



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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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. Try to pray more in our families and in our prayers groups, in union with Jesus and Mary. May all of us be witness of the joyful love of God. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

Important Feasts and Saints:

January 01 Mary, Mother of God
January 02 Epiphany of the Lord
January 06 The Three Wise Men
January 09 Baptism of the Lord
January 21 St Agnes
January 22 Blessed Laura Vicuña

January 24 St. Francis of Sales
January 27 St. Henry of Osso
January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas
January 31 St. John Bosco

Enclosed materials and activities:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Medications on the Sunday Gospel
- 3) Saints of the Month of January
- 4) Roses of Love and Care
- 5) The Epiphany
- 6) The Baptism
- 7) Life of Saint Henry

Suggested Videos (All available in the "Video Club"):

- 1 Saint Henry of Osso
- 2 Saint John Bosco
- 3 Nativity: Three wise men
- 4 Mary
- 5 The Father gift
- 6 Prayer

On January 27 we celebrate the feast of Saint Henry of Osso. Let us try to celebrate it in a special way and make it know.

May God Bless You Always

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JANUARY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God First Saturday Num 6,22-27 Psalm 66 Gal 4,4-7 Lk 2, 16-21
2 The Three Kings Is. 60,1-6 Psalm 71 Eph 3,2-6 Mt. 2,1-12	3 1 Jn 3,22-4,6 Psalm 2 Mt 4,12-17,23-25	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1 Jn 4,7-10 Psalm 71 Mk 6,34-44	5 St. John Neumann 1 Jn 4,11-18 Psalm 71 Mk 6,45-52	6 He Epiphany of the Lord 1 Jn 4,19-5,4 Psalm 71 Lk 4,14-22a	7 St. Raymond of Peñafort 1 Jn 5,5-13 Psalm 147 Lk 5,12-16	8 1 Jn 5,14-21 Psalm 149 Jn 3,22-30
9 Baptism of the Lord Is. 42,1-4,6-7 Psalm 28 Acts 10,34-38 Mt. 3,13-17	10 Heb 1,1-6 Psalm 96 Mk 1,14-20	11 Heb 2,5-12 Psalm 8 Mk 1,21-28	12 Heb 2,14-18 Psalm 104 Mk 1,29-39	13 Heb 3,7-14 Psalm 94 Mk 1,40-45	14 Heb 4,1-5,11 Psalm 77 Mk 2,1-12	15 Heb 4,12-16 Psalm 18 Mk 2,13-17
16 2 Sunday in Ordinary Time Is. 49,3,5-6 Psalm 39 1 Cor 1,1-3 Jn 1,29-34	17 St. Anthony Heb 5,1-10 Psalm 109 Mk 2,18-22	18 Heb 6,10-20 Psalm 110 Mk 2,23-28	19 Heb 7,1-3,15-17 Psalm 109 Mk 3,1-6	20 Heb 7,25-8,6 Psalm 39 Mk 3,7-12	21 Heb 8,6-13 Psalm 84 Mk 3,13-19	22 St Vicente Heb 9,2,3,11-14 Psalm 46 Mk 3,20-21
23 3 Sunday in Ordinary Time Is. 8,23b-9,3 Psalm 26 1 Cor 1,10-13,17 Mt 4,12-23	24 St. Francis of Sales Heb 9,15,24-28 Psalm 97 Mk 3,22-30	25 Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22,3-16 Psalm 116 Mk 16,15-18	26 St. Timoty & Titus 2 Tim 1,18 Psalm 95 Lk 10,1-9	27 St. Henry of Osso Heb 10,19-25 Psalm 23 Mk 4,21-25	28 St. Thomas Aquinas Heb 10,32-39 Psalm 36 Mk 4,26-34	29 Heb 11,1-2,8-10 Psalm 1,68-75 Mk 4,35-41
30 4 Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2,3;3,12-13 Psalm 145 1 Cor 1,26-31 Mt 5, 1-12	31 Heb 11,32-40 Psalm 3 Mk 5,1-20					

Can you guess which Saints we are?

Mystery Saints for January



1. _____

2. _____



3. _____

4. _____



5. _____

6. _____

Hints for January's Mystery Saints

- A. He was born in Sales castle in Savoy, France, on August 21, 1567. His wealthy family provided him with an excellent education. He became priest in 1593. Eventually he became Bishop of Geneva, Switzerland. With the help of St. Jane dtte Chantal he started a religious order of the Visitation in 1610. He wrote wonderful books about the spiritual life and the way to become holy. He is also the Patron saint of journalists.
- D. She was a Roman girl who died in 304. She was just twelve years old when she suffered martyrdom for her faith. She asked the Lord for the strength to be true to her Christian commitment. Her love for Jesus gave her the strength she needed. We can ask her for courage and love for Jesus. She died for her loyalty to God

January 24

January 21

- B. He was in Turin, Italy, on August 16, 1815. His parents were poor farmers. He was a carpenter, a shoemaker, o cook, a pastry maker and a farmer. He did many other jobs as well. He became a priest in 1841. He started his a religious order called the Salesians; an order of Salesian sisters was started too with the help of St. Mary Mazzarello. He died on January 31, 1888. He had a special way with young people
- E. Was born in the small Italian town of Desenzano, in 1474. She was very young. She spent her life caring for poor girls. Many women helped her do this work. On November 25, 1535, twenty eight young women offered their lives to God. It was the beginning of the Ursuline Order

January 31

January 27

- C. Was born on March 28, 1811 in Bohemia, now a part of Czech. He became a missionary in the "Mission Land" of U.S. His first assignment was to help the immigrants in Buffalo, New York. He spoke many languages, so he could teach people from different countries about God. The pope found out about his great missionary. He chose him to became the Bishop of Philadelphia. He worked hard to build schools and parishes; he helped the church in the U.S. to grow.
- F. He was a very smart young man who loved to study about God. He wrote the most famous book about God's ways. Born in Italy around 1255, he decided to become a member of the Dominican order rather than the Benedictines. His parents were furious and brought him home for a year. He refused to change his mind, and finally his parents let him become Dominican. In 1254 he received the degree of Doctor of Theology.

