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Easter words

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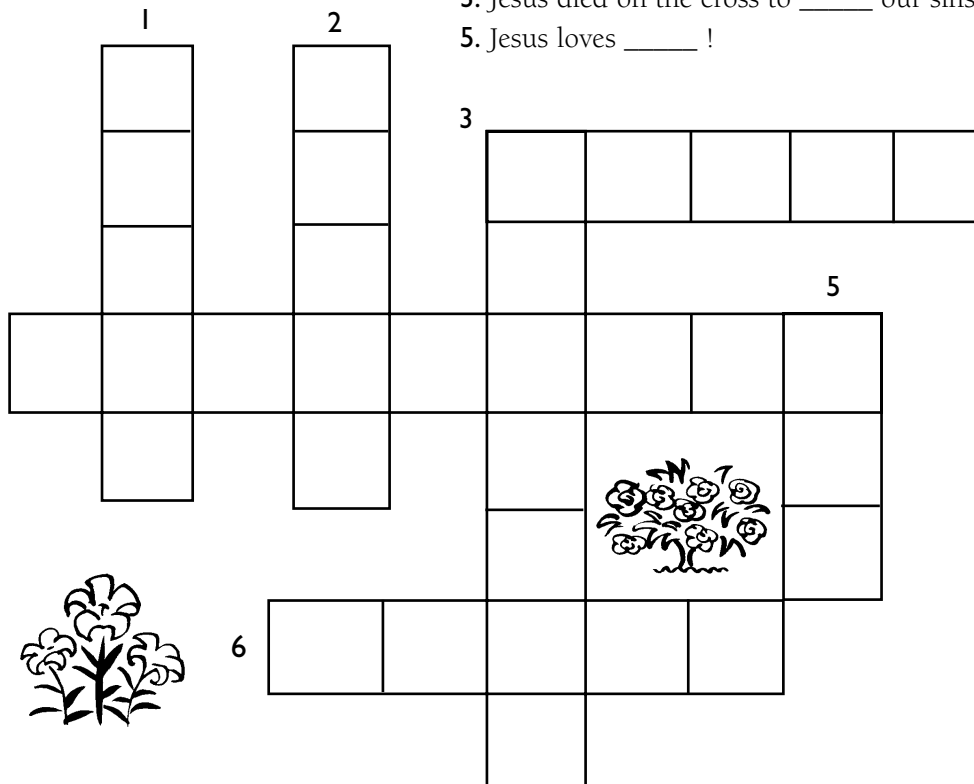


ACROSS

3. Number of days in the season of Easter.
4. A symbol of Jesus' new life.
6. Jesus _____ all people.

DOWN

1. God's Son
2. The church color for Easter
3. Jesus died on the cross to _____ our sins.
5. Jesus loves _____ !



*Dear Jesus, help me to be your follower
by telling others about you. Amen*

This week

Look at some trees. How does the trunk help the branches
and leaves grow?

Kids Celebrate

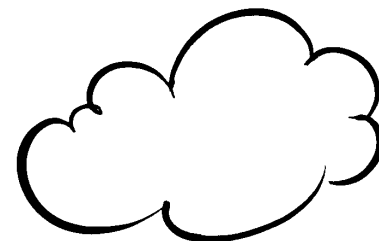
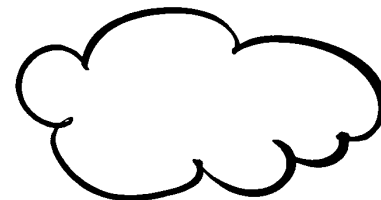
Seventh Sunday of Easter



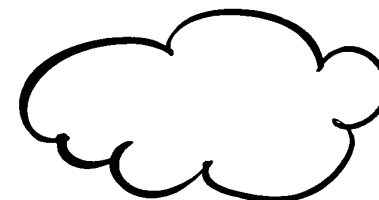
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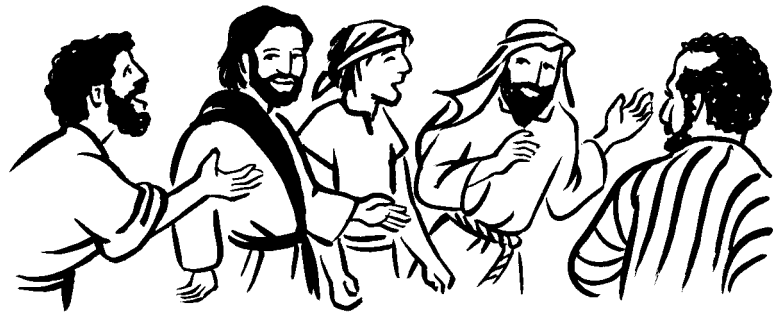
Welcome to worship.

