



February, 2003

Miami, Florida

Dear brothers and sisters:

In this month let us try to encourage our children to love God and our neighbors, stressing how important it is to ask for forgiveness from any one we had offended.

Enclosed you will find feast and saints of this month.:

February	02	Presentation of the Lord and Mary's Purification
February	03	St. Blasé – blessing of the throats
February	06	San Paul Miki and Companions
February	11	Our Lady of Lourdes
February	14	San Cyril and Methodius
February	14	Valentine Day
February	18	St. Bernadette Soubirois
February	20	Leaders Workshop

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Calendar of the month
- 2) Reflection on Sunday Gospel, and brief history and coloring of some feast of the month.
- 3) Information on Eucharistic Conference
- 4) Activities: Salm 150 – Christian love - Grow in God's love
- 5) Forgiveness cube
- 6) Valentine Card

Suggested Videos: (All available at the Video Club)

1. Our Lady of Lourdes
2. St. Bernadette and Lourdes
3. The Song of Bernadette
4. The Princess of Lourdes
5. Sharing Quigley's Village(pbs kids)
6. Friendship (pbs kid)
7. Love God Treasure his name (shc)
8. Penance (shc)

We would like to invite you to participate in the family pilgrim to Medjugorje from July 03 to July 13 2003 . Joing us you will not regret it. All the activities will be bilingual

The next workshop will be held on February 20 , 2003 there will be a meeting at 11:00 and a second one at 7:00 PM. We are looking forward to be with you.

May God Bless you always. Friends of Jesus and Mary.

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February						
2 Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life Boy Scout Sunday Groundhog Day	3 4th Week in Ordinary Time St. Blaise St. Amagar	4 St. Agatha	5 St. Paul, Miki and his companions	6 First Friday	7	8 St. Jerome, Emiliani BVM
9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day	10 St. Scholastica	11 Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of the Sick	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 St. Cyril and Methodius Valentine's Day	15 BVM
16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites Presidents' Day	18	19	20 Leader's Workshop	21 St. Peter Damian	22 Chair of St. Peter Washington's Birthday
23	24 Holiday	25	26	27	28	

Mal. 3:1-4
Heb. 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Simeon recognizes the light of Jesus

