

OUR PURPOSE



*Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun., Dec 4 - **ISAIAH 9:1-7** *2nd Sunday of Advent*
 Mon., Dec 5 - **GENESIS 28:10-17** *Never Without Help*
 Tue., Dec 6 - **ISAIAH 61:1-4** *Resurrection Hope*
 Wed., Dec 7 - **JOHN 6:5-13** *Divine Examples*
 Thu., Dec 8 - **MARK 10:35-45** *Unexpected*
 Fri., Dec 9 - **MATTHEW 6:25-34** *My Old Bird Feeder*
 Sat., Dec 10 - **MATTHEW 5:14-16** *The Visitor*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

OFFICE INFORMATION

COORDINATOR HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9am-Noon

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Messages sent to designated email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

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

CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING *(last 8 weeks)*

\$2,438.31

WEEKLY GOAL - \$5,770.00

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to entrance
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD-Janet Spiker

WORSHIP ASSISTANT - Sandy Parnell-Dowell

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Janet Spiker

ACOLYTE COORDINATOR - Roy Melton

HEAD ACOLYTES - Grace P., Sam L.

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

NURSERY - Stephanie Parker, Sierra Waterman-Wells

CHURCH COORDINATOR- Shirley Prasada-Rao

CUSTODIAN - Ximena "Patricia" Murdock

ACOLYTES - Chloe D., Nicole L., Addie S., Aubrey S. Evie S., Izzy S.,

BELL CHOIR- Brenda Boulter, Jennifer Fielder, Janet

Hartz, Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis,

Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kaitlyn Schramm, Kevin

Schramm, Corrine Selby, Evie Smalley, Isabel Smalley

CHANCEL CHOIR- Sandi Baggett, Eleanor

Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Steve

Krasner, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim Melton,

Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Rachel Poirier, Roger

Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller



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Second Sunday of Advent - December 4, 2022
Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am



WORTHY FRUIT



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.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture. UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith We Sing.
Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—PIANO DUET, LINDA CUSTER AND JANET HARTZ

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came by Larry Shackley
[Gabriel's Message, Basque Melody]

Worship Service

Chloe D., Acolyte

WELCOME Introductions and Prayer

PRELUDE *People, Look East* [Traditional French Melody] by Mary McDonald

***CALL TO WORSHIP** led by David Melton

LEADER: This day is a day of preparation.
PEOPLE: **Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.**
LEADER: Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.
PEOPLE: **Lord, give us courage and confidence.**
LEADER: God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.
PEOPLE: **Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days. AMEN.**

***OPENING PRAYER** led by David Melton
Patient and loving God, we so readily rush into our Christmas preparations: the buying and giving of gifts, the gathering for parties, and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around, so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN**
Hail to the Lord's Anointed UMH 203

ADVENT READING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE
Stand As A Signal Chris & Sophia Giarrantano
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel UMH 211 verse 2

BAPTISM—BROOKLYN MARIE LEWIS
Parents: Andrew & Kirsten Lewis. *Godparents:* Joanna Borman and Matt Lewis.

FIRST READING
Isaiah 11:1-10 Gary Hartz
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - CHANCEL CHOIR
Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming by Beethoven/Shafferman

SECOND READING
Matthew 3:1-12 Rev. Timothy Dowell
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Worthy Fruit* Rev. Timothy Dowell

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**
Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice TFWS 2089

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall) Rev. Timothy Dowell

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Timothy Dowell

***DOXOLOGY** *In the Bleak Midwinter* UMH 221, verse 4

***COMMUNION**
A Service of Word & Table II w/Musical Setting C UMH page 12-15, 20-22
The Lord's Prayer UMH 895
Hymn Medley

***CLOSING HYMN**
People Look East UMH 202

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Timothy Dowell

POSTLUDE *Prepare the Royal Highway* by John Behnke
[Swedish Folk Tune, 17th Century]

PRAYER REQUESTS  Email to Prayers@PMUMC.org or call 301-349-2010

SCHEDULE	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 18	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25
LITURGIST	Beth Parker Ralph Hitchens	Betty Jean Selby Ray Hoewing	Erin Smeller Kirsten Lewis	Bob Bachman Nicole Lewis
ACOLYTE	Nicole L.	Addison S.	Sam L.	Aubrey S.



