



A Promise Kept

Matthew 1:18-25

► Names of the Savior

Read the clues below and look up the different names of our Savior. When you have filled in the blanks, another name for Jesus will appear in the vertical box. Can you guess the name?

1. **Book of the Bible where a promise of a son is given** _____

2. **Read Isaiah 9:6.**

This word means “strong”

3. **The book of the Bible that tells of Joseph’s dream** _____

4. **Another word for Dad** _____

5. **Read Isaiah 9:6. What word is missing?**

_____ of Peace _____

6. **This word means “one who saves”** _____

7. **Read Isaiah 9:6. Fill in the blank:**

_____ Counselor _____

8. **Read Isaiah 9:6. This word means “forever”** _____

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ANSWERS: page 4



Christmas All Week

This week, take the Christmas challenge: read part of the Christmas story each day!

MONDAY

Read **Luke 1: 26-38**.
How do you suppose Mary felt after the angel left her?



TUESDAY

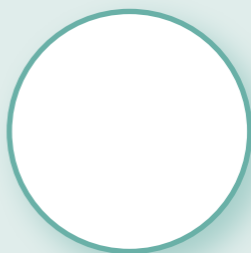
Read **Luke 2: 39-56**.
How do you think Elizabeth knew the truth about Mary's baby?

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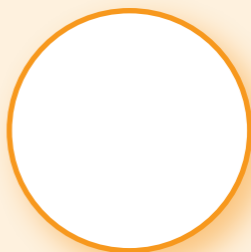
WEDNESDAY

Read **Luke 2:1-7**.
What do you think the place where Jesus was born looked like?



THURSDAY

Read **Luke 2: 8-14**.
Draw a picture of what you think the shepherds saw.



FRIDAY

Read Luke 2: 15-20.

In your own words, what do you think the shepherds said to people they met?



SATURDAY

Read Matthew 2: 1-12.

Why do you suppose King Herod was worried about what the Magi said?



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Matchbox Manger

Make a manger out of a matchbox or other small box you have at home. Cover the box with brown construction paper. Cut yellow paper into thin strips to make hay. To make baby Jesus, cut out a baby using construction paper or mold a baby out of play dough. Place the manger in a visible place in your room or another place in your house where you will be reminded of the wonderful gift of Jesus this holiday season.

Thank God right now for the joyful season of Christmas . . .

Picture It!

Read the story of Jesus' birth again in **Matthew 1:18-25**. In the blank space below, draw a picture of what you think Joseph's dream may have looked like.

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ANSWERS to "Names of the Savior": 1. Isaiah 2. Mighty
3. Matthew 4. Father 5. Prince 6. Jesus
7. Wonderful 8. Everlasting **Secret word:** Immanuel

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A Mountaintop Goodbye

Matthew 26:16-20; Acts 1:4-12

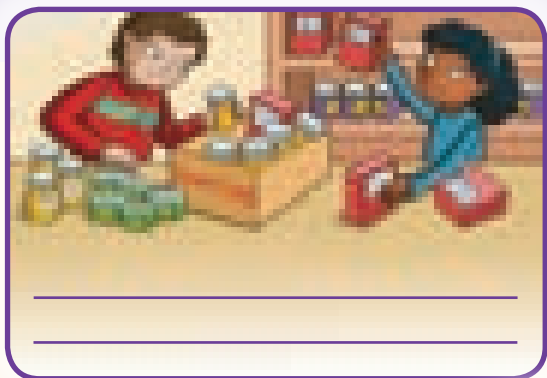
Look at the picture of the disciples coming down the mountain after seeing Jesus go to heaven. What do you think the disciples talked about on their way down the hill? Use your imagination to write their comments in the dialogue bubbles.

