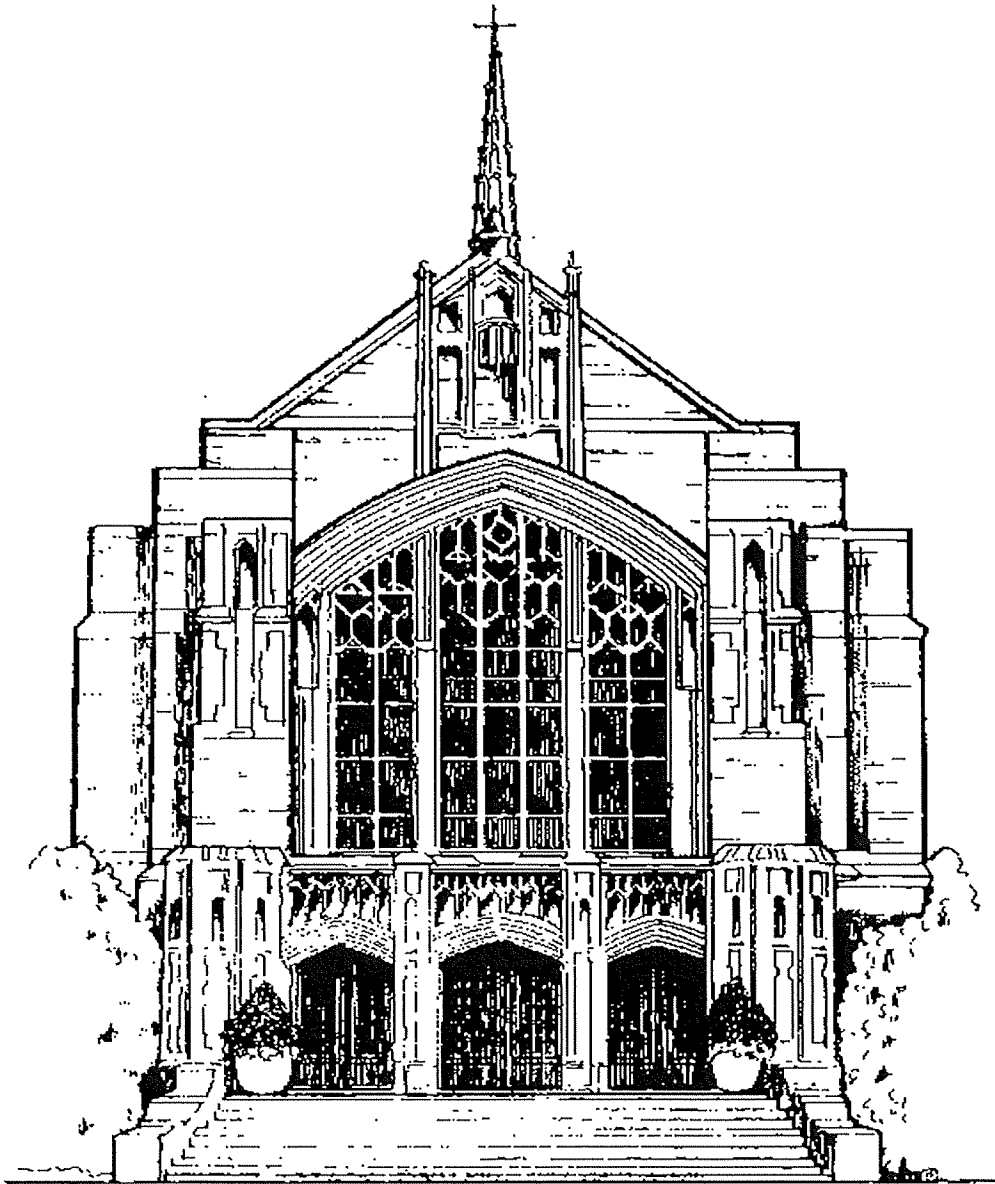




First Baptist Church of Dayton
A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost / Homecoming Sunday
September 8, 2024



200th Year Anniversary ~ 1824-2024

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The First Baptist Church at Worship
 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 HOMECOMING SUNDAY
 September 8, 2024 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist
 R. Alan Kimbrough, Pianist

“Glory and Majesty”

O Worship the King Johann Michael Haydn
 How Firm a Foundation Traditional American Melody
 And Can It Be That I Should Gain? Thomas Campbell
“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Conductor

Now God Be Praised in Heav’n Above Melchior Vulpius
*Now God be praised in heaven above, praised be He for His great love,
 wherein all creatures live and more, Hallelujah.*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*OPENING HYMN

