

THE BIG QUESTIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

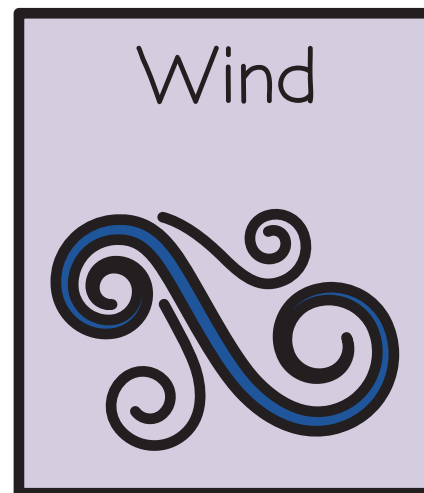
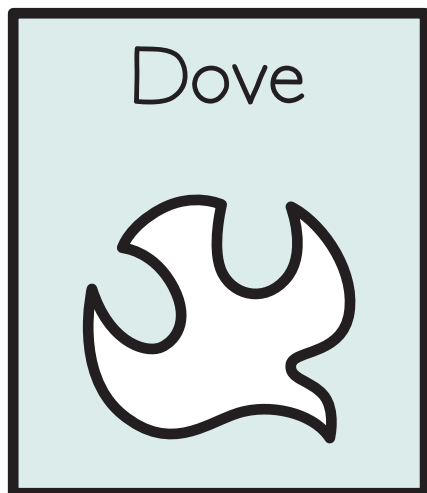
Who is your Lord and Savior?

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

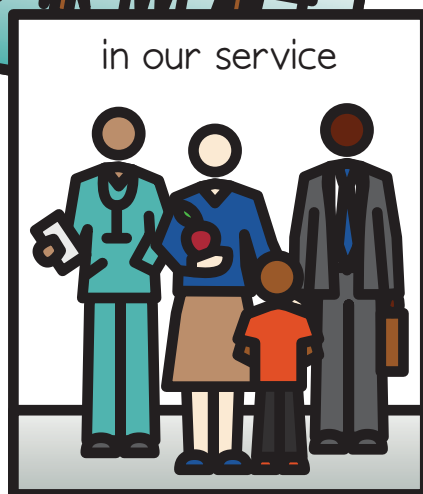
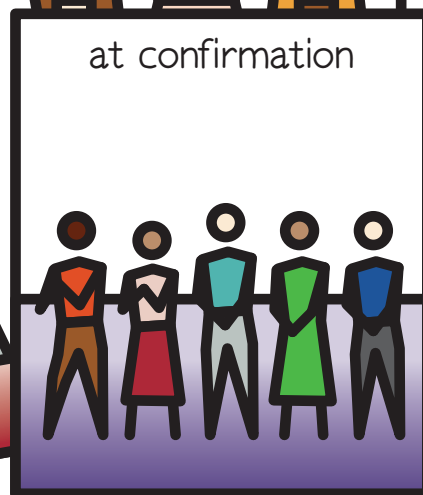
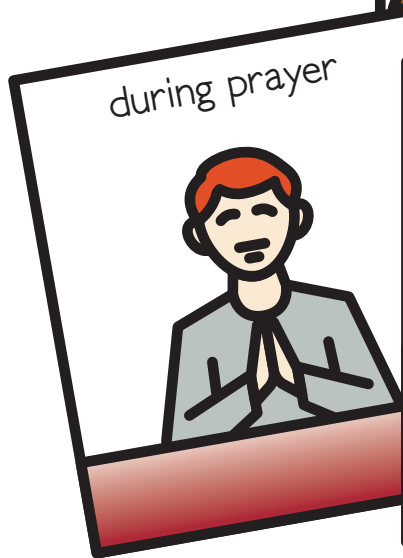
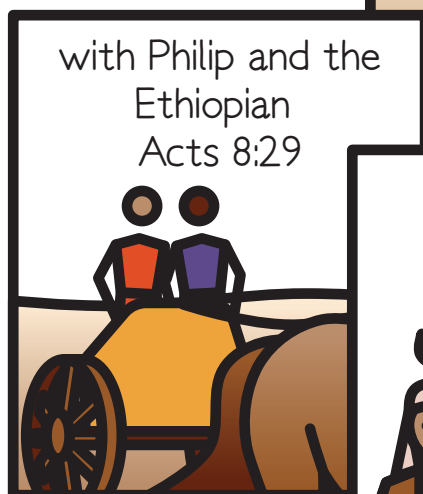
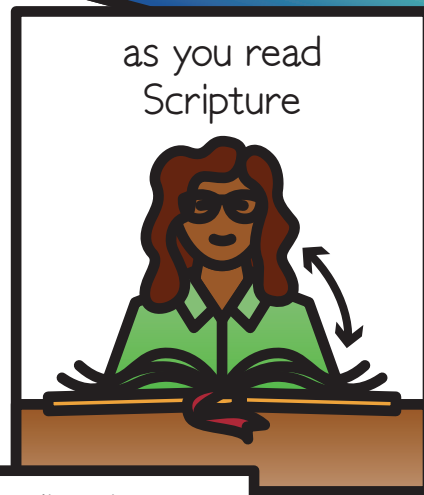
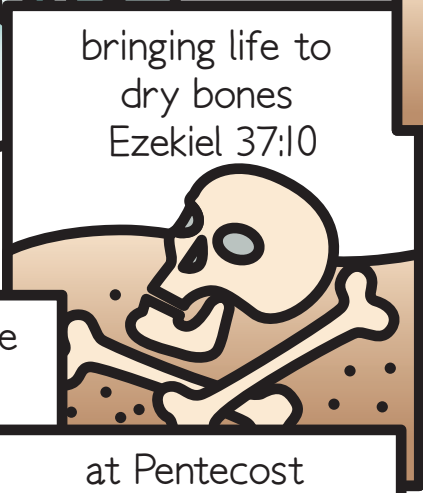
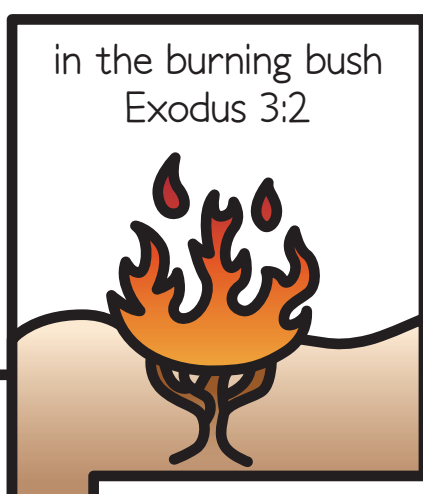
THE HOLY SPIRIT

