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Love God, love your neighbor

In today's gospel reading, we hear this commandment:

"You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself."



Luke 10:27 (NRSV)

How can we love our neighbors?

Neighbors can be family, friends, classmates, people in need, church friends, teammates, coaches, and teachers. Can you think of other neighbors?



Look in the adult bulletin or local paper for a way adults and children can serve community neighbors in need.



Dear Jesus, help us see you in our neighbor. Amen

This week

Invite a neighbor or friend to worship with you.

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 15



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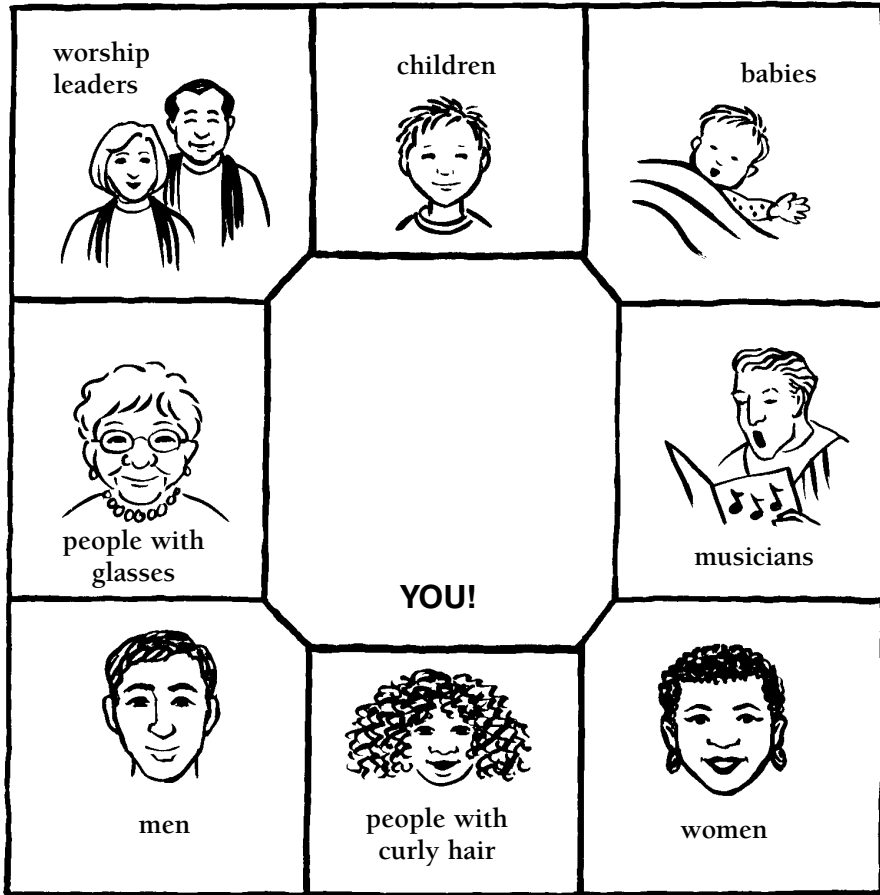
Welcome to worship. In worship we say or sing the prayer "Lord, have mercy." Every time we pray, "Lord, have mercy," our prayers ripple out farther and farther. We pray for ourselves, our neighbors with us at worship, and our neighbors in all parts of the world.



Color one ripple of water each time you pray, "Lord, have mercy."

Who is welcome here?

Someone asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). We ask the same thing when we wonder, "Who is welcome at worship?" Jesus welcomes EVERYONE!



Look around today. Circle each space above when you find someone who fits each description. Be sure to draw your own picture in the center. You are welcome here as one of God's children.

Who is my neighbor?

Nikki looked across the street and saw a big moving truck. New people were moving into the house where Nikki's best friend used to live. Nikki saw one of her new neighbors, a girl, sitting on the front steps and crying. She looked lonely. Later, Nikki and her mom took cookies to welcome the new family. Nikki helped her new friend unpack her boxes. She was glad to help her neighbor!



