



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Let us begin this New Year with our hearts full of love and thanks giving for all the graces we receive last year.

Let us try this month to renew pray in our family and in our prayers groups, in union with Jesus and Mary. May all of us be witness of the joyful love of God. The year 2008 has been declared by Pope Benedict XVI "The International year of St Paul, to commemorate the 2000 years of His birth (0008 – 2008)

Important feasts and Saints:

- January 1 Mary, Mother of God
- January 5 St John Neumann
- January 6 The three Wise Men
- January 7 Epiphany of the Lord
- January 8 Baptism of the Lord
- January 21 St Agnes
- January 22 Blessed Laura Vicuña
- January 24 Saint Francis de Sales
- January 27 Saint Henry de Osso

January 28 Leader's Workshop

Enclosed materials and Activities:

- 1) Monthly calendar
- 2) Meditations on the Sunday Gospel
- 3) Comic of St Agnes
- 4) The Baptism
- 5) Mary Mother of God
- 6) Book Mark of St Henry de Osso
- 7) Epiphany Activity
- 8) Conversion of St Paul
- 9) God's love is all over Scripture
- 10) God's Love changes us
- 11) On the Way to Bethlehem Game

Suggested videos (All available in the "Video Club")

- 1. Saint Henry de Osso
- 2. Saint John Bosco
- 3. Nativity: Three Wise Men
- 4. Prayer

We would like to thank you for all what you have done for the children.

Enclose you will find a card. Please fill it and mail it to us as soon as possible.

We need your answer so that you will keep receiving the monthly package, by mail

On January 27 we celebrate the feast of Saint Henry de Osso patron Saint of our Ministry of Friends of Jesus and Mary. We encourage you to plan a special event this day, to make Him known.

We are planning a pilgrim to Orlando, Florida at the park "Holy Land Experience"

May God Bless you always,
Comité de Amigos de Jesús y María.

Los costos de enviar el paquete mensual de actividades por correo cada vez son más altos por lo que agradeceríamos que si tienen acceso al internet, entre a nuestra pagina, www.fcpeace.com vaya a la sesión Amigos de Jesús y María y ahí pueden encontrar las actividades mensuales e imprimirlas.

En caso contrario, indíquennos que están interesados en recibir el paquete de actividades por correo.

Si tengo internet: _____ Mi correo electrónico es: _____

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Me interesa seguir recibiendo el paquete de actividades _____

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Mi contribución mensual _____ Anual _____ será de \$ _____



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January 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Lk 2:16-21 (Holy Day of Obligation) New Year's Day	2 SS. Basil & Gregory	3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	5 St. John Neumann
6 The Epiphany of the Lord Mt 2:1-12 <i>Día de los Santos Reyes</i> (Three Kings Day; Mexico)	7 St. Raymond of Peñafort	8	9	10	11	12
13 Baptism of the Lord Mt 3:13-17 National Vocations Awareness Week	14	15	16	17 St. Anthony	18	19
20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jn 1:29-34	21 St. Agnes <i>Martin Luther King's Birthday</i>	22 St. Vincent	23	24 St. Francis de Sales	25 Conversion of St. Paul	26 SS. Timothy & Titus
27 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 4:12-23 St Henry of Osso	28 St. Thomas Aquinas Leaders Workshop	29	30	31 St. John Bosco (Patron of Young People)		

January 1

Mary Mother of God

Children's Prayers to Mary

Mary, you sang with joy to the Lord in praise and thanksgiving. You are the Full of Grace that never said NO.

Mary, I want to sing your name, call you Mother and be always your faithful and obedient daughter.

(11 years old)

Mother, your biggest illusion is for us to love Jesus. I want to know and love Him almost like you. But there are people who don't know and love Him. I ask you for faith, hope and love for all.

(10 years old)

Holy Mary, Mother of Love, pray for your children that believe in you, but sometimes lose their way. Always remember us on earth and when you take us to heaven.

(9 years old)

Mary

Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, help the bishops to be apostles, and the priests, religious and lay people to collaborate with them in their difficult work.

Always ask Jesus to forgive our sins, to keep laziness away from us, and to give us the joy of loving.

