



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 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

*Eternal God, I give thanks for this day of worship and pray that I may use today to remember that you are God and I am not. I pause from my daily routine to reflect on how I am spending my time. Am I carving out time for prayer that I may follow your ways? Am I sharing my resources with those in need? Am I sharing Christ's love with others? Strengthen my will, my mind and my heart so that I may order my life according to your will. 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. Please print them to participate in this service or for family devotions throughout the week. Westminster's educational offerings have also moved online. You can find this week's opportunities 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](https://www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware)), or following us on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware](https://www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware)).

Let us worship God!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Separated in space but united in hearts, we worship the One who unites us all.

**We worship in the loving Spirit of Jesus.**

We seek to deepen our ties with God and with one another.

**Let us worship God together.**

## HYMN NO. 30

"O God, in a Mysterious Way"

*Vs. 1, 3 & 4*

O God, in a mysterious way	O fearful saints, fresh courage take.
great wonders you perform.	The clouds you so much dread
You plant your footsteps in the sea	are big with mercy and shall break
and ride upon the storm.	in blessings on your head.

Our unbelief is sure to err  
and scan your work in vain.  
You are your own interpreter,  
and you will make it plain.

## OPENING PRAYER

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Give us such a sense of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may deter us from seeking your will  
and no weakness prevent us from following it.  
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 17:1-11

SERMON

“A Tale of Two Cities”

Greg Jones

HYMN NO. 317

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

*Vs. 1 & 4*

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.	In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Barbara Jobe

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. 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

*Vs. 1*

Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

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**

#### ***"Let's Talk About It" on Zoom***

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

Facilitated by Sue Linderman

While we may not be able to gather in person, we still need opportunities to experience the challenges and benefits that come from bringing racial issues into the light of day. The coronavirus pandemic has laid bare much of the bias that still informs life in America. All are welcome to join us today as we share our perspectives on the various ways that racial injustice is showing itself and what steps we might take to counter the poisonous impact it has on our nation's soul. Go to [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join), enter Meeting ID 493 720 0361 and click "Join." There is no password, but you will be placed in a waiting room and admitted at 10:10.

### **Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. OR Thursdays 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom**

#### ***Online Bible Studies***

<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361> (no password)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Our Bible studies are always open, always drop-in, and there's never any homework. Right now both groups are studying Genesis. Pick a time and join us! 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> (no password)

Presenter: Chesna Hinkley

Click the link above on Wednesday evenings for a short, informal LIVE prayer service. Join us for a short prayer service and time to pray together for our congregation's needs. Contact Chesna ([chesnahinkley@wpc.org](mailto:chesnahinkley@wpc.org)) with questions.

## **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 on 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**

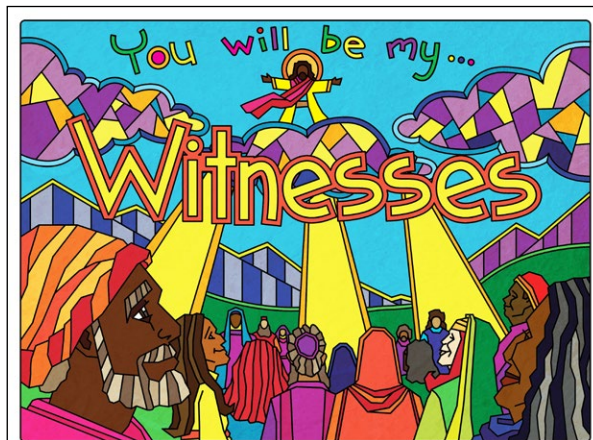
### ***New Summer Schedule for 180 Youth Ministry (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)***


<https://zoom.us/j/4937200361>

We will meet on Zoom from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Sundays through July. Tonight is game night. See your eblast for details or contact Chesna ([chesnahinkley@wpc.org](mailto:chesnahinkley@wpc.org)) with questions.