February 2: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

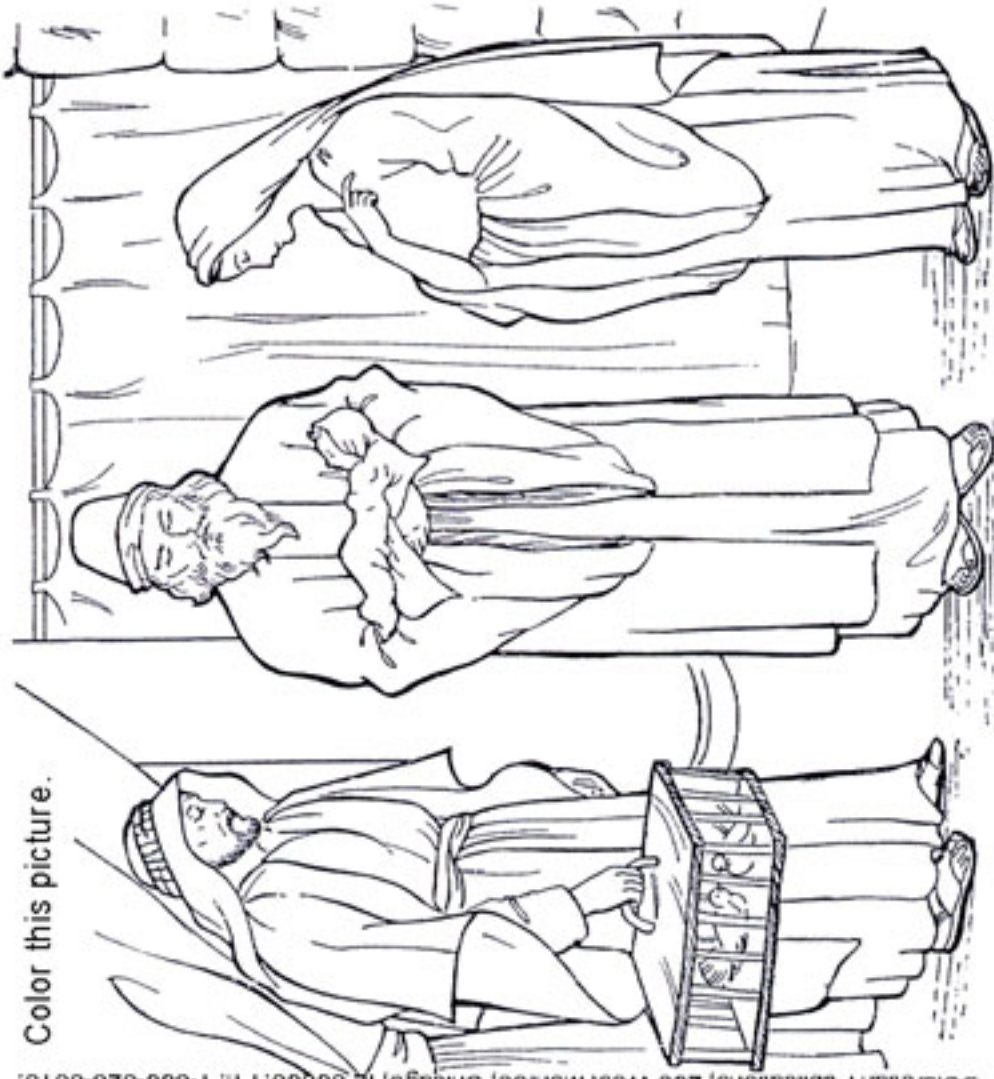
You are there

What do you think of Simeon? Does he seem to be a kind old man? Do you respect him? What do you think Mary felt when Simeon told her those things about Jesus?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- * Simeon recognized Jesus immediately. Do you recognize good people who can help you do good?
- * Simeon says Jesus is the light. As Jesus' brother or sister, do you try to be light for others, that is, give good examples?

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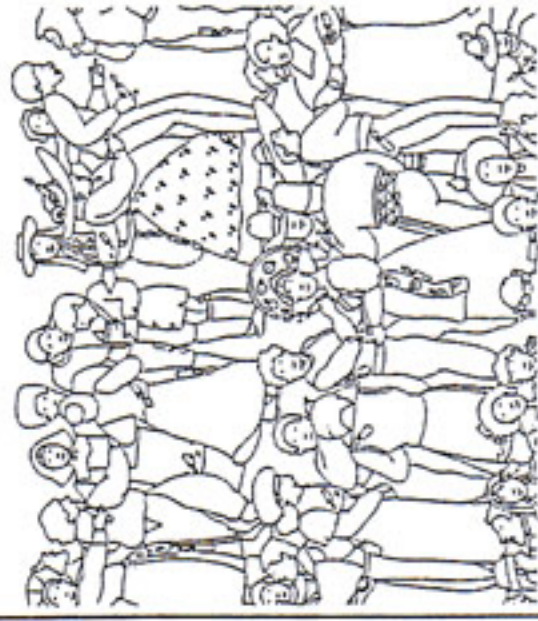
What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and thank him for good people around you, because they give light to others. Tell him what you want to do:

- >> For example: *I will be a good example, behaving well in school.*
- >> For example: *I will be kind to older people who come to the house, and will listen to them.*
- >>

Prayer
Thank you,
Jesus, for
giving us light.

All Candlemas we celebrate the fact that Jesus brought new light to the world. In the picture below, circle all the candles that you can find. (Hint: there are 25 candles in all.)



Q: Simeon loved God very much and wanted to see the light of Jesus before he died. What does it mean to you when people say that Jesus is the light? How can you be a light for others?

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law

February 9: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Job 7:1-5, 6-7;
1 Cor: 9:16-19,
22-23;
Mark 1:29-39*

You are there

- >>What do you do when you see that Peter's mother-in-law feels better? Do you run to get some friend or relative who is sick so that Jesus can cure him or her? Whom do you get?
- >>Imagine that you are one of the sick people cured by Jesus. What is the first thing you do when you feel better?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- >>Peter's mother-in-law got up and served others. Do you serve others gladly? Jesus cured many people of their sickness. What can you do to comfort someone that is suffering?
- >>Jesus goes to a quiet place to pray. Do you pray every day?

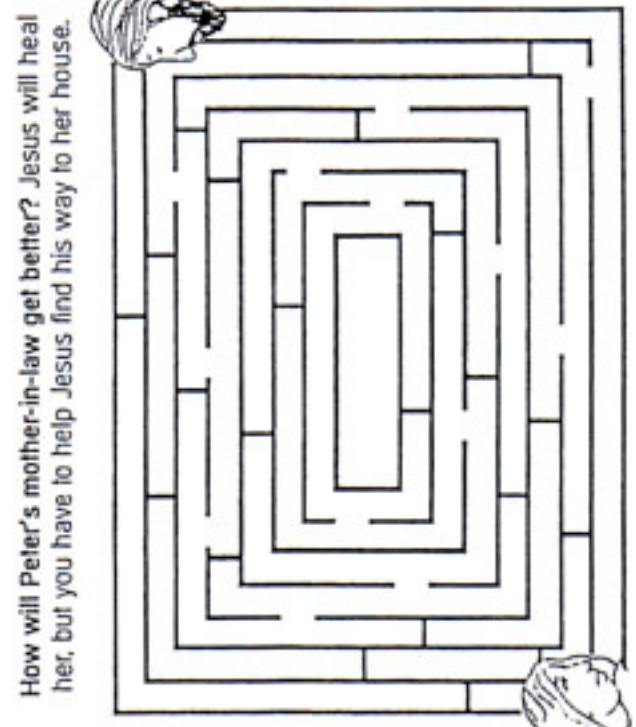
What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about someone you love who is sick or has a problem. Ask Jesus for help with this person. Tell him what you want to do.

- >>For example: *I will help my mom.*
- >>For example: *I will visit a sick person.*
- >>



Color this picture.



How will Peter's mother-in-law get better? Jesus will heal her, but you have to help Jesus find his way to her house.