Circle nine things that begin with the letter N.

Getting To Know Your Neighbors

Jesus tells us that our neighbors include people we don't even know! Find three people in today's worship service who you don't know. Introduce yourself, fill in the information, and draw a picture of what he or she looks like in the boxes

FIRST NAME:

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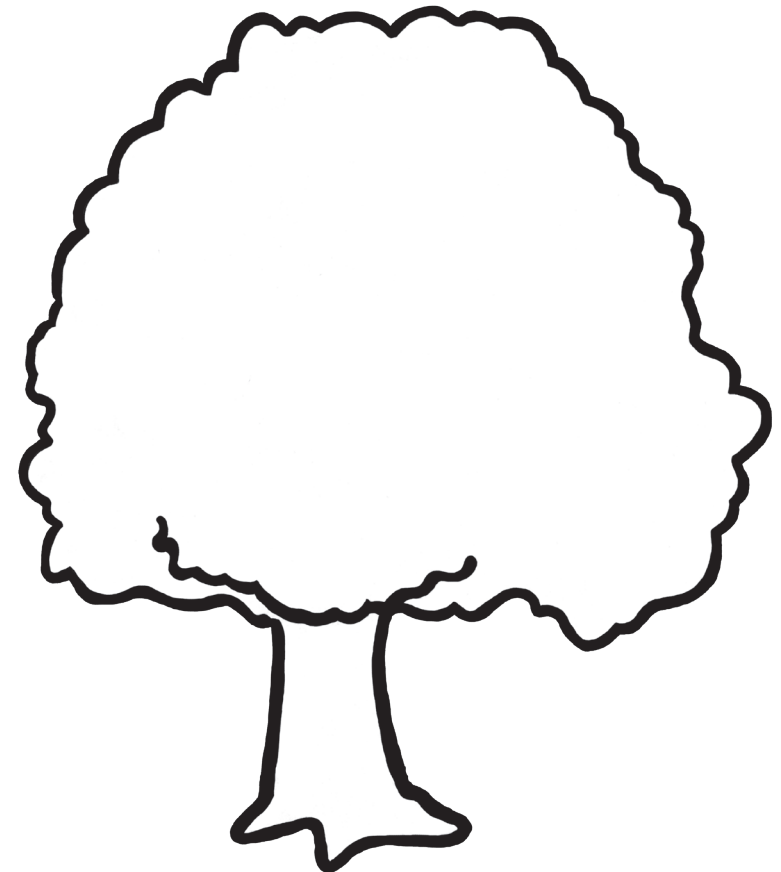
READER

Pentecost 5

- Today is the **fifth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- In Pentecost we learn to **love our neighbor**.
- Our neighbor is not just the person who **lives next to us!**

Rhyming Tree

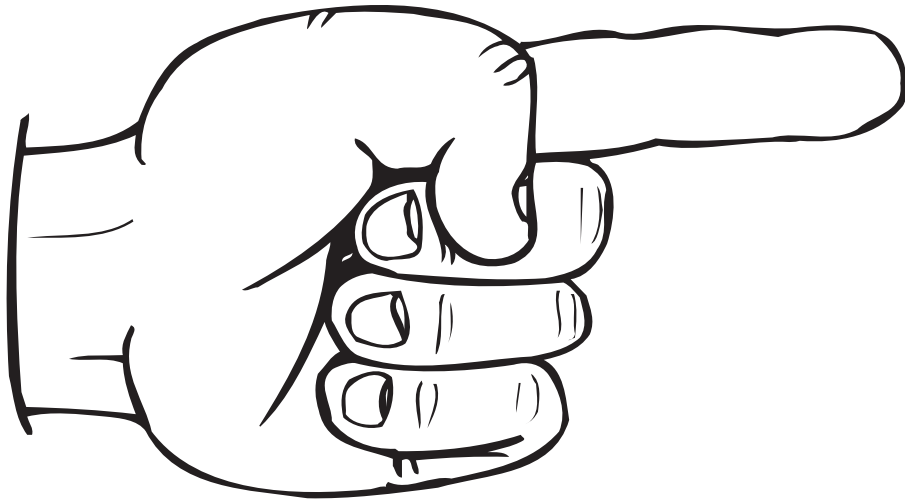
Fill this tree's branches with all of the words you can think of that rhyme with tree. Bonus: Can you think of any rhyming words that are two syllables? Three syllables?



