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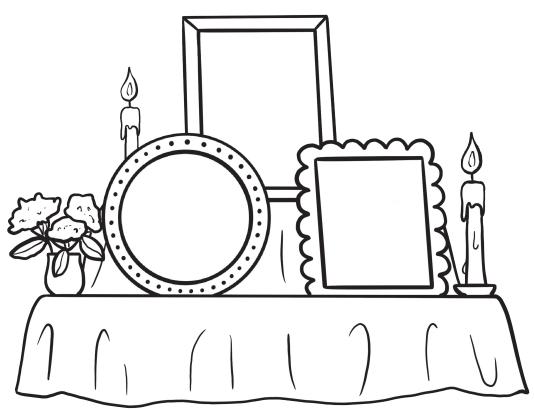
"Your brother will rise." John 11:23



A Day of Remembrance

All Souls Day is the day we remember all those who have died. While we might think about our loved ones who have passed on at different times during the year or even every day, All Souls Day offers us a dedicated time to think about and share memories of those who have gone before us. Sometimes life can be busy and we can be caught up in the beautiful things we have happening in our lives. All Souls Days invites us to pause and remember all those who once shared in life with us.

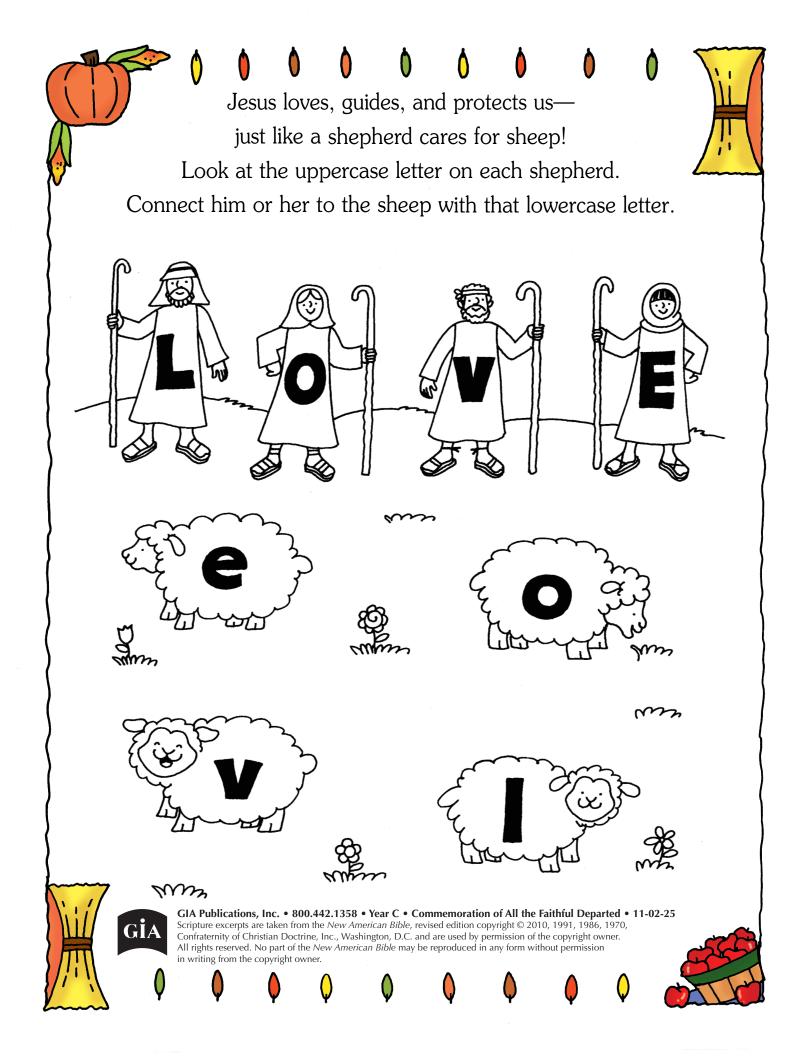
There are different ways that families can remember loved ones who have died. Some families celebrate what is called *Día de los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead, to remember those who have died. This tradition

