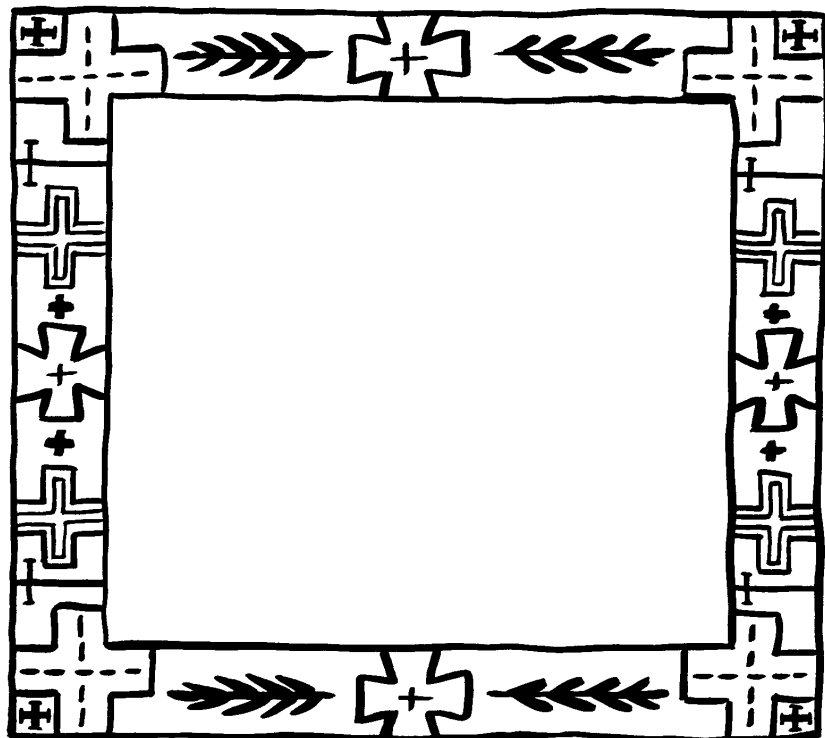


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Holy Cross Day

We follow Jesus always; on good days and bad days; in the morning and the night; on Sundays and every day. On September 14 we celebrate Holy Cross Day, a day to remember the cross as a symbol of Jesus' death and new life.



Draw a picture of yourself helping someone. That's one way to "take up your cross and follow Jesus."



Make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of your baptism.

This week

Tape paper crosses to mirrors in your home.

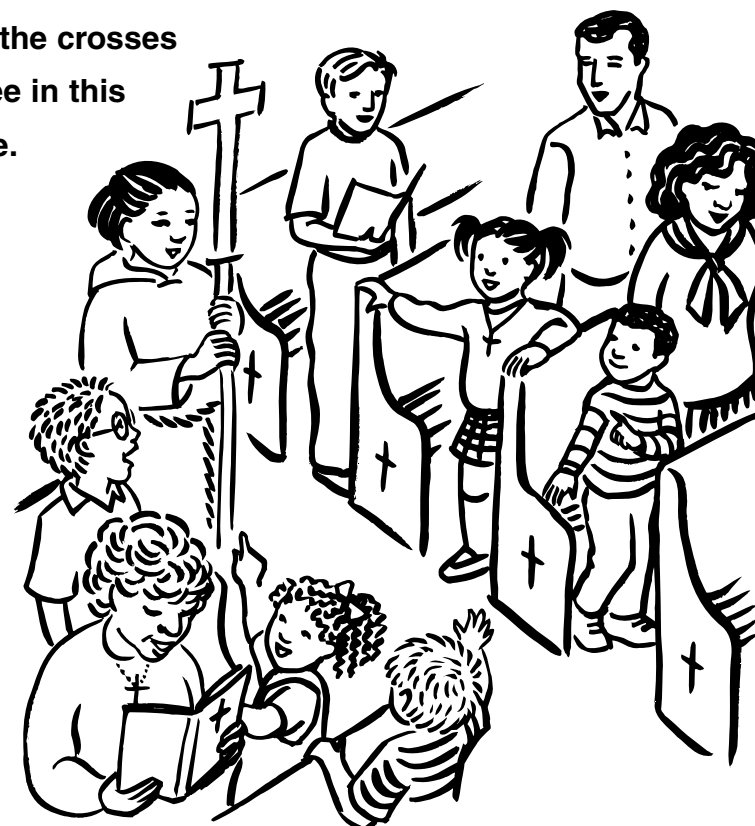
Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 23

gather

Welcome to worship. Seeing or wearing a cross reminds us to follow Jesus. How many crosses can you find as you look around your worship space? Look in hymnbooks, on bulletins, and at the people around you. I found _____ crosses.

