



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

**Westminster Presbyterian Church extends an enthusiastic welcome**, in Christ's name, to all who worship here or join us in fellowship. Our church family seeks to embody God's boundless love by embracing, liberating and empowering people – whoever they are and wherever they may be on their faith journeys – to realize the transforming power of Christ in our congregation, community and the world beyond.



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Loving God, I pray for your Spirit to fill me. Where I have been weak, grant me your strength; where I have been confused, grant me your guidance; where I have been distraught, grant me your comfort; where I have been dead, grant me your life. Apart from you I am lacking; in and with you I can do amazing things! Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our virtual worship service. We invite you to participate in the liturgy by joining Dr. Jones on lines printed in **bold**.

The materials attached at the end of the bulletin for worshipping with children are provided by Illustrated Ministry. We hope you will print them and use them for participation in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. Westminster's educational offerings have also moved online. You can find information about this week's offerings at the end of this Order of Worship.

We hope you will stay connected with our community of faith during this season of social distancing by subscribing to the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter through the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)), liking us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware](http://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](http://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

Let us worship God!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

**And the Word was God**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him;

**And to all who received him, he gave power to become children of God.**

HYMN NO. 366

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Vs. 1 & 4*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

**Everlasting God, by your Spirit you raised Christ from death,  
and by your Spirit you raise us to a new way of living.  
We give thanks that you are our Source and Sustainer,  
and that you show us the path to holy adventures and a rich life.  
Continually renew us in trust and gratitude  
that we may proclaim the good news of your love and hope for the world;  
through Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:15-21

SERMON

“A Liminal Moment”

Greg Jones

HYMN NO. 282

“Come Down, O Love Divine”  
*Vs. 1 & 3*

Come down, O Love Divine;  
seek out this soul of mine,  
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.  
O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear, and kindle it,  
your holy flame bestowing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling.  
For none can guess God’s grace,  
till Love creates a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN NO. 688

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”  
*Vs. 1*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love thee as I ought to love.

BENEDICTION

## GOING FORTH: OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES TO GOD

*With gratitude for the grace we have received, we go forth from worship to offer our energy, our hands, and part of our income in service to God. One way we respond to Christ's call is by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. You may mail a check to the church or make an online offering to support the many ministries of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking "Donate Now" on the homepage of our website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).*

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*According to John's Gospel, the Risen Christ appeared to his disciples as they huddled behind locked doors and offered them the gift of peace (John 20:19). We invite you to share signs of Christ's peace with those with whom you are gathered, or to pass the peace virtually by calling, emailing, or texting your family and friends in our congregation and beyond.*

## PARTICIPANTS

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## SOURCES AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We are grateful to Westminster John Knox Press for making available the complete list of public domain hymns included in the *Glory to God* hymnal and to Illustrated Ministry ([www.illustratedministry.com](http://www.illustratedministry.com)) for providing free resources for children of all ages to use during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## ***This Week's Educational Offerings***

A list of all virtual Christian education and small group opportunities can be found on the homepage of the Westminster website ([www.wpc.org](http://www.wpc.org)).

### ***Sunday School at Home***

See the young families email blast for PDF downloadables you can use for a 20-minute Sunday school class geared toward elementary age kids. Check our [YouTube](#) channel each Sunday for a new video lesson. Not receiving the email blast for young families? Email Chesna Hinkley ([chesnahinkley@wpc.org](mailto:chesnahinkley@wpc.org)) and request to be added to the list.

### **Today at 10:10**

#### ***The Qur'an***

Presenters: Bob Cox and Kara Francis

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Our Qur'an series concludes this week, taught by Bob Cox and Kara Francis. Contact Chesna ([chesnahinkley@wpc.org](mailto:chesnahinkley@wpc.org)) with questions.

**Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. OR Thursdays 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

***Bible Study***

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

While our building is closed, the "Eat and Exegete" Bible study has moved to Westminster's Zoom classroom at the above link! Visit the link at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays OR 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. This is a LIVE Bible study! Contact Chesna ([chesnahinkley@wpc.org](mailto:chesnahinkley@wpc.org)) with questions.

**Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.**

***Online Evening Prayer***

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (password: wpc)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Click the link above on Wednesday evenings for a short, informal LIVE prayer service. We will share a liturgy and some open time to pray for ourselves, our community, and the world. Use a laptop or smartphone for optimal experience with this technology.

**Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.**

***Women's Online Community Group***

Coordinator: Jill Getty

For women of the church to provide connection and friendship, this group meets virtually using Zoom. If you are interested, please email Jill Getty at [jgetty@wpc.org](mailto:jgetty@wpc.org) and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

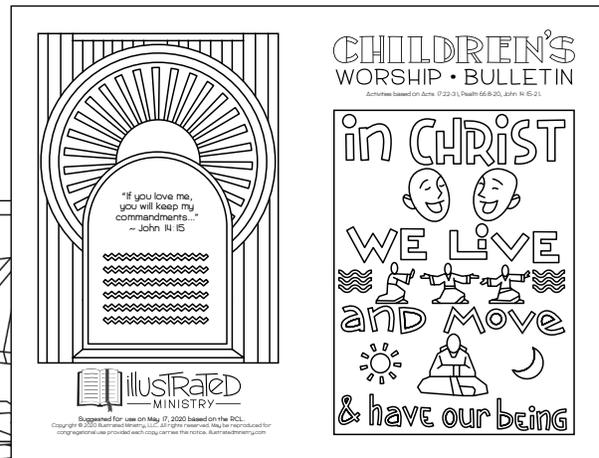
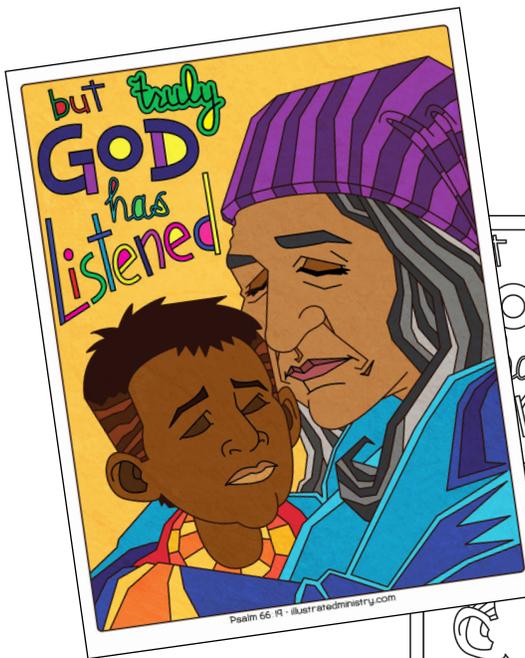
**180 Youth Ministry Activities**

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180 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) is on a brief hiatus before our summer schedule begins next week. We're kicking off on Zoom May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4-5 p.m. for old-fashioned bingo! See the Weekly Word for more details.

Email Chesna at [chesnahinkley@wpc.org](mailto:chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions. Follow us for more on Instagram @180youth\_wpc.

# Faith Formation Resources for the Sixth Sunday of Easter





Resources provided by Illustrated Ministry, LLC. [illustratedministry.com](http://illustratedministry.com)

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## RESOURCES FROM ILLUSTRATED MINISTRY

As the world struggles to adjust to life amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, necessary disruptions are affecting all aspects of our lives. Schools are closing, places of worship are canceling services, sports seasons are being suspended, and we are all adjusting to this new way of life. Illustrated Ministry hopes that these faith formation resources are meaningful and helpful to you.

