

New lesson plans each Sunday

# GRACE UNITED METHODIST VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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CELEBRATE WONDER™

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## Zacchaeus

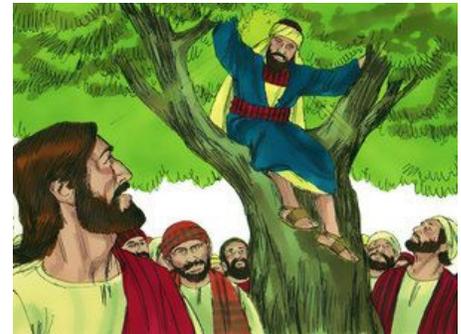
There was a man, Zacchaeus, a tax collector. No one liked tax collectors, especially because Zacchaeus was known to steal and cheat people out of their money. Suddenly, this man was having dinner with Jesus and changing his ways. Was this possible?

It would be frustrating to be in this situation. Why did Jesus choose to have a meal with someone people called a sinner? Zacchaeus wanted to change his ways, and he asked to be forgiven. Zacchaeus had to have been pretty desperate. If you consider this story in today's context, Zacchaeus was like a man on Wall Street. Imagine him wearing a suit and tie, climbing a tree, begging to be noticed. It seems like he really wanted to change.

How do we handle someone who has done wrong and is trying to make things right? How do we participate in forgiveness? Maybe the first step is accepting that people can change—and with the help and guidance of Jesus, we all can learn that there is an opportunity for second chances. We often get wrapped up in a story about a short man in a tree, but this story shares an important message of inclusion and forgiveness.

## Wonder Question

Why did Jesus want to go home with Zacchaeus?



## Spiritual Practice

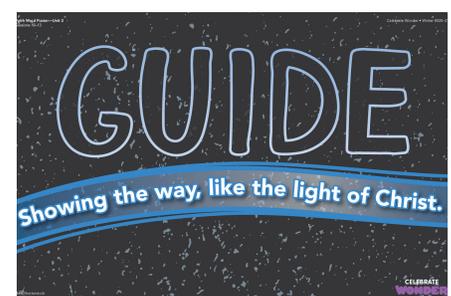
There are many ways to study a Bible Verse and to be guided by what it says.

Use a Bible dictionary or any search engine to look up words from Luke 19:1-10 that you don't understand.

Then try finding pictures of a sycamore tree, a home during the time of Jesus, or the town of Jericho.

Say a prayer of thanks to God for providing so many resources to study the Bible and for giving us Jesus to guide us. Amen.

## Faith Word



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6-11, 2021 from 5:30 pm- 8:00pm

At Vacation Bible School: Knights of North Castle, kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they go on a quest in search of the King's Armor. They will become Knights and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

Pre-K through 5th Grade students are invited to participate and Youth are invited to volunteer.

**SAVE THE DATE**

At this time we are planning to meet in person in a small group setting, but are making preparations for a similar program virtually if needed.



# Follow along in our Bible Story time then roll your wonder cube to answer questions with your family.

## Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

A tax collector named Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus walk through his town. He was too short to see over the big crowd, so he ran ahead and climbed a tree. There, he could see Jesus coming down the road.

When Jesus got to the tree, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down. I must stay at your home." Zacchaeus climbed down the tree, happy to welcome Jesus to his home.

But the crowd was very unhappy with Jesus for spending time with a tax collector. They grumbled because tax collectors were known for being unfair. Zacchaeus heard what the crowd was saying. He looked at Jesus and made this promise, "Lord, I will give half of everything I own to the poor. And if I have cheated anyone, I will repay them four times what I have taken."

