

Zion Children

Sunday School @ 9:45am Sunday Mornings via Zoom

Children's Sunday School with Kim Ridenour meets at 9:45am Sunday mornings via Zoom. Join us as we continue our "Sermon on the Mount Series." Join us at <https://zoom.us/join> or by calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: **865 7471 1577** and Passcode: **YouthSS**. For more information, visit <https://zionreformed.church/children> or contact Kim Ridenour at miskim@myactv.net or the Church Office at 301.739.7244, or visit <https://zionreformed.church/children>.



Sunday Worship @ 11am in-person or virtually at
<https://zionreformed.church/sermons>



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Hearing God's Word:



Today in church our scripture theme tells us about Jesus' ascension to heaven in our Gospel lesson, John 24:44-53. Other scriptures we will be thinking about at church this week include Acts 1:1-11 and 1 John 5:9-13.

John 24:44-53

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⁴⁴ He said to them, "Remember when I was with you before? I said that everything written about me must happen—everything in the law of Moses, the books of the prophets, and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, "It is written that the Christ would be killed and rise from death on the third day. ⁴⁷⁻⁴⁸ You saw these things happen—you are witnesses. You must tell people to change their hearts and lives. If they do this, their sins will be forgiven. You must start at Jerusalem and preach these things in my name to all nations. ⁴⁹ Listen! My Father has promised you something; I will send it to you. But you must stay in Jerusalem until you have received that power from heaven." ⁵⁰ Jesus led his followers out of Jerusalem almost to Bethany. He raised his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he was separated from them and carried into heaven. ⁵² They worshiped him and then went back to the city very happy. ⁵³ They stayed in the Temple all the time, praising God.

Family Discussion:

A Question for Adults to ask Children:

How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Jesus return to heaven?

Jesus' friends were still struggling to understand the big picture, they thought that Jesus had come to free the Israelites from Roman rule, they were probably. Jesus had told them to wait for a helper, but they didn't really understand what was happening. We know that Jesus had a much bigger plan. Jesus' plan was for everybody, all those who were on the earth then and in the future. Jesus had come and died on the cross to take the punishment for all the sins of the world so that all people could know God as parent and friend like Jesus did. The Holy Spirit was coming to be a helper for Jesus' followers forever.

A Question for Children to ask Adults:

Can you think of a time when you had to wait patiently for someone or something?

A Prayer to Say Together:

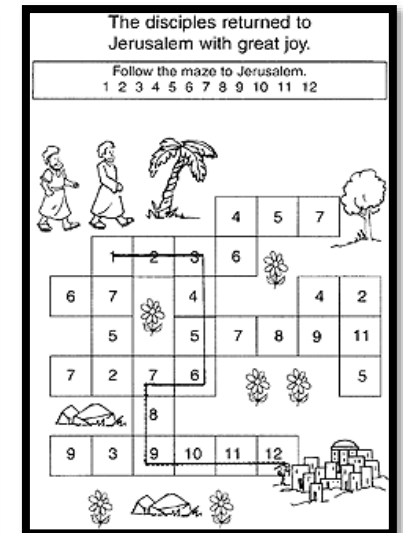
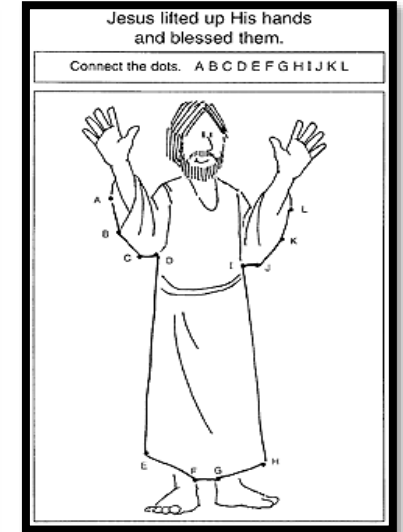
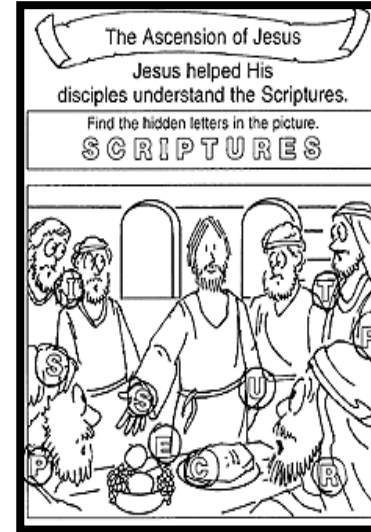
Dear God,

