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Walk your fingers along the path that Jesus wants us to follow. Write the letters you come to in the blanks below to find Jesus' two commandments. Following Jesus' commandments can help us to grow strong in faith.

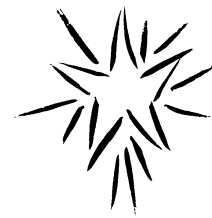


This week

Talk to an older person in your family or someone in your congregation who is strong in their faith. Ask them to share his or her faith story with you.

Kids Celebrate

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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Welcome to worship.

Epiphany is the season of light. How many sources of light can you count in your sanctuary?

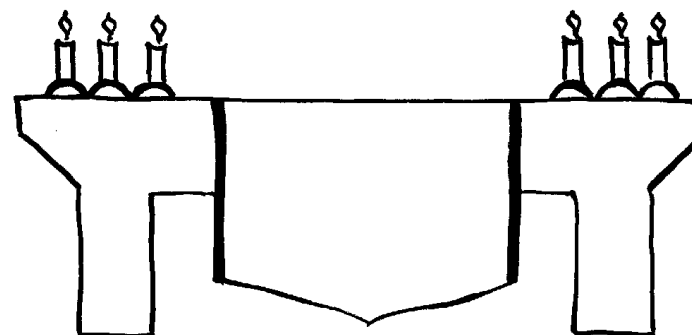






Is there a colored cloth on your altar? What color is it?

Is there a symbol (picture) on it? What is it?





During Epiphany, we read stories about Jesus' teachings, many of them with surprising messages. Hearing these stories helps us to grow strong in faith. Draw your own symbol (picture) for the church season of Epiphany on the altar cloth. Think about the words "light" and "surprising" when you draw your symbol.

Growing strong in faith

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Paul was one of the first Christian teachers. One way Paul taught people about Jesus' love was by writing letters to the early Christian congregations. Many of Paul's letters are found in the New Testament. The second scripture reading for today comes from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

To complete Paul's letter write an "s" inside each  and a "g" inside each .



FUN FACT:
 Paul's letters were written on paper made from papyrus or reeds. Baby Moses' basket was probably woven from papyrus.

Psalm 119

Pick up a Bible. Can you find 1 Corinthians? This is one of Paul's letters. Now close the Bible. Place your fingers right in the middle of the pages and open it again. You are probably turned to the book of Psalms. Psalms are songs. Every Sunday in worship, we sing or say a psalm. The psalm for this Sunday is part of Psalm 119.

Add or subtract letters to find a verse from Psalm 119.

- < A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z > +

J-2 D-3 M+3 T-4 Z-1 E-4 Q+1 G+2

V-2 E+3 L-7 V+3 Y-2 A+7 P-1

S+4 C-2 G+5 M-2 M-4 M+1

P+4 K-3 A+4 N-2 H-7 O+8

P-1 J-4 Z-6 F+2 B+3 U-9 O-0 Q+1 H-4

Has anyone talked about **missions** during worship today? During Epiphany, we recognize that God shares his word with the whole world. The **magi** came from far away to honor Jesus. As a church, we continue to share God's message of **love and service** with neighbors close and far away. Use the maps below to mark cities or countries where your church has missions. Don't forget to mark your own city!



After the service, see if you can find a bulletin board with missions on it. If not, ask your pastor what *your church* does to share God's word with people around the world.



READER

Epiphany 6

- Today is the **sixth Sunday** in **Epiphany**.
- During Epiphany, we remember the **wise men** from the east.
- The wise men traveled a great distance to **see** and **honor** Jesus.

Answer the questions below to learn more about the path of Jesus' life.

1. The wise men traveled from the:

- a. north
- b. south
- c. east
- d. west

2. Frankincense comes from

- a. trees
- b. flowers
- c. rocks
- d. the bottom of a stinky backpack

3. Jesus spent the first few years of his life in

- a. Egypt
- b. Bethlehem
- c. Corinth
- d. Montreal

4. Who was John the Baptist's father?

- a. Joseph
- b. Zechariah
- c. Kevin
- d. Job

5. In the book of Matthew, Jesus gave a sermon that was called the sermon on the

- a. Parking lot
- b. Ship
- c. Lake
- d. Mount

Find the letters in the box below to spell the missing word in the Bible verse. For example, the letter for (4,6) would be D, because you go down to the 4 row and over to the 6 column.



