

Sometimes life is sparkly and happy.



And, Jesus, you are there.



Sometimes life is dark and scary



and, Jesus, you are there.



Sometimes life is exciting and busy



and, Jesus, you are there.



sometimes life is sad and lonely



and, Jesus, you are always there!

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Workbook for Kid's Church



The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost 5 November, 2023

Matthew 23:11-12

Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you'll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you're content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty

Dear God, please help me to be good in all things: in the things I say, but more importantly in the things that I do. Teach me that I do not have to be important all the time, but just be myself, as best as I can.
Amen.

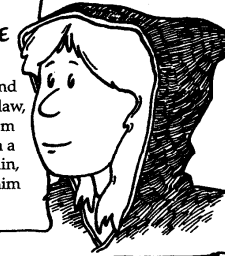
This week we celebrated All Saints Day



I want to do what's right.

MONICA - MOTHER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Date: 4th century
Saintliness: Lived with violent and unfaithful husband and mother-in-law, but kept faith and prayed for them all. Husband became a Christian a year before he died. Son was a pain, too, but she kept on praying for him and look what happened!

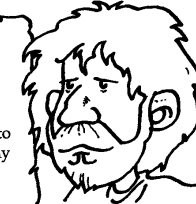


BISHOP NICHOLAS (SANTA CLAUS)

Date: 4th century
Place: Turkey
Saintliness: Imprisoned during persecution. Very generous and kind. Gave marriage dowries in gold to three girls who would otherwise have been forced into living by prostitution.

COLUMBA OF IONA

Date: 6th century
Place: Came from Ireland to Scotland and England
Saintliness: He opened his whole life to God's leading, and it took him on many journeys, telling people about Jesus and giving them new hope.



HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Date: 12th century
Saintliness: Became a nun when she was 15. Had visions to help her and others understand God more. She was artistic, musical and very down-to-earth, so lots of people came to ask her advice. She helped them listen to God's will for them.



SAINTS

WHAT MAKES YOU A SAINT?

Saints are ordinary people. They are made extraordinary by their openness to God and their dependence on him.

IS THAT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE THINGS THEY DO?

Well, the good things happen naturally, as a result of where they are with God.

SO YOU CAN'T PRETEND BY DOING LOTS OF STUFF TO LOOK GOOD?

No! You have to get it in the right order - get close to God and all the rest follows.

CAN ANYONE BECOME A SAINT?

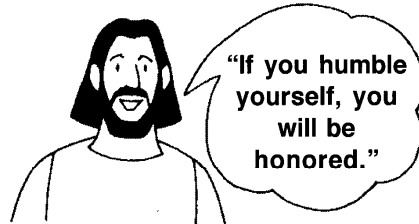
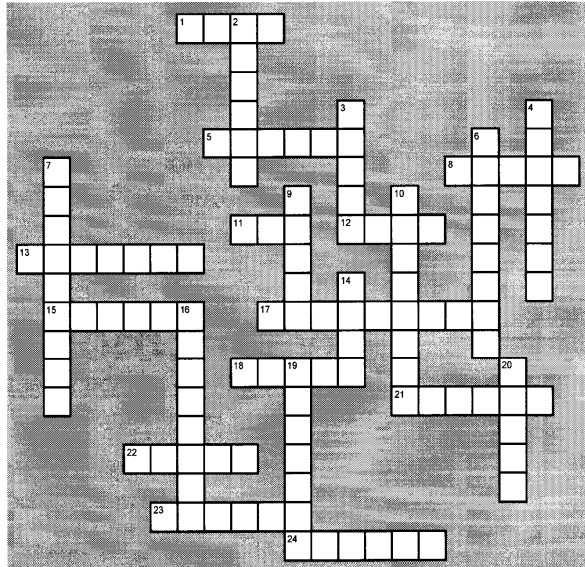
Yes. There's no age limit or IQ requirement.

AMEN!
PRAISE AND GLORY!
AND WISDOM AND THANKS AND HONOUR
AND POWER AND STRENGTH
BE TO OUR GOD FOR EVER AND EVER
AMEN!

