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2017-2018 Lutheran Teacher Planner

Self-Control

Joy

Fruit of the Spirit

Peace

Love

Goodness

Patience

Kindness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Galatians 5:22-23

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:25

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How To Use The Weekly Planner

A At the top of the right-hand page each week you will spot a Bible verse. These verses come from the Gospel readings—the stories about Jesus—that you will hear in church on the coming Sunday. In these readings we’ve made one word stand out. It is your Word of the Week.

B Up at the top of the left-hand page you will find the names of the Sundays each week. Each one has a name!

C The color of each planner page is a clue to the season of the Church Year you are in on that date. Yes, the Church has its own special year, with special seasons and days.

D Each day has a color, too. Under the date we print the color of that day. Sometimes it is different from the color of the season because it may be a special celebration. The name of that celebration or the person being remembered is printed in the box.

E Each day suggests ways you can learn more about the Word of the Week. You’ll grow in faith and knowledge!

F On the lower left-hand side of some pages you will see a small footprint with a fact or question. This tells you Jesus is “On the Move” in the Gospel story, so check the map on the back of this book.

Theme of this Year’s Planner

As you go through this school year you will be encouraged to live out what the Apostle Paul called the “fruit of the Spirit” in his Letter to the Galatians (5:22-23). They are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These positive behaviors are growing within us Christians because the Holy Spirit is working in us to make us more and more like our Lord Jesus.

Your teacher will let you know how you use the Good News planner to communicate your assignments and school schedule with your parents.

Have fun this year, and may Christ be at the center of all your weekly activities.

August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6 9th Sunday after Pentecost	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10th Sunday after Pentecost	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 11th Sunday after Pentecost	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 12th Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30	31	A Goal for This Month:	

Books to Read:

Reviews and Tests:

x	Due Date	Long-term Projects

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

The Christian Church Year is living history. It is ancient events brought to life each year. It is history that is as alive as the Church itself.



The Church Year is a cycle of festivals and seasons. Christians around the world and throughout history have shaped their faith and marked their lives by these events.

The first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost Day) recalls events in the life of our Lord, making them real for us in the present.

The rest of the Church Year (Pentecost Season) focuses on discipleship—the new life in Christ in which we are living and growing.

The community of believers, **the Church**, keeps observing the Church Year because it celebrates God's redemption.

When Christians observe the Church Year's festivals and seasons, they

- learn the words and acts of God that have changed history;
- remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord for us;
- participate in these saving events through which our Lord creates his Church and transforms our lives.

The Church Year revolves around three great festival days—Christmas, Easter and Pentecost—and the seasons that connect them—Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Pentecost or Ordinary Time.



Advent Season

As the Church Year begins, we spend four weeks in preparation for Christ's coming on Christmas Day.



Christmas Season

12 days of celebration of Christ's birth, leading to Epiphany, the "Christmas of the Gentiles."



