



November 2010
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin this month of November with the great celebration of the Feast of All Saints. Why do we celebrate this feast? Because, we the faithful, are called by the church to holiness. With this feast we celebrate, and remember, all the saints that are not in the calendar. Let's try to teach our children about them and their good examples. Also remember to pray for all our deceased relatives and friends.

*Our nation celebrates **Thanksgiving on November 25**. Encourage the importance of praying for unity among all our brothers and sisters and to give thanks for all the good things they gave to great nation*

Some feasts and Saints:

Nov. 1 *All Saints*

Nov. 2 *All Souls*

Nov. 3 *Saint Martin de Porres*

Nov. 8 *St. Angela of the Cross*

Nov. 11 *Saint Martin of Tours*

Nov. 17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

Nov. 20 Leader's Workshop

Nov. 21 *The Presentation of Mary in the Temple*

Nov. 22 *St. Cecilia*

Nov. 25 *Thanksgiving Day*

Nov. 30 *St Andrew Apostle*

Enclosed Materials and Activities

1) *Calendar of the Month*

2) *Sunday Gospels*

3) *Activity of the Saints*

4) *Activity about death*

5) *Activity on Saint Martin de Porres*

6) *Days, Hours and Minutes*

7) *Christ the King*

Suggested videos (All available in the Video Club)

1. *St Martin de Porres*

2. *Death.*

3. *Saint and Heroes*

4. *The Miraculous Medal*

5. *Gratitude Attitude*

6. *Anointing of the Sick*

We would like to share with you our experiences of a workshop that we gave in Tegucigalpa, Honduras the weekend of October 9 & 10. People from several cities attended.

All people were very happy of our presentation and motivated to open several prayer groups for children. Pray so that we soon can see the fruits. We have been invited also to give another workshop in Reynosa, Mexico on November 6 & 7. As you can see our ministry is expanding in new places. We need your prayer so that many more children will benefit from our ministry.

Our next workshop will be November 20, at 9:30 AM in St. Louis Church ¡Don't miss it!

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November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 All Saints Holy Day of Obligation Rev 7,2-4.9-14 Psalm 23 1 John 3,1-3 Matthew 5,1-12a	2 All Souls Macc 12,43-46 Psalm 121 1 John 3,14-16 John 11,17-27	3 St. Martin de Porres Phil 2,12-18 Psalm 26 Luke 14,25-33	4 Phil 3,3-8a Psalm 104 Luke 15,1-10	5 First Friday Phil 3,14-4.1 Psalm 121 Luke 16,1-8	6 First Saturday Phil 4,10-19 Psalm 111 Luke 16,9-15	
7 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time Macc 7,1-2.9-14 Psalm 16 2 Ts 2,15-3.5 Luke 20,27-38	8 Titol,1-9 Psalm 23 Luke 17,1-6	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Titus 2,1-8.11-14 Psalm 36 Luke 17,7-10	10 St. Leo The Great Titus 3,1-7 Psalm 22 Luke 17,11-19	11 Veterans Day Luke 20:27-38 Phm 7-20 Psalm 145 Luke 17,20-25	12 St. Josaphat 2 John 4-9 Psalm 118 Luke 17,26-37	13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 3 John 5-8 Psalm 111 Luke 18,1-8	
14 33 Sunday in Ordinary Time Malachi 4,1-2a Psalm 97 2 Ts 3,7-12 Luke 21,5-19	15 St. Albert the Great Rev 1,1-4;2,1-5a Psalm 1 Luke 18,35-43	16 St. Margaret of Scotland (Patron of learning) & St. Gertrude Rev 3,1-6.14-22 Psalm 14 Luke 19,1-10	17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary Rev 4,1-11 Psalm 150 Luke 19,11-28	18 Acts 28,11-16.30-31 Psalm 97 Matthew 14,22-33	19 Rev 10,8-11 Psalm 118 Luke 19,45-48	20 Rev 11,4-12 Psalm 143 Luke 20,27-40	
21 Christ of the King 2 Samuel 5,1-3 Psalm 121 Col 1,12-20 Luke 23,35-43	22 St Cecilia Rev 14,1-3.4b-5 Psalm 23 Luke 21,1-4	23 St. Clement of Roma (Patron of Sick) Rev 14,14-19 Psalm 95 Luke 21,5-11	24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions Rev 15,1-4;2,1-5a Psalm 1 Luke 18,35-43	25 Thanksgiving Day Rev 18,1-2.21-23; 19,1-3-9a Psalm 99 Luke 21,20-28	26 Rev 20,1-4.11-21.2 Psalm 83 Luke 21,29-33	27 Rev 22,1-7 Psalm 94 Luke 21,34-36	
28 1 Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2,1-5 Psalm 121 Romans 13,11-14 Matthew 24,37-44	29 Isaiah 4,2-6 Psalm 121 Matthew 8,5-11	30 St. Andrew (Apostle) Romans 10,9-18 Psalm 18 Matthew 4,18-22					



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All Saints November 01, 2010

Readings: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 23; 1John 3:1-3; Mathew 5:1-12a

The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

“Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

“Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

“Happy are those who’s greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

“Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

“Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

“Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.

(Mathew 5:1-12a)