January 5

January 28



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Mary Mother of God January 1, 2011

Readings: Numbers 6, 22-27; Psalms 66; Galatians 4, 4-7; Luke 2, 16-21

*So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angels had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them. A week later, when the time came for the baby to be circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name which the angel had given him before he had been conceived.
(Luke 2, 16-21)*

Reflexion

In the readings of this week, the blessing of Aaron (Numbers 6,22-27) becomes a prayer. In Psalm 66 We are inviting God to take a look of his people So that we can contemplate and celebrate salvation. The church proclaims the birth of Jesus to celebrate Mary as the mother of God. The shepherds share the Good News. Mary listens, learn and meditate all the words and keep them in her heart. In Jesus the law is fulfill. Her parents bring him to the temple to be circumcised according to the Jewish law, culture and costumes.

Do you welcome Jesus and bring him with you where ever you go?

Invite Mary to work with you this year. Ask her to help you in all the stage of your life that need her protection and guide. Share

Activity

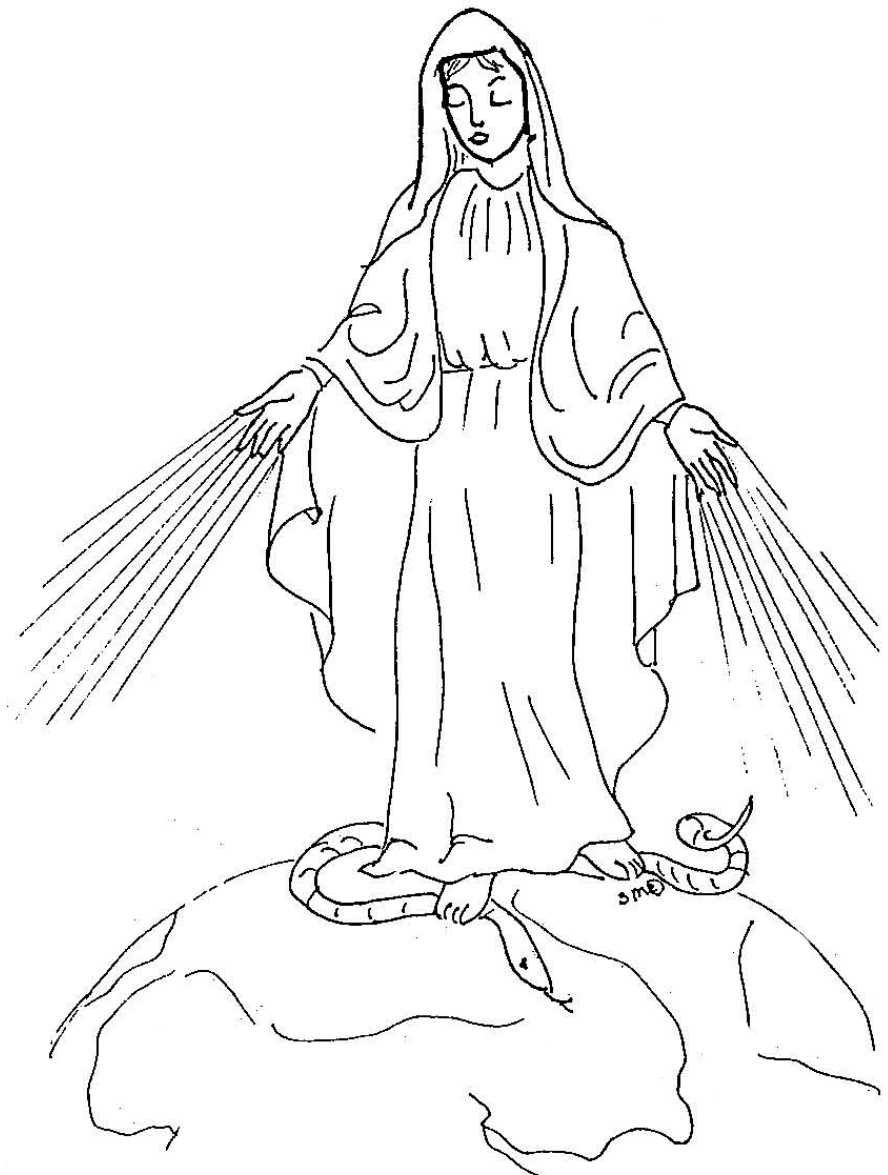
Bring a nice picture of Mary to the group.

Speak about all her qualities and virtues.

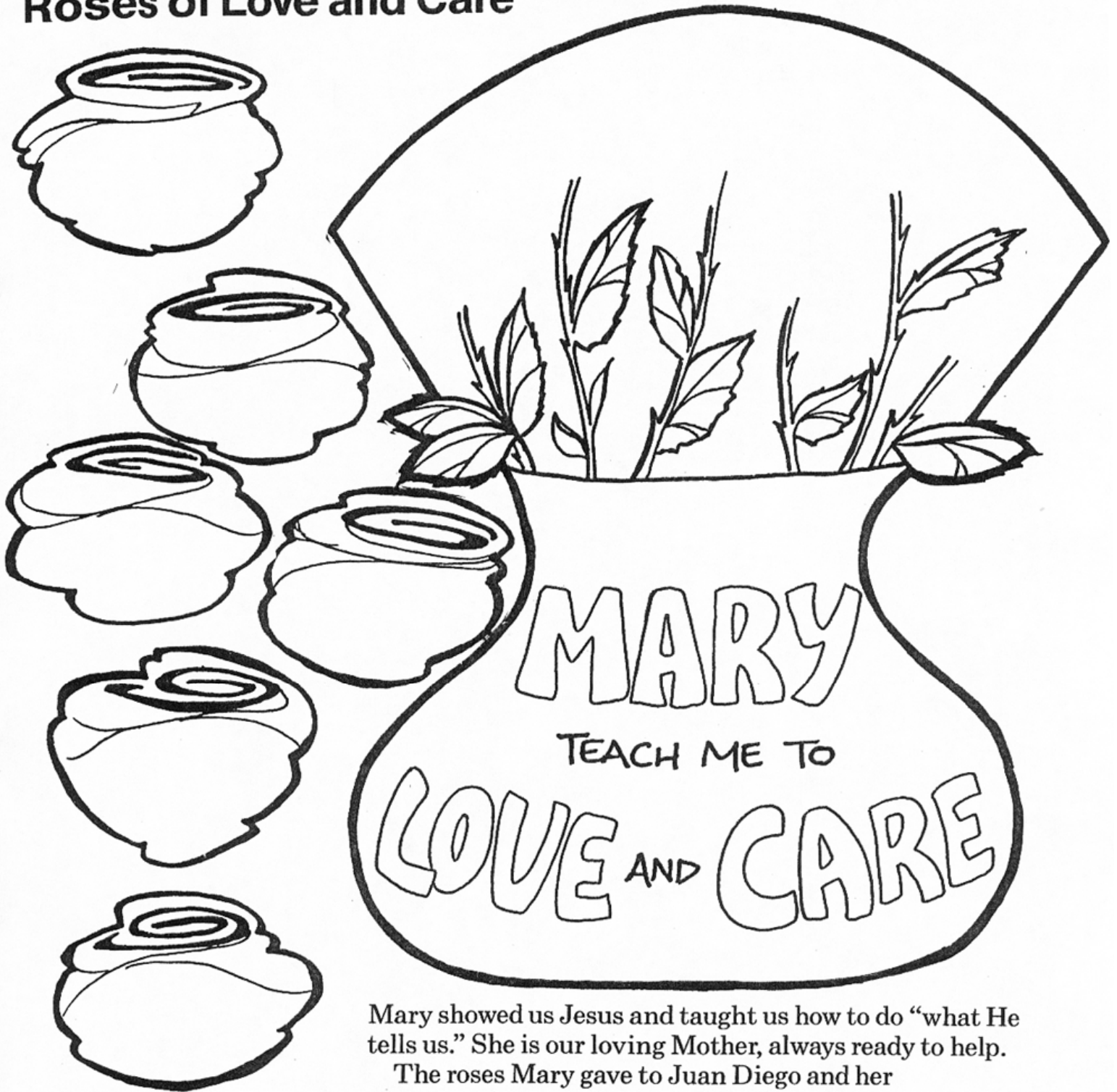
Do your new resolutions and try to imitate Mary in all her virtues. If we do so we will keep ourselves in the right track God wants us to go when we have problems or difficulties