Take care of all people, that they may know and love Jesus who is the only one that can save; that they may Make Him known and loved all over the world.

Mary

This is my prayer:

Lined writing area for a personal prayer to Mary.



Mary, today I come to ask you for myself, my friends and my family:

That we say to Jesus, Yes.

That we say to our Parents, Yes.

That we hear the Gospel, Yes.

That we be generous, Yes.

That we learn to share, Yes.

That we be good friends, Yes.

That we walk in this word, Yes.

Because I have learned that you are the Woman of the Yes.

YES

(10 years old)

Write your personal prayer to Mary here.

ROSES OF LOVE AND CARE



Mary showed us Jesus and taught us how to do “what He tells us.” She is our loving Mother, always ready to help.

The roses Mary gave to Juan Diego and her picture on his cape, were signs of her love and care. We can learn from our Blessed Mother to show Jesus to others and give them “roses” of love and care by helping them and praying for them.

Write into the roses below what sign of love and care you would like to give to someone; each time you have given it, cut out a rose, color it and glue it to the stem. Cut out the vase also along the heavier outlines.



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Epiphany, January 6, 2007

Wise Men See a Strong Light

You are the Light



Reflection

Wise men bring gifts, follow a bright star to Jesus. Their trip is long and difficult. What type of difficulties and obstacles do you have to overcome to come to love and follow Jesus?

Nations will come to your light, kings to the brightness of your dawn.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Mathew 2:10-11)

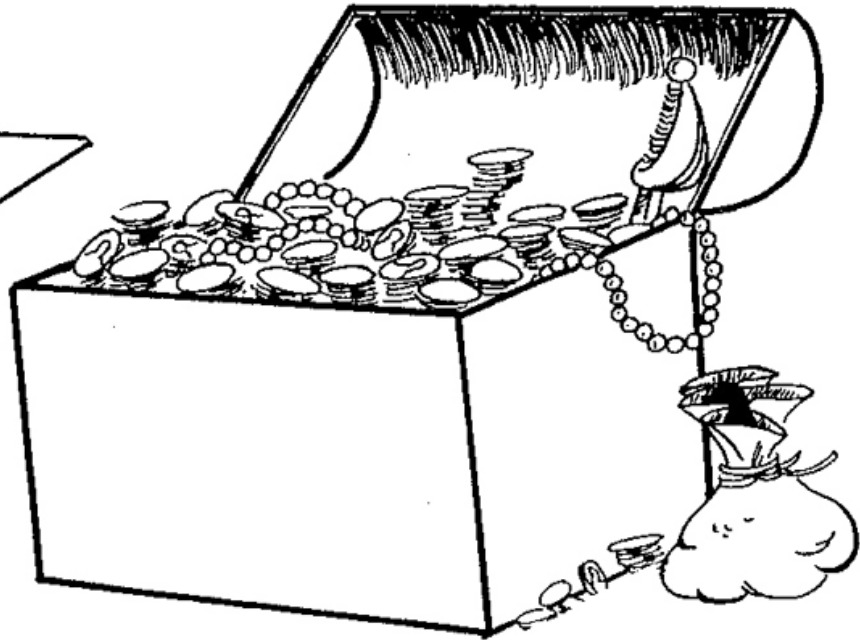
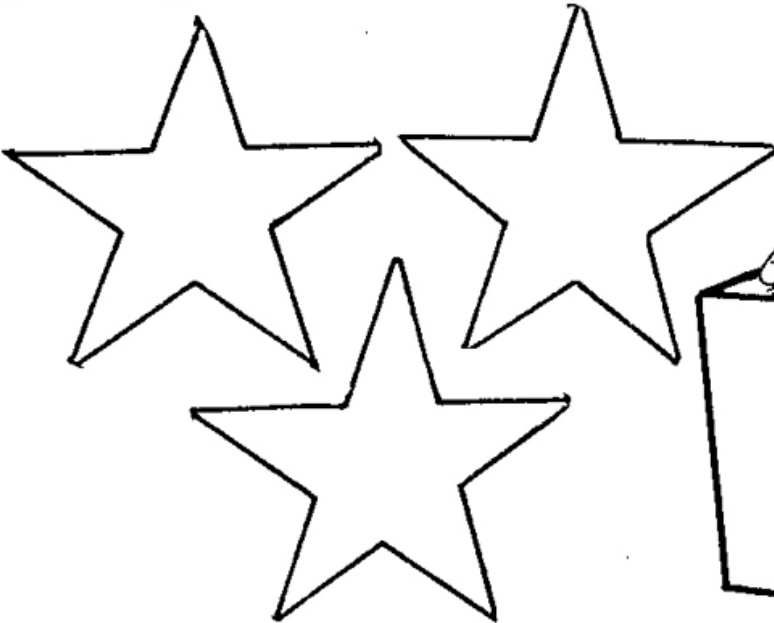
THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 06



