



July 5, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you spend quiet time thinking about
 how wonderful God is?

Use the heart code to fill in the missing words.
 Then read this passage from the book of Psalms.

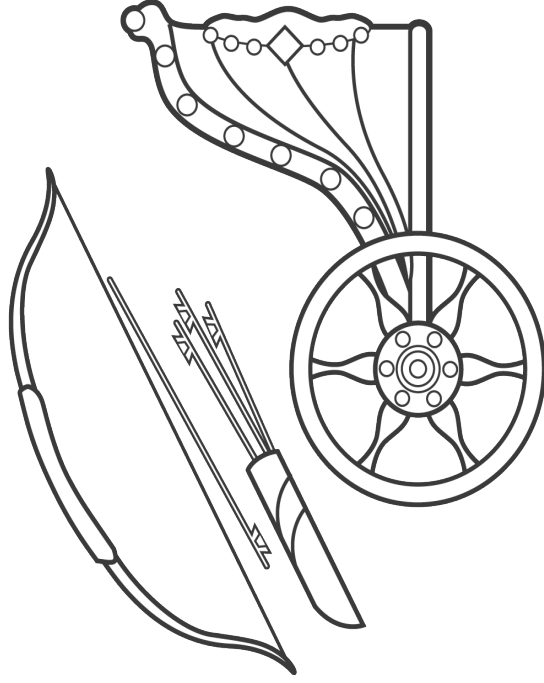
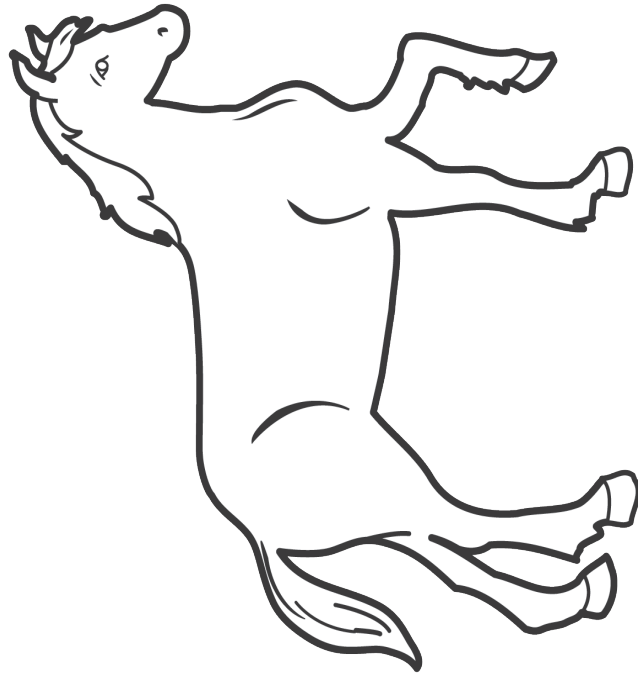
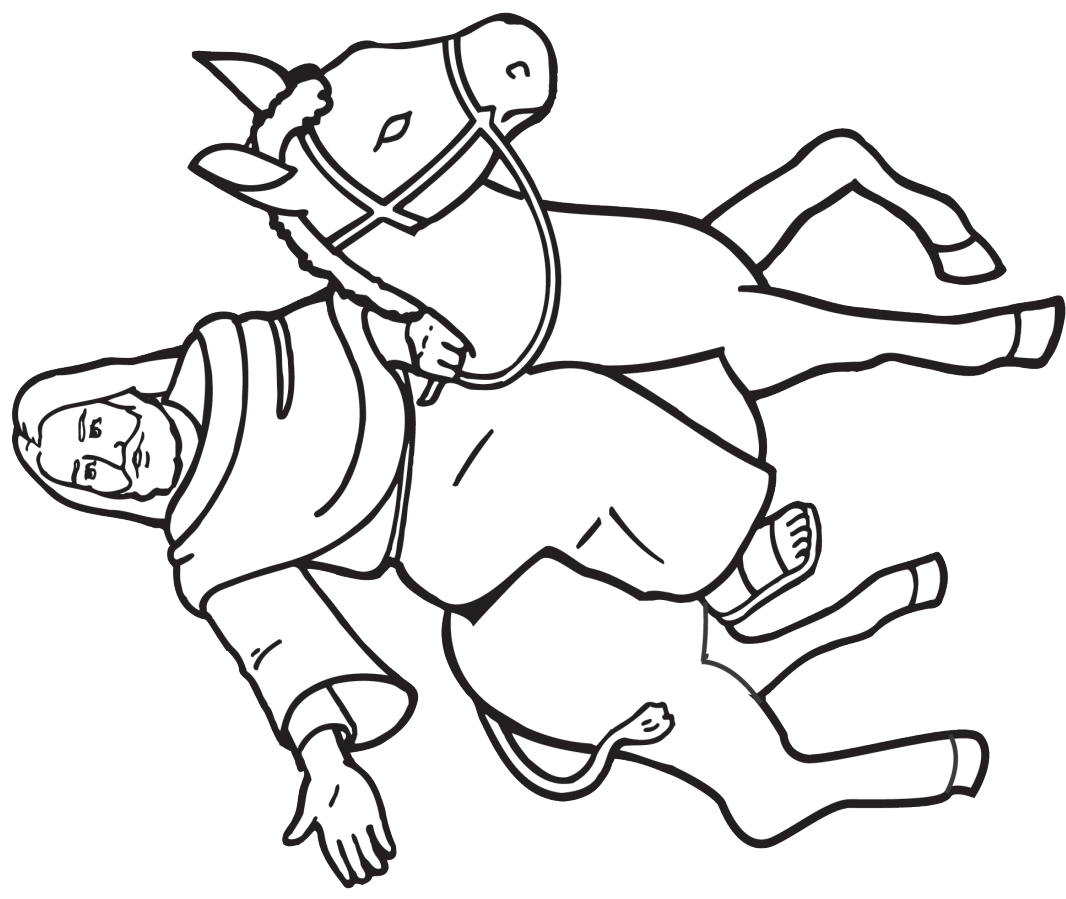
♥=gracious ♥♥♥♥=good ♥♥=compassionate
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“The Lord is _____ and _____,
 slow to anger and of
 great _____. The Lord
 is _____ to all and
 _____ toward all his works.”

