



January 2009
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Let us begin this New Year with our hearts full of love and thanks giving for all the graces we receive last year.

Let us try this month to renew pray in our family and in our prayers groups, in union with Jesus and Mary. May all of us be witness of the joyful love of God.

Important feasts and saints:

January	1	Mary Mother of God	January	21	St. Agnes
January	4	Epiphany	January	24	St. Francis of Sales
January	5	St John Newman	January	27	St. Angela de Merici
January	6	The three Wise Men	January	27	St. Henry de Osso
January	11	Baptism of the Lord	January	31	Saint John Bosco

Enclosed materials and activities:

- 1) *Monthly Calendar*
- 2) *Meditations on the Sunday Gospel*
- 3) *Mary Mother of God*
- 4) *Resolutions for 2009*
- 5) *Life of Saint Angela de Merici*
- 6) *Game –Holy Land*
- 7) *Sounds of Peace and Love*
- 8) *For the Baptism we are part of the church*

Suggested videos (all available in the “Video Club”)

1. *Saint Henry de Osso*
2. *Saint John Bosco*
3. *Nativity: Three wise men*
5. *Prayer*

On January 27 we celebration the feast of Saint Henry de Osso Patron Saint of our Ministry of Friends of Jesus and Mary. We encourage you to plan a special event this day, to make Him known.

Maay God Bless you always, Comité de Amigos de Jesús y Maria



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JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God Num 6:22-27 Ps 66 Gal 4:4-7 Lc 2: 16-21	2 1Jn 2,22-28 Ps 97 Jn 1,19-28	3 1Jn 2,29-3.6 Ps 97 Jn 1,29-34
4 Epiphany Isa 60:1-6 Ps 71 Ef 3,2-3a.5-6 Mt 2,1-12	5 San John Newman 1Jn 3,22-4,6 Ps 2 Mt 4,12-17.23-25	6 Three Kings 1Jn 4,7-10 Ps 71 Mc 6,34-44	7 1Jn 4,11-18 Ps 71 Mc 6,45-52	8 1Jn 4,19-5,4 Ps 71 Lc 4,14-22a	9 1Jn 5,5-13 Ps 147 Lc 5,12-16	10 1Jn 5,14-21 Ps 149 Jn 3,22-30
11 Baptism of the Lord Isa 42,1-4,6-7 Ps 28 Hch 10,34-38 Mc 1,7-11	12 Hb 1,1-6 Ps 96 Mc 1,14-20	13 Hb 2,5-12 Ps 8 Mc 1,21b-28	14 Hb 2,14-18 Ps 104 Mc 1,29-39	15 Hb 3,7-14 Ps 94 Mc 1,40-45	16 Hb 4,1-5.11 Ps 77 Mc 2,1-12	17 St Anthony 1Jn 5,14-21 Ps 149 Jn 3,22-30
18 II Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sam 3,3b-10,19 1 Cor 6,13c-15c,17-20 Jn 1,35-42	19 Hb 5,1-10 Ps 109 Mc 2,18-22	20 Hb 6,5-12 Ps 110 Mc 2,23-28	21 Hb 7,1-3.15-17 Sal109 Mc 3,1-6	22 St. Vincent Hb 7,1-3315-17 Ps 39 Mc 3,7-12	23 Hb 8,6-13 Ps 84 Mc 3,13-19	24 St. Francis de Sales Hb 9,2-3.11-14 Sal46 Mc 2,13-27
25 III Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3,1-5,10 1 Cor 7,29-31 Mc 1,14-20	26 SS Timothy & Titus 2Tim 1,1-8 Ps 95 Lc 10,1-9	27 St Henry de Osso Hb 10,1-10 Ps 39 Mc 3,31-35	28 St. Thomas Aquinas 10,11-18 Ps 109 Mc 4,1-20	29 Hb 10,19-25 Ps 23 Mc 4,21-25	30 Hb 10,32-39 Ps 36 Mc 4,26-34	31 St. John Bosco (Patron of Young People)



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Mary Mother of God- January 01- 2009

