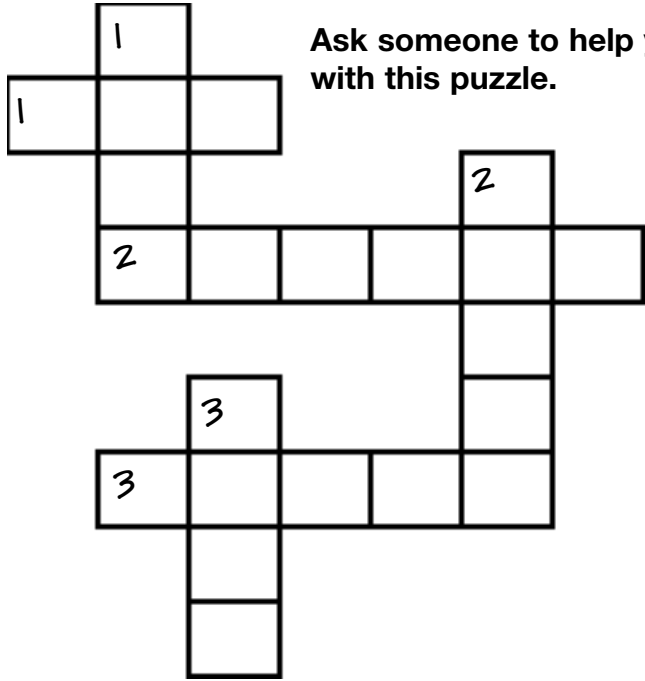


## Story crossword



Ask someone to help you with this puzzle.

### ACROSS

1. Jesus loves \_\_\_\_ !
2. Jesus ascended into \_\_\_\_.
3. God gave \_\_\_\_  
the 10 commandments.

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_ built an ark.
2. \_\_\_\_ rose from the dead.
3. Jesus' new commandment is all about \_\_\_\_.

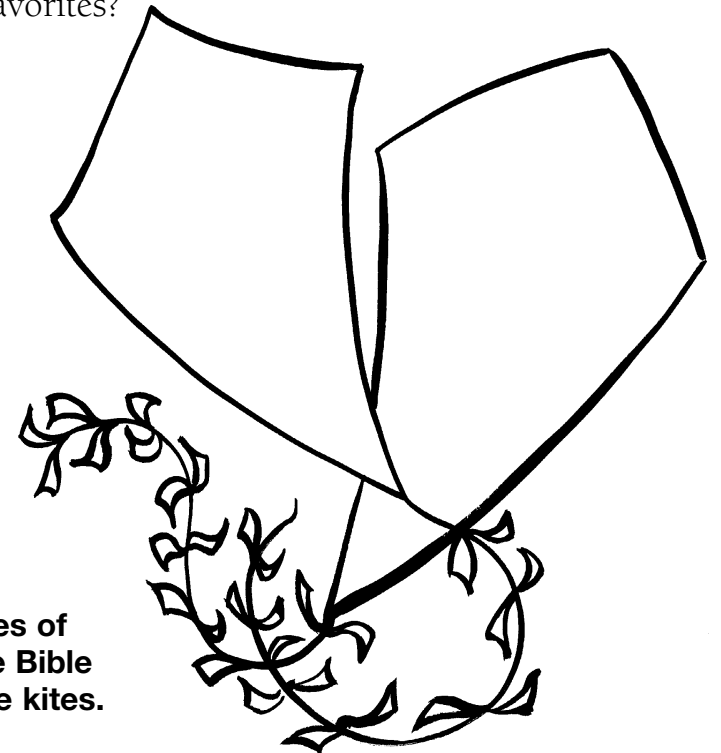
## this week

It's Pentecost next week. Look for something red to wear to church next week, and plant some red flowers around your house.



## gather

**Welcome to worship.** Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter. This past Thursday Christians celebrated Ascension Day, the day Jesus went to heaven to be with God. Before Jesus ascended, he asked his friends to keep telling God's stories. You are one of Jesus' friends, and you can tell the stories. What are your favorites?