We will be sending a weekly email during the COVID-19 pandemic which will include faith formation resources for all ages. We will be following the Revised Common Lectionary, and most of the resources will line up with the appropriate texts for each of the Sundays. If this resource was forwarded to you, and you would like to sign up to receive the weekly email in your inbox, you can sign up at: [illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve](https://illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve)

The weekly resource consists of a variety of resources, including children's worship bulletins, devotionals, and coloring pages. There are a variety of different ways you could use these resources at home:

- As a family, put together an order of worship. You can use this as an interactive piece to the scripture reading and message/sermon.
- Use this as an individual or family devotional to reflect on throughout the week.
- Get a group of friends together, virtually, and color the coloring page and reflect on the scripture passage.
- While you watch your church's virtual worship service, your children can color the coloring page or do the activities in the children's worship bulletin.

We hope you enjoy this resource, and if you have any questions about it, you can always reach us at [info@illustratedministry.com](mailto:info@illustratedministry.com). If you want to connect with others and see how they are using our resources, you can also follow us on social media:

Facebook: [fb.com/illustratedmin](https://fb.com/illustratedmin)  
Instagram: [instagram.com/illustratedmin](https://instagram.com/illustratedmin)  
Twitter: [twitter.com/illustratedmin](https://twitter.com/illustratedmin)  
Pinterest: [pinterest.com/illustratedmin](https://pinterest.com/illustratedmin)

Our Facebook Group is a growing community. If you're looking for ideas and suggestions for using this resource, you can request to join here:  
[fb.com/groups/illustratedmin](https://fb.com/groups/illustratedmin)

Peace,

The Illustrated Ministry Team

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 17

**Describe a time you were talking about something, and another person truly listened. Focus on an instance when the other person made you feel safe, seen, and not alone.** *Note: If you are with a group, have each person take a turn sharing.*

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 61:19

*But truly God has listened;  
God has given heed to the words of my prayer.*

## Reflection

Today's scripture comes from the book of Psalms. The psalmist is praising God because God truly listens and is present with us. Truly listening and being present with someone is about more than just being in the same room and hearing them talk.

True presence is about paying attention to what someone is saying and how they are thinking and feeling. Being truly present with someone else means showing them how much we care about them. God is present with us like that. God listens to everything we say, even the things we don't say out loud or have words for. God always cares, whether our concerns are big or small.

We can and should practice this kind of presence with each other. One way we can do this is through active listening. Active listening means: looking at the other person, responding to their words, not focusing on what we're going to say next, etc.

It feels good when we are heard, seen, and loved. We have the power to make someone else feel that way too. How can you practice presence and active listening throughout the coming week?

