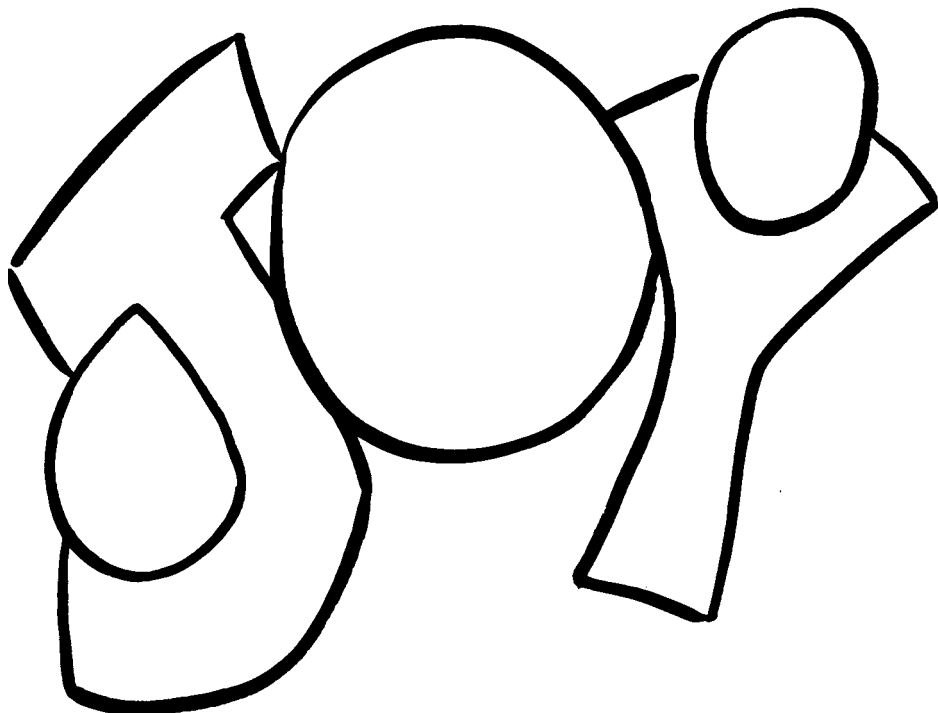


# Send

## Welcomed into God's family



Each one of us is welcomed into God's family. That's a reason to jump for joy! Look around you. Draw the faces of people worshiping today in the letters above. Be sure to include your own joyful face!



*Thank you, God, for bringing us back to you. Amen*

### This week

When you find something lost, thank God for finding you.

# Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 24



## gather

**Welcome to worship.** How do you feel when you find something that was lost? This woman is happy because she found a coin that was lost. Draw her lost coin in her hand.



**Jesus told another "lost and found" story in today's gospel reading. What was lost? Who was looking? God looks for us when we wander away from God.**

## God finds us in many places

♥ God's love finds us when we hear God's word.

*Circle the Bible on the pulpit.*

♥ God's love finds us in baptism.

*Draw a water drop around the baptismal font.*

♥ God's love finds us at Holy Communion.

*Put a star above the bread and wine.*

♥ God's love finds us through the love of others.

*Draw hearts next to people who are sharing God's peace.*



Welcome someone to worship today by shaking hands and talking with them. Invite them to come to worship again next week.



## Lost and Found

In today's parables, Jesus talks about things that were lost but now are found. What does it mean for people to be lost and found? Hint: this isn't about Hide and Seek! Listen to today's sermon or ask people around you after church to figure out how we are lost and how God finds us. Write your findings below.



