

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

I Corinthians 1:3-9



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INTRO

Share a story about a time when you had to wait or a time when you found waiting difficult.

QUESTIONS

- When have you had to wait for something or someone? What do you do while you wait?
- How does waiting make you feel, especially when you have been waiting for a long time?
- Why is it important to learn to wait when we would rather get what we want right away?

WRAP-UP

Wish the children a Happy New Year! Explain that although we typically celebrate New Year's Day on the first day of January, the new church year begins today, the first Sunday of the season of Advent. During this season, we wait as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Wonder with the children how we feel while we are waiting for Christmas. What might we do while we wait? Show the children today's illustration and read the words together, saying, "God is faithful." Tell them that those words came from the apostle Paul's letter to the ancient church at Corinth about two thousand years ago. Paul reminded the Corinthians that God had given them everything they needed to love God and love people while they waited for Jesus to be shown to them again. As we wait for Jesus to be shown to us again at Christmas as a baby born in Bethlehem, we can listen as Paul teaches the Corinthians how to wait. Share with the children how Paul reminds them that they know the stories of Jesus and can share those stories with others. We can do that, too! Most of all, Paul encourages the Corinthians by reminding them that God is faithful. Explain that the word "faithful" can be tricky to understand, but it describes someone who keeps the promises they make. Share with the children how we can wait for Jesus and work together to share the stories of Jesus because we know that God keeps God's promise to be with us. Advent is a season of waiting for the Christmas story to unfold again. During Advent, we wait with excitement and joy because God's promise to be born into our world is a promise that God keeps.

PRAYER

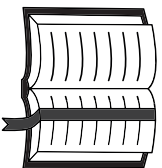
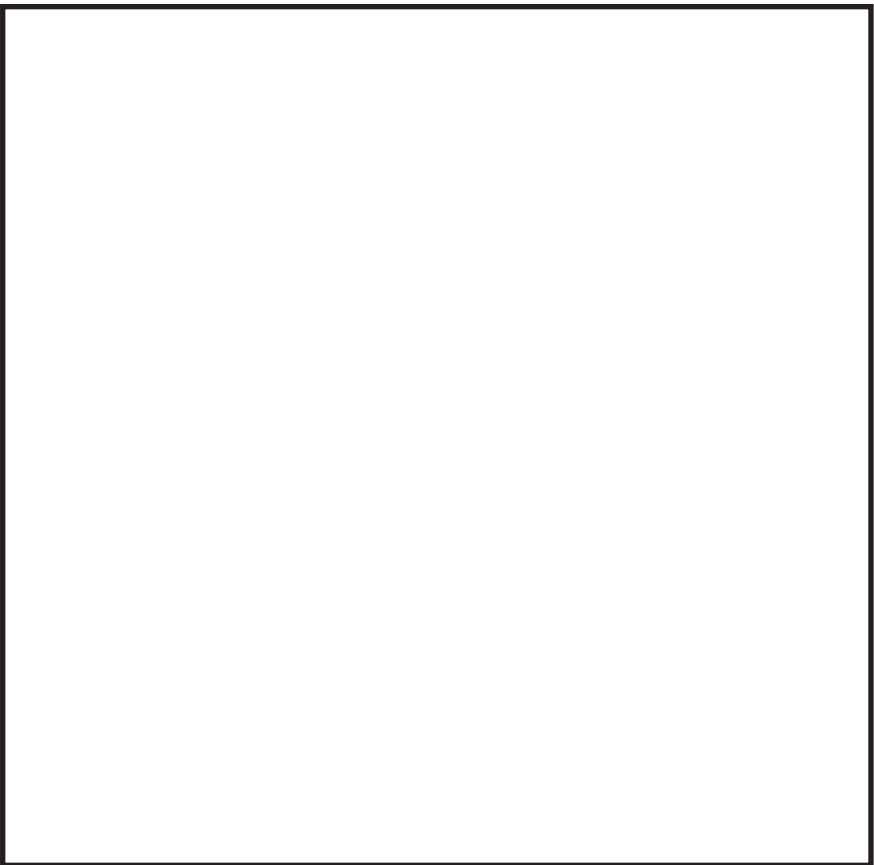
Dear God, help us to wait for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Remind us that you keep your promises to us, and encourage us to tell the stories of Jesus. **Amen.**





DRAW IT

In 1 Corinthians, we are promised God will strengthen us our whole lives because God is faithful. Draw a picture of how God gives you strength! Or draw a picture of you asking God for new strength.