Reflection

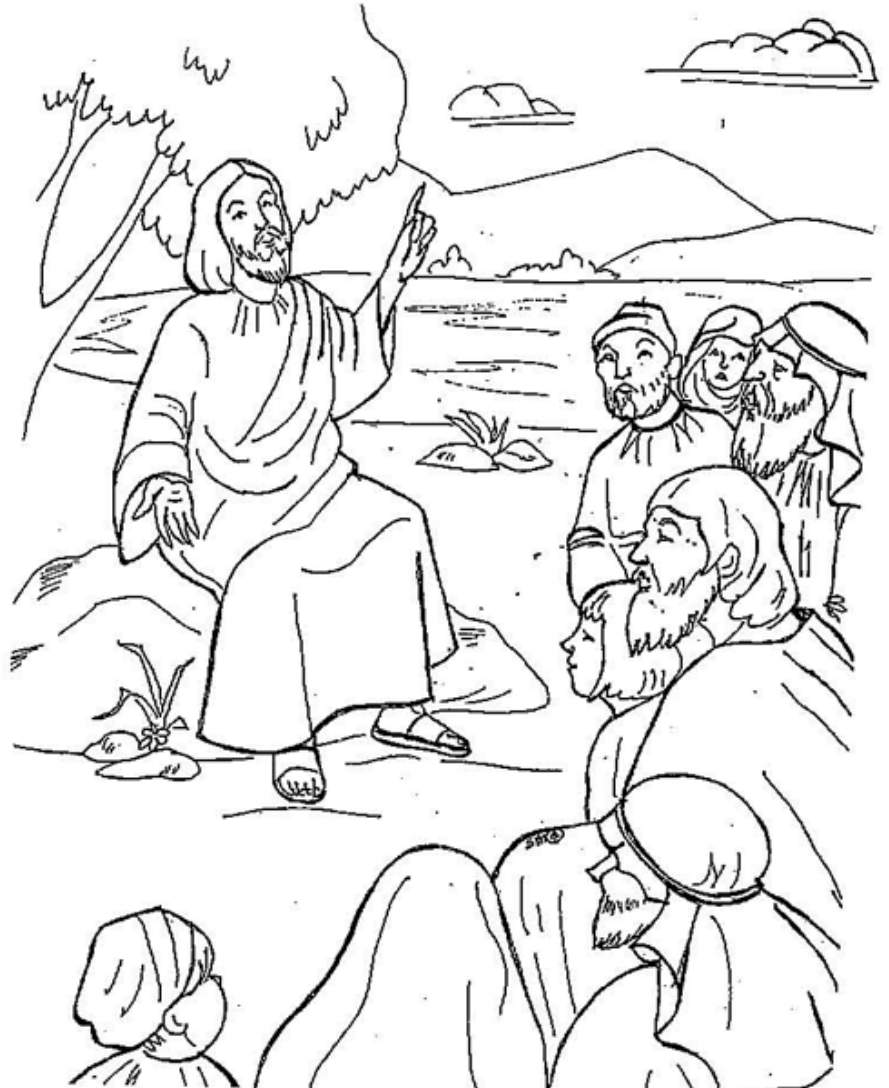
The saints we celebrate are not just those on our altars, but all those people, past and present, who are generous, peace makers, just and prayerful. Do they know people who seem holy to them? Who is their favorite saint? Talk with them about the saints. Do they know anyone who does some of the things that Jesus says we need to do to be happy? How do you feel when you are kind, generous, or a peacemaker? Do they possess any of the qualities that Jesus lists? Give opportunity to everyone to Share.

Activity

Bring books of life of saints to the group. Let them pick one and give them time to read it. Then share why that person was happy and holy. Who I will like to have as a role model?

Prayer

Lord, you know that we seek happiness. We know that happiness is your plan for us; that we may have what we need to live healthy lives, be peacemakers, with love for one another. Help us to live in happiness, as your beloved children, having the Saints as our role models to follow. Amen

