



Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brother and Sisters:

April is a month of joy for all of us. We celebrate the Easter season that reminds us of new life and new beginning. Lets prepare our children for the Easter Vigil when we renew our faith. Pray the Stations of the Cross with the children. Stop at each station. Let the children discuss what they see, the success and the failure. Then talk about what our eyes cannot see: the love of Jesus and the reason why he took up the cross. Point out to the children that Jesus is not merely carrying a cross, but that He is carrying their burdens. Encourage spontaneous prayers at each station.

Enclosed you will some feast for this month:

April 3	Leaders training Life in the Spirit	April 24 Leader Workshop
April 12	Prayer groups Leaders training	April 25 St. Mark
April 13	Palm Sunday	April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday
April 17-18-19	Easter Tridium	April 29 St Catherine of Sienna
April 20	Easter Sunday	

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
 - 2) Letter from Sister Angela Ros
 - 3) Coloring pages and activities on:
 - Easter
 - Activities on the gospel of the month
- * Easter Tridium

Suggested Videos: (All available at the Video Club)

1. The Savior III (Patrick Peyton)
2. Easter
3. The story of Sister Faustina
4. The Merciful love of Jesus
- 5) Eucharist
- 6) The Resurrection Celebration
- 7) Stations of the Cross for children

The next workshop will be held on April 24 there will be a meeting at 11:00 AM and a second one at 7:00 PM. We are looking forward to be with you.

Our annual celebration of the Eucharistic Retreat will be held on the 14 of June 2003 at St. Louis Catholic Church. More information will be sent in our next mailing, but mark the date on your calendar now.

Our monthly package of activities has been on the internet since February 2003. Our goal is to reduce the cost of our mailings and your access via internet will help. If you do not have access to the internet please let us know, so that we can continue mailing to you. Our WEB PG IS. www.fcpeace.com

There are still some spaces available for our trip to Medjugorje, but we need your reservations before April 03,2003

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6 5th Sunday of Lent Daylight-Saving Time begins: Turn clocks forward 1 hour Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 5:7-9; John 12:20-23	7 St. John Baptist de la Salle	8	9 ●	10 St. Stanislaus 	11 St. Stanislaus 	12 Leaders Training Prayer Groups
13 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mark 11:1-10; Isa. 50:4-7; Phil. 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47	14 Monday of Holy Week HOLY WEEK IS EXTRA SPECIAL! THE HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR... 	15 Tuesday of Holy Week Income Tax Day HOLY WEEK IS EXTRA SPECIAL! THE HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR... 	16 ○	17 Holy Thursday Passover begins Exod 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 	18 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Fast and Abstinence 	19 Holy Saturday
20 Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34, 37-43 Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-9	21 Monday in the Octave of Easter	22 Tuesday in the Octave of Easter Earth Day	23 ●	24 Thursday in the Octave of Easter Leaders Workshop	25 Friday in the Octave of Easter	26 Saturday in the Octave of Easter
27 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Julian Calendar Easter Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 10:19-31 	28 St. Peter Chanel St. Louis Mary de Montfort	29 St. Catherine of Siena	30 St. Pius V	<h1>April 2003</h1>		



Praised be Jesus

February 2003

TO ALL THE LEADERS OF THE FRIENDS OF JESUS AND MARY

Peace and Joy to every one. For a long time I have been wanting to get in contact with you, to thank you for the good work that you are doing wherever you are. It is wonderful to see how the ministry is growing, but that is just possible because of each and every one of you, with your openness to the graces and inspirations of the Lord.

Let us continue putting all our efforts to imprint the love and life of Jesus in the hearts of our children; as St. Henry de Osso said to be like other Jesus on earth, and for that we need to teach them how to pray with the heart as our Mother in Medjugorje teaches us. But we can not be teachers of prayers if we ourselves are not living a prayerful life. Prayer should permeate our lives.

I will never get tire to recommend that our Prayer Groups will be a time in which our children learn how to talk with their Friend Jesus. The first ten or fifteen minutes should be a time of prayer in which the children are giving the opportunity to talk aloud or in silence with Jesus. When they finished this time, they can continue with the teachings, activities, etc.

