



Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

April is a month of joy for all of us. We celebrate the Easter season that reminds us of new life and 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 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 find the some Feast and Saints of the month:**

April 02	St Francis of Paula
April 04	St Gema Galgini
April 07	St John Baptist de la Salle
April 09	Palm Sunday
April 13-14-15	Easter Tridium
April 16	Easter Sunday
April 23	Divine Mercy Sunday
April 23	St George
April 25	St Mark
April 29	St Catherine of Sienna
April 29	Leader's Workshop

**Enclosed Material and Activities:**

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| 1) Calendar of the month           | 2) Pages of some Saints of this month |
| 3) Meditation on the Sunday Gospel | 4) Easter Tridium                     |
| 5) Jesus is alive                  | 6) Holy week                          |
| 7) Resurrection play               | 8) Love of Jesus in the scriptures    |

**Suggested Videos:**

- The Savior III (Patrick Peyton)
- Easter
- The story of Sister Faustina
- The merciful love of Jesus
- Eucharist
- The resurrection celebration
- Stations of the Cross for children

We are planning the IV Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for June 30 July 1 and 2, 2206 in Nicaragua. We invite all to make plans to attend. It is important to share ideas and experiences. If you have a special testimony about your group, please write it and mail it to us. We will choose a number of testimonies to be read at the congress.

Our next meeting will be on April 29 at 9:30 in St. Louis Church-Room Hospitality E 7270 S.W. 120 St. Please come and share with us

*May God Bless You Always*

*Friends of Jesus and Mary.*



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<p>9</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Mk 11:1-10 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15,47</p> <p>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Violet</p> <p>Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1,3,13,17 Jn 12:1-12</p> <p>Holy Monday</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Violet</p> <p>Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-6,15,17 Jn 13:21,33,36-38</p> <p>Holy Tuesday</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Violet</p> <p>Is 50:4-9 Ps 69:8-10,21-22,3,13,35-34 Mt 26:14-5</p> <p>Holy Wednesday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Violet</p> <p>Ex 12:1-8,11-14; Ps 111:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15</p> <p>Holy Thursday</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Is 52:13-55:12 Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25; Heb 4:14-16;5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:32</p> <p>Good Friday of The Lord's Passion</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Red</p> <p>Gn 1:1-2:2 Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Bar 3:9-15;32-4,4 Ez 36:16-17,18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:3-11</p> <p>Easter Vigil</p>
<p>16</p> <p>White</p> <p>Acts 10:34,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9</p> <p>Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p>17</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 2:14,22-32 Sal 15 Mt 28:8-15</p> <p>Easter Monday</p>	<p>18</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 2:36-41 Sal 32 Jn 20:11-18</p> <p>Easter Tuesday</p>	<p>19</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 3:1-10 Sal 104 Le 24:13-35</p> <p>Easter Wednesday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 3:11-26; Sal 117; Le 24:35-48;</p> <p>Easter Thursday</p>	<p>21</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 4:1-12; Sal 117; Jn 21:1-14</p> <p>Good Friday of The Lord's Passion</p>	<p>22</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 4:13-21; Sal 117; Mc 16:9-15</p> <p><i>Spiritual Retreat</i> Easter Saturday</p>
<p>23</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 4:32-35 Sal 117 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31</p> <p>Second Sunday of Easter On Divine Mercy Sunday</p>	<p>24</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 4:23-31 Sal 12 Jn 3:1-8</p> <p>S. Fidelis of Simaringen</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Red</p> <p>1 Pe 5:5-17 Sal 88 Mc 16:15-20</p> <p>S. Mark Ev.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 5:17-26 Sal 33 Jn 3:16-21</p>	<p>27</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 5:27-33; Sal 33; Jn 3:31-36</p>	<p>28</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 5:34-42; Sal 26; Jn 6:1-15</p> <p>St. Peter Chanel S. Louis Mary of Montfort</p>	<p>29</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 6:1-7; Sal 32; Jn 6:16-21</p> <p>St. Catherine of Sienna <i>Leaders' Workshop</i></p>
<p>30</p> <p>White</p> <p>Heb 3:13-15,17,19 Sal 14 1 Jn 2:1-5 Le 24:35-48</p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter</p>						

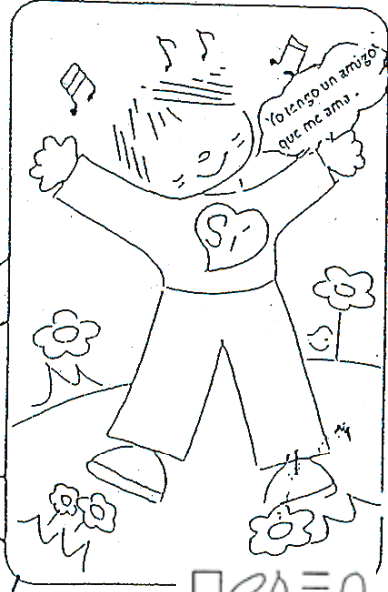
# DURING LENT, WE REMEMBER JESUS IN SPECIAL WAYS.

To find some ways to remember Jesus, use the code



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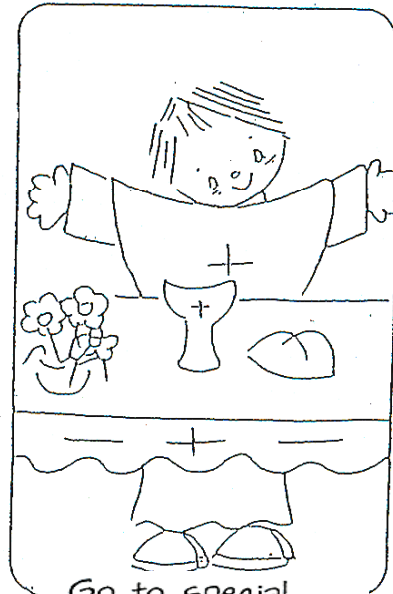
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# Seeds that are buried give fruit

April 2  
Fifth Sunday of  
Lent

Jer. 31:31-34;  
Heb 5:7-9;  
John 12:20-33

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about their parents' histories. What hardships did they have to endure so that their children could have a good life? Have the children ever made any sacrifices so that their parents could rest a while?

