



Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

September 2003  
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We would like to dedicate this month of September to sharing God's love with the children through his Commandments. We should emphasize the importance of obeying the rules in our families, schools, and churches. Let us also exhibit a spirit of love in our families by sharing daily. Let's demonstrate through our examples that by being an active part of the Holy Mass we will become part of this great family which is the Catholic Church.

**Enclosed you will find some feasts and saints of this month:**

Sept. 8	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Leaders Workshop</b>
Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Sept. 27	Saint Vincent de Paul
Sept. 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Sept. 29	Ss .Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael archangels
Sept. 21	Saint Matthew		
Sept. 23	Fall Begins		

**Enclosed Materials:**

- 1) This month's calendar
- 2) Third International Congress Flyer
- 3) Saints for September
- 4) This month's Gospels
- 5) Birthday card for the Blessed Virgin
- 6) The Ten Commandments game "The Tables of the Law"

**Recommended videos:**

1. Listen to the Maker (SHKC)
2. The Eucharist (SHKC)
3. Moses (Hana-Barbera)
4. Moses, the Egyptian (CCC)

We would like to encourage you to set aside the dates of April 22 through the 25th of 2004 to attend the Third International Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary to be held in Santo Domingo. Join us, it will be unforgettable! You will be able to share your experience with leaders from different countries. All information is included in the flyer.

We remind you once again that the Center for Peace moved! **Our new address is 9779 SW 72 St. Miami, FL 33173. Phone (305) 412-1700, Fax (305) 412-1777. E-mail: info@fcpeace.com, amigo\_jym\_miami@fcpeace.com.**

Now more than ever, we need your donations to continue operating. Enclosed you will find a commitment card so you can help us with a monthly donation. Please consider how much you are able to donate.

**For group leaders in Miami:** From now on, the workshop meetings will be held in St. Timothy's Church Hall "North C". There will be only one meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on Sept. 25, 2003.

May God Bless you always, Friends of Jesus and Mary



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Grandparents Day <i>Isa. 35: 4-7a;</i> <i>Jas. 2: 1-5;</i> <i>Mark 7: 31-37</i></p>	<p>Labor Day <b>HAVE A PICNIC!</b> Holiday </p>	<p>St. Peter Claver </p>	<p>St. Gregory the Great </p>	<p>St. Januarius </p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul Roth Hashanah 5764 </p>	<p>BVM First Saturday</p>
<p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Wis. 2:12, 17-20;</i> <i>Jas. 3:16, 4:3;</i> <i>Mark 9: 29-36</i></p>	<p>Our Lady of Sorrows 24th Week in Ordinary Time </p>	<p>Fall begins </p>	<p>St. Robert Bellarmine </p>	<p>St. Cosmas and Damian </p>	<p>St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and their companions</p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul Roth Hashanah 5764</p>
<p>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Num. 21: 4-9;</i> <i>Phil. 2: 6-11;</i> <i>John 2 13-17</i></p>	<p>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Happy Birthday, Holy Mary! </p>	<p>St. Cornelius and Cyprian Mexican Independence Day</p>	<p>St. Robert Bellarmine </p>	<p>St. Januarius </p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul Roth Hashanah 5764</p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul Roth Hashanah 5764</p>
<p>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Num. 11: 25-29;</i> <i>Jas. 5: 1-6;</i> <i>Mark 9:38-43, 47-48</i></p>	<p>St. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels </p>	<p>St. Jerome </p>	<p>St. Robert Bellarmine </p>	<p>St. Robert Bellarmine </p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul Roth Hashanah 5764</p>	<p>St. Vincent de Paul Roth Hashanah 5764</p>

WORKSHOP

# September 2003

# III International Congress for Leaders



## Prayer Nests for Children "Friends of Jesus and Mary"

Ministry supervised by the Department of Religious Education  
of the Archdiocese of Miami

**Joining us in this event will be: Sister Angela Ros, S.T.J.  
and also leaders from different countries.**

### Themes & Workshops

- What is the Ministry of Friends of Jesus and Mary?
- Jesus, teach me how to pray.
- Your word is life.
- Different approaches to capture children's attention.
- I am here because I love you (Adoration)
- Training and formation of new guides.



**Date: April 22, 23, 24, 25  
of the year 2004**

**Place: Escuela de Evangelización  
Juan Pablo II  
Santo Domingo, Rep. Dominicana**

**Fee: \$200**

**Includes: lodging, 9 meals  
and transportation**

**(airport - retreat house- airport)**

**Additional Night: \$25**

**"Learn to guide the children  
in prayer and happiness"**

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# Guess which Saints we are

## Mystery Saints for September

1. Historical Roman martyrs. Their names mean "adornment and dreamer", they were called the one without money. They practiced medicine without charging a fee, they gave a lot, even if they didn't receive anything in return.



**September 26**

3. In France he took care of the poorest folks. He was aided by different men and women; and nowadays, by his followers throughout the world, who continue to serve the sick, old and orphaned.