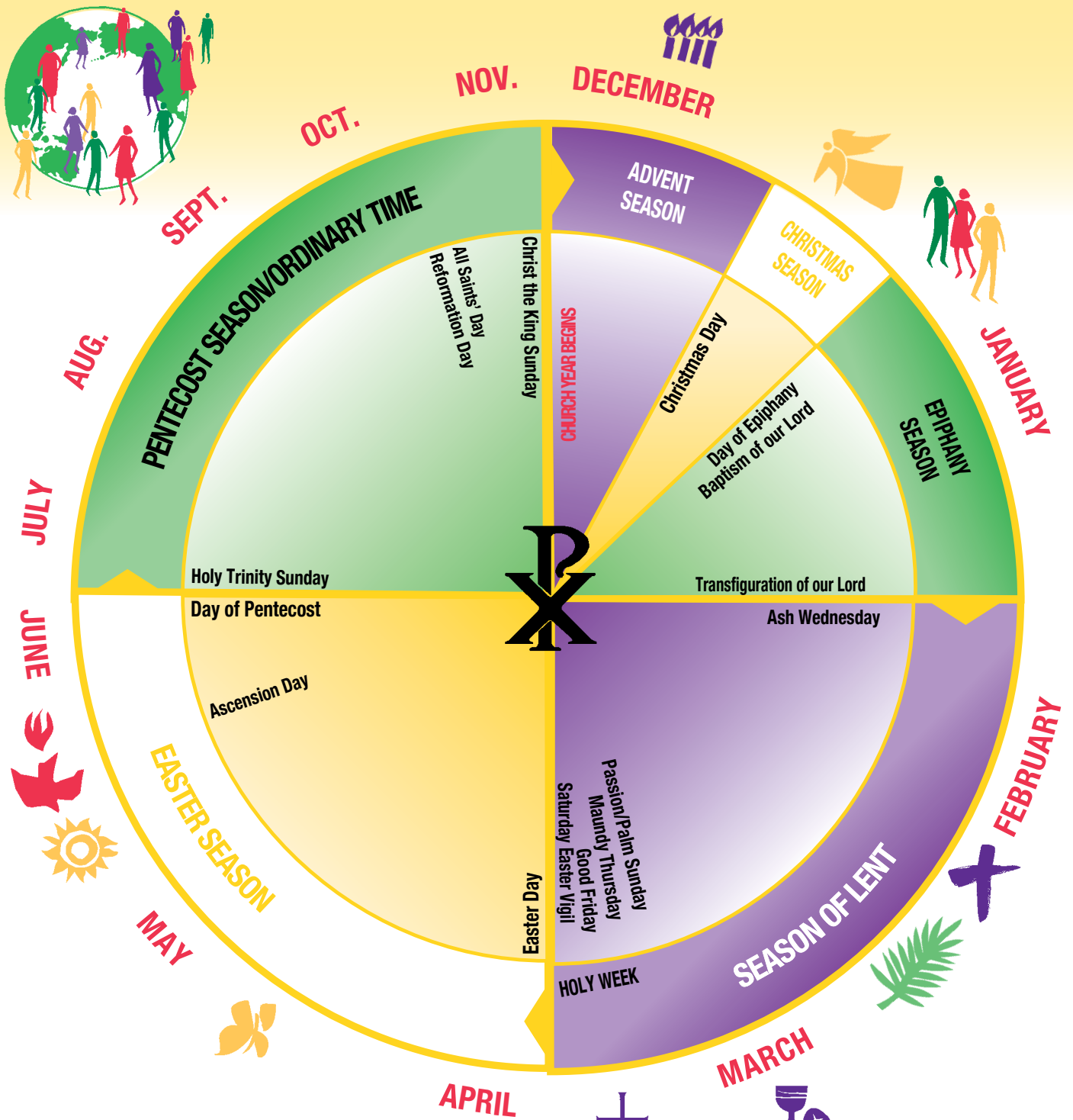
Epiphany Season

4 to 9 weeks of thanks for Christ's revelation to the world.



Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday followed by 40 days of preparation, concluding during Holy Week.



Holy Week

Palm or Passion Sunday followed by the Easter Triduum (the three days beginning with the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and ending on Easter Sunday).

Easter Season

Easter Day followed by 50 days of rejoicing, including Ascension Day, leading to the season's climax, Pentecost Day.

Pentecost Season

OR ORDINARY TIME

Two dozen weeks from Holy Trinity Sunday to Christ the King Sunday. The festival of All Saints is celebrated late in this season.

Martin Luther's Good News

Here I Stand

On October 31, 1517, a man named Martin Luther stood by a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, with a large sheet of paper, a pocketful of nails and a hammer.

Martin wanted to share the Good News he'd read in Ephesians 2:8. "You have been saved by grace through faith," Martin read. He wanted everyone to know that God's love and forgiveness are not things we need to pay for in order to receive. God paid the price when he sent Jesus to die on the cross. Martin knew this Good News was true because he'd read it in the Bible. "I stand by it. God help me. Amen," said Martin.

Martin wrote a list of sentences about God's grace and free forgiveness. This list is called the 95 Theses. Martin posted his list on that church door.

