

# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING



#### DID YOU KNOW . . .

Bread was a very big, and important part of what people ate in Jesus' time! Bread helps to keep people strong and gives us energy to help us do what we need to do in the day!



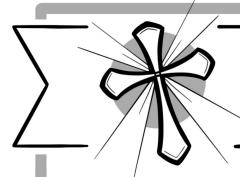
Find the answers to these questions in Matthew 14:13-21!

- 1. What did Jesus do when the crowd of people came to him?
  - a. Heal the Sick
- b. Dance
- c. Sleep
- 2. How many fish did the disciples bring to Jesus?
  - a. 30
- b. 100
- c. 2
- 3. What did Jesus give the people to eat?
  - a. Fish and Bread
- b. Candy
- c. Fruits and Vegetables
- 4. How many baskets of food were left over after everyone ate?
  - a. 1
- b. 12
- c. 500



#### Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in heaven. Thank You for calling us to be part of Your family and for using the disciples to share the message of Jesus with us so that we can pass it on to others. Please use us to feed Your people with the comforting Word of salvation in Your Son Jesus our Saviour. Amen.



### KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

BIBLE LESSON: MATT. 14:13-21

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 2023

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

This event is clearly a significant one in the lives of the disciples as it is recorded in all four of the gospels. The people who were present and took part in the eating, however, didn't seem to realize that a miracle had taken place or at least their reaction isn't reported on by any of the disciples.

The disciples witnessed the miracle and the miracle worker, and the people enjoyed the unending and generous benefits they received. Perhaps the message was for the disciples and for us, so that we might have faith in the unending supply of Jesus's gifts for us. Knowing that there is no end to what Jesus can do, and nothing He wouldn't do to care for His people, we can be confident that He cares for our every need.

We also see the example Jesus gives for sharing the Gospel in love with others and taking care of all their needs. The people who shared in this miracle of being fed with almost nothing were grieving the loss of John the Baptist, they were seeking Jesus's counsel and comfort and despite His desire to be alone, He remained with the people caring for them and then feeding them. When the masses of people finished eating Jesus didn't stand around and look for glory, or even thanks. The disciples remarked that there was still food remaining, and that everyone was satisfied.

In the Old Testament reading Isaiah shares the invitation from God to come and eat and be satisfied. He uses the sing-song style of the market call and announces that all the needs of the people will be met, for food, for comfort and for the message of salvation. Isaiah talks about how many people from many nations will come to Israel and will seek out the Messiah just as they did in the Gospel accounts. He speaks about the Gospel outreach that will begin with Christ and reach out in space and time. You and I are a part of this future and the message from Isaiah, what a gift to be part of the growing family of God and the message of the Gospel.



