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FUUN FOR ALL AGES—CONNECTION WITHOUT ZOOM

Sunday School at

20 December 2020

10:30 a.m. on

January 24 so that

all may attend the

mid-year

congregational

meeting at 10

a.m. You will

receive a FUUN

for All Ages—

Connection

Without Zoom

that week with

information about

our 5th Principle,

some of what will

take place at the

meeting, including

a vote as to

whether FUUN

will adopt the 8th

Principle, and

coloring sheets

and such that may

better allow your

child(ren) to be

present during

the meeting.

Dear All:

These materials can supplement the worship service before, during, and/or after the service. They can also stand alone and be used at any time you wish. In this time of so many kinds of fatigue, the hope is that families, children, youth, adults, anyone of any age, alone or as a group... that everyone can have one more way, a way that has nothing to do with Zoom, to stay connected. This is our single greatest goal right now: To. Stay. Connected.

Meanwhile, this Sunday's Zoom gatherings are:

10:30 a.m.

All Ages—Family Games

With Colin Guerrette, Christopher Cotton, and Jason Plummer

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89770398199

11:30 a.m.

Youth Group—9th-12th Graders

With Rev. Diane to begin planning Youth Sunday

https://zoom.us/j/94148119890?pwd=L1FYQXh0emp2TzJNUTZsWWxxZkt2Zz09

Please stay in touch. If you have questions, suggestions, concerns, anything at all... I would truly love to hear from you.

Blessings.

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Hey, White Liberal!

Rev. Diane Dowgiert

Martin Luther King's *Letter From Birmingham Jail* was a call-out to the white church, urging white moderates to principled action or risk becoming irrelevant. What have we learned in the years since the civil rights movement?

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Introduction

For some quick background on Dr. King's *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, watch <u>this piece</u> on Vimeo. Some of it is powerful and disturbing, so use discretion when/if sharing with young people.

Relate this history to what Unitarian Universalism is doing today by taking a look at <u>BLUU</u>, the Black Lives of UU website, and at the UUA's Commission on Institutional Change's <u>Widening the Circle of Concern</u> report.

Ask yourself:

What would Martin do?

In today's world, how do we keep the dream alive?

How do we practice nonviolence today?

How do we ensure that we are listening to and following Black leaders?

Are we centering Black voices, and if not, how do we do that?

And come to the Social Hour after the worship service to talk with others about some of these questions!

I am drawing on the materials of the 2021 <u>30 Days of Love</u> from the Unitarian Universalist Association's <u>Side With Love</u> campaign for the next four weeks. There will be a weekly theme with a menu of do-it-yourself activities in the following categories:

WATCH: Videos, concerts, and roundtable discussion

READ: Articles, book excerpts, poems

LISTEN: Music, meditation, lectures, poetry

WORSHIP: Worship moments—alone or together—to refuel

PARTICIPATE: Artist workshops, writings, and actions

There will be menus for general, kids, youth, and multigenerational/family audiences. Use one or all of the menus, or pick and choose from each!

Be sure to follow the campaign on Facebook for livestreams, discussion posts, and other updates!

NOTE: General Participate events require pre-registration to participate. Most will also be livestreamed on the Side With Love Facebook page, but not all, depending on copyright and/or creator request.

Additionally, and as always, I will include coloring pages and such that you may use as you wish.

(Hint: Print them out to keep the kids busy and engaged during the worship service. Or if you have no knitting to do at the moment, use them yourself!)

30 Days of Love: Week I—Living Our Values in the World

GENERAL

WATCH: "Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven" by Rev. Mark Morrison Reed, 4/19/2015.

READ: "We Are Community" by Elandria Williams in Becoming

LISTEN: "We Are Resilient" by Rising Appalachia

WORSHIP: Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen reading Elandria Williams' "We Are Community"

PARTICIPATE:

Jan 21 @ 12pm ET / 9am PT: <u>Side With Love Conversation</u> with Everette Thompson, UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA Co-Moderator Rev. Meg Riley, UUA Organizing Strategy Team Director Rev. Ashley Horan, and UUA Director of Congregational Life Jessica York. Register for Zoom / watch on Facebook.

