

# Reformation Fun



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## A Day in the Life of Tölpel, the Luthers' Dog



Puzzle Resources

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print this document single-sided.  
Prepare and hide the various printed resources as detailed in the instruction document

The hog is the most faithful  
of animals and would he  
most esteemed were it not  
so common. Our Lord God  
has made his greatest gifts  
the commonest.

Martin Luther

# Hello Tölpel

It's the year 1534 and you are at the Black Cloister in Wittenberg, Germany. You have an expert tour guide to show you around. His name is Tölpel, and he is the very special dog of the great reformer, Martin Luther!



Your goal is to travel throughout Wittenberg with Tölpel, learning about the people and places of this town. You have five destinations to discover and in each place you will find a puzzle to solve. Each time you solve a puzzle, you'll earn a puzzle piece from the Puzzlemaster. When you've earned all six puzzle pieces, you'll be wiser and happier, guaranteed!

To get you started, here's your first puzzle piece. Get busy exploring! Great places to visit in Wittenberg should be easy to sniff out. (You may even smell some bacon along the way!)

# Meaning of the Colors of the Lutheran Rose



Great job! Thank you! Now, let's listen to what Wolff has to say.

"Tölpel, you are a smart dog! This is what it means.

- The black color of the cross reminds us of our sin and the death our sins deserve. It's in the shape of a cross, because Jesus suffered that death for us.
- The cross is in a red heart. The red reminds us that our heart is living and that we have eternal life because of the cross of Christ.
- The white of the rose shows the peace we have knowing God forgives our sins. We are pure and holy in his sight.
- The sky blue field around the rose stand for the joy we have now and the hope we have in the joys of heaven to come.
- The gold ring reminds us that we eternal riches stored up for us in heaven.

Do you see, Tölpel, how Dr. Luther's drawing reminds us of our faith?

# Tölpel at the Butcher Shop

Guten Tag! It's me, Tölpel. I am just wandering through town and . . .

*Bacon ipsum dolor amet shankle flank hamburger rump. Bacon smells good. Beef turkey, sirloin venison ball tip tri-tip beef ribs tenderloin. Bacon. Shankle rump strip steak pancetta, ground round turkey brisket leberkas pork belly. I love bacon. Ground round porchetta ham hock drumstick short loin, pork belly chuck turducken ball tip sausage. Wonderful bacon. Filet mignon porchetta landjaeger beef tongue short ribs shoulder ball tip. More bacon, please! Jowl chicken short loin, pork chop brisket pork loin.*

Did I mention how I **loooove** bacon? And the smell of bacon?

Sorry, I walked past the Butcher Shop and was . . .

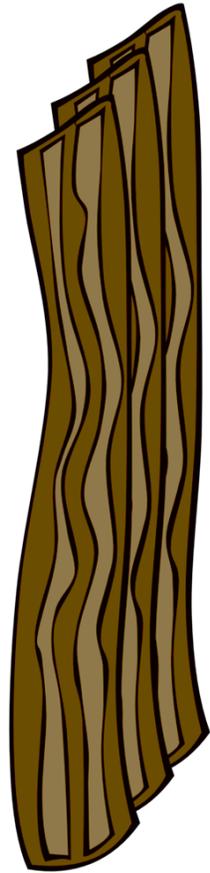
distracted . . .

by **BACON ! ! !**

You understand, don't you?

By the way, there's no clue for us at the Butcher Shop. Let's keep looking!

(Some people might call this a "red herring." I prefer to call it a "red, *bacon-wrapped* herring!")



# Tölpel and the Luther Children



Guten Tag! It's me, Tölpel, and I am in the Luther house to play with the children. The five Luther children are a lot of fun. They are Hans, Magdalena, Martin, Paul, and Margarete. They play with their stick horses and pretend to be knights. Sometimes they like to pretend I am their horse. That's OK with the younger ones, but Hans is definitely getting too big to ride on my back! We play other games too, my favorites are the ones involving bacon treats. I'll play any game that involves bacon!

Oh, now it's time to stop. Their mother, Katie, is here to help them with their Catechism lesson.

Katie says,

"Let's see if you remember what you learned about baptism. I will ask you some questions. What benefits does Baptism give?"

The kids respond together,

"It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe, as the words and promises of God declare."

"Good," Katie says, "What are these words and promises of God?"

The kids again respond together,

"Christ our Lord says: 'Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.'"

Katie says,

"Excellent. Now let's see how smart Tölpel is." They all look at me. "Tölpel, the Bible verse the children recited, where is it in the Bible?"

Huh? I'm not good at turning pages, could you help me? Find that passage in the Bible, and tell the Puzzlemaster where it is. I hope they stop staring at me soon. Can we play some more?

# Tölpel at Church

Guten Tag! It's me, Tölpel, and normally dogs aren't allowed in church. But today is special. I get to give you a tour. There are two churches in Wittenberg. One is St Mary's, the town church, and the other one is All Saints' Church, also known as the Castle Church. Martin Luther likes to preach at St. Mary's church. That's where the people of the town go, and Dr. Luther wants to teach them about God's Word.



Let's go in and take a look around. The walls are stone and the ceilings are tall. There isn't much to smell around here, certainly no bacon! But there is something better. Near the front and in the center is a wood pedestal that holds a bowl with water. It is a baptismal font. At that font the sacrament of Baptism takes place. It is a gift from God where God washes away sin as the pastor pours a handful of water on a child or a new Christian.

Another thing that happens in this church is that people sing . . . a lot! Do you like to sing? I like to sing. Sometimes I sing about bacon, but others don't always appreciate my singing. Anyway, Martin Luther wants people to be active in sharing God's good news, and one way they do that is in song. Luther has been busy writing hymns to sing in worship.

