



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

January 2006
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin the New Year, 2006 and continue celebrating God's presence in our lives. Let's thank God for all the graces we received this past year, and make the commitment to encourage prayer in our prayer group. In this way and united with Jesus and Mary will be witness of the love of God.

We encourage you to find more about Saint Henry Osso, our patron, who talks about his greatest loves: Jesus and Mary and about the need to "Be silent, pray and wait" before Christ in The Holy Eucharist.

Important Feast and Saints:

January 01	Mary, Mother of God	January 24	Saint Francis of Sales
January 05	Saint John Newman	January 27	Saint Henry of Osso
January 06	The Three Wiseman	January 28	Leader's Workshop
January 08	Epiphany of the Lord	January 31	Saint John Bosco
January 09	Baptism of the Lord		
January 21	Saint Agnes		

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Monthly calendar coloring pages of Saints of this month
- 2) Game about the life of Saint Henry of Osso
- 3) Meditations on the Sunday Gospel

Activities

- a) Choose Life
- b) The Way to Peace
- c) Friends and Enemies
- d) Baptism of Our Lord

Suggested videos (all available in the "Video Club"):

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| 1 | Saint Henry of Osso | 4 | Eucharist |
| 2 | Saint John Bosco | 5 | The Father gift |
| 3 | Nativity: Three wise Men | 6 | The Act of the Apostles |

This month we will celebrate fifteen years, that our ministry has been working in Miami, South and Central America, Spain and the Caribbean Islands.

There will be a Mass on January 28 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luis Catholic Church, follow by an afternoon reflection. All are invited. The monthly package will be distributed there.

Do not forget to reserve your seat as soon as possible for the IV International Congress for the Leather of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for June 30 July 1, 2 in Managua, Nicaragua.

*May God Bless you always,
Committee of the Friends and Mary*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 The blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Nm 6,22-27 World Day for Prayer for Peace Ga 4,4-7 Lc 2,16-21	2 The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2,22-28 Sal 98,1-4 Jn 1,19-28	3 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1 Jn 3,7-10 Sal 98,1,7-9 Jn 1,35-42	4 St. John Neumann 1 Jn 3,11-21 Sal 100,1-5 Jn 1,43-51	5 First Friday Blessed André Bessette 1 Jn 5,5-13 Sal 147,12-15,19-20 Mr 1,7-11	6 First Saturday St. Raymond of Peñafort 1 Jn 5,14-21 Sal 149,1-6,9 Jn 2,1-11	7
8 The Epiphany of the Lord National Migration Week Is 60,1-6 Sal 72,1-2,7-8,10-13 Ef 3,2-3,5-6 Mt 2,1-12	9 The Baptism of the Lord Is 42,1-4,6-7 Sal 291,4-9-10 Hch 10,34-38 Mr 1,7-11	10	11	12 St. Hilary 1 S 4,1-11 Sal 44,10-15,24-25 Mr 1,40-15	13 St. Matthias 1 S 9,1-4,17-19; 10,1 Sal 21,2-7 Mr 2,13-17	14
15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 S 3,3-10,19 Sal 40,2-4,7-10 1 Co 6,13-15,17-20 Jn 1,35-45	16 St. Anthony 1 S 15,16-23 Sal 50,8-9,16-17,21,23 Mr 2,18-22	17	18	19 St. Fabian St. Sebastian 1 S 17,32-33,37,40-51 Sal 144,1-2,9-10 Mr 3,1-6	20 St. Agnes 2 S 1,1-4,11-12,23-27 Sal 80,2-3,5-7 Mr 3,20-21	21
22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3,1-5,10 Sal 25,4-9 1 Co 7,29-31 Mr 1,14-20	23 St. Francis de Sales 2 S 5,1-7,10 Sal 89,20-22,25-26 Mr 3,22-30	24 The conversion of St. Paul 2 S 6,12-15,17-19 Sal 24,7-10 Mr 3,31-35	25 Ss. Timothy and Titus Hech 22,3-16 Sal 117,1-2 Mr 16,15-18	26 St. Angela Merici 1 S 24,3-21 Sal 57,2-4,6,11 Mr 3,13-19	27 St. Thomas Aquinas 2 S 12,1-7,10-17 Sal 51,12-17 Mr 4,35-41	28
29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 18,15-20 Sal 95,1-2,6-9 1 Co 7,32-35 Mr 1,21-28	30 St. John Bosco 2 S 15,13-14,30;16,1-13 Sal 3,2-7 Mr 5,1-20	31				

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1



On January 1, New Year's Day, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, This is a special Feast and Holy Day of Obligation. At Mass that day, the priest will wear a white vestment in honor of Mary.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace; Mary, His Mother, is Our Lady, Queen of Peace. During the Mass on this Feast Day, we pray for peace. Think of the times you have needed God's help to be a peacemaker

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE TODAY

Choose Life!