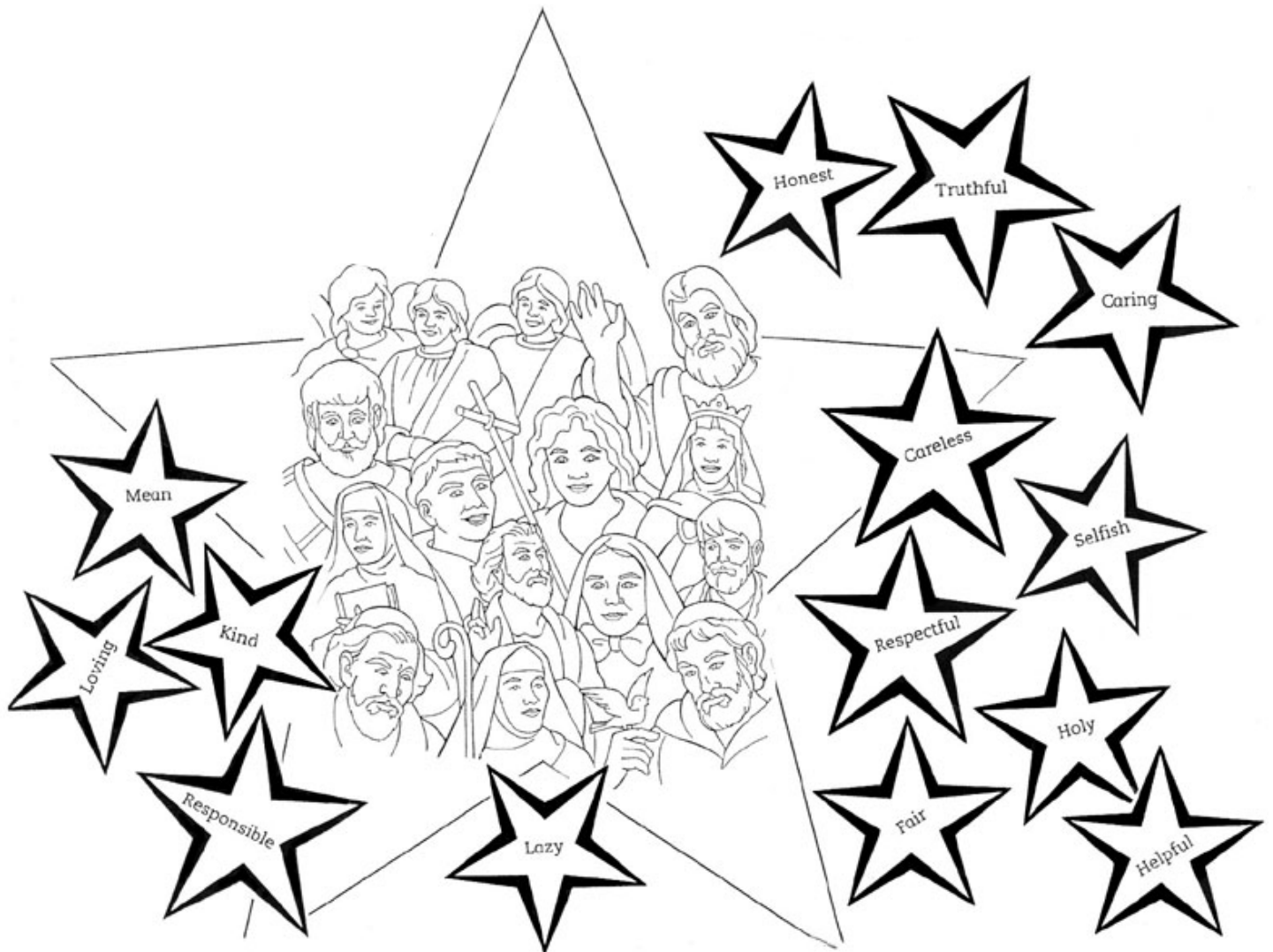


Celebrate All

As Christians we want to be like the saints.
They always show us how to live as God wants.
Saints are our role models.
They are "Stars of God"
Color in yellow the stars that describe what you need to do to be a "Star of God"

November 1

Stars for God





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All Souls November 02, 2010

Readings: Maccabeus 12, 43-46; Psalm 121; 1John 3, 14-16; John 11, 17-27

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before.

Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Judeans had come to see Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother's death.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for." "Your brother will rise to life." Jesus told her. "I know," she replied, "that he will rise to life on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die, do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord!" She answered. "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." (John 11, 17-27)

Reflection

Speak with the children about the day of the death. For us Christians, we believe that life is changed not ended with physical death. Speak with the children about the experiences they have people close to them who have died. How did they feel when that happened? How did the family cope with the moment? Invite the children to thank God because, despite the difficulties of dying, we have the hope and certainty that we will be with him.

Share

Activity

Ask the children to prepare cards with the names of the persons in their families who have died. Encourage them to remember all the good things they learn from them. Tell the children to write a prayer asking them, from heaven, to intercede for them. Bring all the cards to the altar of the group and pray all together, as a group, for their beloved death.

Prayer

Lord we are saddened by separation, but we know that you will always be with us. Give us faith, trust, hope at times of difficulty and death, so that we will always be secure in you. Amen





Death

Heaven is Home

You just signed a contract to make a one minute commercial, advertising heaven. Write and dramatize your commercial. Use these Scripture references to help you. *

Heavenly Treasure

Seed and Sower

Prepare a place

Treasure and Pearl

Mustard Seed

Dragnet

Lost Sheep

No sadness, no
tears

Matthew 6: 19-21

Matthew 13: 4-9,
18-23

John 14: 2-4

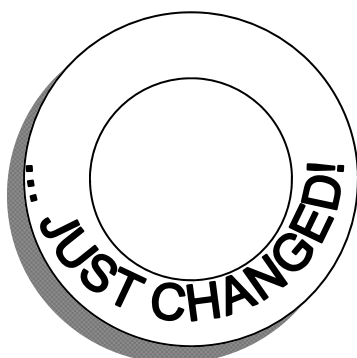
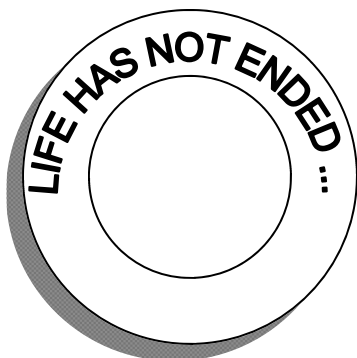
Matthew 13: 44-46

Matthew 13: 31-32

Matthew 13: 47-50

Matthew 18: 10-14

Revelation 21: 1-4



*** Hint:**

You may want to use props
and dialogue to better
illustrate your message



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XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 7, 2010

Readings: 2 Maccabees 7, 1-2; Psalm 16; 2Thessalonians 2, 15-3, 5; Luke 20, 27-38

The Question about Rising from Death

Then some Sadducees, who say that people will not rise from death, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, Moses wrote this law for us: 'If a man dies and leaves a wife but no children, that man's brother must marry the widow so that they can have children who will be considered the dead man's children. Once there were seven brothers; the oldest got married and died without having children. Then the second one married the woman, and then the third. The same thing happened to all seven they died without having children. Last of all, the woman died. Now, on the day when the dead rise to life, whose wife will she be? All seven of them had married her.'" Jesus answered them, "The men and women of this age marry, but the men and women who are worthy to rise from death and live in the age to come will not then marry. They will be like angels and cannot die. They are the children of God, because they have risen from death. And Moses clearly proves that the dead are raised to life. In the passage about the burning bush he speaks of the Lord as 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He is the God of living, not of the dead, for to him all are alive.'" Some of the teachers of the law spoke up, "A good answer, Teacher!" For they did not dare ask him any more questions. (Luke 20, 27-38)

Reflection

Speak with the children about how they imagine heaven. Is it boring? What would make them happy?

Talk about stories of martyrs. Explain how they were calm in the face of death because they trusted that God would raise them in last day if they were faithful and strong.

What is so important to the children that they would be ready to make any sacrifice? There won't be any need to know who is whose spouse in heaven. God is not a God of the death, but of the living.

Jesus says he is always in favor of life, because God is a God of the living. He is the one who guides our heart to love him better.