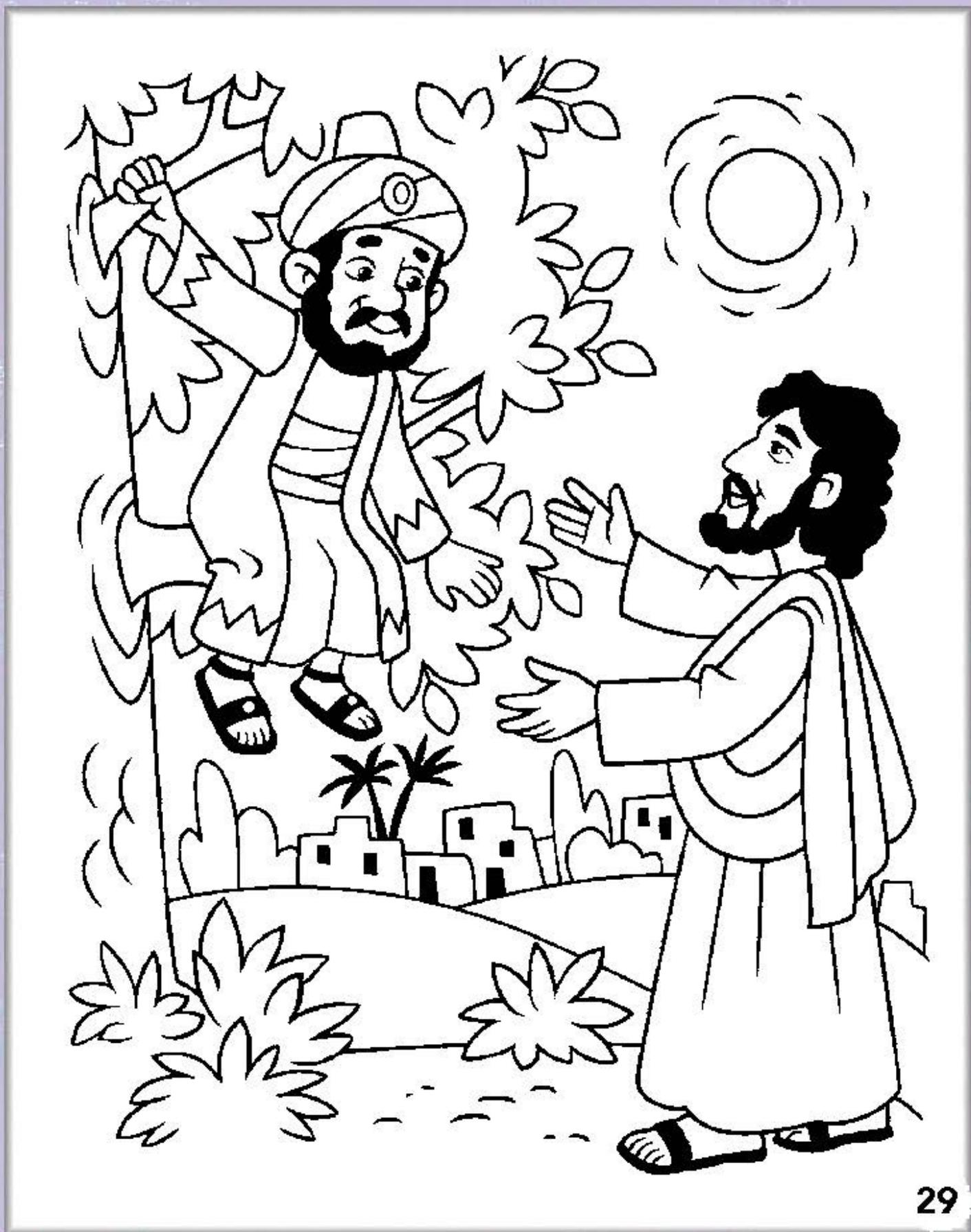
Jesus knew Zacchaeus meant what he said. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, today you have been saved."

Can you find the hearts hidden in the picture?