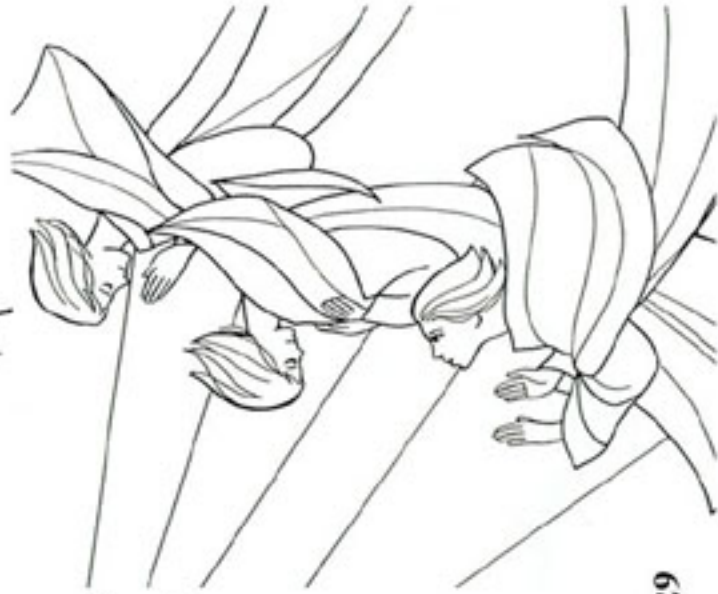
**September 27**

2. He wrote the first gospel, he wasn't a popular person in his town. Jesus chose him to be one of his apostles. Jesus was letting is know that everyone is welcome to God's life and friendship.



**September 21**

4. They adore God, love Him, and serve Him in heaven. They always sing praises of God and of the Blessed Mother. When God calls them, they fly at his command. They are always ready and happy to obey their King.



**September 29**

# A deaf man hears again

September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Talk about the story

Speak with the children about what it is like not being able to listen or to speak. How would they feel? Do they know someone who is deaf and mute? What is it like playing deaf? Do they sometimes play deaf in order not to do something the adults are asking of them? What would they like to tell someone, and they don't dare? Why is it sometimes they feel they cannot speak up?

## You are there

Imagine you are deaf and mute. How do you communicate with people? Imagine you are one of the friends of the man and you are accompanying him to see Jesus. Do you really think Jesus can heal your friend? How do you feel when he does?



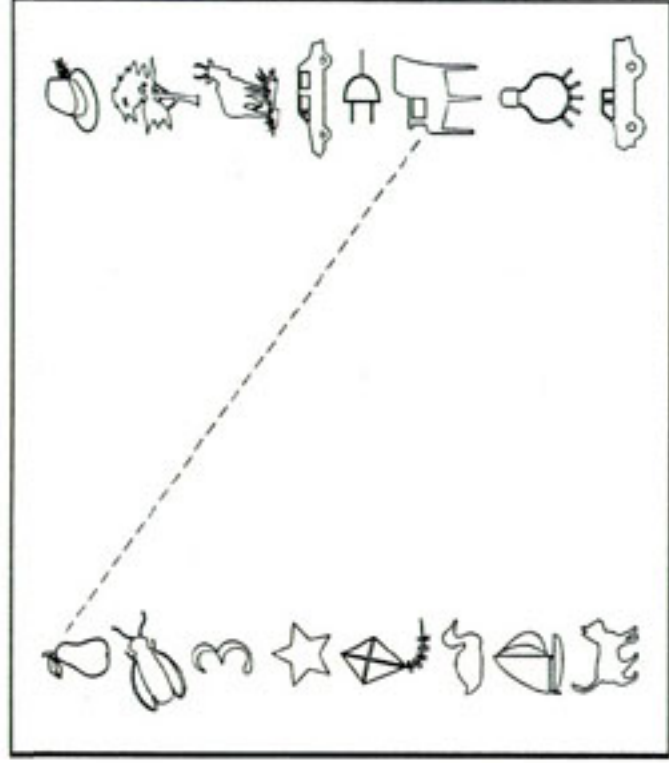
**Q:** Jesus healed a young man so that he could hear and speak. This man then heard all sorts of wonderful sounds. Do you listen to the people and sounds around you? Do you sometimes pretend not to hear?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- >> Jesus opens the ears of people to hear what God wants of them. Do you sometimes play deaf to what your parents or adults say?
- >> Jesus did everything well. Do you make and effort to do things well?

## What am I going to do?

- Speak to Jesus and tell him about things you do not like to hear at home or at school. Ask him for help to listen to the things that he likes you to do. Tell him what you want to do:
- >> For example: *I will listen to Jesus every day to know how he wants me to behave during the day.*
  - >> For example: *I will say something kind to someone.*
  - >>



When you hear with your ears, One thing you'll find, you can have lots fun, when you hear words that rhyme. So look at the objects you see down below, and match all the words that rhyme in each row.

