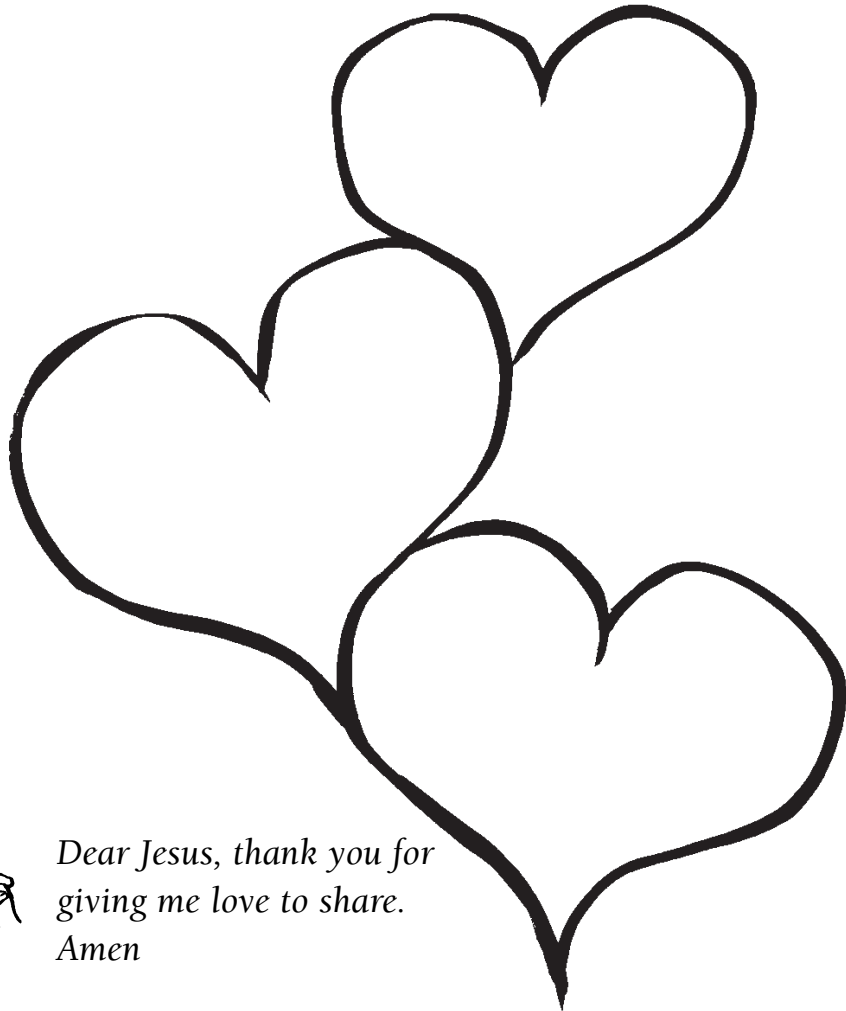


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Sharing love

Inside the three heart shapes write three things you love about your mother, grandmother, or other loving person who cares for you. Share your loving thoughts with this person, along with a big hug!



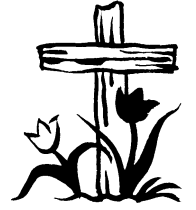
*Dear Jesus, thank you for giving me love to share.
Amen*

This week

Give a paper heart to someone who takes care of you.

Kids Celebrate

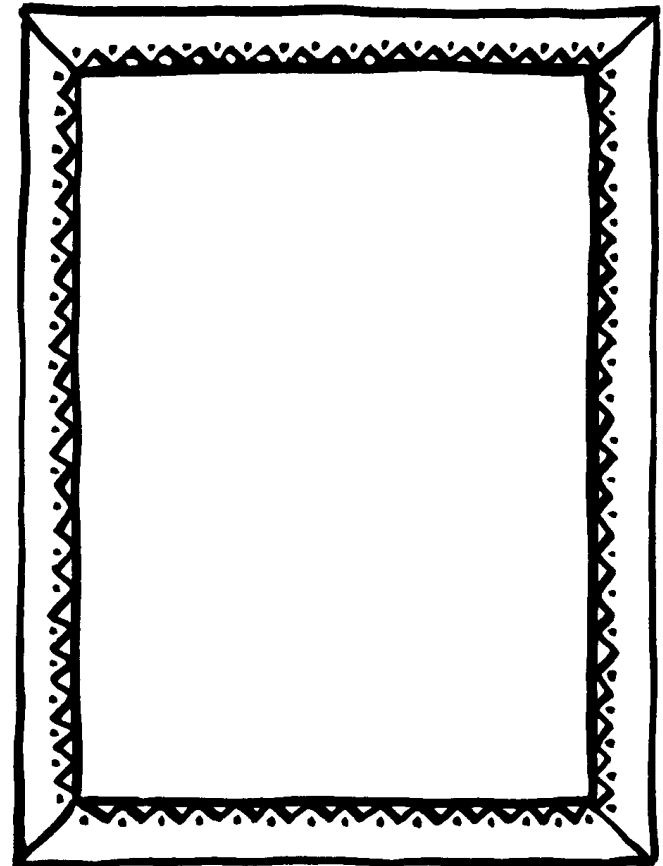
Fifth Sunday of Easter



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fifth Sunday of Easter. Look around you. Does everyone in your worship space look the same? No two people are exactly alike. Each one of us is important to God.

