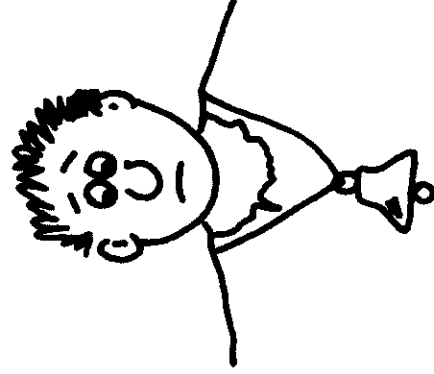
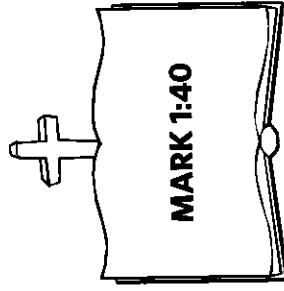
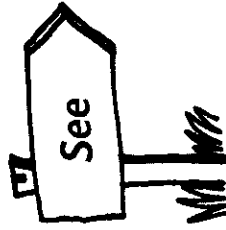


THINK and **LOOK** ahead

Jesus cures the sick

MARK 1:29-39

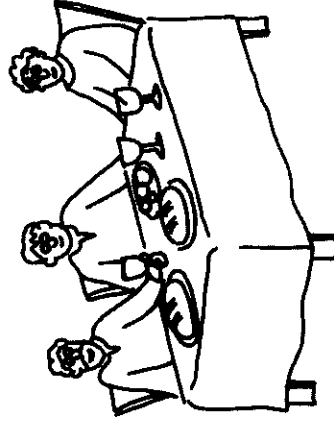
Who asks Jesus
for help next Sunday?



A

I was sick, but Jesus made me well again!

Who am I?



Unscramble the letters

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MARK 1:30-31

That evening,
after sunset, what did
Jesus do?

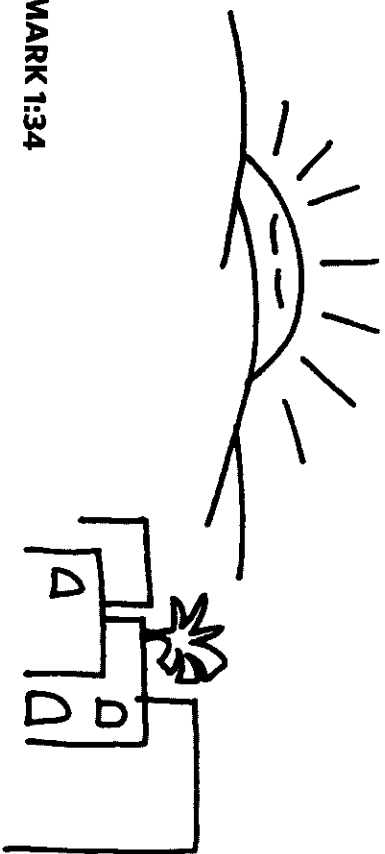
Use the code cracker to see!

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MARK 1:34

What did Jesus do
long before dawn?

Solve the problems to complete the code and
then find the missing letters!



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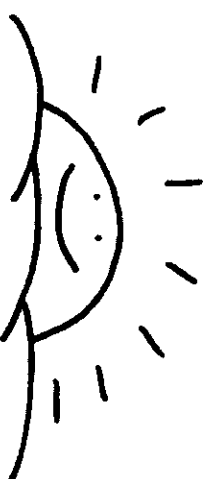
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MARK 1:35

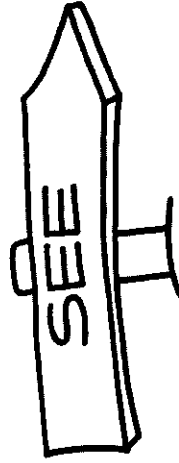
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Jesus cures the sick

