

The word of God we receive in the Divine Service goes with us, out into the world and into our everyday callings as parents and children. "Kids in the Divine Service" is written for parents and children to read and talk about together.

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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is a "psalm"?

If you open a Bible to the middle, you might find the book of Psalms. The psalms are prayers and praises to God. During Old Testament times, the psalms were sung during worship in the temple. The book of Psalms was like the hymnal of the Old Testament.

Why do we sing them in church on Sunday?

Many of the psalms were written to use in worship. Christians have been singing psalms to the Lord since the beginning. Colossians 3:16 instructs us to use psalms, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."



Parents: Before or after the service, show your child where to find the book of Psalms in the Bible. Remind them that these are prayers and praises to God that He gave to us. There's no better way to worship than with the words He has given! Try using one in your devotions at home.

Grace Notes

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**Jesus brings us together as one family.
Jesus preaches peace.
Jesus IS peace.**

The Family of God

There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 (NLT)

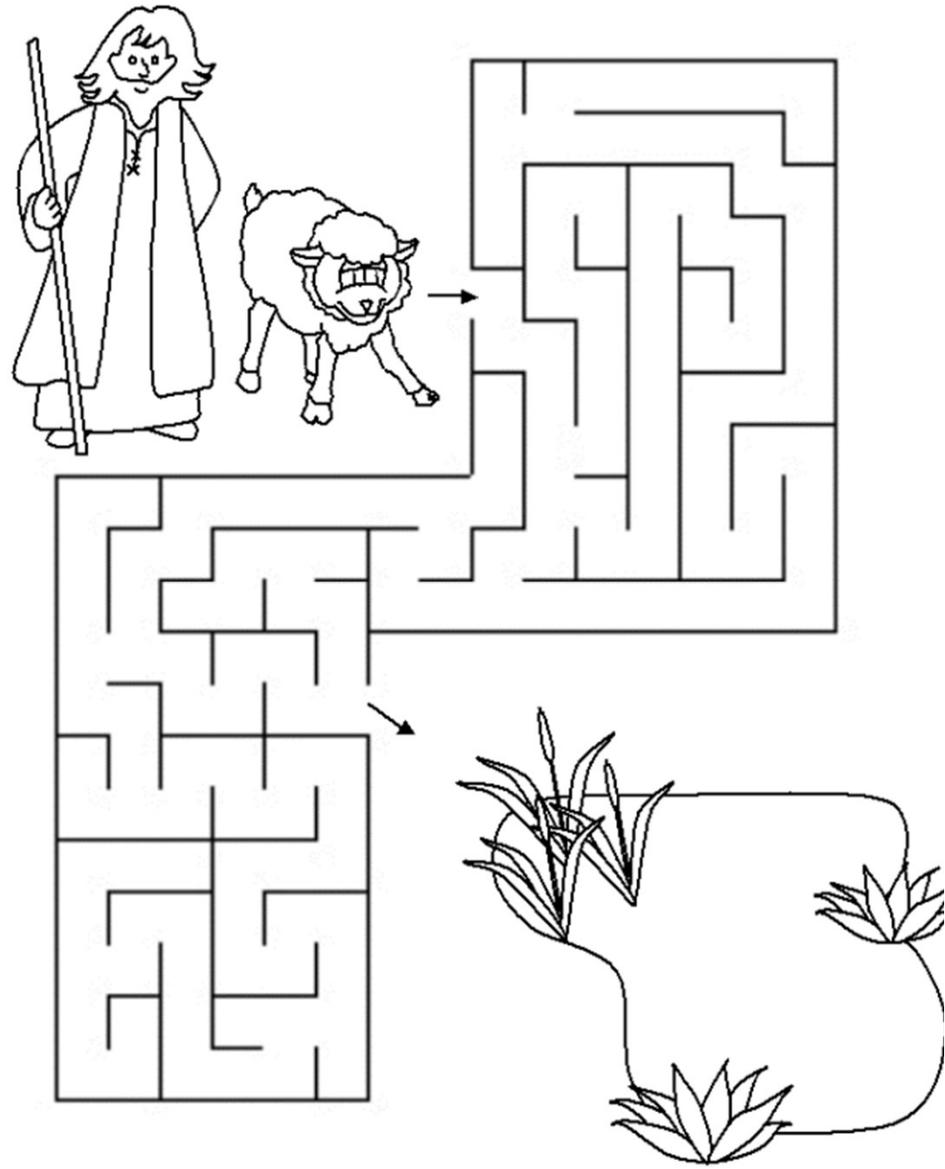
Based on Galatians 3:26-29

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 J S P I K S C L O T H E D V B
 T U T R W I C F T V F B Y O N
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SLAVE	SONS	MALE	JEW	PROMISE
ONE	FAITH	BAPTIZED	GREEK	CHRIST

Mark 6:34
 When He landed, Jesus saw a great crowd waiting. Jesus felt sorry for them, because they were like **sheep without a shepherd**. So he taught them many things.



The Good Shepherd takes care of us always!
 We are His family!

BUT NOW IN
CHRIST *Jesus*
 you who
once were
← far off

have been brought

NEAR by the
 BLOOD
CHRIST.
Ephesians 2:13

¹³ Yes, at one time you were **far away from God**. But now in Christ Jesus you are brought **near to God through the blood of Christ's death**. ¹⁴ Because of Christ we now have peace. Christ made both Jews and non-Jews **one people**. They were separated as if there were a wall between them. But **Christ broke down that wall of hate** by giving his own body. ¹⁵ The Jewish law had many commands and rules. But Christ ended that law. Christ's purpose was to make the two groups of people become one new people in him. By doing this **Christ would make peace**. ¹⁶ Through the cross Christ ended the hatred between the two groups. And after Christ made the two groups to be one body, he wanted to bring them back to God. **Christ did this with his death on the cross.**

