



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Miami, FL

Dear brothers and sisters:

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Let us tell our children the story of the Rosary and motivate them to pray with their hearts; Our Lady of Fatima has requested it so, and continues to do so still this day.

The Rosary is the ideal prayer to pray with our families and to share the life and passion of Christ.

Feasts and Saints for this month:

- October 1 St Therese of the Child Jesus*
- October 2 Guardian Angels*
- October 4 St. Francis of Assisi*
- October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary*
- October 15 St. Teresa of Avila*
- October 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*
- October 19 St. Peter of Alcantara*
- October 22 St. Paul of the Cross*
- October 22 Leaders Workshop*
- October 31 All Hallows Eve*

Included materials:

- 1. Monthly calendar and meditations*
- 2. Saints of the month*
- 3. Activities of the Guardian Angels*
- 4. Activity of the Holy Rosary*
- 5. Life of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus*
- 6. Invitation to attend mass*
- 7. Celebrations are for Sharing*
- 8. The most important commandment*

Recommended videos:

- 1. St. Francis of Assisi*
- 2. Saints and Heroes*
- 3. Story of the Holy Rosary*
- 4. My secret friend*
- 5. Halloween (only for leaders)*
- 6. The day the Sun Danced*

The next workshop will be held on October 2nd at 1:00 pm at St. Pablo store at 5800 SW 8 St. Miami, Florida. We are planning the 20th anniversary of our Friends of Jesus and Mary ministry for November 11, 12 and 13, 2011 in Miami, Florida. Start with a special mass on Friday, November 11 at 12:00 pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, and the next day a tour of Saint Augustine, Florida. We invite a all to start making plans to attend this big celebration.

May God Bless You Always, Friends of Jesus and Mary.



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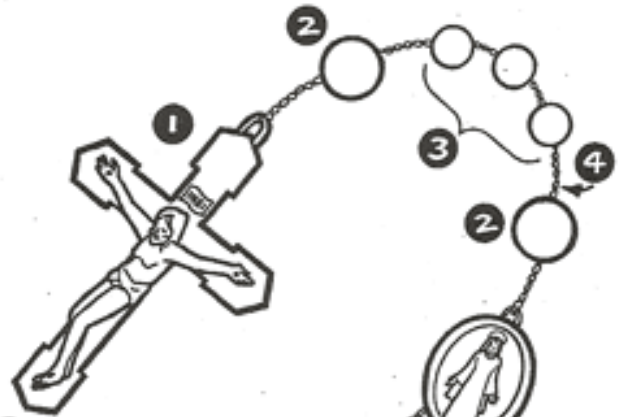
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October

Month of the

THE ROSARY

Our blessed Mother
wants all her children to
pray the rosary



The Rosary calls to mind the most important events in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These events are called Mysteries and are divided into four groups.

