

Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



May, 2017

Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sister:

The month of May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Try to teach the children about her life. And appreciate our mothers and give thanks to everything that they do for us.

Enclosed you will find some Feast and Saints of the month:

May	01	St Joseph the worker
May	03	Exaltation of the cross
May	11	St John the Arc
May	13	Celebration of 100 years of Virgin of Fatima
May	14	Mother's Day
May	18	John Paul II birthday

Enclosed material and activities:

- 1) Calendar & Meditations on the Sunday Gospel
- 2) St Joseph the worker
- 3) Activity of the Gospel of May 07
- 4) Mother's card
- 5) Virgen Mary feast
- 6) Devotion of Mary

Suggest Videos:

1. Virgin Mary
2. Saint Joseph
3. Virgin Mary

May God bless you,
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ST JOSEPH WORKER Acts 6, 8-15 Psalm 118 John 6, 22-29	2 Acts 7, 51-8,1 Psalm 30 John 6, 30-35	3 HOLY CROSS Nu 21, 4b-9/Fp 2,6-11 Psalm 77 John 3, 13-17	4 S. PHILLIP & JAMES 1Co 15, 1-8 Psalm 18 John 14, 6-14	5 FIRST FRIDAY Acts 9, 1-20 Psalm 116 John 6, 52-59	6 FIRST SATURDAY Acts 9, 31-42 Psalm 115 John 6, 60-69
7 4 SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 2, 14a .36-41 Psalm 22 1P 2, 20b-25 John 10, 1-10	8 Acts 11, 1-18 Psalm 41 John 10, 11-18	9 Acts 11, 19-26 Psalm 86 John 10, 22-30	10 Acts 12, 24-13.5 Psalm 66 John 12, 44-50	11 ST. JOHN OF ARC Acts 13, 13-25 Psalm 88 John 13, 16-20	12 Acts 13, 26-33 Psalm 2 John 14, 1-6	13 OUR LADY OF FATIMA 100 YEARS AFTER THE FIRST APPARITION Acts 13, 44-52 Psalm 97 John 14, 7-14
14 5 SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 6, 1-7 Psalm 32 1P 2, 4-9 John 14, 1-12	15 ST. ISIDORE Acts 14, 5-18 Psalm 113 John 14, 21-26	16 Acts 14, 19-28 Psalm 144 John 14, 27-31a	17 Acts 15, 1-6 Psalm 121 John 15, 1-8	18 Acts 15, 7-21 Psalm 95 John 15, 9-11	19 Acts 15, 22-31 Psalm 56 John 15, 12-17	20 Acts 16, 1-10 Psalm 99 John 15, 18-21
21 6 SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 8, 5-8. 14-17 Psalm 65 1P 3, 15-18 John 14, 15-21	22 Acts 16, 11-15 Psalm 149 John 15, 26-16, 4a	23 Acts 16, 22-34 Psalm 137 John 16, 5-11	24 Acts 17, 15.22-18,1 Psalm 148 John 16, 12-15	25 Acts 18, 1-8 Psalm 97 John 16, 16-20	26 Acts 18, 9-18 Psalm 46 John 16, 20-23a	27 Acts 18, 23-28 Psalm 46 John 16, 23b - 28
28 ASCENSION OF THE LORD Acts 1, 1-11 Psalm 46 Eph 1, 17-23 Matthew 28, 16-20	29 Acts 19, 1-8 Psalm 67 John 16, 29-33	30 Acts 20, 17-27 Psalm 67 John 17, 1-11	31 Ro 12, 9-16b Psalm /Isaiah 12,2-6 Luke 1, 39-56			

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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2017

Readings: Acts 2, 14a. 6-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2, 20b-25; John 10: 1-10

The Parable of the Good Shepherd

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

Reflection

Jesus is our protection and knows us by name. Jesus gave himself for us, even when we were like sheep gone astray. Today Jesus continues to call us to return to our Lord and shepherd. With whom do they feel protected? Who knows them well? Who would be willing to give their own life for them? Have they ever seen a shepherd or pictures of shepherds? Shepherds communicate with their sheep through whistling. The sheep recognize the voice of their own shepherd. How do we know when Jesus wants us to do something or calls us to do something? Share.

