



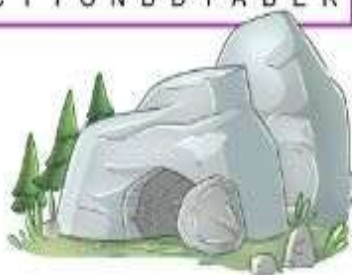
RESURRECTION EASTER

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 HOLY WEEK
 HOPE
 JESUS
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 LOVE
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 PONTIUS PILATE
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Easter is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death on the cross, providing salvation to any who will trust in Him. (Read John 19 and 20.)

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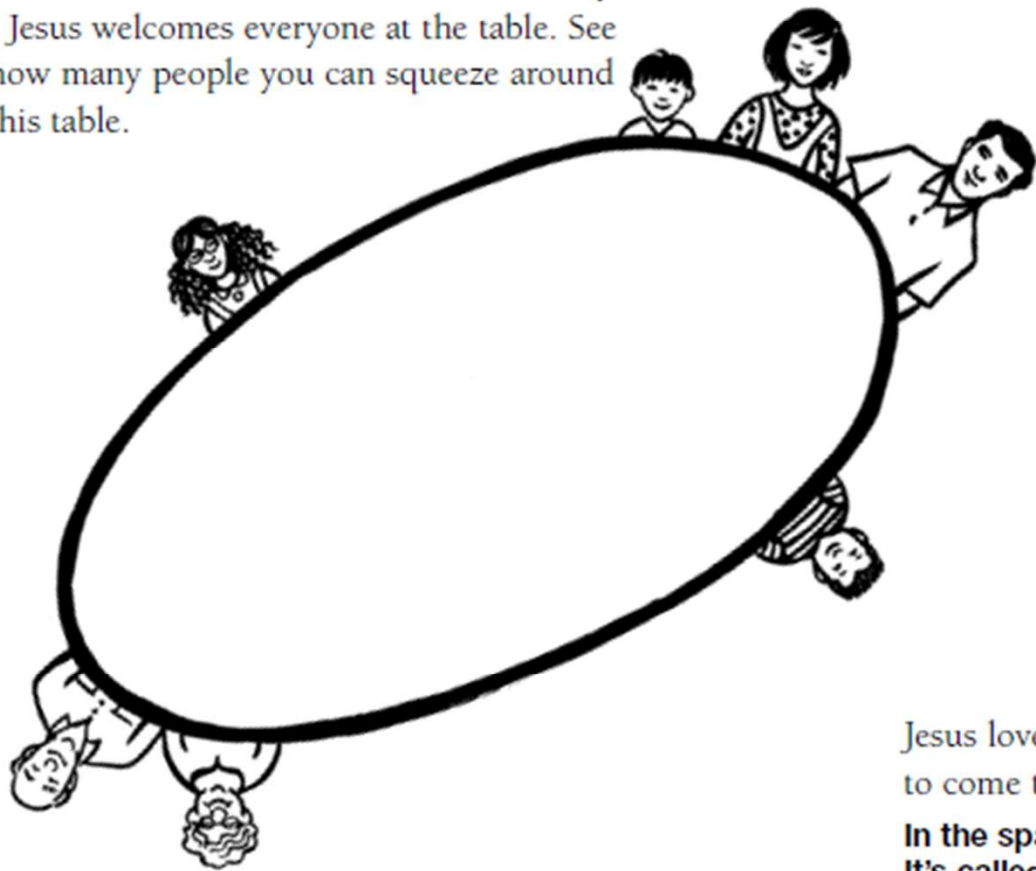
Head room at God's table

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.

LOVE

kind

help

MERCY

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?

Send

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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Lectionary 10



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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?

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It is good

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

God created everything.

Listen as Genesis is read in worship today.

Color the circle by each part of creation as it is mentioned.

Use bright colors to finish coloring the whole picture of God's creation.

Extra challenge: Number the parts of creation in the order they were created according to the reading.



Send

Go into the world

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus sent his disciples to baptize and teach all people.

Send the disciples out through the maze to teach and baptize.



Be with us, Jesus, as we are sent to share your love with others. Amen

This week

Enjoy a triple treat of ice cream—chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla—a three flavors-in-one cone celebration!