# Zacchaeus

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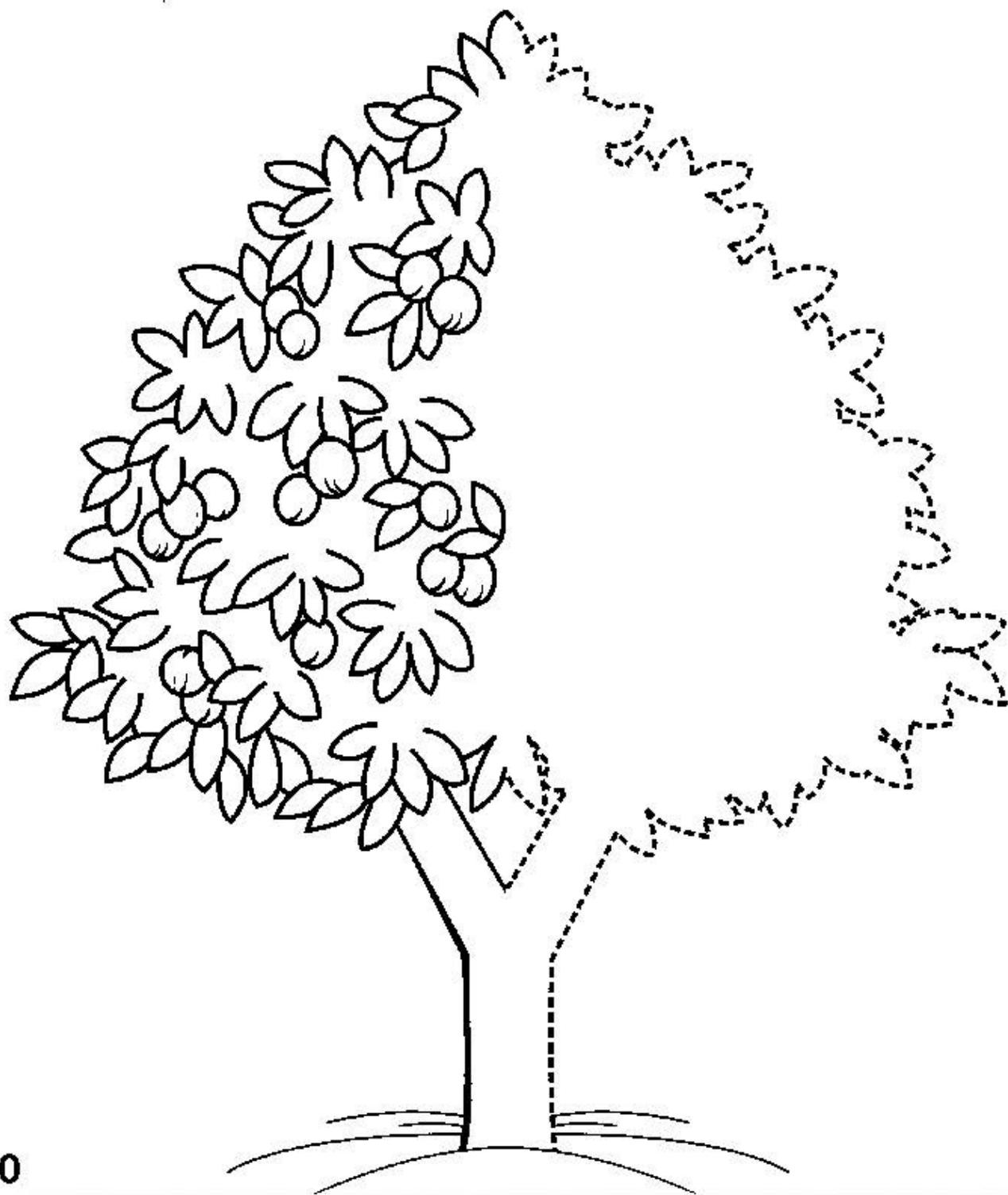


