



## Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

November 2003  
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin this month of November with the great celebration of the Feast of All Saints. Why do we celebrate this feast? Because, we the faithful, are called by the Church to holiness. With this feast we celebrate, and remember, all the saints that are not in the calendar. Let's try to teach our children about them and their good examples. Also remember to pray for all our deceased relatives and friends.

Our nation celebrates Thanksgiving on *November 27*. Encourage the importance of praying for unity among all our brothers and sisters and to give thanks for all the good things they gave this great nation. *November 22* is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King this day. Also, *November 23* marks the end of the Liturgical year, and on *November 30* Advent begins.

### Important feasts and Saints:

November 1	All Saints Day	November 21	Presentation of Mary in the Temple
November 2	Day of All Souls	November 22	Saint Cecilia
November 3	Saint Martín de Porres	November 22	<b>Consecration Mass</b>
November 13	Saint Frances Xavier Cabrine	November 27	Thanksgiving

### November 20 Leader's Workshop

#### Enclosed materials:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Monthly calendar             | 5) Thanksgiving Rosary        |
| 2) Mystery Saints for November  | 6) All Saints Day             |
| 3) Sunday Gospels               | 7) Christ the King            |
| 4) Liturgical calendar activity | 8) Thanksgiving Greeting Card |

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

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Saint Martín de Porres | 4. The Miraculous Medal  |
| 2. Death                  | 5. Gratitude Attitude    |
| 3. Saints and Heroes      | 6. Anointing of the Sick |

**Don't forget to reserve your seat as soon as possible for the III International Congress for Leaders of the Friends of Jesus and Mary, for April 24 in Santo Domingo. There will be simultaneous translation to English. Space is limited!**

Our next workshop will be November 20, at 7:00 P.M. in St. Timothy's (Church Hall North).  
¡We're looking forward to be with you!

The Consecration Mass for the children will be November 22 at 9:00 A.M. in St. Kieran's Catholic Church. 3650 South Miami Ave. Miami, FL 33133.

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

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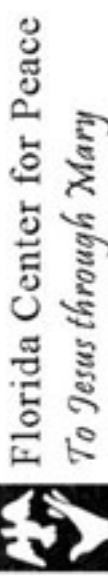
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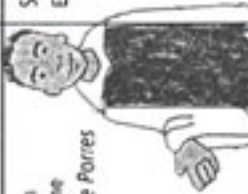


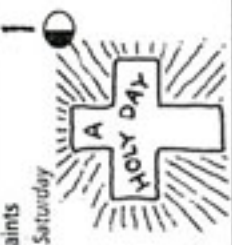








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# November

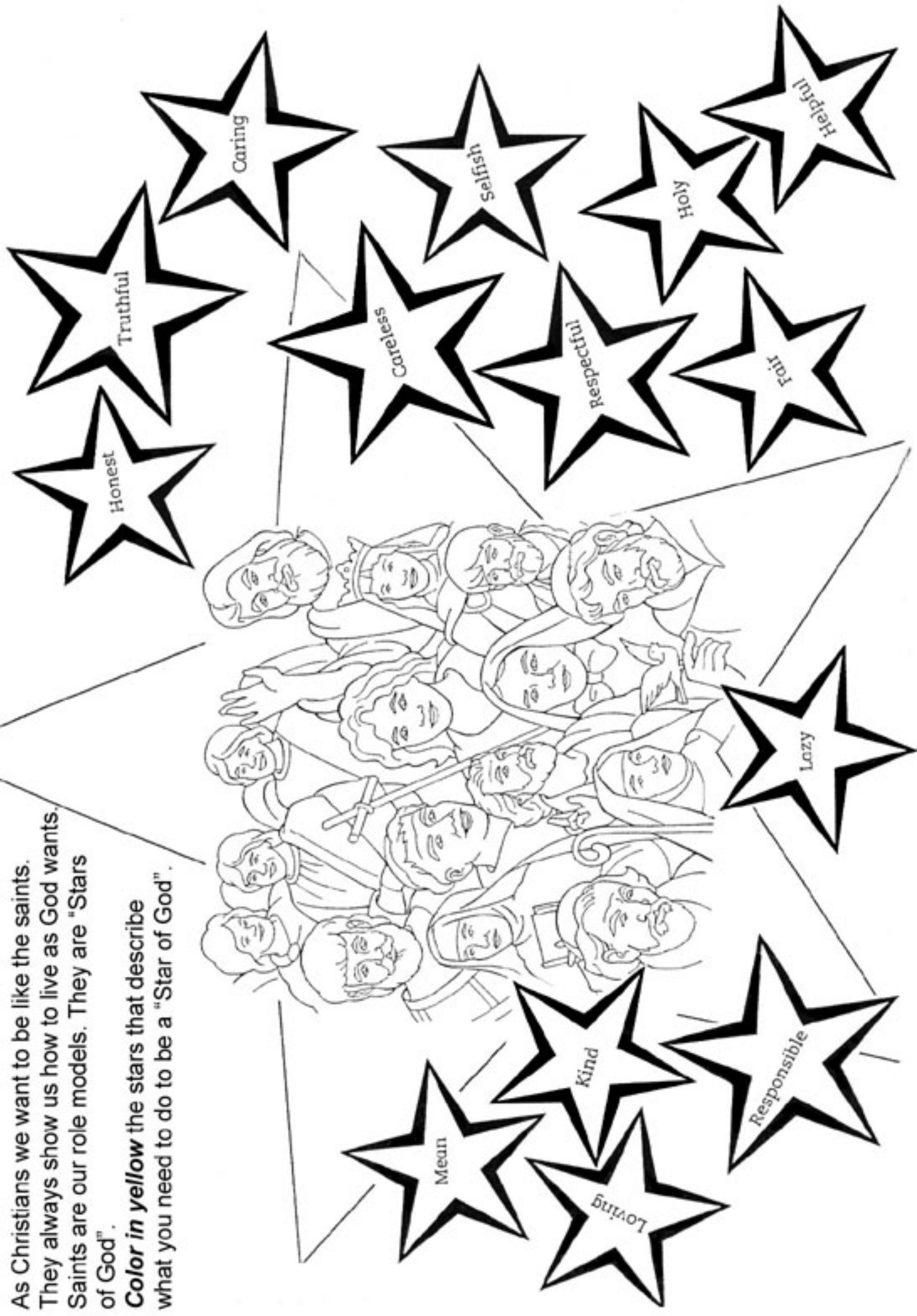
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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Dan. 7:13-14; Rev. 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37 1st Sunday of Advent Jer. 33:14-16; 2 Thess. 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions 34th or Last Week in Ordinary Time 24	 25	Thanksgiving Day 27 Holiday	Thanksgiving Day 27 Holiday	Prepare your 29 Advent Wreath 	Prepare your 29 Advent Wreath 

