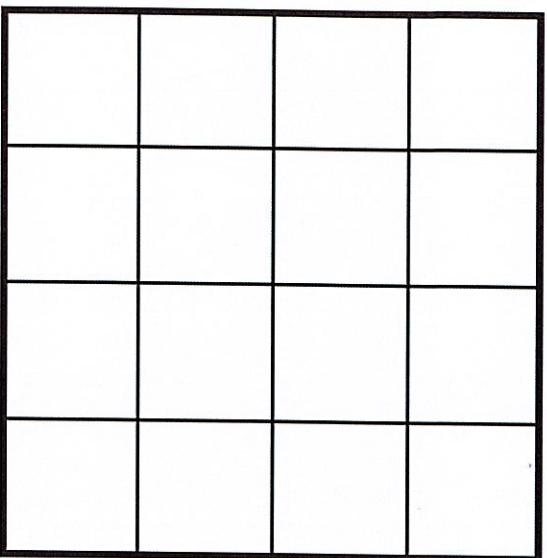
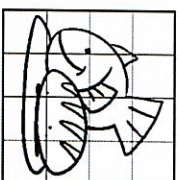




PUZZLE

Enlarge the picture square by square.



MISSION

Donate groceries to a food pantry.

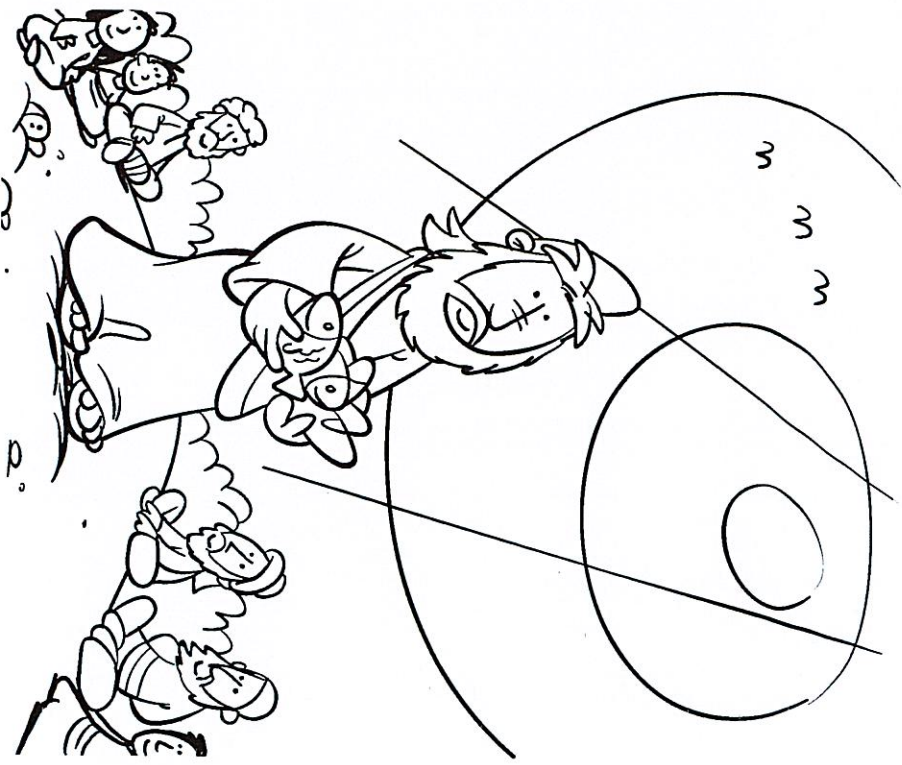
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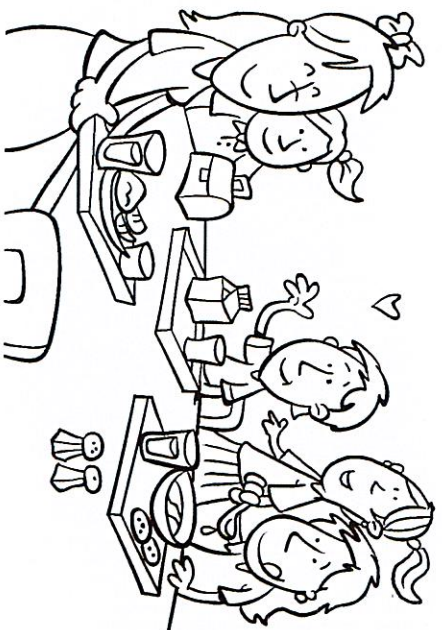
COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 14:13-21



GOSPEL

Imagine being one of Jesus' disciples. One moment you see more than 5,000 hungry people. You don't know what to do. The next moment you see Jesus turn a small lunch into a huge feast. Jesus gives you the food, and he asks you to share it with the hungry people. Jesus asks the same thing today. Share what he gives you with others, too.



PRAYER

Jesus, help me to share what you have given me.



DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself handing out food to hungry people.

