

HIGHLIGHTS

CARMEL REFORMED CHURCH

“Can’t Wait For Sunday”

August 2026

Hello everyone!

You may have noticed in the bulletin in July that the consistory had approved a ministry proposal to implement a ministry entitled *Healthy Singleness, Healthy Marriages*. Luke is a missionary who presently lives in Hull. The Bible is the foundation of their mentoring of relationships. Luke has been engaged in this Kingdom work for several years. Luke reached out to the consistory several months ago about this possible partnership. In the months that have followed discussions have taken place with the result being a proposal that the consistory embraced and approved for Carmel Reformed Church.

The ministry that we seek to implement with Luke has two main focuses: healthy singleness, and healthy marriages. As our ministry moves forward together, Luke will be meeting with the senior high youth sponsors about a couple of ideas of reaching out to our high school youth group pertaining to a healthy single lifestyle – as that is their situation presently. In addition, some ideas are being looked into in regard to a ministry with adults for healthy singleness.

The marriage focus will include a couple of Sunday morning messages pertaining to marriage (Oct. 18 and Dec. 13) and the implementation of a marriage mentoring ministry. The consistory has covenanted with Luke to seek to begin this mentoring program by discerning a few married couples who would be willing to be trained to be mentors of other couples. Luke would mentor these couples, who would then carry forth this ministry by mentoring other couples in the church. Luke would continue as resource people for the trained mentors. The mentoring program would consist of six mentoring sessions of approximately 90 minutes each. We hope to get this mentor training started this fall. The mentoring of couples would be for any married couples as it is intended to be a marriage enrichment process – which all marriages could benefit from!

As a consistory we are in agreement that healthy lifestyles and relationships are important, whether as a single or married person. As we recognize this is the focus on Luke’s mission outreach, the consistory has approved to financially support them as one of our mission partners. We as a consistory will be seeking God’s leading as to securing five couples who would be willing to start this ministry for us. Be in prayer that God may bring forth these couples for us. Understanding our role as single people, or as married people, a healthy understanding of ourselves or as couples is important for our well-being, for our relationship with God and one another, including the life of Christ’s Church and its ministry!

Blessings,
Pastor Gary



August 2: Amy McAlpine, Rachel Van Roekel, Marcus Van Voorst, Ruthie Vanden Brink

August 9: Jami Sandbulte, Ruth De Jager, Ava Sandbulte, Slayden Sandbulte

August 16: Amy Davelaar, Edan Bomgaars, Akenna Sandbulte, Brody Van Voorst

August 23: Hannah Smolders, Amber Nettinga, Sadie Janisch, Hannah Van Roekel

August 30: Brynn Van Voorst, Courtney Mesman, Gaby Prins, Tacey Van Kekerix

September 6: Aubrey Van Kekerix, Kassidy Robinson, Karlee Leusink, Morgan Terpstra

PLEASE find a substitute or trade with someone, if you are unable to be in the nursery.
Please substitute an adult for an adult!

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

R - serve on Sunday morning; C - each bring 5 dozen cookies.

August 2-R– Jared Terpstra, Jerry Renes
C- Misty Zwart, Kaye Kuyper, Clarice Van Maanen, Carmen Maassen, Amy Rozeboom

August 9-R– Mike Haverhals, Verlyn Van Regenmorter
C– Frieda Bartels, Erica Robertson, Colleen Bomgaars, Teresa Sandbulte, Jami Sandbulte

August 16-R–Becky Ochsendorf, Glenda Van Meeteren
C–Allison Leusink, Glenda Van Meeteren, Gabi Noble, Sherri Wolfswinkel, Rhonda Sandbulte

August 23-R– Jami Sandbulte, Aubrey Van Kekerix
C– Sarah Nibbelink, Sandi Vonk, Ronda Leusink, Linda Altena, Cheryl Lange

August 30-R– Hans Smolders, Chad Robertson
C– Fonda Post, Cheryl Sandbulte, Hazel Haverhals, Donna Renes, Rachel Van Roekel

September 6-R– Gene Sandbulte, Jack Soodsma
C– Doree Wolfswinkel, Amy McAlpine, Lorna Vander Vliet, Rachel Terpstra, Mimi Sanbulte

If this schedule does not work with you please switch with someone.



