

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE FOR ORGAN**

Thirty-five Miniatures [op. 55]: 1. Andante

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

**WELCOME**

**PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*O Majesty, O Magnificence, O Mystery, come!  
Be earthquake, and shake our indifference.  
Be sun, and splinter our shadows.  
Be wind, and scatter our despair.  
In the dry countries of our soul —  
let your grace rain freely and fully.*

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.

**People: The Lord is my strength and my salvation.**

Pastor: Open our eyes, that we may see the wonders of your ways.

**People: The Lord is my strength and my salvation.**

Pastor: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

**All: Let us worship God.**

**\* HYMN** (see page 5)

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

Seachrist

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

[Romans 8:1-6](#)

*after each reading:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#)

**MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN**

The Lord Is My Light

Ryan Capozzo, tenor

Mary Frances Allitsen (1848-1912)

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom, then, shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;

And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

For, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle.

Yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me up upon a rock of stone.

*-Psalm 27:1, 3, and 5*

**SERMON**

"Back to the Garden"

Rev. Love

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church*)

*What is God's purpose for your life?*

God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

*How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?*

I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

***How do you live for the love of God?***

I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

***How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?***

By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING** ([Click here](#) or see below to give online.)

\* **HYMN** (*see page 6*)

How Happy Are the Saints of God

*Wareham*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN**

Praeludium in F Major [BuxWV 144]

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

*\*indicates standing for those who are able.*

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*Following the conclusion of the postlude, online participants will be given  
the opportunity to unmute themselves and to greet one another.*

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*Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church*

If you are new to Rye Presbyterian Church, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time worship. So that we may get to know you better, or if you would like more information about RPC, please [click here](#) and fill out the Welcome Form.

We look forward to getting to know you better!

*The chancel flowers are given*

in loving memory of Richard M. Hughes, by Gwen Hughes  
and her son and daughter, Thomas and Susan.

*Parish Concerns*

Phyllis McBride

*In Memoriam*

Ana Velasquez, July 6, sister of Juan Velasquez

**To families with young children:**

Welcome! We are glad you're here!

*"Jesus said to them, 'Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children...' Then he hugged the children and blessed them."* Mark 10:14-16

Jesus not only welcomed children, he also blessed them. Know that your children's presence in worship is both welcomed and a blessing to us all!

Here are some ideas to help make the most out of worship as a family:

- ❖ Bring crayons or colored pencils from home so your children can color the provided coloring pages and illustrated children's bulletins. It might also be helpful to bring a hard surface (a book or clipboard) for them to use while coloring.
- ❖ Explain what is happening during worship and what is coming next. Let children cross things off in the bulletin as they happen. Whispering is okay!
- ❖ When it's time to stand, allow children to kneel on the pews if they would like.
- ❖ Allow children to participate in the offering by putting in your envelope or putting in their own gift in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. A picture drawn for God is appropriate!

Most importantly, relax and be at peace. We know that God made children to be full of energy and excitement.

## TODAY

Men's Bible Study at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom – contact [Dan Love](#)



### COMPASSION CAMP

This week is our fourth week of Compassion Camp - our at-home Vacation Bible School program! This week's theme is "Compassion helps us be present with each other." If you and your family would like to follow along at home, we are sending out various ways for you to engage the themes and scripture readings through our weekly Christian Ed newsletter. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact [Rev. JP](#). We hope you and your families join us as we engage scripture and cultivate compassion together!

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, July 13

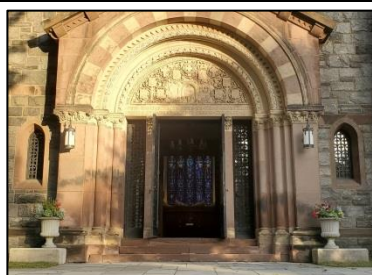
9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion via Zoom – contact [Dan Love](#)

### Wednesday, July 15

10:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry – Even Stephens via Zoom

## GENERAL NOTICES

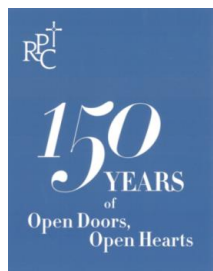
Our e-mail prayer group is going strong. Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact <mailto:rpcprayers@gmail.com>.



