



St. John Lutheran Church 2x5s October 2020

St. John Lutheran Church 2x5s and their families are invited to visit stjohnrussell.com and click on the links under the 2x5s heading. Links are provided for the hard copy materials (in case you want to print more!!), a video reviewing the materials and demonstrating the activities, and a link to a YouTube video (a Halloween and All Saints Day story featuring LEGO characters).

Activity 1: Candy Corn Puzzle

Materials: 2 Candy Corn Puzzle sheets (included)
Colors or markers
Scissors
Glue
Candy Corn Snack (included)

Instructions:

- Color the small puzzle piece orange
- Color the big puzzle piece yellow
- Cut out the puzzle pieces
- Glue the puzzle pieces on the large outline
- Enjoy your sweet treat!!

Activity 2: All Saints Sunday Frame

Materials: All Saints Sunday Frame (included)
Colors, markers, or colored pencils
Photo and glue (optional)

Instructions:

- In the small oval, draw a picture of a family member or friend who is now one of the saints in heaven. If you have a photo of the person, you may glue it on the frame.
- Write the person's name on the line.
- Color the frame.
- Hang your frame where you can see it to remind you of your loved one.

Family Activity: Pumpkin Wisdom

Some families celebrate Halloween by carving a Jack O' Lantern. Before you begin, take time to read the short story "Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin" with your family. Look the scripture verses up in your Bible to learn more about each item.

When your family carves your pumpkin, read the Pumpkin Prayer to discover another way we are just like pumpkins!!

Talk About It: The Ten Commandments of Halloween

Before Halloween arrives, read The Ten Commandments of Halloween information with your family. Talk about how you can be the light in the darkness, on Halloween and every other day!!

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

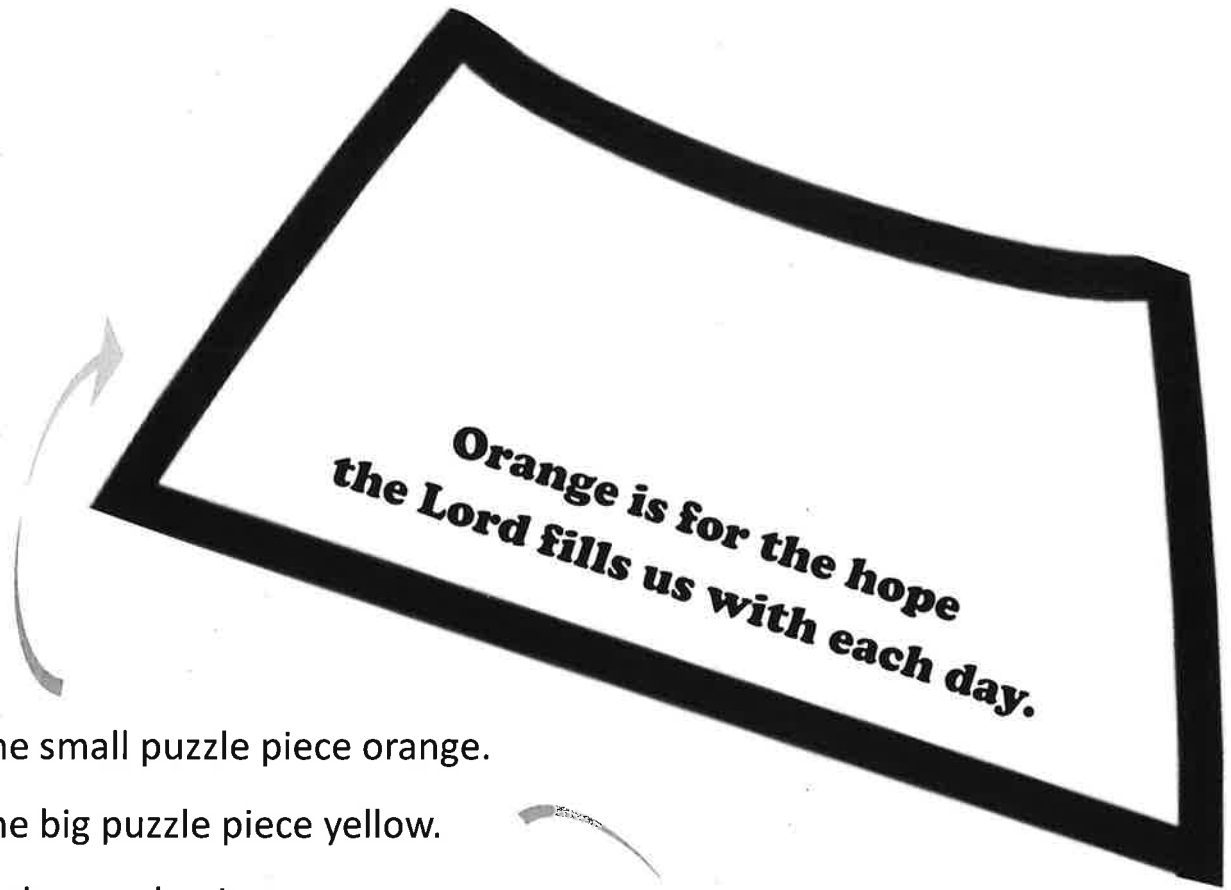
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