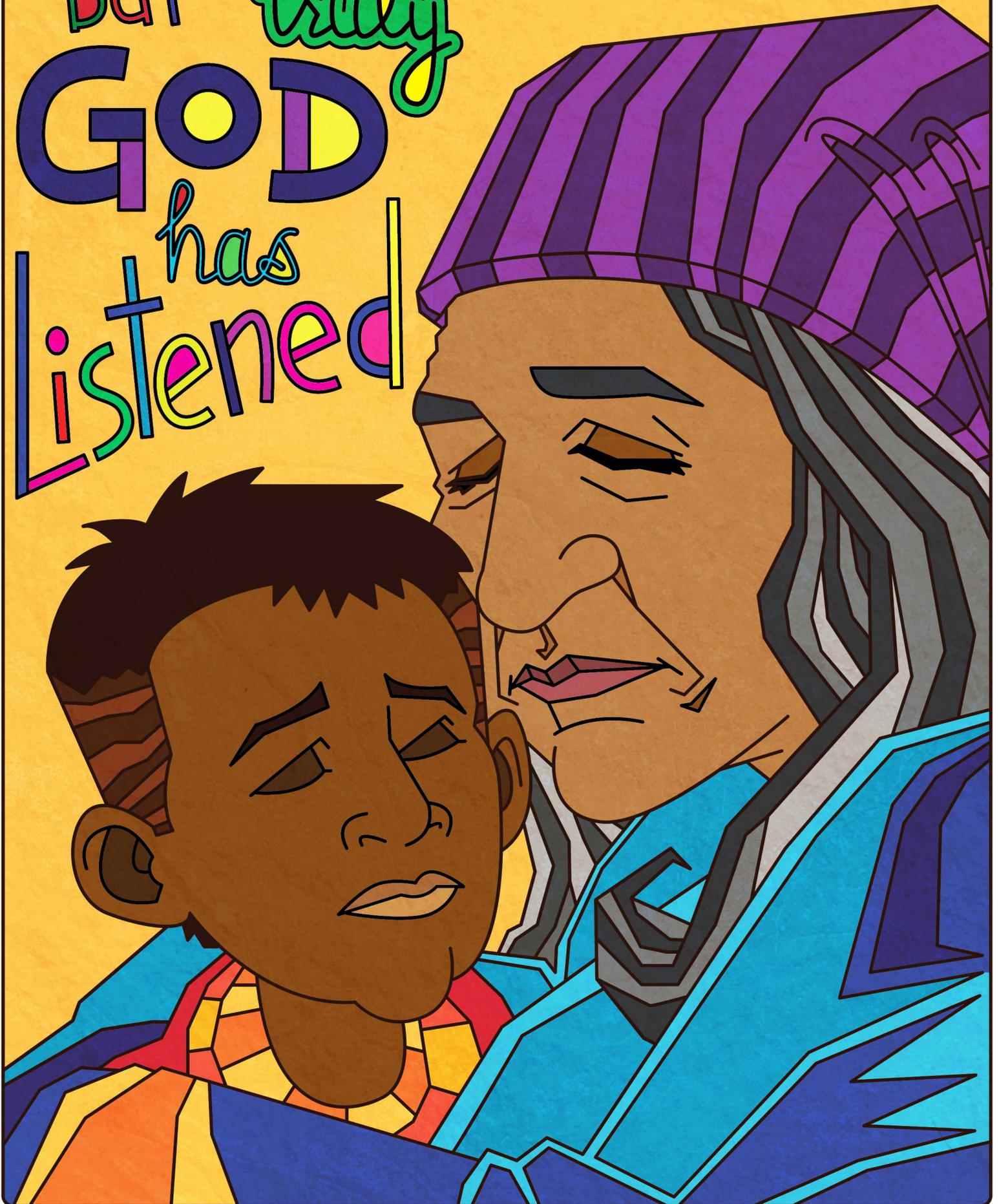
## Discussion Questions

1. Who is someone in your life who truly listens to you?
2. How do you know when someone is really listening and paying attention to you?
3. How do you show other people you are listening to them?