Psalm 145:8-9

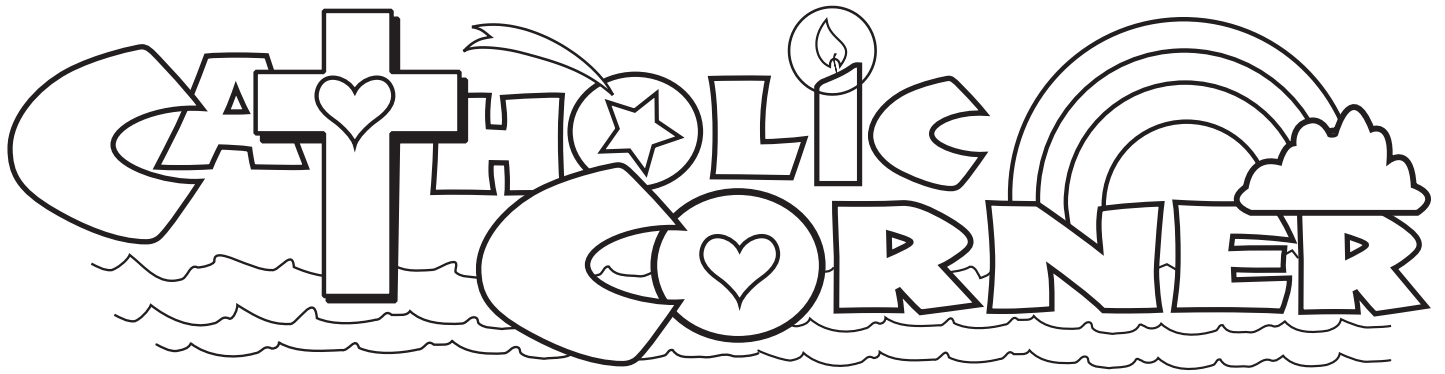
Answer Key: gracious, merciful, kind, good, compassionate





[Your savior will be riding on an ass, and he will
banish the chariot, the horse, and the warrior's bow.]
He shall proclaim peace to the nations.

Zechariah 9:10

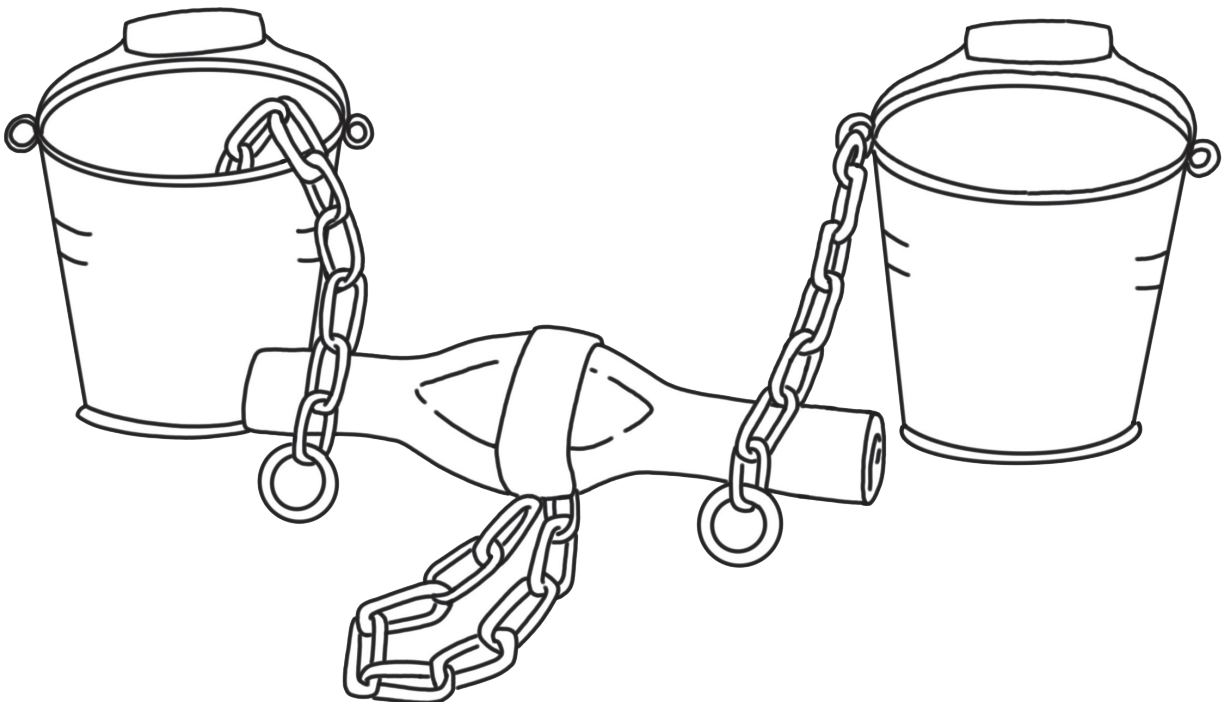


My Yoke Is Easy

Have you ever seen a yoke before? Do you know what it is? Think of it a little like a backpack; a yoke goes on an animal's shoulders to help them carry something. It might connect them to a wagon or cart, or to a plow that drags behind them to help dig up a field that needs to have seeds planted in it. It might be used on one animal, but it could also be used on two to help them work together. Sometimes they are even used by people to help carry things, like buckets of water. Sometimes when people talk about a yoke, they don't mean the actual tool, they mean work or labor that they are responsible for. And often, especially when it comes to work that happens in farming communities, that work is pretty hard. Carrying and pulling things can be really hard work.

Why does Jesus talk about giving us a yoke in the gospel today? It might not really sound like a lot of fun if a yoke is something that means you have to work hard. A lot of the people who followed Jesus in his time had jobs that were hard. All of the fishermen who became disciples had the hard job of pulling in heavy nets over and over. Jesus knew they were tired because they worked hard. So he told them to come to him and rest. He wanted them to come and be with him and see what a different life with different work could look like. Working is a very normal part of life! But some work leaves us really, really tired and doesn't give us satisfaction. Jesus says his yoke is light because there is real joy and purpose in following him. And with a yoke, the work can be done together. Life as a disciple of Jesus means that we can rest together and we can work together.

