

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

June 21, 2020

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalms 69:7-10[11-15] 16-18

Romans 6:1b-11

Matthew 10:24-39



3rd Sunday after Pentecost



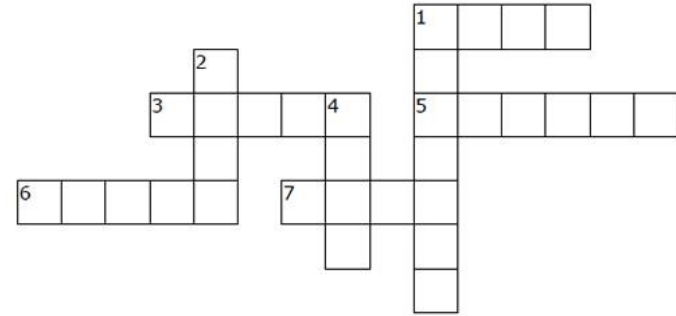
How hard is it for you to do the right thing? I imagine it's not very hard when you're by yourself or with just your family. Does that change when you are around other people?...especially the "in" crowd? We all want to be well-liked, we want to be the "cool" ones, but doing the right thing doesn't always put us in that position, does it?

Jesus tells his disciples in our gospel message from Matthew "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops...Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."

The truth will always come out so it's better to tell the truth and do the right thing the first time. God knows your heart and loves you so very much! God even knows how many hairs are on your head; there's nothing we can keep a secret from God. So, even though telling the truth and doing the right thing won't always make you popular, know that God is always with you and that you do not have to be afraid to do what is right.

Loving God, you sent your Son, Jesus to show us a better way to live. Help us to do what is right in your eyes. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. The spiritual part of a person
3. The value of something
5. To be fearful or anxious about something
6. A small copper coin
7. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

DOWN

1. A common, small, gray-brown bird
2. The physical part of a person
4. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain

HEAD	PENNY	SOUL	WORTH
HAIR	BODY	SPARROW	AFRAID

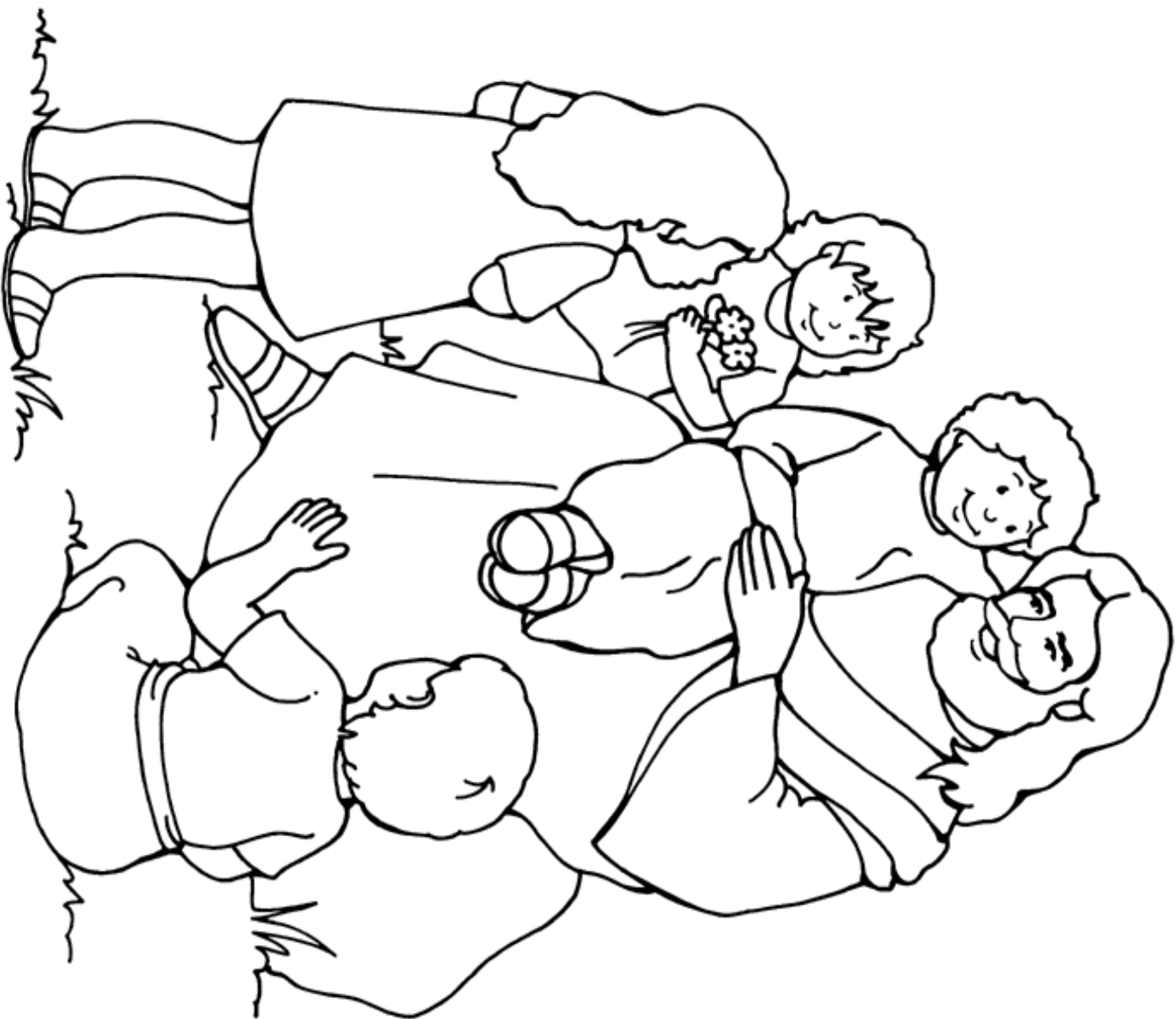
Activity: Play a game on Zoom! Gather extended family and friends on a Zoom call and play Three Truths and a Fib. Each person names three things that are the truth about themselves and one thing that no one will guess is a fib. Everyone takes turns guessing which one isn't true.

Discussion Question: How hard is it to be authentically you in a crowd? Do you ever try to be someone that you are not just to impress people?

Table Prayer for June:

Thank you, God, for Summer
For longer days and a warm breeze
For garden veggies and fresh fruit from the trees
For fireflies and family time and all that you provide
Thank you, God, for the Holy Spirit who is always by my side.
Amen.

Memory Verse for June: Psalm 86:7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.



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