### WEEKDAY REOPENING OF RYE PRESBYTERIAN

The church offices and building are now open in a limited way. While it remains wise for as much church business as possible to be conducted on the phone, Zoom, or email, you may have need to come to the church building. We request that you visit the church only if you are healthy, are showing no signs or symptoms of illness, and have not had any known exposure to COVID-19 in the preceding two weeks. If you do come to the church, please take careful note of the guidelines that are in place so that we may all safely use the church building together. Those guidelines may be found [here](#).

*Please Note:* The church Thrift Shop is not yet taking donations.



### *The Sesquicentennial Service Challenge*

2020 marks the sesquicentennial of our sanctuary. 150 years of people coming in and going out through the doors of our beautiful sanctuary. People come in to find their faith strengthened and renewed as we worship together. People then go out in service to the world beyond our doors.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join your fellow disciples of Rye Presbyterian Church in the 2020 Sesquicentennial Service Challenge!

**The goal:** at least 150 minutes of service from every member for every month of 2020. With 1052 members, that would mean the total number of services minutes for 2020 would be 1,893,600!

Please know that ANY volunteer service you do either with the church or in the community COUNTS.

If you are giving the gift of your time, it counts. When logging your minutes, you can group your minutes together. You don't need to log each activity separately. Simply total your minutes and then list, as briefly as possible, what activities you did. The two things we are tracking are total number of minutes (not hours), and the variety of activities that people are involved in as they give the gift of their time by volunteering.

**Minutes logged thus far: 201,686**

**TO LOG YOUR MINUTES, GO TO: <https://ryepc.com/150>**

### ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page. [Click here](#) or scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone to donate. Please contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com), if you have any questions or need assistance. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!



### RPC PRAYER WALL

As a way to connect to one another and to God throughout this time, you are invited to make prayer requests known on the RPC website Prayer Wall ([click here](#)). Together we continue to pray for all those in need throughout this ordeal. All can share anonymously, but please keep in mind that it is a public forum.



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The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

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Peggy Berretta, *Administrative Assistant*

Denise LeVan, *Pastoral Assistant*

Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*

Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

*We are a Stephen Ministry church.*

# A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

*Seachrist*



1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good  
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -  
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a  
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er



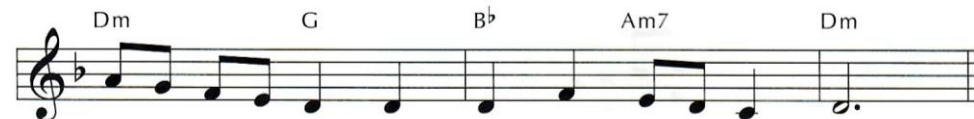
seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his  
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -  
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for  
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in



seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tens would not  
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren  
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den  
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing



hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in  
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on  
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'  
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in



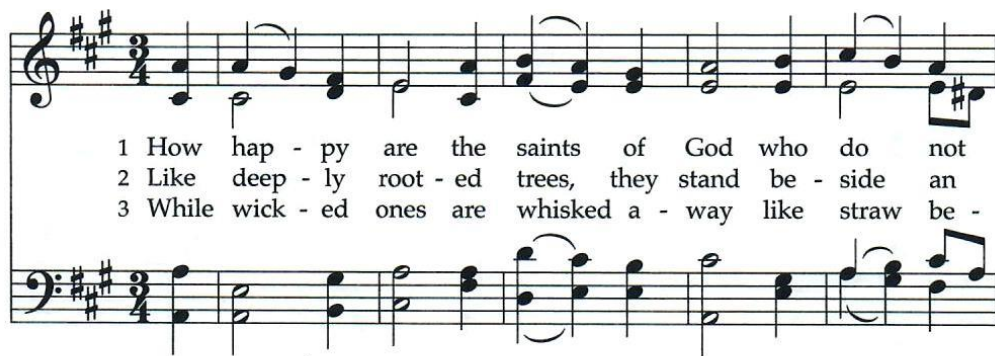
fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.  
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.  
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!  
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1998