Christmas Meals & Gifts

We will be providing gifts and the makings for a meal to 5 local families this Christmas! A sign-up sheet for all items needed will be available after worship TODAY. It will go out as a SignUpGenius early this week. All items pledged will need to be back here to the church on Sunday, December 20th. All gifts are asked to be wrapped. A table will be set-up for you to place your items at the bottom of the sanctuary steps where you will then place a sticky note on your gift indicating who it is for. If you are providing perishable food, please place it in the refrigerator in the kitchen. Any questions, please reach out to Dianna McGrew at MDMcGrews@aol.com or to Shirley in the office, office@pmumc.org.



Christmas Program and Pot Luck Luncheon

NEXT Sunday Dec. 11th after worship

Please bring a dish to share and a heart to be filled with Christmas joy while watching our Sunday School perform the Christmas story.



Live Nativity

Sat., December 17th, 6-7:30pm

Please consider portraying a person in the nativity scene. We currently have enough to have 2—45 minute shifts. We would love to have 3—30 minute shifts. That means we need 9 more people to sign up. All ages, 6th grade and older, are invited to participate. We have costumes to fit all.

Set-up of the Stable for the Nativity will take place *Saturday, December 10th, 10am-12pm*

The more help we have, the more fun it will be!

Come enjoy this Christmas experience—a very moving event for many. Bring your friends and neighbors on Sat., Dec. 17th, 6-7:30pm! ALL are WELCOME!



Our Chancel Choir will perform a beautiful **Christmas Cantata** NEXT Sun, Dec. 11th during worship service!



Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24th at 7pm



Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25th

Service of Lessons and Carols



Christmas Cookies!

Some elves will be making the dough but help is needed with **cutting and baking cookies on Saturday, December 17th from 9am-noon.**

Then before church (9-10:30am) on Sunday, the 18th ALL are invited to decorate cookies.

The cookies will be for all to enjoy after church



Congratulations on today's baptism of Brooklyn Marie Lewis

Daughter of Andrew and Kirsten Lewis
Sister of Sam and Nicole Lewis
Granddaughter of Spencer and Jan Schmidt



Community Dinner -
Wednesday, December 7th, 5:30-7pm
We look forward to seeing EVERYONE there!



Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 13th, 7-9 pm



The next Men's Group
Tue., Dec. 6th.
All men are welcome!



Fellowship Time
Sunday, December 18th,
11:30am-12:30pm
EVERYONE is invited!



Nursery is Open!
6mo-4yr olds
Sundays during
Worship



DONATE/SHOP/VOLUNTEER -
clothes/household items

Hours: W & F, 2-8pm • Th & Sat 10am-4pm

Contact Barbara Polak at rapbap00@yahoo.com



Do you have medical equipment to donate?

We have neighbors in need of Walkers, Canes, Crutches, Knee Scooters and more!

Memorial's new **Medical Equipment Loan Program's** goal is to be loaning equipment to those in the greater Poolesville area by early 2023!
Contact Eleanor Bateman (301.461.7898) to donate!



Does Singing Bring you Joy?
if interested, please reach out to Janet Hartz, Choir Director
gjalaska@verizon.net or
301-349-5935



Come join in the fun as we continue to learn how much God loves us and how we can share His love to others.

Sunday School, 9:30-10:15am
Children can join anytime of the year!



Right of Inurnment in our Memorial Garden's Columbarium

Information packets are in foyer and at PMUMC.org/columbarium. Reach out to Eleanor Bateman, Steve McCraith, or Jan Schmidt with questions.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

