

# EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020

Romans 8:38-39



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## INTRO

Tell a story about a time when you went through something difficult, but someone was a comforting presence for you throughout it. Focus on how the presence of the other person was helpful.

## QUESTIONS

- Have you ever gone through something hard?
- Was there anyone who made you feel better just by being with you?
- Why do you think their presence helped?

## WRAP-UP

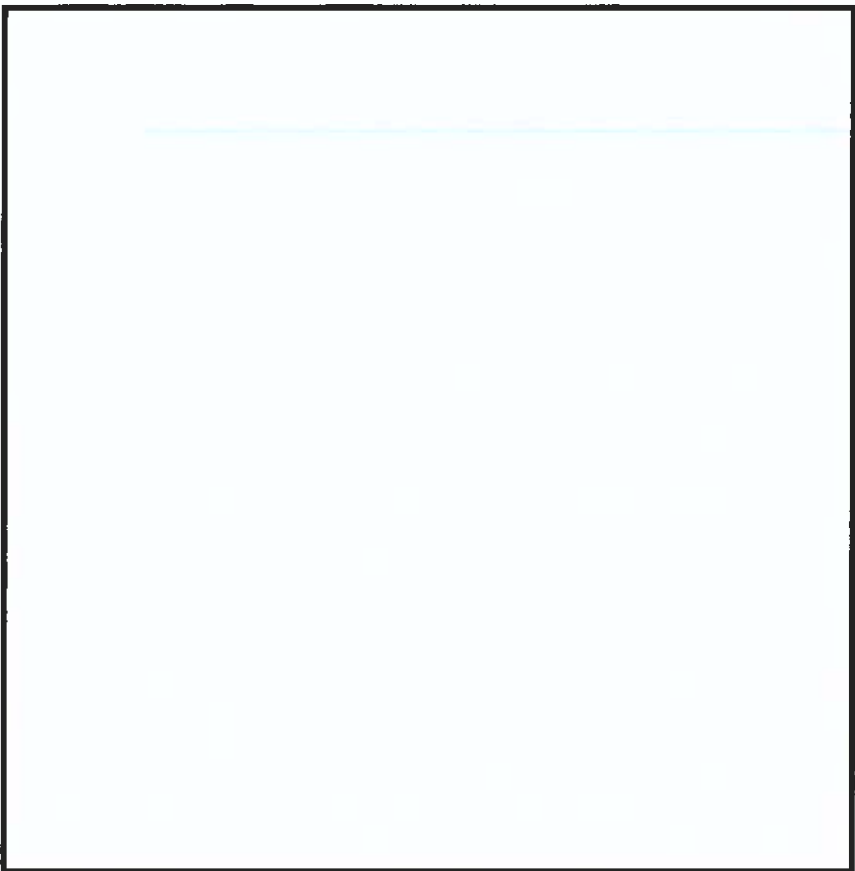
Share with the children today's scripture comes from Paul's letter to the Romans. In it, Paul says when life is really hard and we suffer, God never abandons us. Even if it feels like God isn't there and we are alone, we're not. Tell them Paul reminds us nothing in the whole world, not even death itself, can separate us from the love of God. Explain that this doesn't mean things will never be hard, or that God will fix the suffering. But we can take comfort that even in the hard places, we are not alone. Show the children the illustration for the day. Tell them we can also practice a "ministry of presence" and comfort others who are struggling just by being with them. In this way, we are showing the love of God. Invite the children to pray with you as you close.

## PRAAYER

Loving God, thank you for always being with us no matter what. Help us find comfort in this truth, even when things are hard. **Amen.**

