



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

Thank you, God, for the glimpses of your glory, and the whispered words of your promise, which help me to continue from day to day. Help me press onward in the journey of faith, trusting your grace for today and tomorrow, accepting the cost and joy of following Christ, my faithful guide. Amen.

Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*

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**.

Illustrated Ministry has provided the materials attached at the end of the bulletin for worshipping with children. 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), liking us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/wpcdelaware), or following us on Instagram (www.instagram.com/wpcdelaware).

Let us worship God!

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our Shepherd who supplies our needs.

He leads us by peaceful waters and restores our souls.

He leads us on the right paths.

God's goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives.

And we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HYMN NO. 385

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Vs. 1 & 2

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we live in unsettling times when our future is shrouded in impenetrable fog.

Fill our minds with determination so that we may live each day with courage.

Creator God, you breathe life into the universe and create all people in your image.

Fill our hearts with love so that we may respect each person as a brother or sister.

Mighty God, you envision a world where everyone lives together in peace.

Fill our souls with a resolve to seek mercy and justice for all. Amen.

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23

SERMON

“Covid-19 and the 23rd Psalm”

Greg Jones

HYMN NO. 802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Vs. 1, 4, & 6

**The King of love my shepherd is, In death's dark vale I fear no ill
whose goodness faileth never; with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
I nothing lack if I am his thy rod and staff my comfort still,
and he is mine forever. thy cross before to guide me.**

**And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

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. 816

“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”
Vs. 1

**If thou but trust in God to guide thee,
with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that nought can move.**

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 ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church by clicking “Donate Now” on the homepage of our website (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.

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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) 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).

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) and request to be added to the list.

Today

Examen on YouTube with Greg

Greg guides us in the practice of *examen* prayer for reflection on God's work in the everyday. Visit our [YouTube](#) channel and be sure to subscribe!

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 will move 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) 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 and she will add you to the weekly participant email list to receive the Zoom link and password.

180 Youth Ministry Activities

180 Movie Night

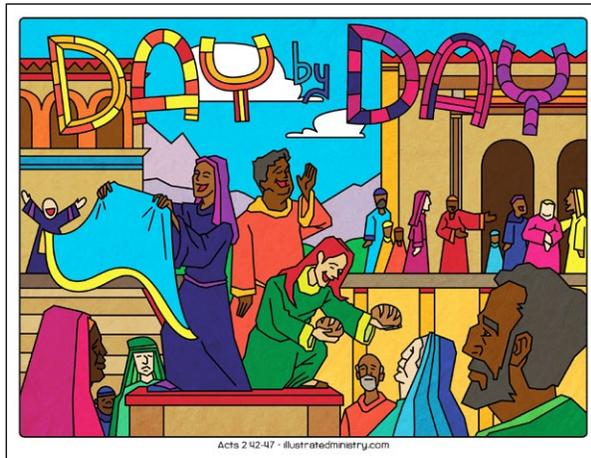
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We'll use NetflixParty to watch a movie for our last regular weekly 180 of the school year! See our Instagram and eblast for more information.

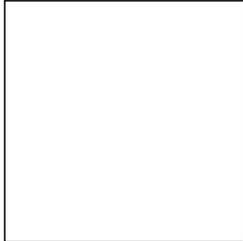
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High schoolers meet for small group on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (text Molly or Tommy for the link). Our 6-12th graders meet at the link above Sundays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. for a quick chat, highs and lows. Email Chesna (chesnahinkley@wpc.org) with questions. Follow us for more on Instagram @180youth_wpc.

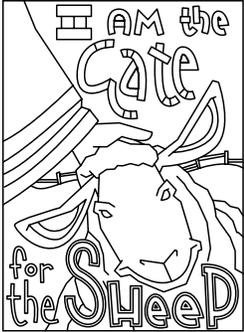
Faith Formation Resources for the Fourth Sunday of Easter



DRAW IT
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN
Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:12, John 1:9-10



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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

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. 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
Instagram: instagram.com/illustratedmin
Twitter: twitter.com/illustratedmin
Pinterest: 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

Peace,

The Illustrated Ministry Team

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 3

Describe a time when you witnessed or benefited from an act of kindness that had a big impact on you and inspired you to do the same. *Note: If you are with a group, have each person take a turn sharing.*

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reflection

This scripture from the Book of Acts gives us a glimpse into the early church. People saw how Jesus healed people, gave them new life, and all the good things he did for them. He fed huge crowds of people, made sick people better, welcomed people who didn't have friends, ate with people no one wanted to sit with, and showed them God's abundant love. These early followers of Jesus were inspired to follow in his ways and do good as well. Then other people were inspired by them, and the church grew and grew. Take a look at the illustration and name some of the acts of kindness you see happening in the image.

