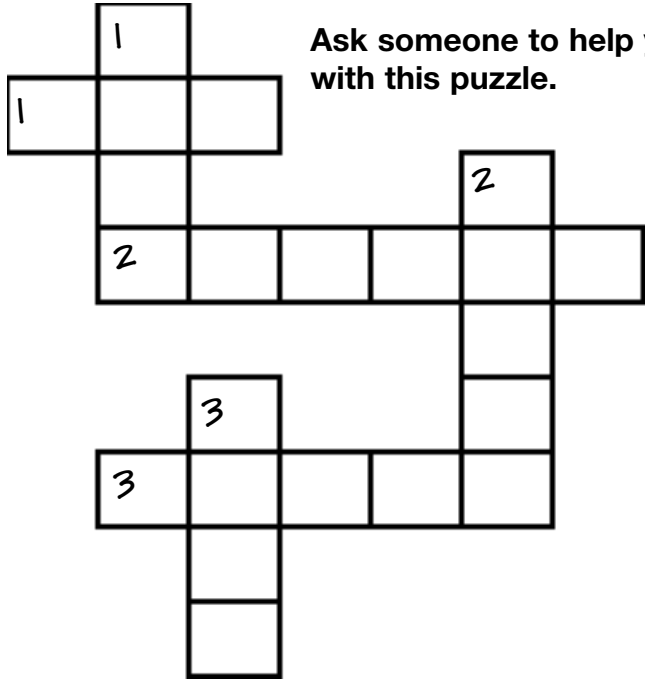


## Story crossword



Ask someone to help you with this puzzle.

### ACROSS

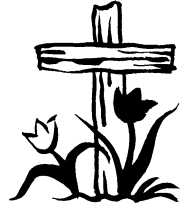
1. Jesus loves \_\_\_\_ !
2. Jesus ascended into \_\_\_\_.
3. God gave \_\_\_\_  
the 10 commandments.

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_ built an ark.
2. \_\_\_\_ rose from the dead.
3. Jesus' new commandment is all about \_\_\_\_.

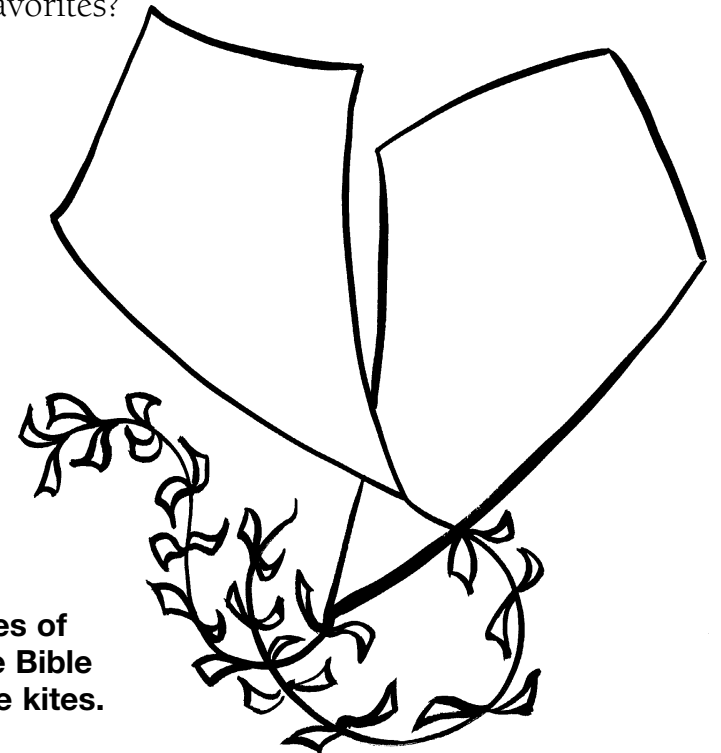
## this week

It's Pentecost next week. Look for something red to wear to church next week, and plant some red flowers around your house.



## gather

**Welcome to worship.** Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter. This past Thursday Christians celebrated Ascension Day, the day Jesus went to heaven to be with God. Before Jesus ascended, he asked his friends to keep telling God's stories. You are one of Jesus' friends, and you can tell the stories. What are your favorites?