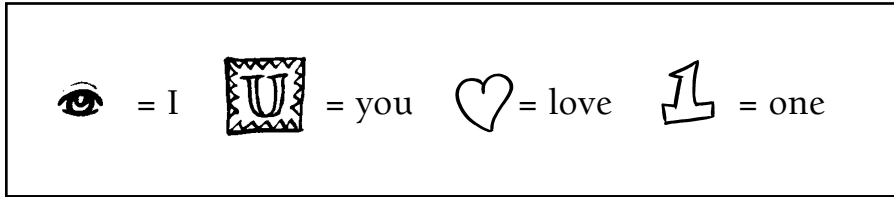
Draw a one-of-a-kind person sitting near you.



Jesus teaches about love

John 13:31-35

Read the story below, filling in these words for the pictures:



Jesus was eating a meal with his disciples. Jesus

said to them: “Little children, eye am with

U only a little longer. eye give U a new

commandment, that U heart 1 another.

Just as eye have heart d U, U also

should heart 1 another. Everyone will know

that U are my disciples, if U have heart

for 1 another.

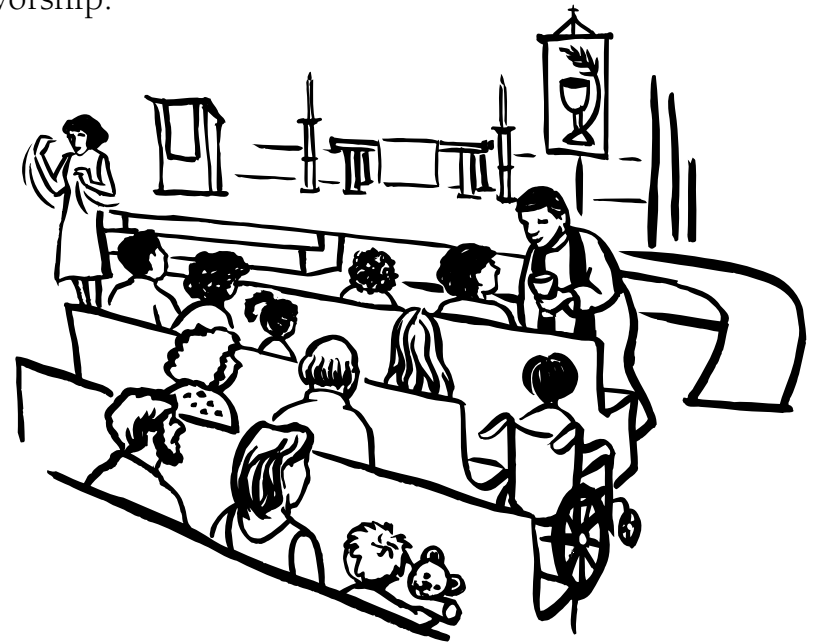
The words for
Jesus’ new
commandment
are hidden here.
Look for and circle
these words:

LOVE I
ONE HAVE
ANOTHER LOVED
AS YOU

H L O V E D A Y
A N O T H E R O
V A N L O V E U
E S E I N O T H

God loves all of us!

God wants us to welcome everyone to worship. In the picture below, circle all of the things that help people worship.



How does your church make sure everyone feels welcome?

God's Family

God's family is full of a lot of different people--people who are different on the outside and on the inside! Look around your worship space for the different people who have the characteristics below. Some you will be able to spot by just looking. For others, you'll have to ask after the service.

Someone who has been confirmed



A baby



Someone who has brown hair



Someone who has glasses



Someone who is a Sunday school teacher



Someone born in October



Someone who has traveled outside of the country



Someone who is over six feet tall



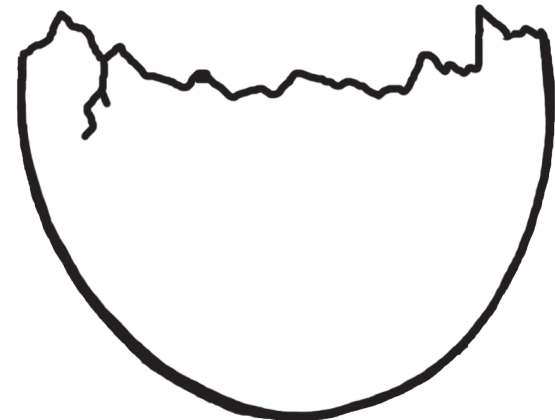
READER

Easter 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** of Easter.
- During Easter, we think about **God's family**.
- In the season of Easter, we remember that **God's love is meant for everyone**.