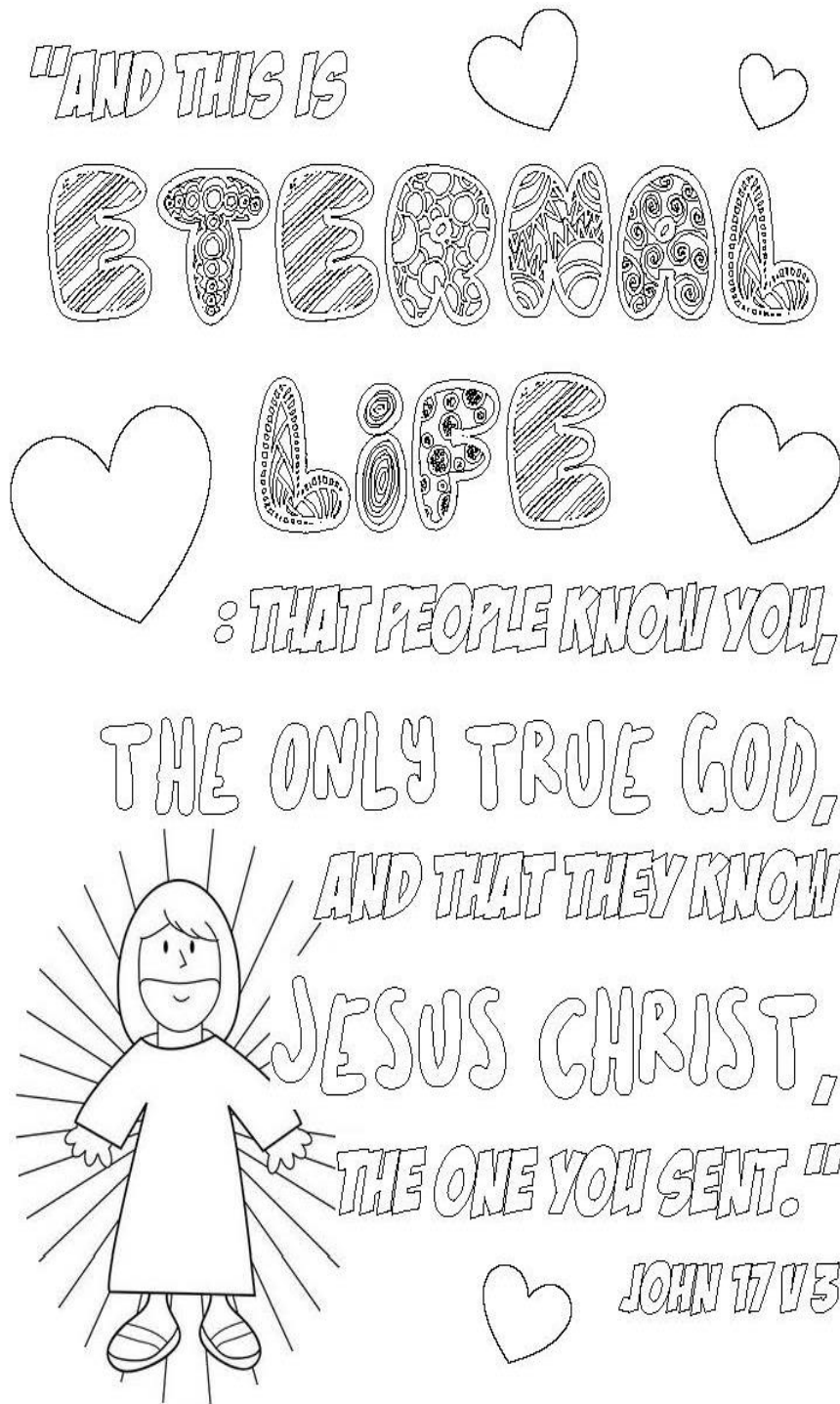
Thank you that you love us so much that you sent your son Jesus to earth to die for our sins, taking our punishment, so that we may know Your love forever and ever. Thank you for being our friend and parent allowing us to know true relationship with You and be your children and friends. Help us on the mission that you have given us, to share your love and Your good news with others. We pray that we always remember to show your Love to others, no matter what.