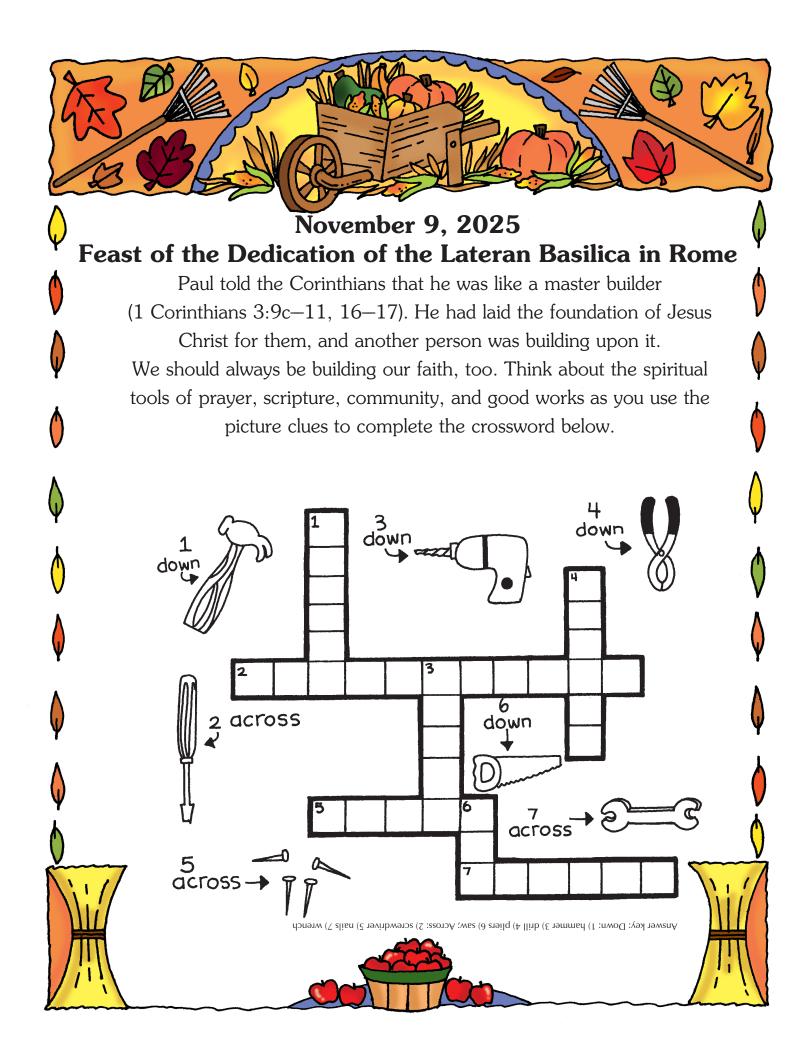


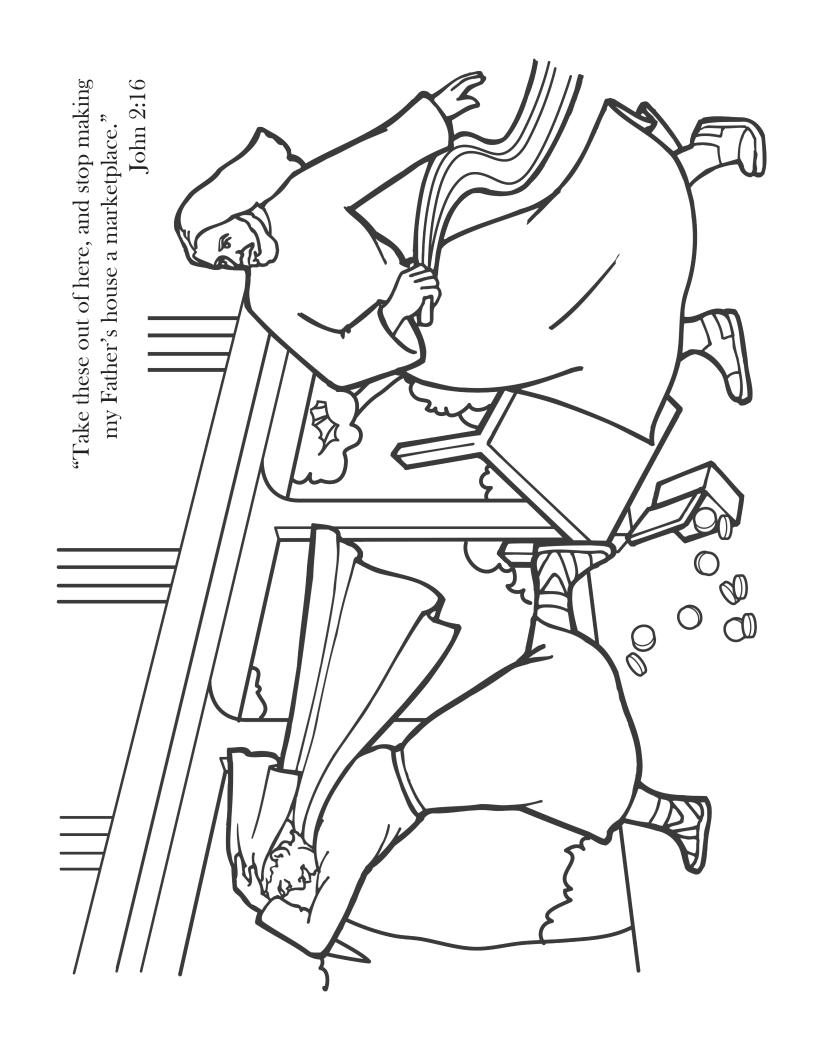
includes setting out photos of loved ones and other items that were important to them during their life. Maybe it is their favorite drink or food, or an item from their favorite sports teams. You can set up a small table, shelf, or other space in your house and lay out photos and other items that honor the memory of your loved ones; this is called an ofrenda. You and your family can plan the ofrenda together. The space you create can also look different from year to year because there are different ways we can remember our loved ones. You can also include candles and say prayers together as a family, just like we do when we're at Mass.

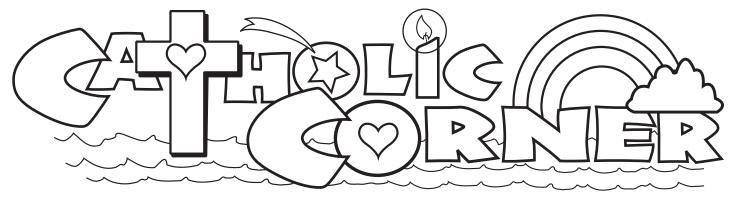
Remembering people we love and miss can be hard and can make us sad. But when we feel sad because we miss someone, it also reminds us how much we love them. The readings today help us remember that our love—and most especially the love of God—stretches over life and death. God's love is so powerful and so infinite that death doesn't stop it. Those who have died are in the love and care of God. Even if we grieve them and wish they were with us, we take today to remind ourselves that they are in the care of God. We also remember that when we die—because everyone will die at some point—we will also be in the loving care of God, just as we are now.