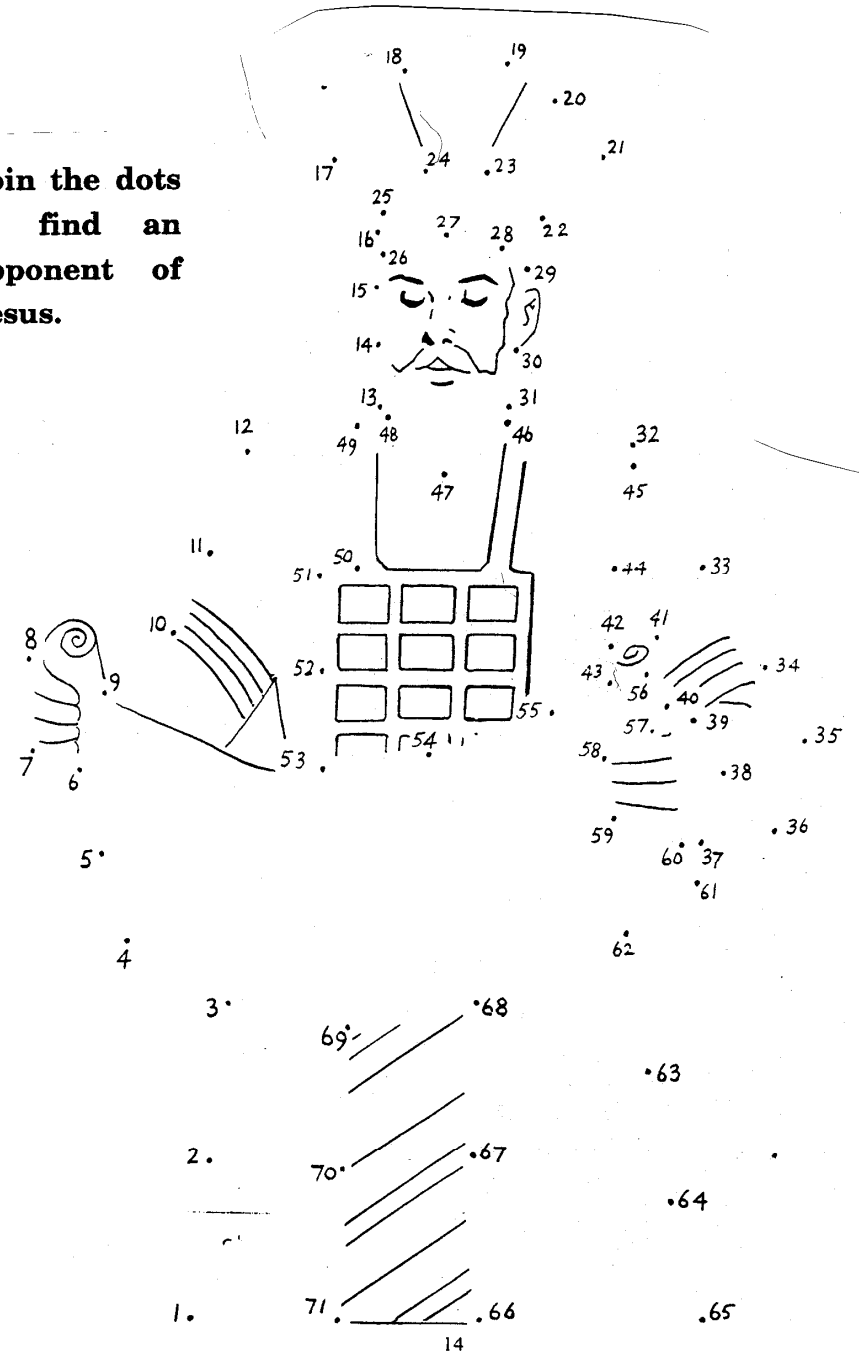
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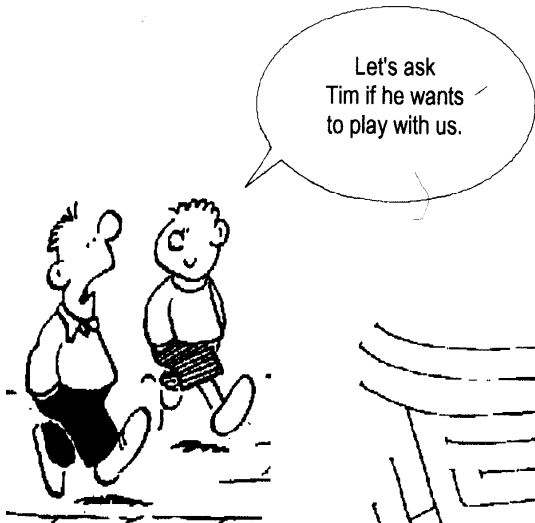
Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

