

Children's Sunday School

Sunday's from 9:45 – 10:30am

Children's Sunday School with Kim Ridenour is offered in-person and virtually every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am for children ages 6-18. For more information, contact Kim Ridenour at miskim@myactv.net or the Church Office at 301.739.7244. Those wishing to participate virtually can join by Zoom by going to <https://zoom.us/join> or calling 301.715.8592, and when prompted, enter Meeting ID: **865 7471 1577** and Passcode: **YouthSS**.

Children's Church

Available In-Person Only

Children's Church is available during worship for those worshipping in-person after the Children's Moment is over in Sunday Worship.



Worship @ 11 am Sunday Mornings in-person at



Zion Reformed United Church of Christ
201 N Potomac Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
www.ZionReformed.church

or virtually at <https://zionreformed.church/sermons>

Hearing God's Word:



Today in church we asked ourselves who Jesus really is. We also celebrated the return of Sunday School and remembered the lives lost in the attack on the World Trade Center Towers on 9/11/2001. Some of the scriptures we explored today include Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; and Mark 8:27-38.

Who do you Say I Am?

(Mark 8:27-38, International Children's Bible®, ©2015 by Tommy Nelson Inc)

Jesus and his followers went to the towns around Caesarea Philippi. While they were traveling, Jesus asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah. And others say that you are one of the prophets." Then Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus ordered his followers, "Don't tell anyone who I am." Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things. He taught that the Son of Man would not be accepted by the Jewish elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law. He taught that the Son of Man must be killed and then rise from death after three days. Jesus told them plainly what would happen. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to criticize him. But Jesus turned and looked at his followers. Then he criticized Peter and said, "Go away from me, Satan! You don't care about the things of God. You care only about things men think are important." Then Jesus called the crowd to him, along with his followers. He said, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must say 'no' to the things he wants. He must be willing to die on a cross, and he must follow me. Whoever wants to save his life will give up true life. But whoever gives up his life for me and for the Good News will have true life forever. It is worth nothing for a person to have the whole world, if he loses his soul. A person could never pay enough to buy back his soul. The people who live now are living in a sinful and evil time. If anyone is ashamed of me and my teaching, then I will be ashamed of them. I will be ashamed of them when I come with the glory of my Father and the holy angels."



Family Reflection:



Every day we see crosses all around us. People wear them as jewelry, hang them on the wall, use them as key chains, and sometimes even tattoo them on their bodies. When you pass by a church, you might see a cross on the steeple.

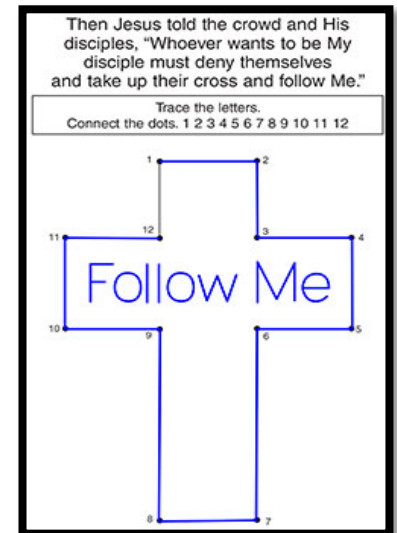
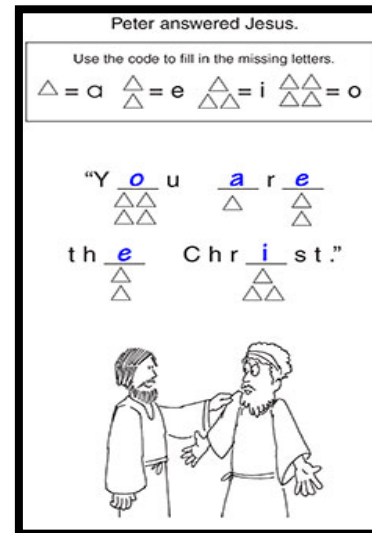
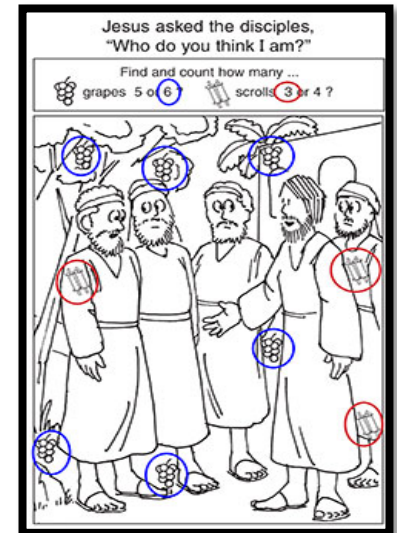
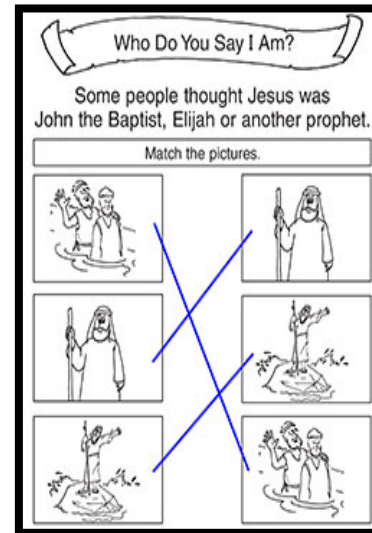
One day, as Jesus and His disciples were walking along a road, Jesus asked them, "Who do people say that I am?" The disciples answered, "Some say John the Baptist or one of the prophets." "And who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked.