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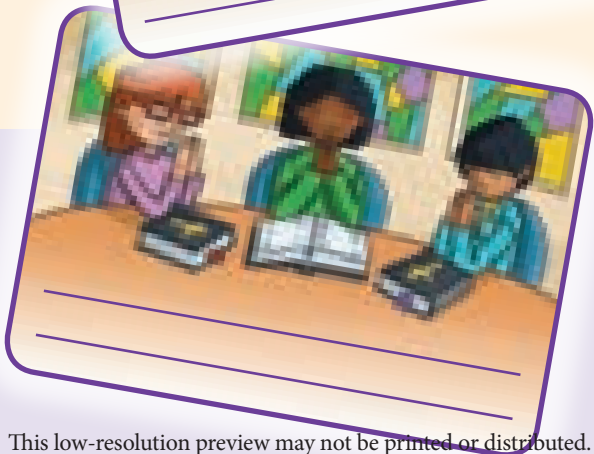


Show and Tell

Look at the following cartoons of people showing and doing in the lines underneath the cartoon. Then make show and tell others about Jesus' love? Don't forget to (and maybe your group) will do to show and tell about



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and telling about Jesus. Describe what each person is
like a few cartoons of your own. What can you do to
to complete the sentence about what you
out Jesus this week!



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Don't forget! This week I/my group will
show the love of Jesus by . . .

Go!

Without looking at today's Memory Challenge, try to fill in the missing blanks of the Great Commission.

Use the scrambled answer key above for help.

The verse is based on the NIV Bible. How would it change with the NRSV?

Ysawl | rhate
rtipis | loturaytoh
cigatneh | osnanit
Admodecndm
islcpedsi | hrafet

Jesus came to them and said, "All _____ in heaven and on _____ has been given to me. Therefore go and make _____ of all _____, baptizing them in the name of the _____, the Son, and the Holy _____, and _____ them to obey everything I have _____ you. And surely I am with you _____, to the very end of the age." —Matthew 28:18-20

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Be an Investigator



This week, be an investigator. Find out how many different ways your church reaches out and shows the love of Jesus to each other and to others. Make a list of each action or ministry. Include a description of the ministry or action too! Make a check beside ministries or actions you could be part of. Circle one you're going to try to become part of. Next week share your list with the group. Find out who created the biggest list!

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Peter at Pentecost

Acts 2:1-41

Pretend that you are a famous artist. You've been asked to paint a large mural of the Pentecost story. What parts of the story would you include in your painting? Below is a list of images you could include in your picture. Add to the list other ideas you have, and then draw your illustration in the picture frame below—or on a large piece of mural paper.

- **The disciples in the upper room of the house**

- **The crowd gathered around the house**

- **Tongues of fire on the disciples' heads**

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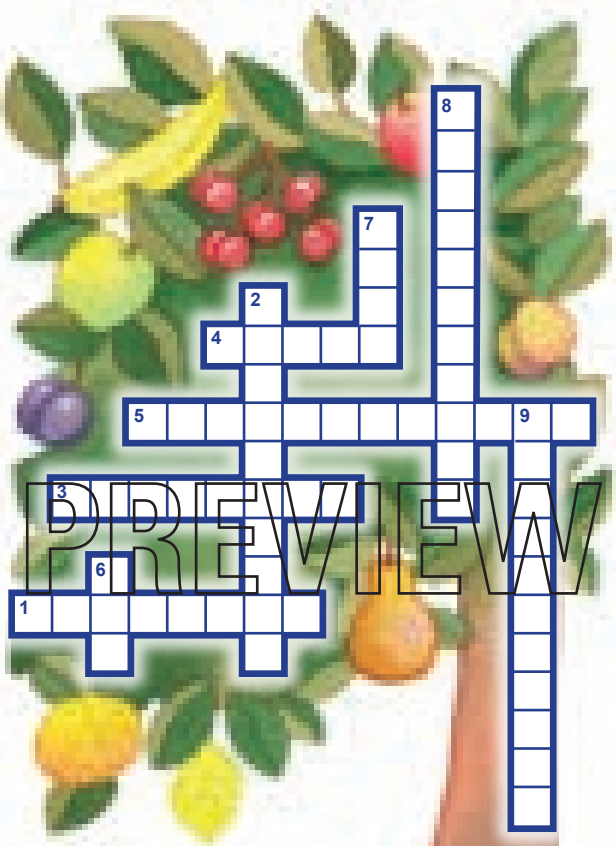
- _____
- _____
- _____



When you're finished with your mural, do an online search of paintings of Pentecost to find out how other artists imagined this day!

