

Dear parents,

To engage our younger children, virtual Synod School is offering daily activities that can be done anytime during the day, special outfits of the day, snacks/dessert of the day, and some things that they can do while you listen to our evening speakers for fifteen minutes. To ease your preparation, we are pulling the items together here for you.

### **Daily Activities**

Monday-Wednesday daily activities are scavenger hunts that also have conversation starters. They are attached to this packet or available for download online. The nature scavenger hunt suggests taking pictures of unusual things. Maybe your child would “pose” with the item?

- Monday: Nature scavenger hunt – bring phone to take pictures
- Tuesday: People scavenger hunt
- Wednesday: Tree scavenger hunt

Thursday’s daily activity: Video of art project with Cathy Kolwey based on book of the day about Wangari Maathei. <https://youtu.be/7PEnkliUtDQ> This project also asks the child to find a quote by Maathei online that they can add to their picture.

- A paper bag or old map/atlas or newspaper
- Painter’s tape if you have it
- Can of spray paint or a spray bottle and some tempura paint
- Beautiful things that remind the child of trees – leaves
- Marker

We encourage you to have the children share their daily activities during the fellowship/dessert time as well as sending in pictures from the day to [synodschooldpix@gmail.com](mailto:synodschooldpix@gmail.com)

### **Outfits of the Day for individuals and/or FAMILIES**

- Monday: Tie Dye
- Tuesday: Super Heroes
- Wednesday: Blue and/or yellow
- Thursday: Green

### **Snacks of the Day**

- Monday: Ice Cream
- Tuesday: Brownies or Cookies
- Wednesday: Popcorn
- Thursday: Cinnamon rolls

Each night will feature a particular story. If you have the book, we encourage you to have it handy so the pictures can be better seen. In addition, we have included a link to purchase each book in each day’s website if you are interested in doing so.

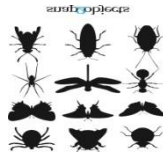
### **Books of the Day and Activities during convocation based on the story**

- Monday: The Story of AND

- Handout will encourage children to cut out shapes and see different ways the shapes could be put together. Older children could be encouraged to write a note to someone whose presence in their life has made them better or enriched them – i.e., added the AND to their lives.
- Tuesday: God's Big Plan
  - There are some discussion/thought questions with room to either write or draw responses.
- Wednesday: Who is My Neighbor?
  - There is a coloring handout that seems more designed for older children. Younger children might color a picture of how they could become a better neighbor and a better friend.
- Thursday: Wangari's Trees of Peace
  - There is a coloring handout for children to complete. They could also do some research about Wangari's country of Kenya

**Hope it is a good week for you and your family. We will miss seeing you face to face.**

**The Synod School Committee**



## Monday: NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

Please read the story of Creation found in Genesis 1.

Take a walk through your yard, neighborhood, park, or woods and look for as many DIFFERENT kinds of the following as you can find. Write down their names if you know them. Take pictures of the most unusual or beautiful or ugly or weird to send to Synod School, OR draw them when you get back home.

BUGS:

FLOWERS:

BIRDS:

TREES/LEAVES:

NON-HUMAN ANIMALS:

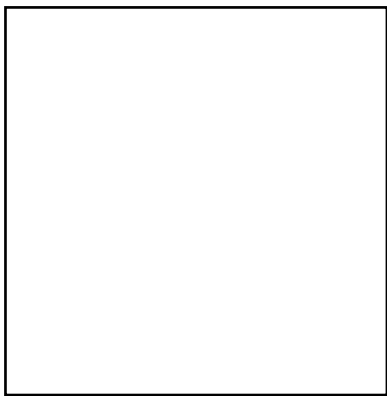
**Monday Night Activity: Based on The Story of AND**

Resource suggested by *Flyaway Books*, publisher of *The Story of AND*

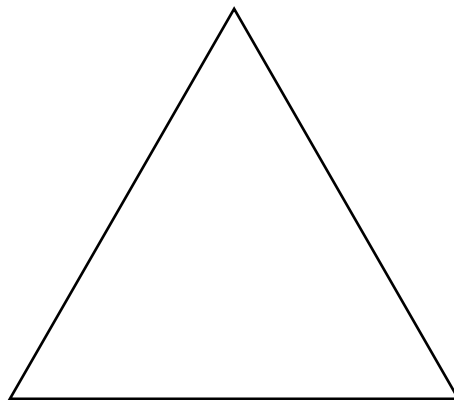
Pair up the shapes below to see what they can create together!

