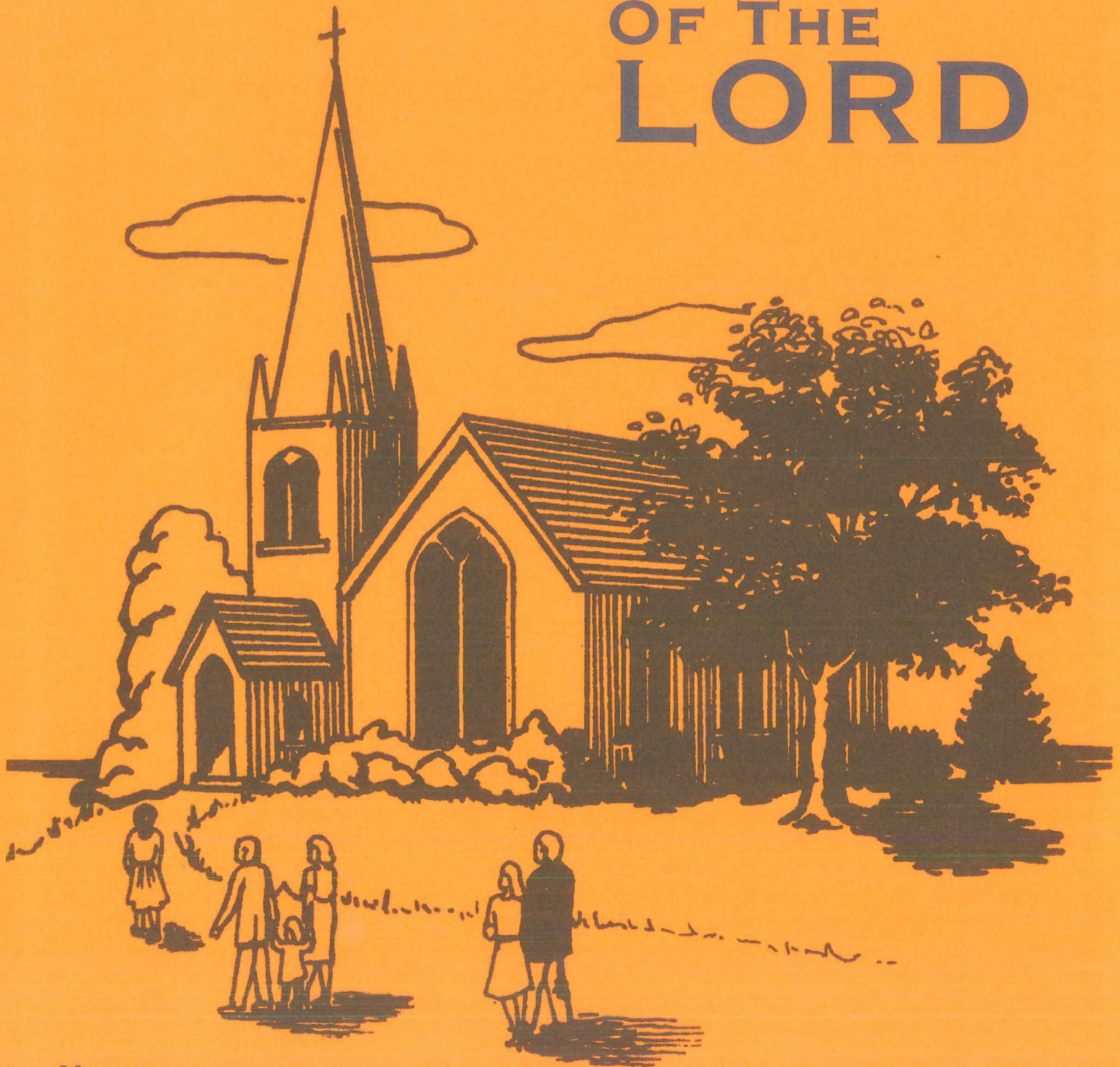


A DAY IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD



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LEVEL III

A DAY IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD

Lesson 1

Text: Acts 5:1-11

WHAT IS CHURCH?

- (1) But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.
- (2) And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- (3) But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"
- (4) "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."
- (5) Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