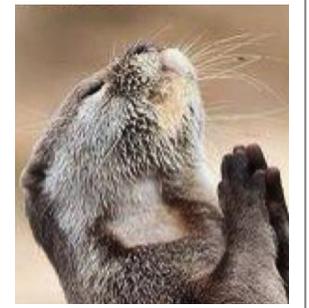
SUN - DEC 4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:40 - 11:45 pm 12 - 6 pm 3 - 4 pm	Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service w/Communion - Sanctuary Trustee Meeting Parking Lot Reserved Girl Scout Troop #32191 - Room 1
MON - DEC 5	9 am - 5 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	Dental Clinic - Parking Lot, Entrance, FH Girl Scout Troop #32093 Meeting - FH Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary/Spurrier
TUE - DEC 6	2 - 8 pm 5:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 8 pm	Set-Up for Community Dinner - FH & Kitchen Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 6 Men's Group - In Person & Zoom
WED - DEC 7	3 - 5:30 pm 5:30 - 7 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	Set-Up for Community Dinner - Kitchen/FH Community Dinner - Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - DEC 8	9 am - 12 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 9 pm	PENDING - MOM's Club Toy Swap - Room 1 IOOF #97 Meeting - Room 6 Review/Preview with Pastor Tim - Zoom Zumba Class - Fellowship Hall
SAT - DEC 10	10 am - 12 pm 10 am - 4 pm 1 - 6 pm 1 - 4 pm	Stable Set-Up for Live Nativity - Front Yard WUMCO Monthly Health Clinic - Rms 1, 2, 3, 4 PENDING Private Party - Fellowship Hall The Friendly Thrift Shop - Onsite
SUN - DEC 11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 1 pm	Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary & YouTube Christmas Program & Pot Luck Luncheon-FH
MON - DEC 12	9 am - 10 pm 11 am - 12 pm 4:30 - 6 pm 7 - 8:30 pm	WUMCO Toys for Tots - Room 3 Auxiliary VFW Meeting - Room 6 Girl Scout Troop #32009 - Room 6 Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary/Spurrier
TUE - DEC 13	9 am - 10 pm 5:15 - 6:15 pm 7 - 9 pm	WUMCO Toys for Tots - Room 3 Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting - Room 6 Church Council Meeting - Rm 6

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS - CONTINUED

WED - DEC 14	9 am - 10 pm 7:30 pm - 9 pm	WUMCO Toys for Tots - Room 3 Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 8
THU - DEC 15	9 am - 10 pm 6 - 9 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	WUMCO Toys for Tots - Room 3 Christmas Cookie Dough Making - Kitchen Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim - Zoom Zumba Class - Fellowship Hall
FRI - DEC 16	9 am - 10 pm	WUMCO Toys for Tots - Room 3
SAT - DEC 17	9 am - 12 pm 9 am - 10 pm 1 - 4 pm 6 - 7:30 pm	Christmas Cookie Cut and Bake - Kitchen WUMCO Toys for Tots - Room 3 The Friendly Thrift Shop - On Location Live Nativity - Front Yard, FH, Entrance
SUN - DEC 18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9 - 10:30 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 9:30 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30am-12:30pm 3 - 4 pm	Christmas Cookie Decorating - ALL INVITED - FH Adult Sunday School - Room 6 & Zoom Child and Youth Sunday School - Rooms 1, 2, 4 Nursery - Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary & YouTube Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall Girl Scout Troop #32191 - Room 1

Weekly Thought

In happy moments, praise God.
In difficult moments, seek God.
In quiet moments, worship God.
In painful moments, trust God.
In every moment, thank God.



Memorial's Small Groups - some online only, some in-person, some hybrid.

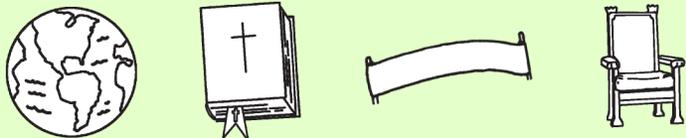
To connect with a group, please email...

- **Adult Sunday School** - email Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School** - email Betty at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim** - email PastorTim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group** - email Ray at RLHoewing@gmail.com
- **Youth Group** - email PastorTim@pmumc.org or Betty King at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Have a calling to start a new small group?** Contact Pastor Tim or call the church office.



The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD. The Man who is called the Root of Jesse will be like a banner that brings nations together. The place where He rules will be glorious.

Circle these items hidden in the picture below.