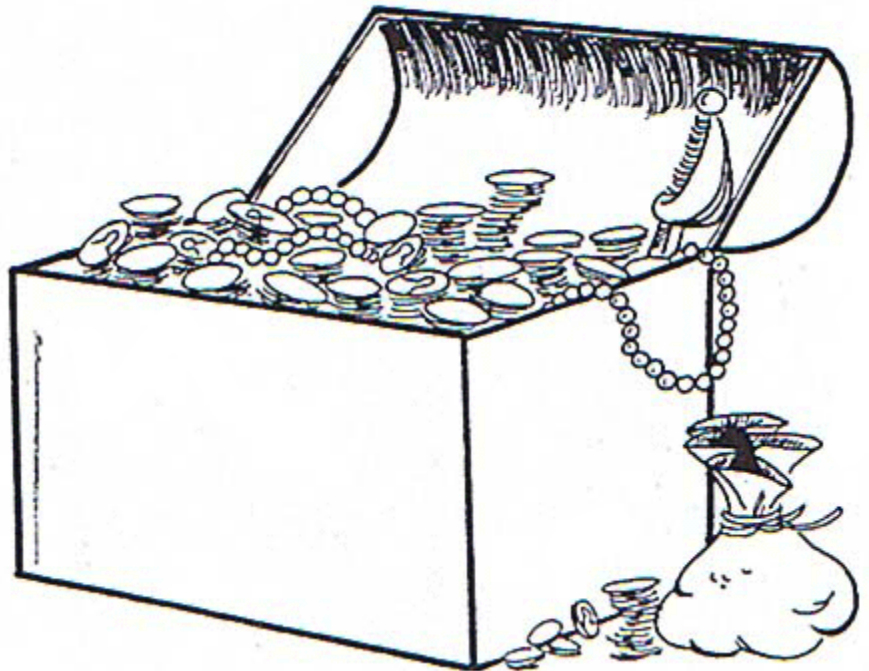
In the 2 columns, list concrete examples that you saw or heard about people choosing or not choosing life

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GOD'S PLAN IS REJECTED IN OUR WORLD	GOD'S PLAN IS PROTECTED IN OUR WORLD

Prayer Service

God gives us the gift of life. He asks us to treasure our own lives and the lives of others. Write on the Treasure Chests how you can respect and protect life. Color the Treasure Chests. Now you are ready to begin your Prayer Service:

1. Begin with the Signing Song, "The Treasure of Life".
2. Opening Prayer (Say it together): "Lord, you ask us and command us not to kill. We come to You today, and we ask You to help us to respect life. Help us to respect one another".
3. Let each person read his/her words forms the Treasure Chests. After each person, everyone responds, "Lord, help us to choose life"
4. End with the Lord's Prayer.



Jesus' mother listens well

January 1:
Mary, Mother of God

Num. 6,22-27
Gal 4,4-7
Luke. 2,16-21

Talk about the story. What does being at peace mean? What makes us nervous or afraid? What calms us down? How do we know when we are not at peace with someone? Which gifts have we enjoyed the most this Christmas? What gifts have given to others? What have we given Jesus?

Activities and Prayer. Have the children draw a symbols of peace (a dove, laurel, or whatever suggests peace to them). They can write their name on the drawing and the following words: God blesses me with peace.

You are there

- Imagine you are one of the shepherds. What do you bring to Jesus? What does Mary look like? And what does the baby Jesus look like?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

Jesus says that his family is made up of those who listen to his word and carry it out.

Do you listen to adults and try to behave?

The shepherds went to visit Mary and the baby. Do you sometimes talk to the Virgin, who is also your mother?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him that you want to listen to him. Tell him what you want to do:

- For example: *I will listen carefully when adults speak to me.*
- For example: *I will speak to Mary every morning because she is Jesus' mother and my mother also.*



☪: Jesus' mother, Mary, listens to and obeys the Word of God. What things do you feel God is telling you through you heart? Do you always do that God is telling you?

WORD SEARCH

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

• Shepherds, Angels,	E S C U C H A R I R
• Mary, Baby, Jesus,	S M S E J S S O G L
• Joseph, Listen, Herat,	P A S T O R E S G H
• Joy, Surprise	C R C O R A Z O N A
	S I S T R S E G M I
	U A G H E P B E B R
	S A Q N B S R R B G
	E M Z B R A L E G E
	J O S E B E B P S L
	C T U S E L E G N A

JANUARY 1

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
DOES TV VIOLENCE HAVE ANY
INFLUENCE ON THE WAY
PEOPLE ACT IN REAL LIFE?

How to Bring Peace to Others

We can:

- Live the Law of Love and the Ten Commandments.
- Be thankful for God's forgiveness and forgive others.
- Be kind and loving members of the Church both at home and at school
- Try to help those who are not being treated justly or kindly

How can you bring the peace of Jesus to someone today?