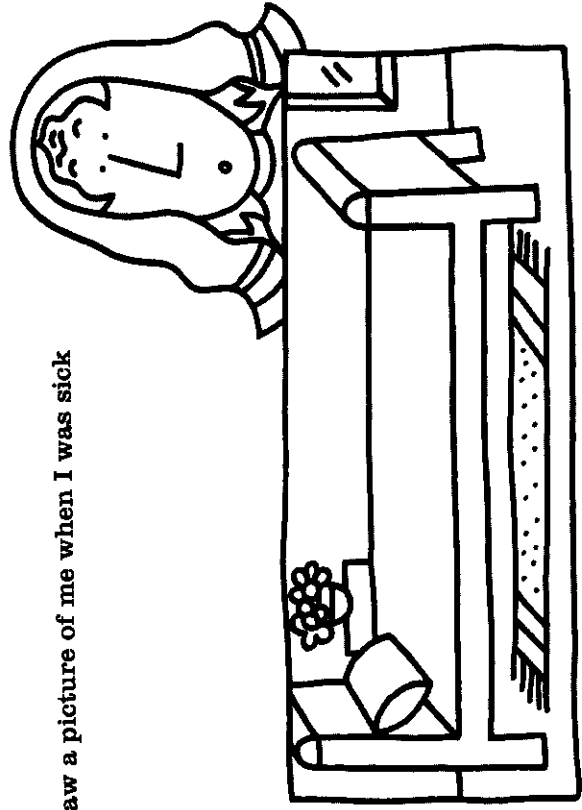
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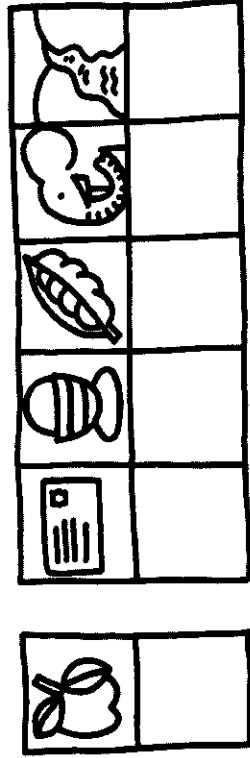
MARK 1:29-39

I was sick until Jesus
made me well again!

