

# Together @ Home

June 28, 2020

Fourth Sunday after  
Pentecost



## Bible Passage

Today we will be thinking about the things that Jesus wants us to learn from Him.

You can find the story in your Bible in:

### Matthew 11:25-30

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.

The other passage we will be thinking about this week is

### Psalms 25:1-10

## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you that we can trust you and know that you are faithful to us.

Help us to learn to listen to your voice and to learn all of the lessons you desire to teach us.

As we wait on you, help us to seek to know you and to follow your way of truth.

We pray for all those in our world having to make difficult choices – those in government and all those working in schools, churches, shops, and hospitals. Help them to listen to you and follow your leading in the decisions they make.

Amen

## Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

*What are some lessons that Jesus taught his disciples?*

There are many lessons that Jesus taught his first followers. These lessons are recorded in our Bible to teach us today. A few examples are listed below. Can you think of some other lessons we can learn from Jesus?

- How to pray (Matthew 6:9-13)
- Be a servant (the greatest is the least) (Mark 9:35, John 13)
- Love God and love others (Matthew 22:36-40)
- Love your enemy (Matthew 5:44-47)
- Forgive others (Matthew 6:14-15; Matthew 18:21-22)
- Do not worry (Matthew 6:25-27, 34)
- Learn from Jesus! (Matthew 11:30)

A question to answer together

*What have you learned from Jesus lately?*

## A verse to remember

**Psalm 25:4-5**

**Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.**

God wants to teach us so much! These verses remind us that we are to seek to know God and to learn from God everyday.

All we need to do is learn to listen and pay attention!

Write these two verses on a piece of paper or notecard and place it where everyone in your family can see it.

Pray this verse each week with your family and talk about the things you are learning about God and God's ways.



# Learning from God

Even though we may not be able to visit our friends and family at the moment, we are never alone. God is always with us and listening to our prayers. God also wants to speak to us and teach us. Why not take some time to practice listening, hearing, and learning what God is saying to you.

**Find a quiet space away from distractions. Make sure you are comfortable.**

**Pray and ask God to speak to you.**

**Wait and Listen.**



## Words

You might hear God speaking to you in your head using words or just have one word that you think of clearly.

God can teach us in many different ways; the more we practice the easier it becomes to recognize His voice. Just like you know the voices of people in your family, we can learn to tune in to God's voice.

**Here are some of the ways God might speak to you.**

## Pictures

You might see a picture in your mind in the same place that you see things when you are imagining.

## Feelings

You might experience a feeling from God – this could be a feeling for you or a feeling that somebody else has that God might want you to pray for.

## Bible Verse

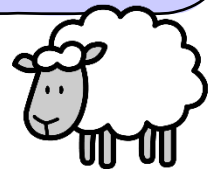
God might remind you of a verse from the Bible.

## Presence

Sometimes you might not hear God but that does not mean that God is not with you. It is also good to just spend time with God in silence – ask God to help you feel that He is close to you.

## Smells & Tastes

You might be able to smell or taste something that isn't there.



## Is it God?

We need to have faith that what we have heard is from God, but should also test it and ask...

**Does it match with what I know God is like?**

**Does it match what God says in the Bible?**

## What does it mean?

Sometimes we need to take time to ask God to explain what we have heard or seen.

If you are still not sure why not talk about it with a grown up you trust. Sometimes God might use pictures or images from the Bible that we don't know yet but that somebody else could explain for us.

