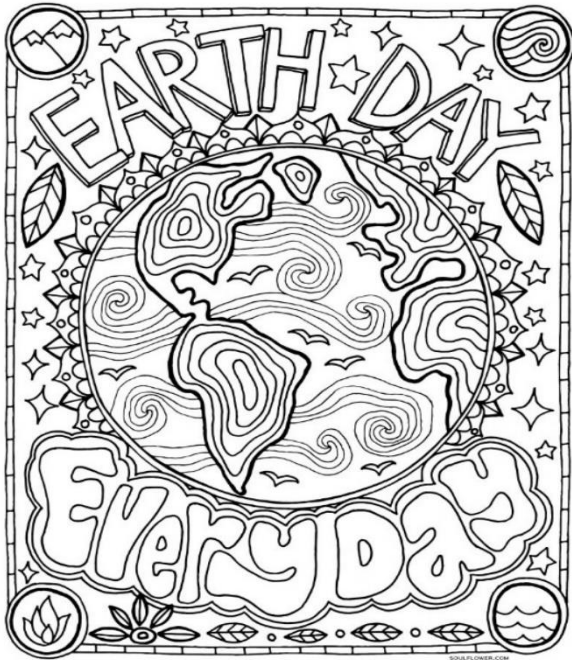


CHILDREN'S BULLETIN
FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
APRIL 18TH, 2021

April 22nd is Earth Day!



When you see this symbol	Let's do this together
	= Sing, Sway, Clap Along, Dance or Shake your Egg Shakers to the Music
	= Let's Bow Our heads and Pray Together as a Church Family (Listen to the words <u>OR</u> Read along if you can)
	= Let's Say The Lord's Prayer Together
	= Listen closely to the Children's Message
	During this time, as you listen to the stories from the bible and the sermon, please enjoy the activities found on the last pages of the Children's Bulletin or other coloring activities throughout the bulletin.



CALL TO WORSHIP (Led by Rachel Cobban)

One: Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that slept!

All: Break forth into song! God has comforted the broken hearted.

One: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory over sin and death!

All: Nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God.

One: Come, let us worship the Living Christ!

HYMN: #253 *Yours Is The Glory, Resurrected One!*



Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;

Conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared,

Do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing;

Tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

INVOCATION (Led Rachel Cobban - join at home)



Gather us God, as a mother hen gathers her chicks. Bring us into the safety of your sheltering peace. We give thanks that you accept us no matter our circumstances, that you love us with undying love. In these moments of worship grace us with your presence. Direct and steady us, challenge and engage us. Ignite our imaginations and when we doubt turn our face to you. In the name of the Resurrected Christ, we ask it. Amen.



SONG OF PRAISE: #236 Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: PASTOR LINDA

Time Especially for Children

Let's sing "Jesus Loves Me"

Come in close and bring your listening ears



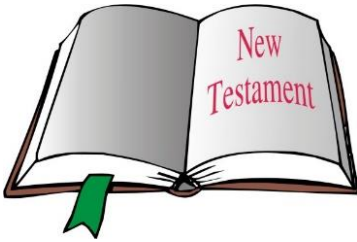
THE LORD'S PRAYER:



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US



NEW TESTAMENT: John 20: 18- 31 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. 19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to



believe.” 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



Sermon: Locked Rooms

During this time, as you listen to the sermon, please enjoy the activities found on the last pages of the Children’s Bulletin.



HYMN: #254 *These Things Did Thomas Count*

These things did Thomas count as real:
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

The vision of his skeptic mind
Was keen enough to make him blind
To any unexpected act
Too large for his small world of fact.
His reasoned certainties denied
That one could live when one had died,
Until his fingers read like Braille
The markings of the spear and nail.

May we, O God, by grace believe
And thus the risen Christ receive,
Whose raw, imprinted palms reached out
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

★ **GOD’S MISSION AMONG US: Family Promise** ★



Sharing Joys and Concerns: Do you have a Joy or Concern you'd like to share with the congregation?

People I Love

My Dreams

My Worries

Date

Thankful For

❤️ Invitation to Generosity: ❤️

Think about how you would like show LOVE to God, others and yourself this week , is their a way you might able to be generous with your *kindness* this week? A smile, opening the door for someone or helping someone

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Led Rachel Cobban)

In these days of worshipping from our homes our ministries continue with great vigor. With our time, we add our treasure so that the new life of Easter might be made known here in our own community and farther still, in all the world. Now is the time for our morning offering.



DOXOLOGY: #780 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Pastor Linda)

We offer these gifts as signs of our love, thanksgiving and devotion God. Receive them we pray and in your great mercy multiply them to serve your Kingdom purposes through us. We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.



WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYERS

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

HYMN: #240 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

“Hasten now to Galilee,” Alleluia!
“Tell the others what you see!” Alleluia!
With excitement trembling, Alleluia!
Off they run, good news to bring, Alleluia!

Christ appears in full array, Alleluia!
Sing with joy this Paschal day, Alleluia!
Christ now from the dead is raised, Alleluia!
Holy Trinity be praised, Alleluia!

BENEDICTION: The Pastor often will give a benediction at the end of service. This is like a special prayer asking for God’s help, guidance and blessing over everyone before the end of service.



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NOTE TO STUDENTS AND FAMILIES: THIS WEEK WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT DOUBTING THOMAS IN SERVICE (THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY) AND THE SEVEN CHOSEN LEADERS IN OUR CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (NARRATIVE LECTIONARY). There are wonderful lessons to be learned from both. Please take this opportunity to share your stories about what you’ve learned with each other among your families and enjoy the activities together! What is different about the lessons and what are the similarities? ❤️

THE DOUBTING THOMAS STORY CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR SPARK STORYBOOK BIBLES ON PAGES 492-495 OR USE THE SCANNED PAGES ATTACHED TO THIS LESSON PLAN
<https://www.ahumc.org/mt-content/uploads/2020/04/childrens-lesson-april-19.pdf>

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WEEK	DOORS	CLOSED
FEAR	PEACE	HANDS
FORGIVE	THOMAS	HOLES
FINGER	EIGHT	BELIEVE





John, the gospel writer, summed up his reason for writing as follows:

Jesus did many other miraculous signs ... But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Find the underlined words in the puzzle.
They are →←↗↘↖↗↓

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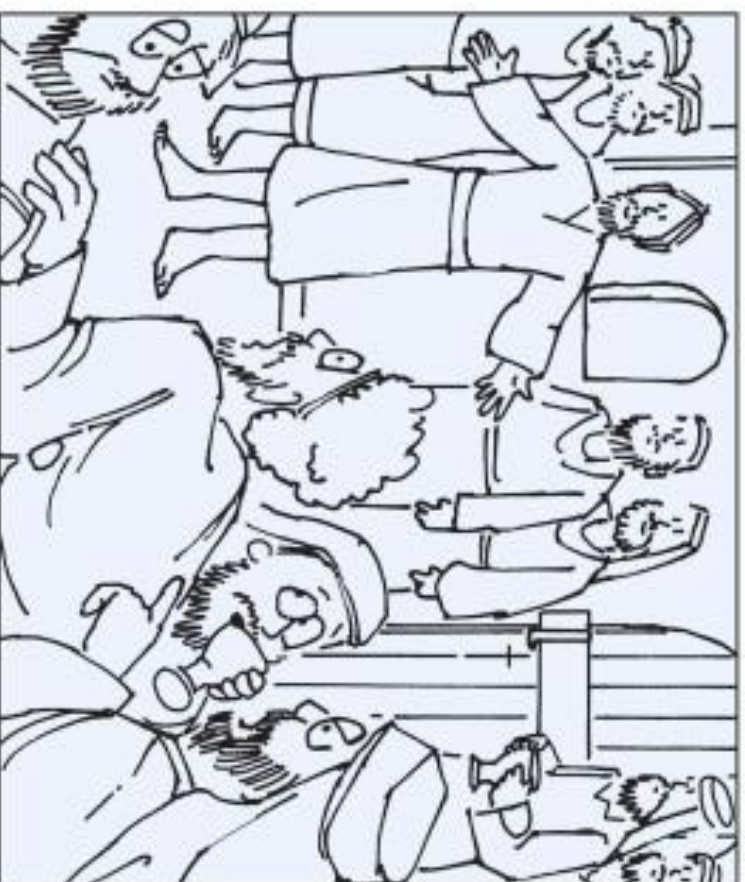
Ages 7+

April 18, 2021 • John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The disciples were together when Jesus appeared to them and said, "Peace be with you."

Find each of the underlined letters hidden below.



