



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

10:30 AM

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>

or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>

Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and

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Giving Envelopes: If you usually give your offerings with giving envelopes, they are available for pick-up in the rear entry of the church. Contact the church office with questions.

MLK Day: As we commemorate the birthday of Dr. King, we are called to learn and act for justice. For a full listing of Summit's events, click [here](#).

Pastor Moore's Retirement: On **Sunday, January 31 at 10:30 AM** our regular online worship service will be Pastor Moore's retirement service. Following the service at **12:00 PM**, there will be a live-streamed Farewell and Godspeed with Bishop Bartholomew and the presentation of gifts. Both of these online events will be on St. John's Facebook and YouTube pages.

There will be NO COFFEE HOUR on this day.

Personal Meetings with Pastor Moore: In anticipation of her coming retirement, your household can sign up for in-person or Zoom 15-minute sessions with Pastor. Additional dates have been added. You **MUST** sign up online by **January 18** [here](#).

A Toast to Gladys is planned for January 29 at 7:00 PM. Join us with your favorite beverage as we share some of our favorite stories and toast our Pastor. You are encouraged to come in a wig or costume in honor of Pastor Moore's many alter egos. Please RSVP [here](#).

Shrove Tuesday Zoom Event February 16 at 5:30 PM. Join us for one last hooray before the start of Lent. Come with donuts, pancakes, king cake, or libations. All ages invited. Let's have a little fun as a congregation together.

Ash Wednesday February 17. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. More information to come. Home Lent bags will include materials for personal and family devotions.

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 21 following the 10:30 AM service. The Annual Meeting will occur on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82159990819?pwd=YVFRdGZb3JiR1ZxbDRTWEJoUzArQT09>.

Pledge Update: Thus far we have received 84 pledges for a total of \$422,030 towards our goal of \$450,000. If you haven't yet submitted your pledge, please do so today.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Please give generously to the emergency fund sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council to help Summit immigrant neighbors adversely affected by COVID-19. You may make your tax-deductible donation to the Relief Fund [here](#), by check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to and mailed to Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

Prayer Before Worship

You invite us, O God, to live in your ways, and you give us to each other to know and to love as we journey in this life. Show us your will for all creation. Help us to listen to your urgings with prayerful hearts so that we may honor what you have made, in the name of the holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1

PRELUDE Setting of *Festal Song*

By Ronald A. Nelson (1927–2014)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

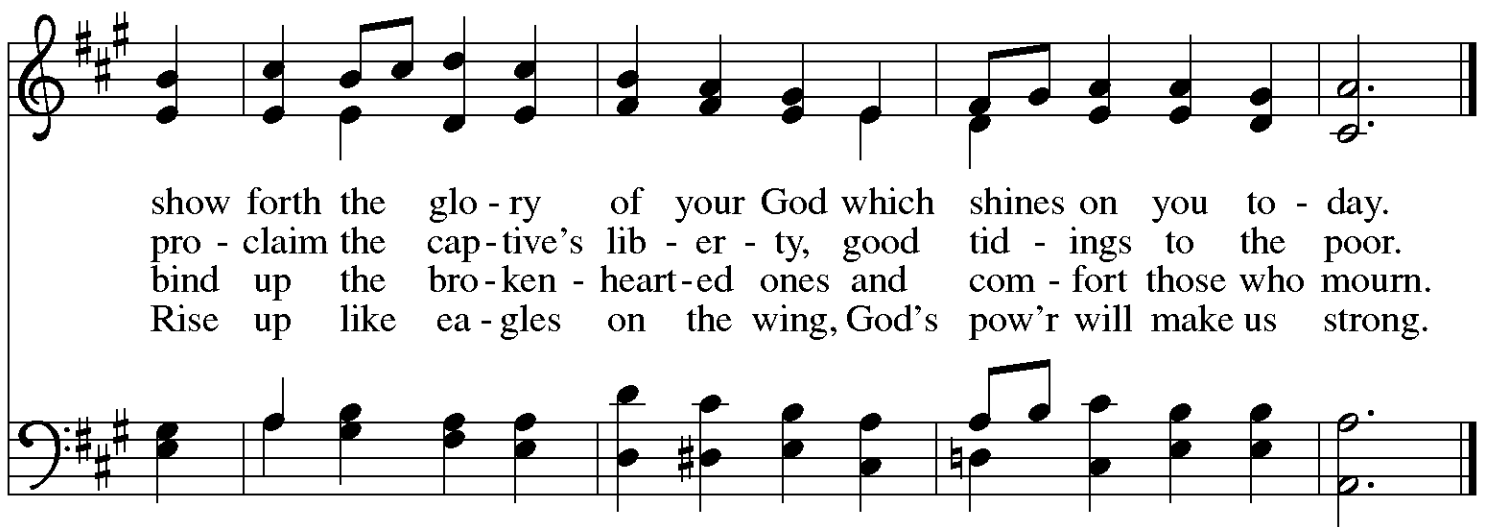
To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