**lost**



**found**



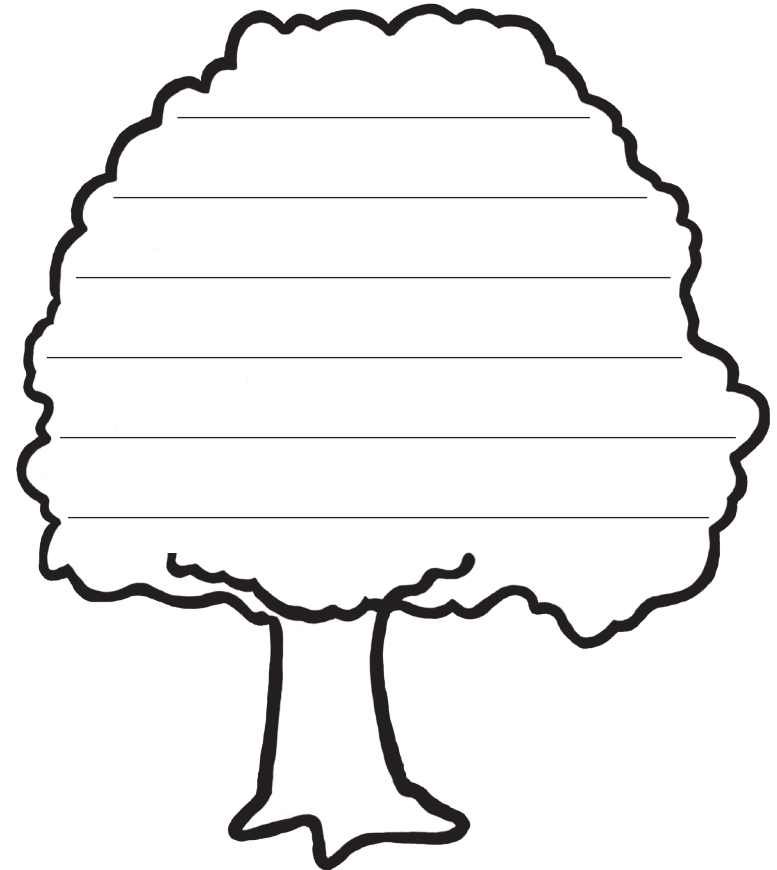
# READER

Pentecost 14

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## Poetree

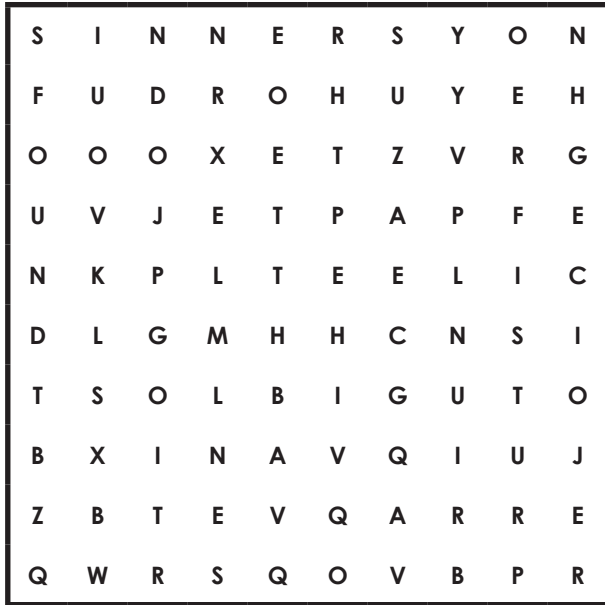
What do you love about trees? Why do humans need them? What's your favorite kind of tree? In this tree, write a poem about trees and nature. Have fun creating some *poetree*!



Below is today's memory verse. The words that are bold are also hidden in the Word Find. The shepherd finds the sheep. God finds us. Can you find these missing words?

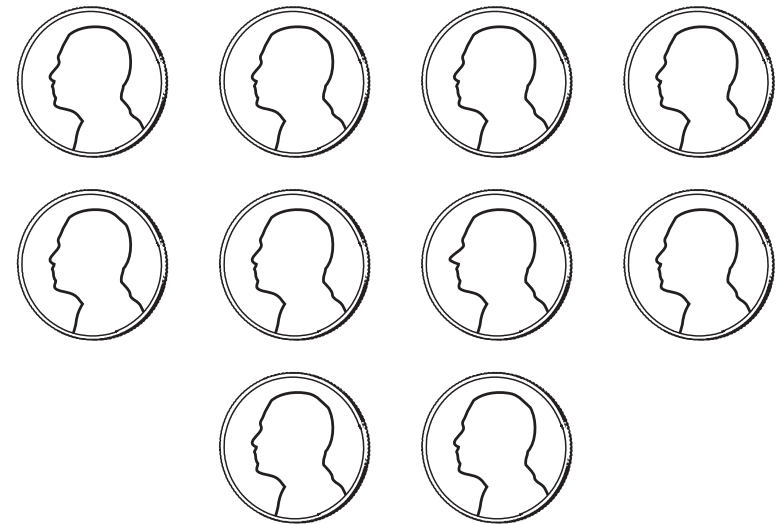
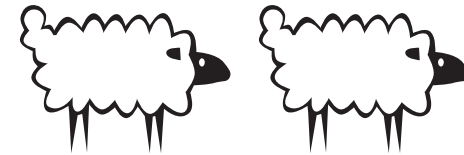
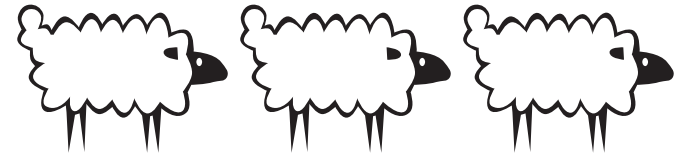


“**Rejoice** with me; I have **found** my **lost sheep**.<sup>1</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in **heaven** over one **sinner** who repents than over ninety-nine **righteous** persons who do not need to **repent**.” -Luke 15:6-7



## Which One of These Is Not Like The Other?

Below is a set of sheep and coins. Can you find which sheep and coins match?



The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin are next to another story about something lost. Read Luke 15:11-32 to find what else was lost and is now found. Write it in the blank.

- 1) The parable of the lost sheep
- 2) The parable of the lost coin
- 3) The parable of the lost \_\_\_\_\_



Do you know what a *parable* is? A parable is a story that Jesus told about what the kingdom of heaven is like and what God is like. But parables aren't straightforward stories. Jesus told these surprising and confusing parables to make people think. Sometimes his parables made people question everything they thought they already knew.



If you could hide a coin anywhere in your worship space, where would it be? Draw your secret spot below.

**After worship, borrow a coin from someone. Go hide it in your secret spot and see if a friend can find it!**



# PRE-READER

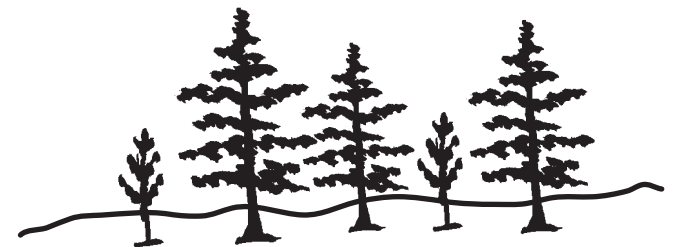
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**Imagine you want to build a campfire but have no firewood. Where can you find some? Draw yourself there!**



IN THE OCEAN



IN THE FOREST



**Just like the shepherd, God will never stop looking for someone who's lost!**

Pretend you're the shepherd.

**How many lost sheep can you find in this scene?**



**Total number of sheep:**