# Jesus heals us

September 14: Feast of the Holy Cross

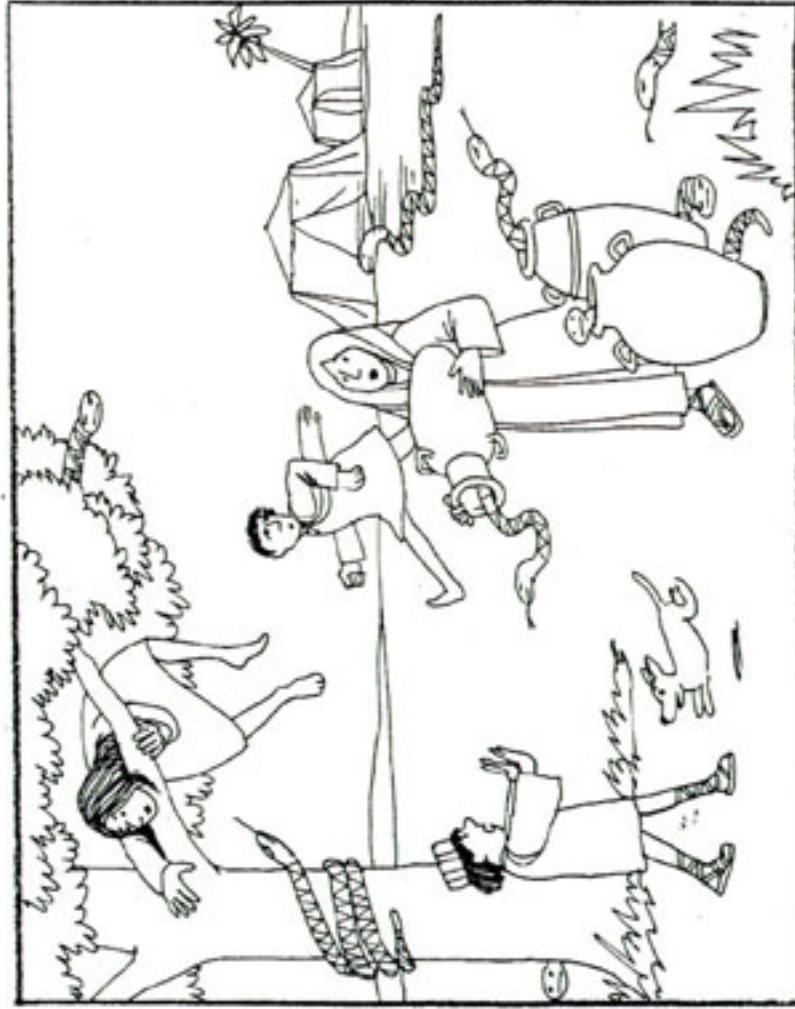
*Num. 21: 4-9;*  
*Phil. 2: 6-11;*  
*John 2 13-17*

## Talk about the story

Talk with the children about illnesses. Have they ever felt sick? What kind of sickness or physical or spiritual problems do people have? How are these sicknesses different? How can Jesus bring healing to those who are physically or spiritually sick?

## You are there

Are you afraid of serpents? Why do you think God would give that symbol?



**Q:** A long time ago, many people were bitten by snakes that invaded their homes, but God sent help. Do you trust God to help you when you are in trouble or feel that you have too many problems?

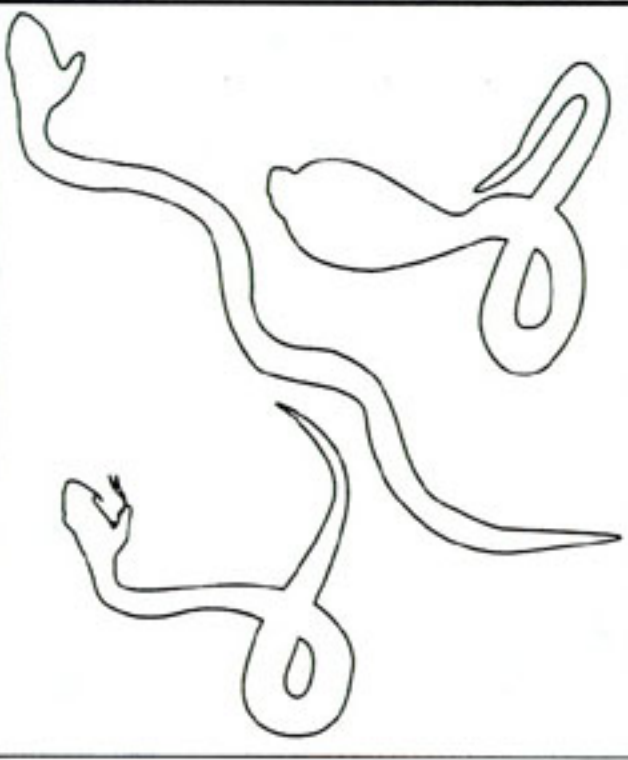
## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> Jesus wants us to be free from those things that "bite" us. What in your family would you like Jesus to heal?  
>> What bad habits do you have? Do you ask Jesus for the help to break free from those habits?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about your daily difficulties. Ask him for the help to overcome them. Tell him what you want to do this week:

>> For example: *I will visit someone in my family who is sick*  
>> For example: *I will ask Jesus for the help to overcome one of my bad habits.*  
>> \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Snakes aren't all bad.

Some eat insects, helping crops to grow better. Some provide medicines to make sick people better, and many add beauty to the world because they are colorful, with interesting patterns on their skin. Add your own colors and pattern to the snakes below.

# Who is the most important one?

September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Talk about the story

Speak with the children about the people they think are important. What would they like people to say about them? Would they like to have things they see other people have? How do they feel Jesus feels about that? How do they feel when they do a favor or a service for others?

## You are there

Are you surprised to hear Jesus call you over and present you as an example for others? Isn't it strange to say that the most important are those who serve others? Who is most important for you?



