

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

January 28, 2026



Community Supper Today!

Come join us at 4:00 this afternoon (until 5:30 pm) and enjoy some beef stew, tomato cucumber salad, a roll, fruit and a cookie. Our sponsor today is the Valley Rotary Club.

Livestreaming Hiccups

We remain hopeful that we will not have any livestreaming issues this Saturday and Sunday. With our new A/V system we are able to record the service even if we cannot live stream. If you log onto our website or onto Facebook and find we are not there, please come back after the service time has concluded. We upload the recording immediately after the service. We regret the inconvenience and trust that you can see us live this weekend.

God Moments

While we know that God through the Holy Spirit is with us all the time, not just when we worship, it is helpful to be reminded of that. We're hopeful you will share how God has been active in your life, whether anonymously or for attribution. Watch this space for what we're calling "**God Moments.**"

Save the Date

All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend St. Mary's Guild meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6 p.m. There will be a dish to pass dinner, please bring your own table service. Our program will be Bible Trivia.



January 31 & February 1 Lessons

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm: 15

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



Charles Lattimer	2/1
Keith Carpenter	2/3
Robert Davies	2/7



Rick & Doreen Marshall 2/5



Scripture Reflection

How do we live in hope of a reality we cannot yet see or, at best, catch only fleeting glimpses? Where in your community's life of prayer and service do you see instances of God's justice, peace, and healing? Then give thanks, and ask God, Where am I being called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly into all blessedness in the ordinary course of my day?



February Food Item

For the month of February we will be collecting canned tuna and chicken for our local food pantries.

Canon Melinda Away

On February 3rd and February 4th Canon Melinda will be away at Clergy Retreat. The **WILL NOT** be a 12:05 p.m. service on the 4th.

St. Mary's Rummage Sale

On Friday, March 6th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday March 7th from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. St. Mary's will hold a rummage sale. We will be accepting clean rummage. **NO LARGE APPLIANCES OR ELECTRONICS, and NO BOOKS.** We will be accepting rummage through the end of February, but nothing after that. If you have rummage that you need to drop off between now and the end of February, please contact the church office (570) 888-2270 during office hours. Or you may reach out to Rose Carpenter or Glenda Hinsman. If you have

access to the building and bring rummage, please leave it on the stack of white tables in the hallway downstairs in the Parish Hall.

THANK YOU TO OUR SNOW SHOVELERS!

Heartfelt thanks to Rick, Mary and Tyler Rhodes, Neil Carpenter, Bob and Margaret Cole for clearing our sidewalks after Sunday's big snowstorm. We're only sorry that Bruce Carpenter, Sr. couldn't join you. Let's hope the NEXT time we get this much snow, Bruce is completely healed. Here are some pictures for you to enjoy. Notice the innovative way Rick transported a snow blower to the church.



Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe: Support emergency migration ministry

January 27, 2026
Office of Public Affairs

Feast of John Chrysostom

Jan. 27, 2026

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church:

As the situation in the United States grows more fraught, The Episcopal Church is working to find new ways to care for God's people in our immigrant communities. Many of you have asked how you can help.

Please join me in making a generous donation that will allow us to provide emergency funding for ministry with migrants. Your gift will allow us to rush financial support to dioceses that are loving and caring for immigrants in these difficult times.

GIVE TODAY

Last week, we sent funds to our siblings in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to support Casa Maria, a place for vulnerable neighbors to receive food and clothing and network with others. Your gift will help support ministries like this across The Episcopal Church.

As we approach the season of Lent, I will invite us all into a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we turn toward Christ's ministry of justice, reconciliation, and love during divisive times. Please watch for these invitations in the coming days.

About 1,500 years ago, John Chrysostom, whose feast we celebrate today, had his own share of trouble with the forces of this world. In a famous homily, he said, "If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear? Though the waves and the sea and the anger of princes are roused against me, they are less to me than a spider's web."

The anger of princes is raging around us, but Christ is with us, and God is calling us into the waves. Please [give as you are able](#) and pray for the witness of the church in these times, and for a hedge of protection around the people we serve who live in fear.

