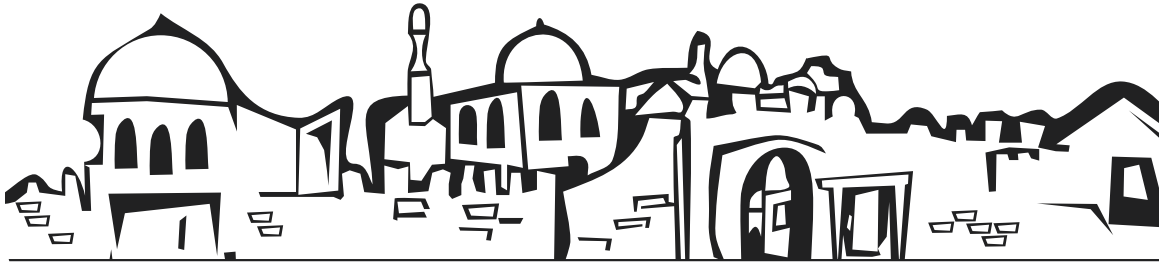


Weekly Update for Children and Families

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Squiggles in
each Spark
story. Can you
find her?

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Today in worship we are reading lessons from the Bible and singing carols from the hymnal to bring the story of Christmas into a larger story. What parts of the story are you noticing this year? What other stories do you know that are part of a larger story?

Genesis 1:26-2:4 Spark page 2

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Luke 1:26-35 Spark page 196

Luke 2:1-20 Spark page 212

John 1:1-14 Spark page 234

WHAT IS BIBLICAL LITERACY?

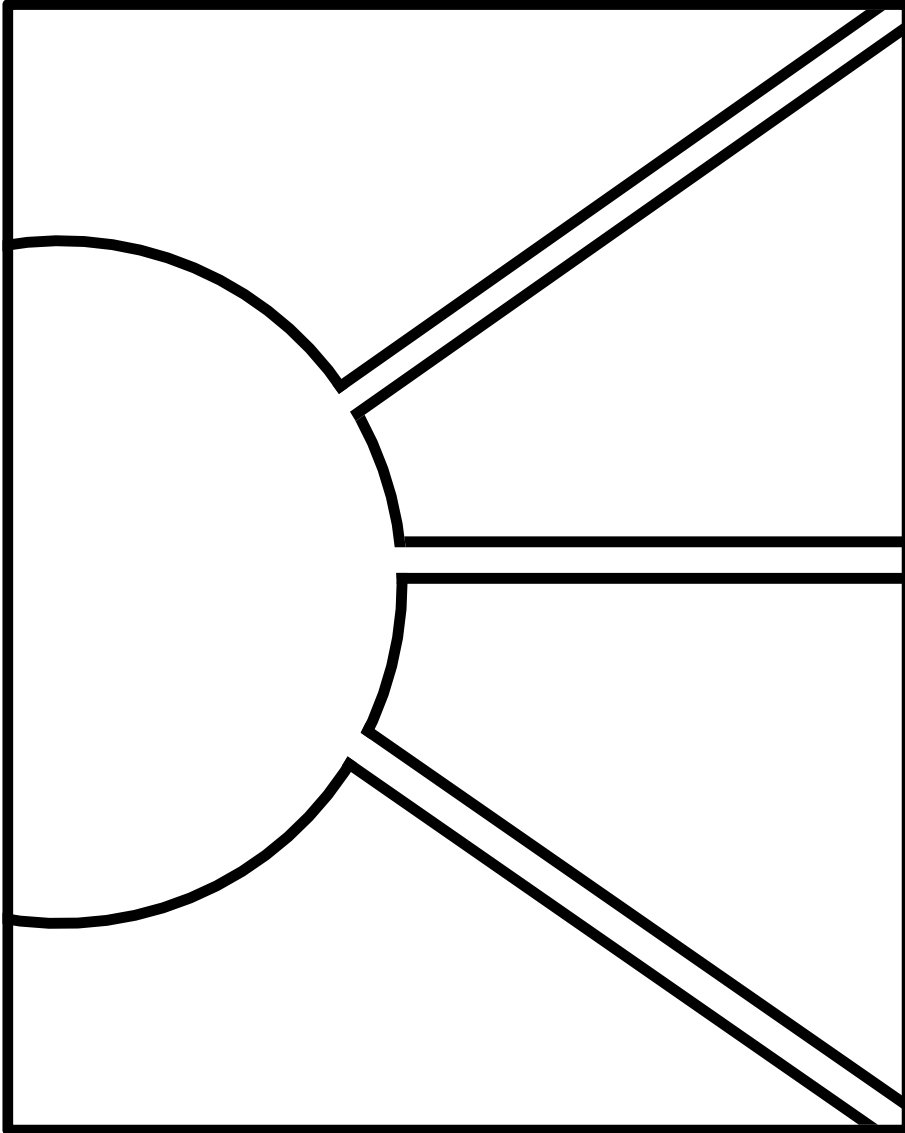
Biblical Literacy is becoming comfortable with reading the Bible. It involves learning, questioning, relearning and putting the Bible into action in our own lives. One great way to increase Biblical literacy is to read the Bible! Try different versions, read a Children's Bible to get the big picture of how the stories fit together, talk about what this "old story" has to teach us today.

Stories about the prophet Isaiah are found in the Spark Bible beginning at page 164

WHAT BOOK DID YOU LOVE THIS YEAR?



Is this a blank comic strip, or a sunburst to color? You decide.



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THIS PRAYER? WHAT IS HARD ABOUT IT? WHAT IS IN YOUR PRAYER FOR A NEW YEAR?

LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT,
UNDER YOUR COMMAND.
I WILL NO LONGER BE MY OWN.
I WILL GIVE MYSELF UP TO YOUR WILL
IN ALL THINGS.

LORD, MAKE ME WHAT YOU WILL.
I PUT MYSELF FULLY INTO YOUR HANDS.
PUT ME TO DOING, PUT ME TO SUFFERING;
**LET ME BE EMPLOYED FOR YOU,
OR LAID ASIDE FOR YOU,**
LET ME BE FULL, LET ME BE EMPTY,
LET ME HAVE ALL THINGS, LET ME HAVE NOTHING.

I FREELY AND WITH A WILLING HEART GIVE IT ALL
TO YOUR PLEASURE AND DISPOSAL.
YOU HAVE NOW BECOME MY COVENANT FRIEND.
**AND I, THROUGH YOUR INFINITE GRACE,
HAVE BECOME YOUR COVENANT SERVANT.**

SO BE IT.

AND LET THE COVENANT NOW MADE ON EARTH
BE RATIFIED IN HEAVEN. AMEN.




Looking for something
fun to do on
NEW YEAR'S EVE?

Join us for board and table
top games following the
10:00am worship service.



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