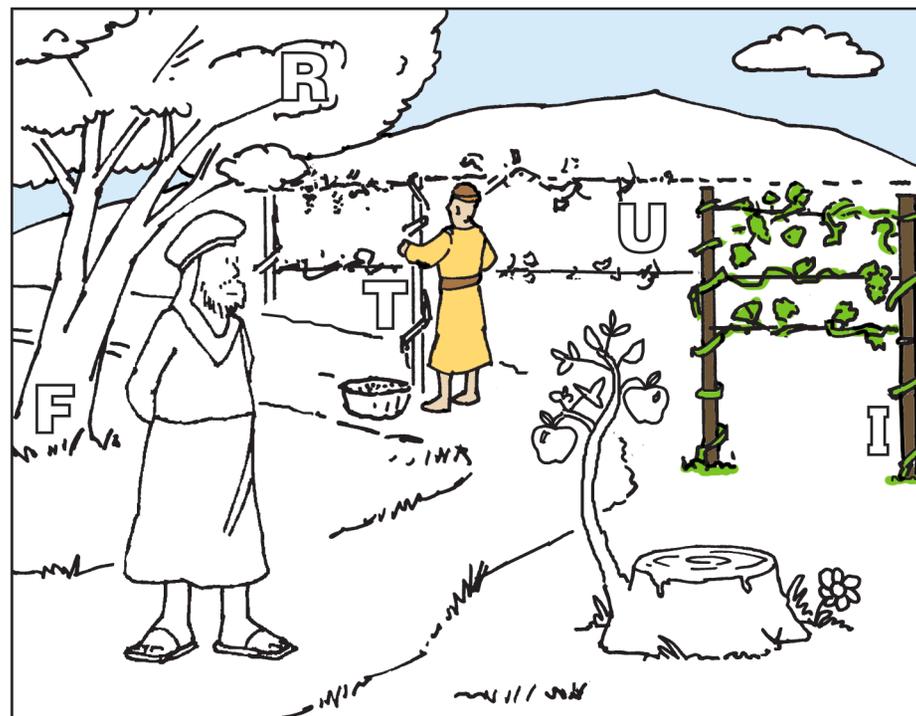


The Branch From Jesse

Jesse's family is like a tree that has been cut down. A Branch will grow from its stump and will produce fruit.

Find the letters hidden in the picture.

FRUIT

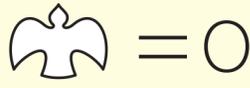
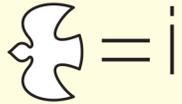
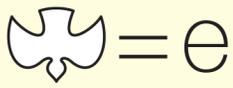


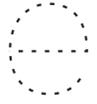
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The Spirit of the LORD will rest on that Branch. The Spirit will help Him to be wise and understanding.

Use the code to write in the missing letters.



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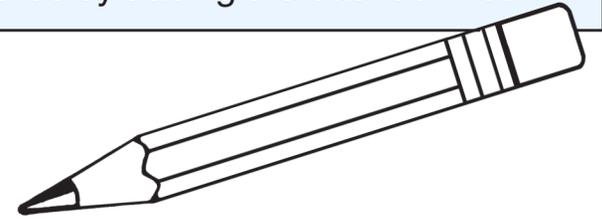

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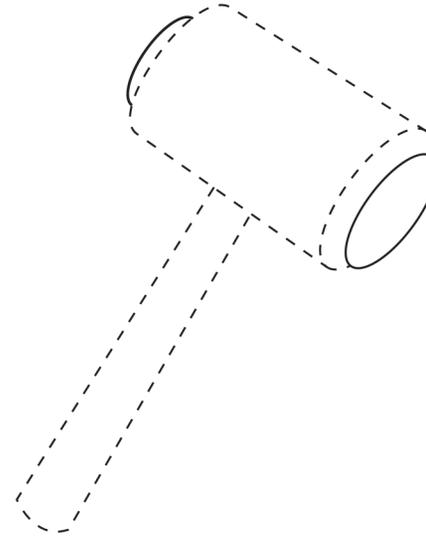
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He will not judge things only by the way they look.

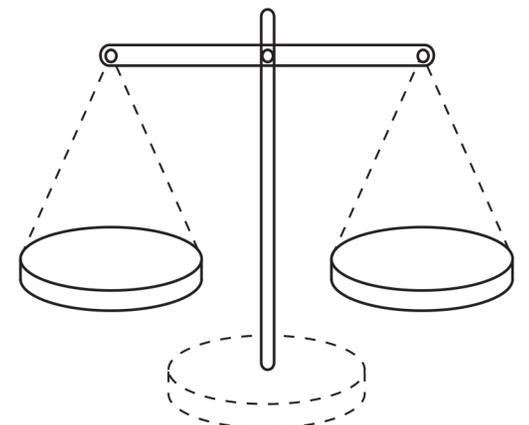
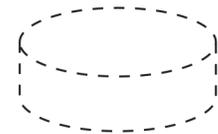
Finish the pictures by tracing the dashed lines.



