



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

May 2006
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May is the month dedicated to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. It is also a month where we can relate better to our own mother with Mary, Jesus' mother, and understand why Jesus crowned Her as Queen of heaven and earth, and gave it to us our mother also.

Let use this month to awake our children and help them to appreciate everything that our mothers do for each one of us. Help them to prepare a Spiritual Bouquet to given to their mothers on Mothers Day.

Important feasts and some Saints:

May 01	Saint Joseph, The Worker
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 14	Mother's Day
May 20	Leader Workshop
May 25	Ascension of the Lord (according to local authorities)
May 31	The Visitation

Enclosed materials:

- 1) Monthly calendar
- 2) Meditation of the Sunday Gospel
- 3) Activities: a) Game "What is Jesus Commandment", b) Mother's Day Greeting Card, c) Teachers of God love, d) Script for "The Ascension" play, e) The Good Shepherd.

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

1. The Day the Sun Danced
2. The Life of Jesus I
3. Mary
4. Prayer
5. The Ascension
6. The Visitation
7. Confirmation
8. Fatima

The Eucharistic Retreat for the children of the prayer groups and their families will be on June 17 at St. Louis Catholic Church from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. Make plans to come. Please bring the information of how many of your group will assist.

Our next meeting May 20 at St. Agatha Church from 9:30 to 1:00 pm.

Committee of Friends of Jesus and Mary.