Today is the seventh Sunday
of Easter. Last Thursday,
Christians celebrated
Ascension Day, the day Jesus
went to heaven to be with
God. Before Jesus ascended,
he told his followers to
continue his work. Jesus
promised to send the Holy
Spirit to be with them.



**You are one of Jesus'
followers. Inside each
cloud, write one way
you follow Jesus.**





Spreading the good news

John 17:20-26 [15:5]

Jesus expected the disciples to carry on the work that he had begun. Jesus wanted the world to know that he was God's Son. Jesus prayed that the disciples would work together to spread this good news. One example Jesus had used before to help the disciples understand their job was this one:

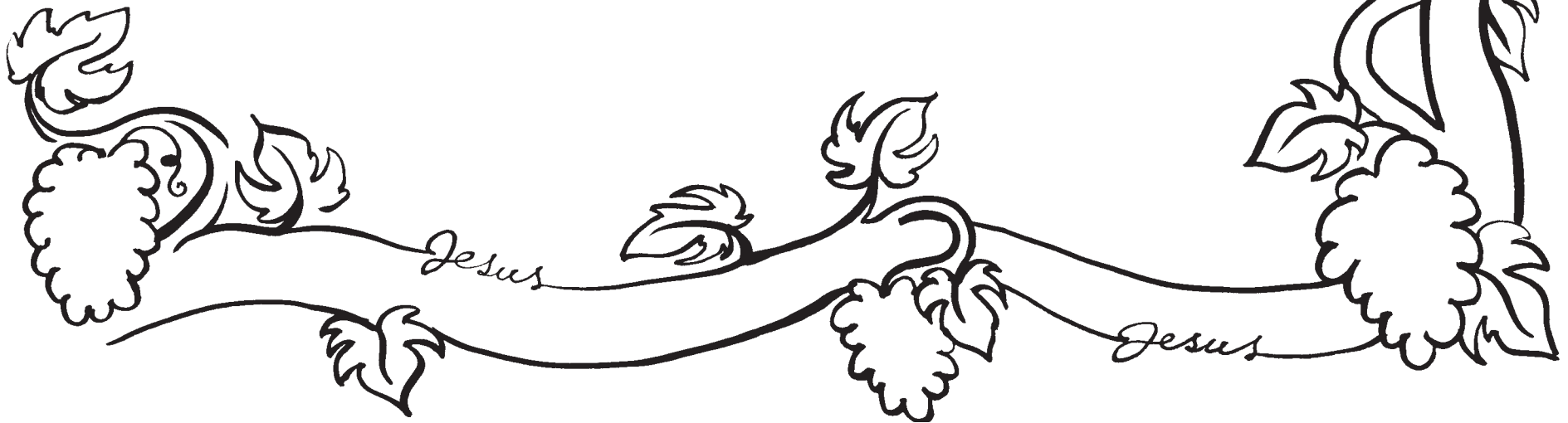
"I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5).

We are the branches

Like the disciples, we are branches on Jesus' vine. Jesus wants us all to be one. We sing and pray in worship together. We share the meal of Holy Communion together. We baptize people and welcome them into God's family together.

Jesus wants us to share the good news of God's love with others.

Inside the Jesus vine, write or draw "good news" messages like "Love one another." Write the name of someone you know on each bunch of grapes. Share your messages with these people.



Sharing the Good News

In today's Bible story, Paul and Silas go around sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, even though people didn't always want to hear it. Below are some good news phrases for you to share with people. Start by sharing them with a few people after today's service.

There is
nothing
you can do
to make
God love
you less!

God loves you!

God will never
leave you!

God loves you
no matter what!

God is always
with you!



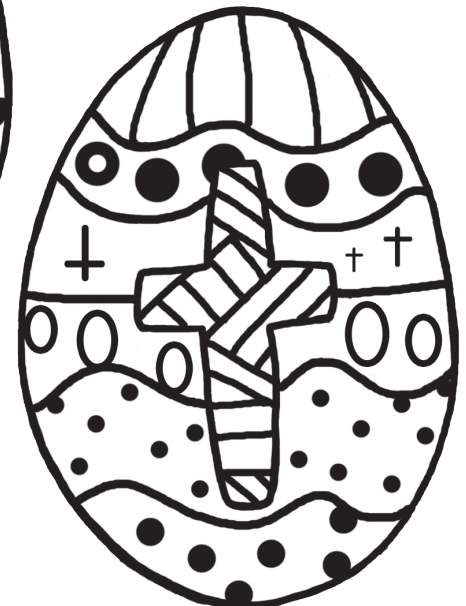
READER

Easter 7

- Today is the **7th Sunday** of Easter.
- The season of Easter is **seven** weeks long.
- The next church season is **Pentecost**.
- During the season of Easter, we remember the **powerful presence of God among us**.