**Q:** Jesus disciples fought over who was the best. Jesus told them the best person is the one who helps everyone else. Do you fight with your friends over who is best? Do you try to be the best person you can be?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

>> Jesus says that those who want to be first need serve all. Do you sometimes want to be the first and most important?  
>> Do you make an effort others?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about people you think is most important. Thank him for the people who serve others. Tell him what you want to do:  
>> For example: *I will help out at home without being told.*  
>> For example: *I will help some younger child who might need help at school.*  
>>

Jesus didn't like it when his friends kept bragging about who was the best. Elsewhere in the Bible, he comes up with a phrase to say that people shouldn't worry about being the biggest, the best, the fastest, or the first. Do you know what it is? (Underneath each object below, put the first letter of the word.)



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# Does Jesus want us to be one-armed and one-eyed?

Num. 11: 25-29;  
Jas. 5: 1-6;  
Mark 9:38-43, 47-48

September 28: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Talk about the story

Speak with the children about the story. What things or persons do they meet which encourage them to do things against what Jesus likes -friends who invite them to cut class, or to smoke; or playing or watching TV when they should be doing homework or helping at home, or some friends who would advise them to lie to their parents or teachers? What can they do not to fall into those traps?

## You are there

What does Jesus mean by these strange words? Are you disturbed by what he says? What do you want to ask him?



**Q:** The disciples get angry when a man heals someone in Jesus' name. But Jesus is happy that this man is helping him out and spreading his message. How do you help Jesus by spreading his message?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

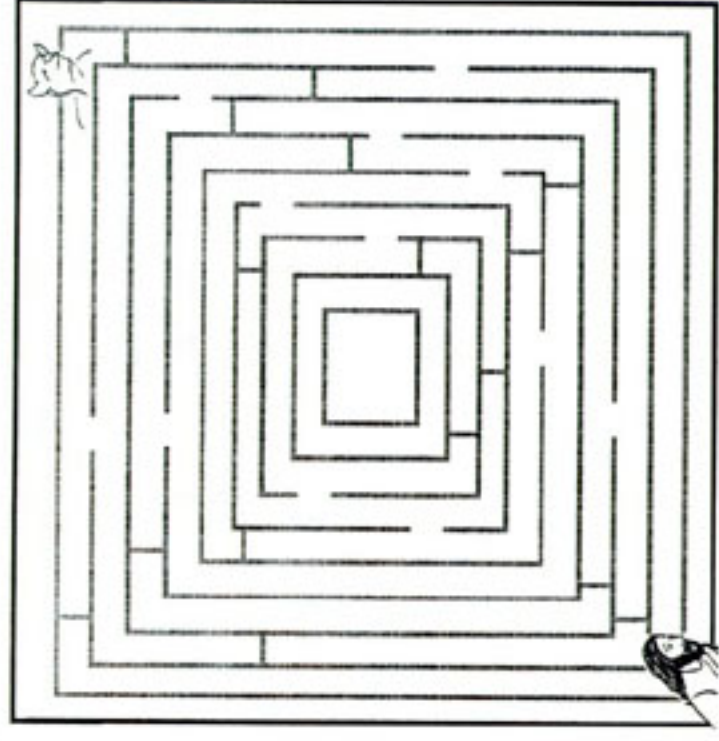
>> Jesus says that if something is more important than God in our lives, we should leave it. And that if something or someone tempts us to do what we shouldn't do, we should get away from that person or thing. Have you ever been invited to smoke, to try drugs, or to join a gang?  
>> Is there a person you like and even admire, but who is on the wrong path? What are you going to do?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and ask him for strength to reject what does not please him. Tell him what you want to do.  
>> For example: *I will say no when someone invites me to do something wrong.*

>> For example: *I will tell the truth even if it is difficult.*

>>



Jesus made people feel better by getting rid of demons.  
Help Jesus find his way to the demon below.



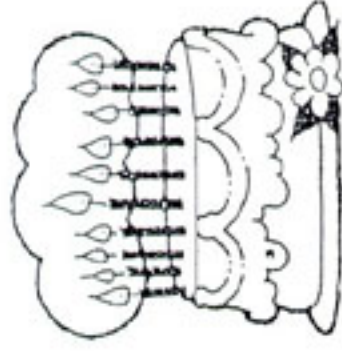
*Happy Birthday  
Mary!*





*"I have called you by name,  
You are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1



