

“I am the way and the truth and the life.”



CATHOLIC CORNER

Our Dwelling Place

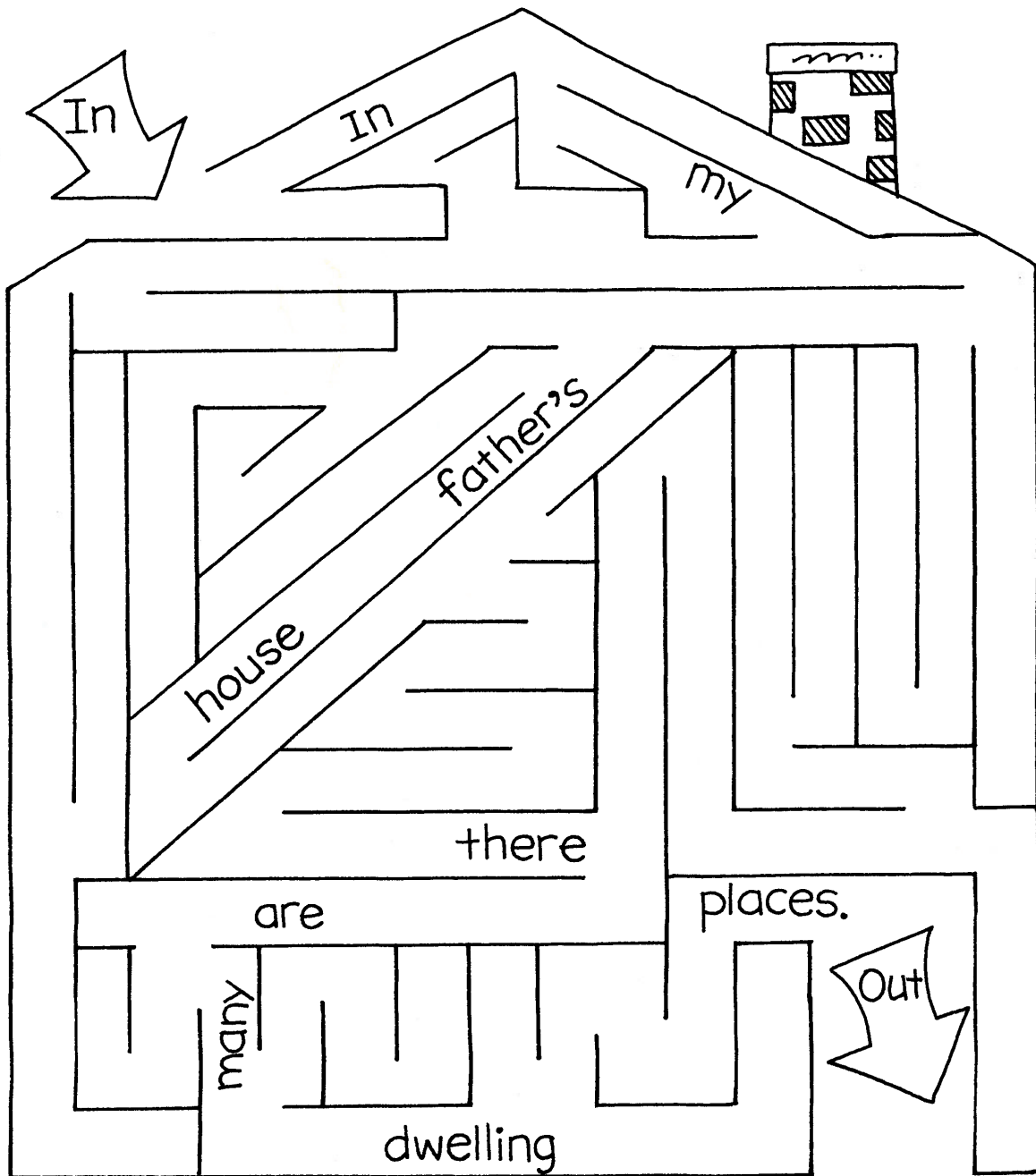
What is your favorite thing about where you live? Maybe there is a cozy place you like to cuddle up with people in your family. Maybe you have a special place you like to play. You might like being in the kitchen, to help cook or bake things for your family, especially when there is something to celebrate like a birthday or Christmas. You might have a special place to stay in the home of a friend or loved one, like a grandparent or friend. Our classrooms at schools can also be special places for us, where we get to spend time with people who are important to us. Church can be a special place for us, too, where we get to celebrate and pray with Jesus every week. Everyone has different places that are special to them, where they like to spend time and where they can find joy.

Jesus talks about how there are many dwelling places in God's house. A dwelling is a place where someone lives or spends a lot of time. People dwell in all kinds of different places around the world. Jesus wants us to know that God has dwelling places for us. God wants us to be close to them and so there is room made for us. What do you think it would be like to have a place that God made for you? Maybe it's a place where you can sing, like a choir loft. Maybe it's a quiet place where you can pray, and light candles for your prayers and the people you love. Maybe it's a place you can play, and thank God for the gift of your imagination! God wants us to be joyful and safe. What are the kind of things you think God would do for you that would help you know how special, wanted, and loved you are? Because don't forget—God loves you, just as you are, and wants you to know how beloved you are!

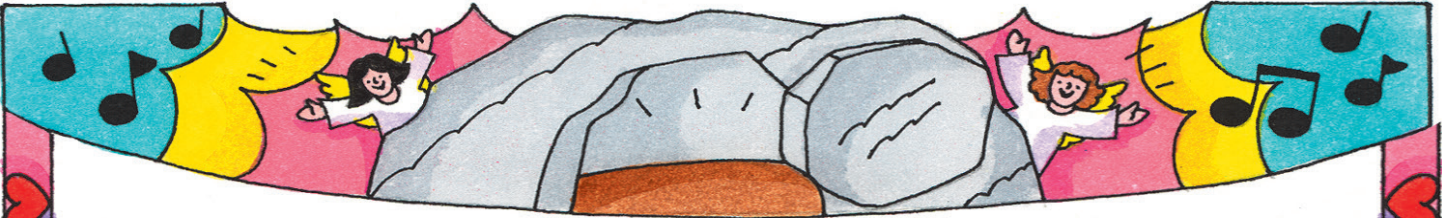
If you had a special place for just you and God, what would you want it to look like? Think about all the things you might want to be in that place so that it would feel special for you and God. Draw and color your special place below.



