

August 2, 2026

A Reflection Before the Service

Then Aslan turned to them and said: "You do not yet look so happy as I mean you to be."

Lucy said, "We're so afraid of being sent away, Aslan. And you have sent us back into our own world so often."

"No fear of that," said Aslan. "Have you not guessed?"

Their hearts leaped and a wild hope rose within them.

"There *was* a real railway accident," said Aslan softly. "Your father and mother and all of you are – as you used to call it in the Shadowlands – dead. The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning." And as He spoke He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this is the end of all stories, and we can most truly say they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.

– C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle* (Closing lines)

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship: Psalm 2:1-8

*Why are the nations in an uproar
And the peoples devising a vain thing?
The kings of the earth take their stand
And the rulers take counsel together
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
“Let us tear their fetters apart
And cast away their cords from us!”
He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.
Then He will speak to them in His anger
And terrify them in His fury, saying,
“But as for Me, I have installed My King
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.”
I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to Me, “You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.*

(Prayer)

The Opening Hymns of Praise

9:00 “O Worship the King” (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

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“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vv. 1-4, 6)

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11:15 “The Lion and the Lamb “

Mooring, Johnson, Brown

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise
For Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

**Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sin of the world, His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh every knee will bow before Him.**

Oh, oh, oh
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

(Chorus)

Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?
Who can stop the Lord?

(Chorus)

Oh, oh, oh
Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh

(Repeat)

11:15 “Revelation Song”

Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven’s mercy seat

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my ev’rything
And I will adore You**

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to You, the only wise King
(Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water
Such a marv’lous mystery
(Chorus)

Conversing With God By His Word and Our Prayers: 1st Corinthians 1.26ff

"For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God."

Holy God, You have called us *not* because we were highly credentialed or had anything that You need but we have often imagined, spoken and acted as if You chose us because we are better than other people. We confess our self-centeredness, our arrogance and our boasting in ourselves. **(Silent Confession)**

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, 'Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.'"

Our Father, You are responsible for uniting us to Christ who is the Source and Substance of all we need and desire. Thank You for this reminder. We make our boast in the Beloved. **(Silent Rest and Gratitude)**

Now we pray together in the way our Good Shepherd gave us to pray, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done

On earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Declaration of Faith and Offering

(We use the Declaration of Faith and Offering to “preach to ourselves” the reason for our hope. The Christian’s confidence is in God’s truth and in God’s care. Because Park Road is a church for both convinced Christians and for people at different stages in their spiritual

A Hymn to Jesus Christ: *Philippians* Chapter Two (vv. 6-11)

Reader: *Have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped.*

People: *But emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.*

Reader: *And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

People: *Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,*

Reader: *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,*

All: *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Response: “The Doxology”

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

9:00 “There is a Fountain”

Cowper, arr. Kartsonakas

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved, to sin no more:
Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

11:15 “House of the Lord”

Smith, Wickham

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord. There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord, our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet, we shout out Your praise

Oh, oh, oh. We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross. Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

('Cause) We were the beggars, now we're royalty
We were the prisoners, now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There is joy in this house, there is joy, there is joy
And we won't be quiet, we're gonna shout out Your praise

We shout out Your praise.
There is joy in this house, there is joy in this house today
We shout out Your praise. We shout out Your praise

The Scripture Reading: Acts 12.1–17; Revelation 3:20

Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them.² And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.³ When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.⁵ So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

⁶On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him up, saying, "Get up quickly." And his chains fell off his hands.⁸ And the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me."⁹ And he went out and continued to follow, and he did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.¹⁰ When they had passed the first and second guard, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened for them by itself; and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

¹¹When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I know for sure that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."¹² And when he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who was also called Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

¹³ When he knocked at the door of the gate, a servant-girl named Rhoda came to answer.¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her joy she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter was standing in front of the gate.¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she kept insisting that it was so. They kept saying, "It is his angel."¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking; and when they had opened the door, they saw him and were amazed.¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had led him out of the prison. And he said, "Report these things to James and the brethren." Then he left and went to another place.