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The Holy Trinity

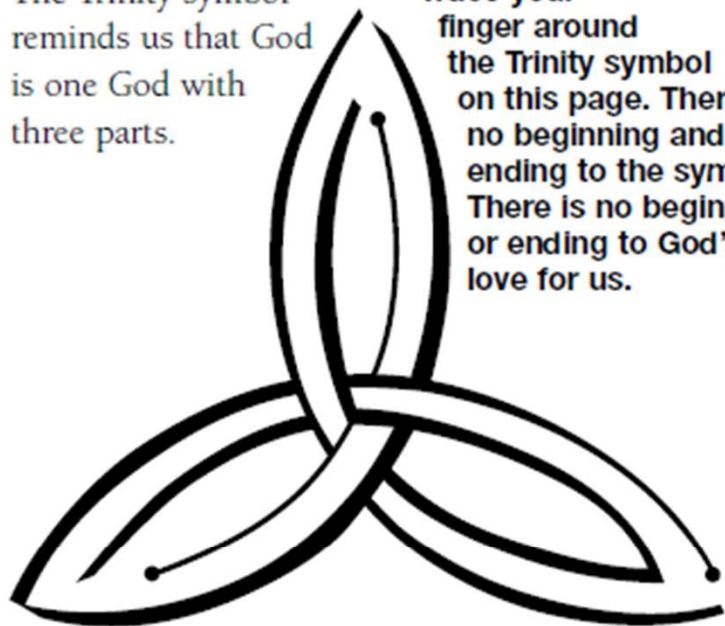


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Welcome to worship. Today is Trinity Sunday. Our God has many names. We worship God as Three-in-One: God our Creator, Jesus Christ our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Advocate.

The Trinity symbol reminds us that God is one God with three parts.

Trace your finger around the Trinity symbol on this page. There is no beginning and no ending to the symbol. There is no beginning or ending to God's love for us.



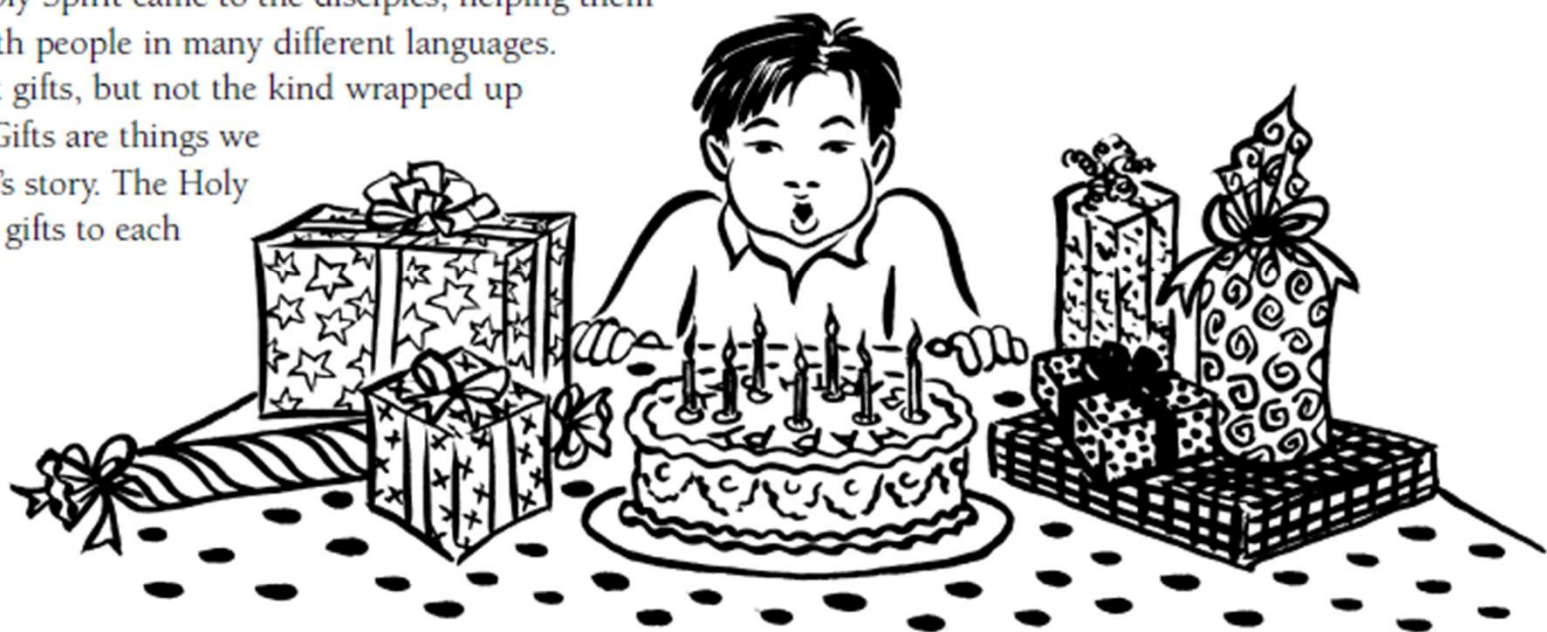
Look around worship for people and things with three syllables in their names. Make a list of the people and include them in your prayers today. Don't forget the ac-o-lyte and mu-si-cians!

hear & Celebrate

Celebrating gifts

Acts 2:1-21

Happy birthday! Pentecost is called the birthday of the church. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to the disciples, helping them share God's story with people in many different languages. We all have different gifts, but not the kind wrapped up at a birthday party. Gifts are things we can do to share God's story. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to each person.