One night, three wise men saw a beautiful star shining in the sky. They mounted their camels and went in a long journey following the star.



When they entered and saw the little One, they knew at once that He was the King. They fell on their knees to worship Him, and brought out gifts of gold, perfumes, incense and myrrh.



Activity:

Bring to the class a coffer with different trinkets. Ask the children to choose one. Ask the children what gift will they give Jesus and why? Ask the children to cut out a star and write on it what they believe Jesus is asking them today. On the other side they can write, "You are the light, Jesus"



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Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2008

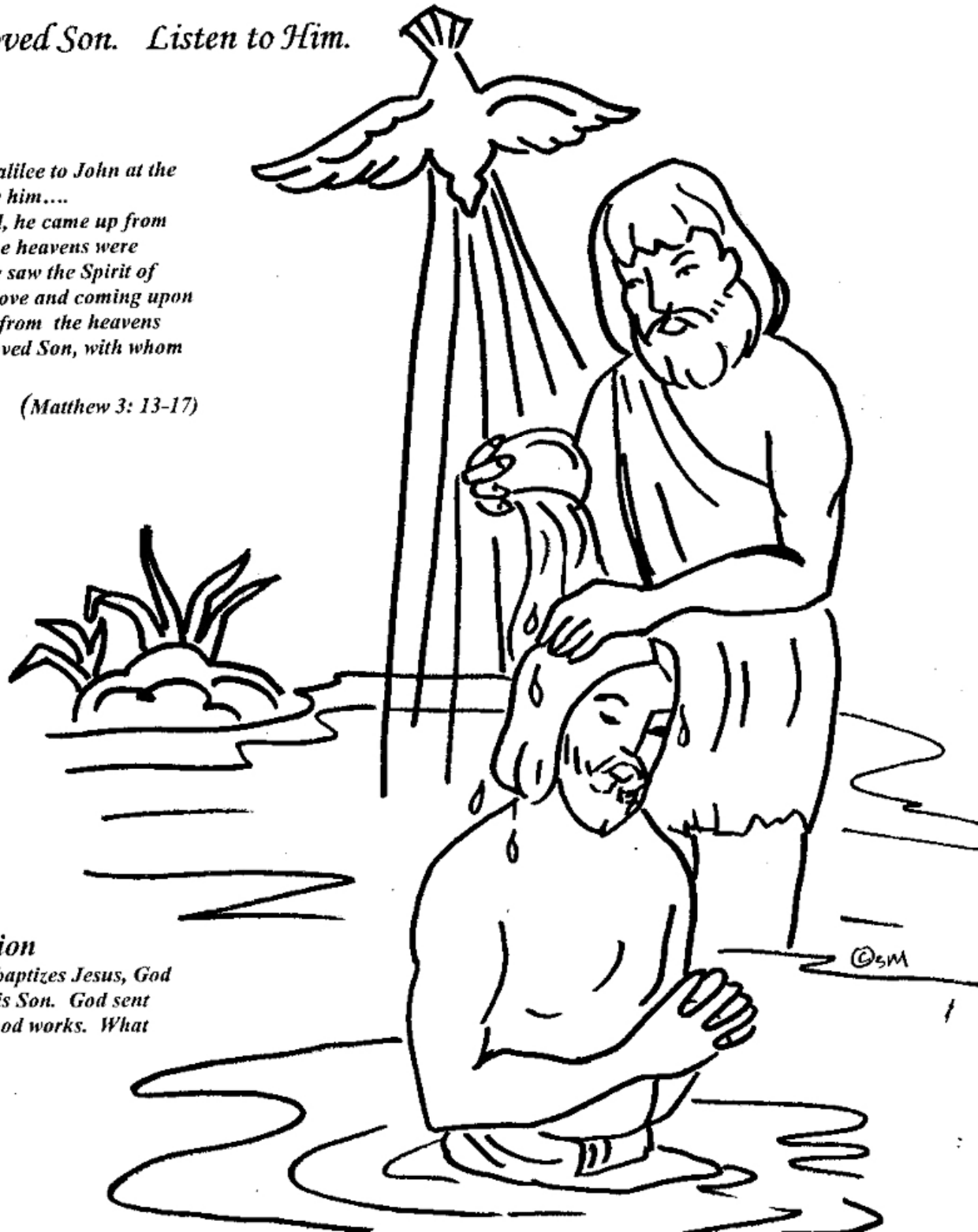
Readings: Isa. 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matt.3:13-17