AKA: the Advocate, Comforter, Intercessor, Illuminator, third person of the Trinity



God sends the Holy Spirit . . . it burns within you . . . it is all around you.

Liturgical Color: Red



The Spirit moves, breathes, animates, authors, comforts, counsels, advocates, convicts, seals, guides, indwells, intercedes, binds, sanctifies, reveals, brings life, teaches, brings peace, brings truth, witnesses, produces, lives, enables, and helps.

THE OLD TESTAMENT STORIES

Stories of Creation

Adam & Eve
Cain & Abel
Noah
Tower of Babel

A Family Becomes a Nation

Joseph
Leah, Bilhah & Zilpah
Jacob & Rachel
Jacob & Esau
Isaac & Rebekah
Hagar & Ishmael are sent away
Abraham, Sarah & Isaac

God Sends a Leader

Slavery in Egypt
Moses
Moses flees to Midian

The Law

Wilderness
Exodus to freedom
"Let my people go!"
Ten plagues
Golden calf
Ten Commandments
Ark of the Covenant

Possessing the Land

Crossing the Jordan
Rahab
Canaan
Judges Lead

A Nation Becomes a Kingdom

King Solomon
King David
David & Goliath
King Saul
Ruth
Deborah & Barak lead the Israelites

Nation Divided: Northern/Southern Kingdoms

Northern: Israel

Kings
Prophets such as Elijah, Amos, and Hosea
Assyria attacks Israel
Exile and end of Northern Kingdom

Southern: Judah

Kings
Prophets such as Micah, Isaiah, and Jeremiah
Babylon attacks Judah
Isaiah
Exile

Old Testament Writing Genres

Stories of Jesus and the Early Church infographic
Rebuilding Jerusalem
Nehemiah (the cup bearer) is faithful
Exile in Babylon

The Law: Guidance & Structure

Histories & Narratives of God's People

Poetry, Prayers, Psalms & Words of Wisdom

Prophets: Listen to God, Point to the Promise & Speak to the People