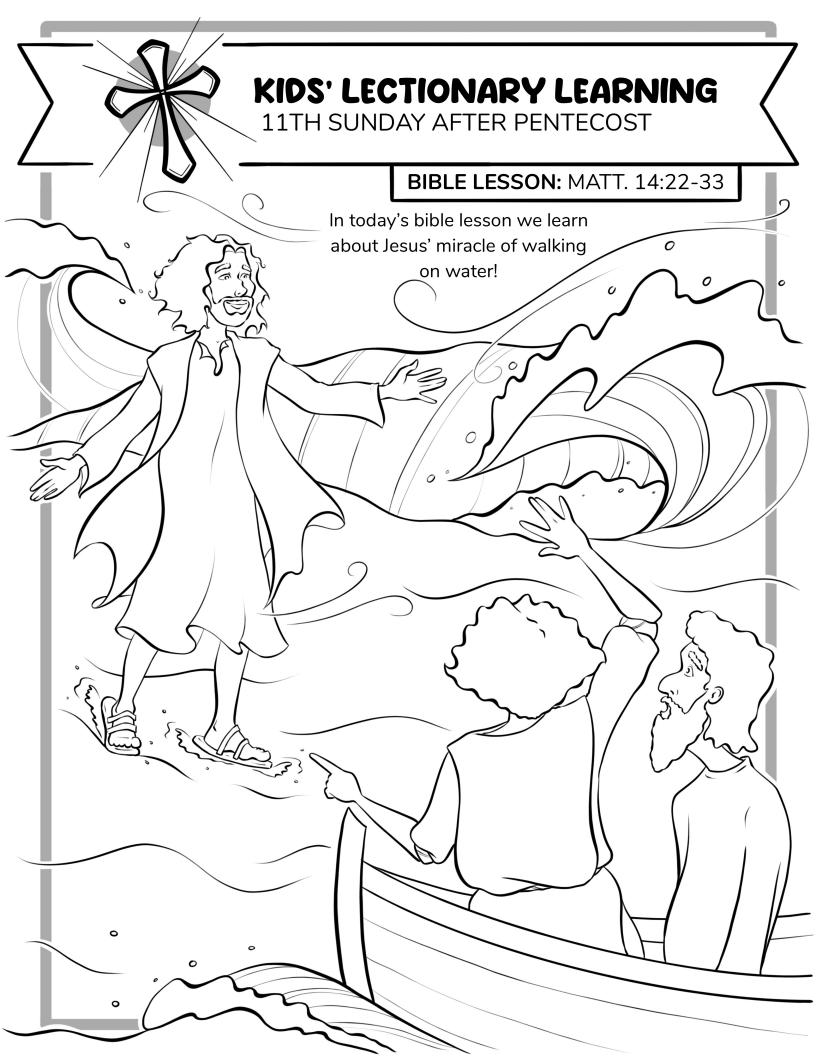


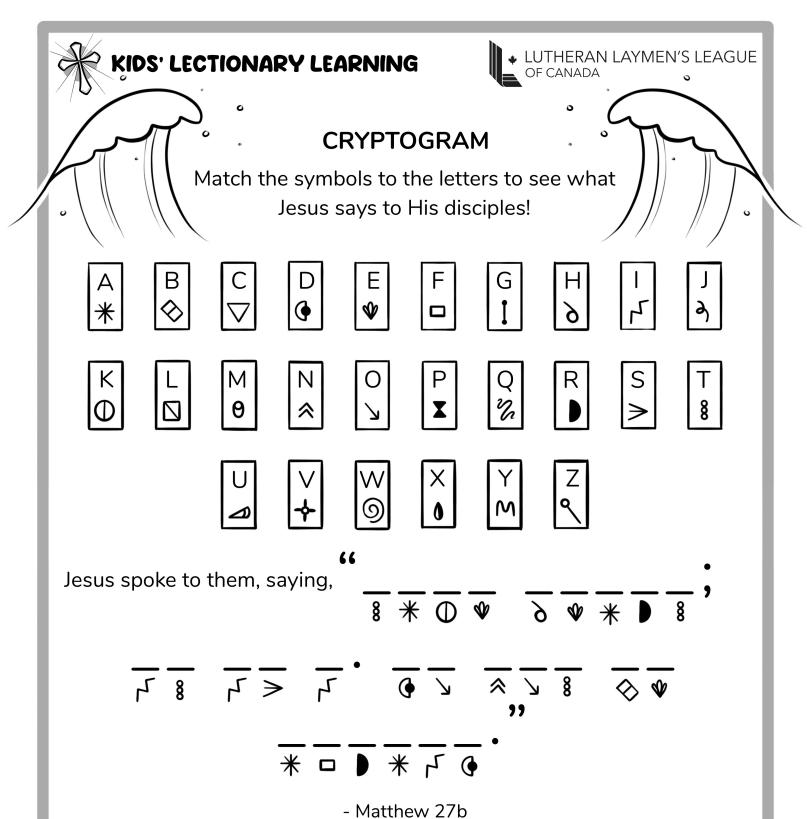


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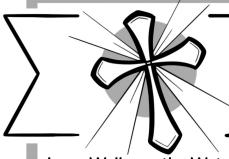
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Let us pray: Dear God, our heavenly Father. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus, to save us and for giving the Holy Spirit to help us to stay focused and have faith. Help us to remember that you will protect, guide and comfort us through all the storms of life. In the name of Jesus who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.



# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2023

Jesus Walks on the Water

BIBLE LESSON: MATT. 14:22-33

Today we hear Jesus declare His divinity and we learn an important lesson about keeping our eyes on Jesus, the object of our faith.