Jesus said, "In my Father's house
there are many dwelling places" (John 14:2).
Follow Jesus' words to find your way through the maze!



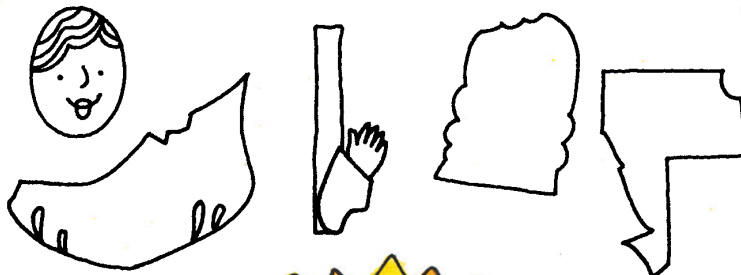
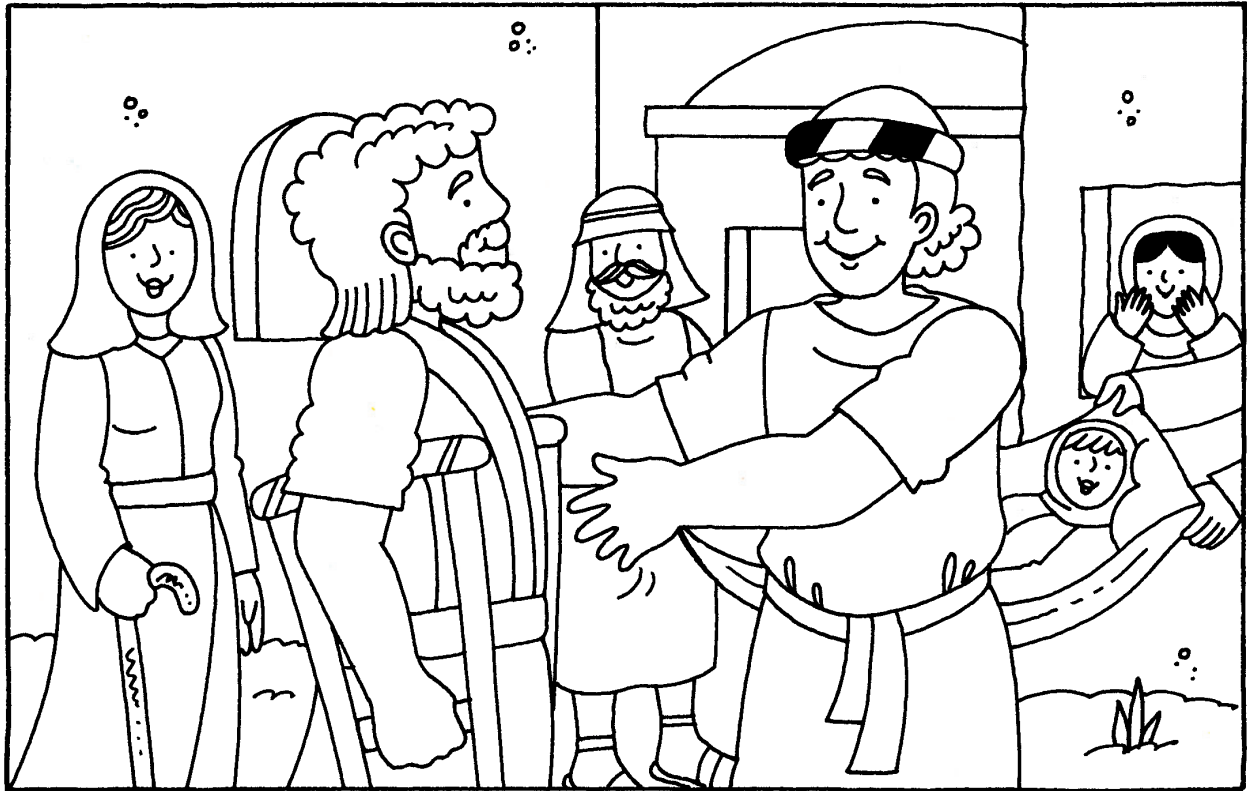
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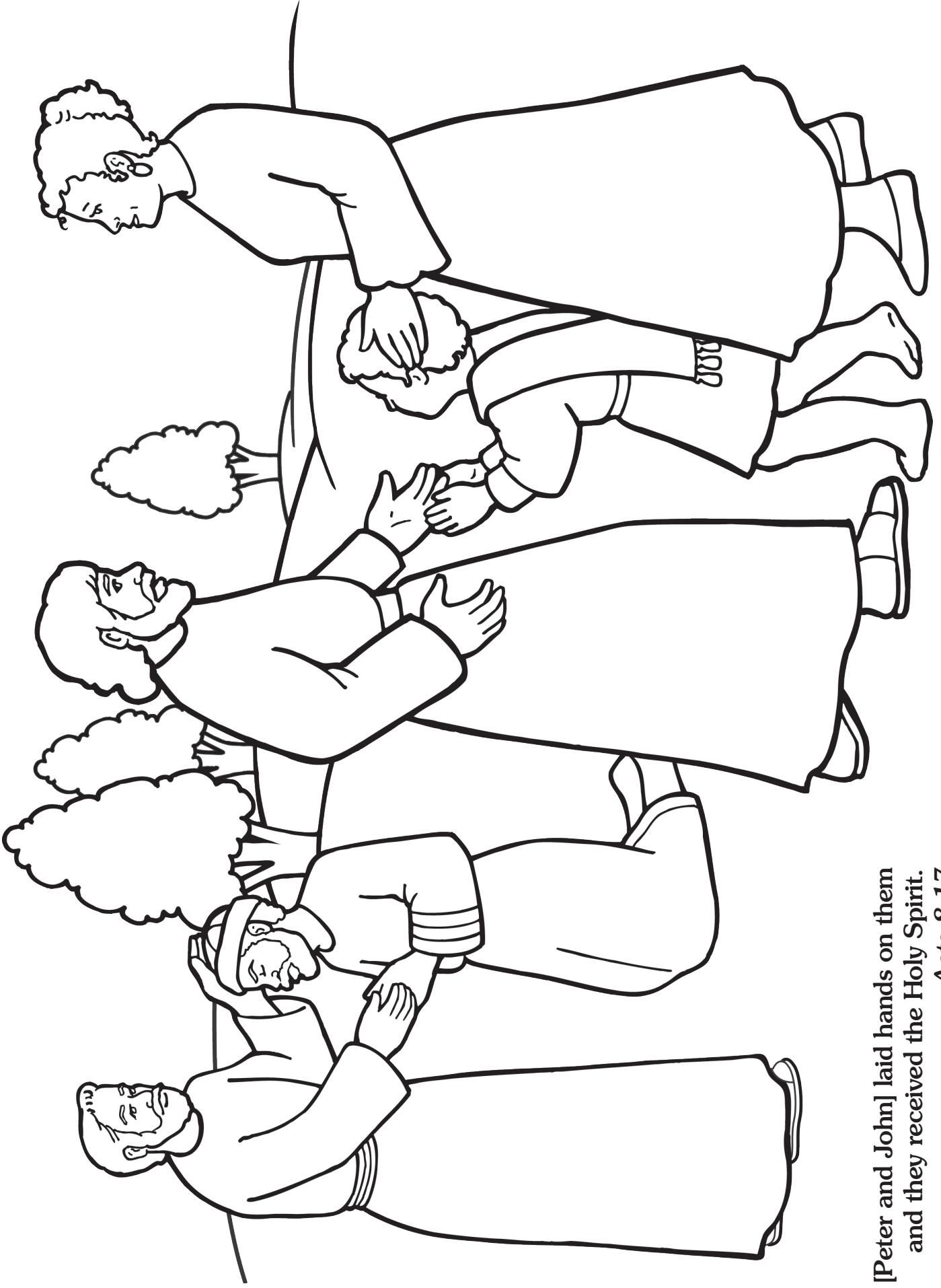


