10am

March 14th—Trail Hike—Follow Seneca Creek on the Seneca-Greenway Trail for 5-miles (2 hrs-moderate pace w/elevation gain of 187’). Meet at MD 28 Trailhead Parking Lot (near Rts. 107 & 28 intersection). Recommendation-good hiking shoes, water, snack. **In-person.** 10:30am

March 15th—Movie Night: *Waking Ned Devine*—In this delightful Irish comedy, the lucky winner of the national lottery, Ned Devine, dies from the shock of the win. News spreads in the small scenic Irish village, followed by humorous hijinks. **In-person.** Speer Hall. 7pm

March 18th—March PS! Book Club—Join the discussion of *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods. In Dublin, a lost bookstore is waiting to be found. When the vanishing bookshop casts its spell, unsuspecting strangers, discover their own stories are just as extraordinary as the ones in their beloved books. **Virtual.** 7pm

MONDAYS

—**Ping Pong.** In-person. Speer Hall. 1-4pm

MON/WED/FRI

—**Pickleball.** In-person. Poolesville Baptist Church. 8:30am-12:30pm

TUESDAYS

—**Tai-Chi w/Maureen Ivusic.** Virtual & In-person. Speer Hall. 10:30-11:15am

—**Bridge.** Registration required. In-person. Speer Hall. 1–4pm

WEDNESDAYS

—**Zumba Gold with Karen McPhatter.** In-person. Speer Hall. 1-2pm

—**Trivia Game Night.** First Wednesday of the month. Virtual. 7pm

THURSDAYS

—**Mahjong.** Beginners & seasoned. In-person. Speer Hall. 10am-12:30pm

Poolesville Seniors!
Stay Active!

Need a Ride to church?

 Email
Scott.McGrew@aol.com.



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

Celebrating Our Blessings

We’ve had a number of big blessings over the last 5 years. As a way of celebrating them we will have a multi-generational performance of “The Tale of the Three Trees.” Rehearsals are in full swing and they will continue each Sunday after worship, now through April 7.



The performance will be during worship on Sunday, April 21st

Sunday School invites you to join them in their Easter Celebration”

after worship on Palm Sunday, March 24th. **All are invited!** There will be kids crafts & games, stories, lunch, and a special Easter egg hunt. Please RSVP to Dianna McGrew at mdmcrews@aol.com.



Upper Room
Daily Devotionals are available outside on the bench & inside on the table under Church Office window.



Greeters Needed!

Signup at the base of steps or email bjspike@verizon.net.

Christian Education would like your help in collecting

“canned goods” over the next few weeks for our Lenten Mission Project. We will be using them for a special hunt at our Easter Celebration Palm Sunday, March 23. Please pick up a bag to fill with as many “canned goods” as you would like and **return to church**

Sunday morning March 24. All canned goods will be donated to WUMCO following our celebration. Thank You in advance for your support in our Mission Project.



Friendly Thrift Shop

DONATE. SHOP. HELP.

Wed & Fri, 2-8pm / Thu & Sat, 10am-4pm
Revenue from the Thrift Shop support many local organizations



Review/Preview-No prep needed!

Study Sundays’ scriptures w/Pastor Tim, Thursdays @ 7pm on Zoom. For link, email: pastortim@pmumc.org.

Like to Sing?



Join the Choir!

Wed. Choir Rehearsals, 7:30-9pm
Contact Janet Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net.

Medical Equipment Loan Program

—our ministry providing community members with temporary medical equipment needs. To donate or request equipment, contact Eleanor-301.461.7898.



SCHEDULE	MARCH 10 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	MARCH 17 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	MARCH 24 <i>Palm & Passion Sunday</i>
LITURGIST	Beth Parker Beth Parker	Betty Jean Selby Pam Flick	Erin Smeller David Melton
ACOLYTE	Audrey M.	Isabel S.	Sam L.

Want to help those in our community that need assistance with housing, utilities, medicine, medical procedures, medical transportation, food, automobile maintenance, gas? Become a WUMCO Member! Not only will you feel good, you will receive a membership card that you can use at many local businesses to get discounts (most 10% off).



Visit www.wumcohelp.org/membership to see all the ways you can join.

FROM the BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE...

- **Annual BWC Scholarship application process is open:** Once again, the BWC will award scholarships to qualified college students and high school seniors who plan to attend college in the fall of 2024. The application process is currently open and closes on March 13. To apply visit <https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/local-church-resources/scholarships/>
- **Summer Job Opportunities—Spend your summer growing!** BWC's Camp Manidokan and West River Center are hiring: gain job and communication skills, make friends, grow your faith, and have fun this summer on staff. Visit <https://www.bwcampsandretreats.com/get-involved/summer-jobs/>
- **UMCOR Sunday—March 10—**This special Sunday offering supports the United Methodist Committee on Relief by providing funds for administrative resources for disaster response.
- **Living Like Christ: A Banquet of Spiritual Experiences—**The Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences and their Center for Vial Leadership offers you a banquet of spiritual exercises based on the ground-breaking work of Positive Intelligence, which we've connected with the wisdom of Wesleyan spiritual disciplines. For details visit: <https://www.bwcumc.org/living-like-christ-a-banquet-of-spiritual-exercises//>

