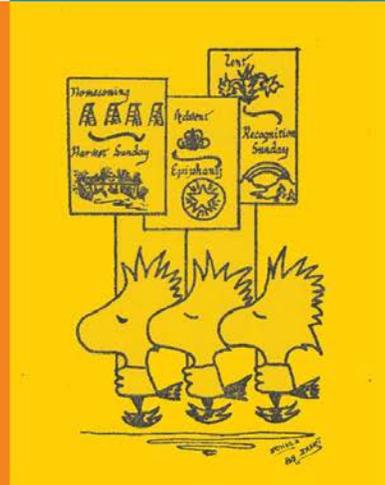
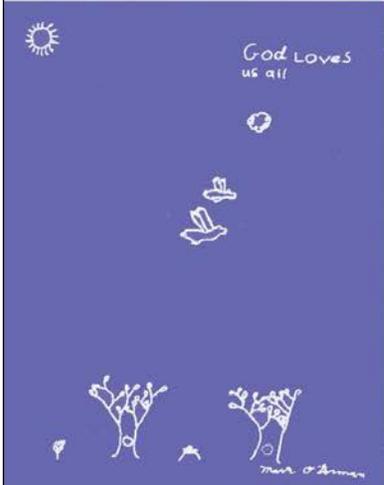
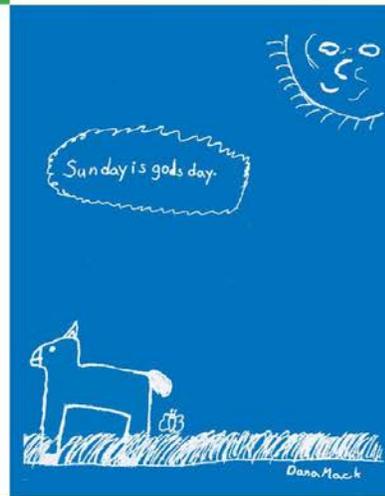
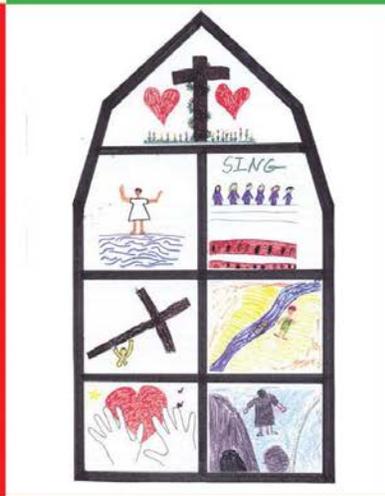
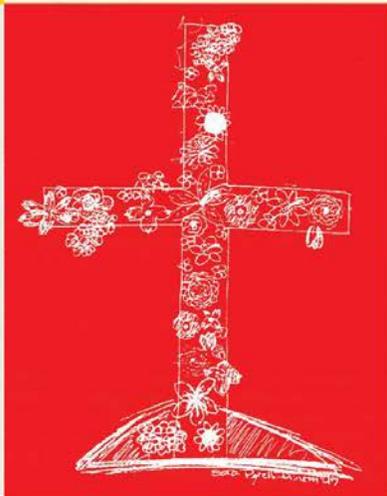
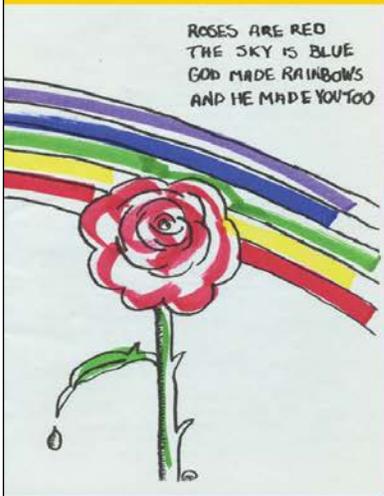
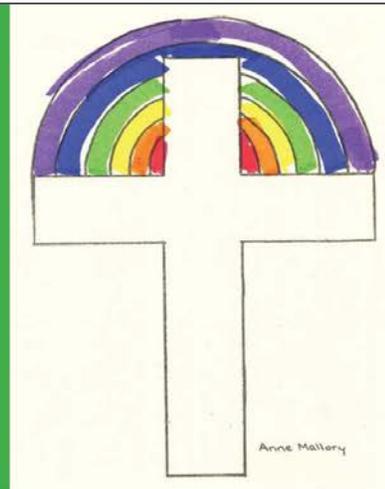
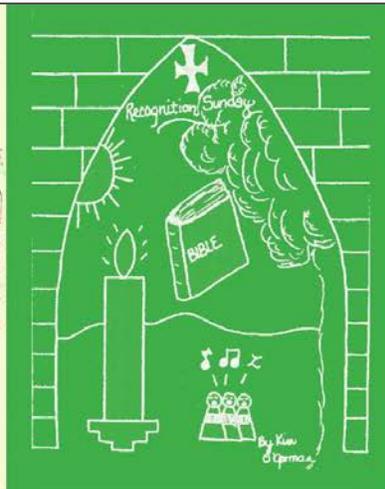
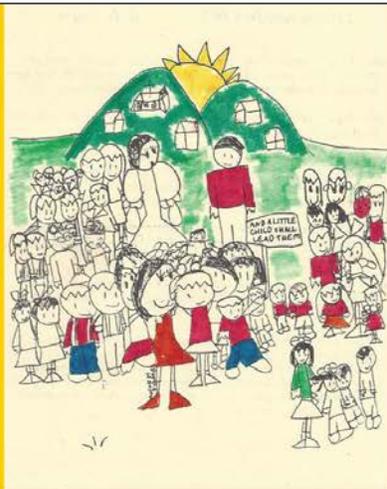
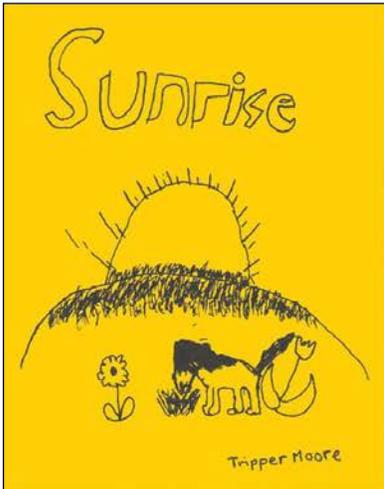