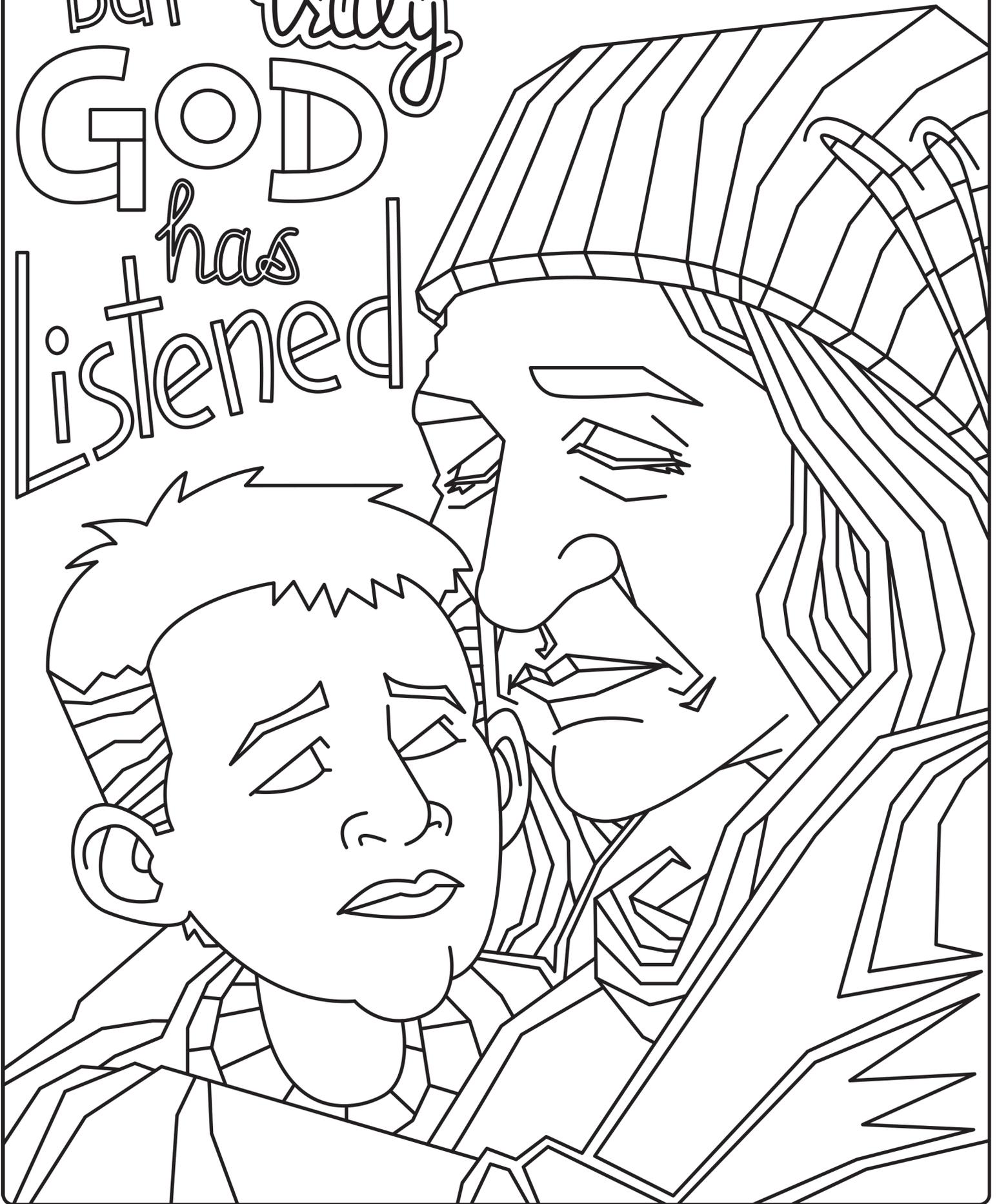
## Prayer

Dear God, thank you so much for always being present with us. Thank you for truly listening to what we say, think, and feel and for always caring about us. Help us practice this kind of presence and listening with one another. **Amen.**