# November 1st, We Celebrate All Saints

As Christians we want to be like the saints. They always show us how to live as God wants. Saints are our role models. They are "Stars of God".

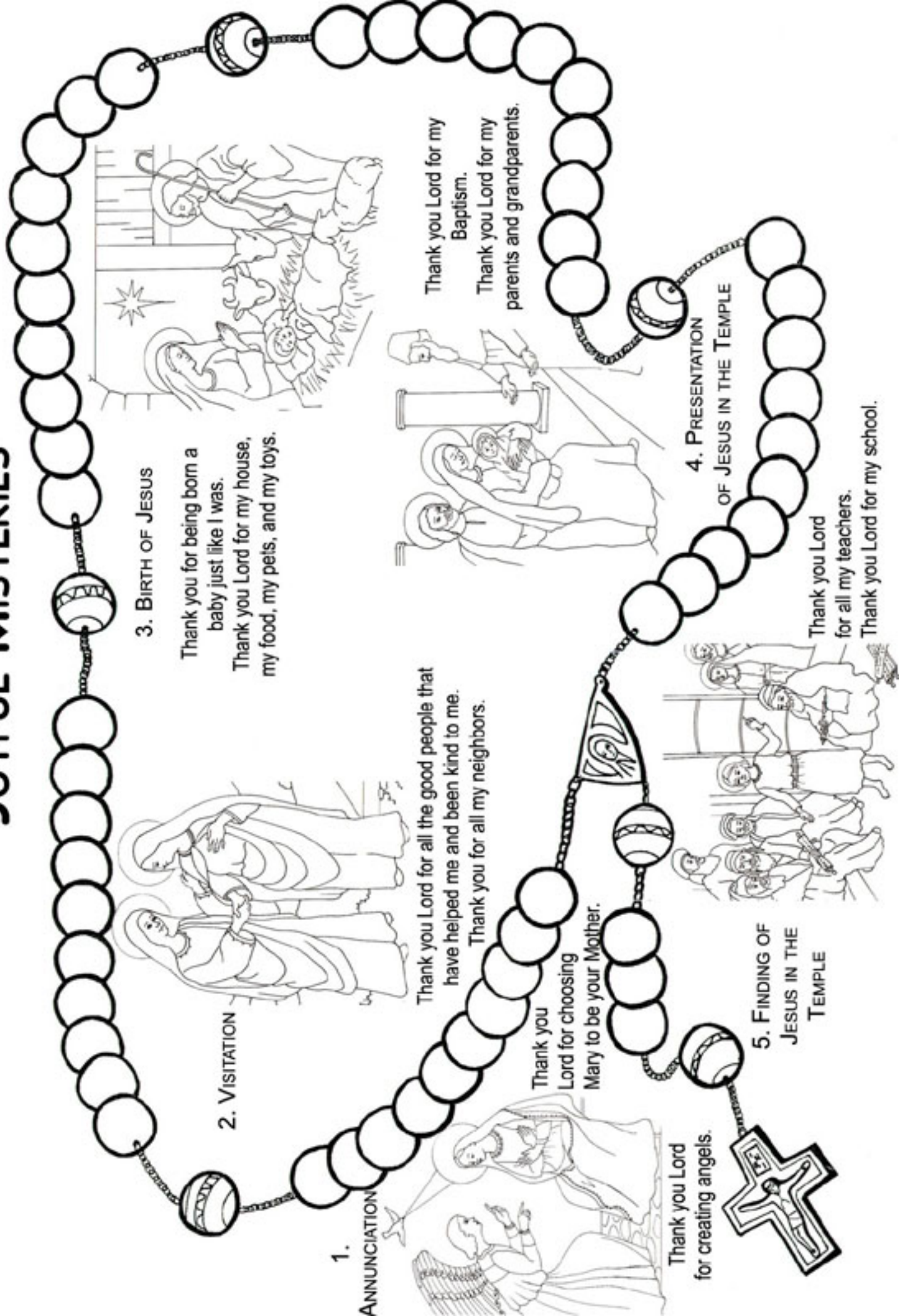
**Color in yellow** the stars that describe what you need to do to be a "Star of God".