Happy are they who

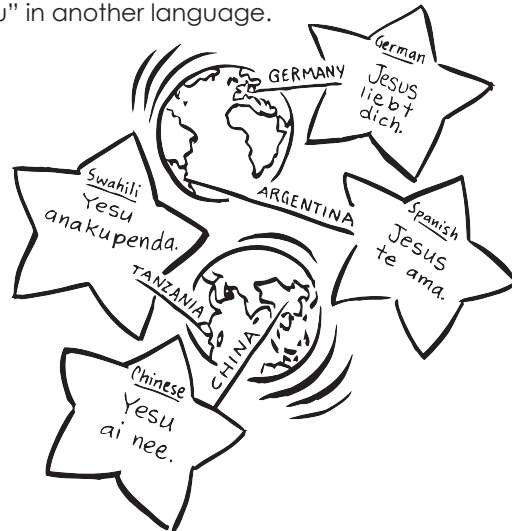
(2,6) (6,5) (6,4) (6,4) (6,5) (1,6)

the teaching of the Lord. Psalm 119:1

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Q	M	A	T	I	W
2	O	J	U	E	L	F
3	H	D	C	X	G	R
4	K	F	Y	S	V	D
5	S	R	P	B	N	K
6	Z	M	N	L	O	Y

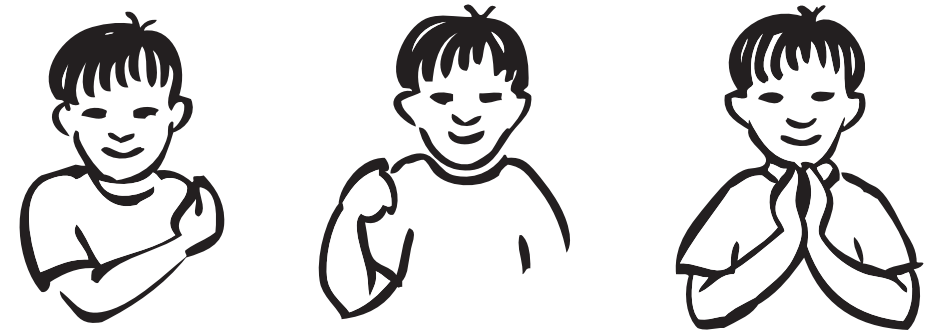
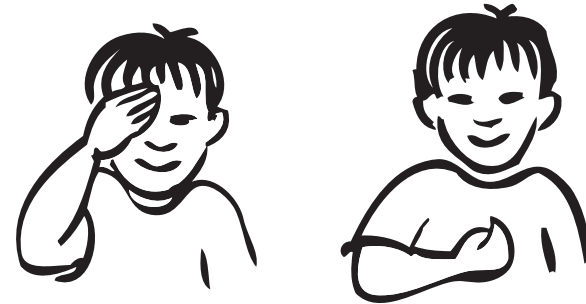
Joy in Any Language

Have you ever traveled a long distance to see someone? Maybe even to another country? Not everyone speaks the same language, but we all share the same joy that God sent us Jesus. Read some of the ways that people say "Jesus loves you" in another language.



Countdown

In the Bible story, Jesus teaches that fighting or saying unkind things is wrong, even when you're angry with someone. Some people count to ten to give them time to stop being angry. **Instead of counting, try making the sign of the cross using the motions below.**



The earliest reference to Epiphany as a Christian feast was in A.D. 361.



In Bible times, people traveled by foot to share God's word with others. People today follow in their footsteps. They are God's light in the world!

Color the earth. People are shining God's light all around the world!



After church, ask a parent or your pastor to tell you about what the church does to share God's love around the world.

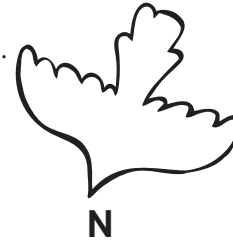


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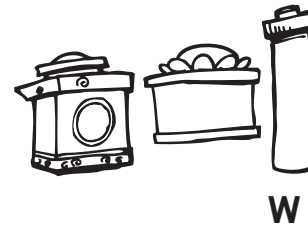
Epiphany 6

- Today is the **6th Sunday** in **Epiphany**.
- During Epiphany, we remember the **wise men**.
- The wise men came from **far away**.
- The wise men brought **gifts** for Jesus.

Color the dove God sent to Jesus' baptism.



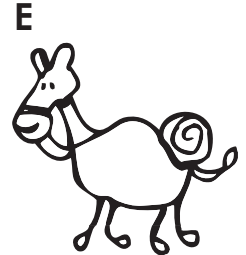
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Color the gifts the wise men gave Jesus.