How vast is God's love for us! Through water and the Word your sins are washed away. In the name of † Jesus Christ you are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are claimed as God's own beloved. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 314 Arise, Your Light Has Come



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1–10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139:1–6, 13–18

Spoken responsively

- ¹LORD, you have searched me out;
O LORD, you have known me.
- ²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- ³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- ⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- ¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
- ¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**
- ¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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GOSPEL John 1:43–51

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Gladys G. Moore

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 574 Here I Am, Lord



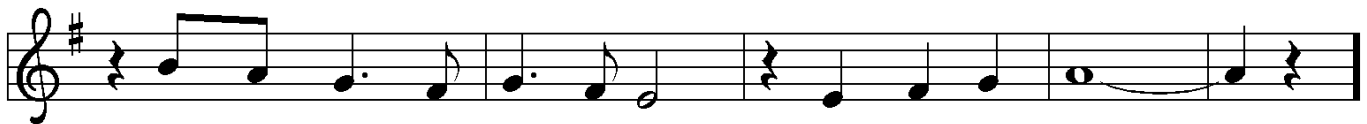
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, . . . **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERING MUSIC Setting of *Here I Am, Lord*
Evelyn Estava, violin

By Joshua Evanovich (b. 1984)

OFFERING HYMN ELW 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Verse 5

5. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
our joy be all with music crowned, our
voices gaily blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—
to-day, to-morrow, ev'-ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 668 O Zion, Haste



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

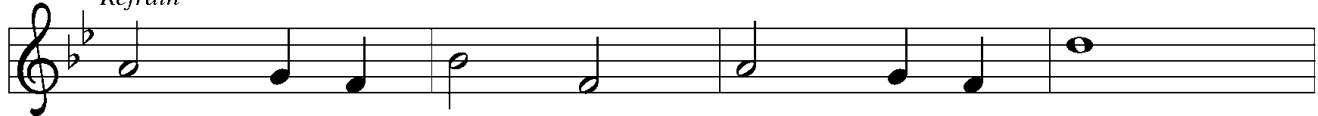


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923

Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Setting of *Angelic Songs*

By Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.
There will be no Children's Time on January 31 due to Pastor Moore's Retirement Service.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ. **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88523165763>

