

Crossword Puzzle

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

June 2, 2019

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Many of us celebrate special occasions by eating cake. What is your favorite kind of cake?

Suppose we were to make a chocolate cake. To begin we would need to have a recipe and gather all the ingredients together.

Do you know what ingredients we would put into the bowl to make a chocolate cake? We would need flour, chocolate (cocoa powder), and sugar. We would need baking powder to make it rise and vanilla to give it flavor. We would also need milk, oil, and eggs. (You could actually pre-measure ingredients, arrange on tray, and blend ingredients together if situation permits.)

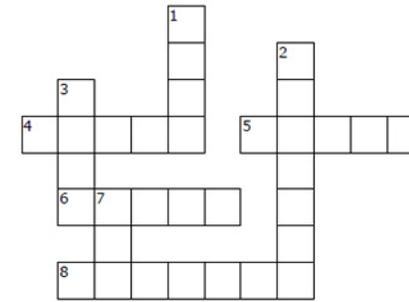
What happens when we blend all of these individual ingredients together and bake them? WE HAVE CAKE!!!!

Thinking about baking a cake helps us understand the idea of unity. Before Jesus left to go to heaven he prayed and he asked God to give people the love that God had given him so that we could all be blended together to become one.

As Christians we are no longer individual ingredients; we all have the Spirit of Love in us and are one. Jesus prayed that "... they may be one, even as we are one" "I in them, and you in me, that they may be perfected into one..."

Cakes are yummy. Let's be blended together and decorate our lives with God's love.

Gracious and loving God, in you, we are unified, in your son, Jesus we are all one Body of Christ. Help us to see all of your children as our brothers and sisters and to share your love with the whole world. Amen.



ACROSS

4. Joined together as a group; the state of being in agreement
5. Great admiration, honor and praise
6. The earth and its inhabitants
8. A written or spoken statement

DOWN

1. To speak to God
2. To think that something is true or correct
3. To be acquainted with someone or something
7. A single thing; to be undivided

pray
believe

message
world

glory
unity

know
one

Activity: Draw and cut out a great big cake. Draw candles to glue upon the top. On each candle, write something that you are thankful for. Is your cake big enough to hold all of the candles that you need?

Bake a cake (or cookies) this week. For each ingredient needed (look up a simple recipe online) say the name of a family member or friend as you blend the ingredients together. See how we all become one?

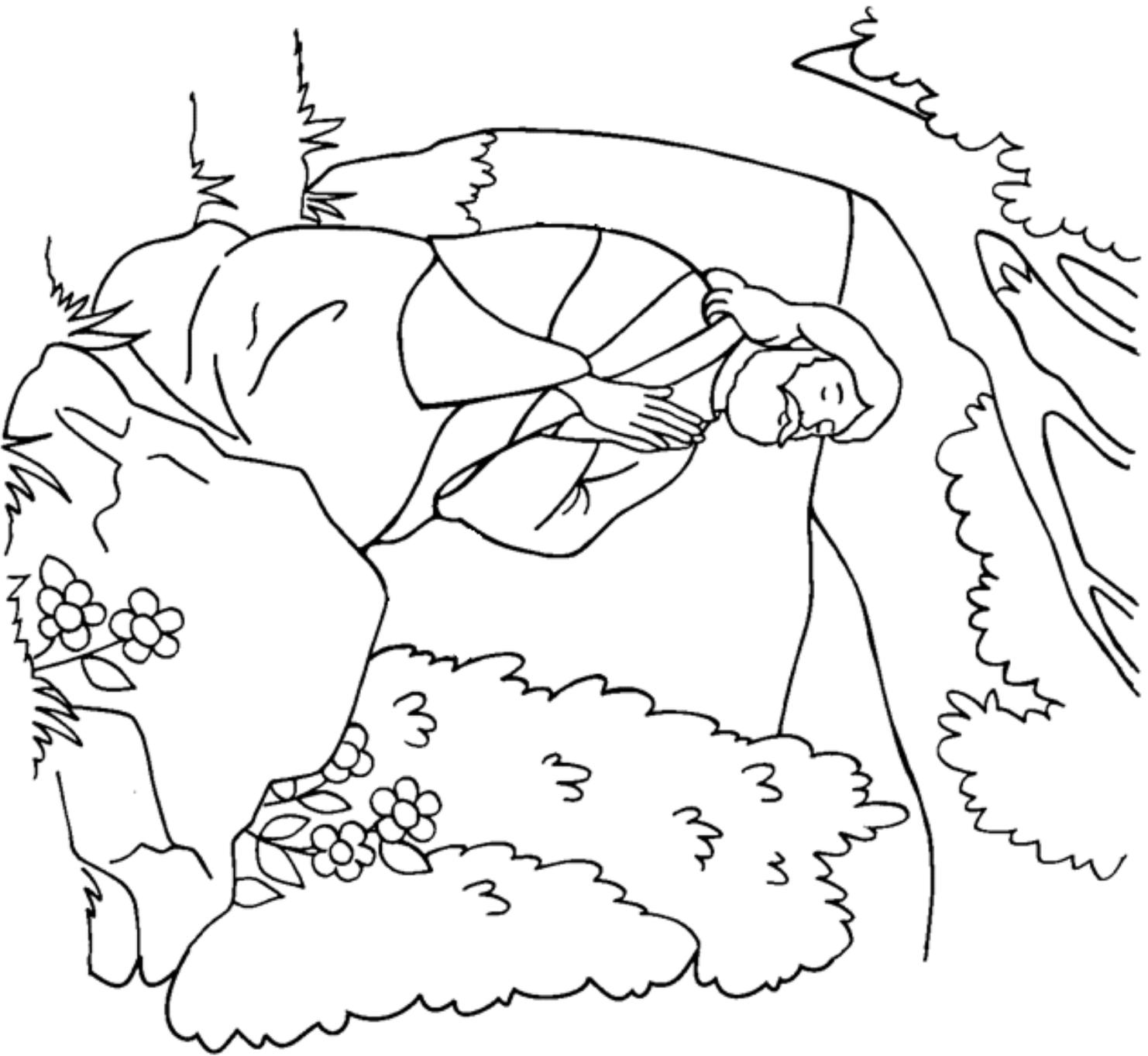
Discussion Question: We often focus on what makes us different from one another...our hair, our height, our talents. This week, let's focus on similarities. What do we all have in common? It is God's love that joins us all together. One God, One Faith, One Baptism= One in our LORD. We are ALL God's children.

Family Table Prayer for June:

For veggies so fresh
And fruits just right
Thank you, God
For dinner this night. Amen.

June Memory Verse: Psalm 74:17 It was you, God, who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

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