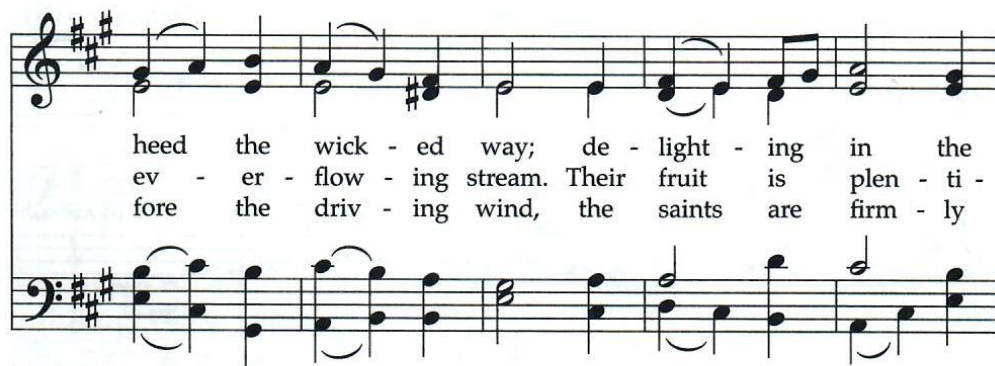
music: John D. Horman, 2003

## How Happy Are the Saints of God

Wareham



1 How hap - py are the saints of God who do not  
2 Like deep - ly root - ed trees, they stand be - side an  
3 While wick - ed ones are whisked a - way like straw be -

