

Second Sunday of
Advent

December
6
2020

10:30 am

Memorial United Methodist Church

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MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Poolesville, MD



Thank you for coming together in worship this morning. As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study. As you participate with heart and/or voice, the words will be displayed on your screen for your convenience.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.; TFWS=The Faith We Sing.

WORSHIP SERVICE with COMMUNION December 6, 2020

MESSAGE - *Following In His Footsteps*

READING: Mark 1:1-8

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
PEOPLE: **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah**
LEADER: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
PEOPLE: **to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**
LEADER: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
PEOPLE: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**
LEADER: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
PEOPLE: **The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

THEME: *Clean-Up Crew*

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:1-5, 10-11

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOR AFTER CANDLE IS LIT

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lowly exile here, Until the son of God is near
Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

MUSIC

PRE-SERVICE	An Assortment live music	
PRELUDE	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh</i> (Duet)	by Hayes/Gaspard
HYMNS	<i>Angels From the Realm of Glory</i>	UMH 220
	<i>God Be With You till We Meet Again</i>	UMH 672
POSTLUDE	<i>Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow!</i>	by Hayes/Wagner

WORSHIP SERVICES CONTRIBUTORS

PASTOR: **Rev. Timothy A. Dowell** WORSHIP ASST: **Sandy Parnell-Dowell**
 ORGAN/PIANO: **Linda Custer, Janet Hartz** COMMUNION: **Bob and Janet Spiker**
 READERS: *Liturgist (Call to Worship)*- **Sandi Baggett** *Advent*- **Betty Jean Selby, Aubrey Selby;**
 VOCALIST: **Sandi Baggett, Link Hoewing**
 AUDIO/VIDIO: **David Melton, Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm**

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

SUN - DEC 6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom ADVENT Child & Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
TUE - DEC 8	7 - 8:30 pm 8:30 - 9:30 pm	Church Council Meeting - Zoom Task Force Committee Meeting - Zoom
THU - DEC 10	7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - Zoom
SAT - DEC 12	10 am - 12 pm 3 - 4 pm	Set-Up of Stable for Live Nativity - Front Lawn Youth Christmas Dog Parade - Whalen Commons
SUN - DEC 13 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom ADVENT Child & Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube
TUE - DEC 15	7 - 8:30 pm 8:30 - 9:30 pm	Men's Group Meeting - Zoom Task Force Committee Meeting - Zoom
THU - DEC 17	7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - Zoom
SAT - DEC 19	6:30 - 8 pm	Live Nativity - Front Lawn
SUN - DEC 20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Adult Sunday School - Zoom ADVENT Child & Youth Sunday School - Zoom Worship Service - In-Person & YouTube

UPCOMING READER SCHEDULE

DATE	DEC 13	DEC 20	DEC 24	DEC 27
ADVENT READERS	Samantha Baggett Sandi Baggett	Priscilla Lyon	Andrew Lewis Kirsten Lewis	N/A
LITURGIST	Joan Carroll	Sandi Baggett	Sandi Baggett	AVAILABLE
ACOLTYE	Samantha B.		Samantha B.	

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun., Dec 6 - **ISAIAH 35:1-10** *Not Alone*
 Mon., Dec 7 - **LUKE 6:46-49** *Solid Ground*
 Tue., Dec 8 - **PSALM 130:1-6** *Calling Out*
 Wed., Dec 9 - **ROMANS 5:1-5** *Don't Give Up*
 Thu., Dec 10 - **LUKE 2:8-14** *God Still Amazes*
 Fri., Dec 11 - **JOSHUA 1:1-11** *Words of Encouragement*
 Sat., Dec 12 - **LUKE 6:27-36** *Undeserving*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

MEMORIAL'S PURPOSE



CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (last 8 weeks)
\$4,790.25

WEEKLY BUDGET GOALS
\$5,770

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

OFFICE INFORMATION

COORDINATOR HOURS
 Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

APPOINTMENTS WITH THE PASTOR
 To schedule, please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES
 Messages for Shirley and Pastor Tim are sent to their email accounts.

