

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



March, 2006 Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 01 Lent is a time to grow in the love for Jesus. The devotions most use in Lent are the Stations of the Cross, Bible Reading, and Daily Mass.

The Fridays on Lent are special, they remains us, of Jesus death for us. For this reason we fast and abstinence. Try to pray and explain the children two stations of the cross each week. At the end of Lent we will have finish all the Stations of the Cross.

Enclosed you will find the some Feasts and Saints of the month

March 01 Ash Wednesday
March 17 Saint Patrick
March 19 Saint Joseph
March 25 The Annunciation
March 25 Leader's Workshop

Enclosed Material and Activities:

- a) Calendar of the month
- b) Meditation on the Sunday Gospel
- c) Pages of some Saints of this month
- d) Journey Through Lent to Easter
- e) Lent Trivia
- f) Pascual -Basquet
- g) The Annunciation

Suggested Videos: (All available in the video club)

1. Easter Story 2. The Life of Christ II (father Peyton)

3. Saint Patrick5. Penance (SHC)4. Resisting Temptation6. Ten Commandments

7. Jesus dies on the Cross 8. Lent

We are planning the <u>IV Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary</u> for June 30 July 1 and 2, 2005 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 you 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 March 25 at 9:30 am in St. Agatha Church 1111 S.W. 107 Ave. Please come and share with us.

May God Bless You Always, Friends of Jesus and Mary



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			Ash Wednesday		First Friday Sta. Catharine Drexel	First Saturday S. Casimir
5 Violet	6 Violet	7 Violet	8 Violet	9 Violet	10 Me Violet	11 Violet
First Sunday of Lent		St. Perpetua St. Felicity	St John of God	St. Frances of Rome		
12 Violet	13 Violet	14 Violet	15 Violet	16 Violet	17 Marinence Violet	18 Violet
Second Sunday of Lent					St. Patrick of nda	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
19 Violet	20 Violet	21 Violet	22 Violet	23 Violet	24 Abstinence Violet	25 White
Third Sunday of Lent	S. Joseph, Husband of Virgin Mary			St. Toribio de Mogrovejo		WORKSHOP Annunciation of the
26 Violet/Rose	27 Violet	28 Violet	29 Violet	30 Violet	31 Me Violet	
Fourth Sunday of Lent						

JOURNEYING THRIUGH LENT TO EASTER

Pattern to prepare a big poster for your group



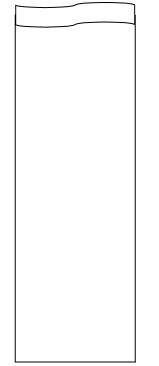


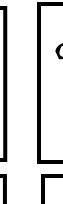








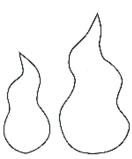












JOURNEYING THRIUGH LENT TO EASTER

In Lent we remember the 40 days Jesus spend in the desert.

Time when we prayerfully examine the times we have failed and pray for the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us become closer to God and his ways.

We fast on Ash Wednesday and Fridays and Good Fridays during the Lent.

We make an extra effort to give to those in need, with the works of Mercy.

As leader we can kelp the children and their families in this journey since Ash Wednesday to Easter. Instruction:

You will need to cut 47 show print in construction paper (one for each day of lent)

