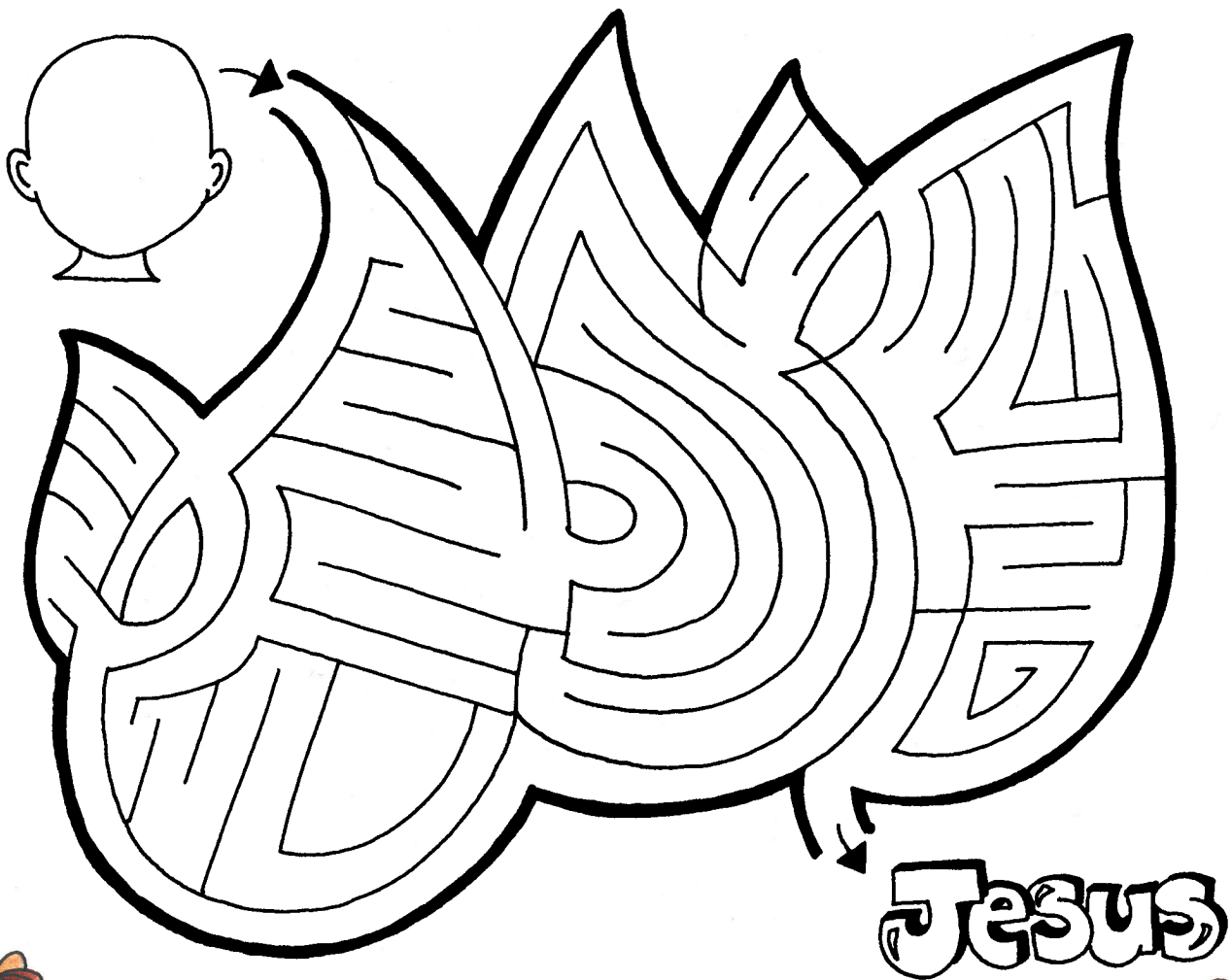


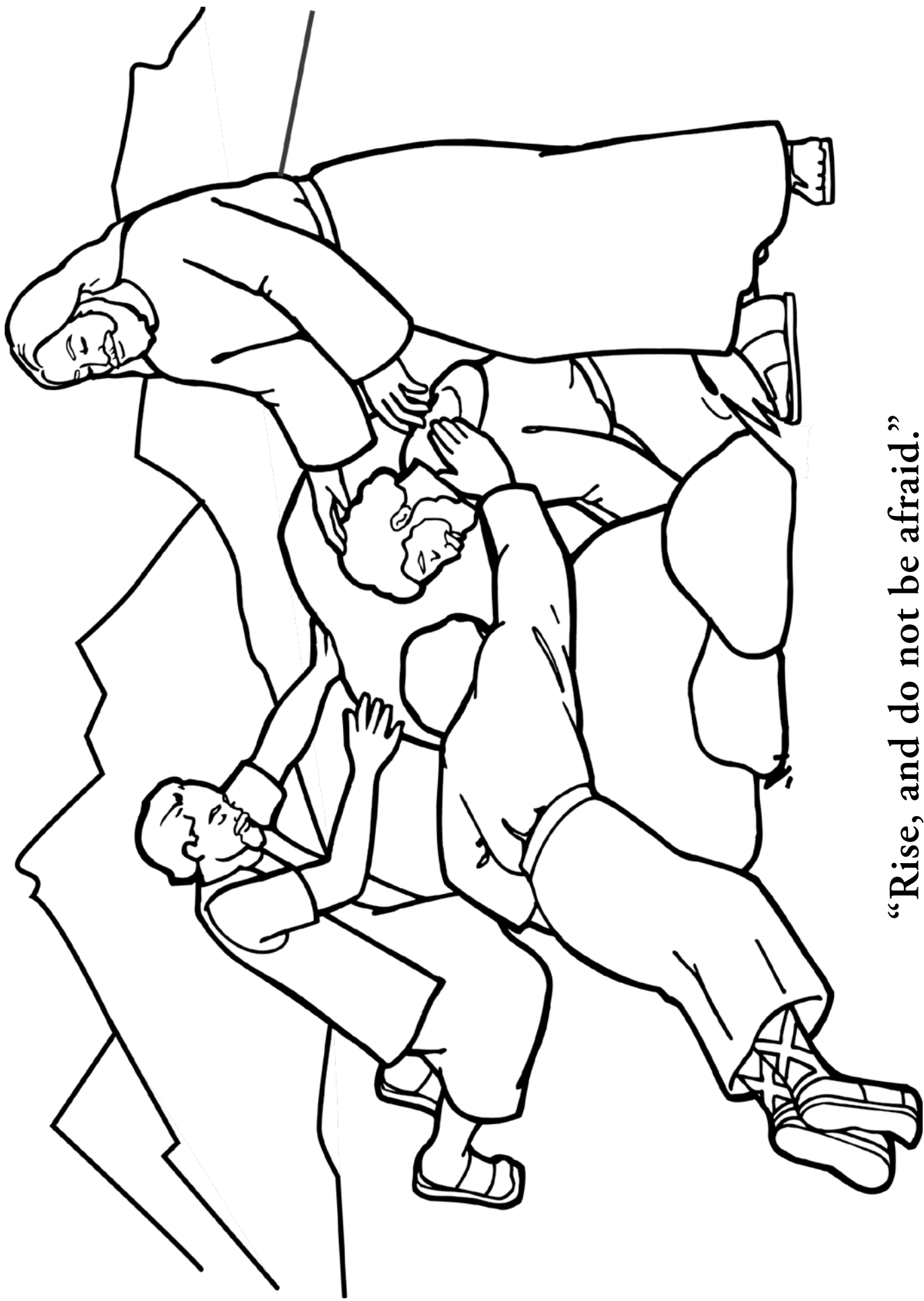
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Second Sunday of Lent

