



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

Septiembre 2009
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In September, the school year begins in many countries; Let us motivate the Children, in the beginning of this new year, to share the great love of God for all of us. Let us share all the gifts we have received, following the teachings of the Bishops at the conference of Celam in Aparecida Brazil. They show us the need to be a missionary, adults and children, to really live the message of love and service that Jesus taught us.

It is important that the child be a missionary in his own family. We encourage all to do the activity of the "spiritual adoption" were the children will pray for a baby that is in danger of being born. Also is important in this year dedicate to the priest, that the children pray for their priest.

Enclosed you will find some feasts and saints of this month:

Sept. 08	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sept 24	Our Lady of Mercy
Sept. 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Sept. 27	Saint Vincent de Paul
Sept. 15	Our Lady of Sorrows	Sept. 28	Leader's workshop
Sept. 21	Saint Matthew	Sept. 29	Ss .Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael archan-

Enclosed Materials:

1. This month's calendar
2. This month's Gospels

Activities:

- a) Bookmark to pray for the priests
- b) Mary's Birthday Activity
- c) Spiritual adoption activity
- d) Game Missionary Journey

Recommended videos:

1. Listen to the Maker (SHKC)
2. The Eucharist (SHKC)
3. Moses (Hana-Barbera)
4. The Ten Commandments

Our next workshop meeting will be September 28 at St. Agatha Church room "Altagracia" 1111 S W 107 Ave. at 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm Please make plans to attend

On Saturday October 31, we will have the "All Hallows Eve, at St Agatha Church. Start making plans to attend with your children and friends.

We are planning the VI Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for July 15, 16, 17 &18 2010 in Miami, Florida. We invite all to start making plans to attend.

May God bless you always, Friends of Jesus and Mary



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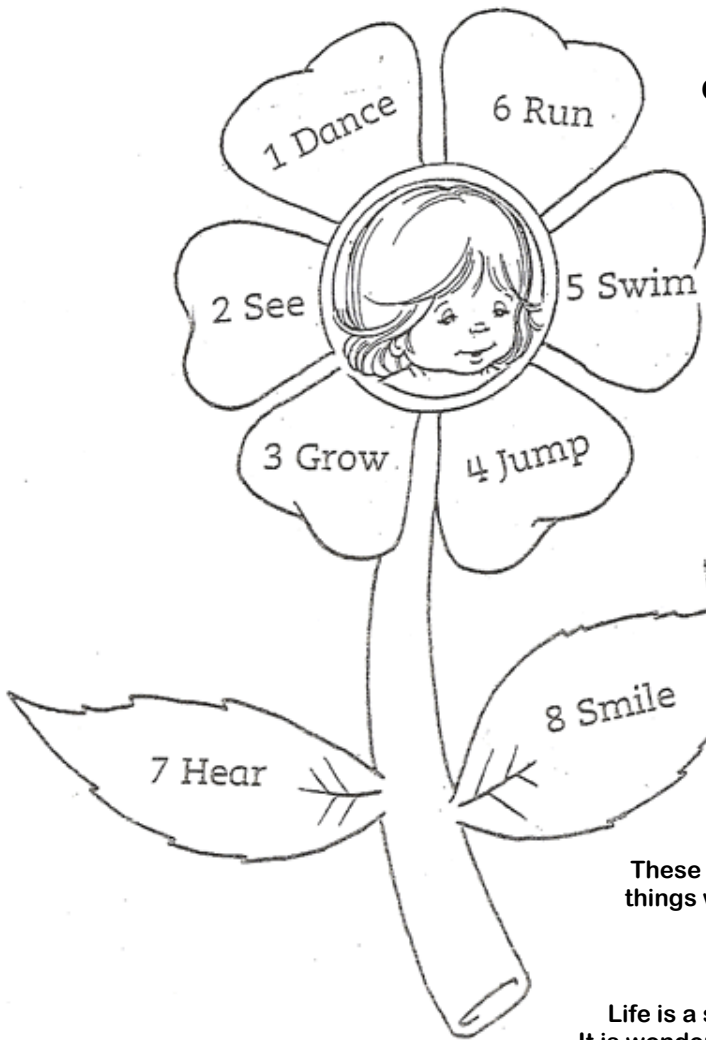
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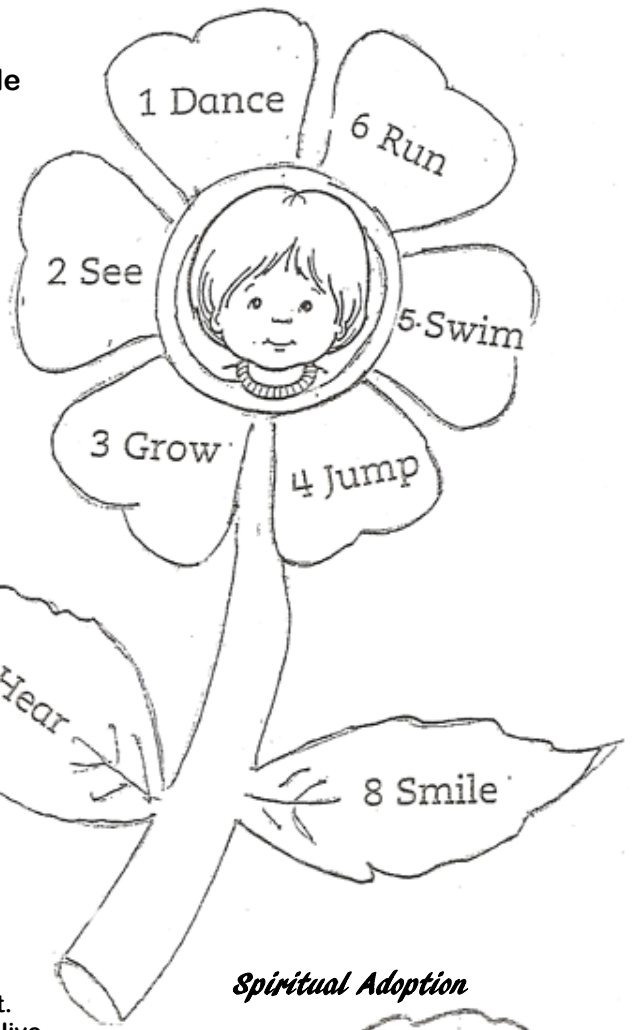


