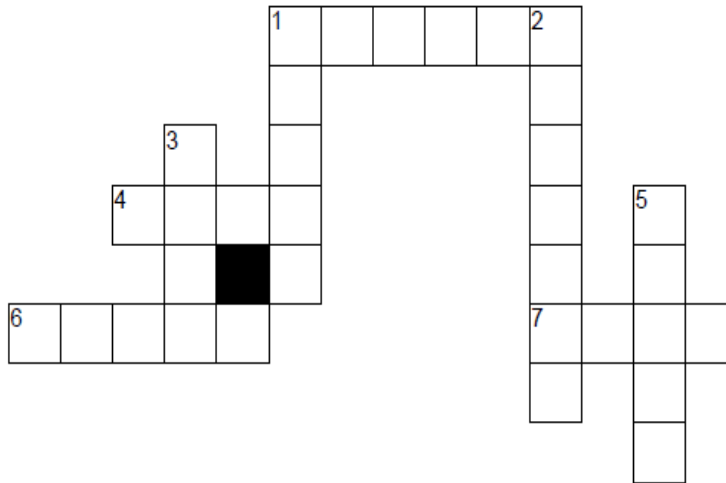


Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. To walk behind someone
4. An opening in the ground where an animal might live
6. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
7. A home for birds

DOWN

1. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
2. Traveling on foot
3. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
5. The Son of God

ROAD	NEST	FOLLOW	WALKING
FOXES	JESUS	HOLE	BIRDS

Activity: Play a fun game of follow the leader! The leader can only do things with the FEET, so that the "followers" will have to watch very closely. Allow time for everyone to be the leader.

Discussion Question Jesus calls us to follow him no matter what. Sometimes that means doing things that we do not want to do. For example, it's not very fun to clean your room, but it needs to be done. We are called to love everyone, even the bully on the playground. How do we react to these things?

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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Nurturing Faith...

Every Day in Every Way

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1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-15

Luke 9:51-62



3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Have you ever started something but didn't finish? Like, a big art project, a puzzle, or maybe cleaning your room? Why didn't you finish it? (allow children to answer) What I think I'm hearing is that a lot of times we don't finish something because something else becomes or seems more important or exciting. Does that sound about right?

Making excuses is not new. People even made excuses in Jesus' day. One day, Jesus was walking along the road with a group of people. Jesus turned to one of the men and said to him, "Follow me."

The man answered, "First let me go and bury my father."

That sounds like a good excuse, but we don't even know that the man's father was dead. He may have wanted to wait until his father died before he began to follow Jesus.

Jesus answered him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. You go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Jesus then turned to another man in the crowd and said, "Follow me."

The man answered, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me go back home and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus did not like this man's excuse either. He said to him, "No man who starts to plow and then looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Jesus was calling those who would give up everything -- family, friends, their job -- and follow him. What he got instead was excuses.

Jesus is still calling today, "Follow me!" Will you follow, or will you make excuses?

Loving God, thank you for your son Jesus who calls us to follow him. Help us to stay focused on where he is leading us. Amen.