Draw a picture of me when I was sick

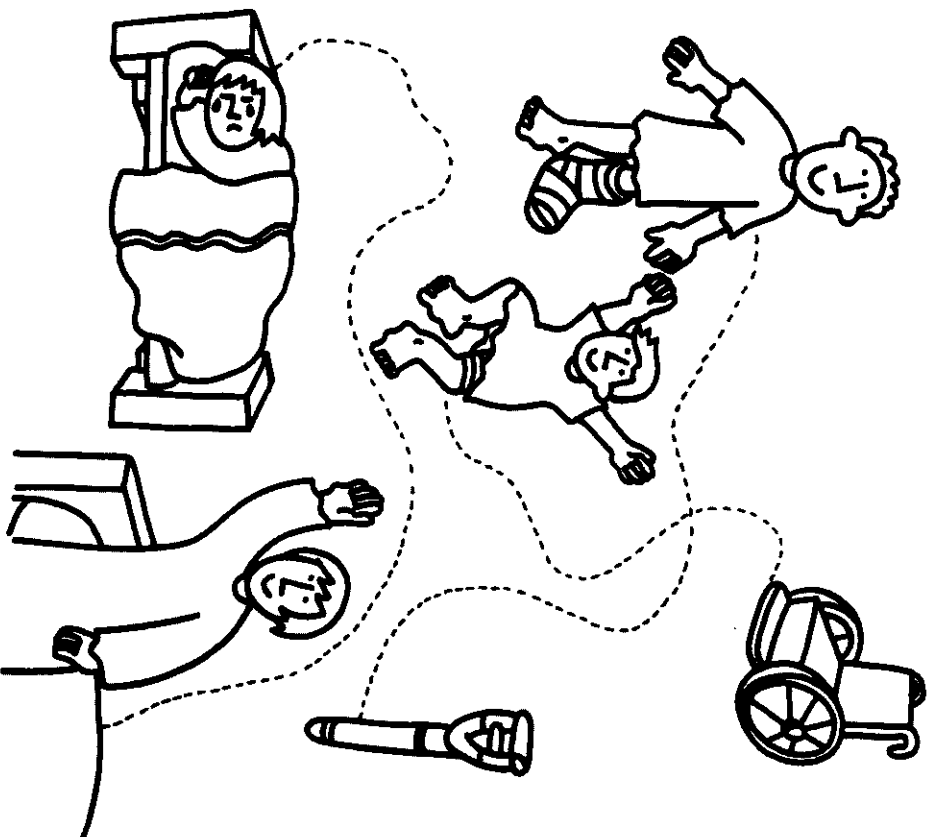


Write the first letter of each picture to check your answer



Jesus cured
many people who had
been suffering.

Match the pictures that go together



What did Jesus always
find time to do?

Trace the letters. Color the picture

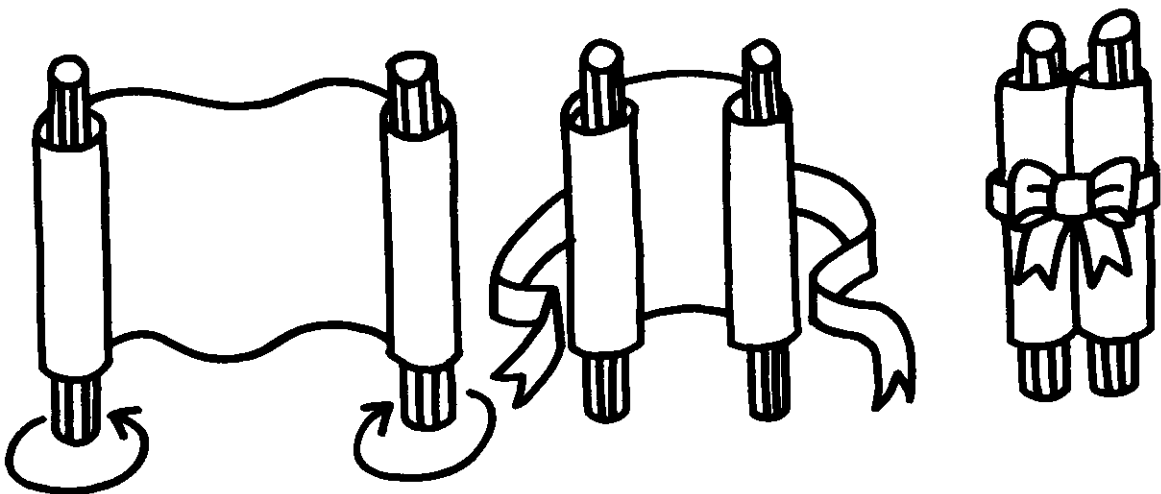


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Fifth Sunday of the Year

Focus

A Bible open at today's Gospel, with a map and various medical aids such as plasters, ointment, and a bottle of medicine (empty and childproof!).

Introduction

Nobody's life is free from suffering or pain. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals God's love and concern for our well-being, and his readiness to heal our ills and relieve our pain in whatever way he can.

Gloria

Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 3.

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St Mark (1:29-39)
(See page 382.)

Reflection

What was Jesus told when he arrived at Simon Peter's house?

He heard that the mother of Simon Peter's wife had been taken ill, although the Gospel does not tell us how serious her illness was.

What did Jesus do?

Jesus quietly went to her and took her by the hand and she was healed.

What does this incident tell us about Jesus?

Jesus came to reveal the depth of his Father's love for his children, and often he did this by healing them. God cares deeply about our pain and suffering and no situation is beyond his healing touch. Such cures could be dramatic, immediate and powerful, amazing all who witnessed these miracles. But Jesus also healed people when there were no crowds to witness his actions, but simply because of the depth of his love and compassion. His gesture of taking the sick woman by the hand reminds us how gentle yet powerful God's healing and miraculous love can be in our lives.

How did the people react when they heard what had happened?

Capernaum was a small fishing village on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and news travelled fast! By the time evening had arrived, crowds of sick people had gathered around Peter's house, hoping that Jesus might heal them too.