Q: Jesus visited Peter's house and healed his sick mother-in-law. Has Jesus helped you or someone in your family feel better after suffering from an illness?

Lev. 13: 1-2, 44-46;
1 Cor. 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Jesus Touches a Leper

February 16: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> Jesus is near even to those that seem to be rejected by everyone else. Is there anyone in your school or neighborhood that seems to be rejected or feared? Do you reject anyone?

You are there

>> Do you move away when you see or hear the leper coming? Do you feel repugnance? Do you feel it is not right for Jesus to touch him either? What do you do when you see the man is healed?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about some person who, even if you don't intend to, you reject. Ask him to help you feel compassion for that person. Tell him what you want to do.

>>For example: *I will share with a classmate who is always left out.*

>>For example: *I will be grateful for what I receive every day.*

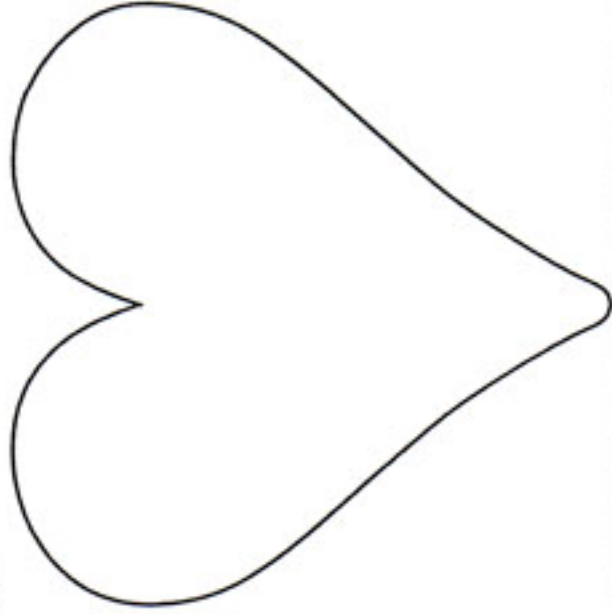
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Q: Jesus touched and healed the man with Leprosy. Are there people that you do not want around you because of their illness or deformity? Why?

Jesus pays attention to the types of people that many of us usually ignore or avoid. • Think of the many things that Jesus teaches us about love. Then, (a) think of somebody you would normally try to avoid or would make fun of. And (b) decorate the heart below for that person.