# Stars for God



# Rosary to Give Thanks

## JOYFUL MISTRIES



1.

ANNUNCIATION



Thank you Lord  
for creating angels.

2. VISITATION



Thank you Lord for all the good people that  
have helped me and been kind to me.  
Thank you for all my neighbors.

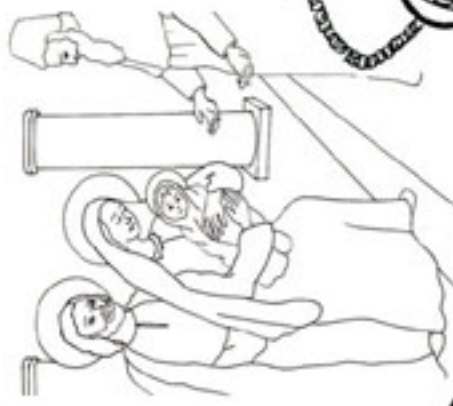
3. BIRTH OF JESUS

Thank you for being born a  
baby just like I was.  
Thank you Lord for my house,  
my food, my pets, and my toys.



Thank you Lord for my  
Baptism.  
Thank you Lord for my  
parents and grandparents.

4. PRESENTATION  
OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE



Thank you Lord  
for all my teachers.  
Thank you Lord for my school.

5. FINDING OF  
JESUS IN THE  
TEMPLE



# Can you guess which Saints we are ?

Mystery Saints for the month of November



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# Hints for November's Mystery Saints

**A.** He was a fisherman. Since he met Jesus he decided to follow Him. He traveled with Jesus and learned many things from him. During the multiplication of the bread and fish, it was him who showed Jesus the child with the 5 fish and 2 bread. He traveled to many places telling people about Jesus' teachings and actions.

**November 30.**

**B.** On the night of November 27 in 1830, she had an apparition of the Blessed Mother; streams of light were coming from her hands. She was told that a medal was to be made; and that people who wore the medal would receive many graces. Soon, because of all the graces people received while wearing the medal, it was called "Miraculous".

**November 27.**

**C.** He was the son of a Spaniard and a Peruvian woman. He studied medicine so he could take care of the sick. He joined the Order of Dominicans in Peru. He dedicated his life to help the poorest people. He was loved by all.

**November 3.**

**D.** She came from Italy to New York City and opened orphanages, schools, and a hospital. She always helped people who came new to this country and taught them about God.

**November 13**

**E.** She was a queen who welcomed the people who were poor and sick into her palace. She cared for them as if they were her own children or family.

**November 17**

**F.** She wanted to spend her whole life in praise of God because she loved Jesus with all her heart. She is the patroness of music and musicians.

**November 22**

Dan. 12:1-3;  
Rom. 6:3-9;  
John 6:37-40

## With Jesus we live forever

November 2: All Souls, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about the people they know who have died. Ask them about the good things they have learned from those people. How can those lessons help them live a better life? Comment on the Hispanic traditions of celebrating the day of the dead with altars, visits to the cemetery, and cooking special breads and desserts. Speak with the children about how these traditions help us remember that those who have died are really living eternal life with God.

**Activities and prayer.** Before you meet in class, contact the children and ask them to bring pictures of those they love who have died. Build an altar with candles, flowers and the photos. Each child should say the name(s) of his or her loved ones and give thanks for the good memories and the things he or she has learned. All respond: "Jesus, give us life!"

**Jesus, your friend, invites you:**

>> Jesus says that those who believe in him will live forever. Do you know someone who has died but still seems to be present?  
>> Death is hard and painful. It is difficult to be separated from the people we love. Jesus invites those who mourn the death of a loved one to believe that there will be a final reunion. Do you believe this?