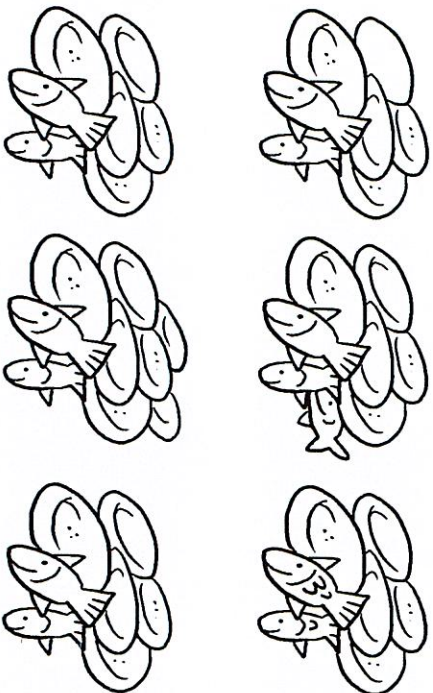
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PUZZLE

Find the matching pair.



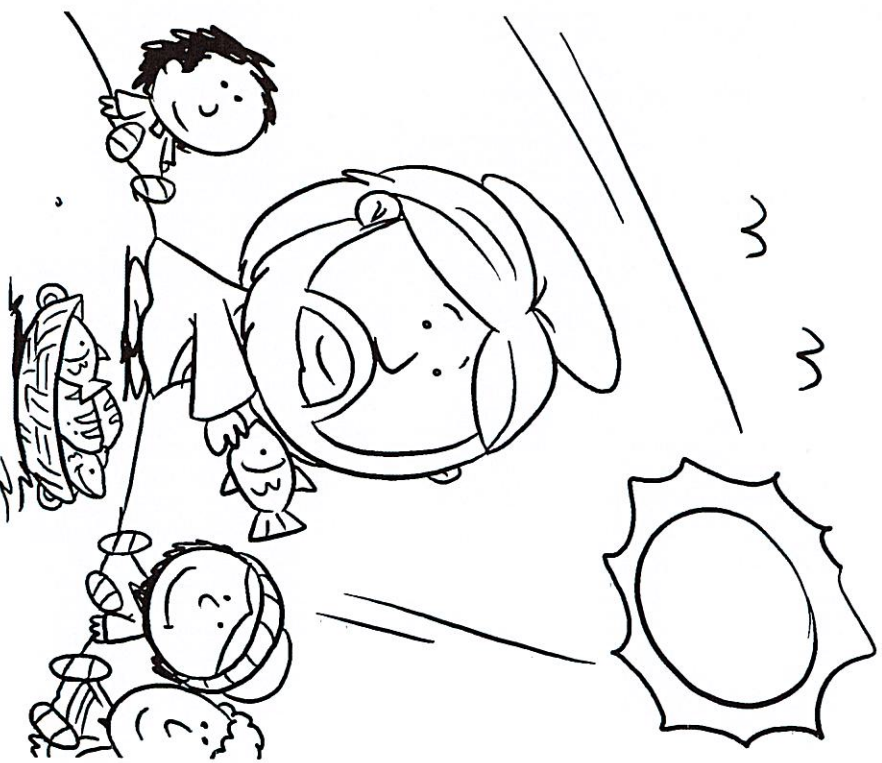
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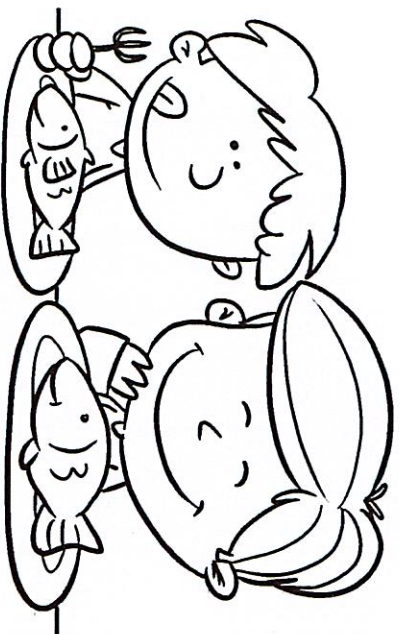
I will give five loaves of bread and two fish (or some other food) to the homeless shelter.



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

Today you filled your basket with five loaves of freshly baked bread and two fish you caught in the Sea of Galilee. You sat down in front of Jesus to hear him better. You shared your food with Jesus and the others nearby. You were amazed when the disciples had 12 basketfuls left over. The disciples gave you two basketfuls to take home with you. Your mother and grandmother were very proud that you shared.



PRAYER

Lord, thank you for giving me enough to share.



DRAW

Draw yourself giving Jesus your basket with two fish and five loaves of bread.

