Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 34: 11-12. 15-17; Psalm 22: 1 Colossians 15: 20-26. 28; Mathew 25: 31-46

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Reflection



Jesus speaks to His disciples of His second coming. **How does He promise to return?** He will return in glory, surrounded by His angels, seated in a throne to separate the good people from the evil ones. **How does He choose the good people?** He said, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was homeless and you housed me, naked and you dressed me, sick and you visited, imprisoned and you went to see me." **What did Jesus mean by this?** When we help the needy, we are really helping Jesus. God created everyone, loves everyone, and we are all HIs children. If someone helps your family, you become very happy. In the same way, God gets happy when someone helps HIs family. It also hurts Him if someone chooses not to help them, as much as if it was Himself they were not helping.

Activity

On the following page, color and talk about different ways to help those in need in God's family.

Prayer

Jesus, King of my heart, fill me with love so I may want to help those in need. Help me to be generous with my time, talents, and treasures. Help me see you in the smallest of your children. Amen.

Song: Love One Another, Dakota Pyle, (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAfLU4

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nLWAPRr8_Xkkae4j3C-V5qOtxtPmj4aS/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true

Materials:

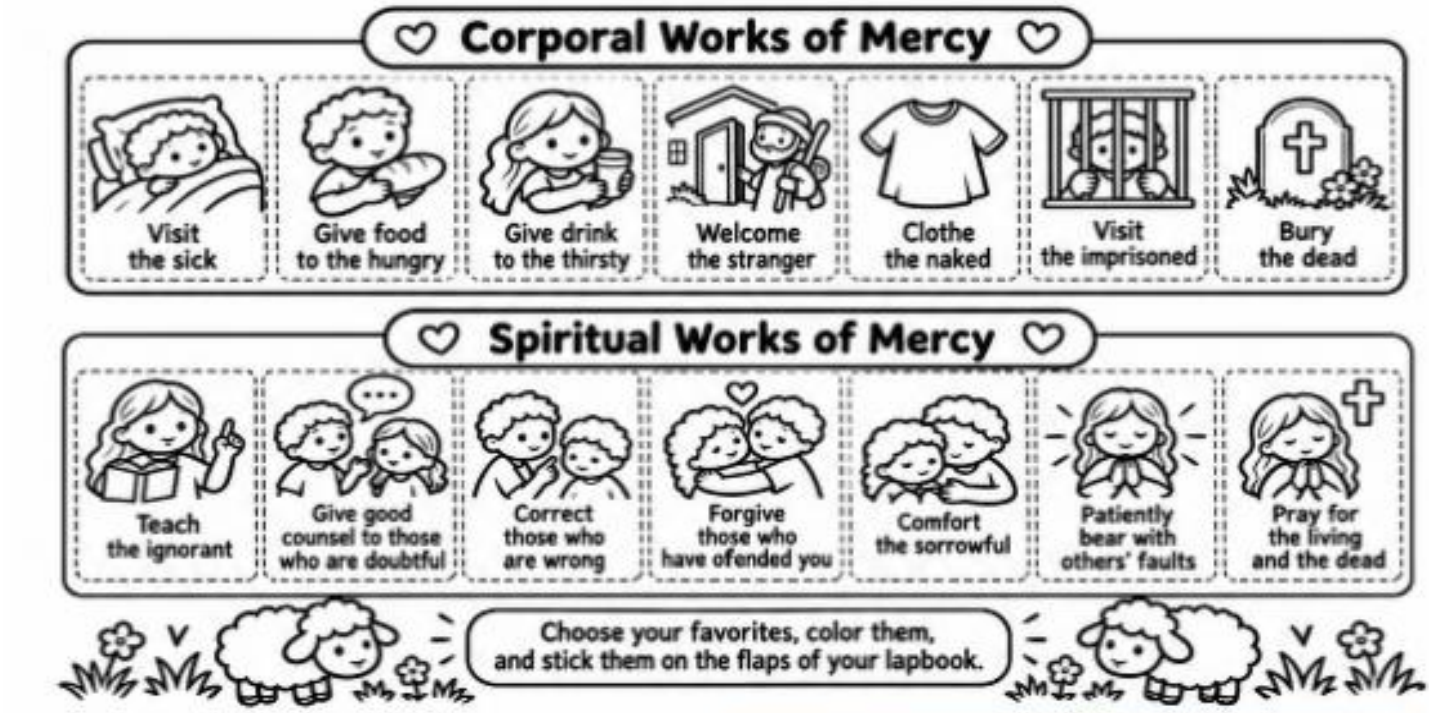
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Popsicle stick (optional)

Instructions:

1. Color Jesus and the lamb.
2. Cut out the lamb.
3. Choose a work of mercy that you want to do this week at home and glue it inside the lamb.
4. If you wish, glue a popsicle stick to the back so you can hang it up.