What are some things that you have worked on that have been meaningful for you? Are there projects at your church you have been a part of to help others? Who are the people that you have done this with? Write about or draw pictures of them in the buckets below.





When we have troubles and problems,
we need to ask Jesus to help us work them out.
Put the pillows in number order to find out
what Jesus said he would give us in return.



“

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
_____ 4 _____ 5 _____

Answer Key: I will give you rest.



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus talked about what happened
when seeds fell in certain places.

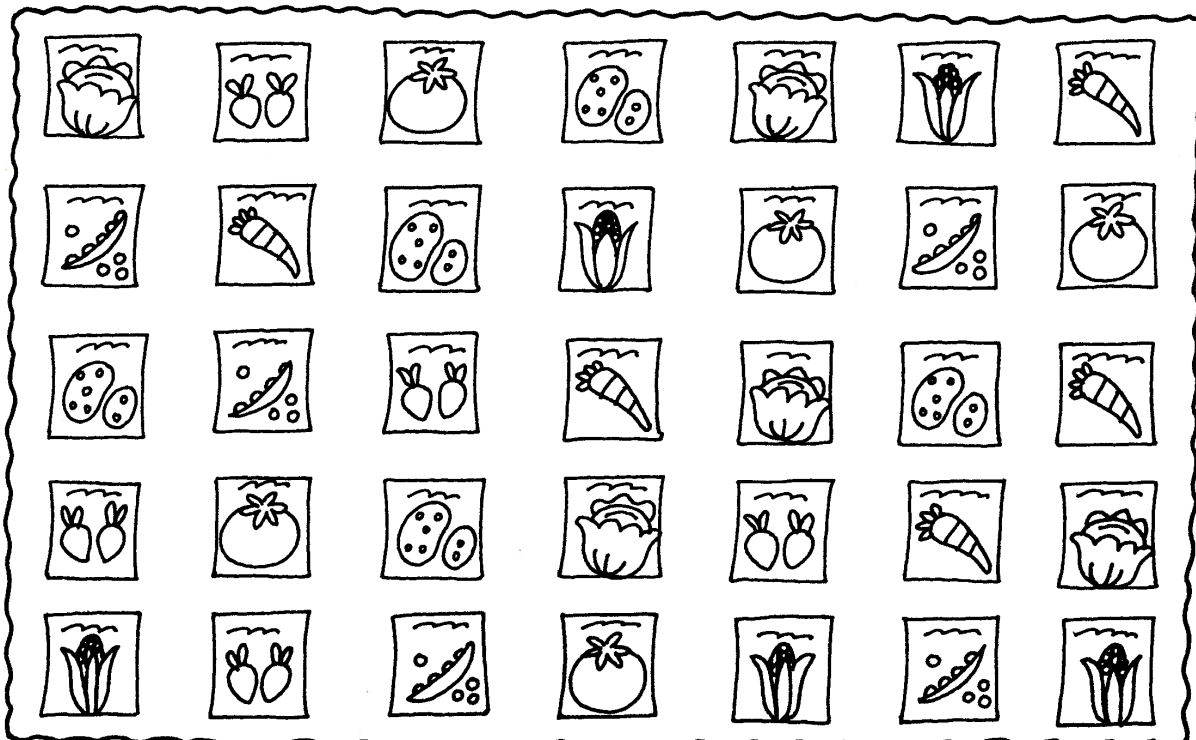
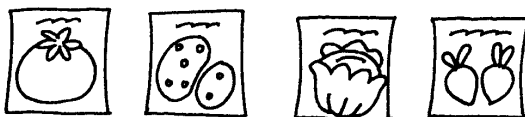
Often the seeds were destroyed before they could grow.

But when the seeds fell in rich soil
they grew and produced fruit!

We are like seeds when we hear God's word,
trust in it, and use it in our daily lives.

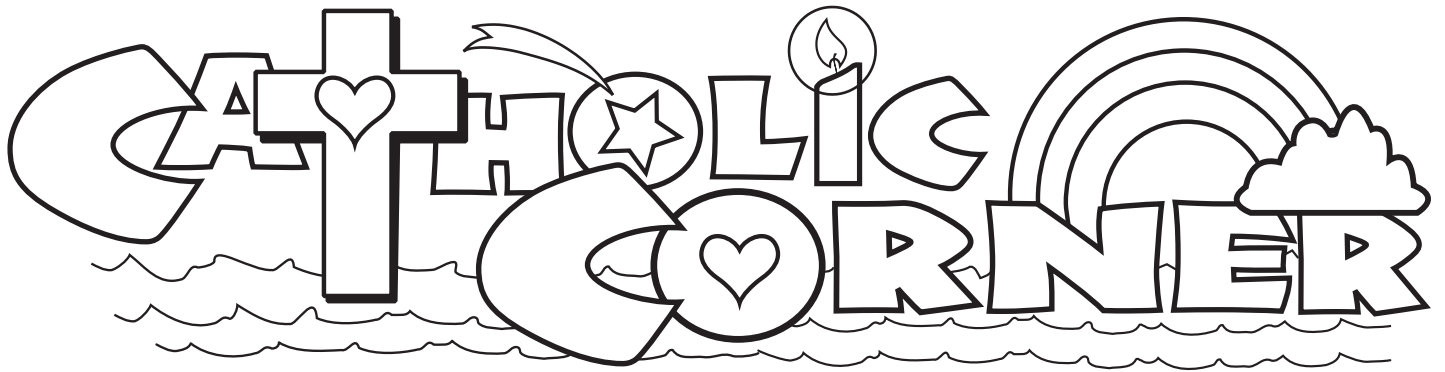
Find and circle these seed packets in the same order.

Look up, down, across, and diagonally.