Look Closely at the Cross

Below are two egg symbols that are very similar—but not the same! Can you find the seven differences between them? Look closely at the cross.

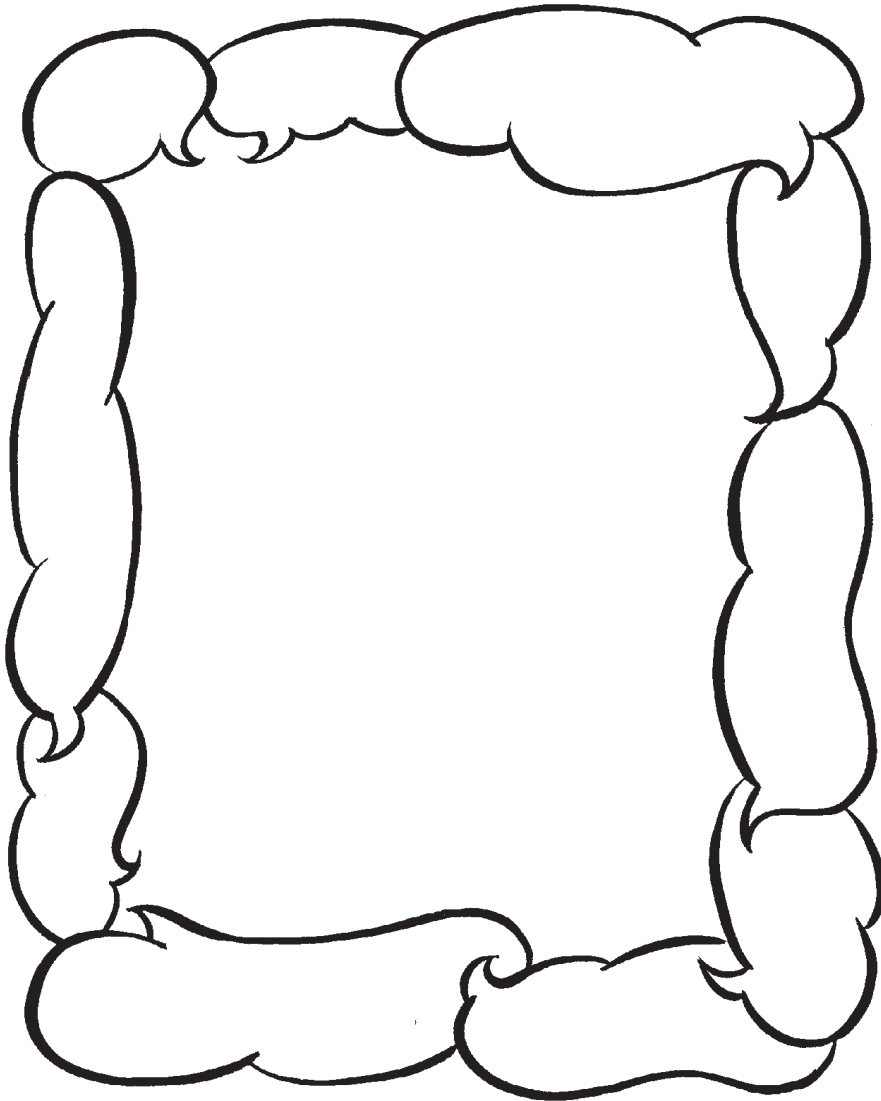


Fancy Fonts

In order to learn today's memory verse, write it in the space below. But here's the catch--each word has to be in a different font! Try *cursive*, *bubble letters*, **TALL AND NARROW**, **short and squat**.

"They answered, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'"

—Acts 16:31



What Would Paul and Silas Do?