Sometimes life is difficult.

Draw in the blank face so it looks like you.
Then work your way through the teardrops
until you reach the name of Jesus.

Remember that Jesus is with us
during good times and hard times.





“Rise, and do not be afraid.”

Matthew 17:7

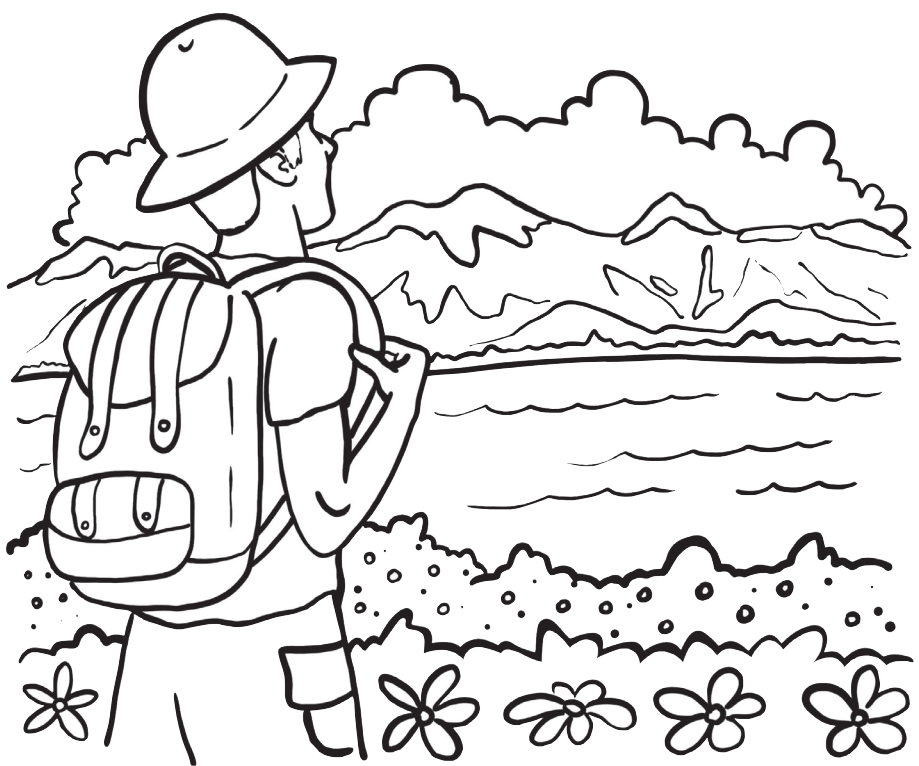
CATHOLIC CORNER

Somewhere New

Have you ever gone to visit somewhere new before? Maybe you went on a trip with your family. You might have started at a new school where you didn't know anyone. There are a lot of times when we leave our home or the places that are most safe and comfortable for us in order to try something new. Maybe it's just a new place to eat or you are going to Mass at a different parish. When we go to new places—especially if we include God in our journey—there are always new things we can learn and discover about God and about ourselves.