The five **Joyful** Mysteries

The five **Sorrowful** Mysteries

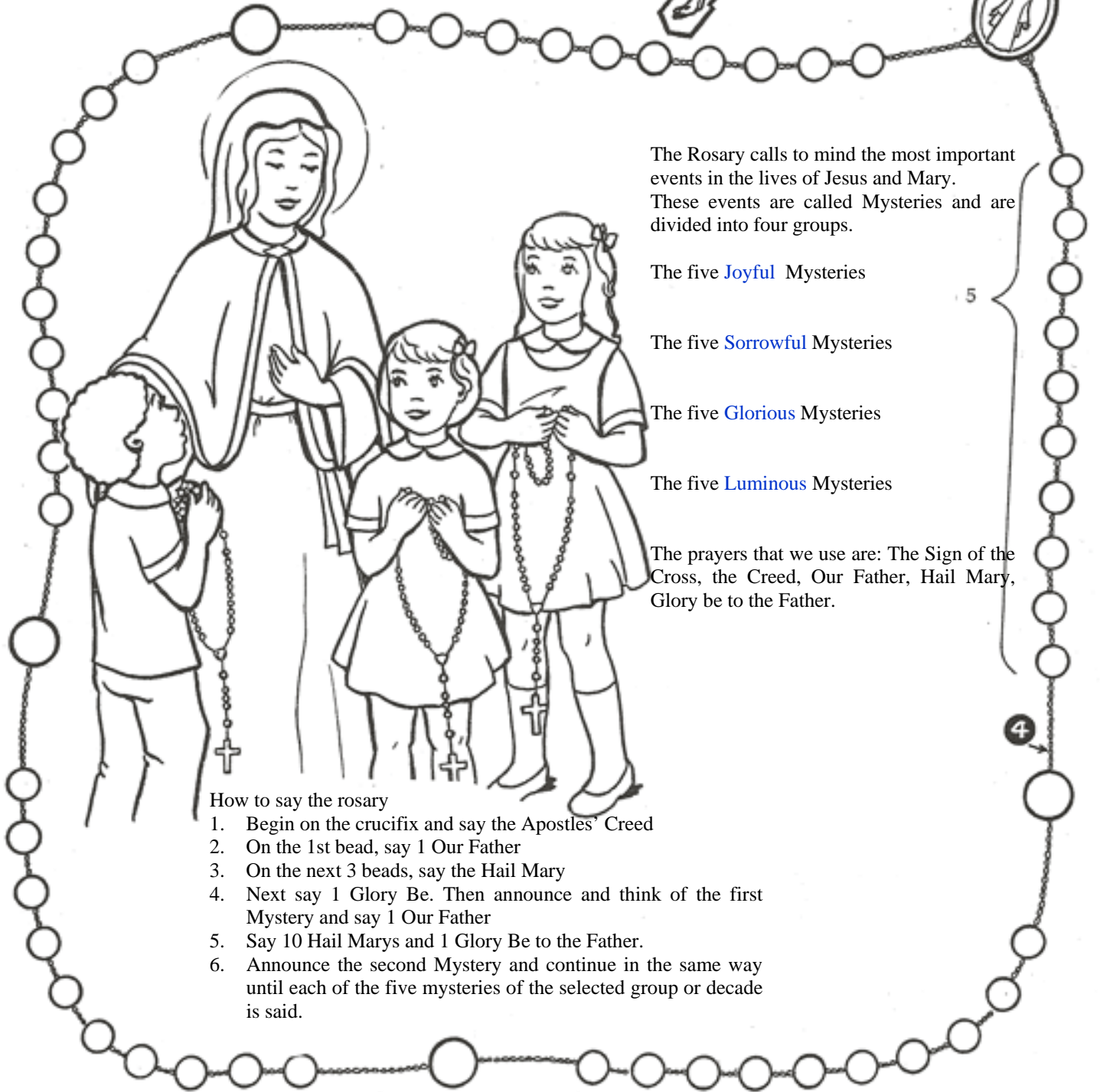
The five **Glorious** Mysteries

The five **Luminous** Mysteries

The prayers that we use are: The Sign of the Cross, the Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

How to say the rosary

1. Begin on the crucifix and say the Apostles' Creed
2. On the 1st bead, say 1 Our Father
3. On the next 3 beads, say the Hail Mary
4. Next say 1 Glory Be. Then announce and think of the first Mystery and say 1 Our Father
5. Say 10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be to the Father.
6. Announce the second Mystery and continue in the same way until each of the five mysteries of the selected group or decade is said.



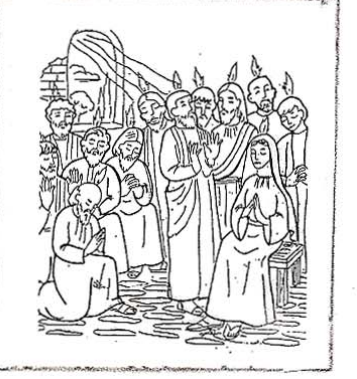
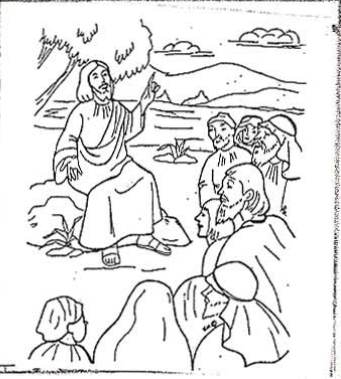
THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Joyful Mysteries

Luminous Mysteries

Sorrowful Mysteries

Glorious Mysteries



THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

October 02

A book mark

Pray to your Guardian Angel to
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¡My dear Guardian angel ,
Teach me to know God,
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Keep me from all danger,
and lead me to heaven, Amen.

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St. Therese of the Child Jesus



DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Therese's feast day is October 1. Many people pray for her intercession, and they often speak of seeing roses as a sign that their prayers will be answered.

In 1997 Pope John Paul II declared St. Therese to be a Doctor of Church. Normally, Doctors of the Church are people who write long books or who teach great and profound things. St. Therese, in her childlike simplicity, taught a truth as profound as any other Doctors of the Church. She thought of herself as being a small violet in a garden filled with great lilies, but she was just as beautiful as they were.

Can you guess which Saints we are?

Mystery Saints for the month of October



OCTOBER 1

1. Her mother dies when she is very young. Her father and sisters loved her very much. When she was 15 she gave up everything to join the convent where her sisters were. She wanted to belong to Jesus. She offered all her prayers and sacrifices so that God would bless the work of missionaries and many people would learn about Jesus's love.



OCTOBER 4

2. He was very rich but wanted to be as poor as Jesus was. He gave up everything he owned and went to live in the woods. He received the stigmata (Jesus's wounds). He taught everyone about Jesus and Mary, loved animals very much, and was such a good and gentle person that everyone loves to listen to him.



OCTOBER 15

3. As a child she loved to read about the lives of saints and martyrs. When she grew older, she entered the convent. She spent all of her life dedicated to God and helped to bring other sisters closer to God, too. She wrote many books.



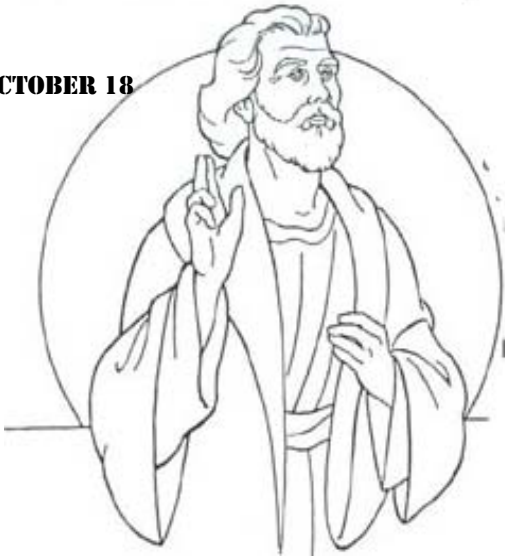
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4. She loved God with all her heart. One day Jesus appeared to her and showed her His heart so filled with love for all people. She spent her life telling people of Jesus's love for them.