Yours in Christ,



The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop
The Episcopal Church



A Call for Peace and Discernment

**A PASTORAL LETTER FROM
BISHOP SCANLAN**

Dear Members of the Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna,

In recent days the brightness of the Epiphany light has been obscured as division and discord in our nation has turned to deadly violence in our streets. The events in Minneapolis – the killing of Renee Nicole Good by an ICE agent, this weekend's shooting and killing of Alex Jeffrey Petti by federal forces – and the ongoing illegal seizure and detention without due process of hundreds of individuals across our country call for us as citizens and Christians, to respond.

Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!

Isaiah 5:20

These are grievous days in which the evil that Isaiah writes about is evident in our cities, villages, and in the hearts of those who do harm. In the face of evil, God calls us to resist and to work, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to restore the peace and harmony that is God's dream for us.

Many of us across the diocese are already engaged as peacemakers and reconcilers. Our parishes are working to support the most vulnerable in our communities. Individuals are serving in ways that are both quiet and bold, reaching out one-on-one or to whole groups serving to repair the breach. In the great prologue to John's gospel, we read: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) While the light maybe obscured, it is not extinguished. God's love will prevail.

Today I call us to discernment. I invite a diocesan-wide practice to engage in prayerful reflection on God's call to us, asking for affirmation of the ways that we are now serving

and direction for the days ahead. This ancient Christian practice invites us to listen for God's call to us as we follow the path of love. United by the waters of baptism, each of us in our diocese – lay and clergy alike – is called to participate in God's mission and to find our place that will bring us from heartbreak to healing. Our nation needs us and our faith instructs us to do this work. Discernment is not a "one and done" event but an ongoing practice that reveals God's will for us.

In my discernment in the past several months, I have heard God calling me to "stability." This monastic virtue is described by St. Benedict as a path of perseverance in the face of adversity and the refusal to flee when the community or self becomes uncomfortable. Benedict also points to stability as the place where conversion of life can take place. For me, stability means "showing up:" sitting each morning to read the scriptures and say my prayers, meeting with people in their own discernment even when answers are not yet evident, and remaining faithful to our pattern of worship, coming together to be nourished by the Sacraments. Stability means to stand in the face of evil and to proclaim God's power and love.

And now, God is calling us to discern some more. To revisit our practices in the context of what is happening in our country today. Through this practice God may affirm that what we are doing is holy and good and to keep at it, or God may reveal something new, something more for us to do.

I invite you to join me in discernment and to do this work individually or collectively, as a family or parish community. There are materials provided at the end of this letter to assist you in your prayer of discernment. May your work be blessed as you find God's call to you as an agent of peace.

If you would like to share the call that God has placed on your heart with our diocesan community, please email communications@diosusquehanna.org and we will keep a list on our website to invite ongoing prayers for our ministry together from now until we celebrate the paschal feast at Easter.

May God bless us and keep us and may the light of Christ shine in our hearts.

+ Audrey

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan
Bishop Diocesan of The Diocese of the Susquehanna

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE !

My Brother's Keeper(fondly called ugly quilts) is off to a busy 2026.

In additions to regular shelters and charities served, we added a new one.

Early this month we made large donations that emptied our shelves.

Because we started partnering with a Salvation Army thrift store that donates comforters/mattress pads and bedspreads, that are to rough for their store, we are able to make sleeping bags faster. That means we are using a lot more of the items we put inside, like men's long sleeve sweatshirts, flannel shirts, sweaters and chamois shirts(size M, Lg, ExLg). We are totally out! Don't even have many tee shirts. PLEASE, if you have any, clean, gently used warmth, consider donating it so we can get it to those living outdoors. We occasionally have even included thin nylon windbreakers or long underwear if they show up. All have to be thin enough to roll inside the sleeping bag. No thick coats please.

We are out of HOTEL SIZE shampoo and almost out of toothpaste (0.16 up to 2.7oz).

The last item we are out of are bandanas or hanky's. Instead of disposable tissues, they can be reused plus used as a mask or on head.

Items can be dropped at the Athens Methodist Church 118 S Main St, Athens, PA. (around back in RAMP DOOR). Church is unlocked M-F. 9-1 . Get buzzed into gym, go right past kitchen, our storage closet is there labeled Thelma's room. Toss items in.