Jan 21 @ 7pm ET: Conversation with Rabbi Rachel S. Mikva, Ph.D., Herman Schaalman Chair in Jewish Studies, Senior Faculty Fellow, InterReligious Institute and author of *Dangerous Religious Ideas: The Deep Roots of Self-Critical Faith in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (Beacon Press) (75 min). Register for Zoom / watch on Facebook.

KIDS

Theme: We can all do our little part to change the world.

WATCH: Be Kind | A Children's Story about things that matter (7 min)

READ: *The Starkeeper* by Faith Pray (8 min)

LISTEN: Art as Activism (or Artivism) with The Butterfly Effect (27 min)

WORSHIP: Sing Along "This Little Light of Mine" (2.5 min)

PARTICIPATE: "Think of a big problem in your town. Now, think of a couple of small ways you might be able to help make a difference. <u>Draw a decision rocket to help you decide what action to take.</u>
Ask an adult for help and to print out the example in the link." (10-15 min)

YOUTH

Theme: Depending on our skills and leadership styles, we all have something to contribute to creating meaningful change.

WATCH: What is transformative justice? (10.5 min)

READ: "George Gascón Implements Sweeping Changes To Los Angeles District Attorney's Office" (5 min)

LISTEN: "#HereToo: Stories of Youth Activism", S1 Ep. 10 Kylie Vincent interviewed by Elena Sgouros (33 min)

WORSHIP: Spend some time with this music playlist, created in memory of Elandria Williams, a recently deceased UU community organizer and former youth leader.

PARTICIPATE: "Download the "Mapping Our Roles in a Social Change Ecosystem" packet and use it to help you and other youth you are connected to get a clearer understanding of your roles in creating change." (30 min - 1 hr)

FAMILY / MULTIGENERATIONAL

Theme: Being Unitarian Universalist means that we help create a more just and peaceful world.

WATCH: Why generational pressure is the key to climate change policy (3 min)

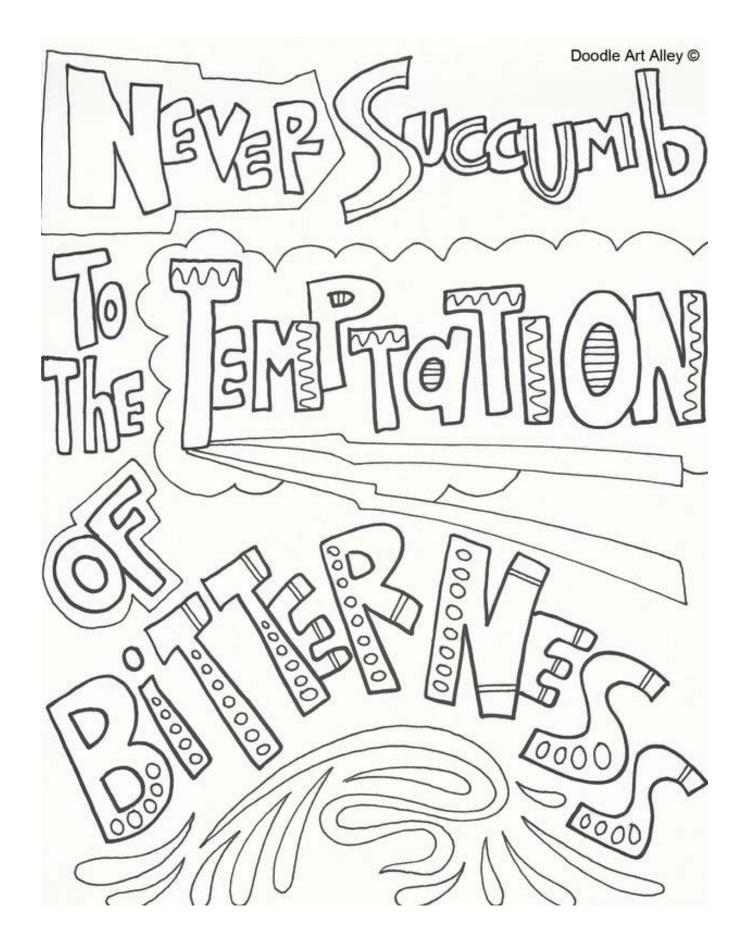
READ: Check your local library for any of these books about kids who work to change the world!

