

“You have the words of eternal life.”
Children’s Liturgy Activity August 22nd , 2021



**‘It is the spirit that gives
life, the flesh has nothing
to offer. The words I have
spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.
-John 6:63**

Gospel: John 6:60-69

In gospel today, we see many followers of Jesus leaving Him after hearing His doctrine that ‘Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them’. Many found Jesus words intolerable and unacceptable. Seeing them complaint, Jesus tells them that the flesh worth nothing, but it is the spirit that gives life. Jesus says that His words are Spirit, and they are life. Jesus knew that many of them are not believing in Him and even one would betray him. He said to them that unless Father in heaven allows, they cannot come to him or understand his words. Seeing many of them leaving him, Jesus turned to his disciples and asked “Do you also wish to go away? Simon Peter replied on behalf of the disciples that , ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’”

Sometimes we might find it hard to accept the words or teachings of Jesus. What might be blocking us from accepting Jesus’ words? The Flesh. We get carried away by our fleshly desires and comforts, temptations, fear, doubts, pride, stubbornness of heart etc prevents us from accepting the word revealed to us. We mostly set hope on Jesus only for flesh.

Through today’s gospel, Jesus opens our eyes to the reality that flesh is useless, and it wastes away. What matters is Spirit. It is spirit that gives life. Setting mind on flesh is death but to set mind on spirit is life and peace (Romans 8:6). Jesus asks us to set our mind on Spirit. What is it meant to set mind on spirit? To set mind in spirit means to live in sprit, listening, trusting, and following the words of Jesus. Jesus says that ‘The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.’ We must accept and fill in His words, to be filled in holy spirit and life.

We cannot do this by our own power. Jesus says that unless father in heaven allows us, we cannot come to Jesus. It is the grace of God that leads us to Jesus, the living word of life. Let us remember Mother Mary, who was filled with grace that she received the word of God through the angel. Even though the word brought her fear and doubts, Mother Mary surrendered herself trusting in the power of Holy spirit, for God’s word to be done in her. Let us desire in truth and pray for grace to come to Jesus, the living word. Let us surrender and humble ourselves to find favour in God and to be filled in grace.

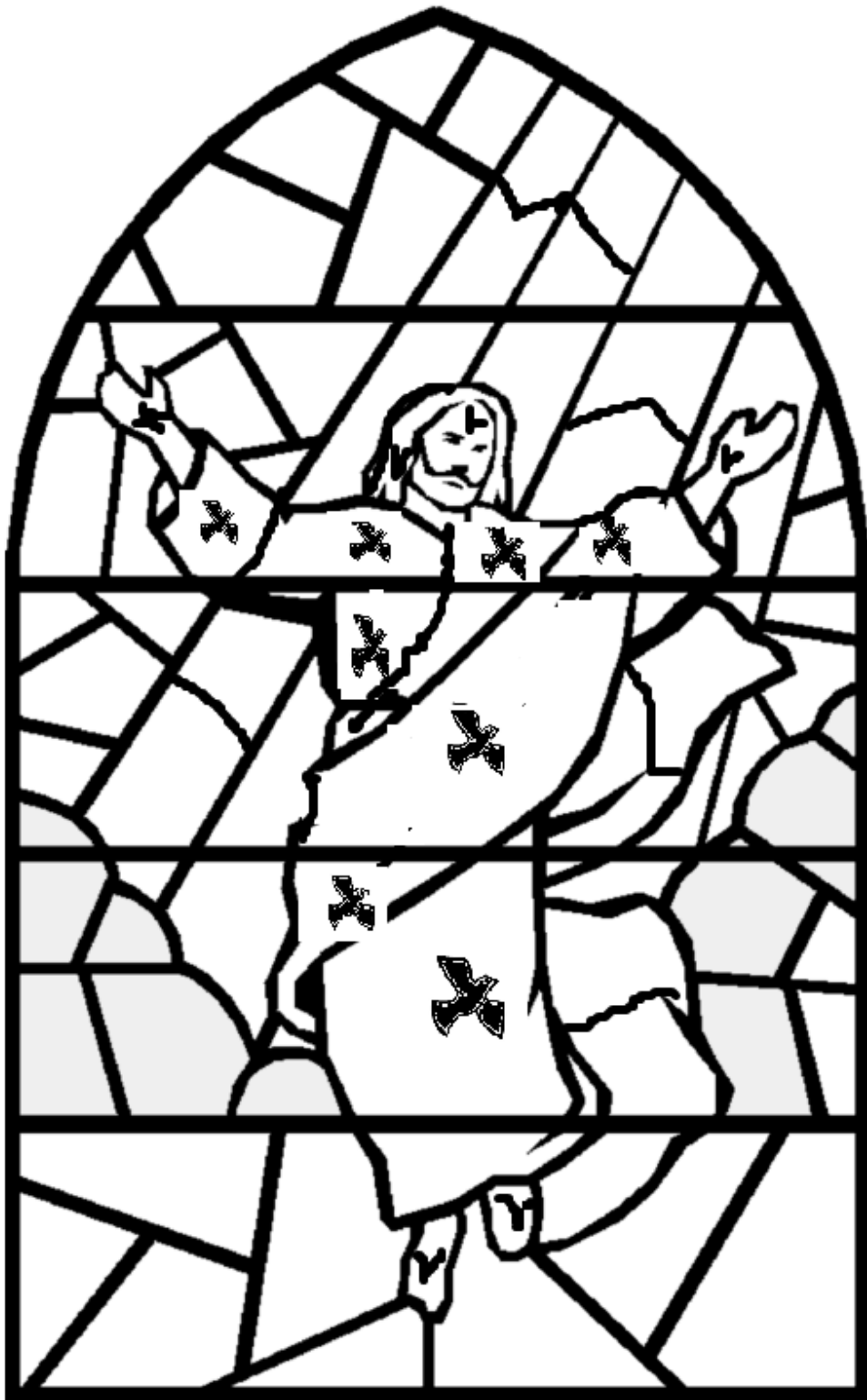
Jesus asks the same question to each of us as he asked to the disciples. “Do you also wish to go away? What is our answer? Are we ready to offer ourselves in trust just like Mother Mary and Simon Peter? Jesus never compels. Jesus never compromises the truth to attract people. Jesus reveals the truth and assures us the power of Holy Spirit to follow him and gain eternal life. Our flesh might be weak, we might not be able to accept or tolerate Jesus words. But Jesus says, ‘My grace is sufficient for you.’