Isa. 43: 18-19,
21-22, 24-25,
2 Cor. 1: 18-22;
Mark 2: 1-12

People try to come to Jesus Through the Roofs

February 23: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer

Jesus, let me be
the kind of friend
who brings my
friends to you.
Amen

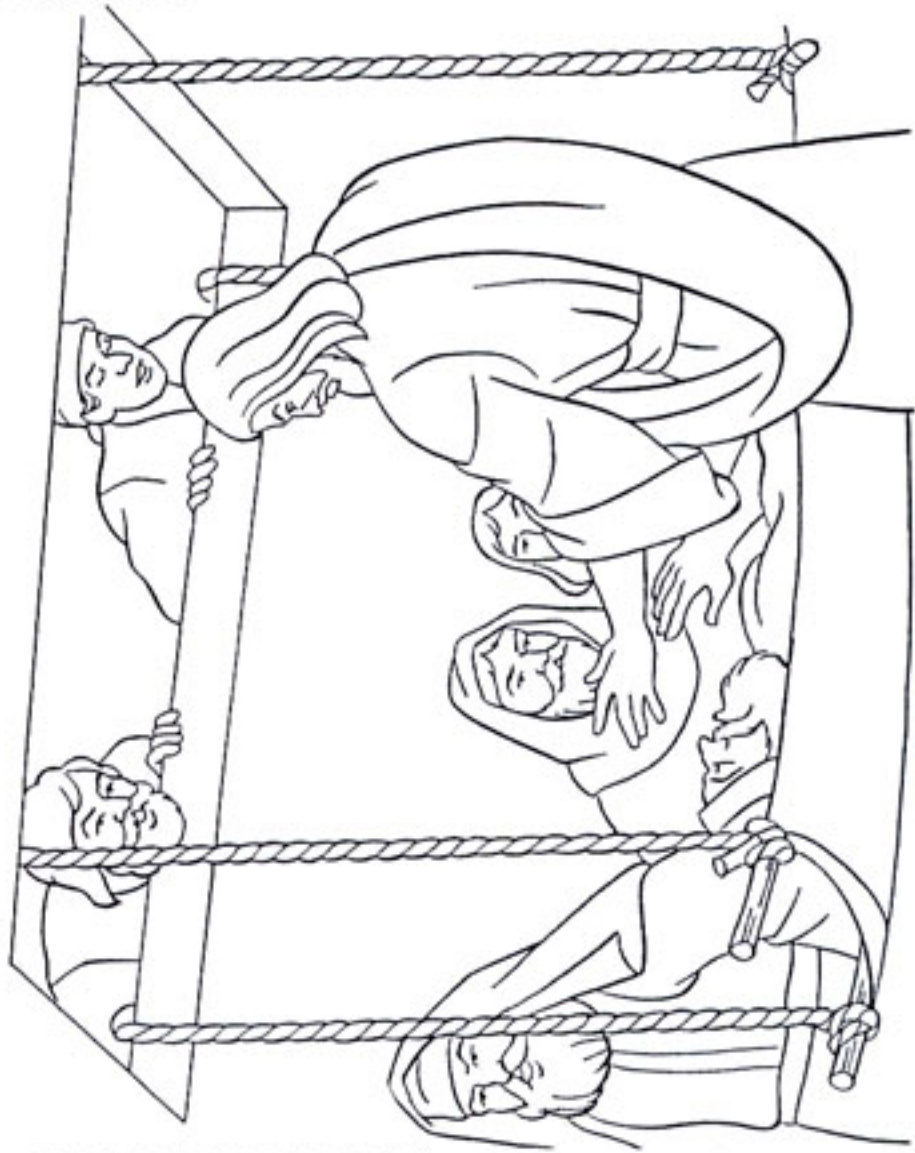
You are there

- >>What is most surprising to you in this story? Imagine you are the paralytic man. Are you a little disappointed at first because you still cannot walk?
- >>Imagine now you are one of the people. What do you expect the man to do when he is healed?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- >>The man's friends made great efforts to help him come to Jesus. How do you help?
- >>Jesus says he forgives. Do you also forgive those who hurt you?

Color this picture



What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how you have helped someone this week. Tell him you want to forgive someone who has hurt you. Tell him what you want to do.

>>For example: *I will help at home.*

>>For example: *I will forgive someone who hurt me.*

>>

WORD SEARCH:

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

- PARALYTIC, HEAL
- CAPPERNAUM, SINS,
- JESUS, STAND UP,
- WALK, PEOPLE,
- FRIENDS, FORGIVE,

A P E R D O N A R L
M A R R O G E N T E
S R L E A N R D V
C A F A R N A U N A
C L N A R N A U A N
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by _____

Song of Praise: 23

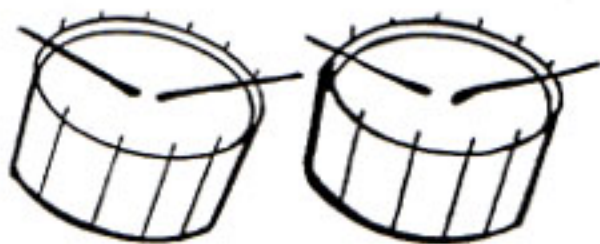
Psalm 150



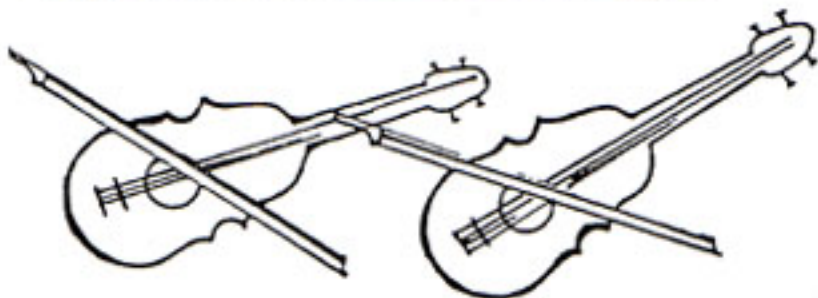
Praise God with the sound of _____.



Praise God with _____ and harp.



Praise God with _____ and dancing.



Praise God with _____ and reeds.



Praise God with clanging _____.

Let all that breathes praise God.












The Bible has 150 psalms. The last psalm invites people to use musical instruments and dancing to show how great God is. Use the picture clues and fill in the missing words. Color the pictures. Pray the psalm.

PRAISE GOD

























Christian Love

Name _____

CODE

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-E 	-S 	-D 
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Use the Code above to solve this puzzle.
When you have decoded the message, you will discover Jesus' command about love.

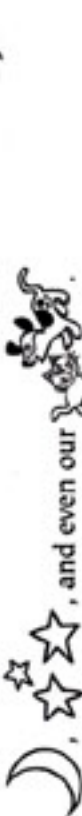
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We Pray for One Another


Name _____

When families gather, they often discuss things that worry them and things that make them happy. With our church family, we also share our joys and our problems. During Mass, at the Prayers of the Faithful, we pray for one another, for all members of the church, for people in our communities, and for our nation. As Christians, we care about others as Jesus cares about all of us.

There are many ways of showing love. This is a rebus story about love. After reading the rebus story, solve the puzzle on the second page.

God's love shows through all creation: 


, and even our .

God's greatest love gift was .

Jesus showed his love by being born in a .

by sending the  to live in each .

by coming to us in the , and by dying for us on the .

We show our love together with all of God's .

whenever we pray together in .

A SAINT FOR FEBRUARY

SAINT BLASE, FEBRUARY 3

READ TO ME

A *legend* is a story people have told over and over again. Each time the story is told, it may change a little. This is a legend about Saint Blase. Saint Blase was a bishop and a doctor. The king did not like him and had him taken to jail. As he was on his way to jail, a woman stopped him. Her son had a throat infection and was very sick. Saint Blase prayed for the child and asked God to make the child well. God answered the prayers, and the boy was cured. We remember Saint Blase on February 3. In many parishes, the people have their throats blessed on this day.

