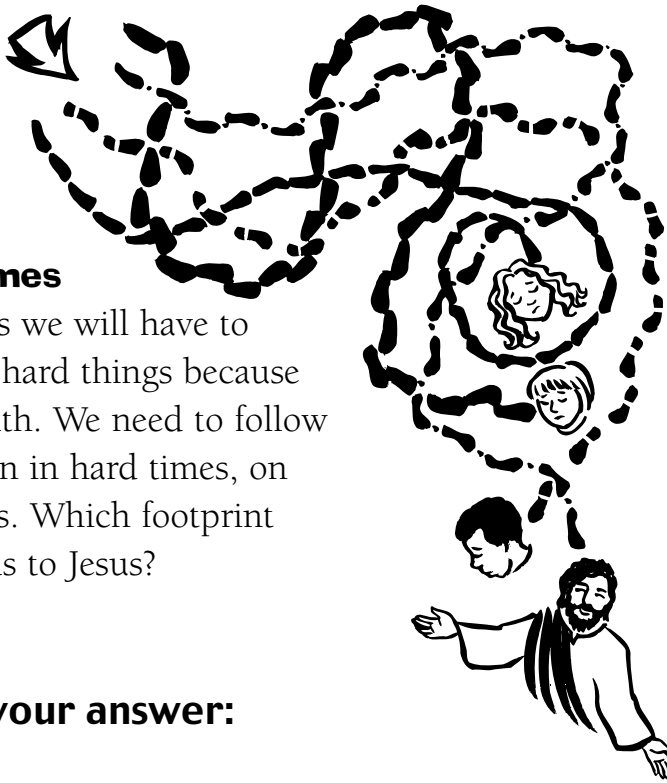


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Hard times

Jesus says we will have to do some hard things because of our faith. We need to follow Jesus even in hard times, on hard days. Which footprint path leads to Jesus?

Circle your answer:

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| Hard | Easy | Walking into a strong wind. |
| Hard | Easy | Walking through deep snow. |
| Hard | Easy | Biking up a steep hill. |
| Hard | Easy | Rollerblading on a gravel path. |



*Be with us, Jesus, especially on those hard days.
Amen*

This week

During hard times stop and ask Jesus to be with you.

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 33



gather

Welcome to worship. Imagine you are going on a long hike. What would you bring along to keep you going? Circle the things you would need the most.



Paul wrote a letter to people at a church far away. He told them, "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right." We need God's word to keep us going.

God's power is awesome!

Psalm 98

We praise God knowing that God is more powerful than any living thing on earth. The psalm writer says that even the powerful seas and the rock-hard hills will praise God. But this psalm has some missing words. Print them on the blank lines. (Hint: The words will rhyme with the "hint words" below the blank lines.)



Psalm 98 says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." Talk about what kind of noise, music, or rhythm you would choose to praise God.

