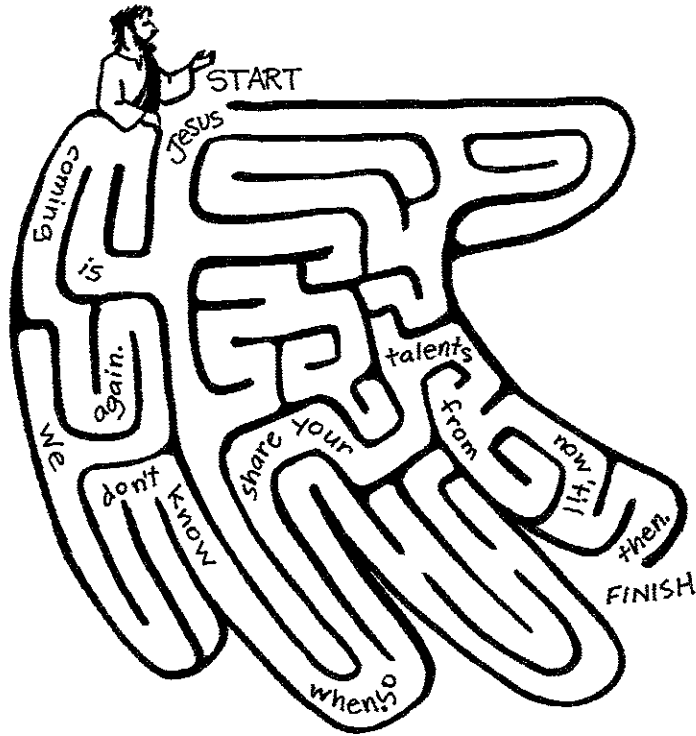


## Follow Jesus . . .

Following Jesus means sharing talents. Follow Jesus' footprints to uncover a poem that can help you remember to share your talents! Write the words you find, *in order*, in the space below the maze.




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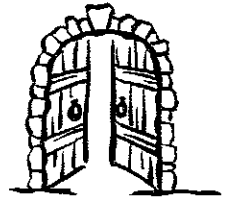
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## This week

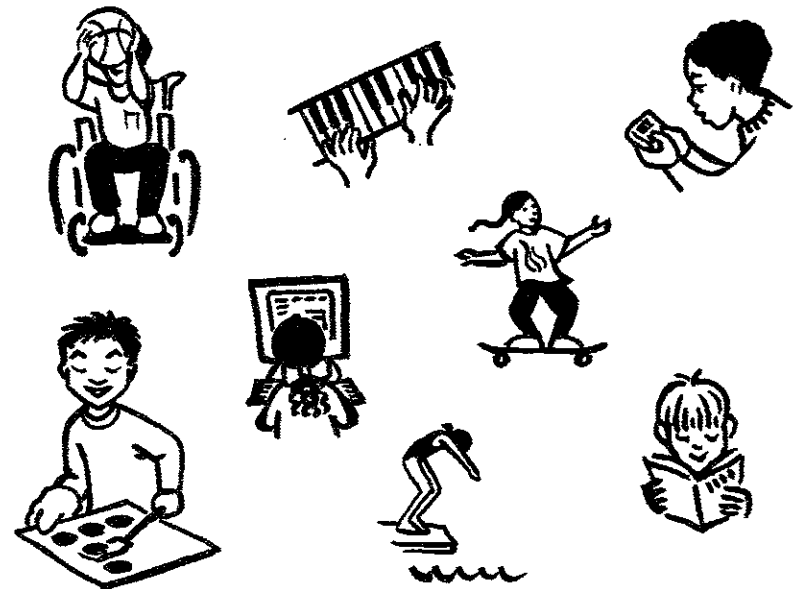
Have a family talent show. Invite a friend or two!



## gather

Welcome to worship. Have you ever heard someone say: "Oh, she's so talented"? A talent is a gift from God. It is something you are good at. What are your talents?

Look at the pictures below. Place a **T** next to the ones that show a talent you have, and an **F** next to the pictures that show a talent of a friend.