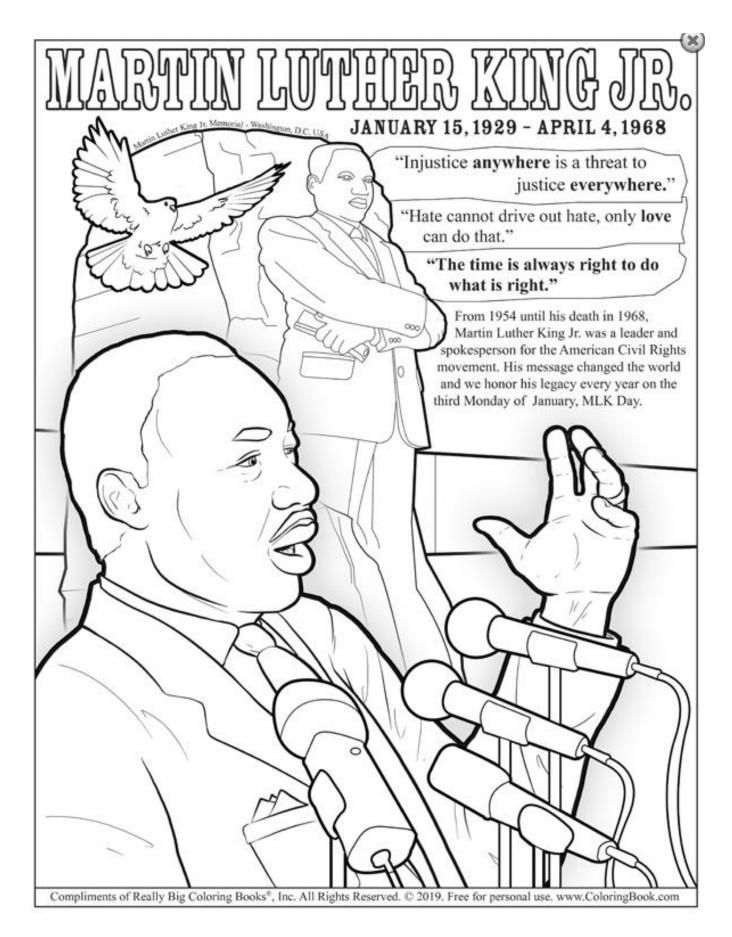
LISTEN: <u>CHANGE THE WORLD with Alphabet Rockers</u> | Anti-Racism Music for Kids & Families (3 min)

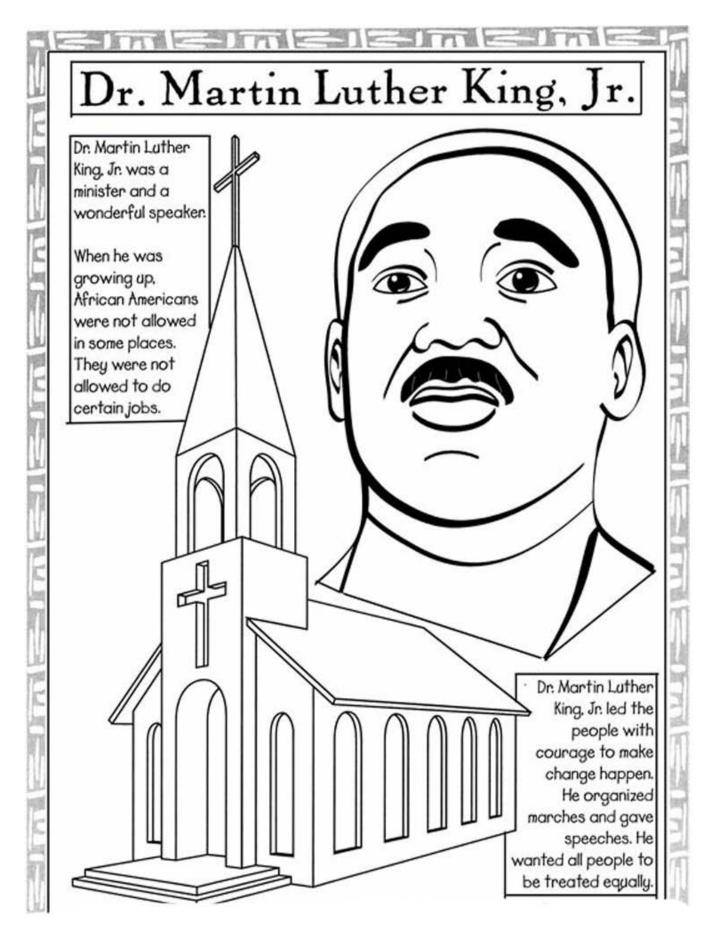
WORSHIP: View <u>"Why We Share Joys and Sorrows"</u> by Lauren Wyeth (4.5 min). Then call or video chat with a friends or family members outside of your house and share joys and concerns.