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. **To Help Pack or Deliver to PES or MES visit:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094AA8A82CA75-44957977-backpack>

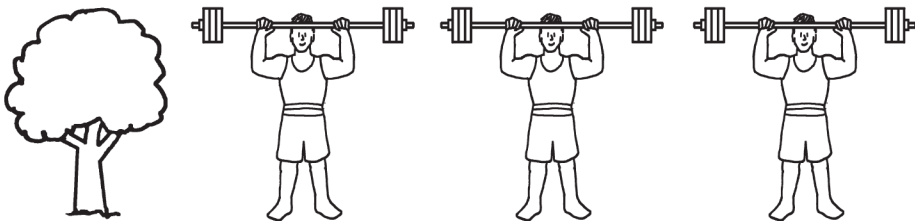
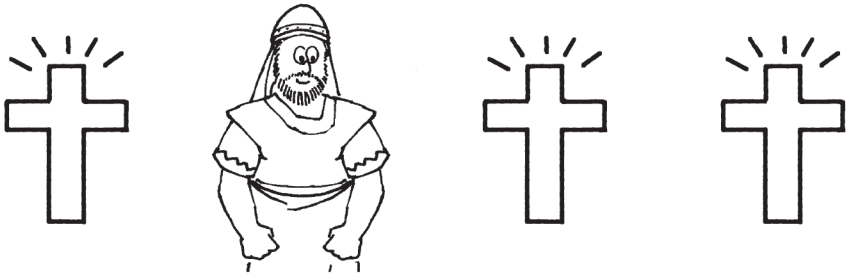
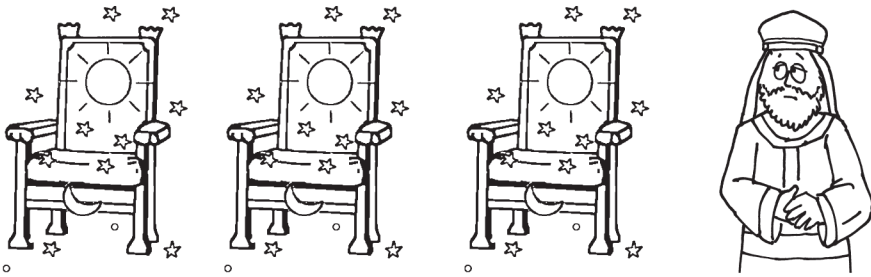
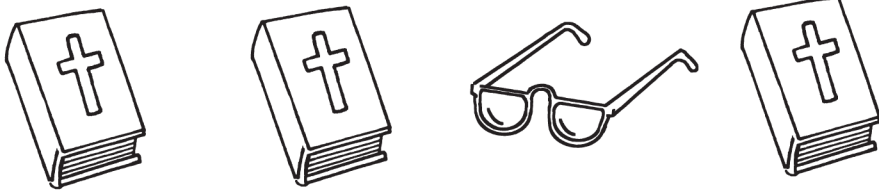
Free tax preparation assistance will be available by APPOINTMENT ONLY for Montgomery County taxpayers through April 15th. Assistance in Poolesville will be available on Fridays only at the Maggie Nightingale Library with the last day being April 12th. There are no age or income restrictions for this program, but efforts are focused on Seniors and/or low-to-moderate-income residents. Trained and certified volunteers through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program will provide services. Scheduling for tax appointments can be made online at www.taxaidemc.info or by calling 240-777-2577 (phone lines open Mon – Fri from 9am-4pm).



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS		
SUN - MAR 3 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 2 pm	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Rehearsal "The Tale of Three Trees" - Sanctuary
MON - MAR 4	10 am - 12 pm 11 am - 1 pm 4:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - Kitchen VFW Auxiliary Meeting - Room 6 Girl Scout Troop #32009 Meeting - Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Grief Group - Room 6
TUE - MAR 5	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Men's Group Meeting - Room 6 & ZOOM
WED - MAR 6	10:30 - 11:30 am 7:30 - 9 pm	Health Inspector - Kitchen Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 7	6 - 9 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	IOOF #97 Meeting - Room 6 Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - ZOOM ZUMBA - Fellowship Hall
FRI - MAR 8	7 - 8 pm	Trustees Meeting - Room 6
SAT - MAR 9	9 am - 1:30 pm 1 - 4 pm	WUMCO - ESOL Class - Parking Lot The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - MAR 10 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 2 pm	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Rehearsal "The Tale of Three Trees" - CANCELLED
MON - MAR 11	10 am - 12 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Food Pick-Up - Kitchen Girl Scout Troop #32095 Meeting - Room 1 Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary Grief Group - Room 6
TUE - MAR 12	6 - 7 pm 7 - 9 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 1 Church Council Meeting - Room 6 & ZOOM
WED - MAR 13	7 - 8:30 pm 7:30 - 9 pm	Poolesville Day Committee Meeting - Room 6 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - MAR 14	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - ZOOM ZUMBA - Fellowship Hall
SAT - MAR 16	9 am - 1:30 pm 1 - 4 pm	WUMCO - ESOL Class - Parking Lot The Friendly Thrift Shop Ministry - On Location
SUN - MAR 17 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>	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 - 2 pm 1 pm - 8 pm	Sunday School - Rm 1, 2, 3, 4, (6 & Zoom for Adults) Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall Finance Committee Meeting—Open to All - Room 6 Rehearsal "The Tale of Three Trees" - Sanctuary PHS Basketball Banquets (Girls 2pm, Boys 5pm) - FH