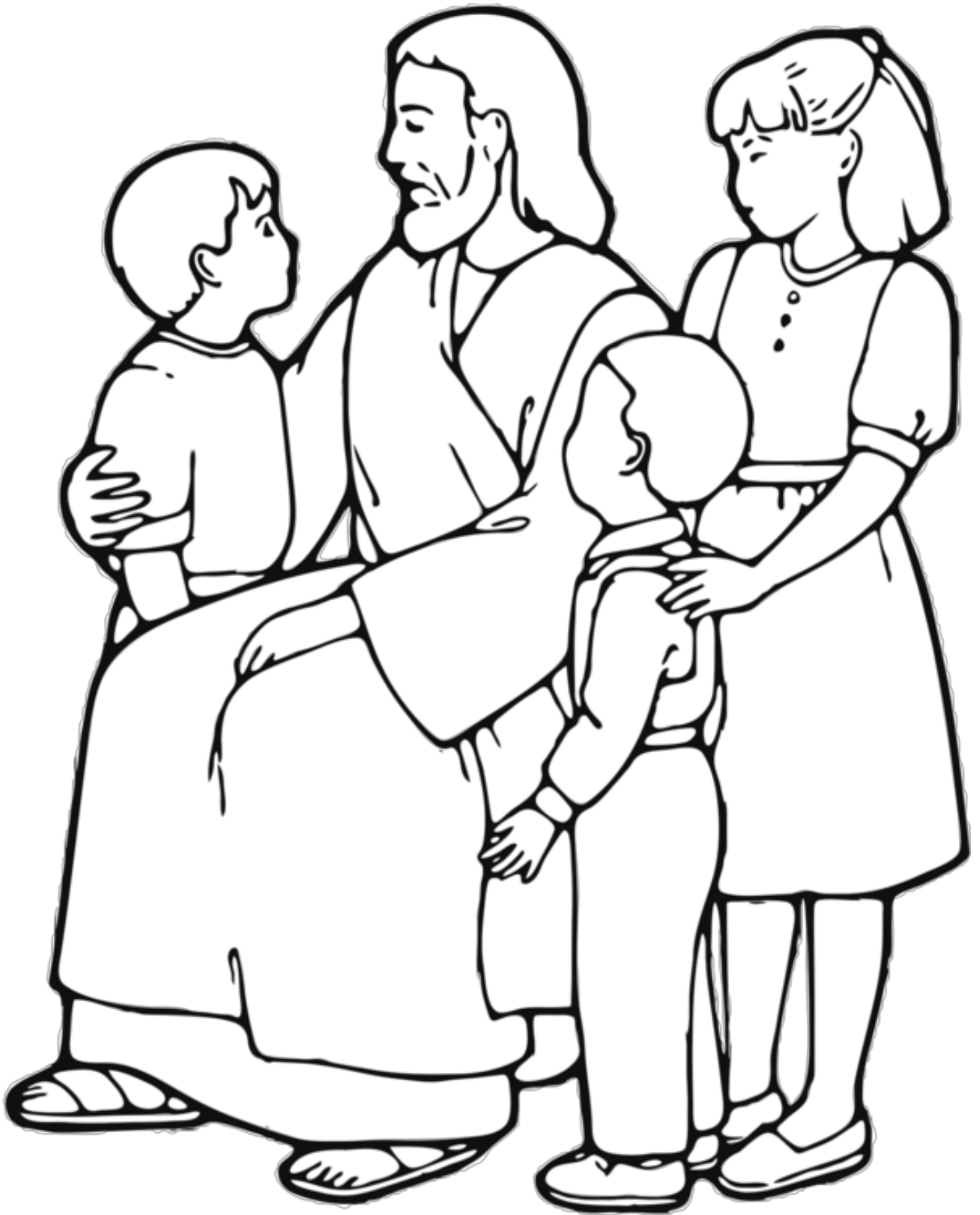


## A message to share

We can also ask God for pictures or messages to share with other people. Here are some things to remember when you share words from God with others.

- 1 Corinthians 14 v 3-4 explains that God gives us messages to share **strength, encouragement, and comfort**. Only share a message if it is kind and matches what God is like and what the Bible says.
- Let the person think about what you have shared and decide for themselves how to respond to it.

# Coloring Page



# PUZZLE SHEET

## The Challenge

Jesus loved everyone, especially children. He showed it through his words and actions. Can you tell what Jesus is saying to these kids by matching the letters to the blanks below?



1      2      3

4      5      6

7      8      9      10      11      12      13      14      15

16      17

18      19      20

## The Super Challenge

Circle 11 things wrong with this picture.