

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](https://zoom.us/join) and Passcode: [YouthSS](https://zoom.us/join).

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 we celebrate Harvest Home Sunday, giving thanks for our overflowing harvest. It is a day that we thank God for the many blessings, and if able, to share those blessings with others. Some of the scriptures we will be exploring include Joel 2:21-27 and Matthew 6:25-33.

Don't Worry, Be Happy!

(Matthew 6:25-33, International Children's Bible®, ©2015 by Tommy Nelson Inc)



"So I tell you, don't worry about the food you need to live. And don't worry about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more important than food. And the body is more important than clothes. Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns. But your heavenly Father feeds the birds. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it. "And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the flowers in the field. See how they grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field like that. The grass is living today, but tomorrow it is thrown into the fire to be burned. So you can be even more sure that God will clothe you. Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' All the people who don't know God keep trying to get these things. And your Father in heaven knows that you need them. The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you.

Family Reflection:

Don't Worry!



The Gospel lesson today talks a lot about worry. In life we have things that we worry about. We worry about being liked by our friends, who will sit by us at lunch, if we'll be good on a sport's team, if something's

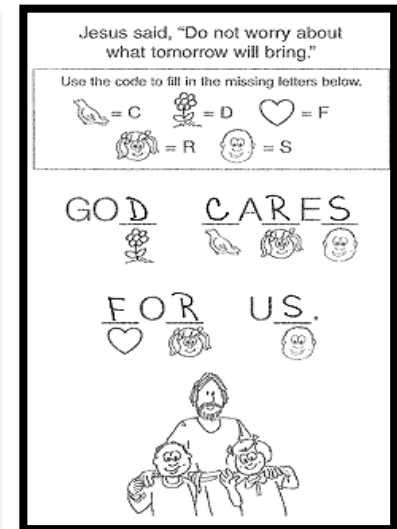
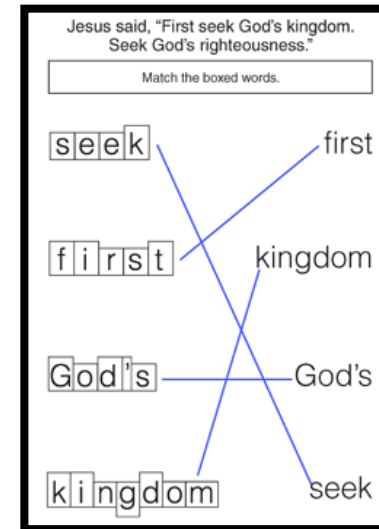
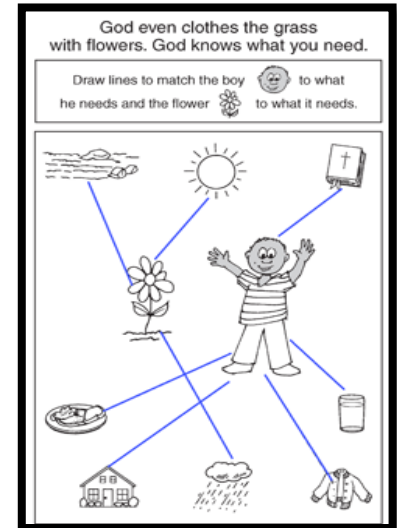
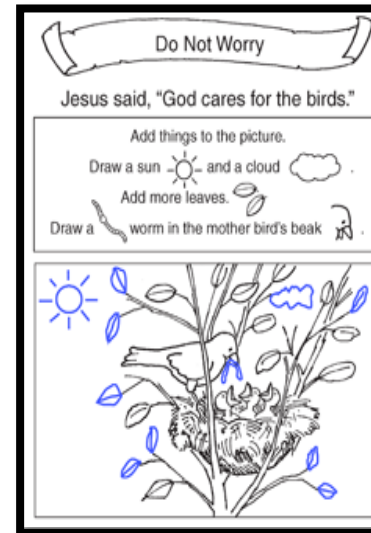
wrong when we hear family members argue. What are some of the things you worry about?

Some worries seem bigger than others. Some people worry about being sick or being safe. But Jesus tells us not to worry. He's taking care of us. He used examples in creation. God gives food to the birds. They don't have to plant it themselves and harvest it. God gives them their food. We don't need to worry about clothes. Look at how beautiful flowers are. Jesus tells us that King Solomon didn't even have clothes as beautiful as the flowers. If God cares for things like the birds and flowers, isn't he going to take care of you?

