

Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition

Sunday 28th August 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after
Trinity

Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring a passage from King Solomon's book about love. You can find it in your Bible in:

Song of Solomon 2.8–13

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.

This book of the Bible is also sometimes called "Song of Songs". It is written a bit like a play script with different speakers. Why not share out the parts and read it together.

The other passages we may be thinking about at church this week are:

Psalm 45.1-2,6-9

James 1.17-27

Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23

A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the book of Song of Songs which reminds us how important love is to you. Thank you that your love for us is greater than we can understand or imagine.

Thank you that you loved us enough to send your son Jesus to die on the cross. Help us to share your love with others this week, with kind words and actions.

We pray for those who feel alone at this time that they would be comforted and know love and friendship.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

How many different ways can you find in the passage that the man and woman describe their love? How would you describe love to somebody?

The Bible teaches us that God loved us enough to send his only son Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus died but rose from the grave defeating death. God's love for us is "stronger than death" (Song of Solomon 8 v 6-7)

A question to think about together

This book of the Bible is very different from all the others, it is not about real people who existed but a story of a man and a woman in love. Why do you think it is included in the Bible?

A question for children to ask adults

What do you love most about me?

Family Activity 1

The woman says that the man brought her to a banquet and that his love was like a banner overhead, covering everything he did.

Why not have your own love picnic together, feasting and enjoying being family.



You might like to build your own den or shelter overhead or you could make and decorate flags to wave as your love banners.

Decorate a triangle or rectangle of paper and then attach it to a stick or pencil to create a banner.





A verse to remember

Psalm 45 v 1

Beautiful words fill my mind. I am speaking of royal things.
My tongue is like the pen of a skilled writer.



The Bible contains many beautiful poems and writings in the Psalms and the books written by King Solomon. How might God want to use your words and creativity today to help others learn more about Him? Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

In the passage the woman is described as being like a lily and a rose. Use the template on the next page to make your own floating and unfolding flowers. You could turn your flowers into prayers by writing or drawing things that you are thankful for onto the sections of the flowers.

Fold the petals into the centre of the flower. Fill a shallow dish with water. Place the flowers (petal side up) onto the dish and watch the flowers unfold all by themselves



Active Love and Care

Love languages: There are many different ways to show and share love with one another. Why not try out each of these love sharing activities together and see which you prefer to give and which you like to receive.

Quality Time – Spend some quality time together as a family, go for a walk, watch a movie or play a board game.

Encouraging words – Write a letter or make a card with an encouraging message for each other or for somebody you want to send some love with.



Physical touch - Play a game of musical hugs! Put on some music and dance around, when the music stops everybody must give another player a hug!