***Be watching for a Thankfulness Activity Pack in November and
a Christmas Activity Pack in December!!!10***



**White is for the sins
that Jesus takes away.**



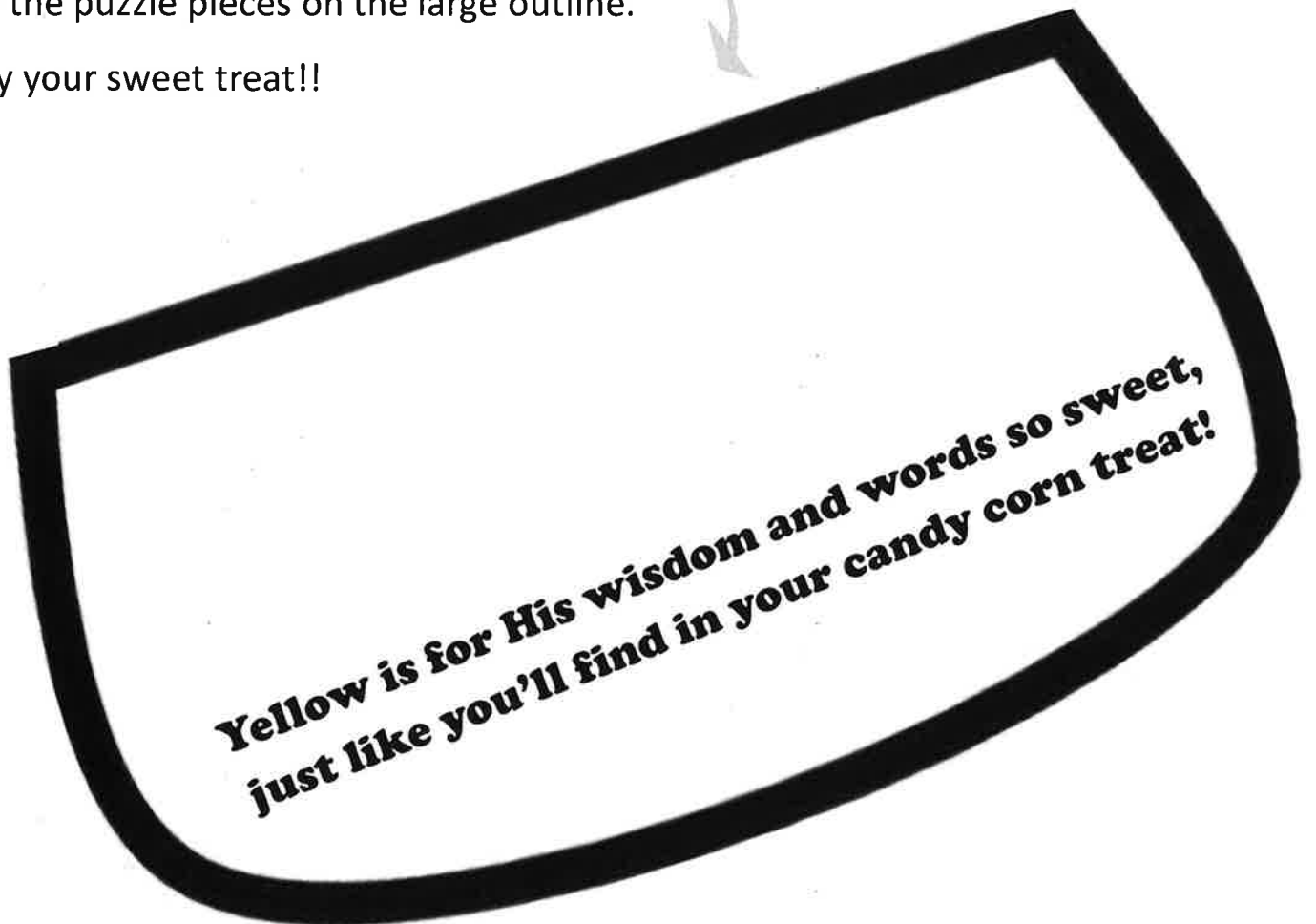
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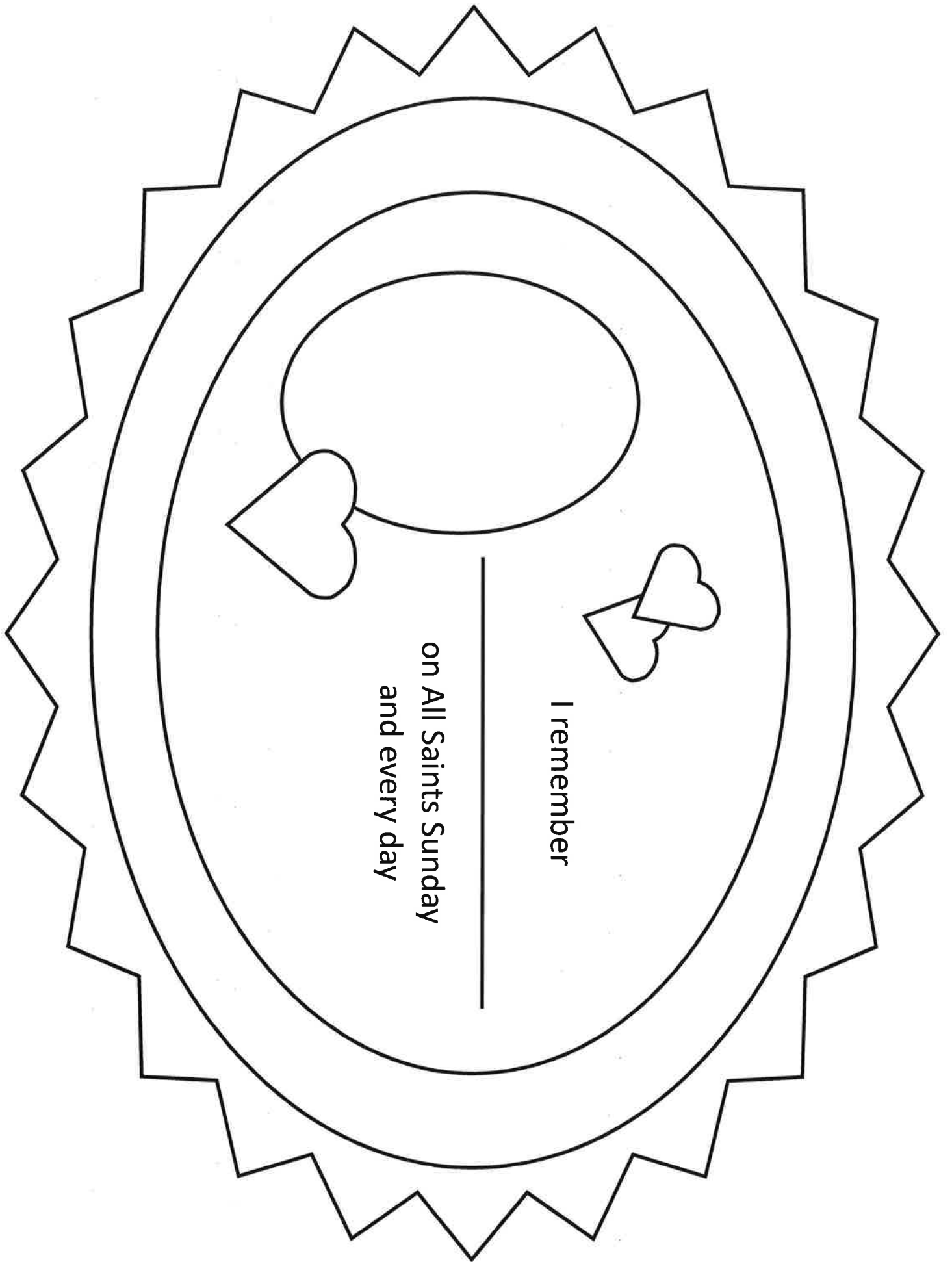
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Enjoy your sweet treat!!





