

Friday, July 3rd - Coping with Covid - Morning

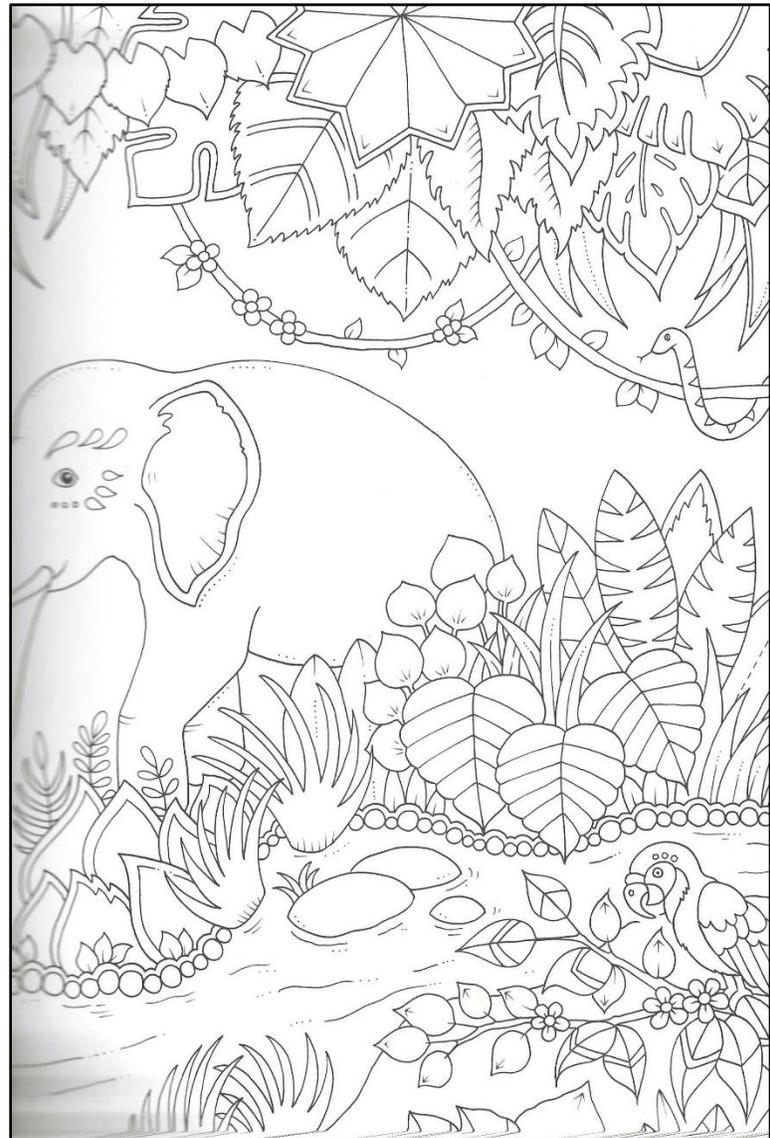
Laugh it off: A Scottish mother visits her son in his New York City apartment and asks, “How do you find the Americans, Donald?” “Mother,” says Donald, “they’re such noisy people. One neighbor won’t stop banging his head against the wall, while the other screams and screams all night long.” “Oh, Donald! How do you manage to put up with them?” “What can I do? I just lie in bed quietly, playing my bagpipes.”

God’s Comfort: Prov 3:13-18 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed. **Psalms 10:16-18** The Lord is King for ever and ever; the nations will perish from his land. 17 You, Lord, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, 18 defending the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror

Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to: “Dear Father in heaven, you are our God. You rule and guide us, and our trust remains in you even when many needs pull at our hearts and try to draw us into their whirlpool. Protect us, we pray. May your divine hand govern us so that we remain aware of the calling we receive from you. Let your power work wherever hearts respond to you on this earth, wherever the strength of Jesus Christ is revealed, so that people acknowledge his deeds to your honor. Be with the lowliest and least noticed of your children. Keep them in your hands and enable them to be fellow workers who persevere courageously and confidently until the time when you reveal yourself to all peoples on earth. Amen.

National Day Today (These are for July 2. I gave you July 3rd, yesterday) I Forgot Day, Made in the USA Day, Anisette Day, Second Half of the Year Day, World UFO Day.

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Laugh it off: I'm driving with this guy, and he runs right through a Stop sign. So say, "Hey, that was a Stop sign." And he says, "I drive like my brother!" A few blocks later, he plows right through a red light. I say, "You just ran a red light." And he says, "I drive like my brother!" So now we're coming up on a green light, and he slows down. I'm confused, so I say, "It's green; why are you slowing down?" He says, "My brother might be coming."

God's Comfort: Matthew 21:6-11 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna[d] in the highest heaven!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Historical Perspective (July 2): 1775 - Gen. George Washington takes command of Continental Army. 1833 - Franz Kafka born. 1863 - Battle of Gettysburg ends. 1878 - George M. Cohan born 1880 - "Science" published funded by Thomas Edison. 1890 - Idaho - 43rd state. 1903 - First trans-Pacific cable – Honolulu to Midway to Guam to Manila. 1922 - "Fruit Garden and Home" magazine published – became "Better Homes and Gardens." 1924 - Clarence Birdseye - General Seafood Corp. 1940 - Abbott and Costello - NBC radio. 1947 - Dave Barry born. 1956 - Montel Williams born. 1962 - Jackie Robinson - First African American - National Baseball Hall of Fame. 1962 - Tom Cruise born. 1967 - The Doors released "Light My Fire." Same day in 1971 Jim Morrison (Doors) died.

Writing for Fun: Using 100 words, write a piece that includes this sentence, "You came back."

Sample "You came back.": Mark stopped cleaning his rifle. He had heard a sound. A non-woods, non-nature sound. He carelessly tossed his rag on the table. He scanned the rifle from butt to barrel, hefted it, sighted down it, and swung it as if checking his work. Then he picked up the magazine, fed it into the receiver, and worked the bolt. Standing up, he move to the end of the porch closest to the woods. He leveled the weapon at the tree line and said in a firm voice, "You came back. I told you what would happen to you if you ever returned."

Your "You came back.":

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