We work every Tuesday 9-12 if anyone wants to participate (can you tie a knot)? or just want to see the process. All are welcome.

Questions? Call Gloria at 607-857-7731, or Pat at 570-867-1849

Many thanks for all of the past support. Your generosity is much appreciated!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

SUPER BOWL SOUP & SANDWICH & CHILI SALE

WHAT: Homemade Chili, Soup & Sandwich Sale – *Take Out Only*

WHEN: February 7 and February 8, 2026

WHERE: Church of the Redeemer
201 S. Wilbur Ave, Sayre, PA

MENU: Chili
Vegetable Beef Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Zuppa Toscana
Gypsy Soup (Vegetarian)
Italian Sandwich on Sandwich Roll w/meats, cheeses

COST: Soup or Chili - \$5.00 per pint
Italian Sandwich 5.00 each

PICK UPS: Saturday, February 7th – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, February 8th – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
or by appointment

ORDERS DUE: February 6, 2025

Phone Orders: 570-888-1850 or 570-888-2270 (order forms are available at the church office)
Please make checks payable to the Church of the Redeemer. Proceeds are for the Sunday School and
Youth Group events.
For information: 570-888-1850 or 570-888-2270

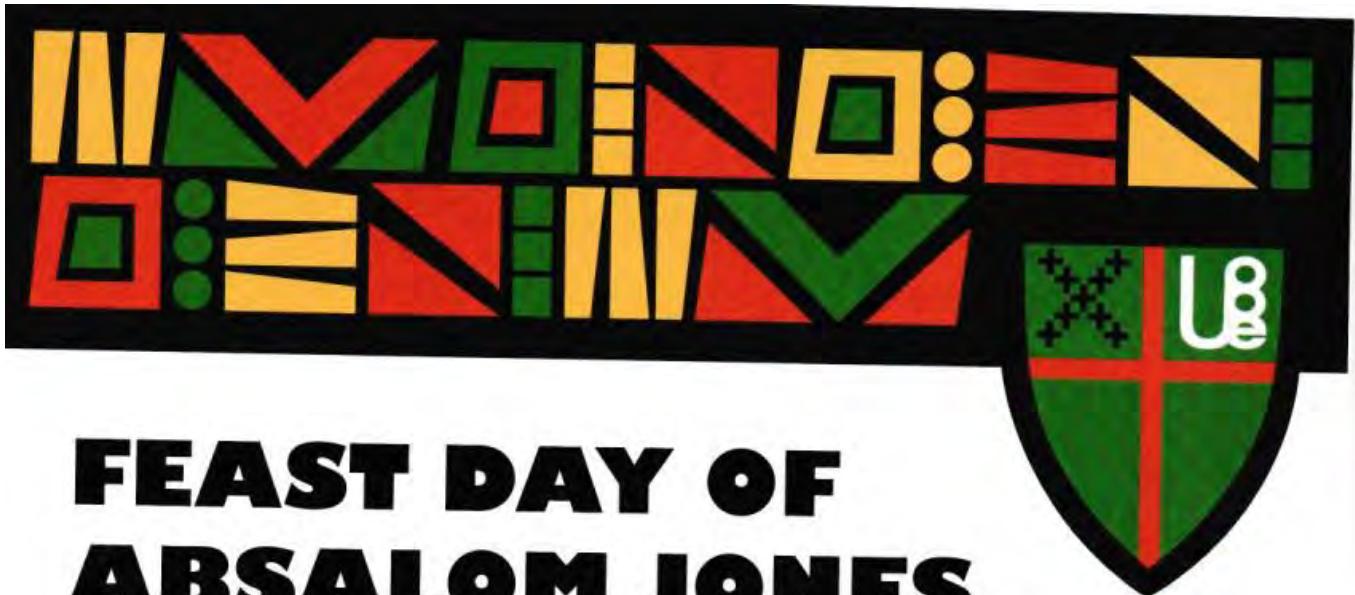
Order Form

To order: Opposite the ordered item, please circle the number of pints and/or sandwiches needed.

