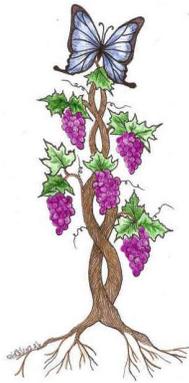


# Word Search

## Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

May 26, 2019

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67  
Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I told you: 'I am going away, but I will come back to you again.'" John 14:27-28a (NLT)

I must confess that when I was a child, I was afraid of the dark. At the end of the day, when it was time to turn out the lights and go to bed, I wanted to know that I was not alone in the darkness. That is where my Teddy Bear came to the rescue. Somehow, the darkness was not so frightening with "Teddy" in the bed with me.

Have you ever been afraid? Of course, you have. We are all afraid at times. It is nothing to be ashamed of -- even adults are sometimes afraid. Some of us may be afraid of the dark. Some may be afraid of the thunder and lightning that comes with a storm. Can you name some other things that people might be afraid of? (wait for answers)

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to return to his Father, they were afraid. What would happen to them? Would the enemies recognize them as his followers and try to harm them?

Jesus knew that his disciples were afraid and he offered these words to comfort them. "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. Don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I have told you: 'I am going away, but I will come back to you again. I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me.'"

These words were a great comfort to his disciples and they are a great comfort to us today. When Jesus returned to his Father heaven, he asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to comfort his disciples until the day when he returned. That includes you and me! What a wonderful gift Jesus has given us -- peace of mind and heart. We no longer have anything to fear. Whenever we find ourselves in the dark or in the storms of life, Jesus is always with us.

Loving God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and calms our fears. Help us to remember that Jesus is always with us, even though we can't see him right now. Amen.

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HEART	TEACH	FATHER	OBEDY	BACK
PEACE	GLAD	COMING	GOING	LOVE

**Activity and Discussion:** : Have the children write or draw pictures of their fears. What is it about these things that make them afraid? Isn't God bigger than any of those things? After discussion, have the children crumple up their words or drawings and place them in a box that has "HAVE NO FEAR JESUS IS NEAR" written on the outside. (The children can use stickers or markers to decorate their boxes) Practice the Apostles' Creed together this week. Because we believe in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we have all that we need to conquer whatever scares us.

#### Family Table Prayer for May:

Thank you, God, for the gift of bread  
For cool water and a comfy bed  
For all our needs that you take care  
And for all of your children, everywhere. Amen.

**May Memory Verse:** Exodus 20:12 Honor your Mother and Father so that your days will be long in the land the LORD has given you.

# Coloring Page



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