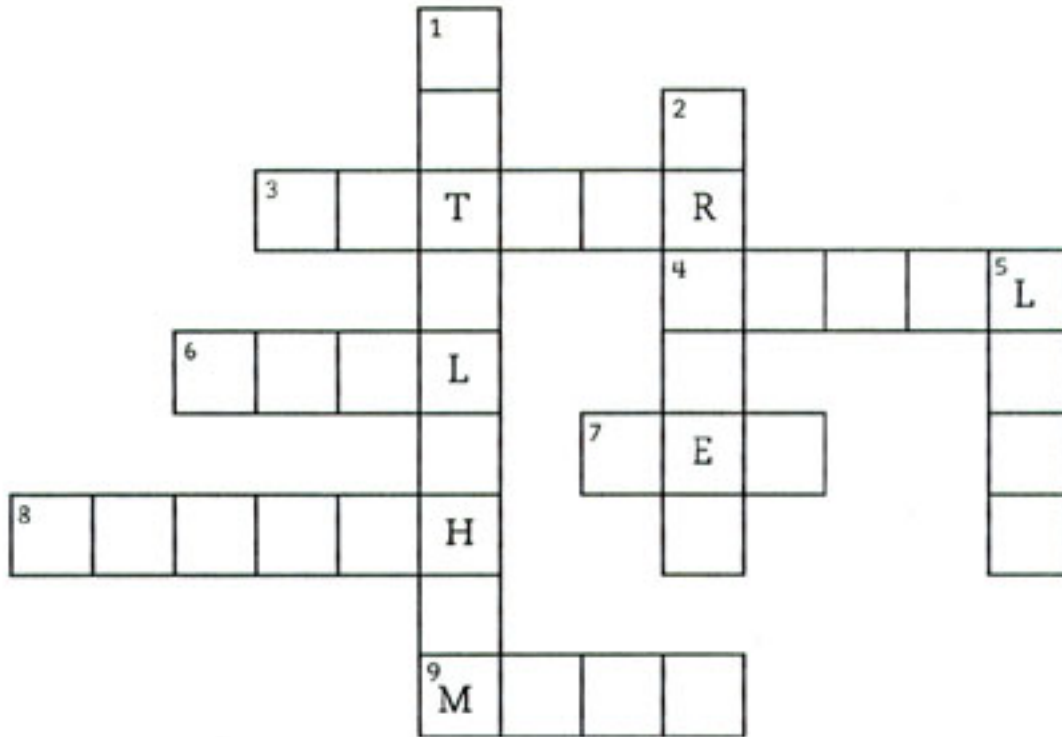
To: Mary,

**Happy Birthday!**  
**With love,**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**From,**



# We Celebrate Mary: Saying Yes to God



### Across

3. Mary is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ told Mary she would be the mother of Jesus.
6. \_\_\_\_\_, Mary, full of grace.
7. Mary said \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ was a carpenter.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the mother of Jesus.

### Down

1. Mary and Joseph went to \_\_\_\_\_, where Jesus was born.
2. The Hail Mary is our special \_\_\_\_\_ to Mary.
5. Mary can teach us how to \_\_\_\_\_.

# The Seven Sorrows of Mary



**First Sorrow**  
The Prophecy of Simeon  
(LUKE 2, 22-35)



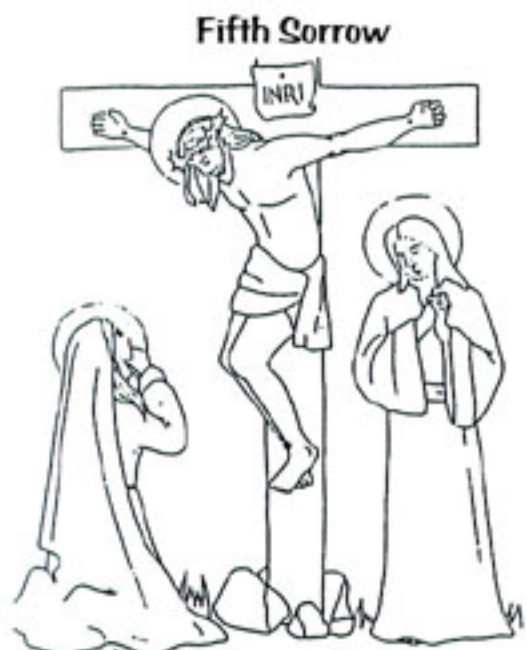
**Second Sorrow**  
The Flight to Egypt  
(MATTHEW 2, 13-15)



**Third Sorrow**  
The Loss of Jesus in the Temple  
(LUKE 2, 41-50)



**Fourth Sorrow**  
Mary Meets Jesus on  
the way to the Calvary



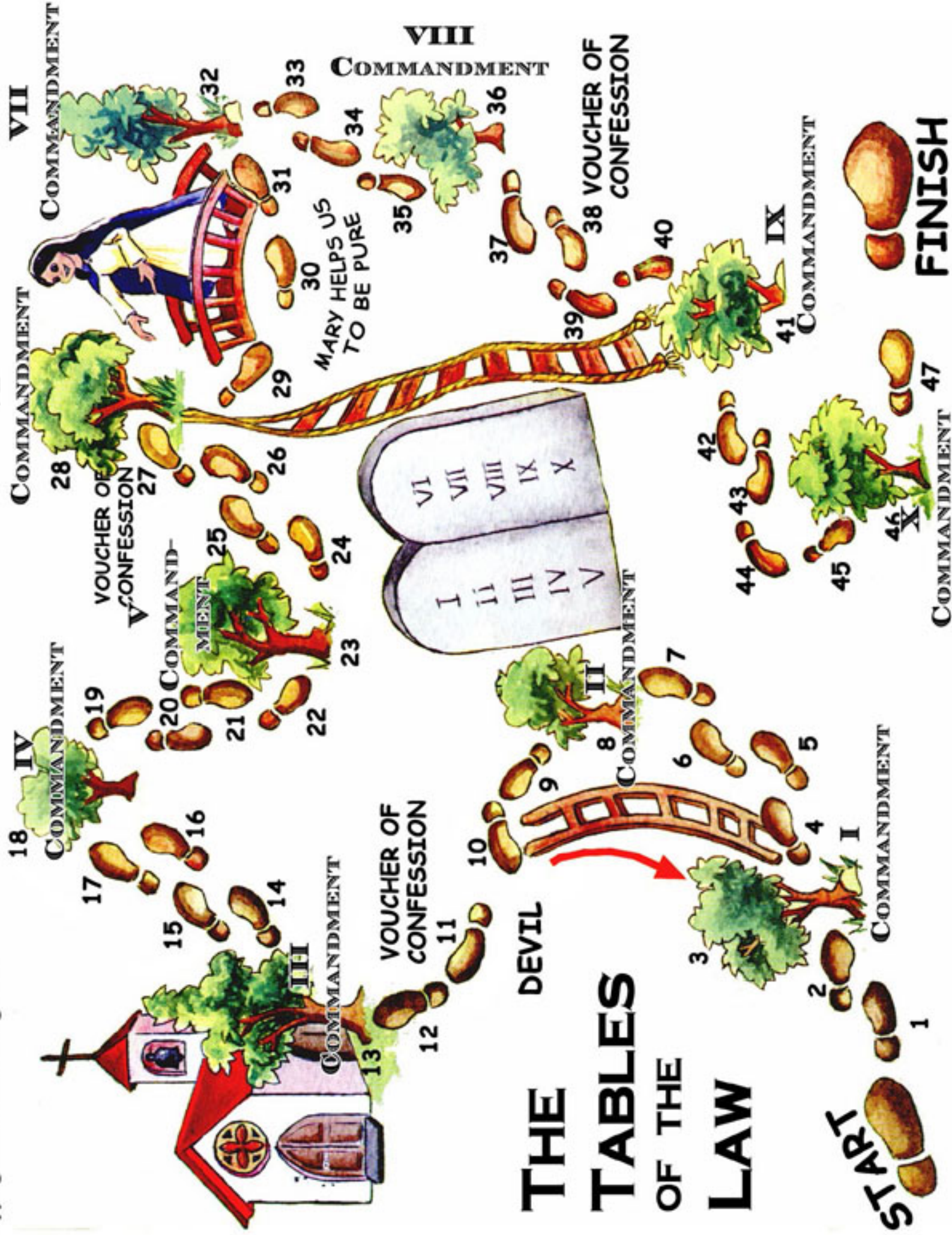
**Fifth Sorrow**  
Jesus Dies on the Cross  
(JOHN 19, 17-39)