O sing to the Lord a new _____ ,
long

for he has done marvelous _____ .
sings

Let the sea roar, and all that fills _____ ;
sit

the world and those who live in _____ .
bit

Let the floods clap their _____ ;
lands

let the hills sing together for _____
boy

at the presence of the Lord,

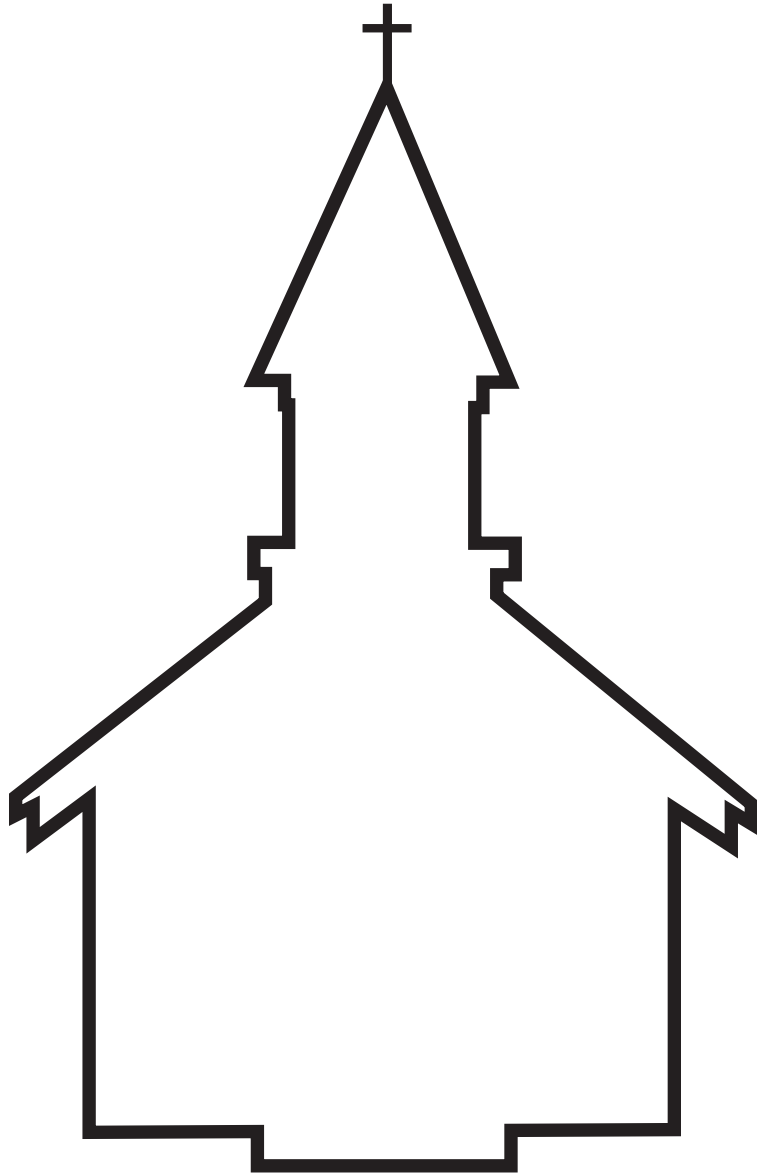
for he is coming to judge the _____ .
birth

—Psalm 98:1-7, 9a (NRSV)



What is Extra?

In your worship space, there are probably some very important things used in each worship service: a cross, an altar, and chairs or pews for people to sit. There are probably some things that are less necessary, things that decorate the space, but aren't as essential for worship, like decorative banners, flowers, and artwork. Draw some of the "extras" that you can see in your worship space. Do you think these are still important for worship?



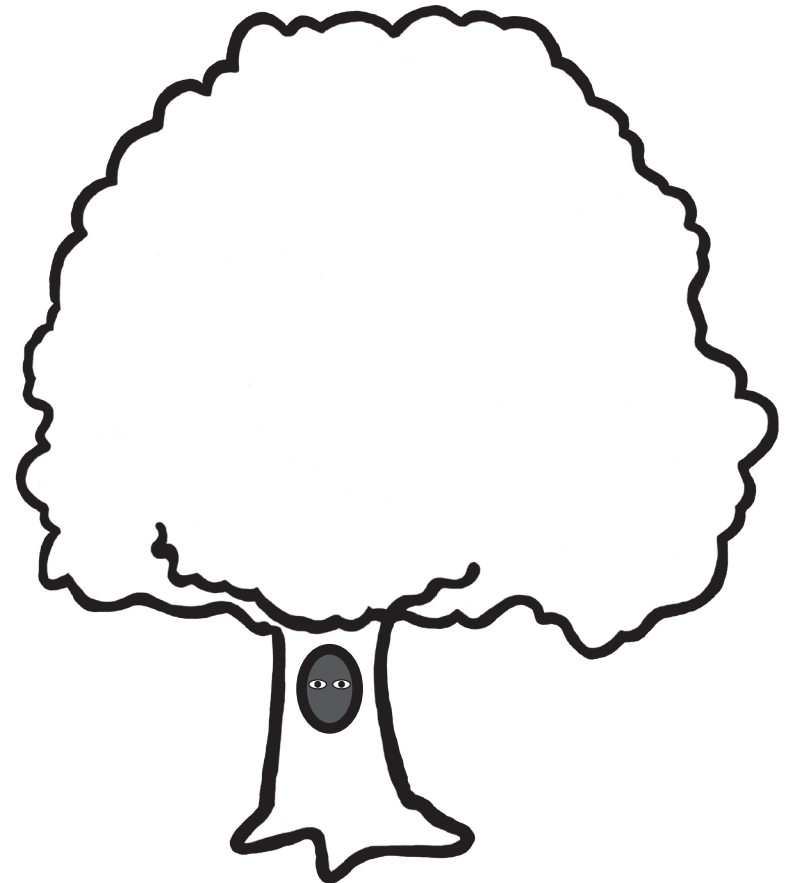
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Pentecost 23

