

Christ has _____.

Christ is _____.

Christ _____
again.



At Holy Communion we say three sentences about Jesus.

Can you complete the sentences?

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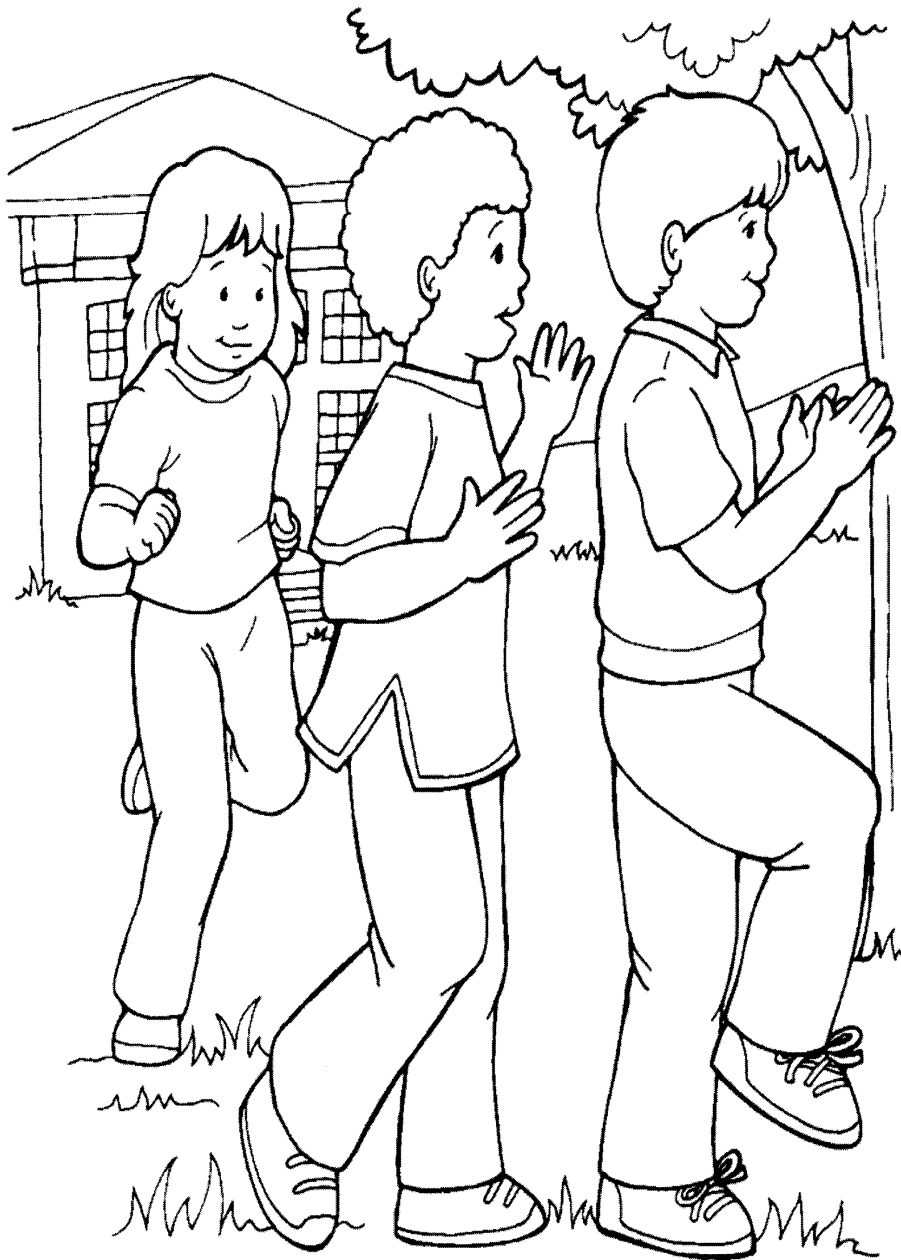


The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 3 September, 2023

Matthew, Chapter 16, verse 24

Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how."

Jesus, help us to be all that you want us to be. Help us through the hard times we have, so that we can enjoy the happy times that you give to us. **Amen**



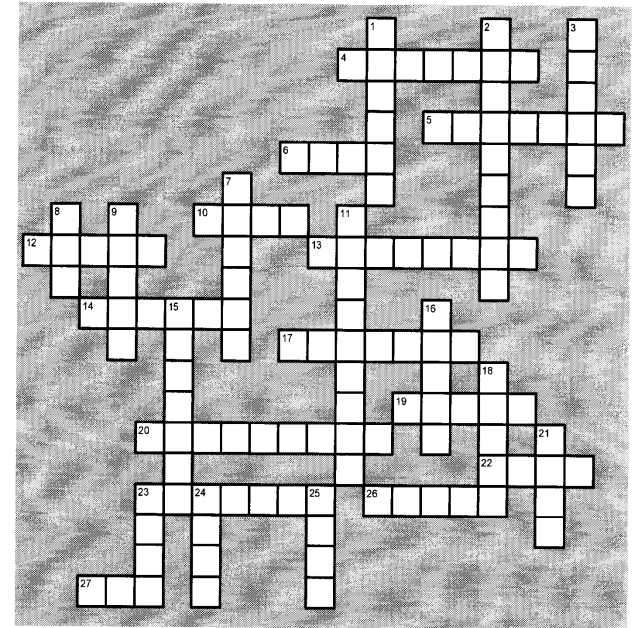
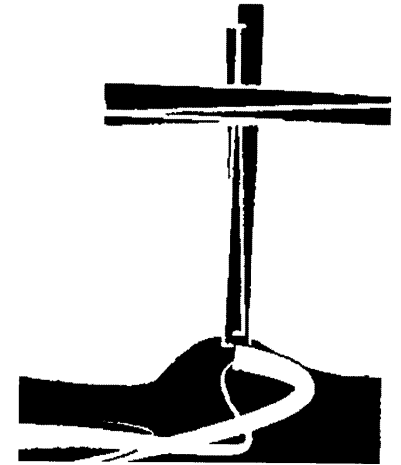
I will follow Jesus, our leader.