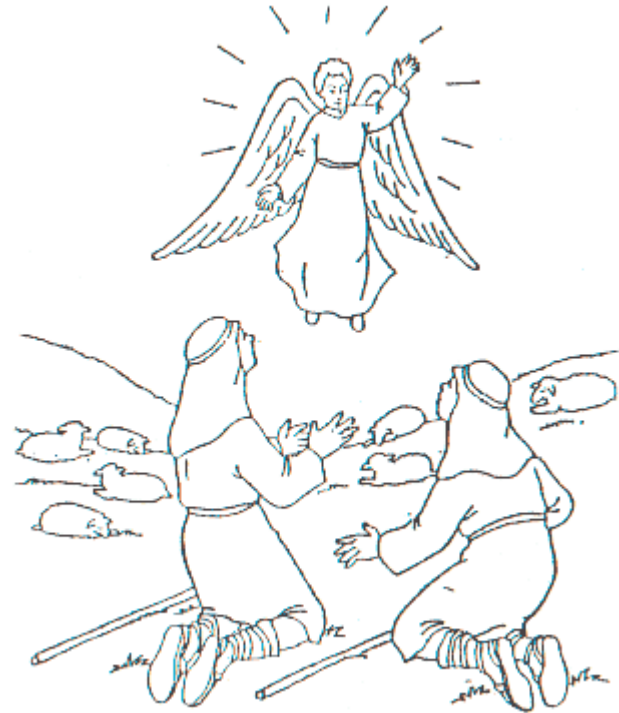
Readings: Num 6, 22, 27; Psalm 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2: 16-21

The Shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

(Luke 2:16-21)

Reflection

What was your experience of Christmas this year? Are their moms with them? Is another familiar member taking care of them? Jesus was born into a family. He received a name just like we did. What do they think about their own name? Would they have liked to be named something else? What type of gift would they like for their birthday? What gift do you think Jesus would have loved the best? The gift Jesus really likes is for us to love one another and to gather together to celebrate his birthday. Mary is Jesus mother but she is also our mother. Do you go to her, confide in her and ask for help?



Activity

Prepare some tags, write on them " Jesus became a child just like me" Ask the children to write their own name on the tag. Ask the children to share what they like about their name and what gift would they give Jesus. Then pray all together.

Prayer

Thank you Jesus for becoming a child like us. Thank you for coming to live among us. Teach us to share your peace in our family, neighborhood, classmates, city and country . Amen

The Perfect Role Model

Name: _____

Mary is an example for all of us. She was close to Jesus and responded with love. She showed us what it was like to be a true follower of Jesus.

Unscramble the letters to discover events in Mary's life. Use the Bible quotations. If you need help.



The Perfect Role Model:

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Wedding at Cana
4. Birth of Jesus
5. Presentation
6. Foot of the Cross
7. Finding Jesus in the Temple
8. Pentecost

1. NCUINANTAINO	Luke 1:26-38	_____ _____
2. NVOIISTIAT	Luke 1:39-56	_____ _____
3. DDNIEGW TA NAAC	John 2:1-12	_____ (3 WORDS)
4. THBRI FO SUSEJ.....	Luke 2:1-20	_____ (3 WORDS)
5. NETSAEPNIORT	Luke 2:21-38	_____ _____
6. TOFO FO EHT SCORS	John 19:25-27	_____ (4 WORDS)
7. DFGININ SESUJ NI HET PLMEET	Luke 2:41-52	_____ (5 WORDS)
8. STEPTNOCE	Acts 1:13-14,2:1-4	_____ _____



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Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2009

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Visitors from the East

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.



"When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."



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After their audience with the King they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star,



And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

(Matthew 2:1-12)

Reflection

God has been revealed to all nations without excluding anyone. The Magi set on their way to follow the will of God. The magi offered the best they had as they recognized the great gift of the Messiah come to the world. Share about what gold, frankincense and myrrh mean. The best gift is Jesus himself. Do they know the Hispanic tradition of the Tree Kings? Do we keep the Hispanic tradition?