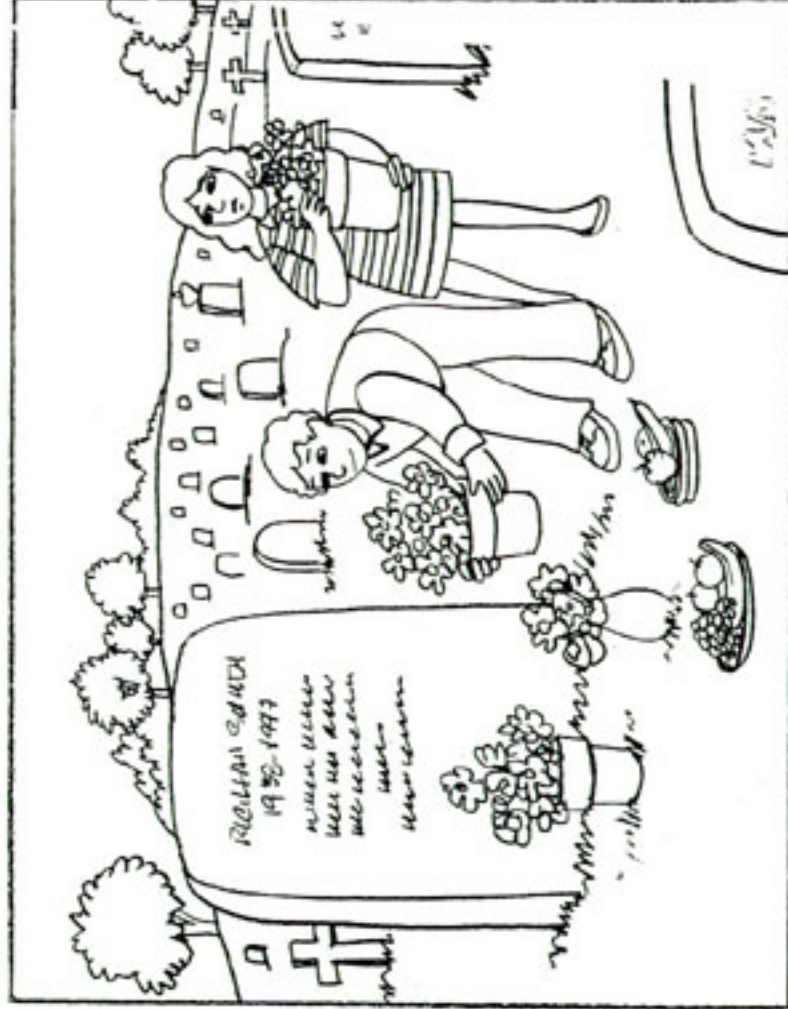
**What am I going to do?**

Speak to Jesus and tell him about somebody you love and has died. Tell him how sad you are and ask him to help you believe that the person is living with God forever. Tell him what you would like to do this week.

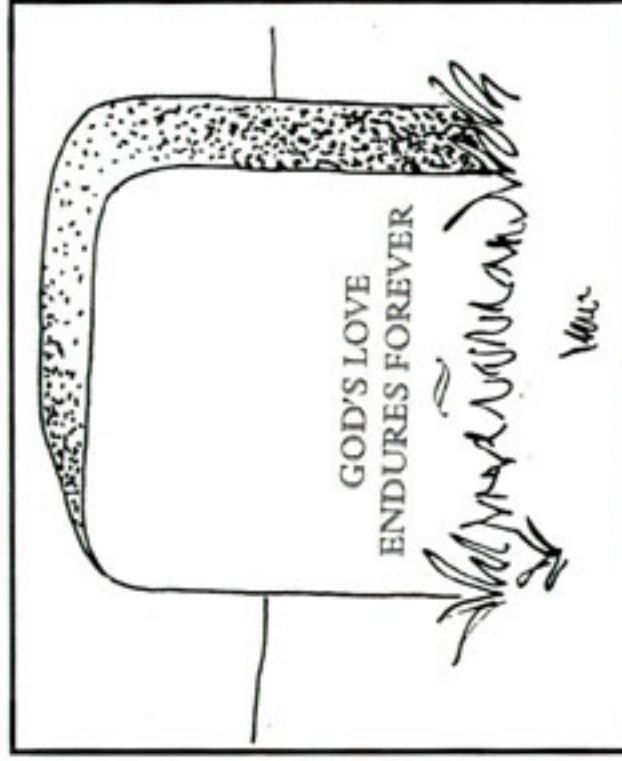
>> For example: *I will visit the cemetery and pray for those who have died.*

>> For example: *I will remember the good things someone who has died taught me and give thanks to God for that person.*

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In Halloween movies, graves are scary places. But in real life, they show how much families love the person who died. Think of someone you know who has died, write their name on the gravestone; put decorations like plants, flowers, statues and other objects to make the grave beautiful.



# Jesus Changes Our Sadness to Joy!

When someone dies, it is very sad for us and we feel a great loss. But, dear children, it is not sad for those who died. It is very happy for them because their life is changed from the life we see, to the full life with God.

**Color the butterfly** and circles on the bottom, leave circles on the butterfly-wings blank. Cut out the bottom circles and glue them on the butterfly, covering the sad events of death with the happy ones.





# A generous widow goes without food

November 9: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Talk about the story

Talk with the children about the stories of the two widows in the readings. Do they know old people (perhaps their own grandmothers) who are very generous and share everything they have, even if they are very poor? What do they think about those people? Do they think they are crazy to share like that?

## Activities and prayer

Let the children draw the two coins of the widow. They can write on each the things they want to share with others (toys, and time, help, kindness). As they place them in the Offertory basket, they say: "Jesus, teach us to be generous".

## You are there

Do you think this woman is crazy to give everything she had? What do you have? What would you place in the box?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> In the first reading there is also a woman who gives everything she had: even what she needed for her son and herself to eat. God promises she will not be lacking food. Do you trust God will give you what you need if you share generously?  
>> The widow gave everything she had. Are you willing to share what you have?

## What am I going to do?





Speak to Jesus and tell him about your week. Talk to him about times when you don't want to share because you are afraid you'll lose what you have. Ask him for help to be generous:  
>> For example: *I will give part of my allowance for a collection of people in need.*

>> For example: *I will share my toys with my younger brothers and sisters or with other children.*

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Who belongs with each sum of coins?  
(Draw a line from each sum to the person.)

			
Sum =	Sum =	Sum =	Sum =

The poor widow gave all that she had - even though it wasn't a lot of money. Add up all the coins to figure out the totals, then match each total with the person who probably gave it away at the temple.

### Talk about the story

Have they ever heard of those groups of people who say that the end of the world is near? What do they think? Do they also hear it at home because the adults are concerned about the catastrophes and problems of the world? What do they say? What helps them to believe that things can be better? What good things do they also see happening?

### Activities and prayer

Have the children draw trees. On the branches, they can write some of the problems they see around, and also some of the good things they see other people do to build a better world. On the roots they can write: "We trust you Jesus".

### You are there

Are you a little scared by this talk of not knowing the day or the hour of Jesus' coming? Do you want to ask Jesus what he means with all that talk about the fig tree?



### Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> Jesus does not want to scare us, but to remind us that He has conquered death and that there will be a new and better world. It is an invitation to living a good way while we wait for His return.

### What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him things you don't want to end, and things you want to be over with. Tell him that you know that being with him, you trust in his help and presence. Tell him what you want to do this week:

>> For example: *I will speak to Jesus about things that bother me at home or at school. I will ask for help not to be afraid.*

>> For example: *I will pay attention to the advice of adults, which tell me what God wants me to do.*

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The Bible story for today talks about time.

Below, circle all of the objects that help us keep track of time.

(Hint: there are ten)

# A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING

Where do we get our ideas about kings? They come mostly from storybooks or the stories that we have read. The questions below ask you to compare the kings of this world to the king of the universe, Jesus. How is Jesus different from other kings?

## 1. WITH WHOM DO KINGS ASSOCIATE?

WITH WHOM DOES KING JESUS ASSOCIATE? (Luke 5:30-32)

## 2. HOW DO KINGS GET EVEN WITH SOMEONE WHO TREATS THEM POORLY?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS SAY ABOUT GETTING EVEN? (Matthew 5:39)

## 3. WHAT DO KINGS PROMISE THEIR FOLLOWERS?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS PROMISE HIS FOLLOWERS? (Matthew 16: 24-25)

## 4. WHERE DO KINGS LIVE?

WHERE DOES KING JESUS LIVE? (Luke 9:58)



**CHRIST THE KING, November 23**

## 5. WHAT DO MOST KINGS THINK THEY HAVE BEEN BORN TO DO?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS SAY HE HAS COME TO DO? (John 12-20-27)

## 6. HOW DO KINGS HANDLE THEIR ENEMIES?

HOW DOES KING JESUS WANT US TO HANDLE OUR ENEMIES? (Matt. 5:44)

## 7. HOW DO KINGS TREAT THEIR FOLLOWERS?

HOW DOES KING JESUS TREAT HIS FOLLOWERS? (John 13:12-17)

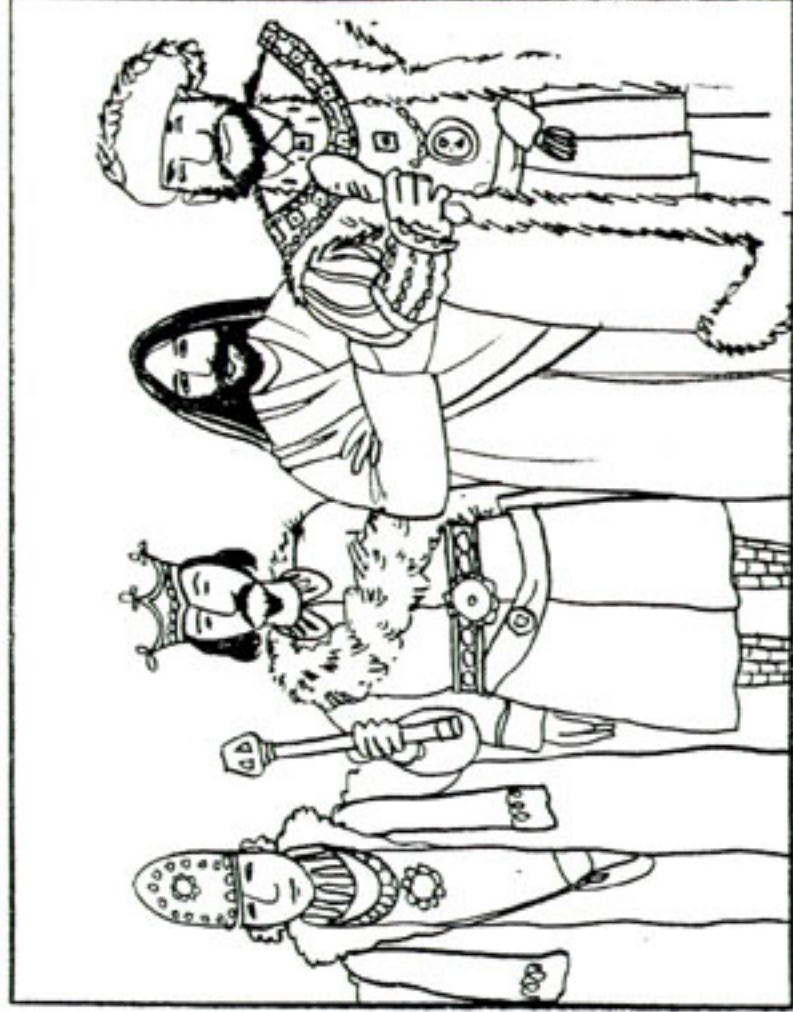
Dan. 7:13-14;

Rev. 1:5-8;

John 18:33b-37

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about what they know about kings and governors. What is the role of presidents? How are they similar and how are they different from Jesus' role? Explain about the revolutions around the world at the beginning of the 20th century. In Mexico, as in many other places, the church was persecuted and many young people died crying out: "Long live Christ the King!" Explain how this cry was a sign of the defense of freedom of faith against unjust governments.

**Activities and prayer.** Represent the reign of Jesus. Each child can receive a piece of paper with an action (helping a classmate, getting everyone to do what I want, accompanying someone, lying). The child representing Jesus says whether he accepts that action in his kingdom or not, and why. Those who have something unacceptable will be able to change it so that they can enter the kingdom.



