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Sharing God's love

God asks us to show compassion for others. Below are three pictures showing acts of love and kindness.

Draw your own ideas about ways you can show compassion.







Thank you, God, for loving and caring for me. Amen

this week

Talk with someone you love about ways you share love and compassion with each other.

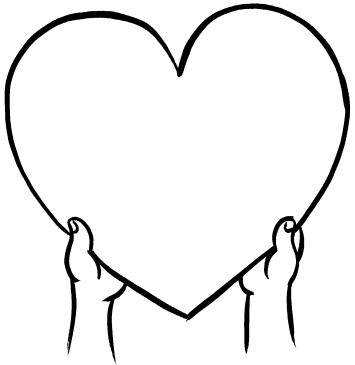




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Welcome to worship. Today you will hear about compassion—showing love and kindness to others. Look for signs of love or kindness in your worship today.

Draw an act of compassion in the heart.





What are some ways we show compassion during worship?

hear & celebrate

Head room at God's table

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus loved everyone. This made some people mad. They thought some people were better than others. But everybody does things they shouldn't do sometimes. These are called sins.

Once, when Jesus was eating a meal with some of his friends, people asked, "Why does Jesus eat with sinners?" Jesus told them that God's love is for everyone.

Jesus welcomes everyone at the table. See how many people you can squeeze around this table. Listen for words that tell you about God's love and compassion. Circle any words you hear. Write other words of compassion you hear.

MERCY	LOVE	kind	help
	PROMISE		forgive

Jesus loves all sinners—including you and me, and he invites us to come to God's table for a meal called Holy Communion.

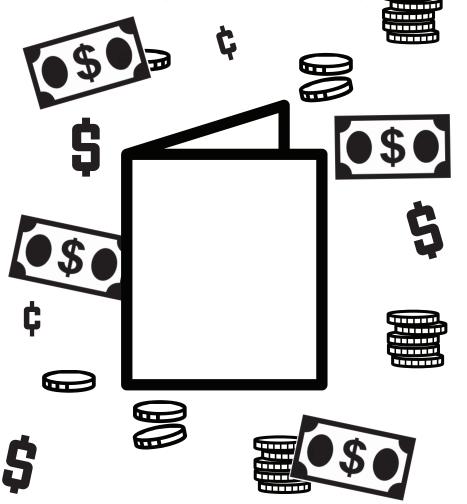
In the space above draw the table at the front of your church. It's called an altar. What is on or around your altar?

A Glance at Finances

Your church needs people who know about money management, finances, and taxes. They make sure you church has enough to pay for its staff, its facilities, and its ministries. Do you know who these people are? Using any paper you can find (including this bulletin), make them a thank-you card and place it in the offering plate where the offering counters will read it and pass it along.

Here are some ideas for what you could write:

- Thanks for all you do to make sure everything adds up.
- It's no coin-cidence that you're helping our church.
- Thanking the Finance Team at church just makes cents.
- I am grateful you help our church run in har-money.





- Today is the **second** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Last week the color was **white**. The week before that, the color was **red**. For the season after Pentecost, the color is **green**.
- The **Day of Pentecos**t begins this season. The Sunday called **Christ the King** is the final Sunday in this season.

Season Match-Up

Each season of the church year has a specific name and color. See if you can match up the season names, symbols, and colors.



But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need a physician, but those who are sick."

Today's Gospel reading is action Packed! See if you can put these actions in the order they happened.

- _____ The girl gets up.
- _____ Matthew follows Jesus.
- _____ The crowd laughs at Jesus.
- _____ Jesus takes the girl by the hand.
- _____ Jesus calls Matthew as a disciple.
- _____ Jesus tells the crowd to go away.
- _____ Jesus follows the father to his house.
- _____ The woman is healed of the bleeding.
- _____ Jesus eats dinner with tax collectors and sinners.
- _____ The Pharisees ask the disciples a question about Jesus.
- _____ A father whose daughter just died kneels before Jesus.
- _____ A woman with longtime bleeding touches Jesus' cloak.
- _____ Jesus says, Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well."
- _____ Jesus says, "For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."
- _____ Flute players and the crowd make a commotion at the father's house.



You'll find this story of the woman who was healed in the Gospel of Mark with a more dramatic response from Jesus. Read Mark 5:30-34 and notice what is different.

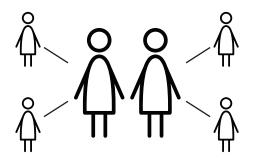
Memory Verse

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And the Report Spread

During Bible times, news could travel fast, but not in the same ways we get news today. Word of mouth was the main method.

Imagine the crowd who witnessed Jesus healing the girl. If two people in the crowd rushed to tell two more people within the hour, and each of those people told two more people in the next hour, and so on, how many people would hear the news after twelve hours? You can draw them below. (The first set of people telling the second are shown below.)



When Jesus held a daughter's hand, something amazing happened. What things can you do with your hands during worship?

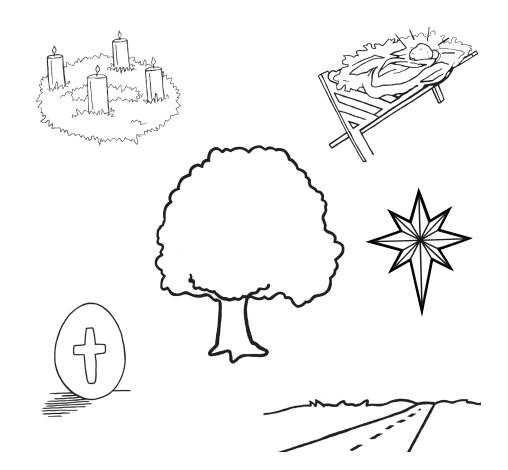
Circle what you want to try.





- Today is the **2nd** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost begins with the **Day** of **Pentecost**.
- The church year has **six seasons**.

Color each symbol from the church year seasons.





Jesus went into the house and took the girl by the hand and the girl got up.

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In today's Bible story, Jesus heals two daughters. One was a woman who needed healing. One was the daughter of a church leader.

Take a look at these daughters. Can you find the two that are a match?

