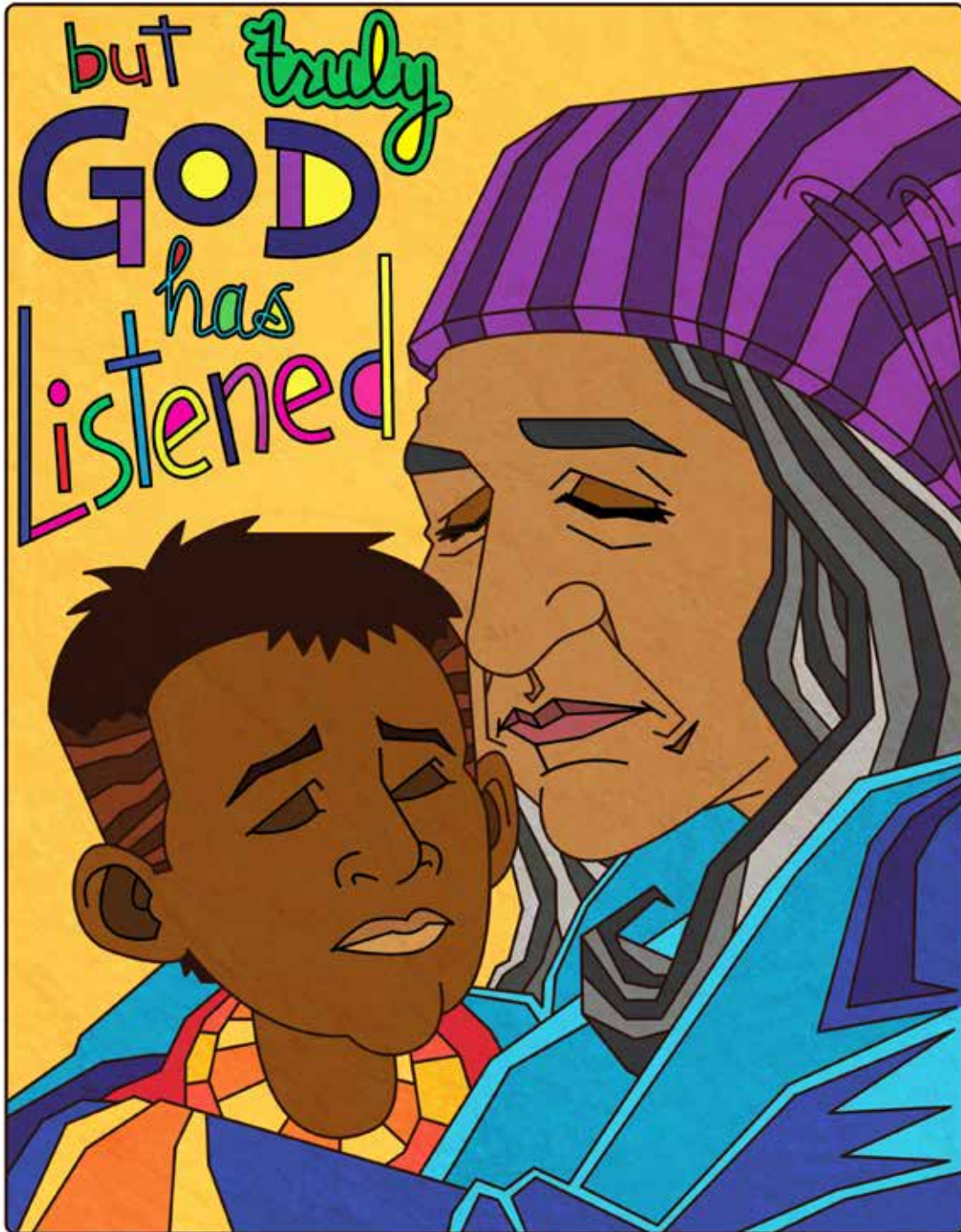


SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

Psalm 66:19



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INTRO

Share about a time you were talking about something, and another person truly listened. Focus on an instance when the other person made you feel safe, seen, and not alone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who is someone in your life who truly listens to you?
- How do you know when someone is really listening and paying attention to you?
- How do you show other people you are listening to them?

