



Sunday Worship

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having a bit of nostalgia for some of the old Disney classics so Lisa and I made the decision to go see Aladdin. One of my kids said "Dad, you won't fall asleep on this one." (I have been known to sleep through a few movies in my day.) This movie

was a great choice on a rainy day. I held my own staying awake and came away challenged, to my surprise, by the movie.

Rough

Like Aladdin, many of the Bible characters we know and love had lowly beginnings such as Moses, who began his life in a basket, and Joseph who was sold as a slave. David began his journey as a shepherd boy but God saw him as a king. Then there are the disciples. Mathew was a tax collector who left it all to follow Jesus. Peter, James and John were fishermen in whom Jesus saw a much larger role with their lives than catching fish. Jesus said himself, "now you will catch men for the Kingdom." Mary Magdalene had a total life change. Her life's purpose changed just by knowing and following Jesus. One my favorites is Saul, a man who persecuted Christians for a living. After he had his encounter with God things were different and he became Paul.

There are several things I thought about watching Aladdin. In the original animated film, Aladdin is called "a diamond in the rough." He's an unlikely hero, who is given an opportunity to grow beyond his life's circumstances. The difference between us and Aladdin is that he had just 3 wishes. We know an eternal God through Jesus Christ and if we simply surrender our lives and circumstances it can be a whole new world for eternity. (Now that's something worth sharing!)

I was reminded by something I read from Rick Warren recently about trusting God no matter the circumstances. I found this encouraging and I'd like to share with you:

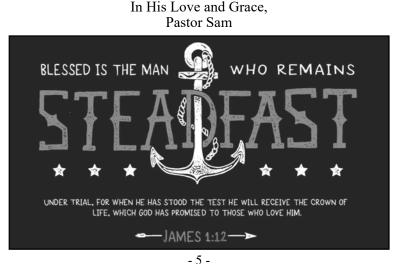
When you can't count on anything else, you can count on

God and the promises of God. We have the power of Jesus Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit to guide us every day.

That's what Paul told his shipmates when they were being battered by a storm in Acts 27. All looked lost. But God had told Paul that they all would be safe. Paul trusted God and told the others: "So take courage, men, because I believe God that it will be just the way it was told to me" (Acts 27:25 CSB). Paul didn't place his faith in the ship or the captain. Paul trusted God. That boat wasn't going to last forever. Paul understood that, but he knew the promises of God would last.

Are you trying to put your trust in a puny lifeboat? Maybe it's your sparkling personality. You're sure that you can get through anything because your personality will shine through. Maybe it's your looks. They've always been the key to your success. You figure you can lean on your looks when troubles hit. Maybe it's your money. You plan to buy yourself out of whatever problem you face. But all of those puny lifeboats will someday perish. The only safe place to be in the middle of a storm is directly in the center of God's will. Just ask Paul. Acts 27 ends with an incredible comeback—the Bible says "everyone escaped safely to shore" (Acts 27:44 NLT.) Like they always have, God's promises came true—even though things might not turn out like we planned or hoped for. When you lean on God's promises during a storm, you won't be the only one who is helped. God just might save the whole ship.

Let's trust Him together and see what he has in store for the future.







#### **BAPTISM**

If you are interested in being baptized on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, please let the church office know or sign up on Sunday using the tear off in your bulletin. Any questions, please see Pastor Sam, Shawn or Matt.





#### ROBERT'S POOL 215 HILLCREST AVE. COLLINGSWOOD NJ

### Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 12 noon.

All are welcome to the FUMC picnic at Robert's Pool. Everyone needs to bring their own chairs (if you have them), beverages, and a side dish or dessert to share. The hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Tickets will be sold beginning in the middle of July to those who are not members of the pool. The cost will be \$5 per person. The tickets will be available the Sunday after sign up. The money is due at the time of pick up. Tickets will not be sold at the pool. Those who are members of the pool just show up! We do need everyone who plans to attend to sign up on the tear off part of the bulletin. This will ensure enough food for all! See you there!