GROWING gospel

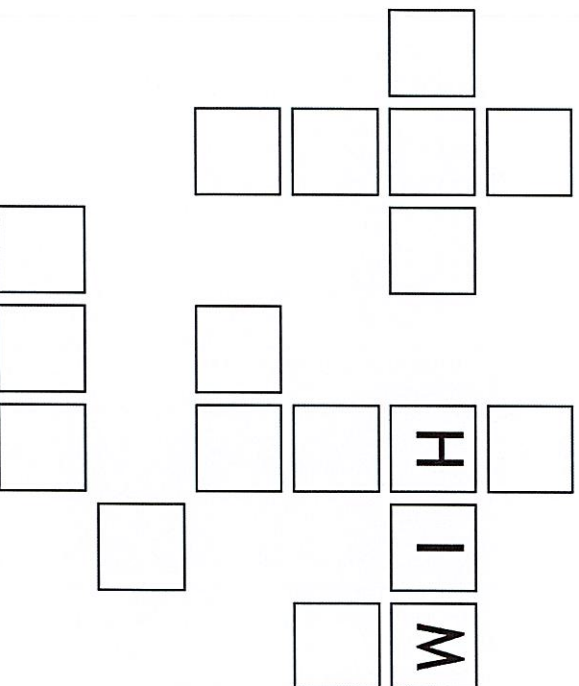
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PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

This is my Son, and I love him.



MISSION

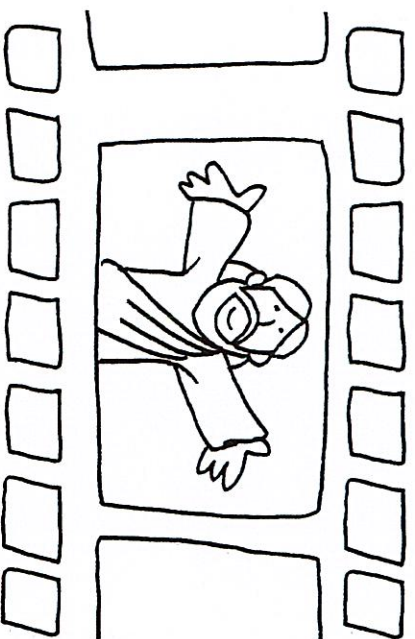
Read today's Gospel with your family. What would have surprised you most about seeing Jesus like that on top of the mountain?

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Transfiguration of the Lord • Matthew 17:1-19



GOSPEL

Previews give us a quick peek at a movie, in hopes that we will want to see more. In today's Gospel, we celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration. That's when God gave Peter, James and John a preview of the risen Jesus, the Jesus they would see again one day. Jesus glowed brightly. Moses and Elijah came to talk with Jesus. Then a great cloud covered everyone, and God said Jesus was his Son. Jesus was the Savior that God's people had been waiting for.



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for showing us through your Word that Jesus is our Savior. Amen.



DRAW

Draw a picture of Jesus glowing on top of the mountain.

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PUZZLE

Count the objects in each group. Draw lines to match the groups with the right number. Then color in all the pictures.

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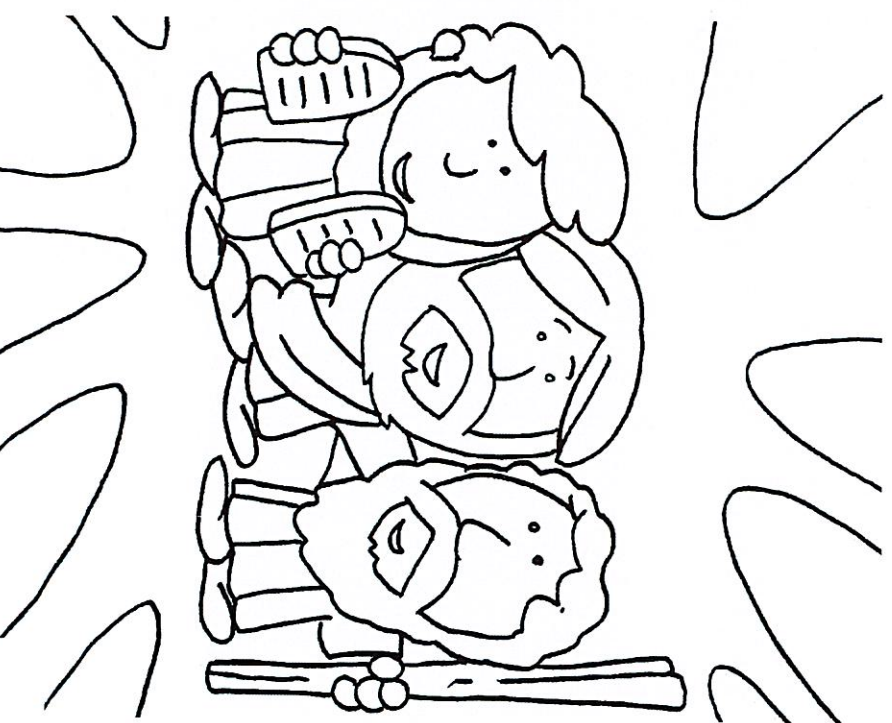


MISSION

I will forgive those who hurt me.

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.





GOSPEL

In today's Gospel Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured. He was changed. Rays of light came from his body like the rays of sunshine come from the sun. His clothes were dazzling white. Each time God forgives you, he sends rays of love to cleanse your soul. When you forgive others, you send rays of love to their souls. Forgiveness fills your body and soul with happiness.



PRAYER

Father, I am thankful for my dazzling white soul of forgiveness.



DRAW

Draw Peter, James, and John looking at Jesus with rays of light coming from his robes.