In the picture below, Saint Blase is praying for the child, who is held by his mother. Color the picture.



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Through the merits and intercession of Saint Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all diseases of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



FEBRUARY 5
ST. AGATHA

A beautiful Christian girl named Agatha lived in Sicily in the third century. The governor heard of Agatha's beauty and brought her to his palace. He wanted to make her commit sins against purity, but she was brave and would not give in. "My Lord Jesus Christ," she prayed, "you see my heart and you know my desire. You alone must have me, because I am all yours. Save me from this evil man. Make me worthy of winning out over the devil."

The governor tried sending Agatha to the house of a wicked woman. Perhaps the girl would change for the worse. But Agatha had great trust in God and prayed all the time. She kept herself pure. She would not listen to the evil suggestions of the woman and her daughters. After a month, she was brought back to the governor. He tried again to win her. "You are a noblewoman," he said kindly. "Why have you lowered yourself to be a humble Christian?"

"Even though I am a noble," answered Agatha, "I am a slave of Jesus Christ."

"Then what does it really mean to be noble?" the governor asked.

Agatha answered, "It means to serve God."

When he realized that she would not sin, the governor became angry. He had Agatha whipped and tortured. As she was being carried back to prison she whispered, "Lord, my Creator, you have protected me from the cradle. You have taken me from the love of the world and given me patience to suffer. Now receive my soul."

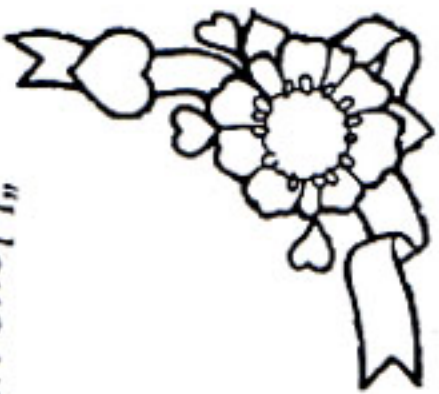
Agatha died a martyr at Catania, Sicily, in the year 250.

Let us learn from St. Agatha's example. Like her, we can pray with all our heart when we are tempted to do anything wrong.



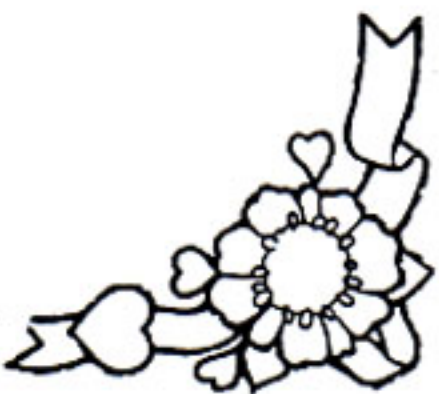
Happy Valentine's Day





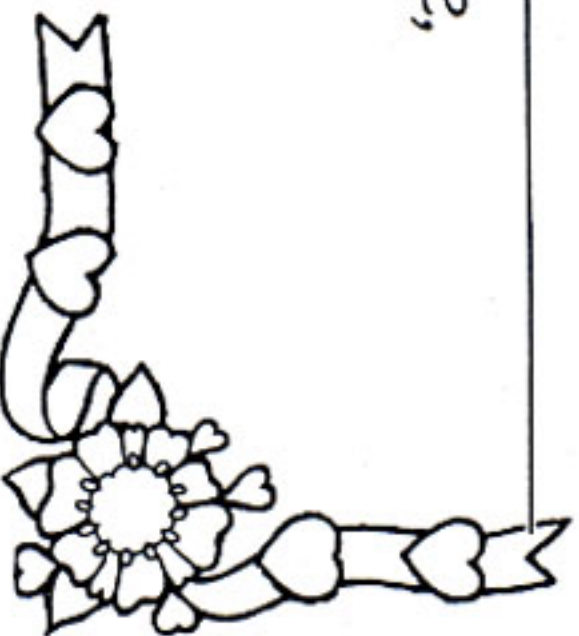
*"I love you just as
the Father loves me."*

from John 15:9



to _____,
*Happy Valentine's
Day*

*With love,
From,*



Forgiveness Cube

I know God forgives even when we find it hard to forgive ourselves because...



1

I know god forgives when we want to change from _____ to _____



2

I know God frogives even the times when we forgot about Him and cared only about...



3

I know God forgives whenever we tell Him that...



4

I know God forgives even when we walk away from Him looking for...



5

I know God forgives even when we act selfish by...



6

Directions to make the "Forgiveness Cube"

Glue the whole paper onto a stiff paper, then cut out the laid out box in one piece, following the outlines. Fold carefully on the straight lines and score the edges. Glue the flaps under the sides that fold over them.