May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

God gave the apostle Philip the power to cure paralyzed and crippled people (see Acts 8:5–8).

Find the shapes at the bottom of the page in the picture.
Then color the picture and color the shapes to match.





[Peter and John] laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.
Acts 8:17

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The Meaning of Love

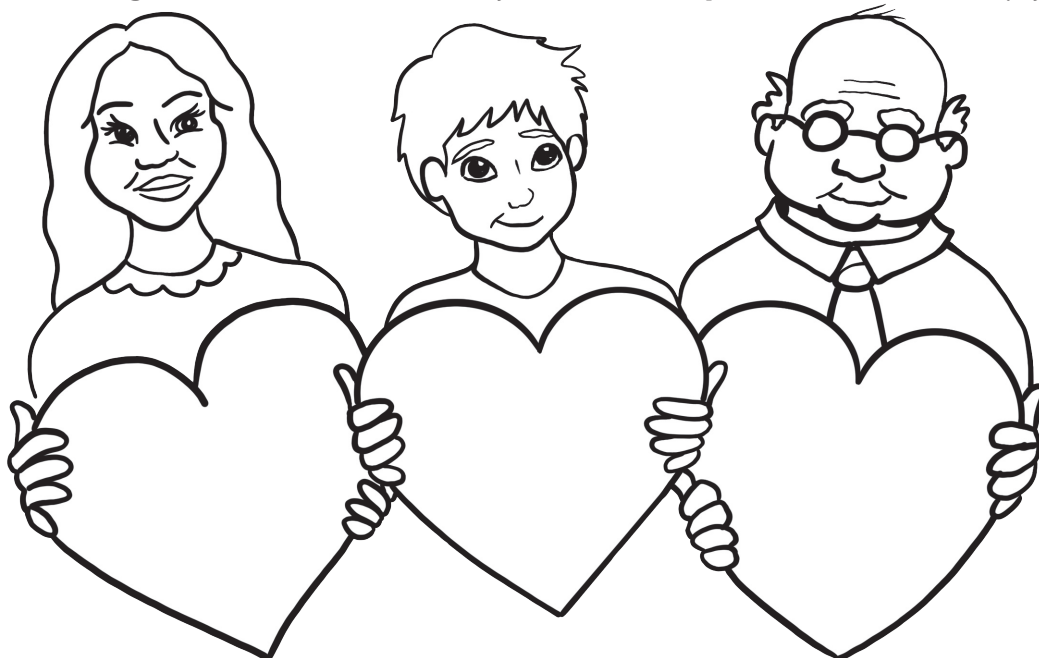
Jesus talks a lot about love in the gospel of John. Love is a word that we hear a lot, used in a lot of different ways. We love our family. We love our friends. We love playing our favorite game or reading a book. We love our favorite sports teams. There are so many different things we can love. But loving family isn't really the same thing as loving your favorite team. And loving a favorite food for dinner is not quite the same thing as loving your friends. So what is Jesus talking about when he talks about love? What kind of love are we talking about when we talk about loving God, and about God loving us?

Jesus tells us that keeping God's commandments is the way to love him. Commandments are important and we should follow them. But it's also important to know that loving isn't really about following rules. What God always commands of us is, in fact, to love. Think about it—one of God's commandments is to not steal. Why doesn't God want us to steal? Probably because it would hurt the person we were stealing from. If we love someone, and think about their feelings, we won't want to steal from them. What about honoring our father and mother? We know that they want to keep us safe and help us lead a good life, and that they love us a lot. So when we are mean or disrespectful to them, it hurts them—and because they are trying to help us, it might even be hurting us, too! But if we think about how much we love our parents, we can't help but to honor them! If we think about the commandments, they all come back to love. That's the rule—to love!

Sometimes that kind of love can be hard. It can mean putting others before yourself. It can mean forgiving someone else who has really hurt you, even though you know it was not okay for them to hurt you. It means forgiving yourself when you make mistakes. It means being mindful of people who are left out, forgotten, or in need of help. It means choosing to help those who need help. Love also means being supportive when someone is having a hard time or is sad. Sometimes love also gets to be wonderful and joyful! Like when we get to celebrate the birthday of someone special to us. It can be joyful when those we love have

exciting news. Sometimes we get to just hug those we love and tell them how wonderful they are. Love stretches us to connect with and care for those in and around our lives.