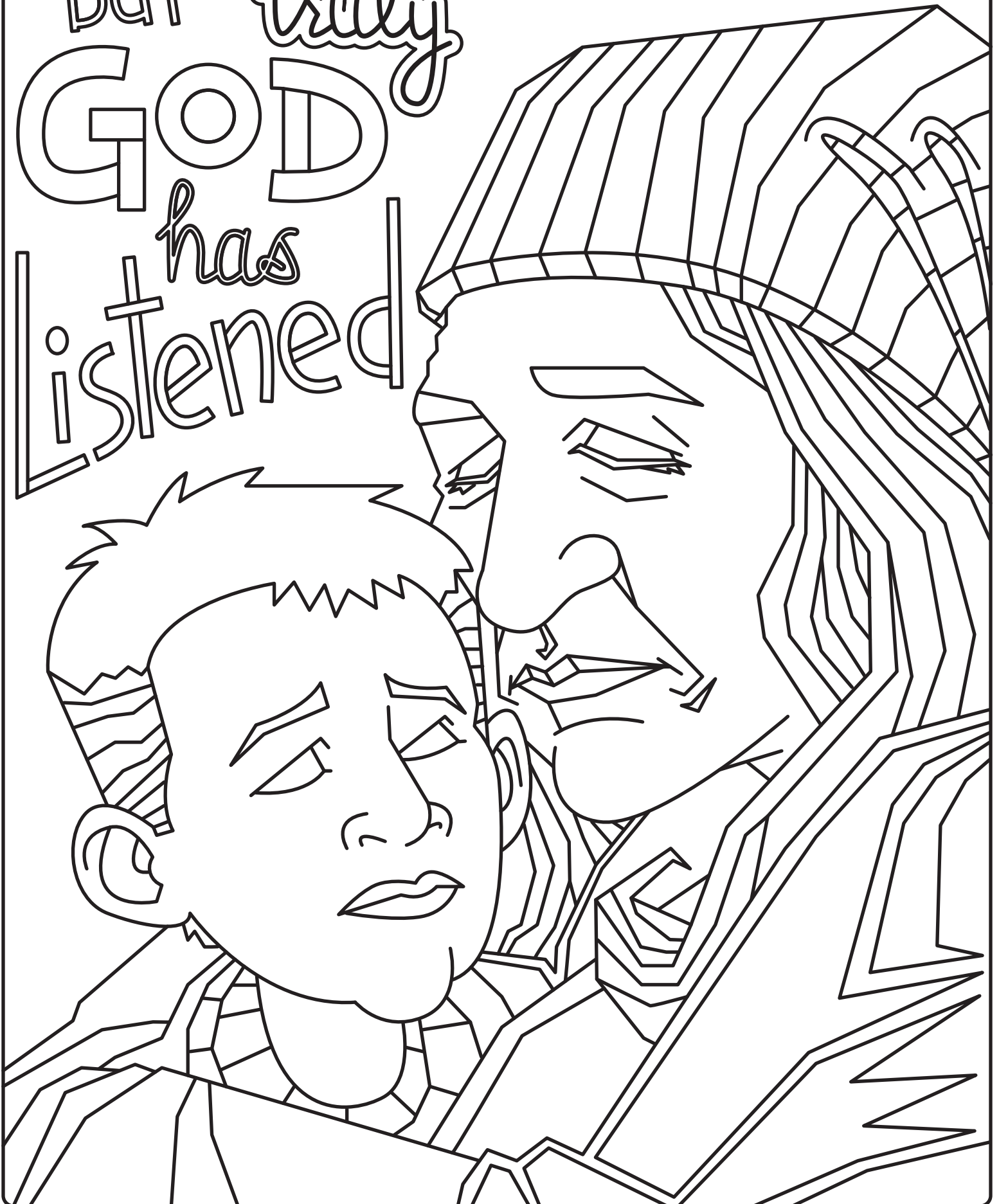
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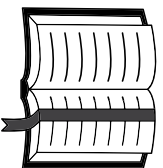
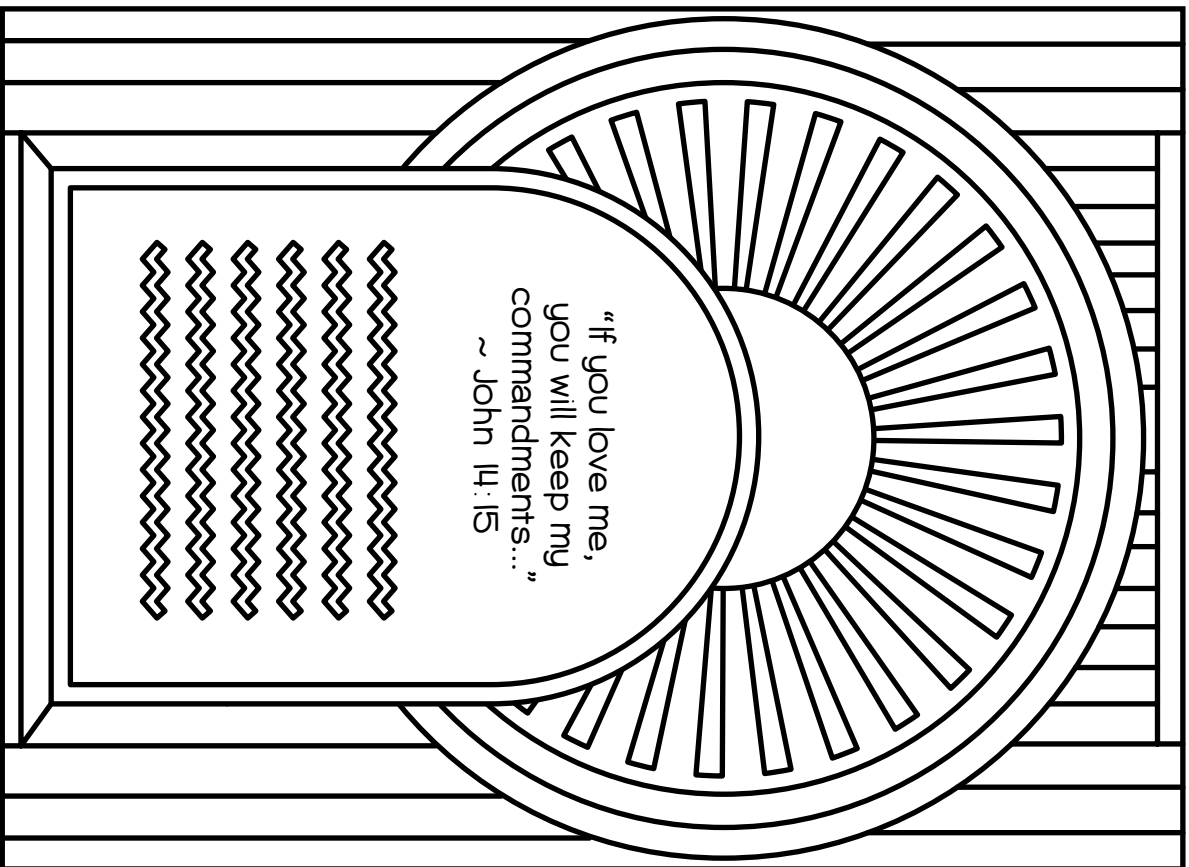
Tell the children this morning's scripture comes from the book of Psalms. The psalmist is praising God because God truly listens and is present with us. Show the children this morning's illustration. Explain that truly listening and being present with someone is about more than just being in the same room and hearing them talk. True presence is about paying attention to what someone is saying and how they are thinking and feeling. Being truly present with someone else means showing them how much we care about them. Tell the children God is present with us like that. God listens to everything we say, even the things we don't say out loud or have words for. God always cares, whether our concerns are big or small. Explain that we can and should practice this kind of presence with each other. Tell them one way we can do this is through active listening. Explain what active listening means: looking at the other person, responding to their words, not focusing on what we're going to say next, etc. Remind the children about how good they feel when they are heard, seen, and loved, and tell them they have the power to make someone else feel that way too. Encourage them to practice active listening throughout the coming week. Invite the children to pray with you as you close.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you so much for always being present with us. Thank you for truly listening to what we say, think, and feel and for always caring about us. Help us practice this kind of presence and listening with one another. **Amen.**

