



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Amigos de Jesús y María

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**Florida Center for Peace**

**January 2014**  
**Miami, Florida**

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters:**

Let us begin this New Year 2014 with our hearts full of love and thanks giving for all the graces we receive last year. Let's renew our prayer in the family, friends and prayers groups, in union with Jesus and Mary.

### **Important feast and Saints:**

January 01 Mary, Mother of God	January 22 Blessed Laura Vicuña
January 05 St John Neumann	January 24 Saint Francis de Sales
January 06 The tree Wise Men	January 27 Saint Henry de Osso
January 07 Epiphany of the Lord	
January 08 Baptism of the Lord	
<b>January 18 Leader's workshop</b>	
January 21 St Agnes	

### **Enclosed materials and activities:**

- 1) Monthly calendar & Meditations on the Sunday Gospel
- 2) Baptism
- 3) Activity for the gospel of 19 January
- 4) Activity of the fishes
- 5) St John Newmann
- 6) Saint Henry of Osso
- 7) Jesse Tree Bible Search
- 8) God's Love changes us
- 9) Roses of Love and Care

### **Suggested videos**

- 1) Saint Henry de Osso
- 2) Saint John Bosco
- 3) Nativity Three wise Men
- 4) Prayer

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.

**May God Bless you always,**  
**Comité de Amigos de Jesus y Maria**

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# January 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Holy Mother of God  Nm 6:22-27; Psalm 66 Galatians 4:4-7 Lk 2: 16-21	2 St Basil the Great & Gregory Bishop  I Jn 2, 22-28 Psalm 97 Mt 23, 8-12	3 First Friday  I Jn 2, 29--3, 6 Psalm 97 Jn 1, 29-34	4 First Saturday St Elizabeth Ann Seton  I Jn 3, 7-10 Psalm 97 Jn 1, 35-42
5 Epiphany of the Lord  Is 60: 1-6; Psalm 71 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12	6  I Jn 5, 5-13 Psalm 147 Mk 1, 6b-11	7  I Jn 5, 14-21 Psalm 149 Mt 4, 12-17.23-25	8  I Jn 4, 11-18 Psalm 71 Mk 6, 34-44	9  I Jn 4, 19---5, 4 Psalm 71 Mk 6, 45-52	10  I Jn 5, 5-13 Psalm 147 Lk 4, 14-22	11  I Jn 5, 14-21 Psalm 149 Lk 5, 12-16
12 Baptism of the Lord  Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 28 Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3: 13-17	13 Saint Felix  Is 1, 1-8 Psalm 115 Mk 1, 14-20	14  Is 1, 9-20 Mk 1, 21-28	15  Is 3, 1-10, 19-20 Psalm 39 Mk 1, 29-39	16 San Marcelo I Pope  Is 4, 1-11 Psalm 43 Mk 1, 40-45	17 San Anthony Abbot  Is 8, 4-7.10-22a Psalm 88 Mt 19, 16-26	18  Is 9, 1-4, 17-19:10 Psalm 20 Mt 2, 13-17
19 II Sunday of Ordinary Time  1 S 15:16-23; Psalm 39 I Co 1, 1,3 Jn 1, 29-34	20 Fabian & Sebastian  1S 15: 16-- Psalm 50 Mk 2: 18-22	21 St Agnes  Is 16, 1-13 Psalm 88 Mt 13, 44-46	22 San Vicent  Is 17, 32-33.37 Psalm 143 Mk 3, 1-6	23  Is 18, 6-9;19 Psalm 55 Mk 3, 7-12	24 St Francis de Sales & St Timothy  1S 24:3-21; Psalm 57 Mk 3: 13-19	25 The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle  Acts 22:3-16 Psalm 117 Mk 16, 15-18
26 III Sunday of Ordinary Time  Is 8, 23b-9:3, Psalm 25 1 Co 1, 10-13; Mt 4: 12-23	27  I P 4, 7b-11 Psalm 148 Mk 3, 22-30	28 St Thomas Aquinas  Ws 7, 7-10.15-16 Psalm 118 Mk 23, 8-12	29  2 S 7, 4-17 Psalm 88 Mk 4, 1-20	30  2 S 7, 18-19,24-29 Psalm 131 Mk 21-25	31 St John Bosco  Phil 4, 4-9 Psalm 102 Mt 18, 1-5	
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## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***Mary Mother of God January 1, 2014***

***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)

### ***Reflection***

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 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, learns and meditates on all the words and keeps them in her heart. In Jesus the law is fulfilled. 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 wherever you go? Invite Mary to work with you this year. Ask her to help you in all the stages of your life that need her protection and guidance. Share.

### ***Activity***

Bring a nice picture of Mary to the group. Speak about all her qualities and virtues. Make 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 to him 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 5 2014***

***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 the 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 presented 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.

