

How big is your church?

Count how many steps it takes you to get from the back of the worship space to the front. First, trace part of your foot below. Inside your foot, write the total number of steps you took.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 13

- Today is the 13th Sunday after Pentecost.
- The color of Pentecost is **green**.
- During Pentecost, we learn what it means to **follow Jesus**.

What color is a tree? _____

If you answered green, you're only partly right! Trees can also be red, brown, yellow, and other colors, especially depending on the season. Draw what trees look like in these different seasons. Use lots of colors.

Summer

Fall

Winter

Spring

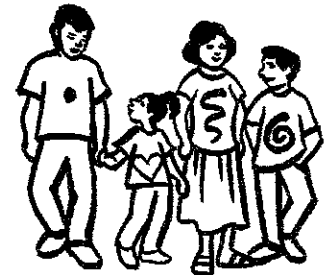


Jesus said "Drop everything and follow me!"



Jesus says we might need to give up some things to follow him.

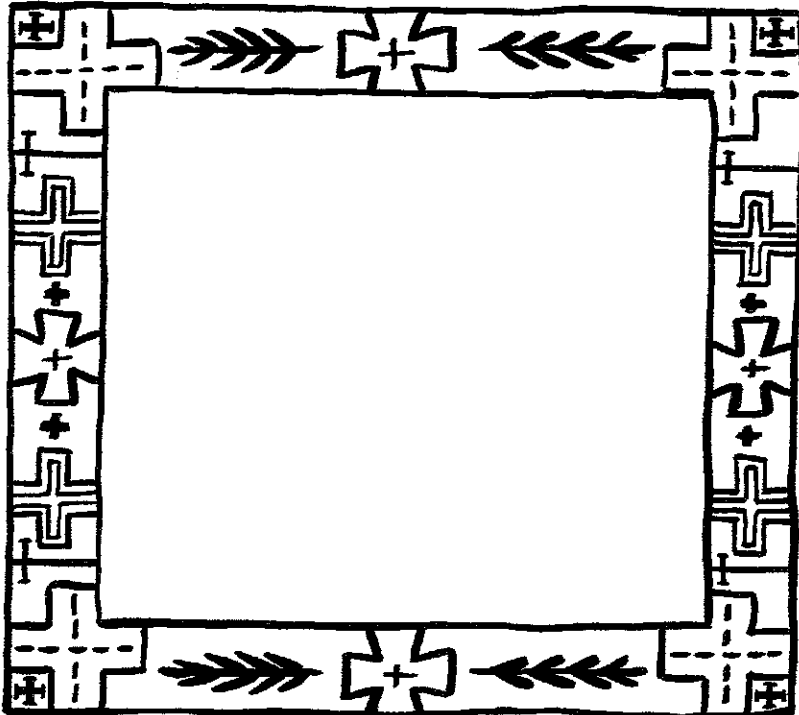
Draw the things that would be hardest for you to give up.



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Holy Cross Day

We follow Jesus always; on good days and bad days; in the morning and the night; on Sundays and every day. On September 14 we celebrate Holy Cross Day, a day to remember the cross as a symbol of Jesus' death and new life.



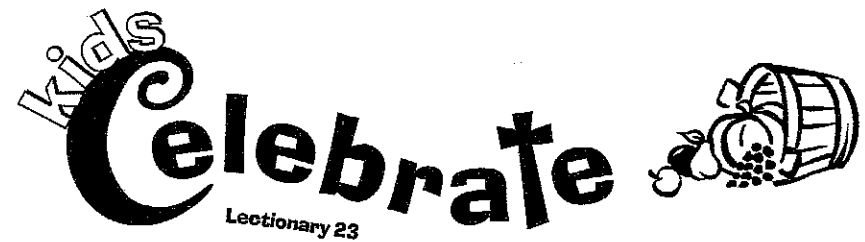
Draw a picture of yourself helping someone. That's one way to "take up your cross and follow Jesus."



Make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of your baptism.

This week

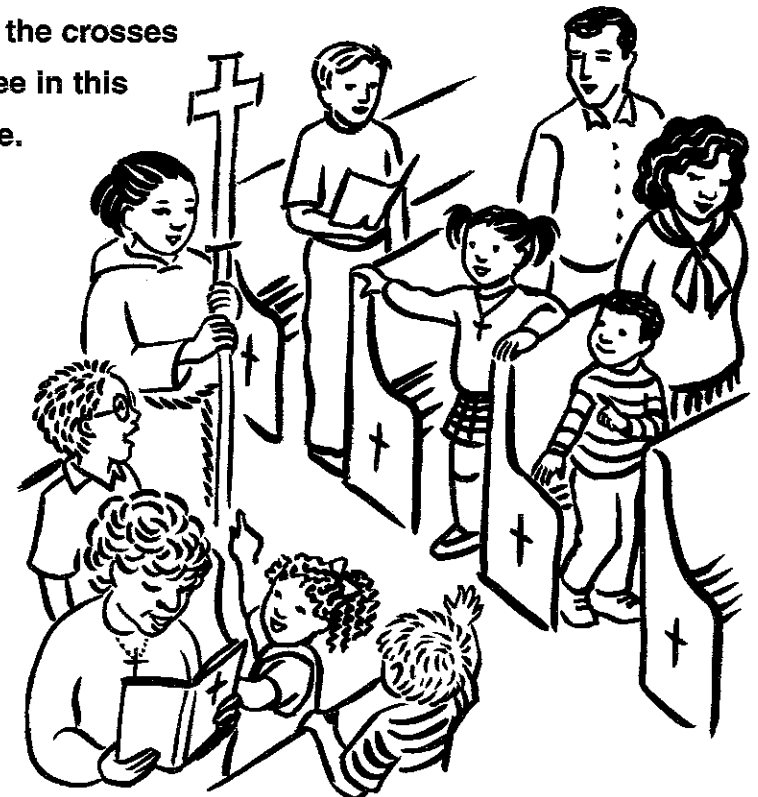
Tape paper crosses to mirrors in your home.



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Welcome to worship. Seeing or wearing a cross reminds us to follow Jesus. How many crosses can you find as you look around your worship space? Look in hymnbooks, on bulletins, and at the people around you. I found _____ crosses.

Circle the crosses
you see in this
picture.













Hear & Celebrate













Crack the code!

Print the first letter of each picture in the blank to crack the code of this message from Deuteronomy 30.
These are ways the people of Israel followed God.

    the Lord your    ;

    in God's ways;

      God's



Dear Jesus, help us to follow you. Amen