Fruit of the Spirit

Read Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) and complete the crossword puzzle on the fruit of the Spirit.



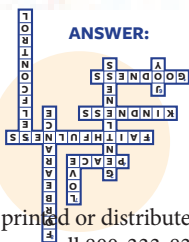
ACROSS

1. The opposite of evil
3. Being nice to others
4. A sense of calmness
5. Being loyal to someone

DOWN

2. Being kind and mild-mannered
6. A deep happiness; being content
7. The opposite of hate
8. Waiting without complaining
9. Keeping your cool; not hot-tempered

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Tongue Twisters

You may have tried these tongue twisters with your group today. See if you can remember each of them—or use them to stump your family! Use the blank spaces at the bottom to come up with some more of your own.



Hole he spare it _____

Rugs she wins _____

Cheese us eel sword _____

Eat earn you'll wife _____

Pie bull store keys _____

Tons love fryer _____

**Make
up your
own!**

ANSWERS: Hole he spare it (Holy Spirit), Rugs she wins (rushing winds), Cheese us eel sword (Jesus is Lord), Eat earn you'll wife (eternal life), Pie bull store keys (Bible stories), Tons love fryer (tongues of fire)

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Dear God . . .

Sometimes it's hard for me to stand up for what I believe because . . .

Sometimes it's hard to tell other kids about you because . . .

I really felt your Spirit in me when . . .

Thank you for promising to always be with me, to help me no matter what! Amen.



If you'd like to listen to the Scripture song you've been hearing in your Marvel group, you can listen or download it at www.dwellcurriculum.org or buy the CD at www.faithaliveresources.org

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In the Name of Jesus

Acts 3

► Email to God

To:

Subject:

Dear God,

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Before and After

Draw a picture of the man who couldn't walk. How do you think he looked before he was healed? How do you think he looked after?

BEFORE

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Imagine . . .

you were in the temple the day the man was healed. What do you suppose he said as he walked and jumped through the temple courts? Write those phrases below.

“ _____
_____ ”

“ _____
_____ ”

“ _____
_____ ”

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How do you think he looked afterwards?

AFTER

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**What do
you suppose . . .**

the people in the crowd said? Write those
phrases below.

“ _____
_____ ”

“ _____
_____ ”

“ _____
_____ ”

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Name Above All Names

Think about the powerful name of Jesus. What other names do we call Jesus? Look up the following verses to find out!



Revelation 1:8: "I am the _____ and the _____"
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Luke 19:38: "Blessed is the _____ who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Revelation 5:5: "See, the _____ of the tribe of Judah..."

Mark 1:3: "Prepare the way for the _____."

Isaiah 9:6: He will be called _____
_____, _____
_____, _____
_____, _____

Which of those names means the most to you?

Why?



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Before the Sanhedrin

Acts 4:1-31

In the dialogue balloons, write what you think each person said during Peter and John's trial.

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Order in the Court

See if you can find each of the words listed below in the puzzle.

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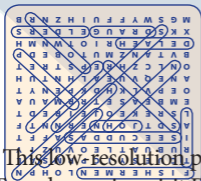


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 Holy Spirit to give y

God, please g

ANSWER TO PUZZLE. FOLD UP
 CORNER WHILE YOU SOLVE!