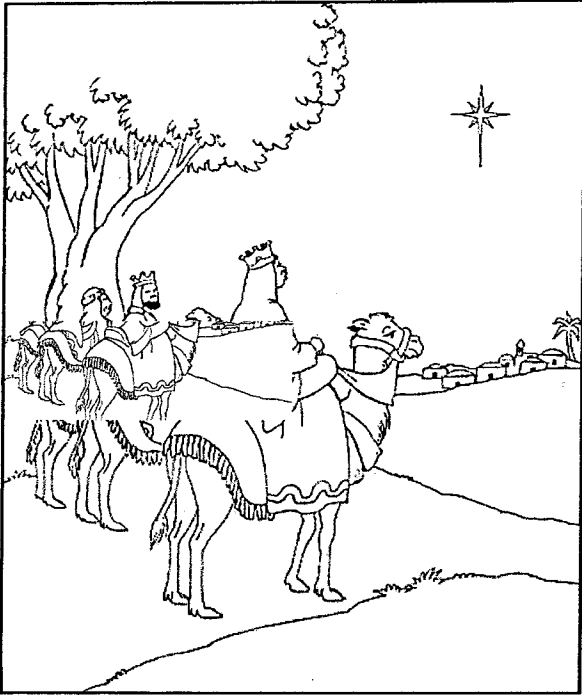
### ***Prayer***

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.

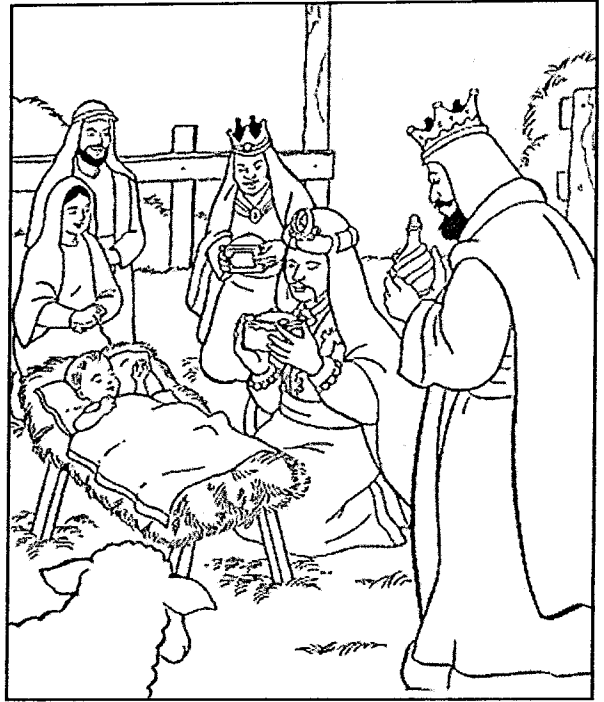


# THE EPIPHANY

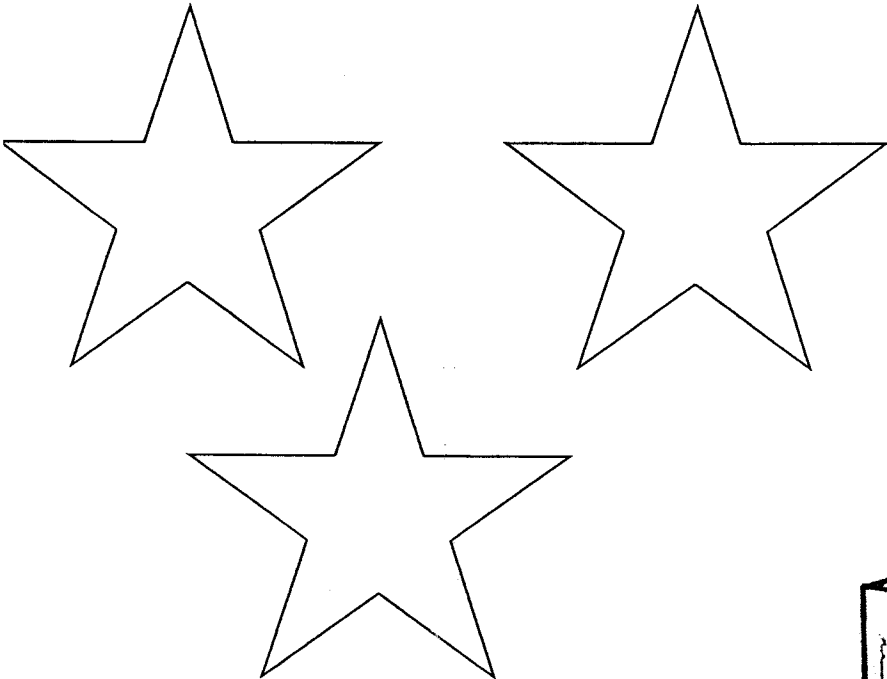
## JANUARY 6



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



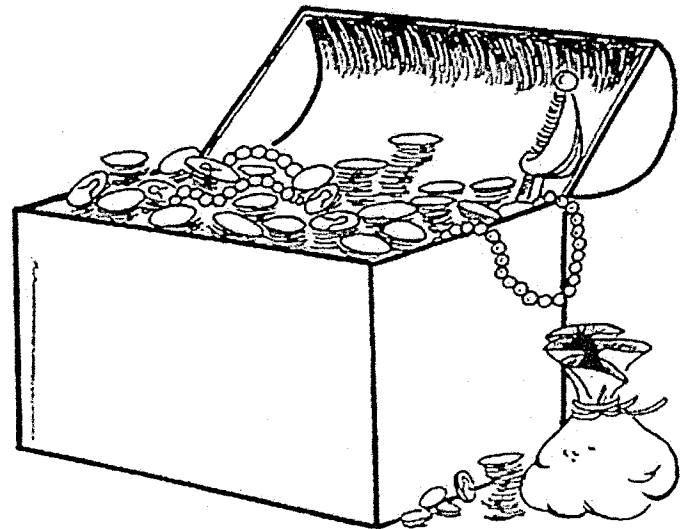
When they entered and saw the little One, they knew at once that He was the King. They tell on their knees to worship Him, and brought out gifts of gold, perfumes, incense and myrrh



