



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

May 17, 2020

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Good morning friends! How many of you like to be by yourself? I do...sometimes. I like my quiet time to read and be with God and to sit with my thoughts. What do you do when you are alone?

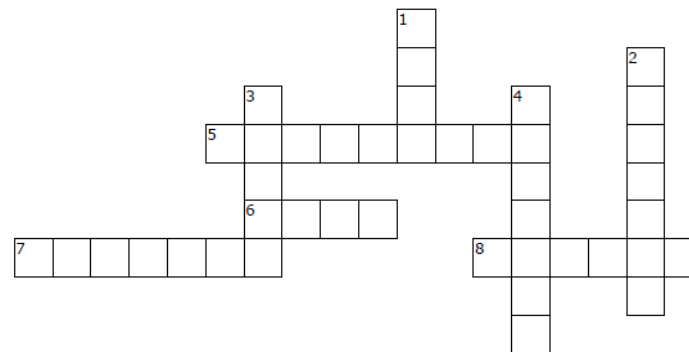
In today's Gospel from John, Jesus' friends are all gathered together and Jesus is trying to explain to them that he must go and be with God. This news makes his friends sad because they do not want to be alone without Jesus. Jesus tells them that he is going to send someone to be with them. Jesus calls this "friend" an advocate someone who will always be with them and live in their hearts. This friend's name is the Holy Spirit.

When we are baptized, we receive the gift of this friend, the Holy Spirit, it is the very same Spirit that Jesus sends to be with his friends. The Spirit lives within us, guides us, and fills our heart with the love of Jesus so that we can pass that love on to all who we know. We are never truly alone because through the Holy Spirit, Jesus will always be with us.

Loving God, thank you for the gift of our friend the Holy Spirit given to us by Jesus. Help us to remember that we are never truly alone because you live in our hearts. Amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the _____.

DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

FATHER	FOREVER	WORLD	LOVE
COUNSELOR	LIVE	COMMAND	ORPHANS

Activity: What do you think the Holy Spirit, your friend might look like? Talk about this with your family and have everyone draw a picture, then compare.

Discussion Question: Jesus is giving his friends a "pep talk", ensuring them that they will be okay without him. Who are the people in your life that help you feel better? How do you help others feel better?

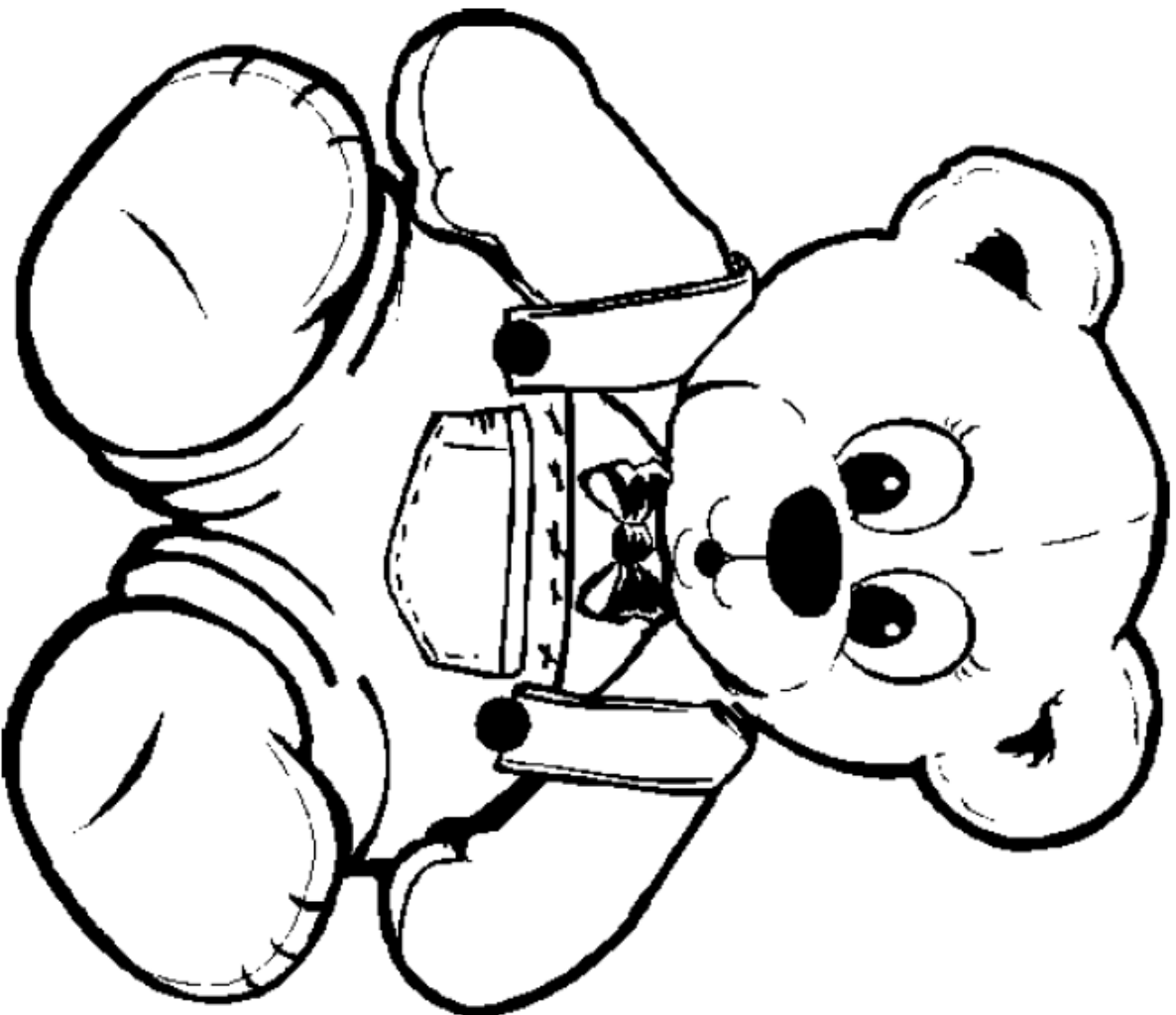
Family Table Prayer for May: Gracious God of stars so bright the sun you made brings warmth and light we give you thanks for creating all things as a family, your praises we sing. Amen

May Memory Verse: Numbers 6:24 The Lord bless you and keep you.

Coloring Page

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-21



"I will ask the Father. And he will give you another
Friend to help you and to be with you forever. "
John 14:16 (NIRV)