September 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1Th5,1-6.9-11 Psal 26 Lk 4, 31-37	2 Col 1, 1-8 Psal 51 Lk 4, 38-44	3 <i>James. Gregory The Great</i> Col 1,9-14 Psal 97 Lk 4,1-11	4 <i>First Friday</i> Col 1,15-20 Psal 99 Lk 5,33-39	5 <i>First Saturday</i> Col 1,21-23 Psal 53 Lk 6,1-5
6 <i>XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 35,4-7a Psal 145 James 2,1-5 Mk 7,31-37	7 <i>Labor Day</i> Col 1,24-2,3 Psal 61 Lk 6,6-11	8 <i>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Mi 5,1-4aO Rm 8,28-30 Psal 12 Mt 1,1-16.18-23	9 Col 3,1-11 Psal 144 Lk 6,20-26	10 Col 3,12-17 Psal 150 Lk 6,27-38	11 1Ti 1,1-2,12-14 Psal 15 Lk 6,39-42	12 1Ti 1,15-17 Psal 112 Lk 6,43-49
13 <i>XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 50,5-9a Psal 1114 James 2,14-18 Mk 8,27-35	14 <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i> 1Tm 2,1-8 Psal 27 Lk 7,1-10	15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Hb 5,7-9 Psal 30 Jn 19,25-27 o Lk 2,33-35	16 1Ti 3,14-16 Psal 110 Lk 7,31-35	17 <i>St Robert Bellarmine</i> 1Ti 4,12-16 Psal 110 Lk 7,36-50	18 1Ti 6,2c-12 Psal 48 Lk 8,1-3	19 <i>St Januarius</i> 1Ti 6,13-16 Psal 99 Lk 8,4-15
20 <i>XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Sb 2,12.17-20 Psal 53 James 3,16-4,3 Mk 9,30-37	21 <i>St Matthew</i> Eph 4,1-7.11-13 Psal 18 Mt 9,9-13	22 Esd 6,7-8.12b.14-20 Psal 121 Lk 8,19-21	23 Esd 9,5-9 Psal Tb 13.2-5.8 Lk 9,1-6	24 Hag 1,1-8 Psal 149 Lk 9,7-9	25 Hag 1,15b-29 2.1-10 Psal 42 Lk 9,18-22	26 <i>St Cosmas & St Damian</i> Za 2,5-9.14-15a Psal Jr 31,10-11-12ab.13 Lk 9,43-45
27 <i>XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Nm 11,25-29 Psal 18 James 5,1-6 Mk 9,38-43.45.47-48	28 <i>LEADER'S WORKSHOP</i> Za 8,1-8 Psal 101 Lk 9,46-50	29 <i>Archangels Mi- chael, Gabriel & Raphael</i> Dn 7,9-10,13-14 o Ap 12,7-12a Psal 137 Jn 1,47-51	30 Ne 2,1-8 Psal 136 Lk 9,57-62			

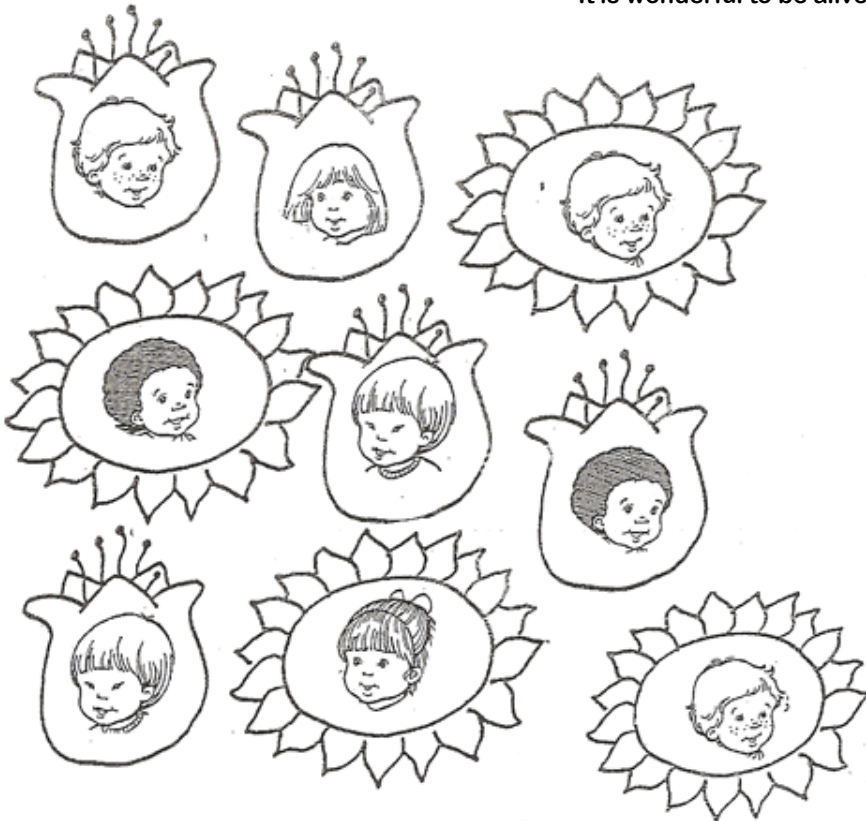


God made us

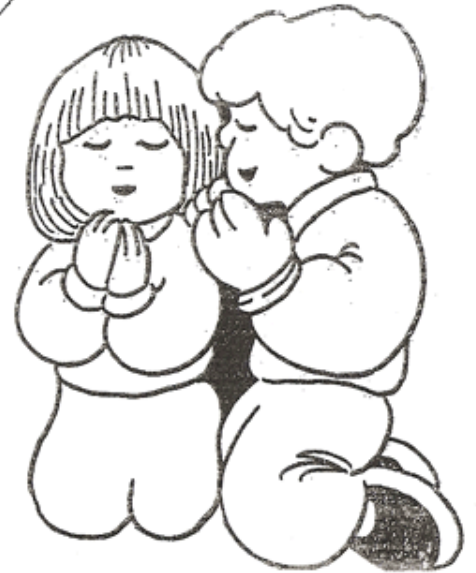


These are many things we can do

Life is a special gift.
It is wonderful to be alive



Spiritual Adoption



Dear Jesus, Mary and Joseph
We want to pray for all the unborn children so that they will be born, grow and be able to do all things I can.

I will adopted spiritually during the 9 months of my school year. Please help us. Amen

*Blessed Virgin Mary's
 Birthday
 September 8*



MARY

yes

Word Search

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

All the words are the aptitudes to which I must all the time answer YES

Find the following words in this Word Search:

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Smile | 10. Pardon |
| 2. Love | 11. Give |
| 3. Joy | 12. Kindness |
| 4. Testimony | 13. Simplicity |
| 5. Solidarity | 14. Humble |
| 6. Pray | 15. Serve |
| 7. Yes | 16. Grace |
| 8. Rosary | 17. Charity |
| 9. Peace | |

Missionary Journey

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The mission of the Church is to give the love and hope of God to all people. This mission has been present in our tradition since the very beginning. The apostles and St. Paul lived this mission when they established new Christian communities.





















We, too, are all called to be missionaries. That is, we are all called to give our gifts and share our faith.

