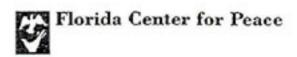


# Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



Marzo 2005 Miami, Florida

#### Estimados Lideres:

En Marzo celebramos los Domingos de Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para crecer en el conocimiento de Jesús. Las oraciones que más se usan en Cuaresma son las Estaciones de la Cruz, Lectura de la Biblia y Misa diaria. Los Viernes de Cuaresma son especiales. Nos recuerdan que un día Viernes murió Jesús por nosotros. Por eso se guarda abstinencia y se ayuna.

Tratemos de rezar y explicarles a los niños dos estaciones de la cruz cada semana comenzando la primera semana de Cuaresma. Al finalizar la Cuaresma habremos hecho con ellos el Vía Crucis completo.

#### A continuación encontrarán algunas fechas especiales del mes:

Marzo 17 San Patricio
Marzo 19 San José
Marzo 24,25 y 26 Triduo Pascual
Marzo 27 Pascua de Resurrección
Marzo 30 Taller de Lideres

La fiesta de La Anunciación este año se celebrará el 4 de Abril

#### Materiales incluidos del mes:

1) Calendario del mes. 2) Actividades sobre los evangelios

Triduo Pascual
 Cuaresma camino de conversión

5) Juego de las obras de misericordia 6) Actividad Eucarística

## Los Videos Recomendados son: (Todos se encuentran en el Video Club.

La Pascua
 La oveja perdida

La Eucaristía
 La Ultima Cena

Amor Misericordioso de Jesús 6. Sor Faustina

## El próxima taller será el día Marzo 30 a las 7 pm . Iglesia St Timothy ¡ No faltes !

El 1V Congreso de los Amigos de Jesús y María se celebrará en Nicaragua los días Junio 30, 1 y 2 de Julio 2006 Empieza hacer planes para asistir!! En el internet puedes ver las fotos de los congresos anteriores.

Acuérdate de tu compromiso mensual con el ministerio

## Que Dios te bendiga siempre.

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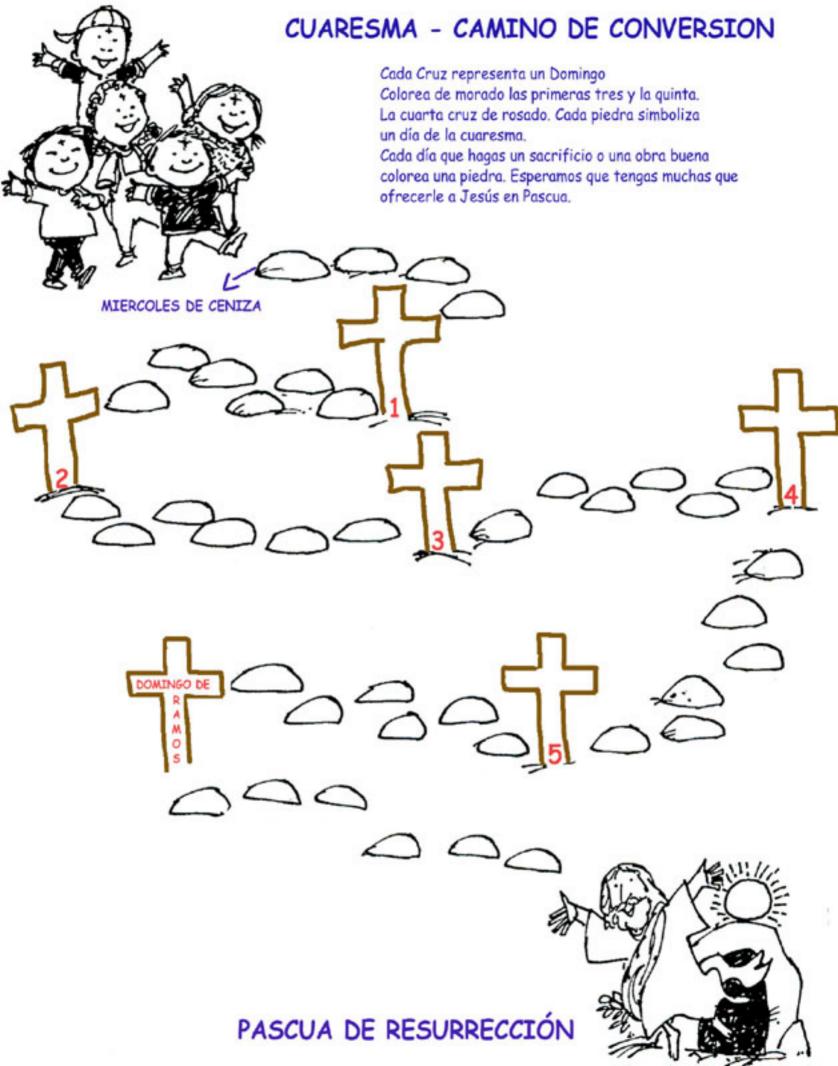