**Sixth Sorrow**  
Mary Receives the Body of Jesus in her Arms  
(MARK 15, 42-46)



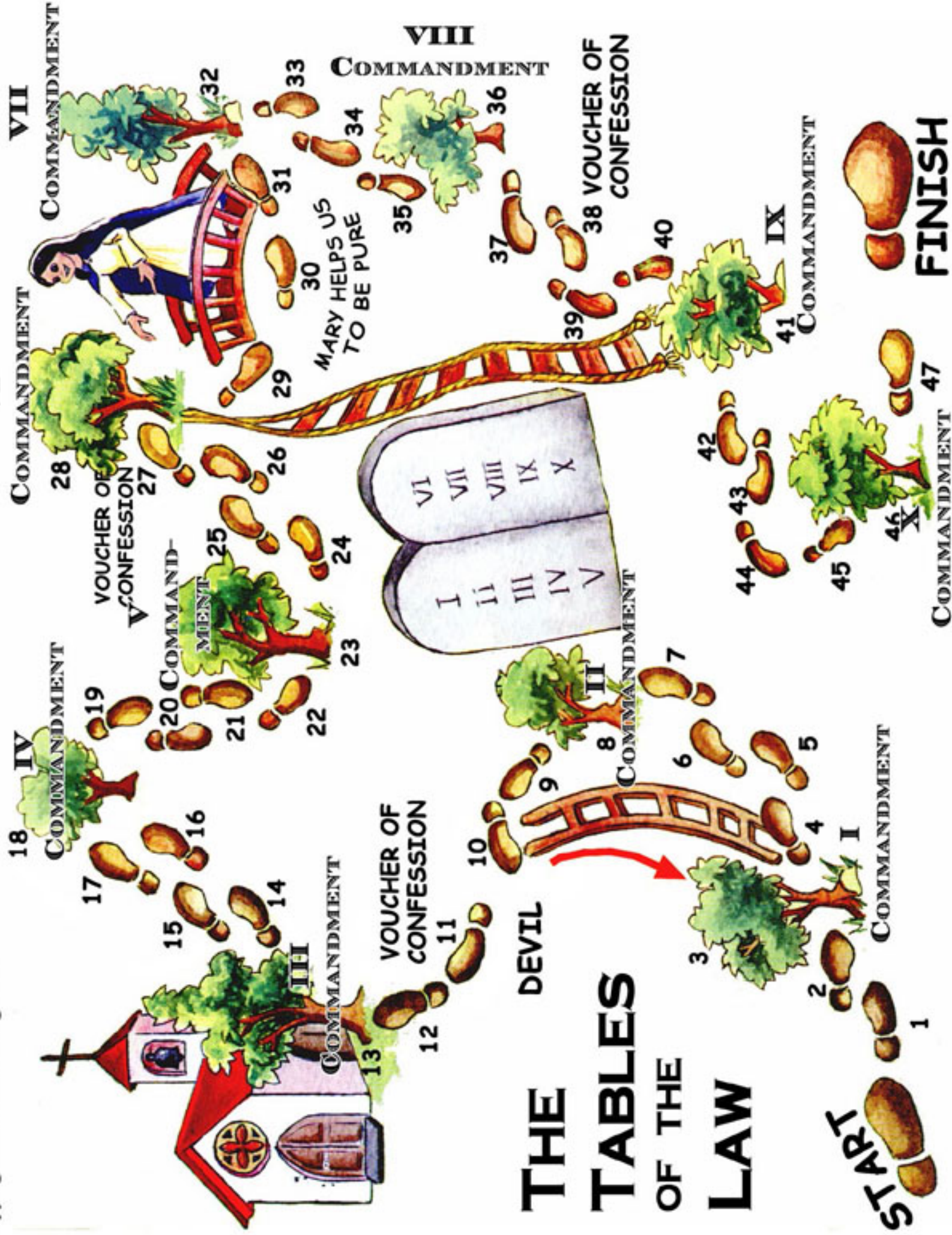
**Seventh Sorrow**  
Jesus is placed in the Tomb  
(JOHN 19, 38-42)



# THE TABLES OF THE LAW

START

FINISH



# Rules for the game "The Tables of the Law"

## How many people play?

As many people as you like. One person has to take care of reading the questions for the squares.