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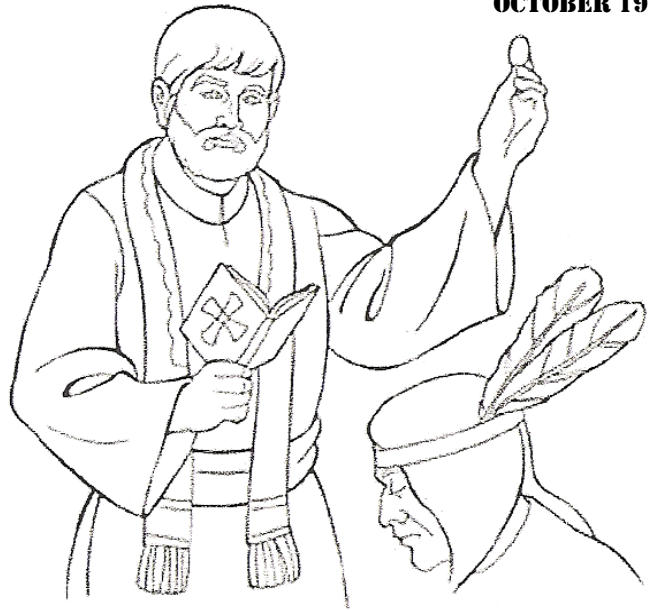
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5. He was one of the four writers of the gospels. He also wrote about the early Christian Church to whom Jesus sent the Holy Spirit. He was also a doctor.

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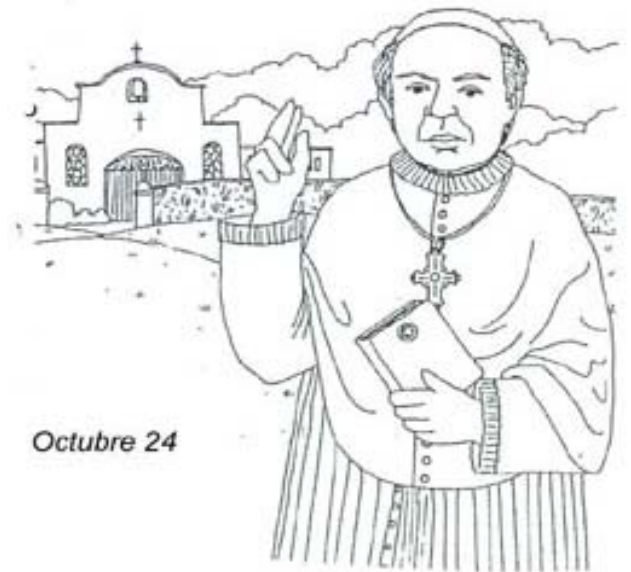
6. He wanted to teach the North American Indians about God's love, even if it meant death. He and his companions were killed by an Indian war party who didn't understand the way of God's love.

OCTOBER 19



7. He was born in the city of Genova, Italy. After his ordination he was inspired in a vision to found a congregation in honor of the Passion of Christ. The badge he chose for the congregation was a heart with 3 nails. The work of the "Passionists" (as they were called) was preaching to people in the parishes.

OCTOBER 24



8. Born in Spain, he worked as a missionary in Catalonia and the Canary Islands for ten years. In 1849 he started the Congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He was appointed Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba. When he returned to Spain he devoted himself to missionary work and the spreading of good literature.



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XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 5, 1-7; Psalm 79; Phil 4, 6-9; Matthew 21, 33-43

The Parable of the Tenants in the Vineyard / Some test God's Patience

"Listen to another parable," Jesus said. "There was once a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a hole for the wine press, and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to tenants and left home on a trip. When the time came to gather the grapes, he sent his slaves to the tenants to receive his share of the harvest. The tenants grabbed his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again the man sent other slaves, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all he sent his son to them. Surely they will respect my son, he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the owner's son. Come on, let's kill him, and we will get his property.' So they grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 'Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' Jesus asked. 'He will certainly kill those evil men,' they answered, 'and rent the vineyard out to other tenants, who will give him his share of the harvest at the right time.' Jesus said to them, 'Haven't you ever read what the Scriptures say? The stone which the builders rejected as worthless turned out to be the most important of all. This was done by the Lord; what a wonderful sight it is! 'And so I tell you,' added Jesus, 'the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce the proper fruits.'" (Matthew 21: 3-43)

Reflection

What do you think the owner felt when he knew His son had been killed?

What do you think Jesus means by this story?

God lovingly takes care of us, but he expects us to respond by giving fruits of good works.

Jesus says God is patient, but we must be responsible and listen.

Who are the most patient people they know?

With whom do they need to be patient?

Do they sometimes abuse the patience of adults, at home or school? Share

Activity

Draw in a poster board a big tree.

Prepare fruits of different kinds in cardboard.

Write on them the thing you want to do to please Jesus. Example: doing homework well, being patient with your younger brothers and sisters, being responsible with the things the adults ask us to do, and more. Place the fruits on the tree and said:

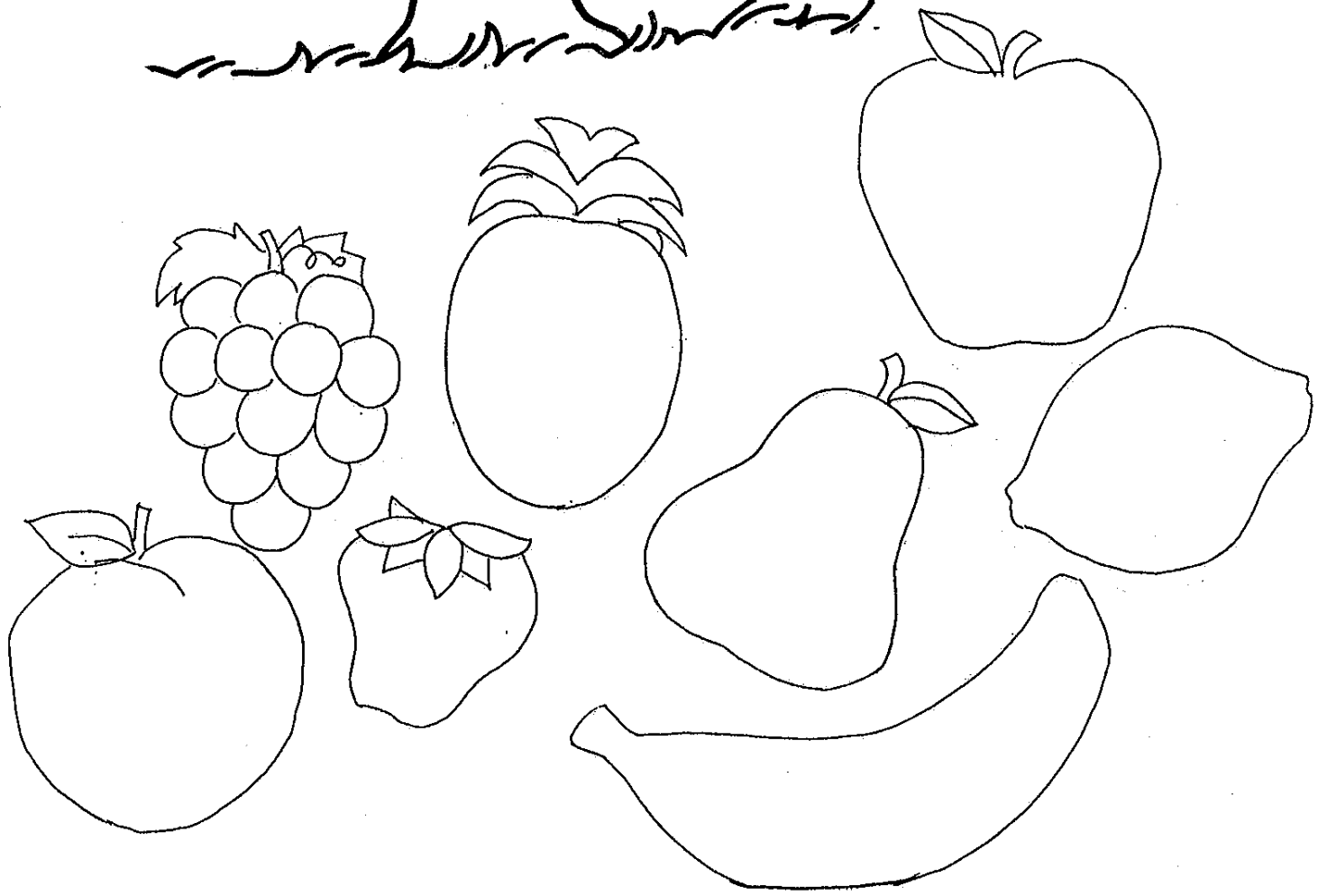
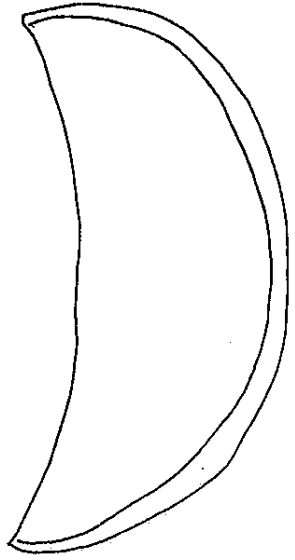
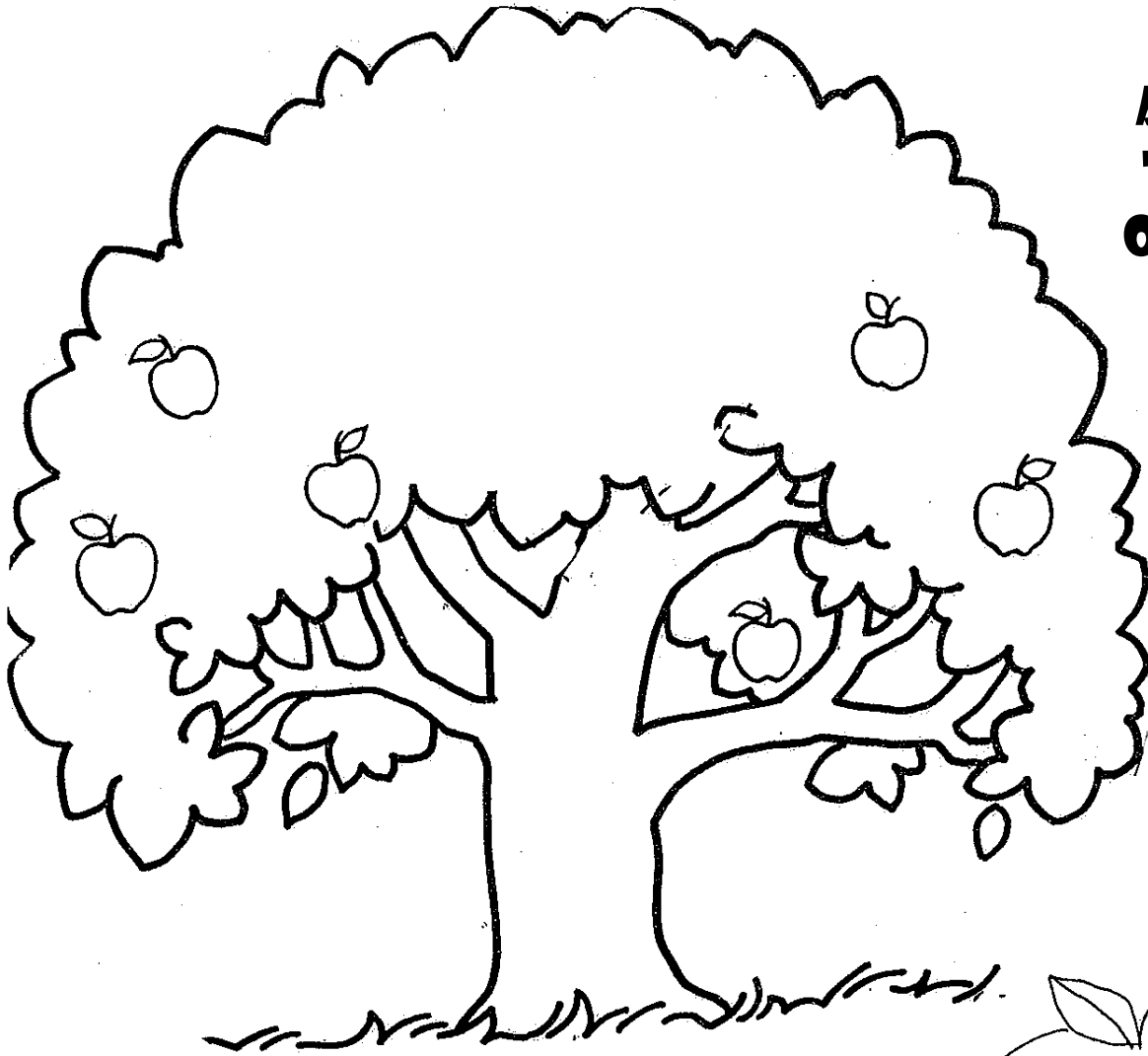
"We want to give fruits, Jesus" Help us.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we lose patient with one another and with ourselves. Teach us to have your patience and, with love, motivate one another to give fruits of goodness. Teach us responsibility and honesty in our work and studies. **Amen**