# Zacchaeus

## Sycamore Tree

### Instructions

1. Finish drawing the sycamore tree.
2. Draw Zacchaeus and Jesus in the picture.
3. Color the picture.

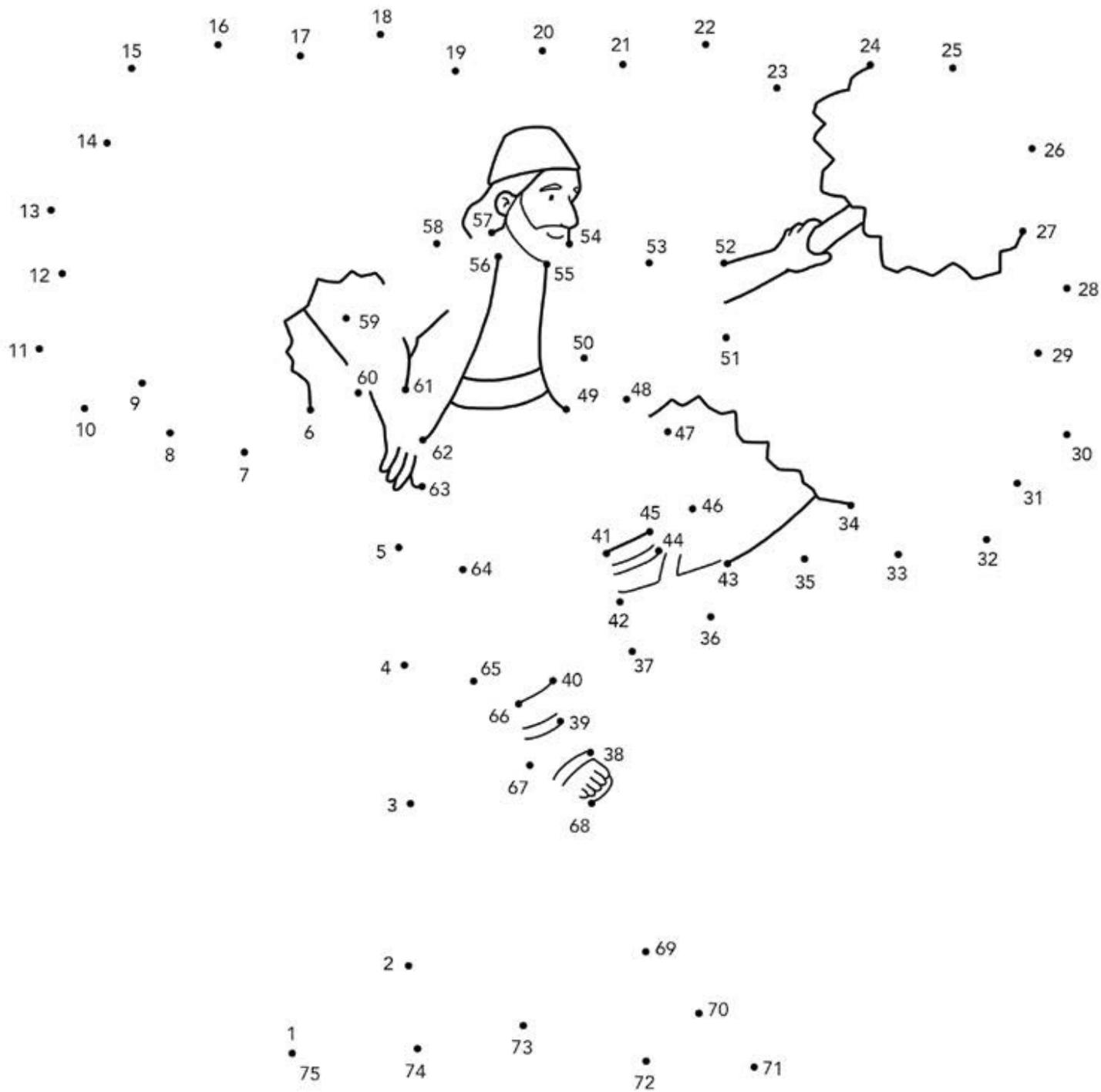


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## In the Story

### Instructions

Follow the dots to discover an image from our Bible story.



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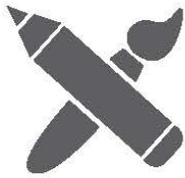
## Tree True or False

### Instructions

Read the statements about trees, and then decide whether you think they are true or false. Mark the true statements with a "T" and the false statements with an "F."

