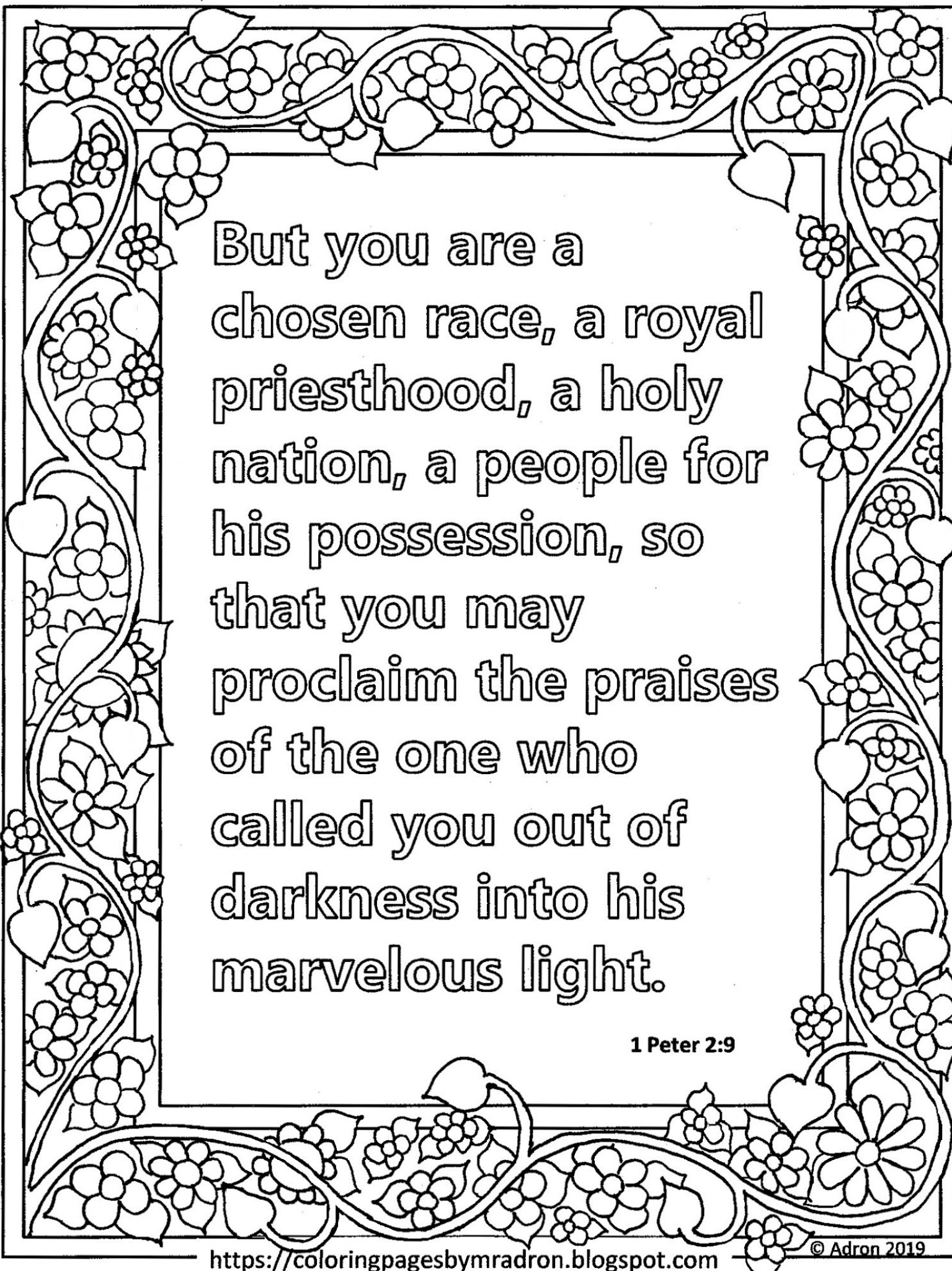


# Reformation Day Facts

- On Oct 31, 1517, **Martin Luther (then a Catholic monk)** posted his 95 Theses (or statements) on the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. This act triggered the movement in world history known as **the Reformation**.
- The Reformation was the great **rediscovery of the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ**. At that time, the Roman Catholic Church had become corrupt and was teaching false doctrines like salvation through good works. Some were selling “indulgences.” They said if you purchased these **indulgences**, you would gain forgiveness for sins.
- Although, Reformation Day is more commonly celebrated in the Lutheran Church, **Martin Luther is a hero of faith** for us, too. Protestant churches that we worship in today are the result of Luther's brave acts to restore the gospel—salvation through Jesus Christ—to its rightful place as the cornerstone doctrine of Christianity.
- Luther translated the Bible from Latin to German so the common man could read the Bible himself.
- **Red is the liturgical color for this day**, which represents the holy spirit and Martyrs of the Christian Church.
- The story of Martin Luther is one of courage, adventure, mystery and triumph. There are many aspects to the story and many theological implications. Explaining all these items can be confusing for some younger children. To help my pre-school age children understand the Reformation, I focused on the fact that Martin Luther helped people realize that **salvation is only through Jesus Christ**:
  - “For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works so that no one can boast.”  
Ephesians 2:8-9

Today we're celebrating Reformation Sunday! At home, go to [www.westkirk.org/at-home-resources](http://www.westkirk.org/at-home-resources) to find out more!





But you are a  
chosen race, a royal  
priesthood, a holy  
nation, a people for  
his possession, so  
that you may  
proclaim the praises  
of the one who  
called you out of  
darkness into his  
marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

# my SERMON NOTES

WHO'S SPEAKING:

DATE: 10/25/2020

I LEARNED:

WHAT HAPPENED:

WHERE IN THE BIBLE?

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO IS IN THE PASSAGE?

My favorite song:



I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND?

draw  
something

WORDS I DON'T KNOW:

