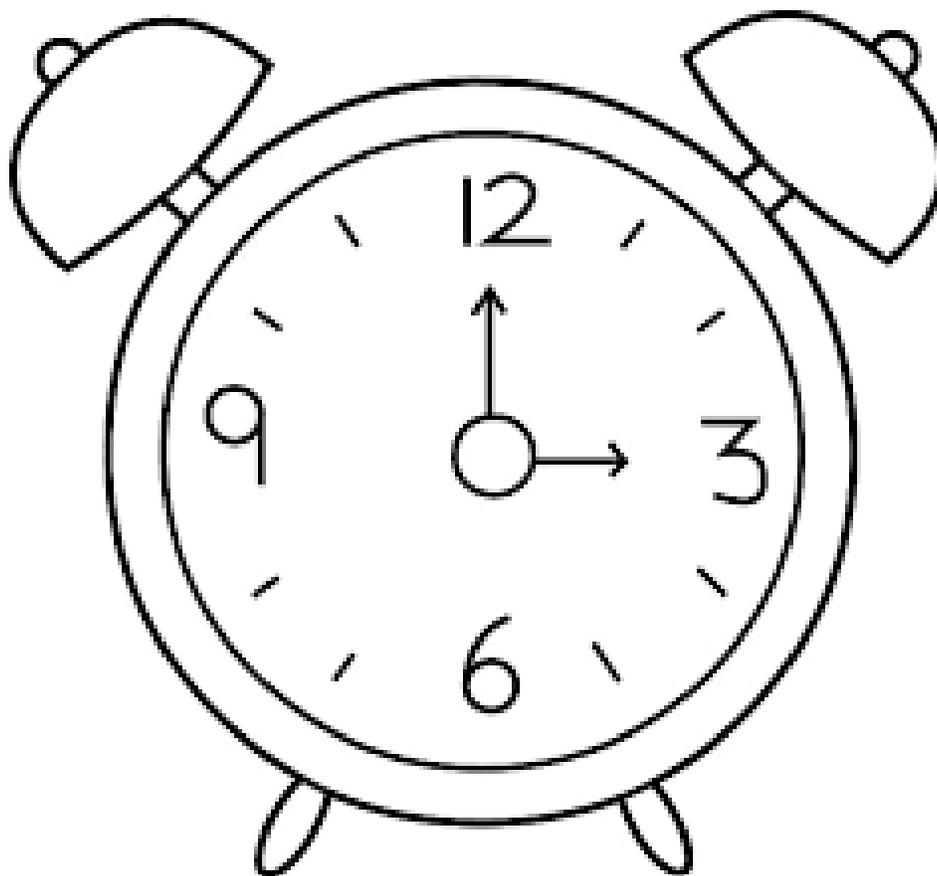


St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
SEPTEMBER 25, 2016—THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT



Do you have an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning? Or have you ever set the timer on your oven to know when something was finished cooking? Sometimes we need a reminder that it's to do something important.

Jesus says that RIGHT NOW is the RIGHT TIME to:
Love God, Love Everyone and Do a Good Deed!

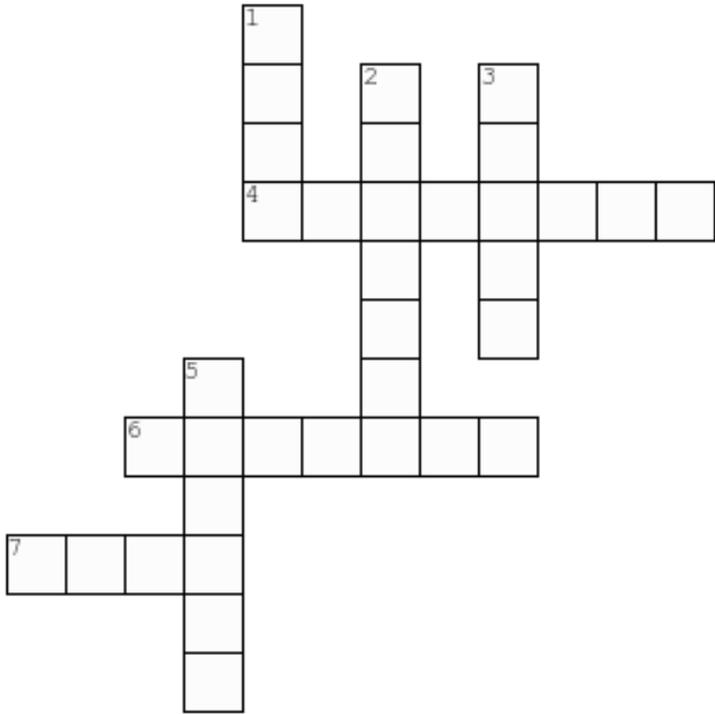
**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME:
THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS**

The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31)

Jesus told a parable about Lazarus-and a rich man. Lazarus lived a life of poverty and illness. The rich man had everything he wanted, but had ignored Lazarus, even though Lazarus was right outside the door of his house in obvious need. Now, in the afterlife, the rich man is in great need and Lazarus is being comforted by Abraham. The rich man wants Lazarus to go tell his five brothers to live their lives differently—they still have a chance to change things. This parable is like an alarm clock. Ring, ring ring! It’s time to wake up and change your ways, Jesus says. It is really about the five brothers. They are the ones who have a chance to change their ways, to change their lives, to act differently.

We are the five brothers and this story is Jesus wake up call to us. Now is the time to look around and say “How can I make the world a better place?” “How can I show love?” “How can I help someone else?”

Talk with your children about taking action. What can you do now, today? What can you plan for tomorrow? The parables that Jesus tells are not to make us feel bad about the past—what we did wrong, or what we didn’t do right. The parables are about our present and our future. What can I do today?



Crossword Puzzle

Across

- 4.** Something you can do today to help someone else. (2 words)
- 6.** The poor man in today's parable
- 7.** What we should show to all people today

Down

- 1.** The sound an alarm clock makes
- 2.** Male sibling
- 3.** The Present
- 5.** What you do in the morning (2 words)

Good Deed, Lazarus, Love,
Ring, Brother, Today, Wake Up