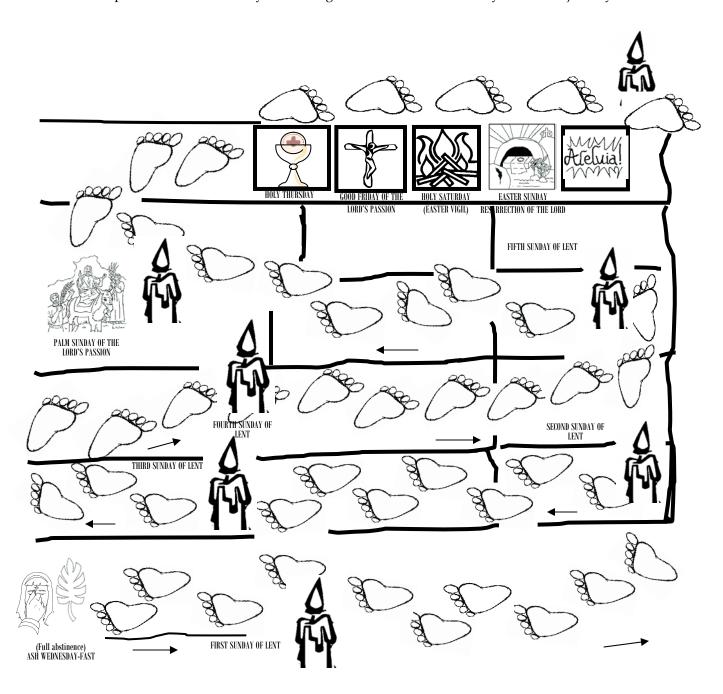
The flame and the branch as a symbol of the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

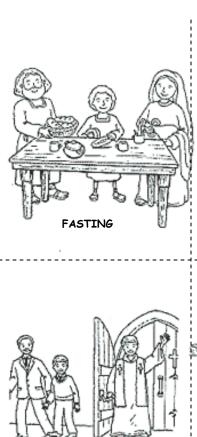
6 Candles one for each Sunday of Lent and Palm and Easter Sunday.

The pictures to represent Palm/Sunday, Holy Thursday, good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Assemble your path in the bulletin board. Each day you get together note what day of Lent it is.

Color in the shoe print since the last time you were together and ask God to bless your Lenten journey.

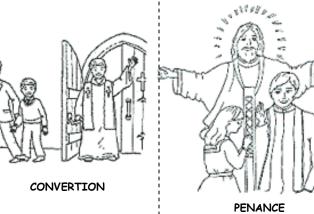
























HOLE THURSDAY

VENERATION OF THE CROSS

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY ASHES

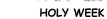






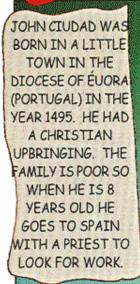
THE RESURRECTION

PASCUAL TRIDIUM

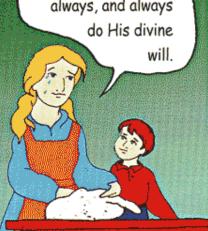


What we doing on Ash Wednesday and God Fri- day when we eat only one full meal and avoid eating between meals? FASTING	What is loving communion with God, in which we talk and listen to God? PRAYER	What is the giving of money or our time or tal- ents or other material things to those who are in need? WORKS OF MERCY	What do we call the suffering and death of Jesus that we hear read from the Gospel of Mark (14:1-15; 15-57), on Palm Sunday and the Gospel of John (18:1-19:42) on Good Friday? THE PASSION
What is a deep and strong change of heart, when we turn away from sin and evil and toward God? CONVERTION	What do we do to show our sorrow for in and wrongdoing, and to help undo damage that may have been caused by our sin? PENANCE	What do we call the service o Holy Saturday night that consists of the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, Christian Initiation (or renewal of baptism vows), and the Holy Eucharist, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection? PASCUAL VIGIL	What is the liturgical color that symbolizes sorrow and penance during the season of Lent ? PURPLE
What day do we celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, when we remember the Last Supper, during which Jesus gave to us the gift of himself in the Eucharist? HOLY THURDAY	What is the Good Friday ritual that consists of showing special respect to the wood of the cross? VENERATION OF THE CROSS	¿What is the first day of Lent? ASH WEDNESDAY What is placed on our forehead in the sign of the cross on the first day of the Lent as a reminder to do penance? HOLY ASHES	What is the devotion that remembers Jesus' path to his crucifixion on Calvary? THE WAY OF THE CROSS
What do we call the three days that are the highest point of the liturgical year, when we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus? PASCUAL TRIDIUM	What day of the Triduum do we remember Jesus' suffering and death? GOOD FRIDAY	What begins on Palm Sunday and is a time during which we remember the last days of Jesus' life? HOLY WEEK	What is the event that is at the core of all Christian beliefs and practices, that proclaims Jesus of Nazareth suffered, died was buried, and was raised to new life with God? THE RESURRECTION