Prayer

Mary, pray to your son for me. Ask him to give me courage and wisdom. To give me a heart full of love for Him, capable of following him always in the path of life. Amen



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.



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Epiphany January 2, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3, 2-3a, 5-6 ; Matthew 2, 1-12

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him." When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the law and asked them. "Where will the Messiah be born?" In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote: Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel." So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him." And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and present them to him. Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. (Matthew 2, 1-12)

Reflection

Imagine the trip by camel through mountains, valleys and deserts. What dangers and difficulties might they have faced? Why would they continue walking in spite of everything? Would you do the same? The star guided the Magi to Jesus. Who guides you? Your parents, grandparents, teachers? How well do you listen and follow them?

Activity

In the next page you will find an imaginary map of the trip of the Magi. Try to find your way to Jesus. What obstacles and difficulties could you find? (Laziness, selfishness, lies, disobedience, fights.) How will they overcome them? Encourage the children to prepare a special gift for Jesus this week, doing a good deed. Share what they will offer.

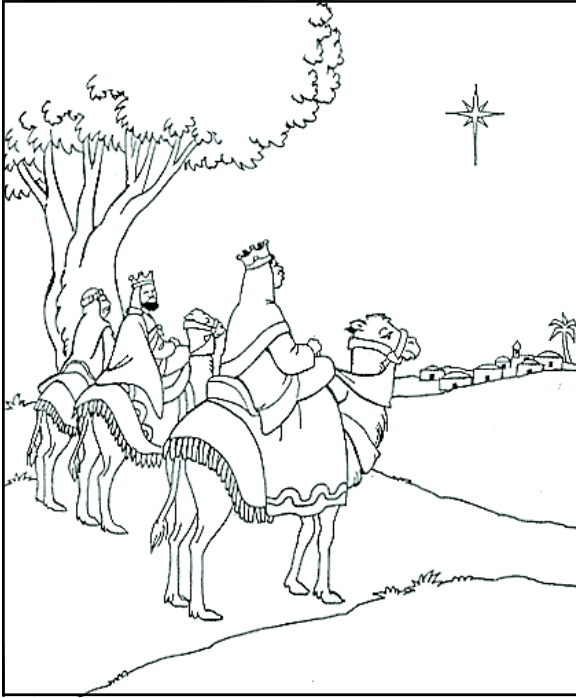
Prayer

Jesus, you are the light of the nations. Sometimes we lose our way because we are interested in things that lead us away from you. Teach us to recognize you in each person of our family and in the people around us. Give us your light to seek you. Amen.



