



Prayer

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What do I need to pray for this week?



Who do I need to pray for this week?

Lord's Prayer



Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against
us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen

The Cost



What is good about being a follower of Jesus?

Being Jesus' follower is an important and special job, but Jesus said there's also a cost to think about. He said His disciples would have to make Him most important in their lives, even more important than family and friends. He also said people might make fun of them or hurt them for being His followers. Being a follower of Jesus is not always easy, but it's always the very best thing we can choose for ourselves. He just wants us to know there's a cost to living a life as Jesus' follower, and that's taking up our crosses.

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The Cost

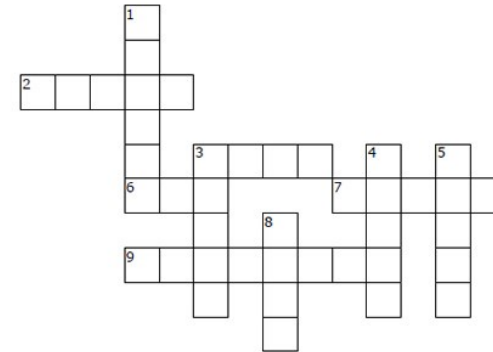
12th Sunday after Trinity

Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33



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build	disciple	complete	cost	money



ACROSS

- To form something by combining materials or parts; to construct
- The amount paid for a something; the price
- Fighting between two or more countries
- Coins or currency used to buy things
- A follower of Jesus

DOWN

- To take someone as a model; to imitate
- A wooden structure consisting of an upright with a horizontal beam
- A very tall, narrow building, or part of a building
- The opposite of war
- A male ruler in some countries

cost	king	tower	cross	money
follow	war	peace	disciple	build

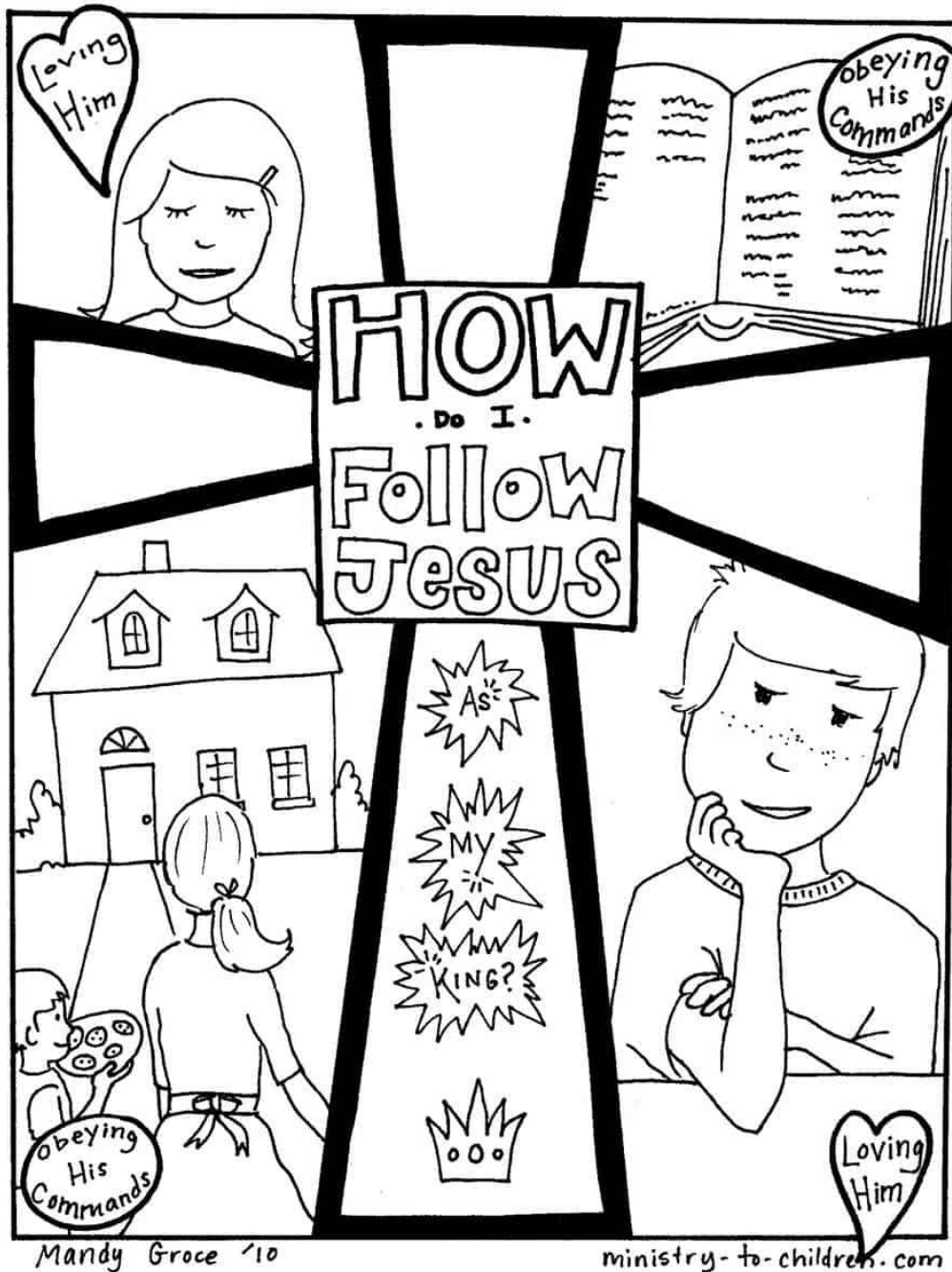
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Pipe Cleaner Crosses

You will need:

- *Pipe Cleaners*
- *Beads*




1. Fold your pipe cleaner into a cross shape—this can be a little tricky and may need a bit of patience.
2. Thread some beads onto your cross.
3. You could make a loop at the top of your cross so that you can hang it on your bag or your keys, so that you can be proud to tell people that you are a follower of Jesus.