Oh, look, here comes Pastor Bugenhagen. He is Luther's pastor. Let's hear what he has to say.

"Hello Tölpel. I see you brought your friends to church. You're a good dog! You know, Tölpel, when we sing hymns in this church the sound echoes off the stone walls and fills the tall ceilings. It get's loud, and it's great to be a part of it. Even greater is that the people sing about grace, salvation, and Jesus with enthusiasm. We have Luther to thank for giving us good hymns we can sing. Do you know any of the hymns that Luther wrote? Can you name three of them for me?"

Can you help me? Do you know three of the hymns Martin Luther wrote or where to find them? Tell the Puzzlemaster when you find three.

# Tölpel at Dinner

Guten Tag! It's me, Tölpel, and I've returned to my home, the Black Cloister, because it's dinner time. Dinner time is especially exciting in the Luther home because there are always many guests around the table.



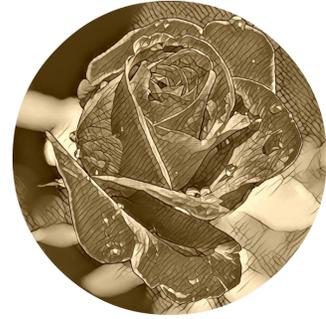
Tonight we have Dr. Melancthon, three university students, and a visitor from out of town. The discussion is exciting and varied, but the focus is always God's grace. As usual, Dr. Luther is doing most of the talking and the students are trying to write down every word. It's difficult to keep up with the notes and eat at the same time! People often take notes at the Luther dinner table. In fact, one person started getting copies of these notes from different people and plans to print them. He calls them "Luther's Table Talk."

They are talking about prayer. In prayer we can talk to God and ask for help and God wants us to talk to him. Dr. Luther said that in prayer we don't pay attention as we should to what we are praying. As he was talking, he continued to eat his meal. He picked something off his plate and held it while he continued to talk. It looked like bacon! My mouth started to water. I scooted closer, tilted my head to one side, and gave him the saddest eyes I could. All I could think about was the bacon. Suddenly, my master, Martin Luther, notices my eyes on his bacon. He turns to look at me and says ...

**"Bu, vs V pbhyq bayl cenl gur jnl guvf qbt jngpurf gur zrng!"**

Hmmm ... that can't be right. I think his words must be written in code. If only someone could find a decoder and decipher what he said! Tell the Puzzlemaster when you have it figured out. Meanwhile, I am going to enjoy this piece of bacon my master gave me. He's so nice!

# Tölpel in the Garden



Guten Tag! It's me, Tölpel, and I just wandered into the Luthers' garden. It's hard to see over the tall red rose bushes and the other flowers. There are lots of flowers, trees, and other beautiful plants. The Luthers have a gardener who takes care of most of this. His name is Wolff. He doesn't look anything like a wolf. He's a person - even though his name is Wolff!

Oh, look, there he is, over there trimming that row of bushes. He's pretty nice to me, but he gets upset when I dig holes in the garden. The garden has the best hiding spots for bones!

Speaking of bones, yesterday, I walked into the kitchen (The kitchen has wonderful smells! I especially love the smell of bacon!) and Katie Luther, my owner's wife, gave me the bone from the meat she was cooking for supper. Katie is super nice!

Did I get distracted? Oh, yeah, there's Wolff, the gardener. He doesn't give me bones, but he will pet me and say nice things to me as long as I don't dig holes. Let's go over to him. Here's Wolff, and it looks like he has something to say.

"You know, out of all the plants in this garden, Dr. Luther loves the roses most. He told me the roses gave him an idea for a picture to describe the Bible's teachings. Dr. Luther calls it his own family seal. There are five parts in five colors. Tölpel, can you find the parts and tell me the colors? I want you to tell me the colors in order from the center of the picture to the outside. When you do that, I will tell you what it all means."

I don't think I can do that on my own. Can you help me? Find the five parts to Luther's seal and put them together. Then tell the Puzzlemaster what the colors are starting from the center and going to the outside.

# Tölpel at the University

Guten Tag! It's me, Tölpel. You probably didn't know this, but I am a smart dog. It's true! That's why I like to come here to Wittenberg University. This university is full of very smart people. Sometimes when I come here, I find a student eating his lunch. That's an opportunity for me. If I look at him with sad eyes, tilt my head to one side and wag my tail, he might give me part of his lunch. The smart ones do, anyway. And the smartest ones give me bacon!



Dr. Luther is a professor here. He teaches classes on Genesis, Galatians, the Psalms, and other parts of Scripture. Students love his lectures because of his insight into God's Word and his way of teaching it.

All Saints' Church, also known as the Castle Church, is part of the University. That is where, on October 31st, 1517, Luther posted his 95 theses, or statements, about indulgences. Luther simply wanted to discuss the topic at the university. Instead his words spread all over Europe in a few weeks time. Now people are starting to think more clearly about what God's Word says.

Oh, look, here comes Professor Philip Melancthon. He is an expert in the biblical languages - Greek and Hebrew. I like him. He is one of the smartest people here, and he sometimes gives me bacon!

"Hello, Tölpel. You look like you want a mental challenge. I have a puzzle for you. It's a crossword puzzle. Not all the answers are here at the university. You will need to visit other places in Wittenberg to finish it. I hope you enjoy it, Tölpel. Maybe you could get your friends to help."

Yes, friends, please help! When you have all the answers, let the Puzzlemaster check it.

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