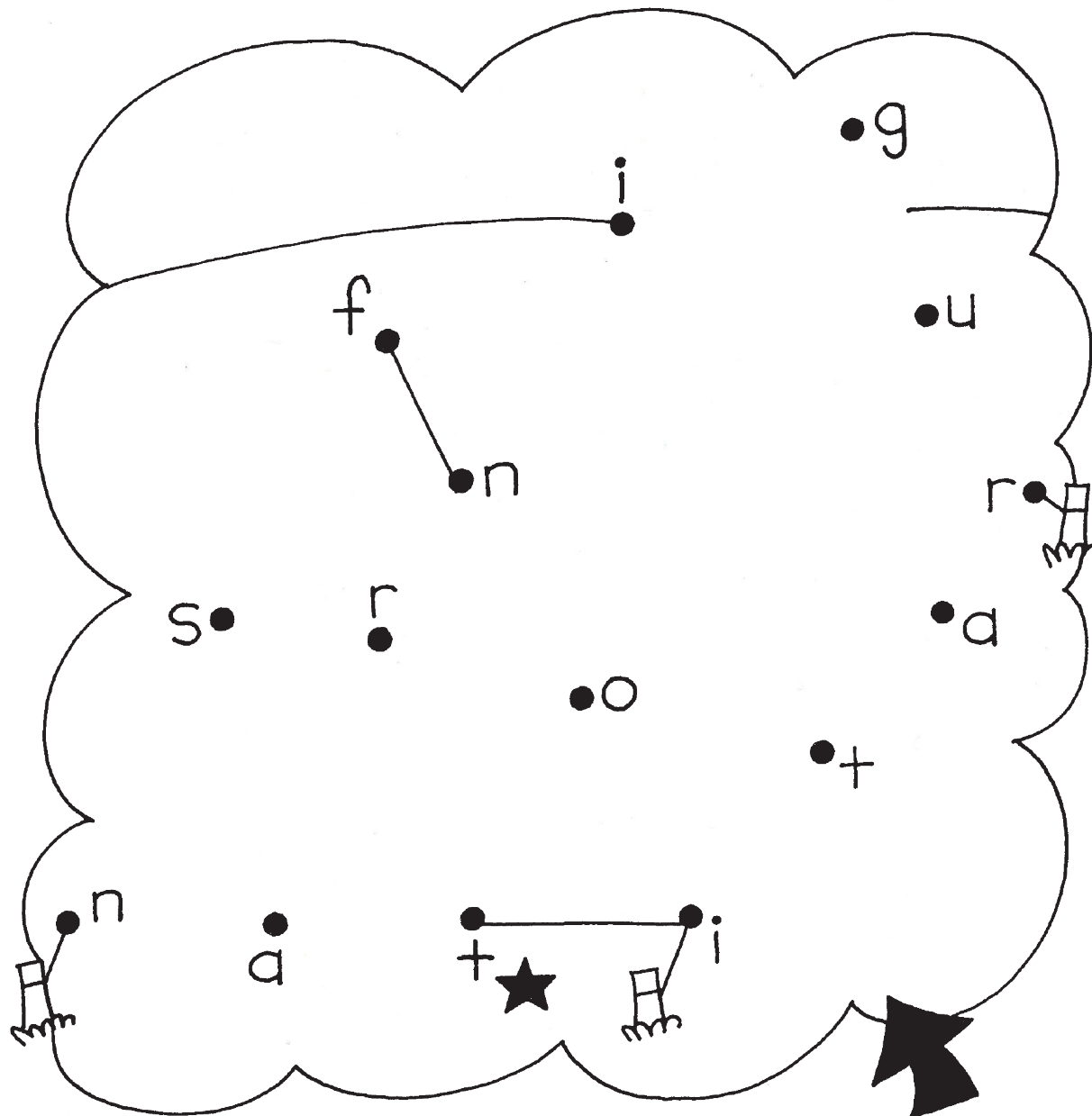
In today's first reading, God calls Abram to leave his home and find a new home and a new life with God. This might sound easy in the stories we hear about Abram, but it probably wasn't easy for Abram to leave what he knew and travel with his wife to a place he didn't know. In the Gospel, Peter, James, and John go up a high mountain with Jesus. It is at the top of this high mountain that they witness the Transfiguration. They get to see how Jesus is not just a human person but is also fully divine! When Abram and the disciples leave the places they know the best and follow where God leads them, they get to discover more about God and themselves. Abram builds a new life and has two sons, whose descendants eventually become the great nation of Israel. The disciples get to see very clearly how divine and special Jesus really is.

As we grow, we encounter many opportunities to leave home and the places that are the most safe for us in order to discover who God is calling us to be and to learn more about who God is. There are many reasons we leave home. It could be a vacation, or even a special journey called a pilgrimage, where you travel somewhere wanting to learn about and encounter God. It might be because you are moving homes or because you are leaving for college. When God calls us to a new place—up a mountain or far away—God is still with us and will be with us on our journey. God will always be with us as we continue to move to new places throughout our lives and learn more about who God is.



Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. While they were there, Jesus' face and clothes became bright, and Moses and Elijah appeared to them! Peter offered to set up three of something for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah to use.

Start at the **†** by the star. Then connect the dots to spell transfiguration to find out what it was.

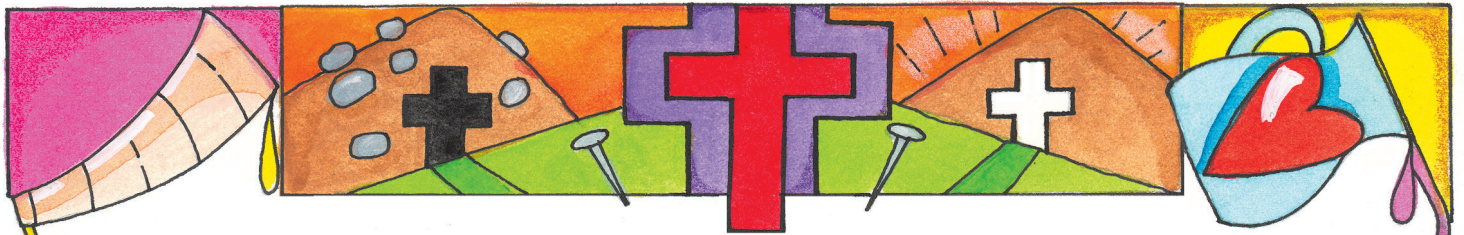


Decorate this with colorful stripes!



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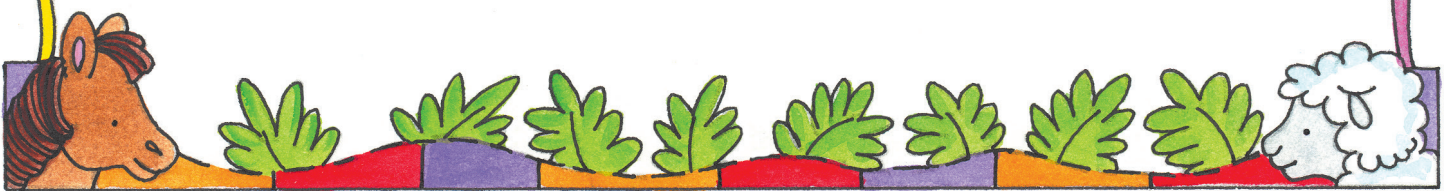


March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus told the Samaritan woman about “living water.”
Look in the well to find all the underlined words and circle them.
Look up, down, across, and diagonally.