John of God



Remember the Lord always, and always do His divine



IN OROPESA (TOLEDO) HE IS RECEIVED BY A FAMILY THAT REALLY LOVES HIM. HE SPENDS HIS CHILDHOOD WITH THEM AND HIS YOUTH WORKING AS A SHEPHERD.





JOHN IS A DREAMER. HE BECOMES A SOLDIER AND GOES TO WAR. OUR LADY SAVES HIM SEVERAL TIMES.

AFTER THE WAR HE RECEIVES HIS FIRST CALLING TO TAKE CARE OF THE POOR.

John, how much better you would spend your life feeding the poor instead of fattening animals!



H.M. for Children 6

John, if charity were to disappear from the earth, we would find it in you.

> WHEREVER HE GOES HE HELPS THE PEOPLE AND LOOKS AFTER THE POOR.

HE ARRIVES IN GRANADA. ST. JOHN OF ÁVILA IS PREACHING. HIS WORDS SET FIRE TO JOHN'S HEART AND HE CONVERTS.

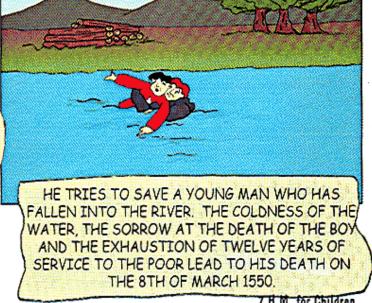


Mercy!.





HOSPITAL AND SOME CONVERTED SINNERS FOLLOW HIM. THAT'S HOW THE HOSPITALARY BROTHERS OF ST. JOHN OF GOD ARE BORN.



7 H.M. for Children



St. Joseph is a great saint. He was Jesus' foster father and Mary's husband. Joseph was given the great privilege of taking care of God's own Son, Jesus, and his Mother, Mary. Joseph was poor all his life. He had to work very hard in his carpenter shop, but he did not mind. He was happy to work for his little family. He loved Jesus and Mary so much.

Whatever the Lord wanted him to do, St. Joseph did at once, no matter how difficult it was. He was humble and pure, gentle and wise. Jesus and Mary loved him and obeyed him because God had placed him as the head of their family. What a joy for St. Joseph to live with the Son of God himself. Jesus obeyed him, helped him, and loved him.

We pray to St. Joseph as the protector of the dying for a special reason. It is believed that Joseph died peacefully in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

St. Teresa of Avila chose St. Joseph as a protector of her order of Carmelite sisters. She had a great trust in his prayers. "every time I ask St. Joseph for something", she said, "he always obtains it for me."

Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph the patron of the Universal Church.

As Jesus obeyed and helped St. Joseph in his hard and humble work, let us, too, willing help our parents with the work to be done at home.





This year the feast of Saint Joseph will be celebrate in the 20 because the 19 is a Sunday

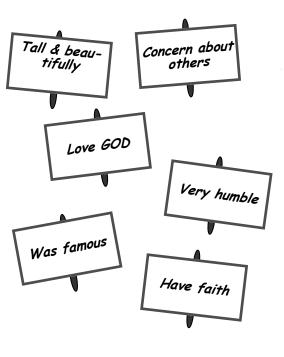
ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

THE VIRGIN MARY SAID "YES" TO GOD

God had chosen Virgin Mary to be the mother of Jesus, the Savior. She was a woman that trust in the Lord; She believe the angel's word.

Paint the square that are true and cross out the false

On this occasion, our Blessed Mother gave us a wonderful example of humility and obedience. Let us, too, show God our love by obeying those who represent him -our parents and teachers.