He will do what is right when He judges those who are in need.



He will be just when He makes decisions about the poor.



Who was John the Baptist talking about?

Connect the dots and trace the name.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

J E S U S



Ages 3+

December 4, 2022 • Matthew 3:1-12

John Prepares the Way for Jesus

John the Baptist preached in the desert.

Find and circle the hidden objects in the picture.



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People from all over went to see John.
They confessed their sins.

Help the people get to John.



John told them, "I baptize with water,
but One more powerful than I will come."

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

△ = H ☆ = P ● = R

■ = L ◆ = T

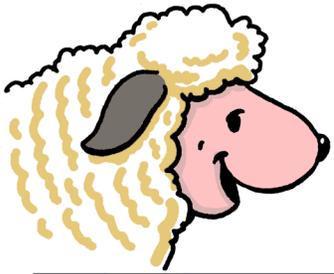


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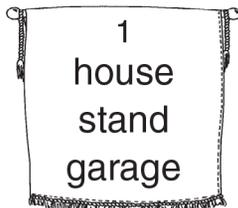
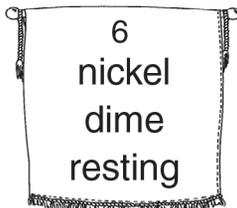
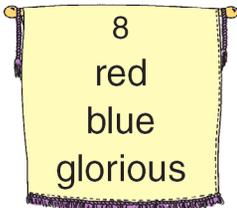
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The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD.

On each banner find the word that doesn't belong and transfer it to the correct line in the sentence below.



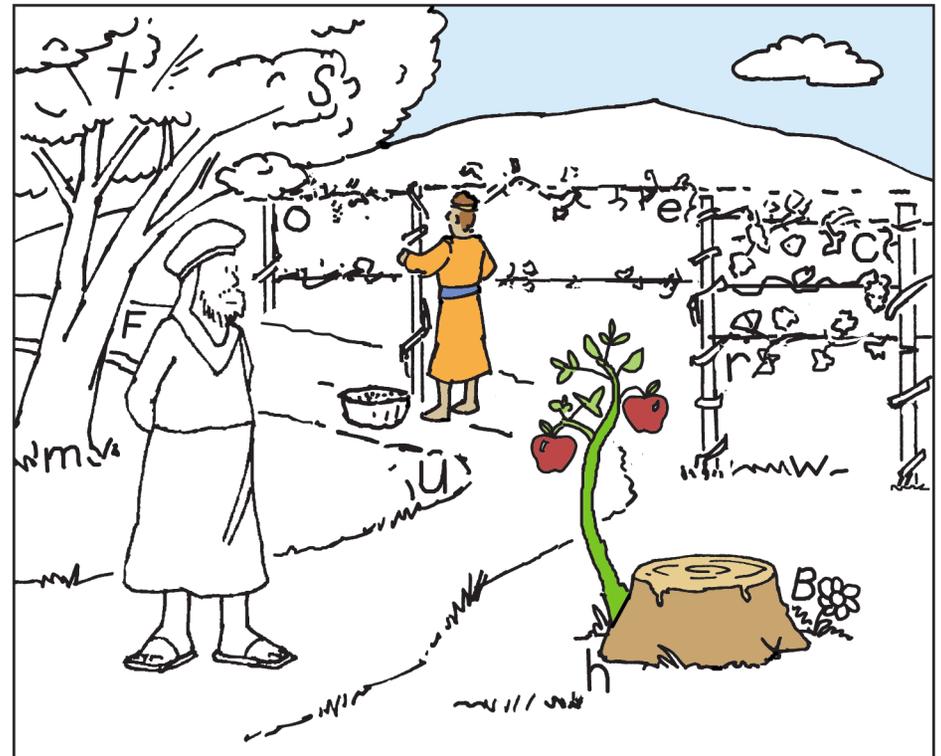
The Root of Jesse will _____ as a _____
 for the _____ ; the _____
 will _____ to Him, and His _____
 _____ will be _____.