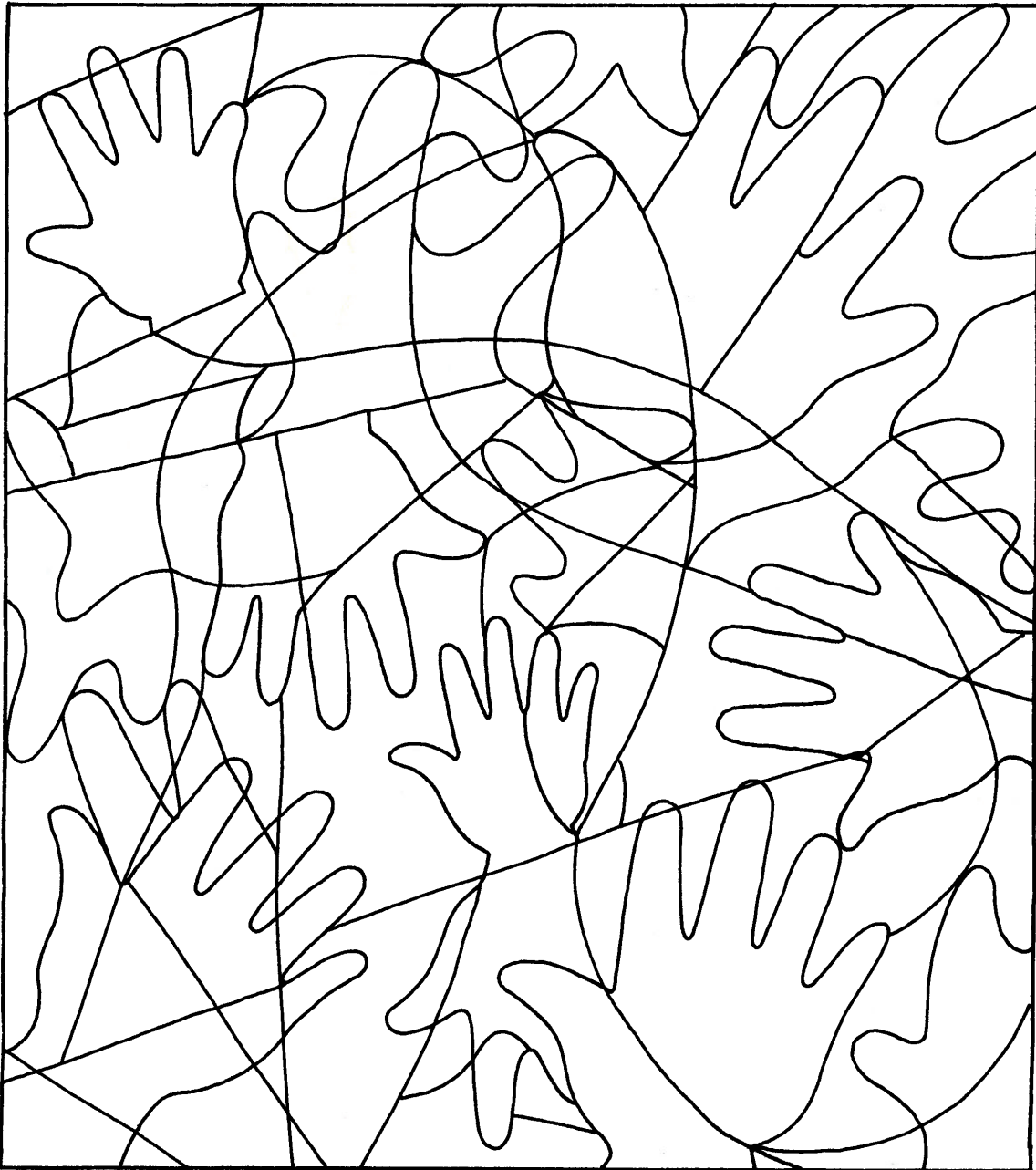
What are some ways that you can love those around you? Do you think you can come up with three things that you can do this week that would be a way to follow God's commandment to love others? Write these things in the three hearts in this drawing.



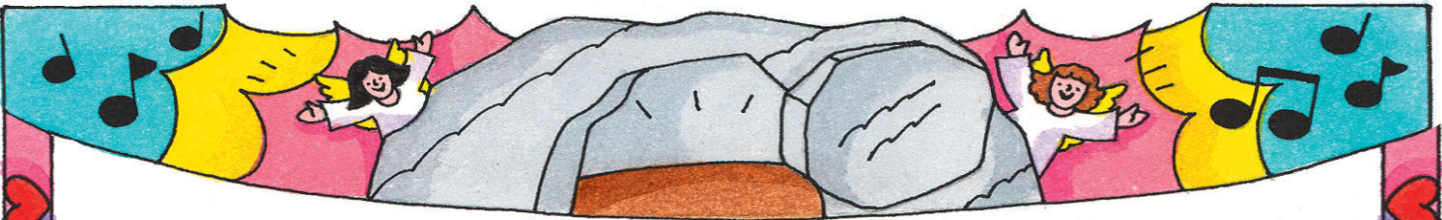
Peter and John prayed for
the people of Samaria (see Acts 8:14–17).

When they laid their hands on them,
the people were given the Holy Spirit.

Look for seven hidden hands below. Color them purple.



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The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus told his disciples something that they could count on always (see Matthew 28:20). Reveal his promise by following these steps.

1. Say the boxed words.
2. Find the words in the hilltops that rhyme with the words in the boxes, then draw lines from the boxed word to the rhyming hilltop words. There may be more than one.
3. Going from top to bottom, write in the empty boxes the rhyming words from the hills that tell you what Jesus promised.