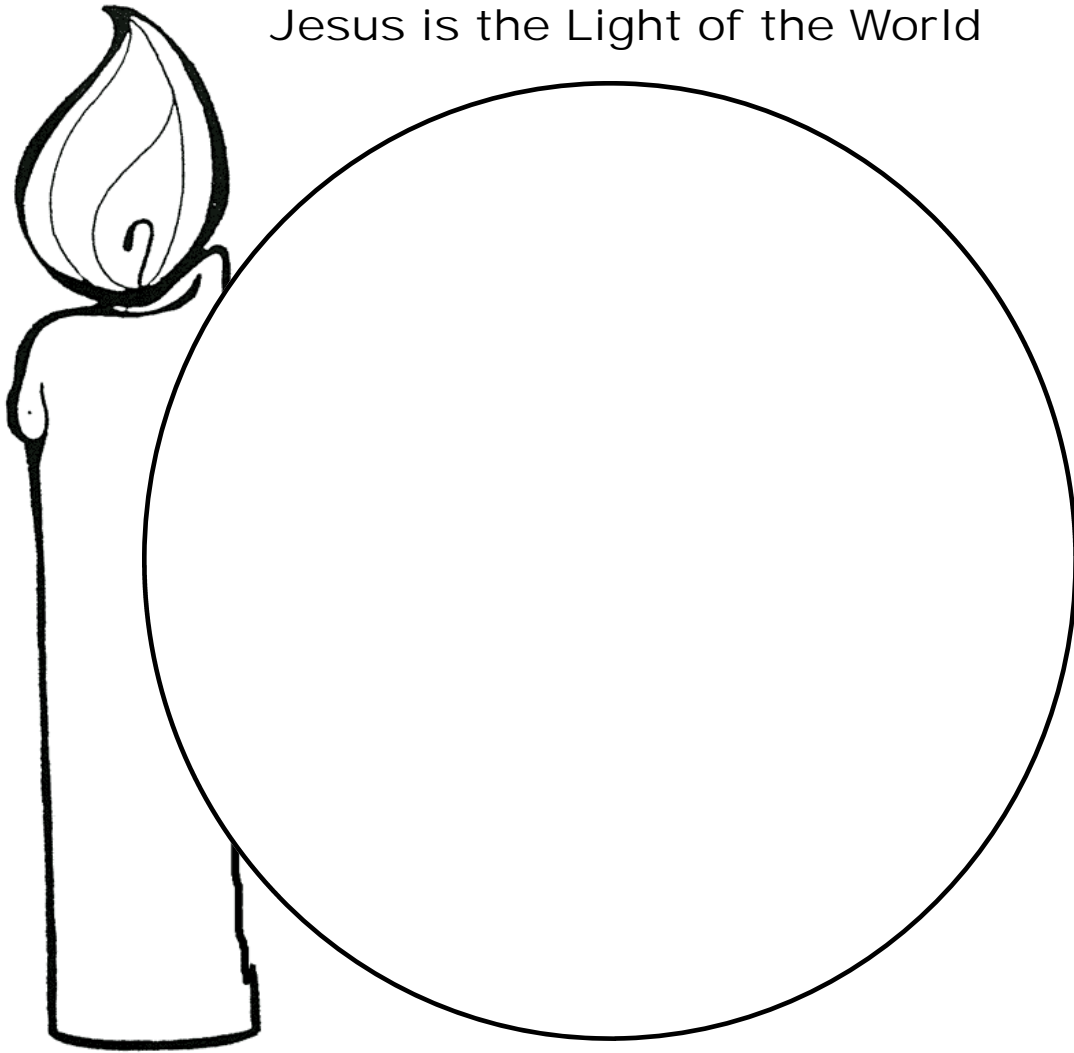
Prayer

Lord Jesus, you came to announce to us that any person, no matter where he or she is from, is a child of God, of your family. Make us like stars to call other people and show them the way to you. May they find in us your smile of love for all peoples of earth. May we always look for you. Amen