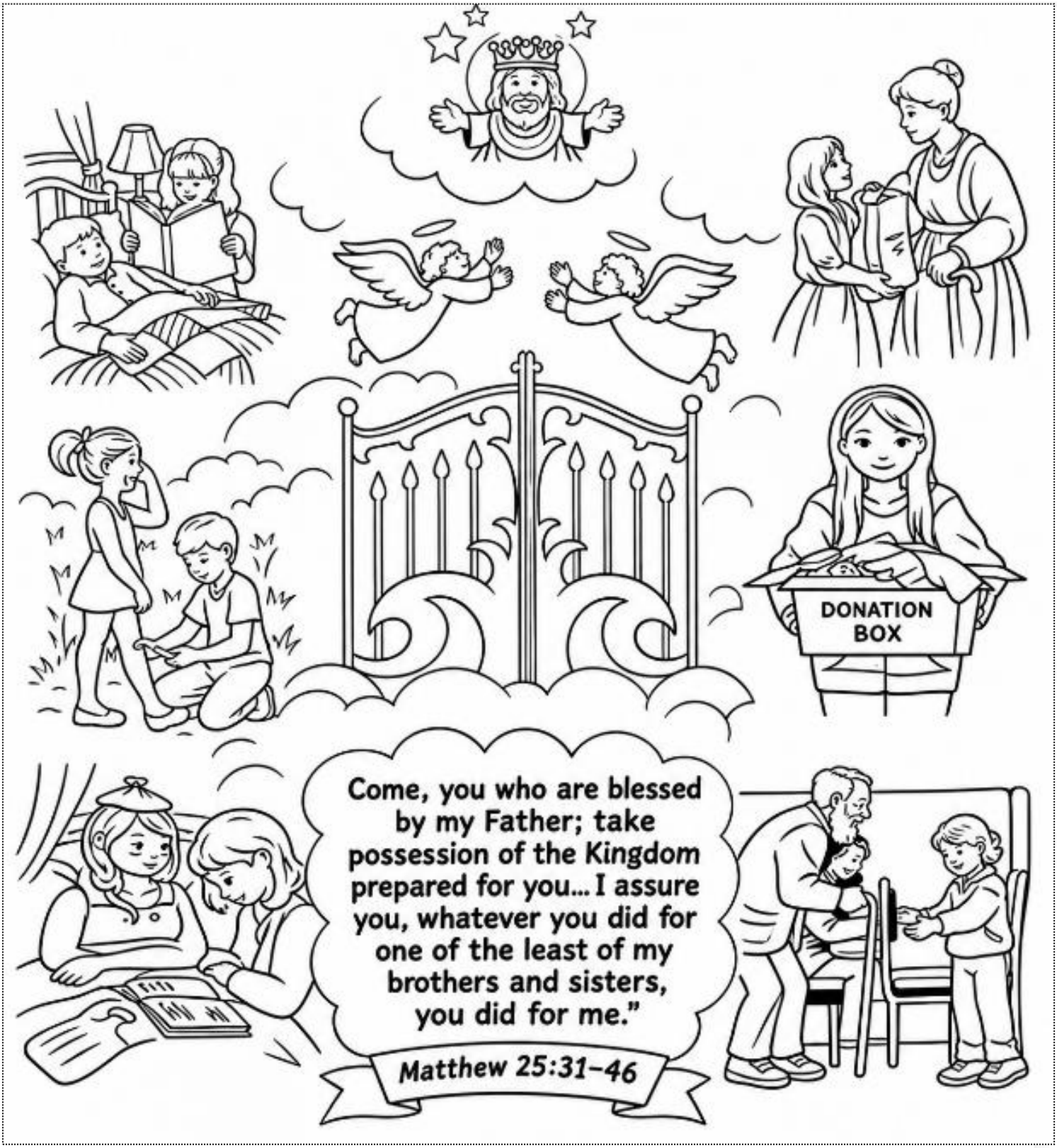
Christ the King







The guide can also be used to make a poster. You can give each child another lamb for them to color, paste on it a Work of Mercy they commit to practice at school, and place it around Christ the King.



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