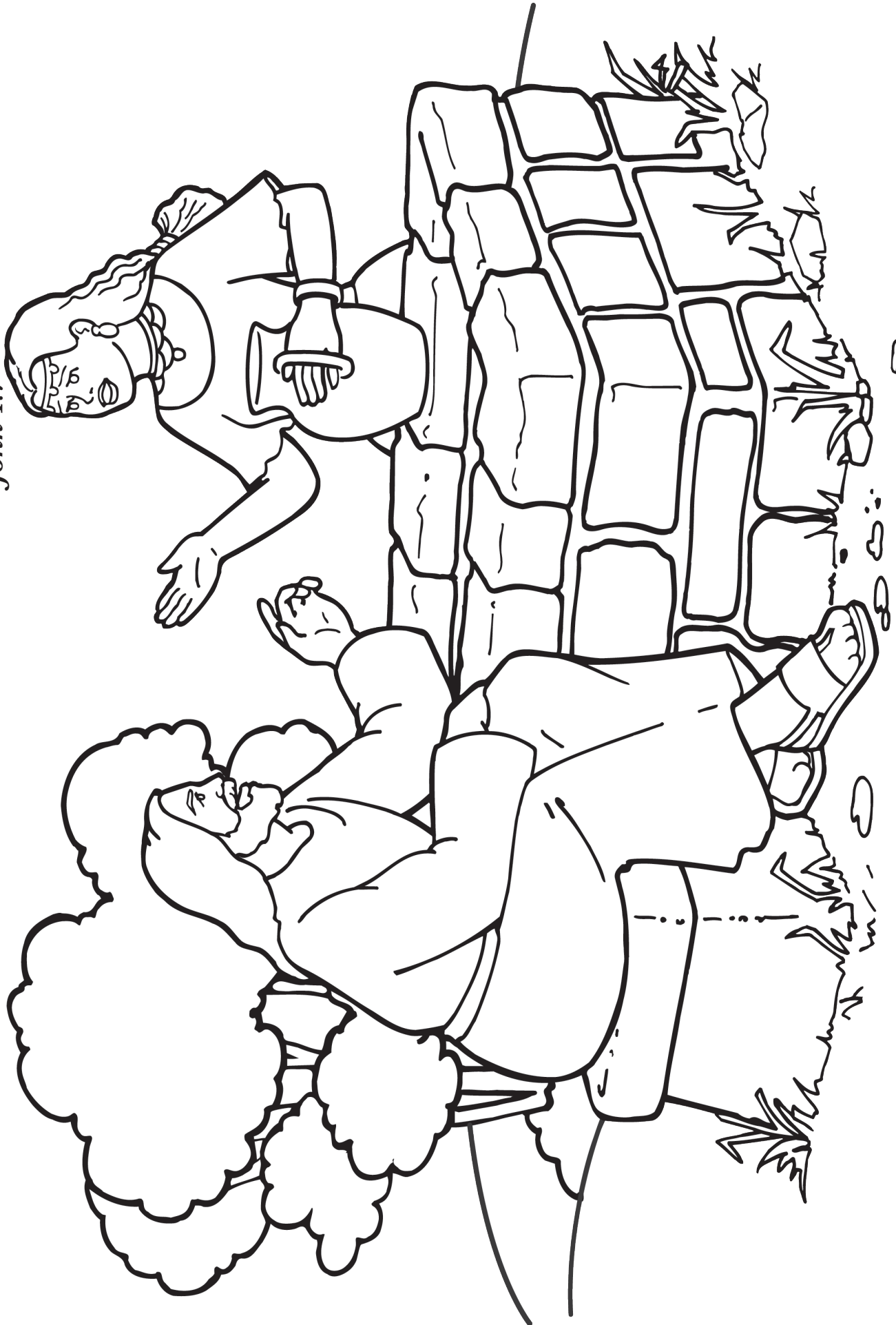
“Everyone who drinks this water
will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the
water I shall give will never thirst.”
(John 4:13-14)

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w	i	b	q	r	p	k	t	h	o	z
f	n	t	h	i	r	s	t	y	i	m



A woman of Samaria came to draw water.
Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

John 4:7



CATHOLIC CORNER

Living Water

Did you know your body is made up of mostly water? It's in all parts of your body and is a really important part of any living thing. We need to drink it, we need it to cook and to wash. Think about all the different times throughout your day that you use water. We need a lot of things to be able to live, but water is the number one most important thing. In some parts of the world—like where Jesus lived—water can be difficult to get, and so it's an important daily task to make sure you get water. This is why we hear today about Jesus meeting a woman at a well. They both needed water!

But as much as we need water, we need God even more. Sometimes it can be easy not to think about how much we need God. We can go through our day and not really feel like we need God. But Jesus points out to the woman at the well that even the things we know we really need—like water—will never be enough. However much water we drink, we will eventually need more water. Jesus tells the woman about 'living water'—the kind of water that won't make you thirsty again. Jesus doesn't mean that it is

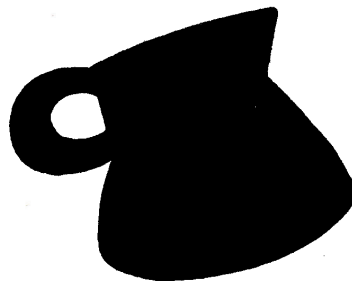
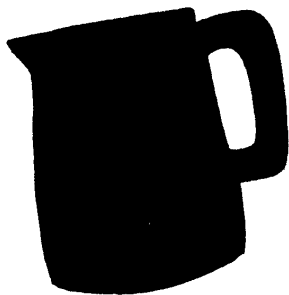
like the water we drink. What Jesus means is that by focusing on the things that matter most—like God—we will find much deeper happiness that won't just go away later. Jesus doesn't want us to skip real water—because we definitely need that to live! Jesus always wants us to take care of our bodies. But it's important to remember that above everything, God is what we need the most. Even if we forget and worry about water and other things our bodies need, God's love for us is so strong that when we trust in God, we won't need more. When we do as God calls us and show God's great love to the world, we find real happiness that is better than any water we could drink.

This week, pay attention to the times you use water. Maybe it's when you brush your teeth or put your plate in the sink when it's dirty. You might notice the times you are thirsty and look for a water bottle or another drink. Every time you notice you are using water, try and say a little prayer to God. You can thank God for your day or ask God for help with something you are having a hard time with. You can use these prayers to remember that as often as we need water, we will always need God more.



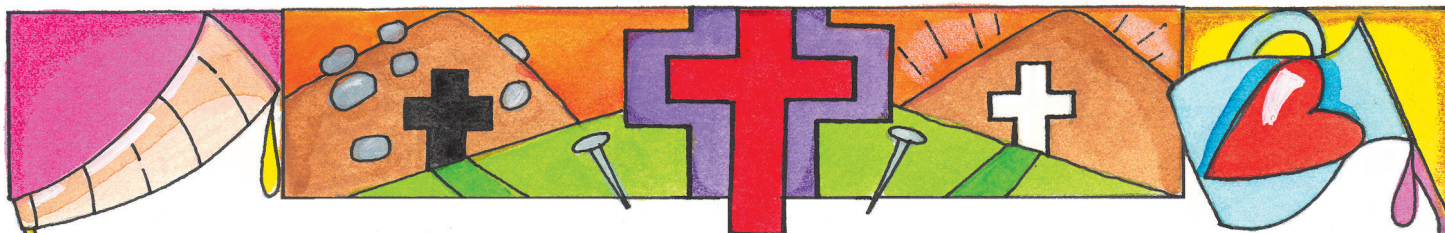
“The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit,” writes Paul (Romans 5:5).