# DRAW IT

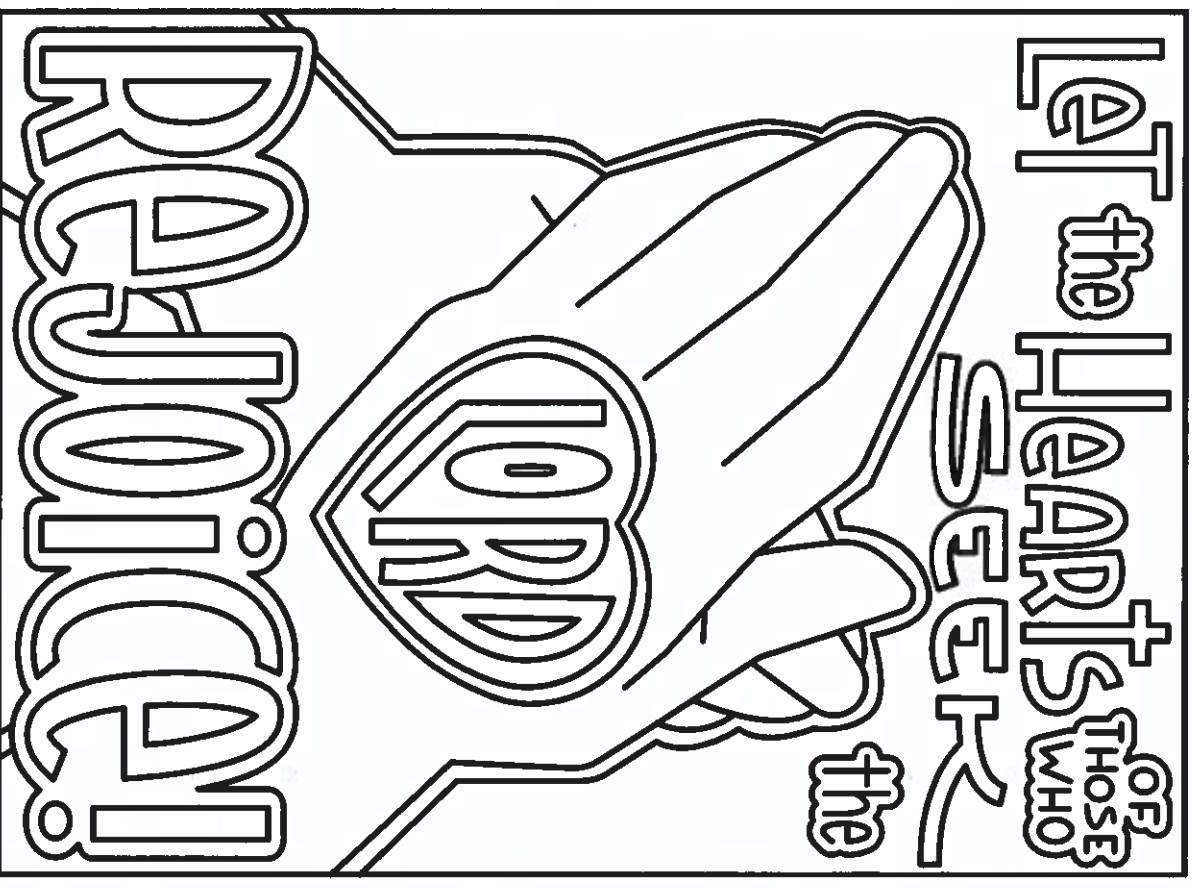
In Matthew 13, Jesus shares parables describing the kingdom of heaven. He says the kingdom of heaven is like a seed in a field, yeast in bread, treasure in a field, a merchant finding a pearl, and a net used to catch fish. Draw the parable you especially like.



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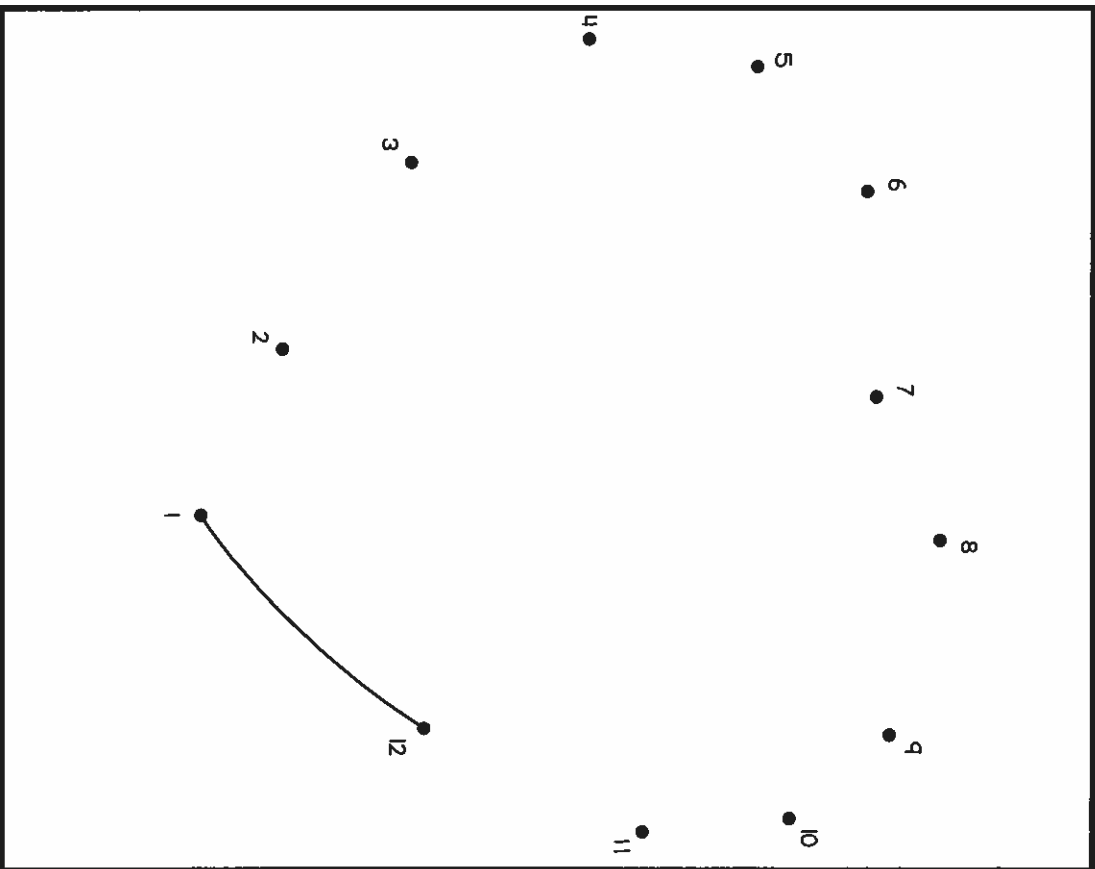
# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 105:1-11, 45b, Romans 8:26-39, Matthew 13:3-133, 44-52.