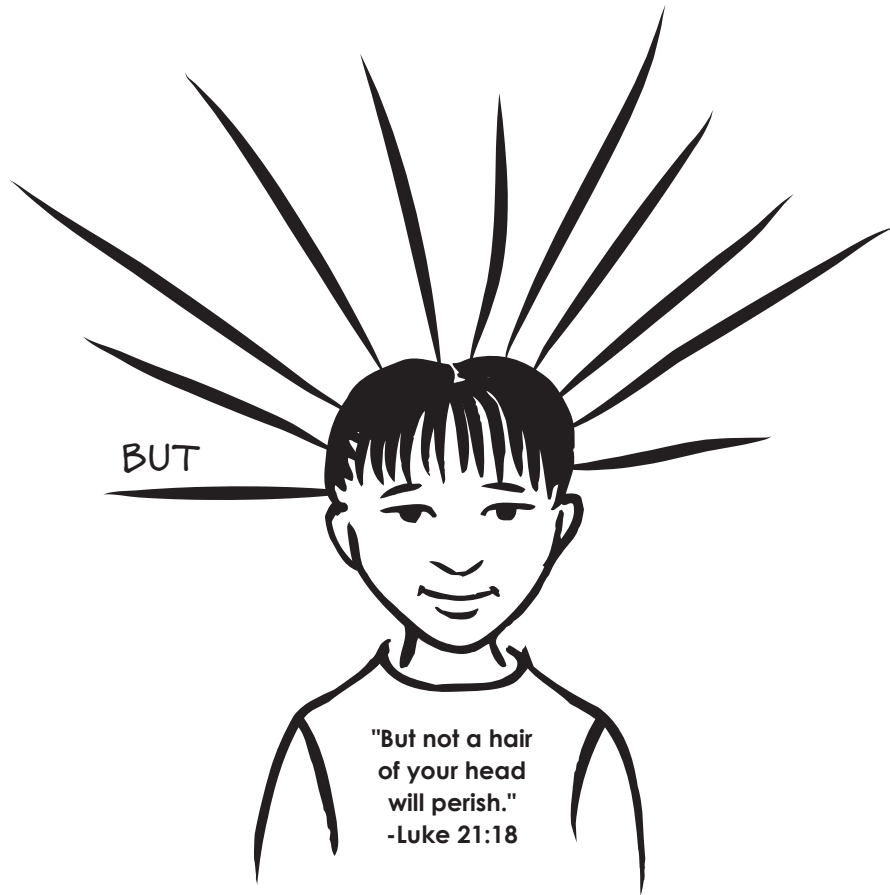
- Today is the **23rd** Sunday after Pentecost.
- **Advent** is the church season that comes after Pentecost.
- In Pentecost, we're reminded that **God's love lasts forever!**

Whose Eyes?

Do you see the eyes peering out of the hole in this tree? Using the space around the tree, draw all the different animals that this set of eyes could belong to.



It may sound silly, but today's memory verse is about your hair! Well, actually it's about eternal life. See Sally's shirt for the memory verse, and write each word on one strand of her hair. The first word is written for you.



Bells and Whistles

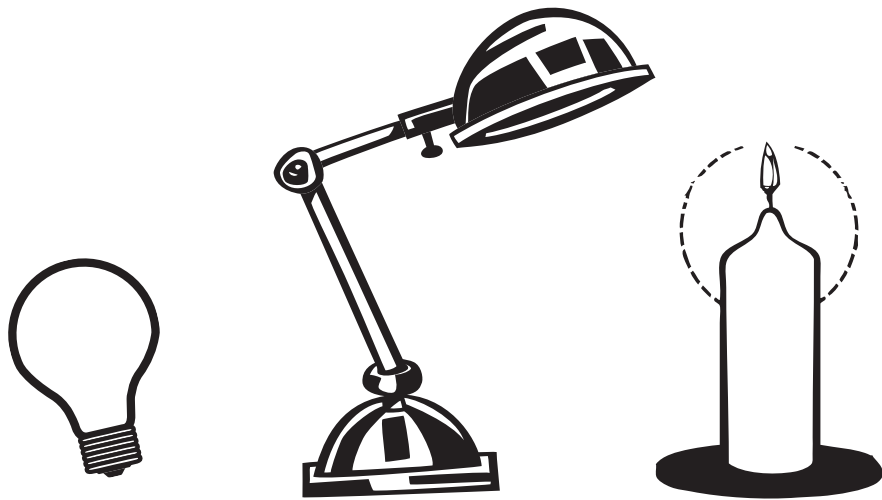
Have you heard the term "bells and whistles" before? It doesn't literally mean bells and whistles. Rather, it means things that are fancy and decorative, but extra and unnecessary. In today's lesson, Jesus tells people at the temple that all the precious stones and sparkling gems in the temple don't matter, because God's love is really what will last forever. Decorate the temple below with lots of shining and sparkling "bells and whistles."