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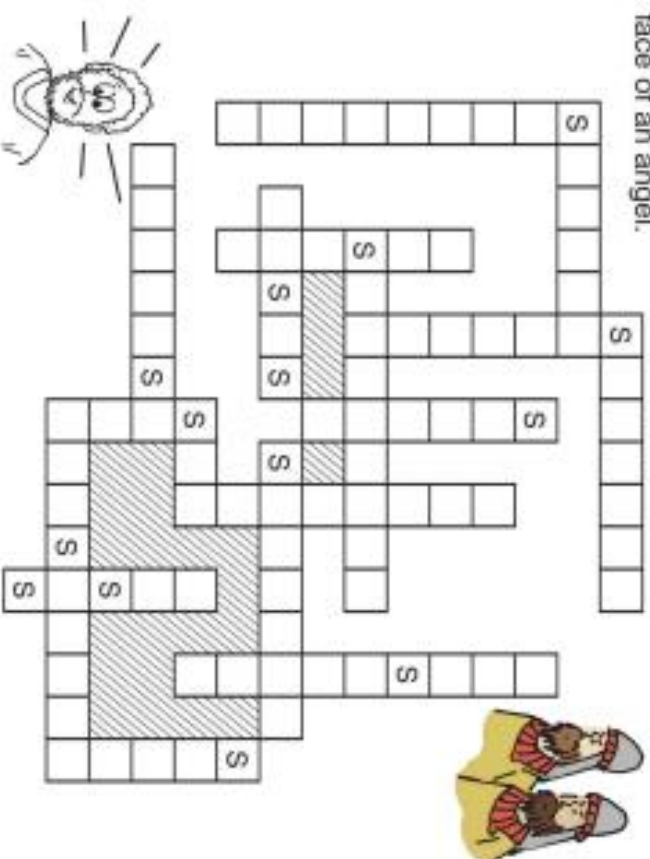


God's workers often run into serious difficulties, but God is always with them.

Fit all the capitalized words in the story into the crossword.

Members of the SYNAGOGUE argued with STEPHEN but could not STAND up AGAINST his WISDOM or the SPIRIT by whom he spoke. They SECRETLY PERSUADED false witnesses to SAY "We have heard Stephen speak BLASPHEMY against MOSES." They STIRRED up the people, SEIZED Stephen and brought him before the SANHEDRIN.

They complained he would not STOP saying that JESUS would change the customs that MOSES had handed down to them. All who were SITTING there saw that his face was like the face of an angel.



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April 18, 2021 • Acts 6:1-15

Seven Leaders Chosen

As the numbers of people in the church at Jerusalem increased, so did the responsibilities of the apostles who led the church.

Supply the same letter in every blank to complete the story.



In those ____ ays when the number of ____ isciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews complaine ____ because their wi ____ ows were

overlooked ____ in the ____ aily ____ istribution of too ____.

The 12 apostles said ____, "It would ____ not be

right for us to neglect the ministry of the Wor ____

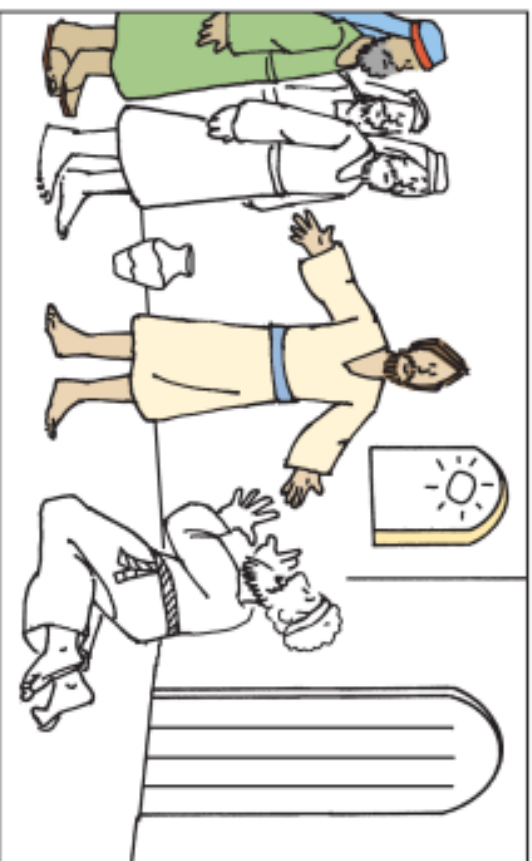
of Go ____ in or ____ er

to wait on tables."



Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

Circle 6 things that are different in the 2nd picture.



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April 18, 2021 • John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the 1st Easter evening, the disciples were together with the doors locked. Suddenly, Jesus came and stood among them!

Find and count the  6 or 7 ?  7 or 8 ?



Certain men of the synagogue
accused Stephen of wrong teaching
and brought him before the council.

Circle 7 things wrong in this picture.



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April 18, 2021 • Acts 6:1-15

Seven Leaders Chosen

The disciples chose 7 men
to help look after the people.

Count the men and trace the numbers.



Stephen



Philip



Procorus



Nicanor



Timon



Parmenas



Nicolas