Look closely at these pictures. Color the matching patterns.



Sometimes we have to look closely to see how our gifts fit into God's family. What gift has the Holy Spirit given you?

Send

All around the world

In John 20:19-23 Jesus gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit and a command.

Use the compass directions on the globe to finish Jesus' command.

North=BE

West=YOU



East=WITH

South=PEACE

“ _____ ”
South North East West

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”



Thank you, God for being with us wherever we go. Amen

This week

Summer will be here soon. If you are taking a vacation, do an Internet search or check at your own church office to find a church where you can worship. Or look at an atlas, globe, or map to take an imaginary trip to a place far away. God is with you wherever you go!

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Day of Pentecost



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Welcome to worship. Today is Pentecost, a day of celebration! Circle the color you see in worship today.

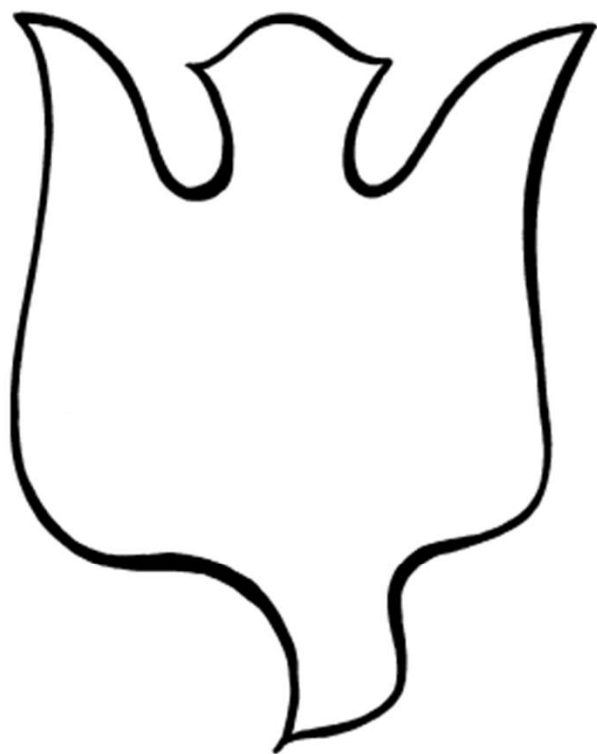
blue white **RED** purple GREEN

A symbol for Pentecost is a flame.



It has been 50 days since Easter Sunday.

Draw 50 flames inside the dove.