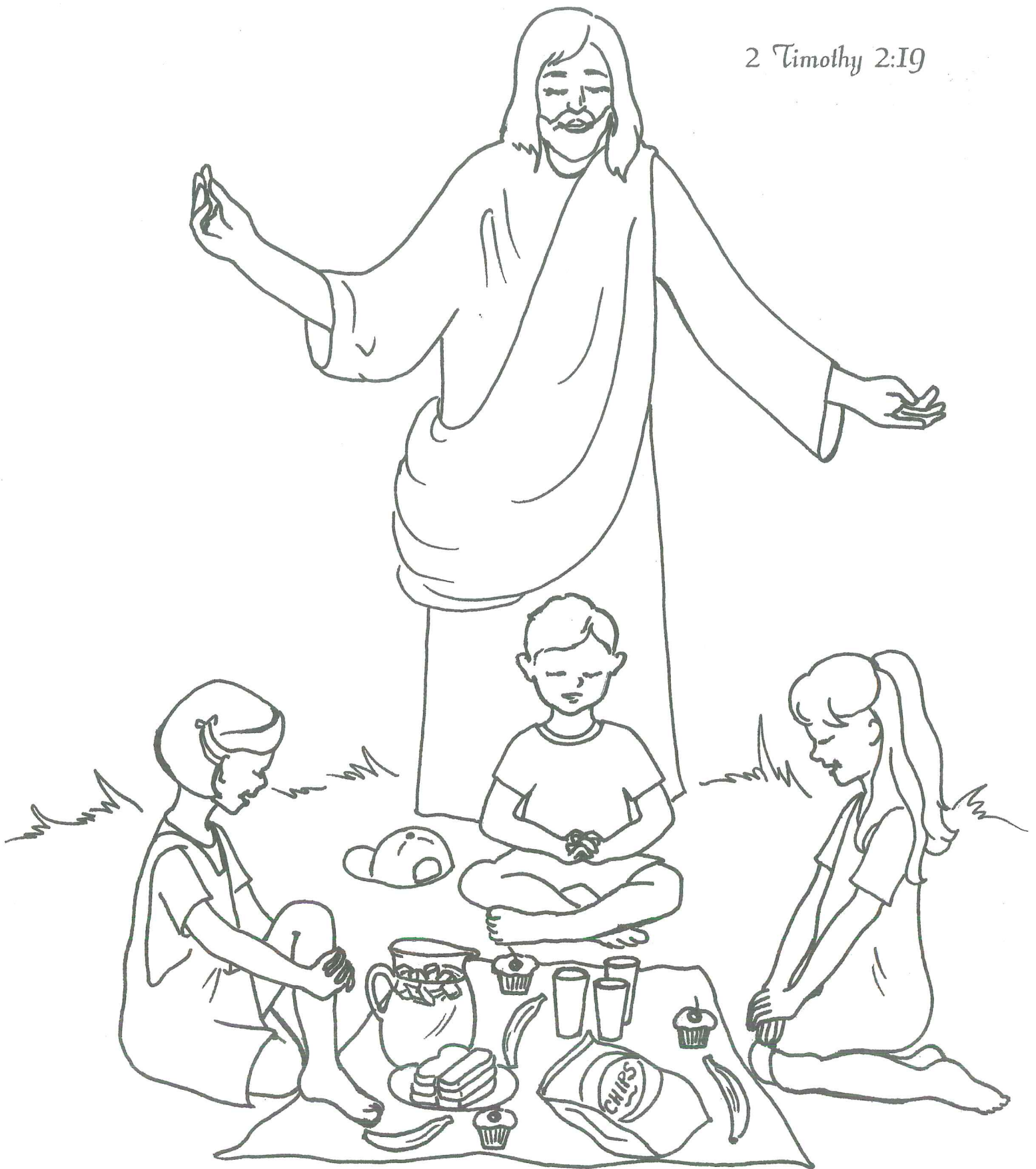


- (6) And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.
- (7) Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.
- (8) And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much."
- (9) Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."
- (10) Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband.
- (11) So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.



The Lord knows those who are His.

2 Timothy 2:19



CHURCH: A GATHERING OF BELIEVERS
ACTS 5: 1-11

I. Select the correct answer:

1. Ananias and Sapphira were
 - a. members of the invisible church.
 - b. brother and sister.
 - c. members of the visible church in Jerusalem.

2. Ananias and Sapphira sold their land and
 - a. gave all the money to church.
 - b. tried to deceive God and the people.
 - c. moved out of Jerusalem.

3. When God told Peter what they had done, Peter
 - a. gave them their money back.
 - b. confronted them with their lie.
 - c. told them to join another church.

4. When Ananias and Sapphira heard the words of Peter, they
 - a. fell down and died.
 - b. gave the rest of their money to the church.
 - c. ran out of church.

5. From this lesson, we learn
 - a. we should sell all of our possessions and give the money to church.
 - b. ministers can read people's hearts.
 - c. only believers in Christ are members of the invisible Church.

II. Use an "I" for invisible and a "V" for visible to describe which church is referred to in the following phrases.

- _____ Only God knows who is a member of this church
- _____ Made up of only believers
- _____ Holy Christian Church
- _____ Ananias and Sapphira were members of this church
- _____ Church of the Lutheran Confession
- _____ We know who is a member of this church
- _____ First Lutheran Church
- _____ Has no hypocrites

**III. Read the Nicene Creed (below).
Circle the phrase you heard about in this lesson.**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

IV. Decode the following message to find a Bible passage which deals with this lesson on the Holy Christian Church. (1=A, 2=B, 3=C, 4=D, etc.)

“20 8 5 12 15 18 4 11 14 15 23 19 20 8 15 19 5
23 8 15 1 18 5 8 9 19.” B 20 9 13. B: A I

V. Further study in the Word of God:

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-6. How does this section of God’s Word speak about the unity of the Christian Church?

2. Memory Passage: John 10:27 – Jesus said, “My _____ hear My _____ ,and I _____ them, and they _____ Me.”

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Lesson 2

Text: Psalm 84

WHY DO WE GO TO CHURCH?

(1) How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

(2) My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

(3) Even the sparrow has found a home, And the swallow a nest for herself, Where she may lay her young; Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God.

(4) Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah

(5) Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

(6) As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools.

(7) They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.

(8) O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah

(9) O God, behold our shield, And look upon the face of Your anointed.