In July we will begin a series: How God Meets Our Needs (The Names of God)

A. W. Tozer once stated, "What comes into our minds when we think about God can be the most important thing about us." The prophet Daniel said, "...the people who know their God will display strength and take action" (Daniel 11:32b). The purpose of this sermon series is that by understanding God's names, we will get to help us know Him better and live our lives more confidently making a difference with His love and grace daily.

July 7	"What a Name to Know" Communion	Psalm 75:1 Philippians 2:9-11
July 14	"He Can Do It! God the Creator (Elohim)"	Genesis 1:1
July 21	"God the Lord He's in Charge (Adonai)"	Genesis 15:1-2
July 28	"God our Peace (Jehovah Shalom)"	Judges 6:24
August 4	<i>"God Provides (Jehovah Jireh)"</i> Communion	Genesis 22:14
August 11	Baptism Service - Combined	
August 18	"God the Almighty One (El Shaddai)"	Genesis 17:1
August 25	"The God Who is There! (Jehovah Shammah)"	Ezekiel 48:35

**<u>GAME NIGHT</u>** – held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Stokes Dining Room. Feel free to bring, your favorite game or come and learn a new one! Also, bring your favorite snack to share. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please See Emily Davis.





# Summer Adult Sunday School/Discipleship Classes Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> through Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Fellowship and donuts in the Great Room: 9:30 – 9:50 am

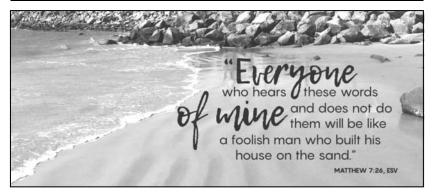
### Discipleship Study/Teaching in the Parlor (Room 204): 9:50 – 10:30 am

### **Parables of Jesus**

During Jesus' earthly ministry, one of the ways He would instruct His disciples was through parables. People would gather from far and wide to listen to what Jesus said about the kingdom of God, and the most common way He would explain the kingdom was in parables. But what does God want us to learn from these parables? In this summer series, we will examine several parables of Jesus, exploring the rich truths they reveal about who Jesus is and what He came to achieve through His life, death, and resurrection.

Date	Teacher	Parable	Verse
July 7	Leon Fraley	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:29-37
July 14	Steve Schoch	The Speck and the Log	Matthew 7:1-5
July 21	George Plotts	The Sower	Matthew 13:1-23 Mark 4:1-20
July 28	Susan Gibbins- Davis	The Mustard Seed	Matthew 13:31-32 Mark 4:30-34
Aug. 4	Guest Teacher!!	The Heart of Man	Matthew 15:10-20 Mark 7:14-23
Aug. 11	Matt Peace	Laborers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
Aug. 18	Ruth Anne Detwiler	Ten Talents or Gold Coins	Matthew 25:14-30
Aug. 25	Carol Doron	The Lost Sheep	Matthew 18:10-14

Date	Teacher	Parable	Verse
Sept. 1	Janice Bittle	The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
Sept. 8		The Pharisee and the Tax Collector	Luke 18:9-14



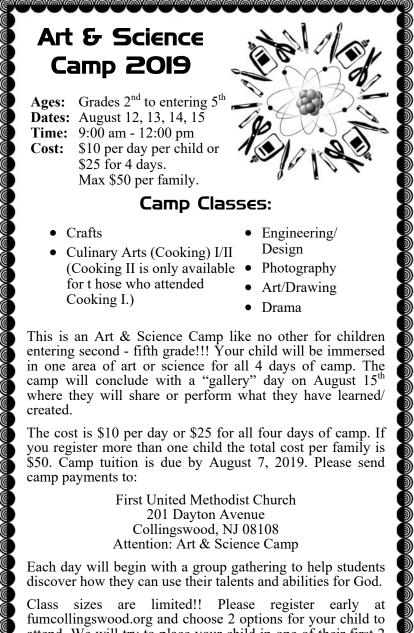


South Seaville Camp Meeting Sunday, July 14 thru

Sunday, July 28

## **Erma Camp Meeting**

Friday, July 19 thru Sunday, July 28



Cooking I.)