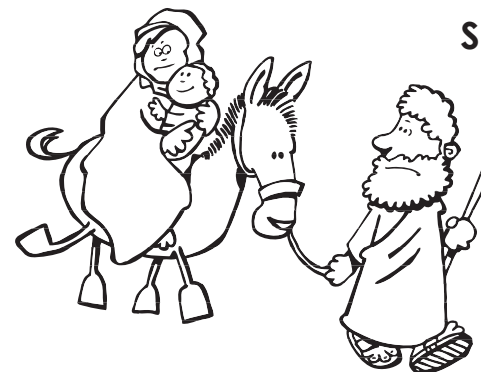
Draw one of the wise men on his camel going to see Jesus.

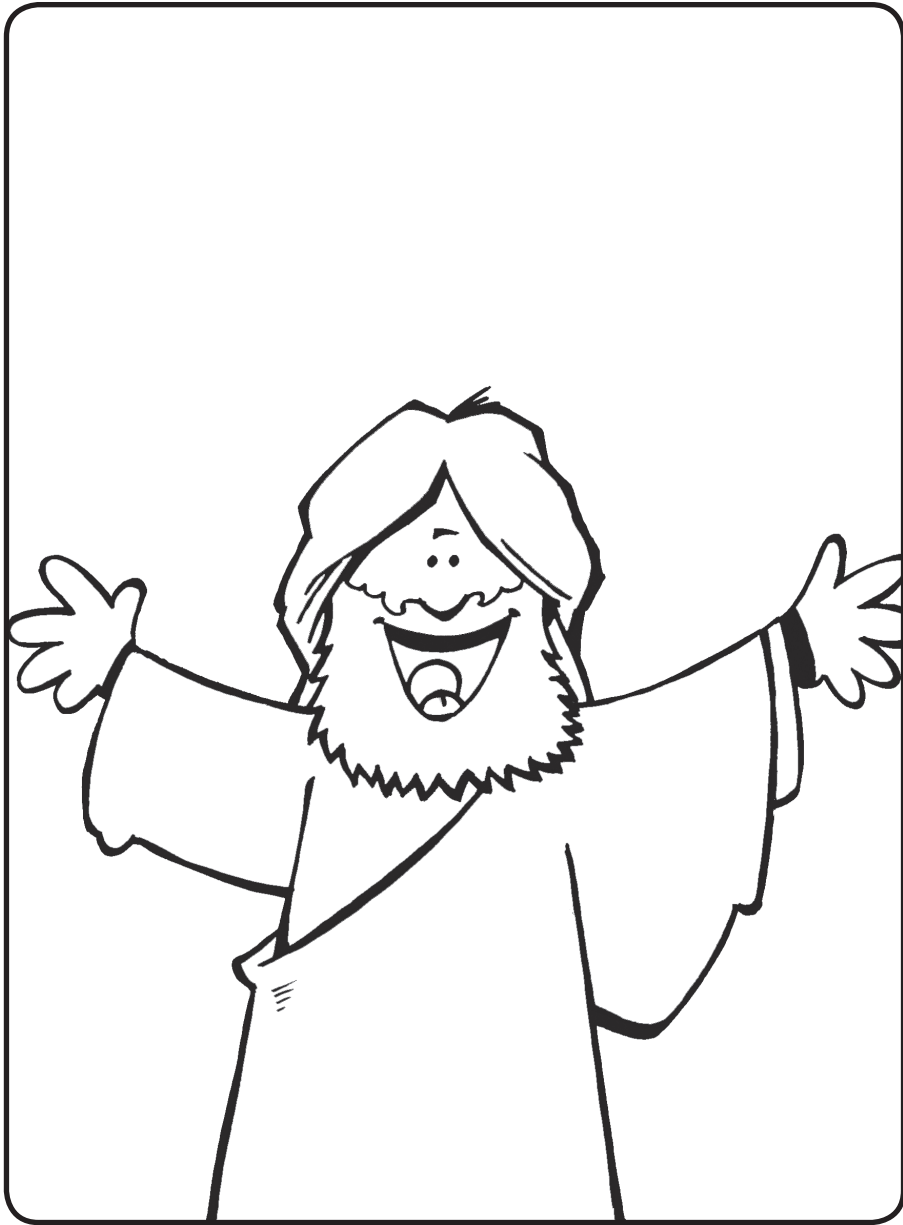


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Draw a home for Jesus and his parents in Egypt.





Kindness and respect are important!

Jesus taught us that we should **forgive** others. Jesus wants us to **share** our **light** with everyone! Even if people live far away or are different, we want to show them God's **love**.

Find your way through this maze! Follow these symbols of light. They will show you the path.