		Number of pints ordered				Total	Paid
Chili	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Vegetable Beef Soup	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Chicken Noodle Soup	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Zuppa Toscana	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Gypsy Soup (Vegetarian)	\$5.00 pint	1	2	3	4		
Number of Sandwiches Ordered							
Italian Sandwich	\$5.00 each	1	2	3	4		
Orders due by 2/6/26							

Name : _____

Phone: _____



FEAST DAY OF ABSAJOM JONES

THE BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER CHAPTER OF THE UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS

St. Paul's Episcopal Church 248 Seneca Street, Harrisburg, PA

Saturday, February 14, 2026

- 10:00-11:45 am: Love Youth Awards
- Noon-1:30 pm: Lunch
- 1:30-3:30 pm: Presentation by Bishop Eugene Sutton
- 4:00-5:00 pm: Jazz Vespers

Sunday, February 15, 2026

- 10:00-11:45 am: Service with Bishop Eugene Sutton as guest preacher.
- Special Music Guests: Howard University Gospel Choir

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP, EMAIL [UBBBC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ubebbc@gmail.com)
WITH THE NUMBER OF GUESTS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING. ALL EVENTS
ARE FREE; HOWEVER, RSVP IS REQUESTED.**



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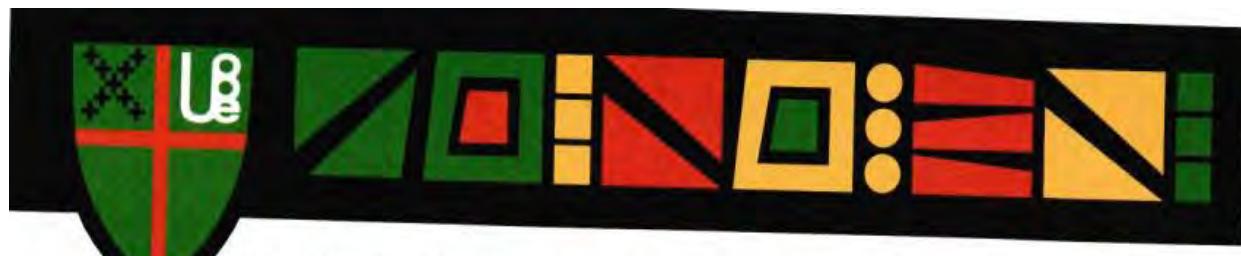


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The Bishop
Nathan Baxter





UNION OF BLACK EPISCOPALIANS

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KEEP GOING, NO MATTER WHAT

FEAST OF ABSALOM JONES 2026

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Donors like you have helped numerous students, organizations, and individuals in our community feel accepted, supported, and loved. Your contributions helped and continue to provide scholarships, support to HBCUs, multigenerational education trips, teacher appreciations, and other events that enrich the lives of our most vulnerable. We are better because of you.

We are better together!

ABSAJOM JONES \$1,500

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COMMUNITY \$500

Ad included with benefit: half page ad.

All sponsors will be acknowledged at the service on Saturday, February 14th, 2026.

*Ad dimensions: full page vertical: 8.5x11in w/ bleed; half page horizontal: 7.5x5in w/ or w/o bleed. Contact ubebbc@gmail.com to submit ads.

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Check payable to St. Paul's UBE, 248 Seneca St, Harrisburg, PA 17110
or pay online here: <https://bit.ly/4mJJ2nC>