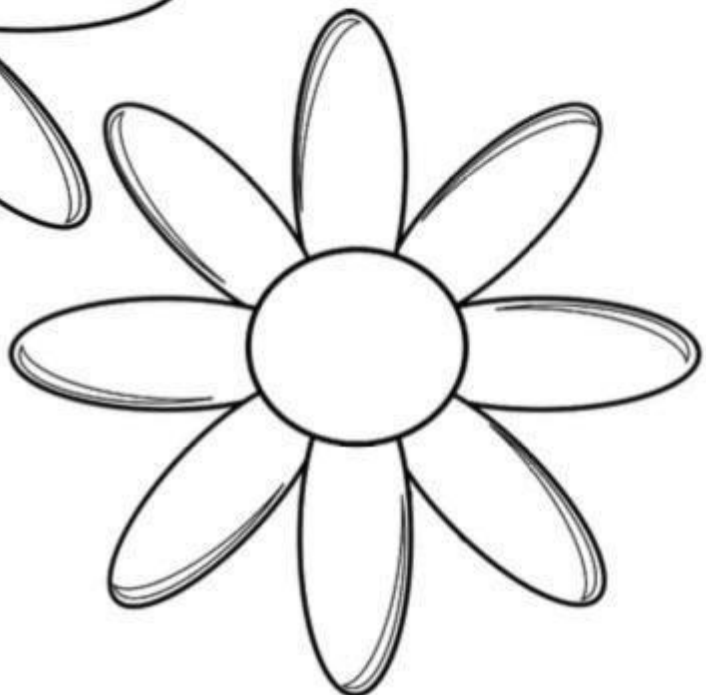
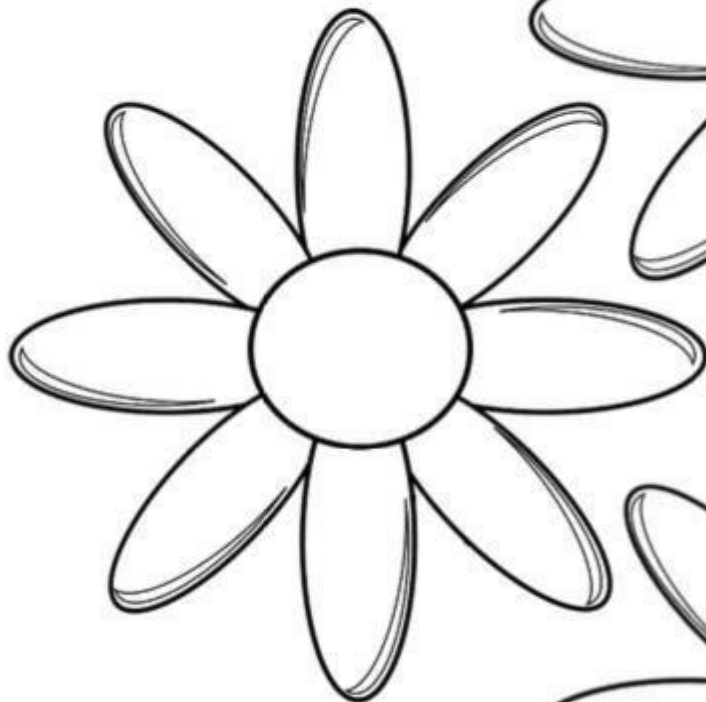
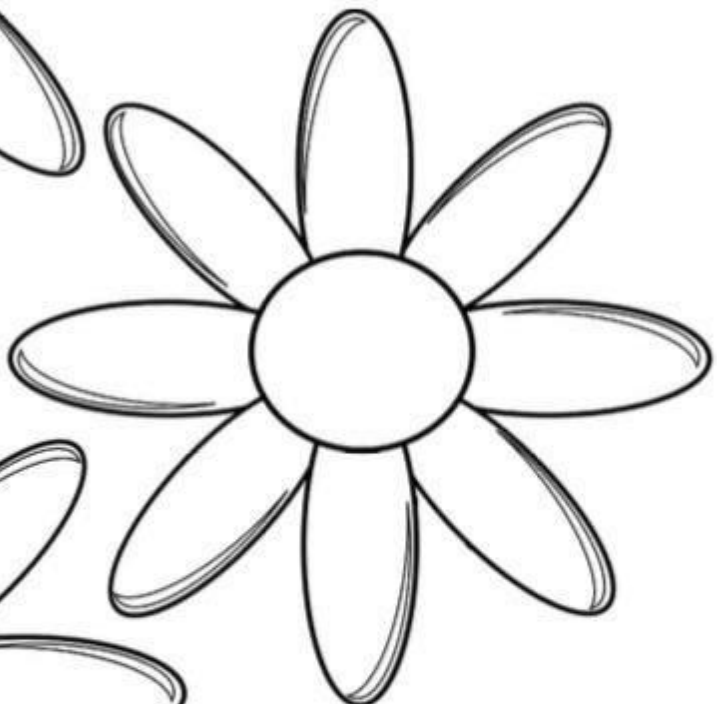
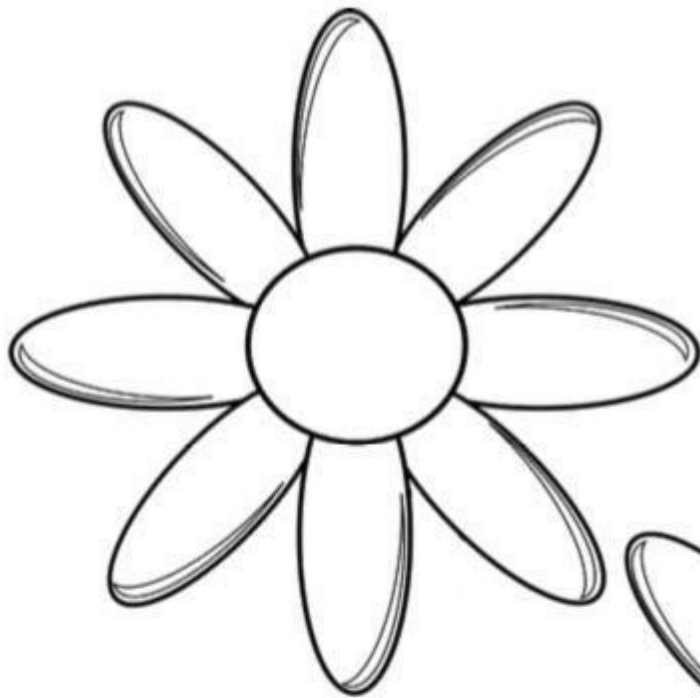
Acts of Service – Think of an act of kindness and service you can perform as a family for a neighbour, friend or one another.