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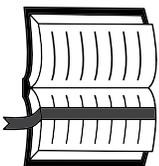
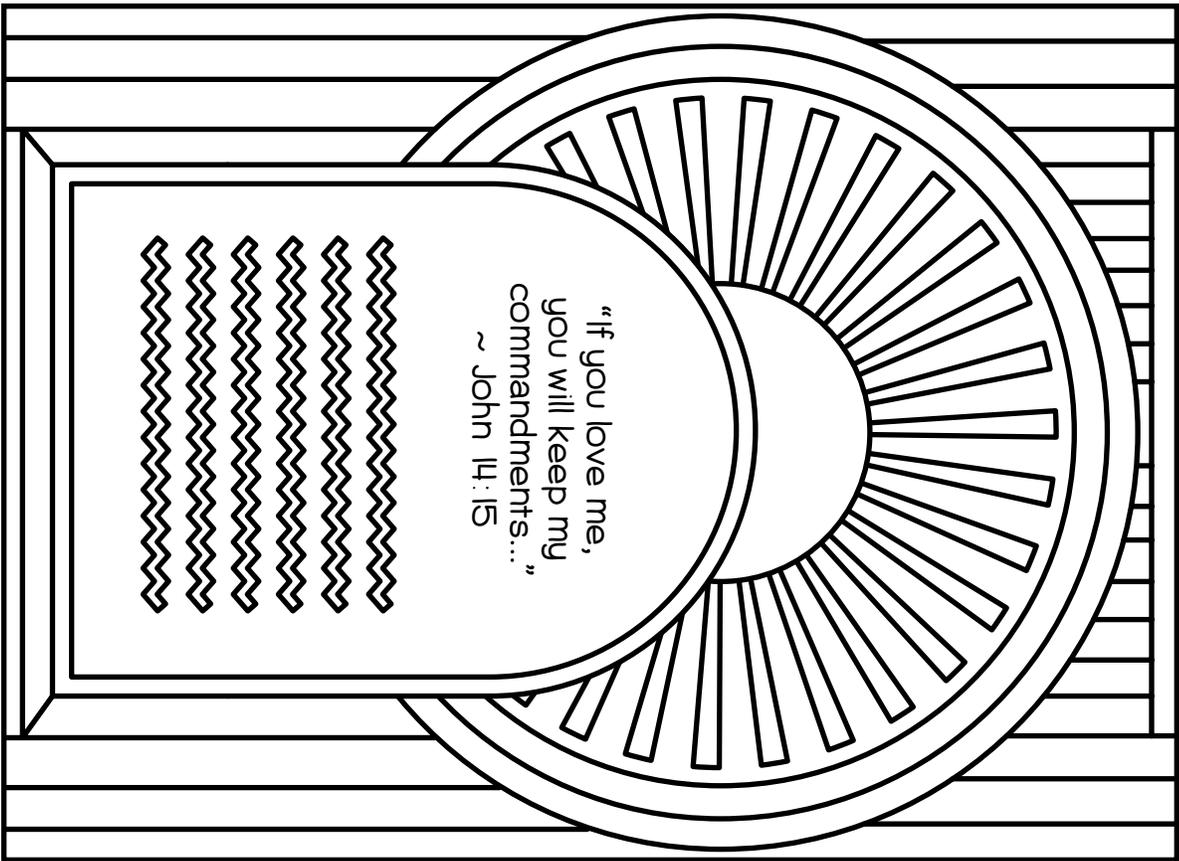


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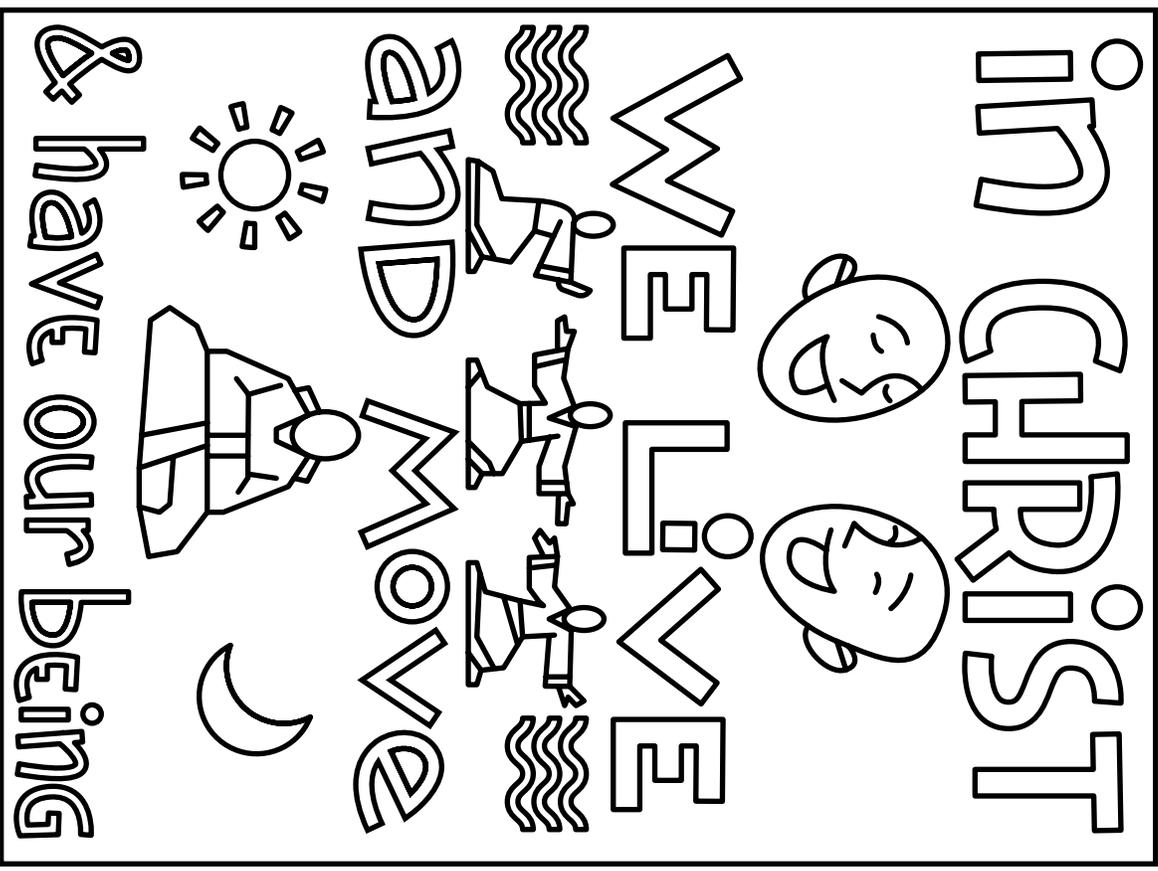