Share

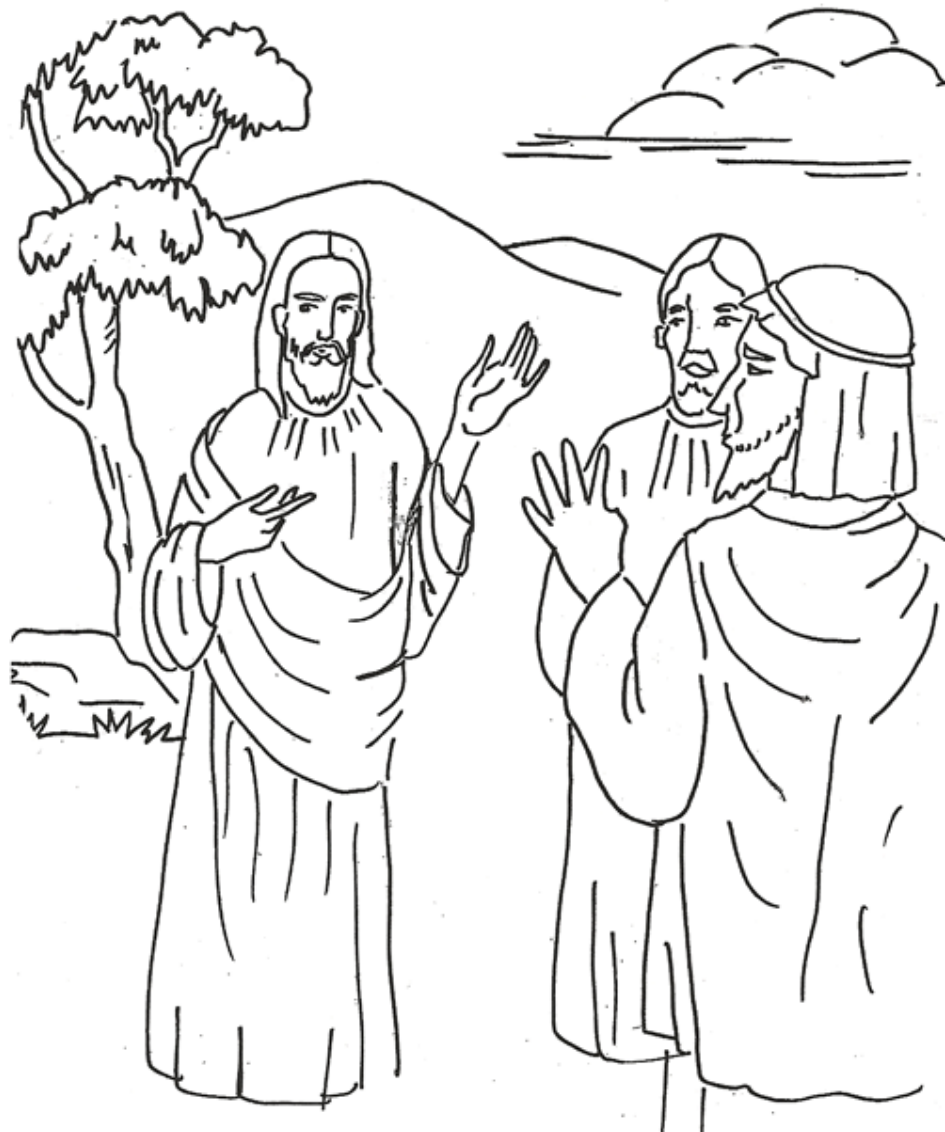
Activity

Ask the children to share their experiences about things they have lost. Example: lost of a friend, a hat, a game, or the death of a dear friend or family member. Share what is your reaction when you lost something or when someone you love died. Choose a bible reading to show the reaction of Jesus when His loved ones died and also of His own death.

Luke 7:11-16 (The widow's son in Nain) John 11, 1-43 (Lazarus) Luke 8, 49-56 (The daughter of Jairus)

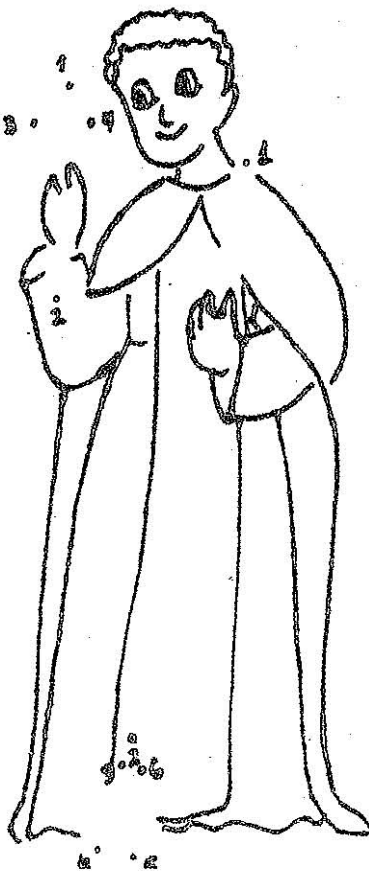
Prayer

We have many questions about life after death. Give us Strength and trust in you to understand that you call us, here and now, to a life of service, generosity and self-sacrifice. Give us perseverance for our life, knowing that we build your Reign. **Amen**



The Beatitudes (XII)

Finish this drawing of St. Martin, filling in the dots, and see what he has in his right and left hands.



Now let's see how well you remember the story of today's saint. Write T (true) or F (false) in the box before each sentence.

- St Martin was born in the 20th century.
- Many people mocked him because of his race and social condition.
- He entered the Dominican Convent
- He worked in the garden
- He got very angry when they bothered.
- St Martin always made excuses for the mistakes of others



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XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 14, 2010

Readings: Malachi 4, 1-2; Psalm 97; 2Thessalonians 3, 7-12; Luke 21, 5-19

Jesus Speaks of the Destruction of the Temple

Some of the disciples were talking about the Temple, how beautiful it looked with its fine stones and the gifts offered to God. Jesus said all this you see the time will come when not a single stone here will be left in its place; everyone will be thrown down." "Teacher," they asked, "when will this be? And what will happen in order to show that the time has come for it to take place?" Jesus said, "Watch out; don't be fooled. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time has come!' But don't follow them. Don't be afraid when you hear of wars and revolutions; such things must happen first, but they do not mean that the end is near." He went on to say, "Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky. Before all these things take place, however, you will be arrested and persecuted; you will be handed over to be tried in synagogues and be put in prison; you will be brought before kings and rulers for my sake. This will be your chance to tell the Good News. Make up your minds ahead of time not to worry about how you will give defend yourselves, because I will give you such words and wisdom that none of your enemies will be able to refute or contradict what you say. You will be handed over by your parents. Your brothers, your relatives, and your friends; and some of you will be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a single hair from your heads will be lost. Stand firm, and you will save yourselves. (Luke 21, 5-19)

Reflection

Catastrophes and calamities will always happen. Our willingness and preparation to meet God cannot be improvised, we need to live each day looking at God.

