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## Dressed to serve

A child ready for baptism is often dressed in white. Pastors are often dressed in a white robe, too. At our baptism God calls us to be servants. How can you serve God in your church and at home?

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How does your pastor serve at church?

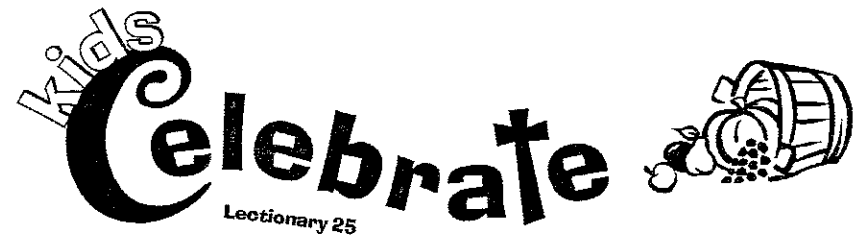
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**Fill in the missing lines to complete this baptism picture. Add more water drops coming from the pastor's hand.**



## This week

Try giving others a chance to be first in line, first to eat, or first to choose. Serving others can feel good!



# gather

Welcome to worship. All are welcome at worship from the youngest to the oldest, from the first one to enter the worship place to the last.

**These worshipers have matching items with other worshipers across the aisle. Draw a line to connect the six matching items.**



# hear & celebrate

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus turned everything upside down for the disciples!  
They wanted to be greatest but Jesus said, "Whoever wants

to be \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_ of all and

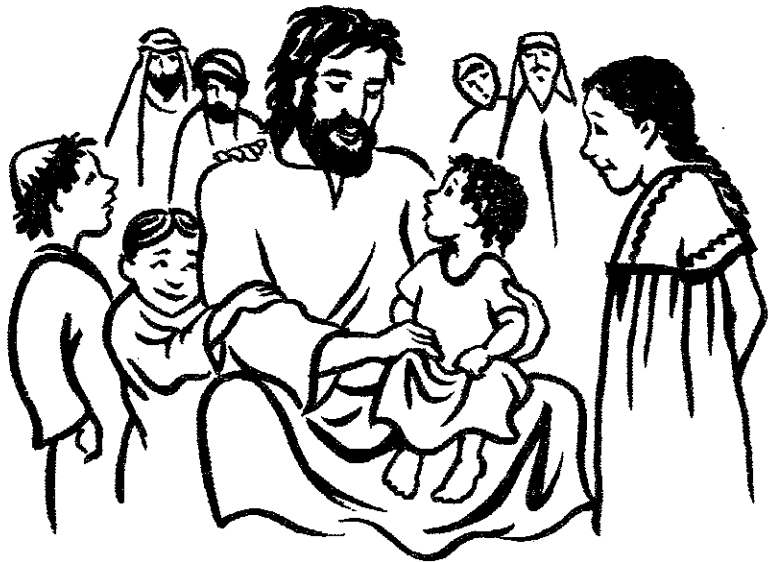
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\_\_\_\_\_ of all."

TNAVRES

Fill in the blanks by reversing the order of the letters. The last is now first.



Who are the people serving by helping in worship today?

Use the clues beside each word to figure out the words from first to last. The last word is someone Jesus loves. The first word is done for you, and part of the second.

(Hint: Take away one letter from the first word and scramble the letters to make the next smaller word on the puzzle.)

**T R A I P S E** a word meaning to walk

**S** \_\_\_\_\_ a line on a flag

\_\_\_\_\_ a car sits on these

\_\_\_\_\_ a helium balloon will do this

\_\_\_\_\_ a polite way to address a man

\_\_\_\_\_ not "isn't"

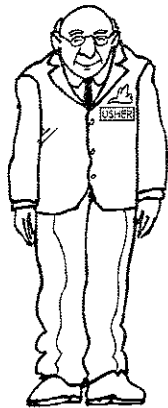
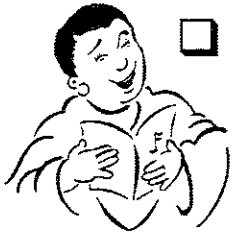
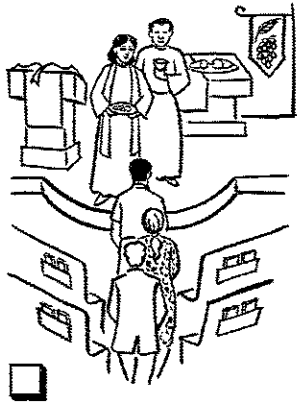
\_\_\_\_\_ a name for yourself



*I will be your servant,  
Lord. Stay with me  
always. Amen*

Jesus says in order to be great we need to be servants of all. Look around your worship space.