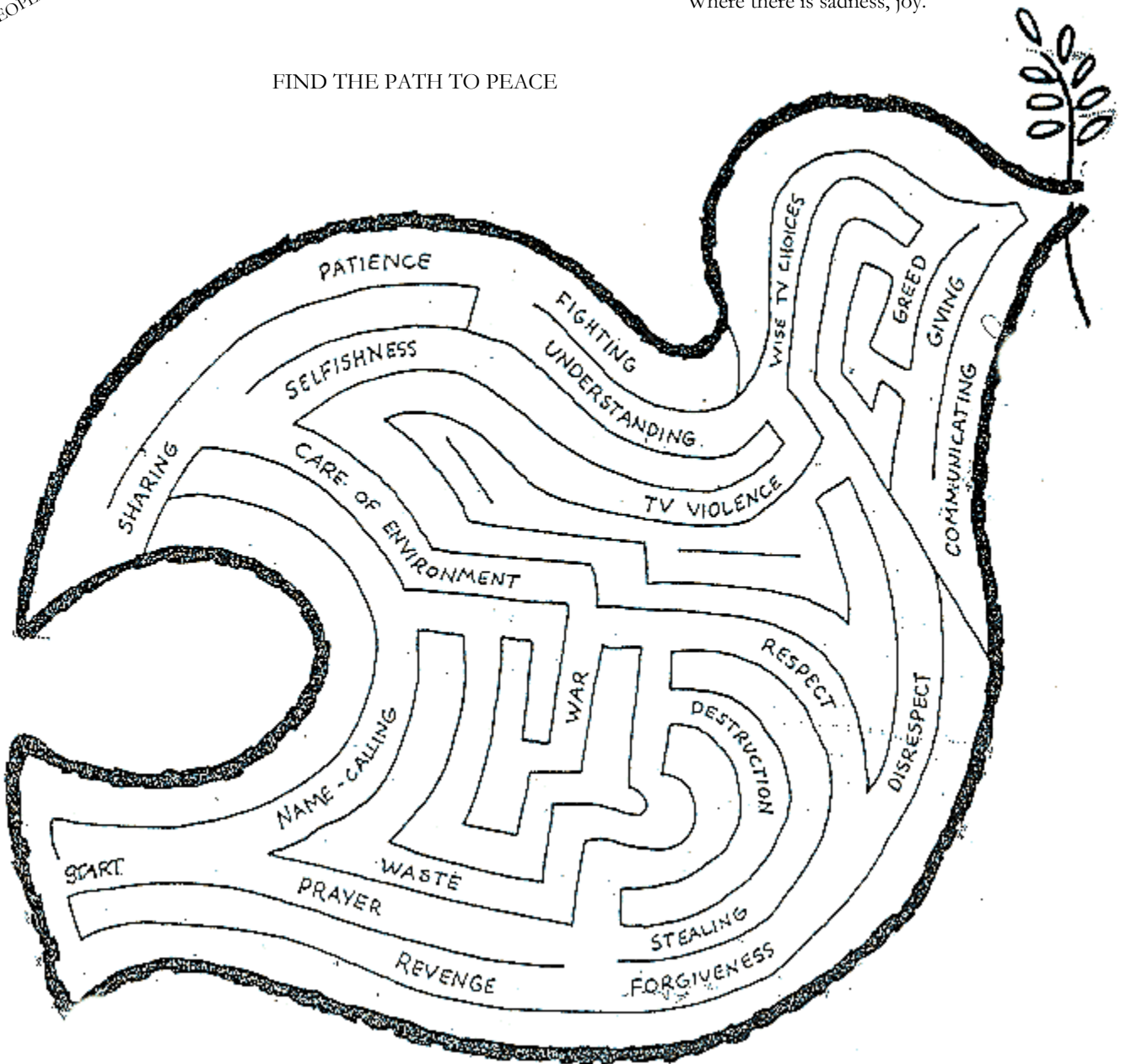
Saint Francis of Assisi was a great peacemaker. His special prayer will remind you of ways you can share the peace of Jesus with others. Join together to pray his prayer.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury; pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

FIND THE PATH TO PEACE



The Magi come from far away

January 8:
Epiphany

Isa 60,1-6
Eph 3,2-3.5-6
Matt 2,1-12

Talk about the story. Have they ever gone on a long trip? Where were they going and why? Were they looking for something? Were they lost at any time?

Tell them how the Kings came from afar and Mary and Jesus received them well. How are people who are different, or strangers, received in their neighborhood or school?

Activities. Ask the children to draw and cut out a star. They can write on it the gift they want to give Jesus. They could also draw the gift chests of the Wise Men.

Final Prayer. Have the children present their gifts and express their commitment.

You are there

- What do you think of these men?
- Are they tired after such long trip?
- Do you offer them something to eat or drink? What do Mary and Joseph do when they see them?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

The wise men offered gifts to Jesus. What can you offer Jesus as a gift?

The wise men were people from far away countries. How do you treat people who have just arrived in the neighborhood, or your school?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about the gifts you have liked to most. Tell him what you will do as gift to him:

- For example: *I will share some of my gifts with children who have less.*
- For example: *I will speak the truth even if it is difficult sometimes.*



🕯: The Wise Men traveled far to bring gifts to Jesus. What kinds of gifts would you like to give Jesus? Do you sometimes give gifts to your family or friends? For what reasons?