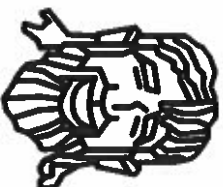
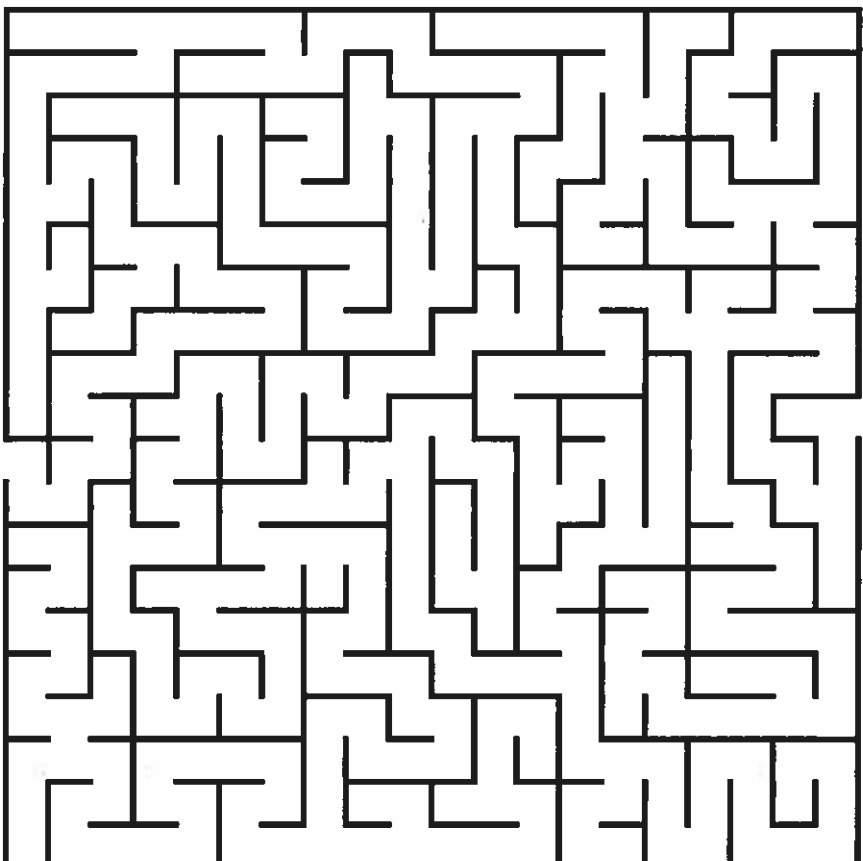
# CONNECT the DOTS

Romans 8 promises us the Holy Spirit knows and hears the prayers of our hearts, even when we are too tired or hurting to pray. Connect the dots to form the heart. Inside, write or draw some needs you want to pray about.



# SOLVE the MAZE

Many people traveled distances to hear Jesus and be healed. Help the people reach him.



For I am  
**CONVINCED**

that neither **DEATH**, nor **Life**,  
nor **ANGELS**, nor **Rulers**,  
nor things **PRESENT**, nor **THINGS TO COME**,  
nor **POWERS**, nor **HEIGHT**, nor **DEPTH**,  
nor **anything ELSE** in **ALL** of **CREATION**  
will be able to **SEPARATE**  
**US** **FROM THE** **LOVE OF GOD** in  
**CHRIST JESUS** **our LORD.**