(10) For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

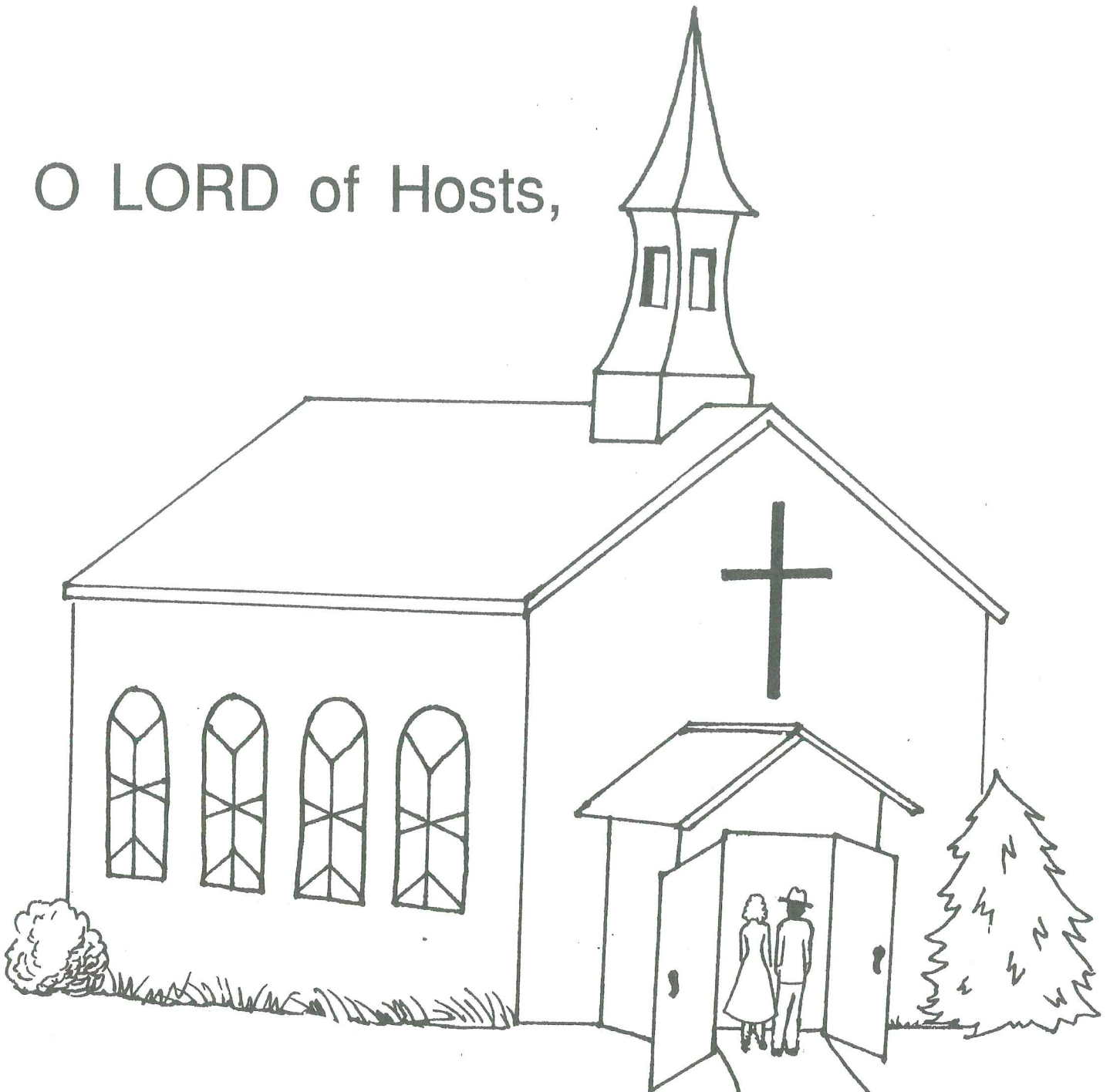
(11) For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

(12) O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!



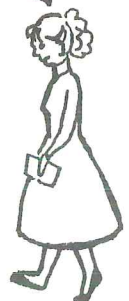
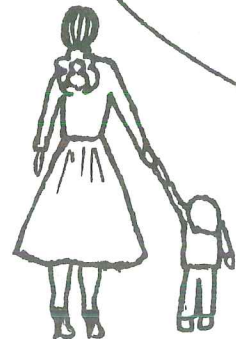
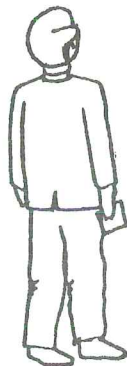


O LORD of Hosts,



Blessed is the man
who trusts in You!

Psalm 84:12



CHURCH: THE HOME OF OUR GOD
PSALM 84

I. True or false: Write a “T” in the blank if the statement is true or an “F” if the statement is false. Then correct the false statements.

1. _____ A Psalm is a prayer similar to what we call a hymn.
2. _____ Zion means parched valley or desert.
3. _____ The LORD God is a sun and a shield for His children.
4. _____ We will go to heaven because we go to church.
5. _____ This Psalm does not teach us about Jesus.
6. _____ The LORD gives grace and glory in church.
7. _____ Selah means stand up and shout.
8. _____ Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD.
9. _____ In some cases we are to trust only in our own strength.
10. _____ The LORD God wants us to come to church so that He can give us many blessings.

II. Fill in the blanks.

1. In church God gives grace. The means of grace are the _____ and the Sacraments of _____ and _____.
2. Church is a gathering of _____.
3. “My _____ hear my _____ and I _____ them and they _____ Me.”
(John 10:27)
4. “I would rather be a doorkeeper in the _____ of my God than dwell in the _____ of the wicked.” (Psalm 84:10)
5. _____ is a vale of tears. Zion is a picture of _____.

III. Read these sentences: Put a ☩ on the line if the person knows that church is important. Put a ☹ on the line if the person needs to learn that church is important.

1. _____ John stays home Sundays to watch his favorite TV show.
2. _____ Tim came home from the park early to study his Sunday School lesson.
3. _____ Beth invited her neighbor to Vacation Bible School.
4. _____ Naomi doesn't listen to the sermon because she says it's for adults.

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Lesson 3

Text: John 4:5-26

WHAT HAPPENS IN CHURCH?

