



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Miami, Florida*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

July and August, are the summer vacation months what better opportunity to take our children out to have fun, while they learn about all the things God, has created the Father, Emphasize the importance of Sunday Mass & Prayer. In this package you will find activities for the month of July and August. The next month you will not receive package use your imagination or use the internet you will find a lot of activities.

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

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| July 1 | Blessed Junipero Serra | August 4 | St. John Vianney |
| July 3 | Saint Thomas | August 6 | The Transfiguration |
| July 4 | Independence Day | August 12 | Saint Claire |
| July 14 | St. Katerina Tekakwitha | August 15 | The Assumption |
| July 16 | Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | August 22 | Mary Our Queen |
| July 25 | St. James Apostle | August 23 | St. Rose of Lima |
| July 26 | St. Joachim and Anne | August 27 | St. Monica |
| July 29 | St. Martha | August 28 | St Augustine |
| July 31 | St. Ignatius Loyola | August 30 | Leader's Workshop |

Enclosed Materials:

1. July and August calendars.
2. Gospel for the month of July & August

Activities

1. What will you do with your time in the summer?
2. Prayer
3. Our Father Activity
4. Our Lady of Mount Carmel
5. Pure Hearts-Joyful Hearts
6. The Holy Rosary Mysteries-Puzzle

Suggested Videos:

1. Creation (SHC)
2. The Good Samaritan
3. Prayer (SHC)
4. Adam and Eve
5. Mary Magdalene

Our IV Congress for the children of the Friends of Jesus and Mary will be on July 15,16,17,18 2010 in Miami, Florida. It will be in Spanish with simultaneous translation to English. Is your last opportunity register now.

Our next meeting will be August 30 at St Agatha Church. 7:30 pm please come and share with us Pray for our Ministry. Have a nice summer!

May God Bless You Always,

What will you do with your time in the summer?

“Greet the New Day”

Calendar

God wants us to love ourselves and others.

Each day this week show your love to a different person in a different way.

Fill the Box of the Day on your calendar with picture-stories of what you do each day. Have fun!

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JULY 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Blessed Junipero Serra, Canada Day Amos 7,10-17 Psalm 18 Matthew 9,1-8 | 2 First Friday Amos 8,4-6.9-12 Psalm 118 Matthew 9,9-13 | 3 First Saturday St Thomas Apostle Ephesians 2,19-22 Psalm 116 John 20,24-29 |
| 4 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 66,10-14 Psalm 65 Galatians 6,14-18 Luke 10, 1-12.17-20 | 5 St Anthony Mary Zacaria Obadiah 2,14-16.19-20 Psalm 144 Matthew 9,18-26 | 6 Obadiah 8, 4-4-7.11-13 Psalm 113 Matthew 9,32-38 | 7 Obadiah 10,1-3.7-8.12 Psalm 104 Matthew 10,1-7 | 8 Obadiah 11,1b.2-4.8c-9 Psalm 79 Matthew 10,7-15 | 9 Obadiah 14,2-10 Psalm 50 Matthew 10,16-23 | 10 Isaiah 6,1-8 Psalm 92 Matthew 10,24-33 |
| 11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Dr. 30,10-14 Psalm 68 Col 1,15-20 Luke 10,25-37 | 12 Isaiah 1,11—17 Psalm 49 Matthew 10,34-11.1 | 13 Isaiah 7,1-9 Psalm 47 Matthew 11,20-24 | 14 Blessed Kateri Tekak- witha, (Patron of World) Isaiah 10,5-7.13-16 Psalm 93 Matthew 11,25-27 | 15 St. Bonaventure Isaiah 26,7-9.12.16-19 Psalm 101 Matthew 11,28-30 | 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Isaiah 38,1-6.1-22.7-8 Psalm 138 Matthew 11,28-30 | 17 Micah 2,1-5 Psalm 10 Matthew 12,14-21 |
| 18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 18,1-10a Psalm 14,2-5 Col 1,24-28 Luke 10, 38-42 | 19 Miqueas 6,1-4.6-8 Psalm 49,5-23 Matthew 12,38-42 | 20 Miqueas 7,14-15.18-20 Psalm 84 Matthew 12,46-50 | 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi Jeremias 1,1,4-10 Psalm 70 Matthew 13,1-9 | 22 St Mary Magdalene Cnt 3,1-4a Psalm 62 John 20,1-2.11-18 | 23 St. Bridget of Sweden Jeremiah 3,14-17 Psalm: Jer 31,10-13 Matthew 13,18-23 | 24 Jeremiah 7,1-11 Psalm 83 Matthew 13,24-30 |
| 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Genesis 18,20-32 Psalm 137 Col 2:12-14 Luke 11,1-13 | 26 San Joaquin y Santa Ana, Padres de la Santisima Blanco Virgen Maria Jeremiah 13,1-11 Dt. 32,18-21 Matthew 13,31-35 | 27 SS Joachim and Anne (Parents of The Blessed Virgin Mary) Jeremiah 13,1-11 Psalm 78 Matthew 13,36-43 | 28 Jeremiah 15,10.16-21 Psalm 58 Matthew 13,44-45 | 29 St Martha Jeremiah 18,1-6 Psalm 145 Matthew 13,47-53 | 30 St. Peter Chrysologus Jeremiah 26,1-9 Psalm 68 Matthew 13,54-58 | 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola Jeremiah 26,11-16.24 Psalm 68 Matthew 14,1-12 |