**ACTIVITY OF
THE GOSPEL
OCTOBER 2ND**





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XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time October 09, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 25, 6-10; Psalm 22; Phil 4, 12-14. 19-20; Matthew 22, 1-14

The parable of the Wedding Feast

Jesus again used parables in talking to the people. The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast, but they did not want to come. So he sent other servants with this message for guests: My feast is ready now; my steers and prize calves have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast! But the invited guests paid no attention and went about their business: one went to farm, another to his store, while others grabbed servants who beat them and killed them. The king was very angry; so he sent his soldiers, who killed those, the murderers and burned down their city. Then he called his servants and said to them, "My wedding feast is ready, but the people I invited did not deserve it. Now go to the main streets and invite to the feast as many people as you find." So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, good and bad alike; and the wedding hall was filled with people. The king went in to look at the guest and saw a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. "Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?" The king asked him. But the man said nothing. Then the king told the servants, "Tie him up hand and foot and, throw him outside in the dark. There he will cry and gnash his teeth." And Jesus concluded, "Many are invited, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22: 1-14)

Reflection

Do you think that it is weird that the guests did not want to go to a king's party?

What do you do when you are invited?

How do you prepare?

Jesus says he invites everyone to his banquet; no one must be left out, but all must be prepared for such a great event.

We all are invited to the table of the Eucharist, to the banquet of God. Having money or being important is not necessary, but we do need to realize who is calling us and to go prepared and respectful because this is a great invitation. **Share**

Activity

Prepare an invitation for someone that does not go to Mass. Encourage him or her to prepare properly for the celebration.

In the next page you will find ideas.

Prayer

Lord, you call everyone to your table. Teach us not make distinctions, but to welcome and receive everyone as your beloved children.

Help us to prepare ourselves properly for the great feast of the Eucharist. **Amen.**





Eucharist

We are a family!

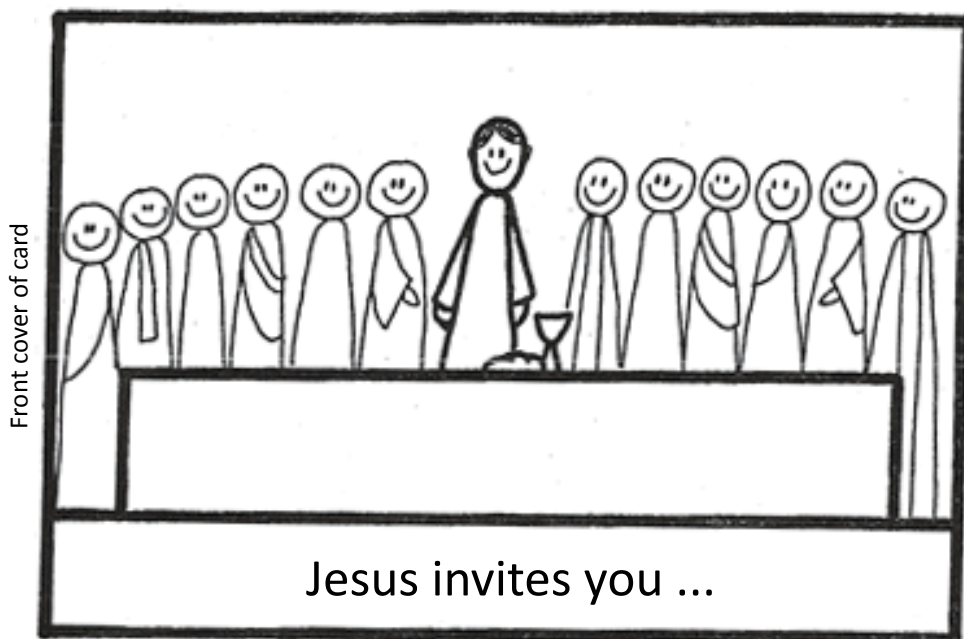
Sister Jane asked us to look around during the Liturgy and see who is there.

Now think who is not there: a friend or a relative who does not go to Mass every Sunday...?