## What do you need?

A dice, and one *Token* per player. You can copy the tokens at the bottom, color them and then glue them onto cardboard paper, if you fold the base then they can stand up on the board.

*Cards with the Tables of the Law:* Copy these cards onto thick paper, and give one to each player. You need a pencil in order to mark an X next to each Commandment that you get right.

*Vouchers of Confession:* Copy at least 10 or 15 of these onto thick paper.

## Very Important!

Jesus doesn't like cheating, he wants you to learn and live the 10 Commandments. Be very honest, and when you play, put your card where everybody can see it, so that nobody may secretly mark a Commandment that they haven't known.

## Who wins?

Whoever arrives to the finish first, having got right all of the 10 Commandments. If a player has arrived to the finish, but still has not got the 10 Commandments he/she must continue playing, but this time moving backwards; that's to say, from the finish until they arrive at the Commandments they are missing, and once they have them, they can start moving towards the finish.

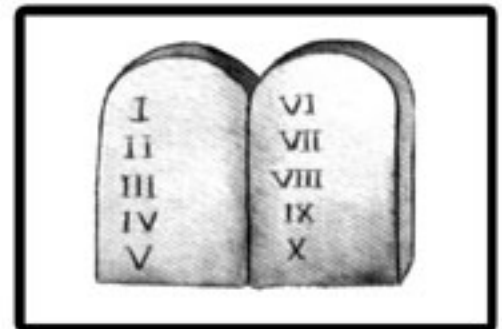
## Directions

You play by throwing the dice and moving the token along the footsteps. Each player must have a token, a card with the tables of the Law and a pencil.

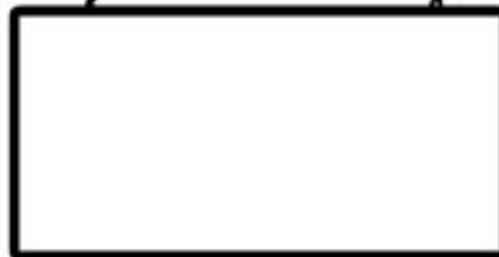
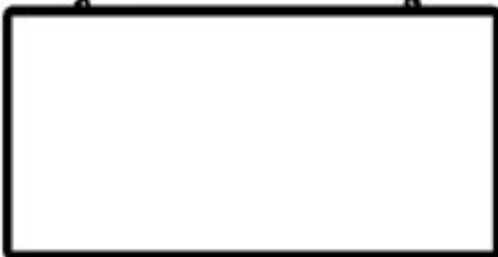
The ten trees which are found on the board are also squares and they correspond to each one of the commandments of the law of God. If you fall on them, you have to say the commandment for which it asks you and if you get it right, you mark it an X on your card.

When a player falls on a tree and doesn't know the commandment, he/she goes back to the square from which he left.

**Tokens**



**VOUCHER  
OF  
CONFESSION**



# Central Game

## “The Tables of the Law”

(If you like, you can cut and paste these questions on index cards or on thick paper and keep them in a box. This way, it'll be easier to play.)

1. Who gave us the Commandments? (Answer: God Himself)	2. Through whom were the Commandments given to us? (Answer: through Moses)	3. What is the first Commandment? (Answer: Love God above all things)
4. How many are the Commandments of the law of God? (Answer: Ten)	5. Your Guardian Angel always accompanies you along the way. Listen to him. (You have the right to receive a clue to one of the questions that you don't know)	6. You have obtained a <b>VOUCHER OF CONFESSION</b> . (Hand it over if you fall on square #10 or 30)
7. When do I sin against the first Commandment? a) When I rob b) When I tell lies c) When I put my things and my desires in first place instead of God. (Answer: c)	8. What is the second Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Do not take the name of God in vain)	9. When do I sin against the second Commandment? a) When I swear by God in front of my friends b) When I use holy words without need or without respect c) When I say: Thank you Lord! (Answer: a and b)
10. The devil, who looks for your downfall and cannot stand that you love God, has slowed you down on the good way, making you sin. Therefore you need to go back square #4 and miss a turn. (If you have a Voucher of Confession, hand it over and you can continue playing)	11. You have obtained a <b>VOUCHER OF CONFESSION</b> . (Hand it over if you fall on square #10 or 30)	12. What should you do if you hear someone blaspheming? a) Punch them b) Make a reparation for the offense, saying some words of praise to God, example: "Blessed be God!" c) Try to make sure that person doesn't do it again, because it offends God, our Father. (Answer: b and c)
13. What is the third Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Keep holy the Lord's day and feast days)	14. Which is the day of the Lord? (Answer: Sunday)	15. For which of these reasons could you miss Sunday Mass, without it being a sin? a) Because I have a soccer game b) Because I am sick in bed c) Because I have a lot of homework from school and I want to go to the movies in the afternoon (Answer: b)
16. How can I keep feast days holy? a) Dedicating more time to God b) Going to Mass c) Organizing a dance party beside the church. (Answer: a and b)	17. If my parents tell me to do something that is sinful, do I have to obey them? (Answer: No.)	18. What is the fourth Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Honor your father and your mother)
19. How do you show your parents that you love them? a) Obeying them b) Answering them back when they say something that I dislike c) Helping them when they need a hand. (Answer: a and c)	20. Who is the owner of Life? a) Your parents b) God c) You. (Answer: b)	21. Which are the two acts that gravely break the fifth Commandment? a) Abortion b) Suicide c) Rabbit hunting (Answer: a and b)
22. Take some vitamins for the journey. There is nothing like prayer. Pray an Our Father	23. What is the fifth Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Do not kill)	24. I'm breaking the fifth Commandment when... a) I get drunk b) I kick a stone c) I fight with my friends (Answer: a and c)
25. In which four ways can I sin? (Answer: Through word, thought, deed, and omission)	26. I sin against the sixth Commandment when ... a) I shower and wash myself with a sponge b) I look at dirty magazines and films and take joy in this c) I tell or listen to racy or dirty jokes. (Answer: b and c)	27. You have obtained a <b>VOUCHER OF CONFESSION</b> . (Hand it over if you fall on square #10 or 30)