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AUGUST 2010

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| 1 18 Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecclesiastes 1,2:2,21-23 Psalmo 89 Col 3,1-5,9-11 Luke 12,13-21 | 2 Jeremiah 28,1-17 Psalm 118 Matthew 14,13-21 | 3 Jeremiah 28,1-17 Psalm 101 Matthew 14,22-36 | 4 St. John Mary Vianney Jeremiah 31,1-7 Psalms Jer 31,10-13 Matthew 15,21-28 | 5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome Jeremiah 31,31-34 Psalm 50 Matthew 16,13-23 | 6 First Friday Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7,9-10,13-14 Psalm 96 2 Pedro 1,16-19 Luke 9,28b-36 | 7 First Saturday St Sixtus II, & Companions Martyrs St. Cajetan Habacuc 1,12-2,4 Psalm 9 Matthew 17,14-19 |
| 8 19 Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 18,6-9 Psalm 32 Hebrews 11,1-2,8-19 Luke 12,32-48 | 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Ezekiel 1,2-5,24-2,1 Psalm 148 Matthew 17,21-26 | 10 St. Lorenzo, Diácono y Martyr 2 Corinthians 9,6-10 Psalm 148 John 12,24-26 | 11 St. Clare Ezekiel 9,1-7,10,18-22 Psalm 112 Matthew 18,15-20 | 12 Ezekiel 12,1-12 Psalm 77 Matthew 18,21-19,1 | 13 Ezekiel 16,1-15,60.63 Psalm: Is 12,2-6 Matthew 19,3-12 | 14 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Ezekiel 18,1-10,13b,30-32 Psalm 50 Matthew 19,13-15 |
| 15 Assumption of Mary Rev. 11,19a 12,1-6a,10ab Psalm 44 1 Cor 15,20-27 Luke 1,39-56 | 16 St. Stephen of Hungary Ezekiel 24,15-24 Psalm: Dt. 32,18-21 Matthew 19,16-22 | 17 Ezekiel 28,1-10 Psalm Dt. 32,26-36 Matthew 19,23-30 | 18 Ezekiel 34,1-11 Psalm 22 Matthew 20,1-16a | 19 Ezekiel 36,23-28 Psalm 106 Matthew 22,1-14 | 20 St Bernard Ezekiel 37,1-14 Psalm 106 Matthew 22,34-40 | 21 St Pius X Ezekiel 43,1-7a Psalm 84 Matthew 23,1-12 |
| 22 20 Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah, 66,18-21 Psalm 116 Hebrews 12,5-7,11-13 Luke 13,22-30 | 23 St Rose of Lima 2 Th 1,1-5,11b-12 Psalm 95 Matthew 23, 13-22 | 24 Rev 21,9b-14 Psalm 144 John 1,45-51 | 25 St Louis of France St. Joseph Calasanz (Patron of Schoolchildren) 2 Th 3,6-10,16-18 Psalm 127 Matthew 23,27-32 | 26 1Corintios 1,1-9 Psalm 144 Matthew 24,42-51 | 27 St Monica 1 Cor 1,17-25 Psalm 32 Matthew 25,1-13 | 28 St Augustine 1 Cor 1,26-31 Psalm 32 Matthew 25,14-30 |
| 29 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecclesiastes 3,19-21,30-31 Psalm 67 Hebrews 12,18-19,22-24a Luke 14,1-7,14 | 30 1 Cor 2,1-5 Psalm 118 Luke 4,16-30 | 31 1 Cor 2, 10b-16 Psalm 144 Luke 4,31-37 | | | | |



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XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time July 4, 2010

Readings: Isaiah 66, 10-14c; Psalm 65; Galatians 6, 14-18; Luke 10, 1-12.17-20

Jesus sends out the seventy-two

After this the Lord chose another seventy-two to go ahead of him to every town and place where he himself was about to go. He said to them, "There is a large harvest, but few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest. Go! I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Don't take a purse or a beggar's bag or shoes; don't stop to greet anyone on the road. Whenever you go into a house, first say, 'Peace be with this house. If someone who is peace-loving lives there let your greeting of peace remain on that person; If not, take back your greeting of peace. Stay in that same house, eating and drinking whatever they offer you, for workers should be given their pay. Don't move around from one house to another. Whenever you go into a town and are made welcome, eat what is set before you, heal the sick in that town, and say to the people there, 'The Kingdom of God has come near you. But whenever you go into a town and are not welcomed, go out in the streets and say, even the dust from your town that that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. But remember that the Kingdom of God has come near you! I assure you that on the judgment day God will show more mercy to Sodom than to that town! The seventy-two men came back in great joy. "Lord," they said, "even the demons obeyed us when we gave them a command in your name!" Jesus answered them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Listen I have given you authority, so that you can walk on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. But don't be glad because the evil spirits obey you; rather be glad because your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10, 1-12. 17-20)

Reflection

Joy and glory for Christians is to proclaim Jesus in our daily life within the family as well as in our commitment to the community or parish.

Jesus sends his disciples out with the mission of bringing peace to all. He sends them two by two so that they can assist each others.

