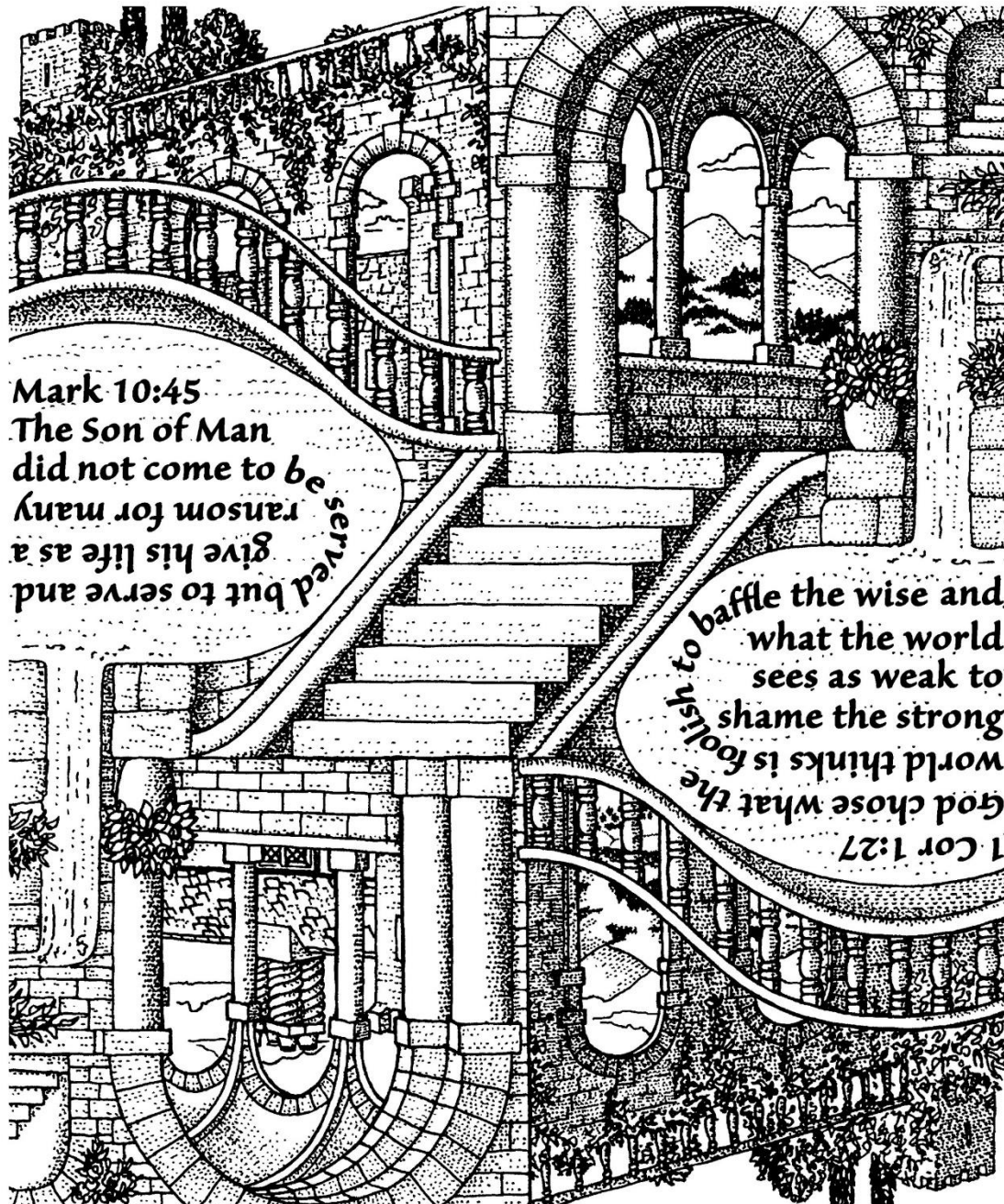


# Parish Magazine

July/August 2023

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## St. John's Parish Church

Rufford Road, Crossens

(A member of the North Meols Team Ministry)

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#### Sunday (10am)

Holy Communion July 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, Aug 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Wednesday (10am)

Holy Communion July 12<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>

Morning Prayer July 5<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>

**No service on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

Dear Friends,

Firstly, I am honoured to have been asked to write in the parishes' newsletters! I have never had this opportunity before, and it leaves me feeling quite humble.

