

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

June 19, 2016

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39



Go and Tell! Object: A thank you card.

What do you do when someone does something nice for you? Well, the most important thing you should do when someone does something nice for you is to say, "Thank you." I hope you will always remember to say, "Thank you" when someone does something nice for you. Another thing you should do is to tell others about the nice things that person has done for you.

Jesus spent his life on earth doing good things for people. He was loving, kind, and compassionate. The Bible tells us that he came not to be served, but to serve others and to give his life for them. Wherever Jesus went, he healed the sick and the lame. He gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. Why, he even raised some from the dead! Sometimes the people remembered to say, "Thank you" and sometimes they forgot.

In our Bible lesson today, Jesus met a man who was controlled by evil spirits. He had not worn clothes for a long time and he did not live in a house, but spent his days and nights roaming among the tombs and in the mountains. People in the town where he lived were afraid of him and tried to bind him with chains, but he was so strong that he broke the chains.

Jesus saw that the man was tormented and he felt compassion for him. There was a large herd of pigs on the hillside nearby, so Jesus let the evil spirits enter into the pigs, and the entire herd ran into the lake and drowned.

After Jesus freed the man from the evil spirits, he was like a different person. People saw the man sitting at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and speaking calmly. He was so happy that he wanted to go with Jesus and follow him wherever he went, but Jesus told the man to go back to his home and tell everyone what God had done for him. The Bible tells us that the man went back and told all the people in of the city what great things Jesus had done for him.

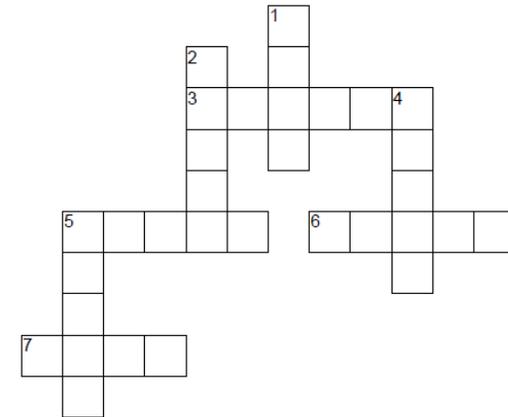
You and I should always remember to give thanks for all that Jesus has done for us. We should also tell others what he has done for us so that they might come to know that he loves them too.

Our Father, we thank you for all that you have done for us. Help us to always show our gratitude and tell others how much you have done for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God had done for you. Alleluia (Luke 8:29)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3. To be filled with fear
- 5. To be freed from illness or injury
- 6. To die from being submerged in water
- 7. Farm animals with a fat body flat nose, short legs and tail

DOWN

- 1. A group of cattle or other animals
- 2. Something above average size
- 4. A cruel and wicket spirit
- 5. A series of connected metal links

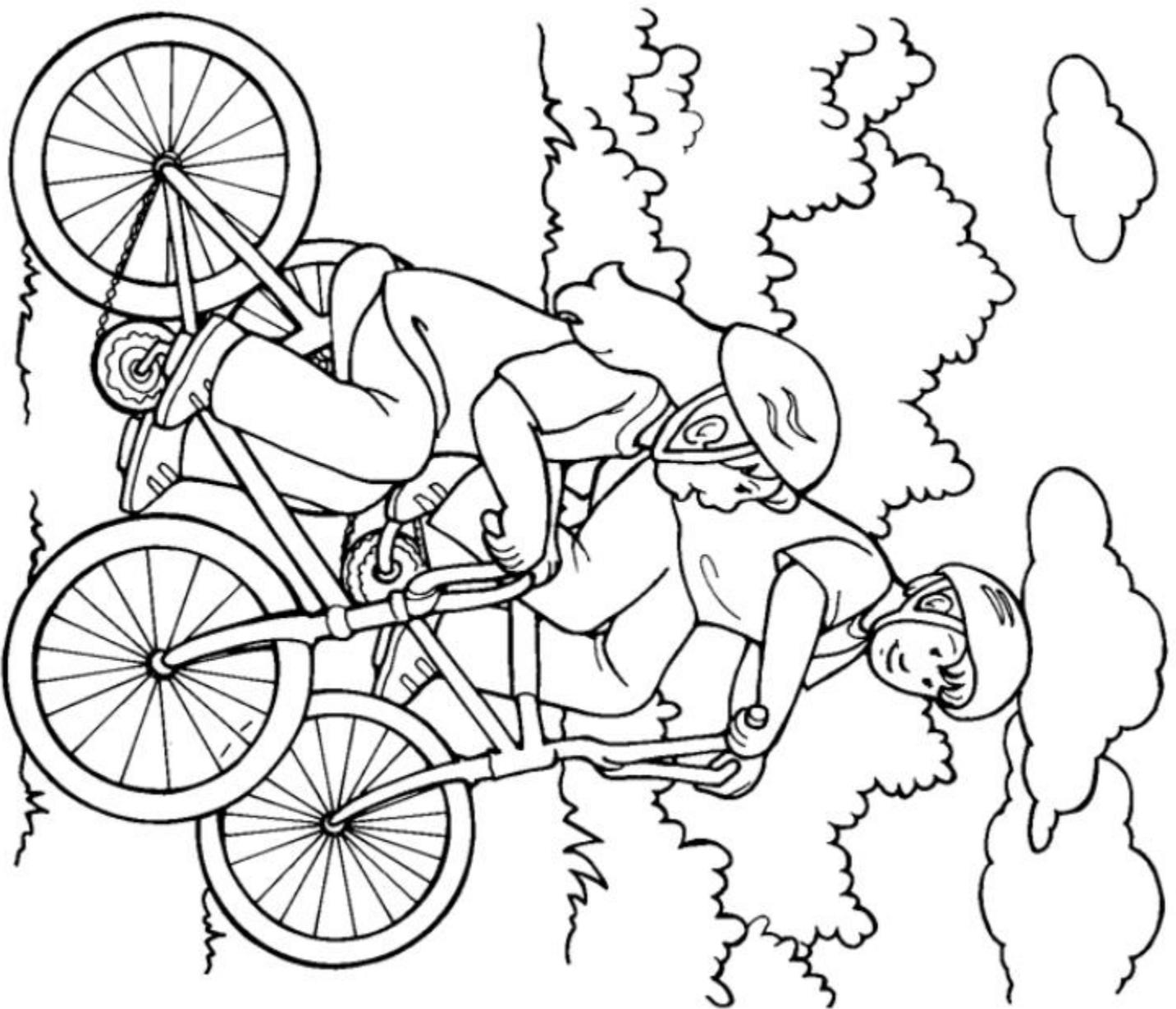
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FINGERPRINT PEOPLE: Give each child a piece of construction paper (4 X 8") and a rainbow colored ink pad. Let the child make as many finger prints on their paper as time allows. The child can use ink pens or markers and add hands and legs/feet to their prints and let them know that these represent all the people who need to hear about Jesus!

GIFT BOOKLET: Provide paper for the child to cut squares to make a booklet. Decorate the edges of each page. Each page can have a word of thanks or a word of something that God has done for them. Tie the booklet together with a piece of ribbon and encourage the child to "read" their booklet everyday and THANK GOD for all the things that He has given and done for them.

SHARE JESUS
WITH A FRIEND

I CAN TELL MY FRIENDS ABOUT JESUS



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