He advises them to trust in nothing but the power of God. Do they feel protected or do there exist situations in which they lack peace and harmony in their homes? Jesus speaks to his friends about bringing peace to others. How can you give peace to your home and classmates? Is there anything that takes peace from you? Share

Activity

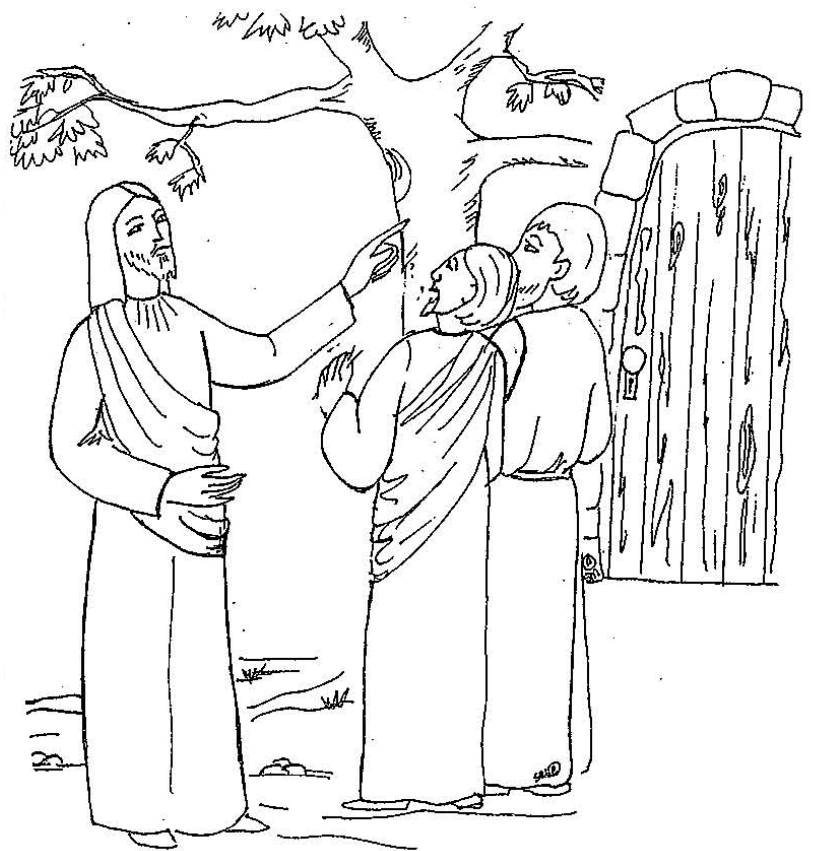
Ask the children to share in which way they are going to carry the message of Jesus to others.

Example: helping a friend with homework, behaving at school, bringing joy to those that are sad, not fighting, etc. Share what their weekly commitment will be and said: Jesus we want to bring peace to others.

Prayer

Jesus, you have chosen us to announce your message by building peace in our community and family. Help us to be tender, understanding, and affectionate with one another and invites us to work for a better world.

Amen





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XV Sunday in Ordinary Time July 11, 2010

Readings: Deuteronomy, 30:10-14; Psalm 68; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

A teacher of the law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked,

"What must I do to receive eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "What do the scriptures say? How do you interpret them?" The man answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as you love yourself. You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live." But the teacher of the law wanted to justify himself so he asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"



Jesus answered, "There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead.



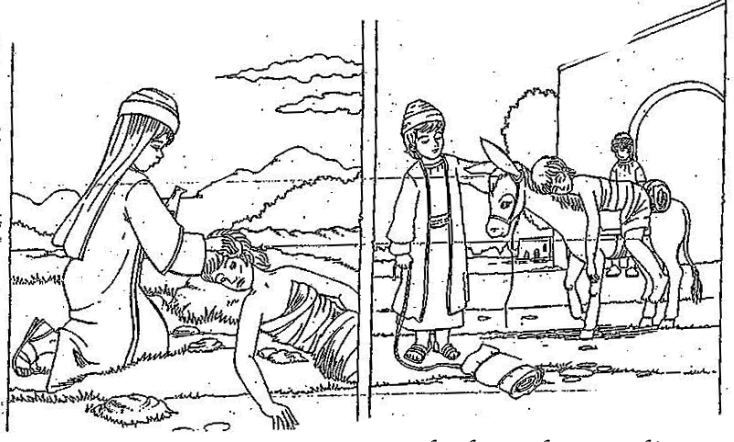
It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side.



In the same way a Levite also came there, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side.



But a Samaritan who was traveling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him, his heart was filled with pity.



He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them;

then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.



The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Take care of him, he told the innkeeper, and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him."



and Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbor toward the man attacked by the robbers?" The teacher of the law answered, "The one who was kind to him." Jesus replied, "You go, then, and do the same." (Luke 10: 25-37)

Reflection

Whom do I find easy to help? Who have I helped this week? Who has helped me? When I am in hurry and I realize someone needs help, what do I do? Do their families usually help others, even if they are strangers? Do they find it hard to help a new kid in school, or someone who is excluded because he or she is different in some way? **Share**

Activity

Dramatize the gospel story. Pick up the different characters. After it is finish give out white index cards to each child. Ask them to write how they are going to help someone this week. Bring the cards to the group altar and as they place them in it said: Teach me to see you in my neighbor, Lord.

Prayer

Lord, teach us to be good Samaritans and welcome those others reject. Give us courage and generosity to do it even if we pay a personal price for it.