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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



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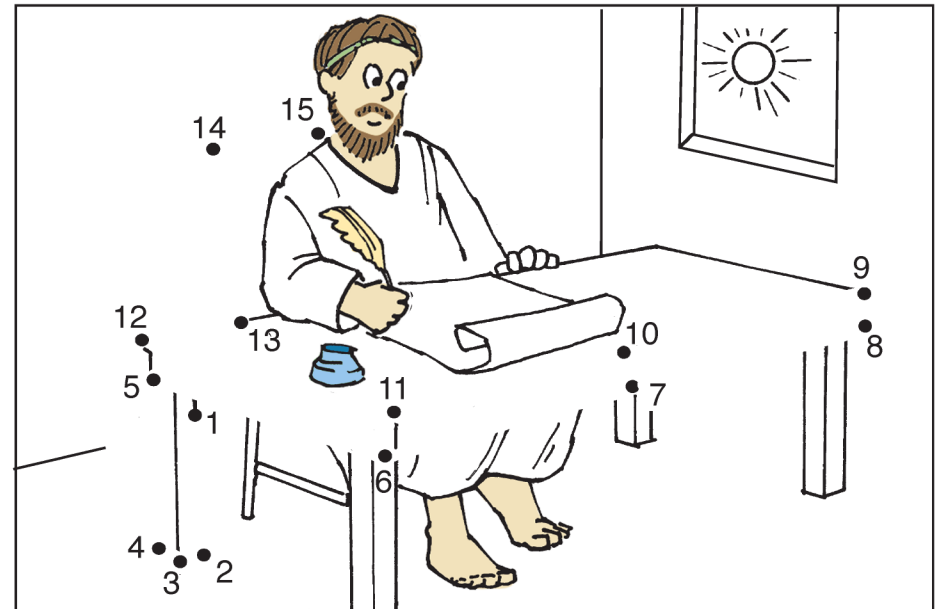
March 3, 2024 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Christ, the Power and Wisdom of God

Paul said: The message of the cross seems foolish to those who are lost and dying, ...

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15



... but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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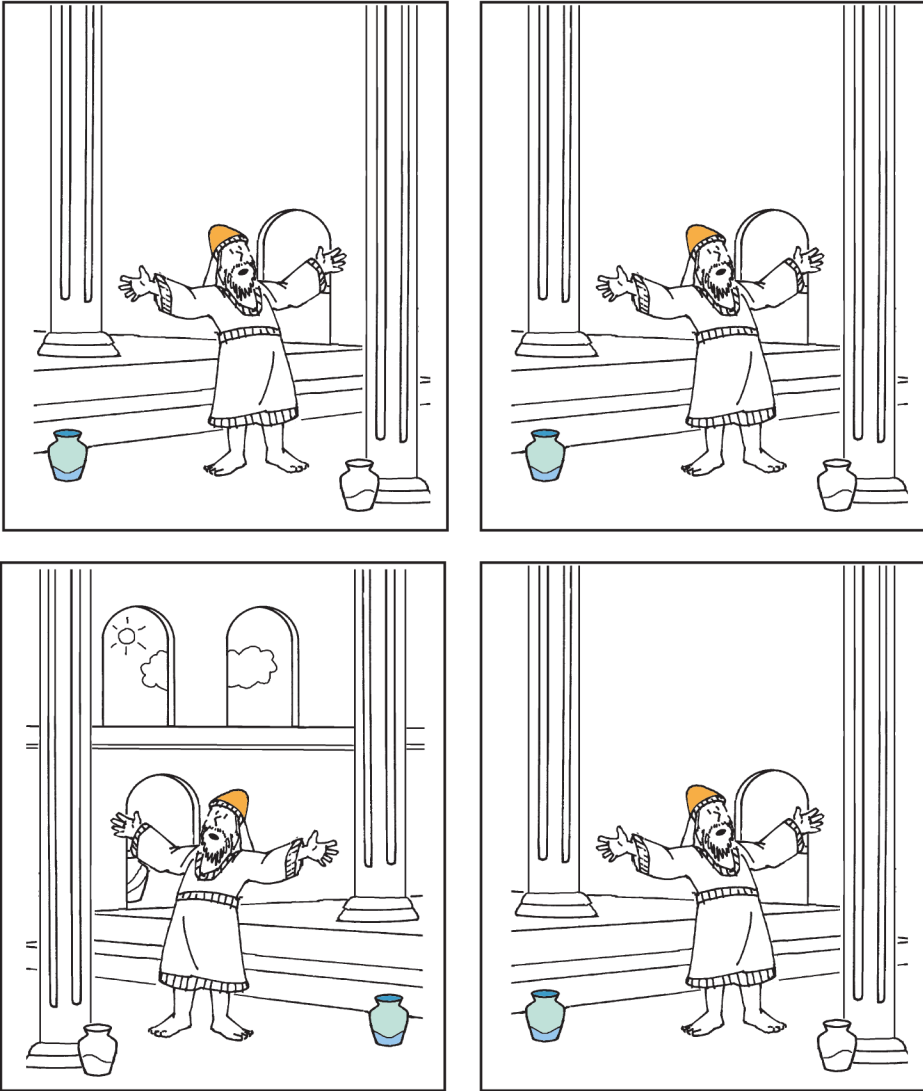
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Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the great thinker of our time?