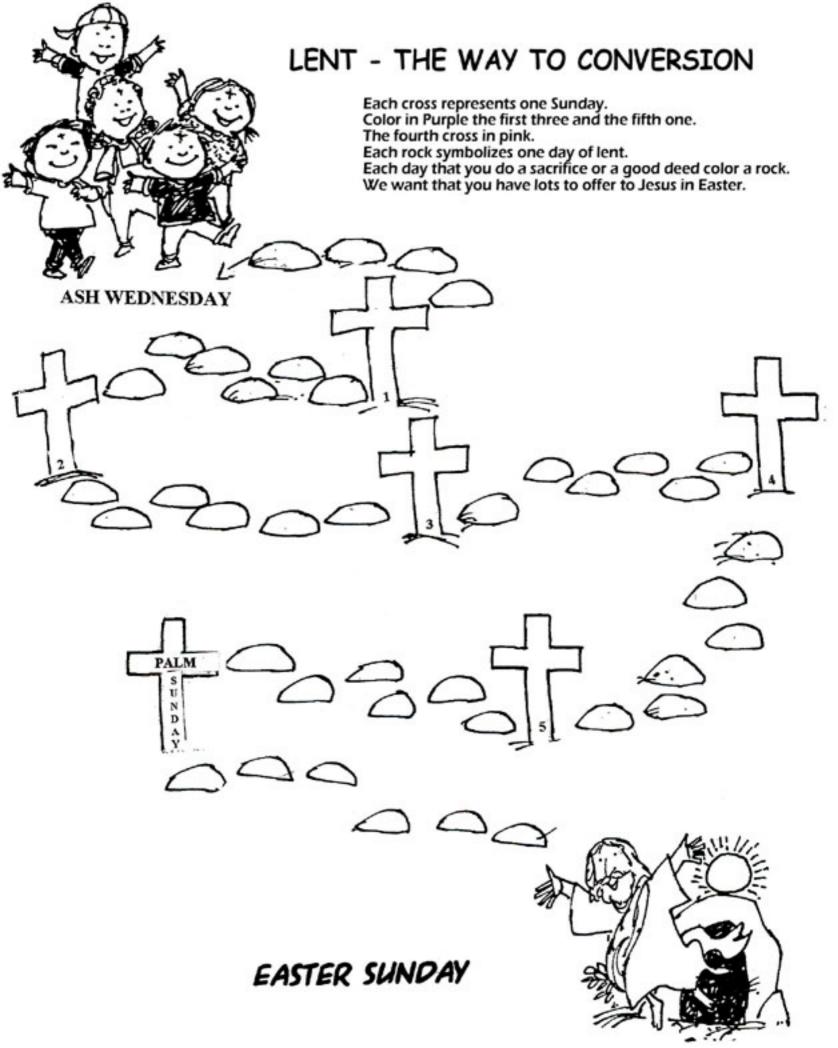
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