Speak about the seed. Have they ever seen a seed after it has been sown? What do they think Jesus meant by all those mysterious words about a seed that must die?

In a few days we will be celebrating Holy Week, when we think about the death and Resurrection of Jesus. What sacrifices did Jesus have to make for us? How is Jesus like a seed that dies to give fruit?

**Activities and prayer.** Bring some seeds to class and some small planters. Let the children plant the seeds as they think of what they will do during the week to help others. They can offer the small planters at the Offertory. As they present them, everyone respond: Thank you, Jesus for making sacrifices for us.



## You are there

Have you ever seen a seed take root in the earth and the grow into fruit? Have you ever tried to sow something? What did you have to do with the seed? What do you think about what Jesus says? How do you like all that talk about making sacrifices?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus says we must give fruits of good actions. People who are too centered on their own things without helping others, will be alone in the end.
- What good actions can you do for others? What kind of sacrifices would you have to make?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about something that was hard for you to do, but that you were pleased to do because you saw how it helped someone else. Thank him hat you want to do:

- For example: *I will try to help at home, although I would rather be watching TV.*
- For example: *I ill share a toy or candy with someone else.*

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## WORD SEARCH

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

Seed, Jesus, Ground, Die, Sacrifice, Fruit, Follow, Serve, Wheat, Alone

S A C R I F I C I O  
M E M N O P F R S T  
I G G E S I A C D C  
J E S U S S N M N T  
O Q E S I U T W R I  
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# St. Francis of Paola

APRIL 2

St. Francis was born in the tiny village of Paola, *Italy*, around 1416. His parents were poor but humble and holy. They had prayed to St. Francis of Assisi for a son. When he was born, they named him after the saint. The boy went to a school taught by the Franciscan priests. There he learned to read. When he was fifteen, with his parents' permission, he went to live in a cave. He wanted to be a hermit and spend his life for God alone.

When he was twenty, other young men joined him. St. Francis left his cave. The people of Paola built a church and monastery for him and his followers. He called his new religious order the "Minims". "Minims" means "the least of all".

Everyone loved St. Francis. He prayed for them and worked many miracles. He told his followers that they must be kind and humble, and do much penance. He himself was the best example of the virtues he preached. Once someone visited the saint and insulted him to his face. When the man was finished, Francis did something unusual. He quietly pick up some hot coals from the fireplace and closed his hands tightly around them. But he was not burned at all. "Come, warn yourself," he said to his accuser kindly. "You are shivering because you need a little charity". At such a miracle, the visitor changed his mind about Francis. From then on, he admired him greatly.

King Louis XI of France had not lived a very good life. He called for St. Francis when he was dying. Just the thought of dying made the King terrified. He wanted Francis work a miracle to cure him. Instead, the saint gently helped the frightened man to prepare well to die a holy death. The king had a change of heart. He accepted God's will and died quietly in the arms of the saint.

St. Francis lived a long life praising and loving God. He died on Good Friday in 1507, at the age of ninety-one.



## My Reflection

*Sometimes we can get so wrapped up in loud music, television shows, videos, and computer games that we can find ourselves just living for now. We might not even give any thought or time for our souls that will live on in eternity. What should we add to our schedule that will help us reach eternal happiness with God? Daily Mass? Morning prayer? Evening prayer? Household chores done well and cheerfully? Homework done well? What else?*

I will try to add to my schedule:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# St Gemma Galgani

APRIL 4

St Gemma Galgani was born at Camigliano near Lucca, Italy, on March 12, 1878. At twenty years of age, St. Gemma was attacked by tuberculosis to be hopelessly incurable. After countless novenas to St. Gabriel, she was completely cured on the first Friday of March, 1899. At this time, apparently free from her recent illness, the Saint sought to fulfill her lifelong wish of pursuing her religious vocation with the Passionist nuns, but her application, as previously, was rejected.

From 1899 on, this quiet and unexcitable girl who was endowed with a remarkably fervent religious experiences –all of which were carefully investigated by her confessor and spiritual director Father Germano. The marks of Christ's crucifixion (Stigmata) appeared intermittently for over eighteen months on her hands and feet, and she had ecstasies and visions.