The pitchers below show ways we can pour out this wonderful gift for others! Read the word on each pitcher, then draw lines to match them to their shadows.



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March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for God had chosen Jesse's youngest son, David, to be
king of Israel. After being instructed by the Lord,
do you know what Samuel did?

Read 1 Samuel 16:10-13 to find out.

Write the letters on the oil drops onto the blanks
inside the horn according to their numbers.

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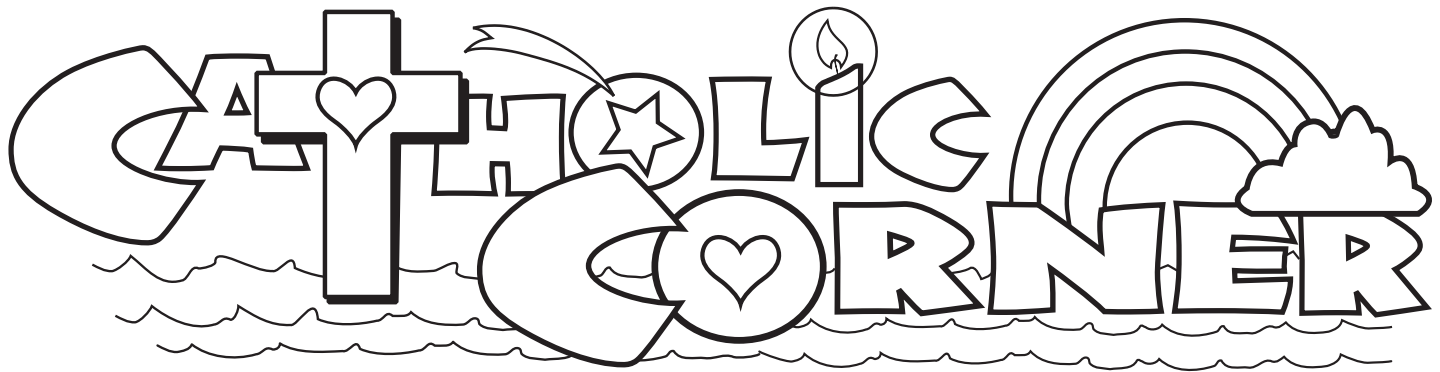
Answer Key: ANOINTED DAVID IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS BROTHERS



[Jesus] spat on the ground and
made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on
[the eyes of the blind man.]