slam with ham

crew try knew

dry lamb cry true

clue jam you

ram pith

I myth buy

glue blue am

do

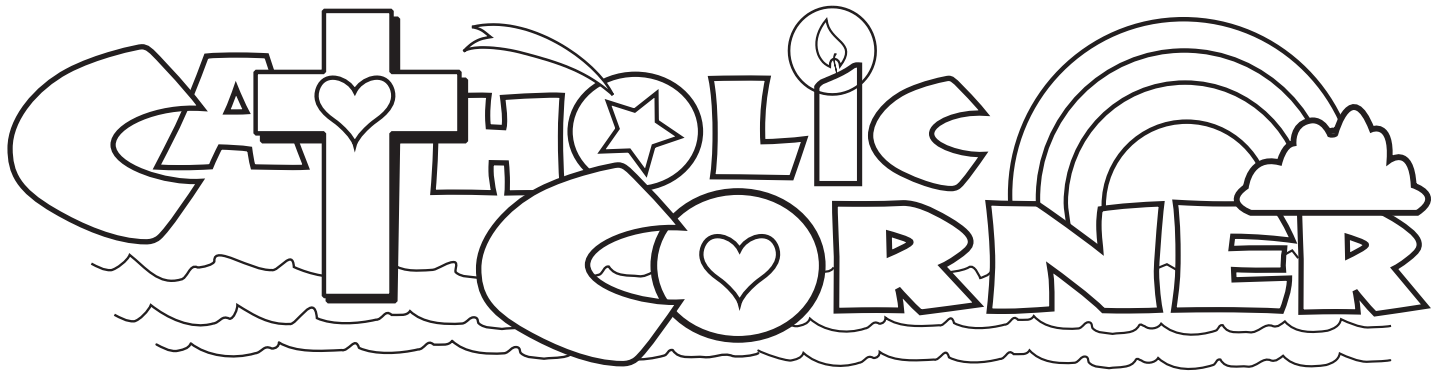
ALWAYS

Answer Key: I am with you





A cloud took him from their sight.
Acts 1:9

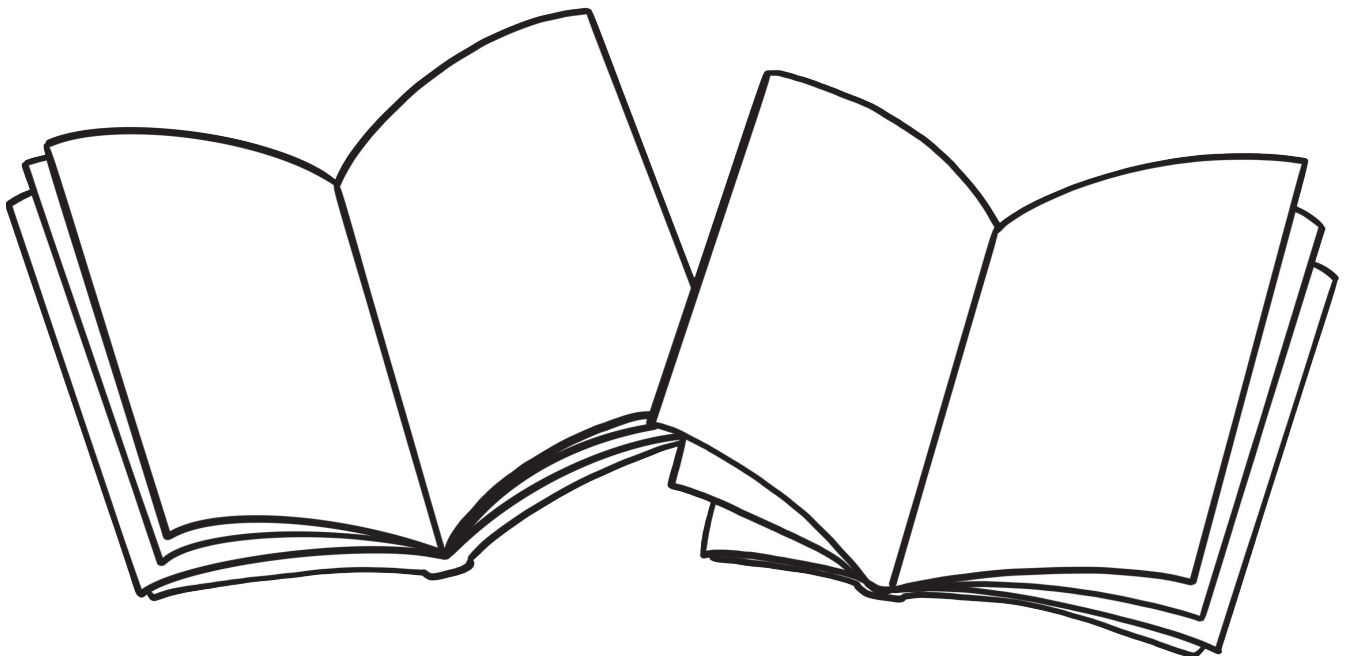


The Path of Discipleship

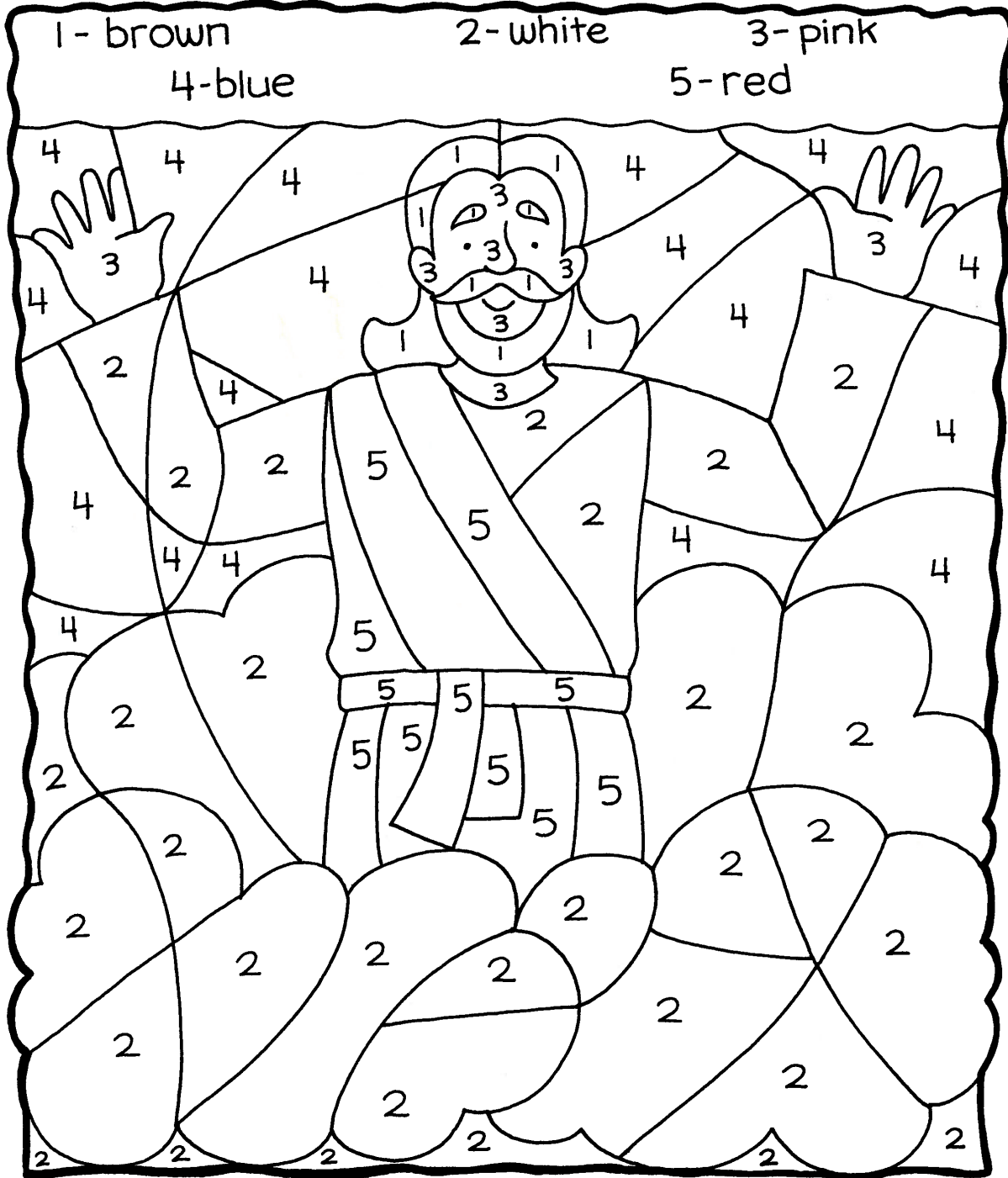
Did you know that the gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles go together? They were written by the same person and we even know who it was written to—someone named Theophilus! The person who wrote these two books had so many things to share, not just about Jesus' life, but about everything that happened right after Jesus' resurrection. We have been celebrating Easter for over a month now, and hearing all about the things that happened after Jesus rose from the dead. But now we hear in the Acts of the Apostles about how Jesus ascended into heaven. While the gospels wrap up with Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the Acts of the Apostles kicks off the next part of the story! It's not like a movie where we assume there is a happy ending because Jesus ascended to heaven; we get to hear about what happens next, and all the amazing things that happened to the apostles in the very first years of the Church.

Celebrating Jesus' ascension to heaven gives us a chance to think about what we might want our next chapter to look like, too. We have spent a lot of time during Lent praying and fasting and giving things up to help us focus on what God might be calling us to do. We have been celebrating for weeks that God's love is stronger than death and that Jesus rose from the dead. Now we get a chance to consider what it means to love like Jesus did. No matter how old we are or what grade we are in, everyone can find new ways to love with great courage like Jesus did. It doesn't mean it is an easy thing to figure out; there will be lots of stories in the next few weeks about all the tough things the apostles had to deal with. But we get a chance to think about what we may have learned during Lent and Easter, and to come up with new ideas about how we want to be disciples.