The world through its wisdom did not know Him. God was pleased to save those who believe.

Draw an X over the picture that is different.

Match the letters.

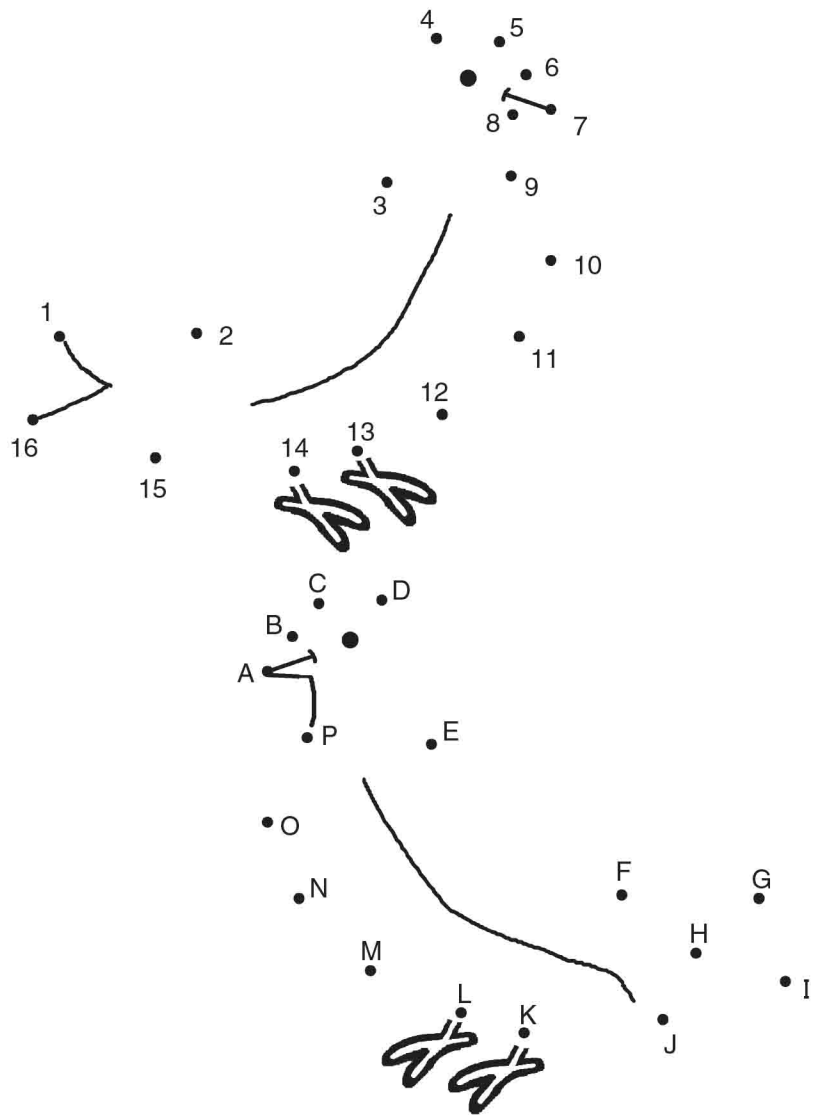


wisdom

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Jesus shouted, "How dare you turn My Father's house into a market!"
What were the men selling?