In today's Bible story, Jesus tells us that a Samaritan man stopped and helped a wounded man in need. He cared for and loved his neighbor. Jesus told the people who were listening to "go and do likewise." Write today's memory verse in the pointed finger.

Memory Verse

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37



The Samaritan sounds like he was a kind, helpful man, doesn't he? Wouldn't he make a good neighbor? But here's something you might not know about this story! Samaritans were seen as enemies—foreign, unclean, despicable enemies. That's what makes this story so radical!

Did You Know?

Your Neighbors, Near and Far

Who are your neighbors? Write their names or draw the people in each of these places below:

My block:

My neighborhood:

My classroom:

My church:

My country:

The whole world:



Jesus said that our neighbors include people we don't even know!

During the Sharing of the Peace or after worship, find three people you don't know. Introduce yourself, write their names, and draw them below.

Name:

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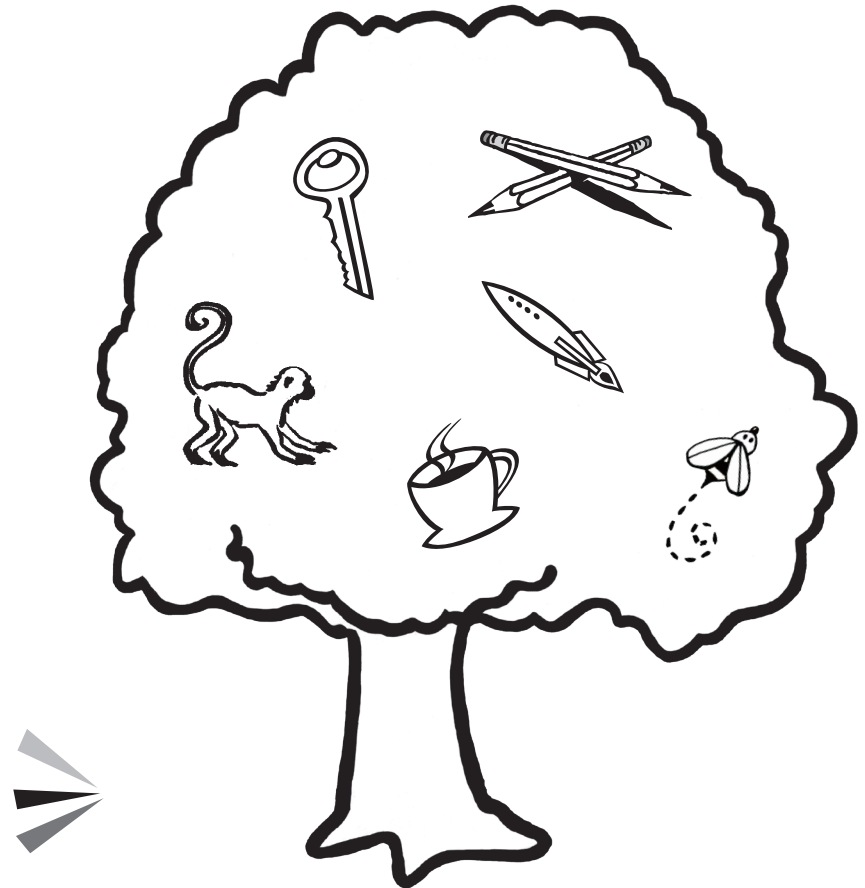