PARTICIPATE: Print out the Black Lives Matter Coloring Book and have a kitchen table coloring party. (15 min - 1 hr)

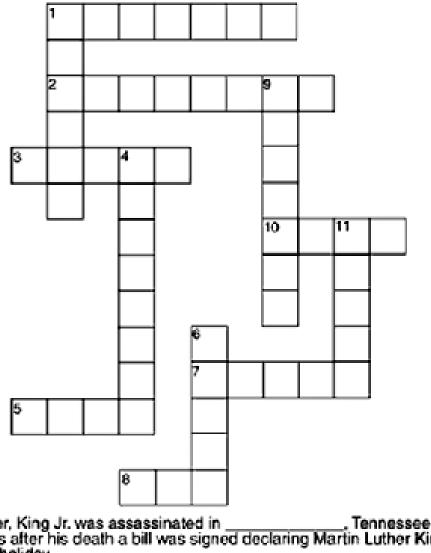








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With My Own Two Hands By Ben Harper

I can change the world

With my own two hands. Make a better place With my own two hands. Make a kinder place With my own two hands, How can you make the world a better place with your own two hands?

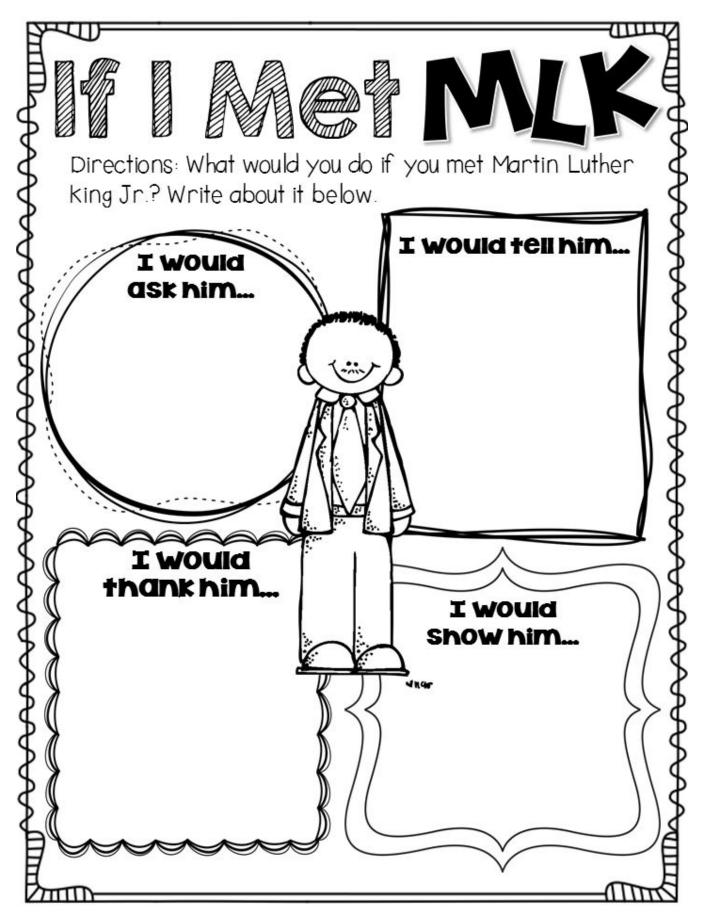
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Amartin Luther King, Jr. had "a recam that one day...little black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and little white girls as sisters and brothers." (Martin Luther King, Jr., August 28, 1963)

Pr. King spent his life preaching, giving speeches, leading marches, and helping change laws so that all people

come true!

would be treated fairly.





