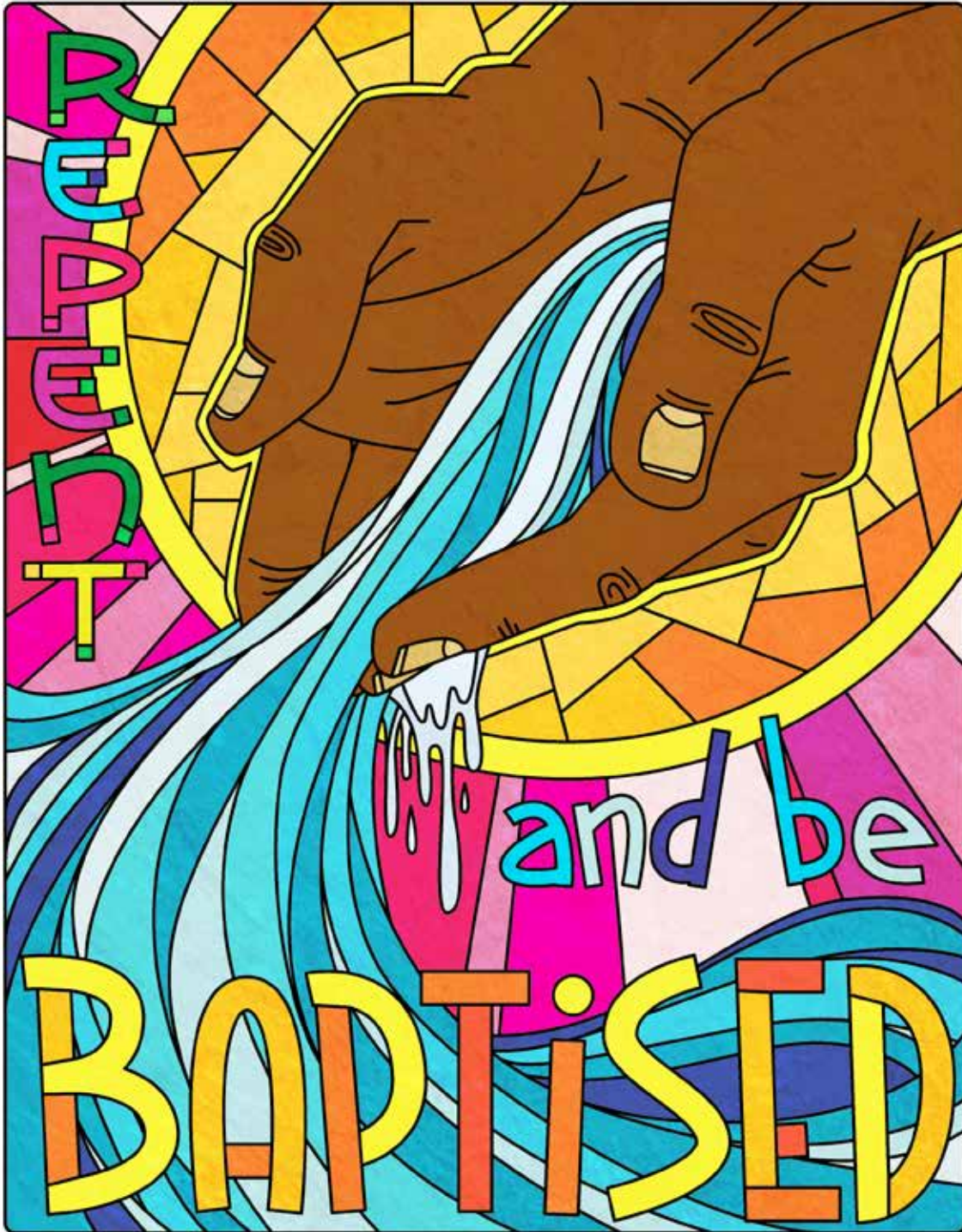


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2020

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41



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INTRO

Share a story about a time you made a mistake or did something wrong and had to own up and be accountable. The focus should be on the work of being accountable not as a punishment, but as part of the mending process.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

