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GATHERING GROWING GLORIFYING

Order Of Worship

November 22, 2026

*Call to Worship | Revelation 21:1; 22:1 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God invites and calls us into his presence to worship him.

21 [1] Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

22 [1] Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright
as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

*Song of Adoration | All Creatures of Our God and King

We begin by responding with praise to God for who he is and for what he does.

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice

Chorus

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
Thou givest man both warmth and light

Chorus

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care

O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Music and Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper

*Confession of Faith | Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1

With the church in history we confess a basic statement of what Christians believe.

What is your only comfort in life and death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Song of Confession | Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs are simply prayers that are sung. We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee,
Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner's prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
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Music and Lyrics: Anne Steele, Kevin Twit

Confession of Sin | Psalm 69:1-3, 5, 14-15

We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.

1 Save me, O God!
For the waters have come up to my neck.
2 I sink in deep mire,
where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters,
and the flood sweeps over me.
3 I am weary with my crying out;
my throat is parched.
My eyes grow dim
with waiting for my God.

5 O God, you know my folly;
the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you.

14 Deliver me
from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.
15 Let not the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the pit close its mouth over me.

Assurance of Pardon | John 5:24 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

The good news of the gospel is that we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. This assurance is based on God's words of promise and it is therefore certain.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

*Song of Response | My Faith has Found a Resting Place

We respond in repentance and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.

My faith has found a resting place
From guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One
His wounds for me shall plead

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

Chorus

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God;
Salvation by my Savior's name,
Salvation thro' His blood.

Chorus

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Lidie Hornsby Edmunds

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We offer our gratitude to God in prayer in response to his gifts and blessings to his people and ask that he make us faithful managers of these gifts.

Song of Thanks | O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

As we offer our prayers so we also offer up our thanks in song.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness o—ver me!
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Love of every love the best!
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest!
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee!

Music and Lyrics: Samuel Trevor Francis, Thomas J. Williams

Prayer for Christ's Church

We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.

*Reading of Scripture | Daniel 10:12-14; 11:1-5, 15, 18, 20-21; 12:1-13 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God reveals himself and his work and speaks to us his people through his Word.

10 [12] Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. [13] The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, [14] and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”

11 [1] “And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.

[2] “And now I will show you the truth. Behold, three more kings shall arise in Persia, and a fourth shall be far richer than all of them. And when he has become strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. [3] Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills. [4] And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

[5] “Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority.

[15] Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siegeworks and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand.

[18] Afterward he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him.

20 “Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of
tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall
be broken, neither in anger nor in battle. 21 In his place shall arise a
contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He
shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

12 1 “At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge
of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never
has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your
people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found
written in the book. 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the
earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and
everlasting contempt. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the
brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to
righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4 But you, Daniel, shut
up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall
run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this
bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. 6 And
someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the
waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these
wonders?” 7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above
the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand
toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be
for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the
power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be
finished. 8 I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord,
what shall be the outcome of these things?” 9 He said, “Go your way,
Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the
end. 10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white
and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the
wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.
11 And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and
the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290
days. 12 Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. 13 As
for you, come! Until the end you shall rest. And then at the end of
the days you will stand in your allotted inheritance.”

The Preaching of the Word | Rev. Blake Arnoult

"Vision Four Revealed of a Man and an Angel Pt. 2"
Daniel: Visions of Things Unseen

Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Blake Arnoult

Sacrament of Communion

Sacraments are visible signs of the invisible grace of God - what Christ does by his Holy Spirit within us. Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist), as the distribution of the elements of bread and wine, symbolizes a meal. Communion is a sign of fellowship. That sign signifies more than just the future heavenly fellowship that is to come. The outward sign signifies the inner reality that sinners already experience fellowship with God in the Spirit because of Jesus. Communion is not a meal for good people. It functions as a renewing seal to desperate sinners of that fellowship we have with our holy and gracious God.

You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian we encourage you to spend this time in reflection on what you've seen and heard in the worship. Children who have not received their first communion are welcome and encouraged to come forward with their families to witness their partaking. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution
Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!
Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!
People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.
Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward. We would be happy to serve you at your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free. All communion wine is made from grape juice.