### 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"





## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary*** ***Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2014***

***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***

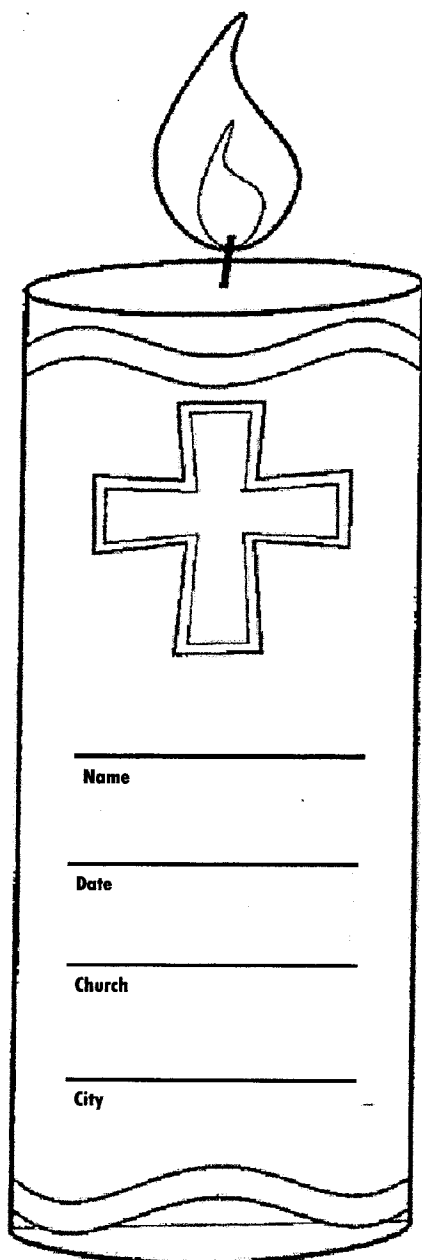
Encourage the children to do a good deed this week. They can trace or draw a heart and write on it the good deed they will do this week. On the next page you will find an activity on the Baptism of Jesus.

### ***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 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.

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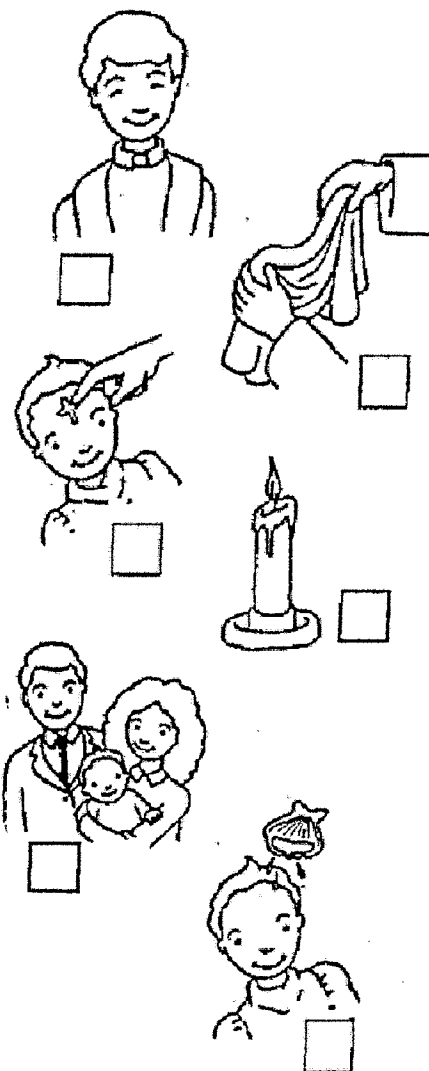
He said, " \_\_\_\_\_,  
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

3. While he said this, the celebrant poured water over your head three times. Water is a sign of 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.







***Friends of Jesus and Mary***  
***Second Sunday Ordinary Time January 19, 2014***

***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 it that you recognized Jesus? Who are the people, which are a 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.

***Activity***

Bring to your group drawings of Lambs. Ask the children to write one quality, in which they could recognize Jesus in others (kindness, service, tenderness and others). In the reverse of the page, 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."