Amen.



Answer Key:





Family Activities:

Here are some activities you can do together as a family and discussion ideas to explore God's word together.

Family Activity 1:



Jesus told his friends that they needed to be patient and trust in God's timing while they waited for the helper God had promised. Find out who is best at waiting by playing 'The Minute Game'. One person has a clock or phone timer, this person tells everybody when to begin. Everybody must stand up, they must sit down when they think a minute has passed – they are not allowed to cheat and look at a watch or clock. Once everyone has sat down the person watching the timer should say who was closest.

Family Activity 2:

As the disciples watched, Jesus was lifted up into the sky and hidden behind a cloud. Why not spend some time cloud-gazing as a family. Find a safe place to lie down either in your home or in a socially distanced local green space. Watch the clouds as they pass by, can you see any shapes or pictures in the clouds?



Understanding in Today's World:

Just like the disciples, our children may be struggling to be patient, particularly in these times where restrictions are changing and there is uncertainty. Jesus' words to his own disciples might apply here: "God is the only one who has the authority to decide dates and times. These things are not for you to know." (Acts 1:7) But just like the disciples, Jesus has sent a helper for us, we are not in this situation alone. We too can call on the Holy Spirit as our helper to help us as we continue to trust in God and God's timing.

Ages 3+

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The Ascension of Jesus

Jesus helped His
disciples understand the Scriptures.

Find the hidden letters in the picture.

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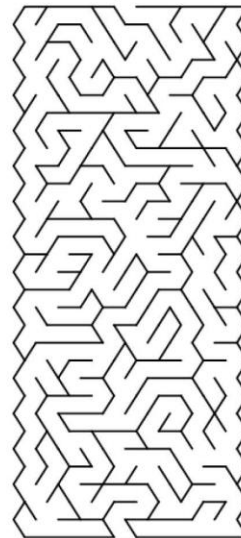


Puzzle Sheet

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like this one can you
find on the page?