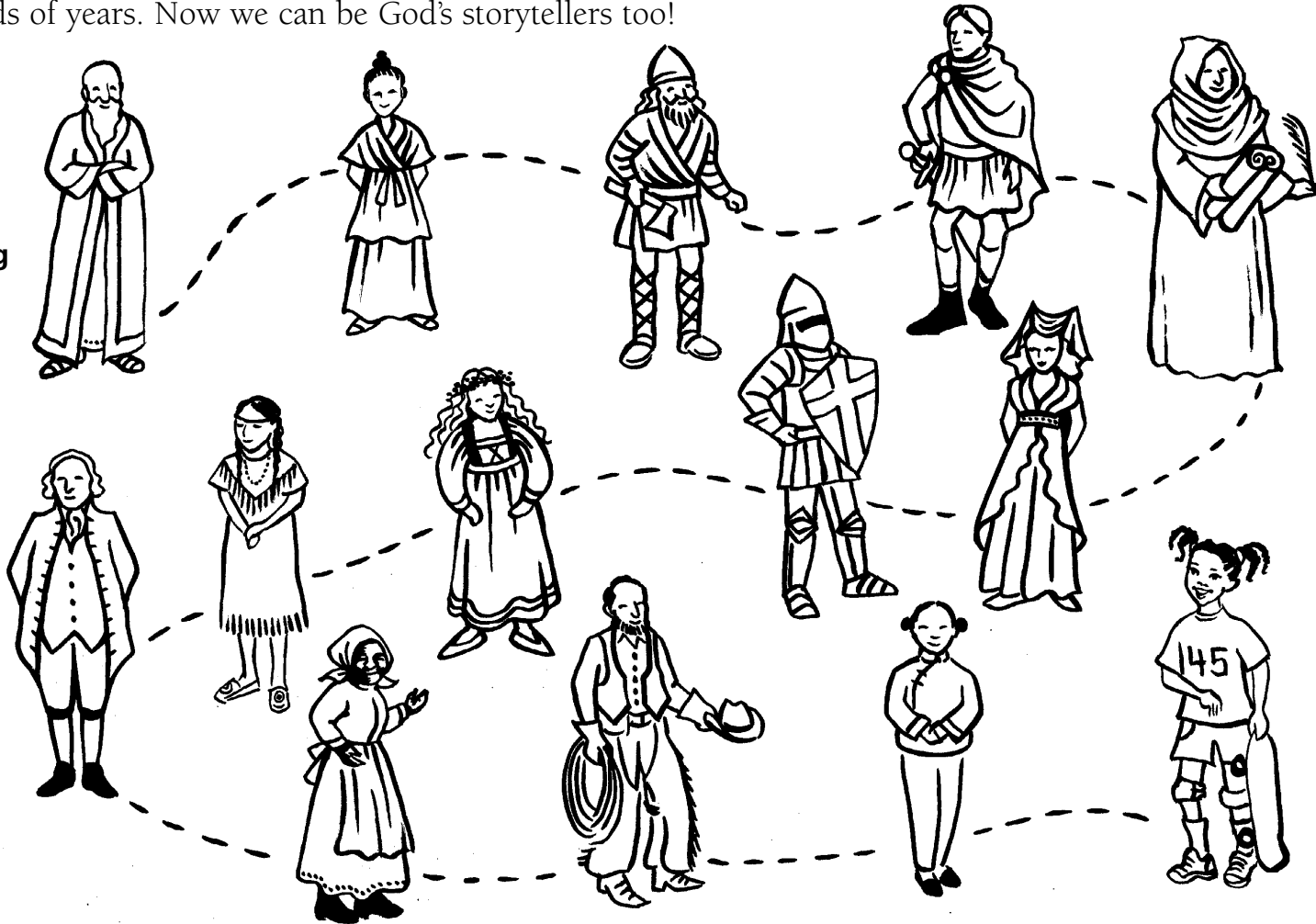
**Draw pictures of your favorite Bible stories in the kites.**

## Jesus prays

John 17:6-19

Jesus' friends knew that it was their job to share Jesus' stories with everyone. In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his friends. He prays that they will be safe as they spread God's love around the world. God's stories and love have been spread around the world for thousands of years. Now we can be God's storytellers too!