Remember: this temple won't last forever...but God's love will!

Another name for Jesus is *The Light*. Look up at the ceiling in your church. How many lights are there?

Draw what they look like and write the total below.



Total number of lights in my church: _____

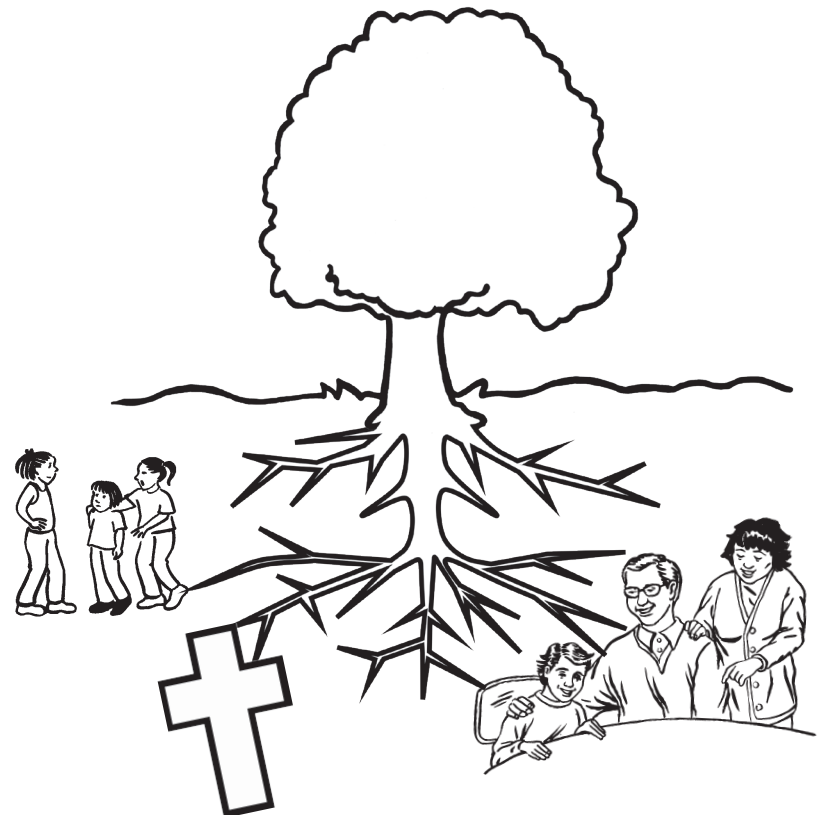


PRE-READER

Pentecost 23

- Today is the **23rd** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is the **longest church season**, and it's almost over!
- In Pentecost we learn that **God's love is forever**.

Can you find this tree's roots? Color them!
Then color in these pictures of things that act like roots in your own life!

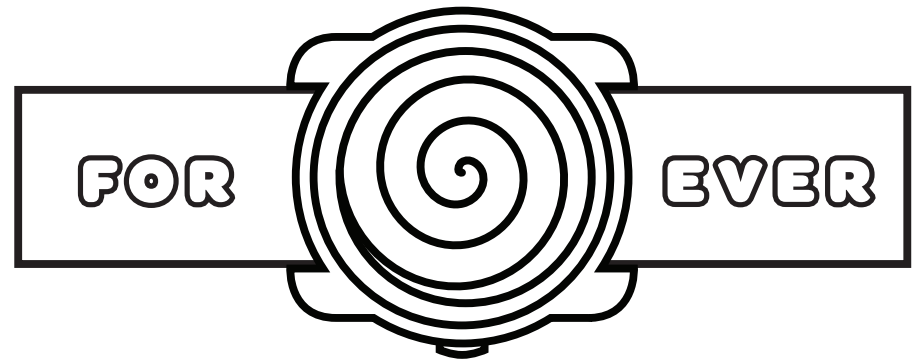




God's love will last forever!

Jesus says that God will love us forever! Forever is a **LONG** time. It can't be measured or counted.

Color in this forever watch.



In today's Bible story, people admire the beautiful temple, with all its shiny stones and sparkling gems. Jesus says even the temple won't last forever. But God's love will!

Decorate the temple below with stones and gems.