To be like

Martin Luther King Jr.,

<u>I can</u>...

And I will not ...

What else can you do to be like Martin?

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help	be kind	share	care
hurt others	be mean	bully	leave friends out

APPENDIX I. PRINCIPLES & SOURCES

The Rainbow Principles

Chorus

We are all the colors of the rainbow

Each of us unique yet united as a whole

Every single you a blessed individual

Together we live these rainbow principles

RED!

Stands for respecting other people

ORANGE!

Offering fair and kind treatment

YELLOW!

Puts the yearning in your learning

GREEN!

Grow in your search for truth & meaning

Chorus

BLUE!

Believe in what you are achieving

INDIGO!

Insist on freedom, love, and peace

VIOLET!

Value the web that does not cease

Chorus

(This is also a <u>song by Mindy Simmons</u> that your kids may already know.)

CHILDREN'S SOURCES

The Seven Principles *

We the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- * There is an 8th Principle currently being considered:
- 8. Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

SIX SOURCES

Our values come from many sources:

- ∞ The sense of wonder that we all share;
- Ethical and spiritual wisdom from the world's religions;
- The use of reason and discoveries of science;
- The harmony of nature and the sacred circle of life.

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.
- Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature

APPENDIX II. CHALICES, CHALICES

Make your own chalice



Materials:

- Small clay flowerpot with detached saucers
- Embellishments: markers, paint, stickers, ribbon, whatever you like
- Tea light
- Glue gun, optional

Instructions

- Decorate the pot and saucer as you like
- Turn the flowerpot upside down and place the saucer on top (see picture)
- If you wish, glue the saucer to the pot
- Place the tea light in the saucer

Then light your chalice and say some words, and don't forget to extinguish it. You might use a chalice lighting and a chalice extinguishing from the following two pages. Or on the page after that, you might write your own!

SELECTED CHALICE LIGHTINGS

A Child's Chalice Lighting of Gratitude for the Earth

By Karen G. Johnston

What if when
I light the chalice,
you hear an invitation
to welcome gratitude
for the earth?

This week, as I got ready to light the chalice, my family talked about blessings from this planet.

Here is my list: [list 3-7 things]

And now, with this flame of hope shedding light in your heart: what is *your* list?

Welcoming the Stranger

By Tracy Bleakney

A child journeys far from home
Fearful and brave,
in need of safe harbor.
Guided by this chalice, may we seek to understand the causes of flight.
Like the comfort of a candle flickering in a window of darkness,
Let us welcome this child into our home with
warmth, nourishment, and love.
Would we not want the same for our own child,
lost and alone in a strange land?

Many of the Past Generation and Many of Today...

By Sophia Lyon Fahs

Many of the past generation and many of today have found three abiding values in prayer: the quiet meditation on life,

the reaching out toward the universal and the infinite,

and the courageous facing of one's profoundest wishes.

Let parents sense and share with their children the glory and mystery of everyday things.

Let them look with sympathy upon humanity's age-long dilemmas.

Let no questions be taboo.

The next generation can ill afford to have the deeper values deleted from the book of life.

SELECTED CHALICE EXTINGUISHINGS

As Breath to Song

By Becky Laurent, adapted

As flame is to spirit, so spirit is to breath, and breath to song. Though we extinguish this flame for now, may we tend it in our hearts until we light it again.

Daring Vision

By Maureen Killoran

We extinguish this chalice flame, daring to carry forward the vision of this free faith, that freedom, reason and justice will one day prevail in this nation and across the earth.

