

REIGN OF CHRIST

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2 Samuel 23:1-7



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INTRO

Tell the kids about someone you love who died. Tell them how it made you feel and what brought you comfort.

QUESTIONS

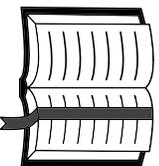
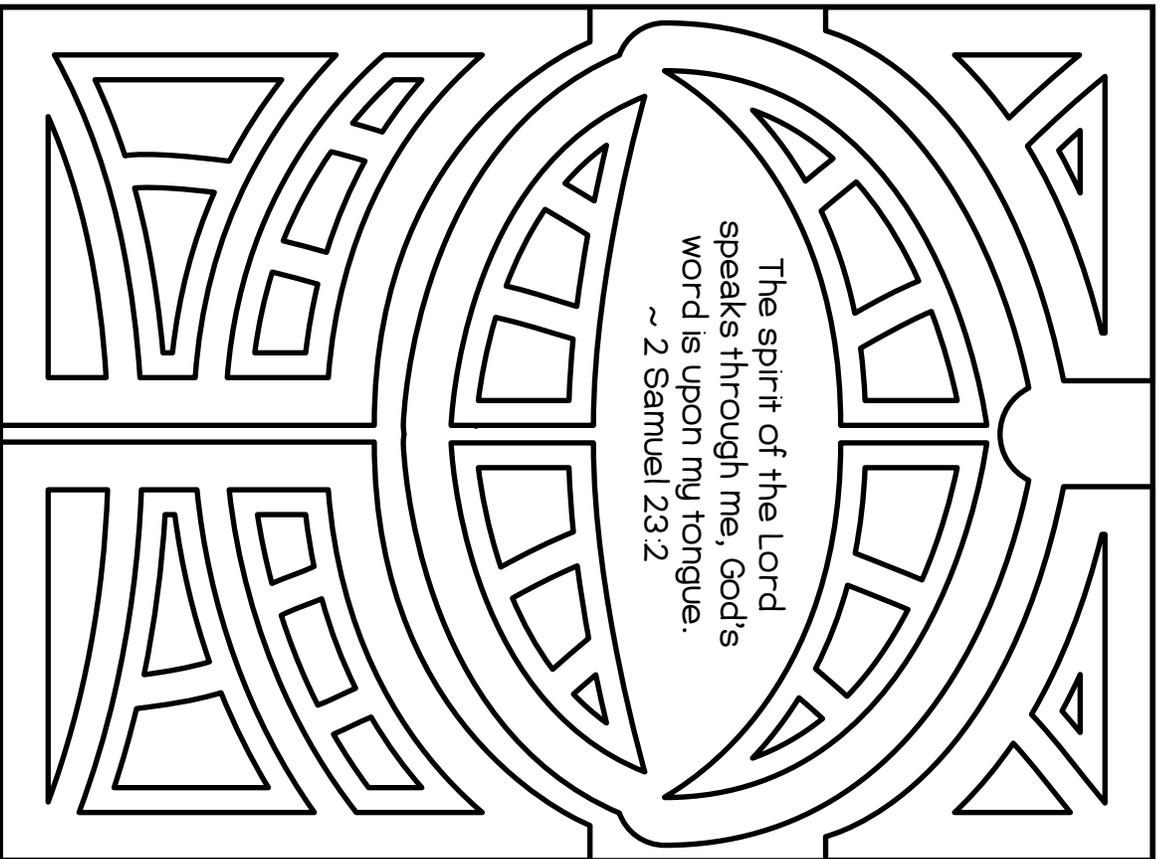
- Have you known someone who died? How did that make you feel?
- Have you ever been to a funeral?
- Do you remember what words were spoken there?