A voice from Heaven is heard

You are my beloved Son. Listen to Him.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.... After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened (for him) and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens saying: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

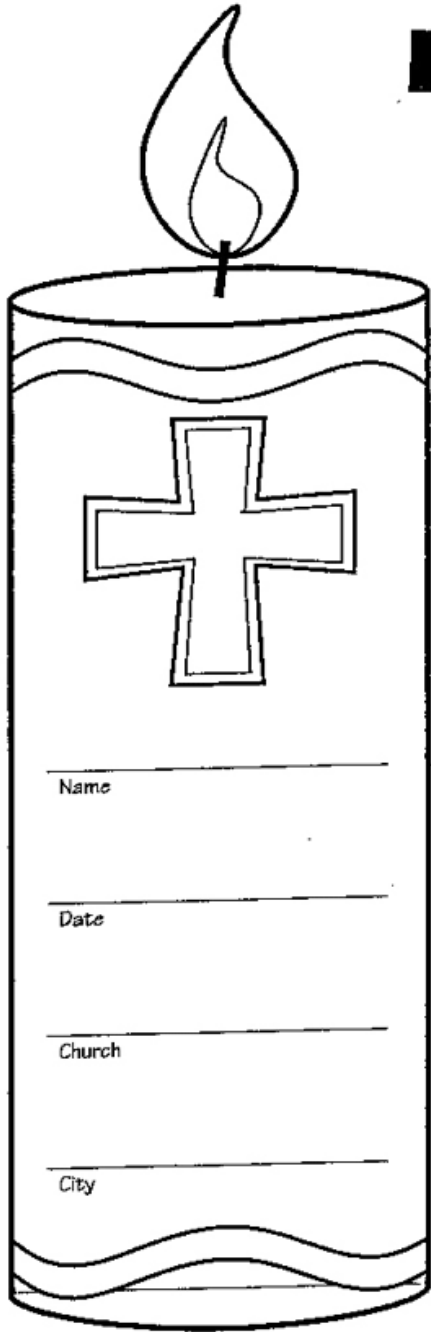
(Matthew 3: 13-17)



For Your Reflection

When John the Baptist baptizes Jesus, God announces that this is his Son. God sent his Son to earth to do good works. What good works do you do?

Baptism



You became a member of God's family when you were baptized. You received a candle on that day. The priest called you a child of the light.

Write the paragraph number next to the picture it describes.

1. You belong to God's family, the Church. You became a member of God's family at your Baptism. Your family brought you to the church.

2. The celebrant called you by name.

He said, " _____ ,
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

3. While he said this, the celebrant poured water over your head three times. Water is a sign of your new life in God's family.

4. The celebrant drew a cross on your forehead with oil. The oil is a sign that you are chosen by God.

5. The celebrant gave you a white garment. It is a sign that you belong to God's family.

6. A candle was lit for you. The candle is a sign of God's love that shines through you.



My Baptism Candle

Decorate the candle on this page. On it put your name, the date of your Baptism, the church in which you were baptized, and the city.

Cut out your candle. Put it in a special place at home where it will remind you that you belong to the Christian community.

by _____



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John recognizes Jesus January 20, 2008

Readings: Isa. 49:3,5-6; 1Cor. 1:1-3; Juan 1: 29-39

You are the one sent by God

John recognizes Jesus.