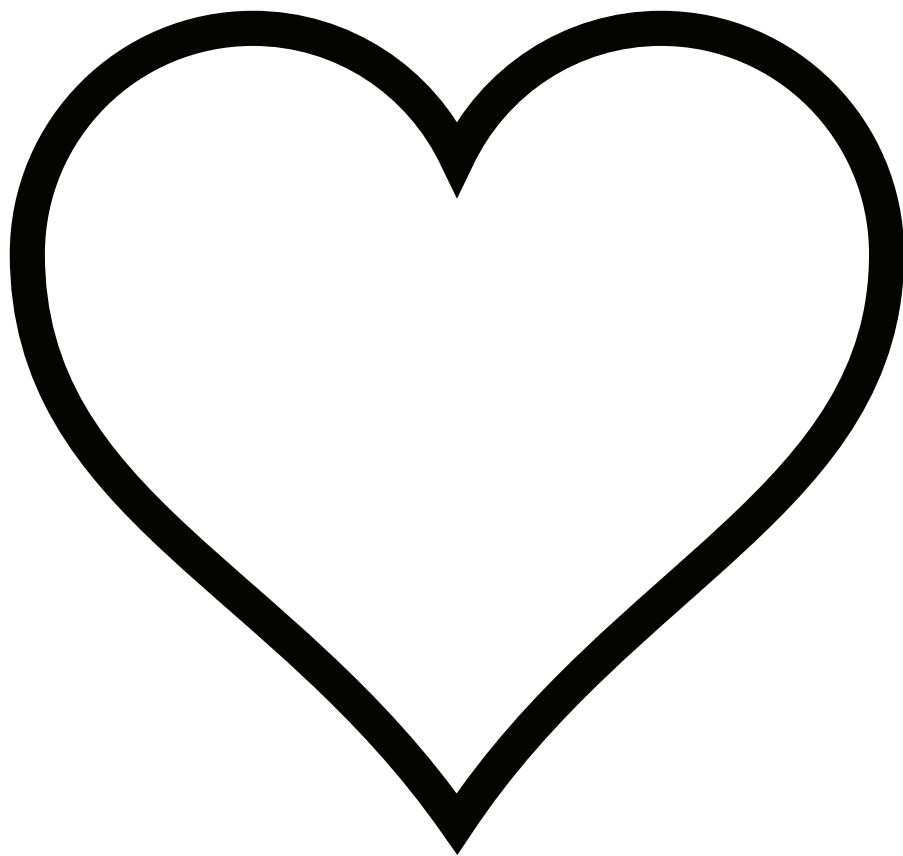
Below is a pop quiz. Read the questions and circle the answer that best describes what you would do in that situation. Then compare your answers to what Paul and Silas would do in the same situation.

POP QUIZ

1. You enter a new town and tell people about Jesus. The people in this town do not want to hear about Jesus and do not believe anything you say. You decide to:
 - a. Turn around and go back home. There's no point in trying here.
 - b. Start yelling back at them.
 - c. Keep spreading the love of Jesus, even if people don't want to hear it.
2. As you're telling people about Jesus, the town authorities threaten to throw you in jail. You:
 - a. Fall silent. You don't want to go to jail!
 - b. Keep preaching and let them throw you in jail.
 - c. Run fast.
3. You are in a dark and scary jail. You feel:
 - a. Calm and confident. You know God is with you.
 - b. Very scared.
 - c. Nervous.
4. While you're in jail, an earthquake hits and breaks down the walls of the prison. You:
 - a. Get outta there! You're free!
 - b. Stay back and face the jailer.
 - c. Start doing cartwheels.

Try this activity at the end of the worship service after you finish the rest of your bulletin. Color the heart and make it as bright and beautiful as possible. When the service is over and your heart is complete, go find a grown-up you know.

Give them this heart and say, “God loves you and is always with you.”

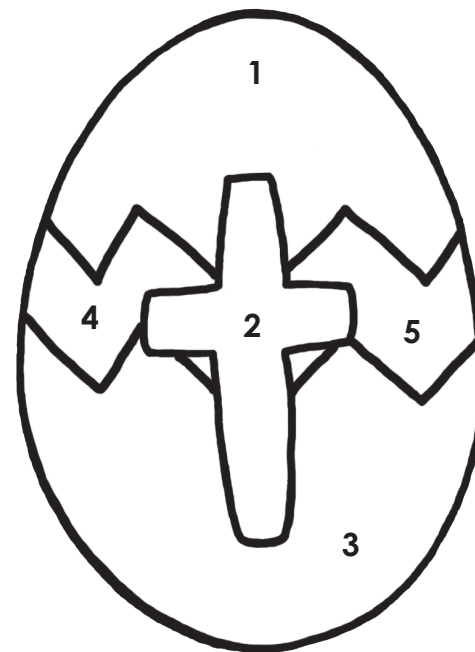


PRE-READER

Easter 7

- Today is the **7th Sunday** of Easter.
- During Easter, we are reminded that **God is always with us.**
- The symbol for the season of Easter is an **egg with a cross on it.**

See the key and color in the parts of the egg that match the numbers in the key.



1	2	3	4	5



Paul and Silas were arrested and thrown in jail. It was a very dark night but they were not afraid. They knew God was with them!

Make a trail of lights in this maze to help God's love and light get to Paul and Silas in prison.



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