Write (T) for true and (F) for false. We said "yes" to God:

- When we do what Jesus teach us
- When we do not obey our parents
- When we are stubborn
- When we help others



COMMITMENT

• This week do what Jesus will said "yes" to do something our parents ask us.

Go ask them what they will like to have done, and write it down.

WE SAID "YES" TO GOD

- [⊕] Mary said "yes" to God even when she did not understand the meaning of what the angel said.
- ₱ She teach us to said "yes" to the Lord.
- [⊕] Some time we do not understand what God tell us, but we can trust in Him as Virgin Mary did.

Jesus also was tempted

March 5: First Sunday in Lent Gen. 9:8-15; 1Pe. 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about the temptations they may find in the neighborhood, with drugs or gangs. Talk about sometimes it might be easy to do something that gives pleasures at the moment, but that deep down does not give true happiness, and can bring many problems.

Speak about Lent and how during these 40 days we are given opportunities to listen well in order to know what God wants of us and to be closer to him.

Activities and prayer. Have the children write down what they would like to do this Lent. They can leave their papers in a basket or bowl. In another bowl, bring ashes to class symbolizing the thing they want to do better. Make a cross of ashes on their hand as a sign that they want to change their behavior.

You are there.

Do you think Jesus should show power as Satan suggested, and avoid the difficulties?

Do you think Jesus was hungry and thirsty in the desert? Satan asked him to show his power and turn the stones into bread. Would you have done that if you were Jesus?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

Jesus feels tempted not to do what God had asked of him.

Do you sometimes feel tempted not to do what adults ask of you?

Jesus prays that he will be able to compete his ask.

Do you ask God to be with you when you are about to do something important?

Jesus invites people to change their way of life and please God. What do you need to change? What do you think God dislikes the most about things you do?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about when you want to do something well but feel lazy, or are distracted. Tell him what you want to do.

- •For example: I will ask God to help me be consistent and to do as I am told.
- •For example: *I will do my homework as soon as I get home, so I do not get distracted.*



Q: Jesus went to the desert and gave up food so he could think about God. Like Jesus, during Lent, Catholics usually give up something special for 40 days. What are you planning to give up during Lent?

WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden С F words in Spanish and G G Ε S write a sentence using 0 Q R N N Т R 1 them: Ε S Ν 0 Ζ U S 0 S - 1 ASH, WEDNESDAY, LENT, Т S D Α S U S Ε DESERT, JESUS, SATAN, М Ε R С 0 L Ε S 1 TEMPTATION, MISSION, REIGN, BELIEVE

Jesus shines likes the sun

March 12: Second Sunday in Lent Gen. 22:1-2,9a 10-13,15-18; Rom. 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about the very happy moments in their lives that they remember as clear as photographs. Did they wish that those times would last forever? What changed? Does it help to remember good times when one is going through hard times?

Talk about what they would like to do when they grow up. What do their parents tell them they should do? Do they suggest professions that make a lot of money only because of that?

Talk about the voice that says we must listen to Jesus. How do they listen?

Activities and prayer. Have the children draw three camping tents and on one write the name of a place where they were when they had a very good time. On another one, where they are now, and on the third, where they would like to be in the future. Have them present their tents sayings: "Here are my dreams. But I want to listen to you, Jesus. I know you are at my side."

You are there.

Are you afraid when you see the vision?

Do you want to set up some tents and stay there for a long time, or would you rather go back to the town? What do you think this means?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

Jesus invites the friend who are with him to know him well and to know that he is the Son of God and true God. Do you want to know Jesus? The voice from heavens says we must listen to Jesus. Jesus sometimes speaks through people around us.

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about one time that you were enjoying so much you did not want it to end. Ask him for help remembering the good times when you are going through difficulties.

- For example: I will give thanks for good times.
- ullet For example: I will listen to Jesus who speaks to me through adults.