In verse 22 Matthew uses the word "immediately" as he starts to tell the gospel lesson. It is a story about one of Jesus' miracles and we have heard Matthew use the word "immediately" in a few other places. The Concordia Study Bible points out that each time Matthew starts this way, a significant event in Jesus' work on earth is about to follow.

In verse 27, when Jesus called out to the frightened disciples from where He was walking on the water, He reassures them by simply saying "It is I". In the original Greek "It is I" is the same text that God uses to make Himself known to Moses from the burning bush in Exodus 3:14 when He says, "I AM WHO I AM". Jesus isn't just letting the disciples know that it isn't just a ghost out on the water, He is also letting them know that He is Jesus, the Son of God.

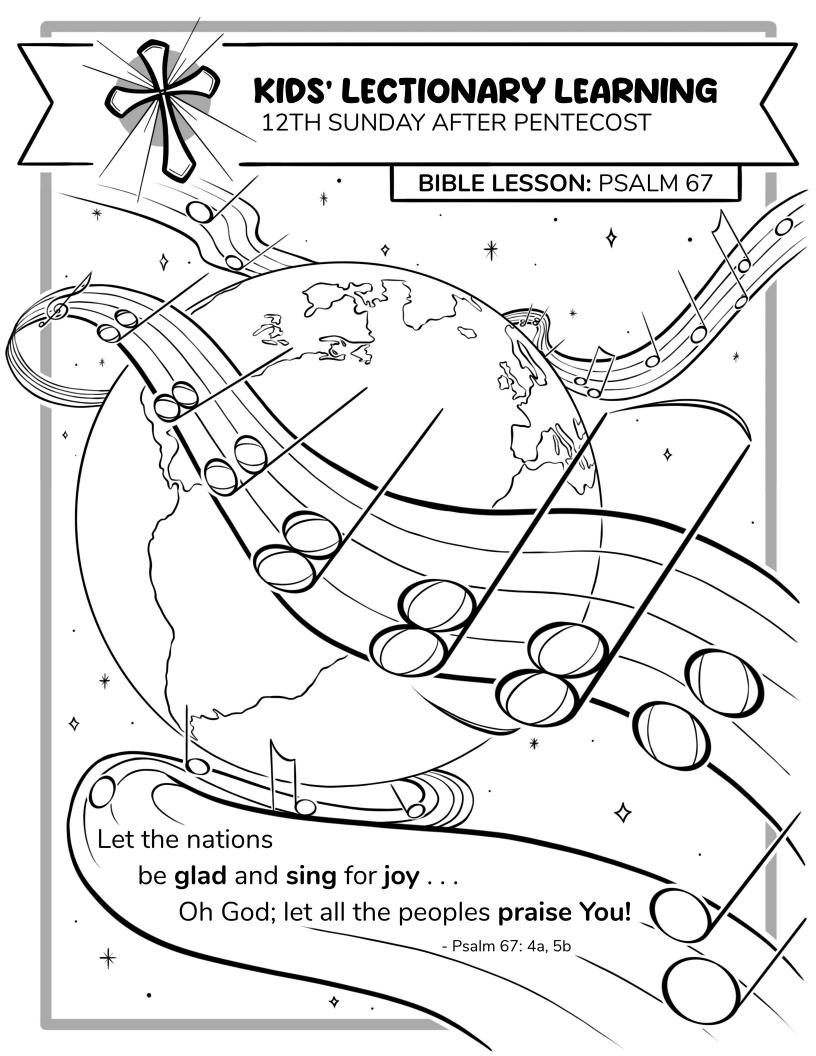
When Peter asks to come meet Jesus out on the water, it is the first of many times when he will be an example for us of how we must fix our eyes on Jesus, the object or target of our faith. The moment Peter looks away from Jesus and starts to focus on the wind he starts to sink and must cry out for Jesus to save him. Jesus understands that we can also be distracted by fear and wants us to know that He is always there and will reach out to grab us with His strong arm of protection.