Play the **Missionary Journey** game with a friend. The game describes two kinds of actions: actions that contribute to the mission of the Church and actions that do not. The object of the game is to give away all your tokens. The player who runs out of gift tokens first is the winner!

Directions:

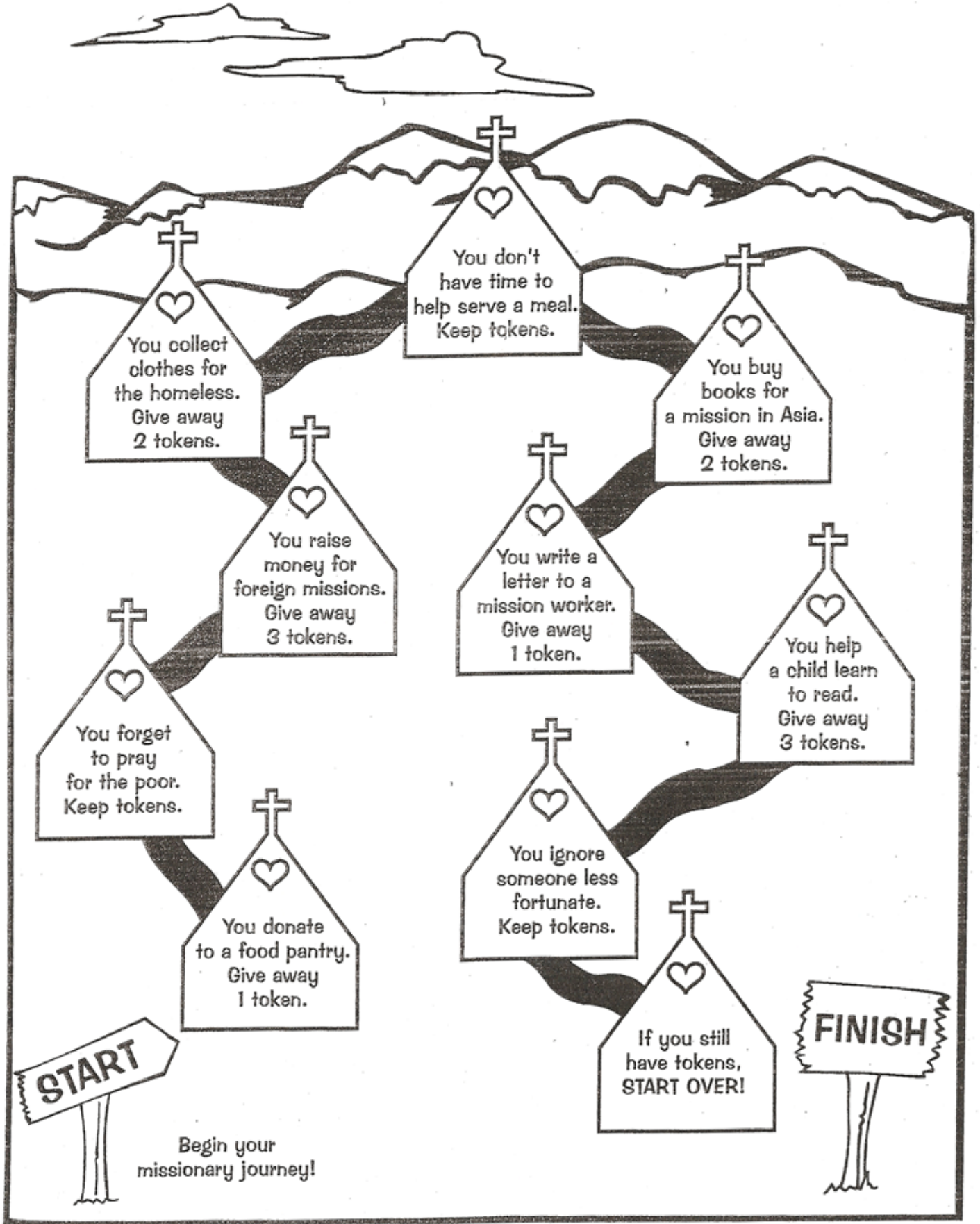
- Cut apart the cards and gift tokens
- Give your friend 10 gift tokens and keep 10 for yourself
- Use simple playing pieces, for example, coins or buttons.
- Shuffle the space cards and place them upside down.
- Draw a space card to advance along the game board.
- Follow the directions as you land on each space.

Good luck on your missionary journey!

MOVE 1 SPACE					
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MOVE 2 SPACE	MOVE 2 SPACE	MOVE 2 SPACE	MOVE 3 SPACE	MOVE 3 SPACE	MOVE 3 SPACE

Missionary Journey

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XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time September 6, 2009

Readings: Is 35: 4-7a; Psalm 145; James 2: 1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Jesus heals a deaf-Mute



So Jesus took him off alone, away from the crowd



put his fingers in the man's ears,



spat, and touched the man's tongue.

Jesus then left the neighborhood of Tyre and went on through Sidon to Lake Galilee, going by way of the territory of the Ten Towns. Some people brought him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged Jesus to place his hands on him.



At once the man was able to hear; his speech impediment was removed, and began to talk without any trouble. Then Jesus ordered the people not to speak of it to anyone; but the more he ordered them not to, the more they told it.

Then Jesus looked up to heaven, gave a deep groan, and said to the man, "Ephphatha," which means, "Open up!"

And all who heard were completely amazed. "How well he does everything!" They exclaimed. "He even causes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak!" (Mark 7: 31-37)





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Jesus heals a deaf-Mute

Reflection

The worst "deafness" we encounter is when someone doesn't want to hear what we have to say. What daily obstacles to communication do we encounter? Do they feel that their families and teachers listen to them? Are they too busy to listen to their concerns and joys? How well do they listen to their friends? Do you sometimes pretend not to hear? How do you feel if your parents or others in your family do not listen to you? Do you know someone who is deaf or hearing impaired? How do you communicate with that person?

Activity

Take several musical instruments to the group. Hide them from the children and ask them to guess what instrument you are playing. Next say certain things that they are likely to hear often, such as "Pick up your room," "You're so smart," or "Do your homework." Ask them which phrases they would like to hear more often. Share.

Prayer

Jesus, we thank you for the gift of sound, music and beautiful words. We ask you to open our ears so that we may listen to one another and to the needs of our community. Amen





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XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2009

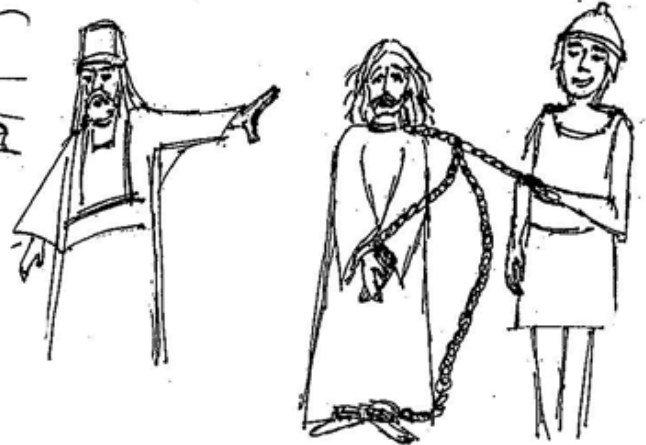
Readings: Isaiah 50, 5-9a Psalm 114; James 2, 14-18 Mark 8, 27-35

Peter's Declaration about Jesus



Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the law.