Another little reminder, do not forget to start the prayer without invoking the Holy Spirit.. Try to use the prayer that it is written in the Leaders' Manual so that we all will be saying the same prayer.

Thanks again for all that you do to imprint the image of Jesus in the hearts of the children with your words and good example, in a very special way by loving one another and living in union with each other.

May Jesus and Mary bless you abundantly. Loving you and embracing you in the Heart of Jesus I remain your Sister in Him,

Sister Angela Ros

10 Jesus' Clothes Are Torn Off



Jesus, how embarrassing this must have been for you. I pray for all those who live in poverty and who are ashamed that they don't have the clothes and food they need.

Jesus is the Good Seed

April 6: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer. 31: 31-34;

Heb. 5: 7-9

John 12: 20-23

Talk about the story. Have they ever planted something? Did they have to wait a long time until it grew? Do the children understand the meaning of sacrifice? Do they see the sacrifices their parents make for them?

Final prayer! The children should express some examples of sacrifice by those they know. All respond: "Lord, makes us good seeds."



Q: What does a seed need to grow into a strong plant? How can you grow with Jesus and his love?

You are there

What happens to seeds that are not sown? What would you like to tell Jesus to show your support at his difficult time?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> Although Jesus is God and the Son of God, he always obeys his Father. What do your parent and grandparents ask of you? Are you willing to do these things?

>> Although dying was hard for him, Jesus wanted his life to be productive for all. Jesus wanted to do good things for many people. Am I willing to do good things for others? Even if they might make me uncomfortable and are difficult to do?

What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him about the things that are difficult for you to do. Tell him what you want to do this week:

>> For example: *I will not wait to be called to get up and get ready to go to school.*

>> For example: *I will share something I really like instead of keeping it all to myself.*

>> _____

Activities. Bring some seeds and pots to class. Discuss how plants grow. Talk about how, at first, the seeds might seem to have died but later start to grow. Ask the children to name a person who has had to make sacrifices. Plant a seed for each of the people the children mention. Leave the plants in the class so the children can observe the plant's growth.

Mark 11: 1-10;
 Isa. 50: 4-7;
 Phil. 2: 6-11;
 Mark 14: 1-15: 47

Blessed is he who comes in God's name

April 13: Palm Sunday

Talk about the story. Why would people praise Jesus and then demand his death? Do the children know someone who has betrayed them or their parents? How did that make them feel?



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Final Prayer. How will we proclaim Jesus every day of the week? Ask each child how will they express their commitment to praise and recognize Jesus. As each one answers, all respond "Blessed are you, Jesus."

You are there

What do you think about the scene in Jerusalem? Are you happy for Jesus? Are you among those who shout and carry palms?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- >> People welcomed Jesus in Jerusalem, but true praise means acknowledging Jesus in difficult times, too. Do you remember Jesus when you have problems? Do you turn to Jesus when you are happy?
- >> Jesus could have acted like a powerful king because he is God. But he chose to humbly enter Jerusalem on a donkey. How do you behave with others? do you ever act like you are more important than others?

What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him the things that make you happy. Tell him about the things that trouble you. Tell him what you want to do this week:

- >> For example: *I will remember to pray each day and offer my good deeds to Jesus.*
- >> For example: *I will try to listen to my brothers and sisters and do what they want me to do.*

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WORD SEARCH:

- Find the following
- hidden words
- In Spanish:
- PALMS, BLESSED,
- DONKEY, SUNDAY,
- JERUSALEM,
- ACCLAIM,
- FRIDAY, NAME,
- PRAY, SING

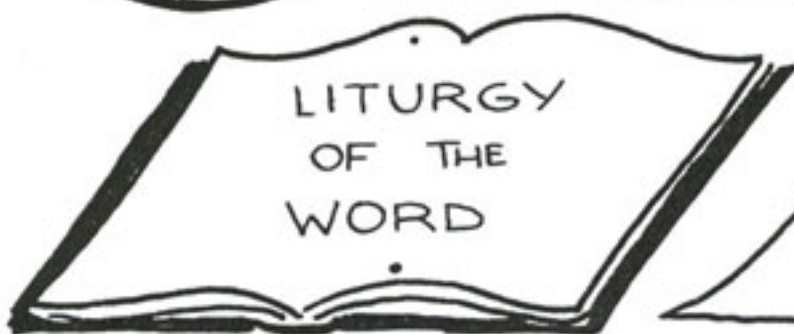
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Easter

Easter Mobile

Color. Cut out. Match the pieces to the day on which these events happen, thread them on a thin ribbon or colorful yarn and attach the strips to a coathanger to remind you of what takes place during Holy Week in preparation for Easter.