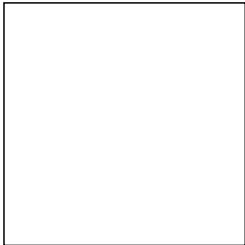
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# Faith Formation Resources for the Seventh Sunday of Easter




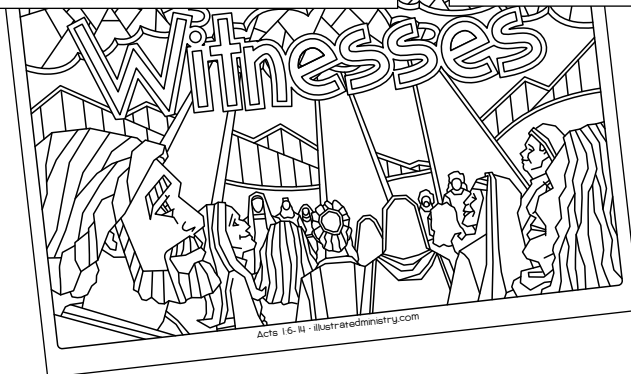
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**CHILDREN'S  
WORSHIP • BULLETIN**







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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)**  
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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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# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 24

**Describe a time when you were a witness to someone doing an incredibly kind and generous act and were also inspired to show that kind of generosity.** *Note: If you are with a group, have each person take a turn sharing.*

## Scripture Reading: Acts 1:6-14

*So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of[a] James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.*

## Reflection

After Jesus was resurrected, he spent 40 days with his followers, teaching them how they should live and be in community. This was such a gift to have this extra time with Jesus. When he was present with them, for what turned out to be the last time, they asked Jesus a question that had been pressing on their hearts: "Now will you restore the kingdom to Israel? When can we be free from leaders who make decisions and laws that harm us and keep us poor?"

Jesus tells them that while they won't understand God's timing, what matters now is they will receive the Holy Spirit, and they will be his witnesses of God's powerful love and compassion. Take a look at the illustration. Right after he told them, "you'll be my witnesses," Jesus ascended (was taken up) into the heavens to be with God.

Jesus' followers were left to carry on his work by following his example by loving God and their neighbors, even though he wasn't physically present. They were witnesses to Jesus' life on earth and continued to be witnesses when they carried on Jesus' work and God's love for the world.

This is how the church got its start - by being witnesses of Jesus through loving God and loving their neighbors. Now all these years later, we still remember Jesus and continue his work and the work of those first followers. On Ascension Day, we celebrate how we are called to live as Jesus taught us. Like the disciples, we, too, are his witnesses.