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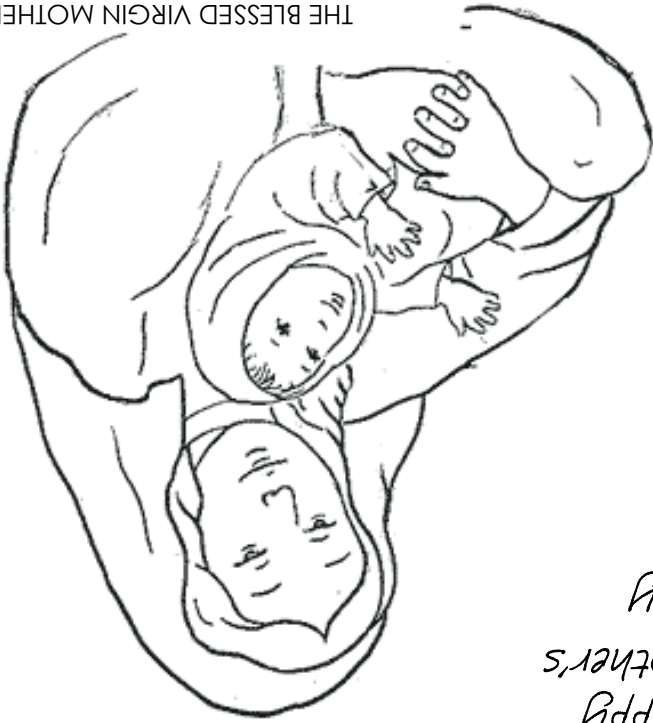
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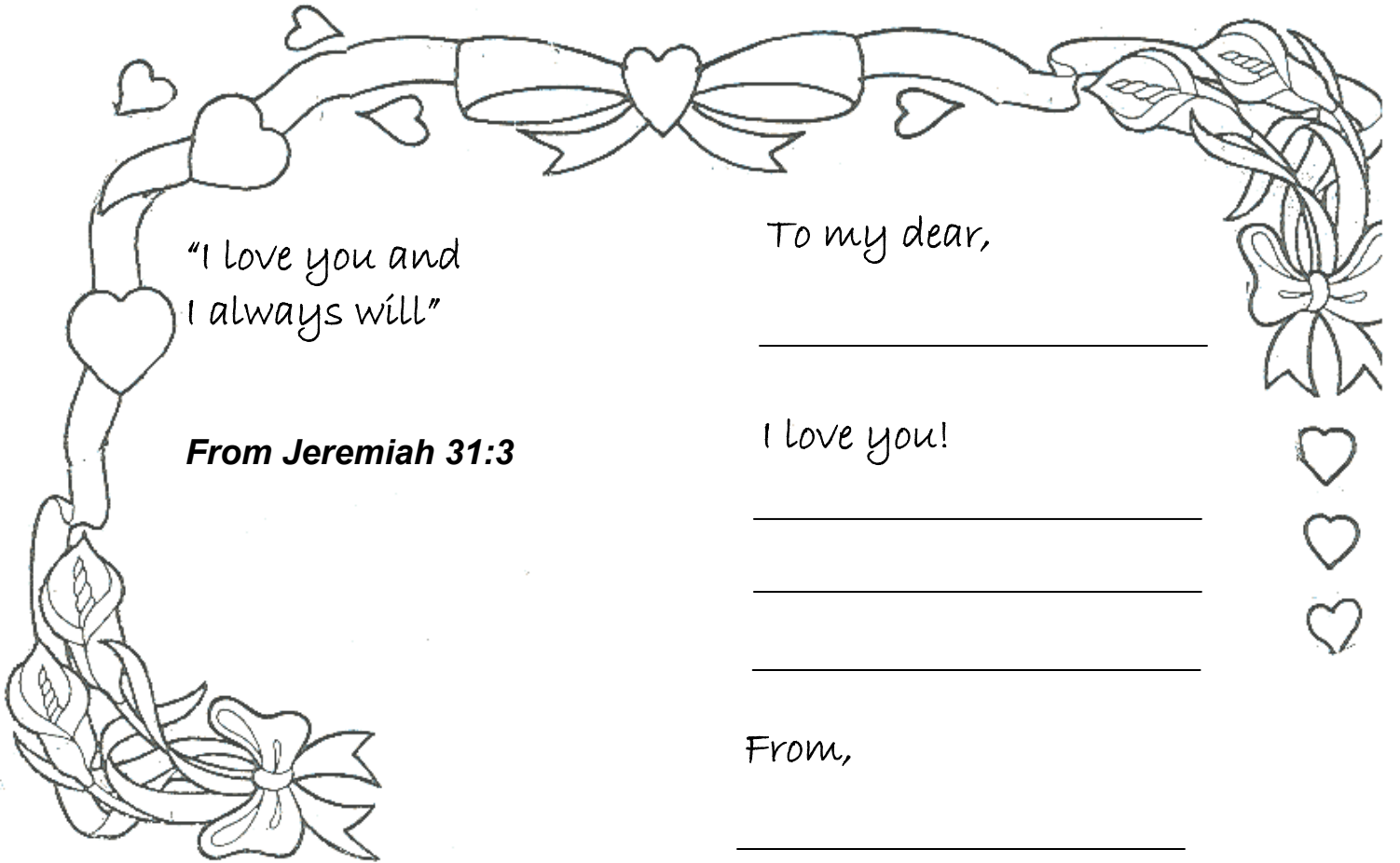
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Acts 4, 8-12 Ps 118, 1, 8, 9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 Jn 3, 1-2 Jn 10, 11-18</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 6, 8-15 Ps 124, 1-5 Jn 6, 22-29</p> <p>S. Joseph, The Worker</p>	<p>Acts 7, 51-8, 1 Ps 119, 2-5 Jn 14, 6-14</p> <p>S. Athanasius</p>	<p>1 Co 15, 1-8 Ps 119, 2-5 Jn 14, 6-14</p> <p>SS. Philip y James Apostles</p>	<p>Acts 8, 26-40 Ps 117, 1-2 Jn 6, 52-59</p> <p>National day Of Prayer</p>	<p>Acts 9, 1-20 Ps 117, 1-2 Jn 6, 52-59</p>	<p>Acts 9, 31-42 Ps 116, 12-17 Jn 6, 60-69</p>
<p>Acts 14, 8-12 Ps 118, 1, 8, 9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 Jn 3, 1-2 Jn 10, 11-18</p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 11, 1-18 Ps 42, 2-3 Jn 10, 1-10</p>	<p>Acts 11, 19-26 Ps 87, 1-7 Jn 10, 22-30</p>	<p>Acts 12, 24-1, 5 Ps 67, 2-3, 5-6, 8 Jn 12, 44-50</p> <p>Blessed Damian Joseph e Veuster of Moloka'i</p>	<p>Acts 13, 13-25 Ps 89, 3-21 Jn 13, 16-20</p>	<p>Acts 13, 26-33 Ps 98, 1-4 Jn 14, 7-14</p> <p>SS. Nereus & Achilleus S. Pancras</p>	<p>Acts 13, 44-52 Ps 98, 1-4 Jn 14, 7-14</p> <p>Our Lady of Fatima</p>
<p>Acts 9, 26-31 Ps 22, 26-32 Jn 15, 1-8</p> <p>Mother's Day Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 14, 5-18 Ps 115, 1-4, 15-16 Jn 14, 21-26</p> <p>S. Isidore</p>	<p>Acts 14, 19-28 Ps 145, 10-13, 21 Jn 14, 7-31</p>	<p>Acts 15, 1-6 Ps 121, 1-5 Jn 15, 1-8</p>	<p>Acts 15, 7-21 Ps 96, 1-3, 10 Jn 15, 9-11</p> <p>St. John I</p>	<p>Acts 15, 22-31 Ps 37, 1-12 Jn 15, 21-17</p>	<p>Acts 16, 1-10 Ps 100, 1-3, 5 Jn 16, 18-21</p> <p>Leaders Workshop</p>
<p>Acts 10, 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98, 1-4 Jn 4, 7-10 Jn 15, 9-17</p> <p>Sixth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 16, 11-15 Ps 149, 1-6, 9 Jn 15, 26-16, 4</p> <p>S. Rita of Casia</p>	<p>Acts 16, 22-34 Ps 138, 1-3, 7-8 Jn 16, 5-11</p>	<p>Acts 17, 15, 22-18, 1 Ps 148, 1-2, 11-14 Jn 16, 12-15</p>	<p>Acts 1, 1-11 Ps 47, 2-3, 6-9 Ef. 1, 17-23 Mr 16, 15-20</p> <p>*May be observed on the seventh Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 18, 9-18 Ps 47, 2-7 Jn 16, 20-23</p>	<p>Acts 18, 23-28 Ps 47, 2-3, 8-10 Jn 16, 23-28</p>
<p>Acts 15, 17, 20-21 Ps 103, 1-2, 11, 12, 19-20 Jn 4, 11-16 Jn 17, 11-19</p> <p>Seventh Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 19, 1-8 Ps 68, 2-7 Jn 16, 29-33</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>Acts 20, 17-27 Ps 68, 2-7 Jn 16, 29-33</p>	<p>Sof 3, 14-18 (Ps) 15, 12, 2-6 Lc 1, 39-56</p> <p>VISITACION DE LA VIRGEN MARIA A ISABEL</p>		<p>S. Phelipe Neri</p>	<p>S. Augustine of Canterbury</p>

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER
MARY WITH HER DIVINE SON
JESUS



Happy
Mothers
Day



"I love you and
I always will"

From Jeremiah 31:3

To my dear,

I love you!

From,



Jesus is a good shepherd

May 7:
4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12;
1 John 3:1-2;
John 10:11-18

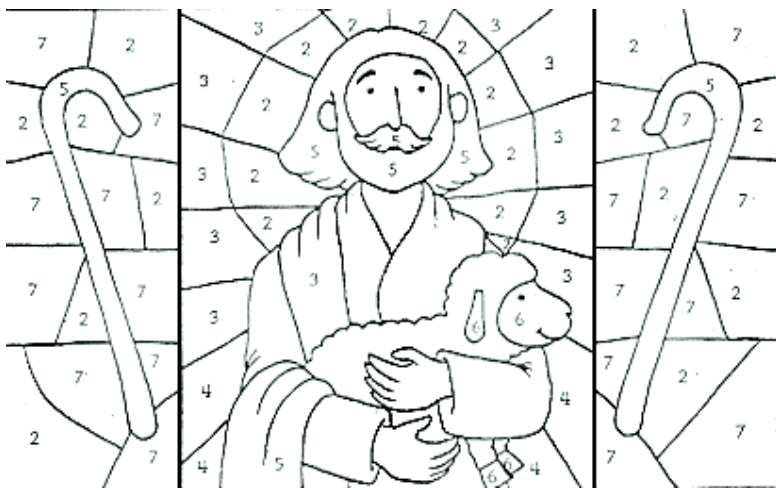
Talk about the story. Speak with the children about their friends. Tell them to describe their friends. Would Jesus be their friend?

