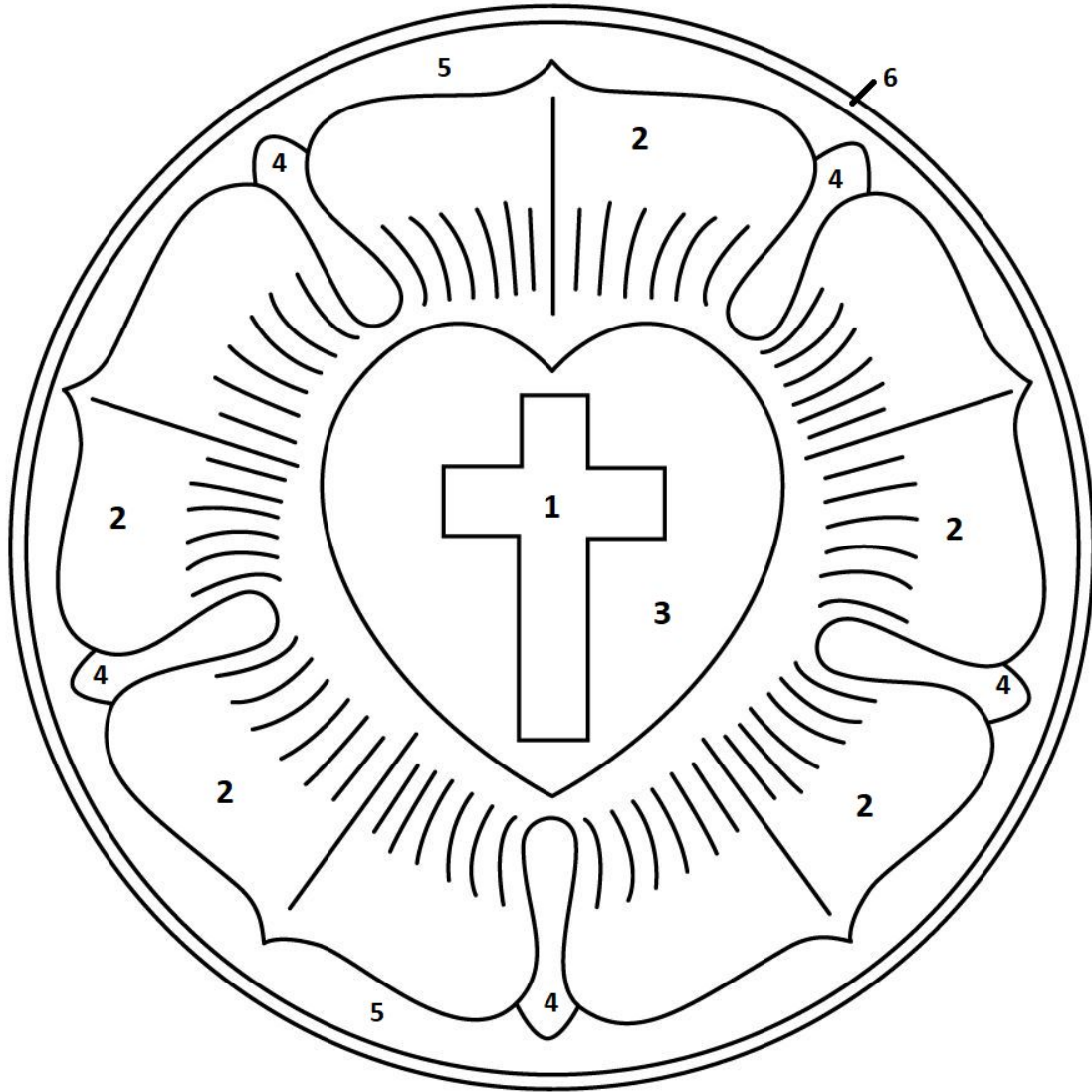


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With this activity book, the students of Martin Luther College hope you have some fun while learning from Bible stories that God has given us.

Our theme this year is "Pray! Share! Give!"
Turn the page to see what we will be learning about!



