

Allen AveNews

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May 10
Mother's Day



May 14
Ascension Day



May 24
Pentecost



May 25
Memorial Day



June 14
Flag Day



June
Father's Day

Special Collections



May 10
Bethany Christian
Services

June 7
Muskegon Rescue
Mission

Appearances in the Past and Future

An experience of peace during trials and uncertainty. A breakthrough from addiction or reconciliation in a broken relationship. Finding freedom after doubt or discouragement, when life's been difficult for so long.

We all tend to under-estimate how God shows up today. We read the stories in the Bible of when God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, when he stood with the three young men in the Babylonian fire, when he walked to his disciples on the water – and we wonder, “would he still do that today?”

God's appearances in the past give us confidence that he still shows up in the present and will continue to do so in the future. It may not always be the in the same way as before, but he has never stopped being present and keeping his promises (Heb. 13:5-6)



How often do we miss the moments when God shows up in our lives? Are we open to how he works his gracious and powerful plans for us in the everyday movements of waking up, going to work, meeting with friends and family? How might we have open eyes, ears, and hearts to his still-small voice and guiding hand?

As we read the stories of God's appearances to the family of Abraham in Genesis, we'll be remembering the ways that God came in visions, in the disguise of a stranger, in a pre-dawn wrestling match. And through these powerful stories, we'll also be reminded of how God is always at work – in front of and behind the scenes of our lives. His hand works all things for our good (Gen 45:7, Rom. 8:28)

Remember, Allen Avenue CRC, that God is appearing still today, and soon he will come to make all things new. As we wait on him, he keeps his promise: “I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt. 28:20)

—Pastor Mark



Note: If you exchange assignments with someone, let Susan Vanderlaan know so she can have it right in the bulletin.
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Coffee Schedule

May 3 Jill & Brian Schuitema
 10 Teresa Mason, Susan & Bob Vanderlaan
 17 Kristin Vlasma, Kelly Dauser
 24
 31 Sue Secord, Deb & Russ Vlasma
 June 7 Ro VerHeul's 100th Birthday
 14
 21
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Please let Susan know if you can fill any of the empty dates

Nursery Schedule

May 3 Amber J. & Serenity Alphenaar
 10 Susan Vanderlaan, Becki Fisher
 17 Toni Schuitema, Becky Schout
 24 Nancy Rop, Tayla Vlasma
 31 Asher Hofman
 June 7 Laurie DeJonge, August Hofman
 14 Beth VanRees, Aetha Hofman
 21 Kristen Vlasma, Amber Johnson
 28 Mary Patton, Renee Vlasma

Travis, Jasmine, and Kacey Snyder



Congratulations to Travis and Jasmine on the birth of Kacey on March 16, 2026



KING'S KIDS VBS 2026: SPIRIT POWER

Plans are coming together for another exciting week of King's Kids VBS. We'll gather with our Angel Church partners at our location on July 27-31 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. We'll share the amazing stories of the early church from the book of Acts.

Our memory verse for the week will be Christ's words from Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." We'll weave our theme of "Spirit Power" through each story we study.



On Monday, we'll study the Great Commission and Jesus' ascension. We'll use maps of the Angell Neighborhood, Muskegon, Michigan, the United States, and the whole world to learn about our job of telling the good news to all people.

On Tuesday, we'll teach the story of Pentecost. We'll assemble flame and dove art projects to reinforce this lesson.



Wednesday we'll bring the story of the lame man at the temple gate. We'll see "Spirit Power" through his healing in Jesus' name and in Peter's witness about Jesus' rescue work on the cross.



On Thursday, we'll focus on preaching, prayer, and prison, including the amazing story of an angel opening the jail doors to let the apostles escape. We'll study the angel's instructions from Acts 5:20, "Go, stand in the temple courts, and tell the people the full message of this new life." We'll make sand art projects of the Christian fish symbol while learning this ancient method of sharing the good news.



Our final lesson is the miracle of Dorcas awakening from the dead after Peter knelt and prayed. We'll review the week, emphasizing that "Spirit Power" comes through prayer.

As always, we'll close on Friday by enjoying ice cream sundaes with our students and their friends and family. We always have a lot to celebrate!

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work in a mighty way through the teaching and learning of our "Spirit Power" week. Pray that many students and leaders will want to be part of it. If you would like to serve through promotion, music, teaching, helping, or serving snacks, contact Jill Schuitema or Barb Malda.