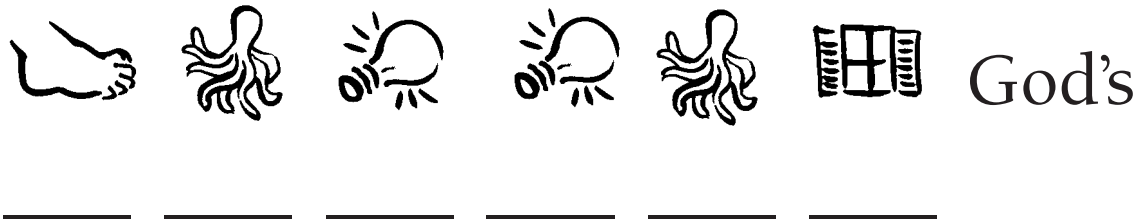
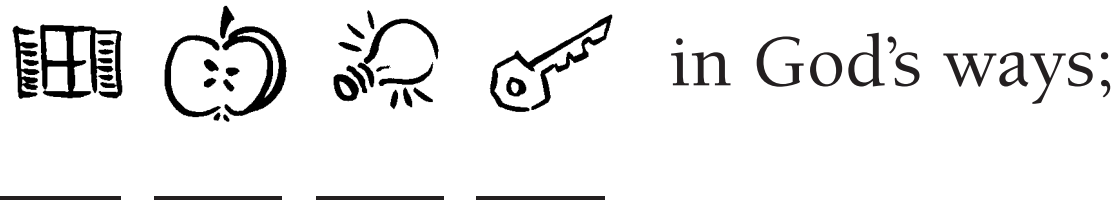
Circle the crosses you see in this picture.




hear & celebrate

Crack the code!

Print the first letter of each picture in the blank to crack the code of this message from Deuteronomy 30. These are ways the people of Israel followed God.

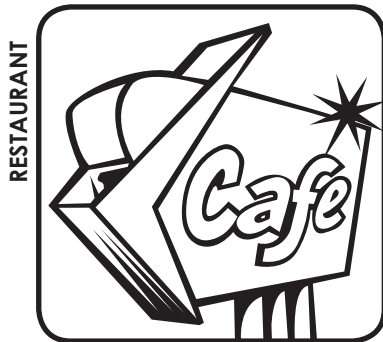
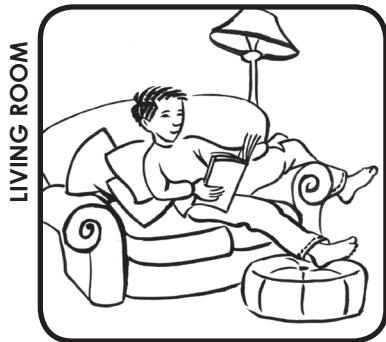
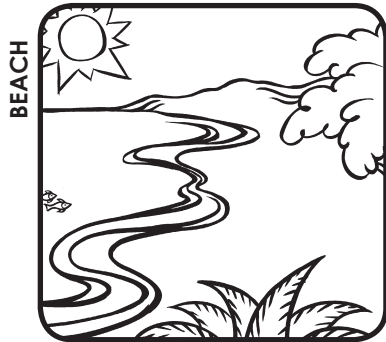


 Dear Jesus, help us to follow you. Amen

Worship Space

What does your worship space look like? Draw it below.

Do worship spaces *need* to look like yours? Do we even need to worship in a church building at all? Circle some of the other scenes that might work as worship spaces.



We can worship God when we gather to glorify God's name!