Connect the dots.
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P



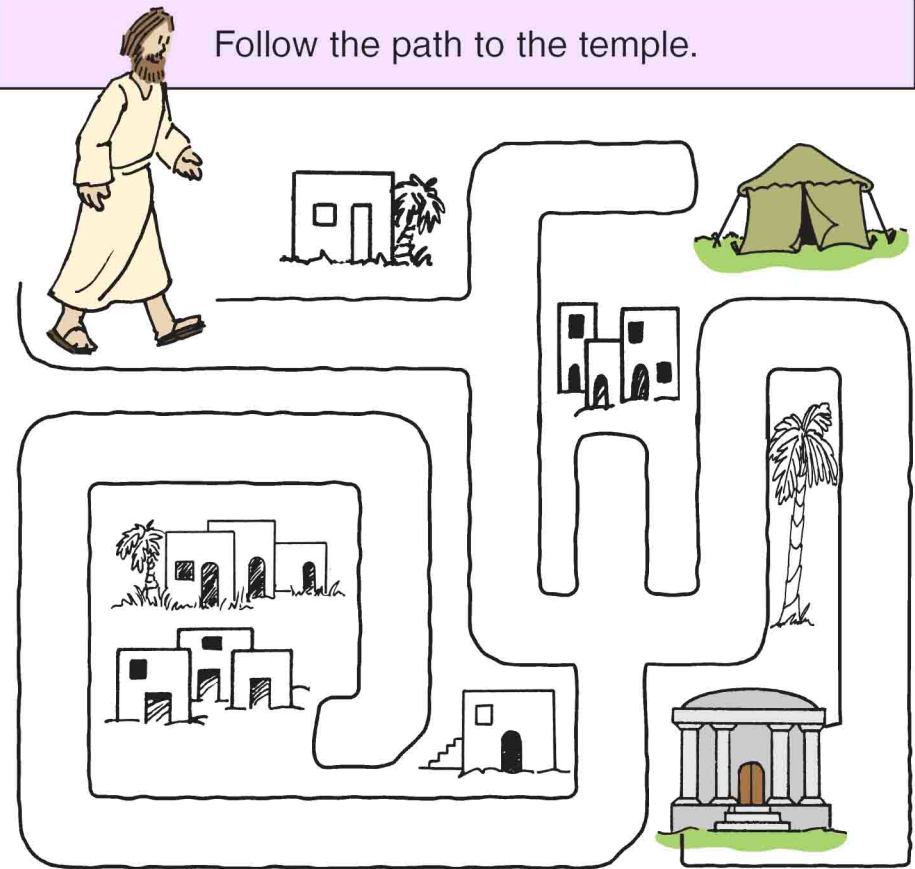
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March 3, 2024 • John 2:13-22

Jesus Clears the Temple

Jesus went up to the temple.

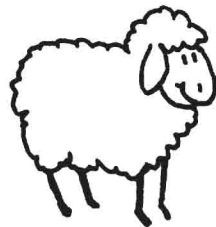
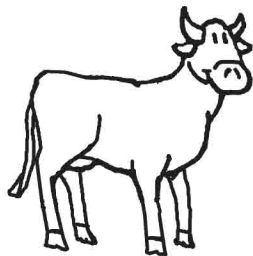
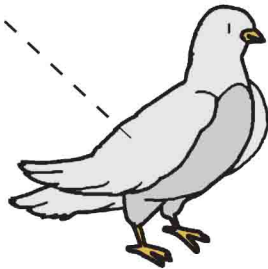
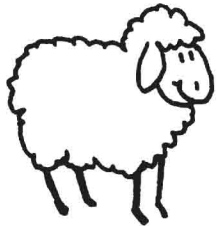
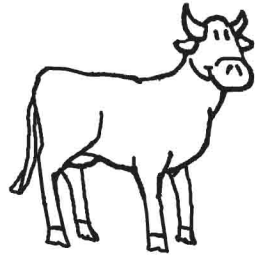
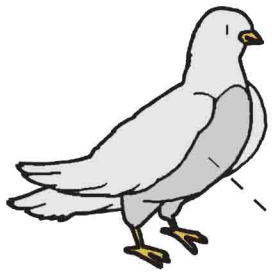
Follow the path to the temple.



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He found many people selling things in the temple.

Match the animals.

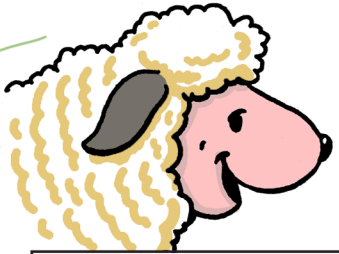


He scattered the coins of the moneychangers and upset their tables.

 Count the coins. 11 or 12 ?

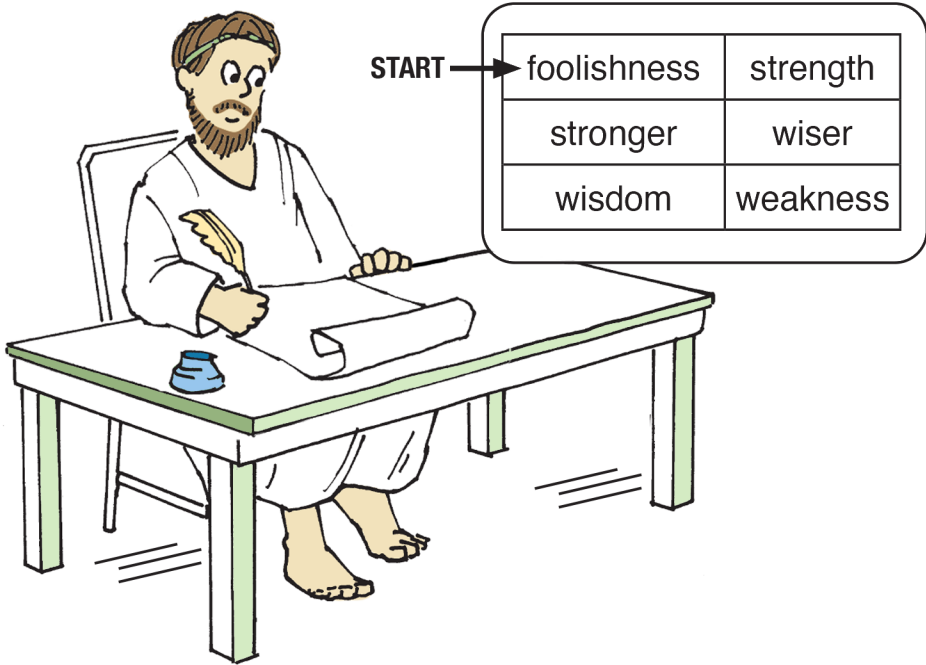
 Count the doves. 8 or 9 ?