EMERGENCIES
 For immediate pastoral care, please email Pastor Tim at PastorTim@PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

CHURCH COORDINATOR
 Shirley Prasada-Rao

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

HEAD ACOLYTES
 Charlotte Selby and Rachel Smalley

CUSTODIAN - Pecoe Fleming

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Memorial's Child/Youth Sunday School presents...

Boxes of LOVE!



EVERYONE is encouraged to take one!

Boxes of all shapes and sizes will be filled with LOVE and wrapped for ALL to take home. Whenever you look at your beautifully wrapped "gift" you will be reminded that God loves you!

Boxes are available for pick-up next to the dropbox by the Main Door of the church.

LIVE NATIVITY 2020

Sat., Dec 19th
6:30-8 pm



To ensure both our participants' and our guests' safety, our annual event will have some small changes including no animals, no sharing of costumes, must maintain social distancing, masks must be worn by all. There will also be two 45-minute shifts instead of four 30-minute shifts.

Can you help with:

- Setting up the stable on Dec. 12th from 10am-12pm?
- Portraying a character?
- Parking?

To participate, please email Ellie Bateman at EleanorGBateman@gmail.com or call her at 301-461-7898.

Advent and Christmas Display

To provide an opportunity for reflection and meditation as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior on Christmas, a progressive display will be in the sanctuary for viewing throughout Advent and Christmas.

In-Person - You may visit the sanctuary 10-10:30 and 11:30-11:45 am on Sundays during Advent, or from 3:15-4 pm on Christmas Eve.

Virtually - An updated pictures of the display will be available on Sundays before and after services from 10-10:15 and 11:30-11:45am on our YouTube channel.

The sign in the picture states...

"though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow" Isaiah 1:18

The red drape represents our sins.

The snowflakes represent forgiveness.

There would not be the cross without the cradle.

We pray that this display will bless each of you.



Youth Group Christmas Dog Parade

Youth are invited to come dressed up in Christmas attire along with their dressed up pup (or cat, rabbit, hamster - whatever pet you call your own or can borrow for the afternoon) for a mini parade.

Dec. 12th at 3pm (new time) at Whalen Commons!



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Our new Connect Challenge is to reach out to someone that brings you a sense of PEACE

Have fun with this new challenge or return to a former challenge engaging with someone new. Some of our previous challenges were to reach out to someone...

- you haven't seen since March
- that typically sits near you in church
- whose last name starts with the same letter as yours
- you talked to at a community dinner
- you are THANKFUL FOR; or gives you HOPE

These connections can be done by phone call or text, a porch visit, dropping off goodies (garden vegetables, flowers, sweets), or sending the time-less note. If you need a phone number or address, contact the church office at office@pmumc.org or 301-349-2010.

Have fun bringing joy to others and yourself!

Send requests to
prayers@pmumc.org
PRAYER REQUESTS
We are here to pray for you!



Gather for Worship
Sundays at 10:30 am

Most of Memorial's Small Groups will remain online.

If you are part of a group of 5 or less you may opt to hold your meeting in the church building while maintaining all proper social distancing protocol. To connect with a group email...

- **Worship Service** - visit www.PMUMC.org for instructions
- **Adult Sunday School** - contact Fred Lyon at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School/VBS** - contact Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Church Council Meeting** - contact Scott McGrew at scott.mcgrew@aol.com
- **Youth Group** - contact PastorTim@pmumc.org or Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Trustees Meeting** - contact Gary Hartz at gjalaska@verizon.net
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim** - contact Pastor Tim at pastortim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group** - contact Ray Hoewing at RLHoewing@gmail.com

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The Giving Tree -

This year Memorial UMC is blessed to once again help three local families with adding some extra joy to their Christmas celebration! As in the past, we will provide both a meal and gifts for each member of the family. This year we have six adults and ten children. The girls ages are 2, 4, 10, 14, and 16 years old. The boys are 6 months, 6, 9, 14, and 15 years old.



It seems that two of the teen-agers are interested in music and are looking for a piano/keyboard and guitar. If you happen to have one that you were looking to donate, please let us know.

We are still working on the full list. We hope it will be out early next week. Once we have a full list of items you will be able to visit www.SignUpGenius.com to see which items you would like to provide. We will also have a hard copy of the sign-up on the main door of the church and you can

always email office@pmumc.org or call 301-349-2010 with questions or to sign up.



FROM BALT/WASH CONFERENCE

Lift up your Hearts:

A weekly prayer for the Baltimore-Washington Conference from the Appointive Cabinet.

Emmanuel means God with us

*"O Come, Desire of nations bind, all people in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife."*

Gracious God,

Thank you for your grace that you freely give.

Help us show grace to those in need during this unique season of life.

Illuminating God,

Thank you for being the light of the world.

Help us to shine your light in this dark world.

Loving God,

Thank you for setting a table that transcends our differences and celebrates our diversity.

Help us to embody your love to all that we encounter.

Listening God,

Thank you for listening to every groan.

Help us to be sensitive to your voice in and around us.

Merciful God,

Thank you the new mercies that greet us every morning.

Help us to show mercy to our brothers and sisters daily as we strive to get it right.

Healing God,

Thank you for being the balm in Gilead.

Help us to be whole during this unprecedented time of strife in our world.

Sovereign God,

Thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ.

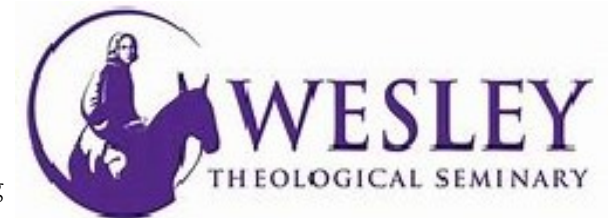
Bind us together as we become people in one heart and mind.

Almighty God, we are one in you, Amen

Online courses at Wesley:

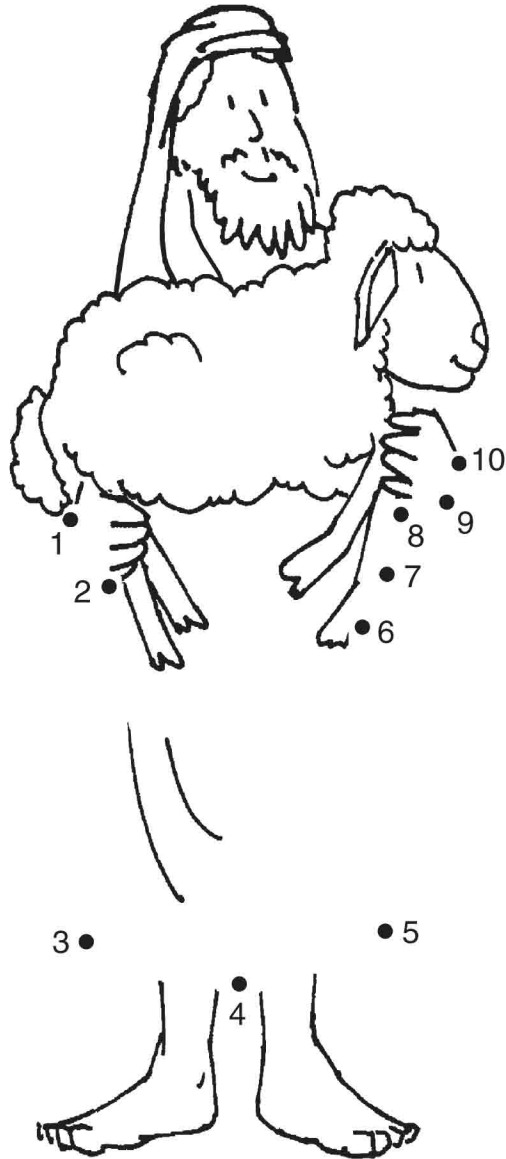
We are all looking forward to the end of 2020... why not launch 2021 with taking an online class at Wesley Theological Seminary? For information whether it's your first class ever, continuing a degree or certificate program, or taking a continuing education class call (202)885-8659 or go to

<https://www.wesleyseminary.edu/admissions/try-a-class-2/>.