Activity

On the next page you will find pictures of sheep. Cut them and bring one for each child to the group. Make bigger the picture of the Good Shepherd, color it and paste in the middle of a big poster board. Ask the children to write their name on one side of the sheep and on the other side to what they would do for Jesus this week. Paste all the sheep on the poster board around the Good Shepherd. Then all together say a prayer.

Prayer

Lord, you have always protected our family and friends, even during danger. Help us to recognize your voice in the voices of each member of our family and friends. Help us to recognize one another as you know and love us. Amen.

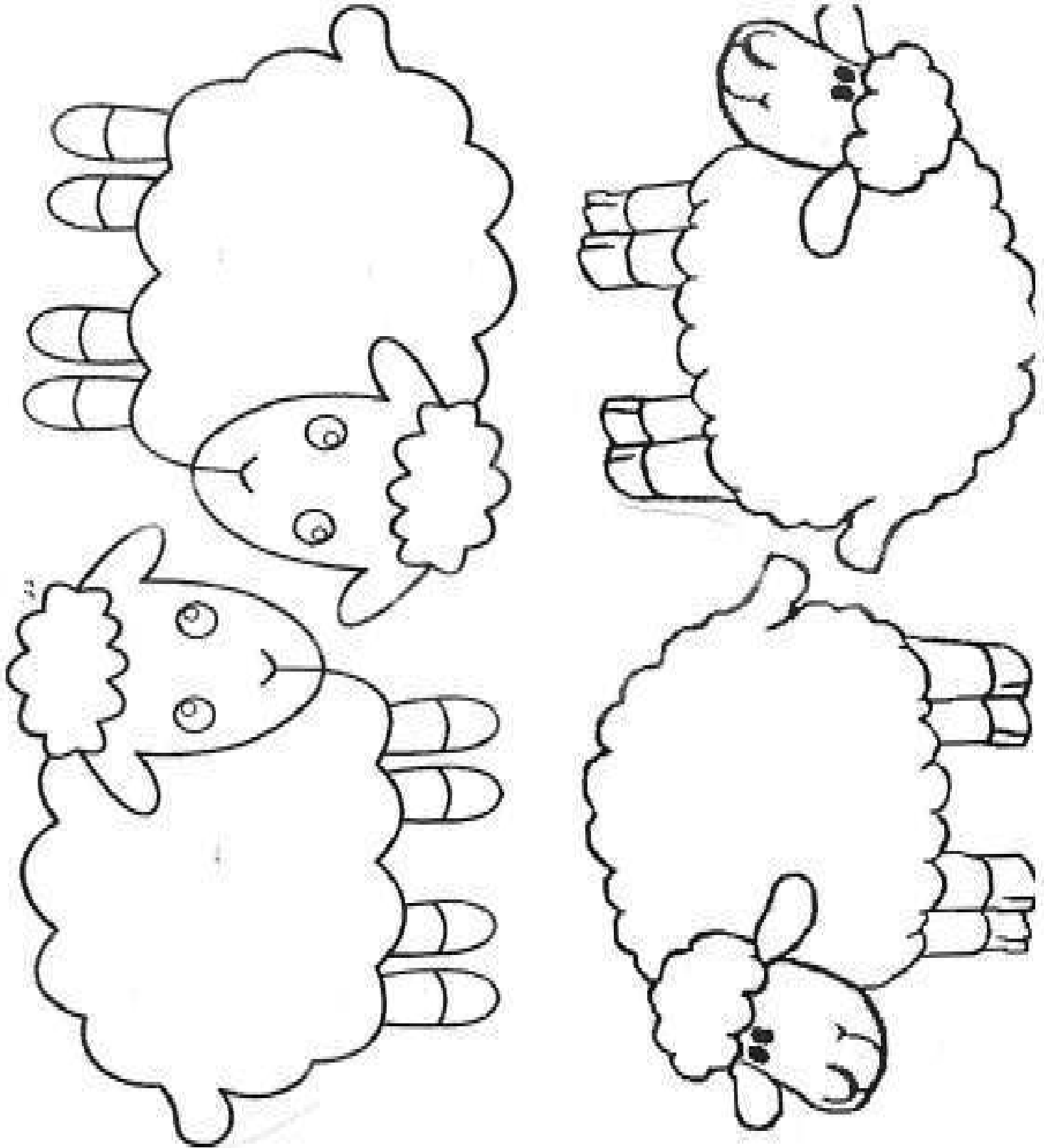




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Fifth Sunday- May 14, 2017 /Mother's Day
Readings: Acts 6, 1-7; Psalm 32; 1Peter 2, 4-9; John 14, 1-12