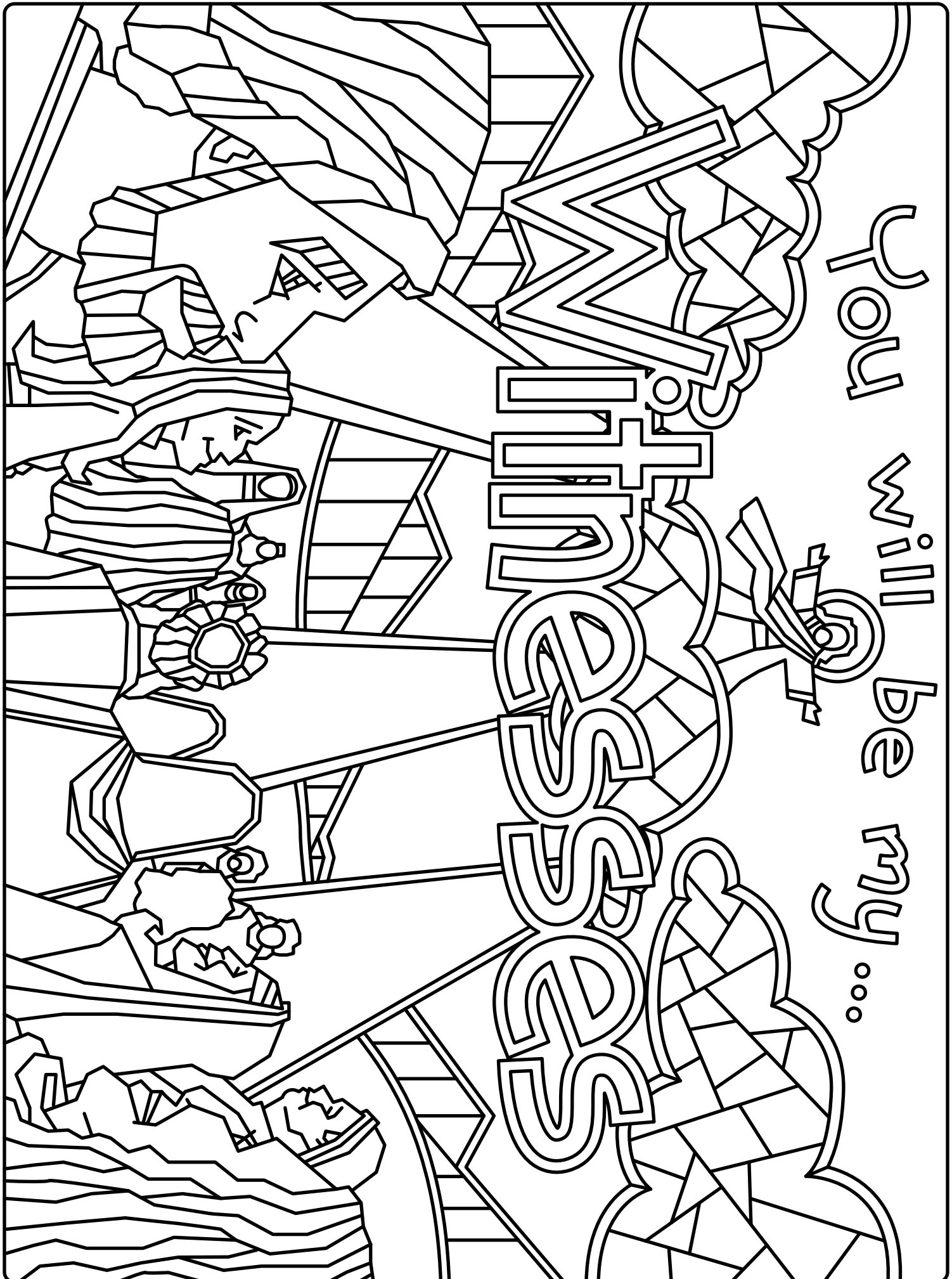
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### Discussion Questions

1. Who have you seen showing kindness, generosity, and joy?
2. When have you shown love to someone?
3. How are you a witness of Jesus to your neighbors during the pandemic?

You will be my...