Call the church office by noon on **Monday**, to let us know who your special music will be. If you are unable to have special music at the scheduled time, please try to exchange with someone.
Special music schedule is for the morning worship service.

August	2 – Jack Soodsma
August	9 – Japanese Handbell Choir
August	16 – Jared Terpstra
August	23 – Wally Valentine
August	30 – Troy Van De Berg
September	6 – Chris Van Essen

TRANSFER

At the Elder's Meeting, they received the membership of Kara Rozeboom from Christ Reformed Church of Sioux Falls, SD.

Please welcome her into the Carmel Reformed Church family.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday, August 2, by the Grace of God, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Any shut-ins or nursing home residents who would like communion served to them, please contact an elder.

A SPECIAL MUSICAL BLESSING

We are excited to welcome the Japan Handbell Choir to our church on Sunday, August 9. This talented group will share some handbell music that is sure to inspire and encourage all who attend.

Host families are needed to host some Japan students in your home Wednesday, August 5- Sunday, August 9. Please contact Janet Renes for more information.



Off to College

ALL Carmel members and regular attendees who will be attending college, graduate school, trade school, or taking online classes this fall, please get your college information to the church office. Please turn in your information (school attending, address and birthdate) even if you live at home or the information is the same as last year. A sheet to fill out can be found on the Coffee Station. You can also email the information to the church office at carmelch@mtcnet.net. Please do so by August 23!

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GET PLUGGED INTO OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS

If you are a new member or regular attender of Carmel Church and wish to have your children participate in our education programs, please contact the church office with your child's name and grade. The Education Programs include Sunday School (Preschool-12th Grade), Wednesday Night Activities (Kindergarten-12th Grade), GEMS or Cadets (2nd-8th Grade) and JR/SR RCYF.

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TEACHERS NEEDED

As we prepare for a new ministry year, we are looking for caring, enthusiastic volunteers to help teach and encourage our children as they grow in their faith.



We currently have openings for Sunday School Teachers in the following grades: 4th, 5th, and 11-12th.

We also need Wednesday Night Teachers for: Kindergarten, 4-6th, 9-10th, 11-12th.

If you are interested in teaching, please contact Education Elder Henry Sandbulte.

SEARCH TEAM

The Search Team requests prayers for the following:



- Pray for Sam Hamstra's visit August 7-10. Sam is with the Rukes Group, which is assisting us in our search for a pastor.
- Pray for the development of our Pastor Profile for the Rukes Group website during the coming month.
- Pray for wisdom, unity, and God's guidance as we continue the pastoral search process.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3:5

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PRESERVING POLIO STORIES

A research project at Northwestern College is documenting the personal stories of local individuals who lived through the polio epidemic. As the number of firsthand witnesses continues to decline, the project seeks to preserve their memories and experiences for future generations.

By collecting these accounts, researchers hope to provide a deeper understanding of the impact polio had on individuals, families, and communities, helping others better understand the reality of this historic disease.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Ayda Maassen at ayda.maassen@nwciova.edu or 712-449-7344 or Korver Hupke at korver.hupke@nwciova.edu or 712-253-3977.

DIAMONDS: A NEW SEMESTER WITH ROOM TO GROW

We are so excited to begin another year of Diamonds! Diamonds is a ministry for young women ages 18 and older, created to provide a place to grow closer to God, build meaningful friendships, ask honest questions, and find a community where they belong. We cannot wait to see what God does in and through this group during the upcoming year!

We will kick off the semester on **Tuesday, August 18, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.** Our theme for the evening come from Psalm 34:8: *"Taste and see that the Lord is good"*. We'll spend the evening decorating and tasting charcuterie boards, followed by a fire and worship. Please bring a lawn chair and RSVP to receive the address. Whether you have attended Diamonds before or this will be your first time, we would love to have you join us!

