

Jesus Prays for Us June 1

Theme; We are One; In unity we show God's love to the world.

Object; boxed puzzle

Scripture; John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed; "I made your name known to them so that the love you have shown me will be in them."



Do you enjoy working jigsaw puzzles? Jigsaw puzzles can be a lot of fun. (Open the box to reveal the pieces of the puzzle.) Wow! Look at all the pieces of this puzzle. The pieces of this puzzle are in many different sizes, shapes, colors. If you look at one piece of this puzzle, you don't get very much of the picture. The pieces are not very important by themselves, but when they are all joined together and become one, they show the total picture.

This jigsaw puzzle can teach us an important lesson about the church. The church is made up of many individual members. Like the pieces of this puzzle, the members of a church come in different sizes, shapes, and colors. Jesus himself prayed that the church would be one so that the world would see God's love in us. You and I are part of the picture. Jesus wants us to love one another, help one another, and serve one another. When we do that, we become one, just as Jesus prayed we would be, and when we are one, the world can see God's love in us.

Unfortunately, just as it is sometimes difficult to put all of the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together, the individual members of the church sometimes have a hard time being one with each other. We may hear people in the church saying things like "I don't like the songs we sing" or "The preacher preaches too long." When we say things like that and concentrate on our own likes and dislikes, we are no longer being one. We are like the individual pieces of the puzzle. WE need to try to show the world that we are each a puzzle piece, in the whole picture.

If you ever find yourself thinking about what you want or need, rather than what other people may want or need, remember, that Jesus prayed that we would always think about others too. When we all think that way we are all loved equally by God, then the world will see God's love through us.

Hello God, help us to remember the needs of others as well as our own needs so that the world may see your love in us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

JESUS TEACHES HOW TO PRAY

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Let's Sing! (tune Mary had a little lamb)

Jesus taught us how to pray, how to pray, how to pray. Jesus taught us how to pray and how to say I love you.

Jesus taught us how to be, how to be, how to be. Jesus taught us how to be, how to be a good friend.

Jesus taught us how to live, how to live, how to live. Jesus taught us how to live and how to give to others.

I will pray for . . .

Someone Bigger Than Me:

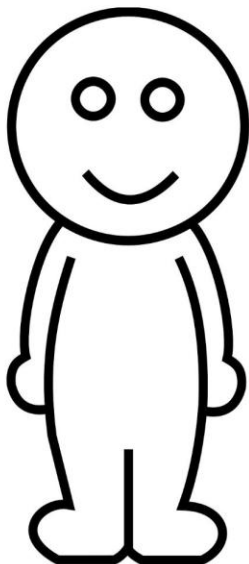
Someone who
lives near me:

Someone who lives
far away:

Someone Smaller Than Me:

Someone I've never met:

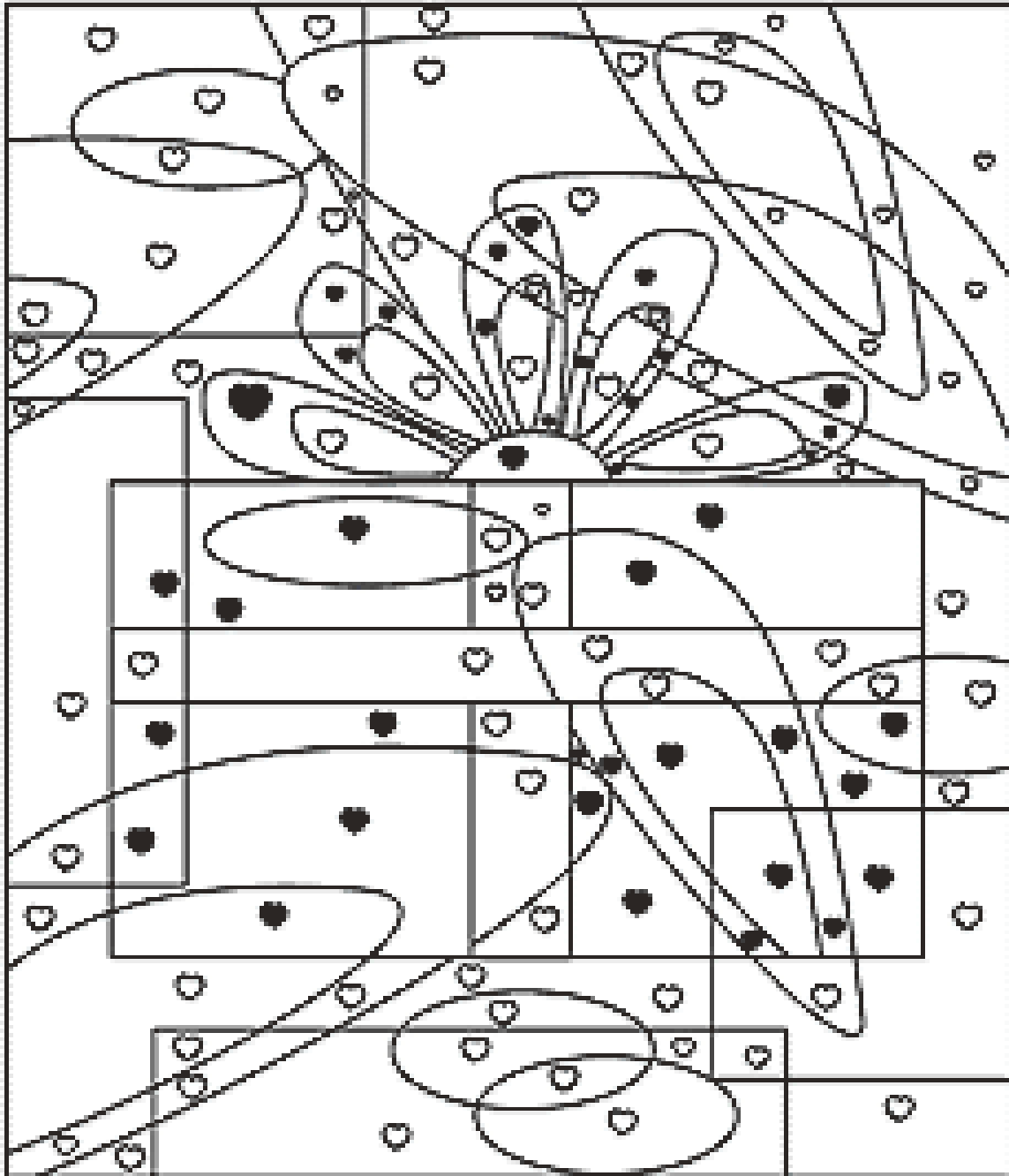
Myself!!



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God's gift is His mercy and grace.

Shade in the shapes with a ●.



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The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.

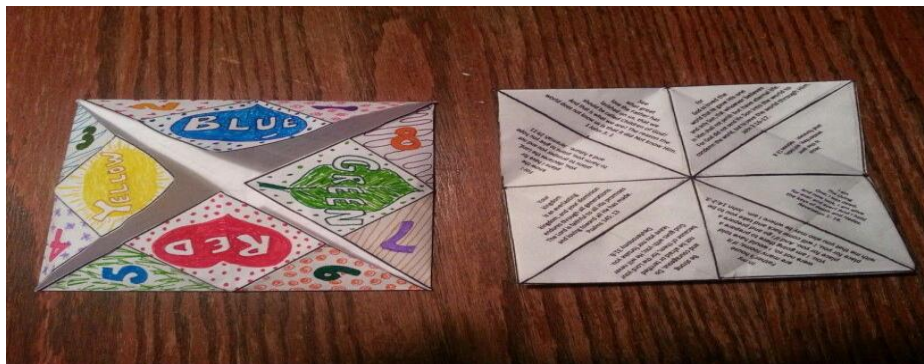




Craft #1 Paper doll Gifts BOOKLET (different from the above picture)

Using 2 or more pieces of white or flesh coloured paper, about 6" high and 11" long, fold three times and unfold. Draw a paper doll style picture on each page Place all the pages together and staple on the left side. Open the book and on each page glue a paper doll. Colour the paper dolls as if they were all of your friends. Write the gifts you can use to help each one on the corner of each page. For example: PG 1 I FOLLOW JESUS. PG2 I HELP OTHERS PG 3 I SHARE WITH MY FRIENDS PG 4 I SAY ONLY KIND WORDS etc.

CRAFT #2



You will need. One piece of paper 8"x 8" Markers and a pen or pencil.

Fold all corners in as seen above and flip over. Now upside down, fold in the four corners in again. Fold in half creasing the fold tightly and fold one more time to make a small square. Crease the fold tightly. Now.... Open to the position of the first picture and write colours and numbers on the four triangles. Flip over and on each of the triangles write one of the following or make up your own positive actions.

1. **Give** your parent a big hug for no reason. 2. **Make** a big heart picture and give it to a grandparent
3. **Share** your favourite toy with your friend. 4. **Tell** someone that you like something they did today.
5. **Give** each person in the room a little finger hug. 6. **Make** a funny face to make someone laugh. 7. **Say** a prayer for someone who is sad. 8. **Choose** someone who has not been chosen yet and "you are my friend." WATCH THIS WEEK'S VIDEO TO SEE HOW TO PLAY THIS GAME.