

Plymouth Congregational Church

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN



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Dear God,

Thanks for today, for this beautiful world, for the health and safety of my friends and family, and for all the things you have given us! Life is better with you and your LOVE!

Amen.

Plymouth Children's Prayer



Waiting

(including a paraphrase of John 14:15–21, selected verses)

Setting a story in a context that the children will recognize helps to tie the Bible stories together. This is especially helpful for the older children.

Much time had passed since Jesus appeared to the disciples in the locked room in Jerusalem and the two followers on the road to Emmaus. The followers of Jesus longed for Jesus to be with them again.

Benjamin had helped his mother and father prepare for the followers to gather in their home this night. He watched them arrive. Some looked worried and sad. They asked questions of one another.

"What did Jesus promise us?"

"How long will we have to wait?"

"What are we supposed to do while we wait?"

"What did Jesus teach us?"

Jesus' teachings were not written down, but some followers who had gone with Jesus from place to place told others the stories that Jesus told and about the people that Jesus

healed and helped. Their words stirred up the memories of others in the room. Benjamin listened quietly as the people recalled the special words of Jesus.

"If you love me, keep my commandments."

"To help you, I will ask God to send you an advocate, someone to stand with you forever. This will be the Spirit of truth. This Spirit will be in you."

"Through this advocate, I will be with you and in you. You will know this Spirit is in people because they will do what I have taught you. They will know who I am and I will love them."

The people talked about these words and their meaning. How could these teachings from Jesus help them now?

When all the people left for their homes, Benjamin went to the top of his house. He looked at all the stars in the sky. The world seemed enormous. I have never seen Jesus, thought Benjamin, but I believe what the people who were with Jesus say. Because I believe, I want to do what Jesus taught too. I want to love people, all people, like Jesus loved people. As Benjamin thought about what he might do to show God's love to people, his eyes closed, and soon he was asleep.

Creation Corner



A Vision of God's Love

Find the words on the list in the word search. Words can be spelled forwards and backwards, upwards and downwards, and diagonally.

H	T	T	Z	Y	R	M	G	W	D	Y	U	P	X	T
F	X	L	R	D	I	C	Y	O	F	A	M	Q	E	E
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N	K	Z	J	S	R	E	R	V	W	P	D	W	P	S
T	M	O	R	L	V	O	E	S	F	G	V	E	N	D
C	C	T	S	E	E	T	A	C	O	V	D	A	Y	W
V	Q	A	R	O	G	B	A	E	X	T	V	B	N	K
Y	X	O	X	W	A	Q	Z	Y	X	W	T	K	Q	N
J	F	C	Z	L	Y	M	X	U	B	G	O	A	X	J
M	S	O	E	W	K	M	Y	G	K	F	N	K	M	M

ADVOCATE
FOREVER
MEMORIES
SPIRIT

COMMANDMENTS
JESUS
ORPHANS
TEACHINGS

FOLLOWERS
LOVE
PROMISE
TRUTH



Jesus' Promise

Before he died, Jesus had something very important to say to his friends. To find out what it was, read the story and fill in the blanks using the words listed.

HELPER JESUS THAT PROMISED WITH DISCIPLES

_____ knew that he would have to leave his _____.

Jesus wanted them to know they would not be left alone.

So Jesus _____ that God would send a _____

who would stay _____ them forever.

The same promise has been given
to all of God's creation, and _____ includes you!

Do you know who the helper was? Use the bold letter from each word to fill in the blanks and spell out the answer.

Jesus promised that God would send
the _____ to the whole world.



THE ADVOCATE

Cinquain Poetry

A cinquain (SIN cane) poem is written to form a diamond shape in this way.

One word for the advocate, the subject, and the title of the poem

Two words that describe the advocate

Three words that tell what the advocate does

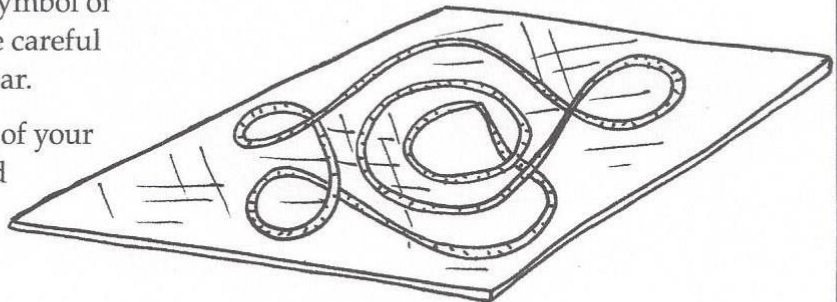
Two words that describe the advocate

One word, another word for the advocate, the subject of the poem.

Spirit Symbol

What to do

- 1 Plan a design for your symbol of the advocate, comforter, helper, encourager promised by Jesus. You might draw some samples on paper the size of your backing before you use the materials for the final product.
- 2 When you are satisfied with your design, wrap the kitchen foil around the stiff paper or cardboard. Tape it securely to the back.
- 3 Lightly draw your design for the symbol of the advocate on the kitchen foil. Be careful not to press hard or the foil may tear.
- 4 Now glue the yarn along the lines of your symbol design. The easiest method is to trace the lines first with the glue and then place the yarn on it. Another method is to dip the yarn in the glue and place in on the foil. White glue dries clear.
- 5 Carefully wipe off any glue in the spaces between the lines of yarn.
- 6 Give the glue a moment to dry before continuing.
- 7 With markers, fill in the spaces so your design stands out.
- 8 Keep the symbol flat until the glue is thoroughly dry.



Greetings friends,

During these days of uncertainty, as followers of Jesus, let us remember that we are a HOPE-giving people. Remembering the words of Jesus, "do not be afraid, for I am with you always," we put our trust in the Lord, and in that we find comfort. You are all in my prayers.

If there is anything that I can do for you, please contact me via email at andrea@plymouthmiami.org.

Blessings,

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