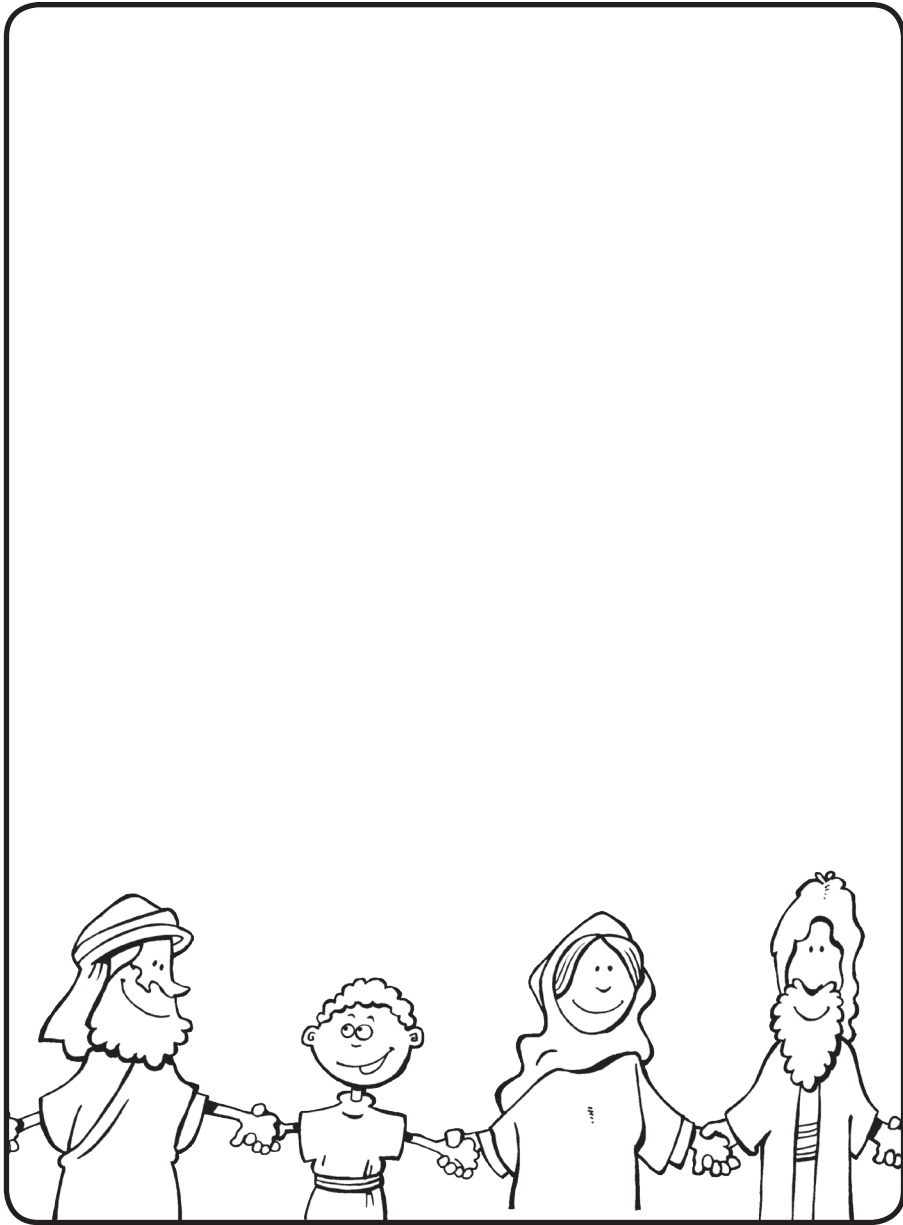
PRE-READER

Pentecost 5

- Today is the **fifth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During the Season after Pentecost we are reminded of **the radical love of Jesus Christ**.
- Can you radically love **your neighbor**?

Circle the objects that rhyme with the word "tree."





Love your neighbor, near and far!

Complete this maze to help the Good Samaritan get to the wounded man.