Giving seed to the one
who sows
Isaiah 55:10



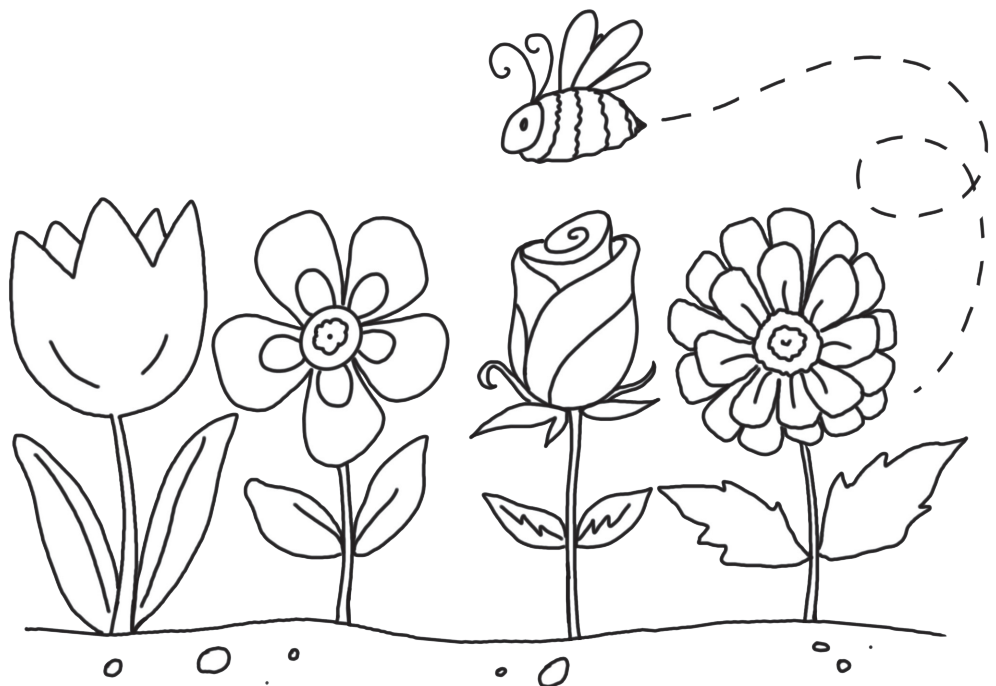


Rich Soil

Have you ever planted seeds before? There are lots of stores that sell plants that have already begun to grow, which makes having a garden a lot easier for people. But have you ever planted a few tiny seeds and watched them grow? You probably took care to make sure there was good soil, and carefully dug a space to put the seeds. Seed packets will let you know how many seeds to plant, how deep, and how far apart. You probably then carefully watered the seeds and kept an eye on them. Did they grow? Or did they have a little more trouble coming up? Sometimes seeds have a hard time taking root, even when we are careful with how we plant them. We have to be patient, mindful, and willing to try again to see if they will grow, because with all the good and right things around them, seeds can grow into wonderful, beautiful things!

Jesus is talking about how seeds grow today to help us be mindful of how we are growing as disciples. We grow just like seeds! We need water, food, sunlight, care, and a little bit of patience from the people helping us grow. Jesus wants our bodies to grow, but he is also mindful of how things are growing in our hearts. The things we think about, how we treat friends and strangers, how we choose to show love, and how we treat our families and classmates are all things that shape how we grow within our hearts. We all make some mistakes and do some things that don't help us grow very well. But we can always look for the good soil in our hearts to help us better love others. There are always ways that we can get to good soil and watch ourselves grow.

What are the kinds of things that you need to help your heart and mind grow as someone who follows Jesus? Are there rocks or thorns that are giving you some trouble? What are some of the 'good soils' in your life you can look for? Write them in the spaces below.