Wife



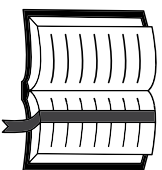
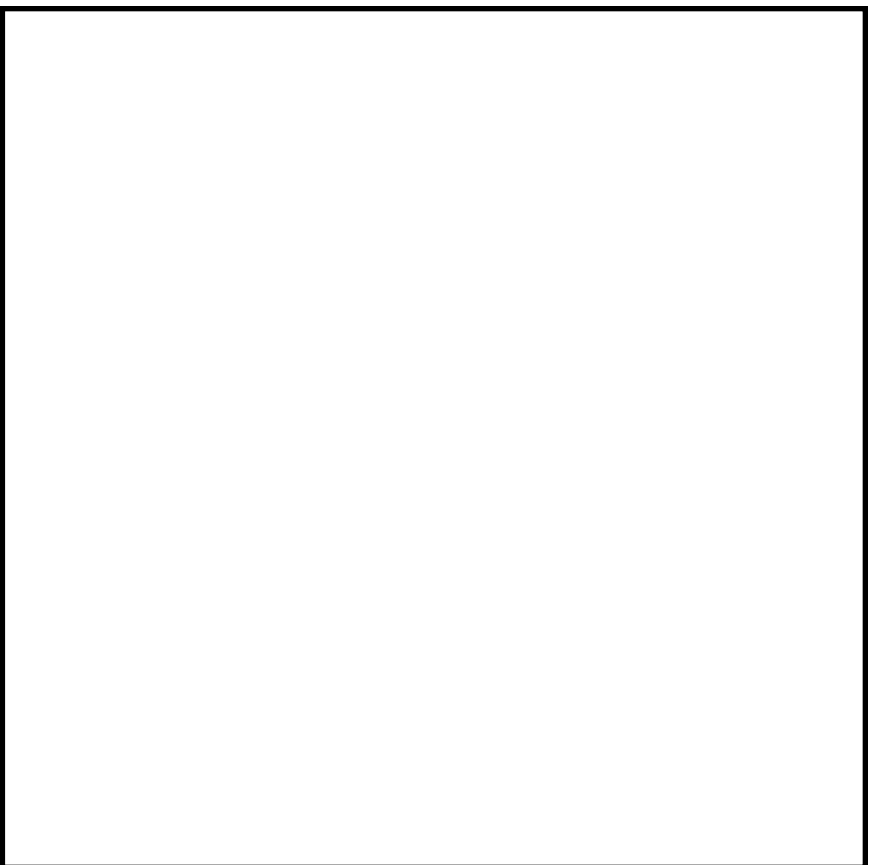
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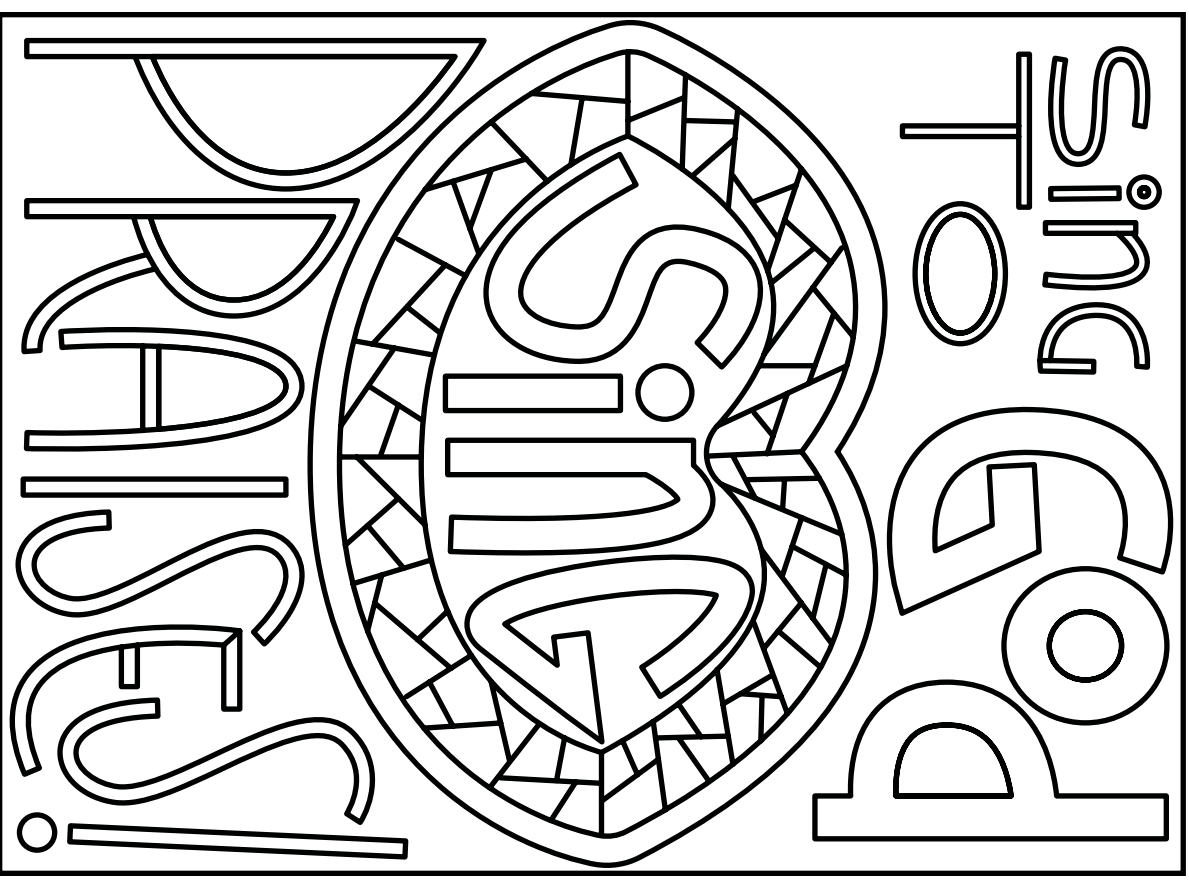