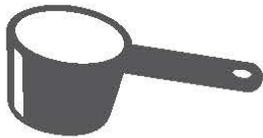


- \_\_\_ 1. Trees are the longest-living organisms in the world.
- \_\_\_ 2. Trees never die of old age.
- \_\_\_ 3. Trees need very little water to live.
- \_\_\_ 4. If you hang something on a tree branch, it will not move higher as the tree grows.
- \_\_\_ 5. Trees are not considered plants.
- \_\_\_ 6. A shrub is a type of plant that has similarities to a tree but does not grow tall enough to be considered a tree.
- \_\_\_ 7. Evergreen trees are trees that lose all their leaves or needles each year.
- \_\_\_ 8. A Christmas tree is usually an evergreen.
- \_\_\_ 9. Arbor Day is a special day when people traditionally plant new trees.
- \_\_\_ 10. Antarctica is the only continent on which trees do not grow.



## Ingredients

½ cup water  
1 tablespoon baking soda  
½ cup rubbing alcohol  
1 teaspoon turmeric



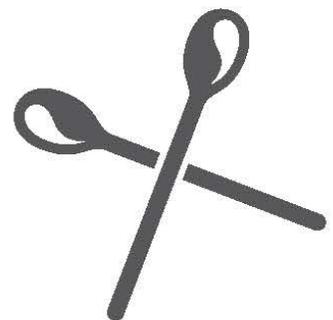
## Directions

Add 1 tablespoon baking soda to ½ cup water, and stir to make “invisible ink.”

Use a paintbrush to draw a picture or write a message on paper with the “ink.”

To make the color-changing solution, add 1 teaspoon turmeric to ½ cup rubbing alcohol.

When the paper is dry, use a paintbrush to apply the color-changing solution to the paper. This will reveal the secret message or drawing!



# AT HOME WEEKLY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

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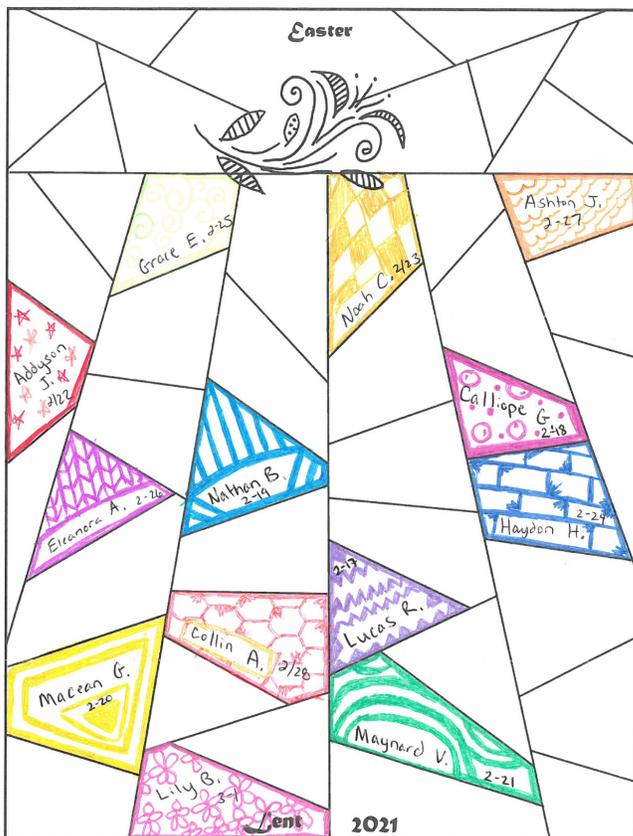
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## Spiritual Practice for Adults

This week, take time to focus on forgiveness. Is there someone in your life against whom you are holding a grudge or anger? Can this person be forgiven? If so, consider what is necessary for you to forgive. Even if you can't do it right away, begin the process of healing yourself by trying to find forgiveness in your heart.

### The Lenten Season

Brock and I are so blessed to get to reach out to your children and youth each week. We are looking forward to seeing them again soon. Together we are taking some time this Lenten season; to fill out the calendars we sent home with the names of each of our different students. To say a prayer for them that they find God in the weeks to come. Thank you for helping them with their weekly lenten activities and guiding them toward the journey to Christ.