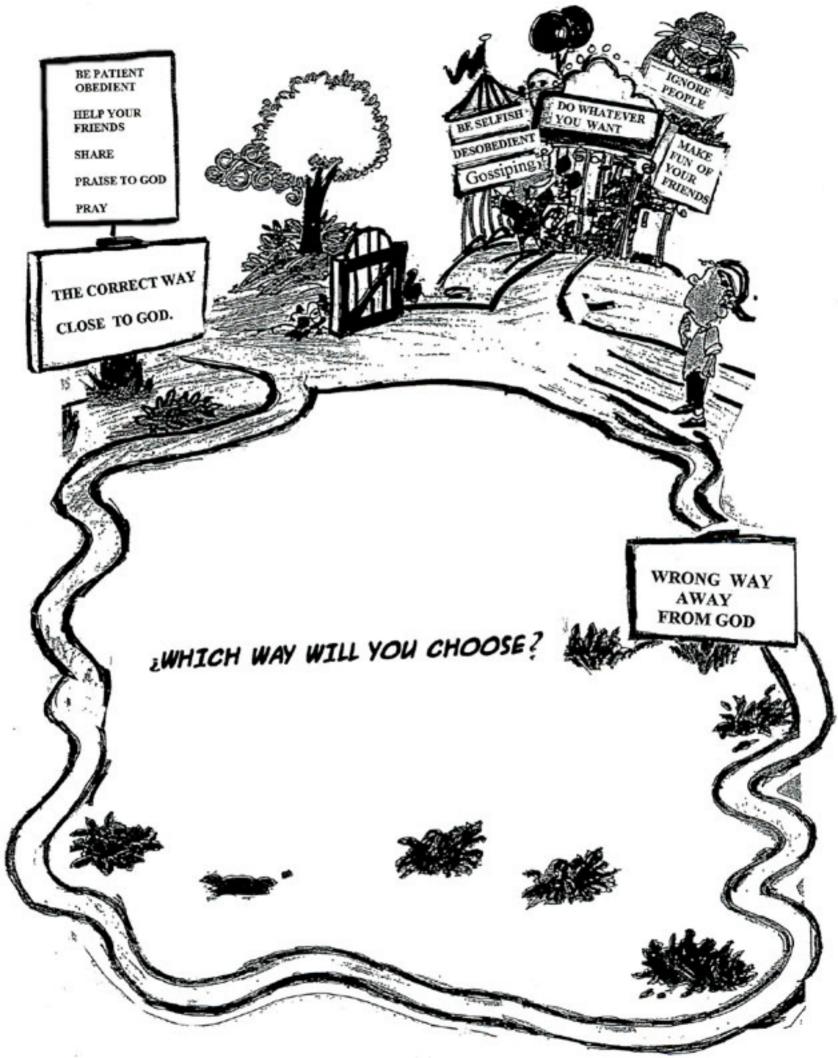
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March 6: 4th Sunday in Lent

