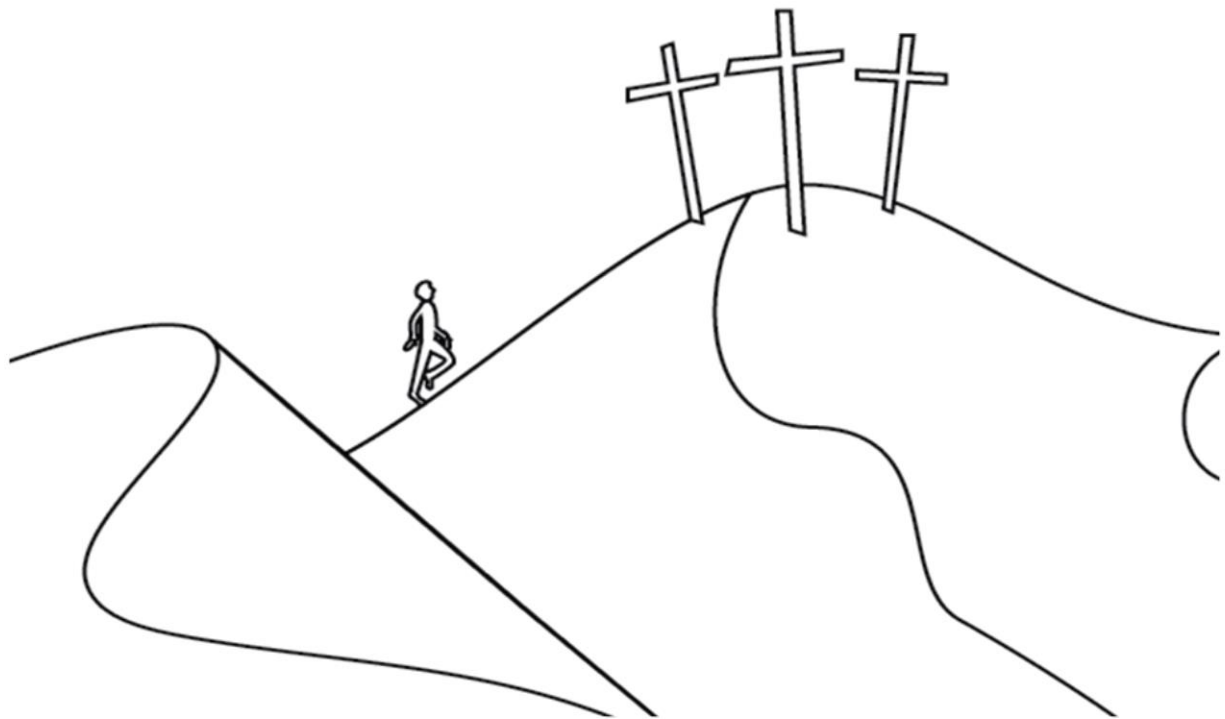


JOURNEY TO THE CROSS



KIDS' PACKET

1st Reading: Follow along as the readers reads these verses.

Matthew 10:38-39 --NIV

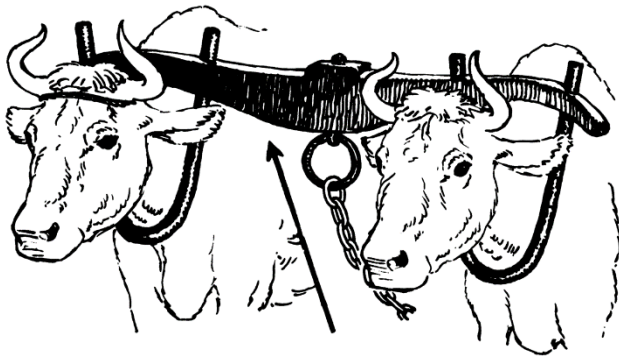
“Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds their life will lose it,
and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 11:28 – 30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



A YOKE is a heavy wooden collar placed on animals to keep them together, so they can pull a heavy load.

Jesus wants us to set down the heavy “yoke” of our past sins, or things we’re ashamed of, or other people’s demands. He wants us to carry the gentle YOKE of His forgiveness and peace.

Find the stone in your packet. Hold it in your hands.

How does this stone remind you of the **heaviness and sadness of sin?**

Try to keep holding the stone until after the next reading.



2nd Reading: Follow along as the reader reads these verses.

Matthew 10:38-39 -- NlrV

“Whoever does not pick up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds their life will lose it.

Whoever loses their life because of me will find it.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads.

I will give you rest.

Become my servants and learn from me.

I am gentle and free of pride.

You will find rest for your souls.

Serving me is easy, and my load is light.”

Put your stone back in the bag. Take out the feather and hold it.

How does the feather make you think about the peace and gentleness of Jesus?

Use a crayon to underline the words above that tell about **Jesus’ comfort.**



3rd Reading: Follow along as the reader reads these verses.

Use a crayon to underline the words that show opposites.
(Example: light and dark, or stop, and go.)

Matthew 10:38-40 -- NLT

"If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.

If you cling to your life, you will lose it;

but if you give up your life for me, you will find it."

Matthew 11:28-30

"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens,

and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you.

Let me teach you,

because I am humble and gentle at heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy to bear,

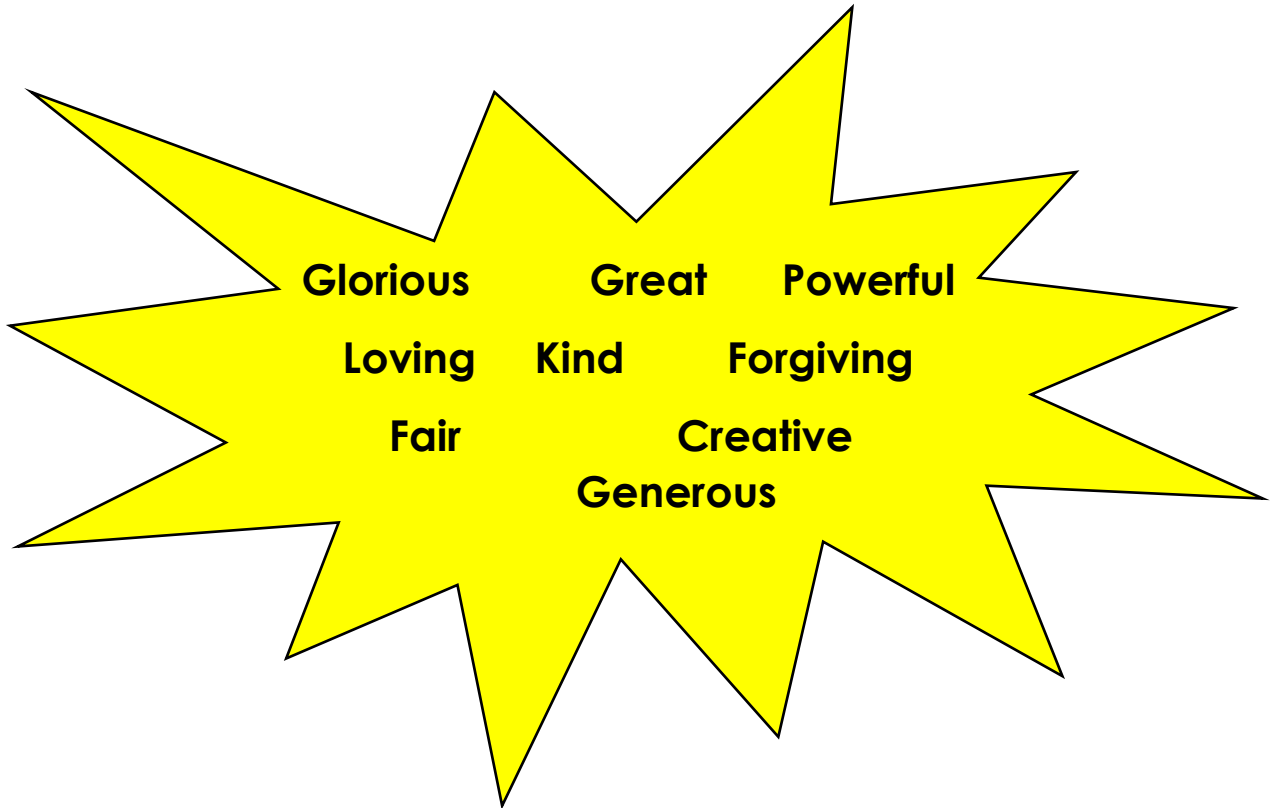
and the burden I give you is light."

Do you want to follow Jesus more than anyone else? You can choose to follow Him every day, with the choices that you make.

In your packet, find two purple cross stickers. To show that you want to follow Jesus, wear one sticker now. Or, take both stickers home and stick them on something that you will see every day.

During Communion time: Finish this prayer by writing or drawing. The words in the colored shapes are ideas, but add your own words, too!

GOD, YOU ARE . . .



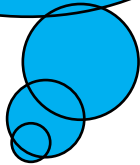
THANK YOU FOR . . .

**My Mom and Dad and other people who
take care of me, especially when they**

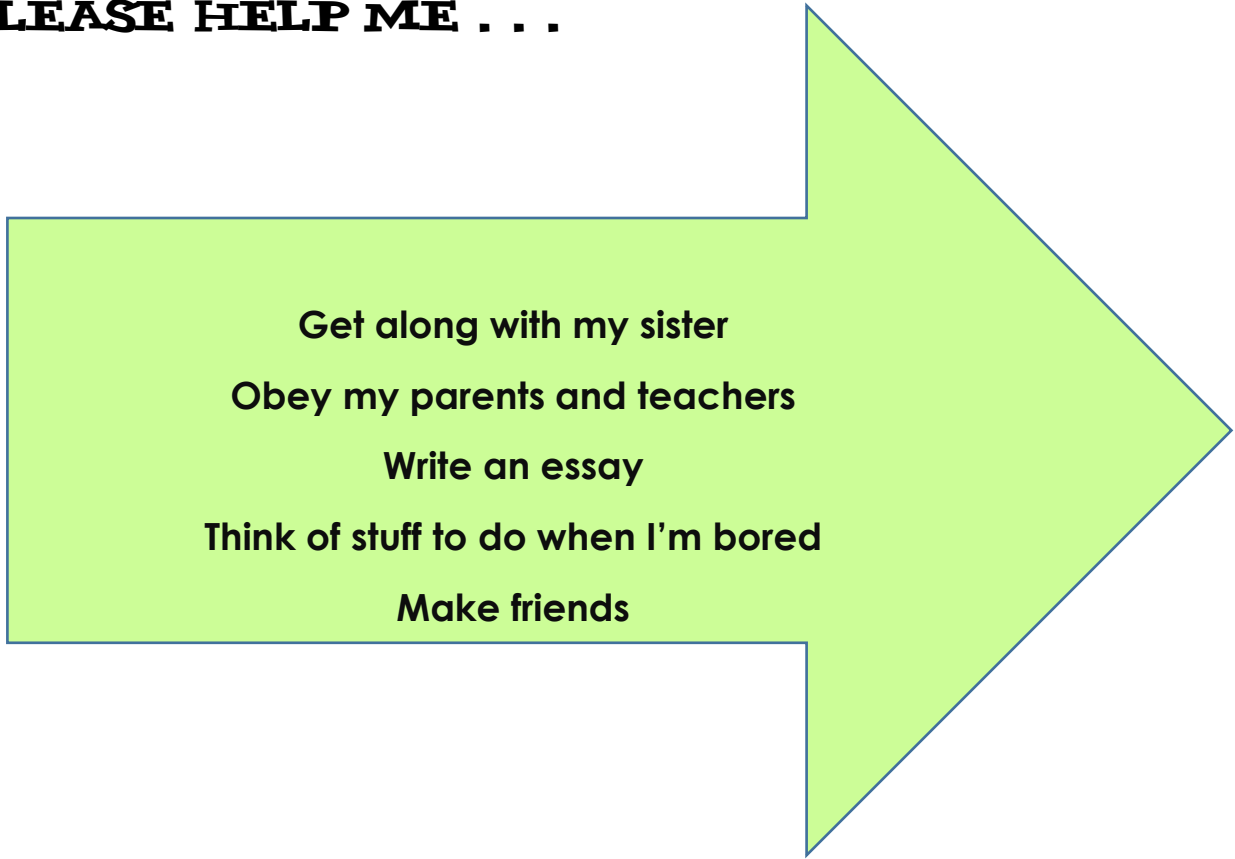
My friends (List them by name)

That fun thing I did this week (What was it?)

My body – that I can _____



PLEASE HELP ME . . .



Get along with my sister

Obey my parents and teachers

Write an essay

Think of stuff to do when I'm bored

Make friends

I LOVE YOU! AMEN!