The next day he (John) saw Jesus coming toward him and said: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1: 29-34)

Activities

Ask the children to draw and color lambs. Write on them their own name and Jesus' name.

Ask them to make a prayer to help them to work for peace in the world, and not so much evil, lies, and violence.



For Your Reflection:

John the Baptist calls Jesus the Lamb of God. Jesus, like a lamb, is gentle and does not show off his power and greatness. Do you know good, gentle people like Jesus? How can you be like a lamb of God?



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They leave everything to follow Jesus

January 27, 2008

Readings: Isa. 8-23 -9:3; 1 Cor. 1:10-13, 17; Matt. 4: 12-23

As he walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who he called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting nets into the sea, they were fishermen. He said to them "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matt. 4:12-23

For Your Reflection

One day Jesus finds 4 friends and they drop what they are doing to follow him. What would you do if you ran into Jesus and he asked you to follow him?

Activities

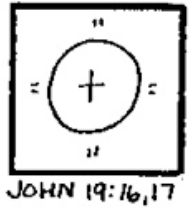
Ask the children to draw boats and nets. Ask them to write their names on the boats, and on the nets write the things that they would find difficult to leave behind if Jesus asked them to.



God's Love Is All Over Scripture.

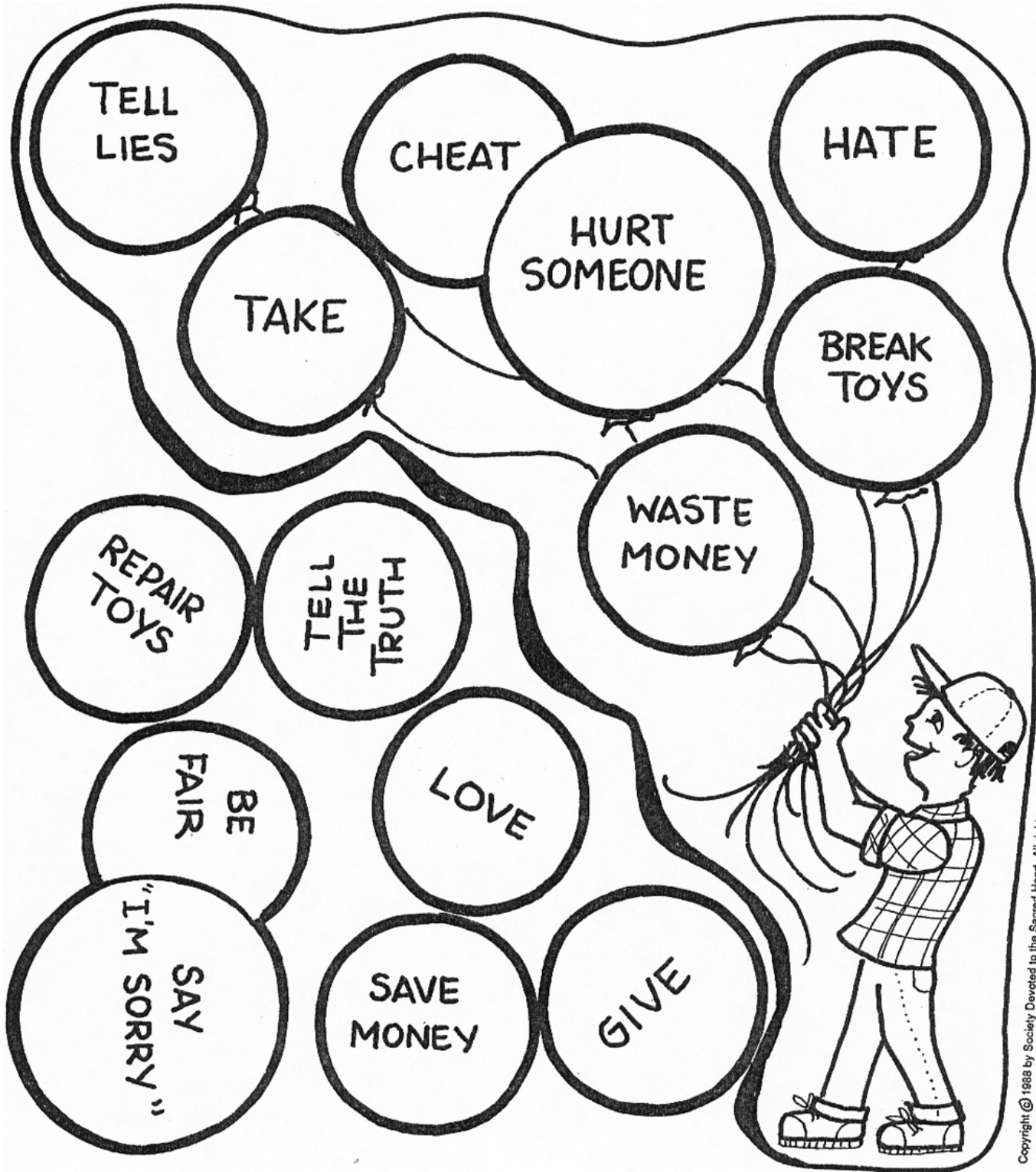
Read the Bible passage under "Start." Find the picture or symbol that matches the passage. Draw a line connecting them. Read the Bible passage under that picture. Continue finding the matching pictures and drawing connecting lines. If you match the right passages, you will reach "Finish" and win. If you don't, go back and try to discover the correct combinations. (There are two possible routes!)