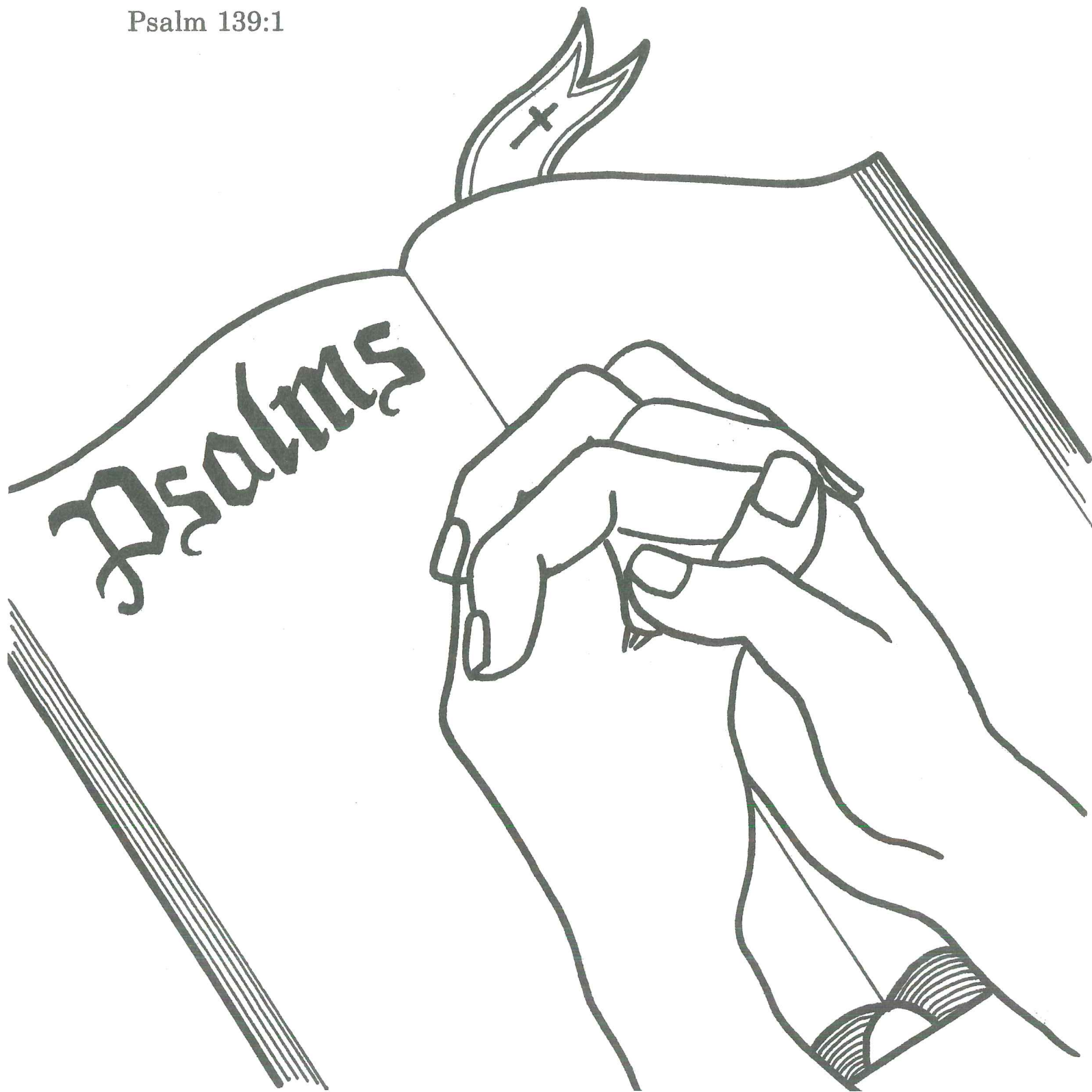
- (5) So He came to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- (6) Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.
- (7) A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."
- (8) For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.
- (9) Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.
- (10) Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."
- (11) The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"
- (12) "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"
- (13) Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,
- (14) "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."
- (15) The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."
- (16) Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."
- (17) The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,'
- (18) "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."
- (19) The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.
- (20) "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."
- (21) Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- (22) "You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.
- (23) "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
- (24) "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- (25) The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."
- (26) Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."





Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for
He is good! For His mercy
endures forever.

Psalm 139:1



CHURCH: WORSHIPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH
JOHN 4:5-26

I. Fill in the blanks using the following words.

Samaria	everything	well	spoke	drink	believed
surprised	Messiah	worship	spirit	prophet	Christian
living	where	truth	Jesus	He	important

Jesus was traveling through _____ when He stopped at a _____. There He asked a Samaritan woman for a _____. She was _____ that He even _____ with her. Jesus told her about _____ water and showed that He knew _____ about her. She called him a _____ and wanted to know more about how to _____ God. Jesus told her _____ we worship God isn't _____ but only that we worship Him in _____ and _____. The woman then said she believed that when the _____ came, He would tell them all things. _____ answered, "I am _____." The woman _____ in Jesus and now was a _____.

II. Draw lines to match the church festival with its description. Then put the festivals in the correct order by writing numbers in the blanks.

_____ a. Christmas	Giving of the Holy Spirit
_____ b. Pentecost	Jesus rose from the dead
_____ c. Easter	Celebrates Jesus' birth
_____ d. Ascension	Jesus entered Jerusalem
_____ e. Palm Sunday	When Jesus went to His Father
_____ f. Good Friday	The Day Jesus died for our sins

III. Questions for further thought:

Explain what happened on "Good Friday" and why is it called good?

IV. Matching: The minister is a servant. Sometimes he serves God by representing Him to us. Other times he serves us by representing us to God. Usually his back is to the one he is representing. Draw an arrow to point to which way the minister is facing during the following:



- Prayers
- Lord's Supper
- Sermon
- Offerings
- Benediction
- Scripture Readings
- Confession of sins
- Absolution — forgiving of sins



(Hint: When drawing your arrow, think of it as starting on one side and flowing through the minister to the other side.)

V. Further study in the Word of God:

1. Read Ecclesiastes 5:1. How does this passage relate to our worship attitude and behavior in church?

2. Memory Passage: John 4:24 — Use numbers to put each phrase in the proper order.

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| _____ and those | _____ in spirit |
| _____ and truth | _____ must worship |
| _____ God is Spirit | _____ who worship Him |

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Lesson 4

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

WHAT CAN WE DO FOR CHURCH?

(14) "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.

(15) "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

(16) "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.

(17) "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.