John 9:6





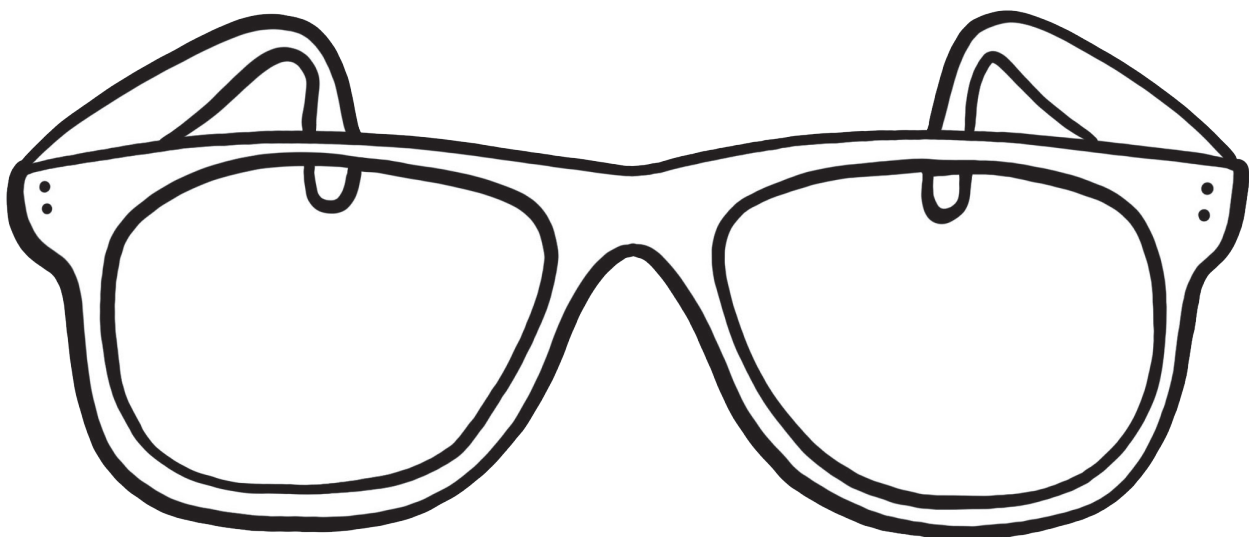
Open My Eyes

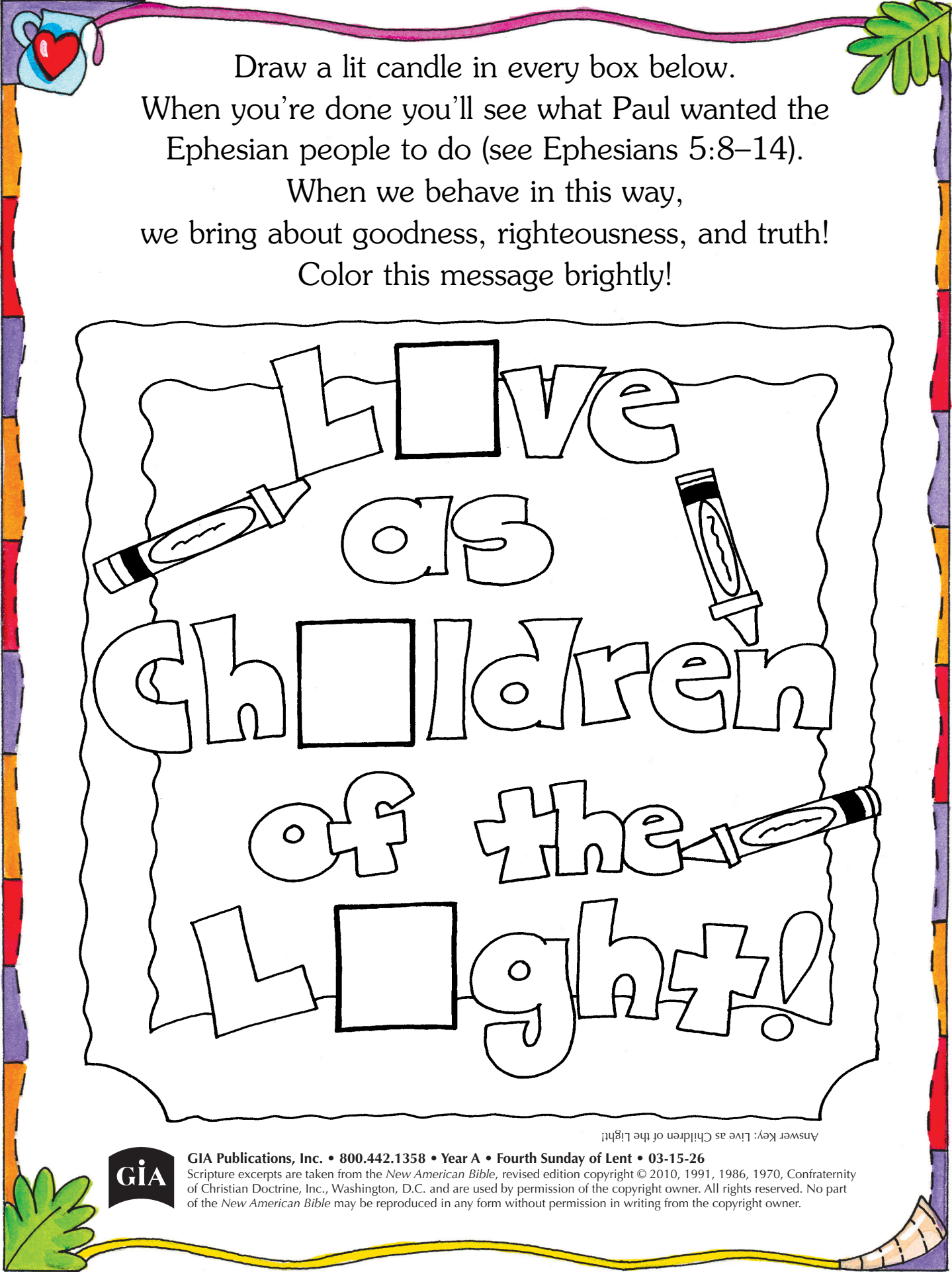
If you are reading this or looking at this children's bulletin, you can probably see. Or maybe you can't see, or have trouble reading, and you have a loved one who is reading this to you. There are many kids who have a hard time seeing. Sometimes the things we see get blurry, so it might be time to get glasses! There are lots of reasons that people can have a hard time seeing. Even if you have really strong eyesight, it can be hard to notice everything that there is to see. Our sight helps us to understand what is around us—but it's not the only way we can learn and make our way through the world.

In the gospel, Jesus performs a miracle and gives sight to a man who had been blind for his whole life. Imagine, if you can, what it must be like to not be able to see for your whole life, and then to suddenly be able to see the world around you. While the man was given sight, it was a lot of the people around him, like his parents and the leaders in his community, who had a hard time understanding what had happened. They were afraid to accept something that seemed so impossible, and of what it might mean if they did accept it. There are different ways people can see—not just with their eyes! There were people who could not see the goodness of what Jesus had done. It was a little scary to them. Jesus loves us in such big ways that we can't always see how big they really are. Jesus did not give sight to the blind man just because he wanted him to see the physical world around him; Jesus also wanted everyone else to see how powerful God's love is for every single person in the world.

One of the readings today also talks about light. It says we were living in darkness, but now we are children of light. It doesn't mean that we were literally living in darkness, it means that we did not know God well. Jesus became man and came to live on earth so that we would know God better. A lot of times, the bible also calls Jesus a light, because he told us so much more about God. He let us know just how much God loves us, and how much he wants us to love each other.

How can you try and see the ways Jesus is showing love around you? Are there ways that you are helping others see God's love in action every day? You can talk to your family about the things that they see or different ways you as a family can help show God's love to others. Write your ideas in the glasses below.





Draw a lit candle in every box below.
When you're done you'll see what Paul wanted the
Ephesian people to do (see Ephesians 5:8-14).

When we behave in this way,
we bring about goodness, righteousness, and truth!
Color this message brightly!