Activities and Prayer. Bring to class a drawing of the good shepherd cut out of felt figures or on a big poster. Ask the children to draw sheep and to write their name on them. On the other side of the sheep they can write their commitment for the week. As they stick their sheep on the poster, all say: "Thank you, Jesus, you know us by name"

Jesus Teaches

Years ago, not many people could read. The Church used beautiful stained-glass windows to help teach the good news of Jesus. Color this stained-glass window. What good news does this window tell? Write a sentence that tells the good news of Jesus

- 1. Red 2. Yellow 3. Blue
- 5. Brown 6. Gray 7. Orange
- 4. Green



You are there

Do you think Jesus knows you by name and knows you very well?

What do you think Jesus says about you? Do you know Jesus' voice? Do you know how to recognize if something is good or bad?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus says that he knows us by name. How do you listen in order to recognize when Jesus wants to tell you something?
- Jesus gives up his life for the people he loves. What sacrifices are you willing to make for the people you love?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him how there are sometimes people who want you to take the wrong path, or to join a gang, or to try drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. Ask him for strength not to listen to those bad shepherds. Tell him what you want to do:

- For example: *I will listen to the adults at home and school so that I can know what Jesus wants of me.*
- For example: *When someone asks me to do the wrong thing, I will say no, and tell my parents immediately.*

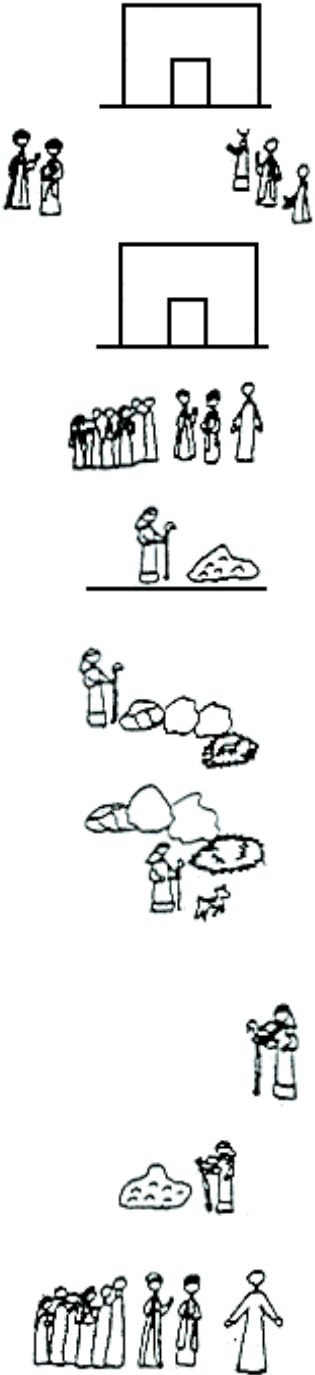
WORD SEARCH:

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

- GOOD, SHEPHERD,
- SHEEP, PEN, WOLF,
- FATHER, LIFE,
- FOLD, GATE, GIVE,
- CARE

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

Flannel-board Presentation, Book 1, Unit 6.—The Good Shepherd



1. One evening, Jesus was invited to a certain house for a dinner. Two men, dressed in fine clothes, were passing by. When they saw the guests arriving, they stopped to look. One of them said, "Let's pretend we are talking, and let's watch and see who was invited this time to eat with Jesus." As they saw people coming, one said: "I can't believe it! Look who's coming!"
2. "It's the store keeper," said the other. "Everyone knows he charges too much; he's not fair!" "Look right behind him," said the other one, "there's the biggest liar in town! Don't tell me he's invited to the same dinner with Jesus! Everyone knows how stingy that man is with his money. He doesn't trust anyone; he carries his money with him all the time!" (Remove these three men.)

Many more people came to watch. The news spread fast amongst them: "Jesus is eating with people who are bad and don't care about anyone but themselves! Jesus is eating with sinners"

Did Jesus care about these people? Ye, he did. Do you think he cared about those who were outside watching too? He did, and He wished that they would understand how He felt about people who were called sinners. Later, when Jesus had a chance, He helped them to understand by telling them a story (Remove house):

3. One there was a good shepherd who had a hundred sheep and knew each one by name. Of course he noticed when one of his lambs was missing. He left the ninety-nine in a grassy field (Remove shepherd) and went right away to look for the one that was lost.
4. He searched among the rocks and bushes until he found the lamb. It was caught in a thorn bush. Do you think he was angry? No, he was very happy and looked at his lamb so gently. He bent down (Shepherd by thorn bush) and carefully freed it from the sharp thorns that were tearing its skin. The poor lamb was crying; it was so helpless.

The shepherd put the lamb on its feet (Remove the lamb from thorn bush), but it was shaking so badly that it couldn't even take a step. The shepherd picked his lamb up gently (Remove) and put it on his shoulders. He carried it all the way back through the thorns, bushes and rocks, so that the lamb wouldn't hurt itself anymore.

5. When he arrived home (Shepherd with sheep), the shepherd called his friends and neighbors and said, "Let's celebrate! I have found my sheep that was lost!" When Jesus finished the story about this good shepherd, He asked the people, "Do you understand what I am saying? I am like this Good Shepherd. I care about each one of you. I want to help those who have wandered away from God, because they are suffering and need me to bring them back."
6. Many of the people understood what Jesus was saying. They were sorry for being jealous of those who needed Jesus' help so much.