CRUCIGRAMA

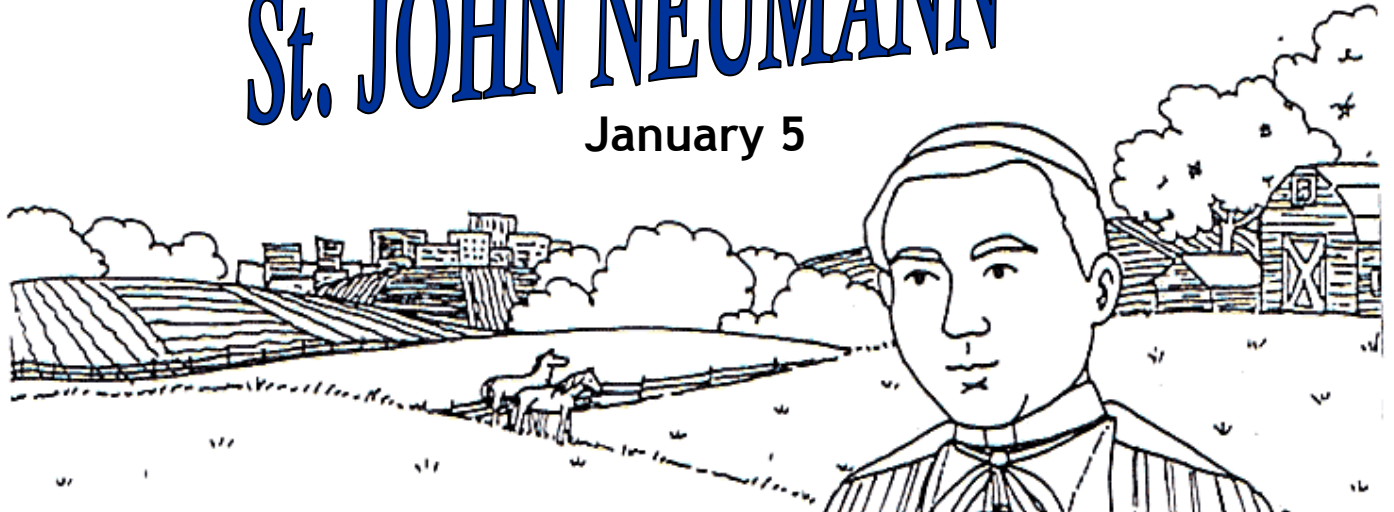
• Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

- Wise, Jesus, Herod,
- Mary, Bethlehem, Travel,
- Star, Light, Adore, Gold
- Myrrh, Frankincense

A D O R A R R T I R
M L R N O J N R S T
I G O S N E I C N I
G G H I L S N M N S
M Q V E I U T W X E
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J H R E A O Z Q N O
V E R I A J M U B R
M I R R A N E R L E
E S T R E L L A V H

St. JOHN NEUMANN

January 5



John was born in Bohemia, but he became a missionary in the “mission land” of the United States. His first assignment was to help the immigrants in Buffalo, New York.

John knew many languages, so he could teach people from different countries about God.

Father Neumann did not only stay in the city. He went all over, traveling on foot to celebrate the sacraments with people in tiny towns.

The Pope found out about this great missionary. He chose John to become the bishop of Philadelphia. There, Bishop Neumann worked to build schools and parishes. He helped the Church in the United States to grow.

My Prayer

God, your love has no special language. Let my care be for all my sisters and brothers. Help me to tell them about your love. Amen