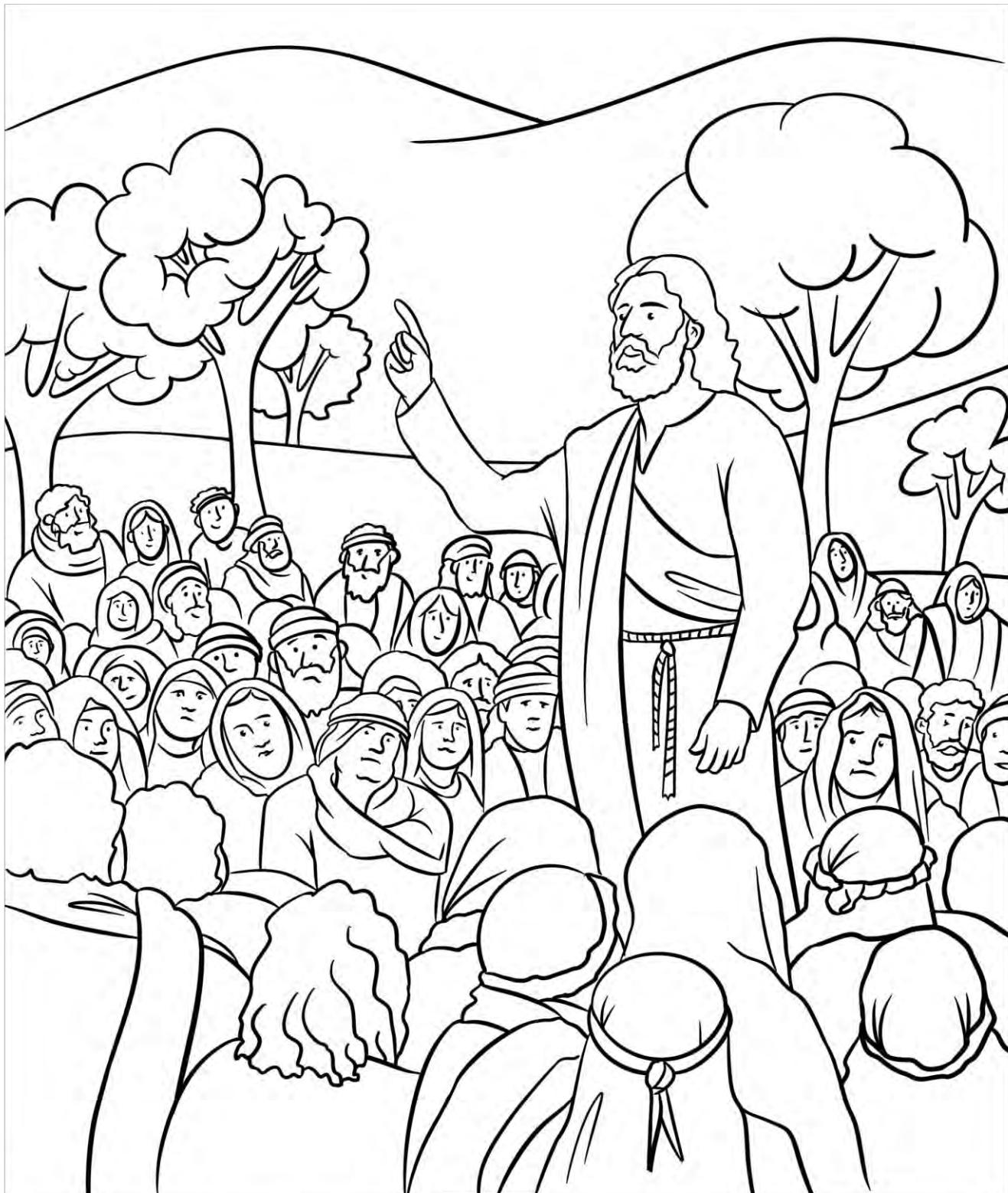
“Souper” Bowl of Caring

It is that time of year again when you have the opportunity to pick who you think will be the winner of this years Super Bowl. The teams this year are the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. You will be able to help the local food pantries in the Valley by casting a donation into the soup pot of the team that you hope will win. The pots will be located in the church as you enter (where they usually are.) And they will be in the Atrium for the Saturday service. Thank you for your continued support and participation with this very important cause.