# Jesus is our king

November 23: Christ the King

## You are there

What do you think about this king? Shouldn't he rather defend himself with his sword and get rid of Pilate and Herod?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> What do you think Jesus means by a kingdom of truth? If you want to be with him, how would you have to speak?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how do you imagine kings. Thank him because he is not a king by force, but because he loves you more than anyone. Tell him what you want to do this week:

>> For example: *I will not try to force anyone to do what I want.*

>> For example: *I will try to speak the truth always.*

>>

What kind of a king or queen would you be? Draw a picture of how you imagine yourself to look as a king or queen.

# Presentation of Our Lady

November 21



Joachim and Anne knew that Mary was a special gift from God. Soon after she was born they went to the temple and dedicated their child to God.

## **Prayer to Child Mary**

*After each advocacy, all respond:*

**R:** "Child Mary, help me to be like you".

**Lector:** Child Mary, for your perfect humility /R.



When she was very young Mary went to the temple school. Here she learned more about God and listened to the Bible stories of God's promise and plan.

*Child Mary, for your faith and obedience, /R.*

*Child Mary, for your simplicity and purity, /R.*

*Child Mary, for the love to your earthly parents*

*and to God the Father. /R.*

Jer. 33:14-16;

2 Thess. 3:12-42;

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

# Don't be afraid

November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent

## Talk about the story

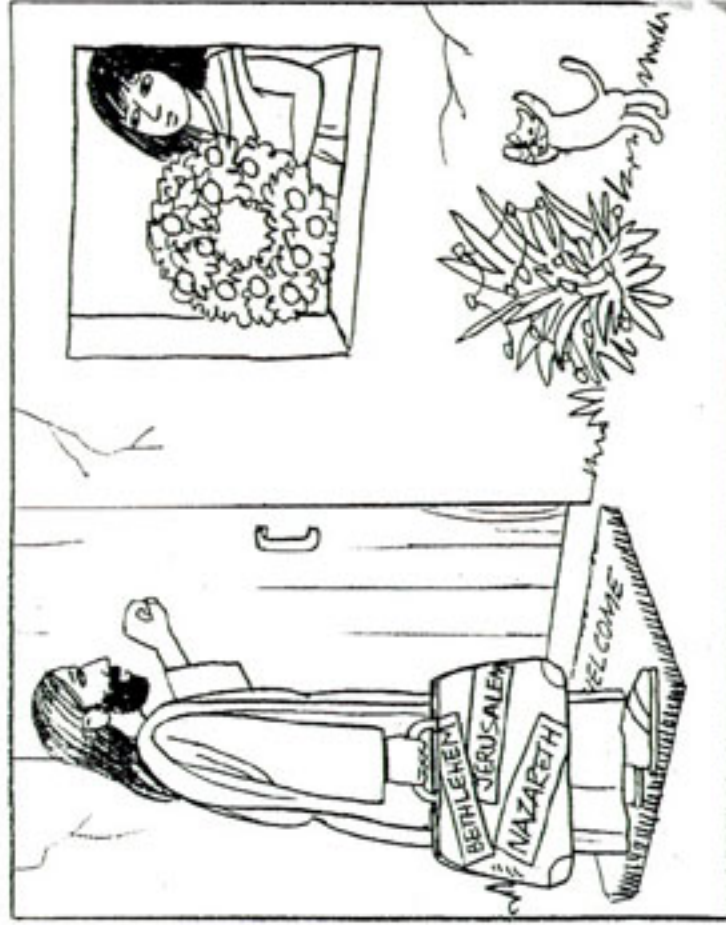
Talk with the children about this time before Christmas. How do they prepare to receive important visitors? What do they do when they are expecting someone? Do they go to the window a lot, to see if they are coming? Do they listen for the phone? Waiting for Jesus is similar. It means being prepared an attentive to see what needs to be done in the house.

## Activities and prayer

Ask the children to write a letter pretending it's from Jesus announcing his visit and telling them what kinds of things he would like to find when he comes. They can share their letters. All say: "We wait for you, Jesus".

## You are there

Do you think Jesus speaks about signs in the same way as astrologers and horoscopes do? What is the difference?



## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> Jesus says the best thing is to live in a way that is pleasing to God. What do you think pleases God in what you do? Throughout the day, what are the things that God likes that you do at school, at home, and when you play with your friends?

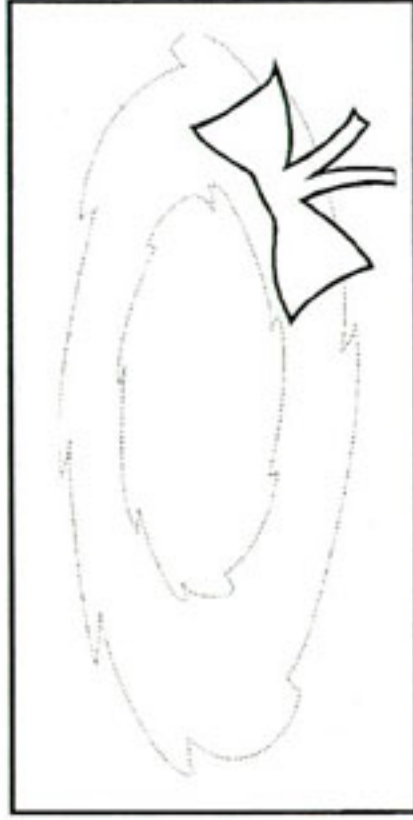
## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him that, although sometimes it is difficult, you want to be attentive so that you can do what pleases God. Tell him what you want to do:

>> For example: *I will think of my mom or other adults who get tired from work, and I will try to help out.*

>> For example: *I will try to remember what they have asked me to do, so that they don't have to repeat it to me.*

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Do you know what an Advent wreath is for? It keeps track of the days leading up to Christmas. Follow the steps below to create your own Advent wreath.