Gifts – Make a gift to share with somebody else, perhaps you could bake some biscuits or a cake to share or look through old clothes, books and toys in search of something you could pass on to somebody else as a gift.



Blooming Flowers Experiment

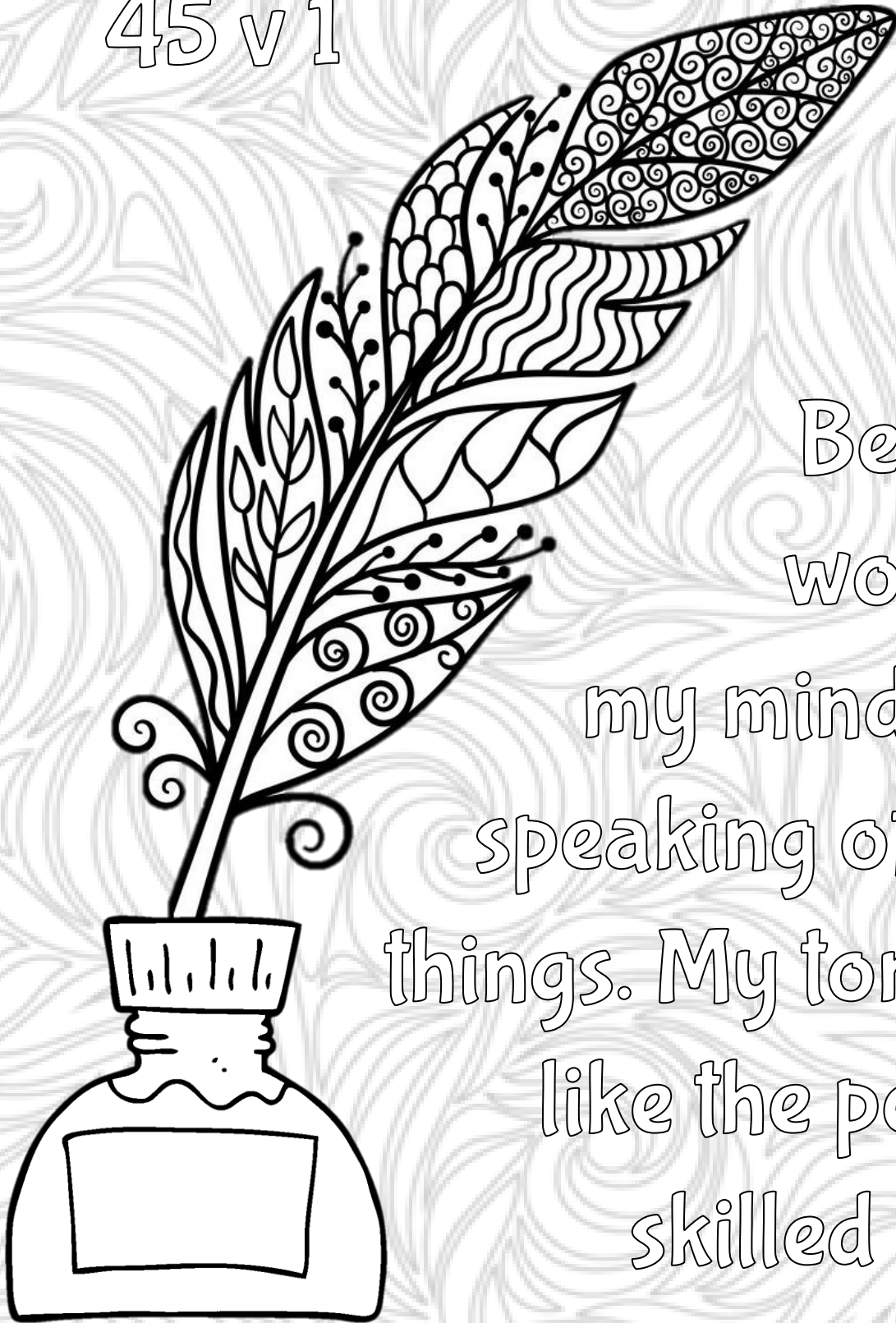
Colour in the flowers using pencil or wax crayon. Fold the petal in towards the middle of the flower. Place the folded flower onto a shallow tray of water and watch as the petals unfold. Add numbers, letters or words to the middle of the flowers to promote further learning.



