



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

November 17, 2019

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

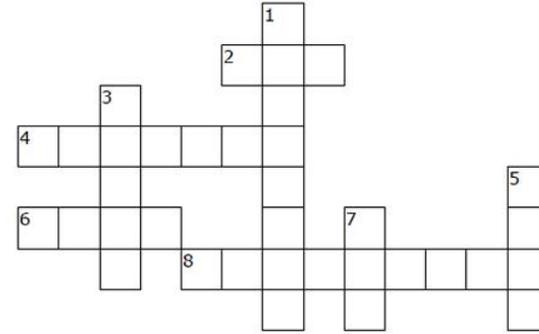
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Good morning friends! What is your biggest fear? (allow time for answers) Mine is creepy crawly snakes. I dislike them so much that when one even comes on tv, I shut my eyes and pull my feet up on to the couch. All of us are afraid of something, that's just our human nature and that's ok.

Our Gospel lesson from Luke today tells us that one day Jesus was with his disciples in the temple. The disciples were commenting on how beautiful the temple was when Jesus began to tell them about some things that were going to happen. He told them that the temple would one day be destroyed and that there would be wars, earthquakes, and people starving. He also told them that they were going to be hated and even thrown into prison. Those are scary things, aren't they? It would be understandable for the disciples to be afraid, but Jesus told them not to be afraid. He promised that he would be with them and that not a hair on their heads would be harmed if they put their trust in him. Jesus promises us the very same thing. Jesus is always with us and if we are ever afraid, all we need to do is call out to remember that Jesus is there. Jesus is bigger than all of our fears.

Loving and protector God, we thank you for your son, Jesus, in whom we put our faith and trust. Help us to always remember that Jesus is with us and he is bigger than our fear. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. The sweet, pear-shaped, fruit of a plant found in Bible lands.
- 4. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson.
- 6. The top layer of the earth's surface favorable to plant growth.
- 8. To spread a something on land or plants to help plants grow.

DOWN

- 1. An area of ground planted with vines and fruit trees.
- 3. The usually sweet-tasting part of a tree which can be eaten.
- 5. A large plant with a trunk, limbs, branches, and leaves.
- 7. To break up and move dirt using a shovel.

DIG	VINEYARD	TREE	PARABLE
FIG	FERTILIZE	SOIL	FRUIT

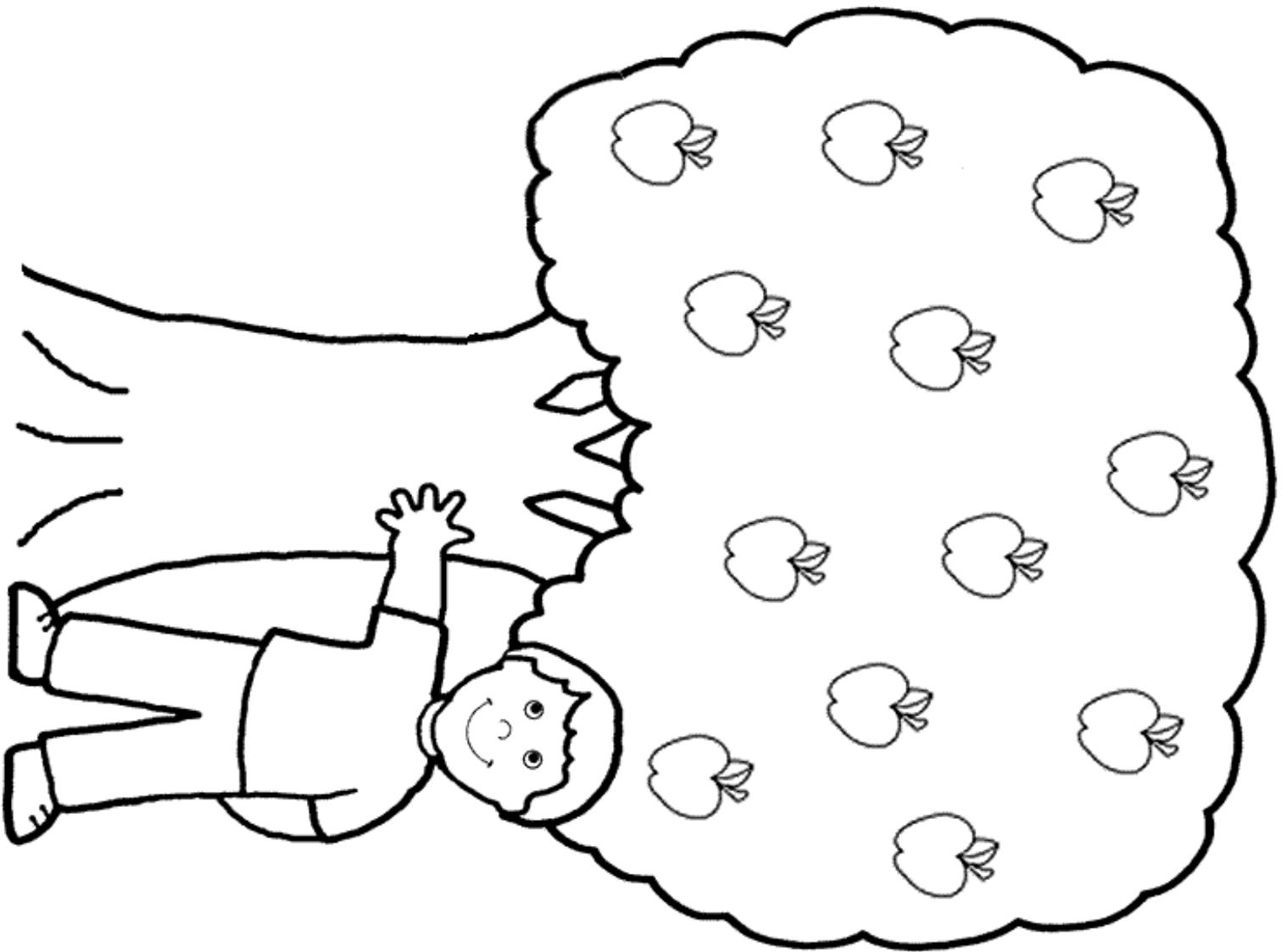
Activity: Draw a picture of your biggest fear. Now, take your drawing and crumple it up and throw it away. The act of throwing away our fear helps us to remember that Jesus takes our fear and replaces it with our faith in him.

Discussion Question: We are all afraid of something, whether it is real or not. We know that the boogey man and monsters are not real, but sometimes we hear noises in the night that trick our mind. What are you afraid of? Talk about your fears with your family then, talk about ways that we can pray about those fears.

Family Table Prayer for November:

God of thanks and God of giving
Thank you for this life we are living
For those who and serve and those who guide
Protect them Lord, be by their side. Amen.

November Memory Verse: Psalm 34:8 Taste and See that the Lord is good.



God Wants Us to Bear Good Fruit