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In 1517 Martin Luther nailed an announcement to the door of the church in Wittenberg to tell what changes (reforms) he thought the church needed to make.

Can you think of things you think should be changed in the church today? List them below, and later talk about them with your parents or pastor.



We thank you for the free gift of your love and the freedom to serve you. Amen

This week

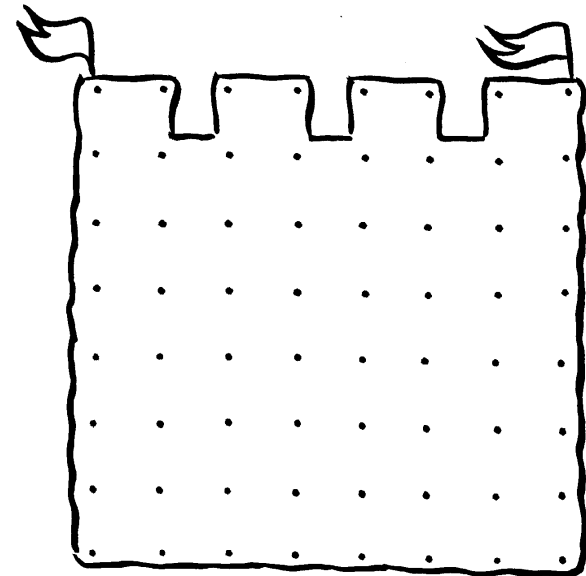
A new month begins this week. Plan to re-form your daily schedule to include one extra Bible story, prayer time, or time to sing God's praises.



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Welcome to worship. Today is Reformation Sunday. It is a festive Sunday in the Lutheran church, the day our churches remember the teaching and preaching of Martin Luther. Luther lived in Germany over 500 years ago. He wrote the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Luther wanted all to know that God is a strong fortress for us especially in times of trouble.

Use the dots to make bricks for this strong fortress. Take turns with a partner connecting two dots with a straight line. If your line completes a box put your initial in the box. When all boxes are filled, count how many boxes you each have and add your scores together.



How many boxes did you find? _____ (Hint: It's the same as the chapter number of today's psalm.)

It's a gift!

Romans 3:19-28

Everything God does for us is a gift. We can't earn or pay for the things God gives us each day. Martin Luther tried to earn God's love through his actions but he unhappily realized that he could never do enough. He was finally free from worries when he found that God gives us all we need, even forgiveness through Jesus. We are free! No worries about earning God's love. We are free to serve God always.

Find these things, God's gifts to us, in the word find gift box. Make a list of more of God's gifts in the smaller gift boxes.

- Baptism
- Communion
- Love
- Freedom
- Service
- Strength
- Truth
- Refuge
- Help
- Jesus
- Creation
- Life
- Forgiveness



Reformation Day comes from the word "re-form," which means to change to something new. Talk about the big words in the gift box with someone and try to explain each gift with new words, words that anyone would understand.