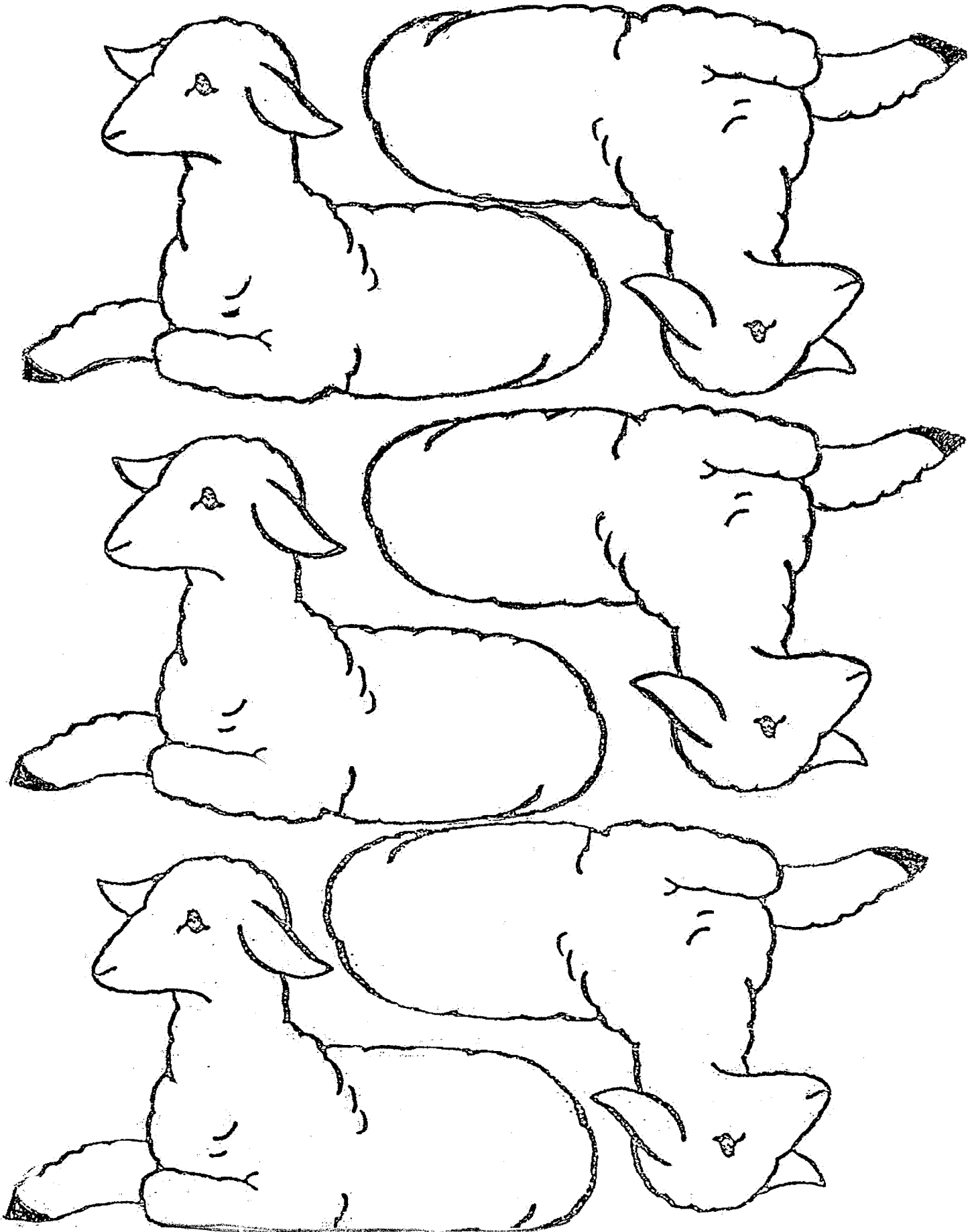
***Prayer***

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



**Activity for the 19 of January**

*Lambs to cut and give to the kids*





## ***Friends of Jesus and Mary***

***Third Sunday Ordinary Time January 26, 2014***

***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)

### ***Reflection***

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 fishing? Why do you think those fishermen left everything behind so fast to follow Jesus? What do you think they willingly left behind to follow him? What do think fishers of people must do? How could you be a fisher of people for Jesus, at home and in school? Let's share it together.

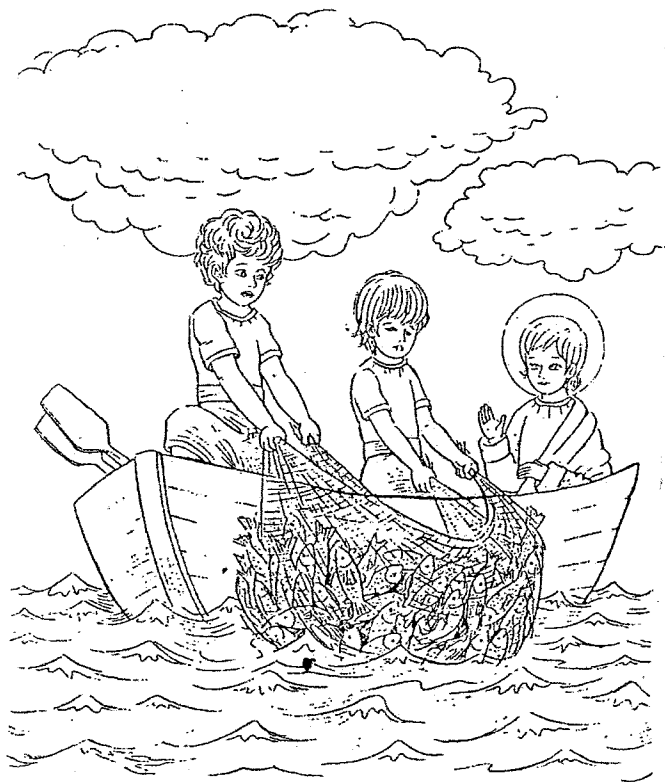
### ***Activity***

Draw fishes of different shapes and forms. Ask the children to paint them and ask to them to remember the 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***