Check off all the ways you see people serving each other and God.

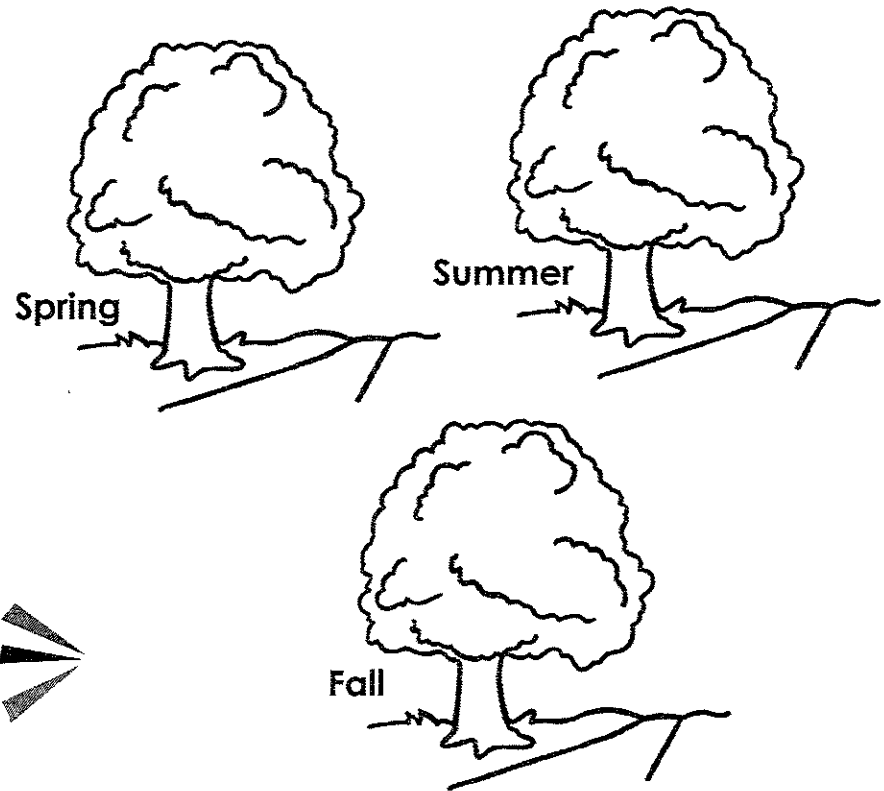


# PRE-READER

Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost continues throughout **spring, summer, and fall.**
- Pentecost is the season of **growing.**

Color these trees to show how they look during the different seasons.





Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me."

Jesus' disciples argued over who was the greatest.

Circle the thing in each pair you think is the greatest.



Remember that Jesus tells us a surprising message about what it means to be great!

## Count the Kids!

Jesus loved kids. He encouraged his disciples to welcome kids, too. He said that welcoming a child was like welcoming him. Count the number of kids you see in worship today. Write that number in the first box below. Then see how many of them you can give high-fives to after worship. Write that number in the second box. In the third box, write the names of those you high-fived.

Number of kids you see.

Number of kids you high-fived.

Names of the kids you high-fived.



# READER

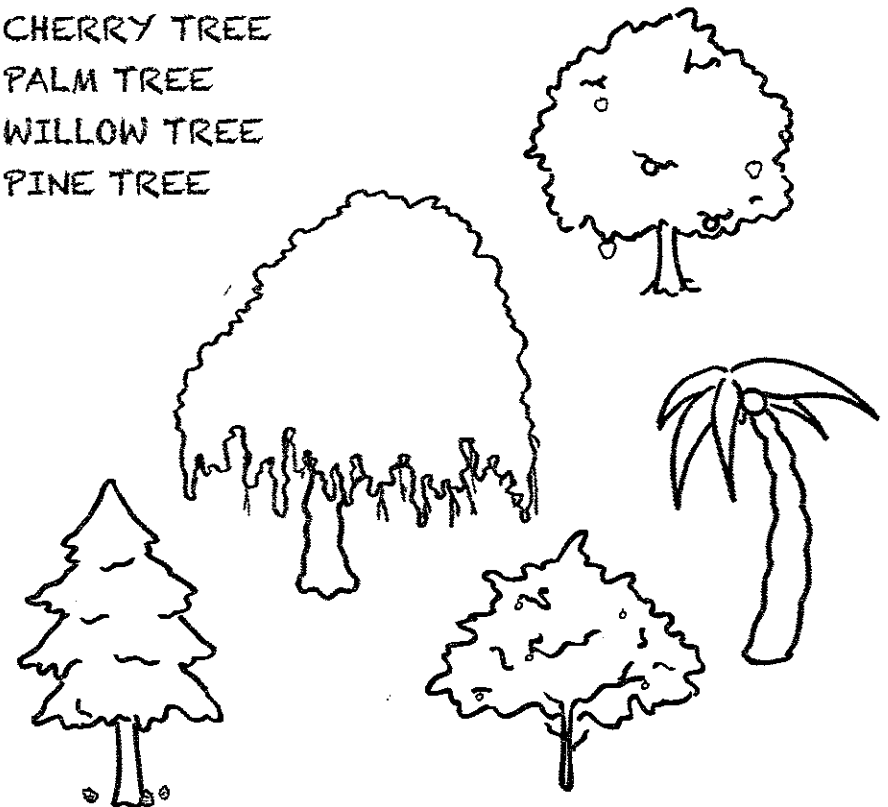
Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost begins **50 days** after Easter.
- A symbol of the season after Pentecost is a **tree**.
- The season after Pentecost gives us time to **grow our faith** and grow with each other.