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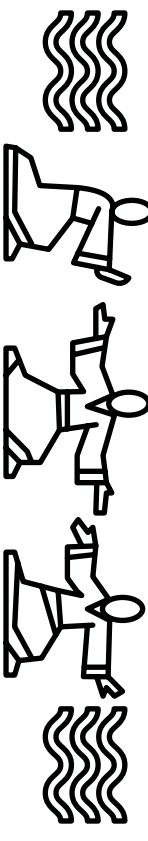
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, John 14:15-21.

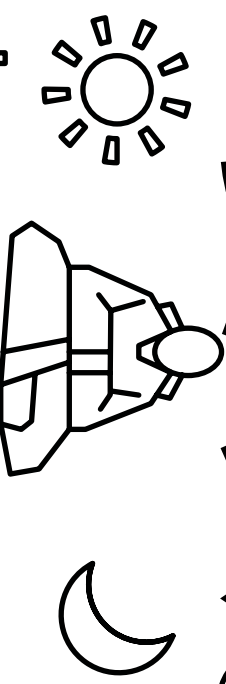
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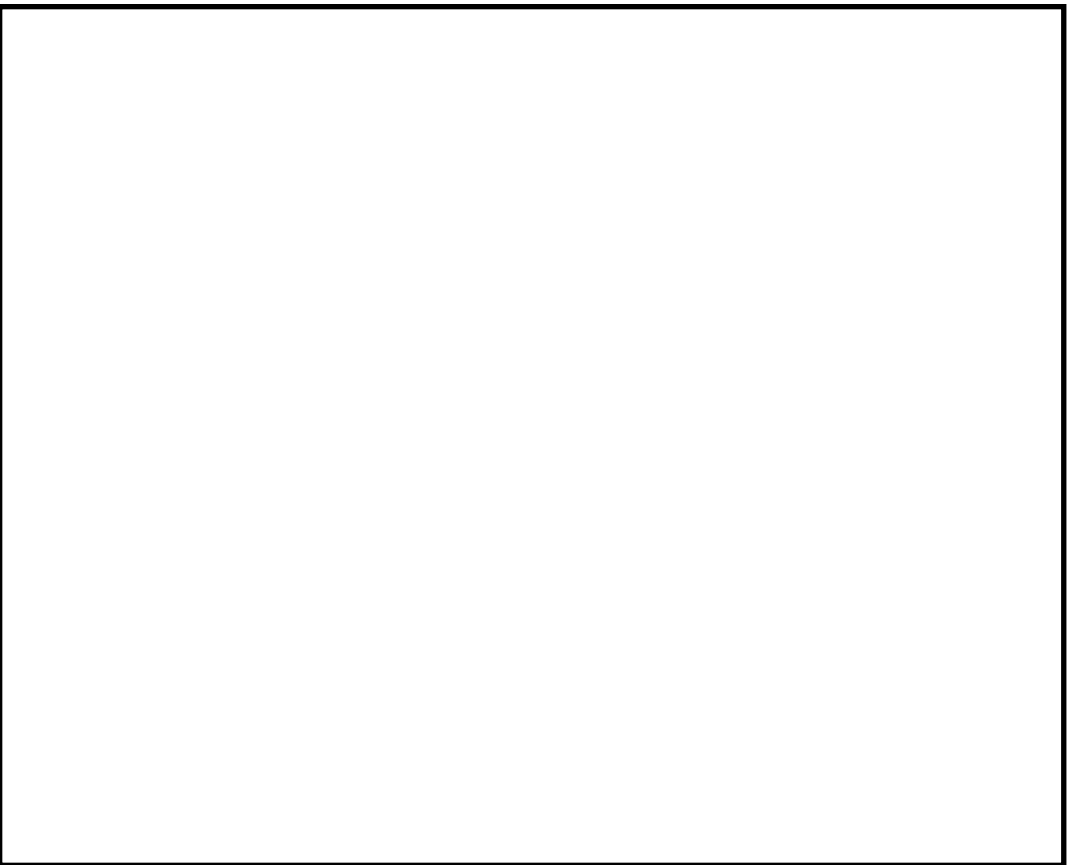


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DRAW IT

In John 14, Jesus promises to give his followers the Holy Spirit who will be with and in them. One way we can see the Holy Spirit is through the loving choices we make in following Christ. Draw an example of that here.



CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 66, the Psalmist describes coming to God's house - the temple - to praise and give offerings of thanks. Connect the dots to form the temple. Inside, write or draw some things for which you want to praise God.