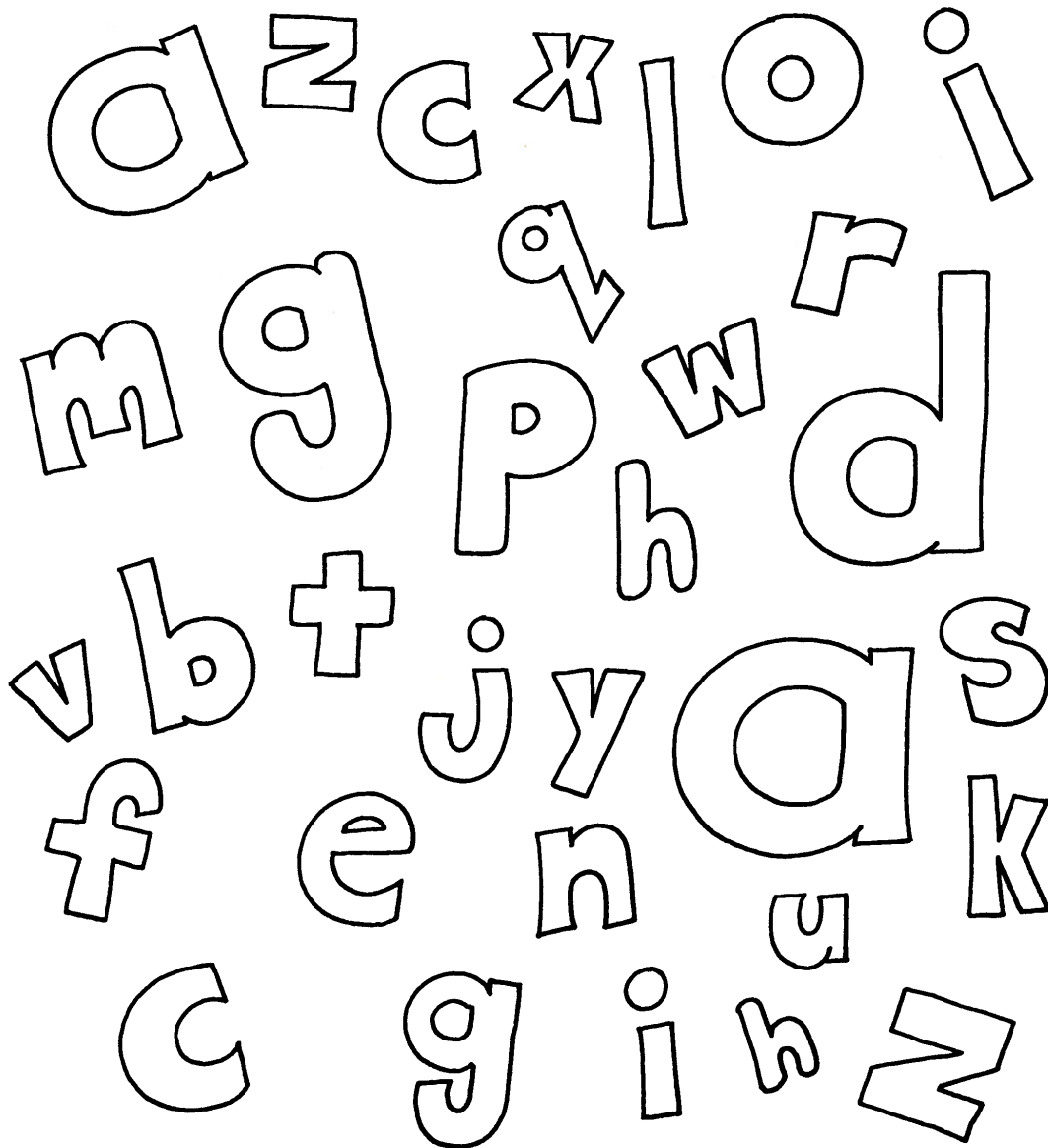


When a crowd gathered near Jesus
he decided to get into a boat.

The people stood on shore while he told them stories
that would help them learn important things.

These stories are called “parables.”

Find the letters that spell the word **parable**
and color them purple.





July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

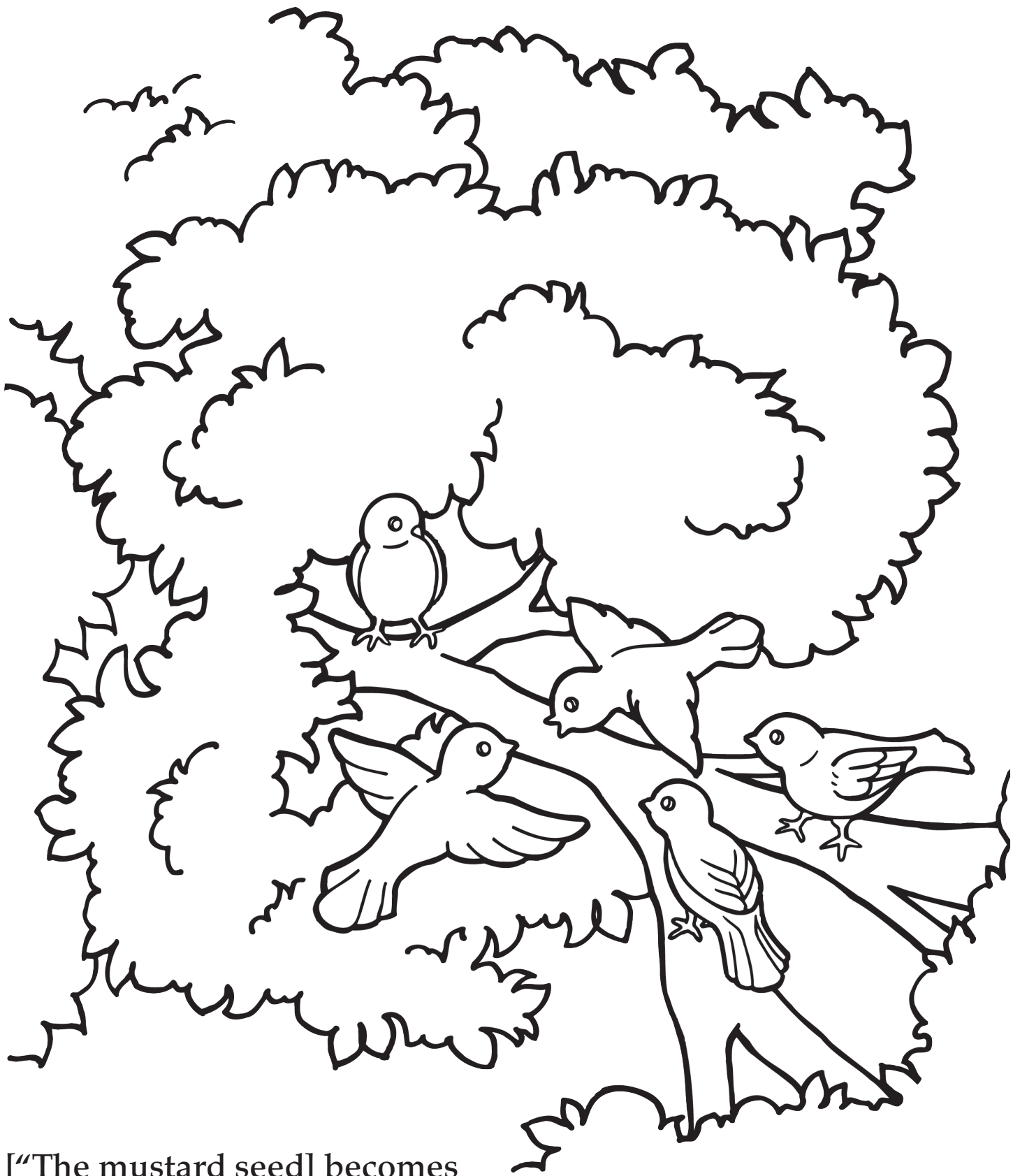
In Matthew 13:43, Jesus promises a happy ending for
“the children of the kingdom”!

Find out what will happen someday
by following the instructions on each window
and at the bottom.

Cross out any words written in lowercase letters.	THEN THE gate door WILL after on LIKE THE	Draw a line through words that don't begin with S or R.	righteous good can shine moon sun
Darken out words that have more than 7 letters.	in kingdom universe their recognize	Scribble out any words that have a U in them.	the of sum thunder Father Lettuce
Now read the remaining words from left to right!			