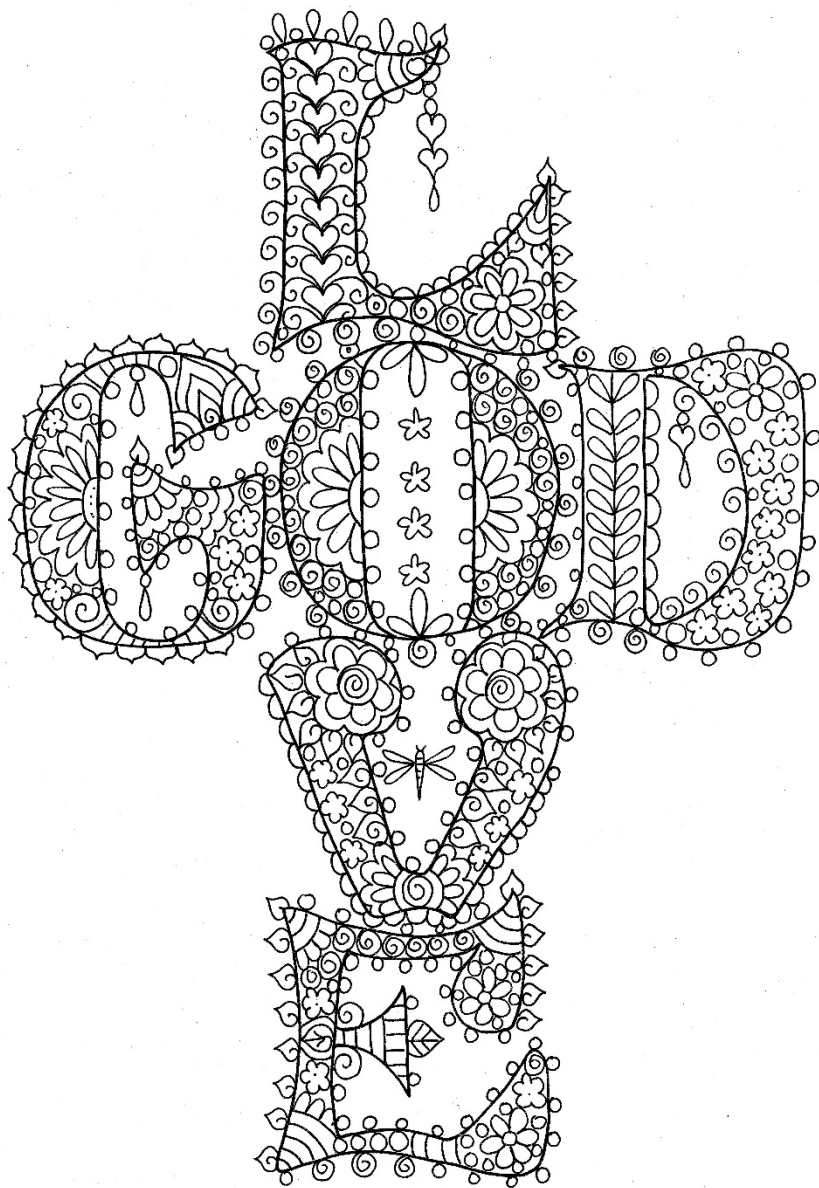
Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Messiah." Peter was right, but Jesus told him to keep it quiet for the time being. Jesus said, "It is necessary for me to suffer many terrible things. I will be arrested, tried, and killed. But after three days I will rise again." Peter didn't like that! He took Jesus aside and told Him to stop talking like that. But Jesus reprimanded Peter. He said, "You're looking at things from a human point of view, not from God's."