Children's Sunday

7 June 2015

10 o'clock in the morning



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The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.



Welcome to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church family of faith. Today we celebrate our ministry to children and their families. Our children, our teachers and the Church School Task Force have worked together across this year sharing many gifts of time and talent. In the midst of their life together they have discovered that which cannot be taught, their faith and God's presence. We are thankful for the many ways our children have grown in faith and found ways to live out that faith in a world which delights and challenges us.

(From *Church School Recognition Sunday Bulletin*, May 6, 2007).

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

*All who are able please stand

PRELUDE

Andante Cantabile from Symphony #4

Rick Tripodi, guest organist/director

Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

FIRST CHURCH FLASHBACK

Elizabeth Mohn, "678"

CALL TO THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

PRAISING GOD

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

This Little Light of Mine

The Cherub Choir

***OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSIONAL**

*Fourth & Fifth Graders will lead the Procession with the Flower Cross
Second Graders with bread and cup - Callie Richards and Emma Schneider*

For the Beauty of the Earth

New Century (black) Hymnal 28

OPENING PRAYER

Kristen Jacks and Shauna Dellascenza, K/1st Grade Teachers

(From Church School Recognition Sunday, 2006)

O God, we offer this morning our thanks for a living church...

A running, shouting, squirming church filled with children who learn from

teachers and who teach all who seek to learn your ways;
A worshipping church willing and able to voice praise, express concerns and hear needs;
A changing church open to the Spirit's movement, the presence of new faces, the gifts of both tradition and innovation;
A praying church responsive to your Word in ways that involve hearts and hands, minds and spirits;
A doing church aware of the call to practice faith through action, to bear witness to your love and justice and compassion through spoken truth and caring deeds.
We pray all these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray The Lord's Prayer.

We now invite you to hear the Lord's Prayer as our Kindergarten and First Graders offer it on your behalf.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

The Kindergarteners and First Graders

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Liliana Madison Gallup,

daughter of Catherine Casale Gallup and Christopher Charles Gallup

BAPTISM PRAYER *(in unison)*

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on Liliana that you will watch over her and guide her as she grows in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
With this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

William Van Rhyen, 4th Grader

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

From New Revised Standard Version

ANTHEM

Bring Forth the Kingdom

*The Children's Choir
Marty Haugen (b. 1950)
Mary Fike, conductor
Vance Briceland, piano*

SERMON/MESSAGE

Rev. Mark D. Montgomery

THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

(Note: First Church has presented Bibles to our children at the end of their 3rd Grade year at least as far back as 1952.)

