

# Allen-Lee Memorial UMC

April 23, 2023

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

<b>Prelude</b>		Kevin Lefebvre
<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>		
<b>*Call to Worship</b>		
	<i>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you. The risen Christ is with us. Praise the Lord!</i>	
<b>*Opening Prayer</b>		
	<i>Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>	
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	UMH 585
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>O How I Love Jesus</i>	UMH 170
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Matthew 18:1-5	Matthew Lefebvre
<b>Psalter Reading</b>	Psalms 116	UMH 837
<b>Epistle Reading</b>	1 Peter 1:17-23	Stuart Crosby
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i>	UMH 191
<b>Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Kum Bah Yah (Verses 1-3, 6)</i>	UMH 494
<b>Offertory</b>		Kevin Lefebvre
<b>*Doxology</b>		UMH 95
<b>Gospel Reading</b>	Matthew 19:13-15	Winston Skinner
<b>Sermon</b>	"Becoming a Child"	Winston Skinner
<b>*Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada</b>		UMH 883
<b>*Hymn</b>	<i>Come Thou Almighty King</i>	UMH 61
<b>*Benediction/Blessing</b>		Winston Skinner
<b>Postlude</b>		Kevin Lefebvre

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## WELCOME TO ALLEN-LEE

We hope that you will feel the warmth of this loving congregation while you are here worshipping with us. Please let us know if you need anything or want more information about our church. We are an open and welcoming fellowship. It is our hope that you will come again and often!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Winston Skinner is filling our pulpit this morning so that Kory may attend the confirmation service for his daughter, Raine, at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.
- A covered dish lunch will be held after church today, with Sandy Wood as our guest of honor. Please stay, break bread, and enjoy fellowship.
- UWF will meet on Wednesday, April 26, at 5 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend. A light supper will be served.
- Administrative council will meet this Wednesday, April 26, at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have items for the agenda, please get them to Winston Skinner by Monday at midday.
- Gail Gordon has Belk Charity Sale tickets to benefit Success by Six. Tickets are \$5 each. Charity Sale is May 5-7, with early shopping April 25-May 4.
- A See's Candies fundraiser for the building fund will be ongoing through the end of the year. Everything is done online. When items are ordered from the Allen-Lee fundraiser page, a portion of the money will go to the building fund. To view the site, visit <https://bit.ly/AllenLee>

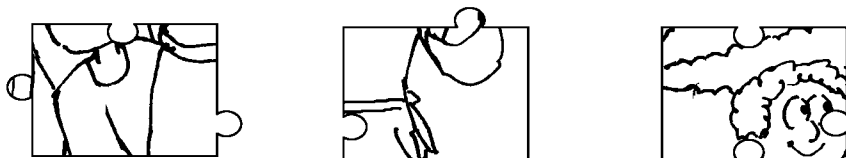
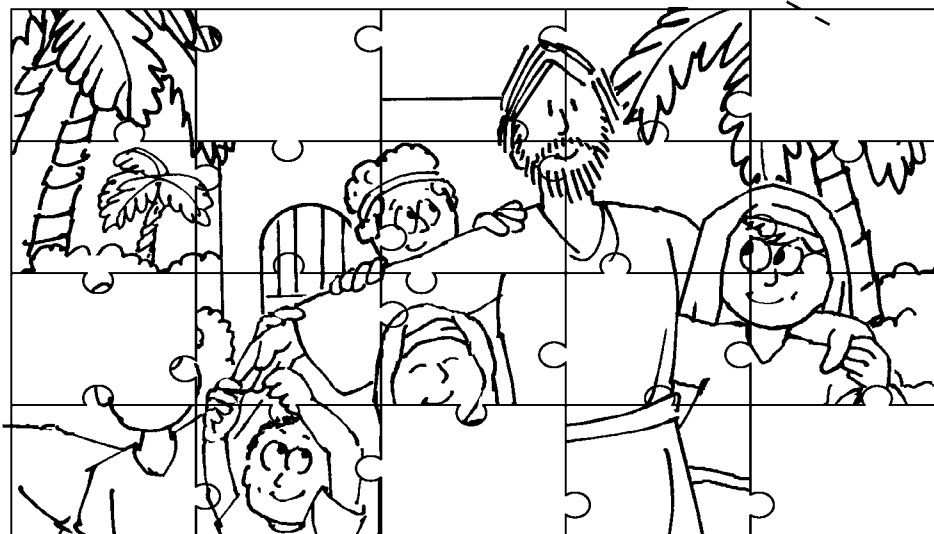
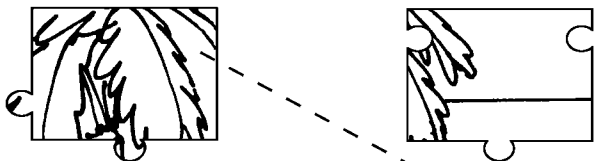
## PRAYER FOR TODAY

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors. As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it. Amen.

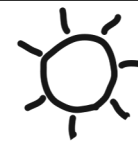


Jesus continued, "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Match the pieces to the puzzle.



# Children's Worship Bulletin™

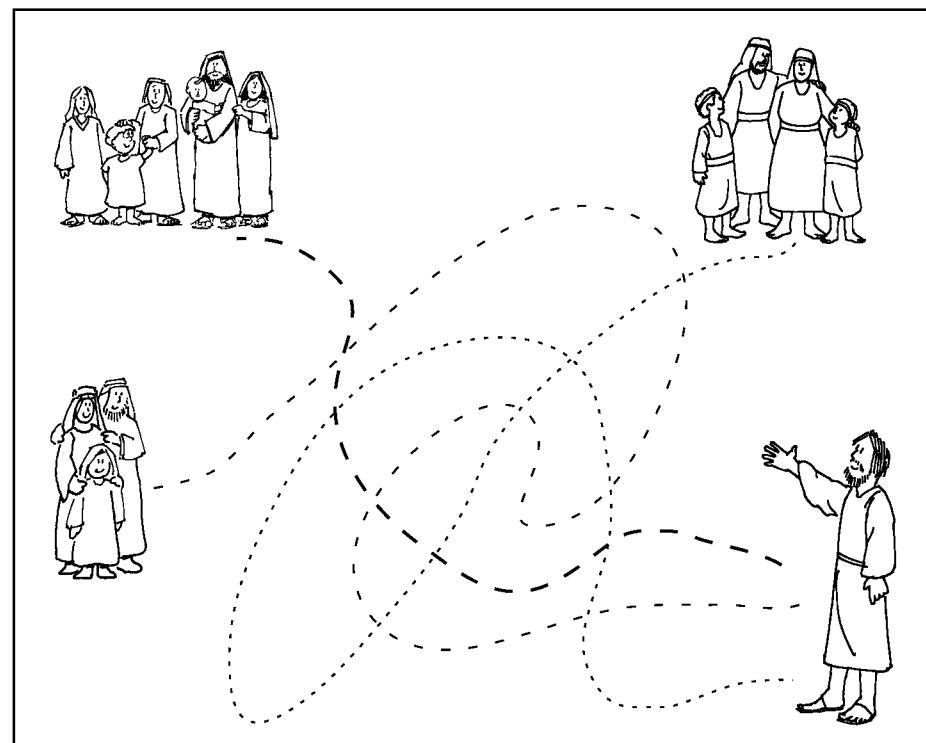


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## The Children and Jesus

People brought little children and babies to Jesus so He could touch them and pray for them.

Trace the lines to help the children get to Jesus.

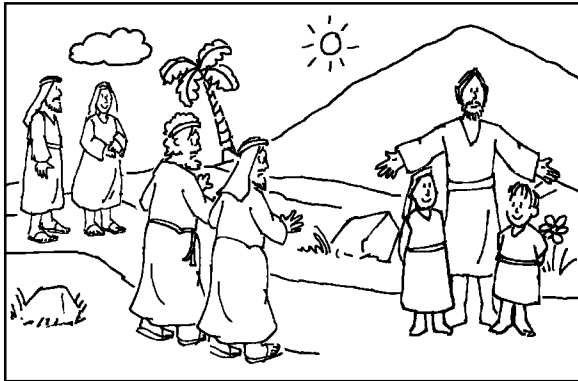


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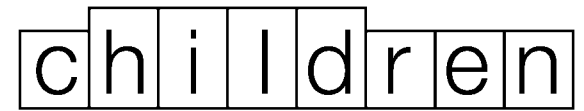
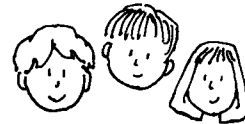
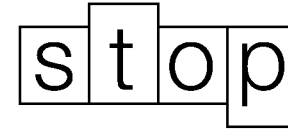
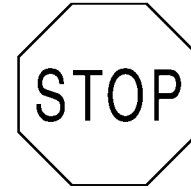
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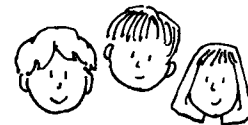


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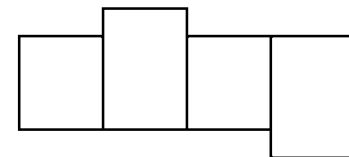
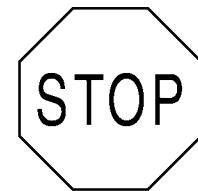
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“Let the little



come to Me, and do not



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