WRAP-UP

Tell the children today is the last Sunday of the Christian calendar. It's our New Year's Eve. We're saying goodbye to someone as we say goodbye to this year. Tell them today's scripture is from 2 Samuel, which is the second book in the series about the kings of Israel. We are saying goodbye to King David, the most famous of all kings in the Hebrew Scriptures, because he is dying. Before King David dies, he says a few really important things. He tells us all he wanted to do his whole life was serve God. He says sometimes he failed at being a good person and had to learn to be better. But mostly, King David talks about how God always kept God's promises. King David reminds us God made a covenant to always be loving, merciful, and good. Tell the children a covenant is a promise between two people (or parties), like vows in a wedding. Vows are promises and commitments we make to each other and keep when things are good, and especially when things are bad. God promised to always care, even when things in Israel got bad. And David, as he is dying, reminds us that no matter what, God keeps God's promises. Show them today's illustration and talk about some of the promises God made that are represented. Perhaps God promised the sun would always rise, or the flowers will always be beautiful. Perhaps it was a promise that even when we die, God's love is still with us. Talk with the children about how a funeral illuminates these promises and celebrates God's covenant. Remember a beloved person who died, and reassure them of God's promise to always love them, even after life on earth. Ask the children to pray with you.

PRAYER

Dear God, sometimes we need help remembering your promise to love us always, even after we die. Help us not be afraid, remembering you keep your promises. **Amen.**