Connect God's storytellers together by tracing the dotted lines, then draw a cross on everyone's forehead because we're all part of God's really big family!



*A question to ponder...*

*Who is God's storyteller for you?*



*Jesus, help me to tell stories about you and your love. Amen*



Do a little kite flying as you remember Jesus' ascension.

# Easter Words

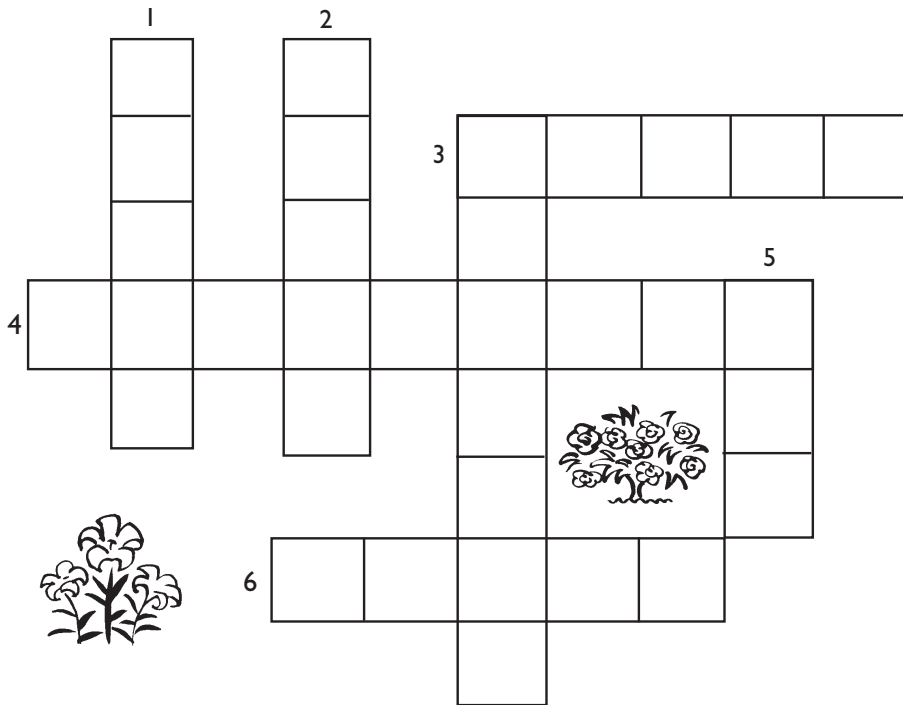
The Easter season is almost over. Complete the puzzle with words you used this Easter. Then take a look around the worship space. Remember the colors and artwork. Look for big changes next week!

## ACROSS

- Number of days in the season of Easter.
- A symbol of Jesus' new life.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ all people.

## DOWN

- God's Son.
- The church color for Easter.
- Jesus died on the cross to \_\_\_\_\_ our sins.
- Jesus loves \_\_\_\_\_ !