3rd Grade Teachers: We, your teachers, promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you have a better understanding of its message.

3rd Grade Parents: We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus

Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so together we can learn its words of life.

Senior Deacon: The entire congregation is pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand and appreciate what is written on their pages.

All: The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

RESPONDING TO GOD

THANKSGIVING AND RECOGNITION

Rosemary Lamie

Leader: Today, we recognize and affirm all of our Church School teachers, with deep appreciation for their dedication and faithful fulfillment of their call to journey with our children in faith.

People: We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

Leader: It is said that faith is caught not taught. Children learn the message of God's love and presence through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers.

People: Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through the gift of teaching.

Leader: Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.

All: As a congregation, we give thanks to God for the blessings of time and commitment these teachers have given to our children.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS & OUR "RETIRING" CHILD CARE SUPERVISORS, DULY CHIAPPETTA & JEFF WAGGAMAN

CALL TO OFFERING

Tessa Laffan, 4th Grader

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Awake My Heart

The Summer Choir
Jane Marshall (b. 1924)

*Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with Thee beside me,
Beginning, middle ending, will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be Thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture, giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.
Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.*

***DOXOLOGY**

To the tune of *All Creatures of Our God and King*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Grace Alfano, "678"

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(All are welcome to the table, even our youngest children, at the discretion of their parents.)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(In the tradition of our church, let us partake of the bread as it is served, remembering our individual uniqueness in the eyes of God and our diversity within the Body of Christ. Let us hold the cup until all have been served, remembering our oneness with God and our unity in the Body of Christ.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

We thank you, O God, for these moments of communion with you and each other. By these actions, we have renewed our commitment to bear your name and to follow you wherever you lead us. O Lord God, your great name be praised. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING HYMN

All Things Bright and Beautiful

New Century (black) Hymnal 31

FAREWELL TO THE KUPPENHEIMER FAMILY

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Summer Choir

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Nicholas Lemmens (1823-1881)

(At the beginning of the Postlude the Third Graders will leave the Meetinghouse. Everyone else is invited to listen to the Postlude before going to Fellowship Hour.)

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in loving memory of our parents by Don, Jeff, and Jeanie Freeman and their families.

The Flower Cross is provided by the Church School Task Force in celebration of Children's Sunday.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday. Your children are always welcome for the entire service or for a respite time if needed. Please see an usher if you need directions.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490 AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's website, www.fccog.org. A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

Call to a Special Congregational Meeting

A special meeting of the Congregation is hereby called for *Sunday, June 14, 2015* following the 10:00 am Worship Service. The meeting will be held in the Meetinghouse:

- To hear and act upon the recommendation to sell 81 Riverside Avenue.

Kathy McLennan
Church Clerk

Third Graders Receiving Bibles

Harrison Chase Arnold
Kelsey L. Fong
Tyler G. Fong
Dylan Garofalo
Gwyneth Grace Mair
Lara Maradudin Olmsted
Madeleine Faith Phillips
Emma Whitney Pratt
Tyler William Quake
Chloe Madilyn Schimenti
Kathryn Laurene Wentworth
Lauren Audrey Windels

Church School Task Force 2014-2015

Colleen Alfano	Nishani Naidoo
Shauna Dellascenza	Cara Olmsted
Donna Hascher	Margaret Phyfe
Diane Jenkins	Laura Pugliese
Diane Kretschmann	Lori Romano
Paul Kretschmann	Sarah Schneider
Nanette Laffan	Elaine Teeters
Rosemary Lamie	Sarah Thalheim
Dorothy Mueller	Leslie VanDermeer