CHAPTER 24

We Celebrate Holy Week: Time to Remember

Holy Week is an important week. We celebrate Jesus' great love for us. Can you match the story with the day we celebrate? Draw a line from the picture of the story to the picture of the celebration.

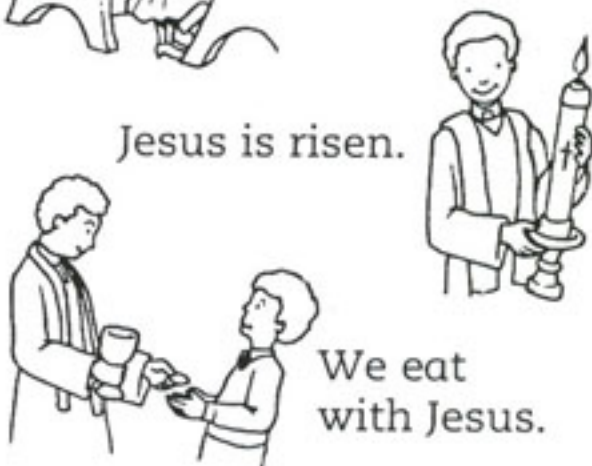


We welcome Jesus.



Good Friday

Jesus is risen.



Holy Thursday

We eat with Jesus.



Palm Sunday



Jesus dies for us.



Easter Sunday

Jesus is buried.



Holy Saturday

Jesus wanted to stay with us

Institution of the Eucharist

April 17: Holy Thursday

Exod. 12:1-8, 11-14;

1 Cor. 11:23-26;

John 13:1-15



Jesus & his disciples.



Each Holy Thursday at the evening Eucharist the priest washes the feet of twelve people. Jesus said "I have given you an example. What I have done you must do."

You are there

Are you embarrassed because Jesus wants to wash your feet? How do you feel knowing that this might be the last time you will see your friend?

Jesus, your friend, invites you::

>> By washing the feet of his friends, Jesus showed how he wants us to treat one another. What can you do to help around the house?

>> Jesus shared the bread, and himself, with his friends. What can you share with others?

>> One of the reasons Jesus washed his friends' feet and shared the bread and wine was to make the Last Supper with his friends memorable. What are some good memories you can create for friends?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and thank him for staying with us by giving us his body and blood. Tell him what you want to do this week:

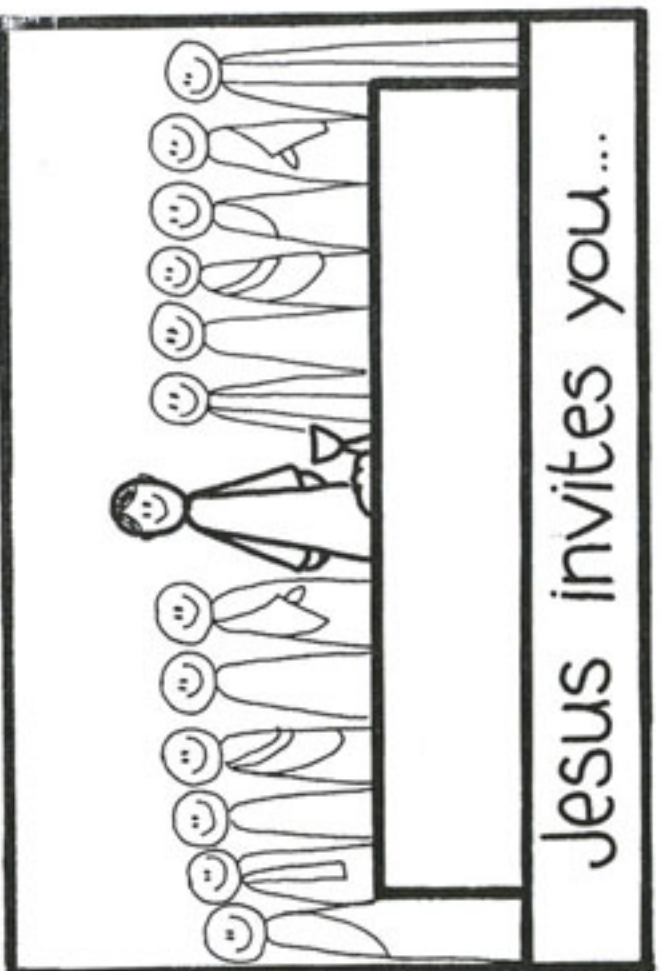
>> For example: *I will help clean up the kitchen after dinner.*