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ELDERS
 PETER
 FISHERMEN
 POWER
 GUARD
 RULERS
 HEALED
 SADDUCEES
 HEAVEN
 SANHEDRIN
 JESUS
 TEMPLE
 JOHN
 TRIAL
 NAZARETH



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CAN YOU
 FIND THESE
 WORDS!

ge to . . .

ve Peter and John the courage and boldness
 o others about Jesus. Where do you need the
 you courage?

ive me more courage to . . .

Here's What I Can Do

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter and John were not afraid to tell others about Jesus. After each sentence starter below, write or draw ideas of how you can witness to others about Jesus by your words and actions.

At school I can . . .

At church I can . . .

At home I can . . .

With my friends I can . . .

**With people I don't
know I can . . .**

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Did You Know?

Today there are more than 2 billion Christians in the world. However, during the past hundred years, more believers have died for their faith in Jesus than at any other time in history. You can help by praying for Christians who are being persecuted today. Find out more online at the Voice of the Martyrs website or at Kids of Courage magazine (www.kidsofcouragemag.com/publication/).

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The Fellowship of Believers

Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37

The believers in the early Christian community did many things together and for each other. Use the code (below) to help you name these things.

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
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

6 5 12 12 15 23 19 8 9 16

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19 5 12 12 9 14 7 7 15 15 4 19

13 5 5 20 9 14 7 20 15 7 5 20 8 5 18

16 18 1 9 19 9 14 7 7 15 4

5 1 20 9 14 7 20 15 7 5 20 8 5 18

7 9 22 9 14 7 20 15 14 5 5 4 25

16 5 15 16 12 5



In the dish to your right, draw a picture of your favorite meal. How do you think a typical Bible-times meal may have looked like? How do you think people would share with one another?



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A typical biblical dish could have been:

Fill in the Blanks

Read Acts 2:44-47 (NIV) fill in the missing words with a picture.

“All the believers were together and had everything in common and were selling their property and possessions and giving them to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts and shared their meals, eating and drinking with glad and generous hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.”

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g Dishes

rite meal. In the dish to your left, draw what you
e. What types of foods did the early church believ-

My favorite dish is:



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Don't have any ideas about food the New Testament church might have eaten? Try doing an online search on biblical foods!

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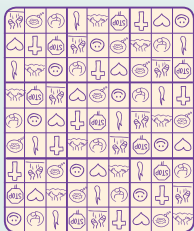
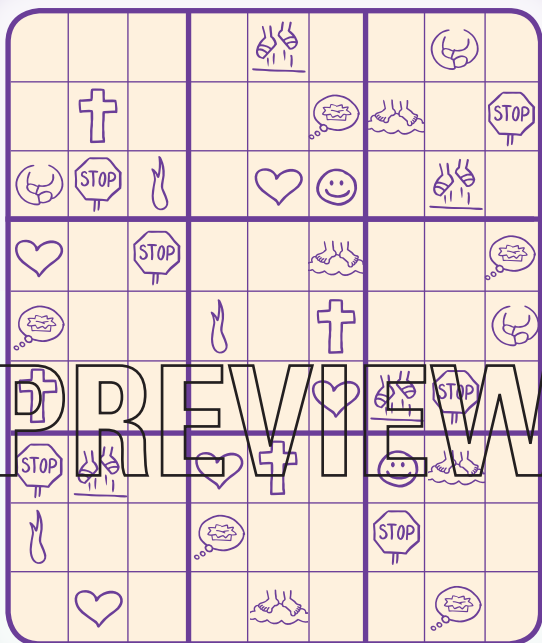
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, praising God and

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Story Symbol Sudoku

Draw in the grid this unit's story symbols in such a way that every row, column and every 3 x 3 box has each symbol inside without repeating any. (Three of the following images are not story symbols— can you guess which ones they are?)



ANSWERS: (page 1)
 Fellowship, Prayer, Breaking Bread,
 Selling Goods, Meeting Together,
 Praising God, Eating Together,
 Giving to Needy People

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