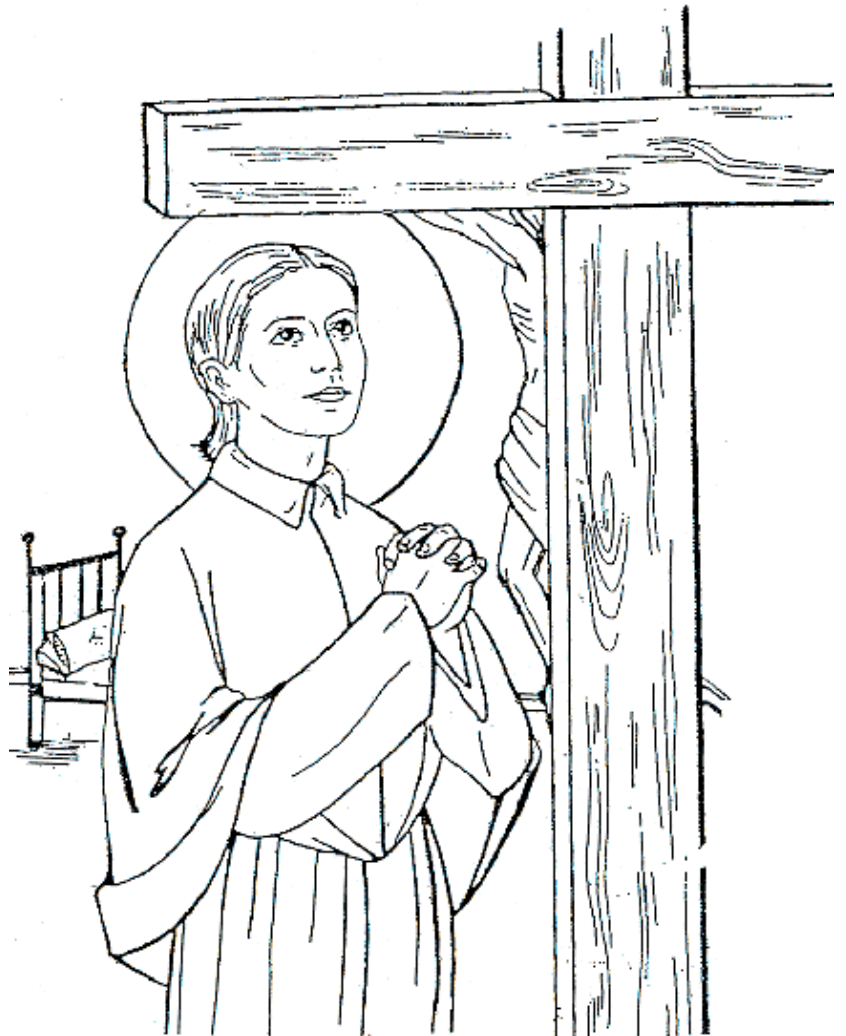
In 1902, she was again stricken with an illness that was thought to be tuberculosis and she fell asleep in the Lord in 1905. The fame of her sanctity spread rapidly all over the world. She was beatified by Pius XI on March 14, 1933, and canonized by Pius XII on Ascension Day, 1940.

St. Gemma's mother died when she was very young. Once, during one of Gemma's long illnesses Jesus told her, "My daughter, I give myself all to you, and you must belong entirely to me. I am your father, and my mother will be your mother."

St. Gemma often thought of the pains of Jesus on the cross. On Holy Thursday and Good Friday she felt sufferings like those of Jesus.

## Spirituals Virtues of St. Gemma:

- **OBEDIENCE**
- **HUMILITY**
- **PURITY**
- **CHARITY**



### ***MY PRAYER***

***All-powerful God, You made the Virgin St. Gemma a living image of Your crucified Son. Through her prayers, may we suffer with Christ and so share in His glory.***

***AMEN.***

# Jesus is received with joy

April 9  
Palm Sunday

John 12:12-16;  
Isa 50:4-7;  
Phil 2:6-11;  
Mark 14:1-- 15:47

**Talk about the story.** Speak about the events in today's readings. Are they familiar with the Passion of Jesus? Why would Jesus have to die like that?

**Activities and prayer.** Bring palms to class and teach the children to braid them. At each turn, they can express to Jesus how much they love him and thank him for having lived and suffered for us. Let the children write their commitment on small pieces of paper and pin them to the palm to be presented at the Offertory.

## You are there

Do you join those who come out to receive Jesus? So you shout like them? What do you think they mean when they say "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus does not go into Jerusalem bragging that he is the most important person, even when people come out to acclaim him. Do you like people to praise you and tell how well you do things?
- The same people who praise Jesus on Sunday, betray him on Friday. Do you let yourself be carried away by what other people do or say?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how you would like to meet him to tell him that you want to be change this attitude. Tell him what to do this week:

- For example: *I will try to help someone who needs me, but I will not brag.*
- For example: *I will be a god example for my siblings, behaving well at home.*
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## WORD SEARCH

- Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:
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| • Palm, Sunday, Don-    | J E R U S A L E N N |
| • key, Jerusalem,       | M E M N O L F T S O |
| • Shout, Praise, Death, | I G S E S A S R D M |
| • Blessed, Name, Lord,  | G G H U S B E E N B |
| • Jesus                 | O Q R O S A Ñ U X R |
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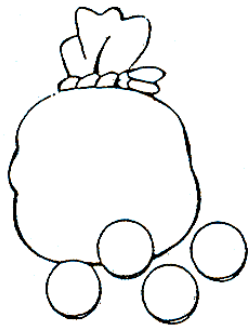
# Betrayed! Arrested! Denied! Tried!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Holy week (Mark 14:43-15:5)

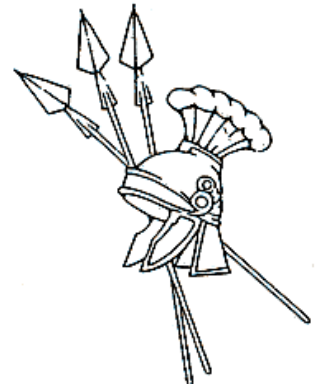
What a sad we hear in the reading today. Using the reading and the Word List, Complete the following quotes. Then think about and discuss the questions below with your classmates or family.

**WORD LIST**  
Know - crucify - Kiss  
King - arrested



1. Judas said, "The one I will \_\_\_\_\_ is the man" (Mark 14:44)

2. "Then they laid hands on him and \_\_\_\_\_ him" (Mark 14:46)



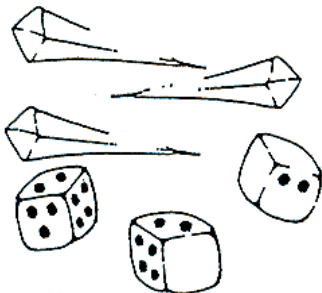
3. Peter said: "I do not \_\_\_\_\_ this man you are talking about" (Mark 14:71)



5. The crowd shouted back, " \_\_\_\_\_" (Mark 15:13)



4. Pilate said, "Are you the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews?" (Mark 5:2)



Something to think about and discuss...

