

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>

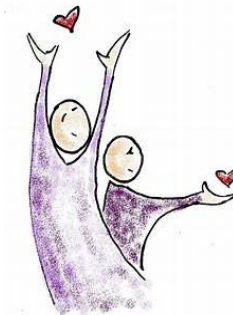
Hearing God's Word:



Today we remember the Protestant Reformation on this Reformation Sunday. 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Mark 12:28-34.

The Greatest Commandment

(Mark 12:28-34, International Children's Bible®, ©2015 by Tommy Nelson Inc)



One of the teachers of the law came to Jesus. He heard Jesus arguing with the Sadducees and the Pharisees. He saw that Jesus gave good answers to their questions. So he asked Jesus, "Which of the commands is most important?" Jesus answered, "The most important command is this: 'Listen, people of Israel! The Lord our God, he is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second most important command is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' These two commands are the most important commands." The man answered, "That was a good answer, Teacher. You were right when you said these things. God is the only Lord, and there is no other God besides him. One must love God with all his heart, all his mind, and all his strength. And one must love his neighbor as he loves himself. These commands are more important than all the animals and sacrifices we offer to God." Jesus saw that the man answered him wisely. So Jesus said to him, "You are close to the kingdom of God." And after that, no one was brave enough to ask Jesus any more questions.

Family Reflection:

Don't Worry!