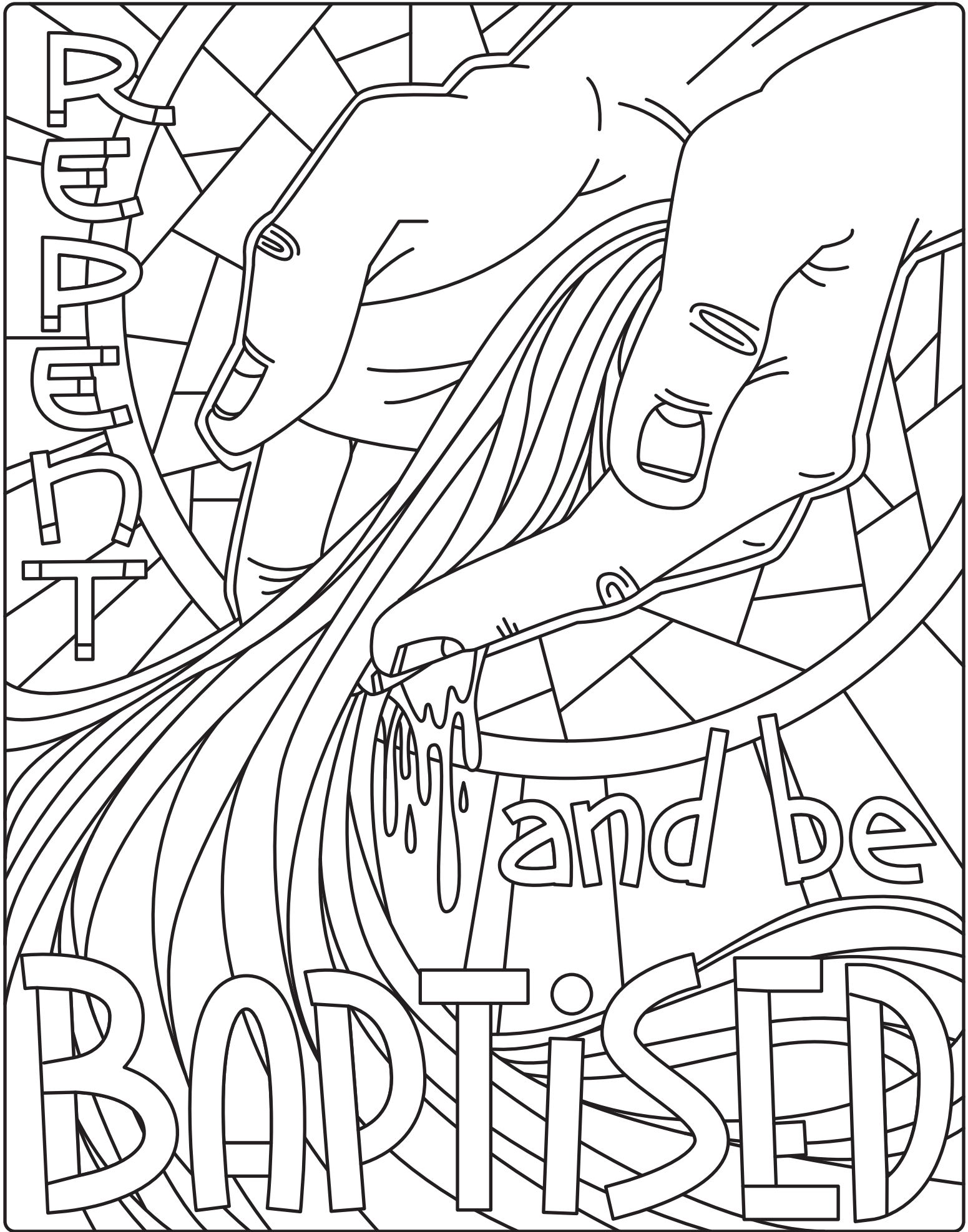
- Have you ever made a mistake or chose to hurt someone or something on purpose, then done something to make things right?
- What did you do to fix things?
- Why is it important to work to make things right?