Worries can weigh us down and keep us from being the person God wants us to be. If we could put all of our worries into a backpack it would literally weigh us down. Try placing a book in a backpack for each of your worries (or those of your family) and then try to lift it. Wow there are a lot of worries that weigh us and our family down each day. Imagine walking around with all of those worries on your back all day long. How do you feel with that weight of worry? (Heavy, hard to stand or move). Although worries aren't heavy books in a backpack, they still feel like they weigh us down. When we worry, we're not letting God take care of things. It's like we're saying, "I can take care of this Jesus. Thank you for offering but I got it." Jesus tells us we can always trust him. We know we can because he always keeps his promises.



Answer Key:



Do Not Worry



THEREFORE I TELL YOU,
DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUR LIFE...
MATTHEW 6:25



A Prayer to Say Together:

Let's pray and give our worries to God. (While praying take the books out of your backpack showing that you are giving your worries to God.)



Jesus we give our worries to you. You promise to take care of us and we trust you. We have a lot to worry about but we know you can handle it. You died to free us from sin, taking care of all of our problems, big or small. Help us to give our worries over to you and not try and take them back. You can handle anything. We're so glad that we have a God that takes such good care of us. No one is like you. We have nothing to worry about when our life is in your hands. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Family Discussion:

We celebrate the many blessings or gifts that God has given us during this harvest Home Sunday.

Questions to Discuss Together:

What blessings has God given you?

How can you help bless others using the gifts God has given you?

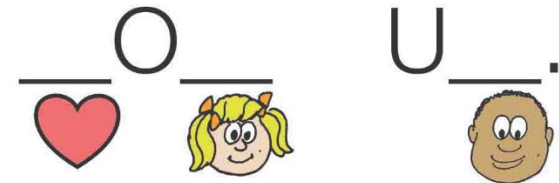
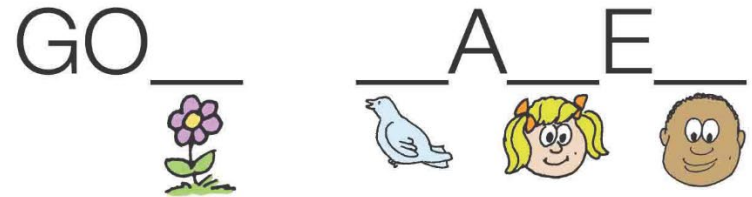
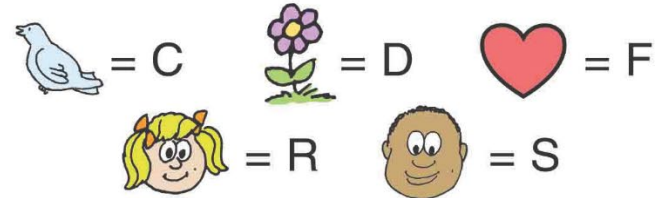
Do Not Worry

Guide the young boy to Jesus.



Jesus said, "Do not worry about what tomorrow will bring."

Use the code to fill in the missing letters below.



Jesus said, "First seek God's kingdom.
Seek God's righteousness."

Match the boxed words.

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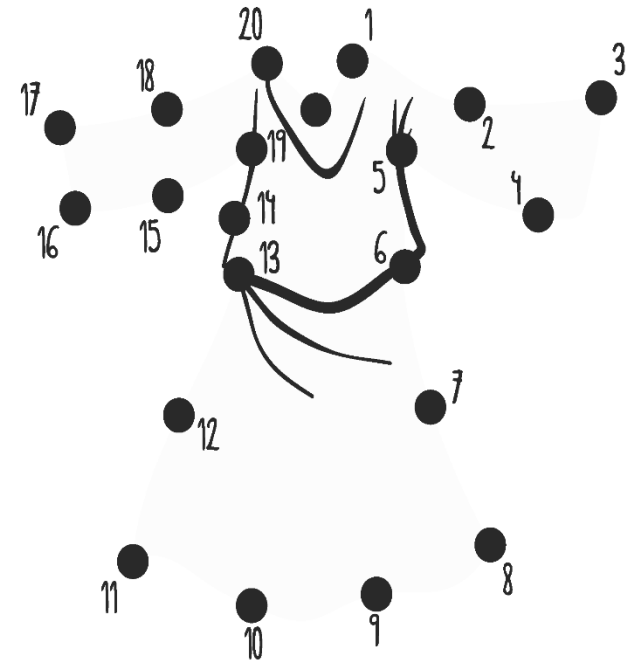
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Do Not Worry

Connect the dots and color the drawing.








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Do Not Worry

Jesus said, "God cares for the birds."

Add things to the picture.
 Draw a sun  and a cloud .
 Add more leaves. 
 Draw a  worm in the mother bird's beak .



God even clothes the grass with flowers. God knows what you need.

Draw lines to match the boy  to what he needs and the flower  to what it needs.