It Becomes More

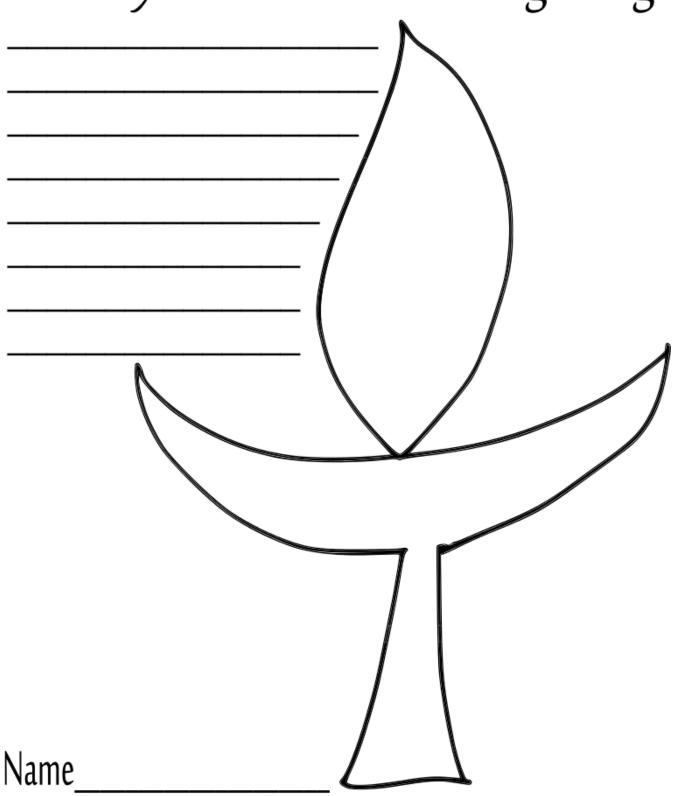
By Amy Zucker Morgenstern

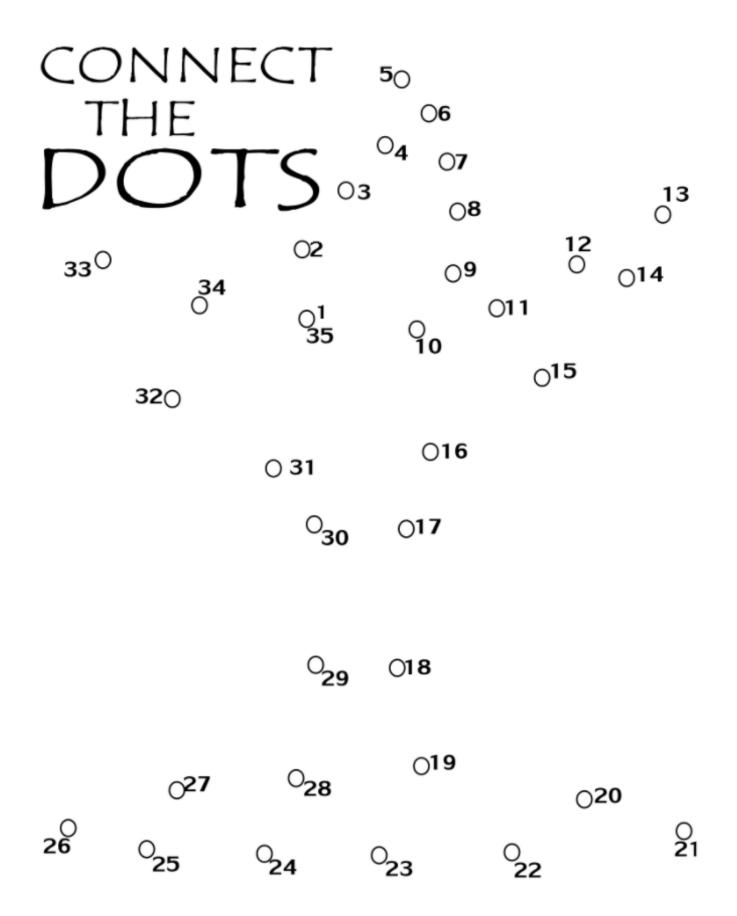
When we take fire from our chalice, it does not become less.

It becomes more.

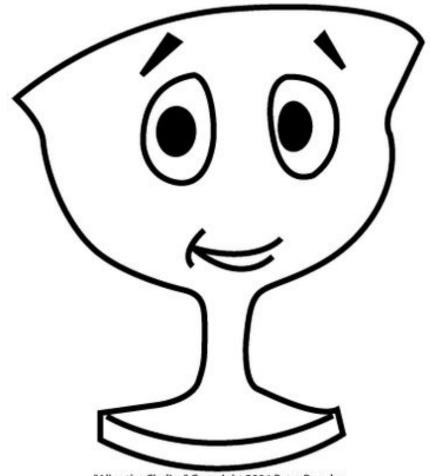
And so we extinguish our chalice, but we take its light and warmth with us, multiplying their power by all of our lives, and sharing it with the world.