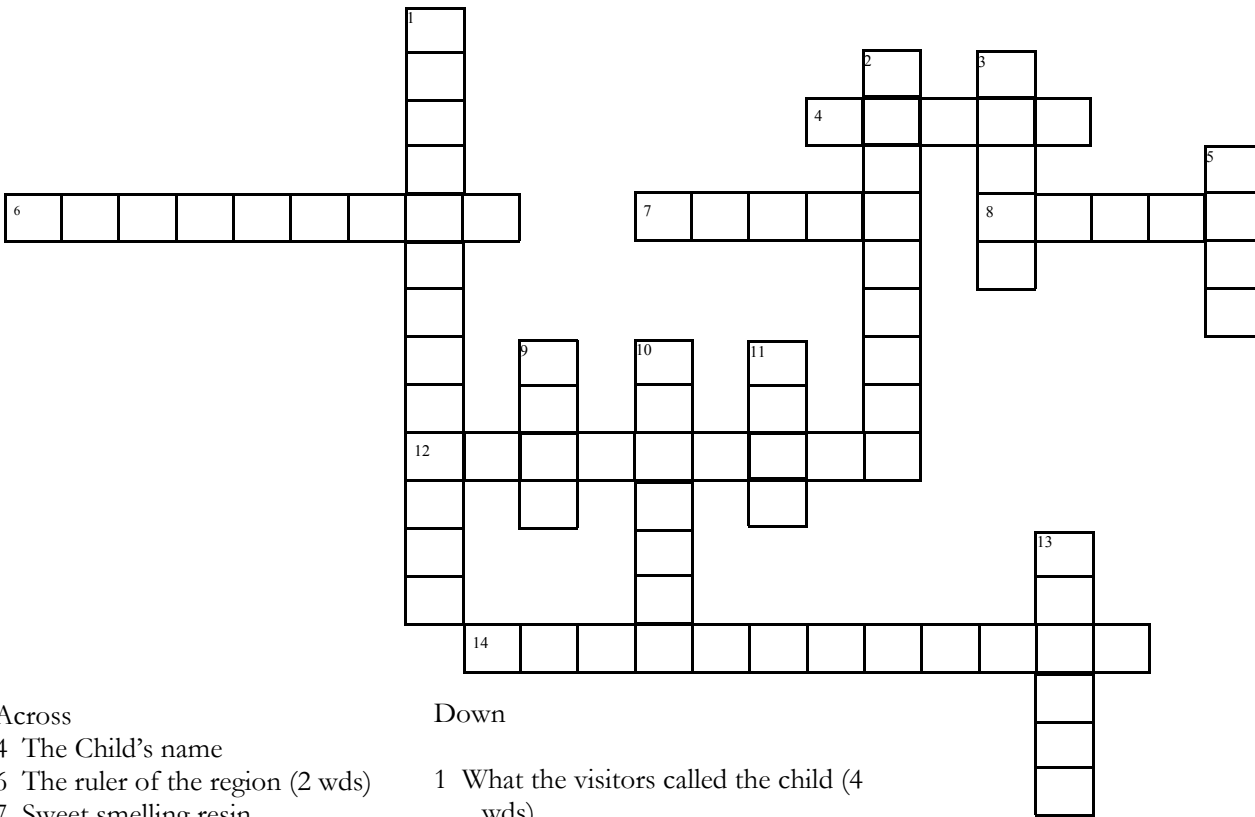


Friend and Enemies

Epiphany

On the feast of the Epiphany, we remember when the Magi visited the infant Jesus to pay homage to him and to bring him valuable gifts. They knew he was very special. From the time of Jesus' birth, there were people who loved and honored him and honored him. But there were also people who felt threatened by him. God protected Jesus against his enemies through various ways.

Read Matthew 2:1-13. Then complete the crossword below.



Across

- 4 The Child's name
- 6 The ruler of the region (2 wds)
- 7 Sweet smelling resin
- 8 The county to which they fled
- 12 The holy city
- 14 When burned, sends up aromatic smoke

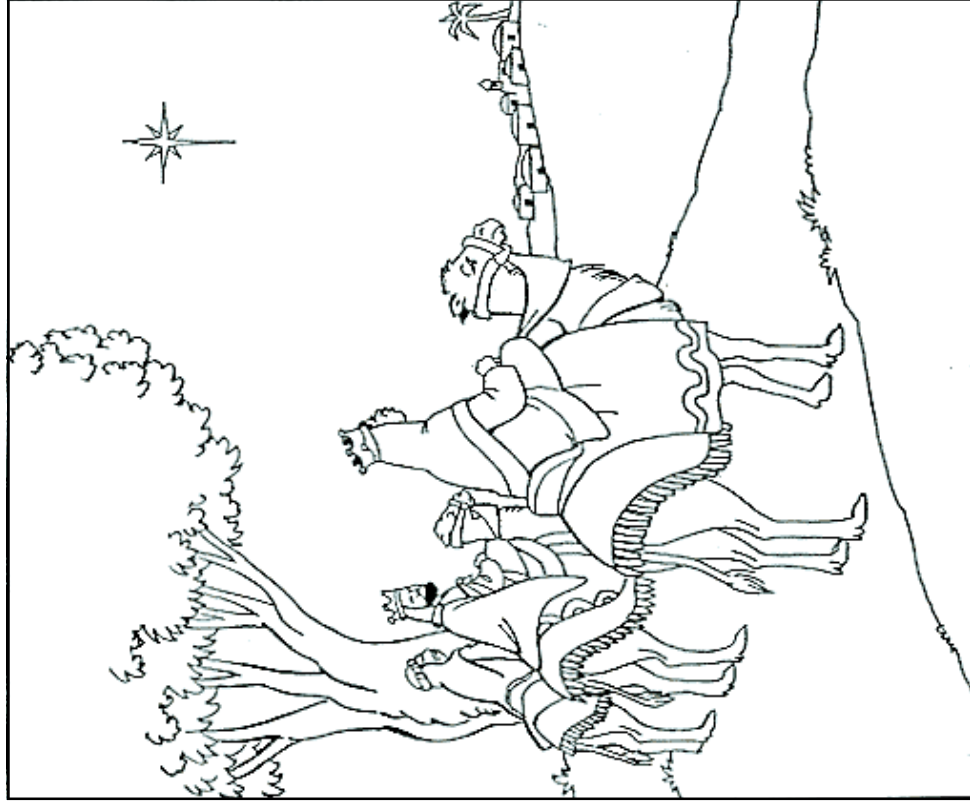
Down

- 1 What the visitors called the child (4 wds)
- 2 The child's birthplace
- 3 The region of the child's birthplace
- 5 The visitors saw the rising
- 9 The child's mother
- 10 The visitors (2 wds)
- 11 A precious metal
- 13 He as warned in a dream

Has anyone ever protected you from harm? Using the back of this page, write a brief story about that event and the person or persons God sent to protect you

Friends and Enemies
 Across: 4- Jesus, 6- King Herod, 7- myrrh, 8- Egypt, 12- Jerusalem, 14- frankincense.
 Down: 1- King of the Jews; 2- Bethlehem, 3- Judea, 5- star, 9- Mary, 10- wise men, 11- gold, 13 Joseph.

JANUARY 6 EPIPHANY THE THREE KINGS



One night, three wise men saw a beautiful star shining in the sky. They mounted their camels and went in a long journey following the star.

When they entered and saw the little One, they knew at once that He was the King. They fell on their knees to worship Him, and brought out gifts of gold, perfumes, incense and myrrh.

John recognizes Jesus as savior

January 15:
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

1Sam. 3,3b-10.19
1Cor 6,13-15.17-20
John 1,35-45

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about the story of Samuel. Samuel was at school. Do they like going to school? Do they try to study and be what God asks of them? How can they know when God is pleased or displeased by something? How do they know when their parents are pleased or displeased?

Activities. Dramatize Samuel's story. Have different endings: Samuel does not want to listen. What happens?