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

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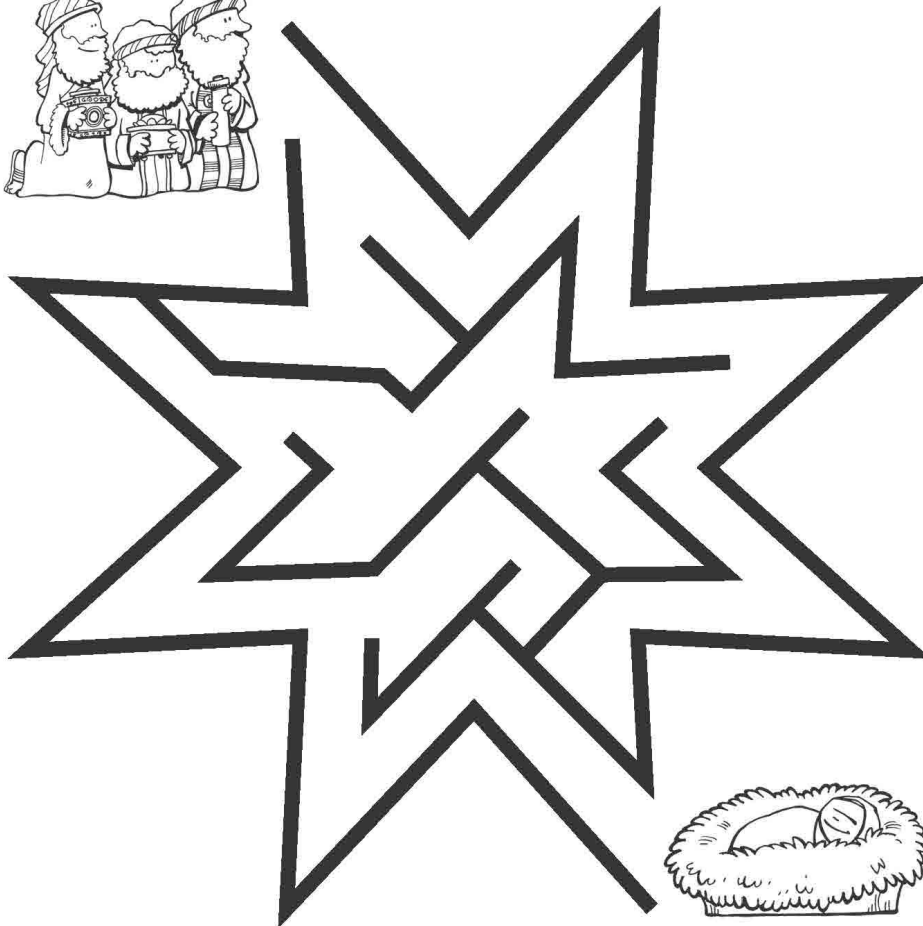


PRE-READER

Epiphany 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in the season of **Epiphany**.
- The Day of Epiphany on January 6 begins this season. We celebrate the visit of the **Wise Men** on this day.
- The Wise Men followed a **star** that brought them to the Light of the World.

Help the Wise Men find baby Jesus!



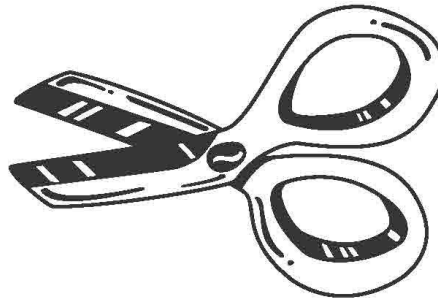
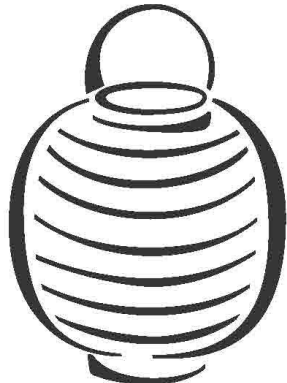
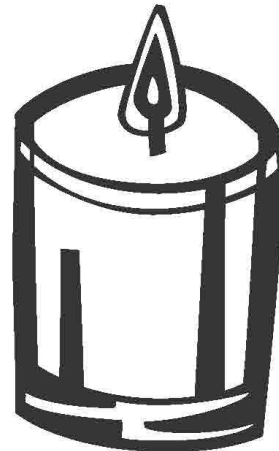
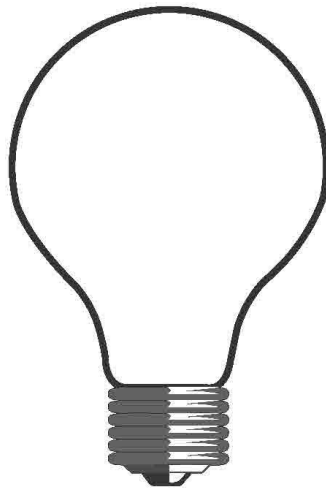
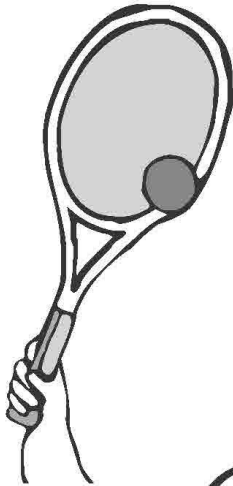
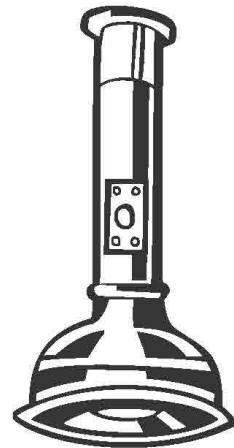
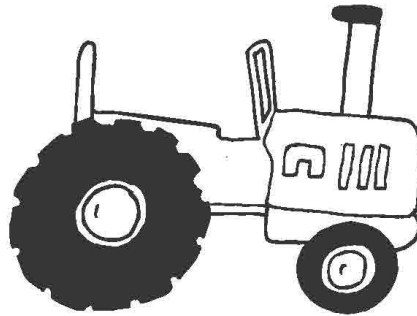
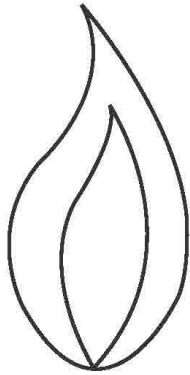