All these years later, we are inspired by Jesus to show God's love and help others just like these early followers of Jesus did. It is especially important to be thoughtful and creative with our kind acts as the physical distancing measures we've been practicing during the COVID-19 outbreak begin to roll back. Some of the ways we show people love right now look different than they used to. How we show love in our homes, communities, and the world now requires us to think differently and creatively. It's what the early church was doing in our story for today, and it's what we are doing too. It takes time to notice needs, make the space to respond to them, and practice acts of kindness again and again. What ways can you think of to follow Jesus' example in your own life right now?

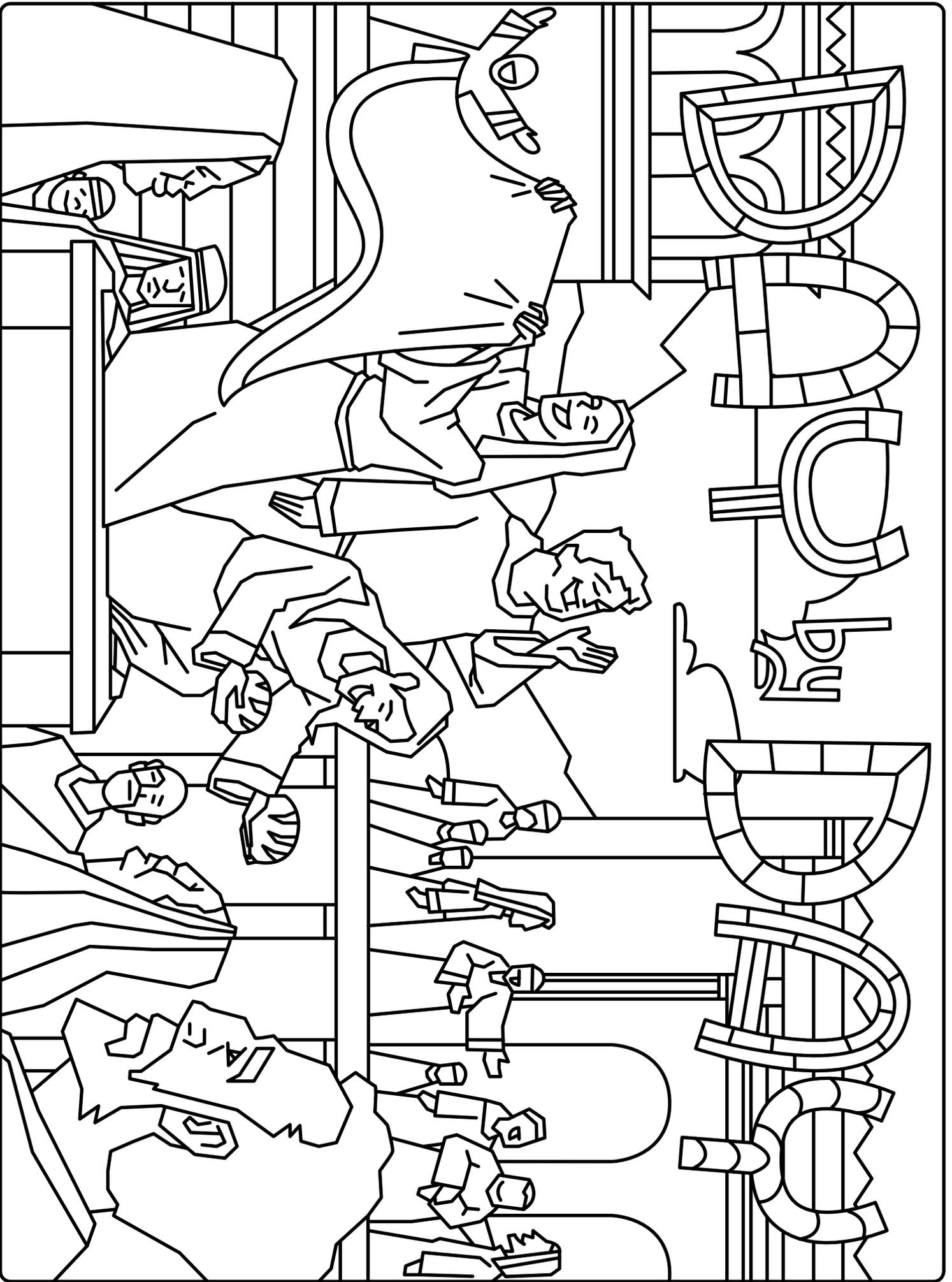
Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of a time you saw someone doing something kind for someone else, or for you? What was it?
2. How did it make the other person feel? How did it make you feel?
3. Can you think of something kind you saw someone else do which inspired you to do the same?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for setting such a powerful example of kindness and love. Help us follow your example by helping others and practicing kindness. **Amen.**