Suggestions for Deepening

(Numbers correspond to paragraph numbers)

3. Ask the children if they know how many one-hundred is. Show them by having ten of them raise their hands and show their ten fingers.
Ask children if they have ever seen sheep; what do they look like; what kind of sound do they make, etc.?
4. Ask the children where they think the shepherd looked for the lost lamb. The children might not know what a thornbush is. Explain if necessary. Ask: Why did the shepherd carry the lamb back?
5. Ask the children if they ever heard of someone who ran away from home and got into trouble; ask how they think the parents felt (e.g. sad, worried, etc)
6. Ask how they would feel if their brothers or sister ran away. (Some might say things just to show off; help them to speak sincerely.)

Discuss how we can sometimes be like lost sheep (e.g. by not coming to class to learn more about Jesus; going with "bad" friends; playing outside instead of going into church for Mass, etc.) Also discuss ways of coming back.

Scripture References:

**Luke 15:1-7; Mathew 18:11-14;
John 10:11**

The Good Shepherd
Book I, Unit 6

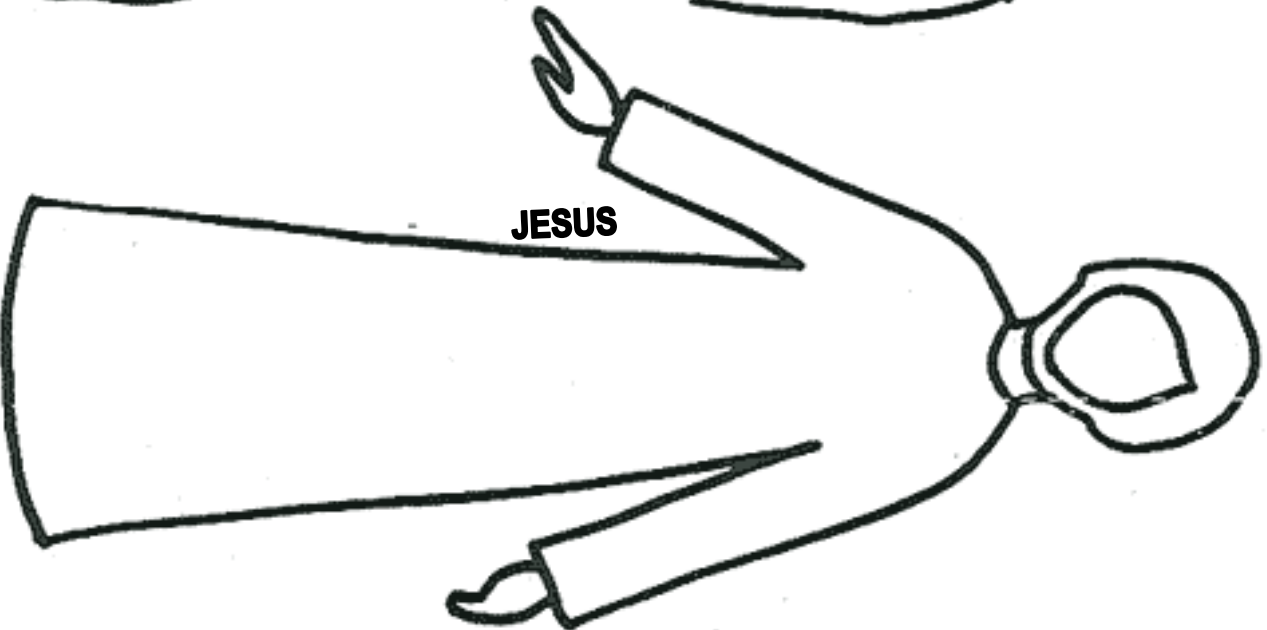




Many more people

The Good Shepherd

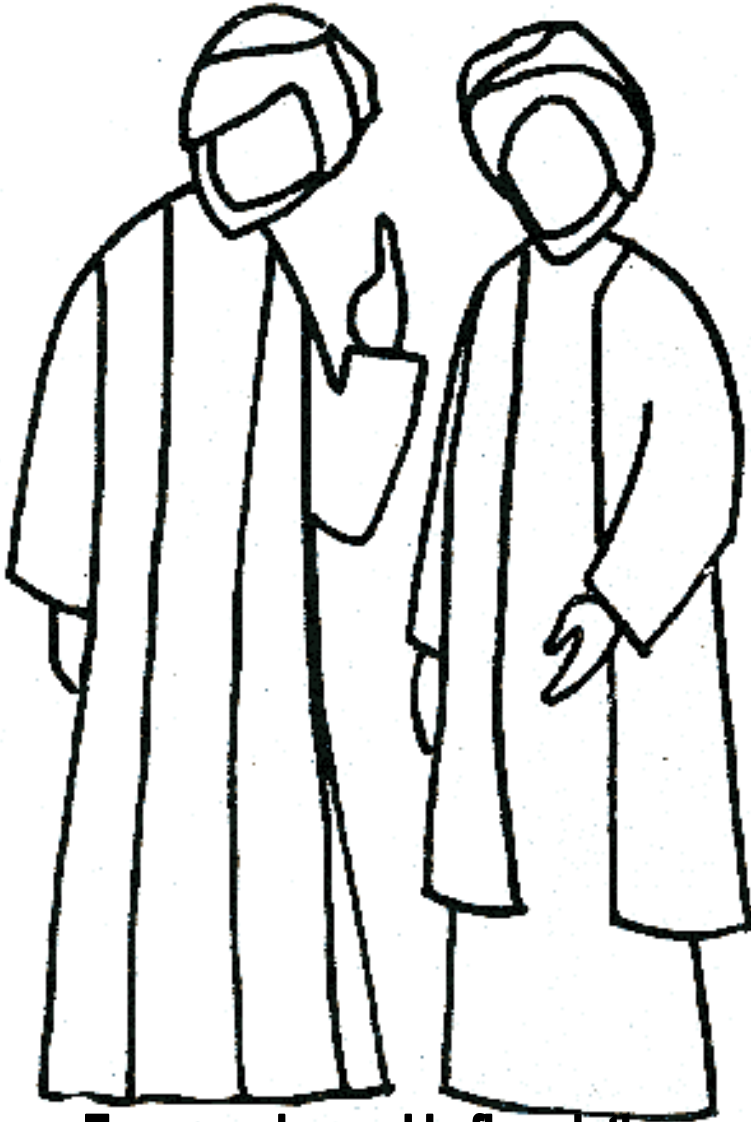
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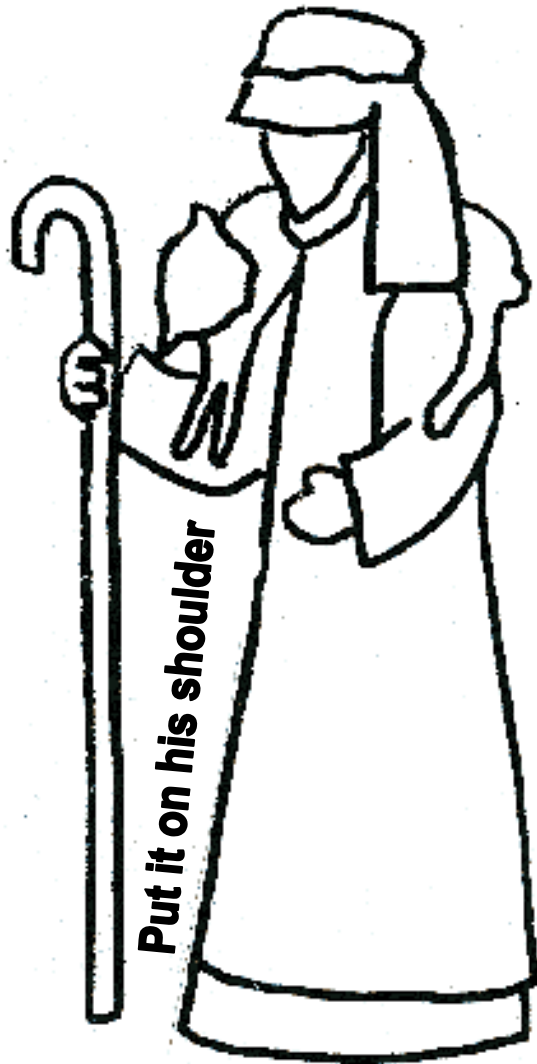
JESUS

The Good Shepherd

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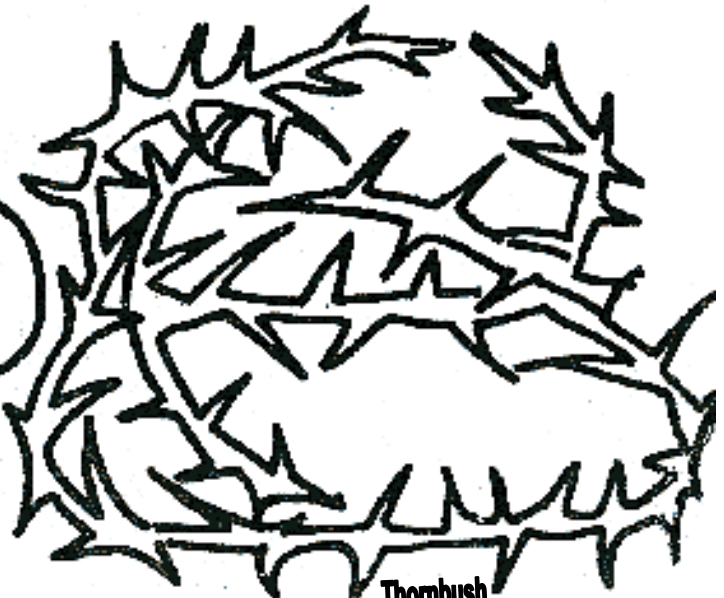
Two men dressed in fine clothes



Put it on his shoulder



Rocks and bushes



Thornbush

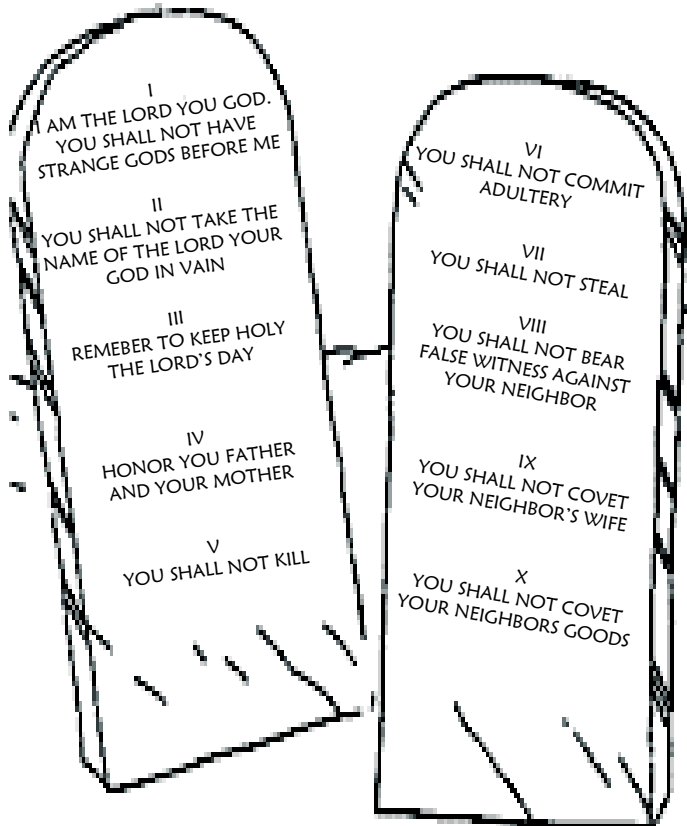
Teacher of God's Law of Love



Moses was the teacher of the “old law” Jesus came to fulfill God’s law and teach us how to live the law.