Final Prayer. Ask the children to draw a big ear. They will write on it: I, ____, want to listen to God and this week I promise to ____.



Q: John the Baptist and his follower were very happy when they recognize Jesus. What do you think Jesus looks like? How would you react if you saw him?

You are there

Do you also go where Jesus goes? How do you picture Jesus? What is the place like where he stays? Do you return home happy, too? Why? Would you remain with Jesus later?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

Jesus calls many people to listen to him and be with him. How do you respond to him? Do you always have too much to do to give time to Jesus?

Samuel listened to his teachers and knew how to obey.

How do you listen to the adults in your home so that you will know what Jesus wants you to do?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him you do not want to be half asleep when he calls you. Rather, you want to listen to him and do what he wants:

- For example: *I will listen to adults and I will obey without complaining.*
- For example: *I will speak to Jesus every day for a little while.*

WORD SEARCH

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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



The Story of this Feast ...

Great crowds came out to hear John preach in the desert, near the Jordan River. Many of the people were sorry for their sins and asked to be baptized.

One day John saw Jesus Himself coming among the people to be baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after also baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit came on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are My beloved Son. I am pleased with You."

The meaning of this Feast...

The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus not to make Him holy, but to anoint Him for His mission of saving the world. The voice of heavenly Father made Jesus known as His own Son Whom He Loved, and Whom He was sending to be the Messiah and King, the Savior Who was to offer Himself as a sacrifice on the Cross.

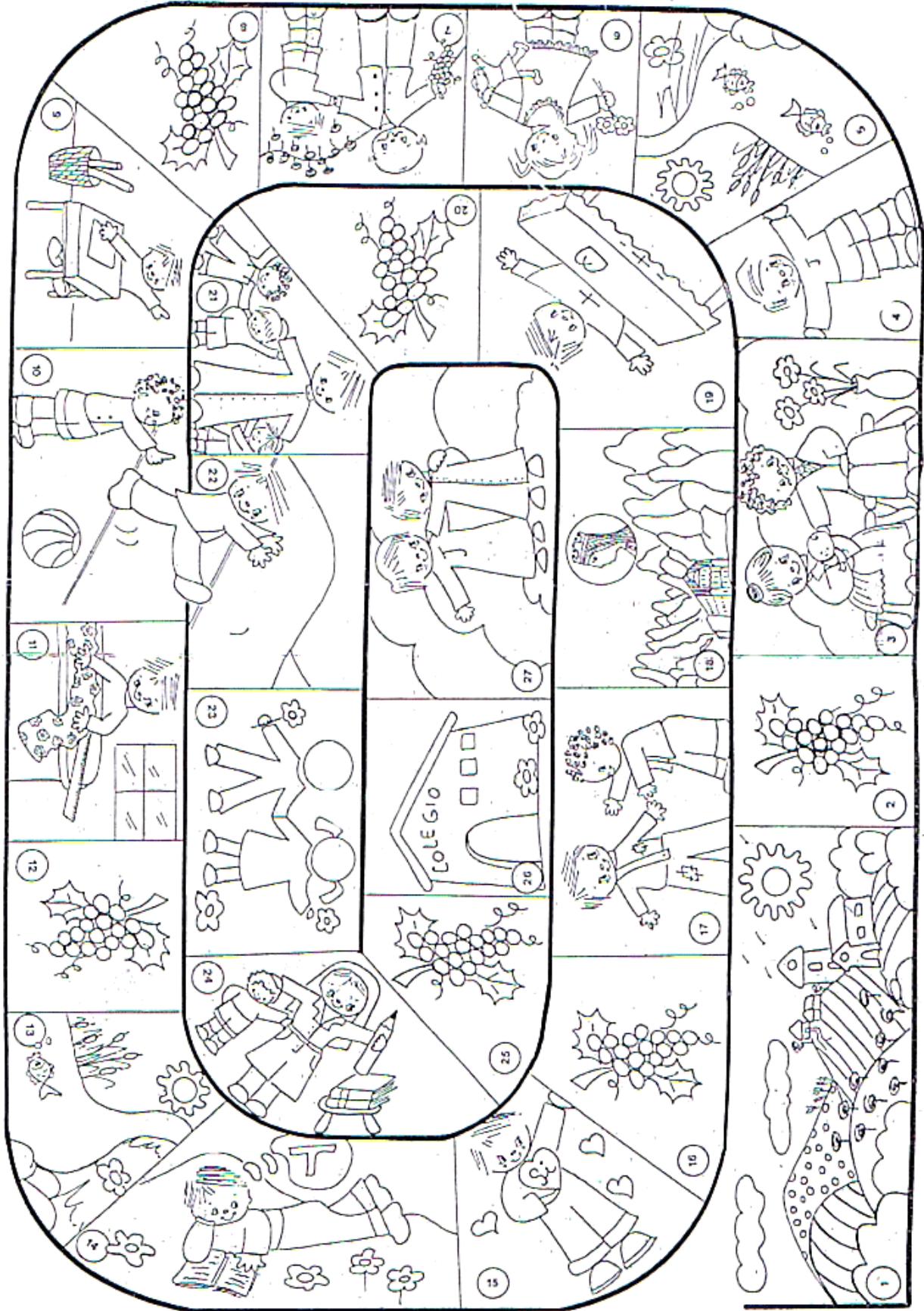
Jesus did not need to be baptized, because He was without sin as God's Son. When we are baptized we become children of God and the sin we got from Adam and Eve is washed away.