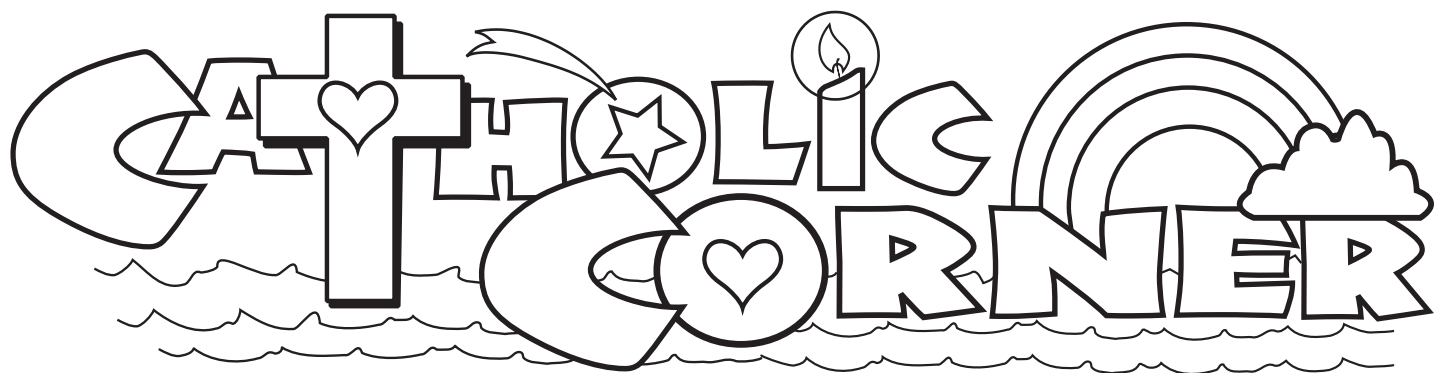
Answer Key: Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.





["The mustard seed] becomes
a large bush, and the 'birds of
the sky come and dwell
in its branches.' "

Matthew 13:32



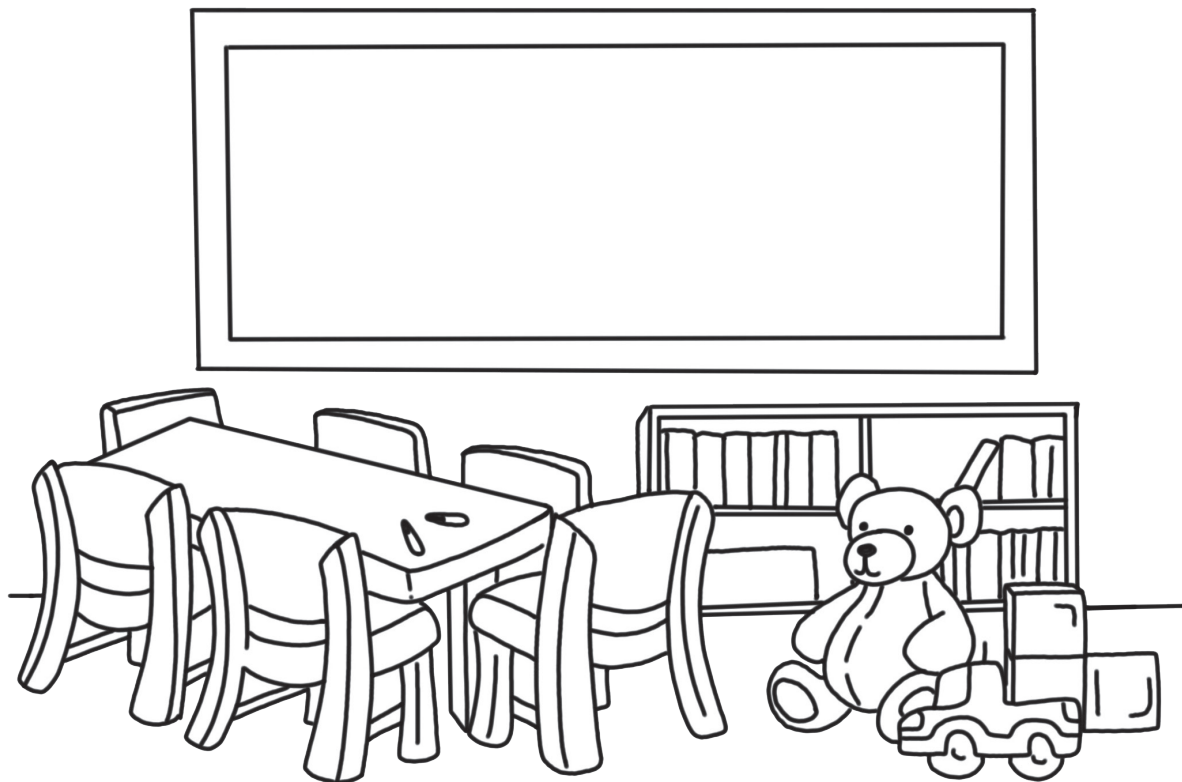
Jesus Our Teacher

What is your favorite thing to learn in school? Maybe you are someone who really likes books and hearing stories. Maybe learning letters and sounds and how to read is really fun for you. You might be someone who likes numbers and counting. Or maybe you are someone who likes to figure out how to build things and really use your hands to put things together. You might love drawing and coloring, creating beautiful art! There are so many different things that we all need to learn and so many different ways to learn them. Teachers use different ideas to help us understand new things. How teachers decide to help us learn depends a lot on how old we are, what we're learning, where we're from, and what is going to help us learn the best we can. It's a teacher's job to help us learn and understand. Sometimes it happens right away, and sometimes it takes a little bit.

Jesus was also a teacher! And if you look back at the last couple of weeks, we have been getting a lot of parables lately in our Sunday gospels. Parables are short little stories that Jesus used to help people understand what he was trying to teach them. Figuring out what the kingdom of God is might seem a little crazy! So Jesus used different images that would be familiar to the people around him to help them understand. A lot of people worked in farming or knew people who did, so using seeds and planting would have been something they understood.