Every day we show our love for God and one another.
We teach God’s law of love

When we treat others the way we want to be treated we
become beatitude people.



We teach others God’s law of love ... God will welcome us to heave.

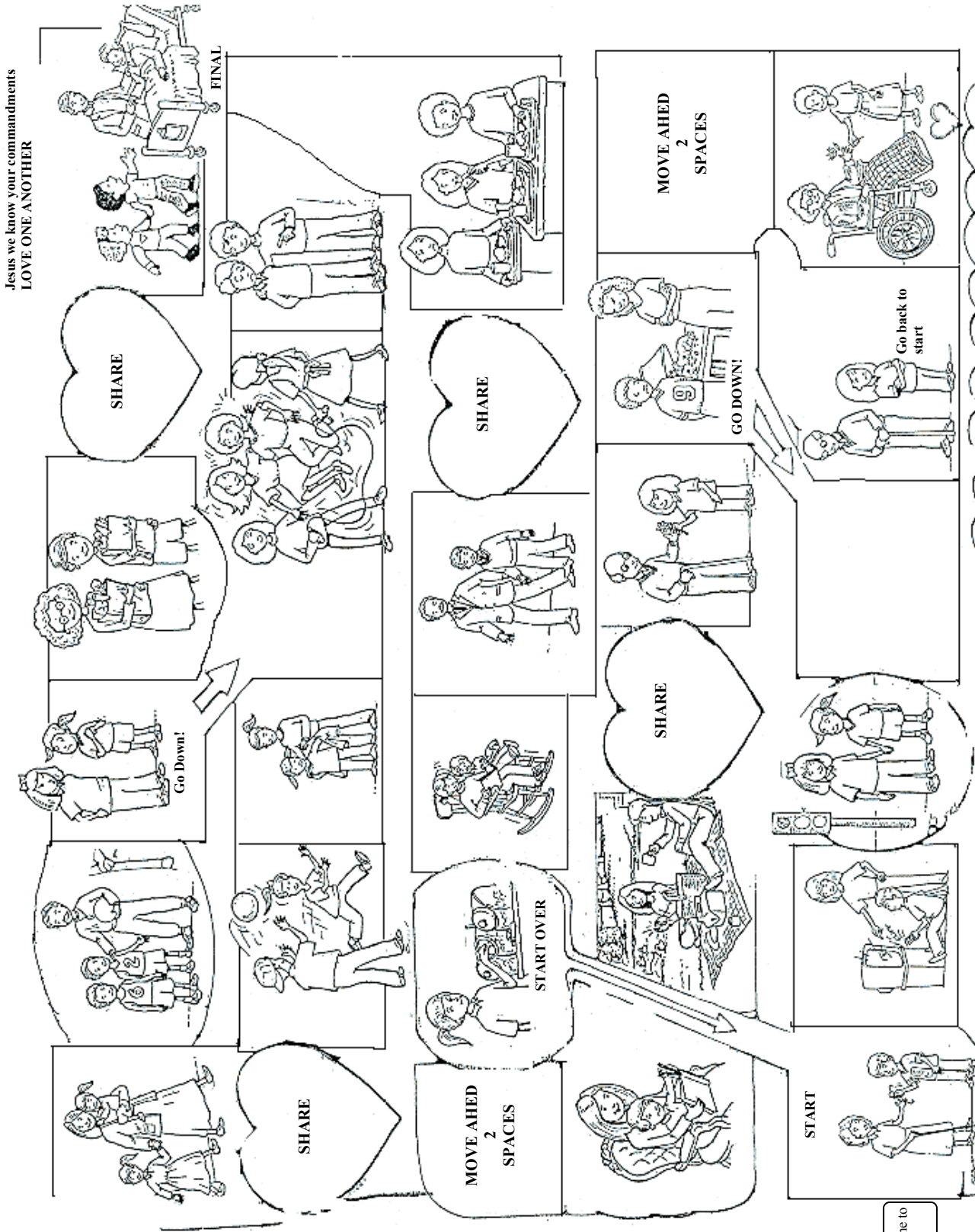
We are today’s teachers

WHAT IS JESUS COMMANDMENT?

"Love one Another"

Directions

1. Play in twos or threes. Each player needs a marker.
2. The first player shakes a dice and draws a number and moves the number of spaces indicated.
3. Player then describe the action in picture squares and/or follow the instructions.
4. On share squares players tell loving actions they have done or how someone showed love toward them.
5. Players must reach the last space by getting the exact number needed. The first player to reach the end tells what Jesus one commandment is.



Jesus we know your commandments
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

I want you to do one thing

What is it?

Play this game to find out



Love When you love others, you treat them as important as yourself. You want them to have everything that is good for them.

How will I show love to someone this week?

We can do nothing without Jesus

May 14:
5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31;
1 John 3:18-24;
John 15:1-8

Talk about the story. Speak with the children about plants. What happens to the branches if they are torn from the trunk and are not replanted? Can they do everything on their own? Whom do they need? What does being very close to another person mean? To whom do they feel united? What does “giving fruit” mean? What good fruits can they give?

Activities and Prayer. Bring grapes to class. Observe how grapes are united to little branches. The branches, in turn, are united to a trunk. The grapes are the fruits of the branches. Ask the children to place in a basket a small cluster of grapes for each good action they have done this week. All answer: “Thank you, Jesus, for wanting us so close to you.” They can place another cluster for each good work they have committed to do for the week.

You are there

Do you think the idea of the branches is an exaggeration?

Do you think we could really do something without Jesus?

Do you understand what he means?