If you were going to write a book about the kind of disciple you wanted to be, what would you want to do? What are some ways you can love more like Jesus did? Talk with your family and loved ones after Mass or during the week about what you might want to do. Is there something you learned during Lent or Easter? You can write your ideas in the books below.



The apostles watched as Jesus was taken up to heaven in a cloud. Use the number code to color the picture.





May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

It's fun to receive a gift on a holiday or for your birthday.
The Holy Spirit gives us different spiritual gifts.
Score one point for every new word you make
using the letters in the word "spiritual."
One is already done for you.

Spiritual

salt _____

Answer Key: spirit, list, pair, last, lap, rail, pair, spiral, ru, rat, past, lips, pit, spit, etc.



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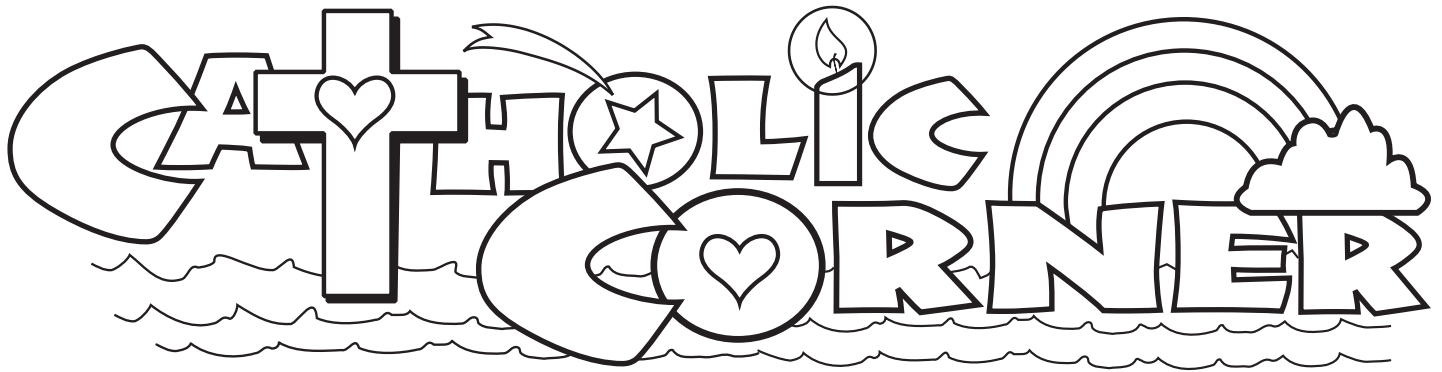
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Speak and Be Heard

Bonjour! Hola! Hello! There are so many different ways that we can greet each other. Just now, we started off with a greeting in French, Spanish, and English. There are thousands of languages spoken all across the world! That is a lot of different ways to say “Hello,” “Goodbye,” “I love you!” and a million other things. There are even languages like American Sign Language where you use your hands to communicate with others. Some people grow up or live in a house where more than one language is spoken. There are also many schools where some of the kids or teachers speak more than one language, and schools where you can go to learn a new language. Other people know the language they were raised in and understand and use only one language.