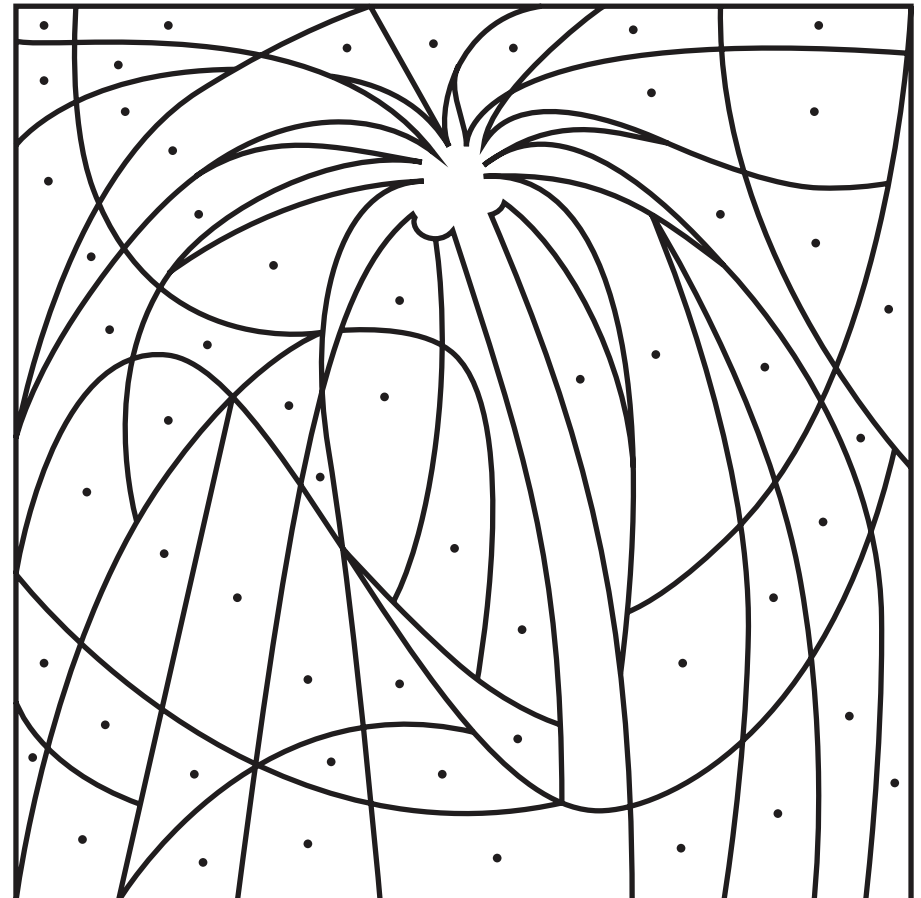
READER

Pentecost 13

- Today is the **13th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During Pentecost, we learn how to **follow Jesus**.
- Sometimes following Jesus means **making sacrifices**.

Can You See the Tree?

Can you see a tree in this scene? Probably not! Color in all the sections that have a small dot so that you can see the Pentecost tree.



Fill in the spaces below with silly words to make your own version of today's memory verse!



KEY

Noun = person, place, or thing
 Verb = action word, like "run" or "eat"
 Adjective = a word that describes a noun
 Adverb = a word that describes a verb

Whoever does not _____ the _____
VERB SINGULAR NOUN

and _____ me cannot be my _____."
VERB NOUN

- _____ 14:27
BOY'S NAME

Give It Up!

Today's reading tells us that following Jesus is not always easy! It requires that we give up some things. What are your top three possessions that would be the hardest for you to give up? Write about them or draw them below.