You can use this stained glass picture for your spiritual journey as a simple, daily, and playful but serious practice for praying your way through the 46 days of Lent. Each day can be a section for you to choose a word to ponder or a person to pray for. Write the word or name in any allotted space with a pen and draw or doodle around it with the last day being EASTER (day 47). Add color with colored pencils or markers; let the word or name speak to you. If words come to you as you draw, say them as a prayer. If not, just continue to draw, stay quiet, and let the word or name enter into your mind and heart. Returning to the calendar each day for a special time to be present to God and to listen.

Save this page to do this activity for the next 40+ Days

### Week 2 Activities: Coloring Prayer

**A Lenten Journey Week 2 coloring prayer**

Warm-up by drawing some doodles, squiggles, lines, circles, dots, etc. on a piece of blank paper

When Ready follow these directions:

- Take a deep breath and slowly exhale. Repeat a few times. Remember it is a quiet time for your prayer.
- Write God or a favorite name of God (i.e. Gracious God, Loving God, Creator, etc) somewhere on the paper and doodle around the name.
- Take turns sharing a prayer request or praise. Set a timer for about 3 minutes (You can adjust the amount of time depending on age or attention span.)
- Write down the praise/prayer either with words or a picture and then doodle around it while praying.
- Repeat step 3 as many times as desired.
- When you are ready to end, write Amend on your favorite prayer closing somewhere on your paper.
- To learn more about praying in Color, visit [prayersincolor.com](http://prayersincolor.com)

### Week 2:

- 2/22 Addyson Junge
- 2/23 Noah Chartier
- 2/24 Hayden Hane
- 2/25 Grace Eviglo
- 2/26 Eleanora Albert
- 2/27 Haydon Hane
- 2/28 Collin Andre
- 3/1 Lilly Burton.

### Praying with Photos

**A Lenten Journey Week 2 PRAYING WITH PHOTOS**

**PSALM 23:**  
The Lord is my shepherd. In the evening, he lets me rest in grassy meadows; he leads me to restful waters; he keeps me alive. He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no danger because you are with me. Your rod and your staff protect me. You set a table for me right in front of my enemies. You bathe my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over! Yes, goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the Lord's house as long as I live.

**Wonder together**

- I wonder what part of the Psalm you can relate with.
- How does your image relate to the scripture?
- How do you see God in your image?
- If you could choose a different image, what would it be?
- What do you learn about yourself in this scripture?
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**Prayer:**  
Dear God, thank you for Psalms that remind us that you're close to us no matter what is happening in life. Thank you for photographs that capture different emotions and scenes. Help us remember that you are close when we are feeling happy, sad, or afraid. Thank you for your goodness and faithful love. Amen.

Although we can't gather together we can still gather with Christ.

We do miss our church family but the church is WHERE WE ARE!

## **Caterpillars to Butterflies**

**Both a symbol of transformation and resurrection, the butterfly is a mesmerizing creation that captures the beauty of God's creative power. This year, you are invited to see for your own eyes this transformative power through purchasing caterpillars and raising them to butterflies for an Easter morning release! Don't worry! It's simple and plenty of instructions will be provided!**

# *Transformation 2021*



**Order your caterpillars by  
Wednesday, March 3rd, and watch them  
transform into butterflies by Easter**

**All Orders Must be Placed by Wednesday, March 3rd  
in order to have the butterflies at the proper stage for  
an Easter Morning Release!**

**Join us out in the parking lot after Easter Sunday Worship  
to release together.**

You will be notified when they are ready for pick up and your prompt response to pick up is necessary as these are live animals and will need immediate TLC. With your love and attention, the caterpillars will transition through their life cycle before your eyes and will be ready for an Easter release (April 5 @ 11:15 AM) no matter where you are to celebrate.

## Order Form for Butterflies

\$20 per kit

IN YOUR ORDER YOU GET:

5 caterpillars, caterpillar food, Mister, butterfly feeder, sugar, eye dropper, easy instructions, life cycle coloring page. EVERYTHING including a 12 inch Mess NET CAGE.