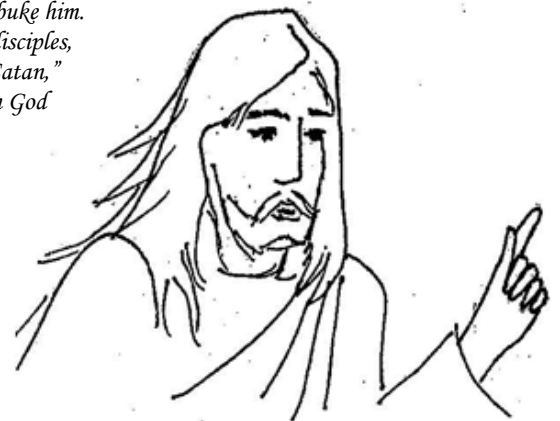
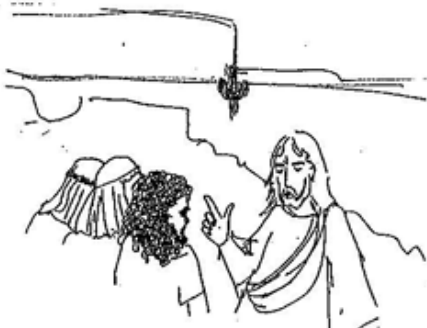
Then Jesus and his disciples went away to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Tell me, who do people say I am?" "Some say that you are John the Baptist," they answered; "others say that you are Elijah, while others say that you are one of the prophets." "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Then Jesus ordered them, "Do not tell anyone about me."



So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, but Jesus turned around, looked at his disciples, and rebuke Peter. "Get away from me, Satan," he said. "Your thoughts don't come from God but from human nature!"



He will be put to death, but three days later he will rise to life." He made this very clear to them.



Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. "If any of you want to come with me," he told them, "you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. for if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for me and for the gospel, you will save it. (Mark 8, 27-35)



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Reflection

Do you find Jesus words difficult to understand?
Jesus says that there are things that are more important than thinking of ourselves and our needs. What could you do to make others happy and know Jesus? Jesus tells us that if people say that they believe in him but then turn around and don't help others, they aren't true followers. How can you help others more often? Do you feel happy when you do something for others even if it have been difficult?

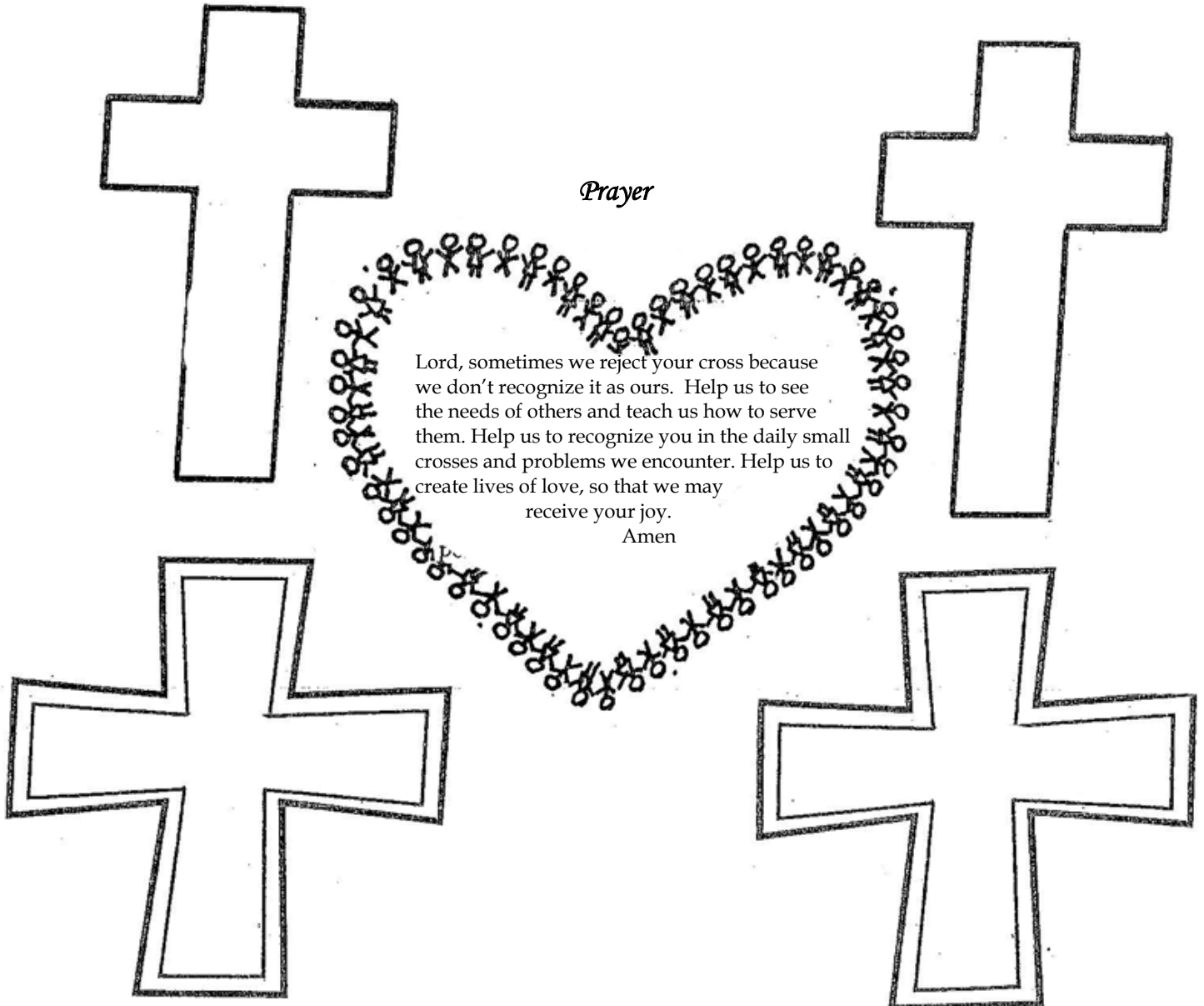
Activity

Prepare and bring to the group some cardboard crosses. Ask them to write in it something difficult that they would do this week, to show Jesus they love him and want to follow him. Place a large poster board in front and ask them to place in it their cross. As they place the cross they say: "I want to follow you, Jesus."