This semester, we will begin **Room to Grow**, a ten-session, verse-by-verse study of Philippians. Together, we'll bring our questions about faith and spiritual growth to Jesus while exploring topics such as overcoming pride, moving beyond our pasts, reading the Bible, and living faithfully in our everyday lives. No matter where you begin, there is room for you to grow!

Our first Bible study will be held on **Tuesday, August 25**. Throughout the semester, Diamonds will gather on select Tuesday evenings for Bible study, testimony nights, worship, fellowship, and special events. Our semester will conclude with a Christmas party on December 8. More information and the complete schedule will be shared at kickoff and on our social media pages.

How You Can Support Diamonds

First and foremost, we ask for **prayer—lots of prayer!** Please pray for our leaders and for each of the young women who will walk through the doors this semester. Pray that God would guide our conversations, deepen our faith, build Christ-centered friendships, and continue using this ministry to lead young women closer to Him.

Our leadership team includes **Brynn Van Voorst, Calissa Keller, Emily Fedders, Alayna Van Regenmorter, Macy Wassenaar, Lacey Saker, Lexi Schriever, and Lenae Wiersma.**

We are also looking for **one or two adult women** who would be willing to attend most of our gatherings and help support the ministry. We would love women who are passionate about encouraging the next generation and are willing to be present, listen, pray, and walk alongside young women in their relationships with God. You do not need to have all the answers—just a willing heart and a desire to invest in young women!

Finally, please help us spread the word! If you know a young woman who is searching for community, new friendships, or an opportunity to grow closer to Christ, personally invite her to Diamonds. Sometimes one simple invitation is all it takes to help someone find a place where she feels welcomed and known.

We are expectant, excited, and cannot wait to see what God has planned for Diamonds this year!

A special thank-you to Carmel Reformed Church for your continued support of Diamonds through prayer, financial generosity, and the use of the church's space. Your support helps us create a welcoming place where young women can build Christ-centered friendships and grow closer to God. We are incredibly grateful for the way you continue to believe in and support this ministry—thank you!

KATELYN'S FUND PICNIC

As we enter a new year of walking alongside one another in community, we look forward to connecting with you!

Our 2026 Kickoff Picnic will be Tuesday, August 11 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Children's Park Shelter House (852 4th Ave SE, Sioux Center). We will be serving hot dogs, chips, and drinks. All are welcome to come out and enjoy the evening!

INSPIRATION HILLS

Inspiration Hills invites all runners to their 2026 Inspiration Hills Warrior Run on Saturday, September 12!

The Warrior Run is more than just a race – it's a fun community event that helps provide camp scholarships, making it possible for more children and families to experience the life-changing ministry of Inspiration Hills.

Register by August 28 to save \$10 with Early Bird pricing and receive a FREE t-shirt!

Early Bird Pricing:

- 5K Warrior Run: \$25 (regularly \$35)
- 1 Mile Fun Run: \$20 (regularly \$30)

Race Day Schedule

- 8:00 AM – Registration Opens
- 9:00 AM – 1 Mile Fun Run
- 9:30 AM – 5K Warrior Run

Register or learn more at
www.inspirationhills.org/warrior

Puzzle!



Use the Scripture verses below to locate the places in the puzzle. (If a verse mentions more than one place, only one appears in the puzzle, so choose carefully.) Circle each place as you find it.

Answers go: → ↓ ↘

Genesis 2:15	Isaiah 23:1	Luke 24:13
Genesis 11:9	Isaiah 23:2	John 2:1
Genesis 35:1	Isaiah 23:3	Acts 8:5
Exodus 13:18	Jonah 1:2	Acts 11:22
Ruth 1:1	Matthew 3:6	Acts 17:16
1 Kings 18:19	Matthew 4:18	Romans 1:15
1 Chronicles 11:4	Matthew 26:36	

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T O W E R O F B A B E L

Answers: Garden of Eden, Tower of Babel, Bethel, Red Sea, Bethlehem, Mount Carmel, Jerusalem, Tyre, Sidon, Nile, Nineveh, Jordan River, Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Emmaus, Cana, Samaria, Antioch, Athens, Rome



Deacons Corner — AUGUST

Outreach Fund – The Outreach Fund is available to assist Carmel Reformed Church members participation in mission projects/trip by providing financial assistance for registration and travel expenses. This does not include normally scheduled JR/SR youth group trips. The fund will reimburse ½ of travel and registration costs up to \$750.00 per individual per calendar year. Please contact the Outreach Fund deacon Chris Van Essen or one of the other deacons for an application form.