**INSTRUCTIONS**

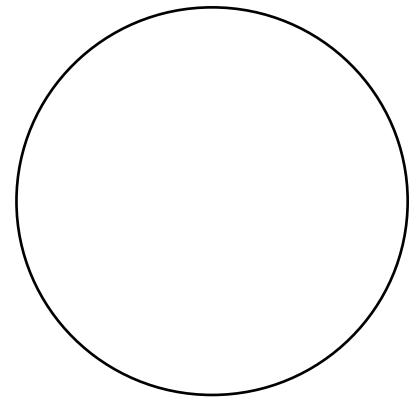
1. Color in the shapes.
2. With the help of an adult, cut all of the shapes out along the dotted lines.
3. Pair up the shapes to create something new!



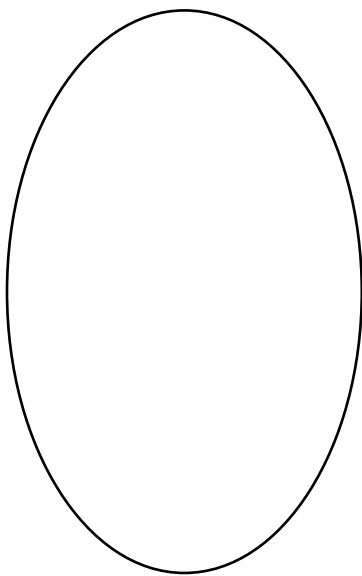
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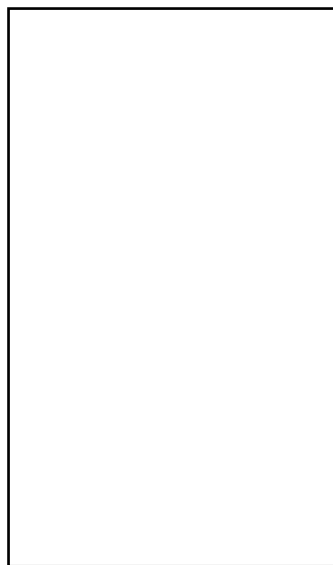
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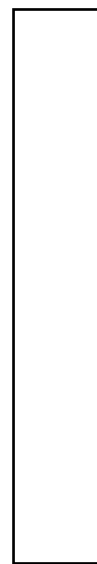
Circle



Oval



Rectangle



Line



## Tuesday: PEOPLE WATCHING SCAVENGER HUNT

Take a walk around your neighborhood or sit in a park and notice and tally the ways people are alike and different. If they don't mind, take some pictures. Or, draw them when you get home. Share with Synod School. If you can't do this safely with real people, watch a movie or TV show and notice these things:

Boys:

Girls:

Teenagers:

Senior Citizens:

Blond hair:

Brown hair:

Gray hair:

Red hair:

Black hair:

Blue, purple, green, yellow, pink or other hair:

Long hair:

Short hair:

Tall:

Short:

Skinny:

Not skinny:

Light skin:

Dark skin:

Smiling:

Grumpy:

Dog owners:

Cat owners:

Car drivers:

Truck drivers:

Bicycle riders:

Motorcycle riders:

Flowers in their yard:

Toys in their yard:

Fences around their yard:

Big houses:

Small houses:

How many different languages did you hear being spoken?

Didn't God create a wonderful variety of people for us to enjoy? Can you say a prayer of thanks for them?

Tuesday night activity

Why do you think  
the people who  
lived in Shinar  
wanted to stay  
together?

What do you  
think happened  
after God sent  
them to  
different places  
in the world?

Who do you  
know who is  
very different  
from you?

What makes you  
different?

What makes you  
alike?

Why do you  
think God  
designed a  
world with so  
many  
differences in  
it?



## Wednesday: TREES SCAVENGER HUNT

Remember when you looked for different kinds of trees. Can you add to your list?  
Can you think of 50 reasons we need trees? Please try.

Imagine a world with no trees. What do you think it would be like?

Imagine what the perfect tree would look like. Can you draw it or describe it?