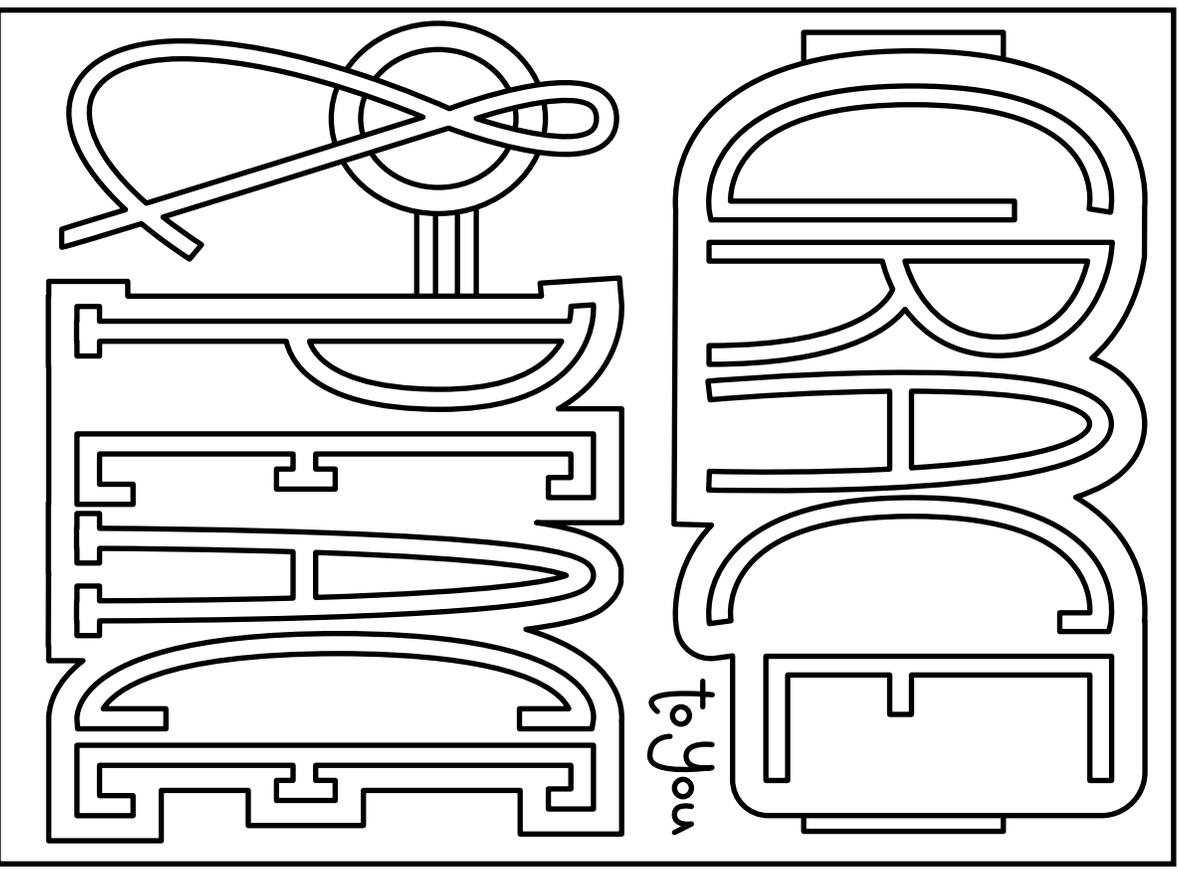


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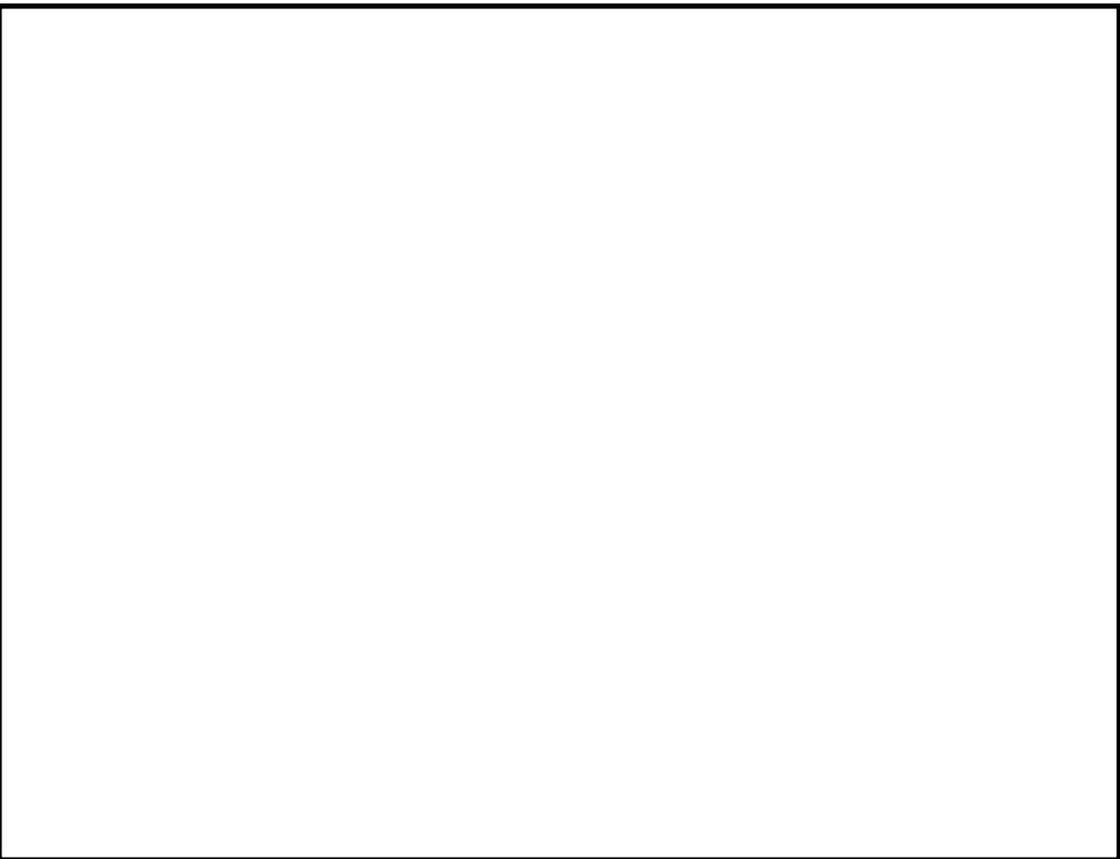
Activities based on 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Revelation 14:8, John 18:33-37.





DRAW IT

In John 18, Jesus says he came to the world to testify to the truth, and anyone who lives out that truth is listening to Jesus. Draw a picture of what it looks like to live out the truth in your life.



CONNECT the DOTS

In Revelation 1, we learn how God is the “Alpha and the Omega,” meaning the “beginning and the end.” Connect the dots to form these Alpha and Omega letters. Around the letters, write or draw a starting or ending you’ve experienced recently.