A communion prayer for those searching for the truth:
Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Communion Song | Grace and Peace

We celebrate our communion in faith and song.

Grace and peace, oh how can this be
For lawbreakers and thieves, for the worthless, the least
You have said that our judgment is death
For all eternity without hope, without rest

Oh, what an amazing mystery, what an amazing mystery
That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
The matchless King of all paid the blood price for me
Slaughtered lamb, what atonement You bring!
The vilest sinner's heart can be cleansed, can be free

Chorus

Grace and peace, oh how can this be?
Let songs of gratefulness ever rise, never cease
Loved by God and called as a saint
My heart is satisfied in the riches of Christ

Chorus

Oh, what an amazing love I see, what an amazing love I see
That Your grace has come to me

Music and Lyrics: Joel Sczebel

*Departing Song | It Is Well with My Soul

We begin to end in faith and song.

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

Chorus

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Chorus

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul

Chorus

Music and Lyrics: Horatio G. Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

*Benediction | Isaiah 43:2 | Rev. Blake Arnoult

God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in his mission to the city of man.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

Let Us Know You're Here!

Welcome, visitors! We are so glad to have you with us this morning! Please scan the QR code below to let us know you're here, or visit our website at cornerstonehouston.com.

Calendar and Announcements Page

We encourage you to visit Church Center or our website to view our calendar of gatherings and events! You can also find us on the Church Center app to stay up to date with our weekly and monthly events!

Serving

We rely on the willing hearts and bodies of our members to be the hands and feet of Christ for his church on Sunday mornings. Please take the time to sign up to serve this spring through Church Center! We need volunteers for all positions from setup, to nursery, to breakdown each Sunday in the coming months.

Giving

Scan the QR code below to see different ways to give!

*Please Note: An additional fee is charged per transaction for online giving. Please consider adding this fee to your total contribution in order to help us cover it: Credit/Debit Cards: 2.9% + $0.30/transaction; American Express: 4% + $0.30/transaction; and Bank Transfer (ACH): 1% + $0.30/transaction.

Cornerstone asks its members and visitors to observe the following guidelines set forth by A.D. Players while in the auditorium space:

No food or drink other than water | No standing on chairs | No stage access | Use only the writing utensils provided in the Lobby by Cornerstone

Cornerstone loves our children, and we encourage parents to bring children of all ages into the worship service. We do ask for your help to ensure children observe these guidelines. Special A.D. Players approved dry erase crayons are available in the Lobby for our children to use during the worship service.

Announcements

Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 4, 7 PM
The Bowden Home

Adults are warmly invited to join us at the Bowden home on Friday, December 4, for an evening of Christmas cheer, delicious food, and fellowship with friends and loved ones. Festive attire is encouraged! Street parking is available or use your preferred ride share. We look forward to celebrating the season together!

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 AM
The Donovan Home

Calling all middle and high school students! Join us at the Donovan home immediately following worship on Sunday, December 6, for lunch, a service project, and a fun white elephant gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift valued at $25 or less (no gift cards, please). Scan the code to donate towards this year's service project!

Kids' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 6, 3 PM
The Byrd Home

Parents and kids through 4th grade are invited to the Byrd Home on the afternoon of Sunday, December 6, for our Kids' Christmas Party, yummy treats, and a bounce house!

Christmas Eve Fellowship and Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 24, 2:30 PM
A.D. Players at the George Theater

Join us for a most wonderful time as we gather for our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 3 PM. We'll begin the celebration with a time of cheer and fellowship at 2:30 PM just prior to the service.

Cornerstone Kids

What in the world is...?

Hymns, Praise Songs?

Singing loudly is not just something we do in the shower. God gave us voices to sing about how awesome he is!

Confession?

God wants to hear what we did wrong. Tell him! He not only listens, he also forgives.

Prayer?

God cares so much for us that he taught us to pray. He wants us to know what to pray for and also how to pray. How amazing is that? Take a look in your parents' bulletin to check it out!

The Offering?

Ever wonder why we put money in that basket being passed around? God wants us to give to him and his church in joy as an act of worship!

The Sermon?

This is when the pastor helps us understand what God is telling us in the Bible. And the Bible is God's word!

Communion?

Communion is when we celebrate what Jesus did for us on the cross. We say the bread represents Jesus' body and the wine represents Jesus' blood. Weird huh? And awesome. It means Jesus is really spiritually present with us in the Lord's Supper by the power of the Holy Spirit. And when we eat the bread and drink the wine God nourishes our spirits!!! Who gets to take communion? Those who believe in Jesus and have shared their faith with the leaders in the church.

Benediction?

This is the end of the church service where everyone receives God's blessing. Isn't it awesome that God shares this blessing with us?

KIDS' CORNER



MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

I covenant to you, as my Father covenanted to me, a kingdom.
Luke 22:29

CATECHISM OF THE WEEK

Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

God having, out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.



PRAYER REQUEST

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

KIDS' CORNER

The gospels tell us about the miracle of Jesus walking on water. The disciples are out at sea and a terrible storm comes and they're scared and then they see Jesus walking to them on the water. And Jesus tells Peter to come out to him. And Peter steps out of the boat and starts walking on the water too toward Jesus. But then Peter looks down at the sea and gets scared and starts to sink. And then Jesus grabs him and lifts him out of the water and tells him not to look at the sea, but to look at Jesus.

Sometimes life seems so hard, so sad and you feel like you're sinking in an ocean. What can you do? You look to Jesus. Remember the cross. On the cross Jesus sank into the deep of death and judgment for your sin to save you. Life is hard. But, no matter what, you're not going to sink to the bottom. Not even death can sink you. In the end, Jesus will lift you up, and you will stand with him above sin, death, and the grave!

KIDS' CORNER

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON



Favorite song today was:

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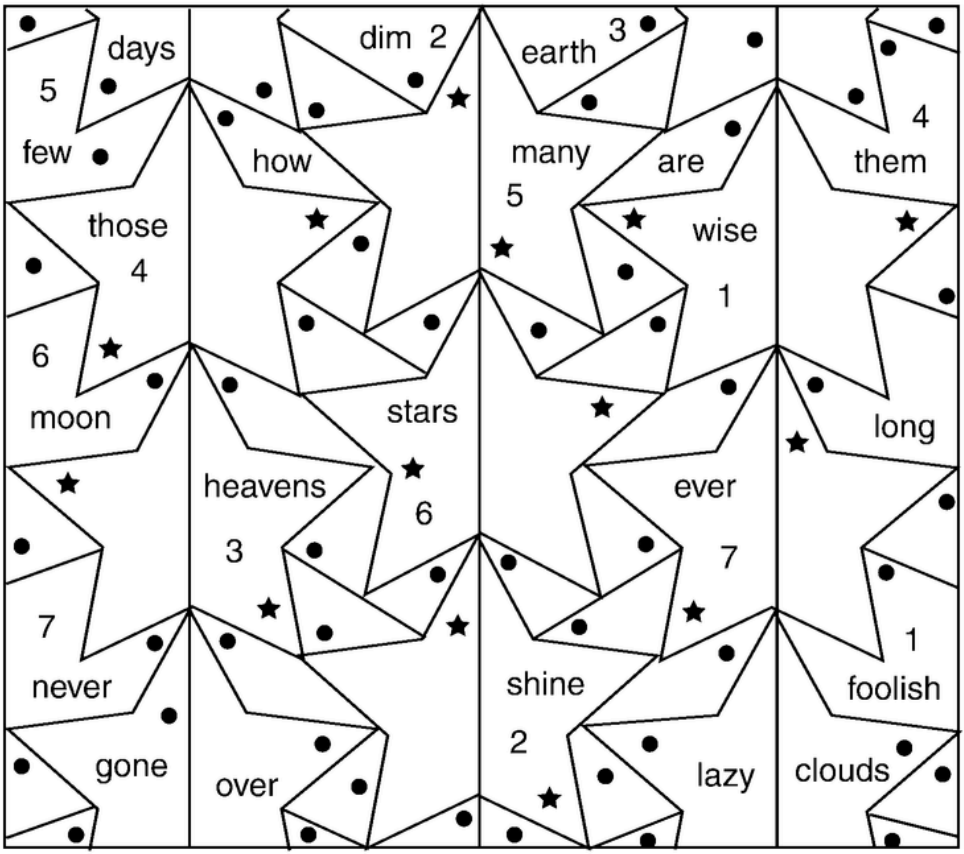
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NEW WORDS I HEARD TODAY

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

KIDS' CORNER

Shade in the shapes with ● .
Find the correct words in the numbered shapes and write them on the blanks below to complete the verse.