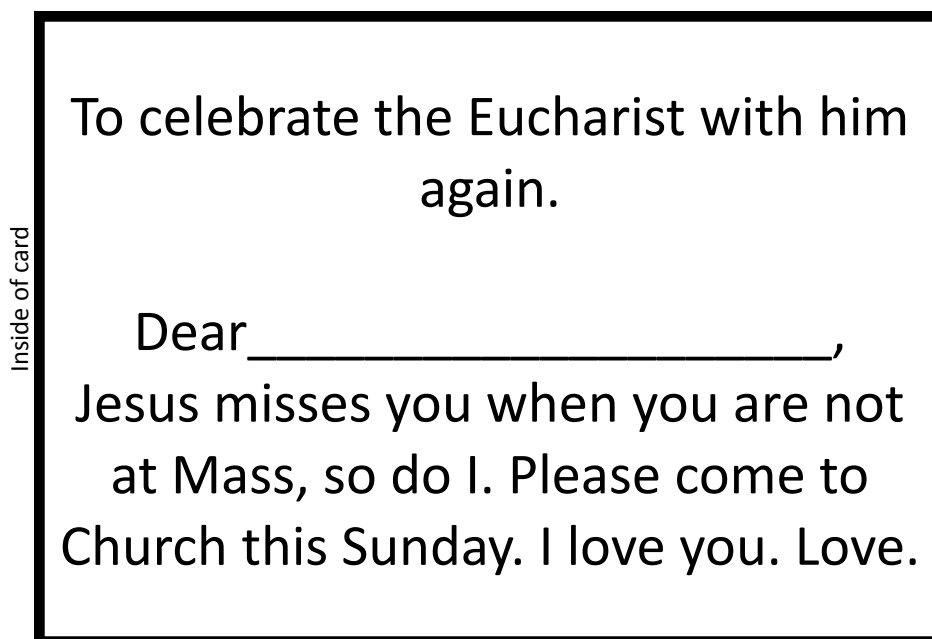
Why not invite that person back?

Color this invitation. Give it or mail it to one of those persons.

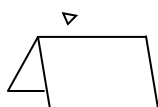
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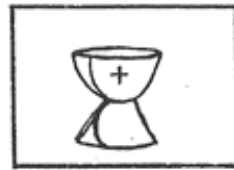
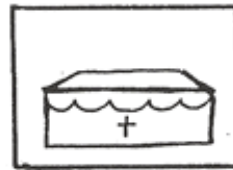
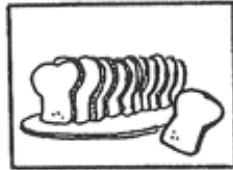
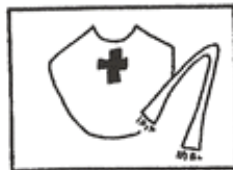
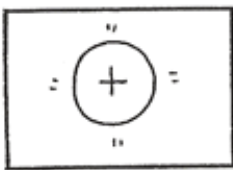
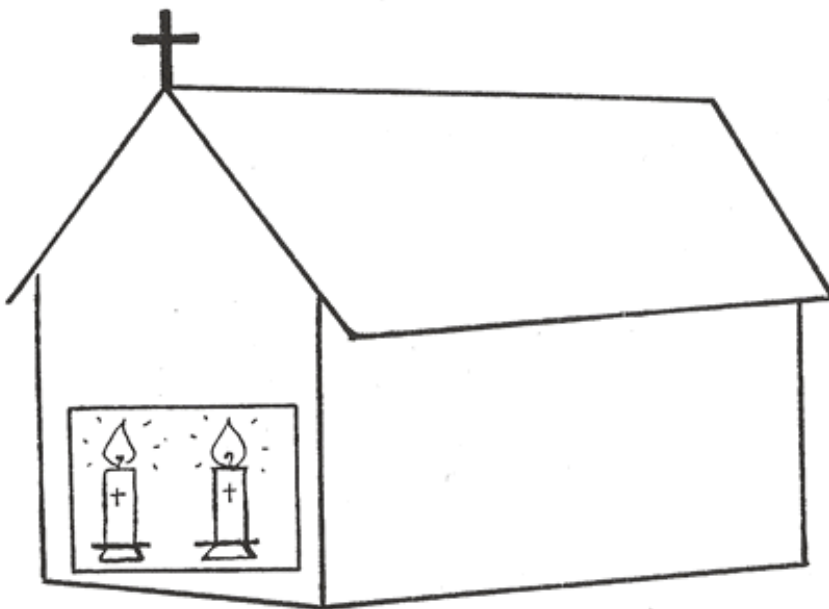


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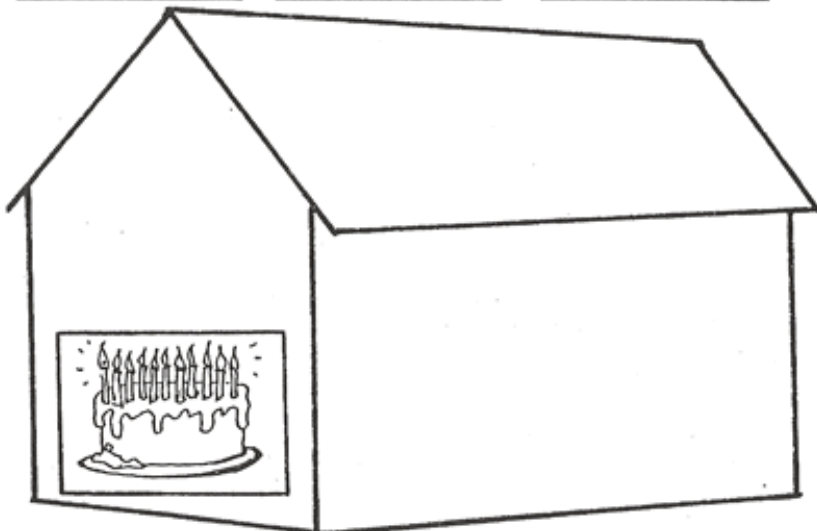
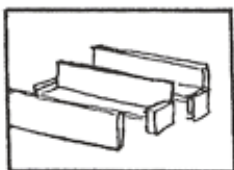
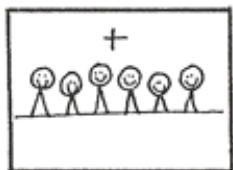
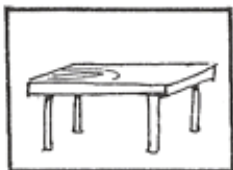


Celebrations are for sharing

Some things we use for our celebrations at home we also use for our celebrations at church. Find the pictures that belong in the home and the ones that belong in the church. Glue them in place. We have already done one for you.