Ephesians 2:12-16, International Children's Bible



**BROTHERS AND SISTERS
IN CHRIST**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd.

I have everything I need.

² He gives me rest in green pastures.

He leads me to calm water.

³ He gives me new strength.

For the good of his name,

he leads me on paths that are right.

⁴ Even if I walk

through a very dark valley,

I will not be afraid

because you are with me.

Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a meal for me

in front of my enemies.

You pour oil of blessing on my head.^[a]

You give me more than I can hold.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will be with me
all my life.

And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Jeremiah 23:1, 3-4

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" declares the LORD.

³ "I, Myself, will gather the remnant of **My flock** out of all the countries where I have driven them and will **bring them back to their pasture**, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and **they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing**," declares the LORD.

FAMILY TIME

Family Devotion and Learning Resources

Have you ever surfed the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod website (LCMS.org)? It is a mountain of information, explanation and inspiration like no other website active today. The information published here and on affiliated sites is unlike any other because it is written and presented according to LCMS faith and beliefs. Just a short list of offerings include:

- Various blogs written by LCMS pastors, teachers, and ministry leaders that can expand our knowledge and understanding of our beliefs.
- Multiple daily devotion formats and Bible readings that can be listened to as we drive to work or school, or are a short enough to enjoy on a coffee break.
- Information that helps us share the Great News of Jesus, our Savior.
- Articles "reprinted" from LCMS publications.
- Opportunities to have these resources sent directly to your email for easy access.
- Apps for your phone so you can reference the information anywhere, anytime.

Other sites that offer devotions and LCMS consistent content:

Lutheran Hour Ministries – lhm.org

Lutheran Women's Missionary League – lwml.org

Concordia Publishing House – cph.org

Let us pray to the Lord, together.

Heavenly Father, You have loved me through Christ and chosen me as your child. I pray the Holy Spirit will guide me on Your path for my salvation. Do not be angry with me when I fail. I count on your peace, forgiveness, and grace, none of which I deserve, and all of which is a most precious gift from You. Thank you. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen!