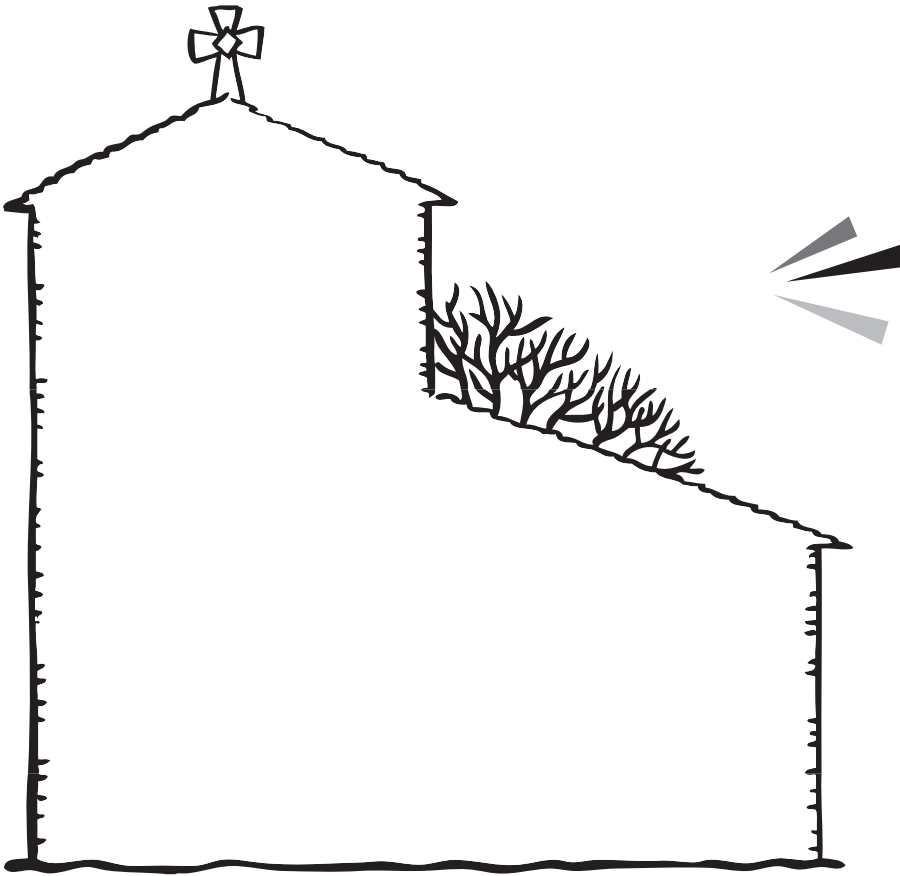


# The Serving Church

When serving others isn't easy, God's people can work together.

Draw a brave thing your congregation might dare to do.



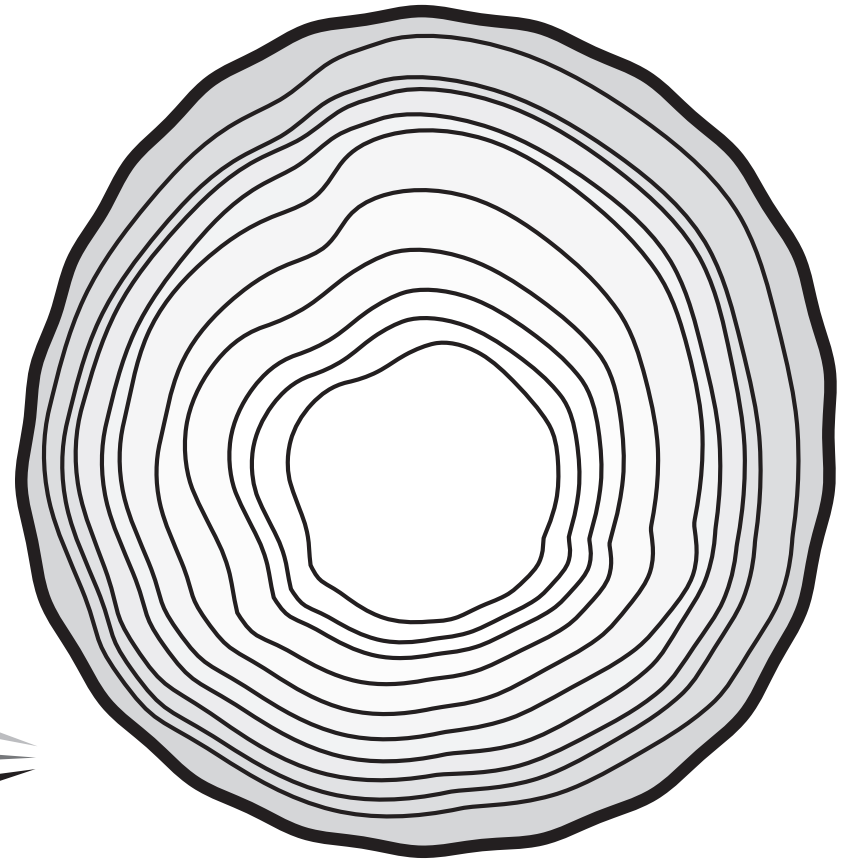
## READER

Pentecost 23

- Today is the **23<sup>rd</sup>** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During the Pentecost season, many kids go **back to school**.
- **Jesus is our teacher** during the Pentecost season—and every season!

### What's Inside?

Jesus says that no matter what we pretend to be on the outside, God knows how we look on the inside. Look at the inside of this tree trunk. How many rings do you count?



The greatest among you will be your servant.



**Matthew 23:11**

Find these other Bible verses that talk about servants. Write them here:

**Mark 10:43**

**Luke 1:38**

**Romans 1:1**

**Season Match-up**

November is the last month of the church year, and the final days of the Sundays after Pentecost.

Try this matching game! Match the church season on the left with its calendar time on the right.

-  Advent 50 days in April/May
-  Christmas 40 days in February/March
-  Epiphany Dec. 25 – Jan. 6: December/January
-  Lent June – November
-  Easter 4 Sundays before Christmas: December
-  Season after Pentecost January 7 – Ash Wednesday: January/February

**What is a Servant?**

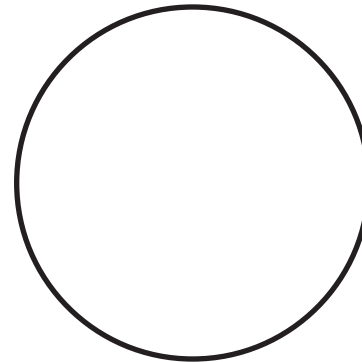
**Matthew 23:1-12**

Servant, Service, Serving, Serve—these are important words in the Bible. You will find them over 1000 times! In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us to serve others without expecting a reward. Try it sometime. What do you think will happen? What does it mean to be a servant of God? How do you do it?

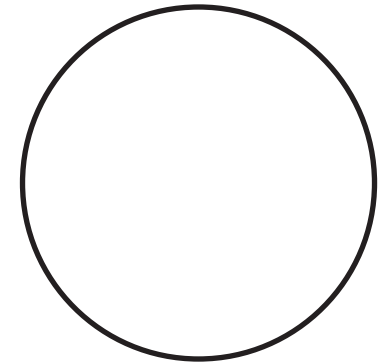
Use these four words to complete the sentences below the circles.

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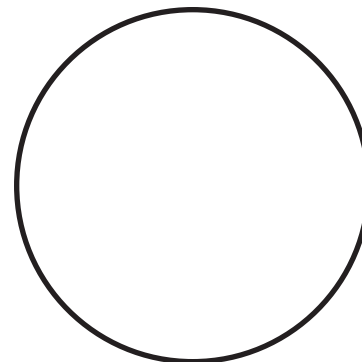
In the circles draw a picture of the sentence you just solved.



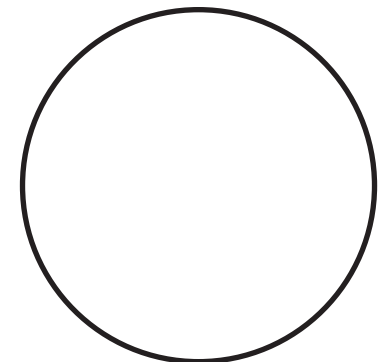
I rhyme with pear and am usually said before meals or bed. I am a \_\_\_\_\_.



You notice trash on the ground and you throw it away. You \_\_\_\_\_ for God's creation!



You've outgrown your clothes. Now you can \_\_\_\_\_ them with other kids.



You like to play games with friends. You always play \_\_\_\_\_.