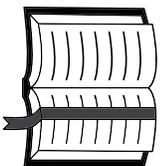
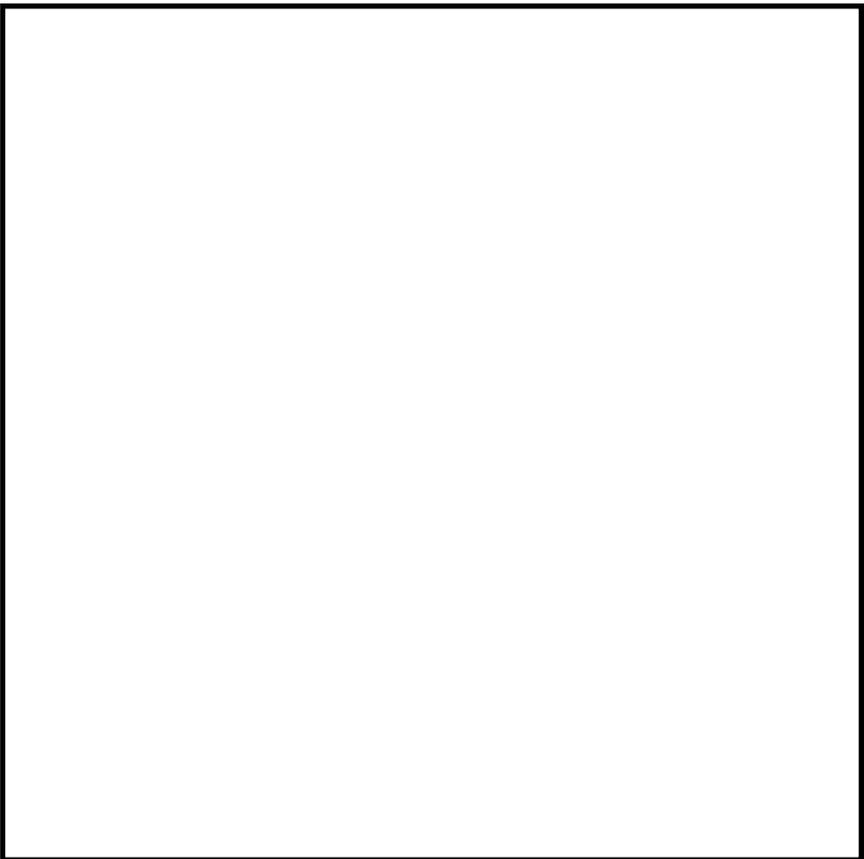