Pray

Our first Bible story talks about prayer.

Peter's Miraculous Escape from Prison

Acts 12:1-17

After Jesus had returned to heaven, his disciples continued to carry out his work. But the government and some people disliked the disciples just as much as they had disliked Jesus. A king put Peter into jail and guarded his cell with four groups of soldiers to make sure he could not escape. But the church earnestly prayed to God to watch over Peter. Late one night, an angel appeared in Peter's cell. The angel told Peter to get up and the chains fell from his arms. The angel led Peter out of the jail to the city. He went to the house where people were gathered praying for him. The congregation was amazed at how God had answered their prayer!





Peter taught people the good news about Jesus. Did you know that your teachers also tell people the good news about Jesus? Draw a picture of a teacher you can pray for.

Hidden Words

Unscramble these words to solve the puzzles.

What did Peter do in jail? **PARY** _____

What was Peter? **IISLCPDE** _____

Who was thrown in jail? **EPTRE** _____

Who guarded the jail? **LRODIESS** _____

Who rescued Peter? **GDO** _____

What appeared to Peter? **ENGAL** _____

Who threw Peter in jail? **GINK** _____

Where did Jesus go? **HAEVNE** _____



Share

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

Matthew 14:13-21

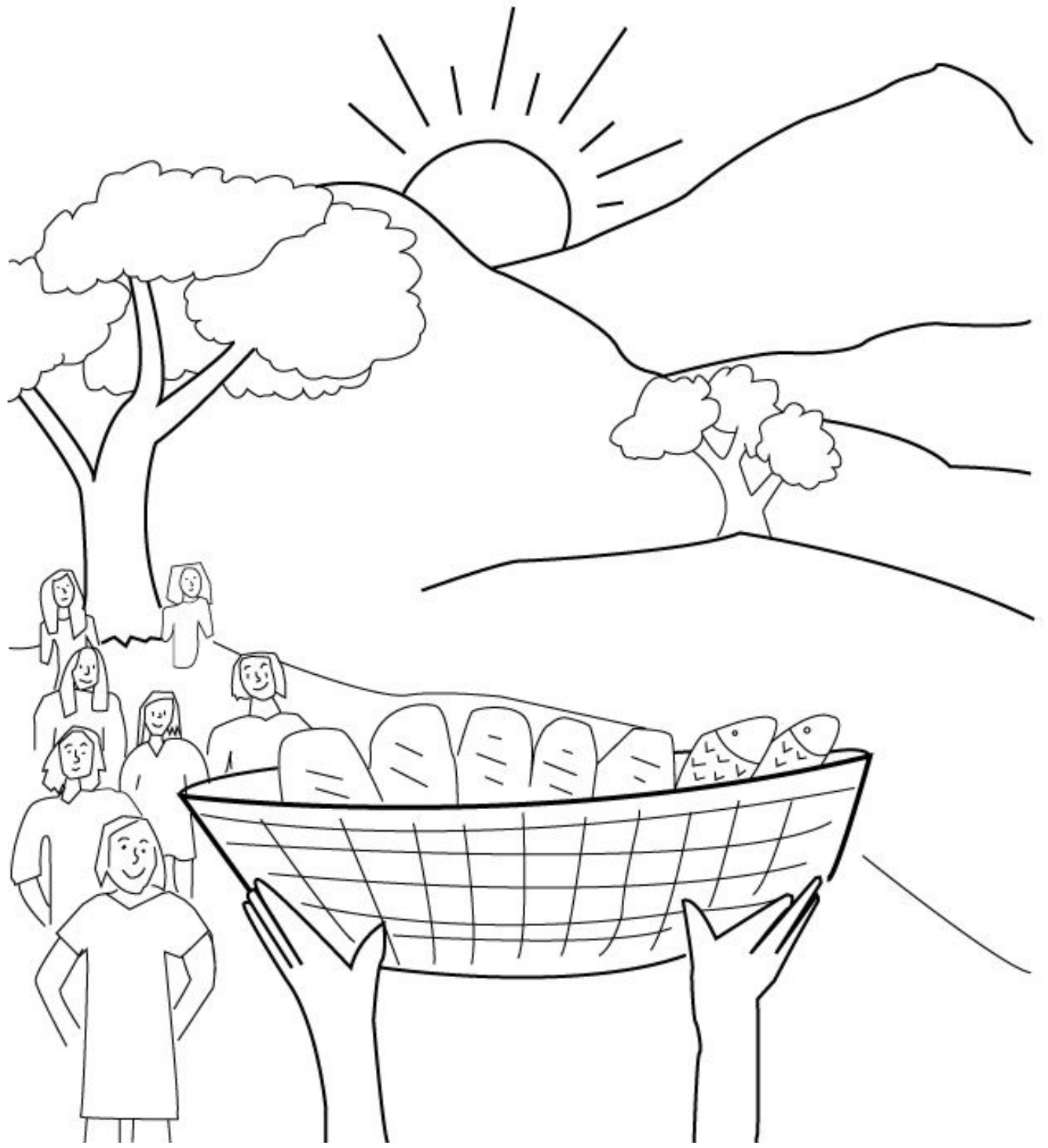
One day, Jesus wanted to take some time to pray privately with his disciples. They traveled in a boat to a place without people, but when he arrived, people were everywhere. Instead of being disappointed that he could not have time alone, Jesus had compassion on the people and healed anyone who was sick.