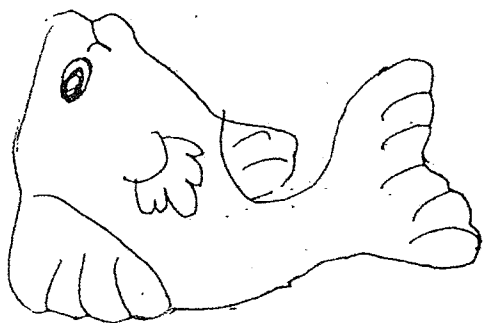
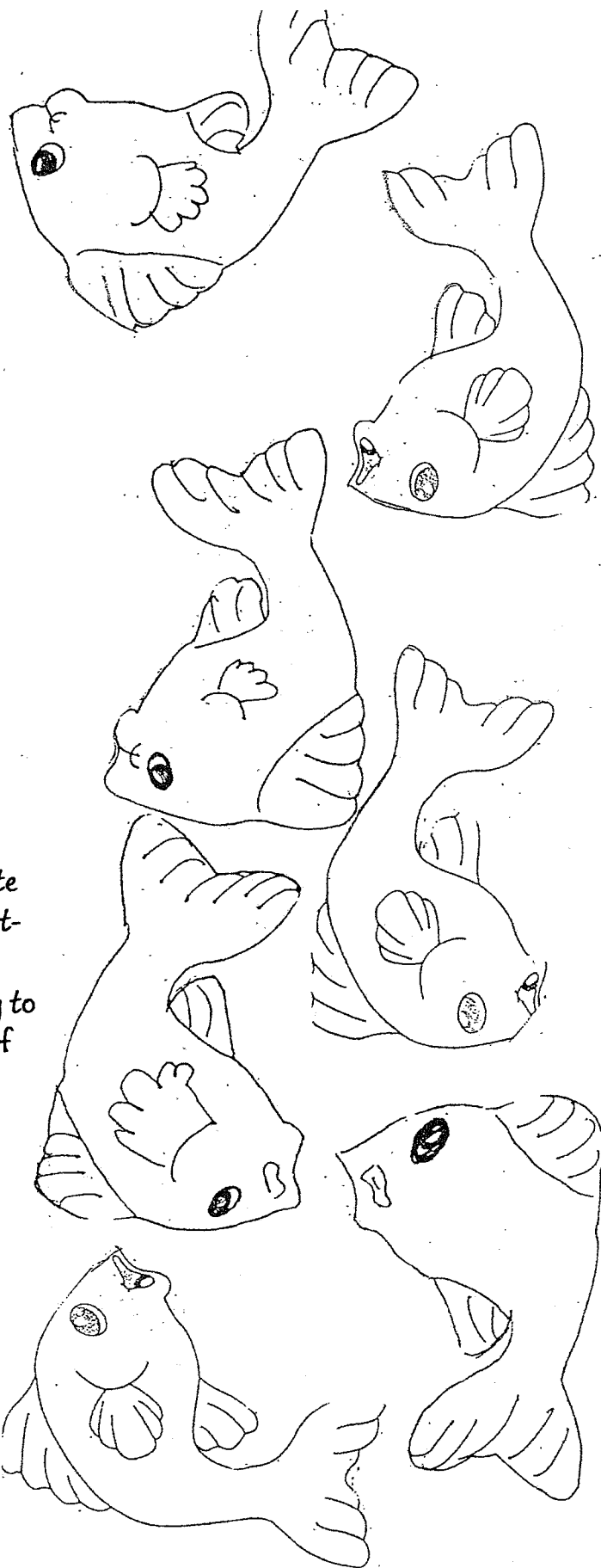
Lord, you called us every day, to be with you, and for us to give ourselves to others. Sometimes it is not easy, but your love and your presence within us is valuable. Give always the light of your hope for us to continue living, regardless of the difficulties and battles within this life. Amen.