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XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 45, 1.4-6; Psalm 95; 1Thessalonians 1, 1-5b; Matthew 22, 15-21

The questions about paying taxes / We are the image of God

The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions. Then they sent to him some of their disciples and some members of Herod's party. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you tell the truth. You teach the truth about God's will for people, without worrying about what other think, because you pay no attention to anyone's status. Tell us, then, what do you think? Is it against our Law to pay taxes to Roman Emperor, or not?" Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, "You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin for paying the tax!" They brought him the coin, and he asked them, "Well then, pay to the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor and pay God what belongs to God." When they heard this, they were amazed and they left him and went away. (Matthew 22:15-21)

Reflection

What did Jesus mean by "give to Caesar what is Caesar's and God what is God's"?

What things belong to God?

What things belong to the government?

In whose image are people made?

Jesus says that the images on coins represent political leaders. But he also tells us that we are made in the image of God and therefore, we belong to God.

What good things has God given you?

In which ways are you like God? Share

Activity

Ask the children to draw themselves on a piece of construction paper. On their arms, Legs, head and heart, ask them to write what good things they can do with those parts of the body.

Think about how those things resemble the acts of love God does for us. Example: drawing, studying, laughing, thinking and more.

Make a commitment for the week.

Prayer

Lord, we want to do well. We want to follow and respect your image in each one of us. We want to take care of our own and other's lives, because you are our only Lord.
Amen.





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XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23 2011

Readings: Exodus 22, 20-26; Psalm 17 1; Thessalonians 1, 5c-10; Matthew 22, 34-40

The great Commandment

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they came together and one of them, a teacher of the Law, tried to trap him with a question. "Teacher, He asked which is the greatest commandment in the Law." Jesus answered. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with your entire mind. This is the greatest and the most important commandment,. The second most important commandment is like it: Love your neighbor as you love yourself" The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments." (Mathew 22: 34-40)



Reflection

To love God with one's whole heart means to be totally attached to God. To love others means to love generously, just as God love us. Talk with the children about the people who really love them. How do they show them that love? What do they tell them? What do these people do for the children? How do they show love for others? Is it always easy? What do they like others to do for them? Are they willing to do the same for others? What other things can they do to show love?

Activity

Cut hearts in two different colors. Prepare a big poster board and divide it in two. In the top place a sign "The greatest Commandment". In one side write Jesus and in the other side write Neighbor. Give each child a heart of each color. Ask them to write their name in one side. On the other side, have them write what they will do to show love for Jesus and others. Paste the hearts in the poster board. Pray together to show our love to Jesus.