- Have you ever felt betrayed by a friend?
- Have you ever been accused of something you didn't do?
- What did you do about it? How did you feel?





## **PALM SUNDAY**

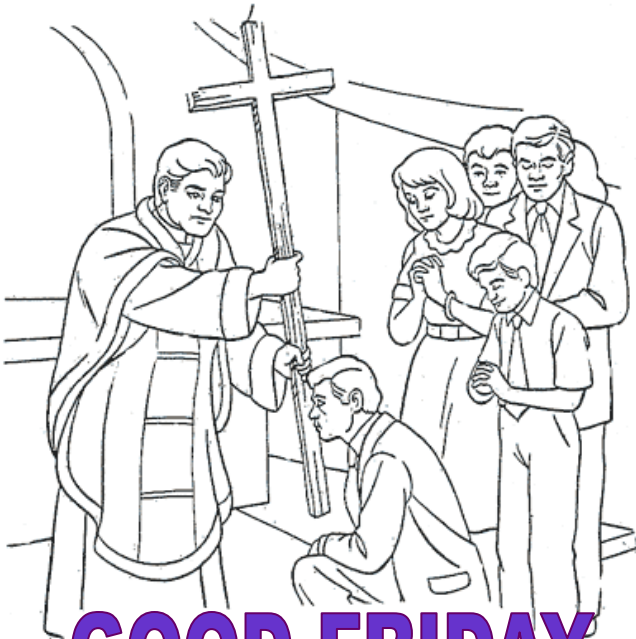
Jesus' teaching about prayer and love for even the least of God's children caused many to follow Him. He was honored by the people but He knew some would not accept Him.



## **HOLY THURSDAY**

Jesus had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover meal with His friends. He shared the first Eucharist with them and taught a very special lesson of service and caring.

# **HOLY WEEK**



## **GOOD FRIDAY**

Each Good Friday we remember Jesus' death on a cross. We gather as a family and honor the cross because our faith teaches that it truly is the tree of salvation" which brings us new life.



## **EASTER VIGIL**

The promise of new life is celebrated with baptisms at Easter. At the Easter Vigil new members of the Christian family are baptized and receive a white robe symbolic of their new life in Christ.

# WE REMEMBER JESUS' LOVE FOR US

Find the right picture or word in the box in the bottom of the page that fills in the sentences below. Paste the picture in the right square ... or write the word in the blanks

On Holy Thursday we recall the  On that evening Jesus  Of the Apostles

During the meal Jesus took , blessed it and said, "This is My \_\_\_\_\_"

Then, He took the  blessed it and said "This is My \_\_\_\_\_. This is a first \_\_\_\_\_.

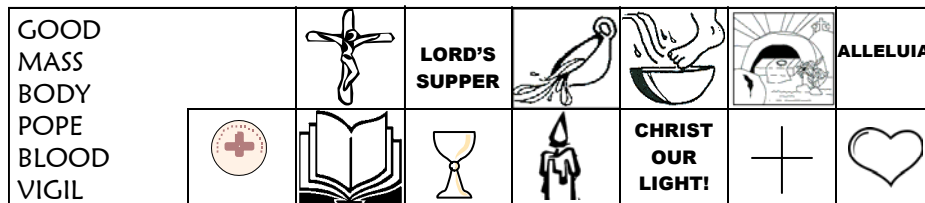
On Friday \_\_\_\_\_ we start with the readings from the  Then we pray for \_\_\_\_\_

and the people of the world. Then we show out love for the

and we receive  At the Easter \_\_\_\_\_ the priest takes a  And sings

The new members of our Church Family receive  and  and

We sing  This is our success story!! Jesus  And gives us Eternal life!!!



# Jesus is risen!

April 16  
Easter Sunday

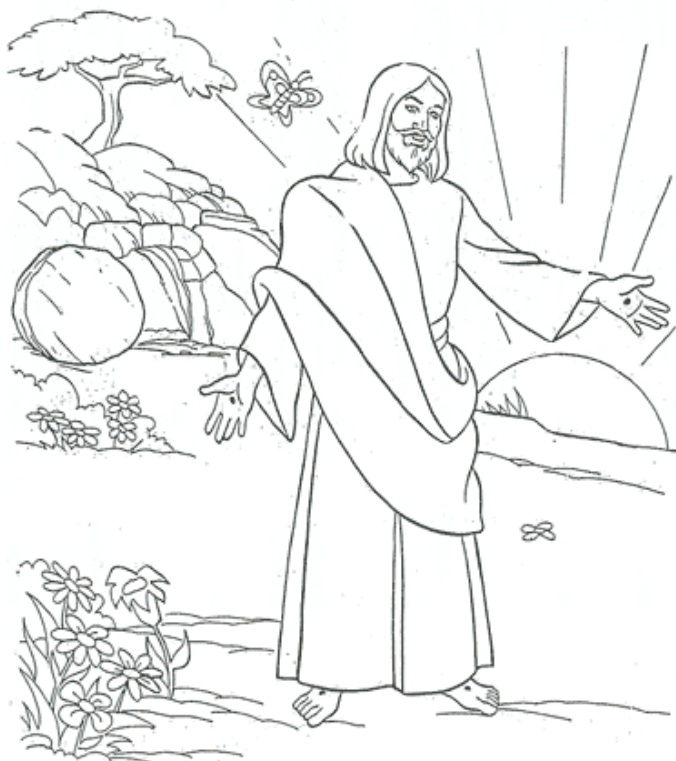
Acts 10:34a, 37-43;  
1 Cor 5:6b – 8;  
John 10:1-9

**Talk about the story.** Have they ever seen a death in their family? How did they feel? Do they think that person is still near them in some way?