Church School Teachers

Allison Frenz (HS)	Yevgeniya Golodinskii (HS)	Elizabeth Schinto
Amy Cass (HS)	Jadescola Ariyibi (HS)	Sarah Schneider
Andrew Williams	Jane Finch	Duly Chiappetta
Cara Olmsted	Jeff Waggaman	Fred Laffan
Carly Jenkins (HS)	Jennifer Shaw	Fred Lorthioir
Charlotte Lorthioir (HS)	Karen Mair	Karen Vissicchio
Chris Schoen	Matt Ambrose (HS)	Kristen Jacks
Christina Russell	Melanie Pfetsch (HS)	Larry Haviland
Connie Van Rhyn	Olivia Hartwell (HS)	Erlinda Haviland
Daniel Lepoutre (HS)	Peg Wentworth	Laura Miller (HS)
Donald Haviland	Peter Russell (HS)	Lori Romano
Drew Mohn (HS)	Sarah Cleworth	Margot DeRiemer (HS)
Gillian Woodman(HS)	Sarah Morris (HS)	Trevor Ingraham (HS)
Greg & Kimberly Kuppenheimer	Sarah Schneider	Colin Ingraham (HS)
Hans Van Rhyn (HS)	Shauna Dellascenza	Tyler Shaver (HS)
	Stephanie Woodman(HS)	Virginia Richards
		Ivan Golodinskii (HS)

**Many thanks to our guest presenters for
Church School Rotation Workshops**

Judy Gordon, Ben Quick, Bob MacLea, Phil Bradford, Ed Perisa, Lilian Ruiz, Joe McBride,
Sue McCalley, Betsy Burlison, Janet Blasberg, MaryAnn Assing and Lynne Robertson.

Thank you to Silver Lake for being with us today.

Calendar

TODAY

Church School

Today we celebrate our children and their teachers. We also celebrate our parents who bring their children to us to learn, pray and play together. We thank you, parents and teachers, for your support and commitment to our Church School Program. As a special tribute to our teachers, the church has made a donation in your honor to Heifer International. Church School will continue through June and July at the 8:00 am Beach Service. Child care remains available at the 10:00 am service every Sunday.

We are currently in the process of hiring a new Child Care Supervisor and assistant so that all Sundays will be covered. Candidates must be high school graduates preferably with extensive child care or teaching experience especially with babies and toddlers. Please contact Rosemary Lamie at RosemaryL@fccog.org if you are interested or know someone who might be.

**Now is the time to sign up to be part of our Church School Teaching Team
starting in September when Rotation Workshops will continue!**

Adults (current parents of school age children or not) and high school students are signing up now to be part of our teams next year. Our Church School has been highly successful because we teach in teams and no one is required to teach every Sunday. The only "qualifications" are love of children, a willingness to learn while you teach, and to share your faith with our children. First Church has a tradition of asking parents to volunteer at least two years for each child you have in Church School so that we always have a group of parents involved.

We will continue our Rotation Program with some traditional units from time to time. All classes will need Shepherds/Teachers who will be with the same group of children each time they teach, and we will continue to have volunteer presenters for our special workshops. We plan to cover some of the Genesis stories (Creation, Adam & Eve, Jonah); Moses as a baby, the Plagues and the 10 Commandments; Christmas and Epiphany. There will be a special science unit to teach some of the faith stories. Once a month in our "one room schoolhouse" format will include a music segment that will familiarize our children with hymns and camp songs as well as some newer church music.

So, please prayerfully consider joining the team, spending time with your children in a different way, and learning together about God's love for all! How do you get on board? Just sign up on the easel after church today, go to www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094ca4ab2faaf58-building or contact Rosemary directly by email RosemaryL@fccog.org or phone 203-637-1791, ext. 20.

Parish Nurse

Sue Asselin, RN, is available for blood pressure screenings and health consultations following today's worship service. If our Fellowship Hour is held outside, Sue will be in the Memory Garden. If held inside, due to weather, Sue will be available in Room 203.

Bible Study

Bible Study resumes *today* at 11:20 am in the Lounge. Rev. Avery Manchester will lead. We will be using Walter Brueggemann's *Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now*. Books are available for purchase for \$14 in the Church Office.

Caregivers Support Group at FCCOG

Join us *today* from 11:15 am to 12:00 pm in Room 103 for the first meeting of our new Caregivers Support Group. The group is for those who currently are, or recently have been, a caregiver for a family member or friend, and will offer a confidential place where participants can share experiences, learn new information and receive emotional support and comfort from others in similar situations. The group will meet on **the 1st Sunday of each month**. Dorothy Mueller, FCCOG Stephen Minister, will be the group facilitator. For more info, please call Dorothy at 203-588-9896 or email: dorothymueller1@gmail.com.