What would you like to ask?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus promises to help us and to be with us always. Do you also want to be with Him?
- Jesus says that with him we can do many good things. What good things would you like to do for others?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about things you would like to do with him and for him. Tell him what you want to do:

- For example: *I will pray in the morning so that I can do things well during the day.*
- For example: *I will try to help a friend, a brother, or a sister.*
- _____



WORD SEARCH

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

FRUIT, BRANCHES,
UNITED, ACTION,
WATER, NEAR,
COMMUNITY, VINE,
DRY UP, KINDNESS

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

Jesus is the best possible friend

May 21:
6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;
1 John 4:7-10;
John 15:9-17

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about people they really love. What do those people do for them? What would they do for those people? What is very important for them that they would be willing to do anything for it? It seems we are extremely important to God, since Jesus is ready to give up his life for us. What can we say to Jesus?

Activities and Prayer. Have the children cut out big letters spelling joy. On the back they can write their commitments and their names on front. They can present the letters at the Offertory.

You are there

Do you it when Jesus calls you friend? Do you feel honored?

What do you think about it?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus says that sometimes you are asked to give everything for your friends. That is true love. What are you willing to give for the people you really love?
- Jesus says that he asks good fruits from us, that is good works. What good things can you do for others?

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about the people you love a lot. Tell him you would be ready to do for them. Tell him you also love him very much, because he loves you too much, and that you want to do what he asks of you. Tell him what you want to do:

- For example: *I will share a toy or sweet with another kid.*
- For example: *I will help my mom and dad with house chores.*



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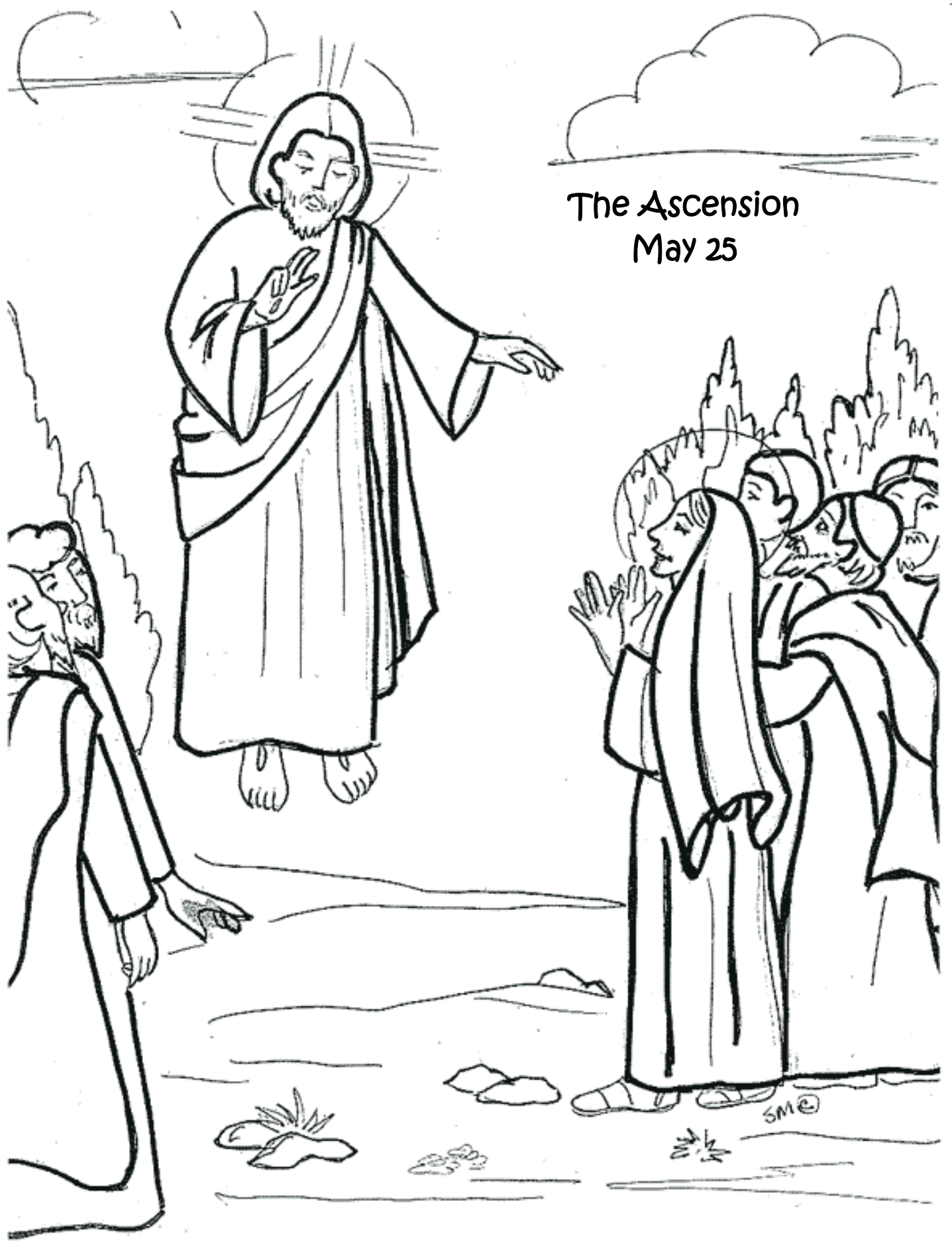
FRIENDS, LOVE, SERVANTS, FRUITS, SACRIFICE, GIVE, LIFE, JESUS, LAW.

A M I G O S R T I O
M M M N O P J R S B
I G O L S I E C D R
S I E R V O S M N A
O Y R S F R U T O S
S A B M A E S G H E
J V U D S O S Q N B
V I R D A D M R B R
P D A R O N A R L A
S A C R I F I C I O

JESUS RETURNS TO THE FATHER **THE ASCENSION**

- Narrator: Jesus led His Apostles to a place near Bethany. As He finished speaking to them He began to rise in a cloud toward Heaven
- Apostles: Lord, where are you going? Do not leave us, let us come with you!
- Jesus: Do not fear. I will be with you always
- Narrator: As the Apostles stood watching Jesus rise toward Heaven, two men dressed in white stood beside them.
- Angels: Why are you standing here looking at the sky?
- Pedro: We are watching our Lord Jesus leaving us, returning to the Father.
- Angel 1: As you see Him leaving you, He will also return.
- Angel 2: Go back to Jerusalem as Jesus told you and wait for the Holy Spirit to come to you
- Narrator: The Apostles returned to Jerusalem as the Angels had told them.