Paul continued his message.

Follow the arrows to write the words on the blanks.



For the foolishness of God is
_____ than human _____, and the
_____ of God is _____
than human _____.

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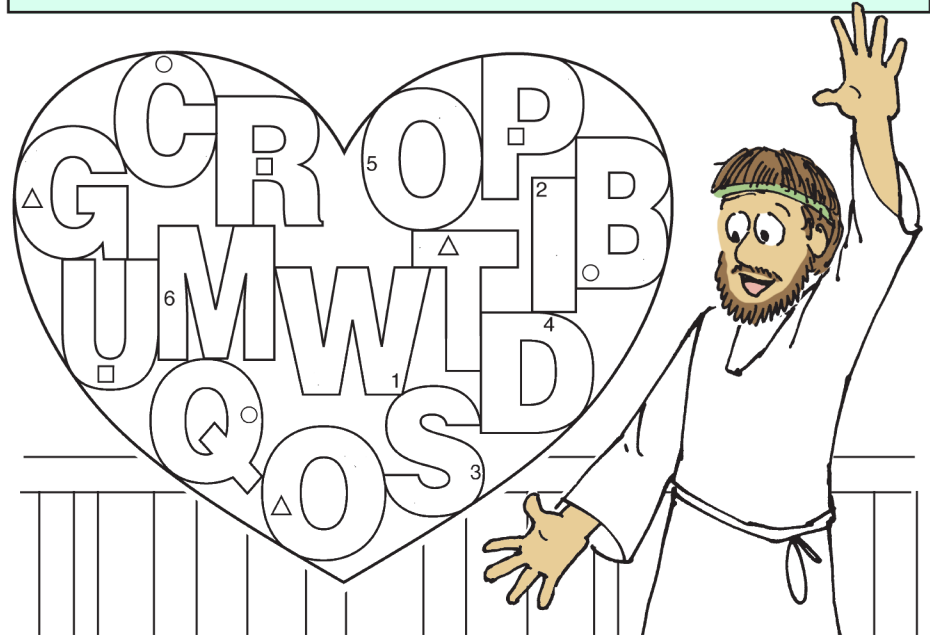
Ages 7+

March 3, 2024 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Christ, the Power and Wisdom of God

Paul said: The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Write the numbered letters in order on the blanks below.

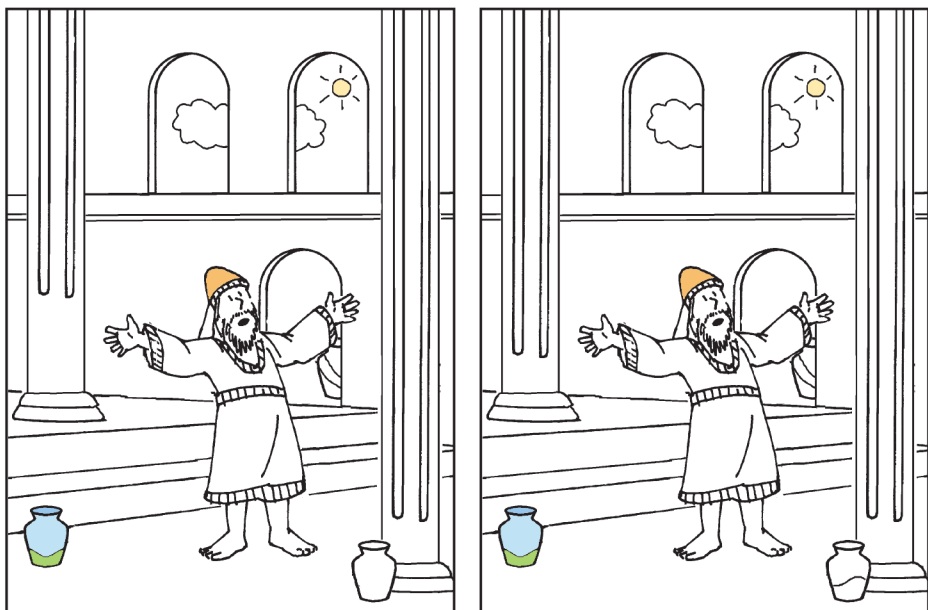
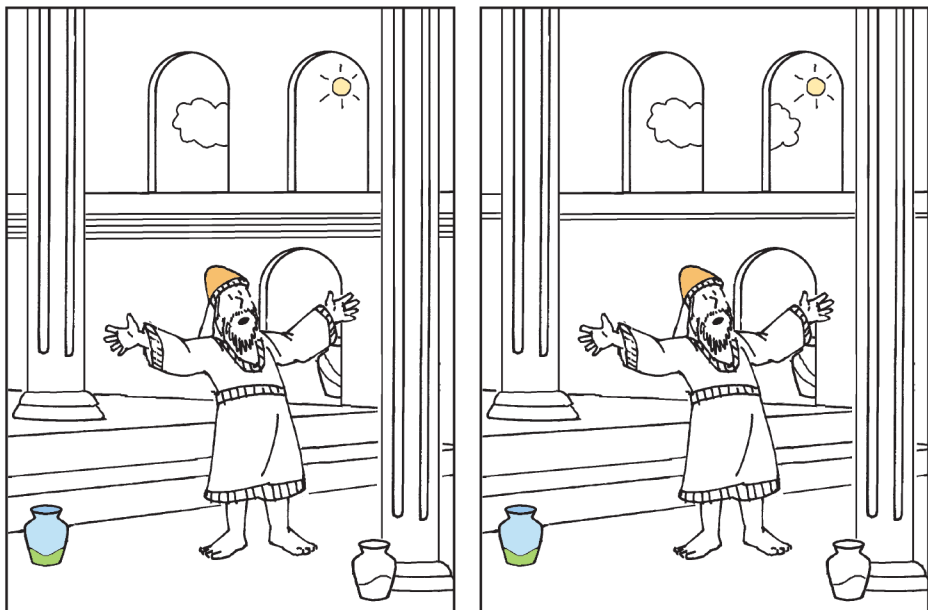