START
ISAIAH 43:4



GOD'S LOVE CHANGES US

Color the loose balloons on the left but leave the balloons in the child's hands empty. Cut out each colored balloon. Find the honest and generous words that can change the empty balloons. Glue or tape the colorful balloons over them. God's love can change our words and actions!



God led Paul to teach many people about Jesus in different countries. Even though Paul had many hard times because he was a Christian, he still obeyed and loved Jesus. Follow this path of Paul's life to see some of the things that happened to him. Color Paul in each picture. You can be a missionary like Paul by telling others about Jesus too.



(They) went everywhere preaching the word.

Acts 8:4

*Reach the
adults through
the children*



We are the privileged
children of St Henry de Osso

Leader's prayer

Request to Jesus

I want to bring to You, Jesus,
those you have given to me
so that you talk to their
hearts, so that they may fall
in love with Your Person and
You keep them in your love.

The majority of them are young
hearts who cannot live without
loving passionately.
Let them discover who you are,
show them Your face, let Your
voice resound deep in their spirit.

They will not love You, Jesus, if
they do not know You. They will
not know You if your grace does
not reveal the hidden treasures
of Your kindness and love.

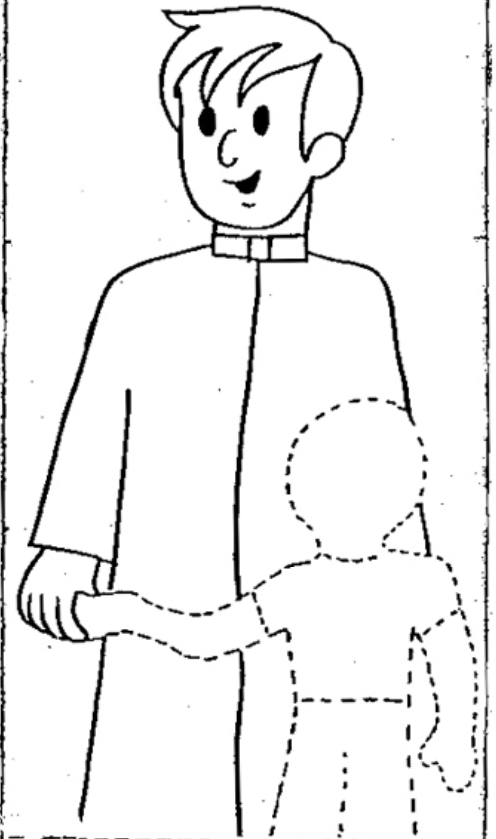
You came to the world, Jesus,
to bring fire to the earth of our
hearts, and You do not desire
anything but to see them kindled
in your love. This is my desire
also and that is why I ask You to
give me, like You did to Paul, the
grace to evangelize the whole
world bringing the riches of your
love to all. Amen

(adaptation from Viva Jesús, in
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JANUARY 27

*St Henry
de Osso*

*Patron
Saint
of the
Friends
of Jesus
and Mary*



Children were Fr. Henry's
best friends.
He told them about Jesus.