Look at the people with you in worship. What are their talents?

## Everyday talents

Matthew 25:14-30

In today's gospel, Jesus tells another parable. This one is about using the talents God has given you to share God's love. Check out the following story. Who used their talents well?

Just before Christmas, a new family moved into their apartment building. Karena and Sam were the first to greet them. Before long, the new kids were creating plays with Karena and playing football in the snow with Sam.



Sam, Karena, and Kelly were friends living in the same apartment building. Sam loved playing football and played anytime, anywhere.

Karena loved to act. She practiced every day, before and after school, and enjoyed finding friends to be in her plays.



Kelly was an amazing videogame player, and would spend time on the weekends working to get to the next level of the game she was playing. She knew all the secret codes and loved winning!



Kelly wondered how she could be a friend. What ideas do you have for Kelly? How could Karena, Sam, and their new friends include Kelly? How might Kelly share her talents?

**Write or draw your idea in the box above.**



*Oh God. We're so glad we have talents from you. Help us to share them! Amen.*

Jesus knows that every one of us counts!  
Count these things in your church.  
Put your answers on the lines.



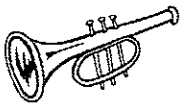
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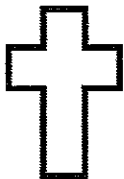
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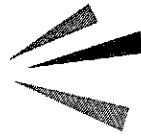
How many people? \_\_\_\_\_



