

EARLY CHILDHOOD

MINISTRY RESOURCES



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For Participants in LEA's Early Childhood Network

Are you working on literacy skills? There's a simple practice to boost early literacy skills that dates back thousands of years, involves no special training, can take place anywhere, and is almost guaranteed to elicit laughter and mimicry from young children: reciting nursery rhymes. Learn why you want to include them in your curriculum at [Hey Diddle Diddle: What the Decline of Nursery Rhymes Means for Early Literacy](#). (Elizabeth Heubeck in *Education Week*)

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee (LHMFC) invites children (ages Preschool - Grade 8) to participate in their 16th annual float coloring contest. Linked are the coloring sheet and contest rules.

[Click here to download Coloring Sheet](#) and [Click here to download Contest Rules](#)



Download the Coloring Sheet and Instructions to share with your preschool families, including the following information:

WHO: Students in Preschool-8th Grades

WHAT: Complete the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Coloring Page

WHEN: All entries must be postmarked by November 1, 2026

HOW: Submit entries to:

The Lutheran Hour Ministries Float Committee

P.O. Box 7556

La Quinta, CA 92248

PRIZES: First, Second, and Third place winners will receive a 2027 Petal Pushers T-shirt and a float magnet.

- Three winners from Pre-School - Kindergarten
- Three winners from First - Second Grades
- Three winners from Third - Fifth Grades
- Three winners from Sixth - Eighth Grades

This week, LEA is highlighting the book:

I'm Baptized

By Rachel McCloskey Hart
Concordia Publishing House
2025

This picture book offers a clear biblical understanding of baptism for early childhood classes, as well as for individual young children and their families. It uses easy-to-understand vocabulary and beautiful illustrations to focus on how God works in our baptisms every day. It was created by an LCMS

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