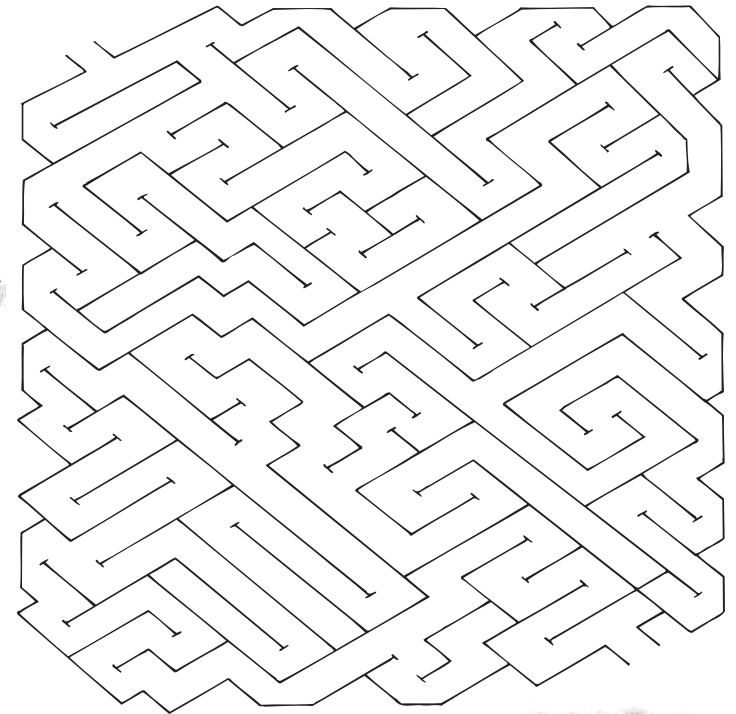
# READER

Easter 7

- Today is the **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in Easter.
- During Easter, we learn about the members of the **first churches**.
- Easter **calls us to share** the good news!

## Long Road Ahead

During the days of the early Christian church, people walked long distances to share the good news of Jesus. As a new disciple, Matthias made many journeys with Jesus' other followers. Help Matthias find his way to the next city.



# In the World as One

Jesus wanted his family to work together as one family of God.

Find the number 1 seven times in this picture, one for each week of the Easter season.



The Book of Acts continues the action from the Gospel of Luke. Acts begins with a brief summary of Luke's Gospel and then introduces the second part of the story. For the writer of Luke, the story doesn't stop with Jesus. He wants to tell everyone about the earliest churches and spread the good news to all.

## Did You Know?

## Look it Up!

The disciples prayed to God before choosing Matthias in today's story. Read Acts 1:21-26 again. What did the disciples ask God? Write some ideas below.

When you pray, what do you say to God? Write some thoughts below.



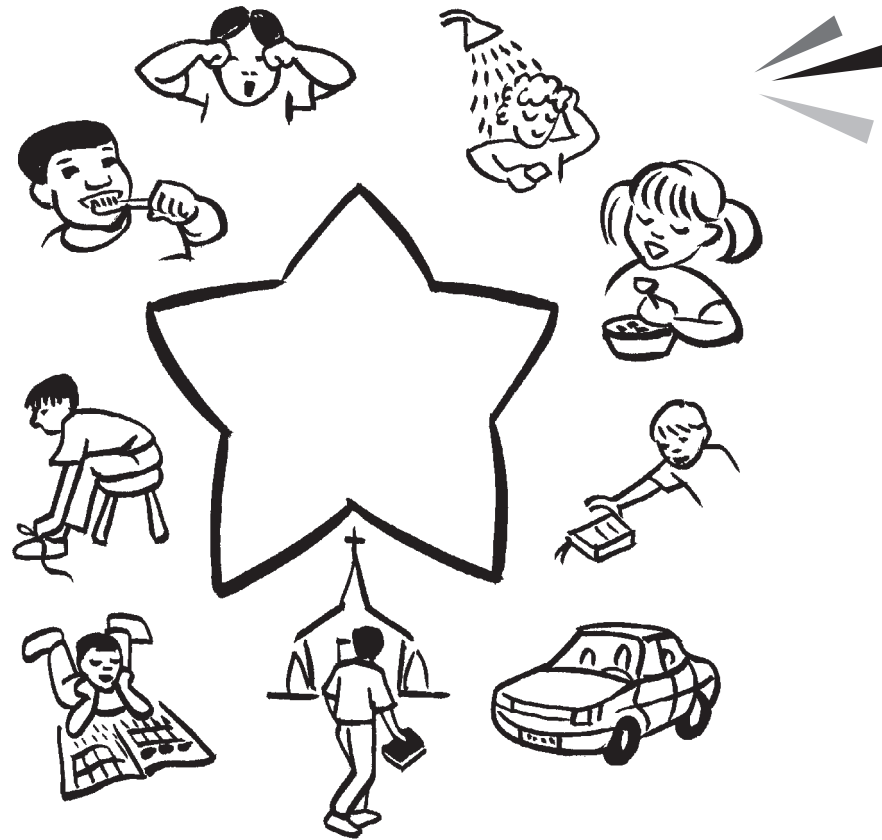
The disciples received this letter but all the vowels are missing! Can you figure out where they go?