Sounds of Peace and Love

Jesus is the Light of the World



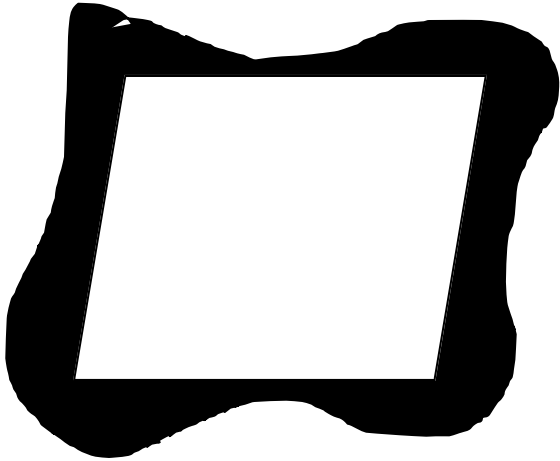
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Draw a picture of yourself as you are doing something for someone and being like Jesus, a light in the world. For example: carrying something for someone, smiling, giving a hug to your Mom, giving a gift, playing with your little sister or brother, cleaning your room.

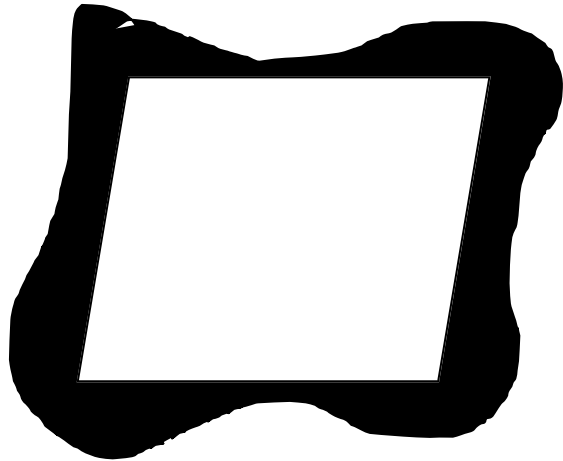
NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FOR 2009

Write in each square in blank what do you like to do this New Year to grow in love to Jesus and others. A resolutions is usually made on New Year's Eve, but it can be made anytime you find that you wish to improve.

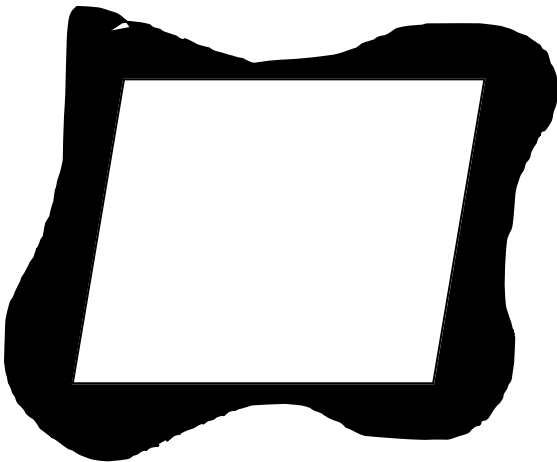
When we think about all the wonderful things God has done for us, we realize how often we need we need to say a prayer of thanksgiving to our loving God



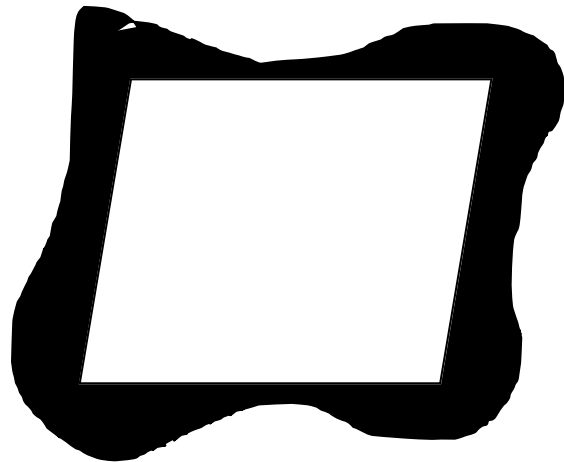
MY FAMILY



FRIENDS- COMPANIONS



PEOPLE IN NEED



PERSONAL GROW

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, ad your plans will succeed"

Prov. 16:3



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Baptism of the Lord / January 11, 2009

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4 Acts 10: 34-38; Mark 1: 7-11



This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

(Mark 1: 7-11)



Reflection

Through Baptism, we have received the same mission as Jesus: to announce peace and justice of God with our own life. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made shares of the mission; "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, n1213)
How we will help Jesus in His mission?
How can you bring comfort to someone who is sad or concerned?