In the world as one

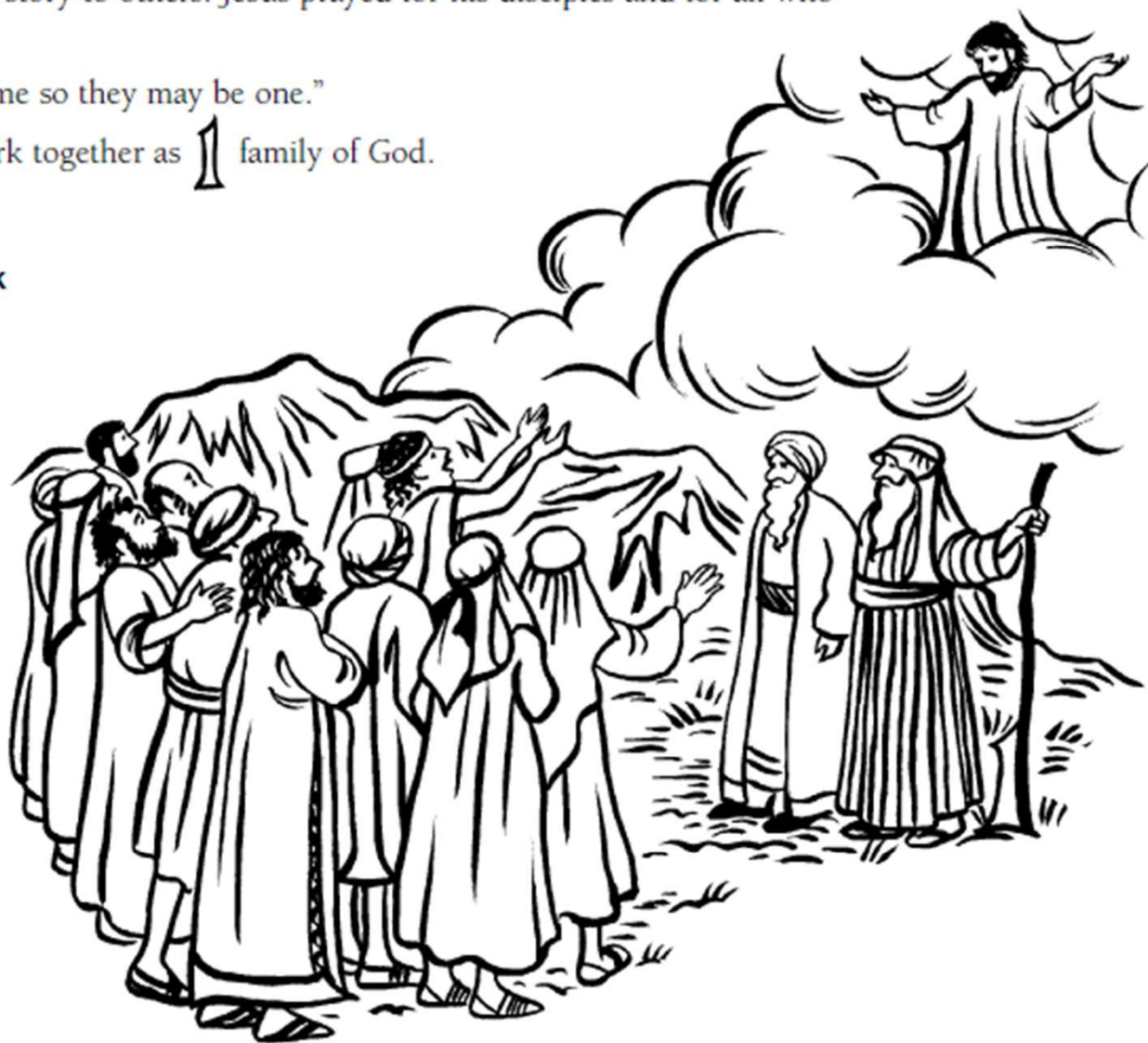
John 17:1-11

Last Thursday marked 40 days after Easter, the day of the Ascension of our Lord. The disciples knew they needed to carry Jesus' story to others. Jesus prayed for his disciples and for all who would follow him:

"Father, protect them in your name so they may be one."

Jesus wanted his followers to work together as **1** family of God.

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



*Make us all one
as a family of God.
Amen*

Send

Christians say a *creed* to tell what they believe about God. Listen as everyone says the Apostles' Creed in worship to hear the words: "On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven."

Draw pictures below to make your own creed. What will your pictures tell about God?

I believe in God who made all things.

I believe in Jesus who died and rose again.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who is with me all the time.

This week

Look for red clothing to wear to church or red flowers to bring to worship next Sunday for Pentecost.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to worship.

Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter.

Circle today's date on the calendar.

EASTER DAYS

	Sun.	M	T	W	Th	F	S
EASTER DAY							
2 nd SUNDAY of EASTER							
3 rd SUNDAY of EASTER							
4 th SUNDAY of EASTER							
5 th SUNDAY of EASTER							
6 th SUNDAY of EASTER							
7 th SUNDAY of EASTER							
PENTECOST							

Number of days since Easter Sunday:

Number of days until Pentecost:

Add the two numbers plus one for today to find the total number of Easter days.

