

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

June 25, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39



He Cares for You. *Object: A jar filled with jelly beans.*

When I was a child, I would sometimes go into a store and see a large jar filled with beans. There would be a contest to see who could guess how many beans were in the jar. The one who guessed the nearest to the correct number would win a prize.

Can you guess how many jelly beans are in this jar? (Allow some time for them to guess.) Actually, there are ___ jelly beans in this jar.

Wouldn't it be amazing if someone could take one look at this jar and tell you exactly how many jelly beans are in the jar? That would be pretty amazing, but let me tell you something more amazing than that! The Bible tells us that God knows exactly how many hairs are on your head. Look around the room, some of us have a lot of hair and some don't have very much. It doesn't matter how much or how little hair you have, God knows how many hairs are on each person's head!

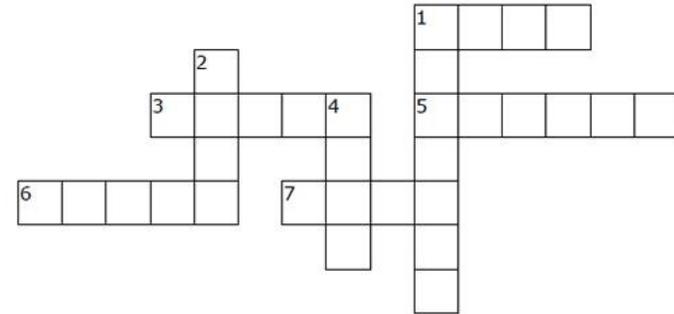
The Bible also says that God knows exactly how many birds are in the air and if one of them dies and falls to the ground, God knows it! If God cares when a little sparrow falls to the ground, can you imagine how much he cares for you? Well, I'll tell you how much God cares for you -- He cares for you so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for you. Now, that's amazing love!

Dear Father, we are thankful that we have a God who knows everything about us and loves us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on my behalf, and you also are to testify. Alleluia. (John 15:26, 27)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The spiritual part of a person
3. The value of something
5. To be fearful or anxious about something
6. A small copper coin
7. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

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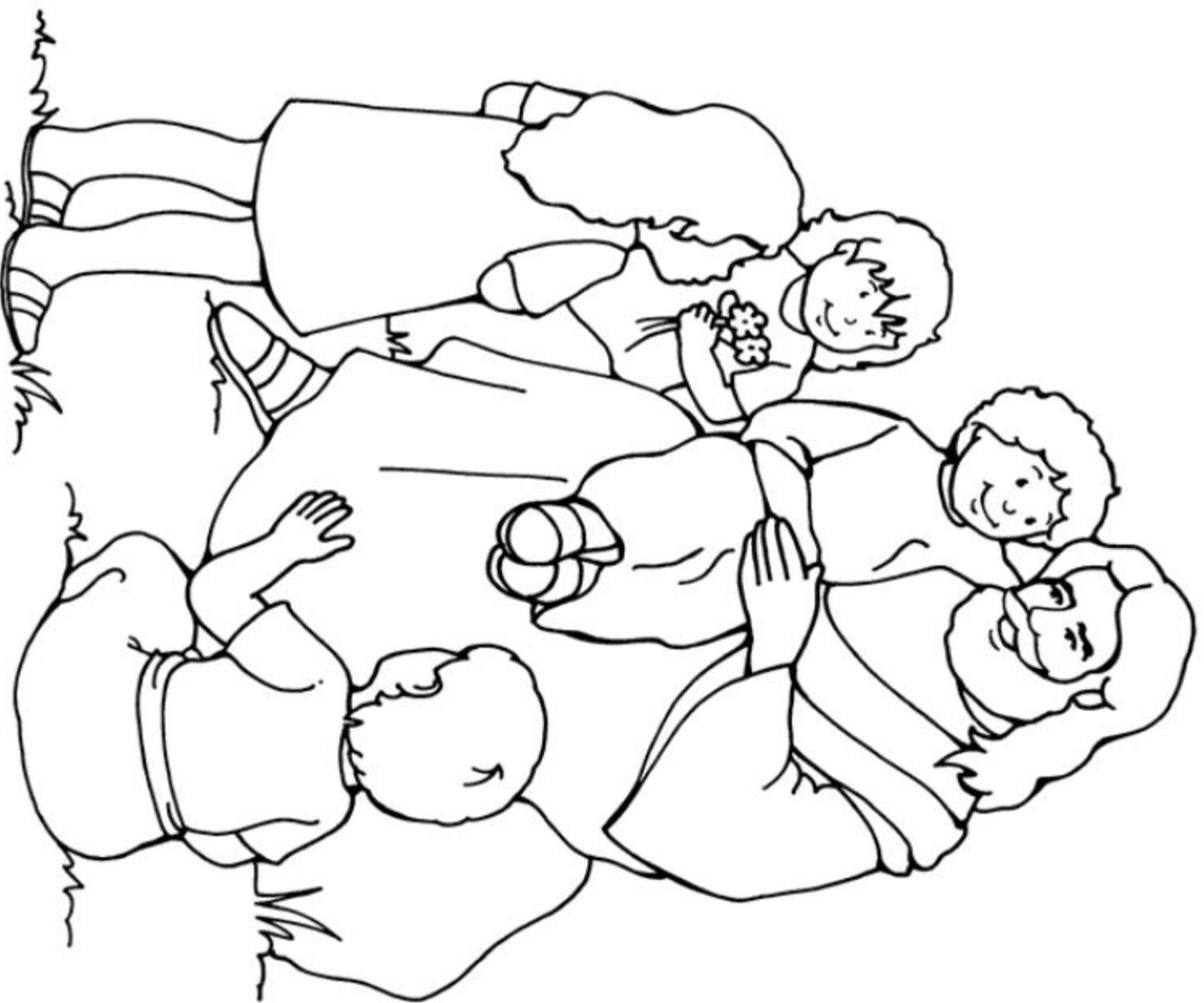
1. A common, small, gray-brown bird
2. The physical part of a person
4. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain

HEAD	PENNY	SOUL	WORTH
HAIR	BODY	SPARROW	AFRAID

HAND SPARROW: Let the child trace their own hand and color and make their hand print into what could look like a bird with eyes on the thumb, etc. Write words from today's lesson or today's Bible verse on the feathers/fingers of the "sparrow bird" and glue the bird hand onto a piece of construction paper.



JESUS AND THE CHILDREN



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