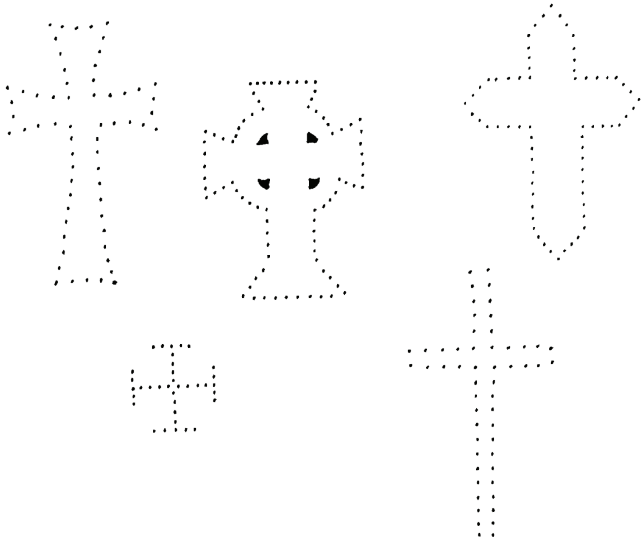


## Holy Cross Day

Some churches celebrate Holy Cross Day every September. The cross reminds us of Jesus. Look around your worship space and notice the crosses. Where are they? Do they all look the same?

Trace the dotted lines to uncover different kinds of crosses. Do you have a cross at home? What does it look like? Draw it in the space below.



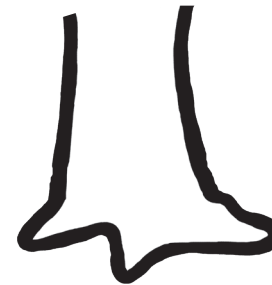
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Pentecost 16

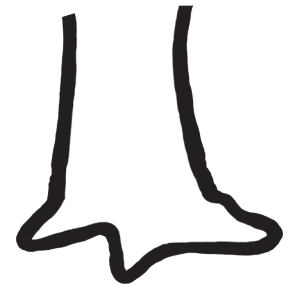
- Today is the **16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost begins **50 days** after Easter Sunday.
- The Pentecost season continues throughout **summer and fall**.
- Pentecost includes the **fall harvest**.

## The Tree of Life

Today's story tells about a famine. A famine is a time of no rain when crops do not grow very well. In the midst of famine, God still provided abundance. Create a famine tree and an abundance tree. Unscramble the words below each tree.



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# News flash! Joseph forgives brothers

Genesis 50:15-21

Forgiveness is a way of saying "I love you" after you've been hurt by another person. The Bible is full of stories about forgiveness because God always forgives!

Draw a line from the story boxes to their matching pictures. In the speech bubbles write something else you think each person said.



I forgive you.  
It's okay!  
I love you.

Oh look at my  
beautiful new coat!  
It's awesome.  
Thanks Dad!

Hope you like it  
down there! Now we  
won't have to look at  
your coat anymore!

Why did YOU get a  
new coat and WE  
didn't? We're mad  
at you!

Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good.

Genesis 50:20

Has this ever happened to you? Something bad turned into something good. Draw a picture or write about what happened in the box on the left.

**Memory Verse**