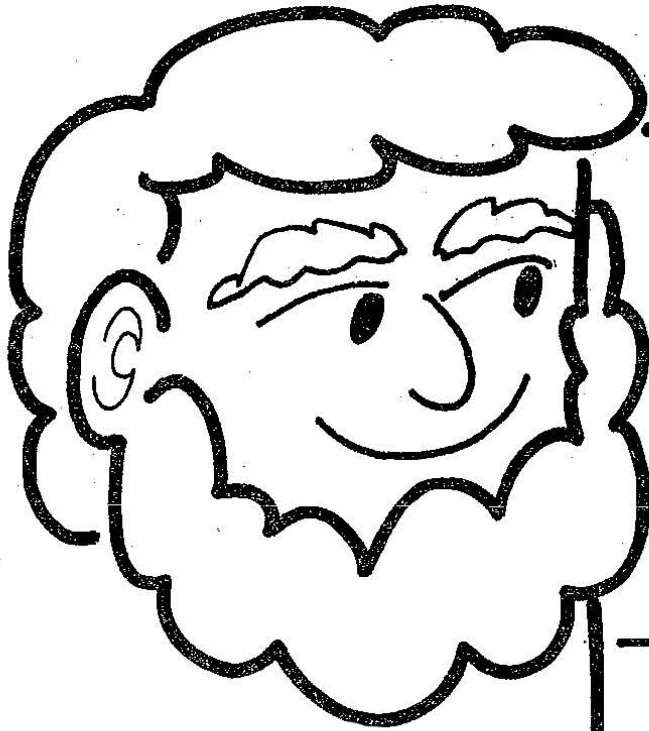
Activity

Invite the children to share about their own Baptism. They can name their god parents and how they share time with them. Act the ceremony of Baptism. Point out each step and its meaning.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you came to be part of the human family and brought to us the Good News of liberation from sin and death. Help us to be good news for each other this week. Amen