Amen



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XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2010

Readings: Genesis 19:1-10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1, 24-28; Luke 10, 38-42

Jesus visits Martha and Mary

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha welcome him in her home . She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened to his teaching. Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!" The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10, 38-42)

Reflection

In today's gospel, Jesus does not criticize Martha for wanting to please him with the food and details of the home but for not listening to the word of God. Do they like visitors? What do they do to receive guests well? Do they think the adults at home are always too busy to listen to them, or to be with them? Are they themselves too busy sometimes to pray or to listen to and help someone? Do they sometimes quarrel because they feel they work more than their siblings around the house? Jesus says that it is important to receive guests as if they were Jesus himself. How do you receive those who come to your house? Jesus says it is important to listen to him and to know what pleases him. Do you listen to him every day when you pray? **Share**

Activity

Briefly explain the children prayer and the importance to speak to Jesus every day. In the next page you will find several activities on prayer.

Prayer

Lord you teach us when we receive others in our homes, we receive you and that when we listen without anxiety and thinking what we have to do we listen to you help us to make silence to listen and together as a family to listen to what you want of us. **Amen**





Prayer

Friends talk. Because we can talk to God, we can be His friends. Write in the spaces below what your would share with your friend:

FRIENDS SHARE...



THOUGHTS

FEELINGS

ACTIVITIES

Jesus is My Friend

Jesus Loves You? He said: "Let the little children come to me!" He is waiting for you to talk to Him. Write some thoughts, feelings and activities here that you would like to share with Jesus.



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XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 25, 2010

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

Jesus' Teaching on Prayer

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Jesus said to them, "When you pray, say this: Father, may your holy name be honored; may your kingdom come. Give us day by day the food we need. Forgive us our sins, for we forgive everyone who does us wrong. And do not bring us to hard testing." And Jesus said to his disciples, "Suppose one of you should go to a friend's house at midnight and say, Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine who is on a trip has just come to my house, and I don't have any food for him! And suppose your friend should answer from inside, don't bother me!

The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything. Well, what then? I tell you that even if he will not get up and give you the bread because you are his friend, yet he will get up and give you everything you need because you are not ashamed to keep on asking. And so I say to you: ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks. Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(Luke 11:1-13)

Reflection

In the Our Father, we ask for the kingdom of God to come. The kingdom will come when we make the name of God holy, fulfill his will, forgive, share our bread, and struggle against evil in the world. Do you sometimes pray as if God worked magic and get disappointed when things they ask for don't happen? Do your parents always give you everything you ask for immediately, or do they seek the best for you? What happens if they don't? When sometimes you ask your parents for something and it is not given do you understand that is for your own good? In the same way when we think God does not answer our prayer is for our own good.

Share

Activity

Ask the children to draw doors and write on them what they are praying for right now. Then draw and cut loaves of bread where they can write the good things God has given them this week. Then presented them in the group altar and said: "I know you always listen, Jesus."

Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray.
Pray all together the our father





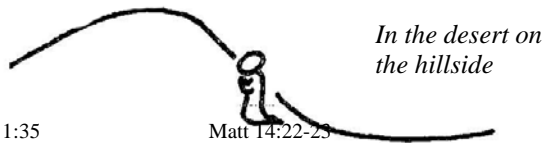
Prayer

Ways You Can Pray

Look up the references in the Bible and think about the variety of ways and reasons why Jesus prayed. Alone, in public and spontaneously at special times. Then write into the space on the right, the places and ways you can pray.

JESUS PRAYED

I CAN PRAY

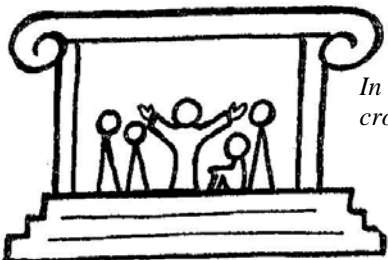


Mark 1:35

Matt 14:22-23

In the desert on the hillside

ALONE



Mark 6:1-3

Luke 4:31-32

In the temple with crowds

IN PUBLIC



Luke 8:40-56

Mark 1:29-31

In different needs

SPECIAL TIMES

Our Father Activity

Purpose: To help teach the children the Our Father, and to help them pray the Our Father with their hearts.

Goal: To make a bracelet with colors that correspond to the different petitions in the Our Father. The colors will remind them of the different petitions and what they mean.

Materials:

- a) String beads with the following colors: Blue, White, Purple, Green, yellow, Red, and Black. The string and beads will be used to make a bracelet.
- b) or, fuzz covered wire with the above colors which can be cut, molded into chain links, and linked together creating a bracelet. A strand of wire can be cut into three equal pieces to create the chain links.

As our make the bracelet with the children, teach them the Our Father and explain how each color relates to each petition:

Our Father, who are in heaven:

Blue: the color of Fathers. Jesus shows us what Our Father in Heaven is like. Do we act like children of God? Do we forgive our enemies.

White: represent purity and holiness. Are we careful how we treat God's Holy Name?

Your Kingdom Come,

Purple: the color of royalty. Is God the King of our lives?

Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven

Green: the color of the earth. Do we obey God as the angels and saints in Heaven obey God? When we do we have Heaven here on earth. Jesus shows us how to obey.

Give us this day our daily bread

Yellow: Bread is yellow. All good things come from God. We ask for our daily bread to eat which we need to live. We ask for Jesus in the Eucharist which we also need to live. Do we adore Jesus in the Eucharist?

And for give us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Red: Jesus suffered and died for our sins. Red reminds us of the blood He shed for us. Because He forgave us, He wants us to forgive others. Do we forgive those who hurt us?

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, amen.