For it is written: "I will destroy the _____ of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

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Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Circle the two pictures that match.

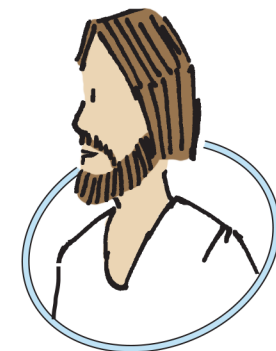


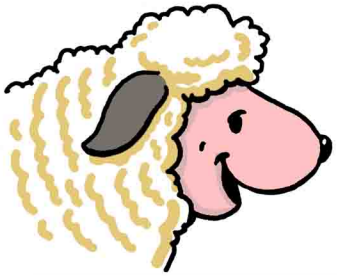
For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, ...

Use the code to fill in the blanks below.

† = B † = C † = F † = P † = V

... God was pleased through the foolishness
of what was reached to sae those
who eliee. Jews demand signs and Greeks
look or wisdom, ut we reach hrist
ruiied: a stumling lok to Jews
and oolishness to Gentiles, ut to those whom
God has alled, oth Jews and
Greeks, hrist the ower o God
and the wisdom o God.



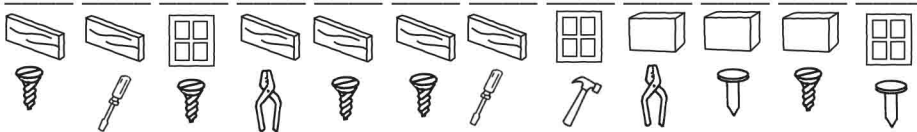
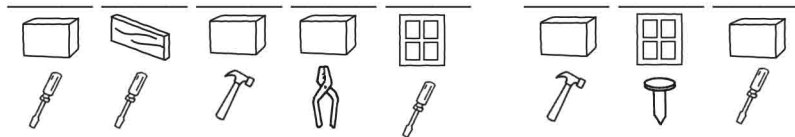
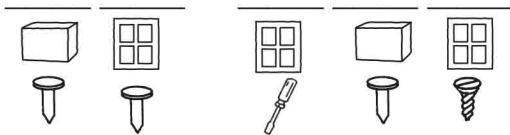
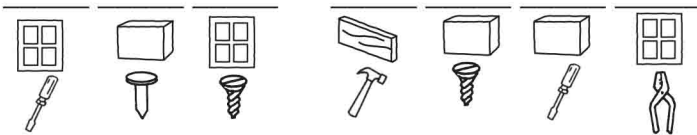


Some leaders wanted proof of Jesus' authority. He said, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it again in 3 days." They said it took 46 years to build! What temple was Jesus talking about?

Use the graph to find the answer.



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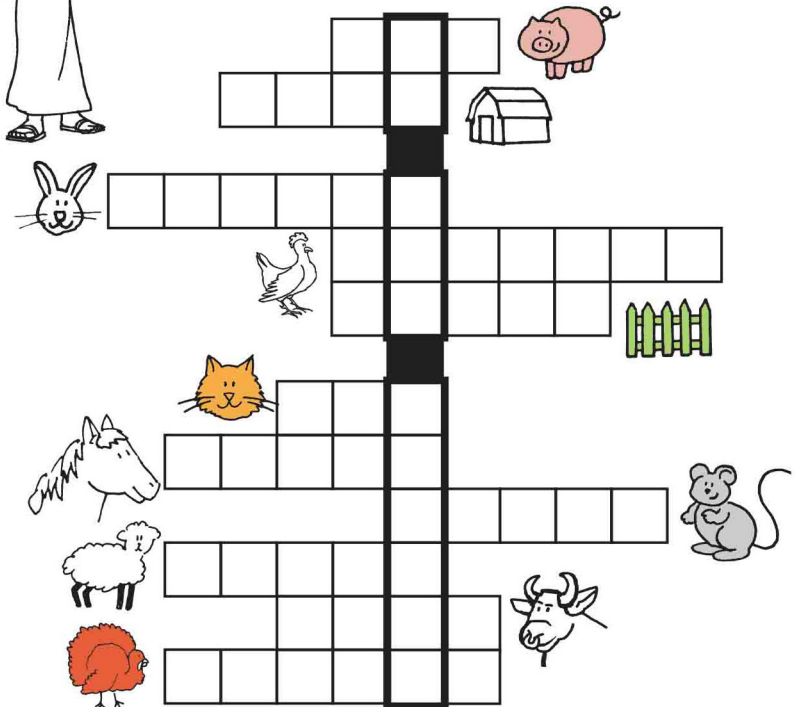
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Jesus Clears the Temple