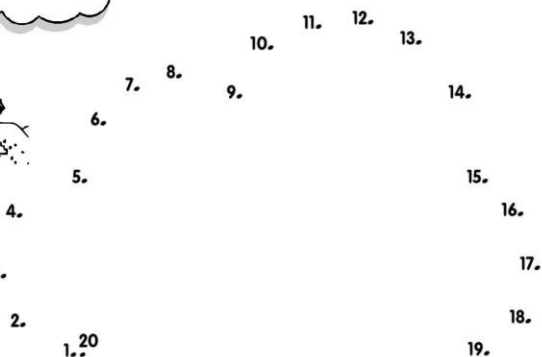
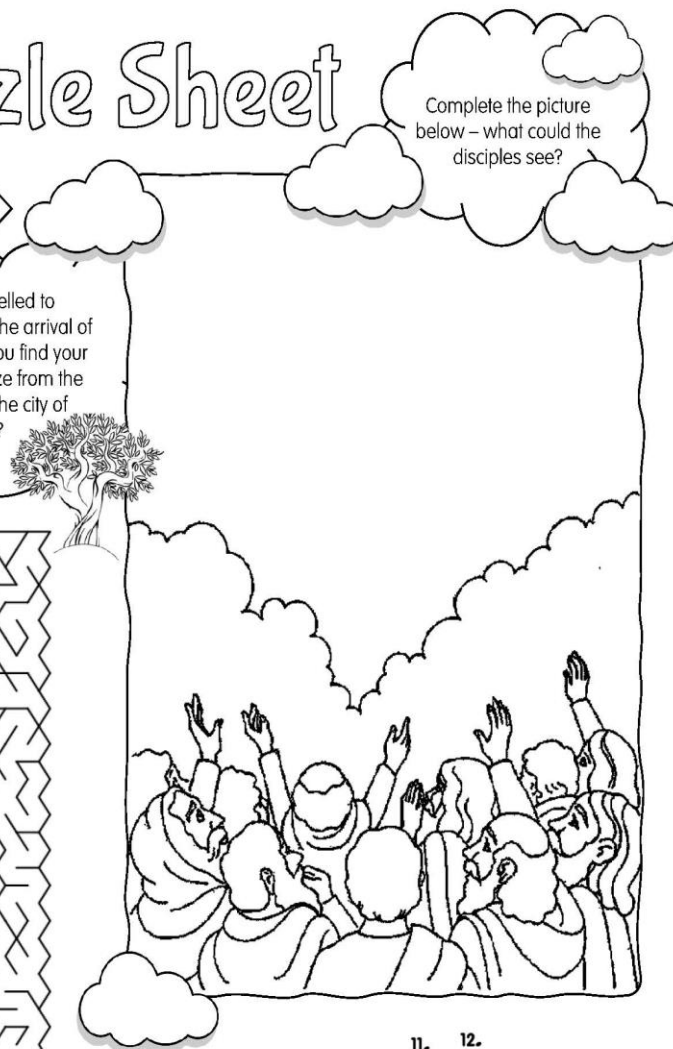
Complete the picture
below – what could the
disciples see?

The disciples travelled to
Jerusalem to wait for the arrival of
the Holy Spirit. Can you find your
way through the maze from the
mount of olives to the city of
Jerusalem?



Join the dots
What can you
see?

There are 7 clouds hidden on the page.