(Rev. 3:20) *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.”*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

The Sermon

Dr. John Stevenson

Stand at the Door and Knock

The Hymn of Preparation

9:00 “Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare” (vv. 1-2)

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11:15 “Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb” (vv. 1,2 + chorus)

Gentiles, Carter, Yates

1. I went down to the crimson river left my burdens on the shore
I went down a sinner came up a saint died with Christ now I'm reborn
2. Yes He washed me in His mercy and He cleansed me with His blood
Now I stand complete I have been set free I found life there in that flood

**Not the same, I am changed redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
By His grace I am saved I'm His child forever I am
Hallelujah redeemed by the blood of the Lamb**

3. Now I have the living water from the well that won't run dry
All the pangs of life have been satisfied by the precious blood of Christ
(Chorus)

When it's time to cross that river I will shine in glorious light
When He calls me home I'll fall at His throne and forever worship Christ

Then forever worship Christ. And forever worship Christ.
And forever worship Christ.

Not the same, I am changed redeemed by the blood of the Lamb
By His grace I am saved I'm His child forever I am
(Repeat)

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Park Road Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers. (Gluten-Free bread is on the middle of the table.)

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Bread

The Wine

The Closing Hymn

9:00 “Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare” (vv. 3-4)

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11:15 “Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb” (v. 3 to end)

Gentiles, Carter, Yates

The Benediction and Amen

The Postlude

SUNDAYS at PARK ROAD

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK

After Exile: this sort of neglected period of Biblical history records a sort of reunion of the Israelite Tribes and the sort of restoration of former greatness they sort of enjoyed and sort of endured. The Antidimactic Restoration. We can all relate as we have all had moments when we asked, “Is **THIS** it?” And yet, if we embrace the Kingdom of God, these “redemptive disappointments” increase our joyful anticipation of the Full Restoration of all things!

Aug 9 - The Decree — Ezra 6

Aug 16 - Disappointment and Destiny - Haggai 1.12 - 2.9

Aug 23 - Got Juice? - Zechariah 4

AUGUST SUNDAY CLASSES | 10:10-11:05 AM

The Gospel-Centered Life | T. J. & Missy Campo | Starts Aug. 9 | Library

The Gospel-Centered Life is intended to help Christians understand how the gospel shapes every aspect of life and conduct. Colossians 1.6 says that “the gospel is continually bearing fruit and increasing” in and among us even after we first believe it. How does this happen? Why is a continual re-discovery and re-application of the gospel so important? How will our personal growth and mission life be stunted if we don’t grasp the gospel deeply? These are the questions that *The Gospel Centered Life* seeks to answer. Discussion topics include: *Pretending & Performing, Believing the Gospel, Law & Gospel, Repentance, Heart-Idolatry, Conflict and Forgiveness.*

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth | John Stevenson | Fellowship Hall

How can I read the Bible and understand it for myself? What about those difficult passages? Together we’ll learn practical tools for interpreting Scripture in its historical and literary context, discover how different genres should be read, avoid common mistakes in interpretation, and see how every passage points us to Christ.

Youth Sunday Class Coming Soon

The Youth Sunday Class will begin later this month. Until then, Youth are encouraged to attend one of the other classes being offered.

Elementary Sunday School (Grades K-5) | Rooms #1 & 2 (2nd floor)

Join Eliyah McNeill as she teaches through the Old Testament using the Jesus StoryBook Bible curriculum.

THIS WEEK AT PARK ROAD PRESBYTERIAN

Welcome to Park Road Pres! We are glad to have you with us today.

Sunday	9:00, 11:15 AM	Worship Service
	10:10 AM	Sunday Class (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	6:30-8:00 PM	Men's In-person Bible Study (Narthex)
Tuesday	3:00-4:30 PM	Kid's' Water Park Meet-Up (C.B. Smith Park)
	6:30 PM	Park Road Youth
Wednesday	6:30-7:30 AM	Men's Online Bible Study Contact Nate Dorn at ndorn1@gmail.com
	11:30 AM	Back to School Beach Bingo Fellowship Hall
	7:30 –8:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Time via Zoom Contact Mary Diaz at 954-249-6635
	6:30 PM	ESL Citizenship Classes
	7:00 PM	Young Adults Bible Study (Dehmer's home)