#332 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
 AZMON

“If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all.” So said Peter Böhler to Charles Wesley, inspiring the first line of the classic hymn, “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer’s praise.” Written to celebrate the one-year anniversary of Charles’ conversion to Christianity, this declaration of Christ’s power and victory in his own life, rich in Biblical imagery of the Kingdom of God, becomes our own hymn of praise. We stand with the angels before the throne of God, lifting our voices as one church to glorify the one who “bids our sorrows cease.” And yet, we also sing in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is not yet fully realized. We proclaim Christ’s victory as a declaration of hope that we will see Christ reign over all. We stand with the voiceless, the lame, the prisoner, and the sorrowing, and lift our song of expectation.

Listening for the Word of God

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Nancy Kerr

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23: A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

Isaiah 35:4-7a: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37

Rev. David Coggins

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord according to Mark.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ!

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

People: Thanks be to God!

*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#74 There Is a Balm in Gilead
BALM IN GILEAD

In the Old Testament, Gilead was the name of the mountainous region east of the Jordan River. This region was known for having skillful physicians and an ointment made from the gum of a tree particular to that area. Many believed that this balm had miraculous powers to heal the body. In the book of Jeremiah, God tells the people of Israel that though many believe in the mysterious healing power of this balm, they can't trust in those powers for spiritual healing or as a relief of their oppression. He reminds them that He is ultimately in control, and only He can relieve their suffering. In the New Testament, God answers the

suffering of His people by sending His own son to take our place. Jesus becomes our “balm in Gilead.” It is Him we are called to turn to in our times of trial for healing and comfort. We sing this song with that assurance: no matter our hardships or supposed shortcomings, Jesus loves us enough to take our suffering upon Himself.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children’s Message for a “One Room Sunday School” class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#412 v.1 *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Father’s throne make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

Rev. Coggins

**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.**

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fettke

*When I gaze into the night sky,
And see the work of Your fingers.
The moon and stars suspended in space.
But what is man that You are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor.
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation;
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man, oh, what is man
That You are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God little children praise Him perfectly.
And so would we, and so would we.
Alleluia, Alleluia. The majesty and glory of Your name!
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

“God’s Table Scraps”

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#612 *Jesus Is All the World to Me*
ELIZABETH

The author and composer of this hymn, Will L. Thompson, was born in 1847 in East Liverpool, Ohio. After graduating from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, he went to the New England Conservatory of Music in 1873, and he later continued his musical studies in Leipzig, Germany. He wrote many popular romantic, humorous, and patriotic songs. He had the rare gift of being both a lyricist and a composer and was paid well for his works. His critics sometimes called him "that millionaire composer." Thompson was simply a good businessman who knew the value of his work.

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Amen
Danish

Amen, Amen, Amen.

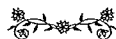
POSTLUDE

Gregory Land and R. Alan Kimbrough

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

"Coronation" Oliver Holden

"Diadem" James Ellor

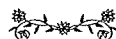


(* You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.

Thank you!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcdayton.org/>).

September Church Meetings

Board Meetings: Wednesday, Sept. 11 @ 6:30p

Executive Council Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 18 @ 6:30p

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Babb Family	Barbara Jett	Kaye Suryk
Clara Black	Karen Johnson	Thomson Family
Jessica Blair	Kalbfleisch Family	Lee Tyson
Gail Bowman	Landis Family	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Gene Lee	Harold West
Jessica Brown	Vincent Liss	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Dorothy Williams
Gerald Busch	Merkle Family	Sharon Wingham
Caldwell Family	Mary Ann Paloncy	
Pamela Cress	Susan Parent	<i>Military Duty:</i>
Donovan-Schlaile Family	Jamie See	Sebastian Ewald
Kerby Downs	Judy See	Sunny Ewald
Bill Harrell	Debbie Smith	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Debbie Harshman	Jackson Smith	Kyle Kline
Lavanda Ferguson	Anito Suro	Andy Wilson

Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)

Week of Sept. 8 – 15

Sun. 8	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Homecoming Sunday
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities
Mon. 9	6-9p	.....	Theater Group Rehearsal
Wed. 11	2:00p	.....	Bible Study
	6-9p	.....	Theater Group Rehearsal
	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 12	6-9p	.....	Theater Group Rehearsal
	7:00p	.....	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sat. 14	11-2	.....	Theater Group Rehearsal
	7:00p	.....	BYF Lock-In
Sun. 15	10:00a	.....	Worship Service
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School Classes/Activities

Today is Homecoming Sunday

As the summer season starts to wind down, and students and teachers return to schools, we look forward to welcoming each other back from various travels and times away. And we mark the beginning of a new season of learning as we resume our full schedule of Sunday school offerings and other weekday opportunities. We also keep in mind that the idea of homecoming applies to all those who may yet join with us and find a spiritual home with First Baptist. So continue to keep an eye out for those who are new to our gathering, and help them to feel welcome!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

-----Sermon Talkbacks-----

Second Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
Next Sessions are September 8 & October 13
1st Floor – Choir Room

We are resuming our sermon talkback sessions on the Second Sunday of each month in the Choir Room. We hope you'll join us and share the questions, insights, challenges, etc. from your hearing of the morning's sermon.

-----Being Baptist for the Common Good-----

Led by Pastor Jason (et al)
Sundays @ 11:30am-12:15pm
September 8-25 in the 1st Floor – CHAPEL

Join us for a four-part conversation on what Walter B. Shurden called the "Four Fragile Freedoms" that Baptists have historically upheld—Soul Freedom, Church Freedom, Bible Freedom, and Religious Freedom. These freedoms have been referenced a lot, it seems, in this election year, particularly as a guard against Christian nationalism. And so, together we will consider what our Baptist identity and these freedoms have to contribute to the common good today.

Suggestions for Adult Sunday School Topics

If you have any suggestions for topics for the Adult Sunday School classes, we'd love to hear from you! Please jot them down on a yellow card this morning, or contact Christian Ed Chair, Janet Landis, at 937-901-6871.

First Baptist Women!

Welcome Monday, September 16!

Dayton area Women's Interfaith quarterly meetings are requested of a different tradition's venue each meeting. For September 2024, Bushra Shahid of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community asked that First Baptist Church of Dayton host and that women speak to its faith, tradition and space. Join us from 5:00 to 7:30pm for that program, a carry-in supper and information about Women's Interfaith. A vegetarian dish would be well received. Angie Berghuis and Charlene Bayless will speak. Let one of them know you'll be present: Angie, 937 234-3040 or Charlene, 937 293-8794 (landline only, no texting).

Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF) Gatherings

Our Baptist Youth Fellowship for youth in grades 6-12 is back this fall, but we will be focusing on gathering for events or outings that will ultimately allow us to spend more time together. That might mean that we will have fewer gatherings, but actually more time together.

Fall Lock-In – Sept. 14-15: Our first gathering of the fall will be an overnight/Lock-In that will begin at 7pm on Saturday, September 14 and end after worship on September 15 (parents can retrieve youth at approx. 11:15am). We will share food, play games, share in evening prayers, and more. Youth are invited to bring a snack or beverage to share, and can also bring movies and/or games to propose to the group. Youth are welcome to invite their friends, but everyone needs to have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form in order to participate.

In fact, as we start a new year, we would like to be sure to have updated information for our youth participants. And so, unless your youth submitted a BYF form for summer camps, we'd ask that parents turn in a new completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form for each youth to Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). Print copies are available on the table near the church office.

Love Loaves of Welcoming

First Baptist Church has restarted their practice of giving loaves of bread to first-time visitors. We want visitors to know that we care, and we welcome them to our service. The Deacons are inviting other members to help bake bread loaves for Sunday mornings. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen off of fellowship hall. We usually need two loaves, but they do not need to be huge loaves. And the bread can be any kind of bread you want to bake.

Ladies of First Baptist Church!

An Invitation to a Tea

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2-4pm

Dayton Woman's Club (225 N. Ludlow)