## Name that Tree

Draw a line to match the type of tree with its name.

APPLE TREE  
CHERRY TREE  
PALM TREE  
WILLOW TREE  
PINE TREE



Jesus turned around how the disciples understood greatness. Below is the turned around memory verse. Unscramble the letters to find out who Jesus thinks is great.

## Memory Verse

“ \_\_\_\_\_  
 WROEEVH      STANW      OT

\_\_\_\_\_  
 EB      IRSTF      TUMS      EB

\_\_\_\_\_  
 TLAS      FO      LAL      NDA      SVATERN

\_\_\_\_\_  
 FO      LLA.

Mark 9:35b

## The Greatest of These

In today's reading, Jesus' disciples argued about who was the greatest. Below, write in what you think is the greatest.

Greatest movie: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest book: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest food: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest song: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest Bible story: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest holiday: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest gift you've received: \_\_\_\_\_

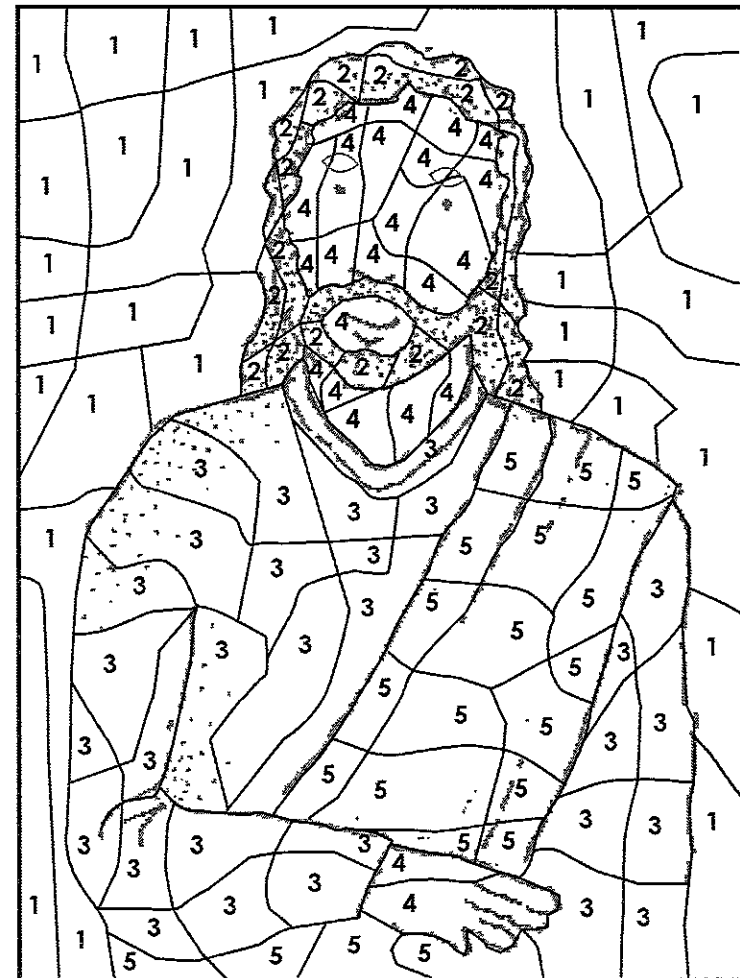
Greatest subject at school: \_\_\_\_\_

Greatest sport: \_\_\_\_\_

## Color by Number

Jesus says "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me." Color in the image below using the color key. You can shade in the gray parts to add more detail.

1. light blue    2. black    3. tan    4. brown    5. dark blue



Want to read more about being a servant? Read 1 Peter 5:2-4 to see how God calls us to serve.