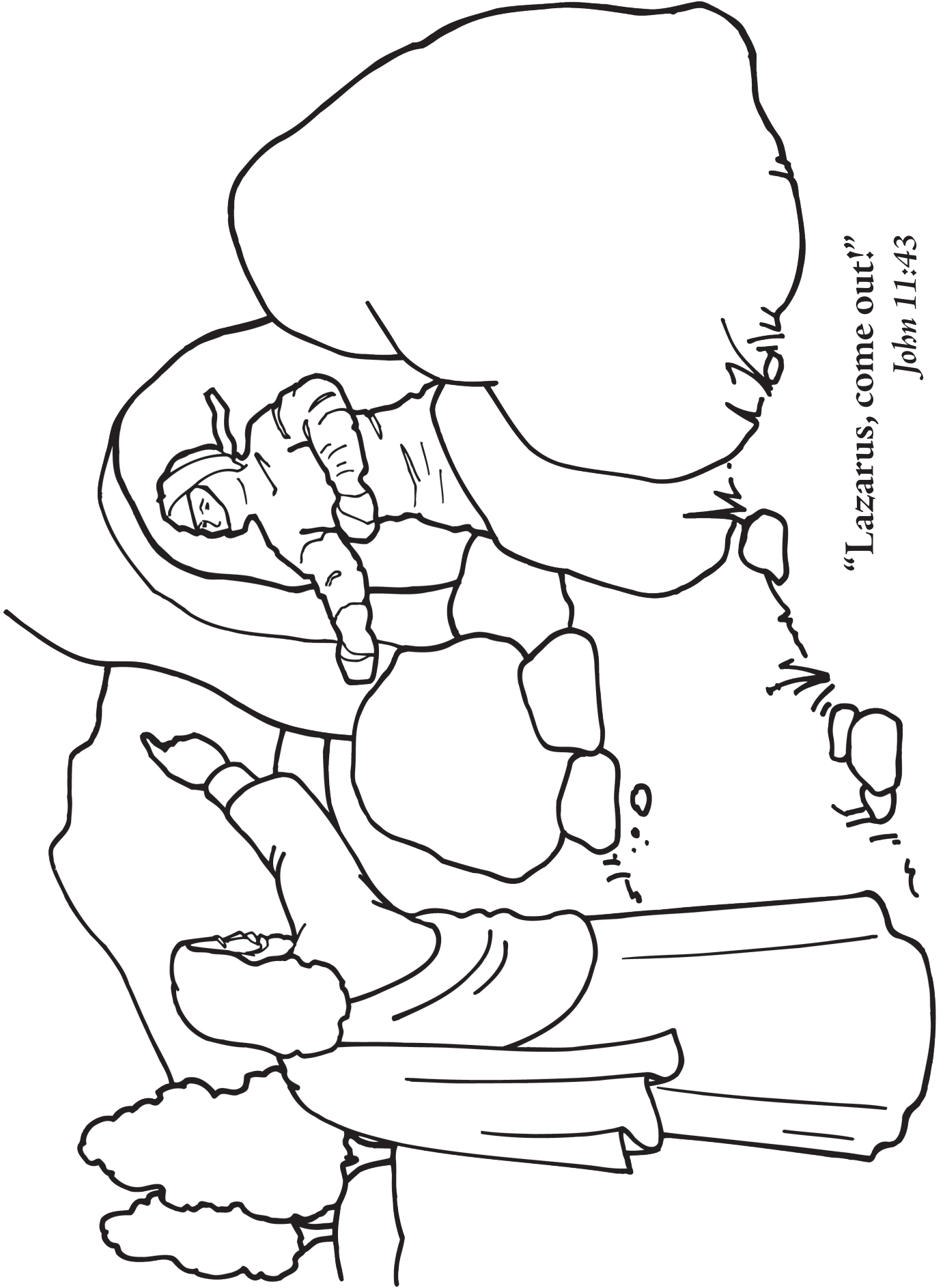
Love
as
Children
of the
Light!

Answer Key: Live as Children of the Light!



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“Lazarus, come out!”

John 11:43

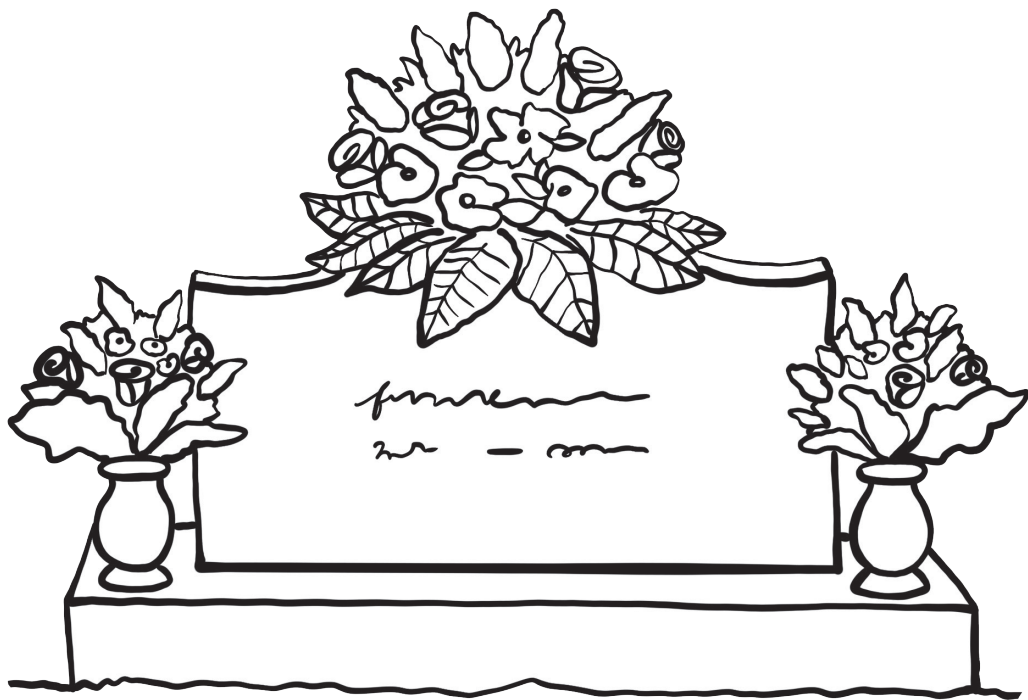
CATHOLIC CORNER

Resurrection

Everyone loses someone they love at some time. It's part of life. Every person who has ever lived will have to die at some point. It can be a very sad and very difficult thing when someone we love and care about very much dies. It can even be difficult if someone we love has to move away and we don't get to see them as often. It doesn't matter if you are a kid or an adult—losing someone you love is just hard. We even see how this happened to Jesus.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were close and important friends of Jesus. He would often stay at their house, and they loved Jesus very much. When Jesus heard that his friend had died, he was very sad.

Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary, were also really sad. They were such good friends of Jesus and knew him so well that they believed if Jesus had been there, he could have kept Lazarus from dying. They weren't mad at Jesus—but they were sad. Because they knew just how much Jesus loved his friend Lazarus, and just how powerful Jesus was that he could have saved Lazarus, the same way he healed and took care of other people. What they didn't realize was that just because Lazarus had died, it didn't mean that Jesus was powerless. Jesus knew that this wasn't just



about bringing his friend back to life—through his love for his friend he could show how powerful God's love for every person really is. So he called out to Lazarus, who came out of his tomb fully alive!

We will get to hear about how Jesus was resurrected in a few weeks. But for now, we get the reminder that Jesus wants that for everyone! We know that during our lives we will lose people we love, and that someday we will also die. Jesus reminds us with Lazarus that there will always be life after death. No matter what happens, God's love for us is stronger. We don't know when we will get to experience the resurrection, but we can work now to share that kind of love with the people in our lives.

Are there people you love who you have lost, and want to remember? Are there people in your life you can share more love with? When you go home with your family and friends today, you can talk with them about ways you can show more love and who you would want to share it with. If you are missing someone who isn't with you anymore, you can share the things you loved most about that person.