Who are people you want to remember today? You can draw their picture and write their names in the frames above.









Gather Us In

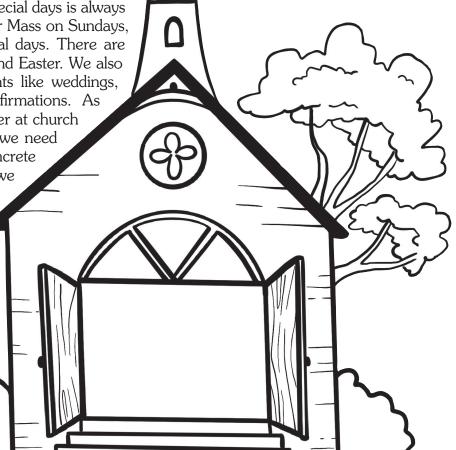
What do you think of when you hear the word "temple?" Do you know what it means? Temples are holy places. They are places where we encounter God. Depending on your culture, faith, and where you live, they might look different. As Catholics, we call our worship spaces "churches." But the idea of a church is like a temple—it's a place where people come together to worship God and to encounter God in prayer, sacraments, and community. While God is always present to us no matter where we are or what we are doing, temples and churches are special places dedicated to God; they give us a place where we know we can gather as a community to be with God. For Jesus and Jewish people, the temple in Jerusalem is very

important. It has been built and broken many times over hundreds of years. In Jesus' time, it was important to travel to be at the temple for different feasts and celebrations. People would travel long distances—in a time when there weren't cars, buses, trains and planes—to be together in Jerusalem and celebrate God and their community.