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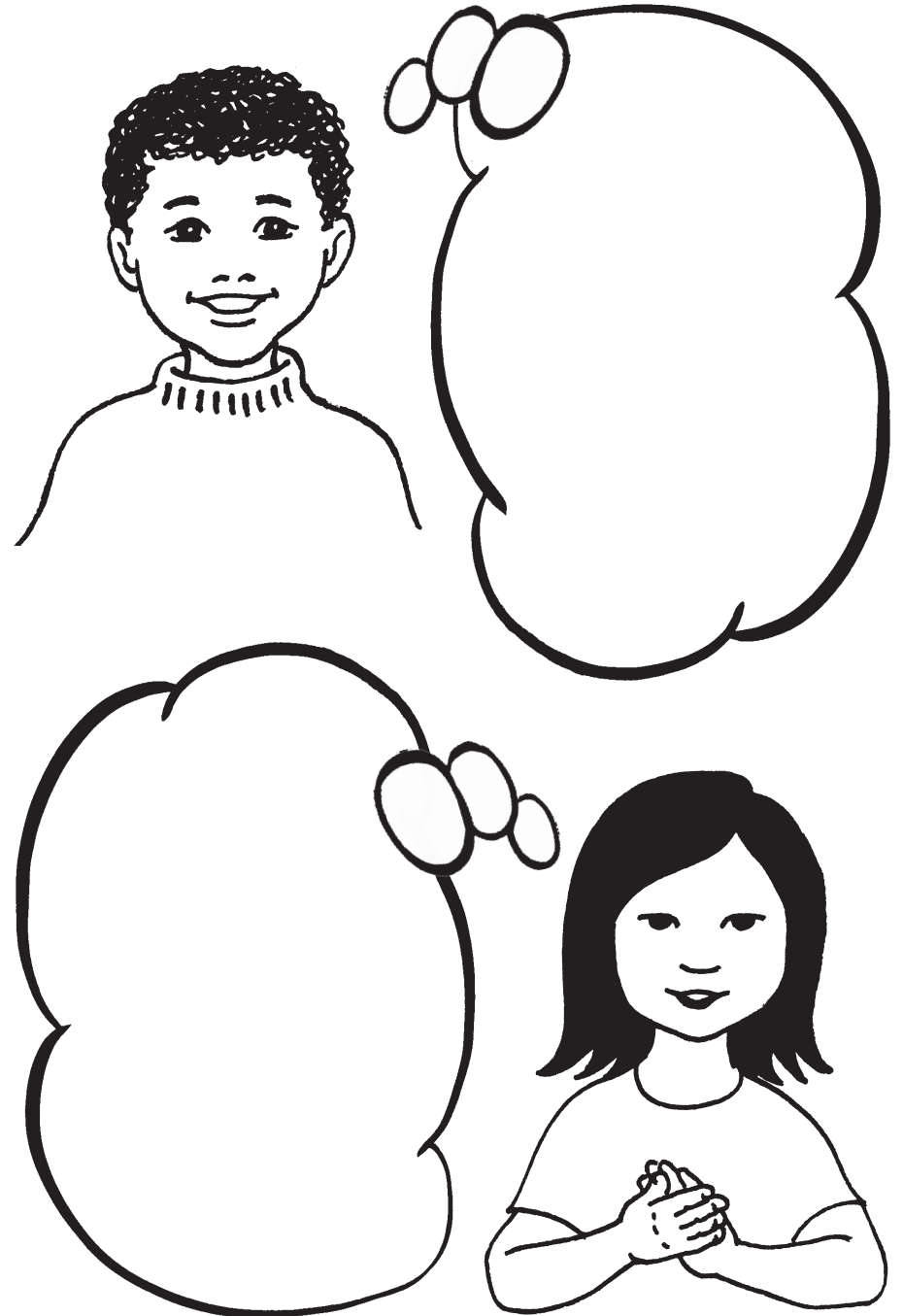
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3.

Here are the actual words for today's memory verse:
 "And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:27

Follow the Leader

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Write your ideas here.



How big is your church?

Count how many steps it takes you to get from the back of the worship space to the front. First, trace part of your foot below. Inside your foot, write the total number of steps you took.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 13

- Today is the 13th Sunday after Pentecost.
- The color of Pentecost is **green**.
- During Pentecost, we learn what it means to **follow Jesus**.

What color is a tree? _____

If you answered green, you're only partly right! Trees can also be red, brown, yellow, and other colors, especially depending on the season. Draw what trees look like in these different seasons. Use lots of colors.

Summer

Fall

Winter

Spring



Jesus says we might need to give up some things to follow him.

Draw the things that would be hardest for you to give up.

Jesus said "Drop everything and follow me!"