Jesus' friend Lazarus was dead.
But at Jesus' command, he became alive again.

"Dead" is the opposite of "alive."

Match the other words on the left to their opposites
on the right with arrows as shown.

Dead	↔	Outside
Sick	↔	Alive
Up		Hot
Cold		Well
Inside		Night
Day		Down

Answer Key: Dead-Alive, Sick-Well, Up-Down, Cold-Hot, Inside-Outside, Day-Night



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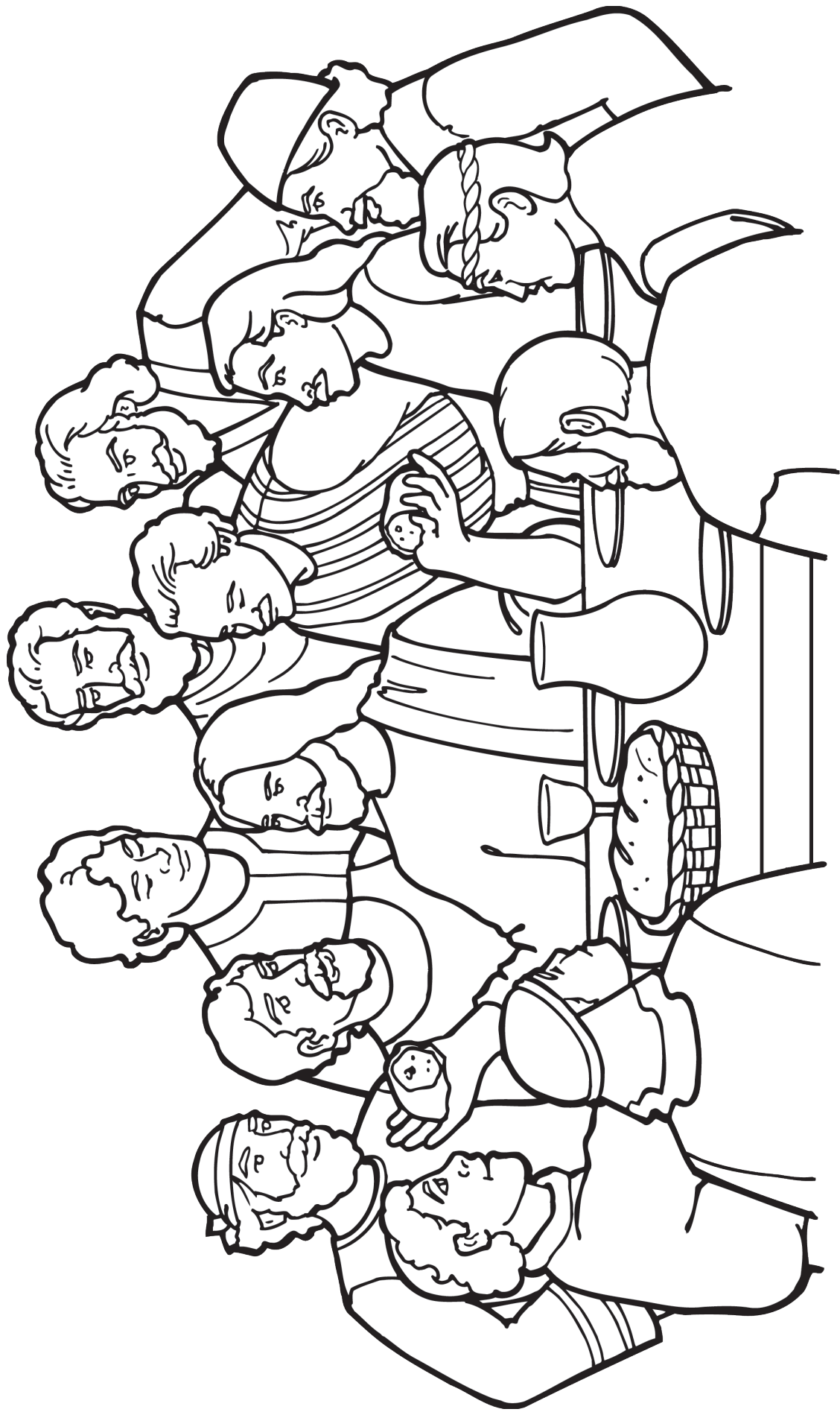
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

People are willing to do many things for those they love.
But do you know what Jesus was willing to do?
Find and use the nine hidden words in the cross to complete
the "Greatest Love Story" ever!

When the _____ came,
Jesus was _____ and
went to the cross. There he
suffered and _____
to take away the
_____ for
our _____. He did this out
of his deep _____ for
everyone in the _____. Tell
_____ today, what
_____ did for them!

Answer Key: time, obedient, died, punishment, sins, love, world, someone, Jesus





While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,
“Take and eat; this is my body.”

Matthew 26:26

CATHOLIC CORNER

Hosanna!

Did you know that Mass was going to start differently today? A lot of different parishes—and maybe yours, too!—will start Mass outside or at the back of the church today. We read out loud the gospel story of when Jesus came into Jerusalem on a donkey, and then we sing and carry our own palms in a procession to begin Mass. Carrying our palms like the people did when Jesus came into Jerusalem is a way to help remember what happened a long time ago. It helps us to remember the story and to remember that this is an important Sunday. Often when something is important, we do things a little bit differently.

Why do we start today, Palm Sunday, differently? This week is different from all other weeks during the year and so we start off with a slightly different way of doing things. This marks a lot of special days that will come this week. There will be special Masses and services on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We also refer to those days as the Triduum and this week as Holy Week. (You can ask your parents or the priest at Mass how to say ‘Triduum!’) Palm Sunday gets us out of our seats and walking through our church—our sacred home—in a different kind of way. It gets us ready to walk through this week of very holy days.

What are ways you and your family might mark this week as being different? Are there things you want to do differently this week? You might try to attend the extra Masses and services during Triduum. If that is not something that works well for your family, you could also find time to pray in special ways. You could wash each other’s feet at home on Holy Thursday and read the gospel out loud to remember the Last Supper. You might take some moments of quiet on Good Friday to remember the day that Jesus died. Some communities also have outdoor processions on Good Friday—called the Via Crucis—that you could go to with your family. There might be other ideas you come up with that you could try, too! Talk with your family and write down some ideas in the palms above.

