



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

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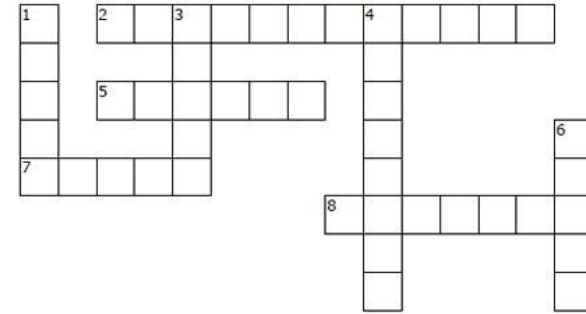
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

All Saints Sunday

Today, we celebrate "All Saints Day." On this day we remember all the believers in the family of God that have gone before us, Saint Peter, Saint Paul, and others that we read about in the Bible as well as the many other men and women of God who were disciples of Jesus Christ down through the ages. I want to say more about this but first I wanted to show you something I brought from home. (Hold up your family photo album.) Do you know what this is? That's right. It's my family picture album. I'd love to show it to you. Look at this elderly man here. This is my grandfather Ernie. He was a wonderful man. He had a bad leg because he was injured in the war but he worked very hard on his orchard growing apples. I've always been inspired by how much he loved us and how he was such a hard worker. And here is my grandmother MacKinnon. In the summers we used to go with her to the lake. She was very caring and looked after us if we ever got hurt. I often look at this photo album because it reminds me of family members I used to know and even one that I never got to meet because they died before I was born. (Put down the photo album and hold up your Bible.) Do you know what this book this is? Right, it's a Bible. I like reading the Bible too. As believers in Jesus Christ we are all part of the family of God. The Bible is a book about members of the family of God that goes back many, many years. (Open up the Bible.) This part of the Bible talks about a man named Abraham who had great trust in God. This part talks about Moses who led God's people out of slavery in Egypt. This part talks about God's son Jesus and about the disciples, John, James, Peter, etc. We call them Saints. Saints are people who have been "set apart" for God's holy/special purposes. In a sense we are all saints, but we like to especially remember them because they knew Jesus and were the first to follow him. What I want you to understand is that these Saints that are mentioned in the Bible are really part of our family – the family of God. So, you see that the Bible is like our family album. It tells the story of great men and women of faith in the family of God; the same faith family that we belong to!

Loving God, thank you for the many and wonderful Saints in our lives that help us to know about you and for those that followed Jesus down through the ages. Help us to follow their good examples and to remember what a blessing it is to be in the same family of faith. We ask this in Jesus' name – Amen!

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. The act of rising from the dead or returning to life
5. The opposite of dead
7. An adult female human
8. A male who has the same parents as another person

DOWN

1. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
3. The number equal to 6 + 1
4. Sons or daughters; offspring
6. To become husband or wife

living	marry	seven	woman
widow	children	brother	resurrection

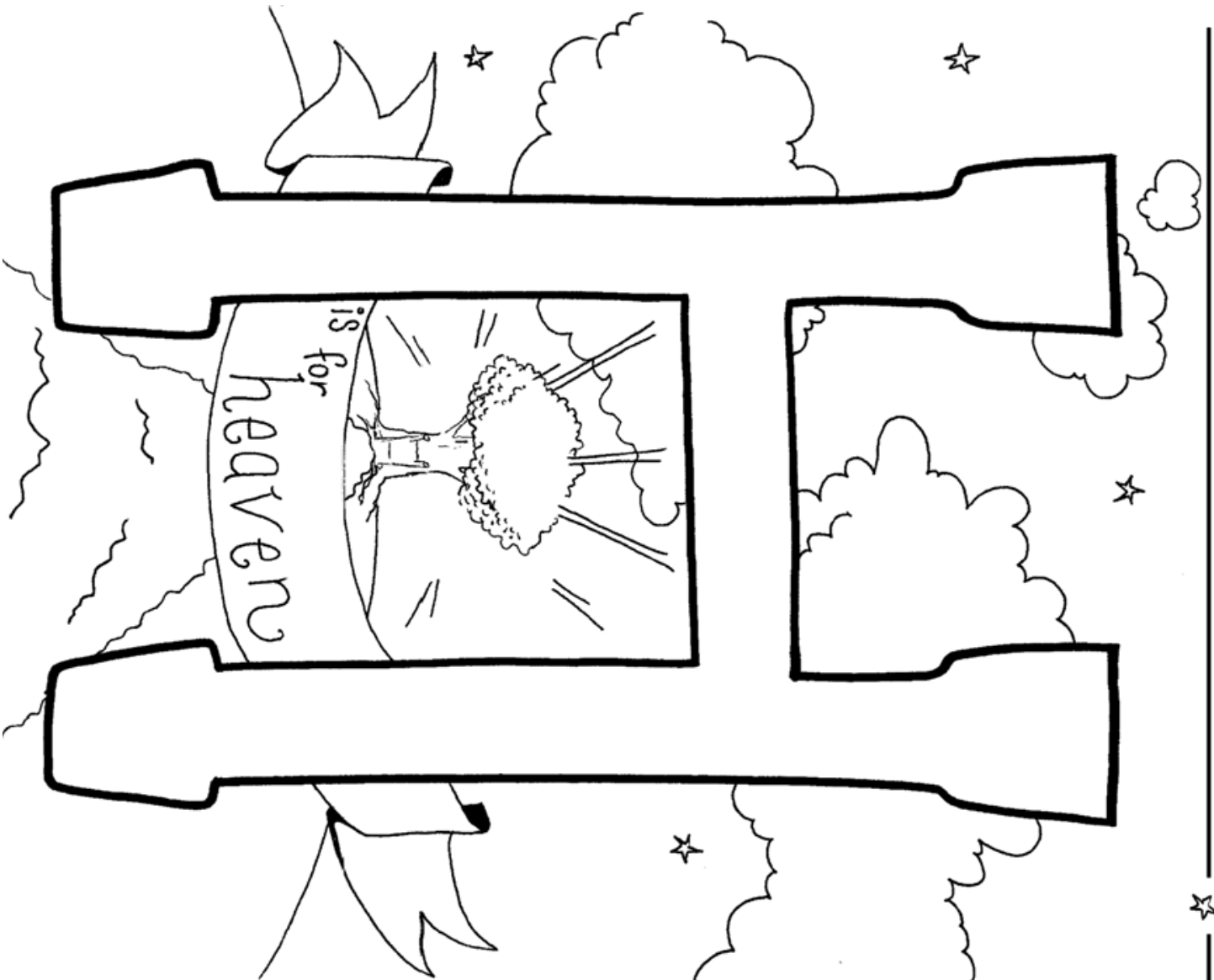
Activity: Who are the Saints in your own family or in your church home? Who are the ones who taught you about Jesus' love? Draw pictures of candles and put the names of your Saints on each one and say a prayer for each person.

Discussion Question: Martin Luther said that we are both Saints and Sinners. Our sin is what draws us away from God; but how can we be Saints here on earth? In what ways are we set apart to do God's work in the world?

Family Table Prayer for November:

God you provide all that we need, your blessings are all around.
Help us to open our eyes to all that you do and where your love can be found.
Amen.

November Memory Verse: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell everyone of your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1



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