(18) "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

(19) "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

(20) "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'

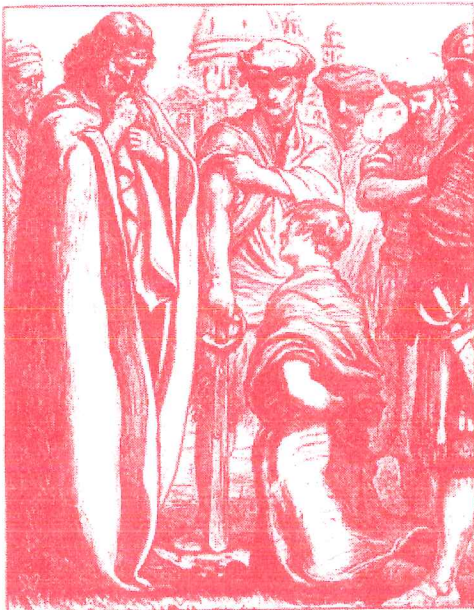
(21) "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

(22) "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'

(23) "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

(24) "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.

(25) 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'



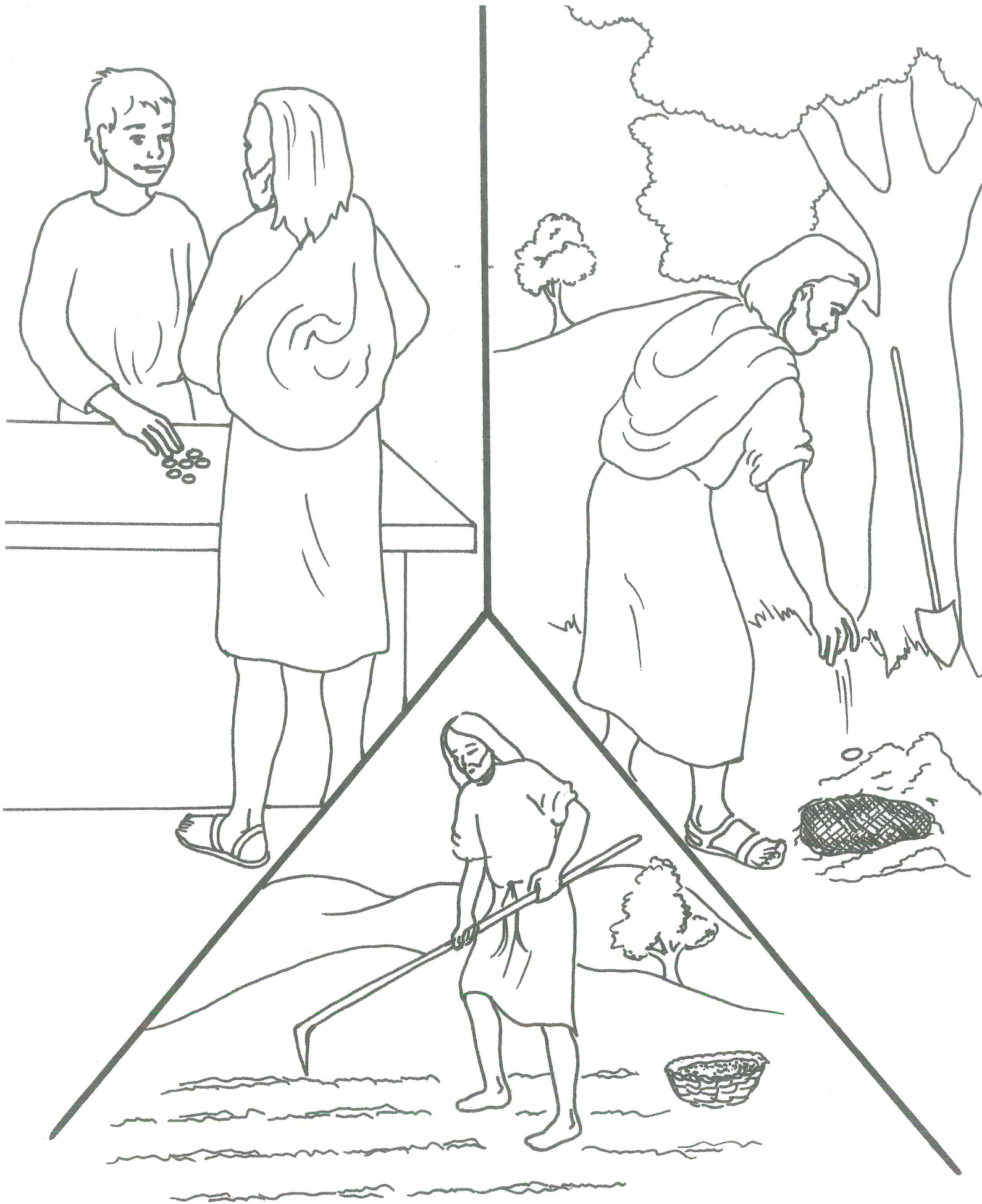
(26) "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

(27) 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

(28) 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.

(29) 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

(30) 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



*Whatever you do, do all to the glory
of God.*

1 Cor. 10:31b



CHURCH: AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
MATTHEW 25:14-30

I. Fill in the blanks and find the words in the cryptogram.

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

A _____ was leaving on a journey.
He gave his servants _____.
One servant received _____ talents.
Another received _____ talents.
One servant _____ his talent.
The one who buried his talent was cast into _____.
Those who used their talents properly were praised by their _____.

II. Memory passage review: Fill in the blanks.

“My _____ hear my _____, _____ know them and they _____ Me.” - John 10:27

“I was _____ when they _____ to me, let us _____ into the _____ of the _____.”- Psalm 122:1

“God is _____, and those who _____ Him must worship in _____ and _____.”
- John 4:24

III. Below are listed some of the gifts God has given you. You might want to add to the list. Then tell how you might use that gift to serve the LORD.