Christian Care – The Christian Care Fund is available to assist with financial needs for those who are encountering difficult circumstances and are struggling to cover their basic financial needs. Please see the Christian Care Fund Deacon, Adam Nibbelink and Elder, Dennis De Jong if you are in need of assistance.

Adoption Fund – For those considering an adoption please consider inquiring as to whether you will qualify for the Carmel Reformed Church Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund makes available up to \$1,500 to assist active Carmel Reformed Church members with adoption costs. See any deacon for details and a copy of the application form. All requests will require consistory approval.

Online Giving – Supporting the ministry at Carmel Church is easier than ever with our secure online giving option. Whether you're traveling, working, or watching from home, you can give anytime—anywhere. Simply visit carmelchurch.org and click the "Give" button. You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations in just a few steps. We're still passing the offering plate on Sundays, so you're welcome to give in person if you prefer. Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity!

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7



"Teeing Up For Tomorrow" **4 Person Best Ball Golf Tournament**

Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with the 4th Annual Golf Outing.

When: August 12

Where: Rock Valley Golf Course

Time: Check in @ 4:30 p.m.
Start golfing at 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$300.00 per team (*pay when you sign up your team*)

**This includes a meal of BBQ pulled pork and brisket, chips, and pork & beans*

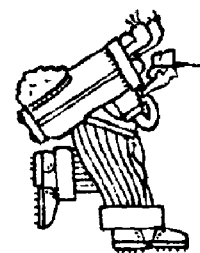
Cart Rental: \$20.00 per cart (payable at the event)

When you sign up please let the church office know if you will need a cart or if you have your own cart to bring!

There will be \$5.00 mulligan tickets available to purchase at the event!

****All proceeds go towards the Building Fund****

Sign Up: Sign up at the Coffee Station or sign up at the church office at 712-722-2733 during office hours.



TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES

As we celebrate God's faithfulness through the years, we'd like to share a special piece of our church's history. The following Prayer Meeting program, printed in 1921, during the pastorate of J. H. Tietema, offers a glimpse into the life and worship of our congregation more than a century ago. While many things have changed over the years, our mission to further Christ's Kingdom through loving God and loving others remains the same.

October.

2. Thy Will Be Done. IV. With My Time. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
Mary Koel

5. How to Improve the Meetings of Our Society. Matt. 18:19, 20; John 4:23, 24.
A. Scheffer

16. Lessons from Patriots of the Past and Present. Neh. 4:1-14. (Citizenship Day.)
J. Prins

23. What We Know about God. Ps. 139:1-12.
Mrs. J. H. Tietema

26. How Can We Apply the Golden Rule To-day? Matt. 7:12.
T. Van Veldhuizen

November.

6. Thy Will Be Done. V. With My Money. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
Marion Kuyper

13. Bible Examples of Personal Evangelism. Matt. 4:18-22; 9:9, 10.
N. Moss

20. The Goodness of God. Ps. 34:1-10. (Thanksgiving meeting.)
Pastor

27. Christian Progress among the Immigrants. Isa. 42:1-7. (Home-missionary meeting.)
J. Scheffer

December.