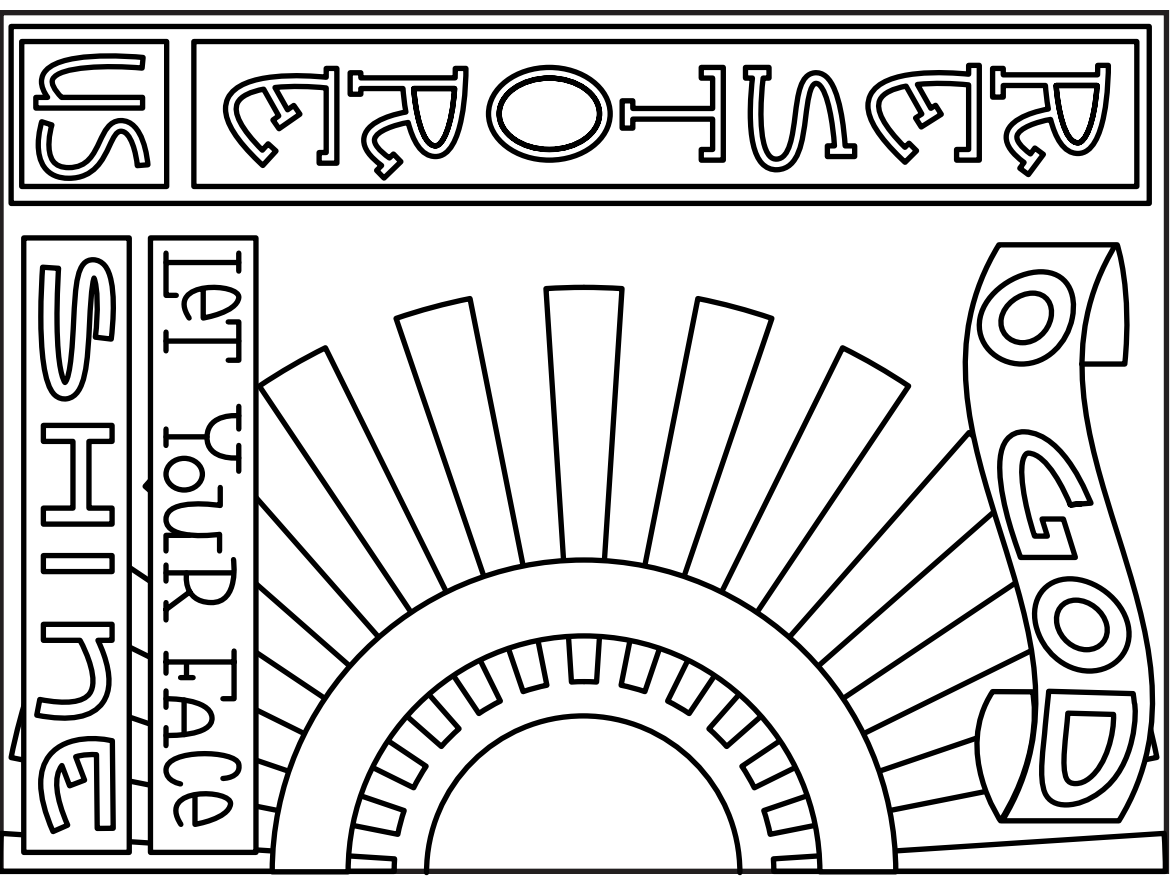


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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 1 Corinthians 13:9, Mark 13:24-37.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Mark 13 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

Y O W J B K P P Z A R K H M K
 K A U S U A L E R T O T S B U
 D A Y B B J G B N E A R F J E
 D I D S E Y U L I K A A V S Y
 J T A A V L I G H T R L R Q
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| SUN | HEAVEN | DAY |
| DARK | POWER | HOUR |
| MOON | GLORY | FATHER |
| LIGHT | LESSON | ANGELS |
| STARS | NEAR | ALERT |
| CLOUDS | EARTH | AWAKE |

FOLLOW THE PATH

In Isaiah 64, we are described as clay in God's hand. How is God described? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see the name for God spelled out below.