NEXT WEEK

Beach Services Return next *Sunday, June 14*

Beach Services begin next *Sunday, June 14* at 8:00 am at Greenwich Point (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday. Come and join us for this casual service. Summer Church School will also take place at this time down at the beach, so bring the whole family! If the Beach Service is cancelled due to inclement weather, a notice in red will be posted on our website by 7:30 am and a white piece of paper will be taped to the sermon sign on the church lawn. The 10:00 am service in the Meetinghouse will continue every Sunday throughout the summer.

Summer Choir – All Welcome!

Please join us on **Sunday mornings** at 9:00 am in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up and rehearsal for the music being done that Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come before the start of the service to learn a simple anthem. Come any Sundays that you are available to help lead the congregation in worship. It's also a chance to experience worship from the choir loft. If you have any questions, please contact Craig Symons (ext. 22).



NEWS AND NOTICES

News from The Rummage Room

191 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

Monday, June 8-Saturday, June 13: View Manager Maria's 50% off articles for the week at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room/.

Sunday, June 21: FATHER'S DAY - Remember The Rummage Room for Dad's dress shirts, sport shirts, blazers, suits, slacks, swimwear, shoes, ties and accessories.

Sunday, June 21: FIRST DAY OF SUMMER! Remember how long the winter lasted? Well, now it's hot, hot, hot so come get your cool summer clothing!

Shop Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday & 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday.

Donation Hours: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon-Thurs & 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on Friday & Saturday.

Manager Maria's Wish List: Items for Father's Day including watches; clothing and items for 4th of July; bridal and wedding party dresses, clothes for the groom and groomsmen; fishing rods; double strollers; hats; bikes; small furniture; good jewelry, handbags, and clothing for the August 24th ANNUAL REOPENING.

Looking Ahead: Old Greenwich Sidewalk Sales **June 25, 26 and 27!** Last day for donations, **July 18**, as the shop will be 'closed for repairs.' **The Rummage Room Reopening will take place on Monday, August 24!**

Thought for a Lifetime: *People are similar to wine; some of them will turn to vinegar but only the best will improve as they age.*

Nights Off Women's Group

Weather-permitting, the *Nights Off* Women's Group will gather down at the beach (Greenwich Point) on **Monday, June 22** at 6:00 pm. This is a great time to socialize and catch up with your friends (old and new). Please bring a snack to share and whatever you would like to drink. Look for the group after going around the point past the Yacht Club and sailing school. We will gather at one of the picnic tables along the water, so just start down the path from the parking lot and look for us. All are always welcome to our *Nights Off* gatherings, Please join us and bring a friend along. If you have questions or would like to be added to the email list, please contact Shirley Flierl at fbtworld@aol.com.



Tai Chi Classes

TRY IT OUT! Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong exercises. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** at 8:00 am and **Thursdays** at 9:00 am. Only \$10 per class. Drop-ins are welcome.

Neighbor to Neighbor – Food Collection

Please don't forget those in need. **Items especially needed are canned meats, such as Spam, chili, etc.** Tuna is **not** needed at this time. Cereal, canned fruit, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, sheets & towels.

Next Week at First Congregational Church

June 14, 2015

8:00 am Worship Service at the Beach (Tod's Point)

Communion

10:00 am Worship Service in the Meetinghouse
Special Congregational Meeting following worship.