THE EPIPHANY

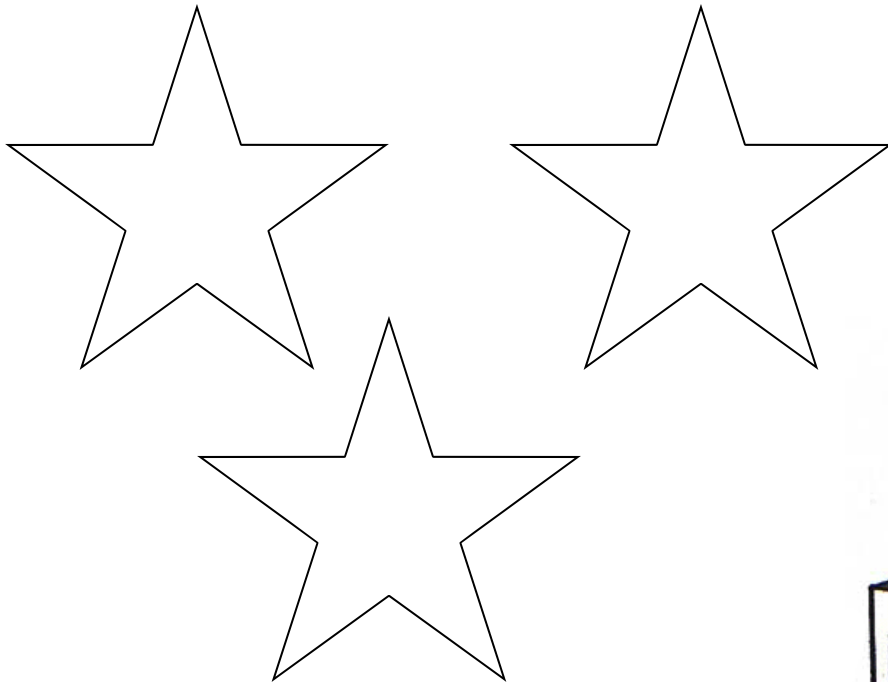
JANUARY 6



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



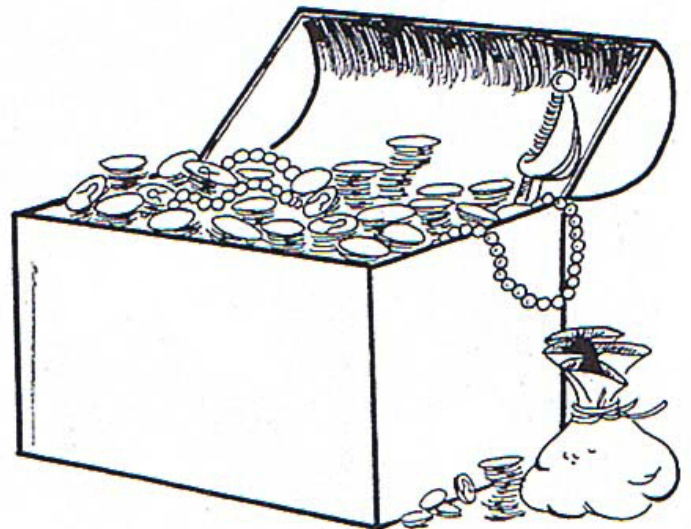
When they entered and saw the little One, they knew at once that He was the King. They tell on their knees to worship Him, and brought out gifts of gold, perfumes, incense and myrrh



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 9, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 42, 1-4,6-7; Psalm 28, 1; Acts 10, 34-38; Matthew 3; 13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptized by you." John said, "and yet you have come to me!" But Jesus answered him "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit lighting on him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." (Matthew 3, 13-17)

Reflection

Through our Baptism in Christ, we, too become beloved children of God, chosen to fulfill the mission God has for us. We should become God's hands and heart for others.

Imagine the scene: the light, the voice, and the dove. Whose voice is it? What does the dove represent? Do you think the people standing by the river were scared? Do you think they ran away or stayed to listen to Jesus? What would you have done? What do you think God has to say to you?

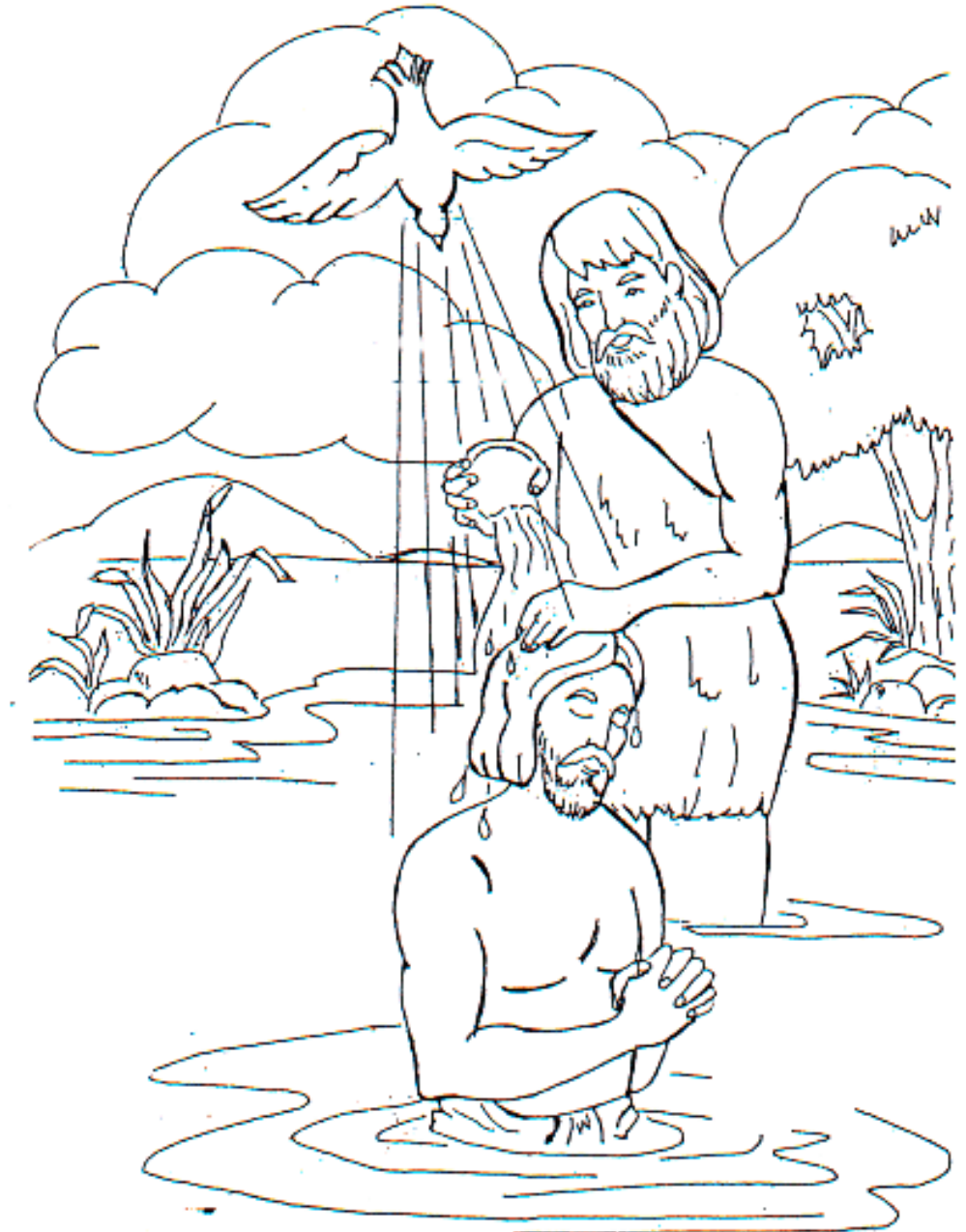
Activity

Encourage the children to do a good deed this week. They can trace or draw a heart and write on it the good deed they will do this week.