I remember

on All Saints Sunday
and every day



Being a Christian Is Like Being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do;
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your Love I will see;
(Cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me;
(Cut a nose in the shape of the cross)

Open my ears so Your Word I will hear;
(Cut ears shaped like the Bible)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near;
(Cut mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your Light shine in all I say and do!
(Place a candle and light)

Amen

The Ten Commandments for Halloween

Many people make Halloween a celebration of darkness. Rather than being scared -- and rather than scaring others we need to be the lights in the dark!! Matthew 4:16 says "The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."



When we go out on Halloween, let's see how many people we can make smile. Let's see how many compliments we can give other.

Let's see how many times we can refuse to be afraid and not dwell on the scary costumes and spooky houses. Let's see how many times we can say "thank you" when people give us candy. Let's remember to share with little brothers and sisters who might not have as much candy as we have when we get home.

THAT'S BEING A LIGHT IN THE DARK!!

1. We don't want people to fear us; we want people to love us
2. We don't want to make people shudder; we want to make people smile
3. We don't want to wear costumes that will make people sick; Jesus came to heal the sick
4. We don't want to focus on graves; we want to focus on resurrection from the graves
5. The only blood we should be happy about is the blood that Jesus shed for our sins
6. The only ghost we want to believe in is the Holy Ghost
7. The only screaming we should do is to shout the love of Jesus from the rooftops
8. We don't want to act like bats; we want to act like doves of peace
9. We don't want to dress like devils; we want to be angels of love
10. On Halloween, we don't want to celebrate darkness; we want to be lights in the darkness. We want people to know that there is something special about us. We may be in costume, but our hearts are dressed like Jesus!

Father, help us to be lights in the dark everyday,
but especially on Halloween,
when so many are celebrating darkness! Amen.