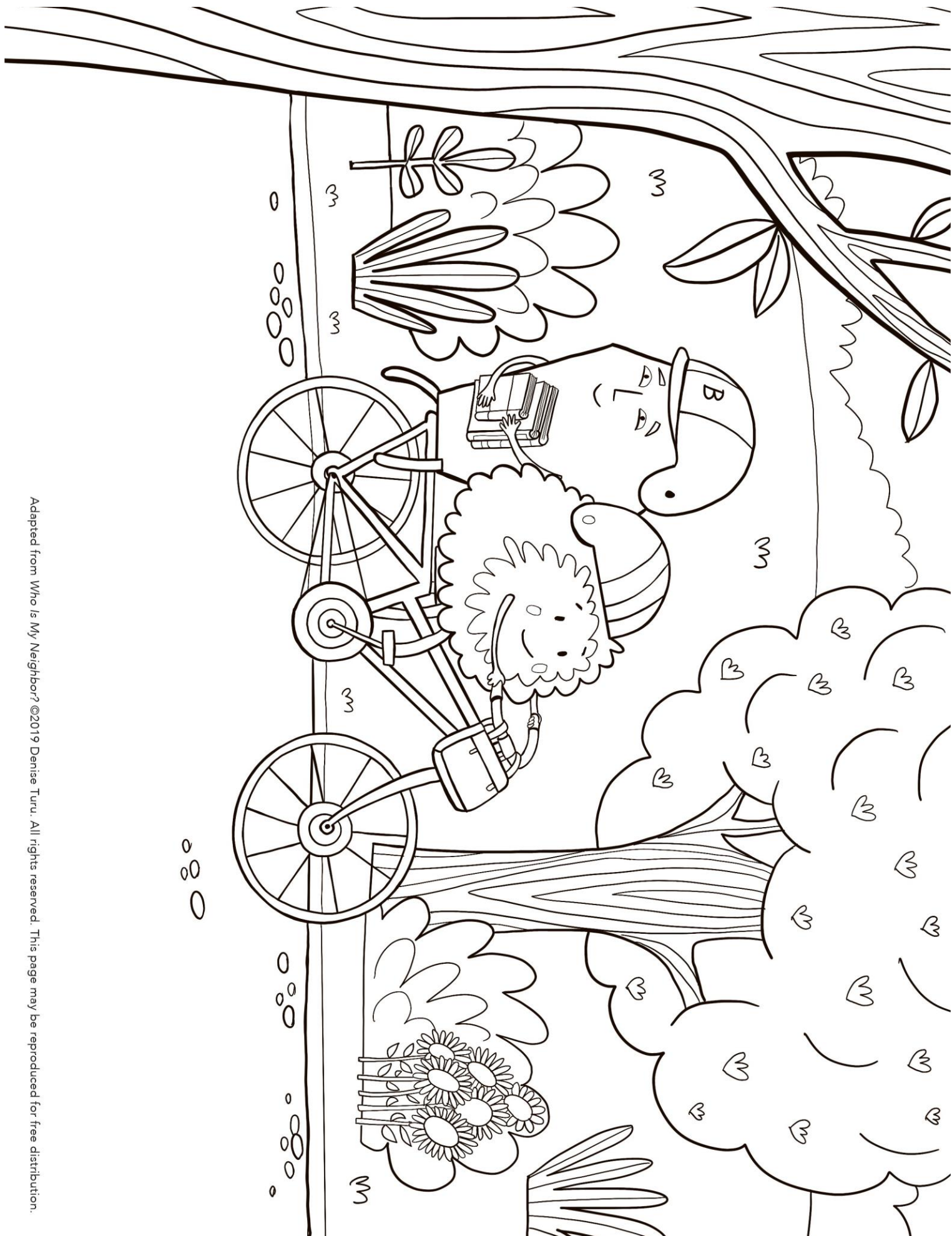
How can we take care of trees? How can we thank God for trees?

Do you know there's a special day called Arbor Day, when we are encouraged to plant a tree?  
See if your family can plan on participating this year. You can get free trees from the Arbor Day Foundation.

Go outside and lie down under a tree. Do you see squirrels, birds, bugs or other critters living in the tree? Do you feel cooler under a tree? Give the tree a long hug. Seriously. You will receive good positive energy from it. Tell the tree how special it is. Really. How did that feel to hug and talk to a tree? Do you think it felt and heard you? Try this again and again and I bet you'll feel really good inside.



**Wednesday night activity:** Draw a picture reflecting how could you become a better neighbor and a better friend?



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**Thursday night activity:** Write or draw a response to the question, what can you do every day to help take care of the environment?