## Memory Verse

Pr\_\_t\_\_ct th\_\_m \_\_n y\_\_ \_\_r  
n\_\_m\_\_ th\_\_t y\_\_ \_\_ h\_\_v\_\_  
g\_\_v\_\_n m\_\_, s\_\_ th\_\_t th\_\_y  
m\_\_y b\_\_ \_\_n\_\_, \_\_s w\_\_  
\_\_r\_\_ \_\_n\_\_.

J\_\_hn 17:11b

All of us prepare for worship in different ways. What did you do to get ready for church this morning? Draw a heart around everything you did this morning to get ready for worship.



Our families also celebrate Sundays differently. What will you do *after* worship? Draw or write about what your family will do together.

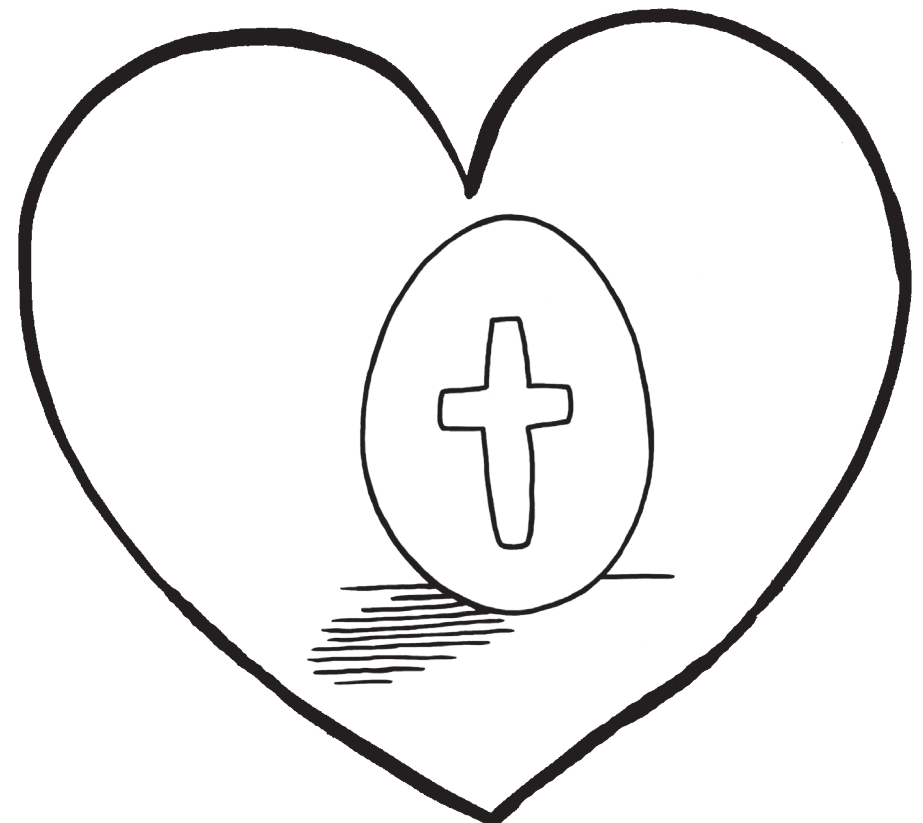


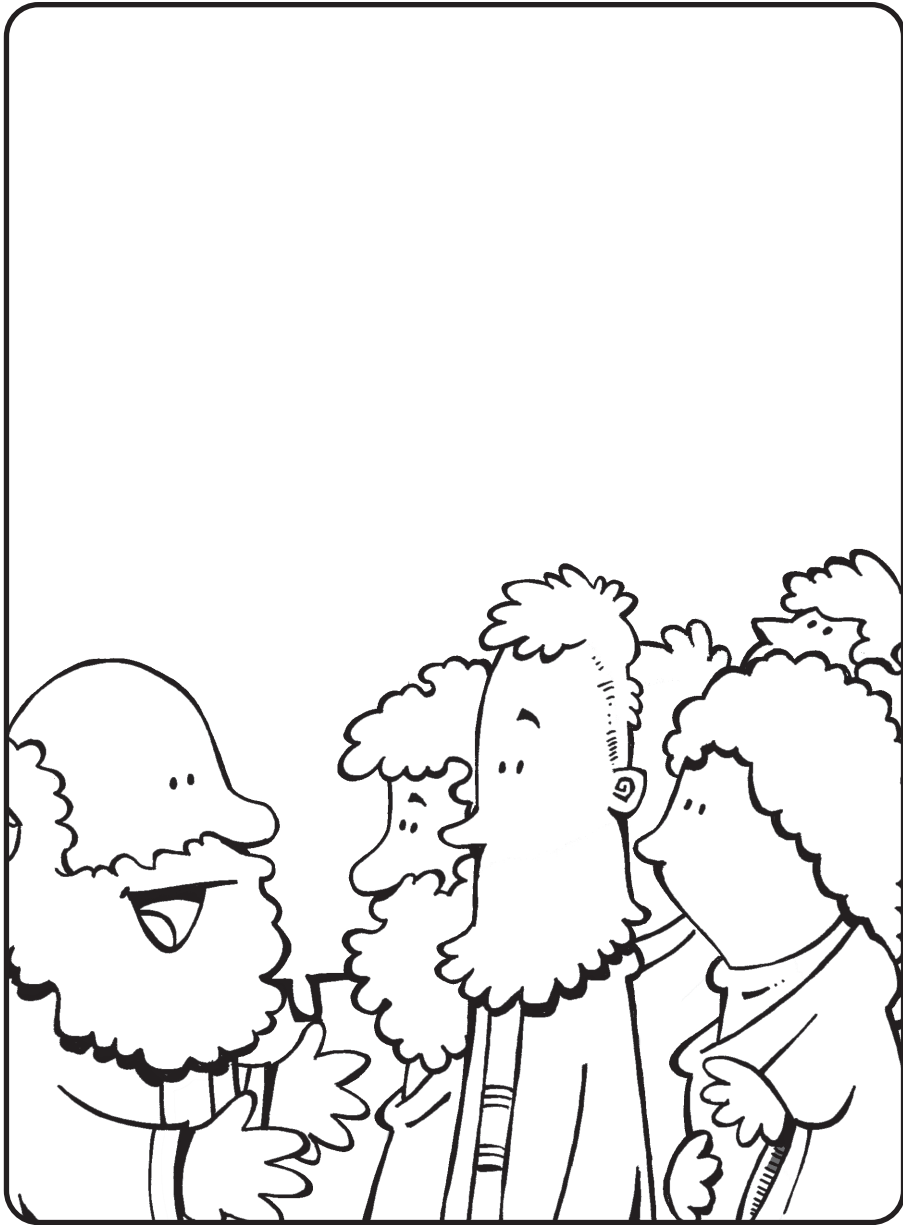
# PRE-READER

Easter 7

- Today is the **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in Easter.
- During Easter, we learn about the members of **the first churches**.
- During Easter we are called to **share** the good news!

**How do you show God's love? Inside the heart, draw or write ways that you show God's love.**





**God showed the disciples that Matthias was the right person for the job.**

Matthias was chosen by God. Each of us has been chosen by God. We can tell the world about Jesus.

**Where can you share God's news? All kinds of places! Color in all the places where you can share.**



**GOOD NEWS!**

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