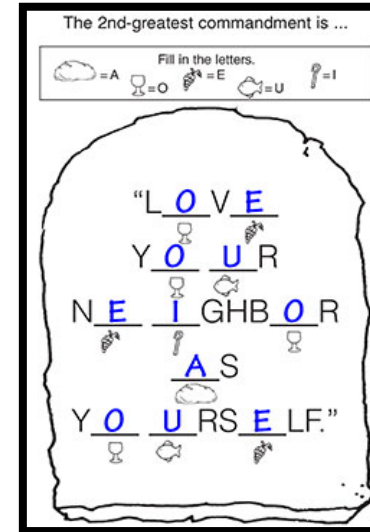


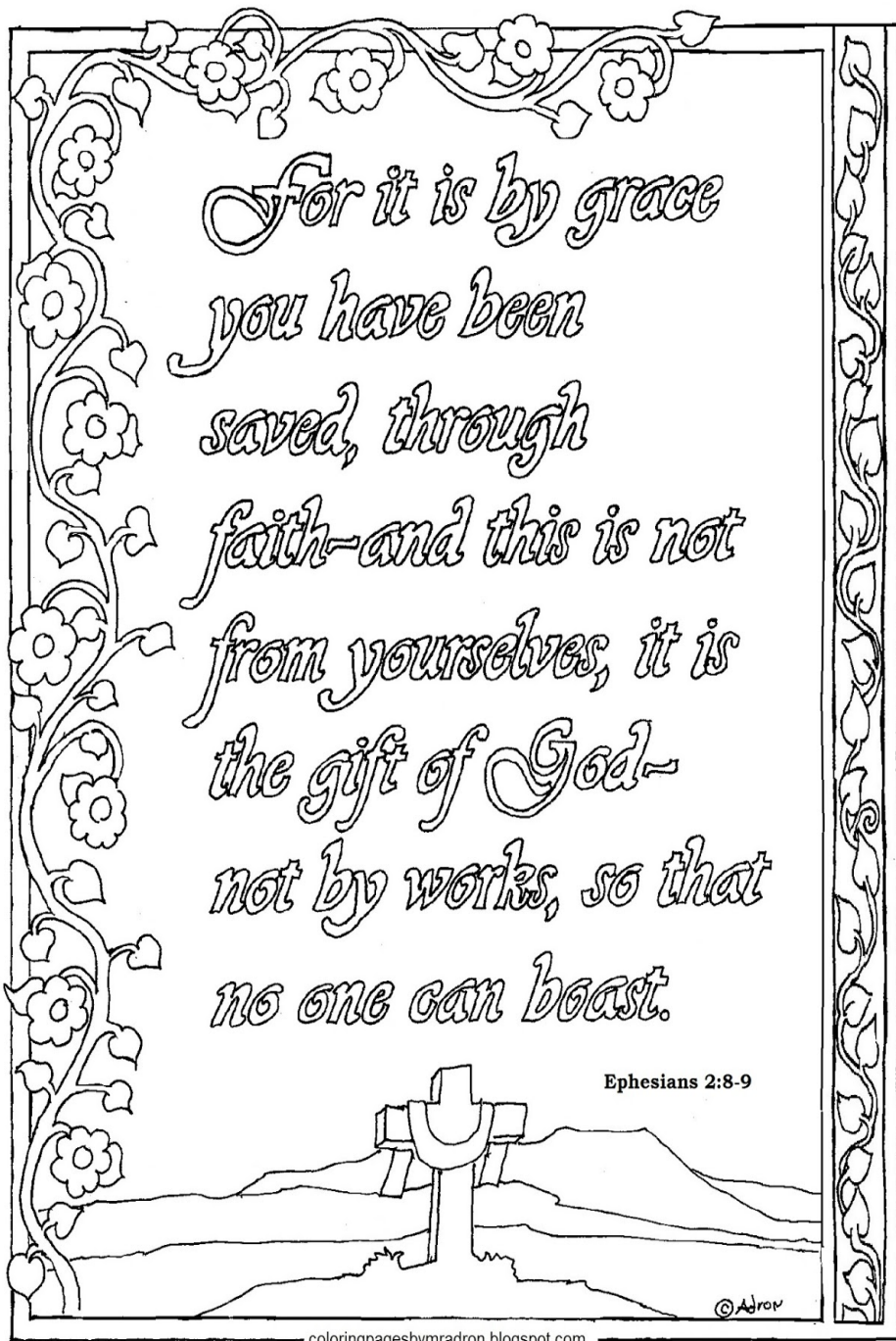
If you were on a big ship in the middle of the ocean, and you fell overboard, what might the captain of that ship do when she or he saw that you had fallen into the sea? What would the captain do? Would she tell you to start swimming and point in the direction of land? Do you think the captain, seeing that you were drowning in the ocean, might say something to you like: "I'll throw you the life ring but only if you can prove to me that you're really worth saving. What have you done with your life so far? Have you created any useful inventions? Have you won the Nobel Peace Prize or any other important awards?" Would the captain ask that of you while you were drowning? Do you think that the captain would say, "If you can climb halfway up the side of the ship, then I'll pull you the rest of the way up." Would the captain make you try to work your way up the side of the ship when she can see that you're almost drowning?

Of course not! She would rescue you, right? The captain, or one of the crew, would probably throw you a life preserver or something that you could hang onto to keep you afloat. Once you had a good hold on that flotation device, they would pull you back onto the ship and thus save you from drowning. In the book of Ephesians it says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— not because of works, lest any man should boast." We are like that person drowning in the ocean and God rescues us, not because of anything that we do, but simply because God loves us.

Today is Reformation Sunday. On this day, we remember how Martin Luther and other Christians of his time, wanted to change the way the church taught people about God's love. At that time, the church was telling people that they had to work their way into heaven. Some people even thought they could pay their way into heaven! Luther knew that this was not what the Bible said. He knew that all of us are sinners and we need to be saved by Jesus. So Luther reformed, or changed the church for the better, by telling people what the Bible said. The printing press was invented around the same time, so lots of Bibles could be printed and people could read for themselves what the Bible said. We are saved by grace, just because God loves us. It's nothing that we can brag about. It is simply a wonderful gift.

Answer Key:





A Prayer to Say Together:

Thank you God, for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Thank you for throwing us the life preserver and saving our eternal lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Family Discussion & Activity Ideas:

Sing & Learn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, written by Martin Luther. Discuss what each verse means to your family. www.proverbialhomemaker.com/mighty-fortress-is-our-god-hymn-study.html

Act out Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses on the Wittenburg Church door. A script can be found at: <https://howtohomeschoolmychild.com/resources/history/a-night-of-reformation>.

Learn about Martin Luther using this video found on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/tox2TfUH90>.