Name the best way to contact you when the caterpillars arrive:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Kits Wanted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks payable to Grace UMC, earmark 'butterflies'.**

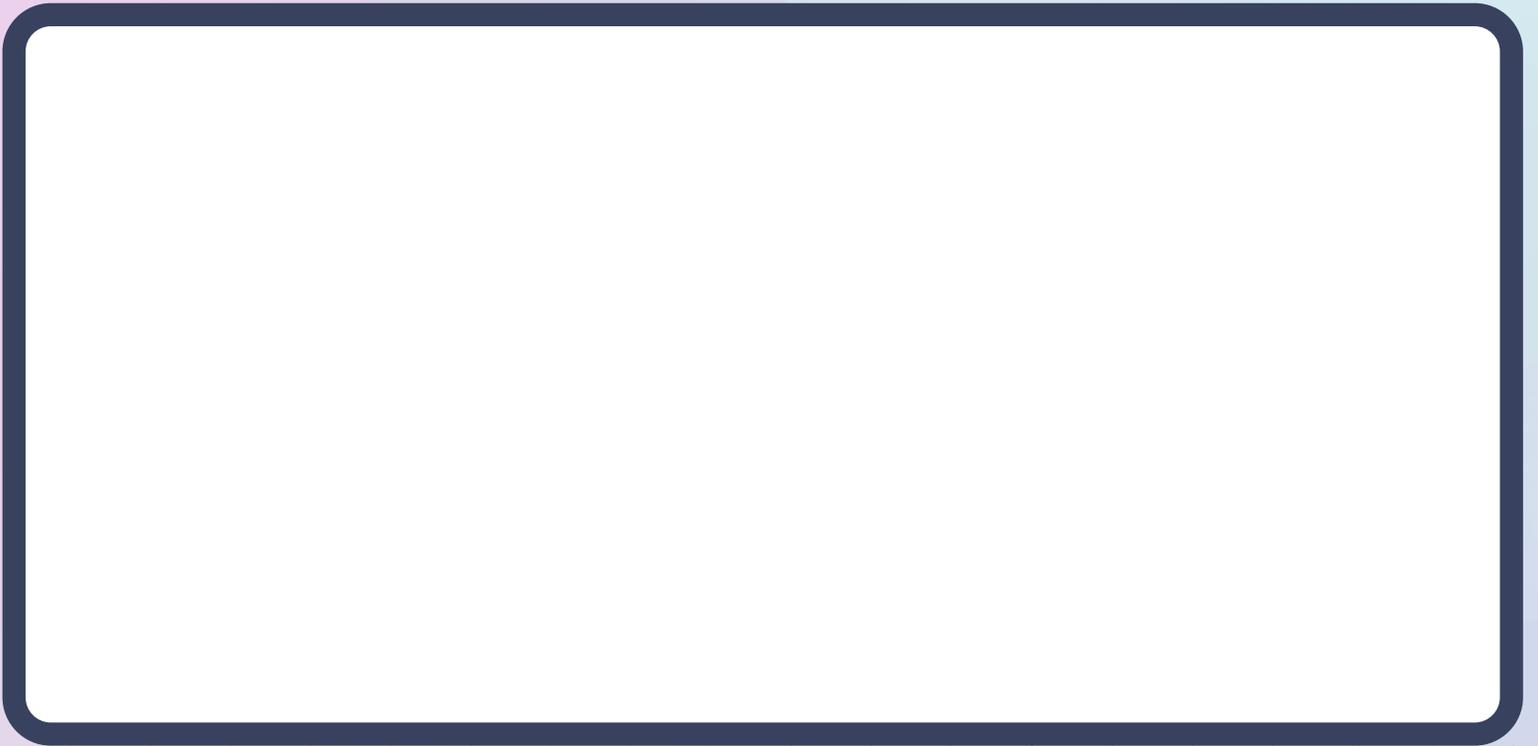
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