WRAP-UP

Tell the children today's scripture shows Peter calling on early Christians to repent. Explain that repentance is changing your mind and heart. Part of that change is working to repair what we've broken. Explain how we all mess up sometimes. That doesn't mean we're bad people, or God doesn't love us. We are good. God always loves us. We are beloved children of God. Jesus teaches us that part of loving God and one another is changing how we see our lives and the world—it's working to make things right when we mess up. Show the children the morning's illustration, and tell them that when people heard Peter's message, they decided then and there to follow Jesus' way of justice and love. It didn't mean they were perfect, but it did mean they would try to love and do justice well, and we can try too. Wonder aloud with them about how we can acknowledge what we did wrong AND what we did right AND how we can do better next time. Invite them to share what good things can come from doing this. As you close, invite the children to pray with you.

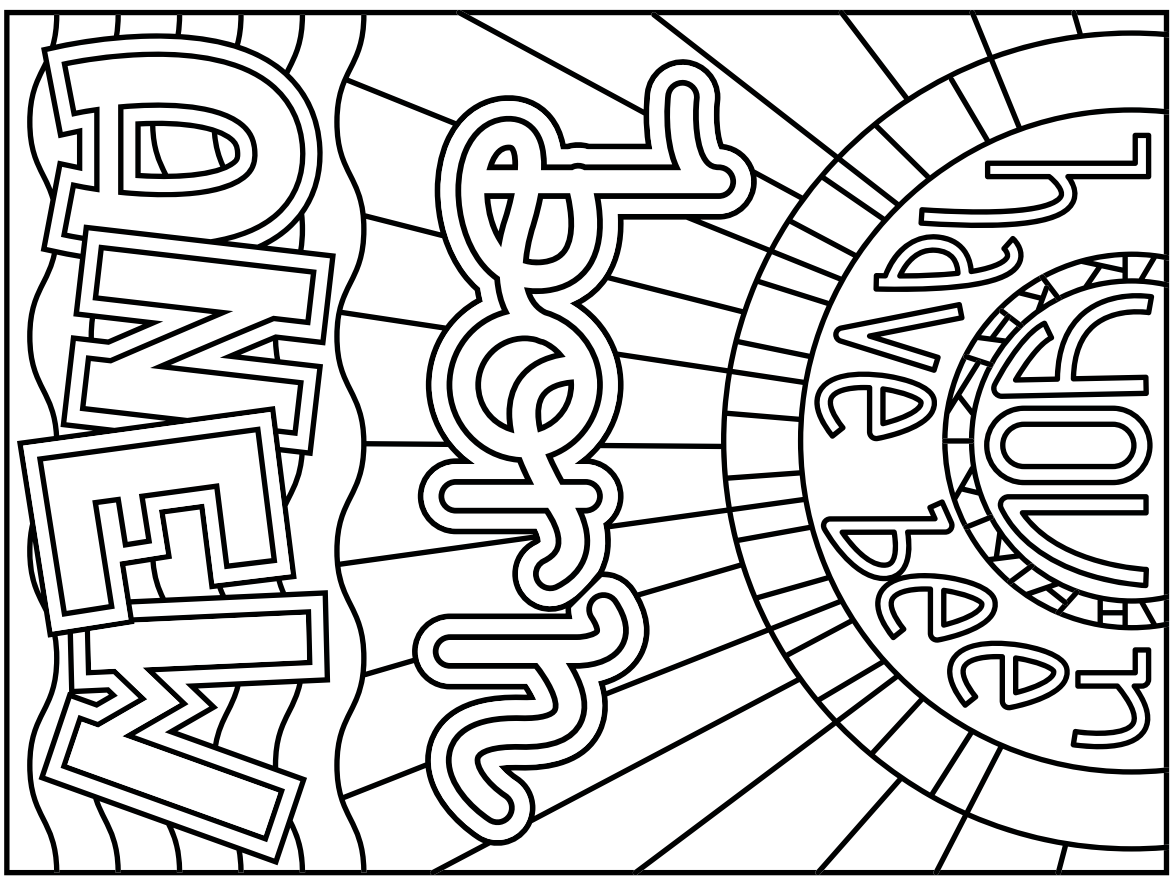
PRAAYER

Gracious God, thank you for loving us no matter what, even when we cause harm. Thank you for teaching us how to repair things when we mess up and how to love better. **Amen.**

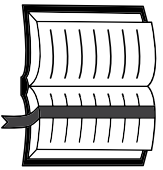


CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, Psalm 116: 1-14, 12-19,
1 Peter 1: 17-23, Luke 24: 13-35.