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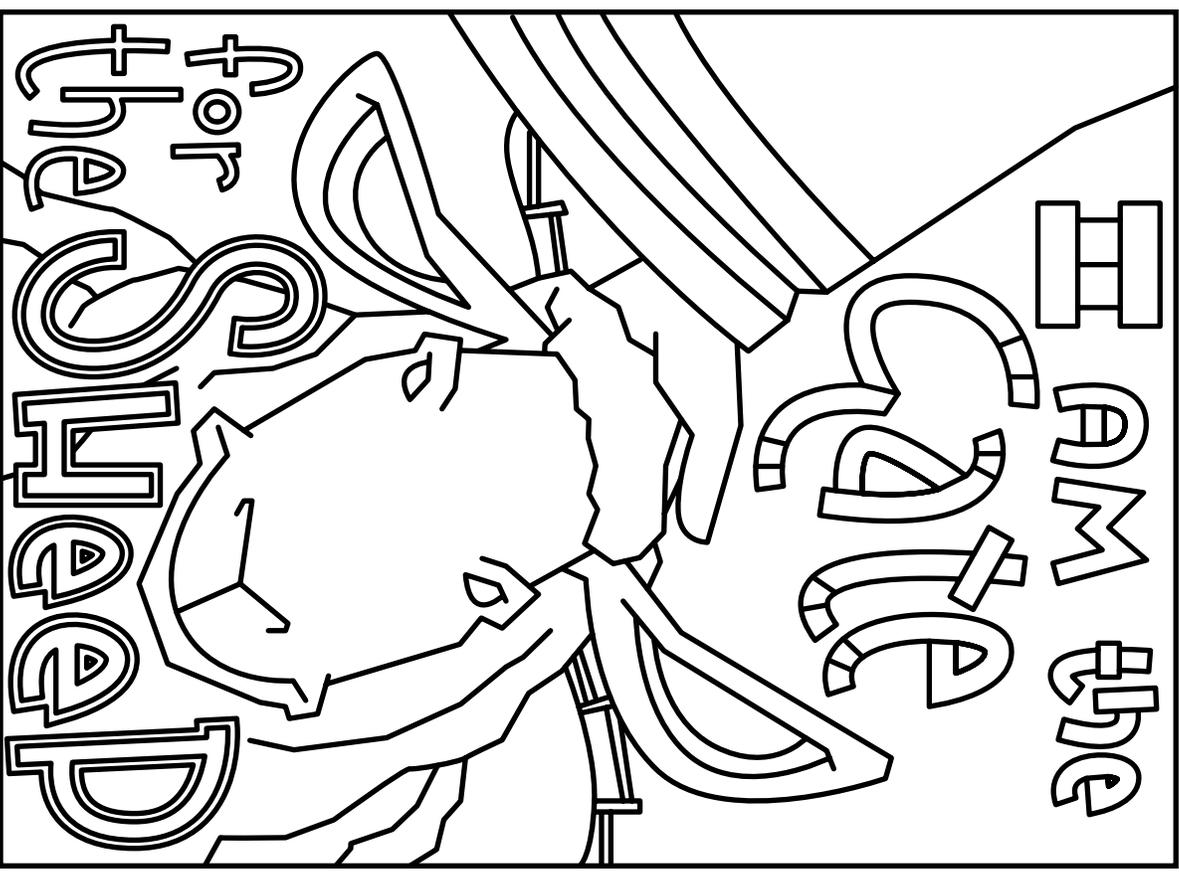
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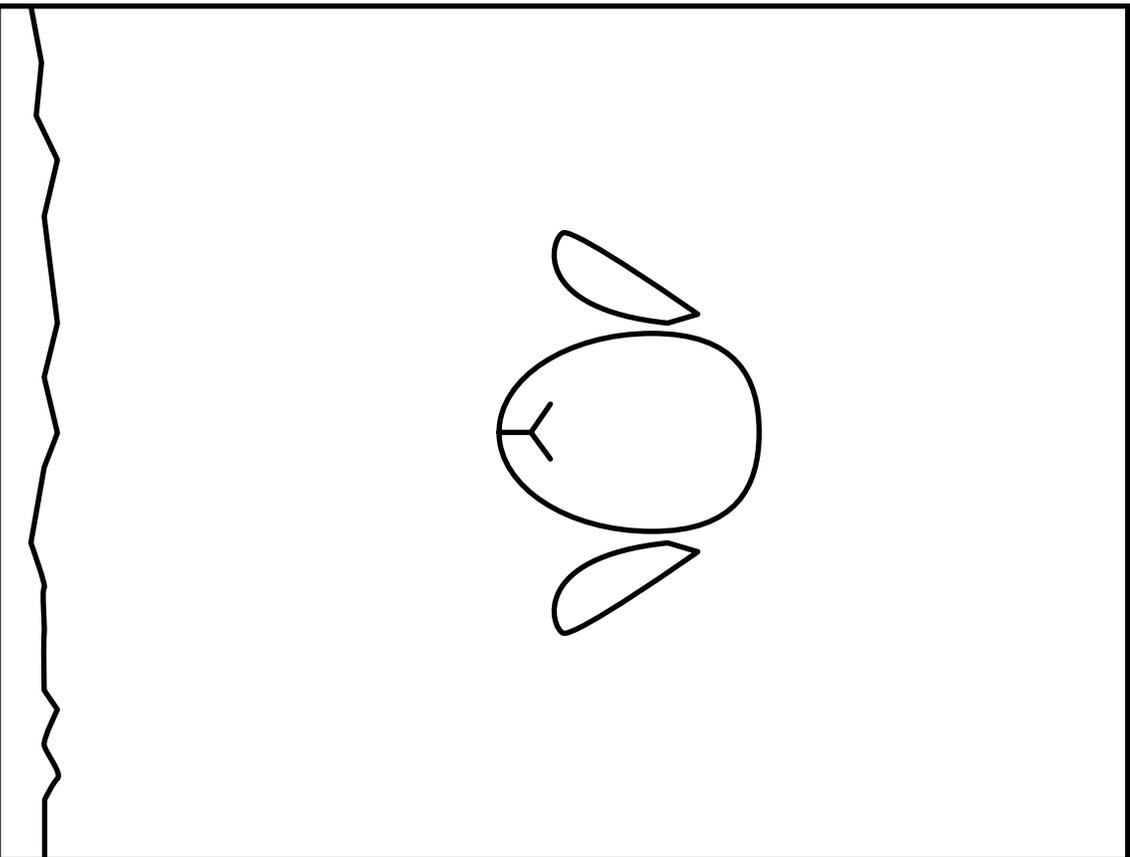
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, | Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10.



FINISH the DRAWING

Psalm 23 describes God as a loving Shepherd who takes care of us, protects us, and blesses us. Finish the drawing of the sheep. Inside the sheep, write or draw some ways God takes care of you.



UNSCRAMBLE IT

How does the book of Acts describe the early Christian community and the way they lived together? Unscramble the words to find out!

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