

Monday May 4th - Coping with Covid - Morning

Laugh it off: A woman in labor suddenly shouted, "Shouldn't! Wouldn't! Couldn't! Didn't! Can't!" "Don't worry," said the doc. "Those are just contractions." -- A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey and ... cola." "Why the big pause?" asks the bartender. The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure; I was born with them." -- Two police officers crash their car into a tree. After a moment of silence, one says, "This is the fastest we ever got to an accident site."

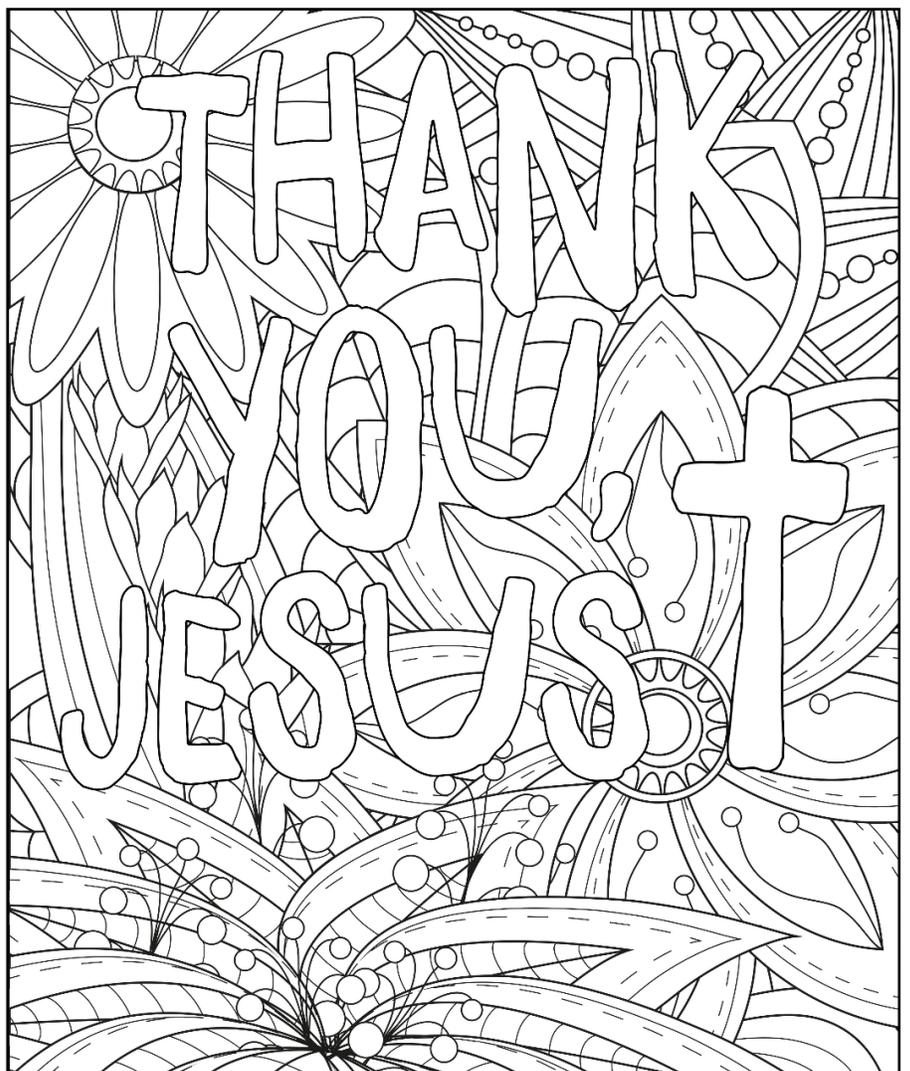
God's Comfort: Prov 24:13-14 Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. 14 Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off. **Psalm 135:13-18** Your name, Lord, endures forever, your renown, Lord, through all generations. 4 For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants. 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold, made by human hands. 16 They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. 17 They have ears, but cannot hear, nor is there breath in their mouths. 18 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

Pray daily - God is easy to talk to: Father, Thank You for looking beyond my faults and for loving me unconditionally. Forgive me when I fail to love others in the same way. Give me eyes to see the needs of the difficult people in my life and show me how to meet those needs in ways that please You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

National Day Today (May 4):

Bird Day, Dave Brubeck Day, Firefighter's Day, Kent State Shootings Remembrance, Candied Orange Peel Day, Orange Juice Day, Petite and Proud Day, Renewal Day, Rhode Island Independence Day, Star Wars Day, World Give Day

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Monday May 4th - Coping with Covid - Noon

Laugh it off: Police stops a man in a car. Police: Sir, what's in that bottle? Man replies: Water. Police: [sniffs] It smells like wine! Man: Oh no, Jesus did it again! - - "I will be contacting my lawyer" is the adult version of "I'm telling my mom". - - Last night I dreamt of a beautiful walk on a sandy beach. That explains the footprints I found in the cat litter box this morning.

God's Comfort: Matthew 9:1-8 9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Historical Perspective (May 4): **1780** American Academy of Arts & Science founded. **1904** Construction begins on Panama Canal. **1904** Charles Stewart **Rolls** meets Frederick Henry **Royce**. **1929** Lou Gehrig hits 3 consecutive HRs. **1929** Audrey Hepburn born. **1941** George Will born. **1942** Battle of Coral Sea begins. **1953** Pulitzer Prize - Ernest Hemingway - "The Old Man & The Sea." **1959** First Grammy Awards: Perry Como & Ella Fitzgerald win. **1979** Margaret Thatcher elected Prime Minister. **2002** Barry Bonds (SF Giants) hits 400th home run.

Writing for Fun: In honor of Star Wars Day use 100 words to write a Science Fiction piece that takes place in the 1980s during a birthday party. Incorporate an umbrella and a tennis court, with a lifeguard as your character.

Sample Sci Fi Story: It was dark. It was night. It was 1985 and it was my birthday party. I was a lifeguard at Crater Lake National Park. We were celebrating in the park near the tennis courts. The cake had 25 candles. I blew out the candles, but the light only intensified. It was shining down from above. My friends were falling down. I pointed my foil covered umbrella at the light and opened and closed it in our agreed upon code. The light stopped and all I could see was the blinking lights that circled the disk-shaped object. "Welcome Zardoc," I called.

Your Sci-Fi Story:

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Laugh it off: What do you get when you crossbreed a shark and a cow? I have no idea, but I wouldn't try milking it. -- I'm dating a wonderful girl who has a twin. People ask me how I can tell them apart. It's easy, really. Jane likes to paint her fingernails and Tom has a beard. - - A snowman sniffs, "Hm, funny, I smell carrots..."

God's Comfort: Deuteronomy 10:17-22 17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. 18 He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. 19 And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. 20 Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. 21 He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes.

Quotes/Other Wisdom:

"When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hang on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn." - Harriet Beecher Stowe

"Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries." - James A. Michener

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