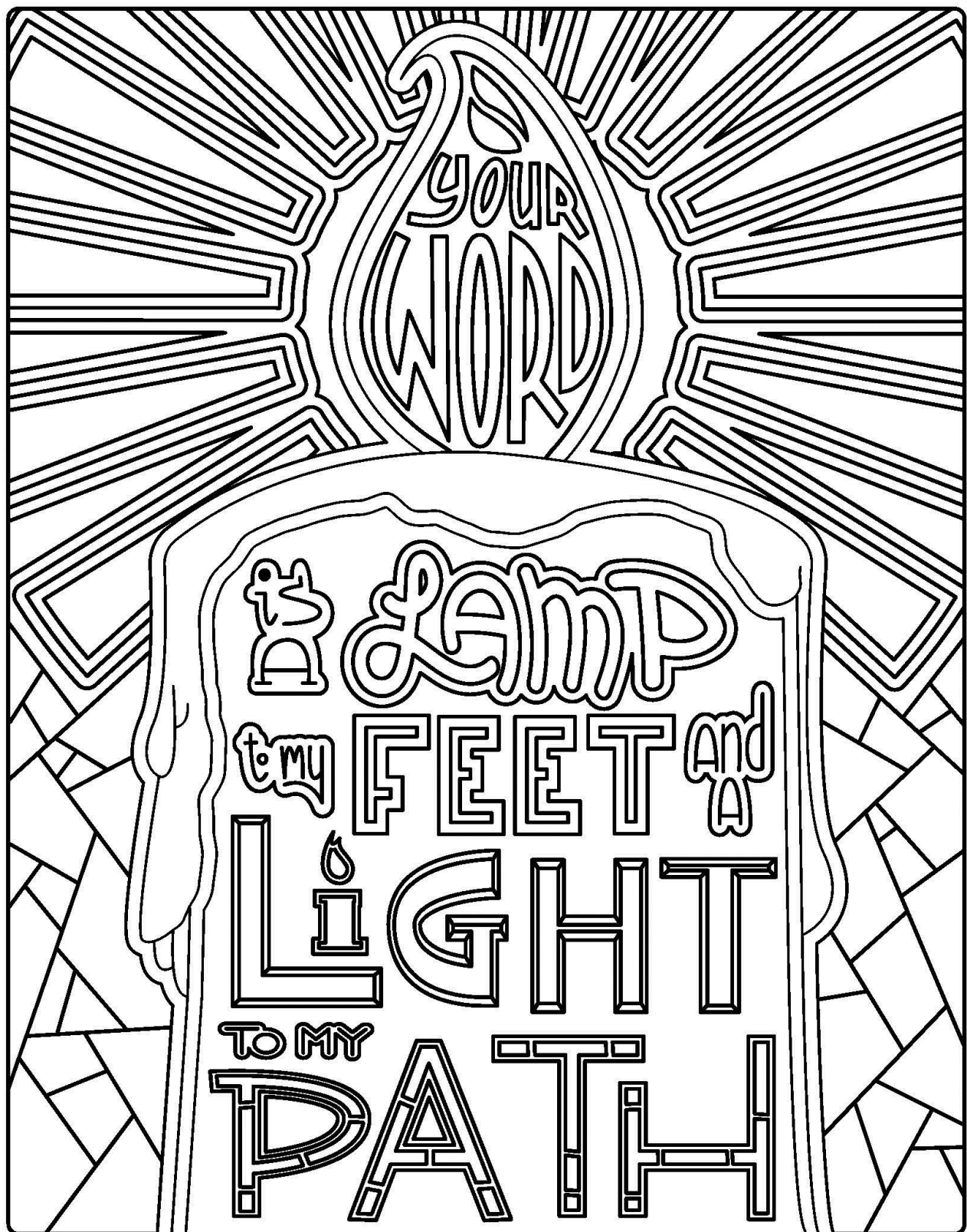


heed the wick - ed way; de - light - ing in the  
ev - er - flow - ing stream. Their fruit is plen - ti -  
fore the driv - ing wind, the saints are firm - ly



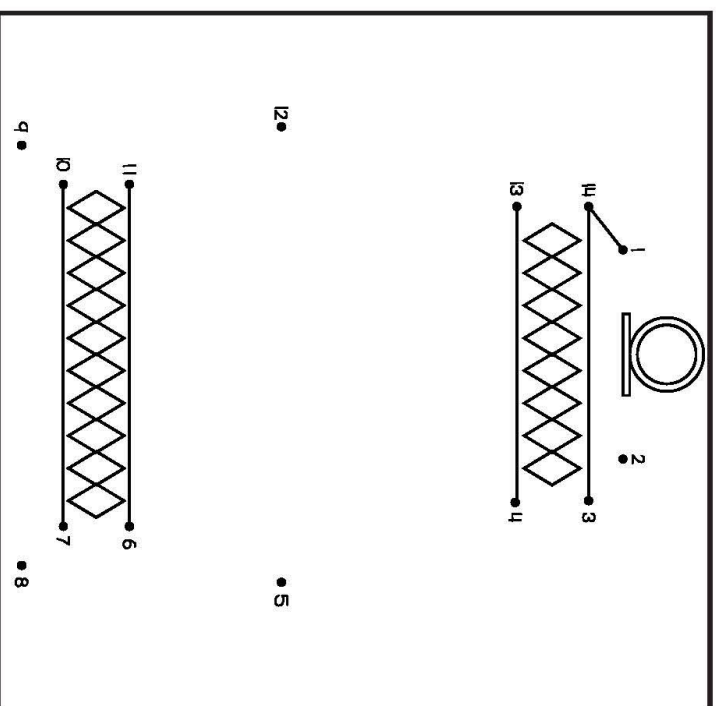
ho - ly Word they seek God's wis - dom night and day.  
ful and good; their leaves are al - ways grow - ing green.  
plant - ed still, and God will keep them to the end.