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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

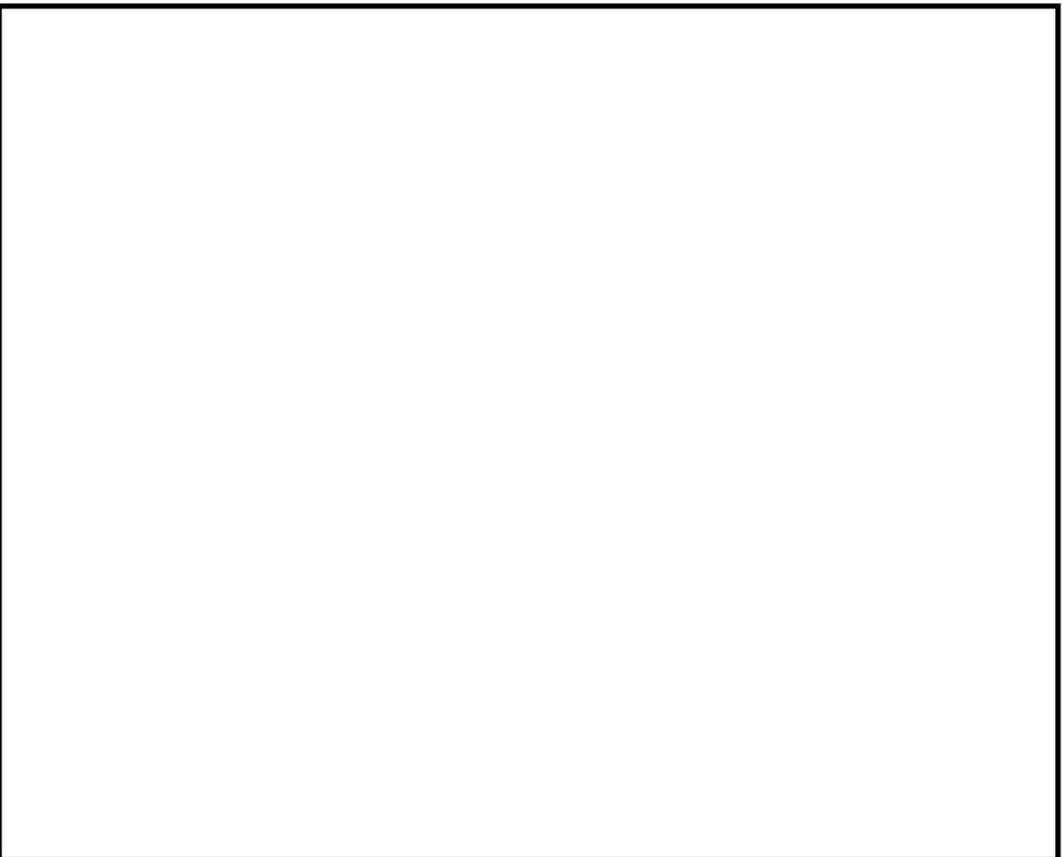
Activities based on Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21.