Kid's Water Park Meet-up

Please join us for a water park meet-up on **Tuesday August 4th** from **3:00-4:30 pm** at **C.B. Smith Park in Pembroke Pines** (900 N. Flamingo Rd. Pembroke Pines 33028). The cost is \$10 per person. All ages are welcome as the park includes everything from water slides to a water playground. Contact Meegan Dorn or Jen Misomali with any questions

Back-to-School Beach Bingo | Wed., Aug. 5 | 11:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Everyone is welcome to kick off the new school year! Join us on **August 5th at 11:30 AM** for a beach-themed bingo event featuring lunch, bingo games, and prizes. Bring your family and friends as we celebrate the end of summer and get ready for a fantastic school year together! If you plan to attend, please sign up on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

Young Adults Bible Study | Thurs., Aug. 6 | 7:00-8:30 PM

Young Adults looking for community and direction, join us for Bible study. The study is led by Joseph Dehmer and it meets at his home located at 11960 Brim Way, Cooper City, 33026. Any questions contact Joseph at 954-558-5047.

Lifeline Screening | Mon., Aug. 10 | Fellowship Hall

Lifeline Screening offers a 4-screening package (Carotid Artery, Peripheral Artery, Atrial Fibrillation, & Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm) at a special price of \$129. To book your appointment or get more info, visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC

The Bible OT Recap | Wed., Aug. 12 | 7:00-8:15 PM | Dottie's home

This month, The Bible Recap-OT will meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Contact Dottie Wobb at 954-649-7930 for info on this women's in-person Bible study meeting once a month at her home located at 5716 A Polk Street, Hollywood, 33021.

Moms Connect | Sat., Aug. 22 | 9:30—11:30 AM | Rec Room

All moms are invited to join Meegan Dorn and Eva Fleming at the church in the Rec Room (2nd floor) for a time of prayer and fellowship. Moms of all different seasons of life are invited and child-care is provided.

LOOKING AHEAD at PARK ROAD

Church Work Day | Sat., Aug. 29 | 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

We are spending the morning beautifying our campus by doing landscaping projects. Come out for all or just part of the morning to lend a hand.

Women Connect: Fall Kickoff Brunch | Sat., Aug. 29 | 11:00 AM—1:00 PM

You're invited to Women Connect: Fall Kickoff Brunch on Saturday, August 29th to learn of the plans for the remainder of 2026. Come meet Nancy Adams, Women's Ministry Director, and her vision for the ministry. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the *Keeping in Touch* form.

"Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and your foundations I will lay with sapphires.

Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, and your gates of crystal,

and your entire wall of precious stones."