God tends us like a shepherd.

Connect the dots.
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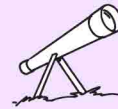
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Isaiah Proclaims Hope

Isaiah said,
"All people will see the glory of God."

Find and circle the hidden objects in the picture.

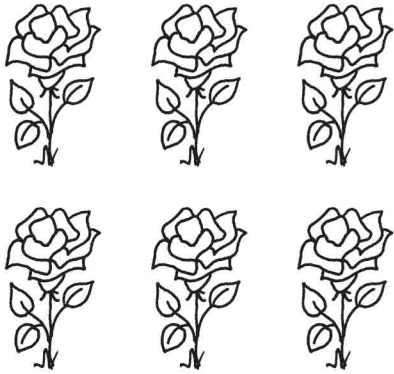


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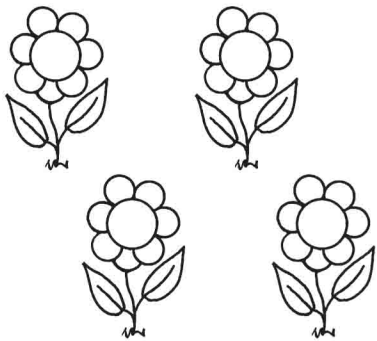
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“The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever.”

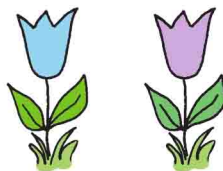
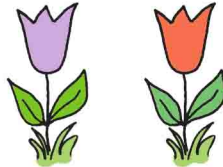
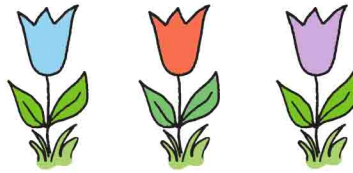
Count the flowers in each group.
Trace the correct number.



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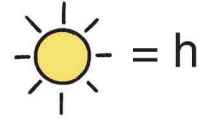
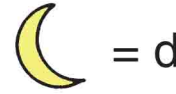
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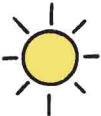




10 or 11



“You who bring good news
should not be afraid.”

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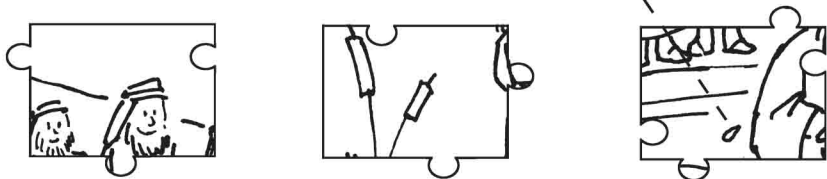
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John said, "I baptize you with water. Jesus will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