>> For example: *I will spend some time with someone who feels lonely.*

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My Most Memorable Meal

Can you recall a meal you shared with family or friends that was very special—so special that you can remember it really, really well? What was the occasion? A time of celebration? A time of sadness? In the space above, draw something you remember from that meal.

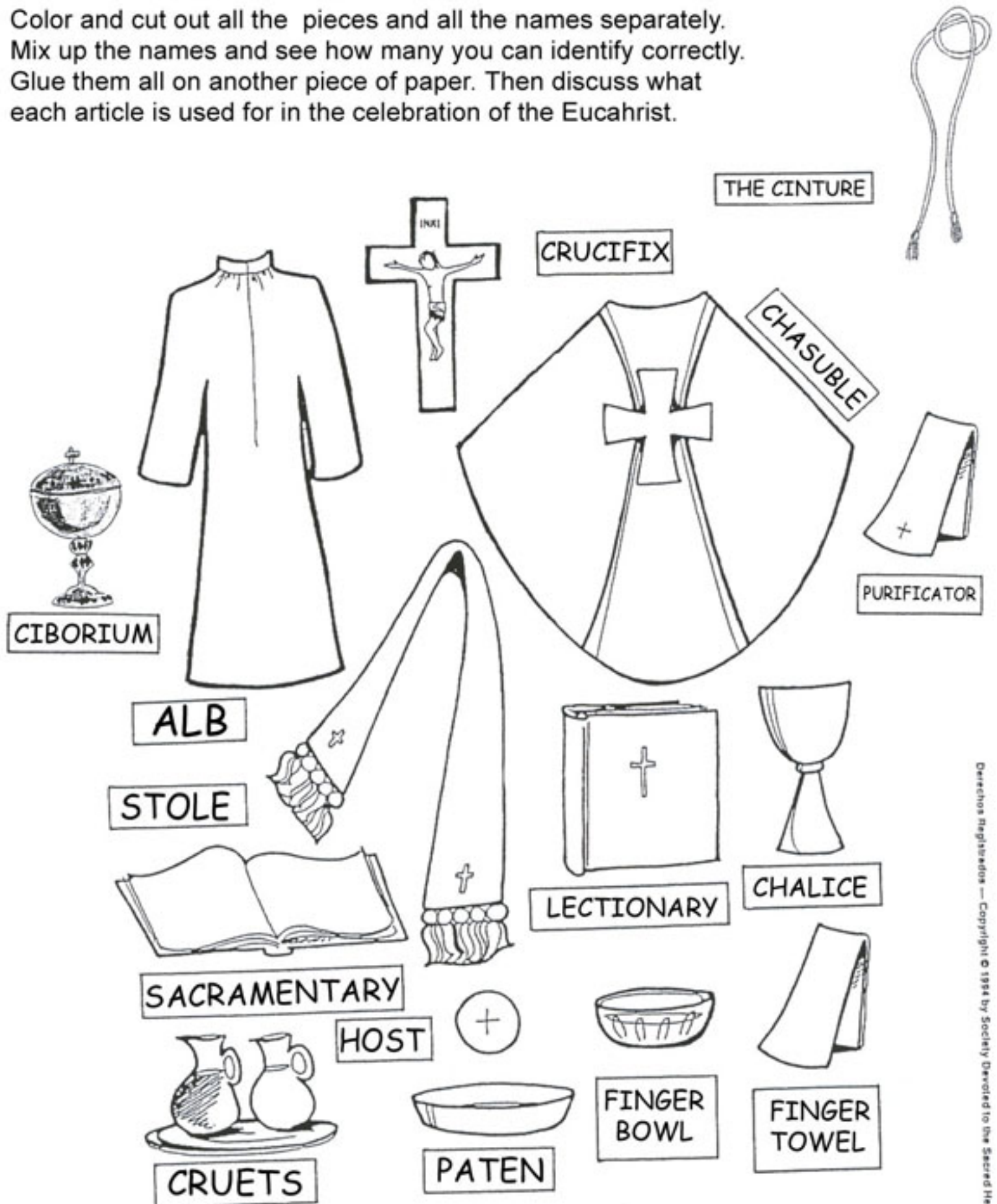


to celebrate the Eucharist with
him again.

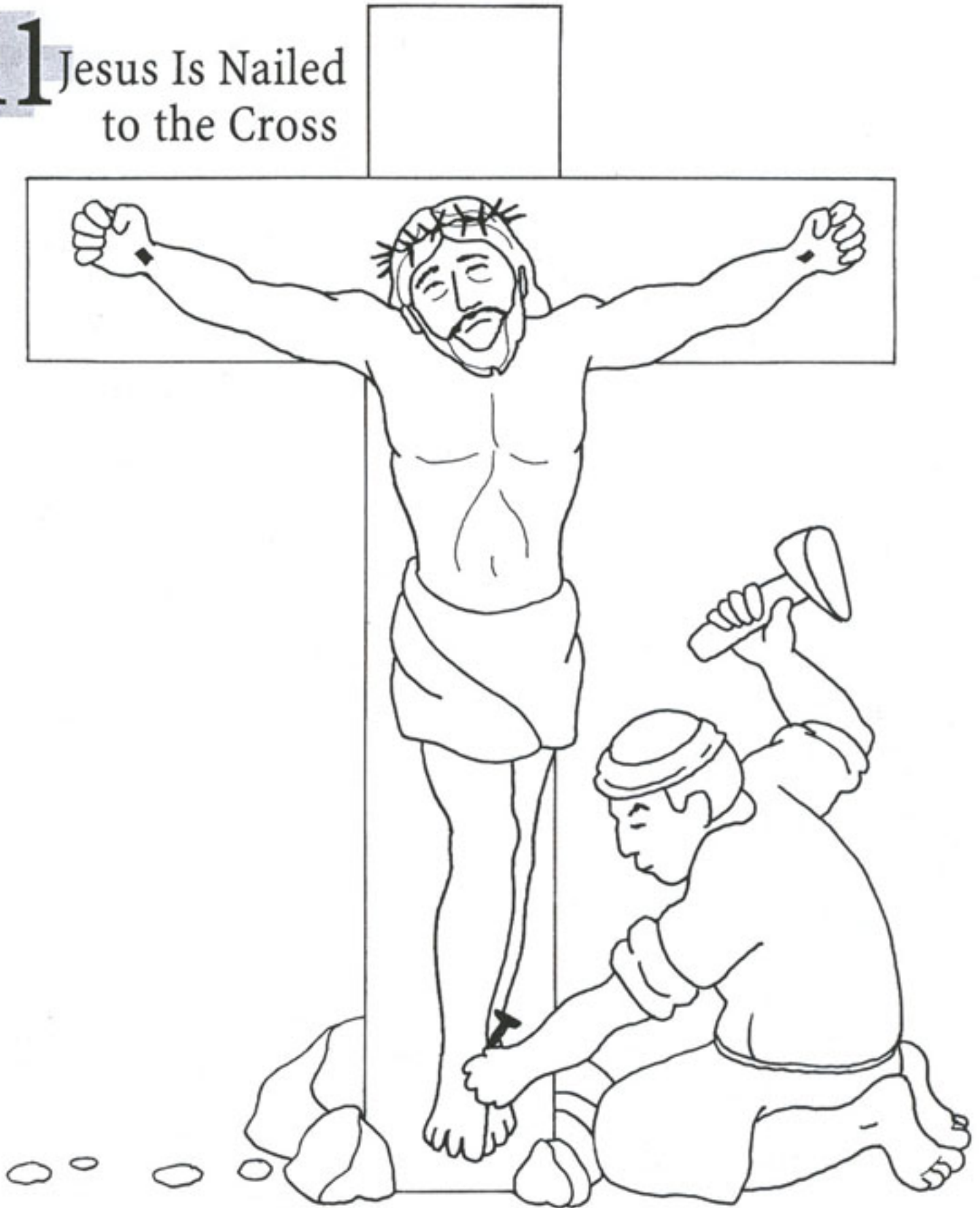
Dear _____,
Jesus misses you when you are
not at Mass, so do I. Please
come to Church this Sunday. I
love you. Love,