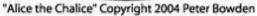
Write your own chalice lighting!





KIDS: Color "Alice the Chalice" and draw her a flame!

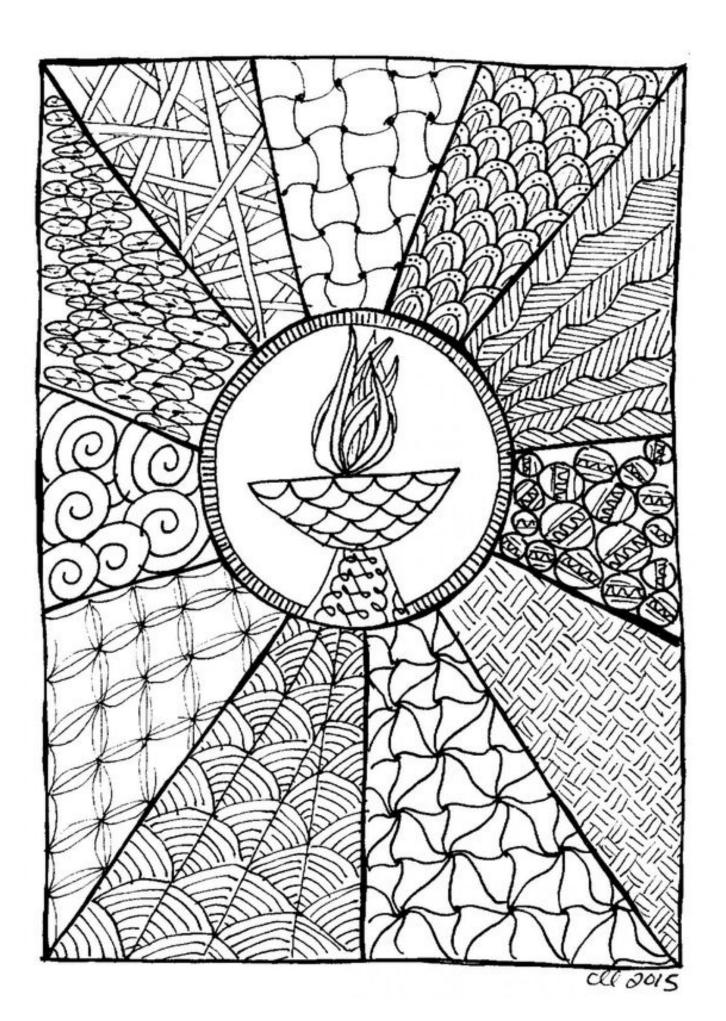






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APPENDIX III. 2020-2021 SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

1ST SUNDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.

PreK-1st Grade—Story & Song

https://zoom.us/j/92777181330

2nd Grade and up—Special Guest

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86558123983

2ND SUNDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.

PreK-1st Grade—Story & Song

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87288152140

with Suzanne LeBeau & Susie Wilcox

2nd-4th Grade—Tools of Faith & Minecraft

https://zoom.us/j/94518102020

with Marguerite Mills & Christopher Cotton

5th-8th Grade—ChUUrchCraft & Minecraft

https://zoom.us/j/98572464291

with Chas Sisk & Jason Plummer

3RD SUNDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.

All Ages—Family Games

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89770398199

with Christopher Cotton, Colin Guerrette, & Jason Plummer

4TH SUNDAYS @ 10:30 A.M.

PreK-1st Grade—Story & Song

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85217697987

with Suzanne LeBeau & Susie Wilcox

2nd-4th Grade—Tools of Faith & Minecraft

https://zoom.us/j/94398891671

with Marguerite Mills & Christopher Cotton

5th-8th Grade—ChUUrchCraft & Minecraft

https://zoom.us/j/92332008761

with Chas Sisk & Jason Plummer

5TH **S**UNDAYS @ **10**:**30** A.M.

All Ages—Story & Song

Nov 29, 2020:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81465722239

Jan 31, 2021:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86352116223

with Marguerite Mills & Harmon Nine

SUNDAYS @ 11:30 A.M.

Youth Group (9th-12th grades)

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with Shannon Hayes, Elizabeth Leiserson, Holly Mueller