The parables are not just meant for the people who were there to hear them! The best part about them is that everyone can learn from them. We live in a different time and place than Jesus did, but the parables still give us an opportunity to stop and think about the kingdom of heaven. We might not have Jesus speaking to us in person, but we still have his parables to help us learn more about God and how we are called to be disciples.

What is something that you would like to learn about Jesus? If Jesus were your teacher in your classroom, what are some things you might want to ask him? You can write or draw them in the chalkboard below. You can also ask Jesus your questions in prayer!





All of us who belong to God's kingdom
can accomplish great things for the Lord!
To teach this idea, Jesus talked of how the mustard seed,
the smallest of all seeds, grows into a large bush
where birds live. Follow the path from each seed
to find what it will grow into someday.





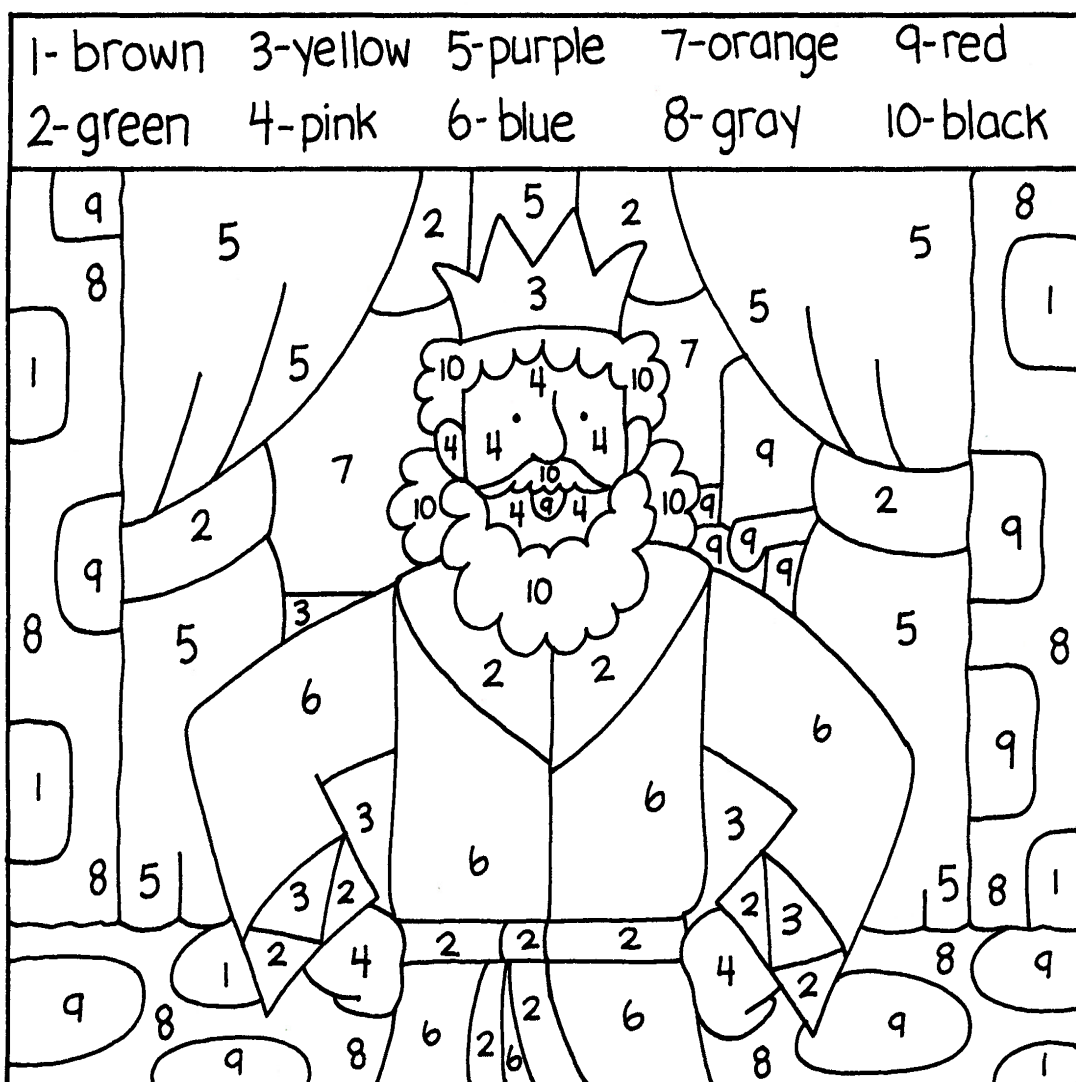
July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

King Solomon asked God to help him understand and know how to lead the people in his kingdom. God was pleased with his request and made him wiser than anyone!

Color this picture using the number code.

Remember to pray for the gift of wisdom, too.



The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field

Matthew 13:44





Asking for Help

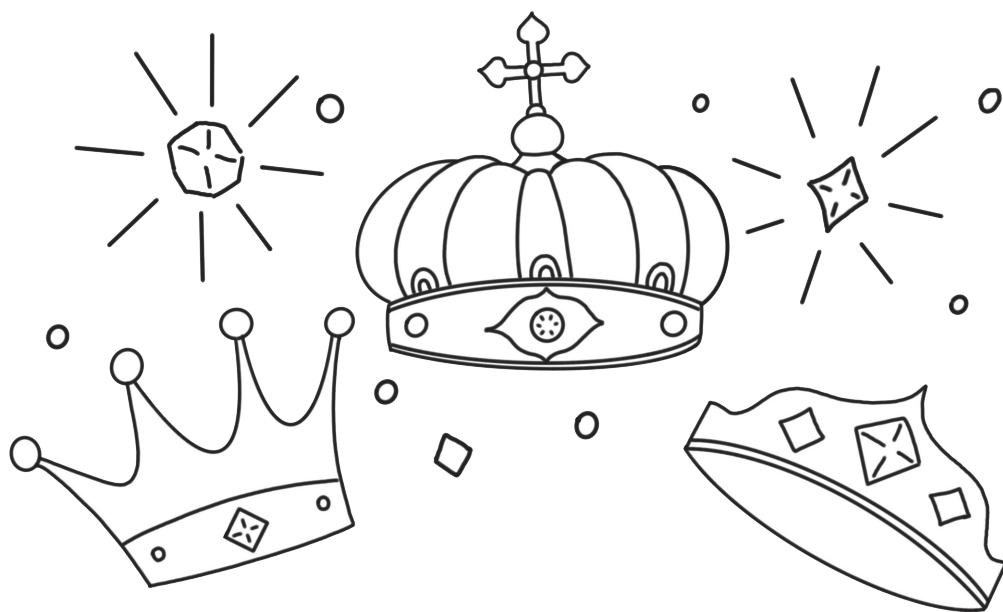
We hear about a lot of kings when we read stories from the Bible. Kings who rule over Israel come from all kinds of different places. There are kings and rulers from other places that come in and take over Israel. People confuse Jesus with a king and try to figure out what kind of ruler he is (or is not!). We hear a little bit about Solomon this morning, who was the son of King David. At this part of the story, Solomon is talking about how he is pretty young to be a king. It can be easy to think of kings, queens, and rulers as grown-ups who already have everything figured out. Even when they are grown-ups, they haven't necessarily figured everything out and learned all they need to in order to be good and just rulers. There is a lot to learn and to know if you are going to be in charge of a whole country and kingdom, and if you want to really take good care of all of the people who live there.