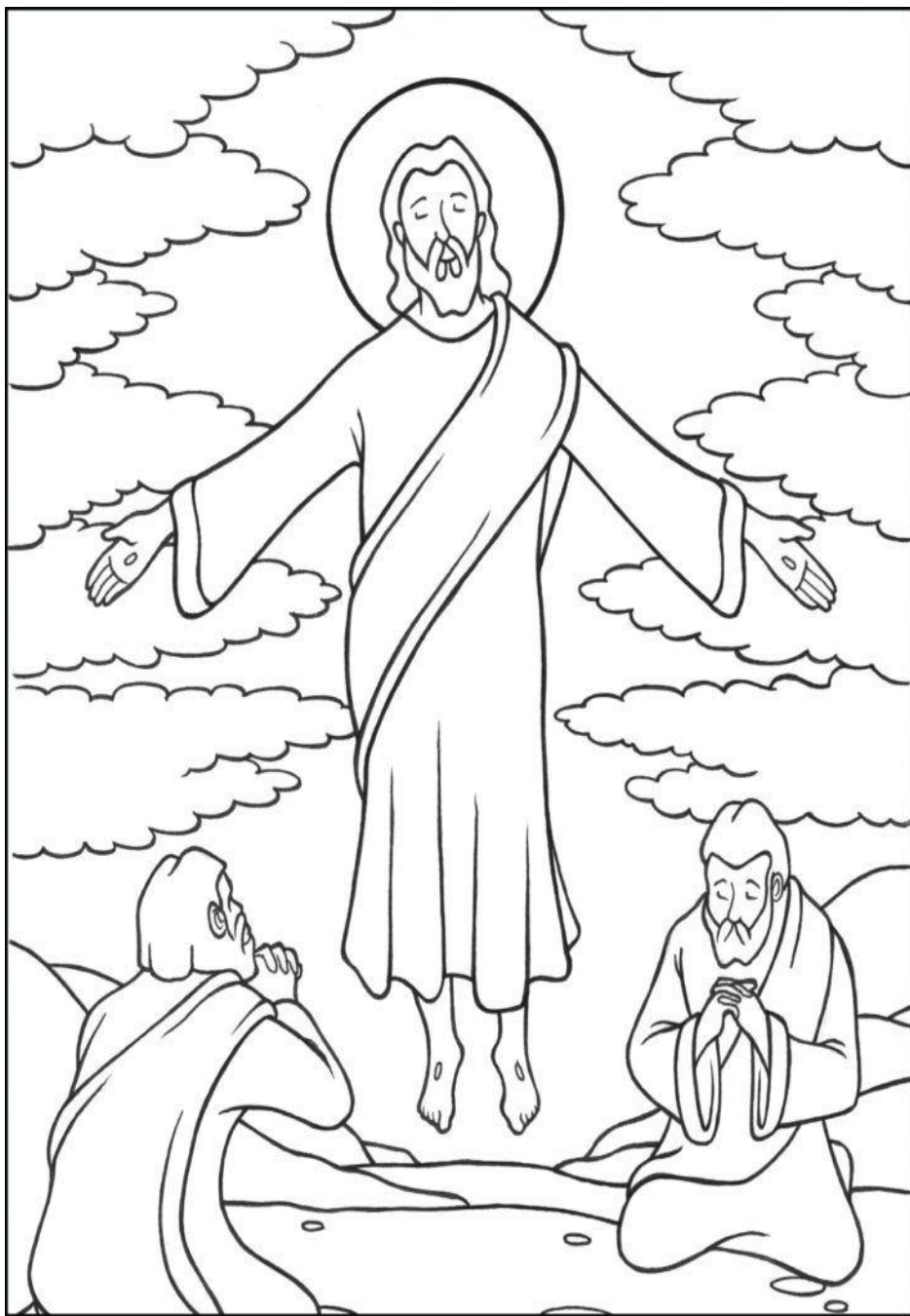
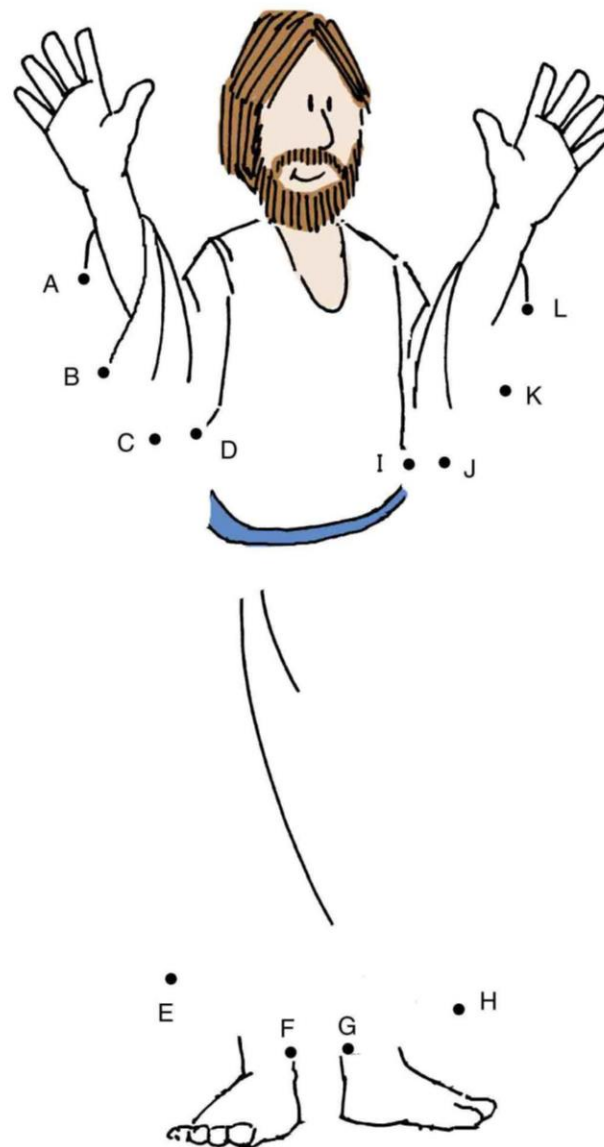