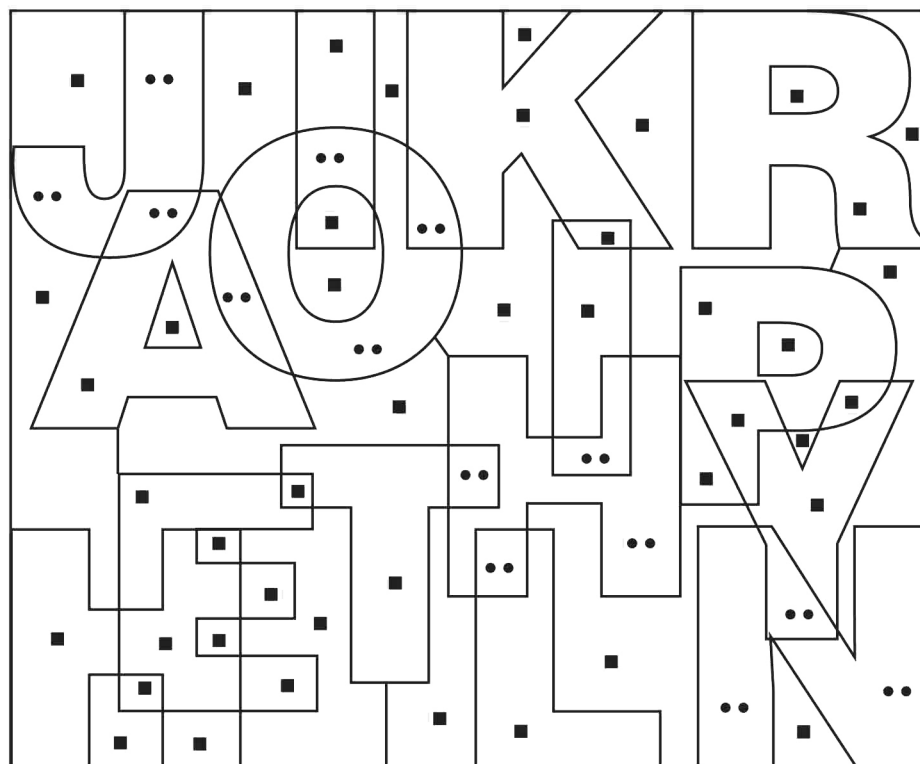
Match the puzzle pieces.

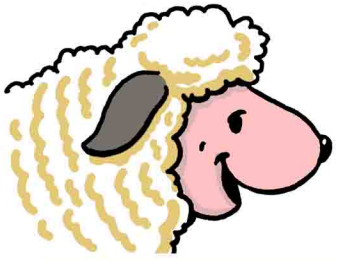


John Tells about Jesus

Isaiah wrote, "I will send a messenger."
Who was that messenger?

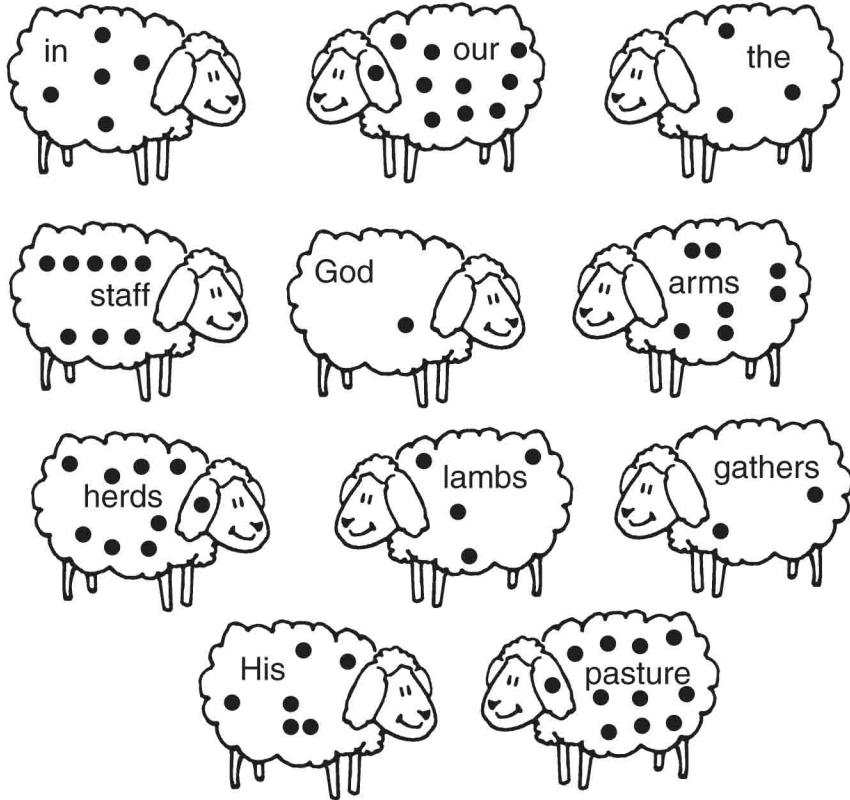
Shade in the shapes that have •• .