1. voice _____
2. hands _____
3. eyes _____
4. food _____
5. mind _____

IV. Decode the message: Usually, God does not give a lot of money to His young children, but instead waits until they grow up to give this gift. However, there is a gift from God that the young and old Christians have in equal amounts. Can you figure it out?
 (Hint: $24 \times 7 = 168$) _____. Now decode the following message to see how you can use this gift in the service of God. Cross out every b, d, k, and w and copy the remaining letters in order on the blanks below.

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 y k e r b o d f a r i b g h k t e d o u s m a d n w a v a
 k k i l d s b w b k w m w u d c h

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V. Further study in the Word of God:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-22. What do these words tell us concerning the many ways we all can serve the Lord?

2. Memory Passage: 1 Corinthians 10:31 — Unscramble the letters and put the words in the right blank.

Therefore, _____ you _____ or _____, or _____ you _____, do
 _____ to the _____ of God.

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 lal od thewerh

A DAY IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD

Lesson 5

Text: Haggai 2:1-9

HOW DO WE PICK A CHURCH?

(1) In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying:

(2) "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying:

(3) 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?

(4) 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts.

(5) 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

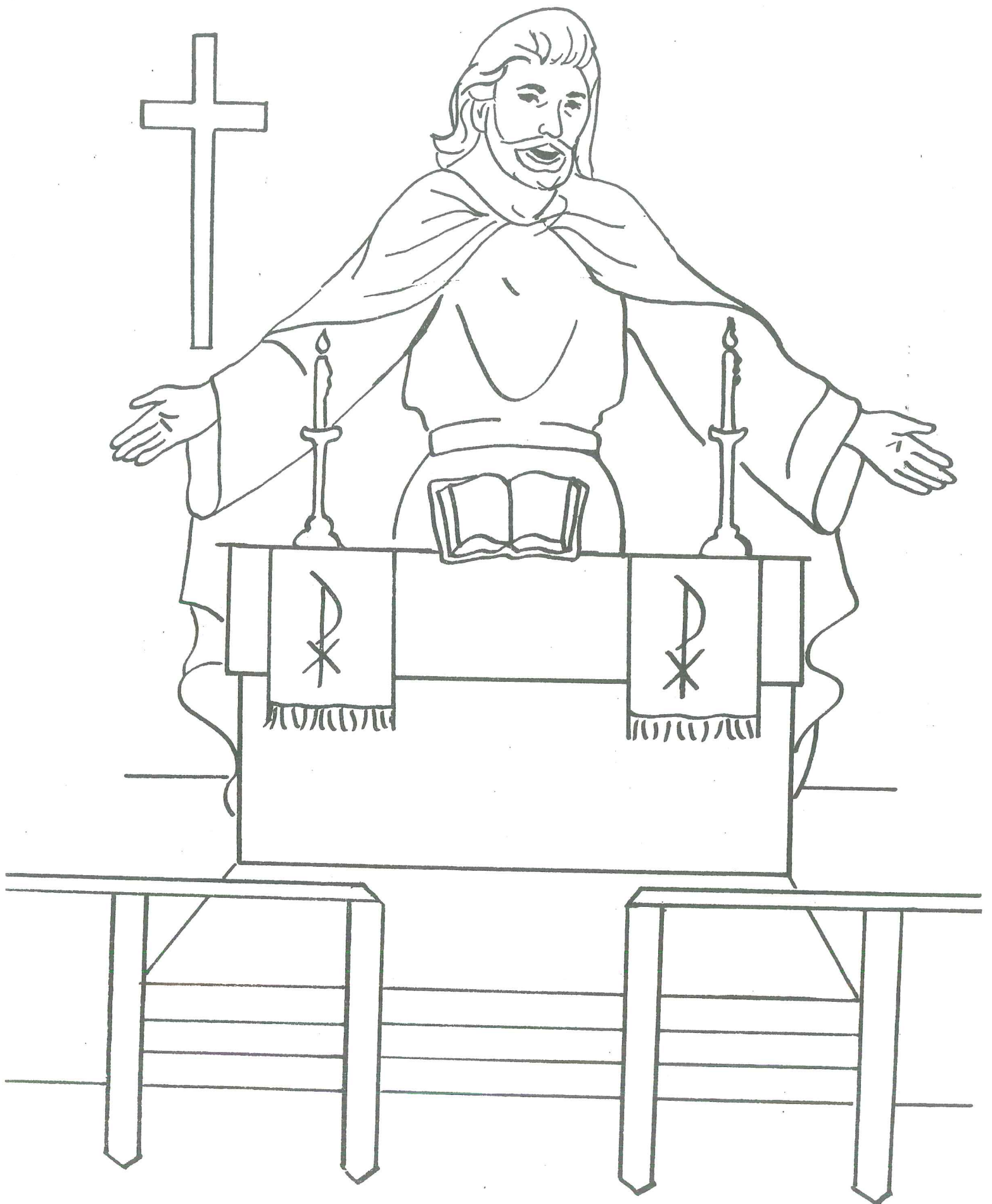
(6) "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

(7) 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.