4. Thy Will Be Done. VI. With My Plans. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
L. Redeker

11. Points in the Pledge We Are Likely to Neglect. Luke 9:57-62.
W. Ter Meer

18. Conscience: Teaching It. Quickening It. Obeying It. Prov. 20:27; Acts 4:23-26.
Opie Feekes

25. Following the Star: What Do Men Find? Matt. 2:1-12. (Christmas meeting.)
R. Bartels

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

Cormel Reformed Church

J. H. Tietema, Pastor

PLAN YOUR MEETING

Prayer-Meeting Topics :: :: 1921

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| <p style="text-align: center;">January.</p> <p>2. Thy Kingdom Come. I. In My Heart. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
Rebecca Wesselink</p> <p>9. The Most Helpful Passages in the Bible. Ps. 119:129-136.
Opie Feekes</p> <p>16. Self-Control: How to Get It: Its Rewards. 1 Cor. 9:24-27. (Temperance meeting.)
H. Sandbulte</p> <p>23. Missionary Results in Asia. Isa. 52:7-15. (Foreign-missionary meeting.)
D. Wesselink</p> <p>30. Christian Endeavor: Accomplishments and Possibilities. Phil. 3:7-14 (Christian Endeavor Day.)
H. Blekkink</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February.</p> <p>6. A surrendered and Victorious Life. Col. 2:1-7. (Decision Day.)
W. Sandbulte</p> <p>13. Thy Kingdom Come. II. In My Home. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
Minerva Wesselink</p> <p>20. New Work Our Committees May Do. Rev. 3:7-13.
J. Prins</p> <p>27. How Can We Make Our Lives Useful? Eph. 6:5-8.
Pastor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">March.</p> <p>6. Thy Kingdom Come. III. In My Church. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
W. Ter Meer</p> <p>13. What is Real Religion? Jas. 1:19-27; John 17:3.
J. Scheffer</p> <p>20. Christian Progress in Alaska. Isa. 9:2-7. (Home-missionary meeting.)
Ed. Langstraat</p> | <p>27. Lessons from the First Easter. Mark 16:1-20.
T. Van Veldhuizen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April.</p> <p>3. Thy Kingdom Come. IV. In My Community. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
Mrs. J. H. Tietema</p> <p>10. How Does Christ Wish His Day to Be Spent? Matt. 12:1-12.
A. Scheffer</p> <p>17. How Can We Improve Our Recreations? 1 Cor. 10:23, 24, 31-33; 11:1.
Marie Kemmerde</p> <p>24. A Good Name and How to Obtain It. Prov. 22:1; Job 29:1-25.
Mary Koel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>1. Thy Kingdom Come. V. In My Country. Matt. 6:7-15. Consecration meeting.)
R. Bartels</p> <p>8. Living Close to Christ. 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:17-10.
L. Redeker</p> <p>15. How to Enjoy One's Work. Eccl. 3:1-13; 5:18-20.
N. Moss</p> <p>22. My Favorite Saying of Christ's, and Why. John 6:63, 68; Matt. 7:24, 25.
Minnie Feekes</p> <p>29. Missionary Results in Africa. Acts 8:26-40. (Foreign-missionary meeting.)
Tillie Van der Vliet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June.</p> <p>6. Thy Kingdom Come. VI. In the World. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
W. Van Berkum</p> <p>13. Out and Out for Christ. 1 Cor. 2:1-5.
B. Bartels</p> <p>19. Lessons from the Sun and Light. Ps. 74:12-17.
H. Bartels</p> | <p>26. Men and Women Whose Lives Should Inspire Us. Heb. 11:32-40; 12:1, 2.
G. Meerdink</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July.</p> <p>3. Thy Will Be Done. I. With My Strength. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
A. Moss</p> <p>10. What Is Our "Reasonable Service"? Rom. 12:1-8.
Rebecca Wesselink</p> <p>17. Judging Unkindly. Matt. 7:1-5.
H. Wolswinke</p> <p>24. The Perils of Materialism. 1 John 2:15-17.
W. Sandbulte</p> <p>31. Christian Progress among the Indians. Isa. 61:1-9. (Home-missionary meeting.)
Opie Feekes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">August.</p> <p>7. Thy Will Be Done. II. With My Pleasures. Matt. 6:7-15. Consecration meeting.)
H. Wesselink</p> <p>14. True Temperance in Heart and Life. 1 Thess. 5:4-11.
Pastor</p> <p>21. Lessons from the Book of Ruth. Ruth 1:14-22.
Ed. Langstraat</p> <p>28. The Ten Commandments in the Life of To-day. Exod. 20:1-17.
W. Ter Meer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September.</p> <p>4. Thy Will Be Done. III. With My Mind. Matt. 6:7-15. (Consecration meeting.)
N. Moss</p> <p>11. How to Make the Most of Our Bibles. Ps. 119:7-14.
Minerva Wesselink</p> <p>18. Sins of the Tongue. Jas. 3:1-12.
H. Sandbulte</p> <p>25. Missionary Results in South America. Ps. 2:1-8. (Foreign-missionary meeting.)
H. Blekkink</p> |
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August