“God tends His flock like a shepherd,” Isaiah says.

What comes next?
Count the dots in each sheep to match the numbers below.



“ _____ ”
 1 2 3

 4 5 6 7

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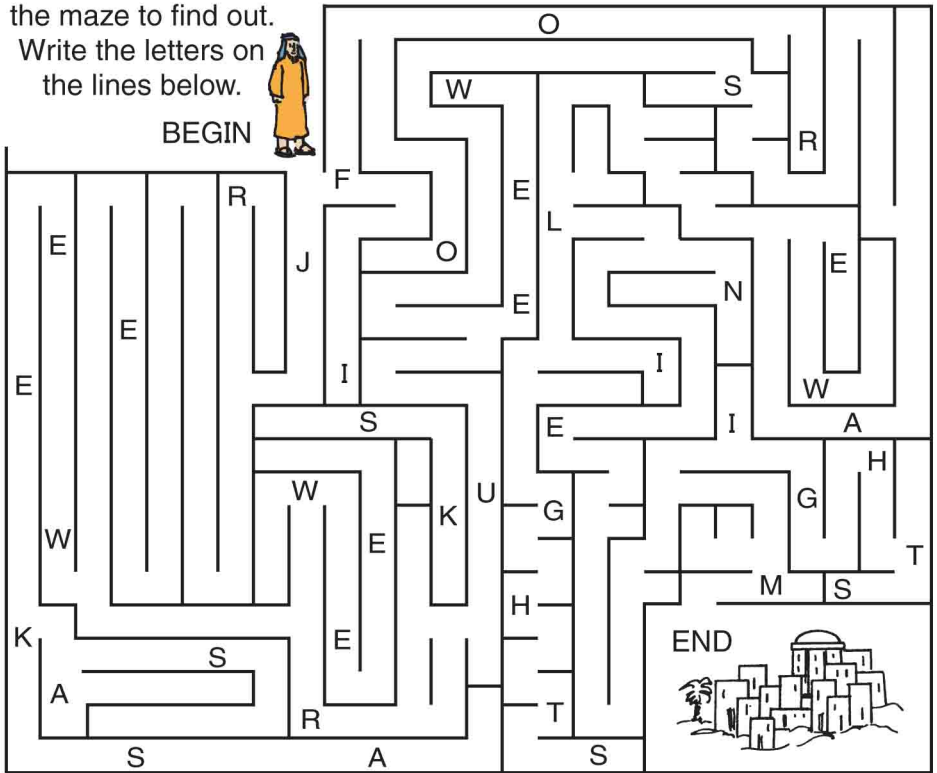
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Isaiah Proclaims Hope

“Comfort My people,” says your God. “Speak tenderly to ...”

To whom? Follow the maze to find out. Write the letters on the lines below.



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“Prepare the way for the Lord,” Isaiah says.
How will this happen?

Solve the code by using the verse below.

For each blank,

- the first number tells which line of the verse to use.
- the second number tells which word in the line to use.
- the last number tells which letter of the word to put in the blank.

The first one has been done for you as an example.



“Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

And the g _____ of the
3-3-1 1-2-4 2-6-2 3-2-1 1-2-6

_____ will be
3-4-4 2-2-2 4-2-1 1-5-6

_____”
1-5-1 1-1-1 1-2-1 4-3-5 1-2-2 2-4-4 3-6-2 3-3-6

What does Isaiah say about God?

Follow the directions to find a message in the grid below.