Music by The Summer Choir

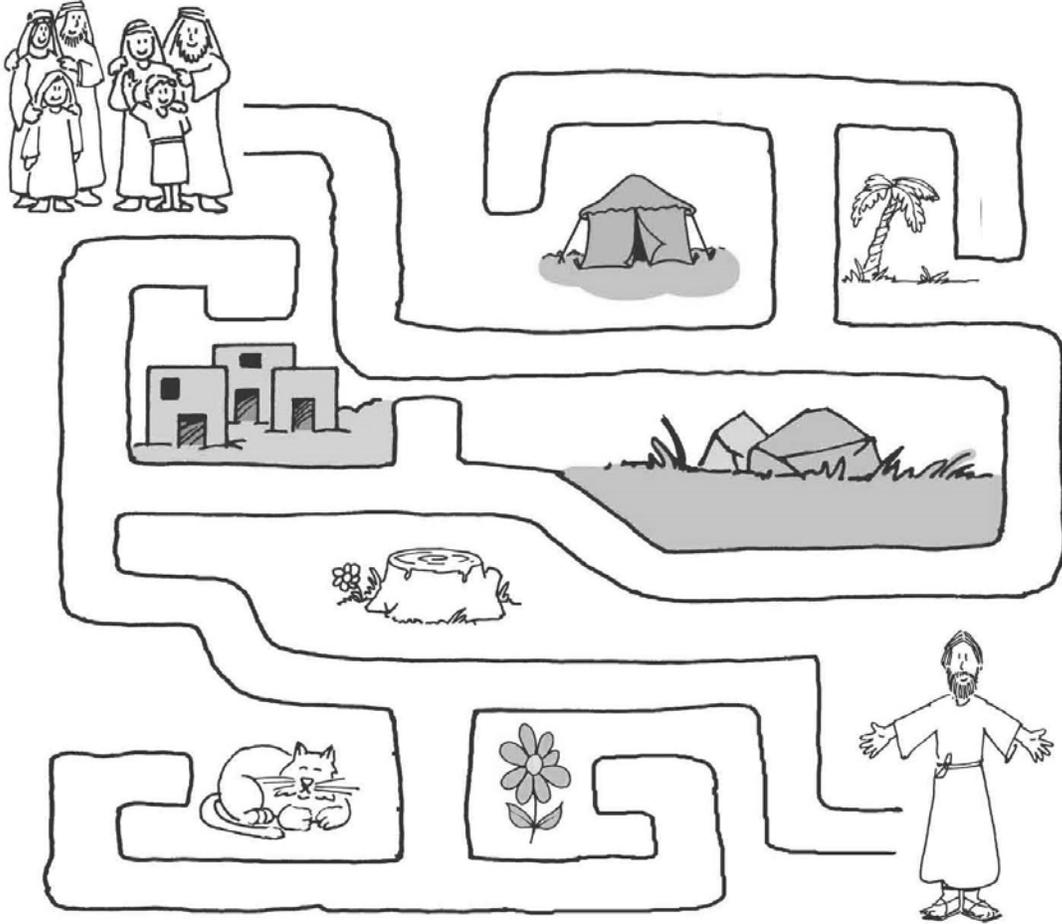
Before the Heaven's Were Spread by Horatio Parker

Drew Seigla, tenor

Rev. Richard DenUyl, Jr., preaching

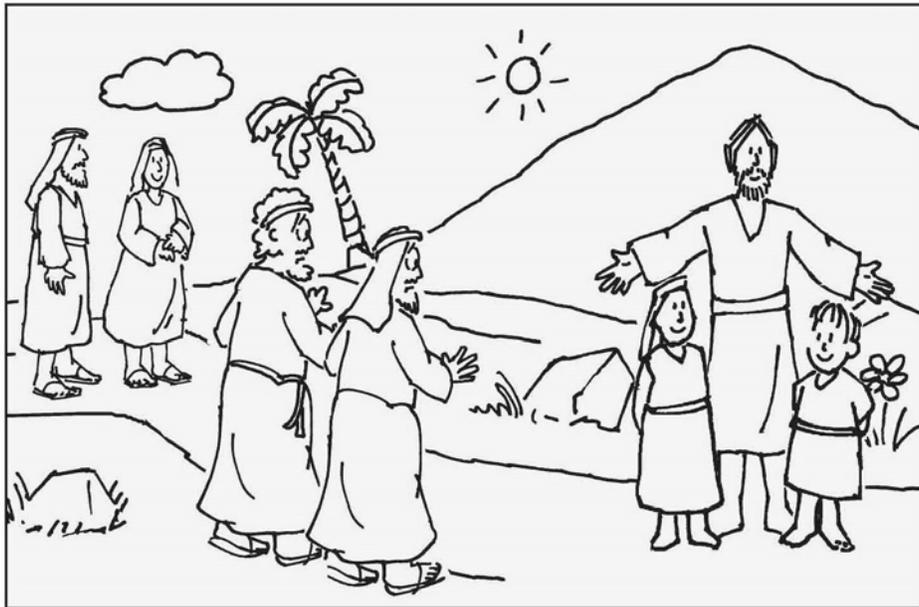
People brought their little children
to Jesus.

Help the children reach Jesus.



The disciples tried to stop the people.

Circle 7 differences in the bottom picture.





What did Jesus do?

Use the following code and fill in the blanks to find the answer.

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