What are the things they would like to change at home, at school, or in the city? What can be done to change those things?

Talk about the story of Mary Magdalene and Jesus' other two friends. What surprises them? Tell them about *cascarones*. When they are opened, they are empty except for the confetti inside, which are a symbol of new life coming out of the empty tomb of Jesus.

**Activities and prayer.** Prepare *cascarones* with the children. Place in them little pieces of paper with the children's written commitments along with the confetti. Let the children break them saying: Jesus is risen! At the Offertory they can present some of the *cascarones* that haven't been broken.



## You are there

Are you scared when you see the empty tomb? Where is Jesus? Has Jesus become a ghost? Do you understand how Jesus could be alive after he was death?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus said that death would not have the last word. Has anyone in your family died? Do you believe that person is now happy with God?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him although sometimes it seems difficult, you want to believe that he is stronger than death. Tell him about some family member or friend who has died. Tell him what to do this week:

- For example: *I will be joyful and I will smile when I see relatives and visitors.*
- For example: *I will speak with Jesus every morning to star the new day with more affection toward others and more effort at school.*

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## WORD SEARCH

- Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:
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# Jesus comes through closed doors

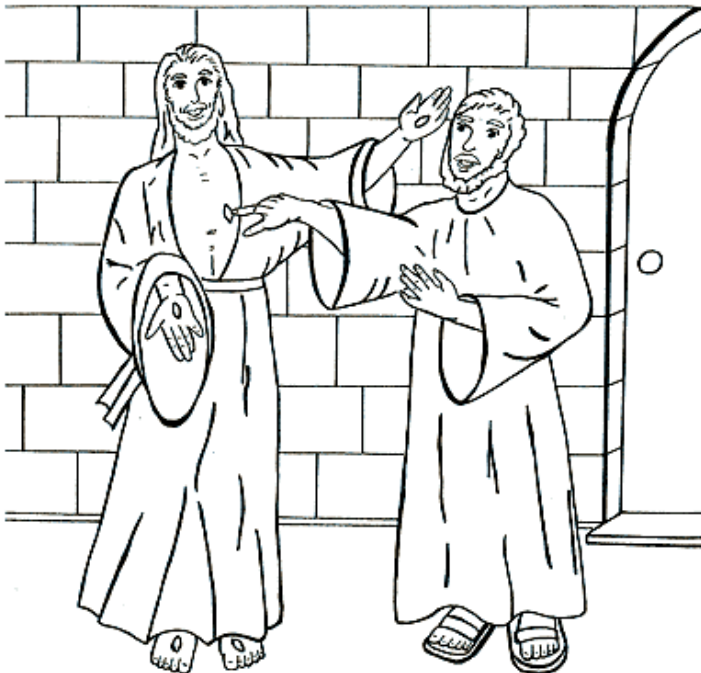
April 23  
Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35;  
1 John 5:1-6;  
John 20:19-31

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about things they find very hard to believe. Talk also about movies or television stories they believe easily. See if they can distinguish between fiction and reality and the difference with what Jesus says. Talk about today's story. Do they understand? Thomas' attitude? What would they have done?

**Activities.** Dramatize Thomas' story. How do the others react when Thomas refuses to believe? Are they angry? What do they say? What do they say later when Thomas sees Jesus? What do they do after Jesus appears?

**Final Prayer.** Have the children write down what they are scared of. They can place it in a basket to be presented, all say, "Jesus, you give us peace." At the end, all repeat, "Thank you for being with us, Jesus."



## You are there

Imagine you are Thomas. Where were you the first time? Weren't you afraid to be out in the street? How do you feel when Jesus asks you to put your hands on his wounds?

Imagine you are one of the others. How do you feel when you see Jesus despite that fact that everything was locked?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus offers peace to those who are afraid. What makes you afraid? Do you pray to Jesus to feel more secure?
- Thomas believes only when he sees. Do you believe what adults tell you about God?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about things that scare you. Tell him that if he is with you, you know you won't be so afraid. Tell him what to do this week:

- For example: *I will listen carefully in class to learn the lessons.*
- For example: *I will ask Jesus to be with me when I feel afraid.*

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## WORD SEARCH

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

- Thomas, Fear,
- Friends, Peace, Jesus, Closed, Door,
- Wounds, Touch, Believe.

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M	A	M	N	O	P	O	R	S	E
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S	O	P	Q	R	C	T	U	V	R

# Saint George APRIL 23

Pictures of Saint George usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful lady. The dragon stands for wickedness. The lady stands for God's holy truth. Saint George is slaying the dragon because he has won the battle against the devil.

Not much is known about Saint George except that he was a martyr. He was a soldier in the army of Diocletian, a pagan emperor. Diocletian was a bitter enemy of the Christians. In fact, he put to death every Christian he could find.

It is believed that Saint George was one of Diocletian's favorite soldiers. When George became a Christian, he went to the emperor and scolded him for being so cruel. Then he gave up his position in the Roman army. St. George paid a very high price for his bravery. He was cruelly tortured and beheaded.

So boldly daring and so cheerful was St. George in declaring his faith that people felt courage when they heard about it. Many songs and poems were written about this martyr. Soldiers, especially, have always been devoted to him. He was named the patron of England in 1222.

St. George was killed in Lydda, Palestine, around the 303.

We all have some "dragon" we have to conquer. It might be selfishness or anger. It might be laziness or greed, or something else. We can ask St. George to help us fight against these "dragons". He will help us if we ask.