Then Jesus called the crowd of people who had gathered around to come and join Him and His disciples. "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang onto your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

So, what does this mean for us? It means that we have a Savior, Jesus Christ, who was willing to give up everything so we can have everlasting life. It also means that those of us who want to be His followers must also be willing to take up our own crosses, give up everything, and follow Him. The cross is so much more than a piece of jewelry, a work of art, or a decoration on a steeple. It's a reminder of our Savior's great love for us and our call to follow Him!

Answer Key:





Love God, Love Others!

Family Discussion:

Our reading in Mark told us to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

A Question for Adults to ask Children:

What does it mean to take up our cross?

A Question for Children to ask Adults:

What is your favorite way to follow Jesus?

How do you carry the cross in your every day life?

We can show kindness to others in our words and our actions. We can speak kindly to others as James 3 told us. We can pray and worship God with our voices and lift others up with messages of hope. We can also share what we have with those who have needs! These are all great ways to take up the cross and follow Jesus.

A Question for Everyone:

What is the most encouraging thing you have ever been told?

A Prayer to Say Together:

Dear God,

God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son to die on a cross.

As His disciples, help us to take up our crosses and follow Him.

Amen.



Family Activities:

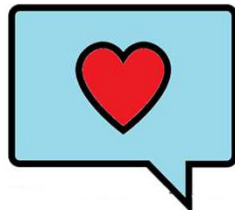
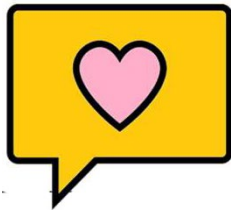
Here are some activities you can do together as a family and discussion ideas to explore God's Word together.



Charades: How good is your family at communicating without using words? Why not play a game of charades to find out?

Who am I: Players take turns sitting in the middle of the group with their eyes closed, a leader points to another player in the circle and they must say "Who am I?" but disguising their voice. The player in the middle then guesses who the person speaking was.

Flavor Test: Why not find out how good your tongues are at recognizing different flavors. Take turns trying different foods with a blindfold on or eyes closed. Can you name the flavor without looking?

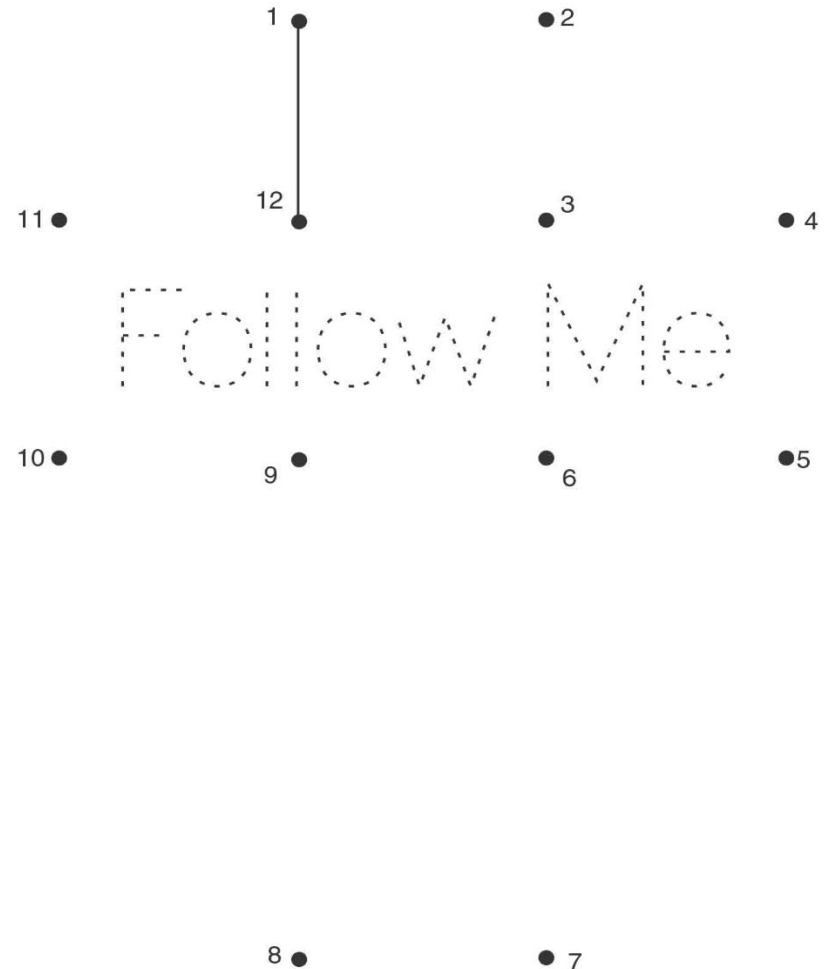


Positive Words Challenge: We can all share kind and positive messages with others which build them up and encourage them. Could your family commit to encouraging somebody every day this week at work, school or at home?