Our task is to be faithful in this world.

If we do the King of the universe will raise us up so that we can live with him forever.

Speak with the children about what they know of current events in the world. Are they scared? What do their parents think about these things? God does not want for us suffering or death. God wants for us to live and work for justice. We must always be prepare to live with God, Living each day the best we can; doing well what we do and taking care of others. **Share**

Activity

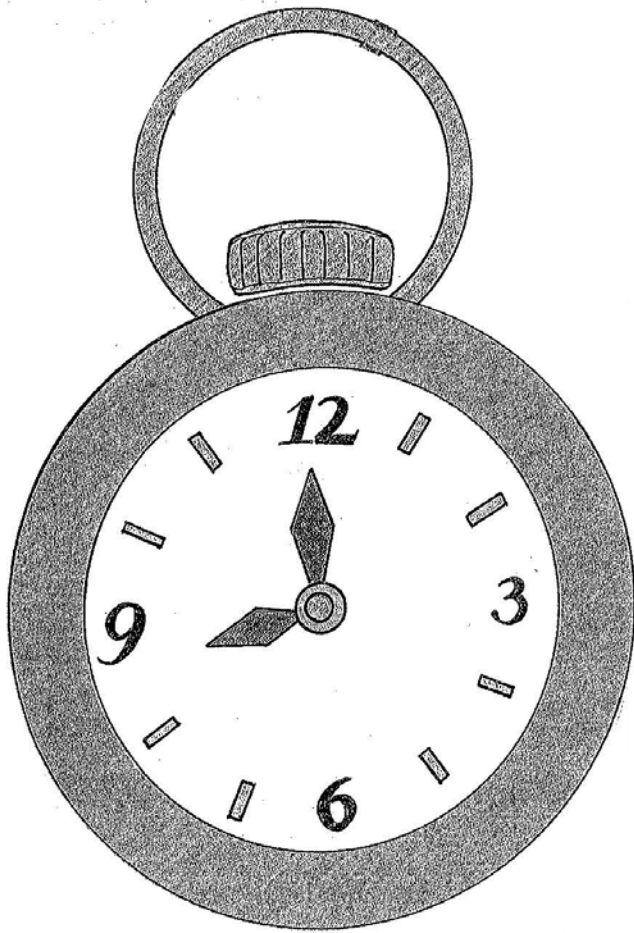
In the next page you will find an activity with two clocks. Ask the children to write beside one clock what they do now every hour and beside the other what they will do to be a better person. As they finish the activity they presented them in the altar of the group asking God to help them accomplish what they have promise to do.

Prayer

Lord, the world is full of problems causing anguish and terror. Stay with us so that we might live in your peace, taking care of each other and doing your work well and responsibly. **Amen**



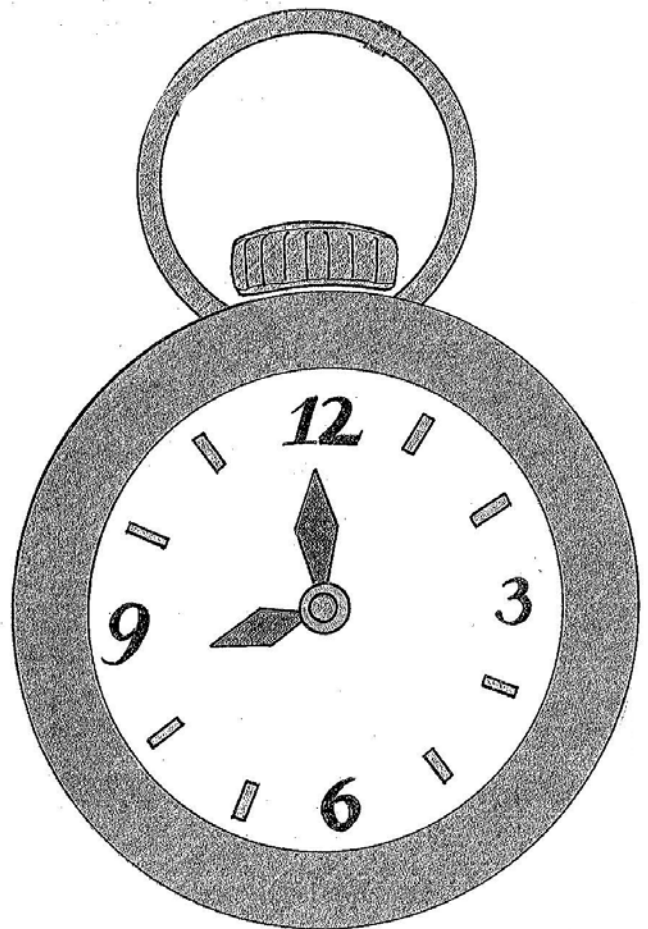
What I am doing at every hour



*The days,
hours and
Minutes ...*

*My entire life,
I live with God*

What I will do to be better





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Christ the King November 21 2010

Readings: 2 Samuel 5, 1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1, 12-20; Luke 23, 35-43

The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders made fun of him; "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!"