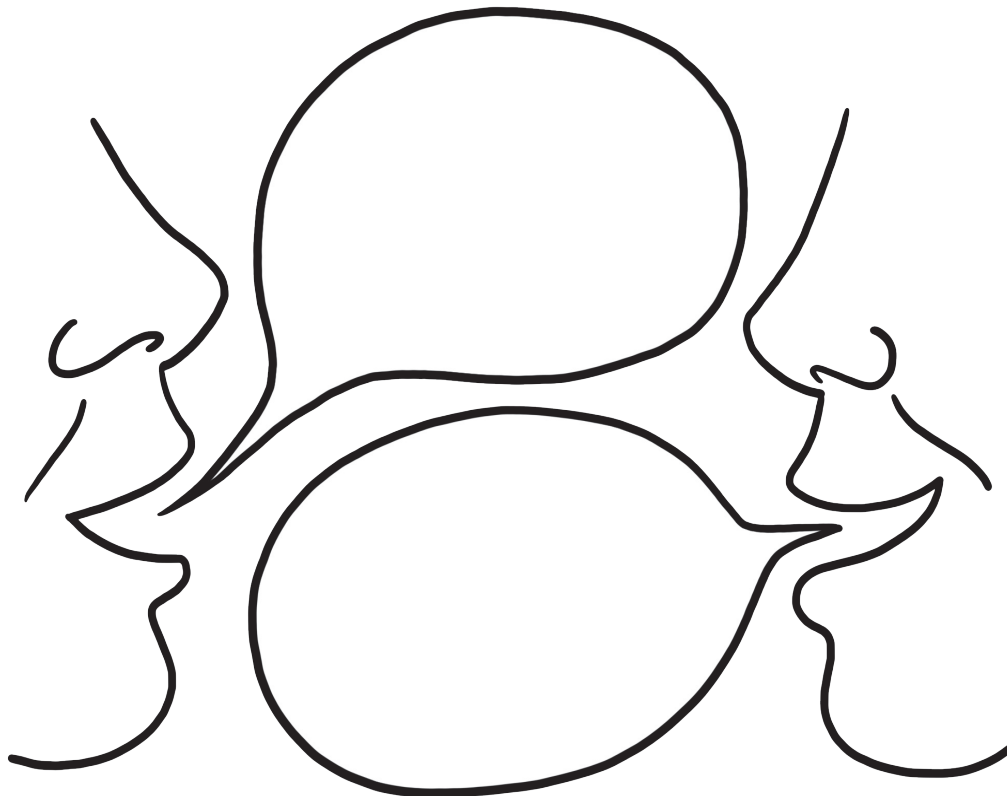
On Pentecost, we tell the story of when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. Suddenly, they could speak in all sorts of different languages and tongues! What an incredible gift they were given by the Holy

Spirit—to be able to speak so that even more people could hear and understand what they had to say. For many of us, hearing so many languages might be confusing. It might be hard to listen to and it may even be a little bit scary. It can be frustrating to hear someone speak or communicate with us and not know what they are trying to say. It can be just as difficult to feel that when we try to speak, we are not heard or understood. But the Holy Spirit gave them the ability to speak and be heard!

Listening to others is not always easy. But this is one of the reasons the Holy Spirit was given to us—to help us speak and listen to

one another so that we might better hear what God is trying to say to us. It’s not always as easy as it seems in the gospel reading. But it’s something that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can learn how to do better.

What are some things you think God might want you to say for others to hear? What are some things that perhaps God wants you to hear? Write them down in the bubbles above.



All of our body parts are important to us. We
are all important parts of the
Body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13).

See how fast you can find and circle
the names of these body parts.

Look up, down, across, and diagonally.



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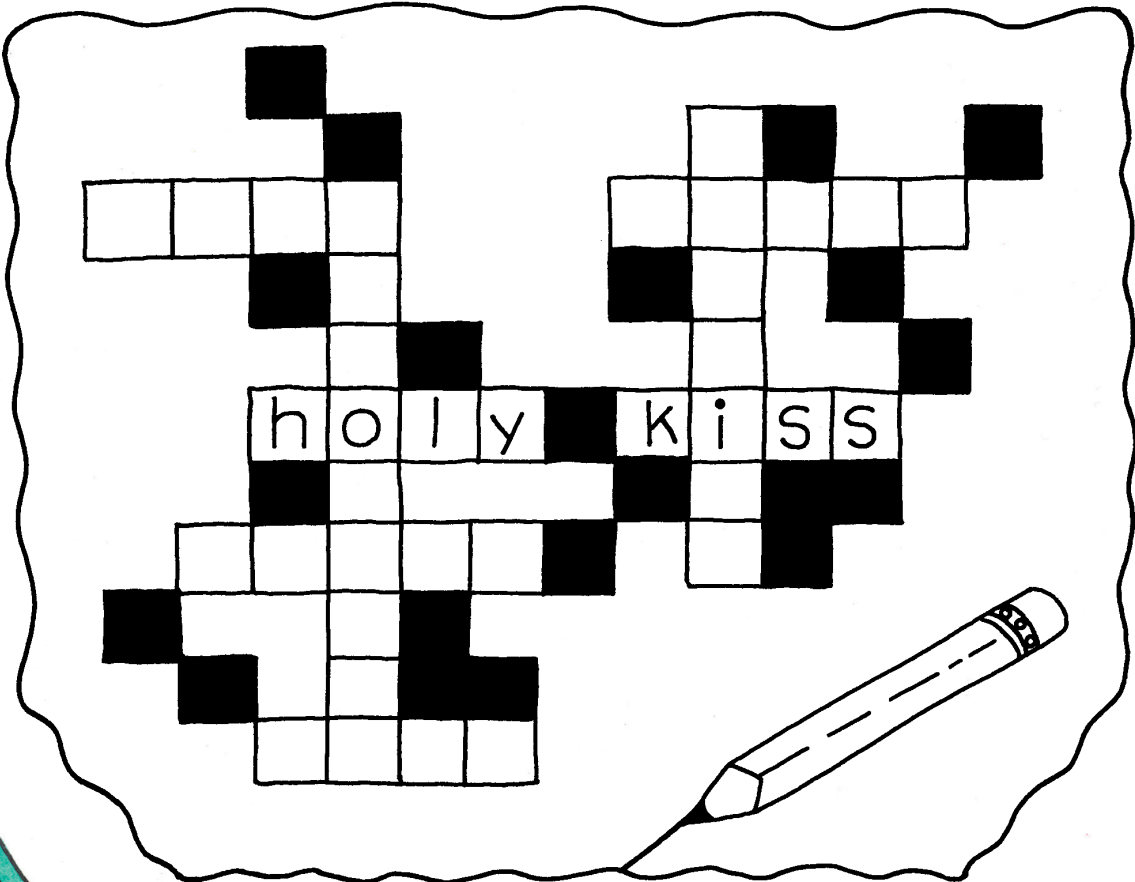


May 31, 2026

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Paul wrote to the people of Corinth that they should “greet one another with a holy kiss” (2 Corinthians 13:12). He also told them how they should behave, using the words below. Fit the words into the crossword.