## *My Prayer*

***God, I need courage to fight  
the bad ways that are in me.  
Help me to love you and do  
good.***

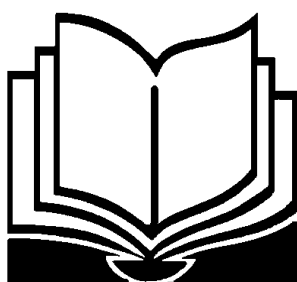
***.AMEN.***

# St. MARK APRIL 25

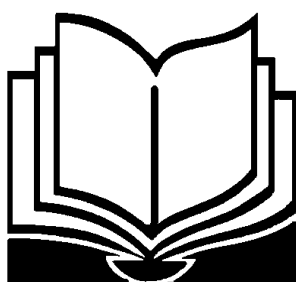
Mark lived at the time of Jesus. Although he was not among the original twelve apostles, he was a relative of St. Barnabas, an apostle. Mark is well-known because he wrote one of the four Gospels. That is why he is called an evangelist, a Gospel writer. Mark's Gospel is short, but it gives many little details that we are not in the other Gospels.



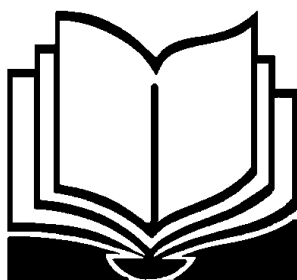
## St. Mark wrote one of the four Gospels



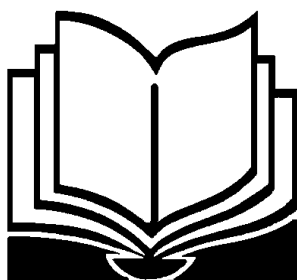
**MATHEW**



**MARK**



**LUKE**



**JOHN**

While still young, Mark went with the two great saints, Paul and Barnabas, on a missionary journey to bring the teachings of Jesus to new lands. Before the journey was over, though, Mark seems to have had a disagreement with St. Paul. Mark suddenly returned to Jerusalem. Paul and Mark later worked out their differences. In fact, Paul wrote from prison in Rome that Mark came to console and help him.

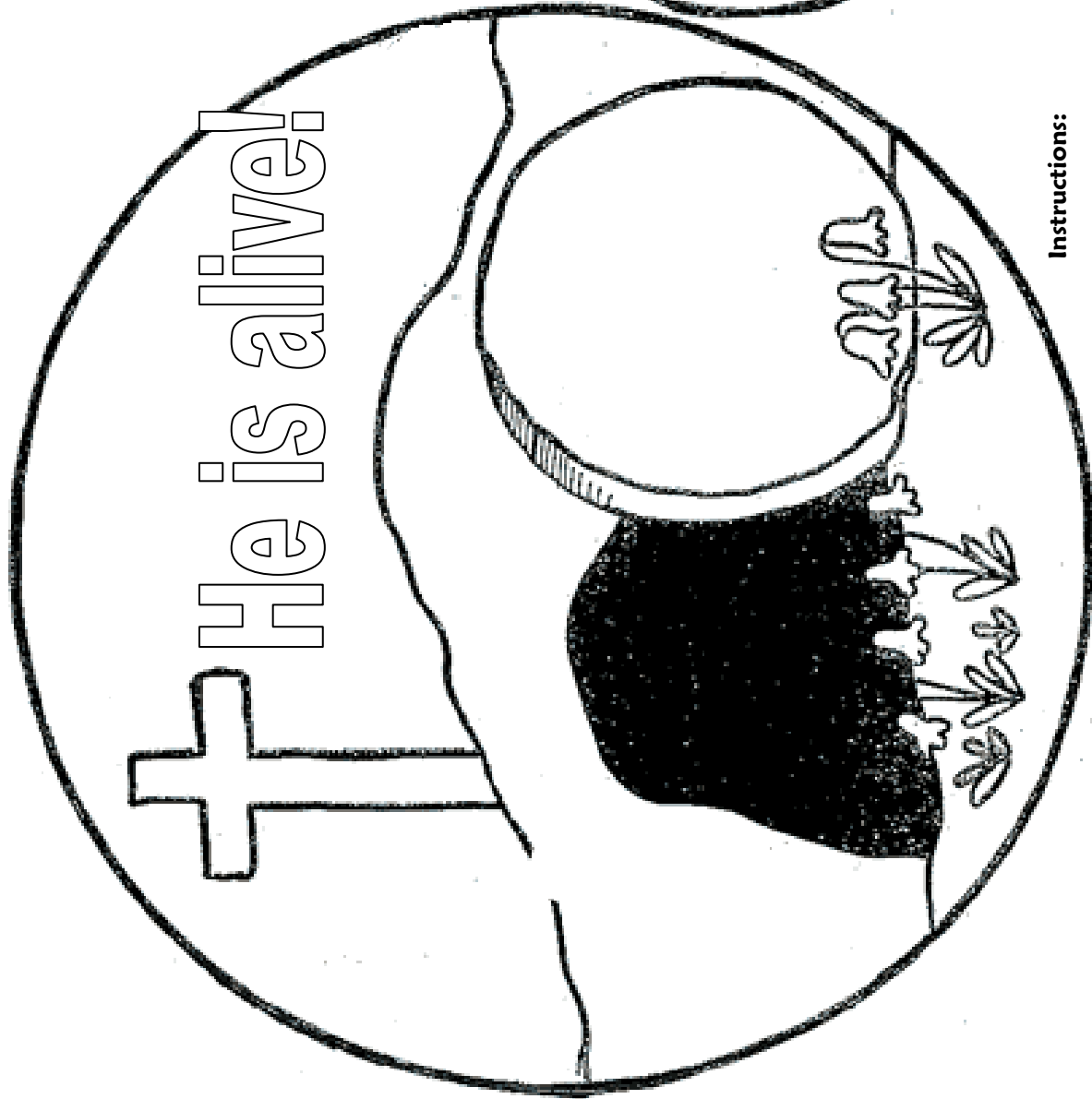
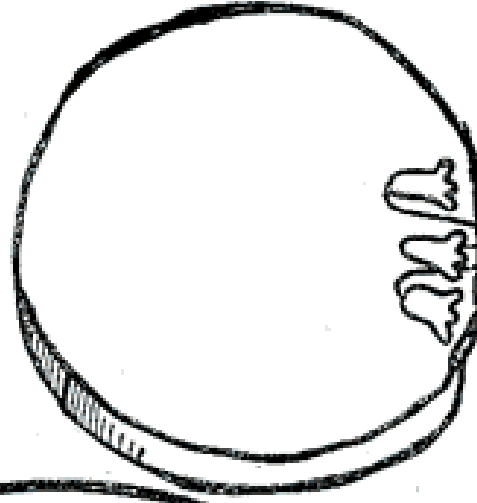
Mark also became a beloved disciple of St. Peter, the first pope. St. Peter called St. Mark "my son". Some think that Peter meant to say that he had baptized Mark. Mark was consecrated a bishop and sent to Alexandria, Egypt. There he converted many people. He worked hard to spread love for Jesus and his Church. It is believed that he went through long and painful sufferings before he died.