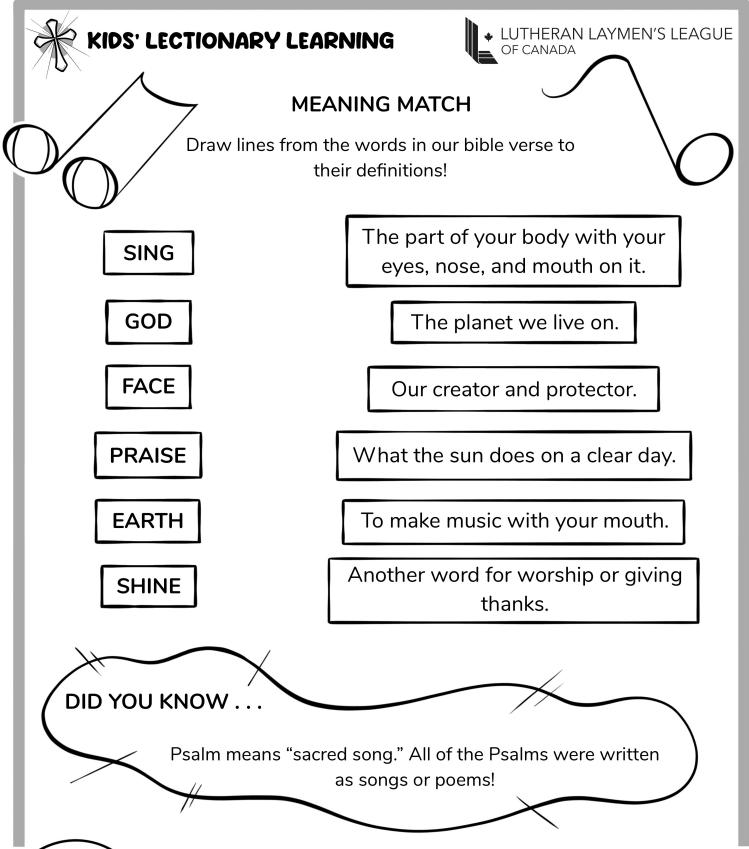
In the final verse from today's gospel lesson, the disciples bow down and confirm that Jesus truly is "the Son of God", connecting the words God spoke in Exodus "I AM WHO I AM" with those Jesus used in reference to Himself "Take heart it is I". We also confirm this to be true when we recite the words of The Athanasian Creed "Thus the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God".



Prayer

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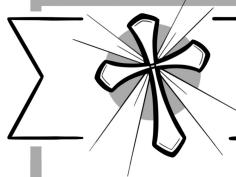






### Prayer

Let us pray together: Dear Father in heaven, thank you for the saving power of Jesus. Please forgive us when we forget to call upon you in prayer. Help us to boldly call out to you, knowing our prayers will be answered in the way that is best for us. In the name of Jesus our Saviour, your Son. Amen.



# KIDS' LECTIONARY LEARNING TEACHING SUPPLEMENT

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH, 2023

BIBLE LESSON: ROMANS 11:33 - 12:8

#### A Living Sacrifice

These verses from Romans are a great tool to help children understand the biblical views (and therefore Lutheran teachings) of sacrifice and acts of service.

The ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made by laying His life down for us so that He could take on, and therefore pay for, the sins of all people makes it difficult to understand how we might offer a sacrifice – especially one that starts in us.

We are sinful, human, and messed up, so how can we be a sacrifice? Weren't sacrifices supposed to be from the best of the crop, and aren't sacrifices an Old Testament thing that is no longer necessary since Jesus laid down His life and became the ultimate Sacrifice for us?



All of this is true, but Paul tells the Romans and us that we can present ourselves, as a living sacrifice (verse 1) through our prayers and service in thanks to God for giving His Son to save us. Nothing we do, even being thankful, can earn us any points with God, but Paul shares that in the joy of our baptism it is natural for us to be compelled to serve one another with our gifts. We might be messy, but we are also transformed through baptism and in mercy and love God has given us wonderful and unique gifts.

Every gift that we have whether that is teaching, giving generously, leading, or helping others who are in need, is a gift from God, so even when we offer those gifts from within us, they are gifts given by grace and meant to be shared. (Verse 6).



### Prayer

Let us pray: Thank you dear heavenly Father for sending your Son Jesus to save us. Thank you also, for bringing us into the family of God and for the people you have sent to care for us. Help us to be generous with our gifts and to serve others joyfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.