It was almost time for the Passover. Jesus was in Jerusalem. He went to a place where He found men selling cattle, sheep and doves. Others were exchanging money at tables. Where was Jesus?

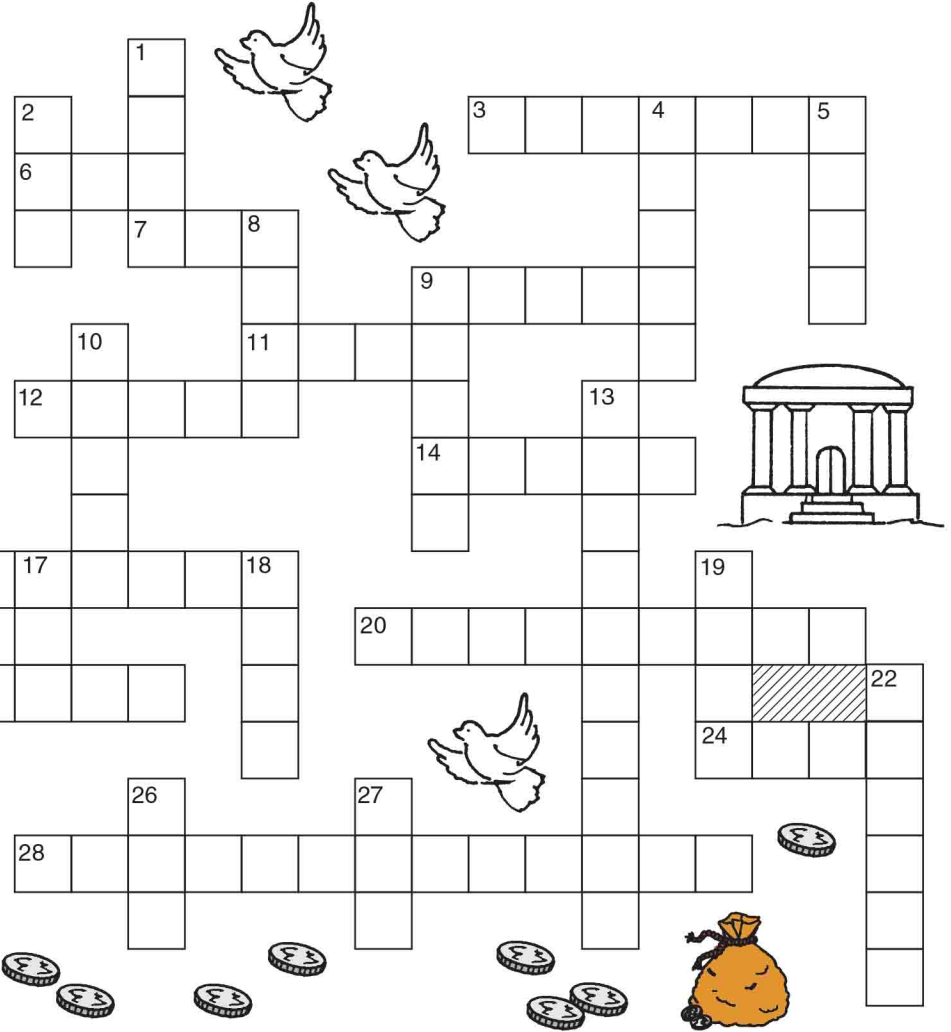
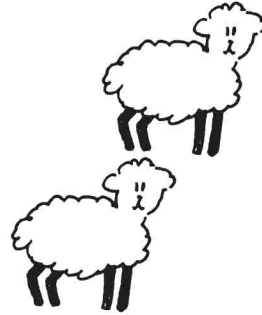


Write out the name of each picture in the boxes. The darker ones will spell out the answer.



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Fit the words below into the puzzle.
 (Suggestion: start with the longest word.)
 Write the words on the lines below.
 Read the story!

out	both	their
all	said	house
the	dare	temple
and	turn	cattle
how	into	market
you	Jesus	tables
made	cords	Father's
whip	drove	scattered
from	sheep	overturned
area	coins	moneychangers

“ _____ a _____ of _____; He _____ of _____
 _____, _____; He _____ of _____
 _____ ... He _____,
 _____ my _____, _____ a _____!”