Aren't we blessed at the moment with the beautiful weather? I always say however it's great to be able to sit, enjoy the glory of the great outdoors and not have to do anything! (Apart from it being too hot!).

If you are like me, I currently work, it is so hard sitting on a computer in a very warm loft all day and trying to concentrate, or travel many miles in the blistering heat, hoping that you don't get delayed.

From every adversity however, there comes a positive. I was stuck in traffic this week but it did give me chance to say prayers for a safe journey and read my 'word for today' on my app on my 'phone.

This hot weather has also led to my reflecting on what the weather was like in Jesus's time. Their clothing appeared light weight, white in colour and flowing to keep them cool. These are the images we get in biblical literature and films.

We are in the season of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the start of the church. There may be some interesting questions, of who the Holy Spirit is what can He do in our lives. The Holy spirit is part of the Trinity, the three in one and the person Jesus sent us to help us.

Are we used to asking for the Holy Spirit to come into our lives? Asking for the gifts of the spirit?

Speaking in tongues  
Interpreting tongues  
Giving words of wisdom  
Giving words of knowledge  
Having faith

Gifts of healing others  
Miracles  
Prophecy  
Distinguishing between spirits.

Do we ask for these gifts? How would we use them?

Perhaps we are comfortable using the gifts God has given us so far? It's important to know we can always ask for the gifts, not all of us receive all of the gifts.

Are we ready to help others by using these gifts?

In the words of Matthew Chapter 7 verse 7 to 8;

*Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks, finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened.*

In all the difficulty, uncertainty and worrying times isn't this amazing, and an opportunity to draw closer to God and he will draw closer to us.

You only have to Ask!

I hope everyone stays safe in the heat and enjoys the sunshine safely.

God Bless us all.

Yours In Christ.

*Pam Finch*

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*A Thank You from Mavis Comstive*

*To the Friends of St John's Church*

*May I express my sincere thanks to all for the cards and good wishes I received during my recent accident.*

*Mavis*

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*A Thank You from Chrissy Gregory*

*St John's have done it again! £70 plus afternoon tea for 5. How kind and generous you all are.*

*Chrissy*

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# **Rev Chris Gregory RIP**

4th Jan 1953-21st May 2023

Chris was a member of our North Meols Team and served across all three churches. He was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in the autumn of 2022. Chris continued in his ministry until the symptoms of his illness began to increase and sadly, he had to retire in November 2022. He was originally due to retire in Jan 2023.

Chris loved every single minute of being a priest and serving the churches and communities across our parishes.

His loss to his family, to our churches and especially to St John Crossens, a church he particular loved is huge indeed. There will never be another Chris!

All through his illness Chris never wavered in his faith and spoke to others from a strong belief that he knew where he was going after death and that he would be with the God he had loved and served all his life.

So we continue to pray for Chrissy, (Chris's wife) and all his family as they grieve the loss of a true family man and send them our love and support.

May Chris rest in peace and one day may he rise in glory.

Rev Rebecca Clarke  
Team Rector.

# ROTAS

## SUNDAY COFFEE ROTA

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Chris D & Eileen
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Chris & Bill
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Kath & Jane
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Nicola & Andrew
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Brenda & Mavis
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Chris D & Eileen
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Chris & Bill
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Kath & Jane
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Nicola & Andrew
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Brenda & Mavis



Help is urgently needed to maintain a weekly rota. If you are willing to volunteer, please see me. Chris Jowett

## WEDNESDAY COFFEE ROTA

28th June	Brenda & June
5th July	Chris & Janet
12th July	Jean & Mavis
19th July	Brenda & June
26th July	Chris & Janet
2nd August	Jean & Mavis
9th August	Brenda & June
16th August	Chris & Janet
23rd August	Jean & Mavis
30th August	Brenda & June



## Sanctuary Flowers

July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs J Topping	August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs G Johnson
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	-----	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	-----
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	-----	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs B Brown
July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-----	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	-----

Thank you to all who give to the Flower Fund.ECB.