Q: One day Jesus appeared to his friends as dazzling and bright as the sun. How would you describe what Jesus might have looked like when he appeared to his friends? I sthis the way you think of Jesus?

WORD SEARCH											
Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them: WHITE, SHINE, LISTEN, MOSES, ELIJAH, MOUNTAIN, TENTS, PETER, JAMES, JOHN, SON, BELOVED	M S A N T I A G O N	EOGGQATEQO	R R N H R B I U R P	A D E T S N E D D Q	HEHJARNAOR	CPIUINDDXC	UFJDBLANCO	CMOISESRRU	SSDRALLIRB	ELIASEBRAR	

Jesus gets very angry

March 19: Third Sunday in Lent Exod. 20:1-7; 1 Cor. 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about things that make them angry. Can they see when they are right and when they are simply throwing a tantrum without reason?

Explain to them that there were offering of animals presented to God in the Jewish temple. People needed to buy animals there. On the other hand, they also needed to change money, because the coin of the Roman Empire had the image of the emperor or of a pagan god. Therefore, it was unacceptable for the temple. Jesus was angry, not so much at the practices as at the abuse and lack of devotion shown by people at the temple.

Activities and prayer. Give the children a few coins to look at and see whose images appear on. Ask them to draw and cut coins with image of Jesus on one side and the "value" on the other (what is important to them, or what they will do this week).

You are there.

Are you afraid when you see Jesus so angry?

Do you try to calm him down? Do you think he is overreacting?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

The commandments god gave to the people through Moses are guides to live together in peace. When you are asked to do something, do you feel it is an imposition or do you understand it is for your own good and the good of the family?

Jesus says the temple is a sacred place of prayer and encounter with God.

How do you go into the church? Do you show respect?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him you really want to be with him and do what he likes. Tell him what you would like to do.

- •For example: I will obey when adults ask me to do something.
 - •For example: *I will behave well in church*.



Q: Jesus was angry because the money changers at the temple told people they had to buy things in order to pray. Have you ever been angry at people who were doing something wrong?

WORD SEARCH Find the following hidden M 0 0 Р ח R S words in Spanish and Ε Α write a sentence using S G М Н - 1 .1 Ε them: R 0 U D Α D Т F 1 Ν M - 1 Α ANGRY, TEMPLE, JESUS, Ε R С Α D Ε MERCHANTS. ANIMALS. Ρ S R D Α D М R В COINS, AUTHORITY, L D Α D 1 R 0 Τ U GOD, ABUSE, CENTER

Jesus will be lifted up

March 26: Fourth Sunday in Lent 2 Chron. 36:14-16,19-23; Eph. 2:410; John 3:14-21

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about doctors and illnesses. Have they ever realized that the symbol in many doctor's offices is a snake wrapped around a pole?

Have they ever heard of any sickness that was healed by just looking at something? Are any of their family members sick now?

What other illnesses are there besides physical ailments? How can those be cured?

Activities and prayer. Show the children a drawing or photo of a snake wrapped around a pole. Take a large cross made of Styrofoam or cardboard to class and ask the children to write some sickness or problem on a small piece of paper Each child will then stick his or her piece of paper on the cross, saying: "Jesus, you are our health".

You are there.

Jesus says that by looking at him we get strength for the difficulties of life. What troubles would you like to tell Jesus about?

Jesus says that God loves us very much.

Do you love God in return? Do you thank God?

Jesus, our friend, invites you:

What do you ask Jesus about Moses and the serpent and the people who were sick? Are you afraid of snakes?

What do you feel when you look at the cross of Jesus?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about some problem you have at this time. Ask him for strength to overcome it. Tell him what you want to do.

- •For example: I will visit a person who is sick.
- ullet For example: I will help a classmate who might need it.