This is me and Father Henry.
I want to help others,
Love Jesus as he did.

*Reach the
adults through
the children*

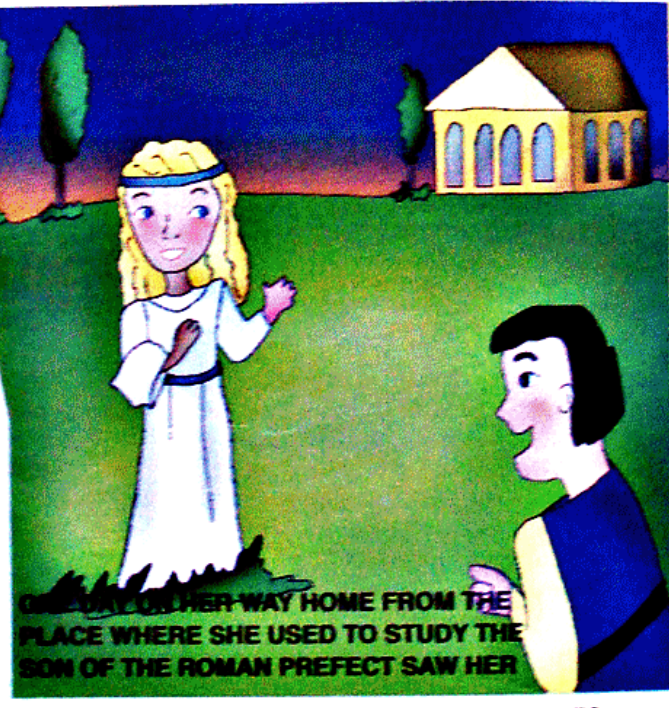
ST. AGNES, virgin and martyr

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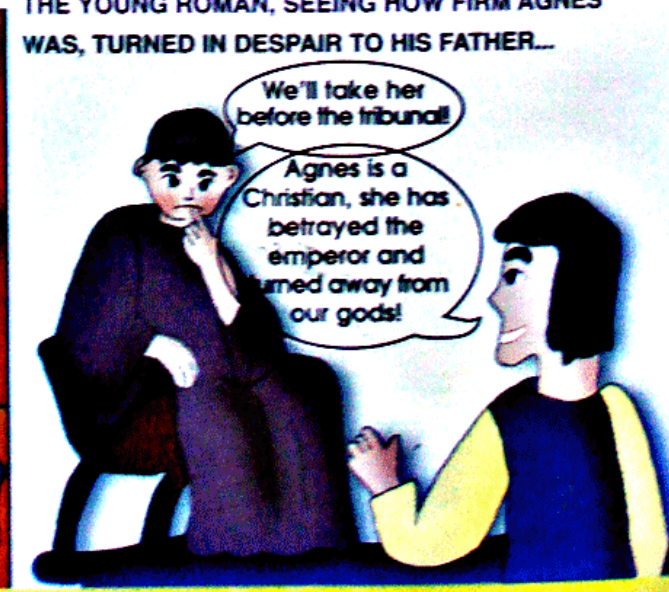
ROMAN EMPIRE. REIGN OF THE EMPEROR DIOCLECIAN (C. III). IN THAT TIME, AFTER A PERIOD OF PEACE, A TERRIBLE PERSECUTION WAS UNLEASHED AGAINST THE CHRISTIANS.



BUT IN THE PEACE OF ONE NOBLE CHRISTIAN FAMILY OF ROME...