Can you Identify Items For Celebration?

Color and cut out all the pieces and all the names separately. Mix up the names and see how many you can identify correctly. Glue them all on another piece of paper. Then discuss what each article is used for in the celebration of the Eucharist.



11 Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross



Jesus, how much it must have hurt you to be crucified! Please be with all the people who are hurting inside from loneliness or from feeling unloved.

Jesus is risen! Alleluia!

Acts 10:34, 37-43;

Col. 3 : 1-4;

John 20:1-9

April 20: Easter Sunday

You are there

How do you explain why the tomb is empty? Do you think someone has stolen Jesus' body? Are you scared?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- >> After Jesus' death his friends were afraid of what might happen to them. What frightens you?
- >> With his Resurrection, Jesus shows us that evil and death are not the end of the story. What difficult situations do you see in your family or neighborhood? Do you think Jesus can help you?

What am I going to do?

Speak with Jesus and tell him about your fears, as well as what makes you happy. Ask him to help you change whatever you want to change. Ask him to give you courage. Tell him what you want to do this week:

>>For example: *I will try to smile and be happy because I know that Jesus lives within me.*

>>For example: *I will tell a friend at school about Jesus' Resurrection so he or she may also trust in God.*

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Mary Magdalene, Mary, and Salomé need to get to Jesus' tomb. Can you help them find their way?