Jesus the way to the Father

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going, you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14, 1-12)

Reflection

Despite all the difficulties and uncertainties of our way, Jesus promises to be with us to lead us to God if we follow his way, that is, his works. Is there something that worries you and you want to tell Jesus? Have you ever felt confused and don't know what to do? How do you feel when you hear the words of Jesus? Have they ever traveled with their parents? What are their preparations? Do they think about what they need to take? Would they ever set out without knowing where they are going? When Jesus says that he is the way to God, what do they think they need to take for that kind of journey? Share.

Activity

Prepare some index cards with some titles that identify Jesus. Also, bring some blank cards.

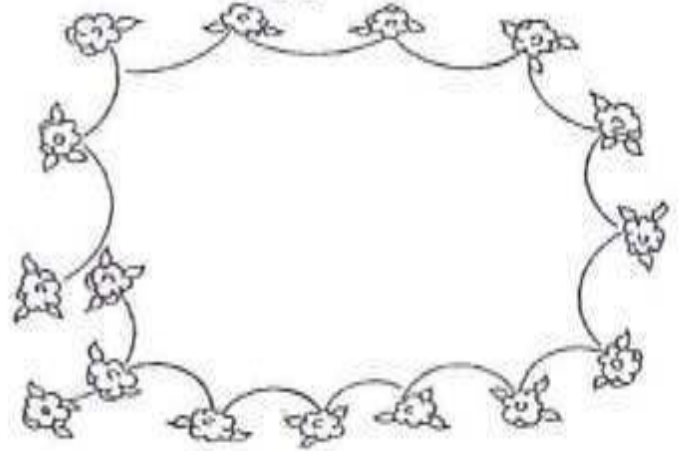
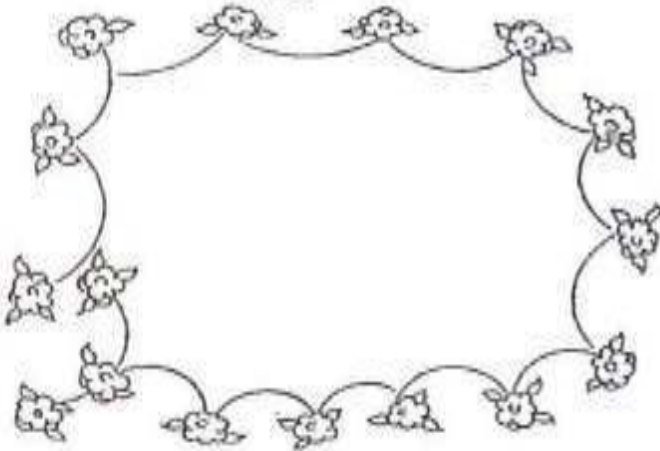
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| 1-I am the bread of life. | John 6, 28-40 |
| 2-I am the light of the world | John 8, 8-19 |
| 3-I am the gate for the sheep | John 10,7-16 |
| 4-I am the way, the truth and the light | John 11, 17-28 |
| 5-I am the vine | John 15,1-17 |

Sit the children in a circle. Place the cards with the messages in a visible way so that they can easily read them. Make 5 groups. Each one picks the title that has more meaning for them. Once the groups have been formed, read the bible verse twice. Let the message of the reading touch your heart. On the other blank card write the title that will identify you with the mission you are going to realize as a Christian. Example: "I will be an evangelizer of children." In a circle, each one group shares what they pick. Unite your hands and finish with a prayer.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes life becomes difficult for us and we don't know which way to go. Thank you for your promise to walk with us, guiding us and being the way of love, forgiveness, mutual support, hope and joy. We trust in you Jesus, because you lead us to a safe place. Amen.





Dear: _____,

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*My gift for
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Make a bookmark for Mom, Grandma and God-mother.

In the circle where the flowers are write a prayer for your Mom or any other special person.

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Friends of Jesus and Mary
6th Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017

Readings: Acts 8, 5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1Peter 3, 15-18; John 14, 15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." (John 14, 15-21)

Reflection

Jesus promises not to leave us alone and to send his Spirit. At the same time, he invites us to do what he did: Love and serve. What can you do for others to show Jesus how much you love him? Have they ever felt lonely or sad? When do they feel better, when they have lots of things, or when they feel, someone loves them and protects them? When they have things only for themselves or when they share? Jesus does not leave us alone and invites us to do like him, share and to love one another. Share.

