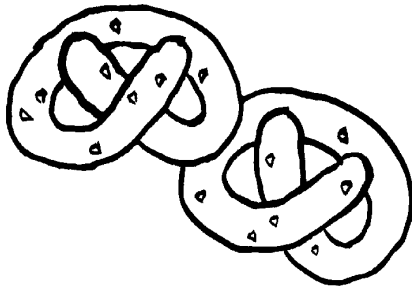


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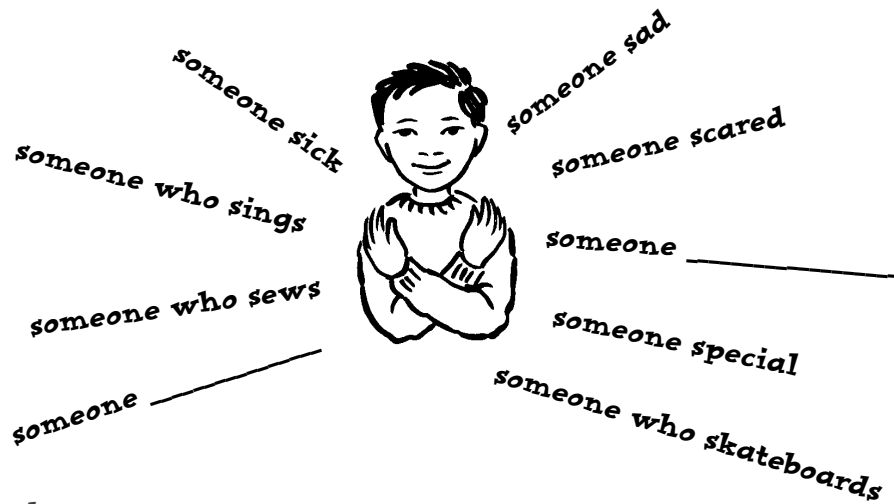
Salty prayers

The Spirit surprises us by giving us the power to pray. Jesus surprises us, saying, "Have salt in yourselves." Jesus wants us to keep our faith active and full of life, not dull or drab.

Draw in more salt on the pretzels.



Pretzels remind us of a person praying with arms folded across the chest. Choose some people on this Someone Special prayer list. Include them in your prayers today and this week. Add other "S" names to the prayer list.



This week

Do some "pretzel prayers" during the week, folding your arms as shown above on this page. Pray for more people on your Someone Special list. Then enjoy a few pretzels to eat as a snack.

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 26

gather

Welcome to worship.

God's Spirit works through us. We pray for others. Our prayers are powerful ways to care about them.

God works through us.

Who can be on the prayer list? Anyone who needs God's care:



- fUSsy babies
- bUSy parents
- bUS riders
- enthUSiastic teachers
- coUSins
- limoUSine drivers
- bUSiness people
- mUSicians



Who is on the prayer list?

All of US!

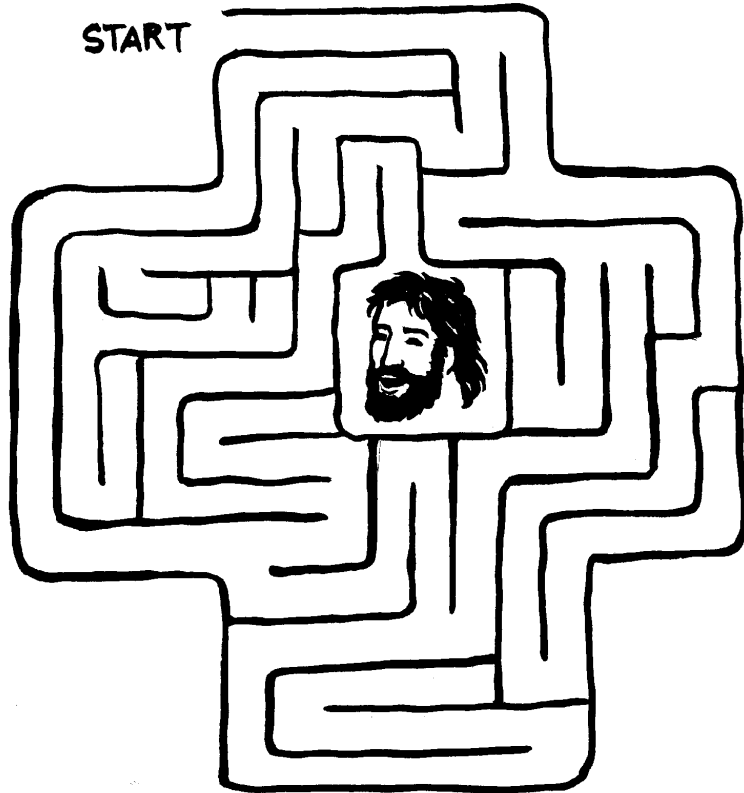
Draw a picture of some of these people in the empty space on this page or print names of people who fit any of these categories.

Walking with God

Mark 9:38-50

Jesus knew how to get people's attention when he taught. Sometimes he said things that made his hearers (and us!) think in surprise. He said things like, "If your foot makes you stumble, cut it off." Of course, Jesus doesn't want us to cut off our feet. But he does want us to walk in God's path, and to avoid things that lead us away from God.

In the maze below, find the path that leads to Jesus.



Can you think of a thing or an action that could easily lead you away from God's path? Draw it in the box on the left side. In the other box, show yourself doing something to take that thing or action out of your life, so you can walk in God's way.

Two large, empty rectangular boxes with black outlines, positioned side-by-side. They are intended for a drawing activity related to the text above.

Who are the people in your church that serve as leaders?



Thank you, God for your Son, Jesus. Thank you for sending your Spirit to guide us. Amen