# Jesus gives sight to a blind man

I Sam. 16:1,6-7, 10-13; Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about blindness. Do they know anyone who is blind? What difficulties do blind people have? What do adults mean when they say that the worst blindness is that of a person who doesn't want to see? Do we sometimes prefer not to see something because it is ugly or painful, or because it makes us do uncomfortable things? Are any of the children afraid of the dark?

Activities. Try to darken the room as much as possible and ask the children to walk around. If you can't darken the room, ask for a volunteer. Blindfold him or her, and ask the child to walk around the room. What are the obstacles? Discuss how difficult it must be for blind people to do thing that may seem very ordinary for the rest of us.

Final prayer. Turn on the lights. As the children express their commitment to be light, give each one a votive candle. All respond: "Jesus, you are our light." They should enter into the church carrying their lights.

#### You are there.

Do you think Jesus should have waited until the following dayinstead of breaking the rules? Do you believe that Jesus healed the blind man with a little mud? What do people around you say? Why were the parents of the blind man afraid?

#### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

By giving sight to the blind man, jesus says that he can give light to whomever he wants so that he can help them to see the right way to live. Do you ask Jesus for help to see what you must do?

#### What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how you sometimes don't know what is the best thing to do. Ask him for the help to see and to be light for others by your good example. Tell him what you want to do this week.

v For example: I will tell the truth.

v For example: I will be a good example to my brothers and sisters by behaving well.

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Q: Just like the blind man Jesus heals, Jesus opens our eyes so that we can see the right thing to do. What are some things you need Jesus' help with? How does he show you what you should do?

## WORD SEARCH:

Find the following hidden words in IEGORST MLC Spanish and write a IGLSSSAC sentence using them: SABADOTSID BLIND, MUD, RULES, BMDEAGS POOL, LIGHT, JESUS, IREGLASOCE MESSIAH, SEE, FAULT, S O R U A D M R I S SATURDAY, ACCUSE, EEZDONARNA MOPOACUS PARENTS

# Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

March 13: 5th Sunday in Lent

Exek. 37:12-14; Rom. 8:8-11; Jphn 11:1-45

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about the story. How do they imagine the situation? Have they experienced death in their family? How did the adults react? What words of comfort did they hear? Have they ever gone to give condolences to someone? How did that feel? What do they think of Lazarus' story and his coming our of the tomb? Is that possible?

Activities. Dramatize the resurrection of Lazarus, who has been dead for four days. As he comes out the tomb and everyone is amazed, what do people say? What does Lazarus say? What other favors do people start to ask Jesus?

Final prayer. Have each child write about a difficult problem in his or her life or family that he or she would like to lift up to Jesus. As they place them on a tray, all say: "Jesus, you are life".

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

Jesus, shows that he has the power to solve the most impossible things. Do you trust Jesus to help you when you think things have no solution?

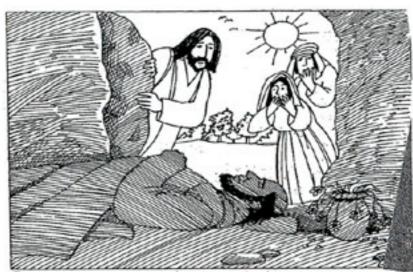
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FRIEND, SISTERS,	S	U	U	M	D	0	L	0	R	E
	J	S	E	E	S	0	S	Q	N	B
MARTHA, MARY,	H	E	R	М	Α	N	A	S	В	R
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CRY, SMELL, TRUST	N	C	0	N	F	I	A	N	$\mathbf{z}$	A

#### You are there

Do you think, like Martha and Mary, that Jesus can raise Lazarus? The smell will be awful. Do you stand back or stay to see what will happen next?

What do people say and do when they see Lazarus come out?



Q Jesus is able to do the impossible. He even raises his good friend Lazarus from the dead. Do you have some problems that seem impossible to solve? Do you turn to Jesus or your family or friends for help?

## What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him something, that worries you and that seems very, very difficult to solve. Tell him you know he can help you want to do.

- For example: When I am afraid, I will speak to Jesus, knowing he is with me.
- For example: I will comfort someone who is sad because a loved one, a relative, or a friend, as died.

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# Jesus enters Jerusalem

March: 20: Palm Sunday Matt. 21:1-11; Isa. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Matt. 26:11-54

Talk about the story. Why would it be that people praise Jesus one day and then ask for his execution a few days later? Have the children met people who betray those whom they say are their friends? Why would that be?

Activities. Dramatize the scene of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem with palms. At the Preparation of the Gifts, children can make a procession with palms, singing Hosanna.

Final prayer. How will we praise Jesus every day of this week? Each child can express a commitment. All answer: "Blessed are you, Jesus".

## You are there

Are you among those who praise Jesus? Do you Carry palms? What do you say?

#### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

People praised Jesus one day, but then some turned against him a few days later. Do you think of Jesus everyday?

Jesus is God and could have acted as a powerful king. But he chose to enter Jerusalem humbly. How do you behave with those are smaller that you?

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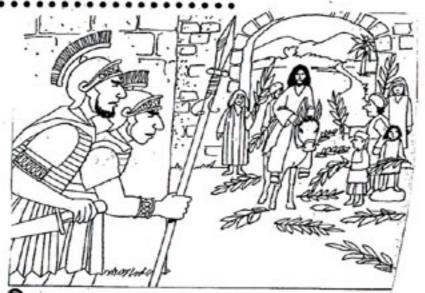
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PEIDONASAT

What I am going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him how you want to remember him at both joyful and difficult times. Tell him what you want to do this week.

- For example: I will remember to pray every day and to offer my actions to Jesus.
- For example: I will listen to my brothers and sisters, and I will let them have their way from time to time.



Some people greet Jesus with palms as he arrives in Jerusalem; others watch Jesus because they want to kill him. How do you celebrate the good things Jesus has done for you? Are you ever influenced by those who do

# Jesus beats death

March 27: Easter Sunday Acts:10:34, 37-43; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

Talk about the story. Ask the children to imagine the scene. Who is the young man? Who could have rolled the stone away from the entrance to the tomb? How would they react if they were there? Are there situations in their lives that they think have no solutions?

Activities. Discuss any current events the children might have heard on TV or seen in the newspaper that many have bothered them. As a class, pray for each of these current events and ask for the power of the Resurrection of Jesus to come upon them.

Final prayer. Bring cascarones (eggs shells filled with colorful confetti) to class. Cascarones are a symbol of the empty tomb of Jesusempty but full of life and joy. Ask the children to crack the shells on each other's heads. As they do, all sing the song for the week.

#### You are there

Who could that young man be? Do you really believe that Jesus has risen?

### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

After Jesus' death, his friends were afraid of what might happen to them. What frightens you? By his resurrection, Jesus shows that evil and death are not the end of the story. What difficult situations do you see in your family and neighborhood? Dou you think Jesus can help?



Q Jesus has risen from the dead. Jesus' Resurrection gives us the hope and courage to go on when we have problems. What difficulties are you facing right now? Do you trust that Jesus will help you when things seem very diffi-

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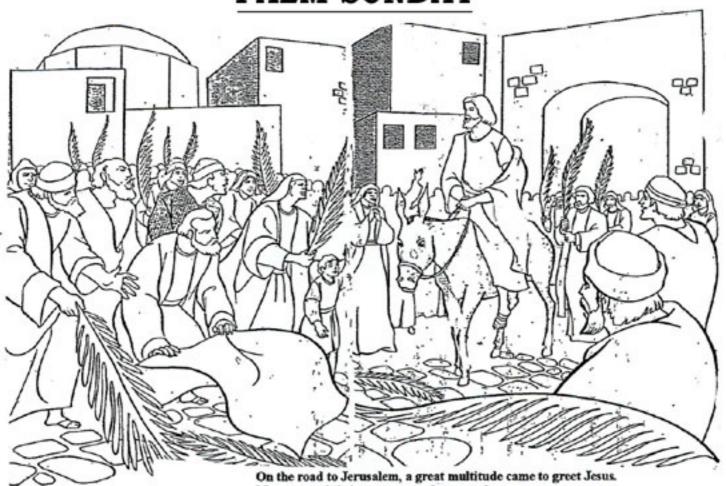
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### What I am going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about what makes you very happy. Ask him to help you to change whatever you want to change. Tell him what you want to do this week:

- For example: I will try to smile and be joyful because I know that Jesus lives.
- For example: I will tell a friend at school about Jesus' resurrection, so that he or she will learn to trust in God.

# PALM SUNDAY



Many spread their coats upon the ground.