ALLELUIA

We Celebrate Easter: Signs of Joy

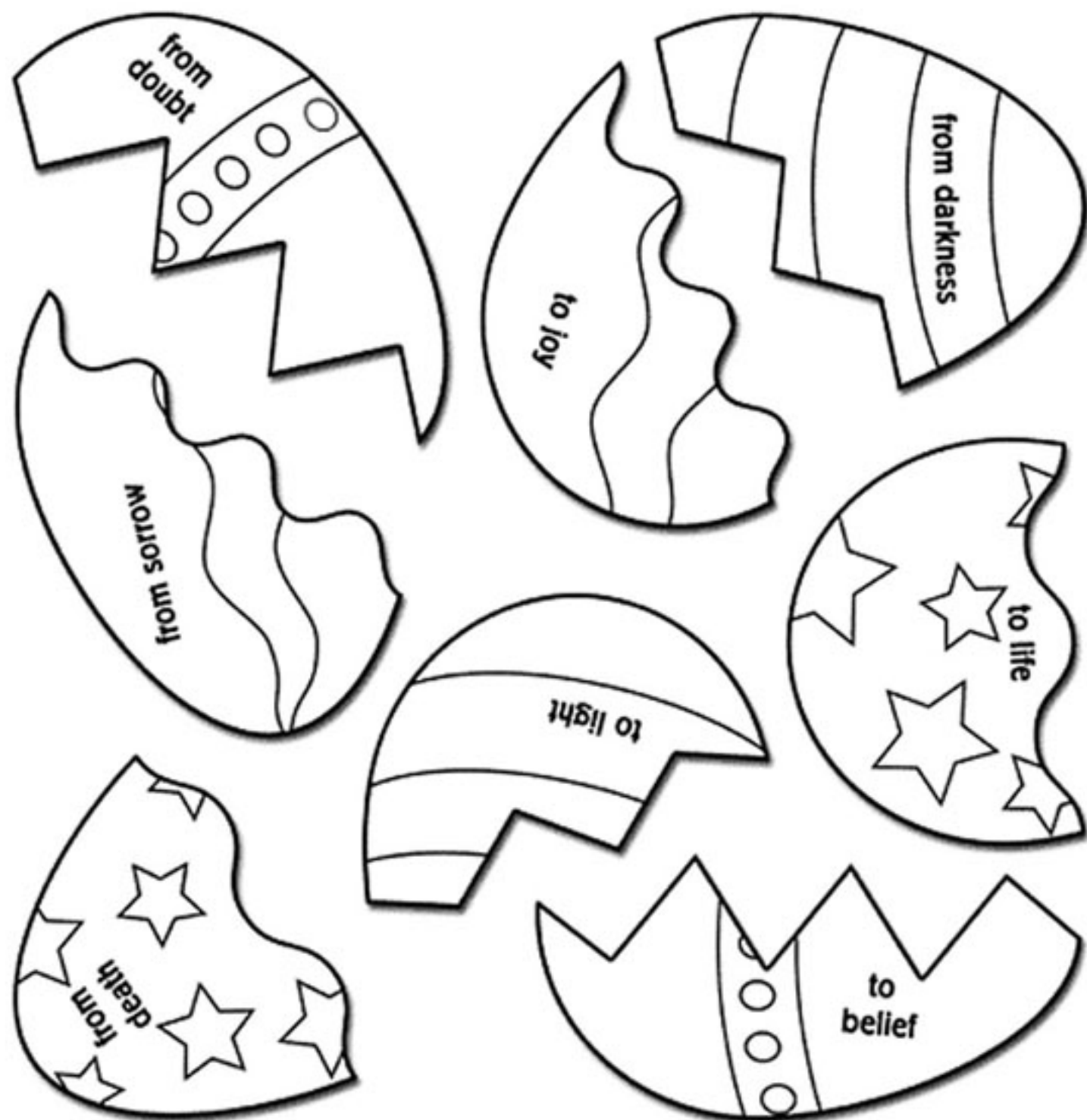
Color the following Easter symbols.



EASTER HAPPINESS

Jesus brought changes at Easter.
We celebrate the Good News with each other.

Cut out the egg pieces. Put the eggs together to find changes
Jesus brought us. Share the puzzle with friends.



We Celebrate Easter: Signs of Joy

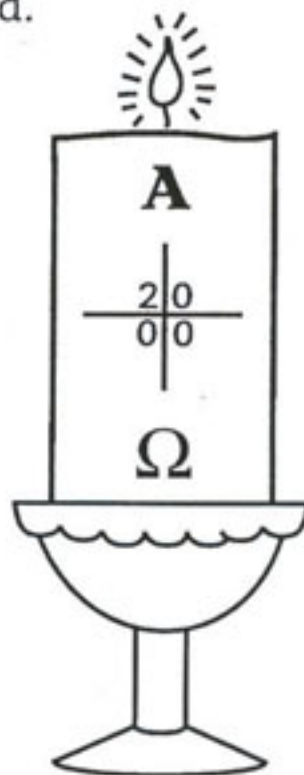
Jesus died for us.
He rose to new life for us.
Jesus gives us new life.
He will be with us always.

Circle the right word.

Jesus rose from the dead on (**Easter** **Pentecost**) Sunday.
Early in the morning the women went to the (**water** **tomb**).
When they got there, the (**guard** **stone**) was rolled away
from the entrance to the tomb. (**Jesus** **Mary**) was not in
the tomb. Jesus had risen from the (**sleep** **dead**). We sing
(**Alleluia** **Holy, Holy, Holy**), praise the Lord.

Jesus gives us new (**lost** **life**). We
believe that some day we, too, will
rise from the dead. God will give us
new life in (**heaven** **church**).

We light the Easter candle. It is a
sign that the risen Jesus is with us.
Color the Easter candle.



Jesus is among us

April 27: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35;

1 John 5: 1-6;

John 10: 19-31

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about their doubts. What do they believe in? Is it difficult for them to believe in what they cannot see? Do they feel the presence of Jesus near them?