The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus is on the Sunday after January 6.

Saint Henry of Osso

January 27





This game is about the life of Saint Henry de Osso.

The game is played with tokens and dice.

All player put their tokens on the number one space. Each player, in turn, rolls the dice and moves his/her token the number of spaces totaled on the dice. The first player to reach the #

27 space is the winner "Lucky Spaces".

If a player lands on a space containing a vine of grapes, that player is allowed to advanced his/her token to the next space with another vine of grapes. **The player says "from vine to vine I get closer to St. Henry".**

If the player lands on a space with a river (#5) that player advances immediately to the next river space (#13) the player says: "I smile from river to river".

If a player lands on # 10 space he/she immediately advances to (#22) space

Jesus' friends change their style of fishing

January 22:
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

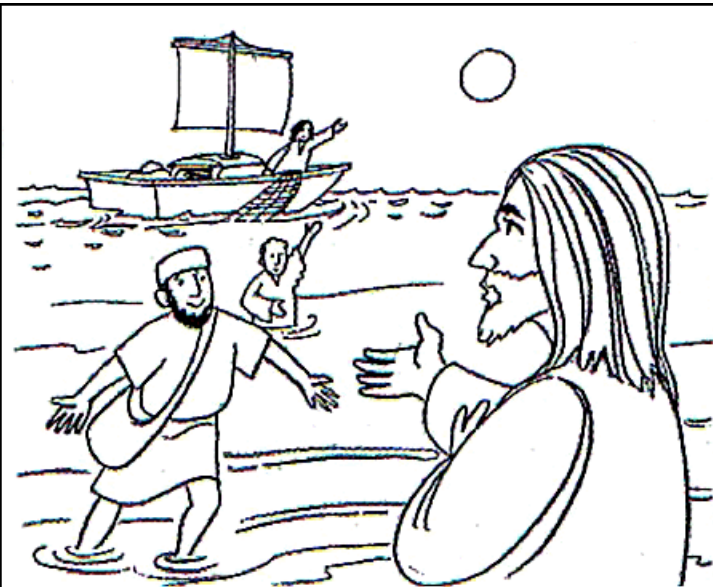
Jon 3,1-5.10
1Cor 7,29-31
Mark 1,14-20

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about the reading. Have they ever been in charge of something very important? How did they feel? How did they do it? Do they know when Jesus is asking something important of them? Do they look for excuses not to do it (for instance, playing, watching TV, or feeling lazy)?

Activities. Take some yarn to class and ask the children to make knots. Ask the children to think about things that hinder them from doing what they are asked. You can suggest some of knots. Each child breaks a knot and says: this week I will try... All answer: I want to follow you, Jesus.

You are there

Imagine you doing something really important and suddenly Jesus calls you to go somewhere. How do you react? Do you ask Jesus to wait or do you tell him you cannot go because you are too busy?



Q: Simon, Andrew, James, and John put down their fishing nets to follow Jesus. Has anyone ever asked you to stop what you were doing so that you could do something else? How did you react when they asked you?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

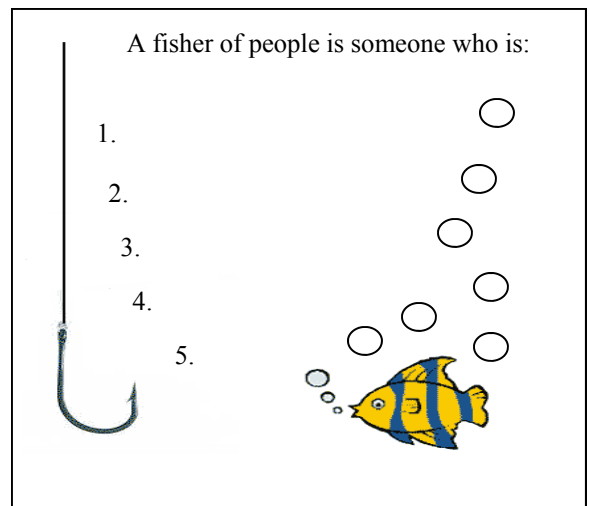
Jesus invites you to be with him, and just as he did Andrew, Simon, James, and John, he calls you by name. How do you respond? In the first reading, Jonah did not want to preach in the city where God had sent him. Do you sometimes resist doing what adults ask you to do?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him you how it is sometimes hard for you to obey fast. Ask him for help to realize what is best for you and for people around you. Tell him what you want to do this week:

- For example: *I will do what adults ask me to do, quickly and without complaining.*
- For example: *I will not give any excuses for not doing my homework.*
- _____
- _____

The first followers Jesus ever had were fishermen. He told them that, from now on, their job would be to gather up a lot of people instead of gathering up a lot of fish. What qualities does a good "fisher of people" need if they are going to tell the world about Jesus' love and care?



Realize what is best for you and for people around you. Tell him what you want to do this week.

St. Frances of Sales

January 24



Always tried to help people find their special way to God. He was kind and gentle.