Rules of the Game

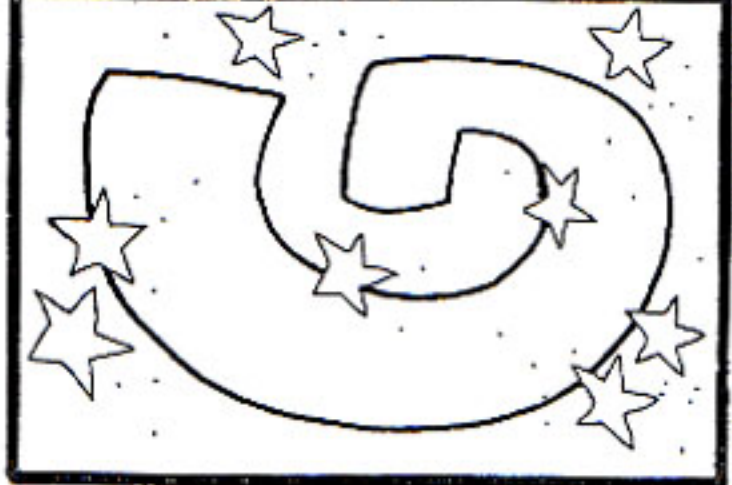
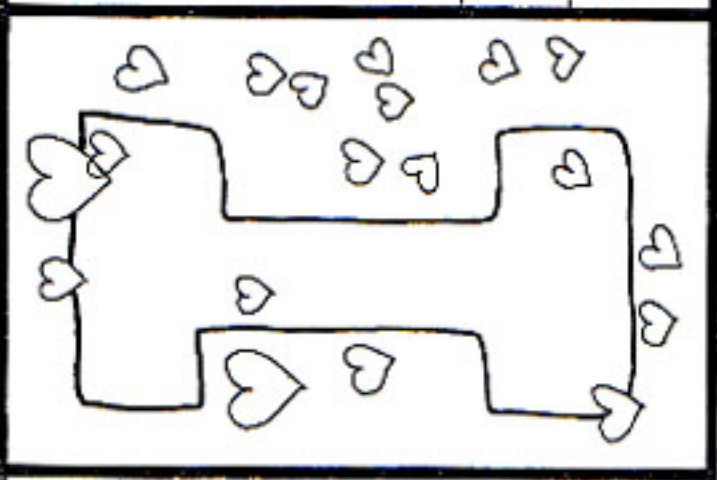
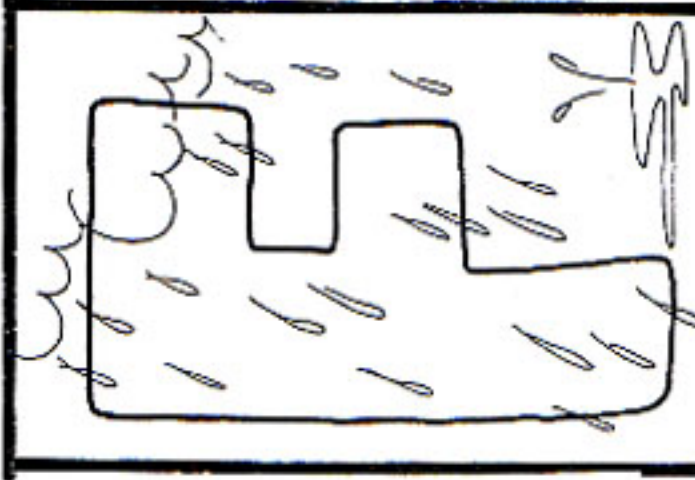
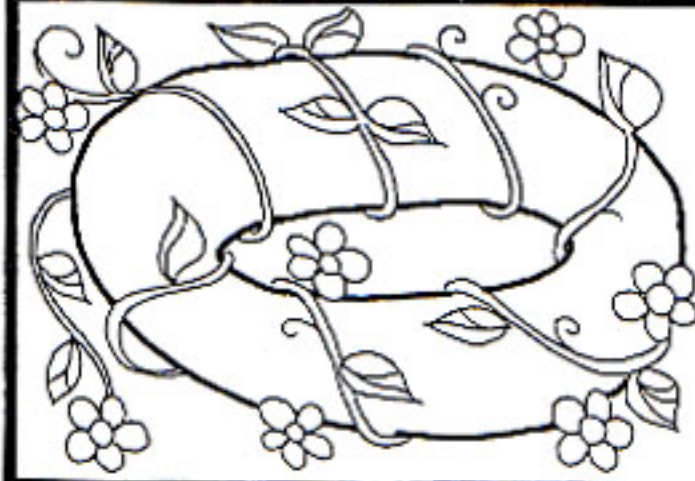
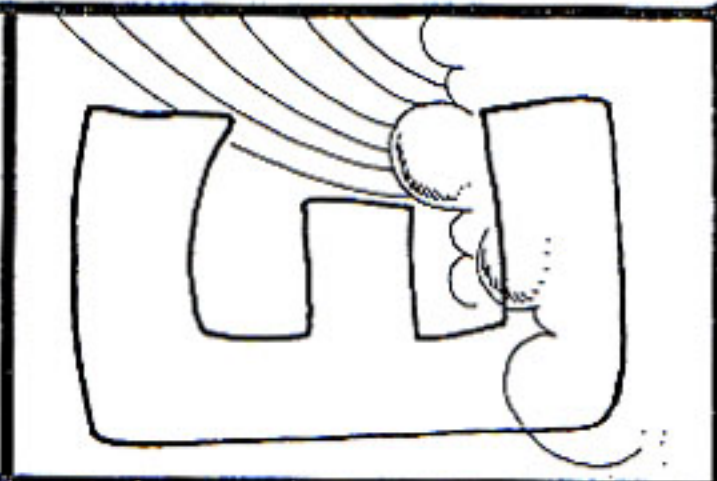
Toss the cube. When it lands, look at the picture on the top; then read and complete the sentence. Finish it with the words "Because He loves us".