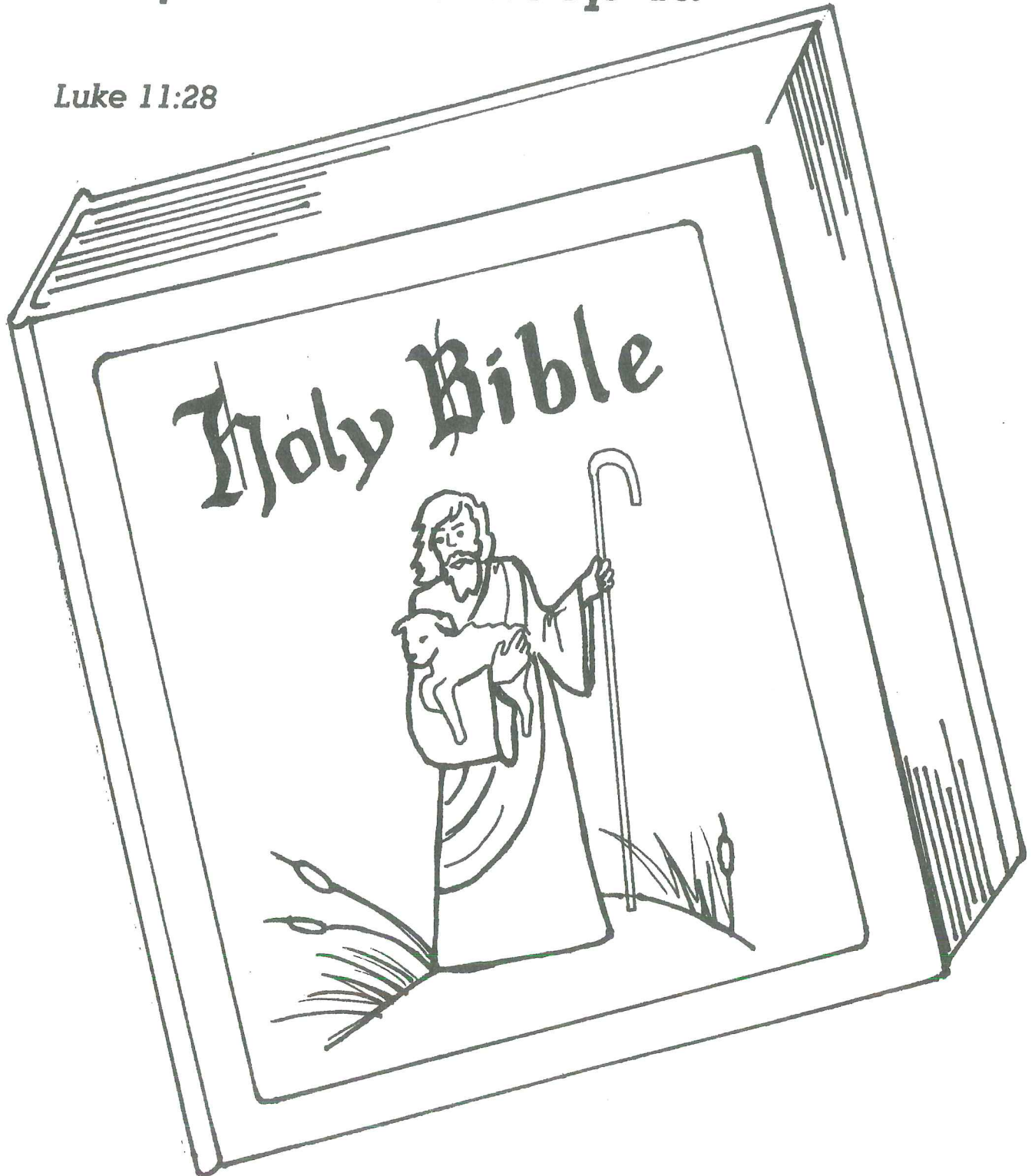
(8) 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.

(9) 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."



*Blessed are those who hear the
word of God and keep it!*

Luke 11:28



CHURCH: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST
HAGGAI 2:1-9

I. True or false: Write a “T” in the blank if the statement is true or an “F” if the statement is false. Then correct the false statements.

1. _____ This story takes place after the birth of Christ.
2. _____ The new temple wasn't as beautiful as the old one.
3. _____ The people were happy with the old temple.
4. _____ God sent the Prophet Habakkuk to talk to the people.
5. _____ We can only worship properly in a big and beautiful church.
6. _____ Jesus is the true glory of a church.
7. _____ We look for a church which teaches about Jesus as the Bible does.
8. _____ A church which teaches the Word of God in its truth will have Jesus.

II. Further study in the Word of God:

1. Read Romans 10:13-17. What does God tell us concerning the importance of hearing pastors preach the Gospel to us?
2. Memory Passage: John 8:31-32 — Pick from the following words to fill in the blanks. (Do not use all the words.)

And, and in the, the and, and indeed then who

If those If My, My those to indeed

_____ Jesus said _____ _____ Jews _____ believed Him, “ _____

you abide _____ _____ word, you are _____ disciples _____.” _____

you shall know _____ truth, _____ _____ truth shall make you free.”

III. Read Matthew 28:18-20. Fill in the blanks.

“All _____ has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make _____ of all the _____, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, _____ them to _____ all things that I have _____ you; and lo, _____ am with you _____, even to the end of the age. _____.”

IV. Underline the word or words that make the sentence true.

1. Jesus is present (in all churches; wherever believers gather).
2. We should choose a church that (teaches God's Word; makes us feel welcome).
3. A pastor's (friendliness to people; faithfulness to God) is most important.
4. People in the Bible (often; never) prayed to God outside of the temple.
5. Jesus said, “Blessed are they that (hear the Word of God, and keep it; hear the Word, and live how they think is best).”

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

I. Our series this week asked five questions.

Complete the chart below by choosing one number from each the columns.

	Bible story	What it teaches	Supporting passage
1. What is Church?	_____	_____	_____
2. Why do we go to	_____	_____	_____
3. What happens in church?	_____	_____	_____
4. What can we do for church?	_____	_____	_____
5. How do we pick a church?	_____	_____	_____
1. The rebuilt temple at Jerusalem	6. The Presence of Christ	11. 1 Cor. 10:31	
2. The parable of the talents	7. The Home of our God	12. John 4:24	
3. Ananias and Sapphira	8. An opportunity to serve	13. John 8:31-32	
4. The Samaritan woman at Jacob's well	9. A gathering of believers	14. Psalm 122:1	
5. A psalm about the blessings found in the LORD's House	10. Worshipping God in spirit and in truth	15. John 10:27	

II. Match the contrasting terms.

_____ Zion	a. God's House
_____ human	b. Peter
_____ Sapphira	c. Samaritan
_____ Jew	d. Sinner
_____ The World	e. Holy Spirit
_____ Jesus	f. Baca