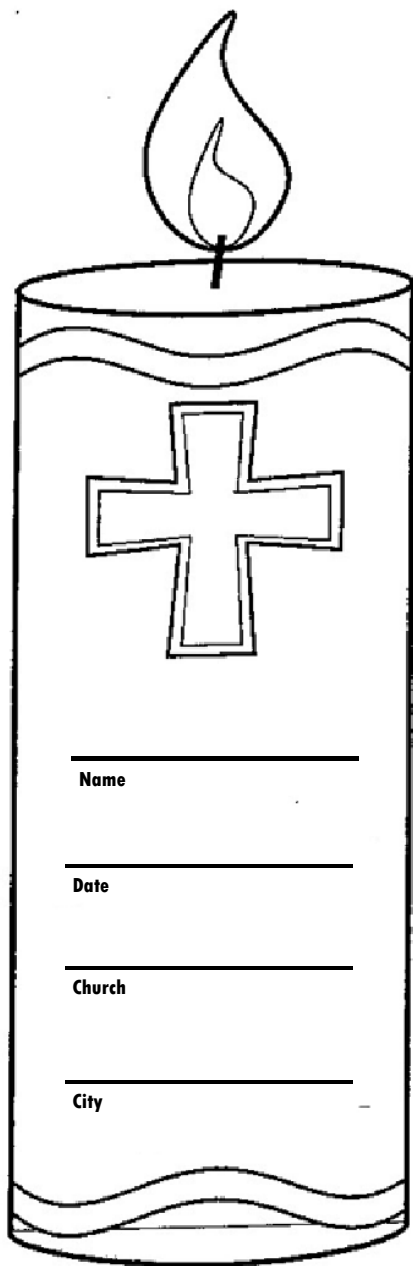
In the next page you will find an activity on Baptism.

Prayer

Jesus, you know the love we feel in our hearts for each member of our family. To acknowledge that God calls us to be God's beloved children, we must show affection for one another and reach out to those who need us in the community. Stay with us Lord. Amen



Baptism



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 at home where it will remind you that you belong to the Christian community.

By _____

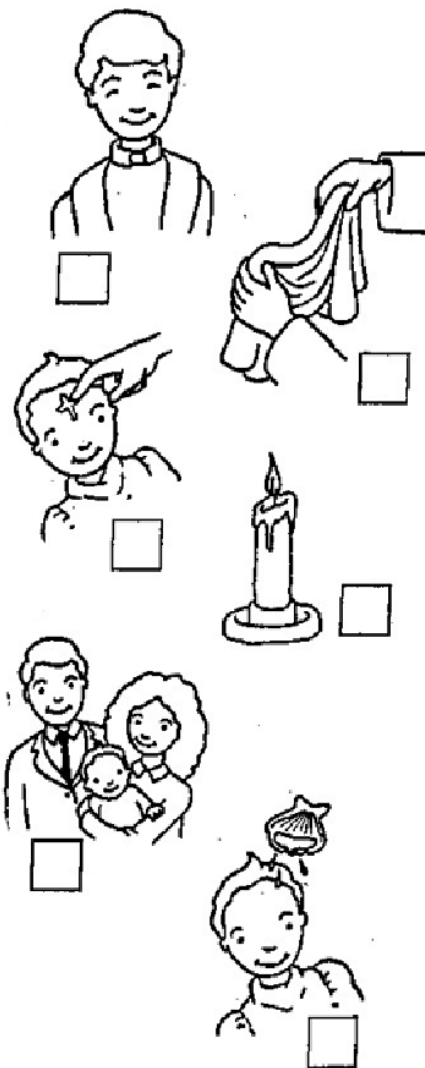
You become a member of God's family when you were baptized. You received a candle on the day. The priest called you a children of the light.



Write the paragraph number next to the picture it describes.

1. you belong to God's family, the Church. You become 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 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 you 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.





Friends of Jesus and Mary

Second Sunday Ordinary Time January 16, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 49, 3.5-6; Psalm 39; 1Cor 1, 1-3 ; John 1, 29-34

The lamb of God

The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born. I did not know who he would be, but I came baptizing with water in order to make him known to the people of Israel.'" And John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and stay on him. I still did not know that he was the one, but God, who sent me to baptize with water, had said to me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and stay on a man; he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen it," said John, "and I tell you that he is the Son of God."
(John 1, 29-34)

Reflection

In the readings from last week, we see how God calls us to be with Jesus as part of his holy people, light for others and messengers of his salvation. John recognized who were the ones that came as messengers of God's good news. How we get to recognize the people who come speaking truthful words? Jesus does not come with great speeches, nor did he show power and strength? How is that you like people to know you, as the most strong or as the one that has more authority?

How is that you recognized Jesus?
Who are the people, which are reflection of him?
Show to others the living Jesus Christ, in your way of loving others, doing what pleases God, by serving, by helping, by been kind and respectful to all. Share

Activity

Bring to your group drawings of Lambs.
Ask the children to write one quality, in which they could they recognize Jesus in others, (Kindness, service, tenderness and others). In the reverse of the lamb, ask them to write their commitment for the week. Afterwards, take it to the altar with the group. At the time you present those in the altar, tell them to tell Jesus the following: "Jesus, we recognized you in the good surrounding us".