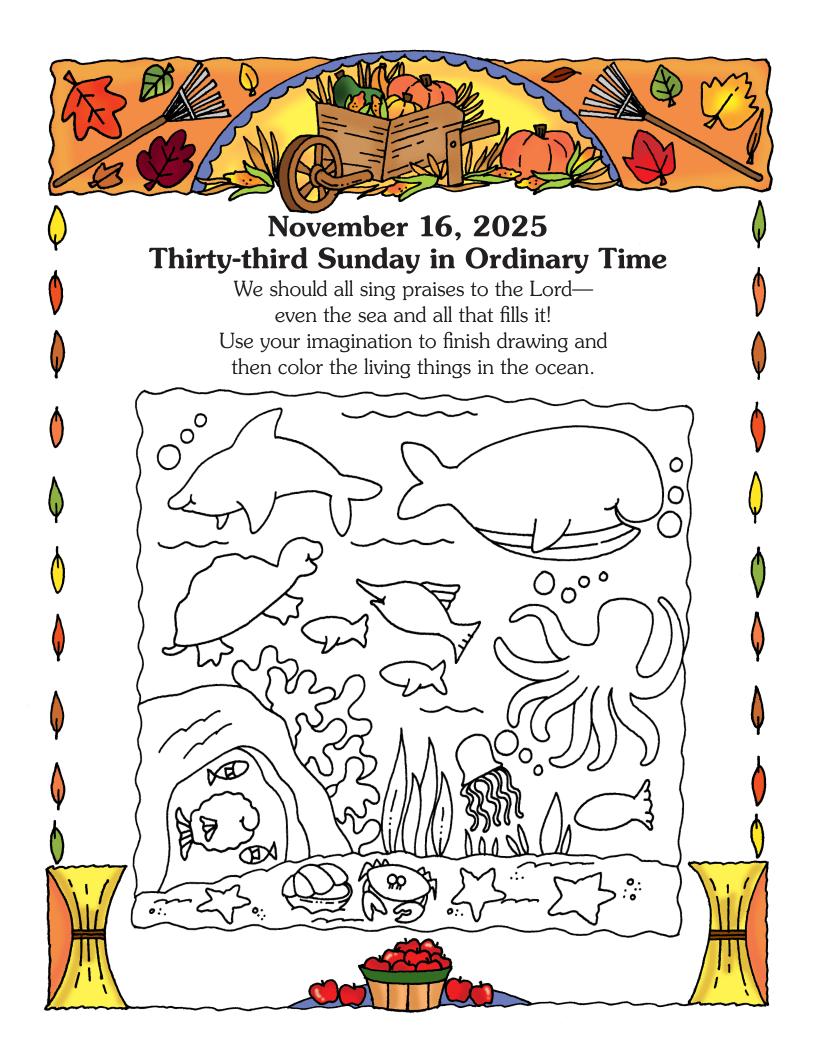
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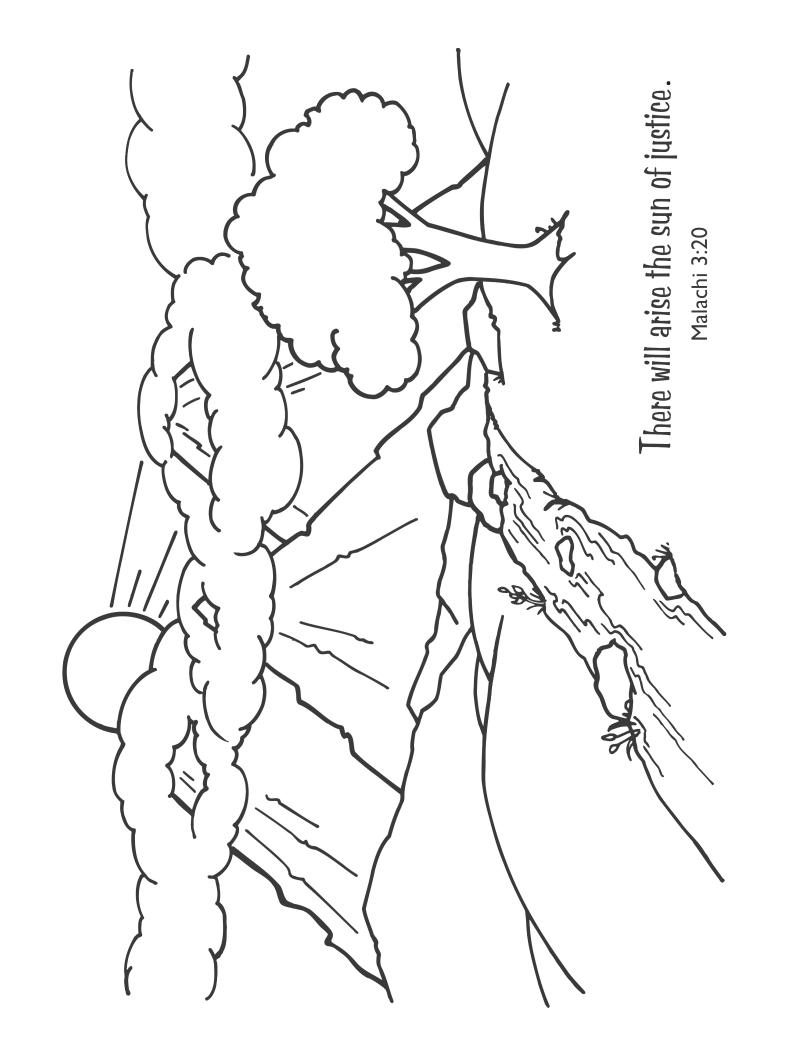
Are there important places you go to with your family? Coming to church each week and on special days is always important. We come to our churches for Mass on Sundays, but we also come here on other special days. There are holidays we gather for, like Christmas and Easter. We also come together at church for sacraments like weddings, baptisms, first communions, and confirmations. As well as these happy times, we also gather at church for funerals and at difficult times when we need love and support. Churches are a concrete reminder that there are times and places we need to gather, and that God wants to be with us when we come together. The most important thing is that we know we can come together as family, friends, and a faith community. But it helps a lot to know there are special places that will always welcome us during important times in life.