P: Thomas couldn't believe it when his friends said that Jesus was really alive. Thomas told them, "Oh, yeah? Prove it!" What would you have said.

You are there

What would you have done in Thomas' place? What can you do to show that you love Jesus?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> When Jesus appeared to his friends, he offered them peace. Do you offer peace to those who are near you?
>> Jesus' friends generously gave of what they had to those in need. Do you know of anyone in need?

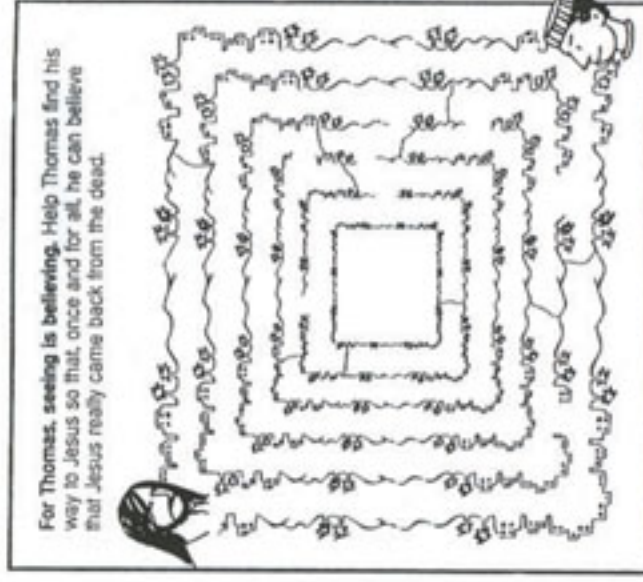
What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus about your doubts and fears and tell him how happy you are to know that he is with you. Tell him about the needs you see around you and what you want to do this week:

>> For example: *I will make up with someone with whom I have fought.*

>> For example: *I will give something I have to someone in need.*

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1. To admonish the sinner.



2. To instruct the ignorant.

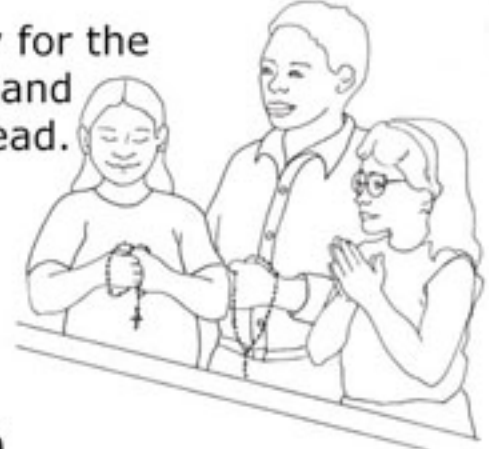
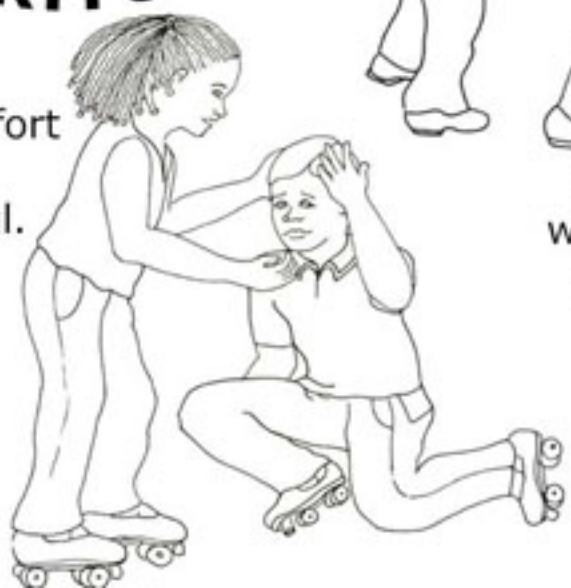


3. To counsel the doubtful.

APRIL 27
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



4. To comfort the sorrowful.



7. To pray for the living and the dead.

6. To forgive injuries.



5. To bear wrongdoings patiently.