The Branch From Jesse

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse.

Find the underlined letters hidden in the picture.

From his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

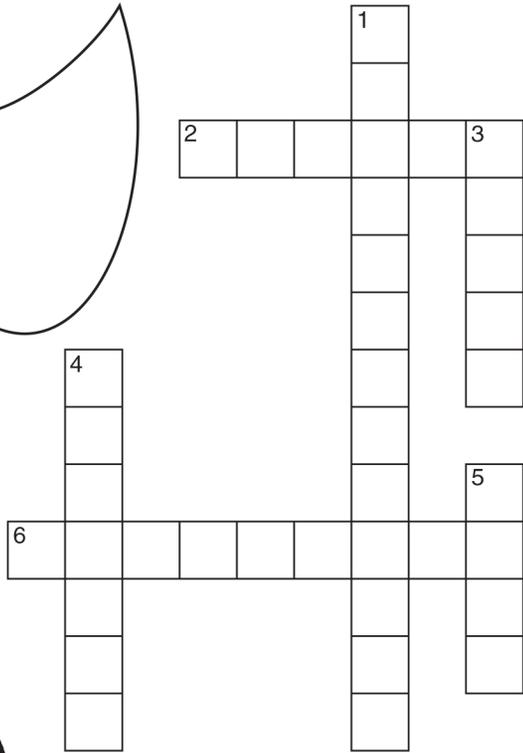
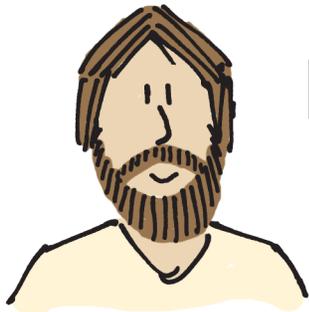
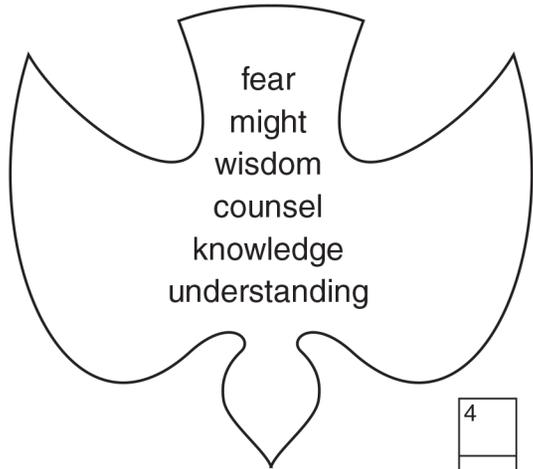


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The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him ...

Fit the words from the list into the crossword.
Then fill in the blanks below.



... the Spirit of _____
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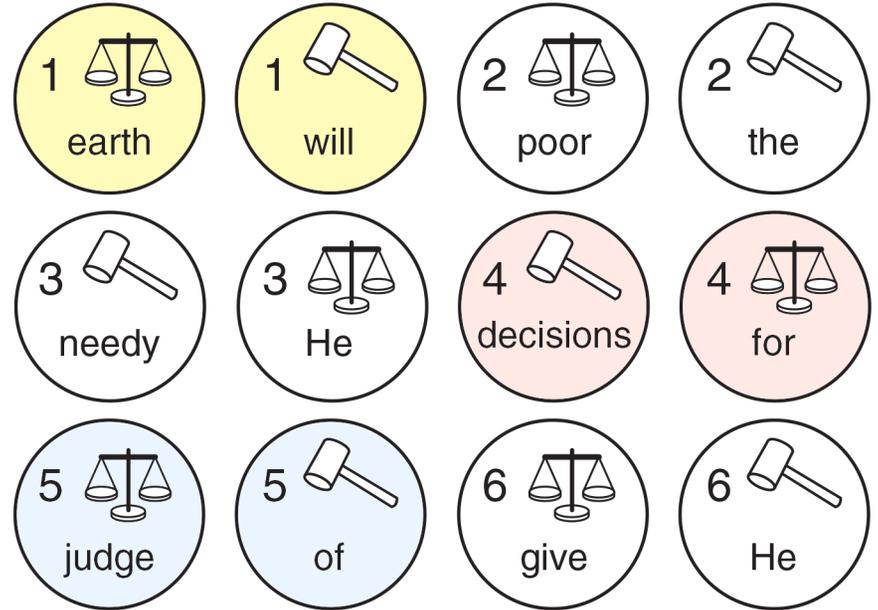
the Spirit of _____ and of _____
4 3

the Spirit of the _____
6

and _____ of the LORD.
5

He will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears.