1. The wreath is circular, the circle symbolizes that God lives forever, with no beginning and no end. Trace the dots to make a wreath.
2. Four candles stick up from the branches. Three of these are purple to symbolize sadness, because sometimes we know that we don't do things as Jesus would have. Draw three purple candles.
3. The fourth candle is pink and symbolizes the happiness we feel as Jesus' birthday draws near. Draw a pink candle.
4. The wreath is made of evergreen branches - from pine trees, or holly. It symbolizes that God is always with us and will never change. Color the wreath green.
5. In the first week of Advent we light one of the purple candles to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world.

# ***A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING***



## ***WE THANK YOU, GOD***

Sing to "The ABC Song"

Loving God, we give you thanks  
For all the good things that you do;  
For family, friends and myself too;

For helping us in all we do.

We thank you for the world so sweet.

We thank you for the food we eat.

Amen.

## **Prayer:**

Today is a special day for giving thanks, God. You give me every good thing and I forget at times to thank You. For family and health, for friends and food, for love and Your life I thank You, thank You, thank You. Amen.



to \_\_\_\_\_

*A Happy  
Thanksgiving Day!*

*"The land has produced its harvest;  
God, our God, has blessed us."*

*Psalms 67:6*

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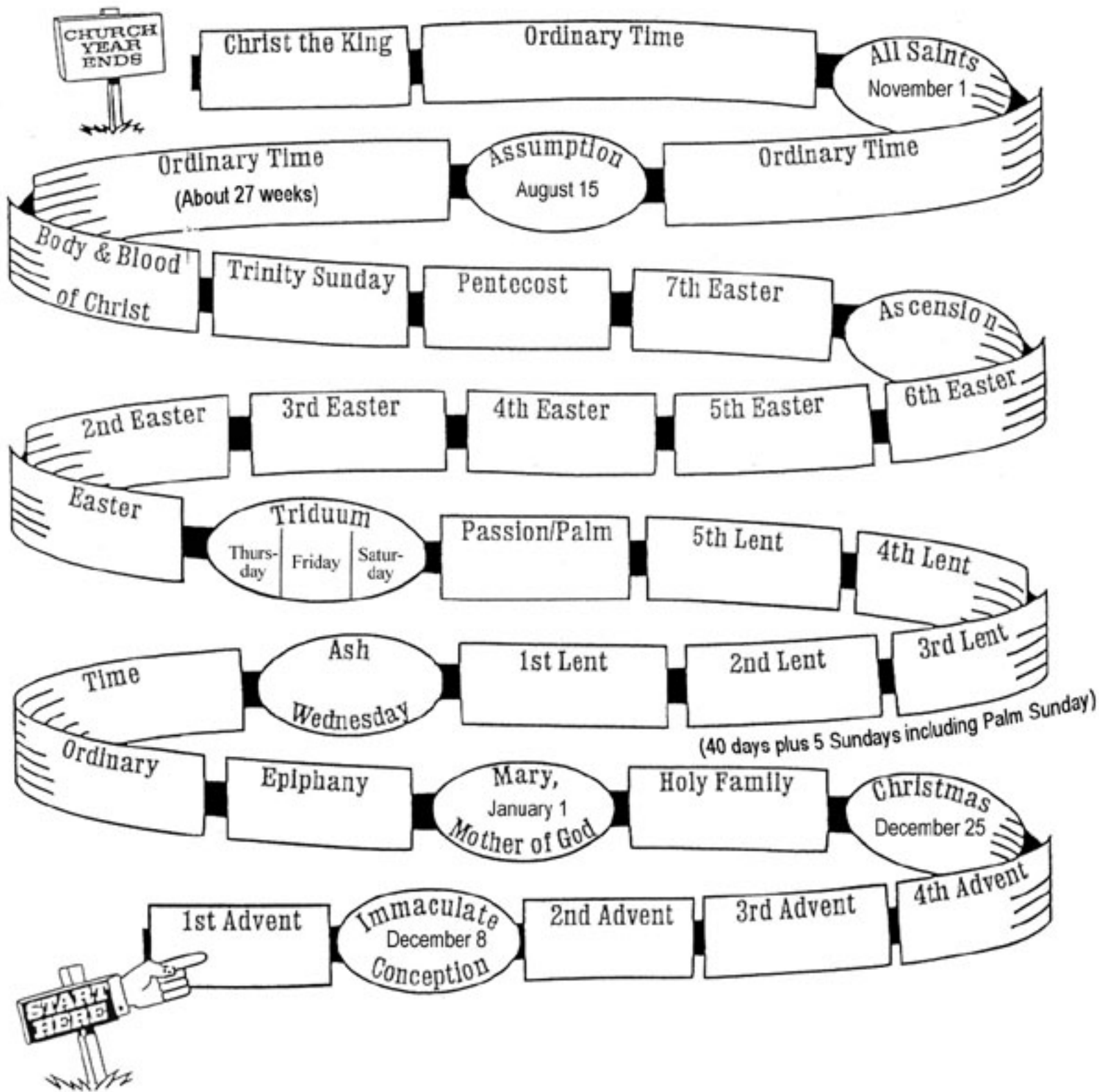


# Our Church Year

While completing your Church year calendar, keep in mind that each small rectangle represents a Sunday, each large rectangle represents a season, and each circle represents a special feast or day. Catholics in the United States are obliged to attend Mass during these feasts: **Immaculate Conception (Dic 8)**, **Christmas (Dic 25)**, **Mary, Mother of God (January 1)**, **Ascension (40 days after Easter)**, **Assumption (August 15)**, y **All Saints (November 1)**.