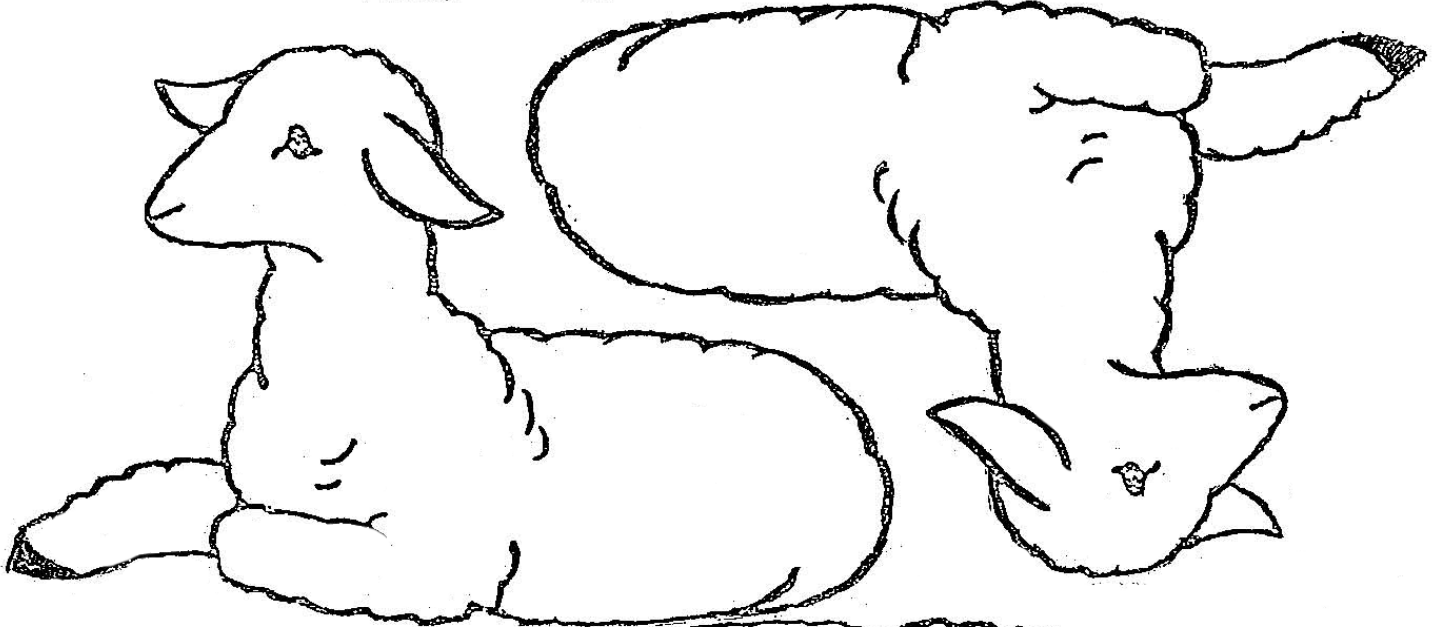
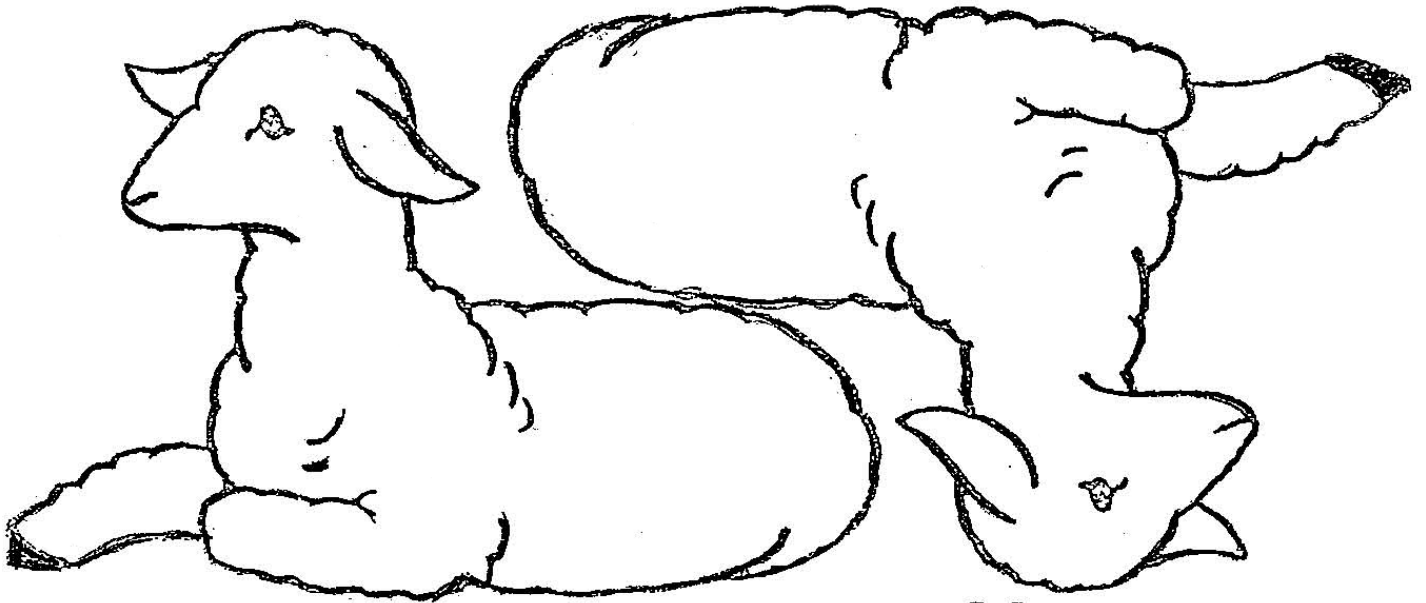


Prayer

Lord, let in our voices and our words that come from the hearts of each one of us, we recognize your voice and your love. Teach us to listened one another and to recognize and celebrate the good of each and every one, of our group friends of Jesus and Mary's prayer group, also in our friends and family, Amen

Activity for the 16 of January

Lambs to cut and give to the kids





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Third Sunday Ordinary Time January 23, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 8, 23b-9, 3 ; Psalm 26; 1Corinthians 1, 10-13.17; Matthew 4, 12-23

Jesus Begins His work in Galilee

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he went away to Galilee. He did not stay in Nazareth, but went to live in Capernaum, a town by Lake Galilee, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was done to make come true what the prophet Isaiah had said, "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, on the road to the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee, land of the Gentiles! The people who live in darkness will see a great light. On those who live in the dark land of death the light will shine." From that time Jesus began to preach his message: "Turn away from your sins, because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers who were fishermen, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew, catching fish in the lake with a net. Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people. At once they left their nets and went with him. He went on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat with their father Zebedee, getting their nets ready. Jesus called them, and at once they left the boat and their father, and went with him. Jesus went all over Galilee, teaching in the Synagogues, preaching the Good News about the Kingdom, and healing people who had all kinds of disease and sickness. (Matthew 4, 12-23)

Reflexion

In the readings of this week, Jesus calls us, like he called his first apostles, to be fisherman of people, in other words, he calls us to bring his light, comfort and liberation to others. Jesus, did not invite important people, wealthy or powerful to be his friends? Have you gone fishing or do you know, anyone whose profession is fisherman? Why do you think, those fishermen left behind so fast to follow Jesus? What do you think, they willing left behind to follow him? What do think fishermen of people most do? How could you be a fisherman of people for Jesus, at home and in school? Let's share it together.

Activity

Draw fishes of different shapes and forms. Ask the children to paint them and ask to them to remember a name of a person that they will try to catch for Jesus (to get them close to Jesus), during the week and to place their name in the drawing. Ask them to share what all of them did and ask them to place the drawing of the fishes in the basket to place in front of the altar of the group like an offering of the weekly work.

Prayer

Lord, you called us every day, to be with you, and for us to give ourselves to others. Sometimes is not easy, but your love and your presence within us, is valuable. Give always the light of your hope for us to continue living, regardless of the difficulties and battles within this life. Amen





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Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time January 30, 2011

Readings: Zephaniah 2, 3; 3, 12-13; Psalm 145; 1; Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 5: 1-12

The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

"Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

"Happy are those who are humbles; they will receive what God has promised!