People read Martin's list on their way to church. They had never heard the Good News of God's grace and forgiveness explained this way. They told their friends and neighbors about the list. It was passed around and shared. People used the newly invented printing press to make many copies.

The Good News was spreading more

quickly than ever before imagined. Soon Martin's list was given to the leaders of the church in Rome. It was being shared in churches and homes throughout Europe. And now, 500 years later, that Good News continues to spread to all corners of the world.

When Martin hammered the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg church, great changes rang out through churches around the world. All Christians now celebrate the free gift of God's grace. People all over the world worship and read the Bible in their own languages. Music fills churches everywhere.

Throughout this year, remember the Good News that Martin learned. You are saved by God's good gift of grace! Through faith in Jesus, that gift, that saving grace, is yours!

Share the Good News of God's grace like Martin did. Say it gladly! Stand by it! It goes with you wherever you go.

**"I have been saved by
grace through faith!"**

Celebrating 500 Years of Faith

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S FRUIT

Look up these verses in the Bible and write the missing words in the blanks.



1. PSALM 23:6

Surely _____ and mercy shall _____ me all the days of my _____, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord _____.

2. ISAIAH 28:16

Behold, I am the one who has laid as a _____ in Zion, a stone, a tested _____, a precious _____, of a sure foundation: Whoever _____ will not be in haste.

3. JAMES 5:7

Be _____, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the _____. See how the farmer waits for the precious _____ of the earth, being _____ about it, until it _____ the early and the late rains.

4. COLOSSIANS 3:15

And let the _____ of Christ rule in your _____, to which indeed you were _____ in one _____. And be _____.

5. JOHN 15:12-13

This is my _____, that you _____ one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his _____ for his _____.

6. PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5 (NIV)

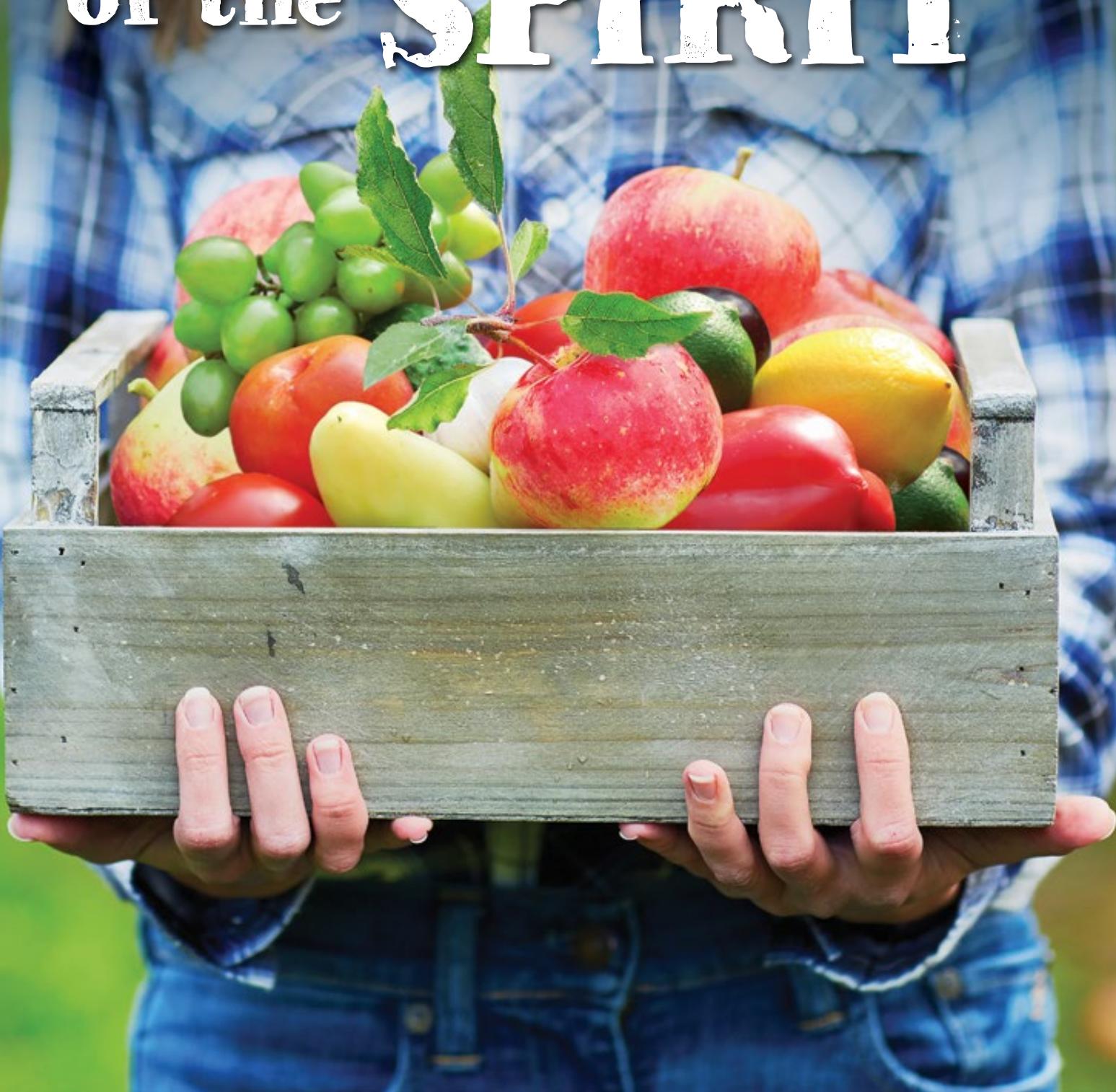
_____ in the Lord _____. I will say it again: _____! Let your _____ be _____ to all. The Lord is _____.