God wants to help us to be the best we can to help care for those around us, whether we are kings or just ourselves.

When we hear about Solomon in the first reading, Solomon is talking to God about being the king of Israel. His father, David, was a pretty big deal and is someone we continue to hear about well into the time of Jesus. Solomon says out loud that he is just a youth! And then he asks God to give him an understanding heart. He knows there is a lot he doesn't know and so he turns to God to ask for help and especially to ask for the things that will help him be a good ruler for his people. It isn't always easy to ask for help. But this story shows us how even those who seem really special and in charge—like a young king!—have things they need help

with. God wants to help us to be the best we can to help care for those around us, whether we are kings or just ourselves.

What are things that you might want to ask God for help with? What are some ways that, even as a kid, you can help take care of the people around you? Take a minute and talk with God about the things you need help with and the people you want to care for.



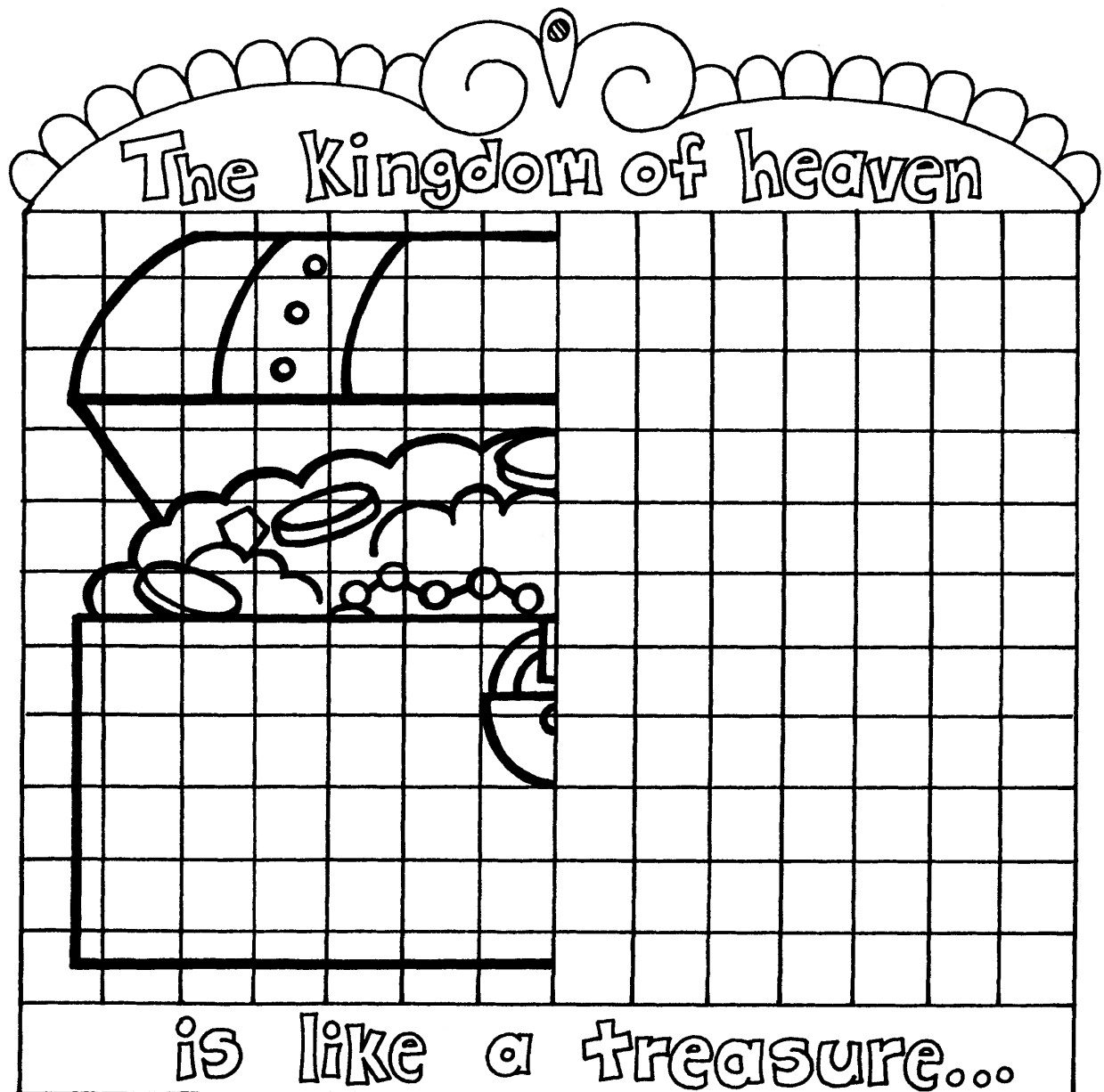


Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is
like a treasure buried in a field.

Use the grid to finish drawing the treasure chest.

When you are done write your name on it.

Let it help remind you how precious and valuable you are to God!



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