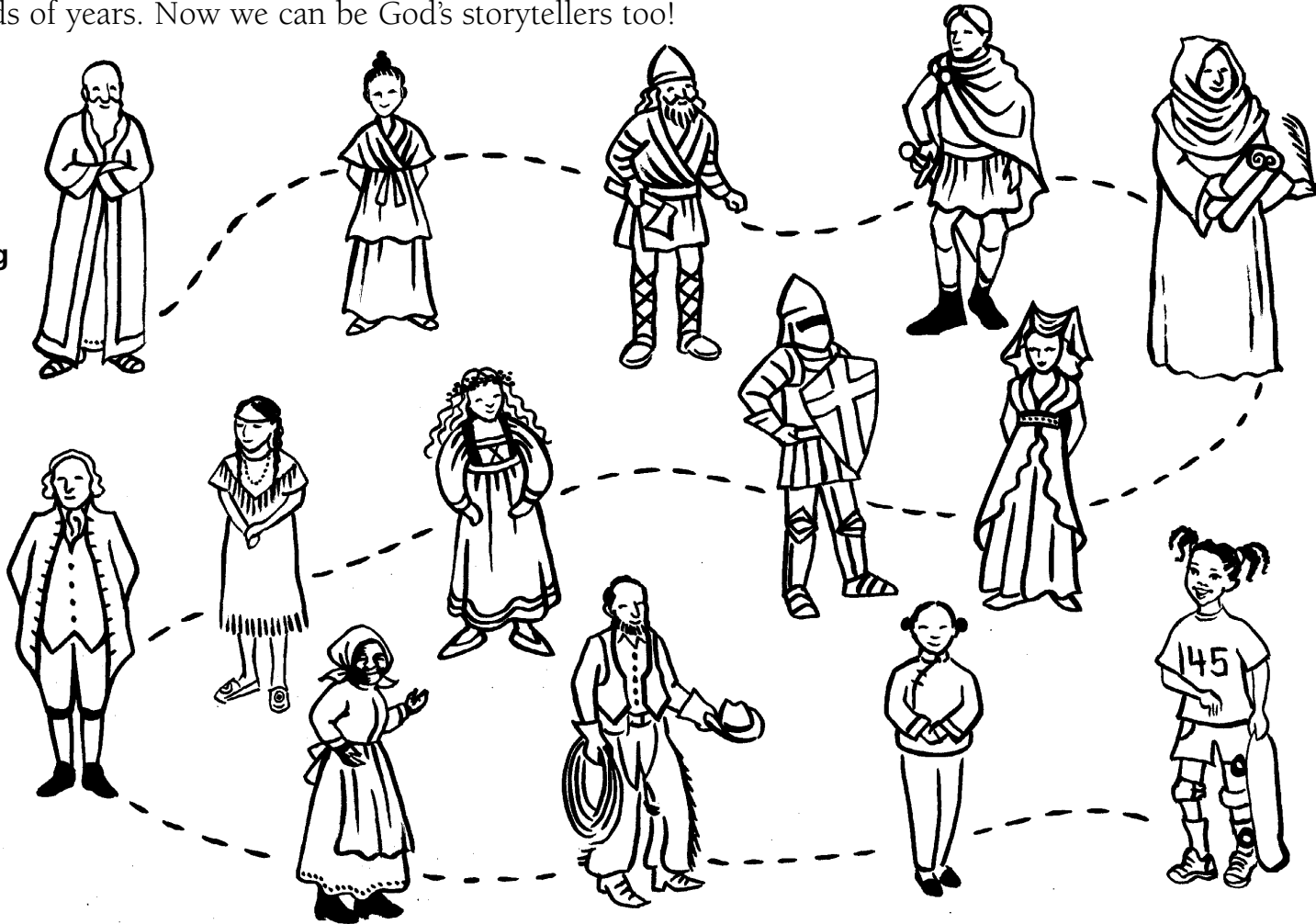
**Draw pictures of your favorite Bible stories in the kites.**

## Jesus prays

John 17:6-19

Jesus' friends knew that it was their job to share Jesus' stories with everyone. In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his friends. He prays that they will be safe as they spread God's love around the world. God's stories and love have been spread around the world for thousands of years. Now we can be God's storytellers too!

Connect God's storytellers together by tracing the dotted lines, then draw a cross on everyone's forehead because we're all part of God's really big family!



*A question to ponder...*

*Who is God's storyteller for you?*



*Jesus, help me to tell stories about you and your love. Amen*



*Do a little kite flying as you remember Jesus' ascension.*