Let us like Peter realize that Jesus is the Holy one of God who has the words of Eternal life. Let us offer ourselves in God’s grace to be listen, accept, and believe the everlasting word of Jesus and be filled in Spirit and life.

“We have come to believe and know that ----- is the Holy One of God.”

-John 6:69

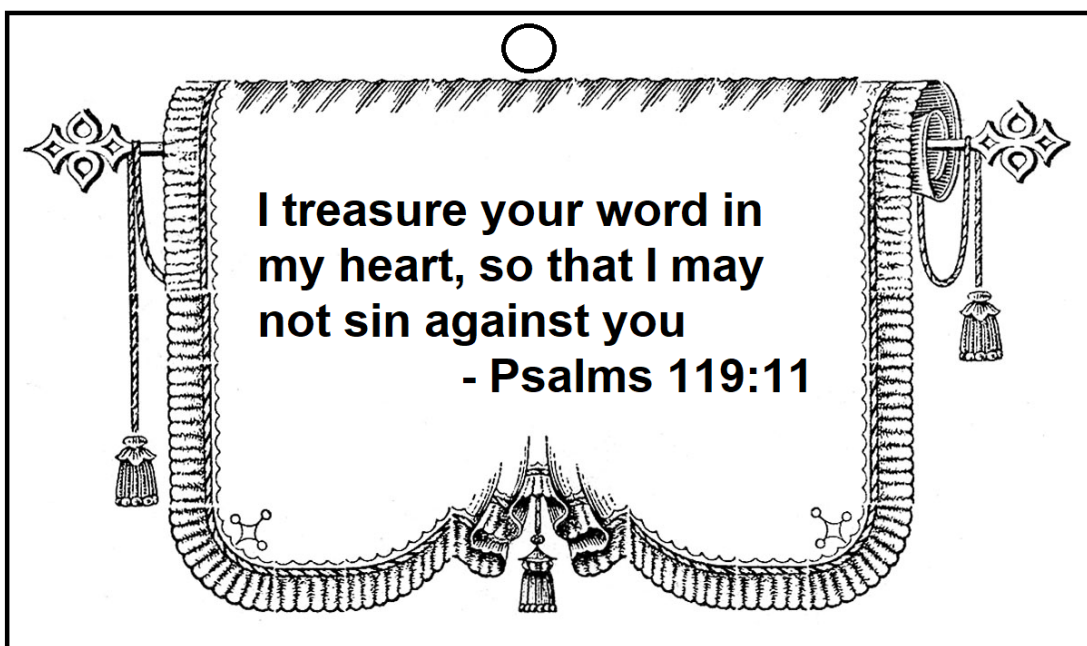
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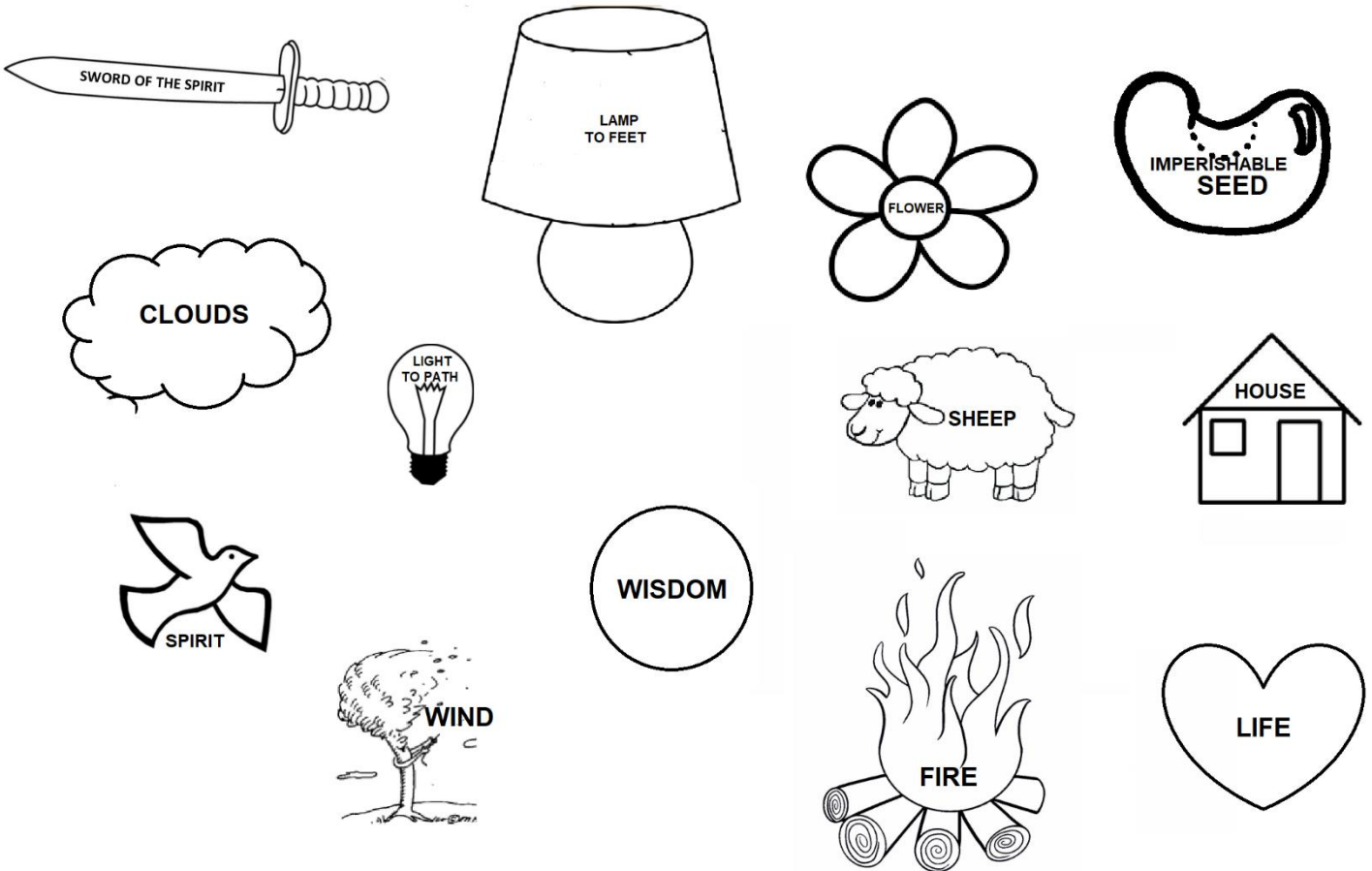
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Verses Wall Hanger

Cut out the verse template. Stick on a card. Colour it, decorate it and punch a hole in given place to hang it on your wall.

**Can you spot everything which the Word of God represents?
Seek help from parents to find it out from the Bible**



Let us pray, 🙏

Dear Abba Father we thank you for giving us, Jesus, the way, the truth and the life. We come to you humbling ourselves for your grace and favor. Fill us with holy spirit and increase our faith to accept and say Amen to the Living word that reveals Jesus more and more. Each moment of our life, let it be done in us according to your word, the spirit and life. Help our unbelief and weaknesses by your grace. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.