**The star is a sign that a king has
been born.**

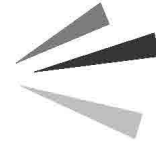


Jesus is the Light of the World. We use the word *light* to describe Jesus because he shows us the way.

Circle the things that help you see more clearly.



During the season of Epiphany, we use new colors to decorate the church. During the second week of Epiphany, we put green in our churches.



Circle the objects where you see new green decorations.





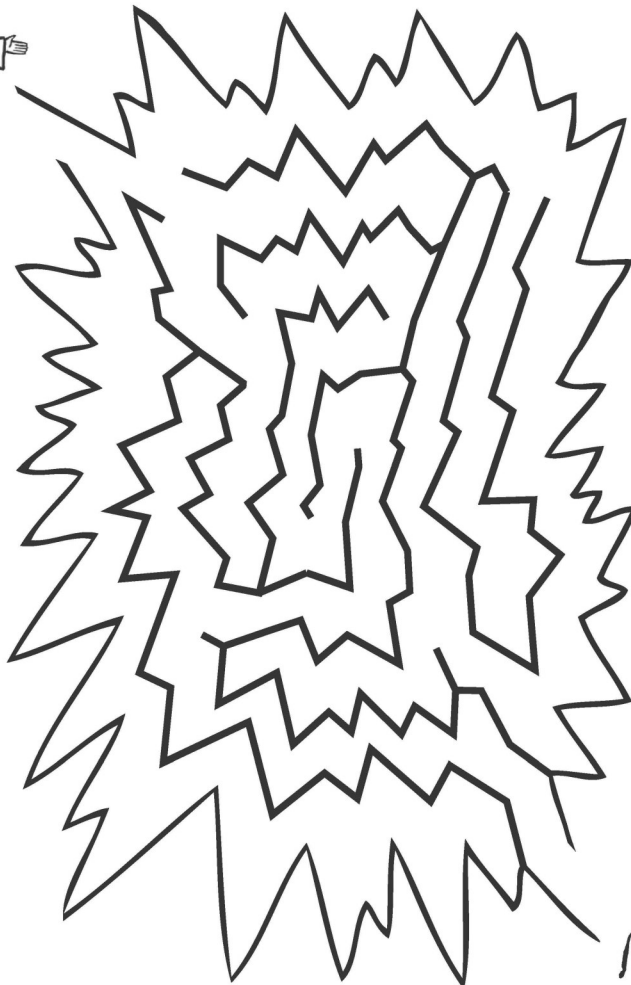
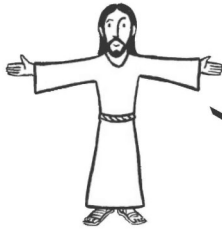
READER

Epiphany 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in the season of **Epiphany**.
- During Epiphany, we celebrate Jesus' public life of sharing the **good news**.
- The symbol of Epiphany is a burst of light.
- Jesus is the **Light of the World**.

Disciple Pick-up

Help Jesus pick up the disciples by helping him get through the maze.



Fill in the missing words to complete the Bible Memory Verse.

Memory Verse



" _____, you
are the _____ of
_____. You are the
_____ of _____!"