New Life

Just like God gives us new life, we see many signs of new life in God's creation. An egg is an example of new life. It reminds us that our world is continually being made new. In this egg shell, draw a baby chick.



Unscramble the words to discover what today's memory verse is.



"Fi tehn oGd gvae tmeh eht smae gtif hatt eh aveg su wneh ew bveelied ni teh Ldro susJe fishrC, ohw saw I ttha I cloud hniedr dGo?" -Acts 11:17

Four horizontal lines for unscrambling the memory verse.

Opposites

In today's Bible story, Peter had a dream about animals. This dream was God's way of telling Peter that God loves all people, not just the Jewish people like Peter. Before this dream, Peter thought people who weren't Jewish—they were called Gentiles—were unworthy of God's love. After the dream, Peter knew that God's love was even bigger than Peter ever imagined.

Peter thought God only loved some people. But God showed him that the opposite was true—God loves all people. Write down the opposite of each item on the list below.

- Night _____ Left _____
- Near _____ Ceiling _____
- Hot _____ Nervous _____
- East _____ Winter _____
- Male _____ Happy _____
- Light _____ Give _____
- Soft _____ Tall _____

Your Dream

Peter has a fantastic dream in today's story. In the space below, draw a picture of a hope or dream for your life, big or small.



Today's Bible story is about Peter's dream. This is not the first time God has spoken to people in the Bible through dreams. Look up these verses to find out who else had dreams.

Genesis 41:1-7 _____ 1 Kings 3:5-15 _____

Genesis 37:5-11 _____ Daniel 2:1-23 _____

God's family is so big! You are part of God's family. Everyone who is at worship with you today is part of God's family too. Count how many members of God's family are at worship today.

Write down a tally of the number of people you count. See directions below on how to make tallies.

1	2	3	4	5	6

During the Sharing of the Peace or after worship, go tell at least **|||||** other people that they are part of God's family!

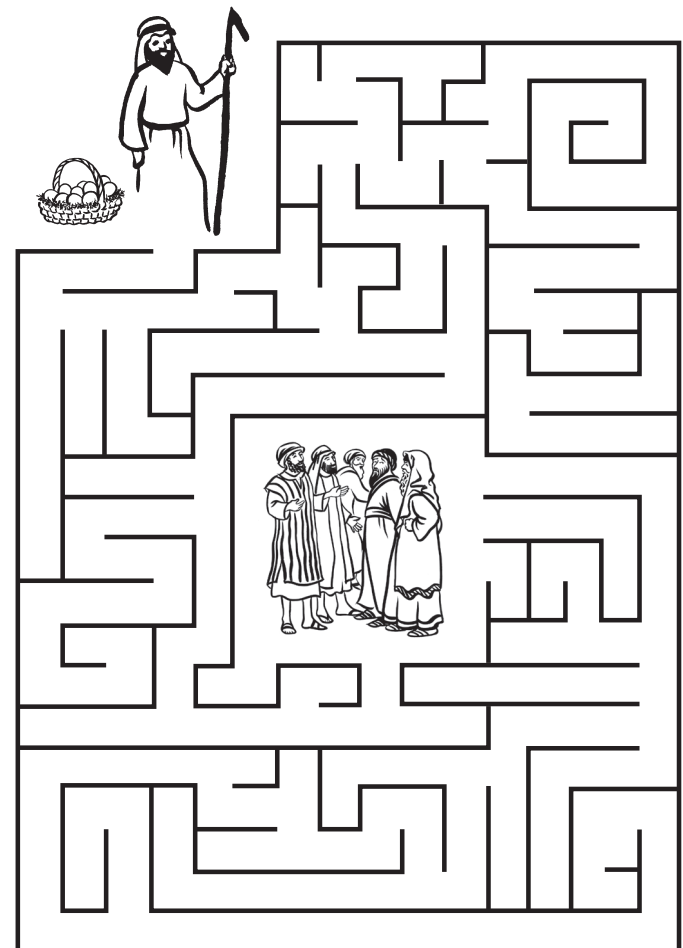


PRE-READER

Easter 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** of Easter.
- During the season of Easter we remember that **we're all part of God's family!**

Help the farmer deliver this basket of eggs to the townspeople.





God was saying that all people were part of God's family!

Did you know you are part of two different families? You are a part of your own family, but you are also part of God's big family.

In the frame, draw a picture of your family.