Drama

This is an Art & Science Camp like no other for children entering second - fifth grade!!! Your child will be immersed in one area of art or science for all 4 days of camp. The camp will conclude with a "gallery" day on August 15th where they will share or perform what they have learned/ created.

The cost is \$10 per day or \$25 for all four days of camp. If you register more than one child the total cost per family is \$50. Camp tuition is due by August 7, 2019. Please send camp payments to:

> First United Methodist Church 201 Dayton Avenue Collingswood, NJ 08108 Attention: Art & Science Camp

Each day will begin with a group gathering to help students discover how they can use their talents and abilities for God.

Class sizes are limited!! Please register early at fumcollingswood.org and choose 2 options for your child to attend. We will try to place your child in one of their first 2 choices. If the classes are full, we will notify you by phone or email.

# **SUMMER SERVICE PROJECTS**

August 3 - Upper Darby, PA 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

We will be doing an outreach in the park near their church. We will be grilling hotdogs and chicken, playing kids games, handing out fliers and engaging the community. We will meet at our church at 10am and drive over together. Back home by 3pm. Bring lawn games, lawn chairs and dress for being outside.

> August 17 - Pine Hill, NJ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

We will be doing construction work at Soul Cafe in Pine Hill, NJ. Soul Cafe is a Methodist Church that we partner with. They need help in yard work, painting, light construction, etc. Dress to get dirty and to be outside. We will be assigned projects to help them get their building in order.





## **Further Education**

**Julia Rizer** – Her proud Mom, Nancy Masarek, would like to acknowledge her for her hard work getting through the Camden County Police Academy. She graduated on June 5<sup>th</sup> and will be a Police Officer with the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA.)

**James Dean Stefano Jr.** finished his Internal Medicine Residency Program. He will be starting as a Hospitalist at Temple University Hospital in July.

### **College**

**Dayna Plumlee** graduated from Rowan College at Burlington County with an Associate's Degree in Deaf Studies.

**Maxwell Schoch** graduated from Rowan University in December 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Physics with a minor in Astronomy. He is now in Rowan University's Master of Arts in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Program.

**Tyler Benjamin Wertz** graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. He is currently working at the Hispanic Family Center in Camden, NJ. He hopes to continue assisting people to get the services and help that they need.

## High School

**Noelle Crowley** graduated from Haddon Township High School and will be attending Messiah College with a major in biology.

Christian DeRue graduated from Collingswood High School and will be attending Camden County College.

**Samantha Hamrick** graduated from Collingswood High School. She will be attending University of Mount Olive with a major in elementary education and special education.

**Daniel Latch** graduated from Collingswood High School. He will be attending Rutgers Camden.

Aria Walker graduated from Haddon Township High School. She will be attending Messiah College with a major in Musical Theatre.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Sebastian Chamberlain** graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Collingswood Middle School and will be attending Collingswood High School in September.

**Ethan DeRue** graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Collingswood Middle School and attending Collingswood High School in September.

**Ean Isaac Meyers** – Stella Academy Home Education 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate. Continuing at Stella Academy for high school with planned dual enrollment at Rowan College at Gloucester County.

**Miles Tribulas** graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from Collingswood Middle School and will be attending Collingswood High School in September.

# **Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients**

Aria Walker Samantha Hamrick Daniel Latch Noelle Crowley Vanaman Scholarship FUMC Scholarship FUMC Scholarship FUMC Scholarship

... DO NOT LET WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING OUT OF YOUR SIGHT, PRESERVE SOUND JUDGEMENT AND DISCRETION; THEY WILL BE LIFE FOR YOU...

PROVERBS 3:21-22, NIV

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#### Bevan Greiner, Family Christian Inspiration, PA

For our family, this Mother's Day takes on a particularly special meaning. As many of you know, our daughter Dallas and her husband Rob, after two miscarriages were led to adopt their first daughter in 2016, Layla Claire! What a treasured gift to our entire family from the gracious hand of God. Then, after eight years of praying, in God's timing and according to His perfect plan, Rob announced in September of 2018 that they were expecting! And now after a complication-free pregnancy, it is our pleasure to announce the birth of our little granddaughter, Piper Hope Bailey! Born March 23, 2019. A 6lb 14oz bundle of joy...once again from the gracious hand of God.