# SUMMER



# Saturday

# Morning Social

# Saturday 1st July

# 10am - 12pm



# Cakes and Raffle

## PUZZLES - SUDOKU

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### "SCHOOL - RESCUE ME!"

As part of their work to support charities, school are supporting an animal rescue centre called "Rescue Me". The children have been asked to collect postage stamps from envelopes, unwanted foreign currency and any pre-decimal or pre-euro currency people may have hidden in old socks!!!

If you have any such items, please can you pass them to Karen Corbett and she will take them into school.

# **Churches Together**

*(in North Meols)*

***Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023***

***7.30 p.m.***

***at Cornerstone Methodist Church***

**Everyone is very  
welcome!**

***The meeting will be led by:***

***Cornerstone Methodist Church***

***"Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose."  
[1 Corinthians 1: 106]***

# WORDSEARCH

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July the Church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples' news of the Resurrection. But 'doubt' did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus! Only a few weeks before, Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to follow Jesus to see Lazarus in Bethany, despite danger from the Jews. "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas was sometimes very confused about just where Jesus was headed. But in John 14:5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me." Finally, after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Thomas, showing him the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was electrified, and his response immediate: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff). Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of people down the centuries.

July  
Thomas  
Resurrection  
Doubt  
Doubting

Love  
Jesus  
Follow  
Lazarus  
Bethany

Danger  
Jews  
Die  
Life  
Confused

Going  
Father  
Wounds  
Crucifixion  
Response

Immediate  
Lord  
God  
Honest  
Faith  
reassurance

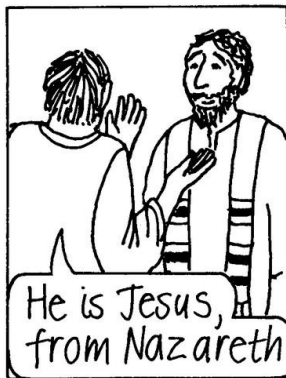
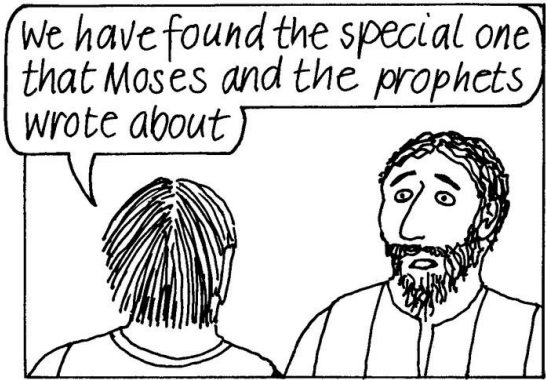


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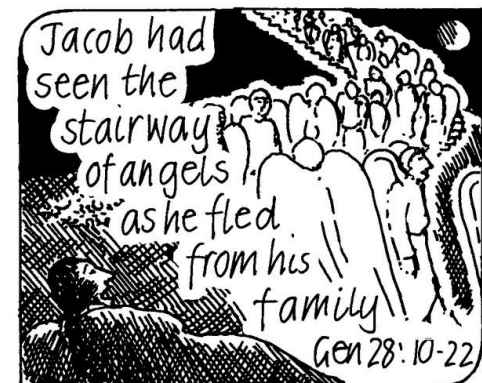
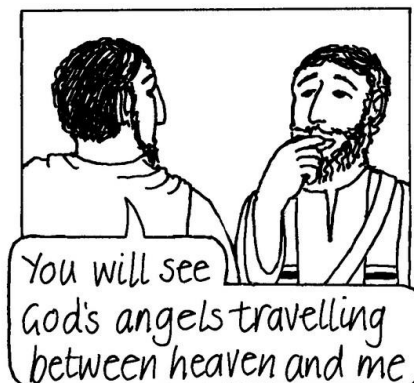
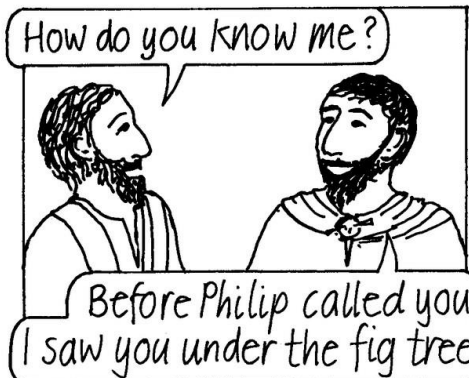
A short story from the Bible