The soldiers also made fun of him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, "Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!" Above him were written these words: "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, "Don't you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong." And he said to Jesus, "Remember me, Jesus when you come as King!" Jesus said to him, "I promise you that today you will be in paradise with me." (Luke 23, 35-43)

Reflection

Speak with the children about kings and queens. (The king of Great Britain or Spain, the ones of the fairy tales) What do they think is the work of kings? Do any of these kings resemble Jesus? How? Why do we speak of Christ, the King? Do some of the adults at home call each other my king or my queen? What might they mean by that? Tell them the stories of some martyrs who going to their death said: "Long live Christ the King" **Share**

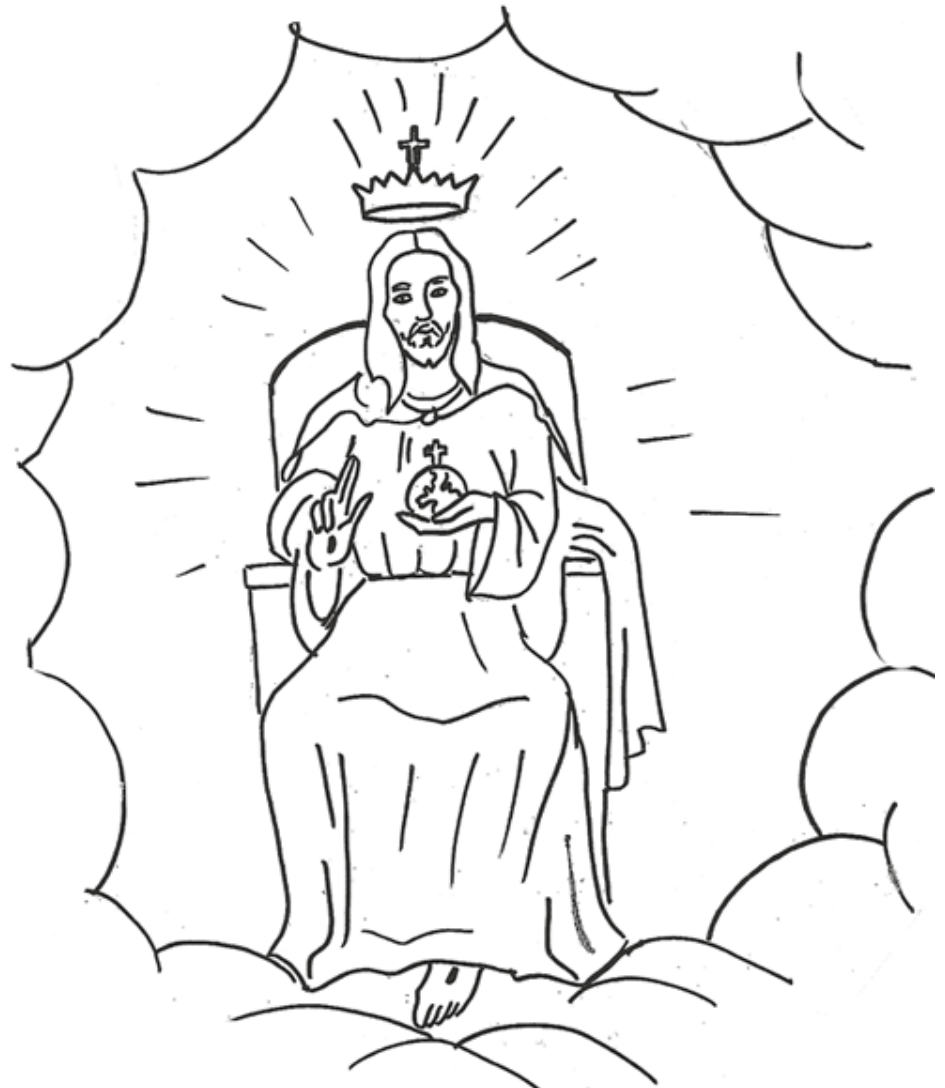
Activity

For the small children prepare crowns. Ask them to decorate them and give them to the persons that are always serving them as their mother, grandmother, father, grandfather, teacher, etc. Those are the true kings and queens. For the older children there is an activity on the next page.

Prayer

Help us to remember, Lord that the reign you desire is service to one another, and sometimes requires sacrifice. Give us light to see how we can serve each other and reach out to others and meet their needs.

Amen



A DIFFERENT KIND OF KING

Where do we get our ideas about kings? They come mostly from storybooks or the stories that we have read. The questions below ask you to compare the kings of this world to the king of the universe, Jesus. How is Jesus different from other kings?

1. WITH WHOM DO KINGS ASSOCIATE?

WITH WHOM DOES KING JESUS ASSOCIATE? (Luke 5:30-32)

2. HOW DO KINGS GET EVEN WITH SOMEONE WHO TREATS THEM POORLY?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS SAY ABOUT GETTING EVEN? (Matthew 5:39)

3. WHAT DO KINGS PROMISE THEIR FOLLOWERS?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS PROMISE HIS FOLLOWERS? (Matthew 16: 24-25)

4. WHERE DO KINGS LIVE?

WHERE DOES KING JESUS LIVE? (Luke 9:58)



CHRIST THE KING, November 23

5. WHAT DO MOST KINGS THINK THEY HAVE BEEN BORN TO DO?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS SAY HE HAS COME TO DO? (John 12-20-27)

6. HOW DO KINGS HANDLE THEIR ENEMIES?

HOW DOES KING JESUS WANT US TO HANDLE OUR ENEMIES? (Matt. 5:44)

7. HOW DO KINGS TREAT THEIR FOLLOWERS?

HOW DOES KING JESUS TREAT HIS FOLLOWERS? (John 13:12-17)

Thanksgiving Day

November 25



We thank you, God

**Loving God, we give you thanks;
For all the good things that you do;
For family, friends and myself too;
For helping us in all we do.
We thank you for the world so sweet.
We thank you for the food we eat.
Amen.**

Peace

In the families

Psalm 127

*For the Lord provides for those he loves,
While they are asleep.*

*Children are a gift from the Lord; they
are a real blessing.*

*The sons a man has when he no be he is
young are like arrows in a soldier's
hand.*

*Happy is the man who has many such
arrows.*

*He will never be defeated when he meets
his enemies in the place of judgment.*

Psalm 128

*Happy are those who obey the Lord,
who live by his commands.*

*Your work will provide for your needs;
you will be happy and your children
will be like young olive trees around your
table.*

*A man who obeys the lord will surely be
blessed like this*



Praise the Lord!

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Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his Temple!

Praise his strength in heaven!

*Praise him for the mighty things he has
done.*

Praise his supreme greatness.

Praise him with trumpets.

Praise him with drums and dancing.

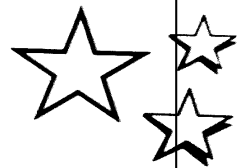
Praise him with harps and flutes.

Praise him with cymbals

Praise him with loud cymbals!