7. GALATIANS 5:22-23

But the _____ of the _____ is love, _____, peace, patience, _____, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, _____; against such things there is no _____.

Answers: 1. goodness, follow, life, forever • 2. foundation, stone, cornerstone, believes • 3. patient, Lord, fruit, patient, receives • 4. peace, hearts, called, body, thankful, • 5. commandment, love, life, friends • 6. Rejoice, always, rejoice, gentleness, evident, near • 7. fruit, Spirit, joy, kindness, self-control, law

The FRUIT of the SPIRIT



Galatians 5:22-25

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ [Jesus] have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.



My Fruit-full Prayer

Love so I may love.
Joy to share a smile.
Peace to calm my fear.
Patience to last a while.
Kindness for all I meet.
Goodness in all I do.
Gentleness, and self-control,
And faithfulness to you.
Spirit, may these gifts
Grow ripe each day in me
So I can be a fruit-full branch
For Christ, the Living Tree.

love

Christian love is selfless and giving. It means giving to others those things that you would want them to give you — and it's doing so even if they can't pay you back. Christian love is shown in our respect for others, in our mercy, and in our charity.

joy

As believers in Christ, we have the gift of true joy — a feeling of complete happiness that comes from knowing that our God loves us, that we belong to a family of believers, and that our heavenly home awaits.

peace

"Peace, be still," Jesus said to the stormy sea. The waves, and the disciples in the boat, were instantly calmed. That feeling of calm in the face of adversity and the ability to face trouble with a level head is the Holy Spirit's gift of peace.

patience

Christian patience means more than the ability to wait. Our waiting comes with faith and hope in the Lord. In addition, just as God patiently forgives our wrongdoings, we can show that patience and forgiveness to others.

kindness

Jesus came with a new commandment. "Love one another as God loves you," Jesus tells us. This love we have from God is shown to others through our kindness. As we treat others at home and school kindly, we obey God's command.

goodness

The desire to be good and to do good should always be at the front of a faithful Christian's mind. We know that Jesus came to forgive us and give us eternal life. We show our thanks for this gift in our generosity to others.

faithfulness

Faith in Jesus is our belief that he came to die and rise to earn us a place in heaven. Faithfulness to Jesus is our eagerness to share that news, our desire to do what we promise, and our willingness to follow Him.

gentleness

Christian gentleness is shown in how we solve problems with those around us and how we care for people in need. We follow Jesus' example of the Good Samaritan as we treat our neighbors with gentleness.

self-control

God has given us wonderful bodies for living and minds for learning. The Christian fruit of self-control is our ability to choose God-pleasing behavior over sinful and harmful actions.