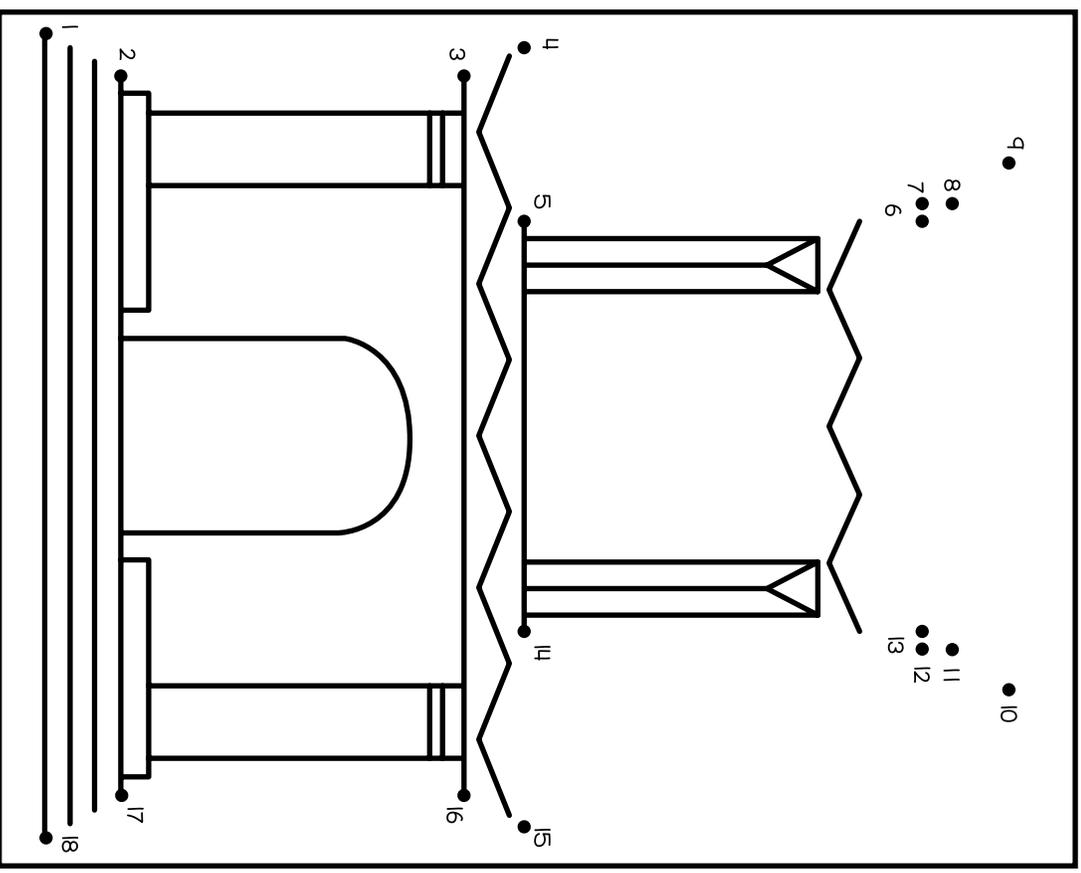
# DRAW IT

In John 14, Jesus promises to give his followers the Holy Spirit who will be with and in them. One way we can see the Holy Spirit is through the loving choices we make in following Christ. Draw an example of that here.



# CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 66, the Psalmist describes coming to God's house - the temple - to praise and give offerings of thanks. Connect the dots to form the temple. Inside, write or draw some things for which you want to praise God.





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