Beloved, God could have chosen in His sovereign will to withhold any biological children from them and they (and we) were prepared to receive that answer with trusting hearts. Dallas and Rob exemplified the contentment and tranquility that God alone can give when He chooses to answer our prayers with either a "no" or "wait a while." What a joy as their parents to see their trusting hearts! But we never stopped praying! And then..."For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition..." 1 Samuel 1:27a. God granted what only God could grant!

So, we thank you dear friends for all who have prayed along with us, not only during the years leading up to the pregnancy, but for the pregnancy itself along with a smooth delivery... and of course for a healthy baby girl. Now, we invite you join us in praise and thanksgiving for this treasured miracle of His grace! And pray that both Layla Claire and Piper Hope will come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and that God will use us as instruments in His hands in these precious girls lives to declare how faithful, good and trustworthy our great God is.

#### Don and Ester Parsons, Send International, MI

Thank you for praying for our trip to Ukraine. As we exited the plane, we felt that we were in our old home with a new feel—so much the same; so much different. Spending time with Ukrainian pastors and old friends was a highlight. Young men who were studying in seminary and helping us in our church plant 19 years ago are now key leaders in the seminary, training up the next generation. While a simple Google search will remind you that there are some great national crisis continuing in Ukraine, God is building His church and we are thankful!

**Hope Church** – We were able to visit Hope Church, the church we assisted in planting back in the early 2000s. It was a critical time for us to visit. I can't tell what a joy it was to see those who we once baptized as teenagers, now as young adults serving faithful in the church. It was also such an encouragement to be with the sweet grandmas who loved us well as we were raising our young family. However, the church is struggling and division has crept in. Please pray for the church to have unity and that the Lord would provide godly leadership.

**Ukrainian Missions** – Many churches in Ukraine have caught the vision of missions. Ukraine has huge Kingdom potential to impact the nations for Jesus. We went to a mission conference where about 500 people gathered to pray for the unreached and to consider how they could be involved. How else will God use the Ukrainian church in Central Asia, Asia, the Middle East and beyond? And does God want us to play a role in His plans there?

We continue to plan for a trip to Russia this summer to assist a local team and work with a Russian pastor with a vision for a Russian mission. Pray that God would provide for our visas. Most of our support has come in for this trip. Thank you!

#### Tim and Jacki Faulkner, Italy

On January 27, 2019, we met an important goal when Danilo Bozza took the baton to become the Lead Pastor of Il Faro international Baptist Church. Similar to two years ago when the church was deciding about Danilo as an Associate Pastor, if the vote had been negative, we would have been thrust into a time of soulsearching about who might lead the church in the future. Obviously, it was a big decision and Danilo came through with another unanimous affirmative vote.

With Danilo, we had ten years to develop him to become Lead Pastor. He started coming to Naples on weekends while attending the Bible school in Rome. After a year of working with our youth group, he asked me to mentor him. Many others also invested in his life. The following year, he completed Bible school and requested to come as an intern. We decided to offer him some financial support and committed to five years.

Three years ago, the elders decided that Danilo's contribution to our church was best described with the title of Associate Pastor. The church approved. Danilo had preached the

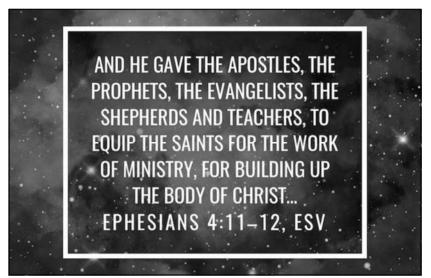
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first of many sermons and begun to shift out of youth ministry into more responsibility for the whole church. He had responded to the elders regarding his understanding of calling to ministry. He had also begun to provide leadership of the elder board meetings as well as the ministry coordinators.