- 3 down) _____ said to the crowds and to his disciples:
 17 across) The _____ and the teachers of the Law are
 18 across) experts in the Law of _____.
 So obey everything
 9 down) they _____ you, but don't do
 as they do. After
 7 down) all, they say one thing and do
 _____ else.
 20 down) They pile _____ burdens on
 people's shoulders
 21 across) and won't lift a _____ to
 help. Everything they
 22 across) do is just to show off in
 _____ of others. They
 12 across) even make a big _____ of
 wearing Scripture verses
 10 down) on their foreheads and _____,
 and they wear big
 16 down) tassels for _____ to see.
 They love the best
 8 across) _____ seats at banquets and the
 _____ seats in the meeting
 2 down) _____ places. And when they are in the _____, they
 5 across) like to have _____ greet them as their teachers.
 24 across) But none of you _____ be called a teacher. You
 11 across) have only _____ teacher, and all of you are like
 19 down) brothers and _____. Don't call anyone on earth
 1 across) your father. All of you have the _____ Fa-
 ther in
 23 across) heaven. None of you should be called
 the _____.
 13 across) The _____ is your only leader. Who-
 ever is the
 6 down) _____ should be the servant of the oth-
 ers.
 10 down) If you put _____ above others, you will
 be
 15 across) _____ put down. But if you _____ yourself, you
 will
 4 down) be _____.

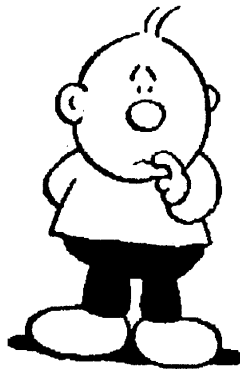
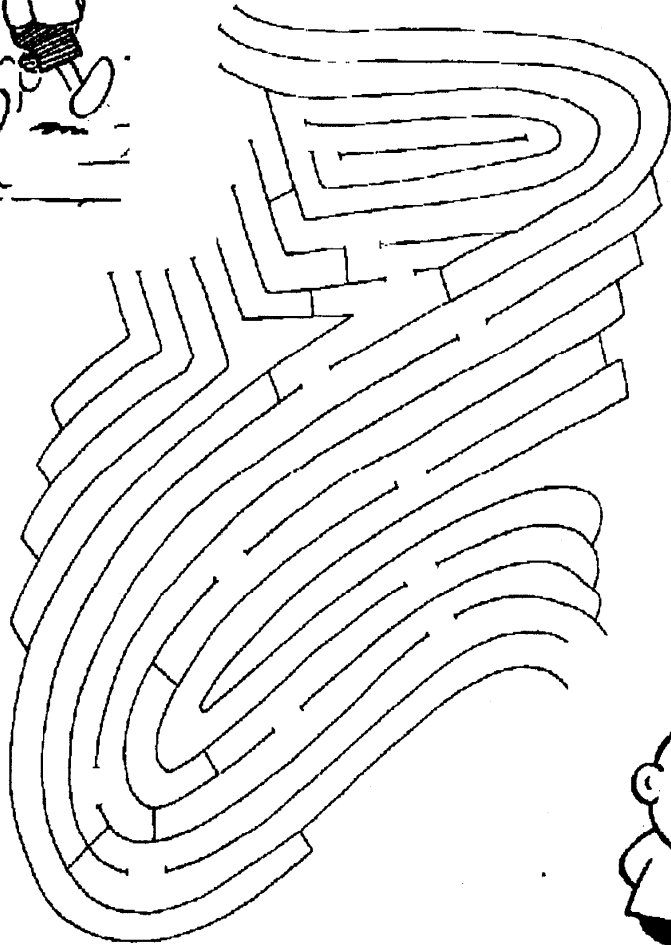


**Join the dots
 to find an
 opponent of
 Jesus.**





Help these boys find the way to the boy in the playground who is lonely.



Word Search: Matthew 23:1-12 (CEV)



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| JESUS | PHARISEES | MOSES | TEACH |
| SOMETHING | HEAVY | FINGER | FRONT |
| SHOW | ARMS | EVERYONE | FRONT |
| MARKET | PEOPLE | SHOULD | ONE |
| SISTERS | SAME | LEADER | MESSIAH |
| GREATEST | YOURSELF | HUMBLE | HONORED |