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we reject your cross because we don't recognize it as ours. Help us to see the needs of others and teach us how to serve them. Help us to recognize you in the daily small crosses and problems we encounter. Help us to create lives of love, so that we may receive your joy.

Amen



Exaltation of the Cross

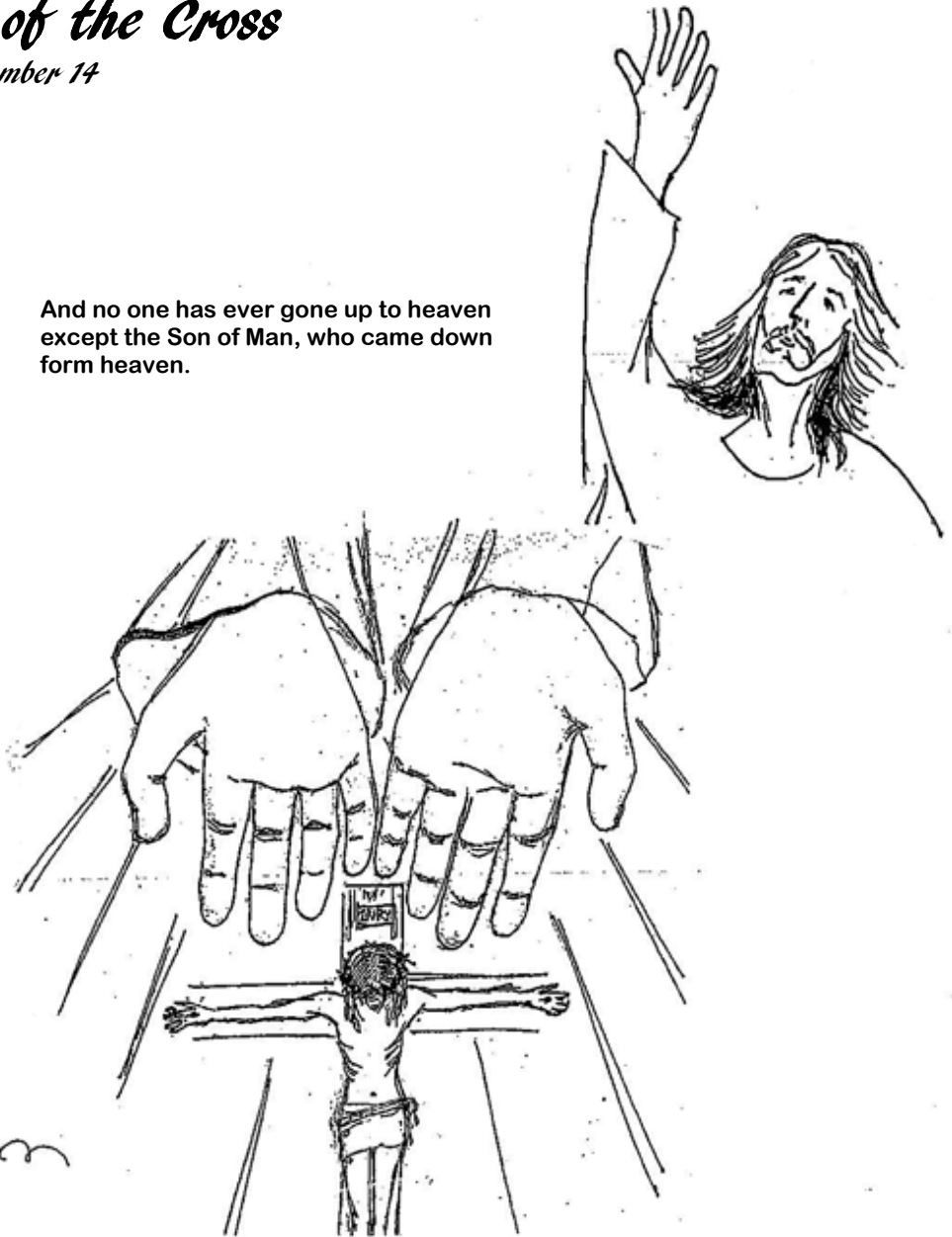
September 14

John 3,13-17

And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.



As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.



For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.



For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.



Pope Benedict XVI declares the year of the Priest

June 19, 2009—June 19, 2010



God almighty and eternal, look with love upon the face of your Sons, the priests.

Remember, oh compassionate Lord, that they are human beings.

Renew in them the gift of their vocation which was admirable strengthened by the imposition of the hands of the bishops. Keep them always close to you. Do not allow the enemy to be victorious over them.

Lord Jesus, I ask you for your priests, the faithful and fervent; the unfaithful and lukewarm; for those who serve in distant missions; for the tempted; for those who feel lovely, bored, or tired; for the young or for those who will soon die; and for the souls of priest who are in the purgatory.

But most of all, I entrust to you the priests that I appreciate the most: the one that baptized me or has absolved me from my sins; for the priests whose masses I have attended and have given me Your Body and Blood in the Communion; for those who have advised me, consoled me or inspired me; and for those who in whatever way I may be more indebted. Oh Jesus, keep them all close to your heart and bless them abundantly in this time and in eternity.

AMEN.

Cardinal Richard Cushing



In this year dedicate to Priests let us pick one priest for whom, we are going to pray during this year. Pick a date.

Monday _____
Name of the priest

Tuesday _____
Name of the priest

Wednesday _____
Name of the priest

Thursday _____
Name of the priest

Friday _____
Name of the priest

Saturday _____
Name of the priest

Sunday _____
Name of the priest

My name _____

We suggest printing one bookmark for each child. They can also choose to pray for several priests and pick a date for each one.



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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2009

Readings: Wisdom 2, 12. 17-20 Psalm 53; James 3, 16-4, 3 Mark 9, 30-37

Jesus Speaks Again about His Death



Jesus and his disciples left that place and went on through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where he was, because he was teaching his disciples: "The Son of Man will be handed over to those who will kill him". Three days later, however, he will rise to life." But they did not understand what this teaching meant, and they were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all."



Then he took a child and had him stand in front of them. He put his arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children, welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me." (Mark 9, 30-37)

Reflection

In all our communities of family, work, friends and church, problems start where there is jealousy or extreme ambition. Saint James warns us about this in the readings of this week. He invites us to live a life of peace, kindness, and patience. How do we express this kind of wisdom in our home community and friends? Simplicity leads to peace, but arrogance leads to quarrels. Jesus alters the order of things. In our society, those who own more are often more value. Jesus, however, says that those who serve others are really those who come first. Who do you think is most important? (Share in the group)



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Activity

In this page you will see a "Bridge of Love".