Passing the baton of pastoral leadership is part of the DNA of II Faro and is what makes this such a special church. Italy has seen many churches started and very few successfully turned over to well-prepared successors. Those of you who have known Jacki and me for a long time will recognize this as the primary need that led us to work in Naples with the philosophy of ministry of church planters Tim and Marcia Monahan.

As Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:11-12, God's work always outlasts us, but never overlooks us. The expansion of God's kingdom through local churches who make disciple makers requires us to have multigenerational focus and widespread participation. In other words, Missionaries, Pastors and anyone else who stewards the ministry are neither immortal nor indispensable. This might be an uncomfortable realization. It means that we must move on from what we have seen God create. We hate to leave ministry and people that we love, but if we don't develop others and pass the baton then we limit a church's ability to succeed long-term. So you can imagine how grateful Jacki and I are. God has been good to provide for His work in this way. Your prayers and support have also made this possible. Please celebrate with us! In our next letter, we'll tell you what this means for us.







Why is it that we humans are never satisfied? It seems as though whatever we have, we want more, or we want something else entirely. Especially when we see someone who has something that we think would make us happy. It seems as though we are built with a need to always be searching for something to fulfill us. Yet when we finally achieve our goal and get the thing we were yearning for, we still feel empty.

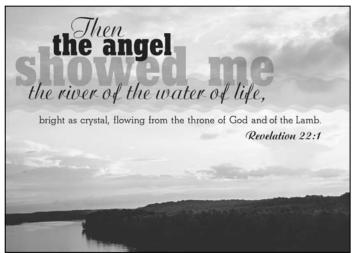
We are empty because there is no relationship, or material item, or job title, or amount of money, that can satisfy us completely. When we place our priorities in the wrong order, our lives will reflect that misalignment. We feel unsettled, which leads us to searching for that elusive "something." We will never find it, because the only thing which will fill that hole, is God. He and He alone can satisfy the longing in our souls. We can lose everything...absolutely everything, and still have all we need if we have Jesus.

He wants us to come to him and rely on him. This often takes a leap of faith. When the bank account is low and you don't know how you will pay this month's bills, or when you can't see the solution to a problem that is weighing you down, it's hard to let go of the worldly things or people in which we place our trust and security. But Jesus tells us, "*I am the bread of life; whoever comes*  to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35

So we must take care not to make idols of other things, and especially not other people. Often special people come into our lives such as spouses, friends and children who love us, minister to us, help us heal, and share our joys and sorrows. But we must remember that God is the source of this love. He uses these people to show how much he cares for us. Remember to keep God first in line for your adoration and gratitude, and the rest will fall into their appropriate places in your life. Then you will find that you aren't feeling the need to search for something else, because you will have everything you need right in front of you.

It doesn't mean that all of our worries and problems will have pat, happy answers. But it does mean that God is already there, and he knows what is needed. "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together." Colossians 1:16-17. I take great comfort in the last line of this verse. Knowing that he is omnipotent and omnipresent gives me the ability to release control, and relax into his sovereignty. There is an amazing peace that comes with this release.

Please remember to keep in prayer these friends and church family members who have special needs: *Harold and Marion Shallcross, Carolyn Alexander, Betty Alber, Elizabeth Hollows, Bea Williams, Jantzen Aurig, Audrey Diehl, Arnie Arnold, Cheryl Averell, David Shropshire, Holly Gibbons.* 





- July 4 Karisa Pascall July 5 Jonathan Schwehm July 6 Judy Boswell Bob Brown Jean Robb Alden Walker July 9 Maria Gianfrancesco July 10 Andrew Boswell July 11 Eric Van Pelt July 14 Mackenzie Hemphill July 15 Kristin Hosking July 19 Leon Fraley Stephany Nielsen Margie Underwood July 22 Roy Gordy July 23 Doug Schmitt July 24 Carolyn Alexander
- July 25 Connie Farling
- July 27 Aria Walker
- July 28 Nicole Hoover Margie Hughes