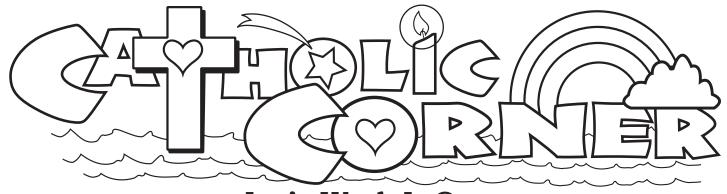
What are some of the most important places you gather with people you love? Maybe it's church, a friend's home, your own home, school, or somewhere else. Write or draw them inside the temple.



An angel told the prophet Ezekiel about a special river. Every kind of fruit tree grows on both sides of this river. The trees will supply food and the leaves will serve as medicine. Look at each tree. Find the one piece of fruit that is different. Cross it out. GIA Publications, Inc. • 800.442.1358 • Year C • Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome • 11-9-25 GİA Scripture excerpts are taken from the New American Bible, revised edition copyright © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, D.C. and are used by permission of the copyright owner. All rights reserved. No part of the New American Bible may be reproduced in any form without permission in writing from the copyright owner.







Let's Work It Out

Have you ever had an argument with a brother or sister, or maybe a cousin? Have you had a disagreement with a friend or classmate at school? Everyone finds something to disagree about from time to time. Even if it is our best friend or our brother or sister who we love more than anything, there will always be some things we simply disagree about. Sometimes the disagreements are

about little things—like sharing a favorite game or toy, where you get to sit in the car, or who gets to go first in a game. Sometimes they might be about bigger things, like saying something that really hurt someone's feelings. Fighting with other people especially people that we care about—can be very difficult. Just because we care about or love someone doesn't mean we always see eye to eye on things. Whether you are a kid or a grown-up, we all have times where not everyone gets along and we struggle to share and compromise.

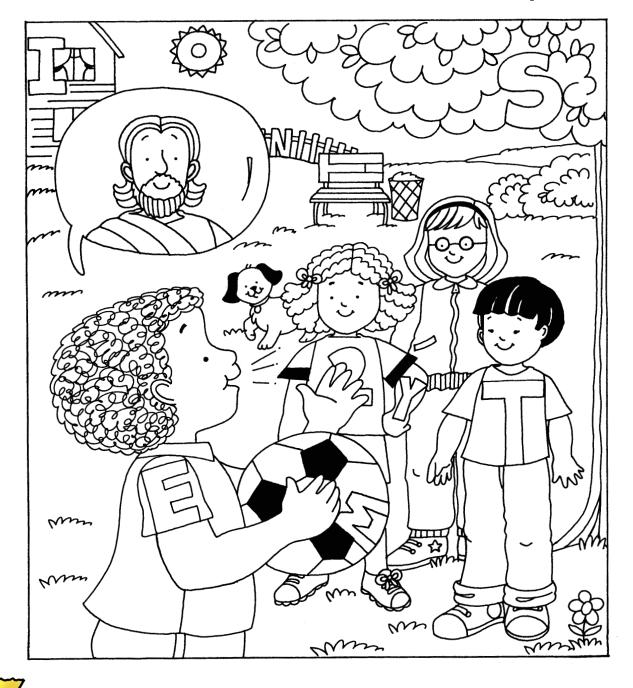


Jesus reminds us in the gospel today that not everyone is going to agree with us. Some people have different ways that they want to follow Jesus or have different ways that they want to show their love for God. So how do we know the best thing to do? How do we know how we are supposed to follow Jesus? How do we manage the disagreements we have with other people, especially when it comes to listening to Jesus? This is when we have to learn to listen even better. We might have to take turns, or try something new. There are lots of ways to follow Jesus and help share God's love in the world. And sometimes it's our turn to show our love for God and other people in the way we know how to do it best.

Listening closely to Jesus can always help us figure out when we need to share, when we need to listen, when we need to say we're sorry, and when we need to forgive other people. It's not always easy, but Jesus and our families are there to help us figure out how to work through disagreements. They are there to help us learn better ways to follow Jesus and to remember how important it is to love God and other people.

When you tell others what Jesus has done for you, you are giving your testimony.

Think about what you would say as you find and color all the hidden letters of the word TESTIMONY in this picture.