Easter Sunday



Bible Word Search



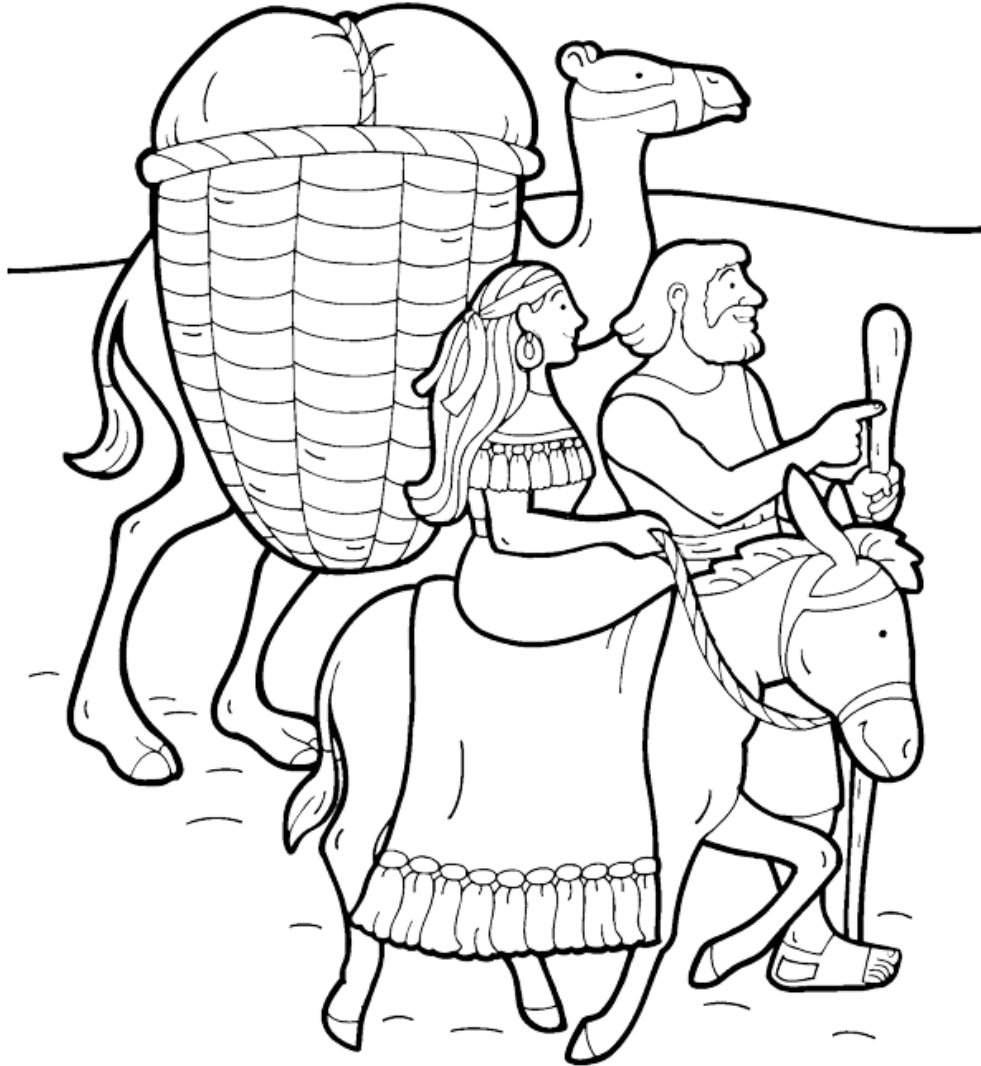
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Abram travels to a new home.