August 3	Brooke DeRue Katherine Jungclaus
August 5	Bill Hoover
August 10	Bill Brown Ron Hoover
August 11	Jennifer Weitzel Michelle Croxton
August 12	Alyssa Adams
August 19	Brent MacGlaughlin
August 20	Dana Cherry Nancy Masarek
August 22	Barbara Brown Rhonda Burgoon Sebastian Chamberlain Shawn Zook
August 27	Bill Barnes
August 29	Julia Schmitt Rachel Schmitt
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August 30 Will Bickel Matthew Molloy



If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office IN WRITING or by e-mail: maria@fumccollingswood.org.



- July 13 Jason & Nicole Meyers
- July 17 Bill & Carolyn Alexander Gary & Kathy McGaurn
- July 28 Tyson & Heather Chamberlain
- July 30 Mike & Jill Tribulas



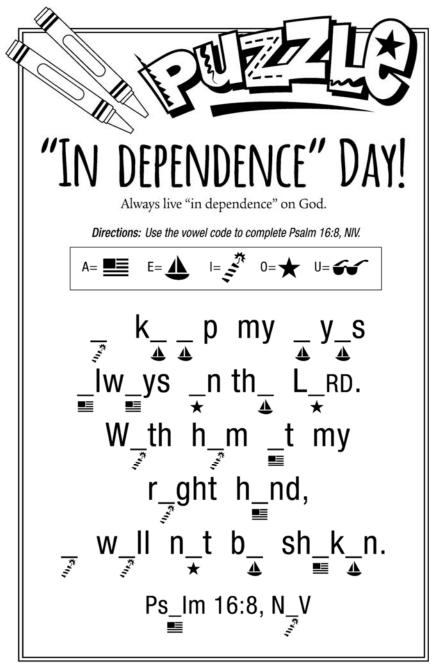
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August 24 Bill & Janice Bittle



There is old man **Dic Tate** who wants to run everything in the church. Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Sister **Agi Tate** stirs up trouble whenever possible. Her brother **Irri Tate** helps her. And whenever new projects are suggested, brother **Hesi Tate** and sister **Vege Tate** pour cold water on the proposals. Then there is sister **Imi Tate** who tries to have the church mimic everybody else. When the church budget is announced, everybody tends to quake if brother **Devis Tate** stands up in the meeting. And brother **Poten Tate** wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the family are bad, for brother Facili Tate is quite helpful. A delightful member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. And the pastor is always pleased by the fine member, Mr. Medi Tate. -- Selected

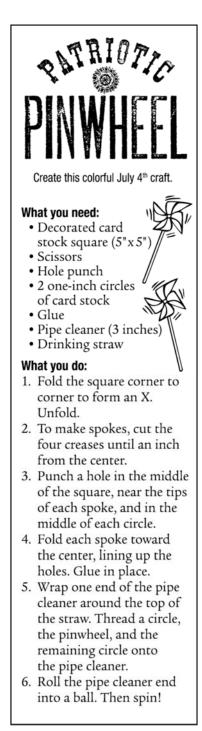


Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, NIV



iron, eggs; his compassions

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice,





Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



#### What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

### What you do:

- 1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
- 2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
- 3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
- 4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.

# **Bible Quiz**

During the dramatic experience when God called Isaiah to be a prophet, who or what filled the temple?

A. 144,000 worshipers

- B. The bottom of God's robe
- C. Smoke

D. Priests offering sacrifices

At the burning bush, Moses asks God's name. What is God's answer?

A. The Lord B. I AM

C. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

D. All of the above

# OUR APPROACHABLE LORD

There is not a hint of one person who was afraid to draw near [Jesus]. There were those who mocked him. There were those



who were envious of him. There were those who misunderstood him. There were those who revered him. But there was not one person who considered him too holy, too divine or too celestial to touch. There was not one person who was reluctant to approach him for fear of being rejected. Remember that.

-Max Lucado, God Came Near

Answers: #1 B & C (See Isaiah 6:1-8.) #2 D (See Exodus 3:14-15.)