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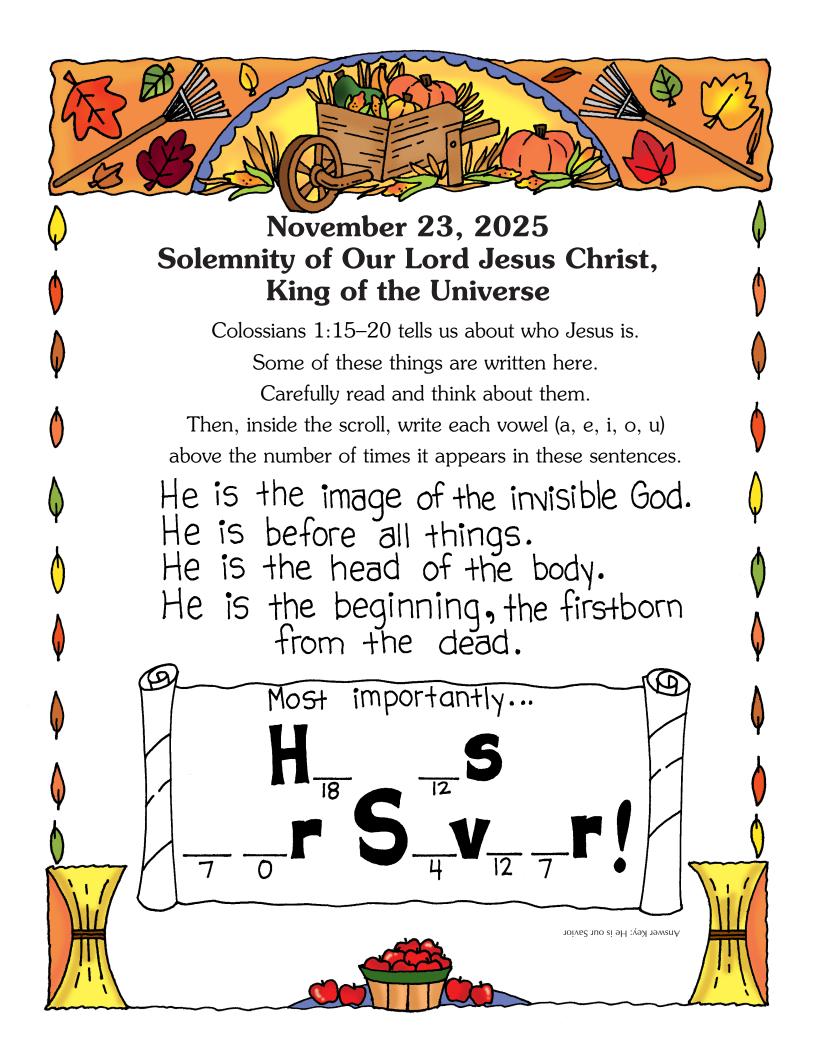