- rejoice
- agree
- mend
- peace
- encourage
- love



Answer Key: Across: love, peace, agree and mend. Down: encourage, rejoice.



Early in the morning Moses went up to Mount Sinai
as the LORD had commanded him,
taking along the two stone tablets.

Exodus 34:4

I

**I am the Lord
your God.
You shall not have
other gods besides me.**

II

**You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God
in vain.**

III

**Remember to keep holy
the Sabbath day.**

IV

**Honor your father
and mother.**

V

You shall not kill.

VI

**You shall not
commit adultery.**

VII

You shall not steal.

VIII

**You shall not bear
false witness
against your neighbor.**

IX

**You shall not covet
your neighbor's wife.**

X

**You shall not covet
anything that belongs to
your neighbor.**



Three In One

Three persons. But one God. Three persons . . . but one God? Does the Holy Trinity ever seem confusing to you? It can be hard to wrap your head around. Because we believe in one God. We say it every Sunday when we recite the Nicene creed (or the Apostles creed!). We all say it together—"I believe in one God." So then . . . how are there three? When we keep going with the creed, we come to the other two persons who are part of the Trinity—the son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit. We talk about God the Father sometimes, God the Son sometimes, and God the Holy Spirit at other times. They are all talked about in the Bible at different points in time.

If it feels confusing, remember that we also refer to the Holy Trinity as a mystery! It is a mystery because we have done our best over hundreds and hundreds of years to figure out what we really believe when we talk about there being three persons in one God. It being a mystery doesn't mean we just say there are three persons in one God and then just walk away. What it means is that there is a lot to who God is, and there will always be more for us to learn. We are never done figuring out who God is and how God wants to communicate with us. What is important to remember is that no matter what, when we talk about God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit, we are talking about God. We are talking about God who wants to know us and who wants to be known by us. God wants us to keep listening and learning and figuring out what it means to know God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is nothing boring or simple about God—and that is exciting! The mystery of the Trinity means there is always more for us to learn and discover.

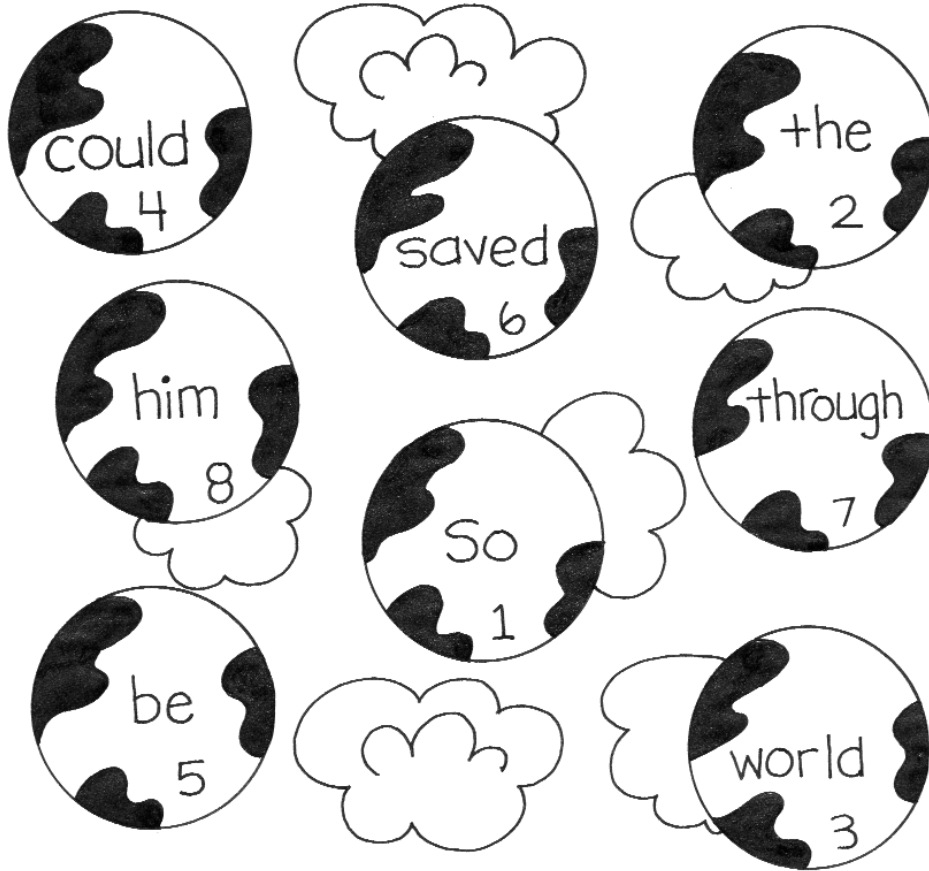
What are some things you want to know about God? If you could ask God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit a question, what might you ask? Write them down below.

Three vertical, lined cards are arranged side-by-side. Each card has a wavy top and bottom edge. The first card on the left is titled 'Dear God the Father,'. The middle card is titled 'Dear God the Son,'. The third card on the right is titled 'Dear God the Holy Spirit,'. Each card has five horizontal lines for writing.

God became human when Jesus came into the world.
Jesus showed us God's love through the miracles and
good works he did in his life.

And then he made the ultimate sacrifice:
he was even willing to die for us.

Write the words below in correct number order to find
out why God sent Jesus,
and then say a prayer of thanks for this great gift.



_____	_____	_____	_____
1	2	3	4
_____	_____	_____	_____!
5	6	7	8

Answer key: So the world could be saved through him.