When it was almost evening, the disciples came to Jesus and said, “You should send the people away to buy food. There’s not any food here.” Jesus replied, “They don’t need to go away. You give them food to eat.”

Jesus knew the disciples didn’t have enough food to feed the people, but he said this to test them. The disciples came to him with five loaves of bread and two fish that a young boy had packed for his dinner. Jesus told the people to sit on the ground, then he took the bread and the fish, looked up to heaven, and gave thanks. Jesus handed out the bread and fish to his disciples, and they handed out food to all the people. He made it into enough food to feed more than 5,000 people! In the end there were twelve baskets of food left over!

Isn’t it amazing that our Savior is so powerful? A boy shared his dinner, and Jesus multiplied it. Do you ever feel like you don’t have much to offer God? A lot of our talents seem like that boy’s dinner—pretty small and useless. But Jesus takes our small talents and uses them in amazing ways. Jesus works through you to share the Good News with your friends and family! Do you want sharing the Good News to be your full-time job? At MLC, students dig into God’s Word and train to be teachers, pastors, and staff ministers, so that they can share God’s Word with people like you every day!



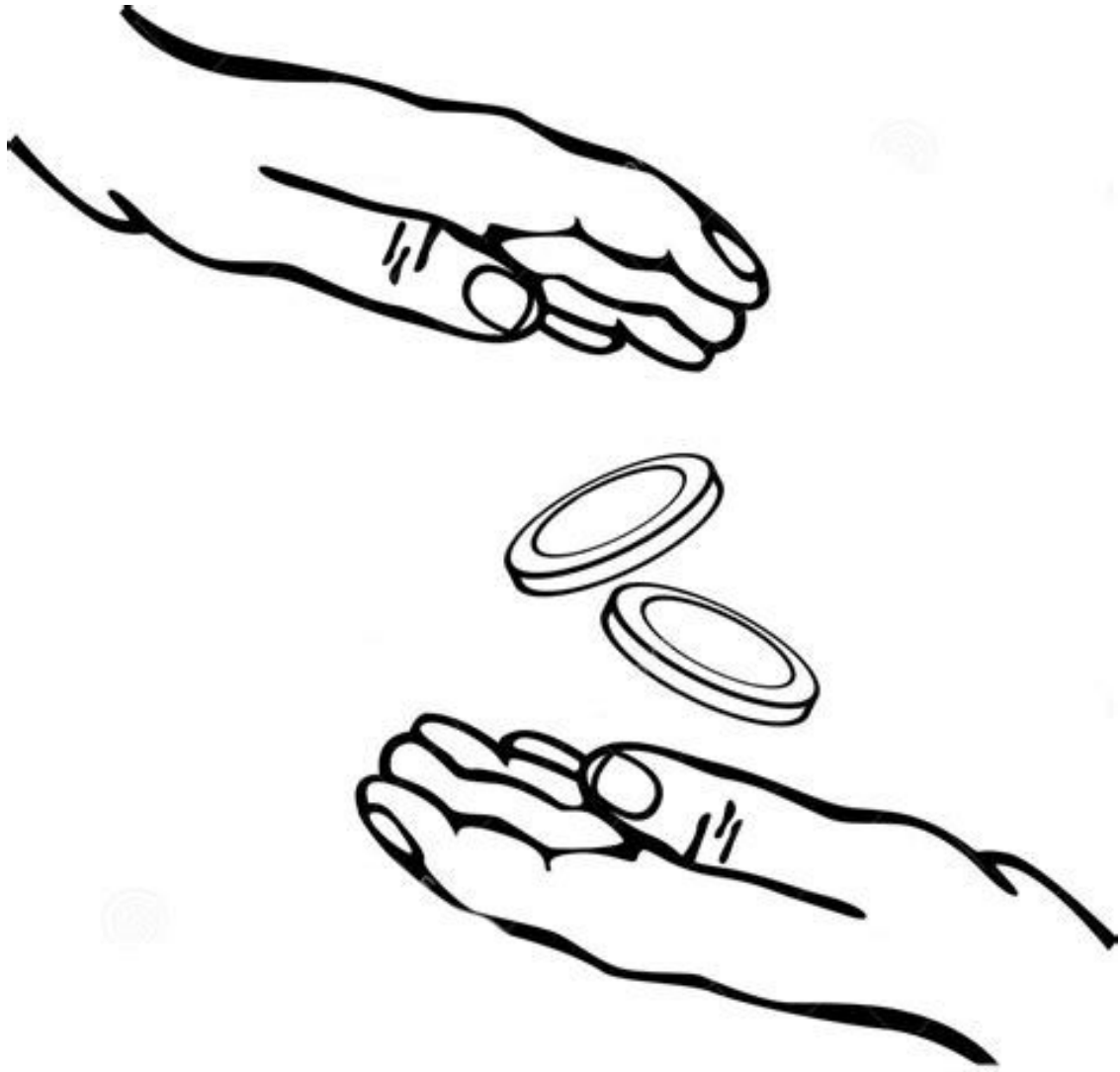


A little boy shared his fish and loaves of bread to help Jesus feed 5,000 people. Draw a picture of some of the things God has given you that you can share with others.

Feeding the 5000

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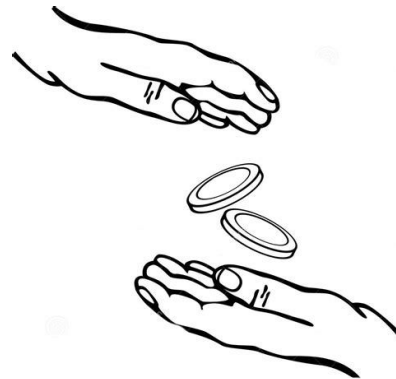
The Widow's Offering