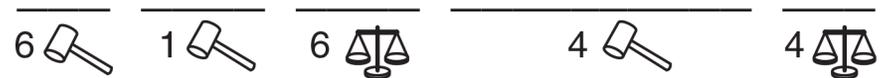
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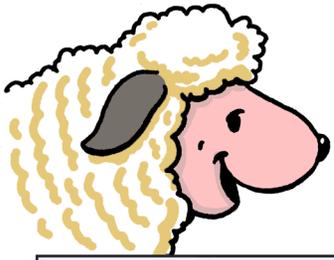


With righteousness



with justice





What else did John say?

Follow the directions to find out.

- 1) Change all the 5's to A's and all the 7's to R's.
- 2) For all the Q's, U's, J's, and P's, write the letter that comes before it in the alphabet.
- 3) Change all C's to H's, and all the Z's to W's.
- 4) Change all the G's to D's.
- 5) For all M's, K's, and X's, write the letter that comes after it in the alphabet.
- 6) Where you find a B, an F, and an E, they should stay.
- 7) Change the ☆ to M, the △ to U, the ○ to C, the □ to S, and the ✱ to Z.

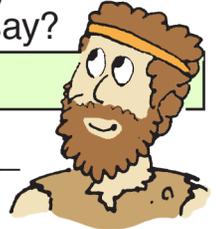


“ B △ U 5 F U E 7 ☆ E
 Z J K K ○ P ☆ E P M E Z C P
 J □ ☆ P 7 E Q P Z E 7 F △ K
 U C 5 M J C E Z J K K
 B 5 Q U J ✱ E X P △ Z J U C
 U C E C P K X □ Q J 7 J U
 5 M G Z J U C F J 7 E ”

John Prepares the Way for Jesus

John the Baptist came, preaching in the desert of Judea. What did he say?

Add and subtract letters to find out.