Francis was born a of Sales castles in Savoy, France, on August 21, 1567. His wealthy family provided him with an excellent education. By the age of twenty-four, Francis was a Doctor of Law. He returned to Savoy and led a hard-working life. He did not seem interested in important positions or a social life. In his heart, Francis was listening to a call that kept coming back like an echo. It seemed to be an invitation from the Lord to become a priest. Francis finally tried to explain his struggle to his family. His father was very disappointed. He wanted Francis to be a great man of the world. Family influence could have accomplished that goal. Instead, Francis become a priest on December 18, 1593.

Father of Sales lived in times when Christmas were bitterly divided. He volunteered to go to a dangerous area of France to win back Catholics who had become Protestants. His father protested. He said it was bad enough that he had permitted Francis to become a priest. He was not going to let him be a martyr as well. But Francis believed that the Lord would protect him. He and his cousin, Father Louis of Sales, set out on foot for the Duchy of Chablais. The two priest, soon learned how to live with insults and physical discomforts. Their lives were frequently in danger. Little by little, however, people returned to the Church.

Francis eventually became the bishop of Geneva, Switzerland. With the help of St. Jane of Chantal, he started a religious order of sisters in 1610. These women are called the order of the Visitation. Francis wrote wonderful books about the spiritual life and the way to become holy. The books, *Treatise on the Love of God and Introduction to the Devout life*, are still in print today. They are considered spiritual "classics".

Bishop of Sales died on December 28, 1622, at the age of fifty-six. He was declared a saint Pope Innocent X in 1665. Because of his heroic dedication to the Church, he was given the special title "Doctor of the Church". He is also the patron saint of journalists.

My Prayer

Loving God, you made me special and wonderful. Show me the way to your friendship and to you. Amen

Jesus has authority to control evil

January 29:
Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Deut 18,15-20
1Cor 7,32-35
Mc 1,21-28

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about the things that make them feel anxious. Talk about those things that worry or concern them. What other things make them or others unhappy and unable to enjoy like? Who or what can help people feel better?

Activities and prayer. Make a chain with colorful cardboard or construction paper links. On each link ask the children to write one thing that is evil or makes people unhappy. As the children express their commitment for the week, break each one of the links.

You are there

How do you imagine this scene? Are you scared by the man who is possessed by the evil spirit? Are you surprised that Jesus can control this spirit?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

Jesus wants everyone to feel at peace.

What type of things make you lose your calm? What makes you feel uneasy and anxious? Do you ask Jesus to help ease these anxieties?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him you how it is sometimes hard for you to do obey fast. Ask him for help to realize what is best for you and for people around you. Tell him what you want to do this week:

- For example: *I will do what adults ask me to do, quickly an without complaining.*

For example: *I will listen to the adults around me when they tell me what is right and wrong*

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- _____
- _____



Q: Simon, Andrew, James, and John put down their fishing nets to follow Jesus. Has anyone ever asked you to stop what you were doing so that you could do something else? How did you react when they asked you?

WORD SEARCH:

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

• Evil,	A S O M B R A D O S
• Spirit,	S L T N J P F R S E
• Capernaum,	R I L R S E A C D S
• Synagogue,	E G N I A S S M N P
• Calm,	C A F A R N A U N I
• Man,	E A L M G E A G S R
• Obey,	D A D I R O T U A I
• Jesus,	E R B M O H G R B T
• Amazed	B E R D O T M A L U
• Authority.	O L I U Q N A R T R

St. John Bosco

OUR FRIENDS THE SAINTS

He is a very happy boy: he does not know how to read but he has a very good memory and he is capable and athletic.

Twice a week he goes with his brother Joseph and his Mom Margaret to the nearby town of Castelnuovo, to sell a little cart-load of products: maize, potatoes, loaves of bread... Many people go to the market of Castelnuovo, and street performers who, after putting on their show -of magic, juggling and acrobatics -pass around a hat into which the astonished spectators throw their coins. John watches them attentively. **He wants to learn too.** But for what? Can it be that he also wishes to earn his living by coaxing money out of others? No.



At nine years of age John had a dream that remained with him throughout his whole life: he found himself in the middle of a group of boys who were swearing a they played. John, wounded by their blasphemous words, throws himself upon them and commences to deal out punches right, left and centre. Then he hears a voice (the voice of God) which says to him: **“Not with blows, John, but with sweetened and charity, you will attract them and you will make them your friends and you will teach them”.**

To work! He began to practice in secret the tricks he saw in Castelnuovo, and to learn the catechism and the sermons of the priest in his church. When he had learned everything one Sunday after Mass, in a powerful voice, he cried out: Come, come, my friends!... Come and be entertained. When all the people had gathered around him, he began to repeat the sermon of that day, adding in jokes and funny incidents that made it more pleasant and entertaining.

St. John Bosco was born on the 16th of August 1815 in Becchi, near the Italian city of Turin. He is the patron Saint of the youth because of the good he did and continues to do from heaven, for children and young people.

Afterwards, he continued with magic tricks, acrobatics and pirouettes, he cut off a chicken's head, and, when he had caught everyone's interest, he invited everyone to pray the Rosary, saying that he would resurrect the chicken afterwards.

In this way, with humor and charm, with a lot of effort on his part, and above all with a lot of love for souls, **he succeeded in bringing many, many souls closer to God,** so that instead of wasting their time and doing bad things, they were with him having fun and learning good things.

**SEEING THE
EXAMPLE OF
JOHN BOSCO,
WHAT CAN YOU
DO TO BRING
SOULS CLOSER
TO GOD?**

