

VBS BINGO and George Floyd:

The VBS Bingo card was created in the middle of May so there are no specific items related to the death of George Floyd. There are, however, many ways you can incorporate his memory and racial injustice into the card. Here are just a few ideas to get you started thinking about how to do that if you are interested:

- **Generosity:**
 - Choose one of these charities and collect money for them in your special piggy bank or donate items that are needed.
 - [Bethlehem Lutheran In-The-Midway](#) and [Holy Trinity Lutheran Church](#) in Minneapolis are collecting monetary donations. Holy Trinity is also accepting specific items that are listed on its Facebook page. As of June 11, Bethlehem is open again on weekends for specific item donations. You can also donate specific items to [Hallie Q Brown center](#) and [Keystone Food Shelves](#).
 - [Neighbors United Funding Collaborative](#), sponsored by the Hamline Midway Coalition, is raising money to help businesses rebuild in Saint Paul. The [Lake Street Council](#) in Minneapolis is collecting donations to support small businesses and nonprofits that need to rebuild.
- **Justice:**
 - Make calls or emails to your elected officials related to justice for George Floyd and changes needed to make the world a better place.
- **Beauty:**
 - Think about important messages to put on the rocks you bring to Gloria Dei. Some ideas could be: Black Lives Matter, Rest in Peace George, Justice and Peace, etc.

Additional Resources:

Here are some additional resources that you might find helpful. This is not an exhaustive list as there are so many important resources available. If you have a suggestion to add to this list, please let us know.

- [EmbraceRace: Raising a Brave Generation](#): EmbraceRace was founded in early 2016 by two parents (one Black, the other multiracial Black/White) who set out to create the community and gather the resources they needed (need!) to meet the challenges they face raising children in a world where race matters. They provide a ton of helpful resources including:
 - [8 Tips for Talking to Your Child About Racial Injustice](#)
 - [Looking for Excellent “Diverse” Books for Children? Start Here!](#)
- [Social Justice Resources](#): This website from ELCA Faith Formation offers a ton of tools and recommendations for multiple ages. They provide a ton of helpful resources including:
 - [75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)
- [A Kids Book About Racism by Jelani Memory](#): Listen as a family to this reading of *A Kids Book About Racism* by author, Jelani Memory.
- [Sesame Street in Communities](#): When a child endures a traumatic experience, the whole family feels the impact. Sesame Street in Communities offers helpful activities to work through with your child. Sesame Street offers more important videos including:
 - [Elmo and his dad Louie talk about racism and protesting](#)
 - [CNN Sesame Street Racism Town Hall](#)