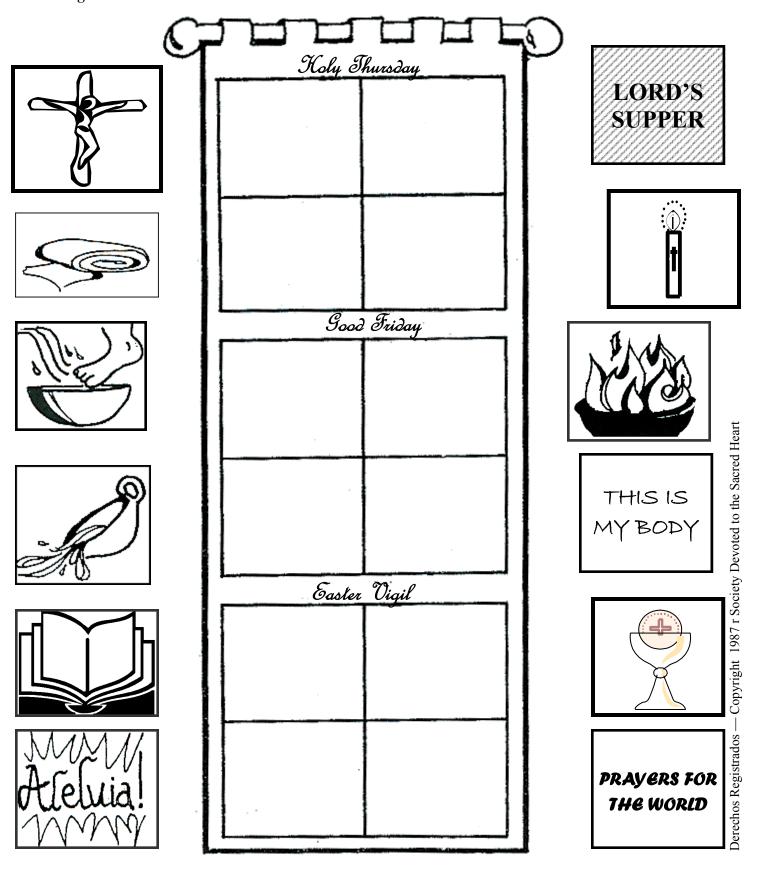
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Q: Moses lifted up his pole and everyone who looked at it was healed. Do you know someone who is very sick? Do you believe that Jesus can heal them?

EASTER BANNER

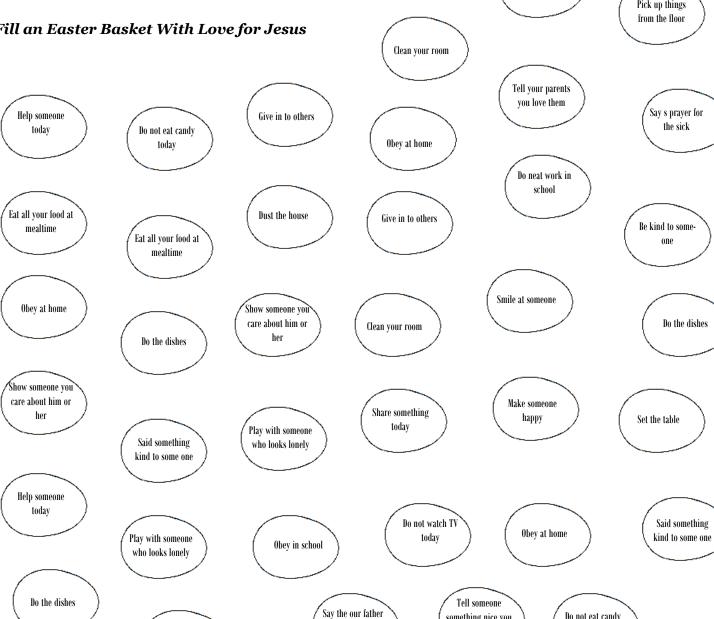
The Three Days that speak of our Success are Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Color and cut out each square with the picture and glue it under the day when it happens. Then cut the whole Easter Banner and hang.

