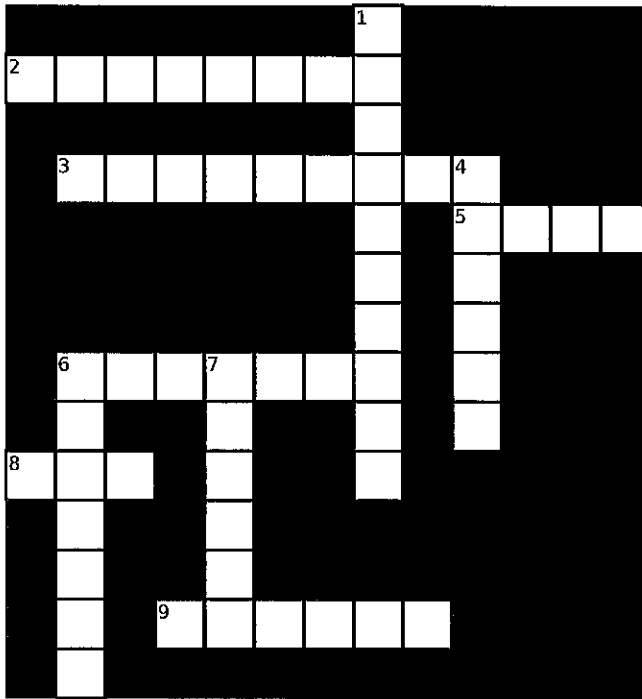


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE NINTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Ninth Week after Trinity is green.



Across

- 2 _____ encouraged the people to rebuild Jerusalem's wall.
3 The master's manager is _____.
5 Both Nehemiah and _____ called the people to repent of their sins.
6 Nehemiah and Ezra reminded the people that God was faithful to His _____.
8 All of our things really belong to _____.
9 Ezra was a _____ for the Israelites.

Down

- 1 The master commends the manager for his _____.
4 Ezra encouraged the people to rebuild the _____.
6 Nehemiah was a _____ for the Israelites.
7 The manager used things belonging to the _____ to buy friends.

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What to listen for during the service?

Listen to the parts of the service where we hear God's Word. Be careful because this is a tricky question, we hear God's Word in many places during the service, more than you might realize.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-9

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3 And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What does the dishonest manager do so when his job ends it will be good for him?
- 2) Whose things does he use to buy friends? Are they his things or do they belong to someone else?
- 3) What does the word "shrewd" mean?
- 4) Why does the master commend the dishonest manager? What has the manager understood about what the master's things are for?
- 5) Do our things really belong to us? What attitude should we have about the things that God gives us to manage?

People of the Bible: Ezra and Nehemiah

We find the books that describe the ministries of Ezra and Nehemiah in the Old Testament. Ezra was a priest during the time the exiled Israelites left Babylon and returned to Jerusalem. Ezra encouraged the people to rebuild the altar of God and then the temple of God in Jerusalem. There were many enemies that tried to interfere with this building, but Ezra continued to encourage the people to keep building. The people finished building the temple and dedicated it to God. Ezra taught the people about God's Word in the temple and called them to repent of their sins. Nehemiah was a prophet for the exiled people of Israel about the same time. Nehemiah encouraged the people to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem to protect them from enemies. Nehemiah was kind to the poor and was a generous man. Like Ezra, he also taught the people about God's Word and encouraged the people to repent of their sins. Together they reminded the people that despite everything that had happened God was still faithful to His promise and would still send the Messiah, Christ.

Draw a picture of Jerusalem and the Wall around it