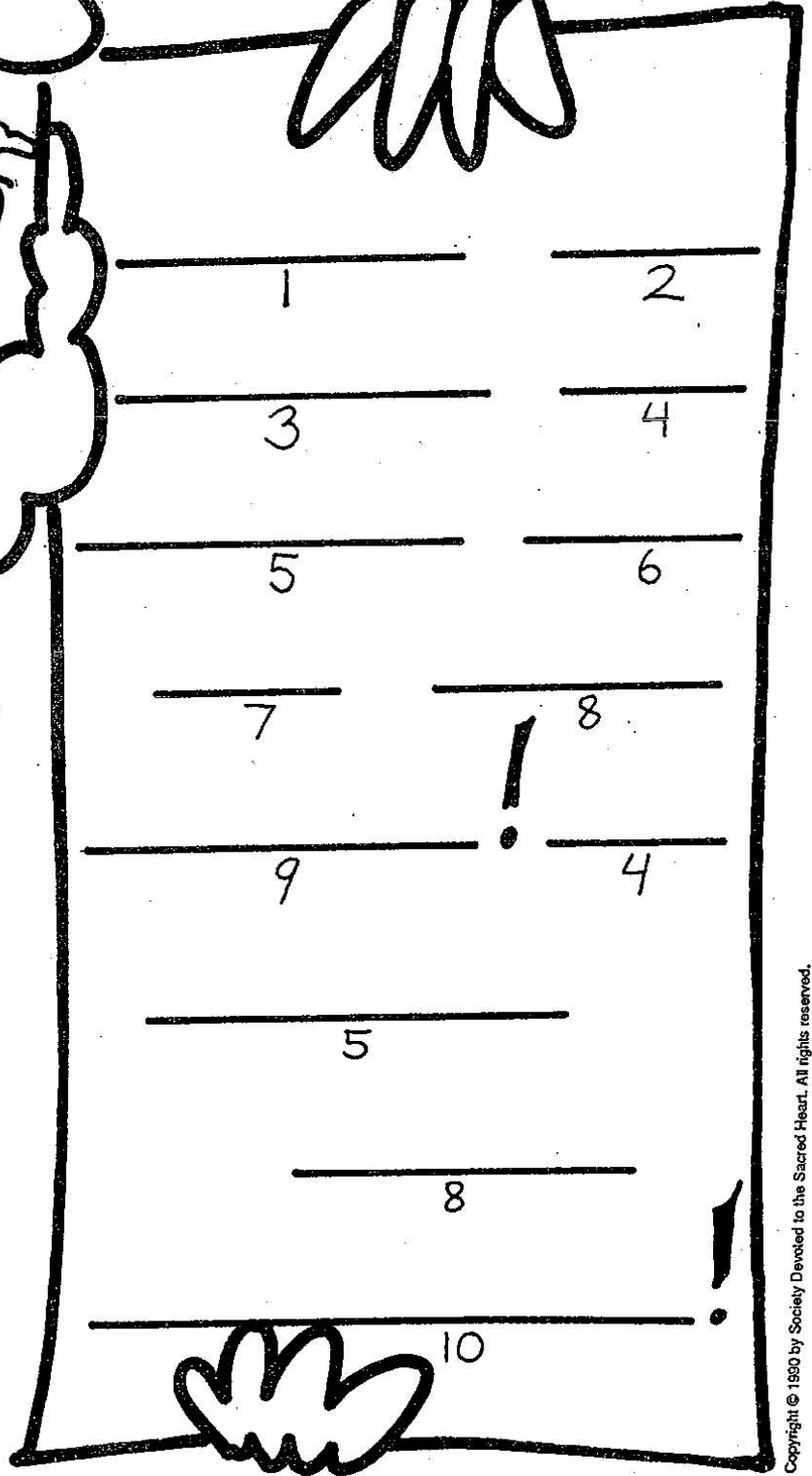
Philip the Apostle Knows the Secret



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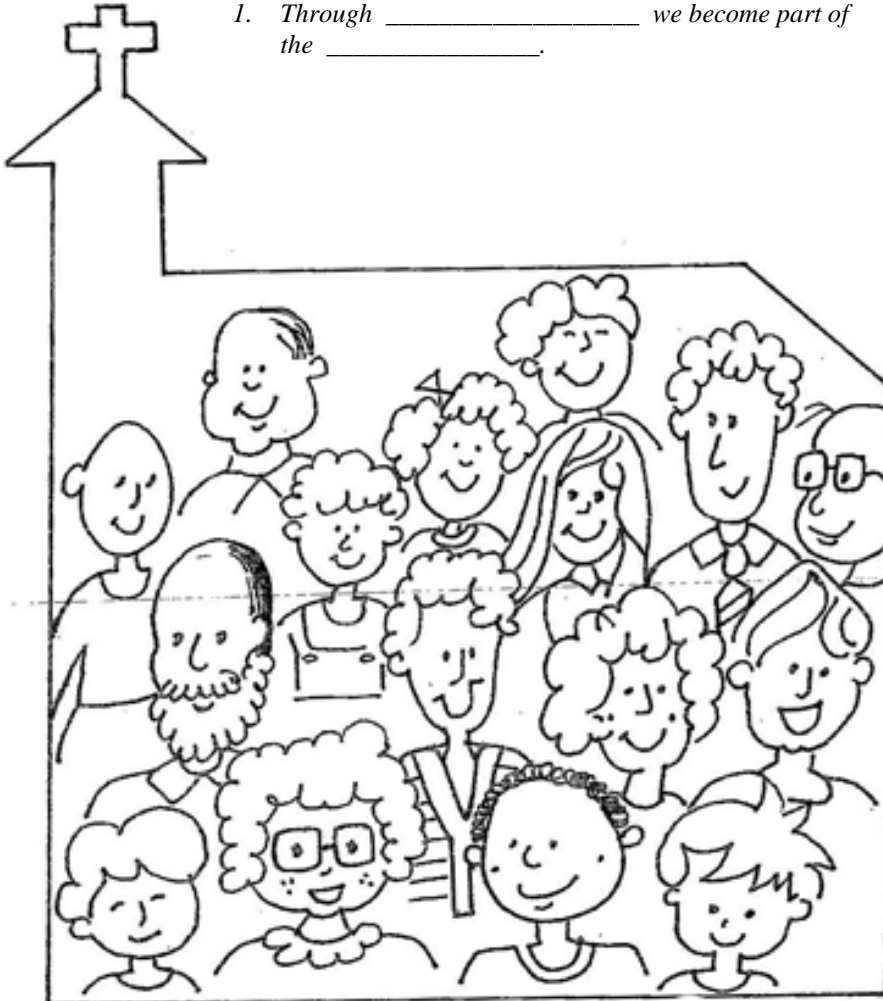