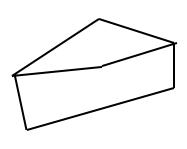


MAKE AN EASTER BASKET OF LOVE FOR JESUS

- 1. Use a paper cut.
- Glue on a piece of ribbon for a handle. 2.
- Cut out or have someone help you cut out the eggs 3. and place them in a envelope.
- Put the basket in your room.
- Each morning after you pray, take an egg from the envelope and read it. Place it in from of your basket.
- Make the sacrifice during the day to show love for Jesus.
- After you night prayers, put the egg in the basket. If you forget to make the sacrifice, put the egg back in the envelope.

Fill an Easter Basket With Love for Jesus









Be kind to someone

Said something kind to some one

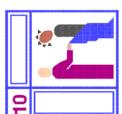
Pick up things

Make someone happy

for the poor

something nice you saw or heard

Do not eat candy today



Leader: Jesus is stripped of His garments

Leader: Jesus is placed in His Mother's arms

ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by

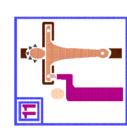
CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, clothe us whit your grace to protect our innocence.

your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

CHILDREN: Dear Mother, you cleaned your son's wounds eith

such love! Help us to love everyone who wound us.



ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by

your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

you forgave all our sins. Help us to be obedient and good, and

ready to forgive all those who offend us.

CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, when you were nailed to the cross,

Leader: Jesus is nailed to the



placed in the Leader: Jesus is

Cross

Tomb ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, prepare our hearts for you, make us

your home, and help us love you more.



Leader: Jesus dies

on the Cross

Jesus Leader: The resurrection of



ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. CHILDREN: Dear Father, we thank you for having given us your Son Jesus. Fill our hearts with your love so that we may mitate Jesus and follow the way that brings us to your King-

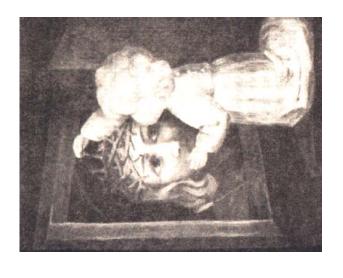
CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, Thank you for your great love, for giving your life for us. We want to love you more every day and

make our lives a source of joy for you.

ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by

your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Way of the Cross Walk with Jesus on the



The Way of the Cross is Jesus' walk as He carried the cross to the hill where He was crucified.

ALL: Dear Jesus, I have sinned. For your suffering and your death on the Cross, have mercy on me and on all sinners Mother Mary, teach me to love Jesus



Leader: Jesus is condemned to

death

Leader: Jesus meet His Mother



second time Leader: Jesus falls a

> ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, you were condemned to death due to false witnesses. Help us to be always truthful and never lie.

ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by our holy cross you have redeemed the world. CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, we want to always console you. Help

us to console and pray for those ho suffer.

CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, our sins hurt you. Help us to be sorry every time that we misbehave.

ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by

our holy cross you have redeemed the world.



Leader: Jesus carries His Cross



the Cross Leader: Simon helps Jesus carry



Leader: Jesus meets ing for Him the women cry-

> ALL: We adore you. 0 Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Simon did, especially Mon and Dad. Give us the grace to always help the one who needs it. CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, we promise to help everyone,

CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, because of your great love for us you carried the cross. We want to be like you. Help us to accept

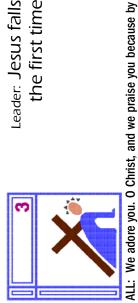
our difficulties and to help another with joy.

ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by

your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, sometimes we cry when things don't turn the way that we want, and we make others feel bad. Help us not hurt our parents again with our foolishness.



Leader: Jesus falls the first time



ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by our holy cross you have redeemed the world. CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, help us to have the courage to show kindness and compassion to others

CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, help us to be always good and if we

fail, forgive us and help us to try again.

your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



Jesus

Leader: Veronica wipes the face of

Leader: Jesus falls a third time ALL: We adore you. O Christ, and we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. CHILDREN: Dear Jesus, you are teaching us that even if we fail many times, we can always start again with help of your