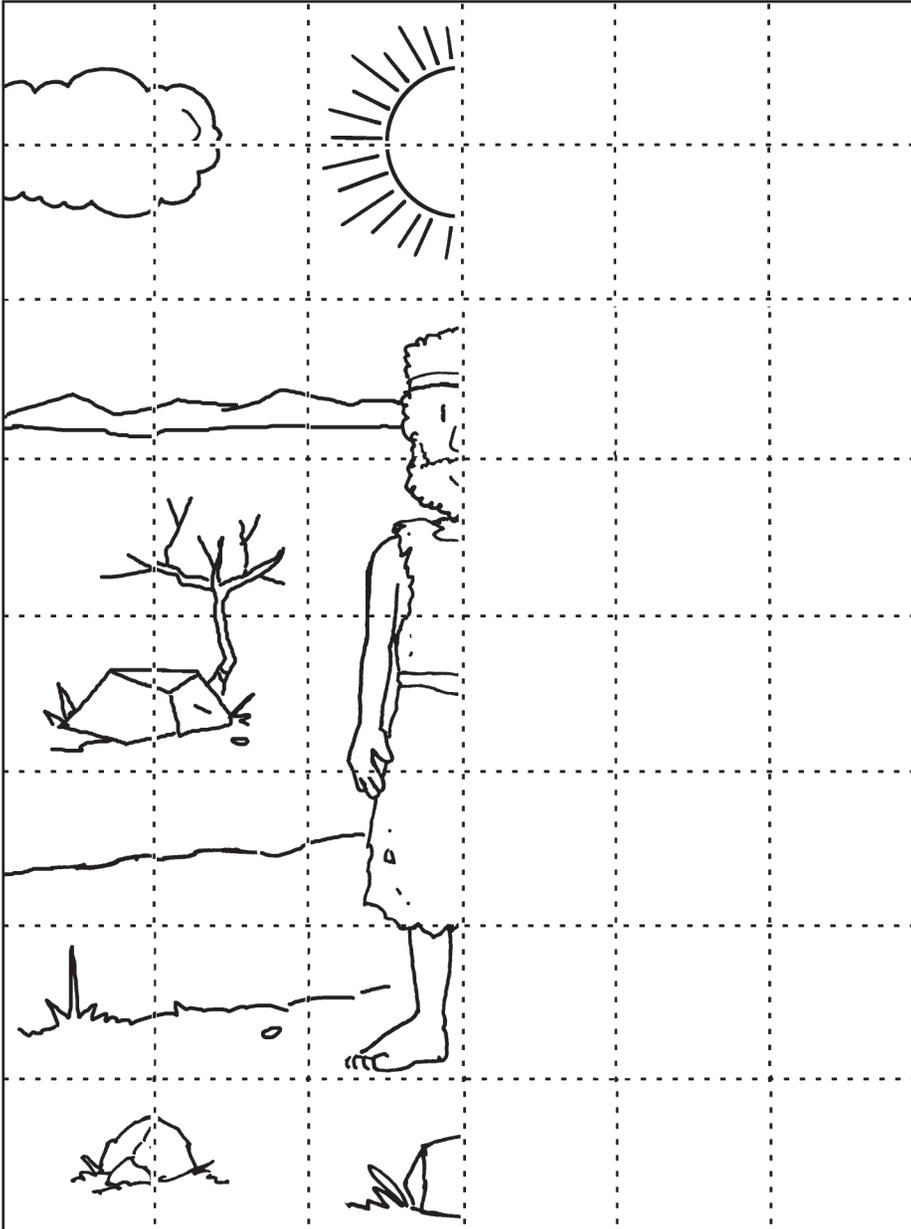
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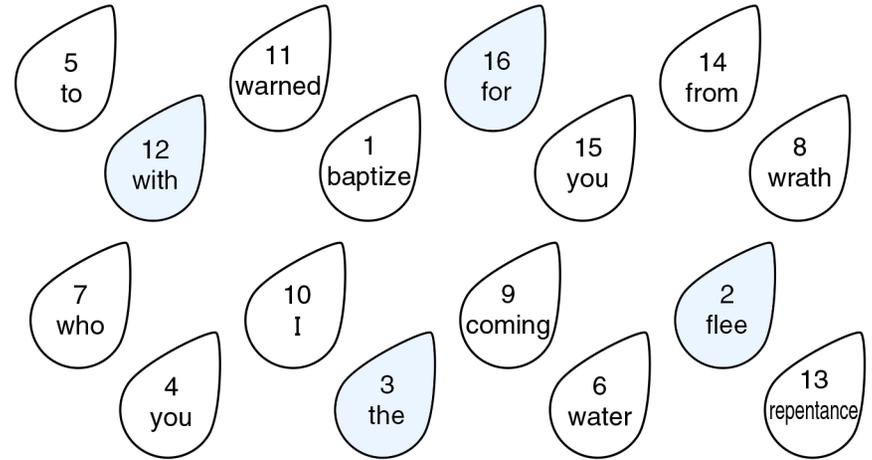
John's clothes were made of camel's hair,
and he had a leather belt around his waist.
His food was locusts and wild honey.

Complete the drawing of John the Baptist.



People came from all over to be baptized by John.
When John saw many Pharisees and
Sadducees coming, what did he ask them?

Do the math problems.
Then use the answers to put the correct words on the lines.



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 $\frac{\quad}{4 + 3}$ $\frac{\quad}{18 - 7}$ $\frac{\quad}{7 + 8}$
 $\frac{\quad}{13 - 8}$ $\frac{\quad}{7 - 5}$ $\frac{\quad}{5 + 9}$
 $\frac{\quad}{16 - 13}$ $\frac{\quad}{5 + 4}$ $\frac{\quad}{12 - 4}$?”



What else did John say?

“
 $\frac{\quad}{5 + 5}$ $\frac{\quad}{3 - 2}$ $\frac{\quad}{19 - 15}$ $\frac{\quad}{6 + 6}$
 $\frac{\quad}{21 - 15}$ $\frac{\quad}{11 + 5}$ $\frac{\quad}{9 + 4}$.”