In this activity you can understand how you need certain qualities to really love people. The one who loves is the one who serves. Share why these qualities are important.

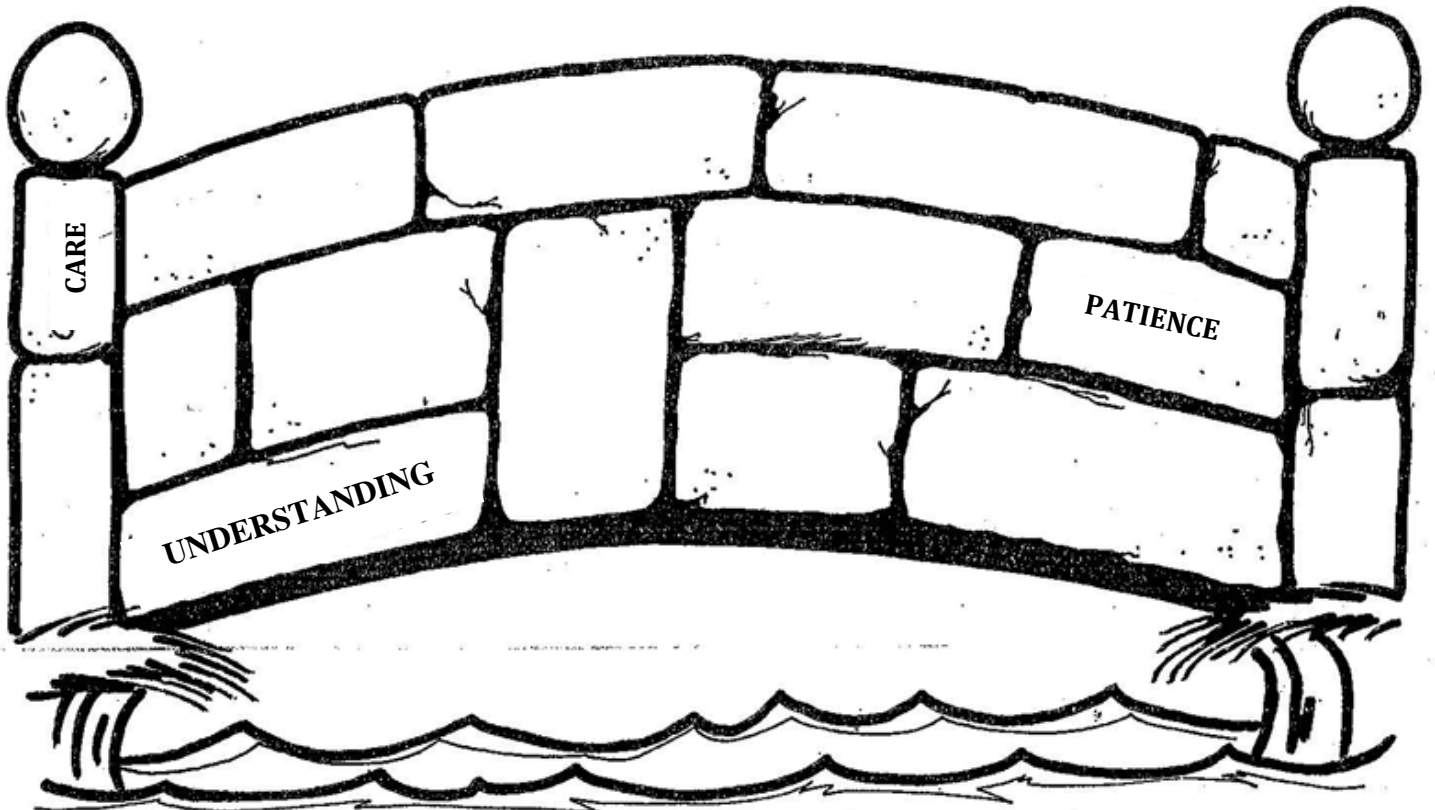
Prayer

Jesus when we feel tempted to be controlling or self important, be with us and teach us to listen to you. Help us to create peace in our home by treating one another with kindness and understanding. Help us to appreciate the many gifts you gave given each of us. Amen

Bridge of Love

God calls each of us to be a bridge of love to his people. You can be a "Bridge" in many ways. What does it take to really love people? There are three qualities

in the picture below. In each stone write a quality that will help you to be a Bridge of Love between God and His people. Discuss why these qualities are important.



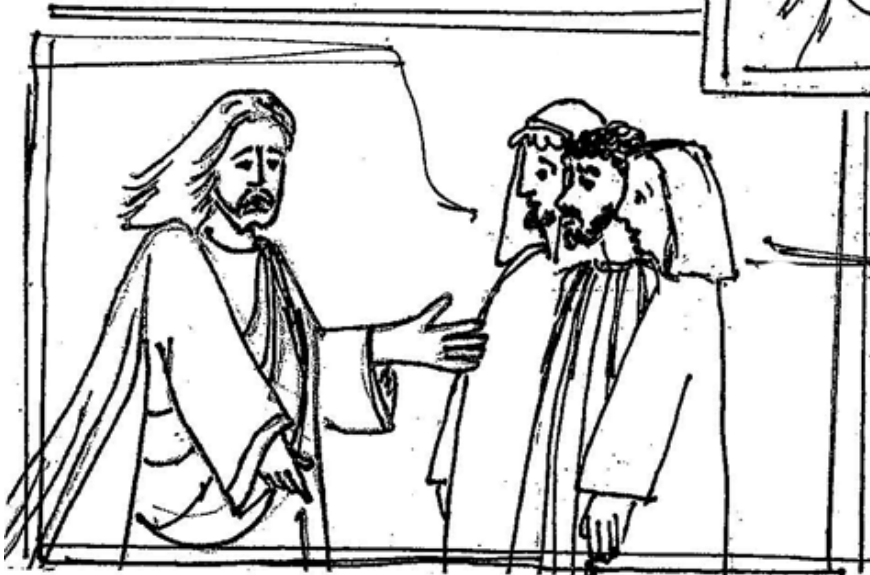


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XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27 2009

Readings: Numbers 11, 25-29; Psalm 18; James 5, 1-6; Mark 9, 38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man who was driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn't belong to our group."



"Do not try to stop him," Jesus told them, "because no one who performs a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to say evil things about me. For whoever is not against us is for us. I assure you that anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to me will certainly receive a reward."



"If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around the neck and be thrown into the sea. So if your hand makes you lose your faith, cut it off! It is better for you to enter life without a hand than to keep both hands and go off to hell, to the fire that never goes out. And if your foot makes you lose your faith, cut it off! It is better for you to enter life without a foot than to keep both feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye makes you lose your faith, take it out! It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to keep both eyes and be thrown into hell. There the worms that eat them never die, and the fire that burns them is never put out.