Some questions to think about from the Bible readings today. Read the gospel of Luke again and then think about these questions:

Bible Study 

- Q: What stands out for your most?
- Q: Why does Jesus say that people should love him more than family?
- Q: What does it mean to pick up your cross and follow Jesus?
- Q: What does salt have to do with following Jesus?
- Q: What do you think the cost of following Jesus is?

THEN HE SAID TO THEM ALL:

“WHOEVER WANTS TO BE
 **MY** disciple **MUST DENY**
 THEMSELVES
 AND TAKE UP THEIR **CROSS**
 DAILY **ME.”** LUKE 9:23 (NIV)
 & FOLLOW

Memory Verse

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Did you know? 

In the UK it is safe to be a follower of Jesus, but that is not true around the world. Open Doors is a charity that helps to support Christians who are persecuted for their faith. 1 in 7 Christians around the world face torture, imprisonment or even death for following Jesus, that's 360 million people! Visit <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/> to find out more.



What's the best way to get a message to God?

...KNEEmail!!! 

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Wordsearch 

PEACE	ENOUGH	TRAVELING	TOWER	LARGE
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JESUS	WAR	DISCIPLE	BUILD	KING
CARRY	COST	FOLLOW	ESTIMATE	THOUSAND

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Decoder 

¹ From Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and from Timothy, our brother. To Philemon, our dear friend and worker with us; ² to Apphia, our sister; to Archippus, a worker with us; and to the church that meets in your home. ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I remember you in my prayers. And I always thank my God for you. ⁵ I hear about the love you have for all God's holy people and the faith you have in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the faith you share will make you understand every blessing that we have in Christ. ⁷ My brother, you have shown love to God's people. You have made them feel happy. This has given me great joy and comfort. ⁸ There is something that you should do. And because of your love in Christ, I feel free to order you to do it. ⁹ But because I love you, I am asking you instead. I, Paul, am an old man now, and a prisoner for Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am asking you a favour for my son Onesimus. He became my son while I was in prison. ¹¹ In the past he was useless to you. But now he has become useful for both you and me. ¹² I am sending him back to you, and with him I am sending my own heart. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me to help me while I am in prison for the Good News. By helping me he would be serving you. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without asking you first. Then any favour you do for me will be because you want to do it, not because I forced you to do it. ¹⁵ Onesimus was separated from you for a short time. Maybe that happened so that you could have him back forever— ¹⁶ not to be a slave, but better than a slave, to be a loved brother. I love him very much. But you will love him even more. You will love him as a man and as a brother in the Lord. ¹⁷ If you think of me as your friend, then accept Onesimus back. Welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If Onesimus has done anything wrong to you, charge that to me. If he owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay back anything Onesimus owes. And I will say nothing about what you owe me for your own life. ²⁰ So, my brother, I ask that you do this for me in the Lord. Comfort my heart in Christ. ²¹ I write this letter, knowing that you will do what I ask you and even more.

Philemon 1-21 (ICB)


²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me but loves his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters more than he loves me, then he cannot be my follower. A person must love me more than he loves himself! ²⁷ If anyone is not willing to die on a cross when he follows me, then he cannot be my follower. ²⁸ If you wanted to build a tower, you would first sit down and decide how much it would cost. You must see if you have enough money to finish the job. ²⁹ If you don't do that, you might begin the work, but you would not be able to finish. And if you could not finish it, then all who would see it would laugh at you. ³⁰ They would say, 'This man began to build but was not able to finish!'

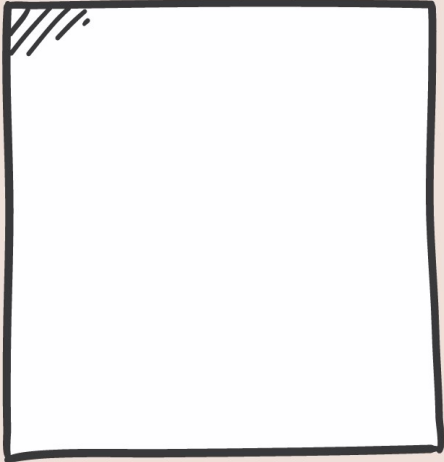
³¹ "If a king is going to fight against another king, first he will sit down and plan. If the king has only 10,000 men, he will plan to see if he is able to defeat the other king who has 20,000 men. ³² If he cannot defeat the other king, then he will send some men to speak to the other king and ask for peace. ³³ In the same way, you must give up everything you have to follow me. If you don't, you cannot be my follower!





³⁴ "Salt is a good thing. But if the salt loses its salty taste, then it is worth nothing. You cannot make it salty again. ³⁵ It is no good for the soil or for manure. People throw it away.

"Let those with ears use them and listen!" Luke 14:25-33 (ICB)

SERMON NOTES

 Draw a picture of today's reading





What verses stand out to you?

What are key points of the readings?

What questions do you have?

How does this affect you? (Is there something you should do, think about, believe or pray?)