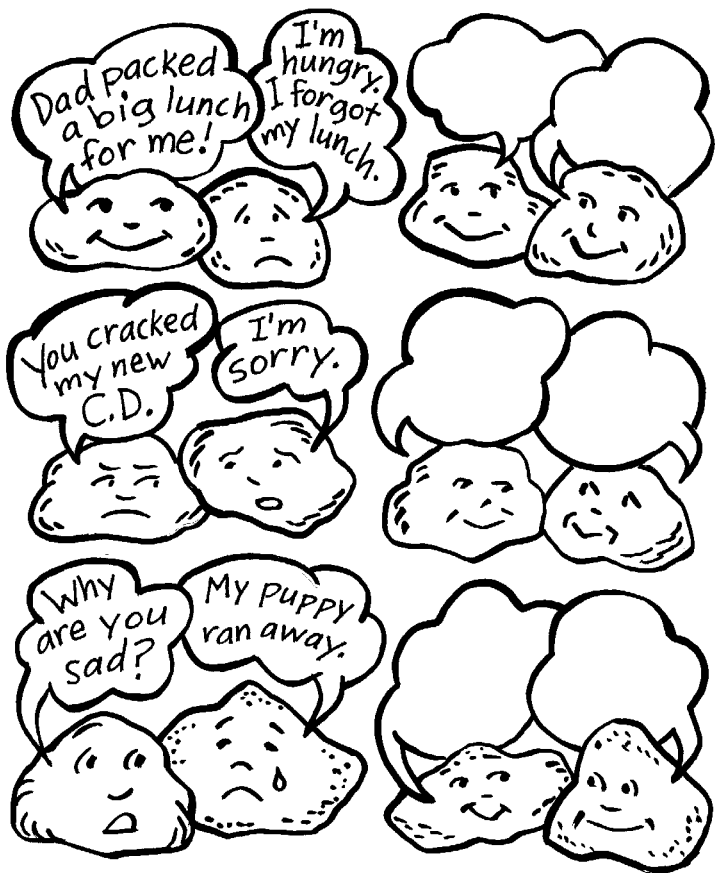


Being good to others

Like Stephen, God wants us to be good to each other.

Write words inside each cartoon balloon to give each Smiley Stones comic strip a happy ending.






Dear Jesus, help me to be good to others every day. Amen.

This week

Bake Christmas cookies to give to a homeless shelter or a care facility in your community.

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Welcome to worship.

Merry Christmas! We celebrate the Christmas season for _____ days. Count the number of  on the wreath. Write this number in the blank. Are there more  or  on the wreath?

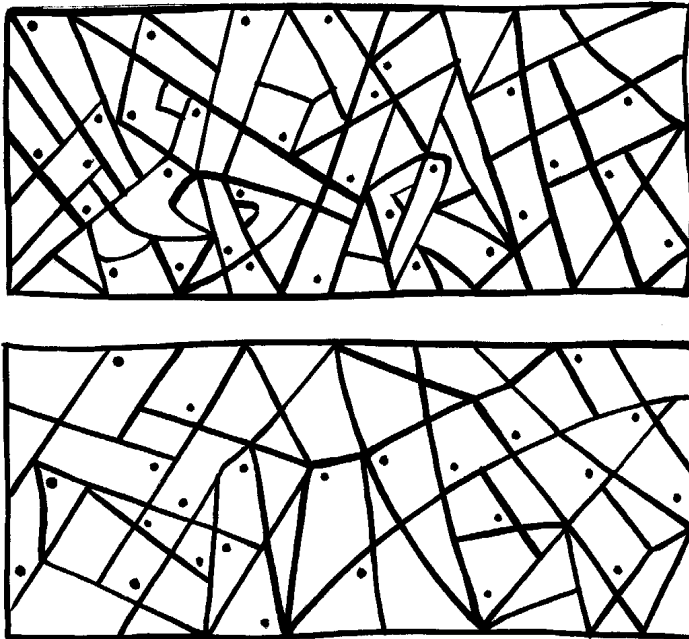


In the center of the wreath, draw a picture of baby Jesus lying asleep in the manger.

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60

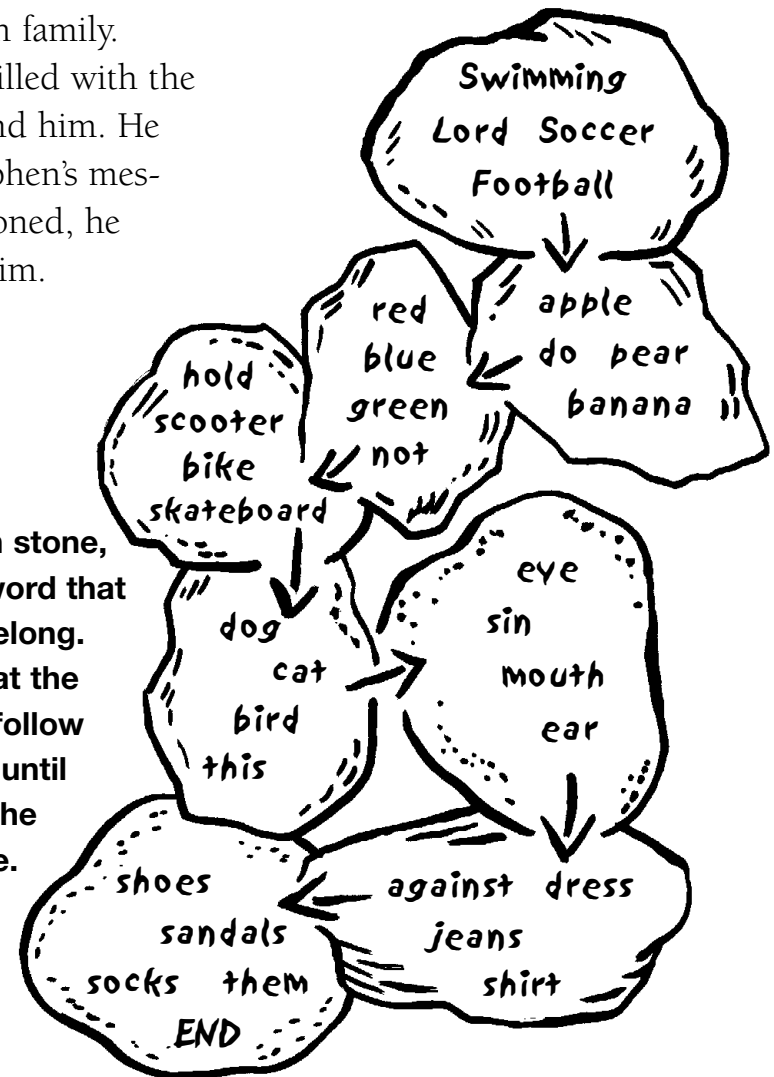
Today we remember St. Stephen. Stephen was one of the first seven deacons in the early Christian church. Deacons took care of the daily needs of the church family. They gave out clothing, food, and money to those in need. Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit. Whenever he told the story of Jesus, everyone gathered around him. He healed people who were sick too. Some powerful people did not like Stephen's message and they had him stoned to death. Even while Stephen was being stoned, he called out to Jesus, asking Jesus to forgive the people who were stoning him.



God gave Stephen two gifts to help him serve people in the early Christian church. Shade in the dotted spaces to find out what his gifts were. God has blessed you with these same gifts.

Acts 7:60

Inside each stone, circle the word that does not belong. Beginning at the top stone, follow the arrows until you reach the "end" stone.



Read the words you circled to find Stephen's words of forgiveness.