Saint Mark's relics were brought to Venice, Italy. He is the patron saint of that famous city. People go to the beautiful basilica of St. Mark to honor him and to pray him.

We can remember St. Mark when we have a disagreement with someone. We can think of him also when we can't get along with people even if we want to. At those difficult moments, we can ask St. Mark to show us his secret for patching up differences.

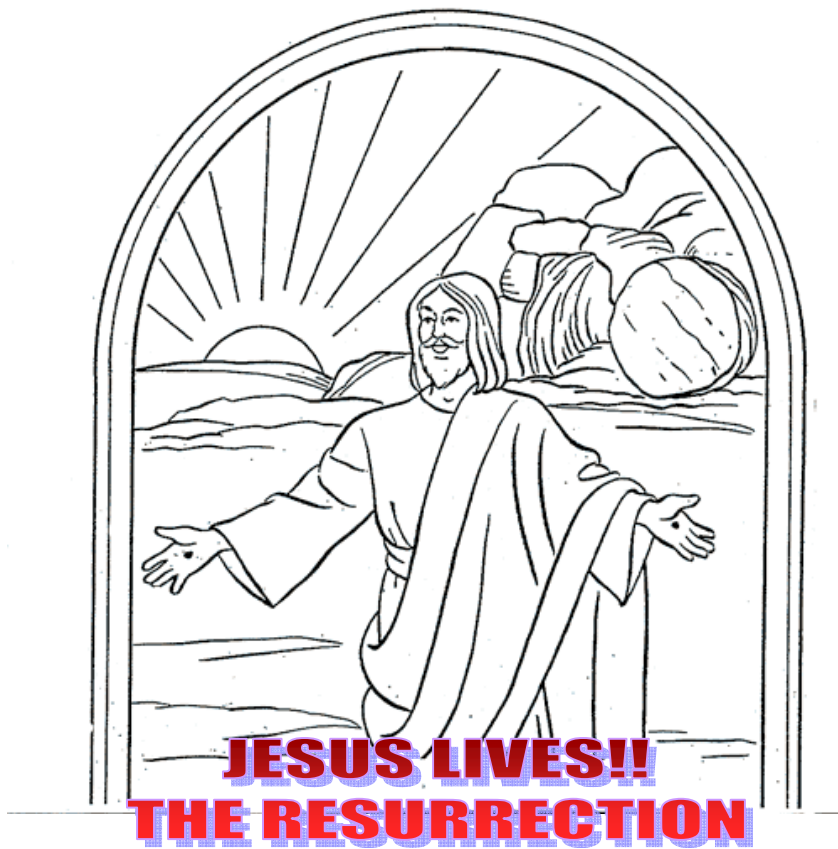
### *My Prayer*

***Lord Jesus there is so much to learn from the gospels. Help me to read it with love and put to practice your words. Amen***