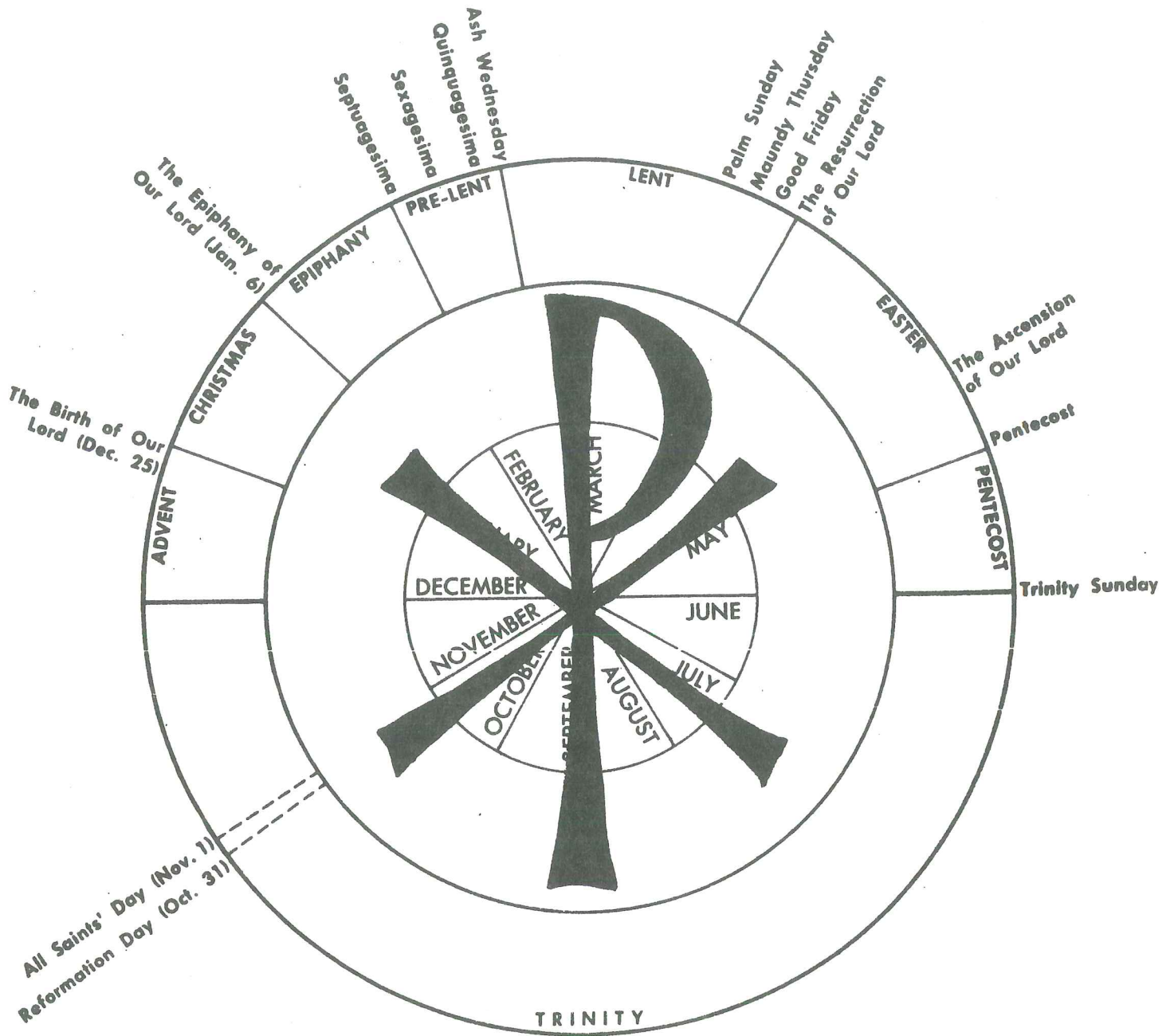
III. Discuss the following questions in the light of the Word of God that you have studied this week.

1. "I know I haven't been to church in a while, but I have still been praying to God at home."
2. "I don't want to go to church, it is full of hypocrites."
3. "I don't have any abilities to help the church."
4. "Oh, that church is beautiful. It is so big inside, and it has such nice stained glass windows, and a nice old pipe organ."
5. "It doesn't make any difference which church you go to, as long as you go."

IV. Questions for further thought:

Describe what the Holy Spirit does for the hearer of God's Word.

THE CHURCH YEAR



A DAY IN THE COURTS OF THE LORD

MEMORY VERSES

Level 1-2:

2 Timothy 2:19 — “The Lord knows those who are His.”

Psalm 84:12 — Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Psalm 136:1 — Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

1 Corinthians 10:31b — Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Luke 11:28 — Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

Level 3-4:

John 10:27 — My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Psalm 122:1 — I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

John 4:24 — God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

1 Corinthians 10:31 — Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

John 8:31-32 — “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

MEMORY HYMN

The Lutheran Hymnal — Hymn 2:1,2,6,7

1. To Thy temple I repair;
Lord, I love to worship there
When within the veil I meet
Christ before the mercy seat.
2. I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Thy child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Thy courts to seek Thy face.
3. While Thy ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Thy name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear Thee speaking from the sky.
4. From Thy house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
“I have walked with God today.”

SUGGESTED PRAYER

Dear LORD God, we confess that we are sinful. We have made mistakes.

We indeed are weak, but You are strong. Help us!

O LORD, make us members of Your Church and gather us together with other believers.

O LORD, make us happy to be in church, for it is Your home on earth.

O LORD, lead us to worship You, the true God, in spirit and in truth.

O LORD, help us to use the gifts You have given to us in the work of Your Church.

O LORD, teach us to look to Jesus Christ, for He is the true beauty of the Church.

O God the Father, O God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, give us grace to spend our days in the courts of the LORD.

In the name of Jesus, our Savior from sin, we pray. Amen.