Then Jesus told the crowd and His disciples, "Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me."

Trace the letters.

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

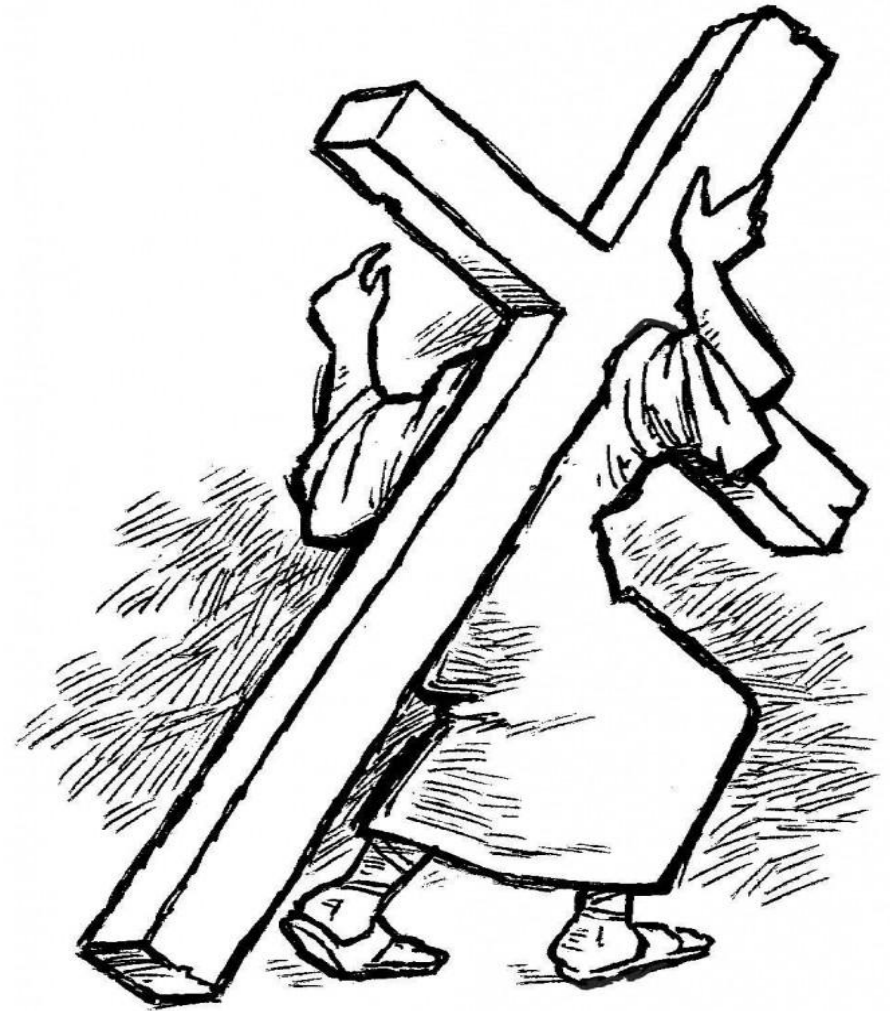
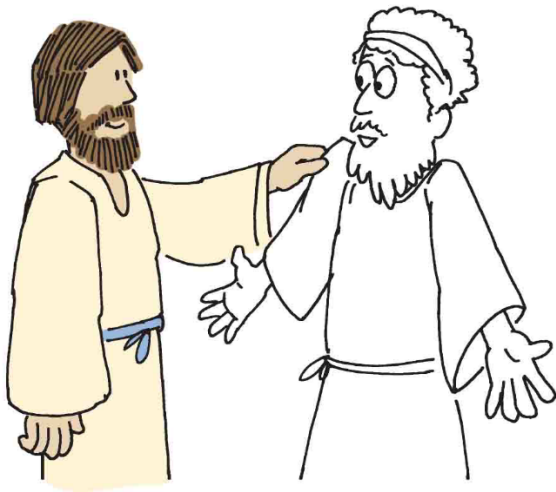


Peter answered Jesus.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

△ = a △△ = e △△△ = i △△△△ = o

“Y △△△ u △ r △△
t h △△ C h r △△ s t.”



Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me..

~ Mark 8:34 ~

Who Do You Say I Am?

Some people thought Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah or another prophet.

Match the pictures.



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Jesus asked the disciples,
 “Who do you think I am?”

Find and count how many ...



grapes 5 or 6 ?



scrolls 3 or 4 ?