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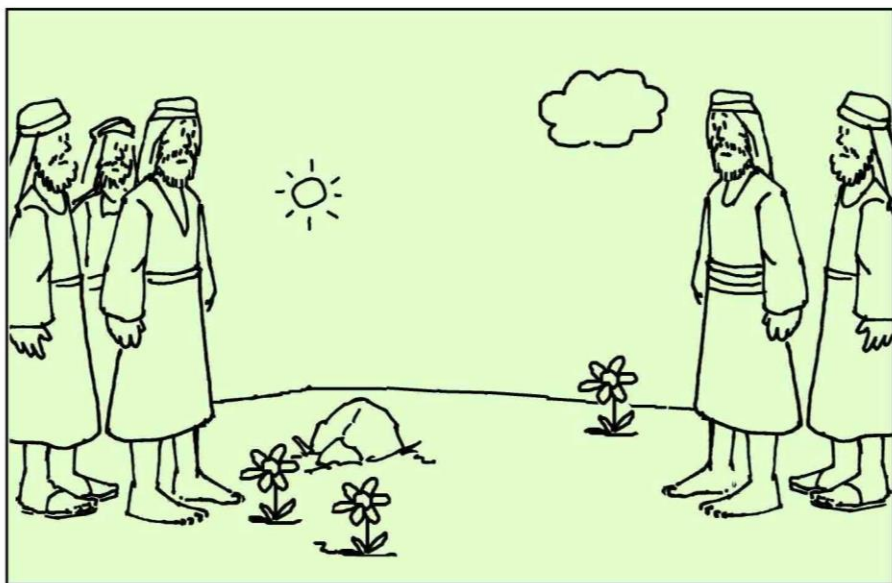
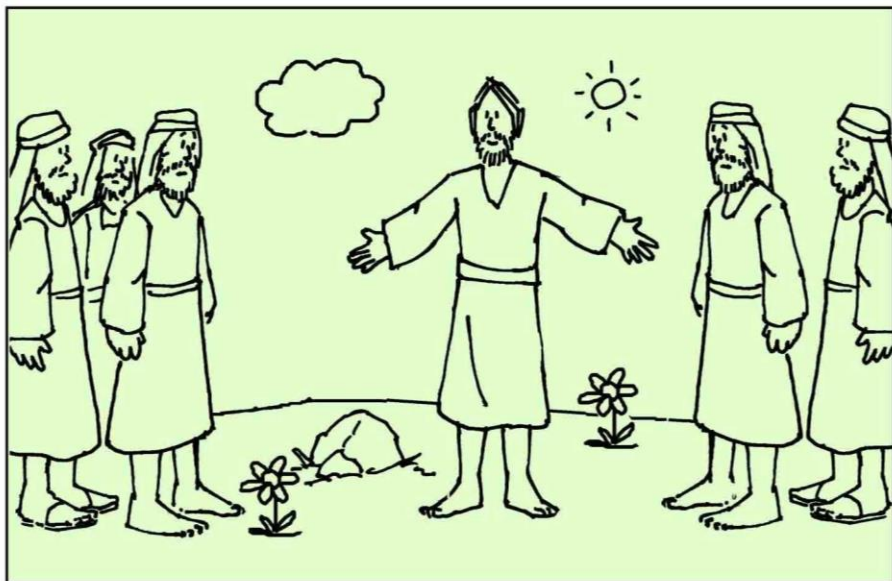
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 and blessed them.

Connect the dots. A B C D E F G H I J K L



Then Jesus was taken
up into heaven.

Circle 6 differences in the 2nd picture.



The disciples returned to
Jerusalem with great joy.

Follow the maze to Jerusalem.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