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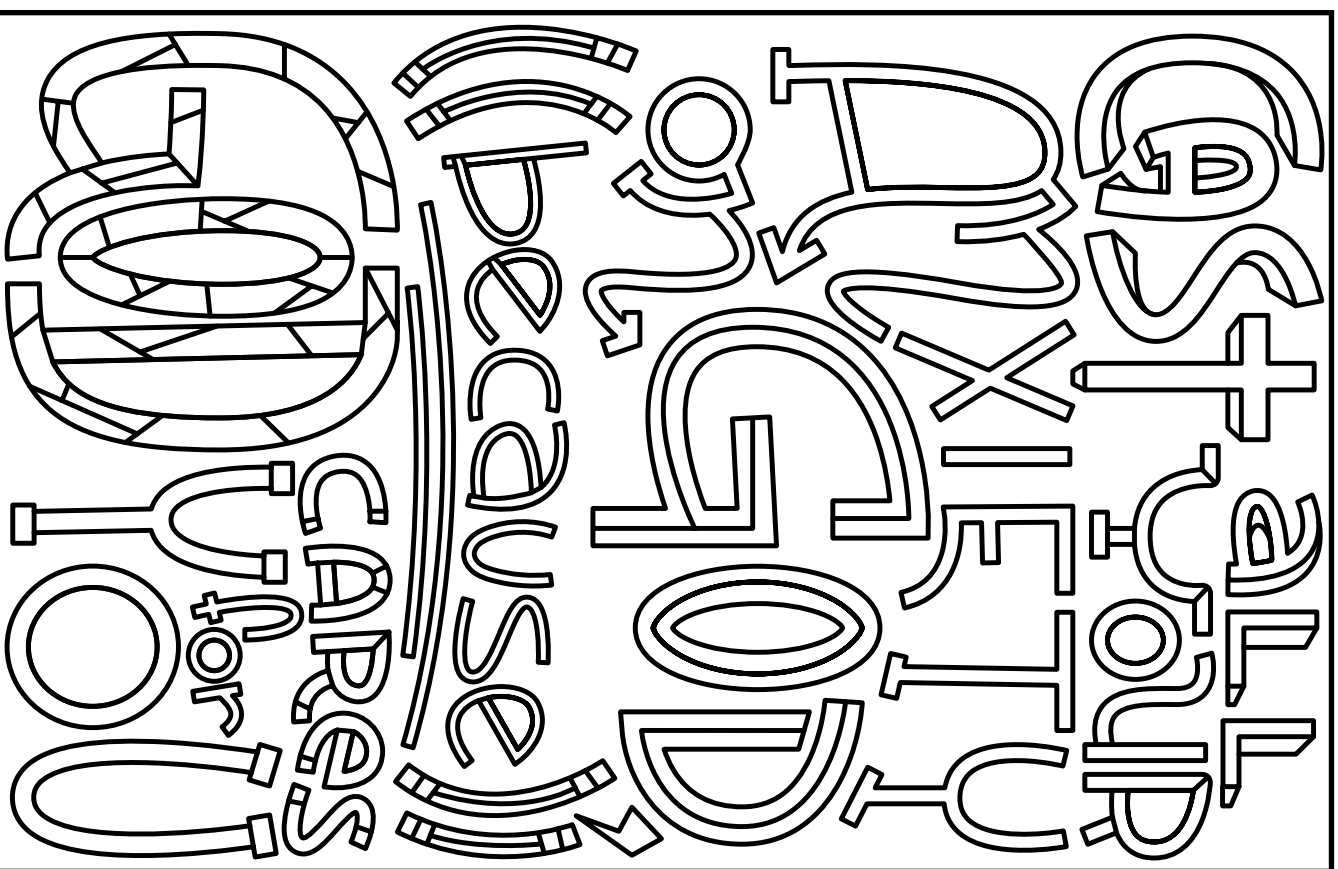
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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11.



# COLOR IN THE WORDS



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from John 17 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

L P C Y L A U P E S S R A S K  
 U O Z I X C U E U U H B P Y Y  
 Y D F M R O T T S Z O E F N L  
 F E G Z G E P E H W U y O I Z  
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JESUS	FATHER	EVERYTHING
WORDS	SON	ASK
HEAVEN	AUTHORITY	BEHALF
HOOR	ETERNAL	MINE
GLORIFY	WORLD	HOLY
LIFE	NAME	ONE



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