You are free to complete the sentence in many different ways. Each time you do it, you gain the number of points you find on the lower left-hand side of each picture.

If you cannot finish a sentence you lose a turn in the next round. Keep a score. The one who has the highest number of points wins!

Forgiveness Calendar

See how many times you can forgive someone who hurts you. Color one letter each day when you forgive someone. Then write on the back of the letter: "THANK YOU, JESUS. YOU FORGIVE ME, TOO!"



Grow in God's Love

You will grow in God's love all your lives if you love him and love others. This flower can help you to keep track of how your love grows.

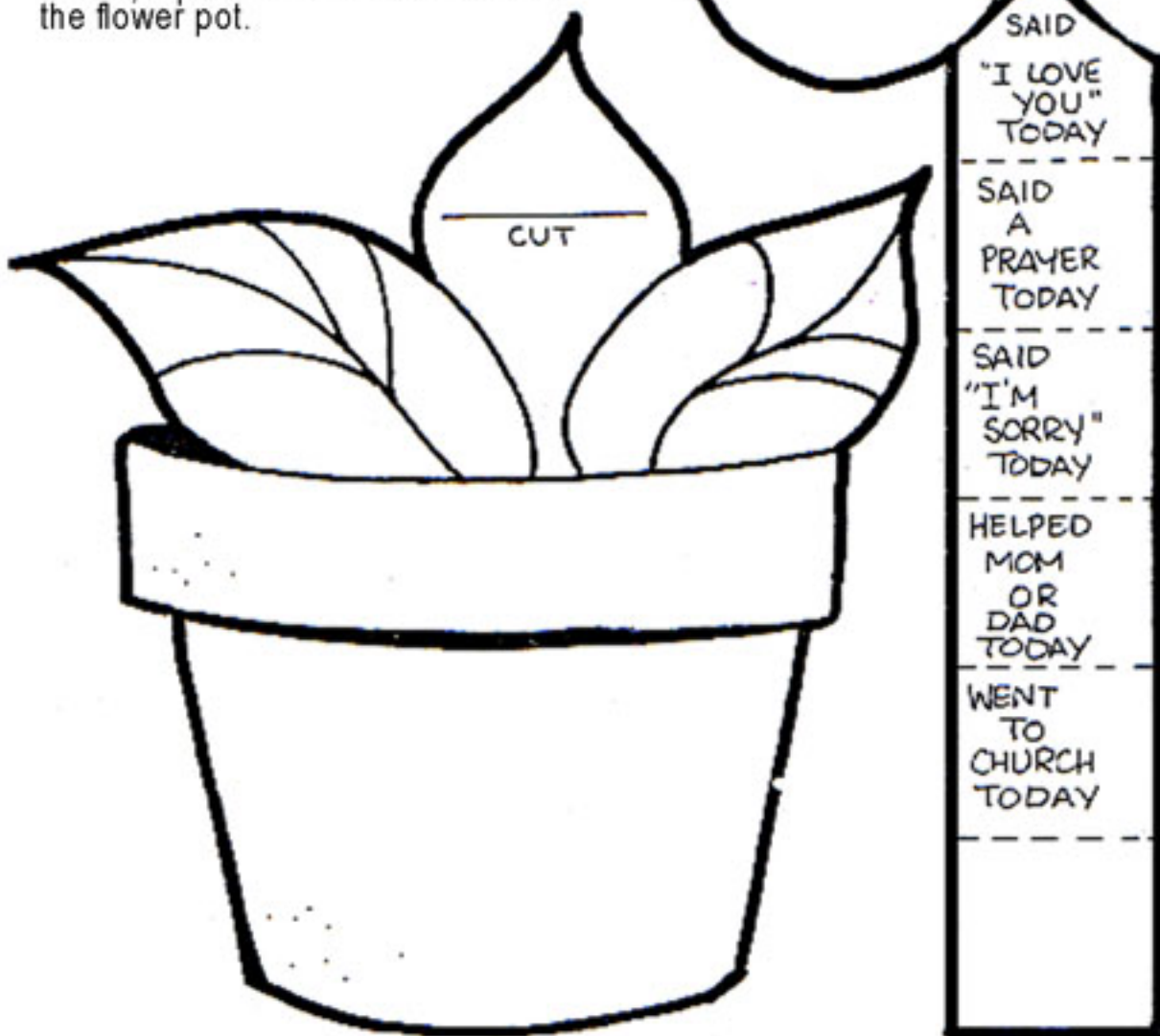
Color the flower and flower pot. Lightly color the stem.