6

9th Sunday after Pentecost

7 Monday

Green

What's the Word?
The word **courage** means...
Why did Jesus tell the disciples to "take **courage**"?

8 Tuesday

Green

My Thoughts
I think I need **courage** most when...

9 Wednesday

Green

I Pray
Dear Jesus, give me **courage** to begin this school year ready to face new challenges.

10 Thursday

Green

Faith Facts
What time of night is the "fourth watch"?

Answer: The 4th watch is between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

11 Friday

Green

Fruits of Faith
Ask God to give you the **courage** to make some new friends.
Talk with at least one person you do not know yet.



In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus and the disciples are in a boat. What bodies of water could they be crossing? (Look on the back cover.)

12 Sat.

Green

Notes:



11 Monday

Violet

What's the Word?

Witness is a noun and a verb.
A **witness** in court is one who...
When I **witness** something, I...
When I bear **witness**, I...

12 Tuesday

Violet

My Thoughts

I **witness** for Jesus when I...
My **witness** is...

13 Wednesday

Violet

I Pray

Lord, make me a **witness** who is able to say what you have done for me.

14 Thursday

Violet

Faith Facts

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone (Isaiah 9:2).

15 Friday

Violet

Fruits of Faith

Look to see the color of the third Advent Wreath candle that is lit in church this weekend. What does it mean?



Sunday's Gospel story about John the Baptist takes place in **Bethany across the Jordan**.

16 Sat.

Violet

Notes:

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a **witness**, to bear **witness** about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear **witness** about the light.
John 1:6-8

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Spelling List

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21 Monday

Green

What's the Word?

Give the meaning of the word **miraculous** without using the word **miracle**.

22 Tuesday

Green

My Thoughts

I think that the most amazing thing that Jesus did was...
I think the most **miraculous** thing Jesus *does* is...

23 Wednesday

Green

I Pray

Lord, you surprised everyone by becoming a person like us, dying for us, and coming back to life with the promise that we will live, too.

24 Thursday

Green

Faith Facts

In which of these forms does the Spirit of God appear in the Bible?
a) as a wind; b) as fire
c) as a dove

(All three answers are correct.)