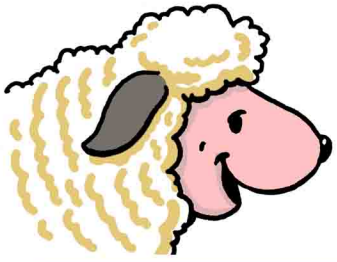
1. Cross out all the “C”s in the grid.
2. Cross out all the “M”s in the grid.
3. Cross out the entire last column (not row).
4. Cross out all the “Y”s in the grid.
5. Transfer the remaining letters to the blanks below.

M	T	C	H	E	G	R	A	Y	S	S	T
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A	Y	N	D	M	T	Y	C	H	E	M	S
C	F	Y	L	O	M	W	C	E	R	S	A
F	A	L	Y	L	B	U	T	T	H	E	M
W	O	Y	R	D	O	C	F	O	U	R	S
G	O	D	E	M	N	D	U	R	E	S	T
F	O	Y	R	E	M	V	C	E	M	R	Z

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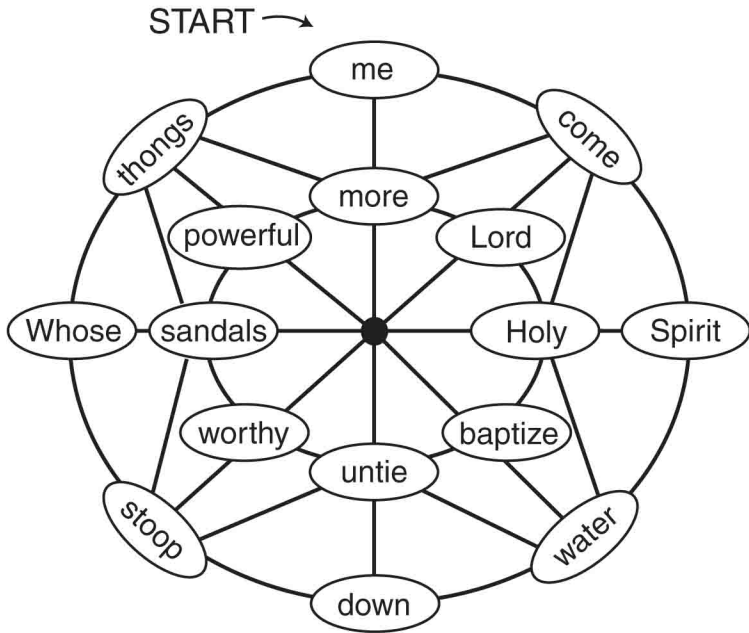
_____, _____

_____”



John spoke about the Lord.
What did he say?

Follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



“After _____ will _____ One _____
 _____ than I, the _____ of
 _____ I am not _____
 to _____ and _____
 I _____ you with _____, but He will
 _____ you with the _____.”

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John Tells about Jesus

This is the beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This Scripture quotes from another book of the Bible. Which book?

Unscramble the hidden letters to fill in the blanks.



The book of _____
 the _____.

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What does this other book of the Bible say?

Use this code to fill in the blanks.

♡ = A	♥ = E	★ = I	☆ = M	⊙ = Q	□ = U	▣ = Y
♥ = B	♥ = F	☆ = J	★ = N	● = R	■ = V	◻ = Z
♡ = C	♥ = G	★ = K	○ = O	◐ = S	▤ = W	
♥ = D	☆ = H	★ = L	● = P	⊙ = T	▣ = X	

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John the Baptist came. Read more about him.

Find the missing sections of the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

ha__ __ns __ey __izing __ion repent__
 wi__ __lt wai__ __thing __usts __ness
 ca__ des__ lea__ __ching

And so John __me, bapt__ in the __ert
 reg__ and prea__ a baptism of __
 ance for the forgive__ of si__. ... John wore
 clo__ made of camel's __ir, with a
 __ther be__ around
 his __st, and he ate
 loc__ and __ld
 hon__.