<p><b>28.</b> What is the sixth Commandment? (Answer: Do not commit impure acts) <b>Warning:</b> Falling on #28 the player has two possibilities: 1) To say the sixth Commandment and stay where they are. 2) To go down the ladder to square #41 and also say the ninth Commandment. (In the case that the player goes down the stairs, they must return to square # 28 to be able to get the seventh and eight Commandments)</p>	<p><b>29.</b> Mary is our best help to overcome temptations and impurity. She saves you from falling into the black well by crossing over this bridge. Pass to square #31.</p>	<p><b>30.</b> You've given in to impure temptation. For falling into this black well you have to go back to the start. (If you have a Voucher of Confession, you are saved)</p>
<p><b>31.</b> Besides the help of Mary, to overcome the temptations to impurity I have to ... <b>a)</b> Go to confession and receive Holy Communion frequently <b>b)</b> Try out and look at everything, so that I tire myself of "these dirty things" <b>c)</b> To avoid bad friendships and dangerous situations. (Answer: a and c)</p>	<p><b>32.</b> What is the seventh Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Do not steal)</p>	<p><b>33.</b> If I want something that another person has, what should I do? <b>a)</b> Take it without permission <b>b)</b> Ask for it with kindness <b>c)</b> Say "thank you" when returning it. (Answer: b and c)</p>
<p><b>34.</b> Don't get discouraged on the way. Pray a Hail Mary in order to gain strength.</p>	<p><b>35.</b> When I give into speaking badly of others, talking about their defects without reason, what do we call this sin? <b>a)</b> Gossiping <b>b)</b> Calumny <b>c)</b> Sacrilege (Answer: a)</p>	<p><b>36.</b> What is the eighth Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Do not bear false witness or lies)</p>
<p><b>37.</b> I sin against the eighth Commandment when... <b>a)</b> I've received bad grades but I lie to my parents and tell them I'm doing well <b>b)</b> I have upset my Mom and afterwards I asked her to forgive me <b>c)</b> I've broken something and accuse someone else for it. (Answer: a y c)</p>	<p><b>38.</b> You have obtained a <b>VOUCHER OF CONFESSION.</b> (Hand it over if you fall on square #10 or 30)</p>	<p><b>39.</b> When we judge others badly without any motive, we commit a sin which is called... <b>a)</b> Wisdom tooth <b>b)</b> Final judgment <b>c)</b> Rash judgment (Answer: c)</p>
<p><b>40.</b> Why must we treat our bodies with respect? <b>a)</b> Because we are temples of God <b>b)</b> Because the doctors recommend it <b>c)</b> Because since our baptism, it is like a tabernacle. (Answer: a and c)</p>	<p><b>41.</b> What is the ninth Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Do not consent to impure thoughts or desires)</p>	<p><b>42.</b> I sin against the ninth Commandment when... <b>a)</b> I've seen dirty and impure things in the street and I spend time thinking of them <b>b)</b> I also what to do what I've seen on the street <b>c)</b> I stain my shirt with markers and remain thinking of what my mother will say. (Answer: a and b)</p>
<p><b>43.</b> What did the Lord say we had to do, in order to go to Heaven? (Answer: Fulfill the Commandments)</p>	<p><b>44.</b> How can the Commandments of the law of God be summarized? (Answer: They can be summarized in two: Love God above all things and love your neighbor as yourself)</p>	<p><b>45.</b> I sin against the tenth Commandment when... <b>a)</b> I lend my pencils or toys to others <b>b)</b> I want the best for me and the worst for others <b>c)</b> I became sad with envy and hatred for my friend because he/she has more than I (Answer: b and c)</p>
<p><b>46.</b> What is the tenth Commandment of the law of God? (Answer: Do not covet the goods of others)</p>	<p><b>47.</b> There is nothing good about pride. Were you thinking that you are the best because you arrived to the goal? Well, go back to square #44.</p>	