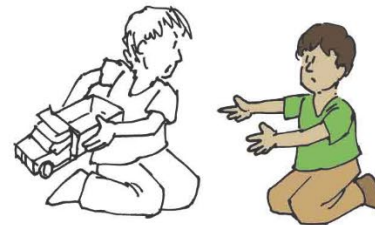
Host a Reformation Party: Make it a potluck dinner or lunch with Reformation activities or videos found online.

Learn about the 5 Solas: The Five Solas are slogans that were popularized by the Reformers during the reformation of the Church (1350-1648). These slogans are based on biblical truths and sound doctrine. Knowing and understanding the Five Solas is important for your children--it will help read and apply Scripture to their lives. A family study can be found at: www.thinkingkidsblog.org/the-5-solas-family-bible-study/?aff=21.





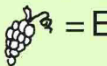


To love God and our neighbors is more important than making fancy sacrifices.












Circle the children showing love for their neighbor.



The 2nd-greatest commandment is ...

Fill in the letters.



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  = O
  = E
  = U
  = I

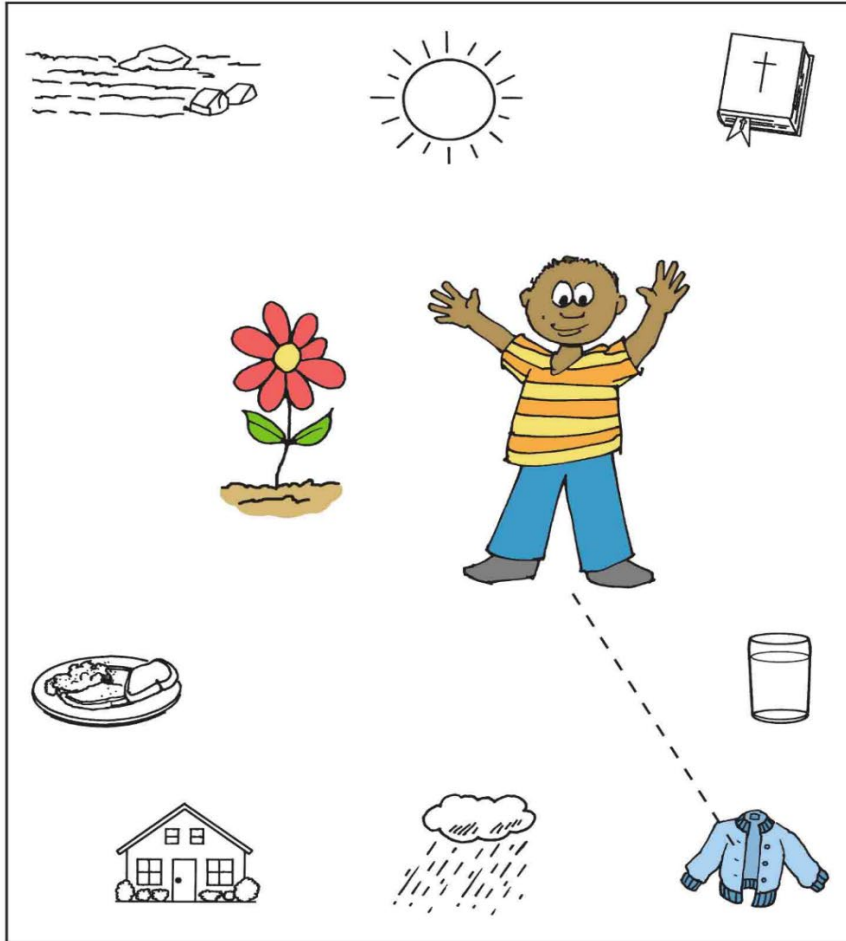
“L _ _ V _ _
  
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 Y _ _ _ R S _ _ L F.”
   



One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"
 Mark 12:28 (NIV)

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

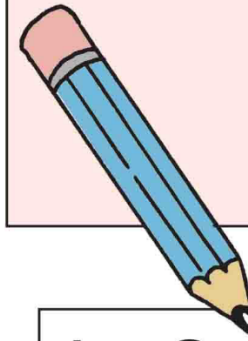
Draw lines to match the boy  to what he needs and the flower  to what it needs.



Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength."

Find these words:

LOVE HEART GOD MIND
SOUL STRENGTH



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