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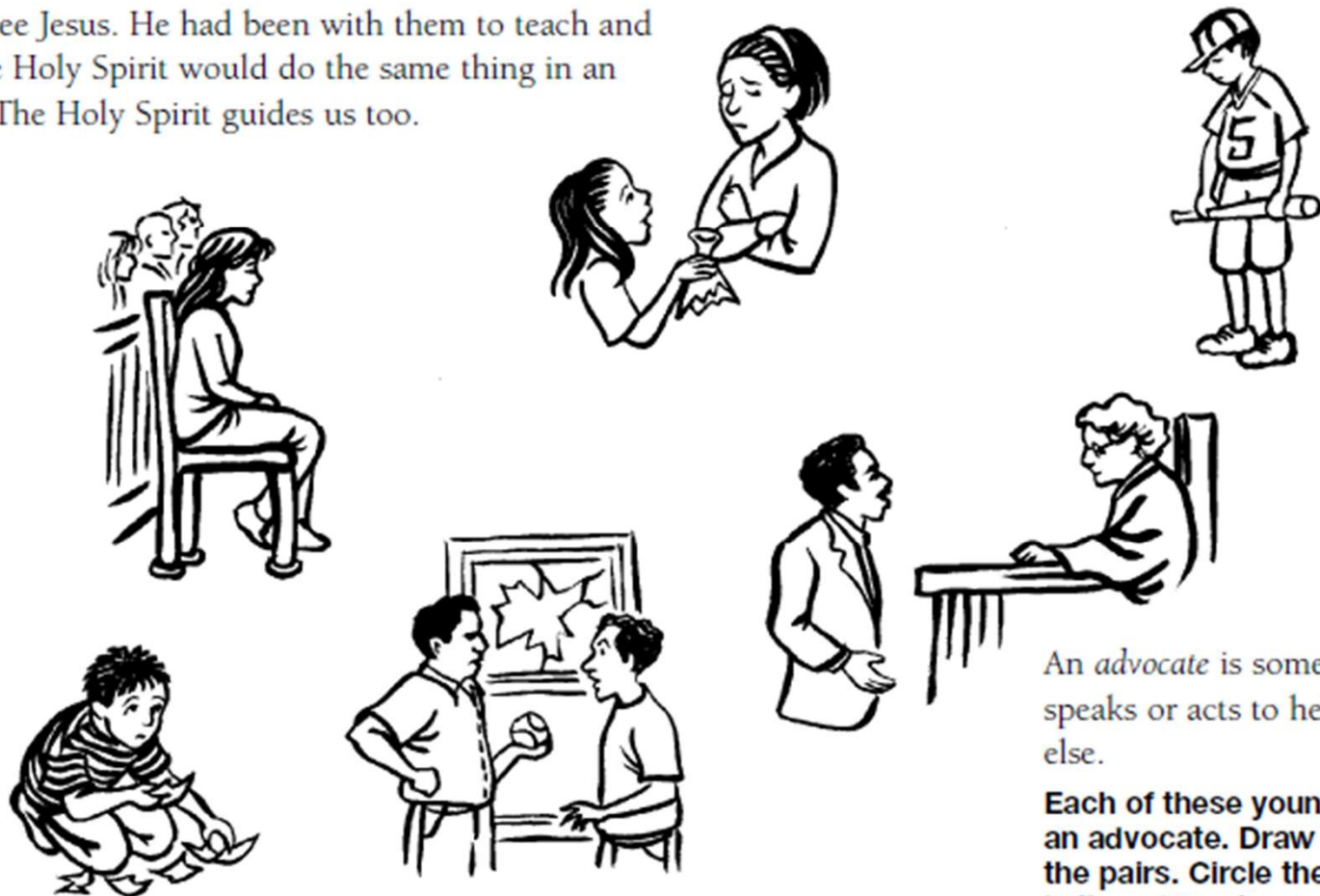
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An advocate

John 14:15-21

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples. He calls the Holy Spirit the *Advocate*.

The disciples could see Jesus. He had been with them to teach and guide them. Now the Holy Spirit would do the same thing in an unseen way forever. The Holy Spirit guides us too.



An *advocate* is someone who speaks or acts to help someone else.

Each of these young people has an advocate. Draw lines to match the pairs. Circle the person who is the advocate.



Help us hear you speaking to us, God.
Help us speak to others about you. Amen



Notice unseen things during worship by hearing, touching, smelling and tasting.

Send

Sharing the good news

The Holy Spirit is with us to help us share Jesus' story with others.

Circle things in the picture we can use to:

- Listen to someone reading Bible stories
- Write a letter inviting your friend to worship
- Send an e-mail message to cheer up a sad friend
- Sing a Sunday school song together
- Look at Bible storybooks
- Call a friend with an invitation to come to Sunday school



This week

Listen to the Holy Spirit. Which friends or neighbors need your help this week?

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Sixth Sunday of Easter



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Welcome to worship.

Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. All our senses help us to worship God. In worship today think about the different ways you use your senses—seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, and tasting.

Seen

Unseen





Draw something you see at worship.

Little Norway

MAY 2026

Spirit Creek

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
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Holy Communion 9:15 am Worship @ SC 9:15 am SS @ LN 10:15 am SS @ SC 10:45 am Worship @ LN 11:45 am Worship Committee @ LN	3	4	5	6:00 pm  Ladies Spring Fling	7	8	9	
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9:15 am Worship @ SC 10:45 am Worship @ LN	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Memorial Day							
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