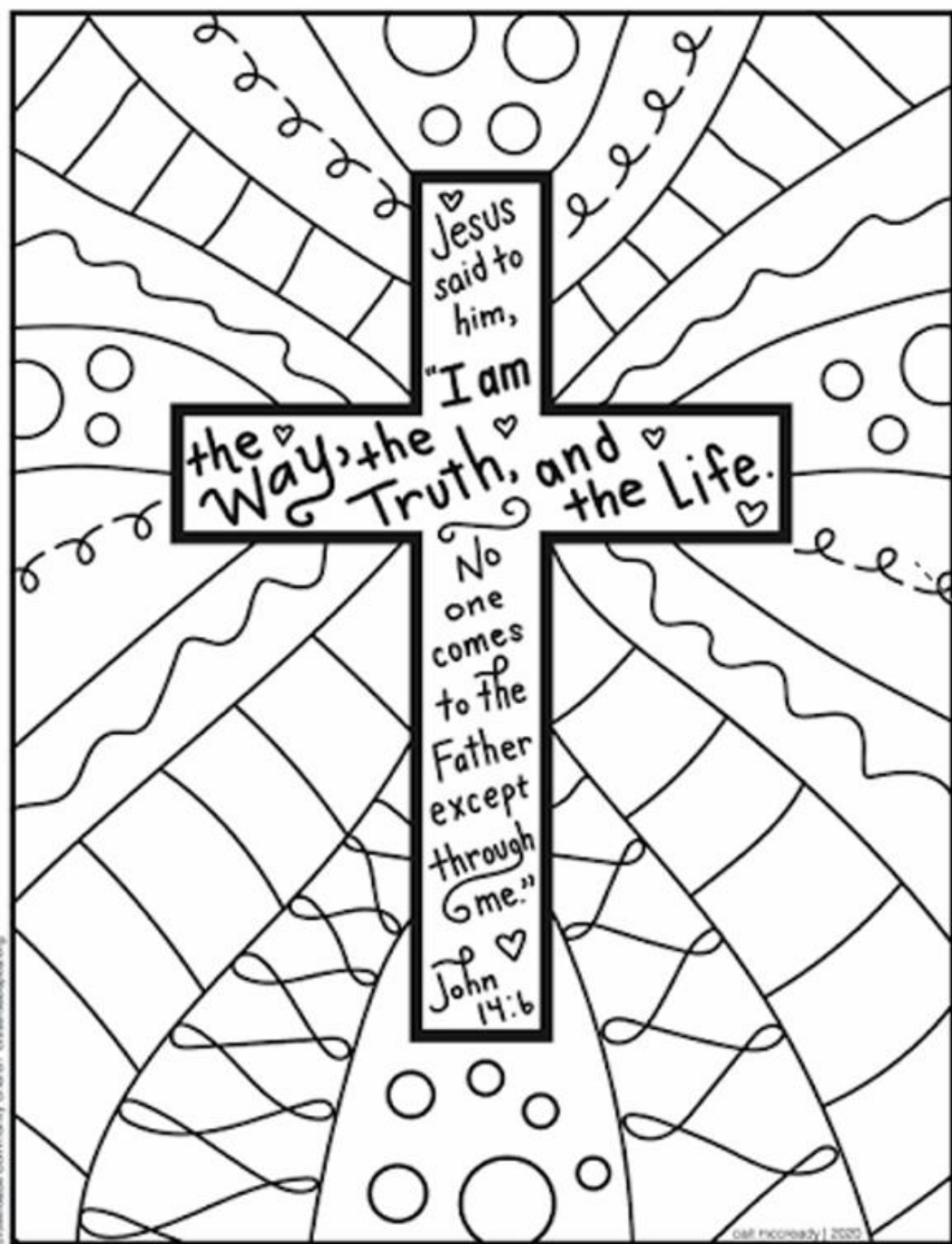
-Isaiah 54:11-12 (NASB)

Women Connect: Bible Study Begins the Week of September 13th

Join us Monday evening in-person at 7:30 PM, or Tuesday evening online at 7:00 PM, or Thursday morning in-person at 9:15 AM for women's Bible study. All 3 studies will be taking 10-weeks to look at Jen Wilkin's *Joshua* study. Childcare is provided for both in-person studies. Sign up on the *Keeping in Touch* form if you would like to be a part of the study. Study books will be available the beginning of September. Suggested donation is \$20.

Orchid:

Today's orchid is given by Jerry Lance in memory of his wife, Kathy's passing, 5 years ago on August 3rd. If you would like to purchase (\$30) an orchid for 2026 to be placed in the Sanctuary for a special occasion, fill out your request on the ***Keeping in Touch*** form.

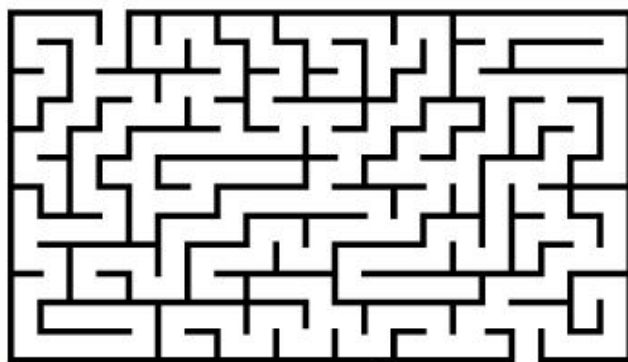


prayer for this school year...

many paperclips
can you find?

NOTES:

BACK TO SCHOOL



My favorite song
today...