What do you think Peter thought when he saw the crowds?

Peter's house was suddenly surrounded by people all hoping to see or speak to Jesus. He probably felt 'under siege' and overwhelmed by the unfolding events.

What did Jesus do when he saw the crowds?

He was filled with love and pity by their suffering, and he healed many of them.

Where did Jesus go very early the next morning?

Jesus slipped away from the people to spend time alone with his heavenly Father in prayer. He took 'time out' to give thanks for all he had done, and to ask for guidance and strength to continue with the work that God still wanted him to do.

After praying to his heavenly Father, what did Jesus decide to do next?

Jesus set off from Capernaum to visit other towns and villages, healing people in his Father's holy name and preaching the Good News wherever he went.

Activity

Help the children to make 'Thinking of you . . .' cards for members of your parish family who are ill. Fold pieces of coloured card in half and encourage the children to use various pre-cut shapes and designs of tissue paper, sequins or self-adhesive stickers to create colourful, attractive cards for them to sign and send.

Intercessions

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

Let us pray for God's Church throughout the world; may our love for God and one another allow his kingdom to grow.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for leaders of governments and nations; may they be guided by God's will so that all people may live in peace and freedom.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for peace and reconciliation in our lives; may we forgive others as God forgives us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

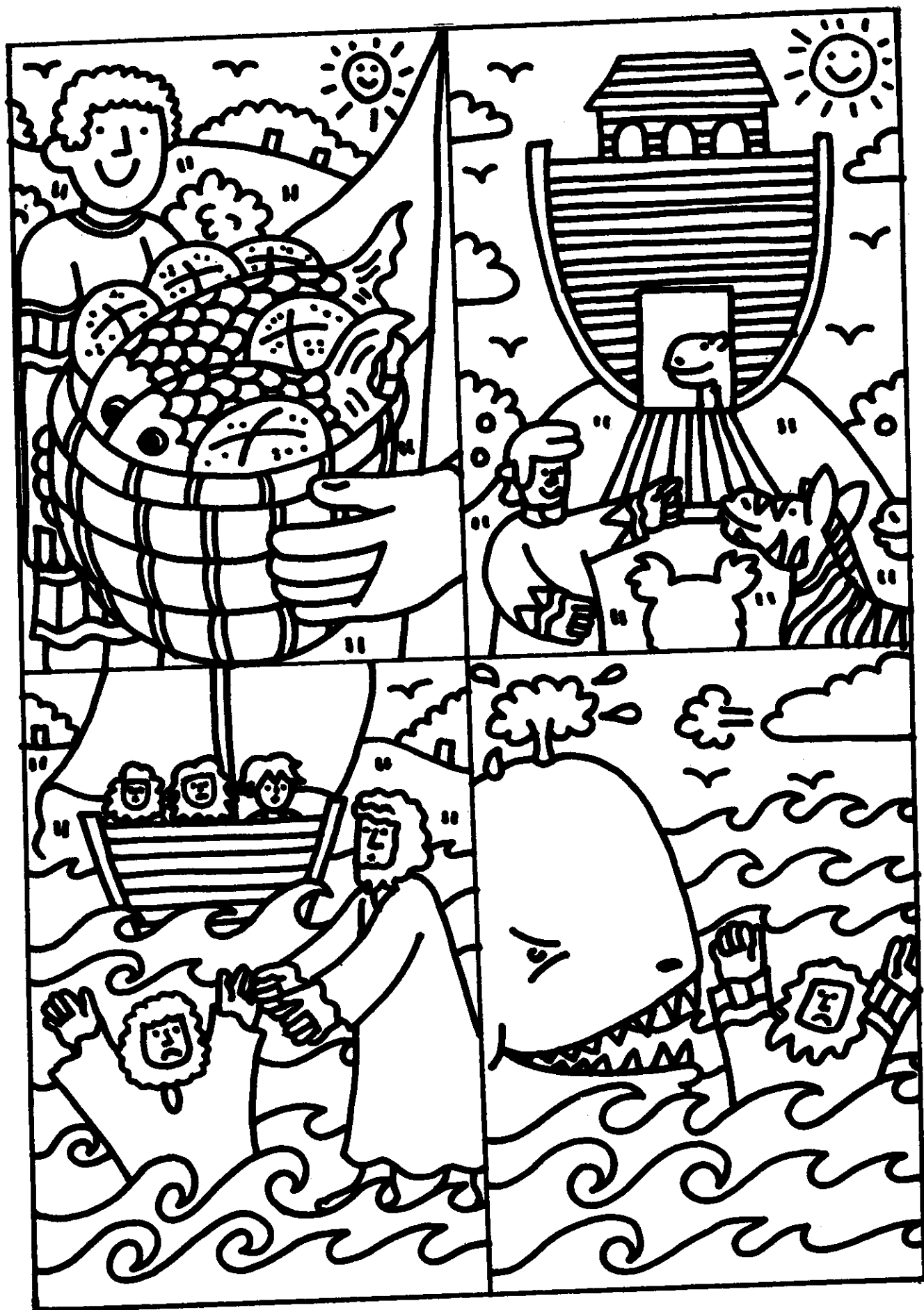
Let us pray for all who suffer in mind or body; may God strengthen them and ease their pain.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening, in the silence of our hearts let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

Silence

Loving Father,
you know and love us so well.
Hear our prayers
and allow your healing love to transform our lives.
We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Fifth Sunday of the Year

Jesus cures the sick

INTRODUCTION

Jesus loves all people with a love so great that he died for us. Throughout his life he showed this love by curing the sick and making time to share with others.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

LIGHT THE CANDLES

Light the candles and read:

Jesus, you are the light of the world; may we see the light of your love and feel its warmth in the lives of the people we meet each day.

SORRY

As we sing our song together, let us ask for God's help to make a fresh start. Sing Sorry Song 2.

GLORIA

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

To welcome today's Gospel sing Acclamation 1.

GOSPEL (MARK 1:29-39)

After preaching in the synagogue, Jesus and his disciples went to Peter's house to share a meal together. When they got there, Peter's wife told them that her mother had been taken ill and was suffering from a high fever. Jesus went to her, took her by the hand and, as he helped her up, the fever disappeared and she felt well again.

That evening, crowds of sick people gathered around Peter's house, and Jesus cured many of them. Early the next morning, Jesus went off to a quiet place to pray. When his disciples found him, they said, "Lord, everyone is looking for you. They have heard of the marvelous things you have done." Jesus told them, "I must go and visit other villages, too, because I came to tell the Good News to everyone."

DISCUSSION

In today's Gospel, the mother of Peter's wife was suffering from a fever. How do you feel when you

have a fever? When Jesus heard of the woman's suffering he immediately went to comfort her and make her well again.

Everyone in Capernaum soon heard about Jesus, from his amazing teaching in the synagogue to his power over illness and evil spirits. A crowd of people suffering from all kinds of diseases gathered outside Peter's house to wait for Jesus.

Even though he was tired, Jesus took pity on the sick and cured many of their diseases. He never turned away from anyone who needed him. His compassion and love were so great that he always helped those who needed him. The people's love for him must have grown even greater that day.

Early the next morning, Jesus went off alone to pray. Despite the crowds and being so busy healing the people, Jesus remembered to spend time with God.

By his actions, Jesus helps us to understand that there are many people in the world who need our help, and we, too, should always be ready to give our time to help them. One way we can help those who are sick and suffering is by praying for them and asking Jesus to make them better.

Often before performing a miracle, Jesus would pray to his heavenly father. Time after time, he reminds us of the importance and power of prayer, and of making time to spend with God. Do each of you remember to spend a little time each day in prayer?

ACTIVITY

Copy the illustrated prayers and compile a booklet for each child. Include a few blank pages and encourage older children to write and illustrate their own prayers.

CREED

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are always ready
to make time for others,
especially those who come to you
with worries or troubles.

Thank you for your love and goodness,
and help me remember to make time
to spend alone with you.