Black: the color of evil. Evil tempts us to disobey God which causes us to sin. Serious sin breaks our relationship with God so His light no longer shines in us. We need Jesus to help us be good. Do we make Jesus our best friend by praying every day?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Scapular is a sign of Mary

One of the signs in the tradition of the Church from many centuries ago is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is a sign approved by the Church and accepted by the Carmelite Order as an external sign of love for Mary, of the trust her children have in her and of commitment to live like her.

The word scapular indicates a form of clothing which monks wore when they were working.

With the passage of time, people began to give symbolic meaning to it: the cross to be borne every day as disciples and followers of Christ. In some religions, such as the Carmelites, the Scapular turned into a sign of their way of life. They symbolize the special dedication of Carmelites to Mary, the Mother of God, and to express trust in her motherly protection as well as the desire to be like her in her commitment to Christ and to others. Then it became a sign of Mary.



Short form for giving the Scapular

Receive this Scapular, a sign of your special relationship with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whom you pledge to imitate. May it be a reminder to you of your dignity as a Christian, in serving others and imitating Mary. Wear it as a sign of her protection and of belonging to the family of Carmel, voluntarily doing the will of God and devoting yourself to building a world true to his plan of community, justice and peace.

Some practical rules

- People are enrolled in the Scapular only once, by a priest or authorized person.
- The scapular can be replaced afterwards by a medal which has on one side the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the other, the image of Mary.
- The Scapular holds us to live as authentic Christians in line with the teaching of the gospel, to receive the sacraments, to profess out special devotion to the Blessed Virgin, which should be expressed each day, at least by saying the Hail Mary three times



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XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time /August 1, 2010

Readings: Ecclesiastes 1, 2; 2, 21-23; Psalm 89; Colossians 3, 1-5.9-11; Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide with me the property our father left us." Jesus answered him, "Friend, who gave me the right to judge or to divide the property between you two?" And he went on to say to them all, "Watch out and guard yourselves from every kind of greed; because your true life is not made up of the things you own, no matter how rich you may be." Then Jesus told them this parable: "There was once a rich man who had land which bore good crops. He began to think to himself. I don't have a place to keep all my crops. What can I do? This is what I will do, he told himself; I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I will store the grain and all my other goods. Then I will say to myself, Lucky man! You have all the good things you need for many years. Take life easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself! But God said to him, you fool! This very night you will have to give up your life; then who will get all these things you have kept for yourself?" And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight." (Luke 12:13-21)

Reflection

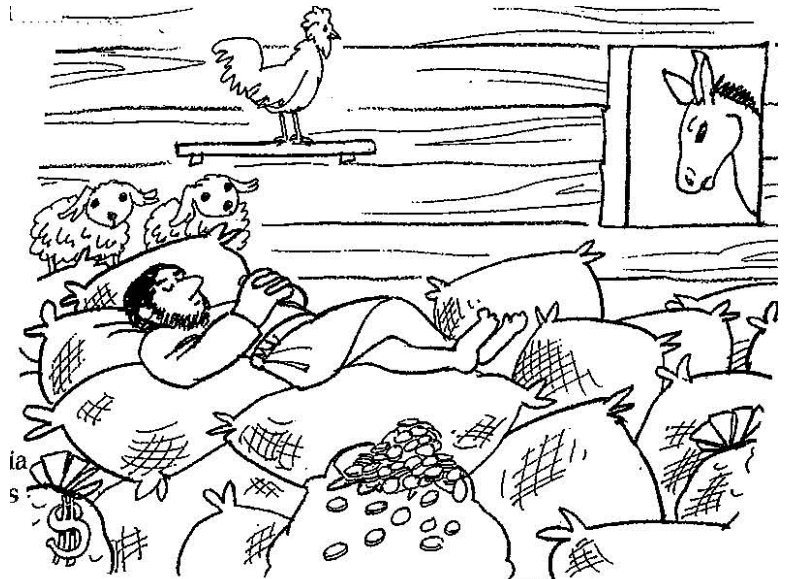
The gospel of this week shows us that those who put all importance's on things lose them all when they die. Before God the wealthiest one is not the one with the most money and things, but the one who has served others. What do you think about this man? Do you know someone who Accumulates things for himself or herself? Why do you think God calls him dumb if everyone seems to think what he did is wise? Isn't it good to have money? Jesus does not say that money is bad, but that what one has is not for keeping. Everything has to be placed at the service of others. Do you have something that you could use for good of others ?**Share**

Activity

Ask the children to express the things they will share with their family and friends this week. In the next page you will find an activity to reaffirm the importance of sharing what we have and how we should serve others.

Prayer

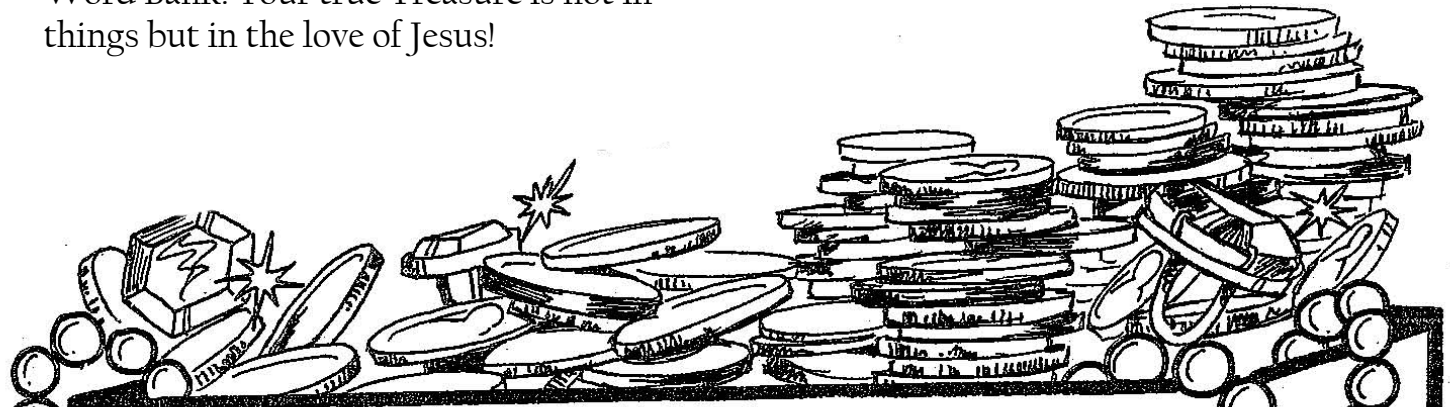
Lord we live and work in this world to make it a better place. We know you bless our efforts .Help us to be rich in acts of service and sharing what we are and have.
Amen