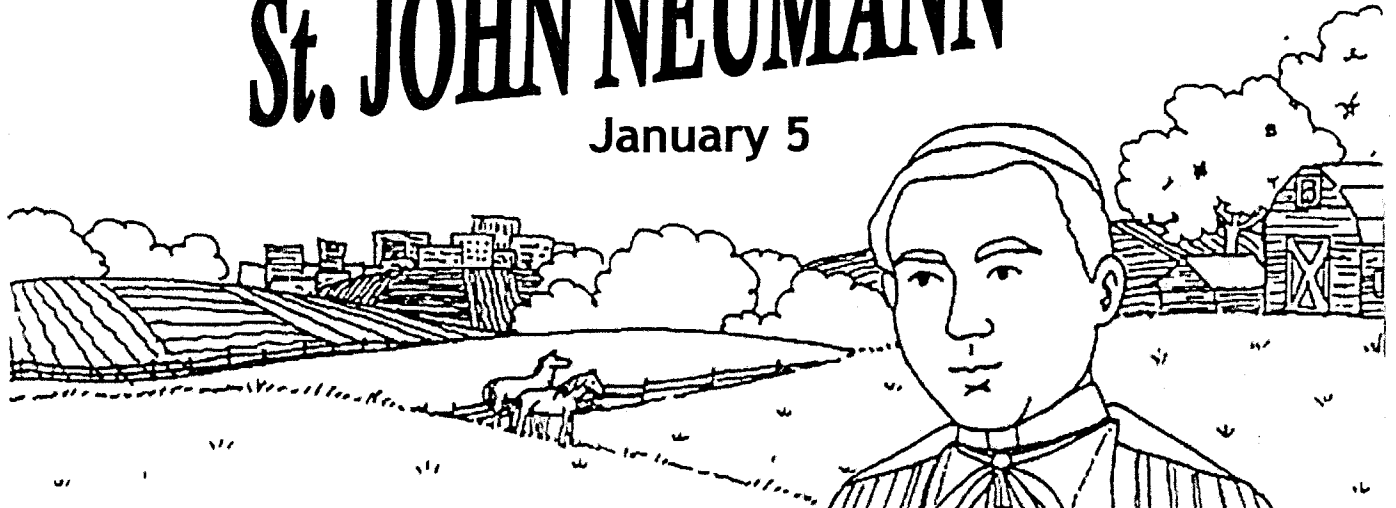
### Fishing with Jesus

Act the story of the gospel. Prepare a net with cardboard fishes. Let each child pick one. Ask them to write on it their name in one side and on the back his commitment to follow Jesus. Then they pick up another fish and write the name of a friend to whom they are going to help follow Jesus. Jesus invites us to be fishermen of souls. Let us follow His call.



# St. JOHN NEUMANN

January 5



John was born in Bohemia, but he became a missionary in the "mission land" of the United States. His first assignment was to help the immigrants in Buffalo, New York.

John knew many languages, so he could teach people from different countries about God.

Father Neumann did not only stay in the city. He went all over, traveling on foot to celebrate the sacraments with people in tiny towns.

The Pope found out about this great missionary. He chose John to become the bishop of Philadelphia. There, Bishop Neumann worked to build schools and parishes. He helped the Church in the United States to grow.

## **My Prayer**

*God, your love has no special language. Let my care be for all my sisters and brothers. Help me to tell them about your love. Amen*



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# Life of Saint Henry of Osso

January 27



Henry was born in Vinebre, Spain



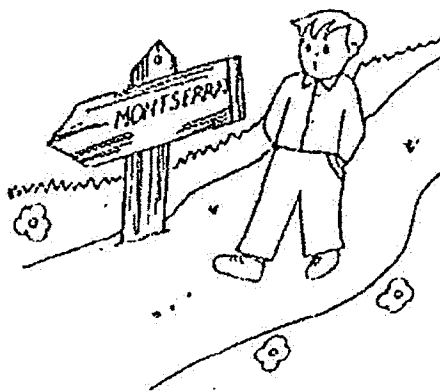
Henry went for walks with his grandfather, who told Henry about the Saints