"Happy are those who's greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

"Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

"Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

"Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

"Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven.

This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted. (Matthew 5: 1-12)

Reflection

In the readings of this week, we get to see we observe how God has chosen the poor of spirit and not important people, to do his great deeds and Glorify God. Jesus gives the good news, to those who suffer, to those who cry, because everything will be giving to them. Jesus is the friend, most especially, of those who have not many things and also of those who suffer. Who do you want to be friend's of?

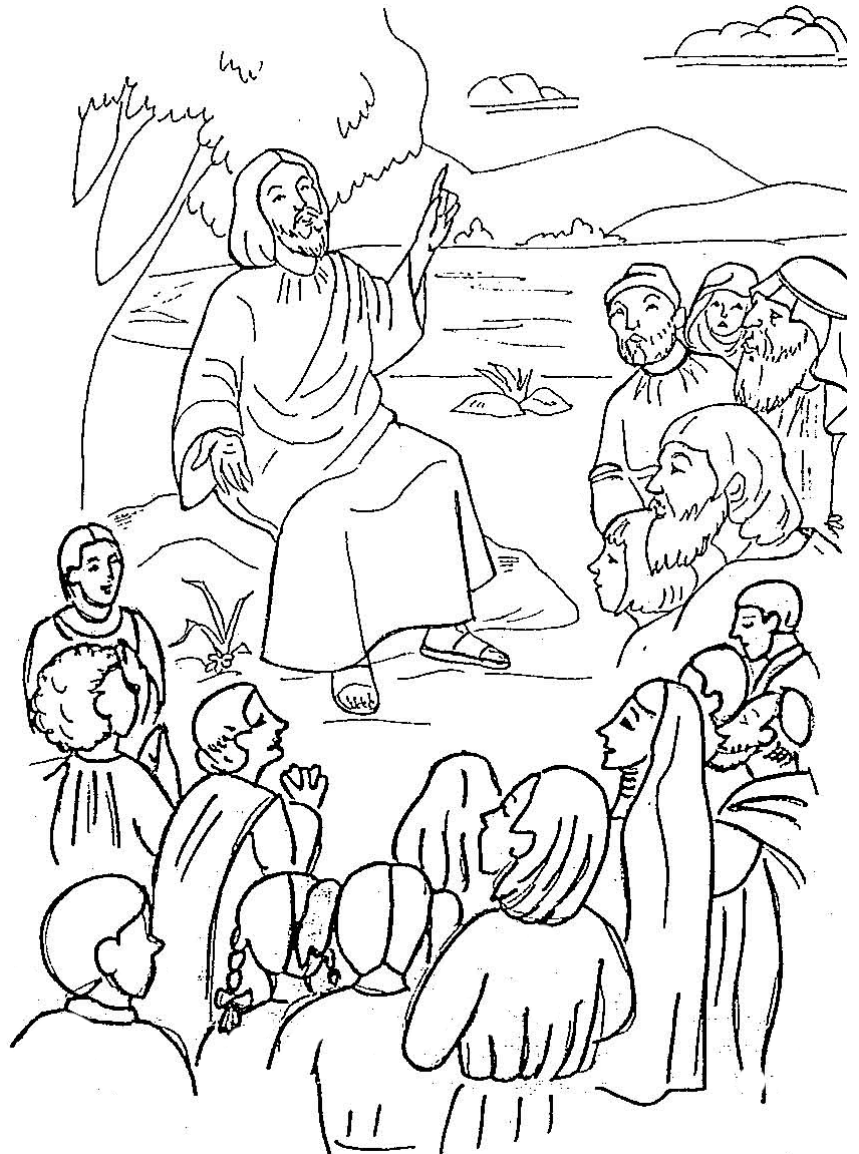
Let's share it together.

Activity

Show to the children, images of the works of mercy, corporal and spiritually. Encourage the children to pray for the ones that are in difficult situations. Share and explain them, why Jesus prefers the neediest. Share together

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we give more importance to what is going to finish soon, instead of to the ones that live with us and depend on us totally. Give us thirst of him, justice and peace. Make us merciful like you are merciful. Amen