How many instruments? \_\_\_\_\_



How many crosses? \_\_\_\_\_

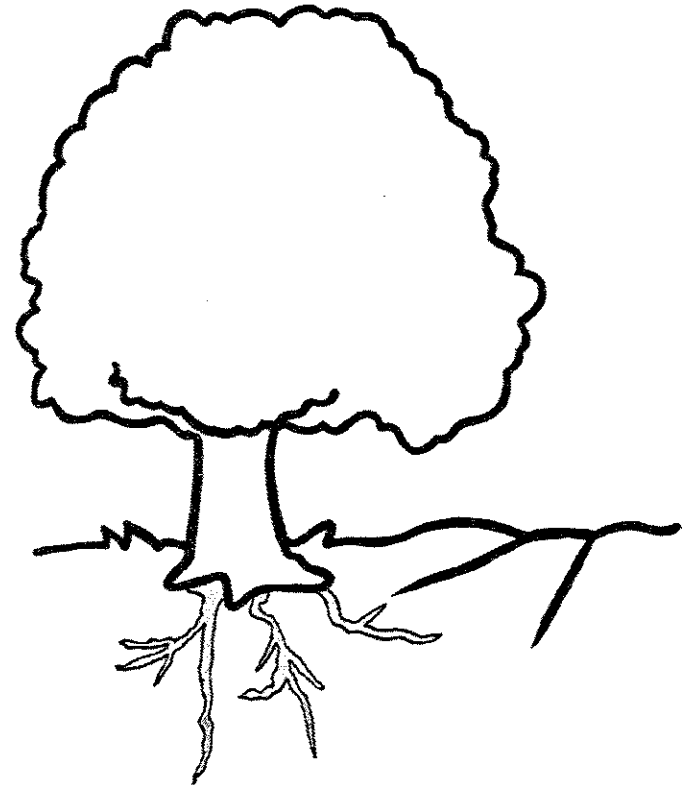


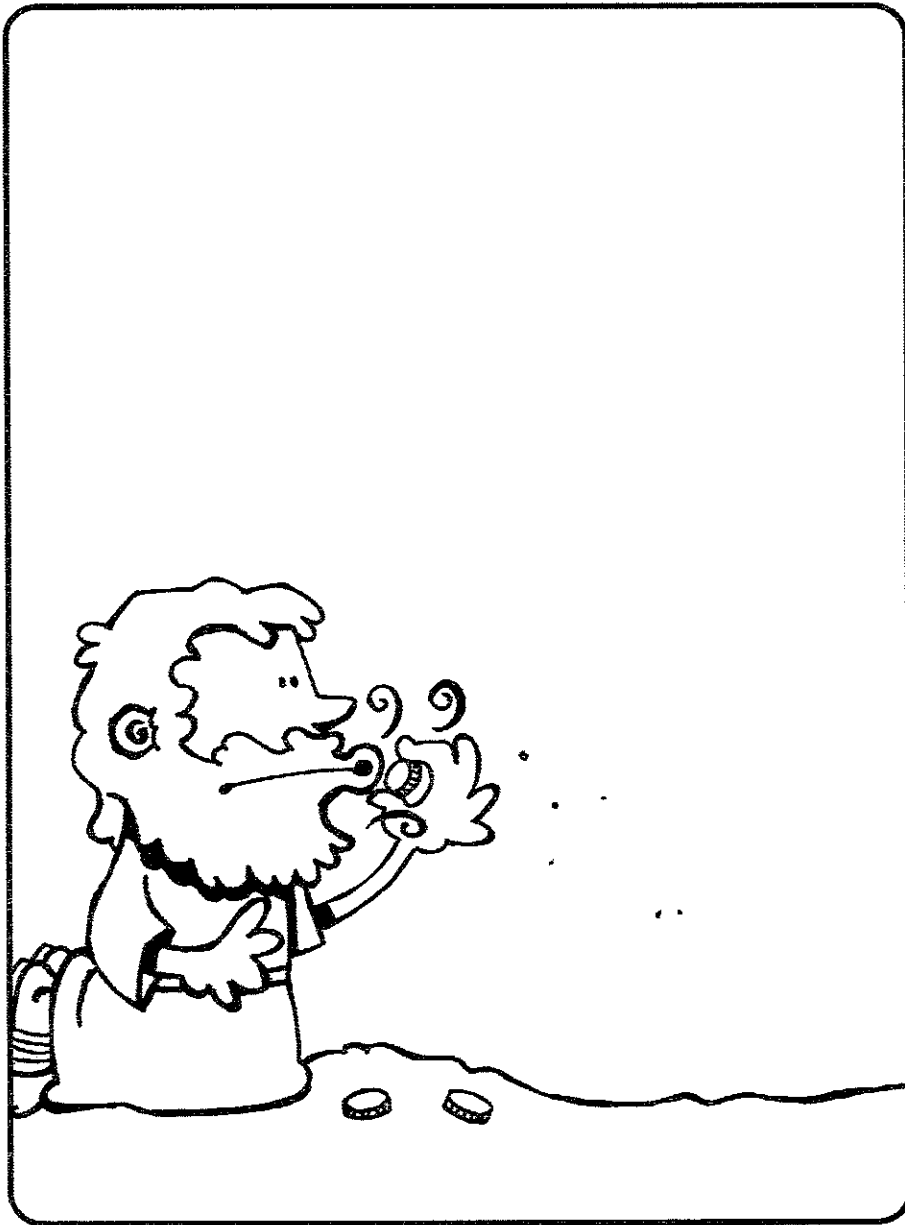
# PRE-READER

Pentecost 25

- Today is the **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God wants us to grow by **sharing** our skills and gifts.

Some things should not be buried, like God's love. Other things belong under the ground, like the roots of this tree. Roots make a tree strong. Draw more roots to make this tree strong.





One servant was afraid. He dug a hole and buried his talents.

God tells us not to be afraid.

Color the scared man by using shaky coloring. God tells us to be brave and bold and share what we have. Color the brave men by making your coloring strong.



# Church Talents

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# READER

Pentecost 25

- Today is the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.
- The Pentecost season is **almost completed** for this year.
- What did you **learn about Jesus** during the season after Pentecost?

## Dig It Up

Jesus tells us not to be afraid to share our gifts. Jesus doesn't want us to bury our talents. Look at the burial spaces under the Pentecost tree. Write the gifts you can share in those spaces. Jesus says, "Don't bury your talents! Don't be afraid to share!"