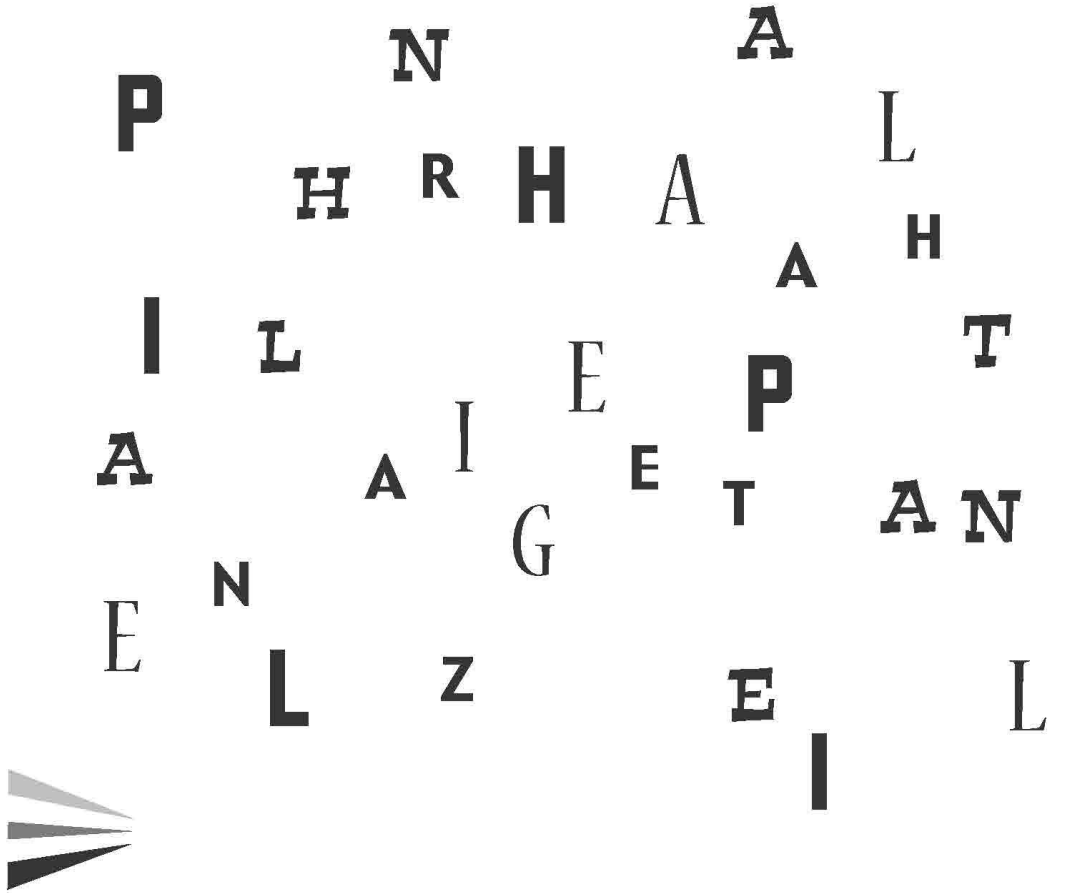
Bible Tip!

Jesus wanted to travel to Galilee, a region in northern Israel. Can you find Galilee on a map?



Who's on Call?

In this Bible passage, Jesus called some of his first disciples. Can you unscramble the letters to figure out who they were and what cities they were from?





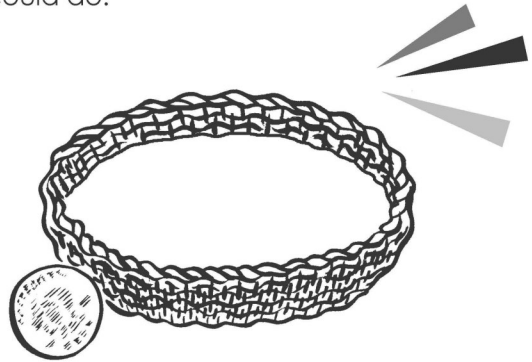
Look It Up!

Take a look in the Gospel of John chapter 1, verses 43 through 51. What city was Philip from? Where was Jesus going?

Speak Lord

In today's Old Testament reading, God called Samuel. He was just a kid, but he listened to God's call. What might God be calling kids to do in your congregation? Circle the ones that you could do.

Be an usher.



Read the lessons.



Offer special music.



Be a greeter.



Bake communion bread.