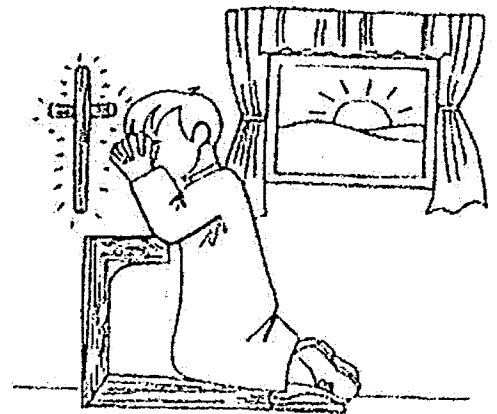
Henry read stories about St. Teresa



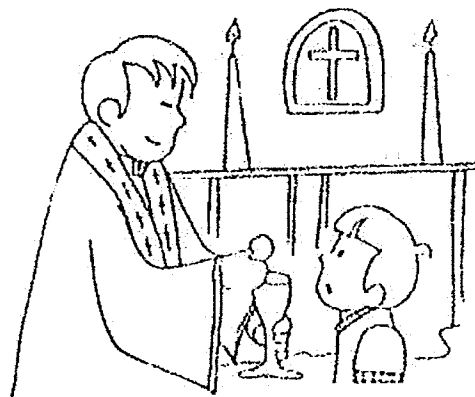
Henry likes school He learned a lot



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

# JESSE TREE BIBLE SEARCH

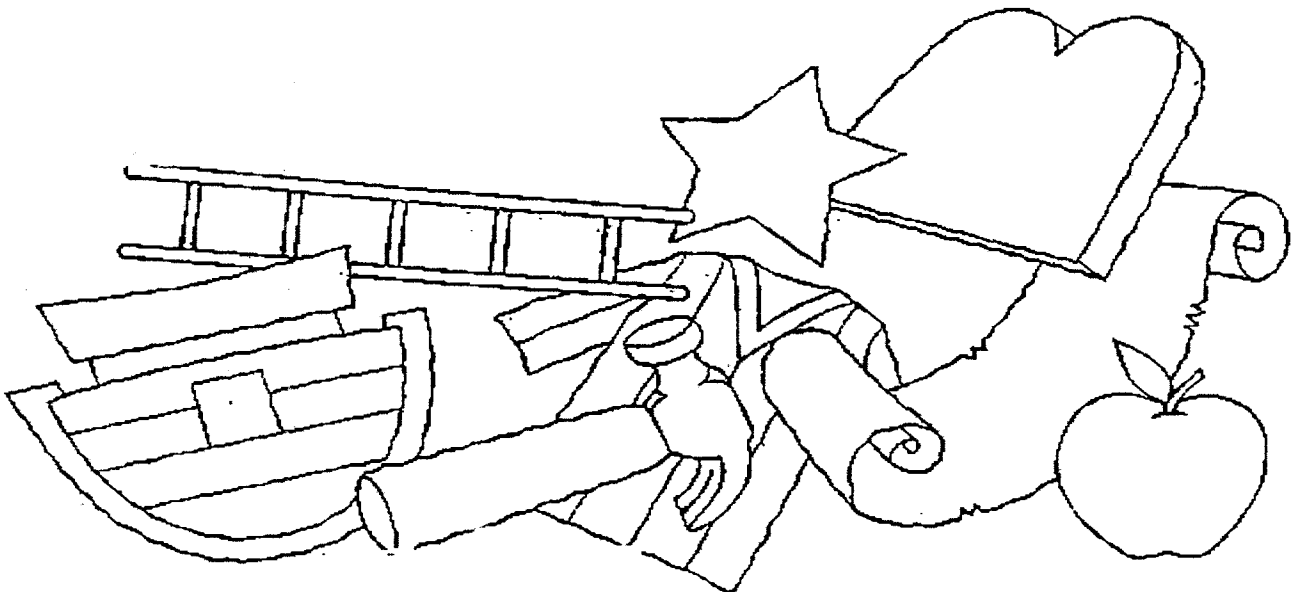
The following people are ancestors of Jesus. Look up the Scripture verses for each person in the Bible and read them. Find out from each Scripture passage the correct symbol for each individual and write in the blank next to the person's name. All of the symbols are listed in the Answer Bank at the bottom.

ABRAHAM	Genesis 22:15-18	_____
MOSES	Exodus 32:15-16	_____
JACOB	Genesis 28:10-22	_____
JOSEPH	Genesis 37:3-4	_____
ADAM Y EVE	Genesis 3:1-6	_____
NOAH	Genesis 6:14-22	_____
DAVID	1 Samuel 16:14-23	_____
ISAIAH	Luke 4:16-21	_____
MIRIAM	Exodus 15:19-21	_____
JOHN the Baptist	Matthew 3:1-6	_____
JOSEPH	Matthew 13:55	_____

## ANSWER BANK

- |               |             |        |            |
|---------------|-------------|--------|------------|
| Harp          | Tambourine  | Fruit  | Star       |
| Hammer        | Coat of fur | Scroll | Coat/Tunic |
| Stone tablets | Ladder      | Boat   |            |