(Mark 9, 38-43, 45, 47-48)



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XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27 2009

Readings: Numbers 11, 25-29; Psalm 18; James 5, 1-6; Mark 9, 38-43, 45, 47-48

Reflection

There are people who might be doing well, even if they are not with us. Jesus tells us to appreciate them and work with them.

What are their experiences of collaboration or working in teams? Do they have opportunities at school to participate in projects that help others? Do they like team work? What did they like about team effort? What did they dislike?

Do we trust that there are people who do well, even if they don't belong to our community or political party? Each of us has a great treasure to share. We can create beautiful things with our talents. **Our Mission**, to place our talents at the service of others so that, together, we can build a better world in the image and likeness of our God.

Activity

Make a list of different types of community services. Prepare flash cards with different types of service to others. Example: Help at home, play with your smaller brothers and sisters, listen to someone that needs your help, teach a classmate, help your teacher and more. Make two teams. By turns each team pick up a card and dramatize the service that appears in it. The other team try to guess. If it guesses, it gets one point. The one with more points is the winner. Make sure to let them know that when you help and share, you serve Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, you call us to faithfully follow you and to work with others to build a better world. Show us the ways we can serve you by serving one another. Amen

Help at home

Play with your smaller brother and sister

Listen to someone that needs your help

Teach a classmate

Help your teacher

Visit your grandparents

Share toys

Give cloth to someone who needs it

Share your lunch

Bring a friend to mass

Pray for the sick

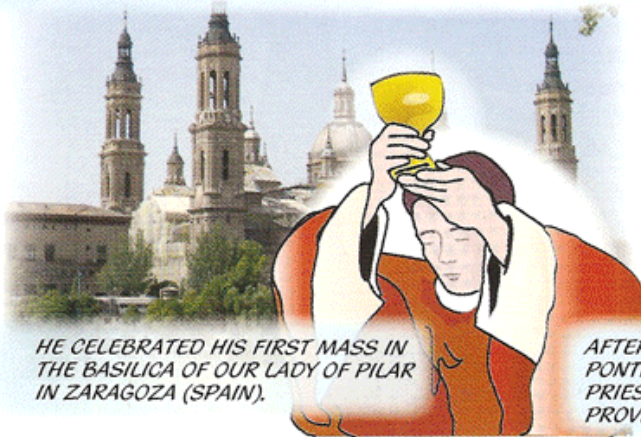
Visit the sick

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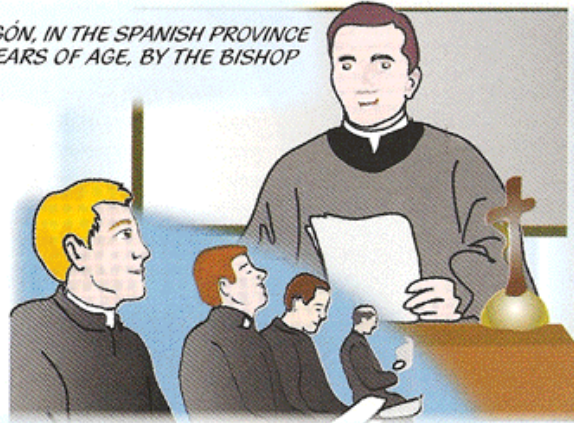
**BISHOP CRUZ LAPLANA AND
Fr. FERNANDO ESPAÑOL**

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S.H.M.

BISHOP CRUZ LAPLANA WAS BORN IN 1875 IN PLAN DE ARAGÓN, IN THE SPANISH PROVINCE OF HUESCA. IN 1898 HE WAS ORDAINED A PRIEST AT 23 YEARS OF AGE, BY THE BISHOP OF BARBASTRO.



HE CELEBRATED HIS FIRST MASS IN THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF PILAR IN ZARAGOZA (SPAIN).



AFTER HE HAD BEEN A PROFESSOR IN THE SEMINARY AND THE PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY OF ZARAGOZA, HE WORKED AS THE PARISH PRIEST IN CASPE AND IN SAINT GIL PARISH, LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE'S CAPITAL.



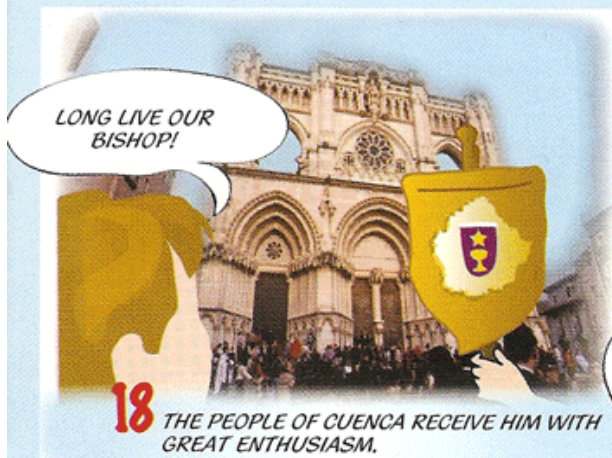
IN 1921, HE WAS APPOINTED BISHOP OF CUENCA BY POPE BENEDICT XV.



I NEED YOU IN CUENCA,
AS MY SECRETARY.

VERY WELL, I WILL
GO WITH YOU.

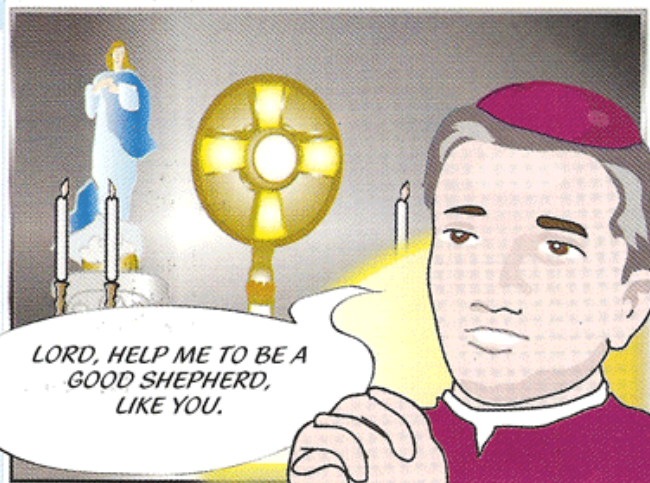
BISHOP CRUZ CHOSE Fr. FERNANDO ESPAÑOL, LAWYER AND PARISH PRIEST IN A TOWN IN HUESCA, TO JOIN HIM IN CUENCA AS HIS PERSONAL SECRETARY AND CATHEDRAL CANON.