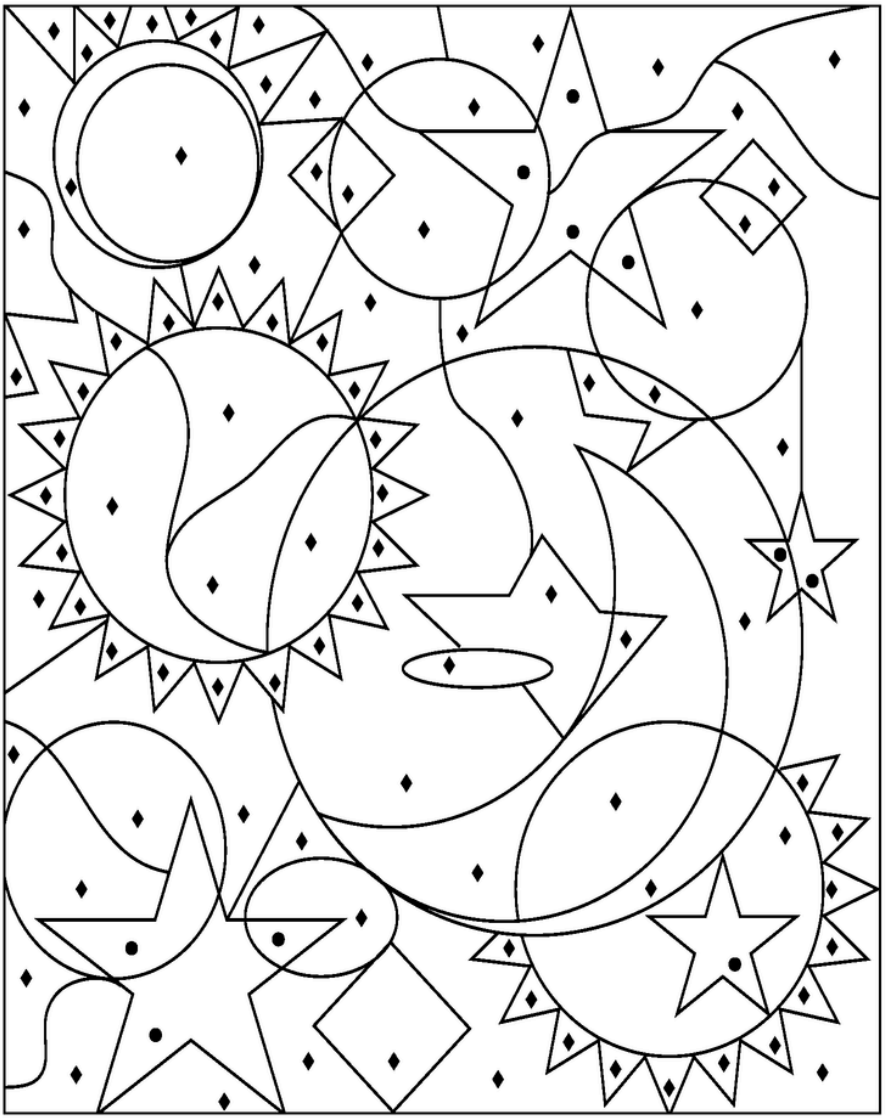


The _____ will _____ like the brightness
1 2
of the _____, and _____ who lead _____ to
3 4 5
righteousness, like the _____ for _____ and _____.
6 7 7

KIDS' CORNER

Those who are wise
will shine like the stars for ever and ever.

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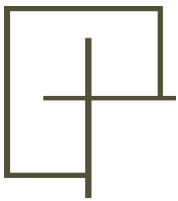
KIDS' CORNER

Those who sleep in the earth will awake again. Some will have everlasting life.

Find and (circle) the hidden objects in the picture.







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