

## Prayer Requests

Tom's parents, Jean & Dick Forbes	Francie Becker
Alison's mother, Isabel Fain	Theresa Wolford
Ginny Flick	Nina McCarty
Lawrence Cook	Paula Swayne
Floretta Kelly	LauraNell Hill
Peggy Peer	Lauren Cook
Gloria Harrell-Cook	PPC ministry
George Tasker	Toni McCarty
Virginia Metcalf	John Michael Hartman
Our country and our troops	Jack & Tess Tasker
People who are caregivers to family members	
Orphans of Belize	Missionaries in Belize
Glynn & Shawn Harbaugh	Jim Wilson
Family of Valerie Grogan	Artie Hartman

# TAKE TIME TO PRAY

# thank you

for your service to your church in May

### Ushers & Greeter

May 3 Francie Becker & Maxine Groves  
 May 10 Cindy and Ed Scheermesser  
 May 17 Kathy and Mike Boyce  
 May 24 Andi Grady and Buck Knott  
 May 31 Debbie and Mike Hartman

### Money Counters

May 3 Mike and Debbie Hartman  
 May 10 Kathy and Mike Boyce  
 May 17 Sandra Chilcote and Erma Landis  
 May 24 Erma Landis and Andi Grady  
 May 31 Denise and Darlene Spitzer

### Liturgist

May 3 Lori Evans  
 May 10 Sandra Chilcote  
 May 17 Francie Becker  
 May 24 Laura Groves  
 May 31 Kermit Becker

### Communion servers

May 24 Barbara Murphy  
 Lori Evans  
 Laurie Groves  
 Denise Spitzer

## TAKE TIME TO STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES



## Spring Fling Hymn Sing and Ham Dinner

Be filled with the spirit and good food, and  
enjoy the fellowship of the community!



Sunday, May 3, 2015  
 Piedmont Presbyterian Church  
 63 Ashfield St., Piedmont, WV  
 5:00 PM Dinner  
 Hymn Sing to Follow

Featuring Don Stephens,  
 Music Leader

Questions? Call 304 788 6755

\*No cost\*



BLESSINGS  
ON YOUR  
BIRTHDAY

May 4 Tina Lynch  
 May 7 Jonathan Bostic  
 May 14 Patrick Boyce  
 May 15 Evie Groves  
 May 16 Nikki Boyce  
 May 19 Devin Lynch  
 May 22 Brandon Lynch  
 May 24 Mary Agnes Carnell

### Youth Sunday School

Teachers are Glynn Harbaugh, Cindy Scheermesser and Jeanne Thrasher and Frances Becker leading music

### Adult Sunday School

The Adult Class uses the *We Believe* series.  
 Sandra Chilcote is our Adult Teacher

Unit 2: Community of the Beloved Disciple

Coworkers With the Truth (3 John)

Unit 3: One in the Bond of Love

Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)  
 The Spirit Creates One Body (1 Corinthians 12:14-31)  
 Gift of Languages (Acts 2:1-7, 12; 1 Corinthians 14:13-19)  
 The Greatest Gift Is Love (1 Corinthians 13)

The worship committee is looking for congregational members to sign up for the duty of liturgist from June 21<sup>st</sup> through the end of the year. Please see Francie Becker if you can do this for our worship services.

### Calendar of up-coming May events:

Sunday, May 3 Food Pantry Collection Sunday  
 Spring Fling Hymn Sing 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day—presentation during worship  
 Monday, May 11 Presbyterian Women's meeting  
 Sunday, May 17 PW Birthday Offering Celebration—dinner  
 following worship  
 Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday—communion will be served  
 Remember to WEAR RED  
 Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

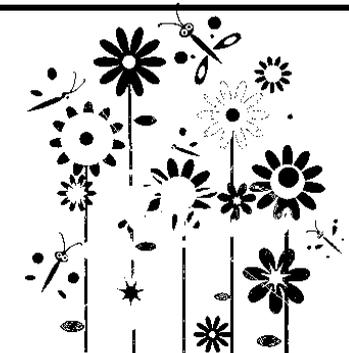
### Women of the Bible answers:

1) a. Hagar (Genesis 16: 3—4) 2) a. Rebekah (Genesis 27: 1—29) 3) b. Moses (Exodus 2: 1—10) 4) b. Turned to a pillar of salt (Genesis 19: 26) 5) a. Hannah (1 Samuel 1: 1—28) 6) c. Sarah (Genesis 21: 3) 7) a. She was thrown out a palace window...(11 Kings 9:33) 8) b. Boaz (Ruth 4:13) 9) a. Deborah (Judges 4:4) 10) d. Benjamin (Genesis 35: 16—18) 11) b. Elizabeth (Luke 1: 57—60) 12) c. Dorcas (Acts 9: 36) 13) c. Sapphira (Acts 5: 1—10)

WEAR  
SOMETHING  
RED FOR



PENTECOST





Thank you to Kermit Becker for ringing our church bells one Thursday in April at 3:15 p.m. for a period of 4 minutes. This was a request from the National Park Service. The bell ringing marked the end of the Civil War in 1865. The surrender was signed at or near this date. Thanks to Kermit Piedmont Presbyterian Church added our voice to those of church bells across the nation and made a joyful noise of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Thank you to Shawn Groves for researching and acquiring a new tripod for our video recording of Sunday worship services. This makes the video much smoother. Live streaming of Sunday's sermons continues to do well. Check it out—www.piedmontpresby.org. We thank Shawn for his technical expertise with this project. This is a great outreach ministry for our church.

Our annual One Great Hour of Sharing collection concluded the last Sunday of April. A total of \$1,170.00 was collected. Thank you for all who donated. Your generosity is an amazing blessing.

Francie Becker and the Worship committee are asking for volunteers to sign up for liturgist beginning June 21<sup>st</sup> through the end of the year. You may choose a date that is fitting with your schedule. Francie is in hopes of completing the entire year, so volunteers may call her or give her your choice on Sunday mornings.

"New Chapter" a local singing group will be performing on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at the South end playground by the Keyser swimming pool. See Lori Evans for further details.



### Women in the Bible

There are many Bible stories about women who played important roles in the early church. Beginning with Eve and including heroines like Sarah and Esther, the list is long. Choose the best answer to each of the following:

- 1) **Ishmael's mother and the handmaiden of Sarah, Abraham's wife, was\_\_\_\_\_**  
a. Hagar      b. Merriam      c. Moishmael      d. Hannah
- 2) **What mother helped one of her twin sons trick his father in order to obtain a blessing!**  
a. Rebekah      b. Rachel      c. Ruth      d. Hagar
- 3) **Whose mother was paid to be his nurse?**  
a. Jesus      b. Moses      c. John the Baptist      d. Samuel
- 4) **Lot's wife disregarded his instructions to flee the town of Sodom and not look back. She \_\_\_\_\_**  
a. Decided to stay without her family  
b. Turned to a pillar of salt  
c. Was crushed by falling buildings  
d. Met up with some friends.
- 5) **This mother took her son to the temple to serve God out of gratitude for hearing her prayer for a child.**  
a. Hannah      b. Ruth      c. Mary      d. Sarah
- 6) **Who was Isaac's mother?**  
a. Ethel      b. Beulah      c. Sarah      d. Keturah
- 7) **How did Jezebel die?**  
a. She was thrown out of a palace window and trampled to death by horses.  
b. She died of old age.  
c. She got leprosy and died very slow and painfully.  
d. She starved to death.
- 8) **When Ruth's husband died, whom did she marry?**  
a. Mahlon      b. Boaz      c. Elimelech      d. Pharez
- 9) **What woman was a judge of Israel?**  
a. Deborah      b. Esther      c. Miriam      d. Ruth
- 10) **Rachel died giving birth to whom?**  
a. Joseph      b. Simeon      c. Asher      d. Benjamin

- 11) **Who was the mother of John the Baptist?**  
a. Sarah      b. Elizabeth      c. Mary Magdalene      d. Rebecca
- 12) **Tabitha was more commonly known by what name?**  
a. Elizabeth      b. Mary      c. Dorcas      d. Sarah
- 13) **Who lied to the Holy Spirit and an apostle, and then died with her husband?**  
a. Mary      b. Dorcas      c. Sapphira      d. Jezebel



### 7 Wonders of the World

A group of Geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World.

At the end of that section, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids,
2. Taj Mahal,
3. Grand Canyon,
4. Panama Canal,
5. Empire State Building,
6. St. Peter's Basilica,
7. China's Great Wall.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to touch
  2. to taste
  3. to see
  4. to hear
- She hesitated a little, and then,
5. to run
  6. to laugh
  7. and to love.

It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook all that God has done, regarding them as merely "ordinary."



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The Lord be with you!

In my seminary travels through the Hebrew Old Testament I have been shown some interesting words such as this one. It is *chesed*. The *ch* has a hard *k* sound that is guttural so it's pronounced from the back of the throat with lots of phlegm. Generally, this word means *goodness* and *kindness* and is often associated with the promises of the Lord. It is the essential quality of covenant relationship. For example, Psalm 119:41 says "Thy loving kindness also come to me, O Lord, Thy salvation according to Thy word" (NAS). Other renderings of the word are *loyalty*, *faithfulness*, *favor*, *grace* and *love*. *Chesed* has a sense that the Lord has an obligation to the community of Israel who are God's people, an obligation freely undertaken, to be sure, and not one of necessity.

Other times, however, *chesed* is used in regard to people as the criterion on which human character is judged. People are to act with the loving kindness of the Lord with the same obligation to the community. In one example, Joshua sent spies into Jericho in Joshua 2. They stayed with the prostitute, Rahab who protected them. She asks for a sign of good faith and they say to her, "Our life for yours if you do not tell this business of ours...we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." Another is in the story of Ruth, the Moabite. In chapter 1 Naomi blesses her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, after the death of her husband and sons, "May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me" (NIV). Later, in chapter 3, Ruth is similarly blessed by Boaz, "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor." Apparently Boaz was flattered by the attention of this younger woman even though she was a foreigner. Ruth is called a valorous woman of strength, trust, and *chesed*, much like the woman of Proverbs 31.

The *chesed* shown by Rahab and Ruth transformed lives, indeed transformed history, and bound them freely to the community and to the Lord. All *chesed* is from the Lord and this association is drawn tighter when we realize that Rahab and Ruth are identified in the lineage of Jesus of Nazareth in Matthew 1.

What does the Lord require of you? Do justice. Love *chesed*. And, walk humbly with your God (Mic. 6:8).

Blessings,

Tom



## 2015 Birthday Offering

**What is the Birthday Offering?** The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

**History of the Birthday Offering?** In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That same year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. Realizing the school's needs, she challenged members of the Women's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to the school. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

**2015 Offering Recipients:** After reviewing numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose Community of St. Therese of Lisieux and Bethesda Christian Community Center to receive grants from the 2015 Birthday Offering. Gifts to the 2015 Birthday Offering will allow these ministries to support women in Memphis, Tennessee, and Barranquilla, Colombia, who are overcoming oppressive, violent situations. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on gifts received in 2015. The goal for the offering is \$500,000.

**Bethesda Christian Community Center  
Oxford Presbyterian Church (Ohio) and Seventh Presbyterian  
Church (Colombia)  
Barranquilla, Colombia**

Sister churches Oxford Presbyterian Church (Ohio) and Seventh Presbyterian (Colombia) want to improve the lives of displaced and abused women and children who live in the impoverished neighborhood of El Por Fin in Barranquilla. Your gift to the 2015 Birthday Offering will help Seventh Presbyterian Church build a new community center to replace the inadequate structure that the church currently uses for its programs. The mission of Bethesda Christian Community Center is to promote social change in the lives of the women and children fleeing brutality related to the drug trade. Many take up residence in this area where they live in abject poverty. Your

gift will also support expanded programs in tutoring, sports, culture and Bible study, and help build a kitchen and storeroom so that the community center can provide meals to more women and children.

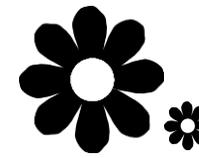
**The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux  
Breaking Free: Empowering Victims of Sexual Human Trafficking,  
Prostitution and Addiction  
Memphis, Tennessee**

The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux is a nonprofit, two-year residential community in Memphis, Tennessee, specifically created to address the needs of women seeking to learn a new way of life after surviving prostitution, human trafficking and addiction. Its ecumenical, community-based project, Breaking Free, provides support and education for these women, helping them live lives of productive service to themselves and others. CSTL provides food, clothing and shelter to the women it serves, coordinates various types of medical care for them and works with them to transition to independence. Your gift to the Birthday Offering will allow CSTL to purchase and renovate the property it is currently leasing and buy equipment for training and vocational skills development. Your gift will improve the lives of the increased number of women the program will serve, their families and the community.

**Presbyterian Women will celebrate their Birthday Offering on  
Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> during worship and with a luncheon immediately  
following worship in the fellowship. Please plan to stay for this  
special celebration with good food, great fellowship and birthday  
cake!**



	<p><b>Memorial Day</b> We set aside Memorial Day Each and every year To honor those who gave their lives Defending what we hold dear. In all the dark and deadly wars, Their graves prove and remind us, Our brave Americans gave their all To put danger far behind us. They made the ultimate sacrifice Fighting for the American way; We admire them and respect them On every Memorial Day.</p>
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**May Worship Services &  
Lectionary Readings—2015  
Year B**

**Sunday, May 3**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Food Pantry Collection Sunday**

Acts 8: 26—40  
1 John 4: 7—21

Psalms 22: 25—31  
John 15: 1—8

**Sunday, May 10**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10: 44—48  
1 John 5: 1—6

Psalm 98  
John 15: 9—17

**Thursday, May 14**

**Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1: 1—11  
Ephesians 1: 15—23

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Luke 24: 44-53

**Sunday, May 17**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1: 15—17, 21—26  
1 John 5: 9—13

Psalm 1  
John 17: 6—19

**Sunday, May 24**

**Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2: 1—21 or Ezekiel 37: 1—14  
Romans 8: 22—27 or Acts 2: 1—21

Psalm 104: 24—34, 35b  
John 15: 26—27; 16: 4b—15

**Sunday, May 31**

**Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 6: 1—8  
Romans 8: 12—17

Psalm 29  
John 3: 1—17

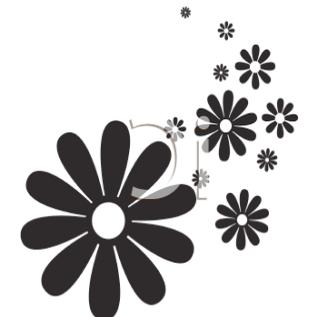
**Sunday, June 7**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 8: 4—20; 11: 14—15  
2 Corinthians 4: 13—5:1

Psalm 138  
Mark 3: 20—35

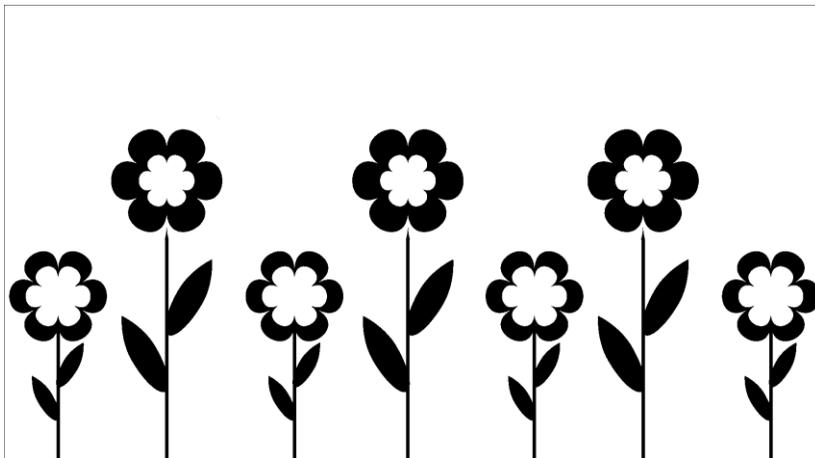
*Happy  
Mothers  
Day*



I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord ♥



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May 2015

## Jesus Loves Me This I Know

A church in Atlanta was honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and one would wonder why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials.. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... the only thing that would comfort was this verse.....

"Jesus loves me this I know.  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong,  
we are weak but He is strong.....  
Yes, Jesus loves me.... The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME..  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME..  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,  
THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song..

Telling me in words so clear,  
"Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)

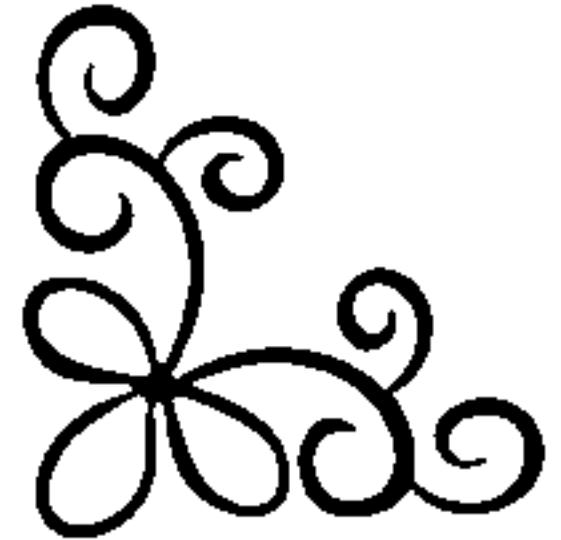
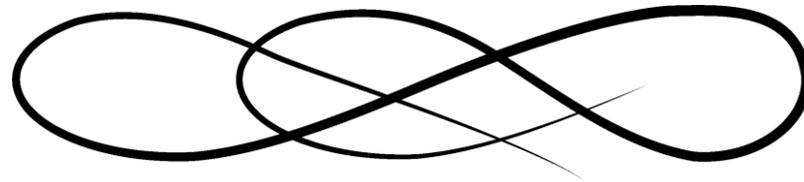
When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love.

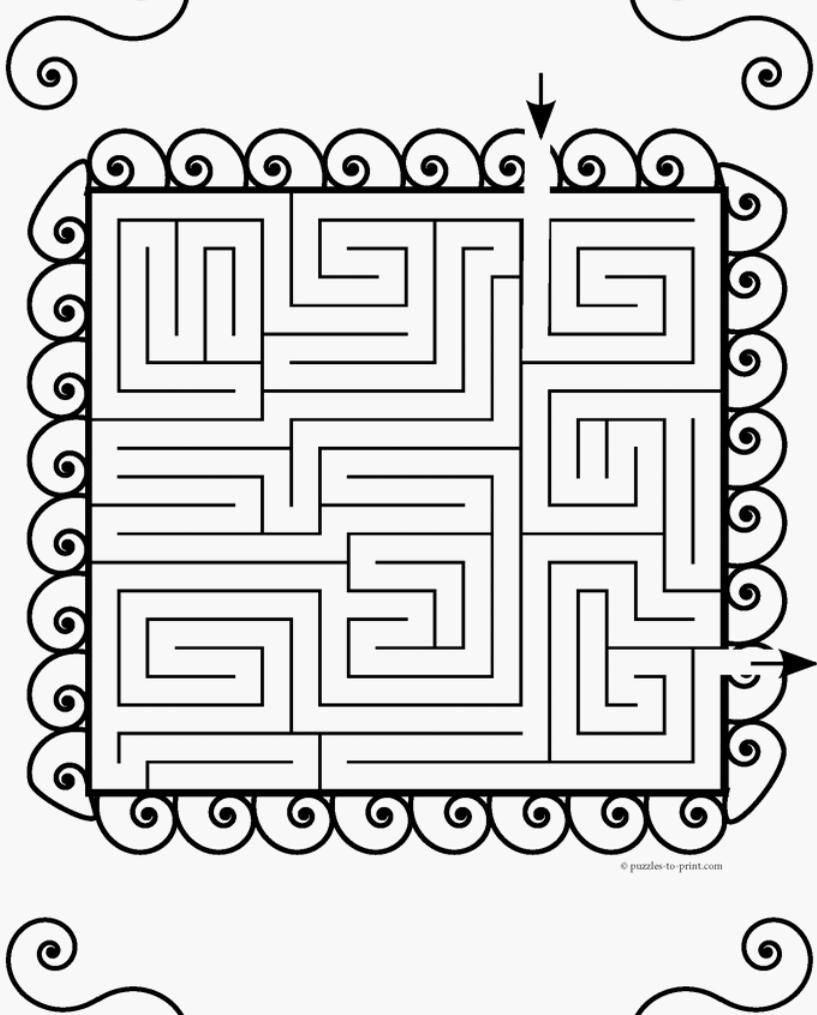
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
That I love Him every day.

(CHORUS)

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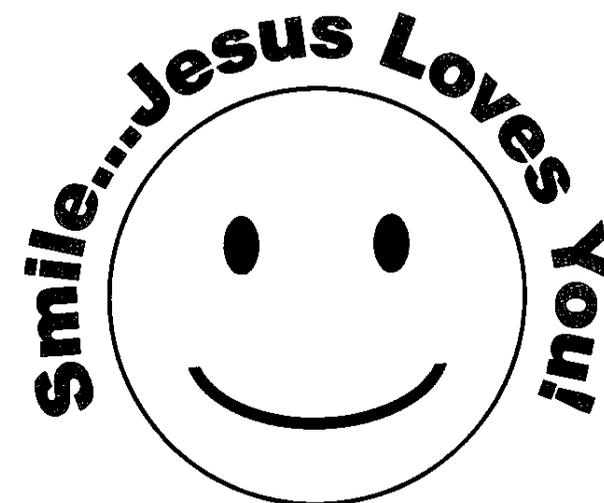
## Mother's Day

## Word Search

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Did you make  
God smile today?