“Though Baptism we become part of the Church”

Activity

1. Do you remember what other gift baptism gives us?
2. After coloring the drawing share the following: How God does wants us to live to be really his sons and daughters and part of his church.
3. Finish the phrases

1. Through _____ we become part of the _____.



The _____
is the _____
of the followers of

Baptism
Church
Family
Jesus

2. God I our Father ...
and we are all brothers and
sisters

For this reason:



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 18, 2009

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:36 -10, 19 Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8 1 Corinthians 6:13c 15c 17-20 John 1:35-42

The First Disciples of Jesus

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,



"What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" which translated means Teacher, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.



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Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" which is translated Christ.



Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "you are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" which is translated Peter.

Reflection

God can call people of any age. The important thing is to answer: "Here I am Lord". The disciples wanted to see where Jesus lived. Where does Jesus live today in our families, neighborhoods, classmates, and cities?

Activity

Ask the children to draw and cut out big ears. On the back they can write what they think Jesus is telling them and wants of them. Share how they are following Jesus' call.

Prayer

Here we are, Lord. Sometimes we are too busy to listen to you or to listen to one another. Give us an attentive heart to you and to others, so that we can fulfill our desires, in building the world of love and life you desire. Amen



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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 25, 2009

Readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

Jesus calls four Fishermen

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fisher of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:14-20



Reflection

The Lord asks us to be available for the mission, even if it is difficult. We need to change our bad courses of action to follow Jesus.

What difficulties do they encounter to follow Jesus and do well?

What talents do they have for good?

How are you going to use them this week?

Activity

Act the story of the gospel.

Prepare a net with cardboard fishes.

Let each child pick one. Ask them to write on it their name in one side and on the back his commitment to follow Jesus.

Then they pick up another fish and write the name of a friend to whom are going to help follow Jesus..

Jesus invites us to be fishermen of souls.

Let us follow His call.

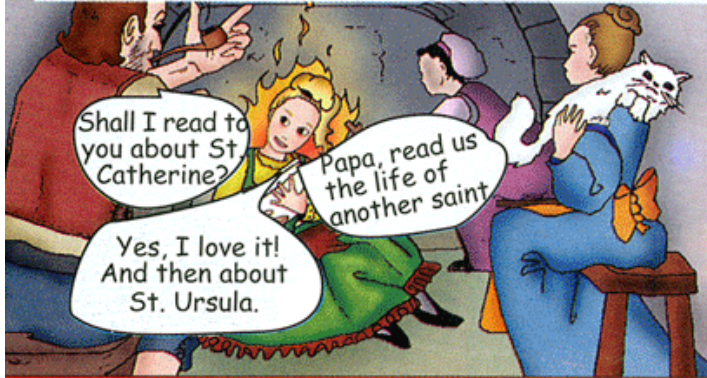
Prayer

Lord, sometimes we are afraid to go where you lead us. Give us courage to follow your ways, knowing that you are with us. Amen



ST. ANGELA DE MERICI

Angela Merici was born in Desenzano, close to Bescia (Italy), in 1474. She loved to listen to the lives of the saints and she always desired to imitate them.



By Marco Giampà and Sr. Beatriz

Once, she escaped with her sister to live as hermits in the forest, but....