25 Friday

Green

Fruits of Faith

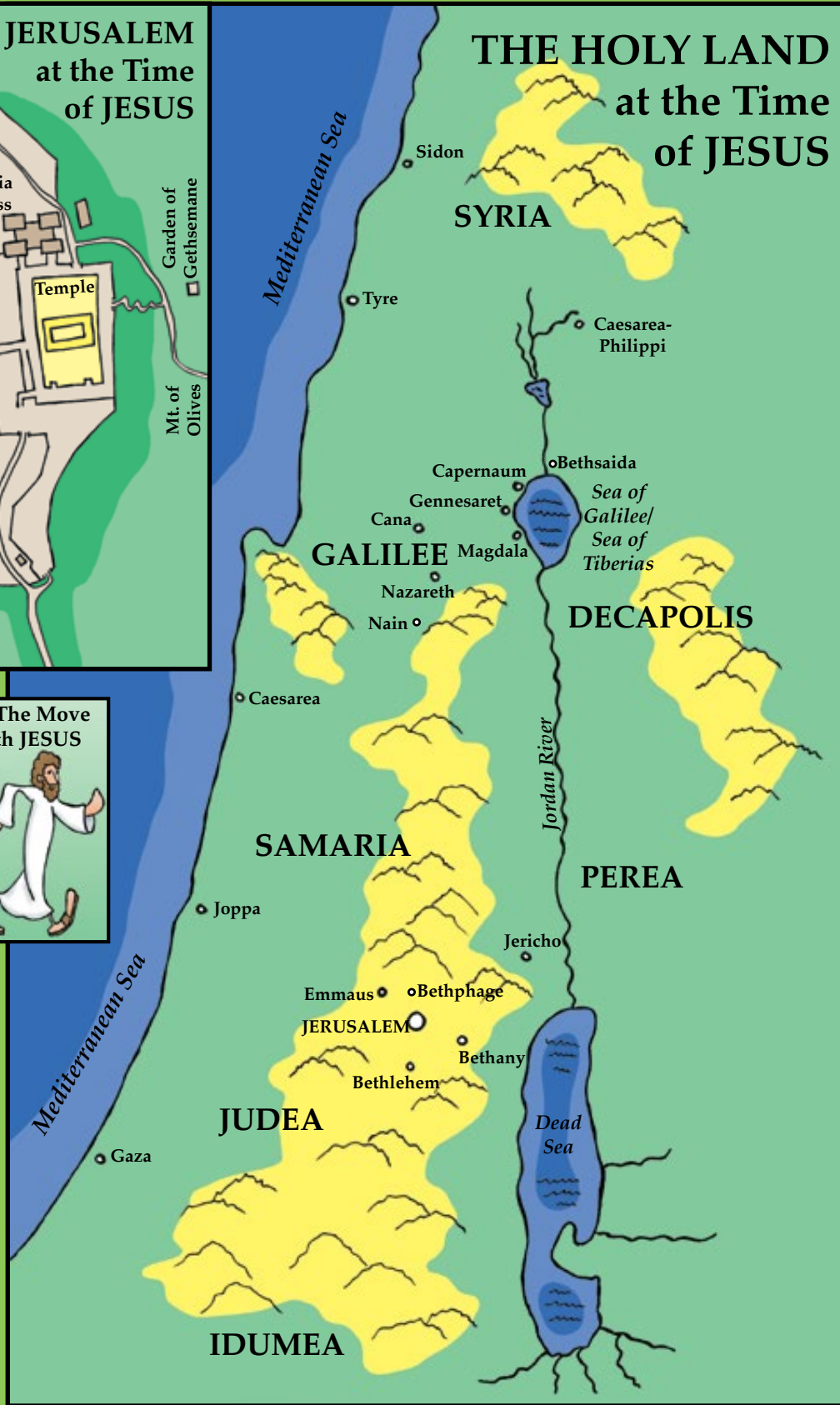
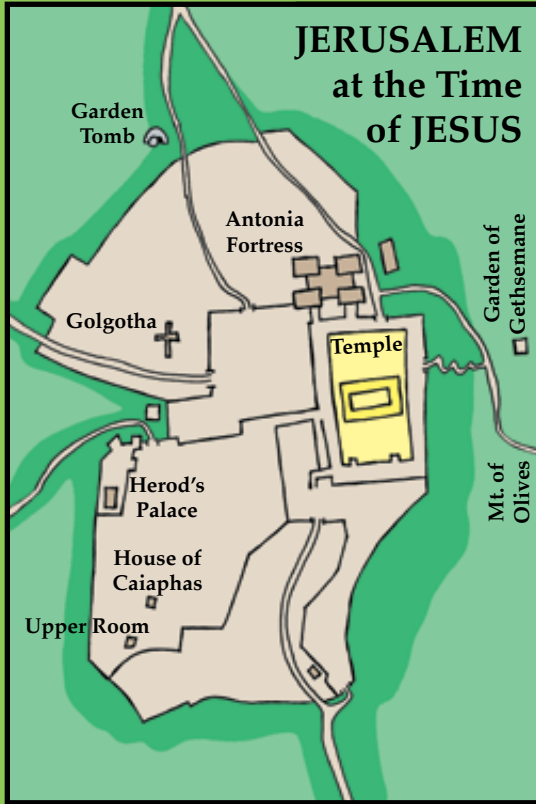
Give some serious thought to what you want to do this summer to nourish your faith. Start by asking for God's blessings and grace.

26 Sat.

Green

Notes:

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