Pure Hearts- Joyful Hearts

True Treasure Word Search
 Find the hidden words with the help of the
 Word Bank. Your true Treasure is not in
 things but in the love of Jesus!

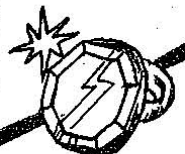


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Friends of Jesus and Mary

XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 8, 2010

Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11, 1-2.8-19; Luke 12:32-48

Riches in Heaven

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell all your belongings and give the money to the poor. Provide for yourselves purses that don't wear out, and save your riches in heaven where they will never decrease, because no thief can get to them, and no moth can destroy them. For your heart will always be where your riches are. Be ready for whatever comes, dressed for action and with your lamps lit, like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door for him at once. How happy are those servants whose master finds them awake and ready when he returns! I tell you, he will take off his coat, have them sit down, and will wait on them. How happy they are if he finds them ready, even if he should come at midnight or even later! And you can be sure that if the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, he would not let the thief break into his house. and you, too, must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him." Peter said, "Lord, does this parable apply to us, or do you mean it for everyone?" The Lord answered, "Who, then, is the faithful and wise servant? He is the one that his master will put in charge, to run the household and give the other servants their share of the food at the proper time. How happy that servant is if his master finds him doing this when he comes home! Indeed, I tell you, the master will put that servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself that his master is taking a long time to come back and if he begins to beat the other servants, both the men and the women, and eats and drinks and gets drunk, then the master will come back one day when the servant does not expect him and at a time he does not know. The master will cut him in pieces and make him share the fate of the disobedient. "The servant, who knows what his master wants him to do, but does not get himself ready and do it, will be punished with a heavy whipping. But the servant who does not know what his master wants, and yet does something for which he deserves a whipping, will be punished with a light whipping. Much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given. (Luke 12: 32-48)

Reflection

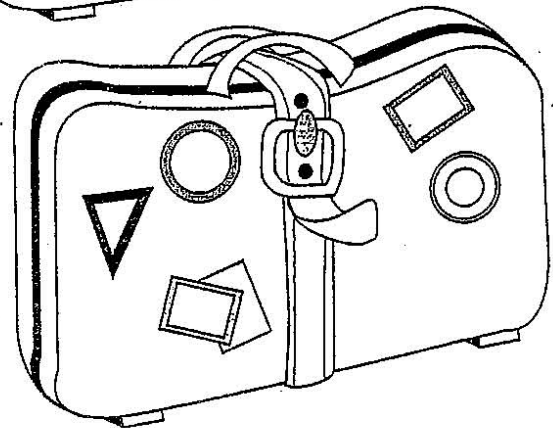
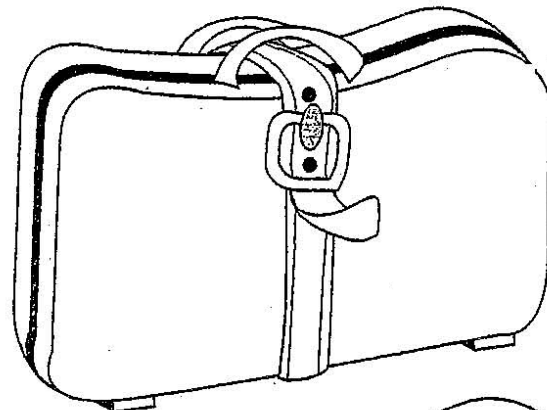
What did Jesus mean by being ready to go on a trip?
What do you do when you are about to go on a trip?
Speak to Jesus and tell him about what you do when you go on a trip. Tell him you always want to be with him and do what pleases him. Speak with the children about the things they do when the adults are not around. Do they think adults trust them? If they behave poorly, Did they feel worse about what they did or about the Scolding they got later? Emphasize that we must ask God to have the same trust that Abraham had in Him. **Share**

Activity

Prepare one piece of luggage for each child. You can use the model that is on this page. Ask each child to write on it what their commitment for this week will be. (listen better, behave at school, obey your parents, do your homework, be responsible, etc) Ask each one to place the luggage in the altar of the group making his commitment for the week. At the end of the meeting they take them home to be a remainder of what they have promise.