Crossword: Matthew 16:21-28 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.

Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

- 26 across) From then on, _____ began telling his
 20 across) _____ what would happen to him.
 11 down) He said, "I must go to _____."
 23 across) There the nation's _____, the chief
 13 across) priests, and the _____ of the Law
 12 across) of _____ will make me suffer terribly.
 1 down) I will be _____, but three days
 6 across) later I will rise to _____."
 9 down) _____ took Jesus aside and told him to
 5 across) stop _____ like that. He said, "God
 23 down) would never let this happen to you, _____!"
 3 down) Jesus _____ to Peter and said, "Satan,
 24 down) get _____ from me! You're in my way because
 27 across) you think like everyone else and not like _____."
 22 across) Then Jesus _____ to his disciples: "If any of
 2 down) you want to be my _____, you must forget
 18 down) about yourself. You must
 take up your _____
 10 across) and _____ me. If you
 want to _____ your life,
 17 across) you will _____ it. But
 if you give up your
 21 down) life for me, you will _____
 it. What will you
 16 down) gain, if you own the whole
 _____ but destroy yourself?
 25 down) What would you give to
 get back your _____?
 19 across) The Son of Man will
 soon come in the _____
 7 down) of his _____ and with his
 angels to
 14 across) reward all _____ for
 what they have done.
 15 down) I _____ you that some
 of those standing here
 8 down) will not die before they see
 the _____ of
 4 across) Man coming with his
 _____."



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Word Search: Matthew 16:21-28 (CEV)

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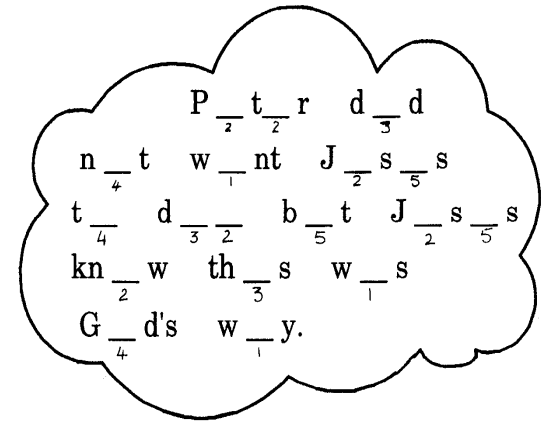
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| MOSES | KILLED | LIFE | PETER | TALKING |
| LORD | TURNED | AWAY | GOD | SAID |
| FOLLOWERS | CROSS | SAVE | DESTROY | FIND |
| WORLD | SOUL | GLORY | FATHER | PEOPLE |
| PROMISE | SON | KINGDOM | | |

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Fill in the missing letters.

- a 1 o 4
 e 2 u 5
 i 3





Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

LORD, MY GOD,
MAY I LOVE WITH SINCERITY,
HATE WHAT IS EVIL,
AND CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD.
MAY I BE JOYFUL IN HOPE,
PATIENT IN AFFLICTION
AND FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.
- AMEN -

IT HAS TO BE DONE

WHY COULDN'T JESUS AVOID THE SUFFERING OF THE CROSS?

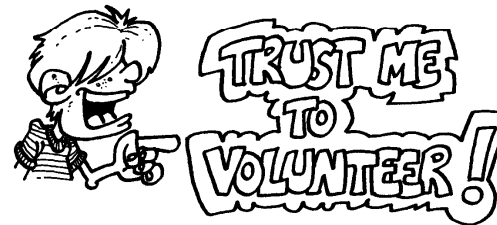
There was no other way to show that his love for us is total and without limit. He had to be willing to give everything, including dignity and life.

IT MUST HAVE SCARED HIM.

Yes, it did. We know that when Peter suggested avoiding it, he was tempted to think Peter might be right. And in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was sweating blood at the thought of all the suffering ahead.

THANK HEAVENS JESUS HAD THE COURAGE TO GO THROUGH WITH IT!

It certainly proves he loves us!



Teacher I wonder if I could have a couple of volunteers for running one of the side shows at the school fête?

Michael I'll do it, sir!

Terry So will I!

Teacher Excellent. Thanks, Michael. Thanks, Terry. Meet me in the playground to set it up on Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Michael Right, sir. We'll be there.

Terry It should be fun.

Julia Let's have a got at throwing wet sponges at someone in the stocks now.

Pat Good idea. Hey, those guys in the stocks look very familiar.

Julia and Pat It's Michael and Terry! Come on, you two - smile! It's Saturday.

Michael Huh. I didn't bargain for cold wet sponges all afternoon.

Pat Here it comes, Terry! SPLAT!