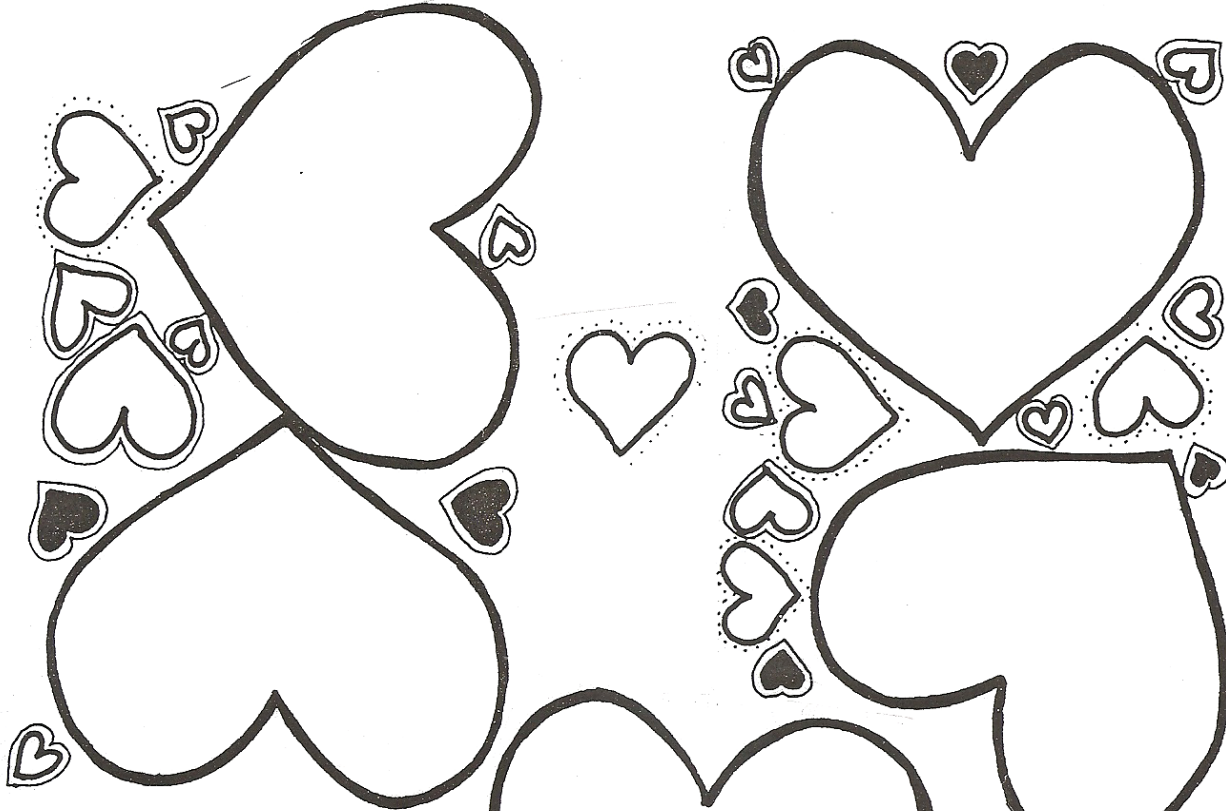
Prayer

Lord, your love us and call us to you. Keep us united to you, so we may learn how to love one another more, seek the good of others, support one another in our struggles and dreams, and generously give of ourselves. **Amen**

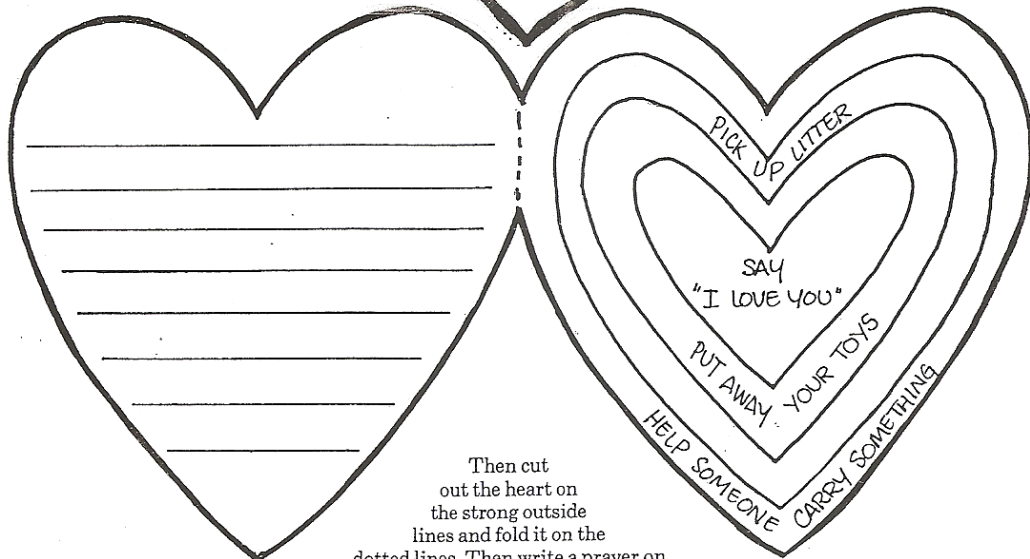
THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT

JESUS

FRIENDS



Follow Jesus this week by being like him.
Do a Christian deed each day—color in that part of
the heart.



Then cut
out the heart on
the strong outside
lines and fold it on the
dotted lines. Then write a prayer on
the other side and decorate the front. Bring your gift of love to Jesus on Sunday.



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXXI Sunday in Ordinary time October 30, 2011

Readings: Malachi 1, 14b-2, 2b.8-10; Psalm 130; 1Thessalonians 2, 7b-9.13; Matthew 23, 1-12

Jesus Warns against the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees are the authorized interpreters of Moses's Law. So you must obey and follow everything they tell you to do; do not, however imitate their actions, because they don't practice what they preach. They tie onto people's backs loads that are heavy and hard to carry, yet they aren't willing even to lift a finger to help them carry those loads. They do everything so that people will see them. Look at the straps with scripture verses on them which they wear on their foreheads and arms, and notice how large they are! Notice also how long the tassels on their cloaks are! They love the best places at feasts and the reserved seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them "Teacher". You must not be called "Teacher", because you are all equal and have only one Teacher. And you must not call anyone here on earth Father, because you have only the one Father in heaven. Nor should you be called Leader because your one and only leader is the Messiah. The greatest one among you must be your servant. Whoever makes himself great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be made great.

(Matthew 23,1-12)

Reflection

In the gospel, Jesus complains about four vices or capital sins of the religious leaders.

- 1-**Their incoherence** since their teachings said one thing and their life showed another.
- 2- **Their moral double standard**, since they put heavy burdens on others, but not on themselves.
- 3- **Their hypocrisy**, only appearances mattered since their hearts were far from spiritual values.
- 4-**Their vanity**, They like being first and being recognized. In the second part, Jesus presents how his followers and his communities should be. They should be Christ centered, in humble service, and building a fraternal and simple community where everyone feels like family.

What personal defects should I overcome to follow Jesus? Share thoughts.



Activity

Tell the children the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola who is an example of someone who changed his life completely to live as Jesus did. He is also a model of Christian leadership, faithful to his church, and determined to lead people to God.

Prayer

Take Lord receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, my entire will; all I have and possess. You have given it to me, now I return it. All is yours; do with it according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace, that's enough for me. Amen. (St Ignatius of Loyola)

Saint Ignatius Loyola



In 1521, Ignatius Loyola, the soldier, had his knee wounded in battle. While he was recovering from his wound, he began reading about Christ and the saints. "I can do what they did", he said to himself. Ignatius pictured the world as a battlefield. So he decided to become a "soldier of Christ".

While at the University of Paris, Ignatius began to gather friends who wanted to serve with him under the banner of Christ. These young men called themselves the "Companions of Jesus". People nicknamed them the Jesuits, and the order was known as the Society of Jesus.

"The Companions", Ignatius said, "are ready to do any work or go anywhere in the world for God's greater glory".

The Jesuits became famous as teachers and missionaries. Amid all their fame, they chose to live among the poor to teach catechism to children.