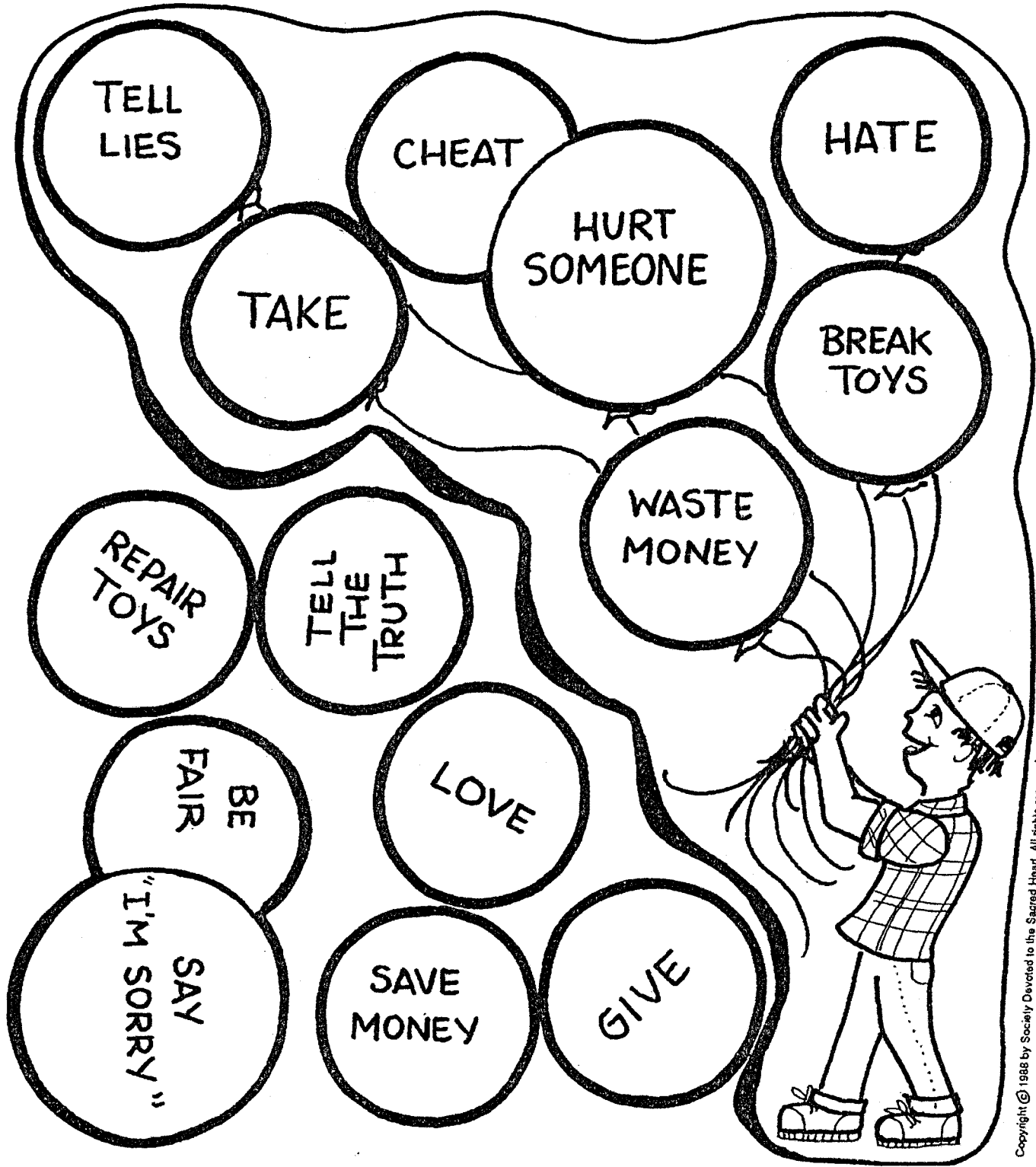
Share these symbols with someone in your family



Jesse Tree Bible Search  
Star, Stone, Tablets, ladder, tunic (coat), fruit, boat, harp, scroll, tambourine, coat of fur, hammer.

# 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!



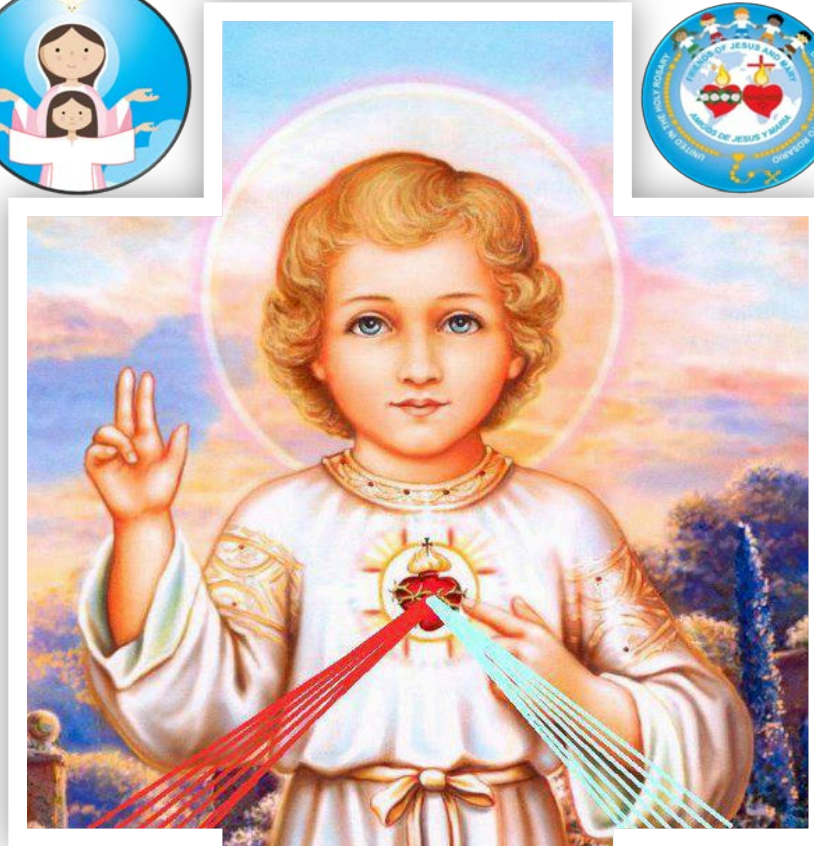


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Jesús les dijo:  
«Dejad que los niños vengan a mí, y no se lo impidáis porque de los que son como éstos es el Reino de los Cielos.» Mateo 19:13-15



Para todos los llamados a servir a la niñez enseñándoles a orar en familia y en los grupos de oración.



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Managua, Nicaragua

Del 19 al 22 de Junio 2014

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