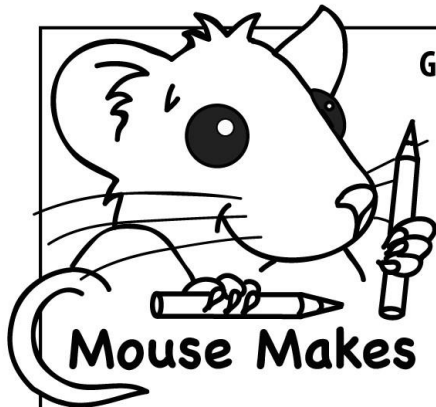
It can be read in the Bible in John chapter 1 verses 35 - 51

After Jesus had called Peter and Andrew to be his disciples, he went to find their friend Philip ...



Background: the ancestor of the Israelites was Jacob, whose name meant 'Grasper' or 'Cheat', and who cheated his father and brother. God gave him a new start and a new name - Israel - 'Prince of God'. Gen 25, 27, 32





**Goliath**, the champion of the Philistine army, taunted the Israelites.  
*"Choose a man to fight with me and if he kills me then we will be your servants!"*

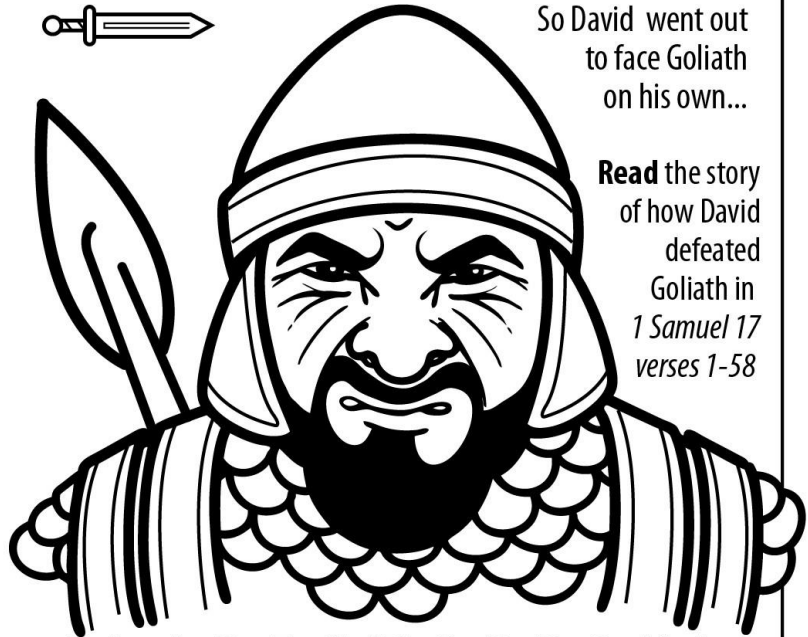


The Israelites were afraid, but **David**, a shepherd boy who had come to bring food to his brothers on the battlefield said:  
*"The Lord who delivered me from the lion and bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."*



So David went out to face Goliath on his own...

**Read** the story of how David defeated Goliath in *1 Samuel 17* verses 1-58



**Where did Goliath come from?**



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*1 Samuel 17:4*

**How tall was Goliath?**



\_\_\_\_\_ cubits.

