

Collect the weeds...

...out of this field (of letters), and the first 14 letters of what is left will tell you what to do with the wheat.
But don't forget: in real life it's not that easy!

Q G A T H E R T H E W L D H E
A U T G B F U Y D W S I R J R
P F A L Y V F A L S Q A A R K
S L K C B V N O A P Y T G A Z
D K A L K D I R Y S E E O J N
V E U N E G G N R A L S N B W
B E E L T E R E O W T R H S K
E U I W U A V A F S S O E Z C
R O R L G A I R S X I H A M F
N E B D E A X N X S H O D P O
C A V L O L R X Q R T W P R G
G B C O P C N P W W S N C L Q
Z G R D L C K E C L U R M Z F
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BLUEGRASS
BURDOCK
CLEAVERS
CLOVER

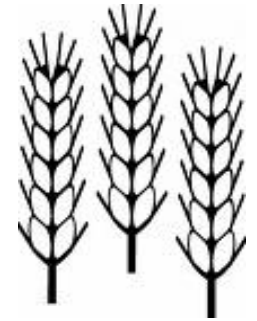
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DRAGONHEAD
HORSETAIL
PLANTAIN

POISON IVY
QUACKGRASS
RAGWEED
THISTLE

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Youth Bulletin

**Eighth Sunday
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Today's lessons:

Genesis 28:10-19a

While on the run from his brother Esau, Jacob has a dream about a ladder connecting heaven and earth, and God standing beside him. God renews the promise he had given to Jacob's grandfather and father to give them the land and numerous offspring.

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

God is present wherever we are and wherever we go – whether we like it or not.

Romans 8:12-25

The Spirit of God keeps us going when we are afraid or suffering, by giving us hope.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to sowing and harvest: there are a lot of weeds growing among the wheat but to separate the one from the other you have to wait until the harvest.



young



with ears



ripe

Young wheat plants are easily confused with other grasses, many of which we see as weeds.

Jacob's Ladder

Jacob is really not such a great role model: he has cheated his brother and his father and now he is on the run. In his dream though, Jacob realizes that he can't run away from God. Also, he realizes that he doesn't need to... Unscramble the words from the story that form this ladder to find out what Jacob thinks about Bethel.

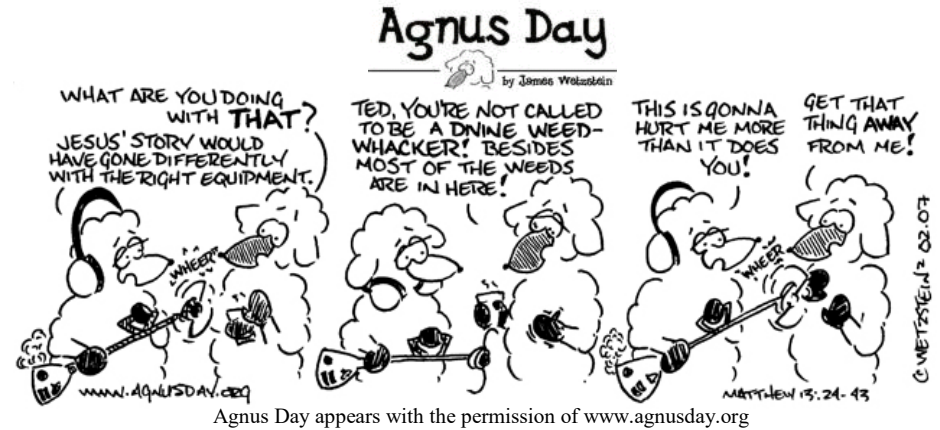
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RABAAHM		13
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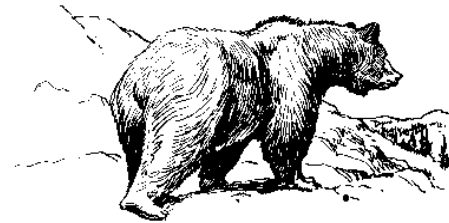
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The Hebrew word "Beth-El" means "house of God".



INSIGHT FROM TODAY'S PSALM

(based on ELW / BAS)



THIS KODIAK BEAR
ENDS NATURAL
THEOLOGY.

Well, actually the Kodiak bear does no such thing, and poses a danger only to the salmon of Alaska, as 'Natural Theology' means trying to learn about God from nature and experience, without revelation.

So what do we really read about God in Psalm 139?

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