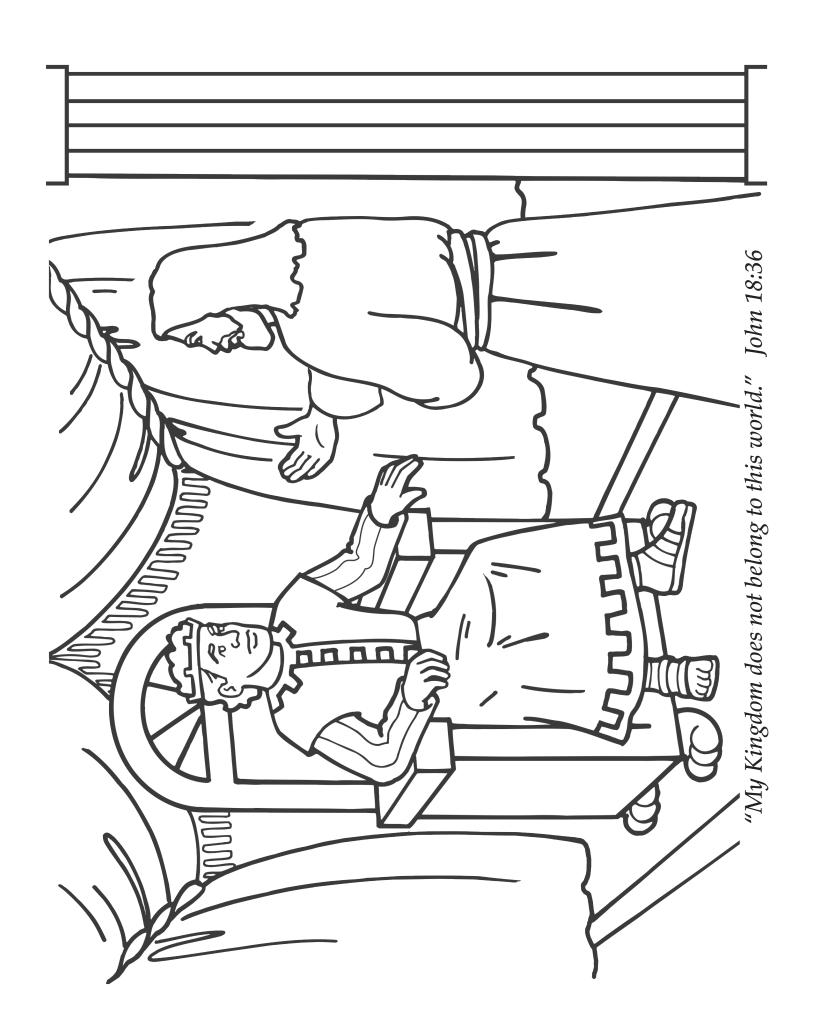














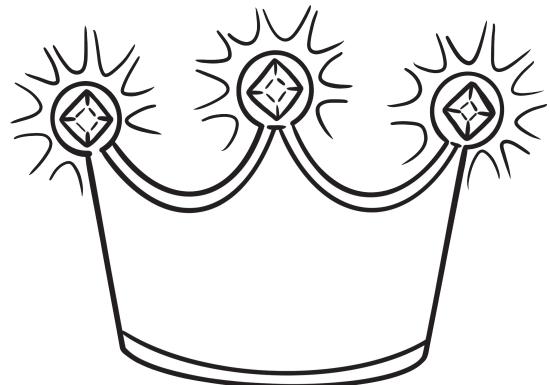
King of the Universe

What do you think of when you hear the word "king?" Do you think about stories with kings and queens who rule over a kingdom? Sometimes they might be a good king and queen, who rule over their people justly and want everyone in their kingdom to live a full, happy, and fruitful life. They work hard to protect people from anyone who might harm them in any way. Sometimes in a story there might be a king or queen who is not very good. The king or queen might want to hurt other people, or they might simply not care about people who need help. Part of being a king—or a queen, or any kind of ruler in charge—means that you have power over other people. Rulers can make decisions that affect someone else's life—in a good way or in a bad way. Some rulers want to use their power to help other people; they try their best to make wise choices that focus on love for other people. Some rulers might want to use their power to make only themselves happy, even if it hurts other people.

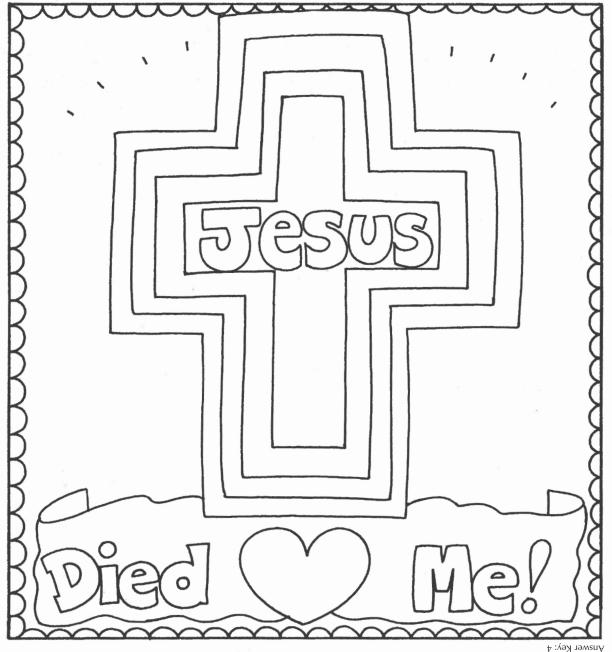
Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King! What do you think it means for Jesus to be king? What kind of ruler do you think Jesus would be? Luckily, we have the gospels to tell us lots of stories about how Jesus treats other people, and how he wants us as his followers to treat other people as well. Remember that Jesus was so strong and powerful that even when he died, he was resurrected. Jesus is more powerful than death! And Jesus shows us over and over again that even when he has all the power in the world, he wants to use that power to love us deeply and to help us

love one another. For Jesus, being King of the Universe means helping us have the courage to use any power we have to care for each other.

What ways have you loved others the way Jesus shows us? If you had all the power in the world, how would you want to use it to help other people? You can talk about these questions with your family at home, or write your answers in the crown.



Jesus conquered sin and death when he suffered and died on the cross. Because of this, the cross is an important symbol to us. See how many crosses you can count in this poster. Write that number in the heart. Color everything and hang this in your room.





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