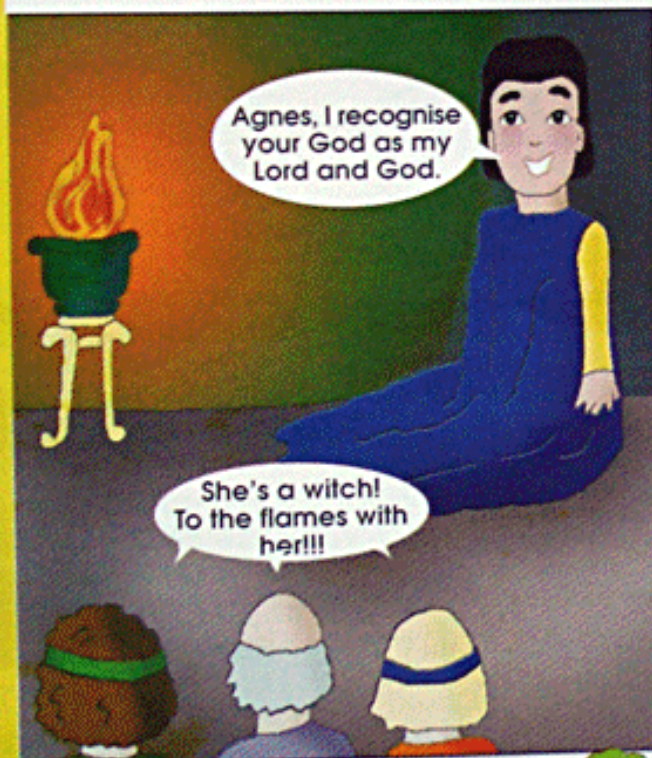
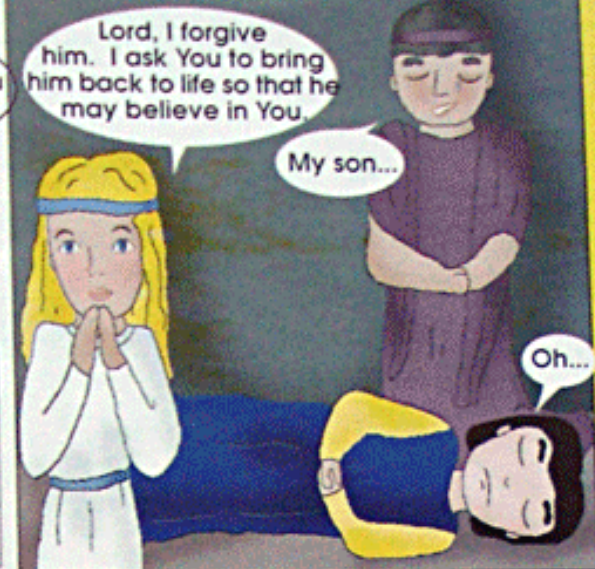
THE YOUNG ROMAN, SEEING HOW FIRM AGNES WAS, TURNED IN DESPAIR TO HIS FATHER...



AGNES IS TAKEN BY FORCE TO THE TRIBUNAL WHERE SHE IS THREATENED WITH DEATH.



IN THOSE MOMENTS...



Then she'll die by the knife!

AGNES, LIKE A PURE AND INNOCENT LITTLE LAMB, GIVES UP HER LIFE.



"I am going to Heaven



to be with Jesus, whom I have loved so much on earth.

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On the Way



You commit a sin. Lose a turn.

You forgot about your mission. You lose your gifts.



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to Bethlehem

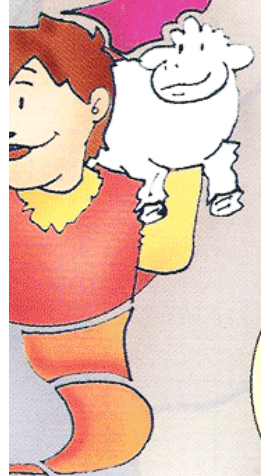


on the bridge or the ladder,
go again.

Pray a Hail
Mary and
go again.



You asked
Our Lady for
help. Move
ahead one
spot.



Pray a Glory
Be and go
again.

Teo is on the way to Bethlehem. Follow the paths with him and pick up the 7 gifts (colored circles) that they will give you when you stop in one of the spots where there is a person. Each player needs to get a circle of each color. You need a dice and figures to move around the board. Cut out the gifts for the Baby Jesus and place three on each spot with a person (for example, the three red gifts on the red circle where the child with the sheep is). Throw the dice and follow the paths. Try to get all the gifts as quickly as possible and take them to baby Jesus. **Good luck!**

Cut these circles out
(they are the gifts)
and place them on the
board.