text: David Gambrell, 2009  
music: William Knapp, 1738



# CONNECT the DOTS

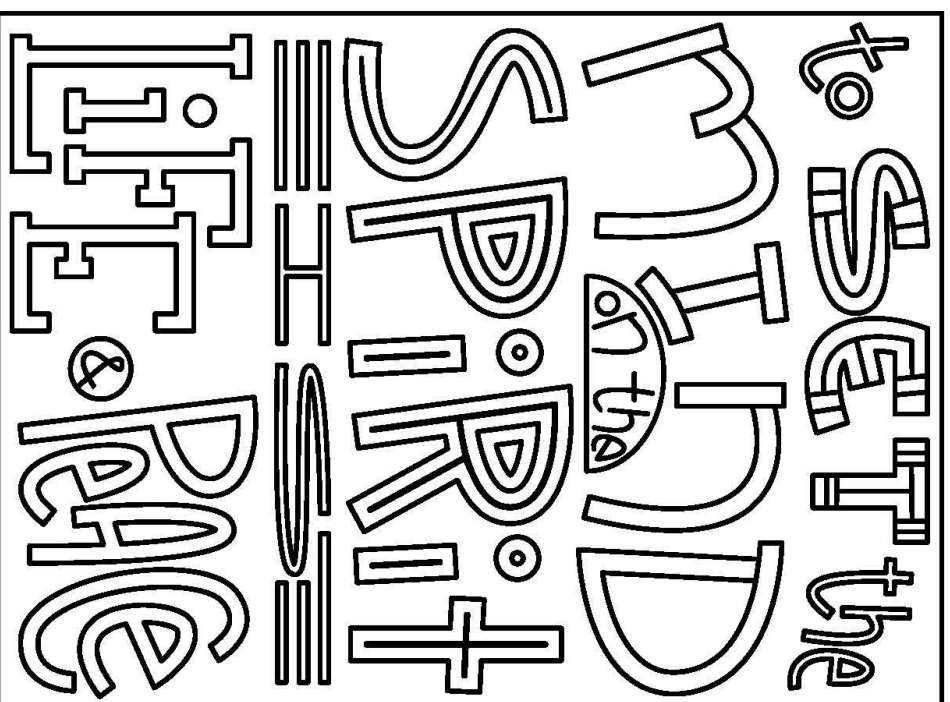
Psalm 119 describes God's word as a lamp that lights our path as we walk through life. Connect the dots to form a lamp. Draw or write a favorite Bible story of yours inside the lamp.



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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Genesis 25:19-34, Psalm 119:105-112, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-14, 18-23.



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Genesis 25 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

G G X J N J W E W E J H N G W  
O D Q Y A D E R E G N U O Y C  
P H M C Z T W O H C O O K N A  
K W O C G P B E B L A T Y V A  
Z B J V R H X R J C W I O E S  
R M F A T H G I R H T R I B I  
V W Y S X D T H V M U C V R H  
E S A U B F D H P Q M N L Y S  
M H X I R G A N E R D L I H C  
E L R E D D E G R E B E K A H  
R T D R L M R W R E N E F O S  
H L S T E W B L X Y E G H C N  
E A Q X I T A H I P E O P L E  
N P P O F S J U Z X L N Z V E  
T X Q M N O I T A N L R X V Y

ISAAC	PEOPLE	JACOB
REBEKAH	ELDER	FIELD
PRAY	YOUNGER	COOK
CHILDREN	BIRTH	STEW
TWO	RED	BREAD
NATION	ESAU	BIRTHRIGHT

# DRAW IT

In Matthew 13, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. He compares people's hearts to different kinds of soil - a path, rocky soil, thorny soil, and good soil.

Draw the seeds falling on these different places.

Remember the good soil represents a heart that receives God's word and follows it!