The Ascension
May 25



Jesus gives us a special trust

May 28:
Ascension of the
Lord

Acts 1:1-11;
Eph. 1:17-23;
Mark 16:15-20

Talk about the story. Talk with the children about the story. How do they feel when they are entrusted with something by an adult? Are they proud, scared, or happy?

Activities. Hand out a letter in an envelopes that you have already prepared to each child. Each envelope should contain a letter that is a “message from Jesus”. For example, some messages may include: “I want you to smile lot;” “I want you to help someone;” “I want you to remember to do your homework”.

Final Prayer. As each child reads the message he or she received, all respond: “I will announce your love, Jesus”

You are there

You see Jesus going up to heaven.

What do you think? How do you feel? What do you feel like doing when you return home?

Jesus, your friend, invites you:

- Jesus told his friends to continue his work of teaching people to love, of being understanding, and helping one another.
- What does he ask you to? How can you continue the work of Jesus?

What am I going to do?

Ask Jesus for the help you need to continue his work. Tell him what you would like to do this week:

- For example: *I will be patient and won't yell at my brother or sister when they irritate me.*
- For example: *I will do whatever my mom asks me without complaining.*
- _____



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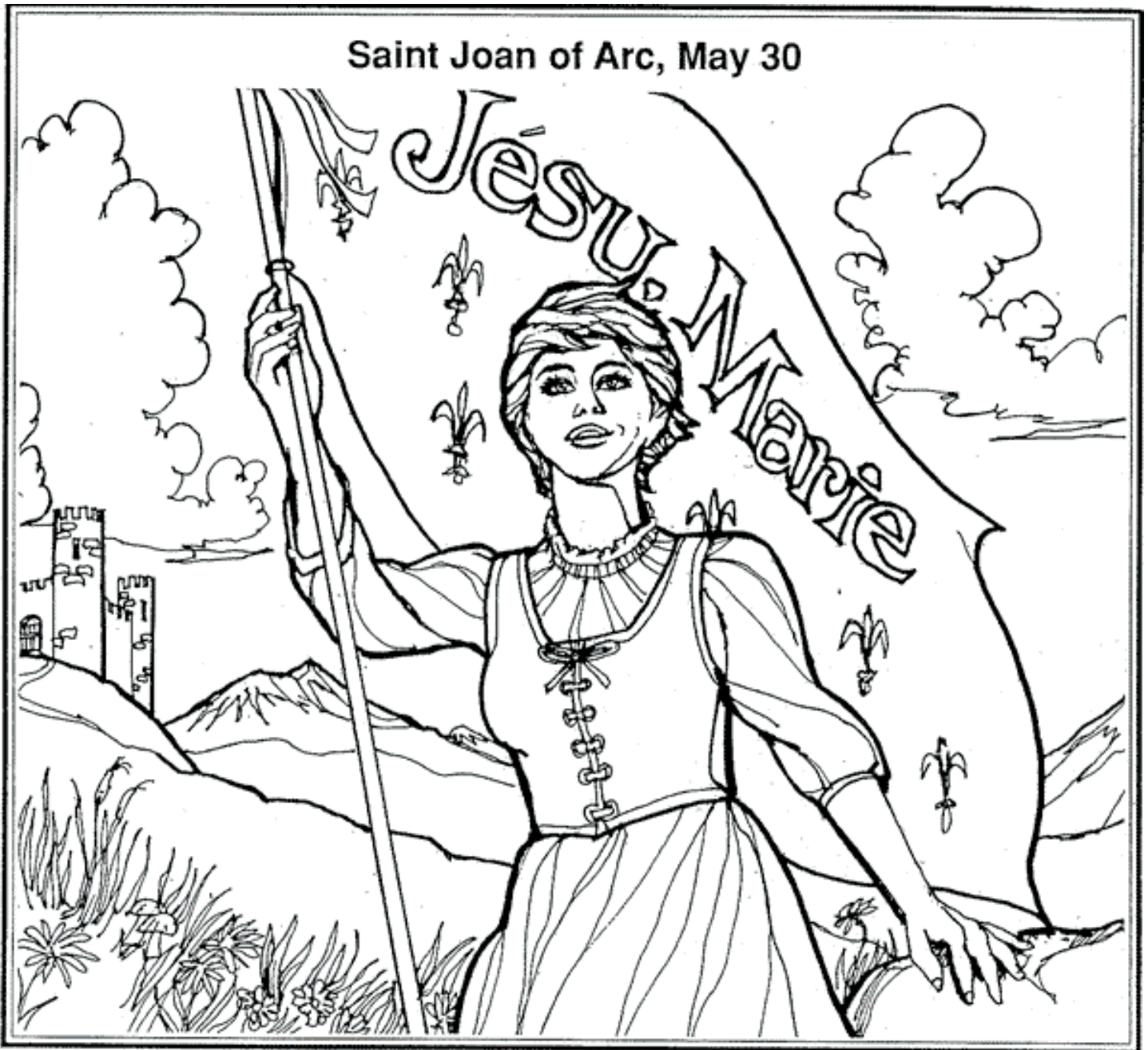
- ANGEL, CHARGE,
- MISSION, CLOUD,
- IMITATE,
- ANNOUNCE, SKY,
- SALVATION, HELP

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

A SAINT FOR MAY SAINT JOAN OF ARC, MAY 30

READ TO ME

Saint Joan of Arc was born in a small town in France. She spent much of her life asking God to help her people. While she was praying, she knew she must help the king of France fight the king of England. She asked God for help and led the armies of France to victory. Below is a picture of Saint Joan of Arc. Color the picture to remind you to honor Saint Joan of Arc.



THE VISITATION
May 31