At fifteen years of age, she was a very beautiful girl. In order not to be vain, she destroyed her hair by washing it with bleach and coal. She became a third order Franciscan, that is to say, she consecrated herself to Our Lord but in her house, without going to a convent. People began to call her Sr. Angela. One day she understood what it was that God was asking of her.

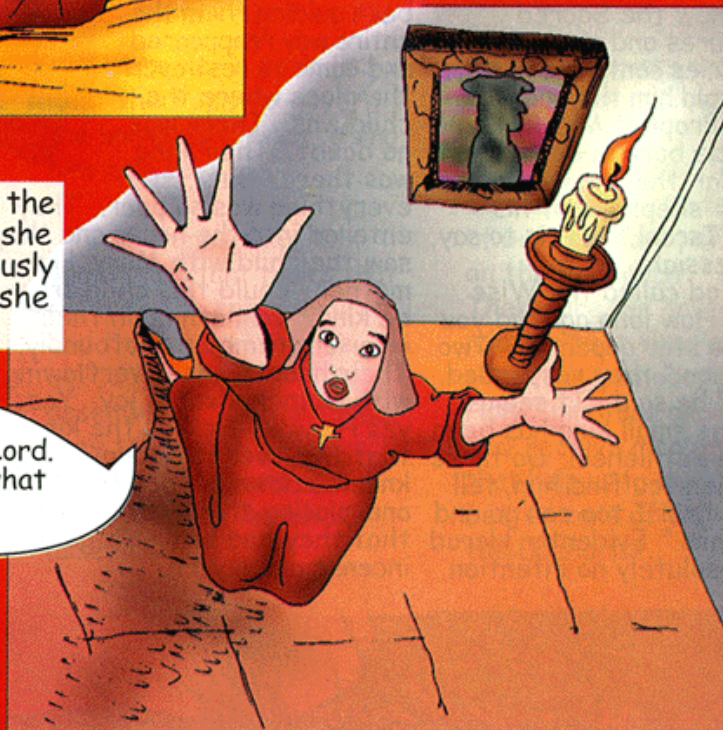


When the war with France was over, she went to Brescia to take care of the children of a young widow.



She went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, but on the way she became blind. She miraculously recovered her sight when she reached Venice.

I'm all yours, Lord. Do with me what you will.





If it is the will of God, go ahead. I bless you.

Holy Father, God wants me to found a group of virgins.

In an audience with the Pope...

A few years later, she was at the point of dying, but Our Lord cured her.



It's a miracle!!!

We were so sure that she was going to die.




On November 25, 1535, she founded the Company of St. Ursula with 25 young girls.

On March 18, 1537, their rules were approved. On January 27, 1540, she died. Everyone believed that she was a saint.



Holy Land



Fill in the empty spaces with cities and places related to Jesus' life that you can find on this map.

According to the prophets, the Messiah was to be born in the town of _____.

But the bad King Herod ordered that all baby boys under the age of two be slaughtered, so the Holy family fled to _____.

When they returned, they established their home in _____.

When Jesus was a child, the family went to _____ where he remained in the temple teaching and preaching.

In the nearby town of _____ Jesus performed His first public miracle.

Jesus had a cousin who lived in the desert, ate locusts and wild honey, and preached the coming of the Savior. One day, while he was by the _____ river, he baptized Jesus.

Up until now, the questions were easy, but now a challenge awaits you...

On _____ Jesus was transfigured before his apostles Peter, James and John.

In _____ Jesus brought his good friend, Lazarus, back to life.

Two of the Apostles found themselves walking beside Jesus on the road to _____.

In _____, Jesus gave to Peter the keys of His Church.

In _____, Jesus rose the son a widow from the dead.

Jesus, tired and thirsty, sat next to a well in _____ and asked a Samaritan woman for water to drink.

In _____ the Lord called Zacchaeus down from a tree.

After celebrating the passover meal with His disciples, Jesus went to pray, the night before his death, in _____.

Entering _____, a Roman Centurion asked Christ to cure his dying servant.

Jesus died on _____.

In what region was Jesus born? Samaria, Judea or Galilee?