Prayer

Lord, the people who came before us had a great trust in you and your promises. Give us that same trust that we may live in this world with peace, always prepared and attentive to your coming. **Amen**





Friends of Jesus and Mary

Assumption of Mary August 15, 2010

Readings: Revelation 11:19 12:1-6, 10:1; Psalm 44; 1 Corinthians. 15, 20-27; Luke 1, 39-56

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Soon afterward Mary got ready and hurried off to a town in the hill country of Judea. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, "You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord's mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness, How happy you are to believe that the Lord's message to you will come true!" Mary said, my heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad because of God my Savior, for he has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy, because of the great things the Mighty God has done for me. His name is holy; from one generation to another he shows mercy to those who honor him. He has stretched out his mighty arm and scattered the proud with all their plans. He has brought down mighty kings from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away with empty hands He has kept the promise he made to our ancestors, and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham and to all his descendants forever!" Mary stayed about three months with Elizabeth and then went back home. (Luke 1, 39-56)

Reflection

The vision of a woman dressed in the sun announces a new time of salvation. In Mary's acceptance to be the Mother of Jesus, we have the certainty that God's promise will be fulfilled. All Christians are asked for this acceptance, so that Jesus can come into the world. Christ promises resurrection to all those who are incorporated to him through baptism. The first fruit of that promise is the Assumption of Mary. In the gospel of this week Mary appears serving her cousin and praising God for the great things she has experienced.

In which ways can children serve others?
What are they grateful for? Share

Activity

Dramatize the scene of Mary and Elizabeth meeting. Pray the Magnificat with them. Then ask each child to share the things for which they are thankful, and the good things others have done for them.

Finish praying the Angelus with them.

Prayer

We thank you, Lord, because in Mary we have the certainty that, like her, we will live with you, forever. We ask you to give us the same generosity Mary had to respond to your grace with acts of service to others.

Amen





Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2010

Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12, 5-7.11-13; Luke 13, 22-30

The Narrow Door

Jesus went through towns and villages, teaching the people and making his way toward Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Sir, will just a few people be saved?"

Jesus answered them, "Do your best to go in through the narrow door; because many people will surely try to go in but will not be able. The master of the house will get up and close the door; then when you stand outside and begin to knock on the door and say, "Open the door for us, Sir!" he will answer you, "I don't know where you come from! Then you will answer, "We ate and drank with you; you taught in our town!"

But he will say again, "I don't know where you come from. Get away from me, all you wicked people!" How you will cry and gnash your teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, while you are thrown out!

People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down at the feast in the kingdom of God. Then those who are now last will be first, and those who are now first will be last." (Luke 13, 22-30)

Reflection

Jesus, in the gospel, warns us that those who believe they should be in the first place are not the ones who will be saved, but those who, in spite of difficulties and frustrations in the journey, continue to follow Christ faithfully. Do they get easily frustrated? Do their families give them everything without any effort on the part of them? Do they have a sense of entitlement? Do they strive to help others? Are they generous with their things and their time? Speak with them about what Jesus must have meant about the narrow gate. For what or for whom are they willing to make sacrifices? **Share**

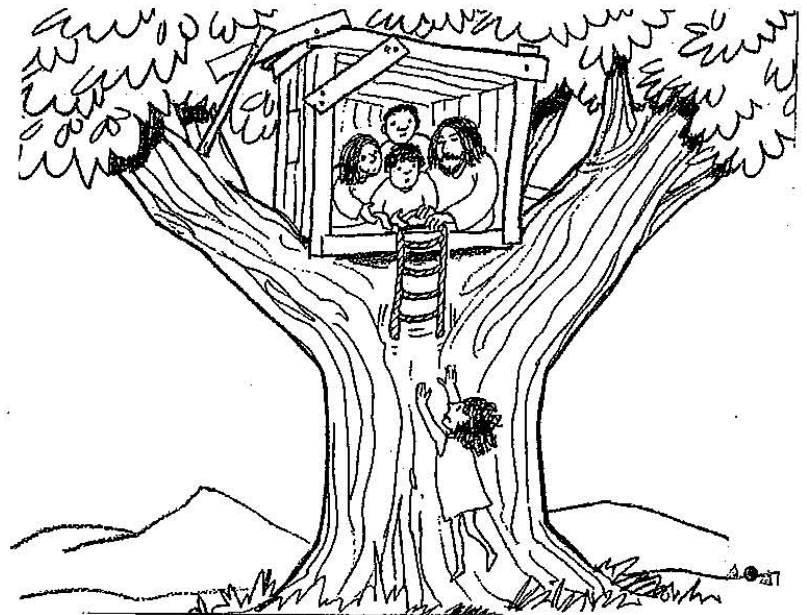
Activity

Make a big clock out of poster board with the times of children's regular schedule (time to get up, to go to school, etc.) Pretend that the clock strikes an hour and say: "It's 7 o'clock! Do I get up fast, pray and get ready, or do I play sick so I don't have to go to school? Go through all the regular times, with options for each time. Who has gone through the narrow gate? Ask the children how many times they have chosen what they thought was correct and how many times they have taken the easy way out or the most comfortable option, even if it was not right.

Share.

Prayer

Lord, you see and bless our efforts and sacrifices to achieve a better life for our families. You call us to go through the narrow door and be your servants; generous, helpful, sincere, and affectionate with all, because you love us all. **Amen**





Friend of Jesus and Mary

XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time; August 29, 2010

Readings: Ecclesiastes: 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Humility and Hospitality

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees; and people were watching Jesus closely. Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you have been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, Let him have this place. Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, come on up, my friend, to a better place. This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great." Then Jesus said to his host,

"When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or relatives or your rich neighbors for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did.