"I love the Lord, because the
Lord has heard my voice and
my prayers..."
~ Psalm 116: 1



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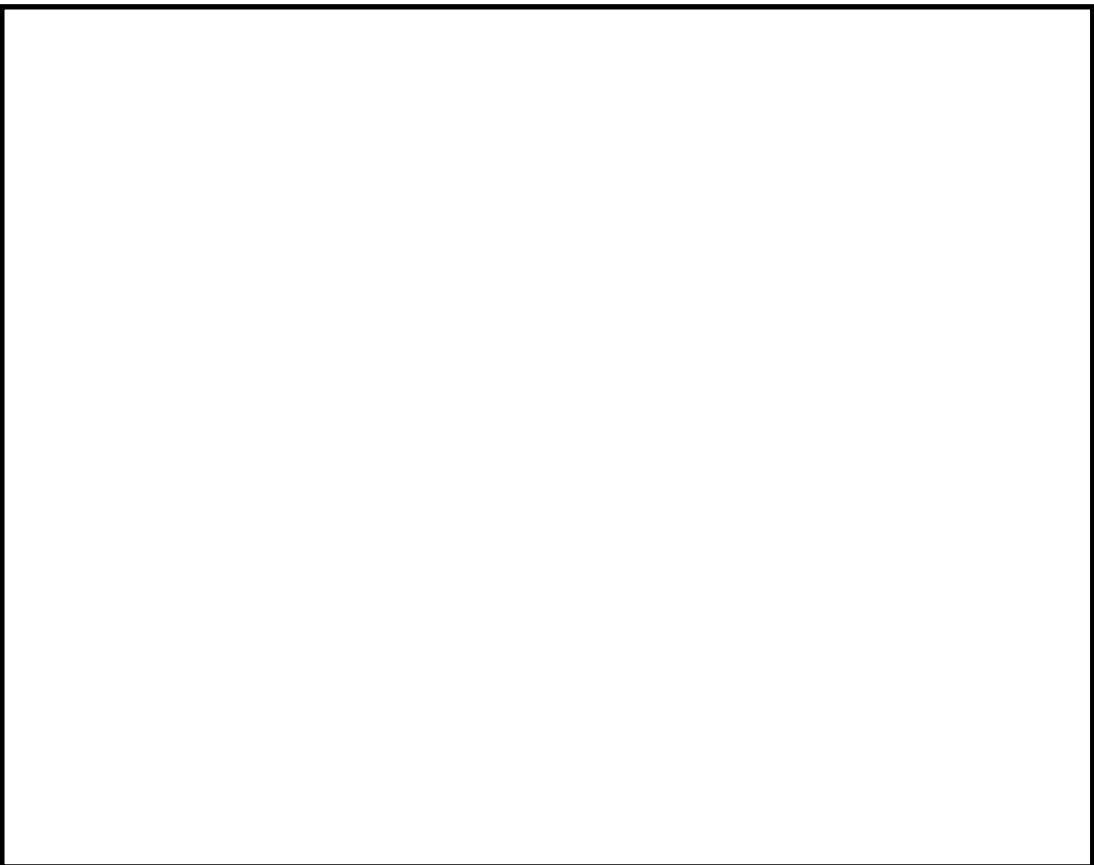
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DRAW IT

In Luke 24, Jesus appears to two of his disciples, but it takes them a long time to recognize him. They finally realize it is him when Jesus breaks bread and feeds them, just like he did at the last supper. Draw how you imagine this looked.



FOLLOW the PATH

In Acts 2, what were Peter's instructions to the other disciples when they realized the truth of Peter's message? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write it below. See Peter's instruction spelled out.

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