Life of Saint Henry of Osso

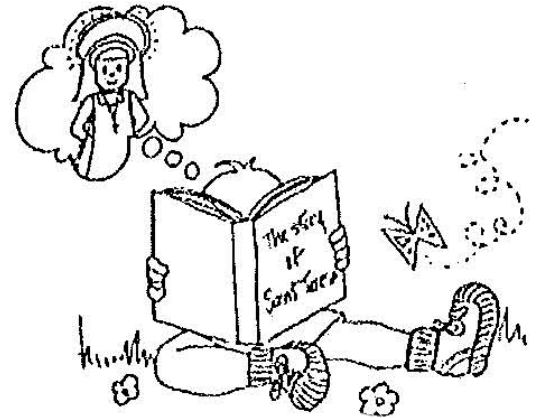
January 27



Henry was born in Vinebre, Spain



Henry went for walks with his granfather, who told Henry about the Saints



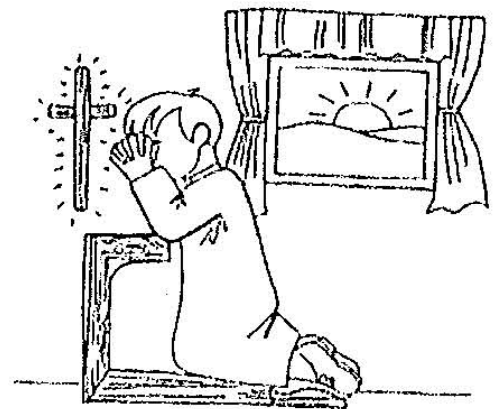
Henry read stories about St. Teresa



Henry likes school He learned a lot



Henry loved Mary . He wanted to be a Priest



Henry loved God. He talked to Jesus a lot



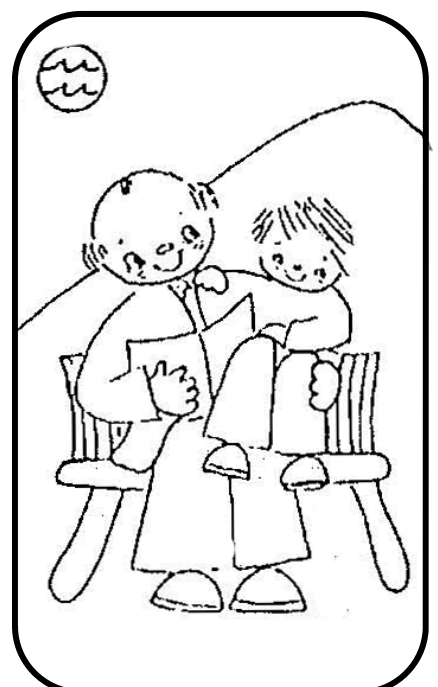
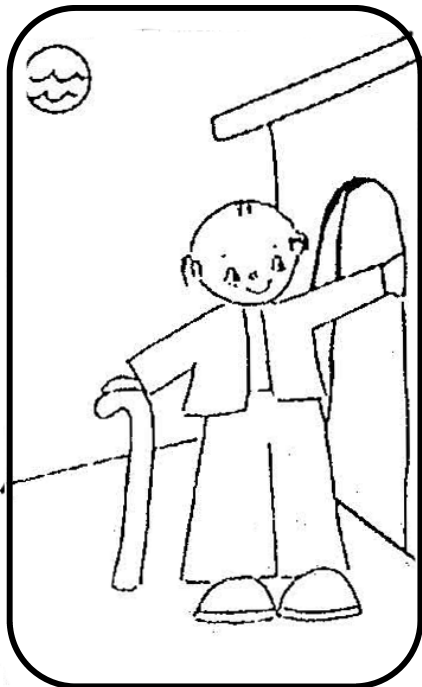
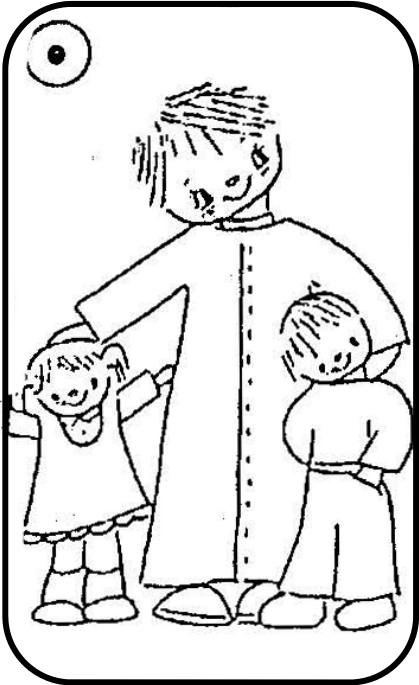
Father Henry gave Jesus to children



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

MEMORY GAME

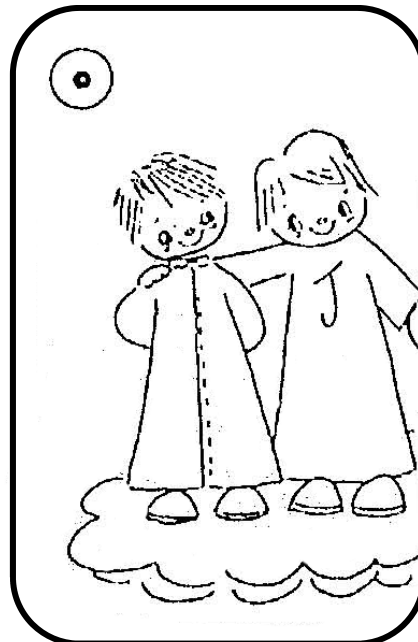
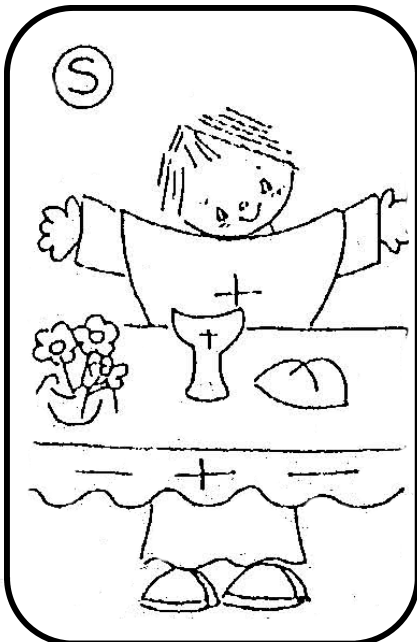
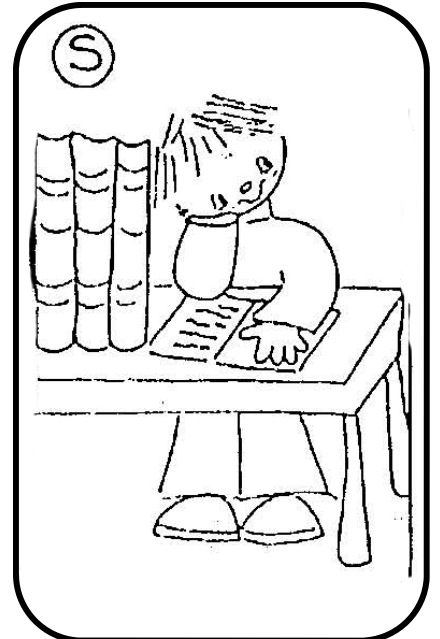
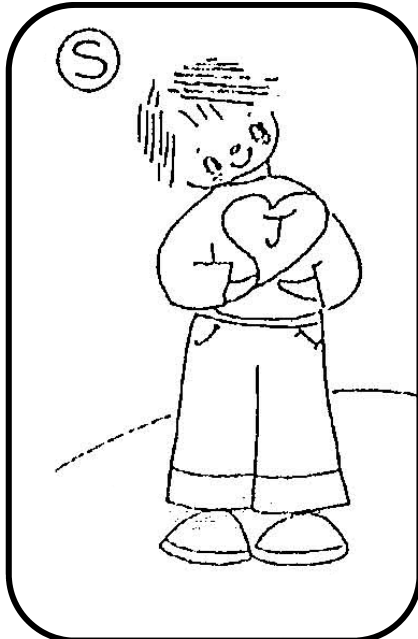
ON THE LIFE OF SAINT HENRY OSSO



MEMORY GAME INSTRUCTIONS

- A) Duplicate the pictures
- B) Color them and paste them in cardboard
- C) Cut them and you are ready to play
- D) Place all the cards facing down and play looking for the pair. The one that gets the most pairs wins.

MEMORY GAME



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