Colouring page

Psalm

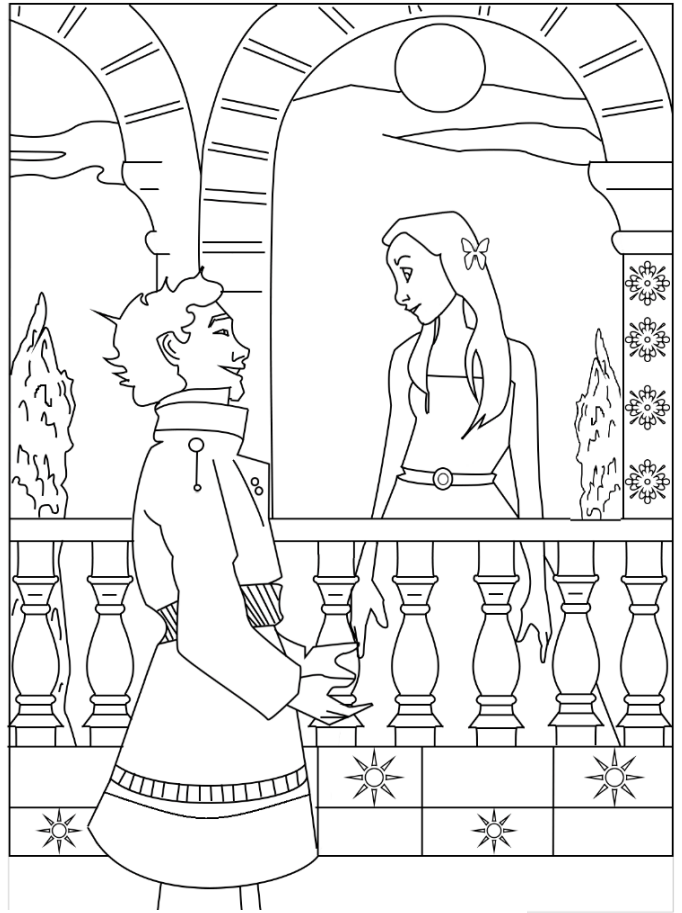
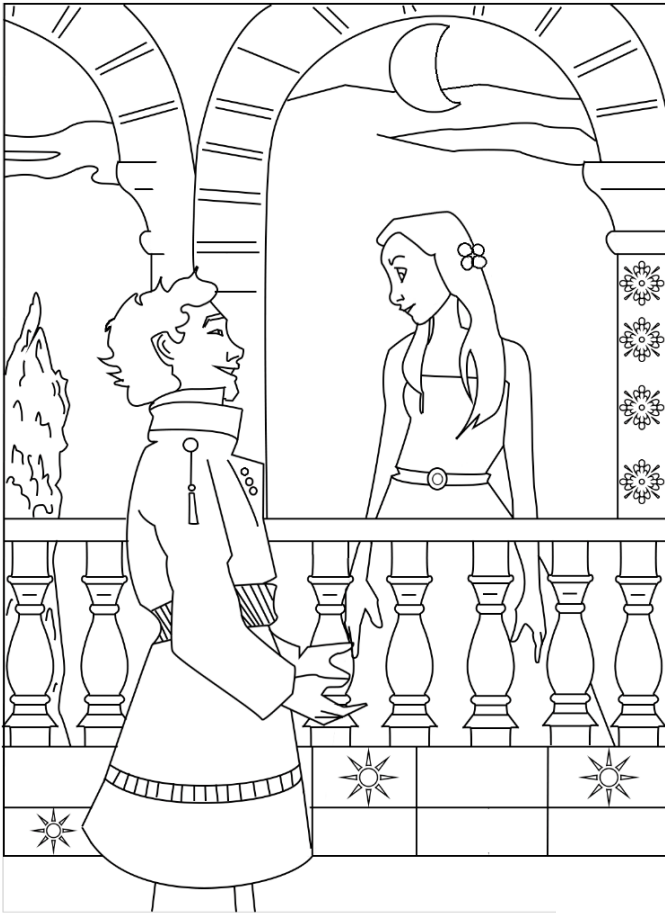
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PUZZLE SHEET

There are ten differences between the two pictures below can you find them all?



Can you unscramble the letters to reveal some flowers? The picture may help you.

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Connect the dots in order to reveal a picture.

