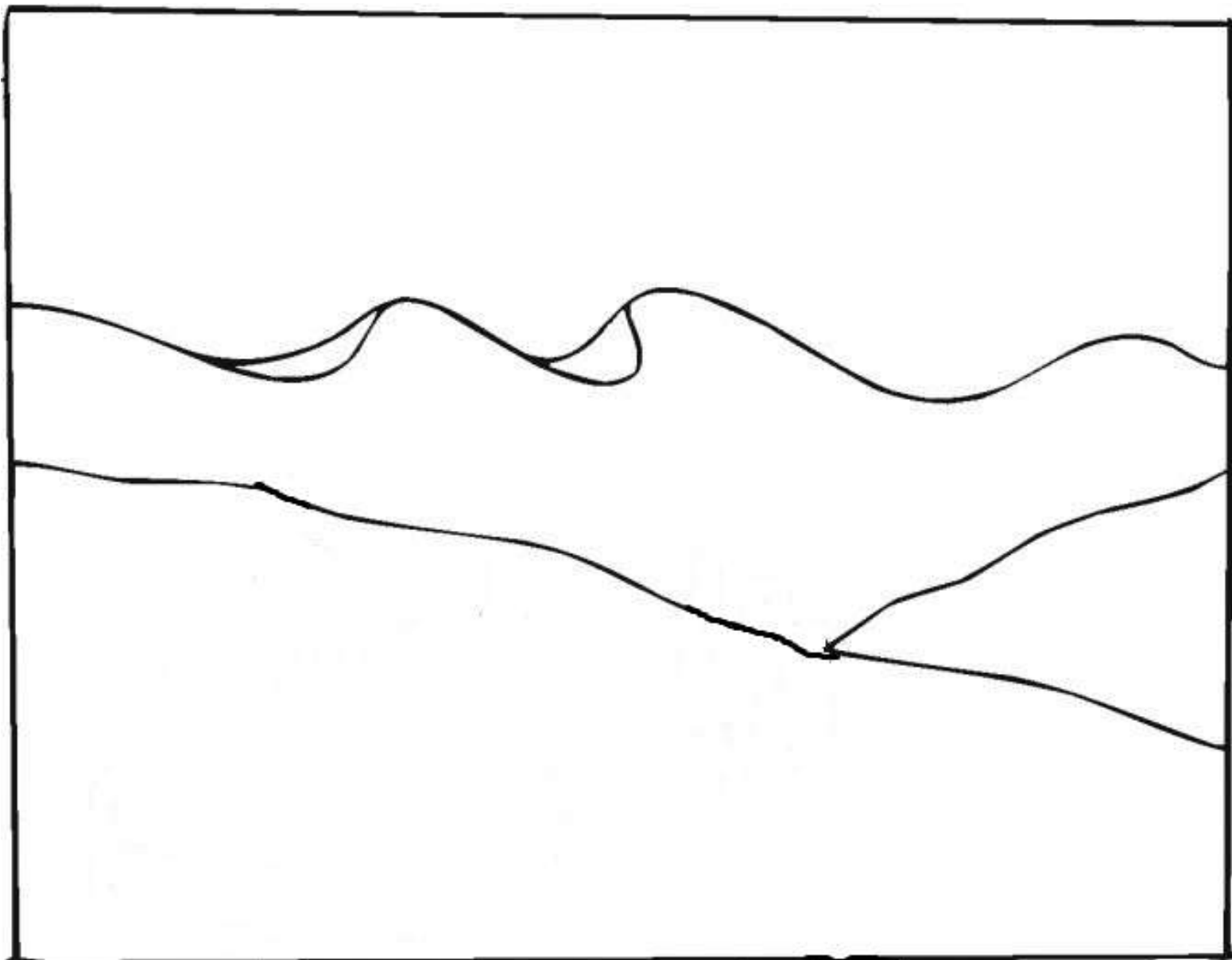


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
MARCH 13, 2016—THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
CREATING SOMETHING NEW



God said: Watch closely: I am preparing something new; it's happening now, even as I speak, and you're about to see it.

I am preparing a way through the desert; waters will flow where there had been none.

Wild animals in the fields will honor Me; the wild dogs and surly birds will join in.

There will be water enough for My chosen people, trickling springs and clear streams running through the desert. My people, the ones whom I chose and created for My own, will sing My praise.

Isaiah 43:19-21 (The Voice Bible Copyright © 2012 Thomas Nelson, Inc.)

The prophet Isaiah tells how God is always creating, always making things new. This is a picture of an empty desert. **Can you create a beautiful drawing of a new creation of plants, trees, animals and rivers in this empty desert?**



**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME:
THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS**

FAMILY CONVERSATION: Creating and Making things new.

We often think about creation as something that happened one time, eons and ages ago. We also think that God is the only creator. Both are true—and yet there is more! God is still creating and God wants us to create too and be a living, breathing, helping, growing part of our beautiful world.

God created the world for us, and we are called to be a part of that creation. We are called to care for and nurture the earth, plants, animals and people, too. We are also being made new, each and every day by God's love and forgiveness. That's the story of Lent and Easter—creating and recreating. God takes sinful people who need help and makes us into a new creation—cleansed, beloved and forgiven. God takes our sinfulness and turns it into forgiveness. This should give us strength, courage and conviction to go out and create more love and make the whole world shine with God's love for everyone and everything.

Fill in the Blanks

- I am about to do a _____ thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- I will make a way in the _____ and rivers in the desert.
- The wild _____ will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches;
- for I give _____ in the wilderness, _____ in the desert,
- to give _____ to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself
- so that they might declare my _____..

Choose from these words: DRINK, PRAISE, RIVERS, ANIMALS, WILDERNESS, WATER, NEW,

Isaiah 43: 19-21

Dinner Table Conversation:

What did God create?

What is your favorite part of nature?

What have you created today? (Remember that creation is not just about THINGS. It is also about ACTIONS and LOVE.)

If you could do anything at all, what would you like to create?

How are you a part of God's creation?