While others waved palm branches in the air. And the people began to rejoice and to braise God.

The STORY of this Feast...

A whole crowd of men and women and children went out from Jerusalem to meet Jesus in Bethany. The disciples put some of their clothes upon the back of a colt for a saddle for Jesus to ride upon.

The large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while some of them began to cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The people were all shouting: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed be He who comes in the Name of the Lord!"

When the parade reached Jerusalem, all the people came out of their houses to see the crowd waving palm branches. "Who is this>" people asked. "This is Jesus the Prophet" replied the crowd, "the Man from Nazareth in Galilee!"

## The MEANING of this Feast...

Jesus entered Jerusalem to show that He wanted to rule over the souls of men. He should reign as King in our own heart and life.

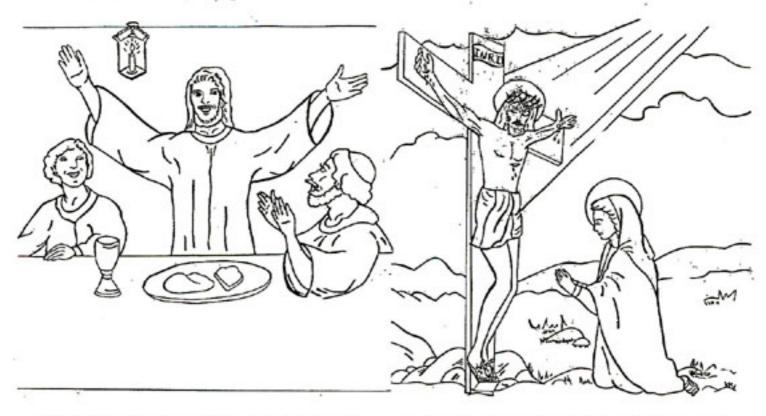
Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week.

# EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

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GOOD FRIDAY Jesus Dies on the Cross to Save Us



On Holy Thursday, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. He gave us the gift of the Holy Mass.

On Good Friday, Jesus died on the Cross to save our souls and the souls of all human beings.

HOLY SATURDAY — EASTER VIGIL Jeens Rises from the Dood EASTER SUNDAY Jeous Appears to His Disciples



At the Easter Vigil, which is the beginning of Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead.



On Easter Sunday, Jesus showed Himself to His Disciples. Thomas was not present and did not believe Jesus had risen.

# The Great Days of Holy Week

Make this reminder about the Great Days of Holy Week to put on your refrigerator at home.

Decide which day is described by reading the clues inside each circle. Here are the days to choose from: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Name \_\_\_\_\_

Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday. Write the correct day on the line at the top of the circle.

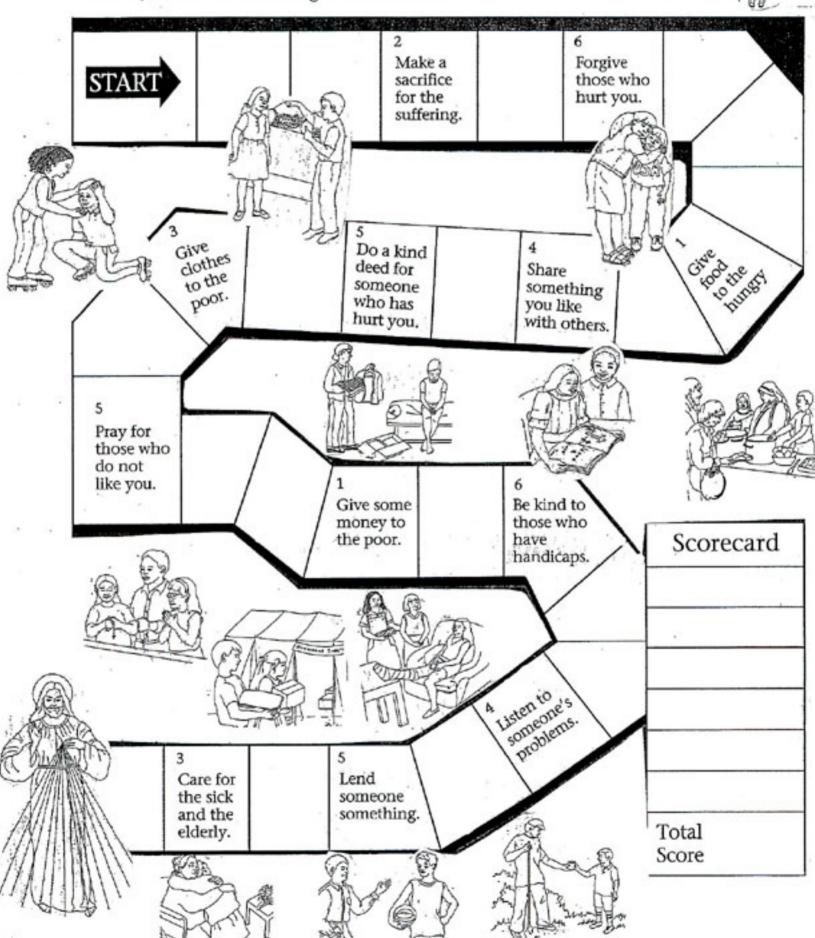
Cut each circle on the dotted line, and cut a hole at the top of each circle. String the circles together in the right order. Hang them on your refrigerator.



## Errand of Mercy Game

**Throw** dice and move a marker as many spaces as the dice tell you. Write on the scorecard the number of spaces moved. If you land on a space that names an act of mercy, add the number given there to your score. Each player gets six turns; the one with the highest score wins.





# JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE

But, why do we keep Jesus in the tabernacle after celebrating mass?.

#### We do it for three reasons:

- to take Him to the Christians who were not able to attend the the Eucharist because they are sick. They also need the strength and grace of Jesus
- 2. To take Him to those who are going to die.

  This is called the "Viaticum".

  This is the best help that we can have for our journey from this world to God.

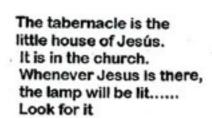
  It the best nourishment and the greatest strength at this very important time.
- 3. So that we may adore Him
  and come to Him in prayer.
  To adore Jesus in the Eucharist
  is to acknowledge that He is God.
  It is not a piece of bread, but the
  Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of
  Jesus Christ, the second person of
  the most Holy Trinity.

# We should also come to Him to thank Him.

for all He gives us; to ask Him what we need; to listen to Him because He speaks to our hearths and to ask His forgiveness for all the wrong we do. In short, to speak with Him.



Jesus is alive among us"



Jesus, from "His little house" in the Tabernacle:



L OVES us,

O UR Lord is with us

V ALUES and hears everything we tell Him.

E ASES our sorrows and looks at us with love When we visit Him.