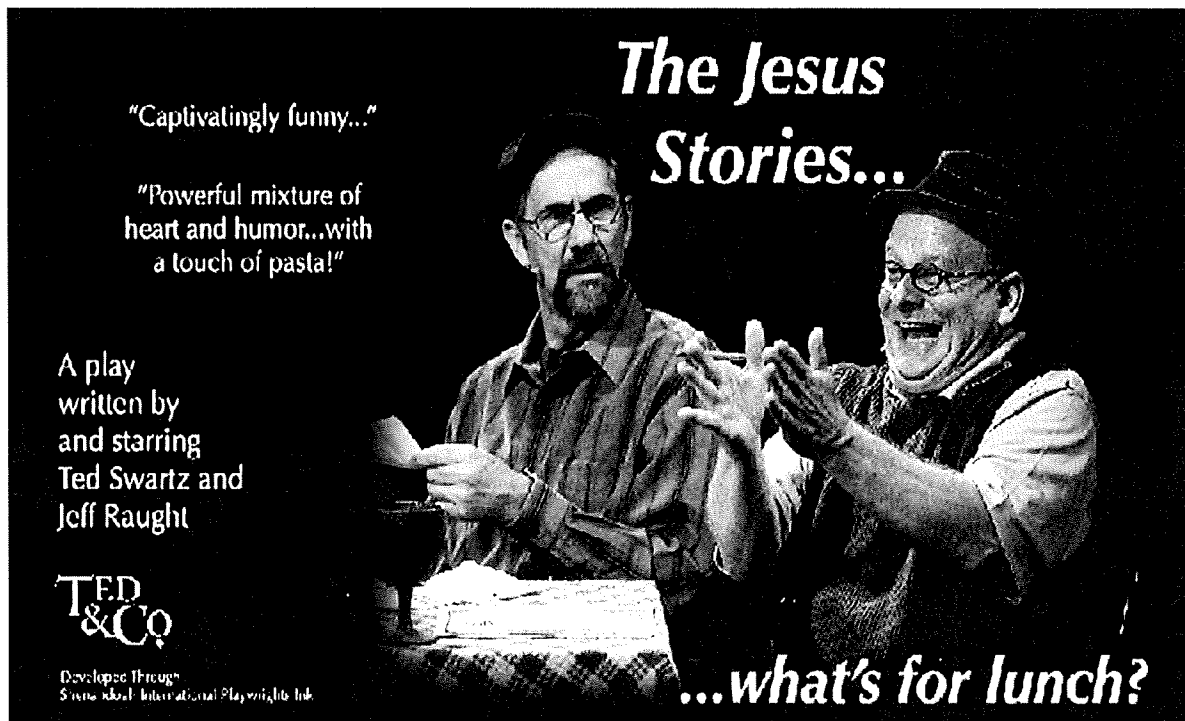
\$20 per person

RSVP to Mary Herbert is required by October 7.

Mail check or cash to: Mary Herbert, 993 Princewood Ave, Dayton OH 45429

This event is part of our 200th Celebration!

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...what's for lunch?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th @ 10:00am

(Come early for the Prelude at 9:45am)

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Send

Eyes, ears and voice

I will praise the Lord as long as I live. Psalm 146:1


The psalm writer and the people healed in today's gospel story knew the same thing: they HAD to praise the Lord. They couldn't keep the good news to themselves.

Learn sign language for "I praise the Lord everyday."
Let your hands, voice, eyes, and ears all give praises to God!



I PRAISE (the) LORD EVERYDAY.

Count the number of times you find "PRAISE" in worship today. You will hear, speak, sing, and possibly even see it!

 Dear God, we praise you with our hearts and hands and voices. Amen

this week

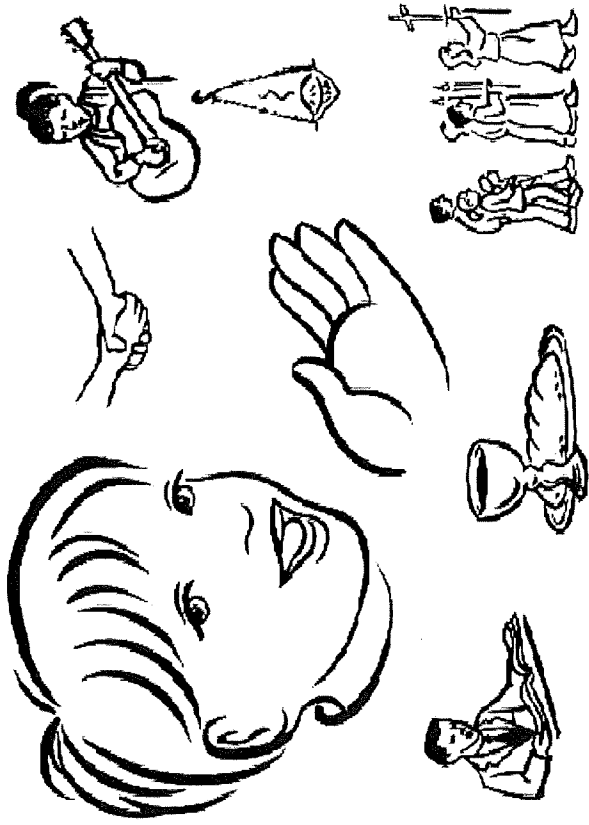
Invite someone you know to share in your praises, worship and learning at your church next Sunday.



gather

Welcome to worship. Today we will be hearing about Jesus opening the ears of a deaf man. Jesus welcomed all people, whatever their physical condition was. God wants us to be that welcoming, too.