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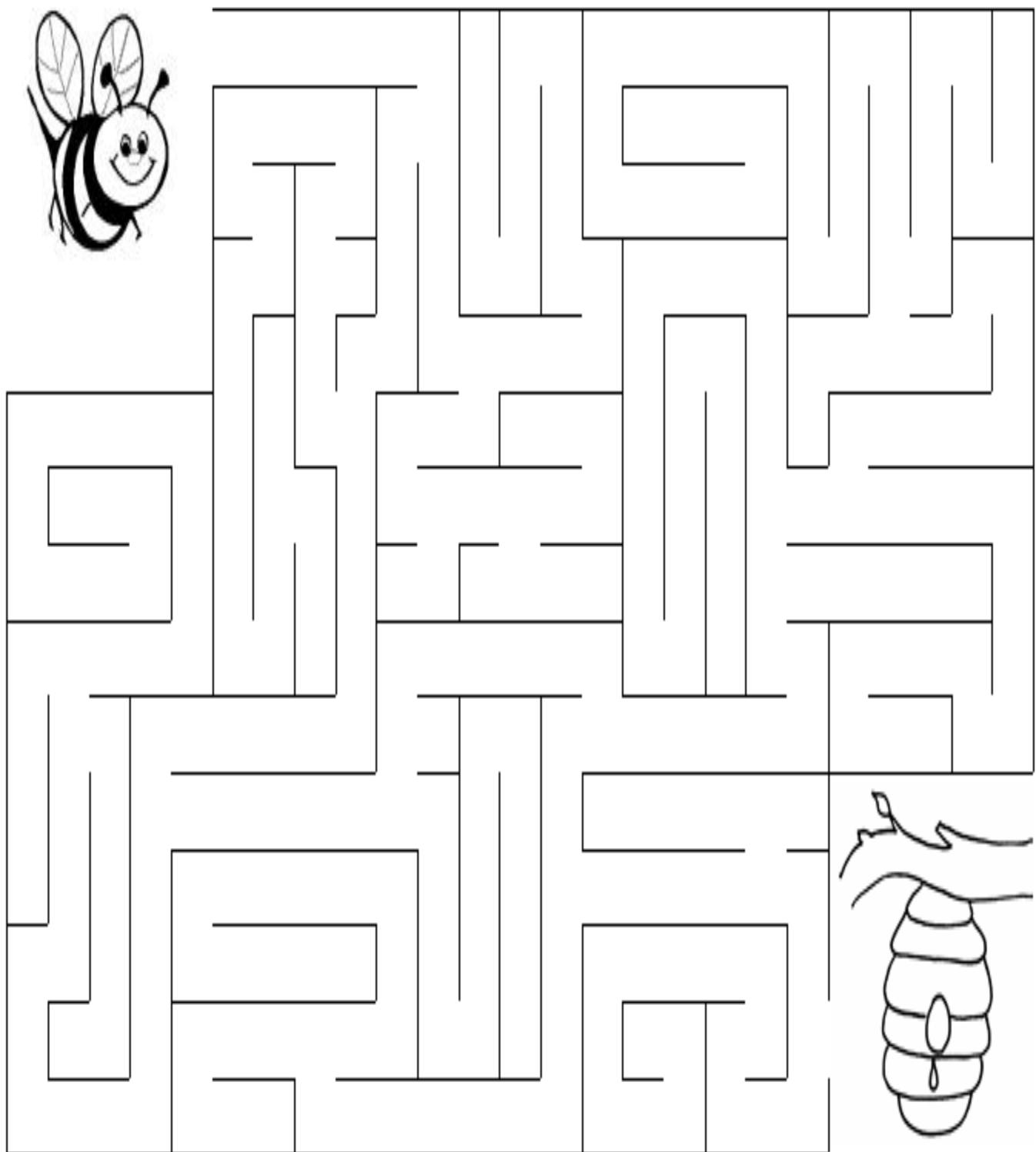




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Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. (Matthew 5:1-2)

Don't Worry – Bee Happy!
Can you help the bee find its way to the hive?



The "Bee Attitudes"

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



S	A	Y	X	O	L	B	G	C	Q	J	D	U	W	Z	N	T	R	P	E	V	I	M	K	H	F
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1. 7-20-2-17-22-17-13-12-20-1 _____
2. 19-5-5-18 _____
3. 1-19-22-18-22-17 _____
4. 23-5-13-18-16 _____
5. 23-20-20-24 _____
6. 25-13-16-8-20-18 _____
7. 23-20-18-9-22-26-13-6 _____
8. 19-13-18-20 _____
9. 24-22-16-8-12-5-23 _____
10. 25-20-2-21-20-16 _____

HUNGER	MOURN	SPIRIT	MERCIFUL	MEEK
POOR	PURE	KINGDOM	BEATITUDES	HEAVEN