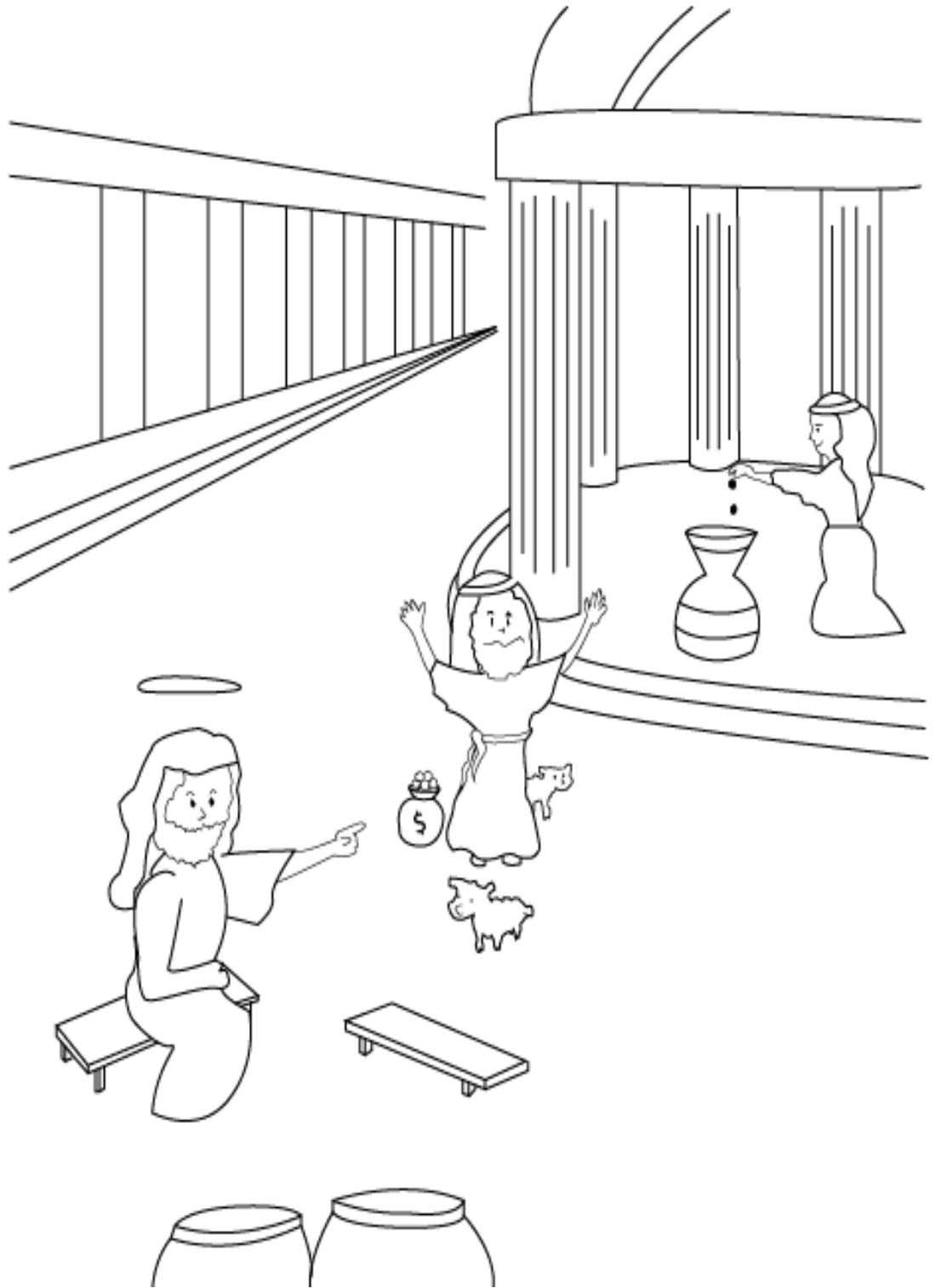
Luke 21:1-4

One day when Jesus was in the temple, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "Truly I tell you," he said to his disciples, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Just like we give offerings in church, these people were giving their offerings. Some people gave a lot. The disciples were probably impressed by these people. But Jesus was impressed by the tiny offering of a poor widow. Her offering was worth less than a penny, but it was all the money she had. She trusted that God would provide for her.

Why do we give offerings? We don't give offerings because we have to. We give because we trust that God always takes care of us. God has given us everything we need to survive in this life. What's even more important is that he's given us salvation. He's saved us from our sins and given us a home in heaven!





The widow gave everything she had to God. Draw some things that you can give to God.

Give Generously

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

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Word List

**WIDOW
POOR
RICH
OFFERING**

**TRUST
JESUS
COINS
TEMPLE**