Color the days in the calendar with the following colors:

*Purple:* 1-2-4 week of Advent, 1-2-3-5 week of Lent. *Pink:* 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent, 4<sup>th</sup> week of Lent, *White:* all Holidays, *Green:* Ordinary Time, *Red:* Palm Sunday, Pentecost, Holy Friday.



## LITURGICAL COLORS AND THEIR MEANING

**White:** Joy and purity

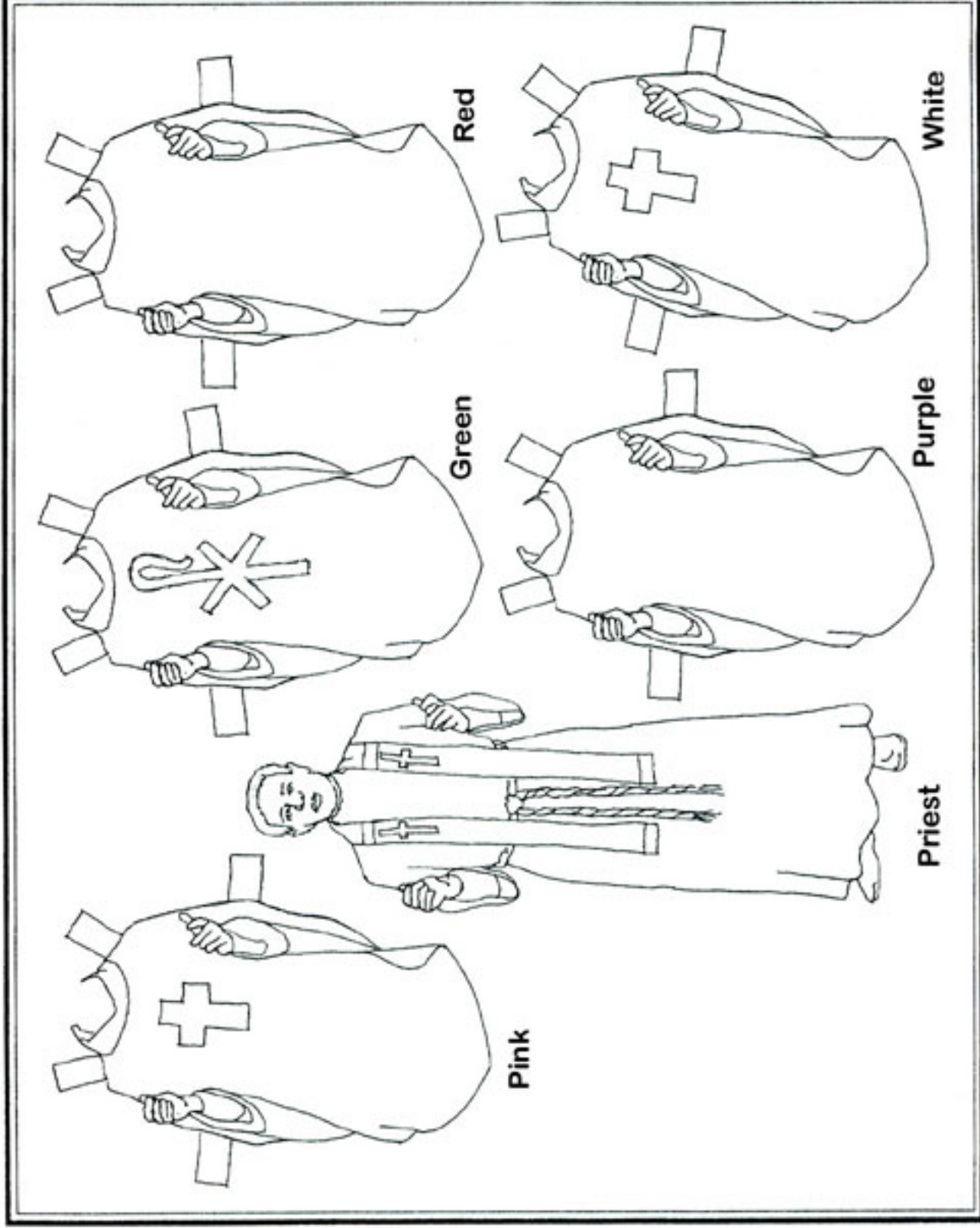
**Purple:** Penance

**Red:** Fire of the Holy Spirit and Martyrdom

**Green:** Hope and Growth

**Pink:** Happiness

Color the chasubles and dress the priest according to the feast or liturgical time.



Which color is used according to its liturgical time?

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Week of  
Advent  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>  
Week of  
Lent

**Purple**

3<sup>rd</sup> Week of  
Advent  
4<sup>th</sup> week of  
Lent

**Pink**

Christmas  
Easter  
Holidays

**White**

Holy Friday  
Pentecost  
Martirs

**Red**

Ordinary  
Time

**Green**