Genesis 12:1-9



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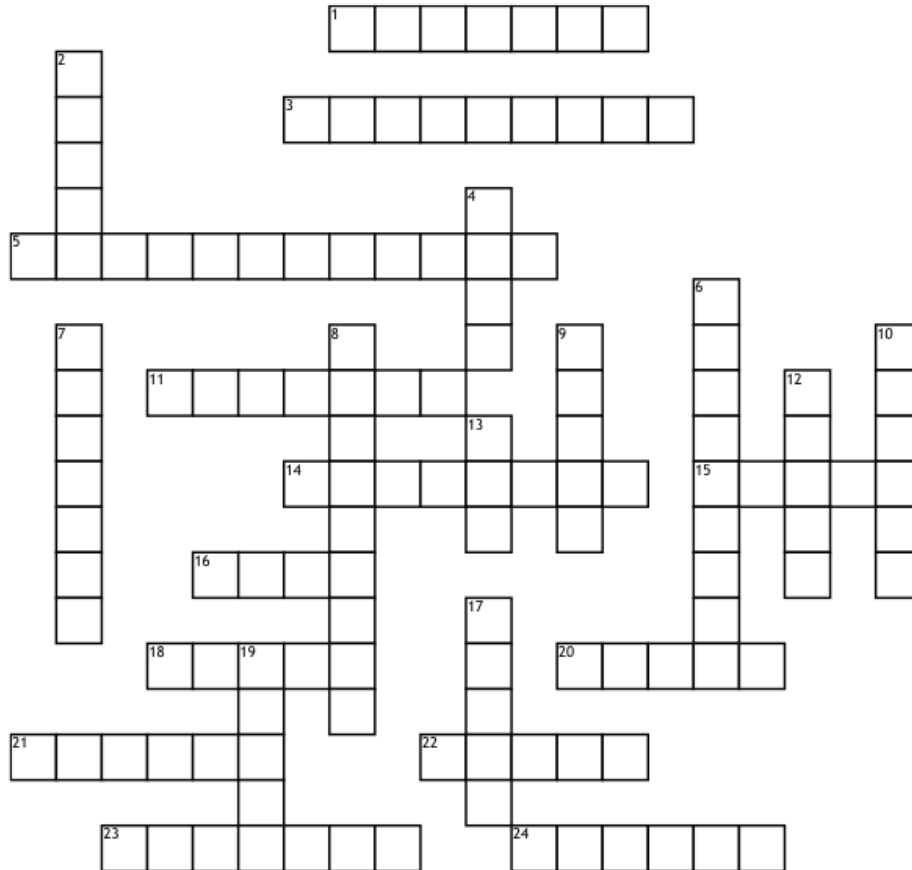
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DEER

PANTS FOR STREAMS
OF WATER,
SO MY
SOUL
PANTS
FOR
YOU

MY
GOD

Psalm 42:1

Father Abraham



Across

1. God changed Abram's name to what when he made a covenant with him? Gen 17: 5
3. The Lord told Abram, All the land you see I will give to you and your _____. Gen 13:15
5. What was the sign of Abram's changed life or covenant with God? Gen. 17:10
11. What did Ishmael do when Isaac was weaned? Gen 21: 9
14. Through your son Isaac that your offspring will be _____ Gen 21:12
15. God also changed Abraham's wife's name to what? Gen 17:15
16. When Lot and Abram parted company which direction did Lot go? Gen. 13:11

18. Who was Sarah's son? Gen 21:3

20. What was the name of the Egyptian Servant that bore a son for Abram? Gen 16:9
21. What was the occupation of Ishmael? Gen 21:20
22. What land did Abram go to first? Gen 12: 10
23. What was the name of Hagar's son? Gen 16:11
24. Why did Abram go to Egypt? Gen 12:10

Down

2. Who was the wife of Abram? Gen 11:31
4. Who spoke to Abram, "go from your country, your people, and your father's household to the Land I will show you. Gen 12:1

6. Hagar was sent away and wondered in the desert of _____ Gen 21:14
7. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born? Gen 21:5
8. Abram had become very wealthy in _____, and in silver and gold. Gen 13:1
9. Who told Hagar to return to Sarai? Gen 16:11
10. God changed Sarai's name because she became the _____ of nations Gen 17:16
12. How many visitors came to Abraham? Gen 18:2
13. Who was with Abram beside his wife when he traveled to Egypt? Gen 13:1
17. Sarah lied about what? Gen 18: 15
19. The Lord's Covenant was with who Genesis 15:1



May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Ashley Schuitema	4 Tim Maat	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 John Baker Ruth Teerman	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Keri Vergara	22	23 Tayla Vlasma
24 Dave Rop	25 Adelie Vergara	26 Mike Breuker Sonia Vazquez	27	28	29 Maelin Vlasma	30 Natalie Fisher
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June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 John Schuitema	4	5 Becky Schout	6 Nora Schout
7	8	9	10	11 Ro VerHeul Emma Peklar	12 Justin Wilson	13 Aida Fisher
14	15	16 Stan Rop Steve Rop Joe Vlasma Betty Lynn	17	18	19	20
21	22 Denise Koetje	23	24	25 Myla Workman	26 Brian Schuitema Susan Vanderlaan	27
28 Phil Snyder	29 Keith Rop	30 Sherrie Wolffis Simon Schout				