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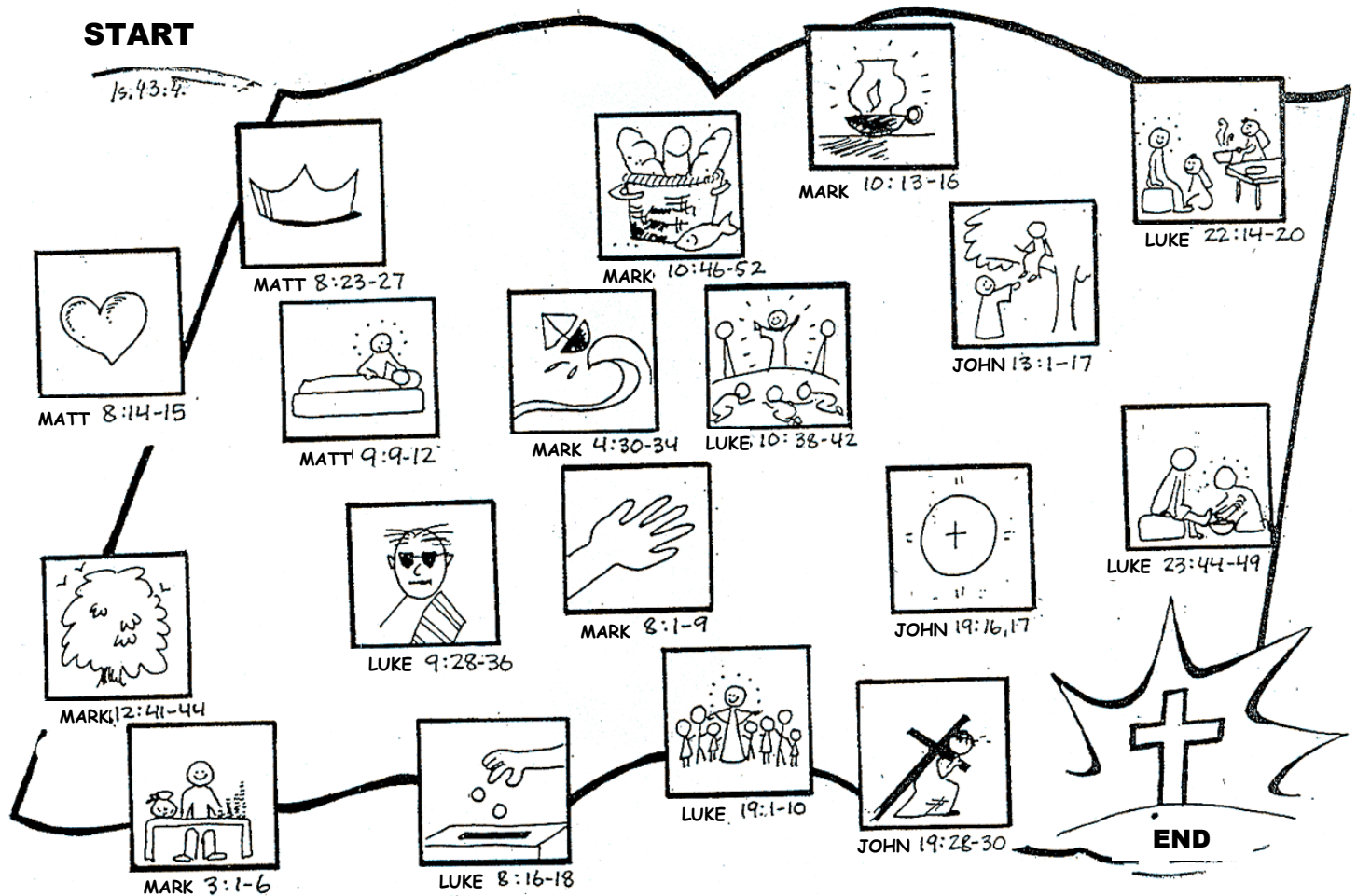
1. Color all the pictures
2. Paste them in a cardboard and cut them
3. Place a small wooden stick to form a puppet on the back of the picture of Jesus
4. Cut the black part, so that Jesus can come out through there
5. Place the rock that is outside with a pin so that you can move in and out
6. You are ready to tell the story of the Resurrection



- NARRATOR: Several guards were standing by the entrance to the tomb to make sure no one took Jesus' body.
- GUARD # 1: Boy, it's been a long day. How did we end up with this job?
- GUARD # 2: It's your fault. This Is what we get for you getting us in trouble.
- GUARD # 3-4: Shut up, you two. Can't you see we're trying to sleep?
- GUARD # 1: You'd better get up, someone's coming this way. They look like women .
- GUARDIA # 2: Who are you and what are you doing here?
- WOMEN: Kind sirs, we have come to finish anointing the body of Our Lord. We couldn't finish yesterday.
- GUARDS: Go back, you're not permitted to ...
- NARRATOR: Suddenly the ground began to shake as an angel came down like a flash of lightning. At this, the guard fell to the ground as if dead. The shaking opened the tomb..
- ANGEL: Why are you women here? If you are looking for Jesus He is not there. Come and see for yourselves. The tomb is empty.
- WOMEN: Who has taken our Lord's body? Have you taken Him? Please tell us where he is.
- ANGEL: Jesus Himself said that He would rise again. Go now to Galilee where you will see Him one again.
- NARRATOR: The women ran back with the good news to tell the Disciples.



# GOD'S LOVE IS ALL OVER SCRIPTURE



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Read the Bible passage under "Star". Find the picture or symbol that matches the passage. Draw a line connecting them. Read the Bible passage under that picture. Continue finding the matching pictures and drawing connecting lines. If you match the right passages, you will reach "Finish" and win. If you don't, go back and try to discover the correct combinations. (There are two possible routes!)

# Jesus' friends think they are seeing a ghost

April 30  
3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts. 3:13-15,17-19;  
1 John 2:1-5a;  
Luke 24:35-48

**Talk about the story.** Talk with the children about ghosts. Have they ever seen one or heard stories about ghosts? Are they scary? What would the difference of these stories be with the apparition of Jesus? Is Jesus' apparition scary? Why would Jesus ask for something to eat? Speak about how Jesus ask for something to eat? Speak about how Jesus after appearing, tells his friends that they must be witness to is message. How can children be witness? (by giving good example in school being kind to others; sharing; including others in their games).

**Activities and prayer.** Ask the children to draw and cut out fish and write on them what type of food they are going to offer to the risen Jesus.

Have the children place their fish in a basket. All say, "Thank you for your life, Jesus".

## You are there

How do you feel when you touch Jesus' hands and feet? Do you think Jesus was truly hungry when he asked for something to eat? How do you feel? What do you want to ask Jesus?

## Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus is very kind to his friends and tries to calm down their fears. Do you help a younger brother or sister feel less afraid of something?
- Jesus, brings us peace. Do you try to help people reconcile. Who are mad at each other?

## What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about some problem in your family or among your friends. Ask him for help to bring peace. Tell him what to do this week:

- For example: *I will not play practical jokes to make my younger siblings cared.*
- For example: *I will try to help those who are mad at each other talk so they can reconcile.*
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**Q:** What would Jesus have to do to prove to you that it was really him—and no ghost—who had risen from dead? What would you ask him to do?

## WORD SEARCH

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

- Ghost, Jesus, Food,
- Peace, Fear, Friends,
- Hands, Feet, News,
- Love, Alive.

A C O N O T I C I A  
M O M N R P F R S N  
I M L O S I A J D E  
G P M I J E E M N U  
F A N T A S M A X B  
S Z B M U M A G M R  
J H U S S O I I N B  
M A N O S D E G B R  
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