Draw lines from some of the things that may happen in worship to the parts of the body people use to enjoy them. Try to let your senses be "open" to many different things in today's worship.



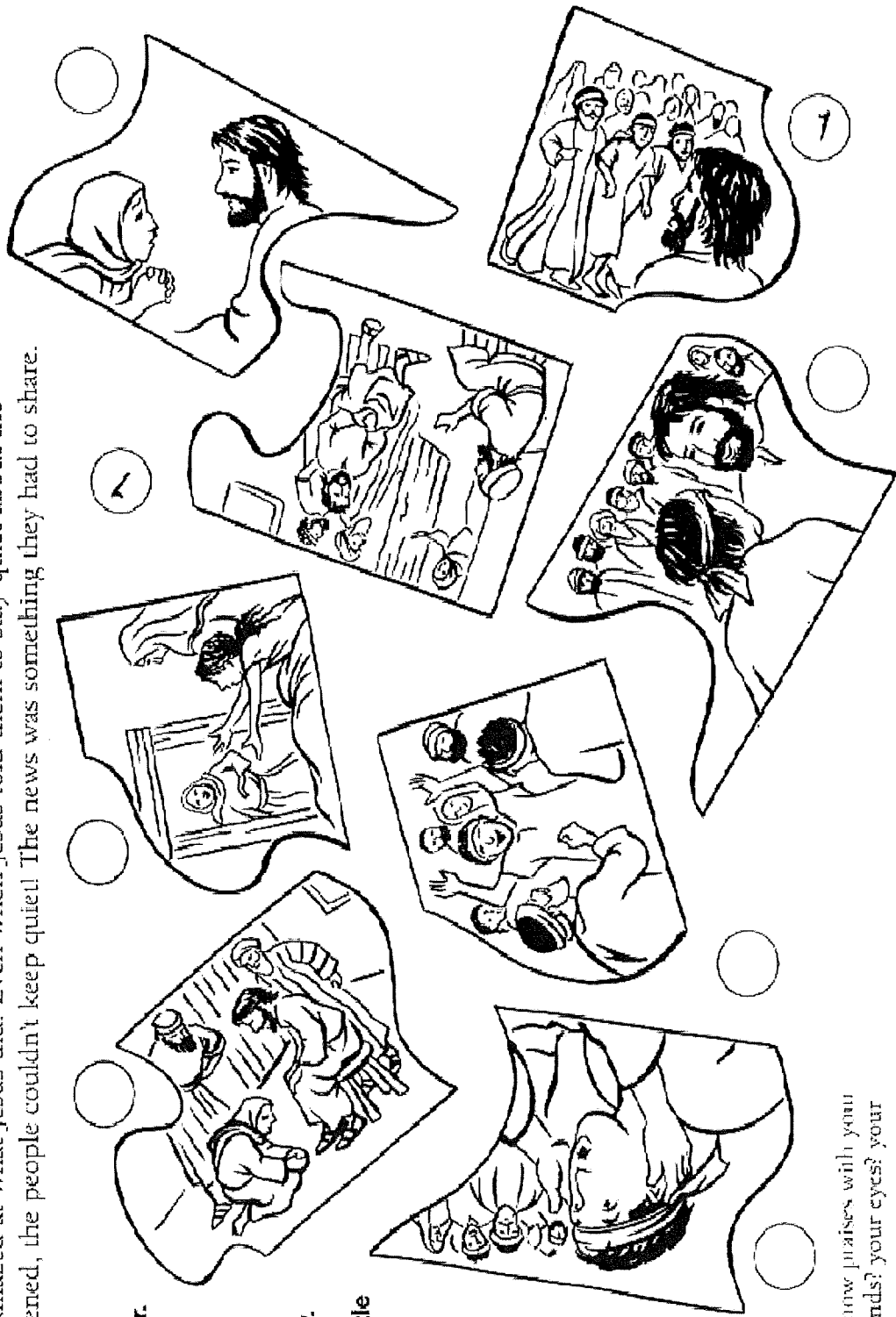
hear & celebrate

Beyond belief

Mark 7:24-37

All of the people were amazed at what Jesus did. Even when Jesus told them to stay quiet about the miracles that had happened, the people couldn't keep quiet! The news was something they had to share.

Put the pictures for today's stories about Jesus in the right order. Listen to the gospel story. There are two stories about Jesus. The first piece of each of the two stories is labeled for you already. Put the numbers 2, 3, and 4 on the right puzzle pieces for each story.



How do you show praises with your voice? your hands? your eyes? your body?