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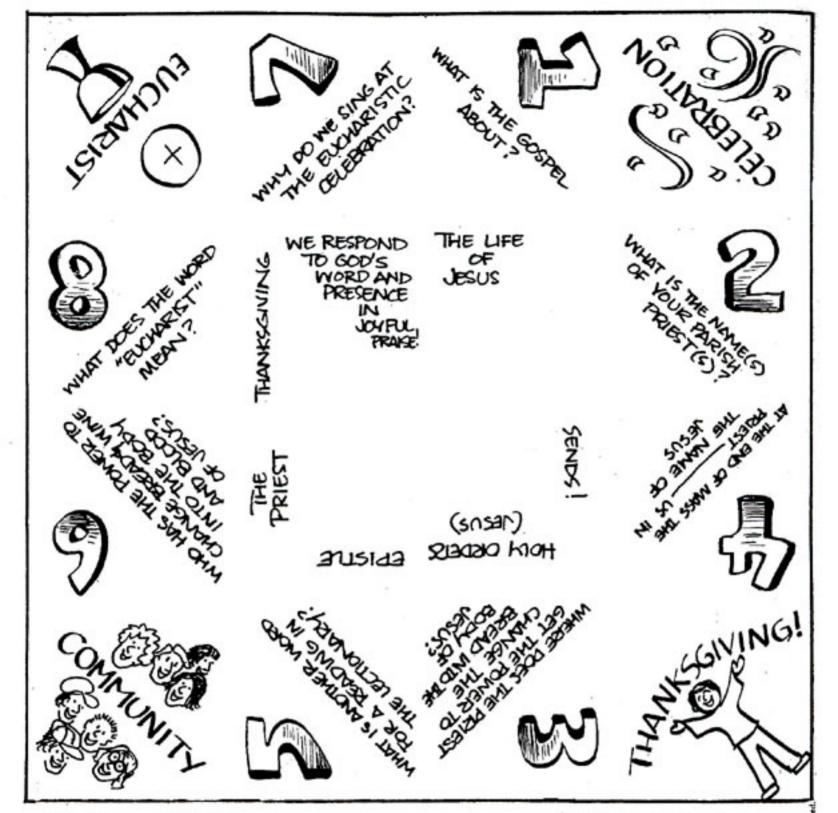
U RGES us to come, so He can receive all the children at the Tabernacle. Our Jesus

S aves us and awaits our visit.

The Tabernacle is the best place to be with Jesus and to discover what He wants from us.

Therefore, pray to Jesus who is present in the Eucharist because He has remained there to help you.

He will show you how to be a better altar server, not only when you help with Holy mass, but also during your lifetime.



Cut out the square. Fold it in half; unfold. (Pictures outside. Then fold it in half in the other direction; unfold. Fold four corners into center.

—one at a time—(keep folded). Turn square over to other side, fold corners again into center (keep folded), then fold square lengthwise in half; unfold. Fold square in other direction in half; unfold. Now place fingers into four corner pockets underneath with numbers facing up (forefinger and thumb of both hands) and push them together toward the center to fold over numbers.

Push your forefingers away from you and your thumbs toward you and an inner area appears with some numbers in it. Then push the forefinger and thumb at

# Make And Work Your Magic-Pocket-Star



your right hand to the right—forefinger and thumb of your left hand to the left—another inner area of numbers appears. Practice opening up in both directions.

Two persons can play this game of challenge. Have your partner pick one of the four words on the outside. Spell out the word, opening the center once for each letter. Then have your partner pick one of the four numbers that are visible in the middle. Open the center each time as you count to the number chosen. Again, ask your partner to choose a number from the middle. Then open the pocket beneath the number and see if your partner can answer the question hidden there.

# A Basket Name of Good Wishes Make an Easter basket to give to a parent, grandparent, or friend. This basket will carry your good wishes to a special person this Easter. I. Color the basket. 4. Paste or tape an 81/2" x 11" piece of paper behind the basket. Use paste or tape only Cut around the basket on the dotted lines. on the outside edges so that your basket 3. Cut along the dotted line on the has an open pocket. This inside of the basket. Be will let you put your careful not to cut eggs in the basket. through the handles of the basket. TO: FROM: On each of the eggs, write a special message to the person who will get the egg. You might want to tell the person why you like him or her so much. You might also tell about some good things you plan to do for that person. Color or decorate the eggs, cut them out, and put them in the basket you. have already made. Your Easter basket is

ready to deliver!

# Walk in the way of the Lord!

Would you like to Follow Jesus and His Friends by showing extra kindness and love to the people you know? This "wheel" will help you to do something loving every day. Color the picture and the wheel. Cut out the big square and the circle and the inside of the foot. Push a brad through the "X". Put the wheel behind it and push it through the center of that, too. You can read the words through the foot you cut out. Turn the wheel each day for a new way to Walk in the Way of the Lord.