1-	Everett Sandbulte Bob Janisch Arlyn Keizer				
2-	Barry Van Kekerix Mrs. Trish Sandbulte Jerry Noteboom The Neil Ranschau's The Mike Haverhals'	13-	Bryce Davelaar Eli Segar Ethan Hooyer Ken Altena	27-	The Bob Ver Mulm's Mrs. Cassidy Robinson Mrs. Teresa Sandbulte
3-	The Johnathan Boogerd's The Phil Hooyer's	14-	Brayden Beukelman The Chris Hulstein's	28-	Alvin Sandbulte Calvin Sandbulte
4-	Weston Maassen Isaac Hooyer Art Van Ravenhorst The Spencer Van Ravenswaay's The Thomas Bomgaars' The Loren Punt's	15-	Faithe Van Maanen The Willard Hulstein's	29-	Emersyn Van Kekerix Loren Punt Mrs. Dittie Houtkooper Mrs. Frieda Bartels The Dave Dibbet's The Russ Vande Vegte's
5-	Christian Buyert Mrs. Annette Sneller The Daniel DeMeester's The Glen Vander Lugt's	16-	Matt Segar Marlin Van Voorst The Chad Hoekstra's The Tom Zwart's	30-	Ripley Sayles Alex Koedam The Brian Robyn's
6-	Kaleb Kuyper The Mike Bomgaar's The Harold Vander Vliet's	17-	Gabriel Lerma Mrs. Tricia Vande Zandschulp Ken De Boer	31-	Josie Maassen Mrs. Whitney Van Essen Mrs. Melinda Nibbelink The Eric Van Meeteren's The Dennis De Jong's
7-	Mike Donlin The Thijs Doelman's The Cole Rozeboom's The Keith Byker's The David McAlpine's	18-	Mrs. Lois Joffer The Austin Hofman's		
8-	Paul Leusink The Robert Den Herder's	19-	The Tim Gesink's		
9-	Kyle Van Ginkel Nate Landman Mrs. Emily Meendering Mrs. Deb Dibbet Mrs. Helen Vande Vegte	20-	Brady Hoogendoorn		
10-	Keaton Van Voorst	21-	Jacob Sandbulte Mrs. Linda Diekevers The Marvin Kruid's		
12-	Alydia Sandbulte Trevor Segar Mrs. Randi Sayles	22-	Landyn Van Kekerix Sean Robinson Greg De Wit The Verlyn Van Regenmorter's		
		23-	The Paul Maassen's		
		24-	Waylon Doelman Dallas Rozeboom Mrs. Nora Bohl Henry J. Wolfswinkel The Jim Joffer's		
		25-	Charli Bomgaars Nate Van Ginkel Heidi Vande Zandschulp		
		26-	Brody Van Voorst Brian Rozeboom The Matt Dibbet's		

JUST FOR KIDS



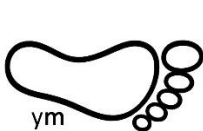
Footsteps with God

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed footprints in the sand? The poem *Footprints in the Sand* reminds us that God is always with us.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprints to see what Psalm 119:133 (NIV) says about our steps. (Hint: the bold letters show the first letter of each word.)



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Psalm 119:133 (NIV)

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

Make a postcard puzzle

Summer is full of little moments that remind us that God is guiding each step. Like a puzzle, he brings every piece together in his time.

What you need:

- A postcard or printed picture
- Scissors
- Pencil (optional, for guiding your cuts)
- Envelope or small bag (for storing pieces)



What you do:

1. Flip your postcard over and lightly draw puzzle shapes or cut freely.
2. Cut the postcard into a mix of big and small pieces.
3. Mix up the pieces and try to put the picture back together.
4. Store the pieces in an envelope so you can use it again later.