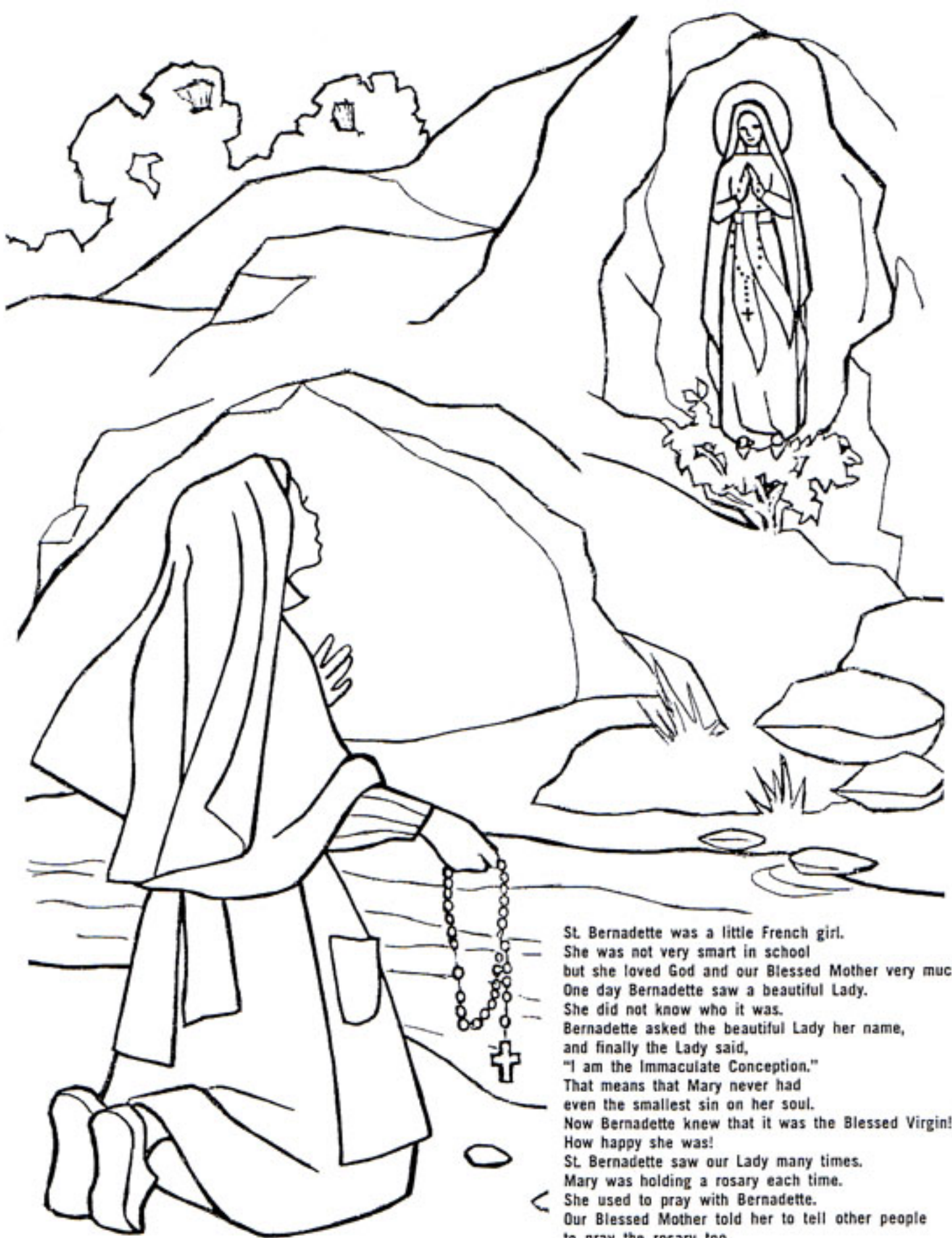
Cut the slit on the lead carefully.

Slide the stem of the flower through the slit, toward the back of the pot. Lower the flower all the way down.

Each day you do one of the good deeds that you see printed on the stem, you may make the flower grow taller. Just pull it up a little.

You, too, will grow in God's love! When you have done all the good deeds, tape the back of the stem to the flower pot.





St. Bernadette was a little French girl. She was not very smart in school but she loved God and our Blessed Mother very much. One day Bernadette saw a beautiful Lady. She did not know who it was. Bernadette asked the beautiful Lady her name, and finally the Lady said, "I am the Immaculate Conception." That means that Mary never had even the smallest sin on her soul. Now Bernadette knew that it was the Blessed Virgin! How happy she was! St. Bernadette saw our Lady many times. Mary was holding a rosary each time. She used to pray with Bernadette. Our Blessed Mother told her to tell other people to pray the rosary too. There are many beautiful names for our Lady. One of them is "Our Lady of Lourdes." That is the name of the town where St. Bernadette saw her.

Like St. Bernadette, I will tell others about the rosary. I will pray it as well as I can in order to receive many favors from our Blessed Mother.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

February 11