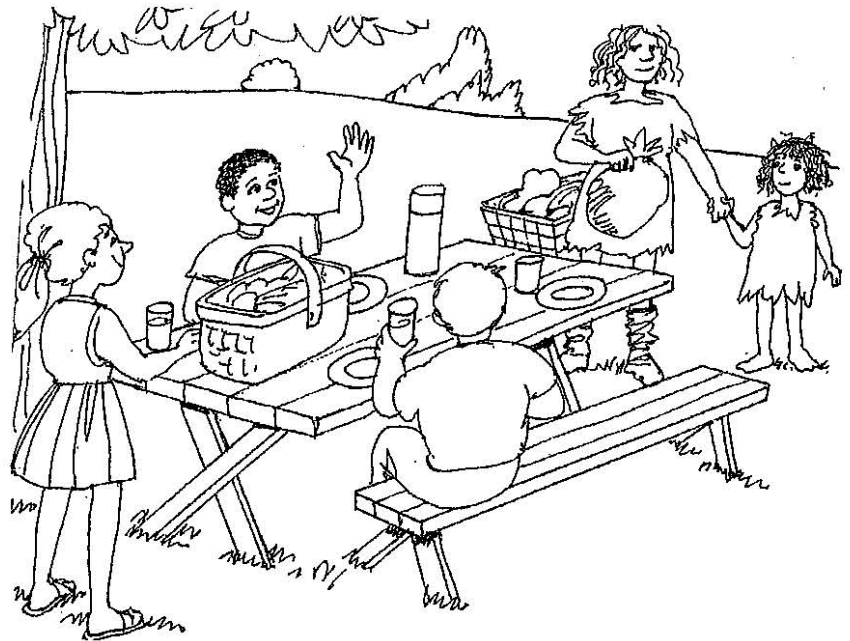
When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back, God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death (Luke 14, 1.7-14)

Reflection

When we do favors or services, we don't have to think of the reward, or even of the recognition. Speak with the children about dinners with guests at home. Where does each person usually sit? Is there any reason why some people always sit at the head of the table? What would happen if the table were round? Do they feel they always want to be praised and recognized for what they do? Do they sometimes do things just because they know it is the right thing to do, even if no one sees it? **Share**

Activity

Ask the children to imagine and dramatize a dinner where people who are poor, disabled, and blind, have been invited. What do they say? Do they give excuses because they will never be able to return the invitation? What can they offer? Ask each child to prepare an invitation for someone who is excluded from games at school. This will be their commitment for the week. **Share**



Prayer

Lord, we thank you because you see us just as we are and do not reject us. We do not have to buy your love, because you give it to us unconditionally. Give us light and generosity not to do things for reward or praise, but to respond to your great love. **Amen**

Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

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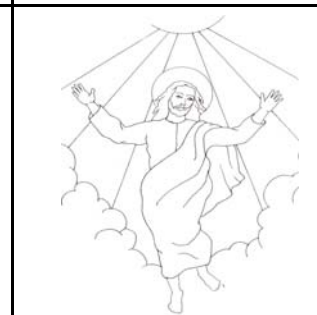
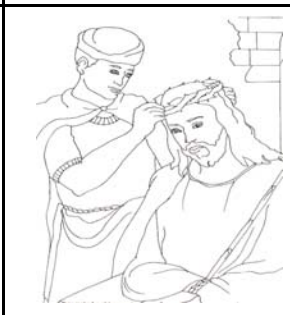
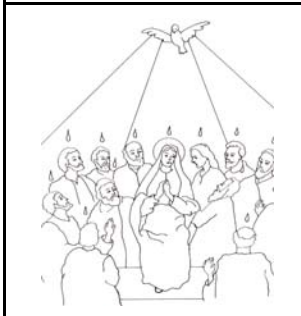
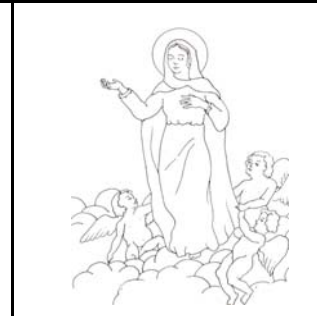
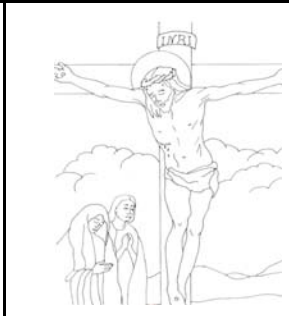
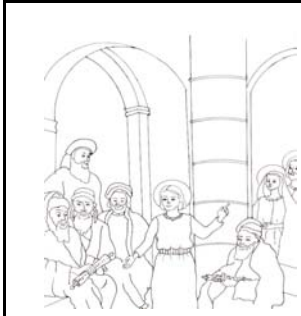
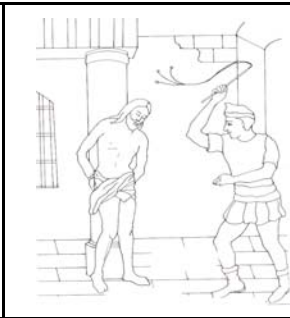
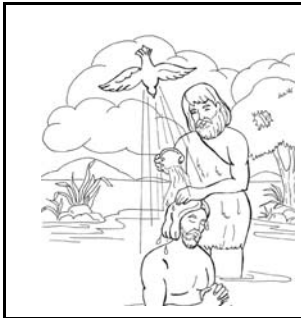
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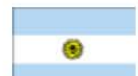
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