Activity

Bring some index cards to the group. Invite the children to write on them how they think have done with their life testimony to contribute for a better world. Share what each one wrote. Then write a pledge of what you are going to this week to help in your home and school showing love and service. Place the cards on the altar of the group and finish with a prayer.

Prayer

Lord, you send us your Spirit of love so that we don't feel lonely or abandoned. May we always have our ears and hearts open to listen to one another. May we have outstretched arms to serve each other in love. Amen.





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Ascension of the Lord -May 28 2017

Readings: Acts 1, 1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1, 17-23; Matthew 28: 16-20

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:16-20)

Reflection

After Jesus died and rose from the death, He gave a mission to his friends the disciples. He asked them to teach everybody what he had taught them. and baptized them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How do you understand that Jesus told them that He will always be with them always and ascends to Heaven? Jesus gave us a lot of love and wants us to give it to all. To teach all how good He is. Not only with love but with action the disciples had a mission and we have a mission too. How are you doing it?

Activity

Write a letter to Jesus telling Him what you are going to do to bring the love of Jesus to all their friends. Share.

Prayer

Lord help me to fulfill the mission you have given me. You send us to announce the love of God for all, and the salvation that comes from you. Give us your light and your wisdom to recognize at each moment of the day the ways in which we can be your witnesses through our actions of honesty, justice, love and service to all. Amen.





January 1
Mary Mother of God



February 2
The Presentation of Jesus



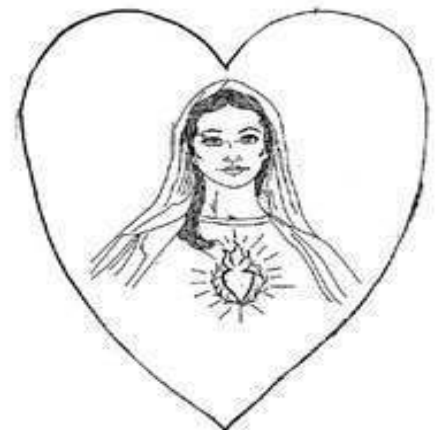
February 11
Our Lady of Lourdes



The Annunciation



May 31
Visitation of Our Lady



The Immaculate Heart of Mary



June 25
Mary Queen of Peace

Feast Days of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



July 16
Our Lady of the Mount Carmel

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August 15
The Assumption of Our Lady



August 22
Queen of Mary



September 8
The Nativity of Our Lady



September 15
Our Lady of Sorrowful



October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary



November 21
The Presentation of Our Lady



December 8
Immaculate Conception

**MEMORY GAME
ON THE FEAST OF
MARY**

Instructions

Duplicate the pictures color and paste them in a cardboard and cut it.
Now you will have two of each.
Place them face down on a table.
The one that finds most pairs is the winner.



December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

DOCTOR Luke

Devotion to Mary



Hey there, kids. This time we are going to examine our devotion to the Virgin Mary because I have noted that on some occasions our heart becomes a little bit cold and that is not a good thing.



Respond sincerely

- 1 - WHO IS THE VIRGIN MARY FOR ME?**
- A. A statue.
 - B. Jesus' Mother.
 - C. Jesus' Mother and my heavenly Mother.

- 2 - IS THE VIRGIN MARY PRESENT IN MY MIND AND IN MY HEART?**
- C. Yes, everyday.
 - A. Never.
 - B. Only when I have a test and I pray to her.



The Mother of God is Mother!

3- DO I PRAY A PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY DAILY?

- C. Of course, I never forget, not even one day.
- B. Only when I remember.
- A. If I pray, I only pray to Jesus.

4- DO I PRAY THE ROSARY SOMETIMES OR AT LEAST A MYSTERY?

- A. The rosary? What is that? A rose forest?
- C. Well of course! I know that Mary likes that prayer a lot.
- B. I don't pray it, but my grandmother does.

5- DO I TALK ABOUT THE VIRGIN MARY WITH MY FRIENDS SOMETIMES?

- B. That depends, sometimes I'm embarrassed to.
- A. Never.
- C. Yes. I'm not embarrassed to talk about her and I even defend her if they attack her.