*1 Samuel 17:4*

**What was Goliath's armour made of?**

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*1 Samuel 17:5,6*

**What weapons did Goliath carry?**



a J A V E L I N,

a \_\_\_\_\_

and a \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Samuel 17:45*

**How many stones did David take from the stream?**



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*1 Samuel 17:40*



**Where did David's stone hit Goliath? On his**

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*1 Samuel 17:49*

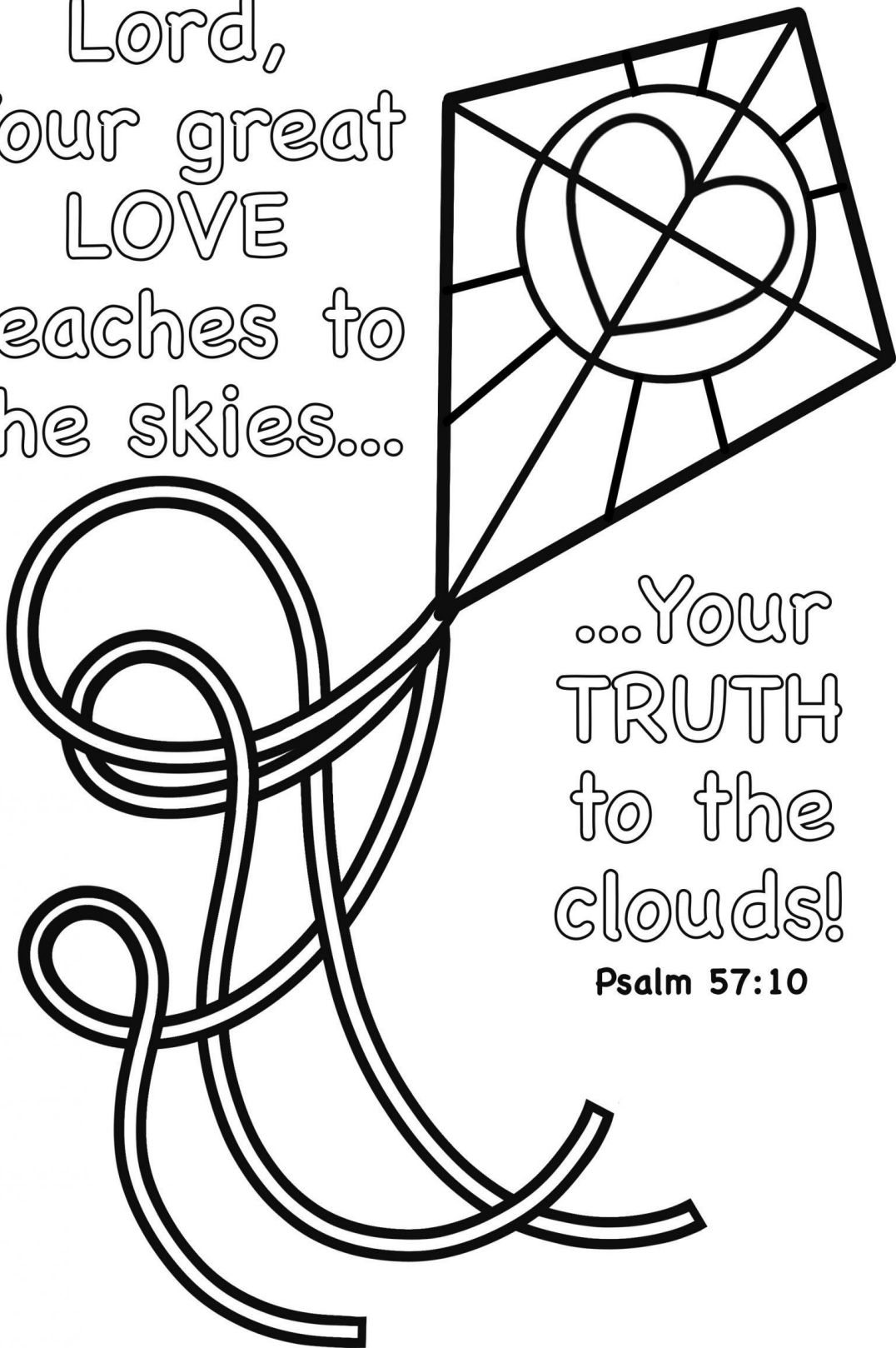
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Some colouring for all ages....

Lord,  
Your great  
**LOVE**  
reaches to  
the skies...



...Your  
**TRUTH**  
to the  
clouds!

**Psalm 57:10**

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