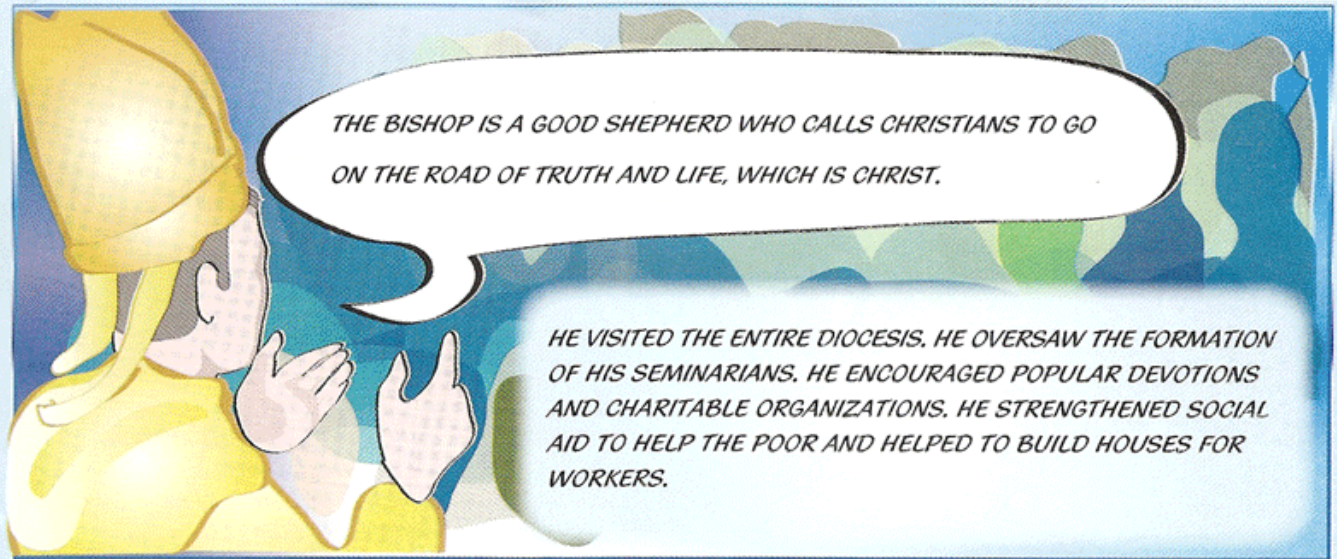
LONG LIVE OUR
BISHOP!

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THE PEOPLE OF CUENCA RECEIVE HIM WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM.



LORD, HELP ME TO BE A
GOOD SHEPHERD,
LIKE YOU.

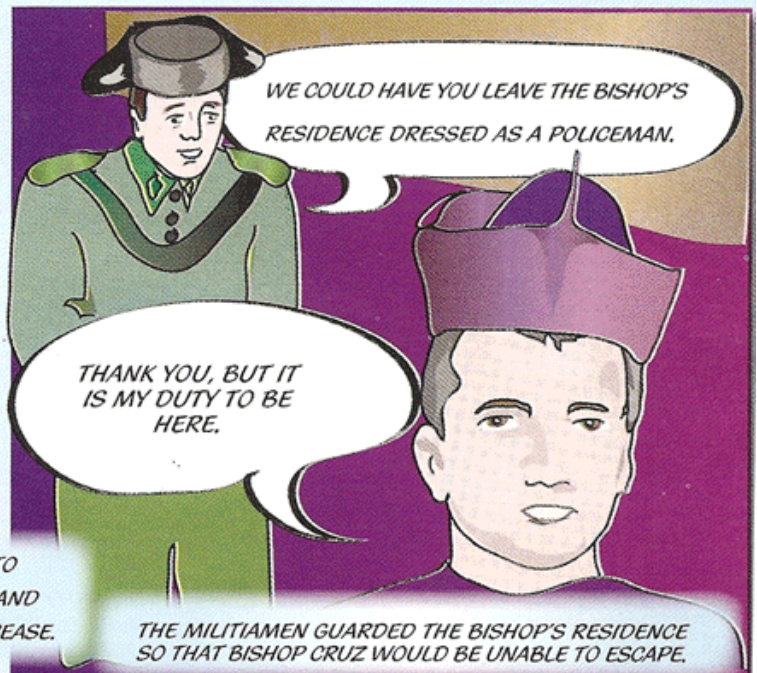


THE BISHOP IS A GOOD SHEPHERD WHO CALLS CHRISTIANS TO GO ON THE ROAD OF TRUTH AND LIFE, WHICH IS CHRIST.

HE VISITED THE ENTIRE DIOCESES. HE OVERSAW THE FORMATION OF HIS SEMINARIANS. HE ENCOURAGED POPULAR DEVOTIONS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. HE STRENGTHENED SOCIAL AID TO HELP THE POOR AND HELPED TO BUILD HOUSES FOR WORKERS.



THE HATE FOR THE CHURCH AND THE CLERGY BEGAN TO SPREAD ALL OVER SPAIN AND IN 1936, THE SACKING AND BURNING OF CHURCHES AND CONVENTS BEGAN TO INCREASE.



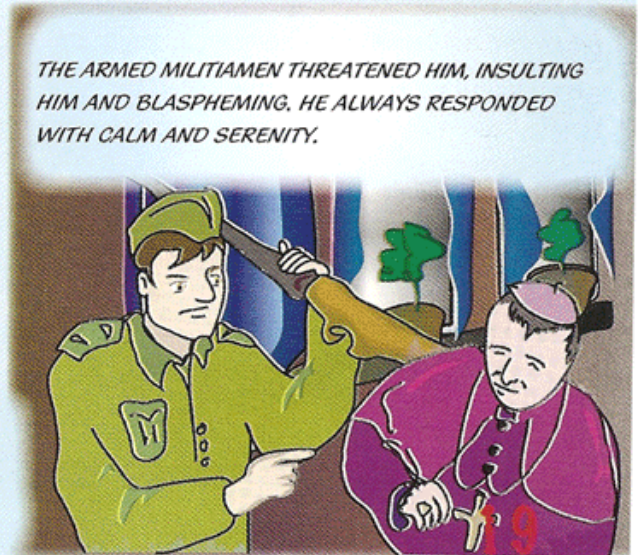
WE COULD HAVE YOU LEAVE THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE DRESSED AS A POLICEMAN.

THANK YOU, BUT IT IS MY DUTY TO BE HERE.

THE MILITIAMEN GUARDED THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE SO THAT BISHOP CRUZ WOULD BE UNABLE TO ESCAPE.



ON JULY 28, A SQUADRON OF ARMED MILITIAMEN BROKE INTO THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE TO SEIZE THE BISHOP. THEY FOUND HIM PRAYING IN THE CHAPEL AND TOOK HIM TO THE SEMINARY, WHICH THEY HAD TURNED INTO A PRISON.



THE ARMED MILITIAMEN THREATENED HIM, INSULTING HIM AND BLASPHEMING. HE ALWAYS RESPONDED WITH CALM AND SERENITY.