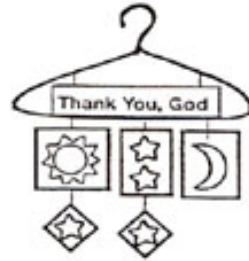
Praise the Lord, all living creatures!

Praise the Lord!

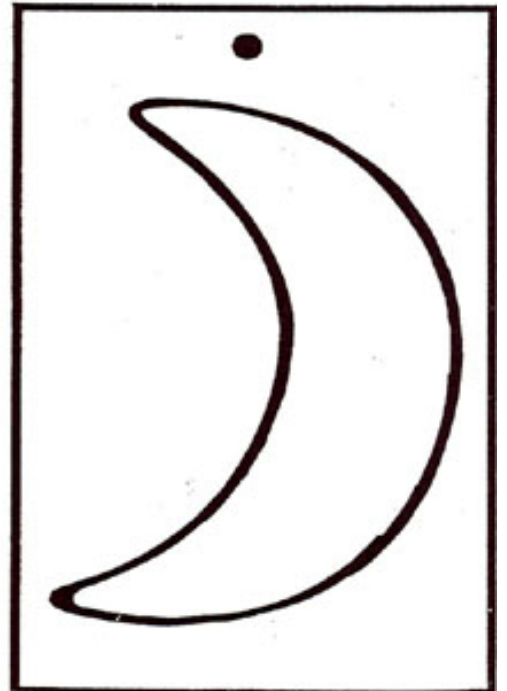
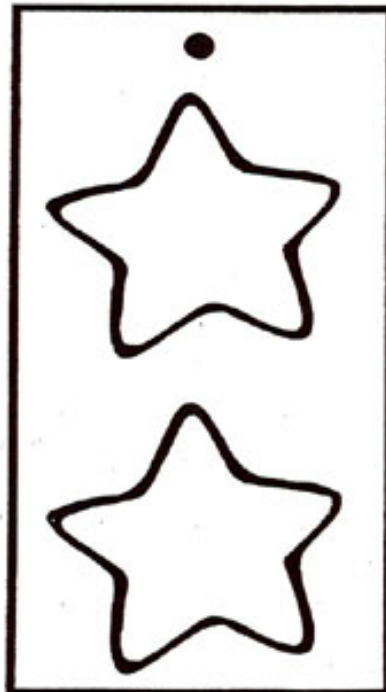
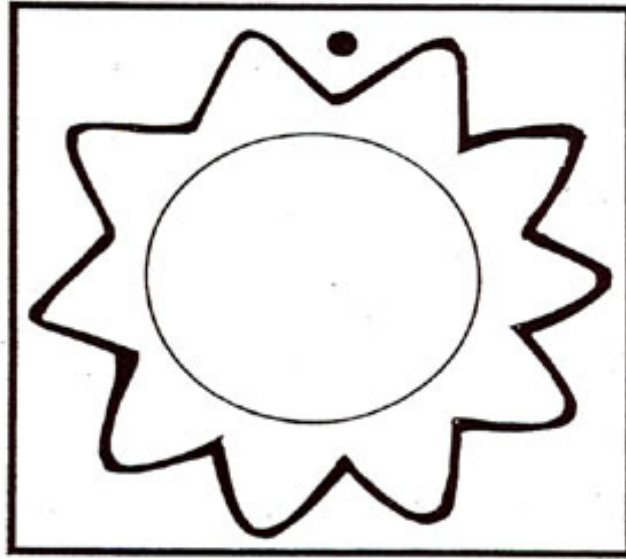


Thank you, God, for sun,
moon, and stars.

by _____



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Thank You, God,
for
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First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2010

Readings: Isaiah 2, 1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13, 11-14; Matthew 24, 37-44

No one knows the Day and Hour

The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realize what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away; the other will be left behind. Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him. (Matthew 24, 37-44)

Reflection

What do you think Jesus means by being prepared as if a robber were coming?

Have you ever been surprised by things you did not expect? How could you have been ready if you had known they were coming?

Speak with the children about Advent.

How do they prepare for the coming of people to their homes? What about when someone comes unannounced?

What happen at home then?

How are we going to prepare for the coming of Jesus? **Share**



Activity

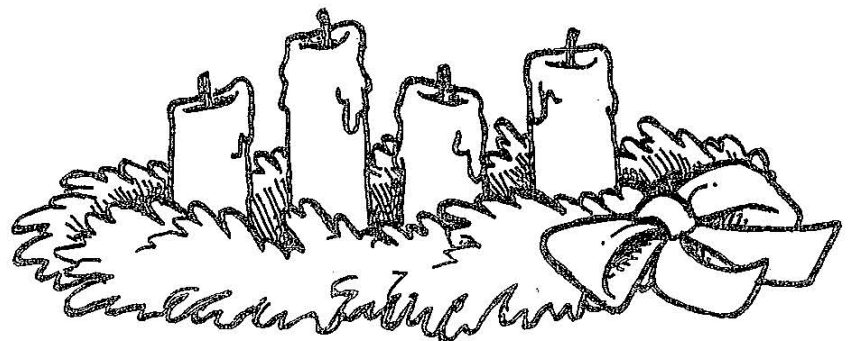
Explain the children the Advent wreath and why we should prepare for the coming of Jesus. Encourage them to offer sacrifices during advent as a gift for baby Jesus on Christmas day.

Prayer

Jesus, we want to walk in your light.

We want to do the works of light, to say the truth to one another, to care for each other as if we were receiving you.

Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen**



Liturgical Color and their Meaning

White: Joy and purity

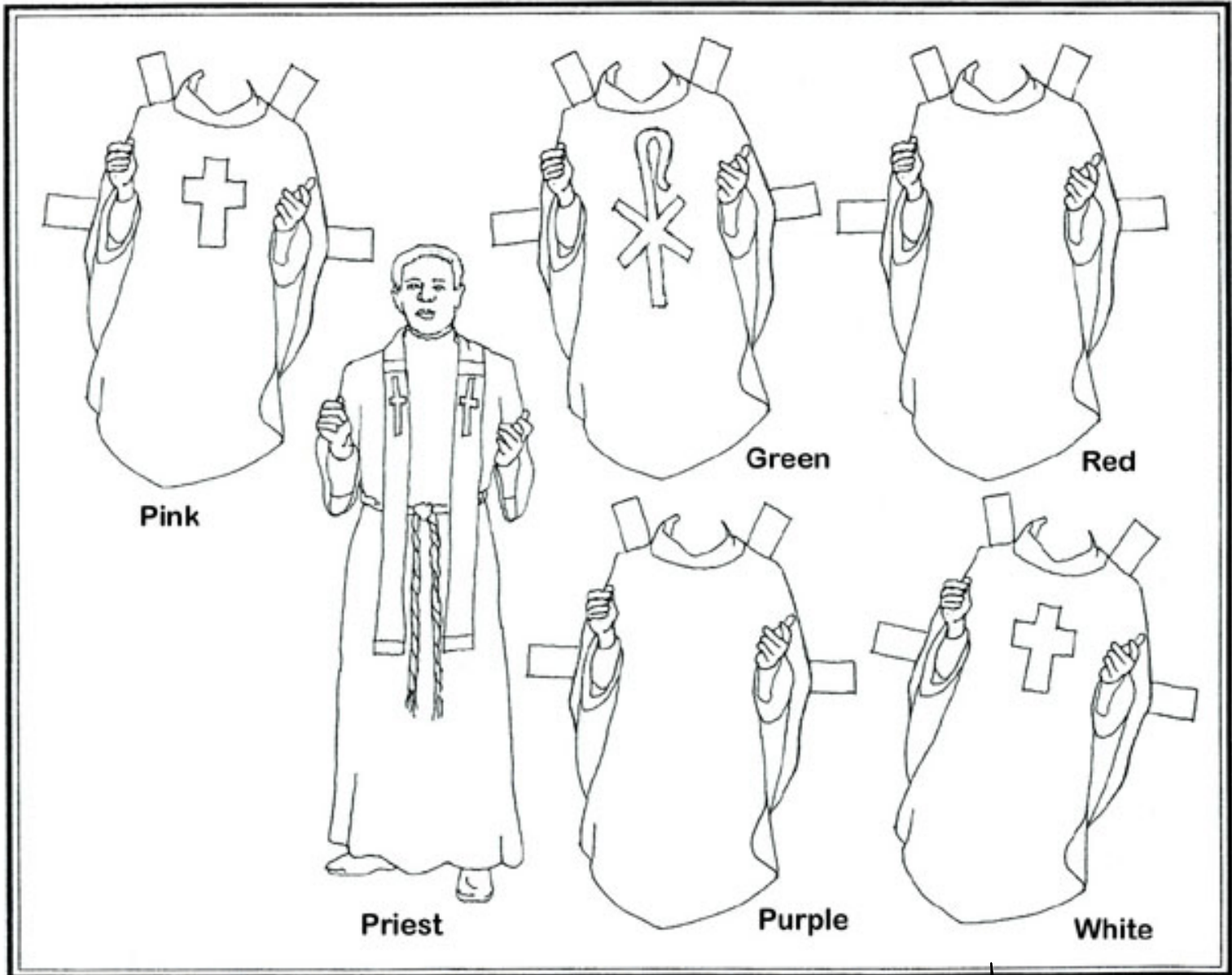
Purple: Penance

Red: Fire of the Holy Spirit and Martyrdom

Green: Hope and growth

Pink: Happiness

Color the chasubles and dress the priest according to the feast or liturgical time.



Which color is used according to its liturgical time?

1, 2, 4
Week of Advent
1, 2, 3, 5
Week of Lent

PURPLE

3^a Week of Advent
4^a Week of Lent

PINK

Christmas
Eastern
Holy Days

WHITE



Holy Friday
Pentecost
Martyrs

RED



Ordinary
Time

GREEN

ADVENT CALENDAR

<p>Sunday First Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: <i>To you, My God, I lift my soul. I trust in you</i></p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph lived happily at Nazareth, doing their daily work with joy.</p> <p><i>I will do my daily work well today, and with joy for God</i></p>	<p>Tuesday Joseph received the order from the Roman ruler to go to Bethlehem and register. He obeyed the order and got ready to go.</p> <p><i>I will obey my parents, teachers, and others in charge of me</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Mary got their house ready and began to pack what they would need for the trip. She did so without complaint.</p> <p><i>I will not complain today, even if I must do things I do not like</i></p>	<p>Thursday Mary and Joseph traveled by donkey.</p> <p><i>I will be happy with the things I have and not ask my family for more or better things</i></p>	<p>Friday Mary and Joseph ate the food of the poor on their journey.</p> <p><i>I will eat healthful foods today rather than those that are not good for me. I will thank God for the food I have and pray for the hungry</i></p>	<p>Saturday After traveling all day, Mary made Joseph a meal, and he found her a resting place..</p> <p><i>I will do something special to bring joy to my parents and family today.</i></p>
<p>Sunday Second Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: <i>Come, Lord Jesus, and save all the nations</i></p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph traveled with many different people on their way to Bethlehem. They were kind to all .</p> <p><i>I will be kind to all I meet today –and in a special way to someone I do not like.</i></p>	<p>Tuesday Mary and Joseph were very tired at the end of the day because travel was uncomfortable and hard .</p> <p><i>I will help my parents with some chores to give them time</i></p>	<p>Wednesday When Mary and Joseph reached Bethlehem, they were pushed and pressed by the crowd. They stayed calm.</p> <p><i>I will keep calm and not lose my temper when I am pushed or treated rudely</i></p>	<p>Thursday Joseph tried for Mary’s sake, to find a clean, comfortable place to stay.</p> <p><i>I will honor Mary in a special way today by being cheerful. I will pray the Joyful Mysteries rosary</i></p>	<p>Friday Joseph went from door to door, but in every place he heard “No room!”.</p> <p><i>I will make room in my heart for others and will try to show special love for someone who seems lonely or unhappy.</i></p>	<p>Saturday Mary felt sorry for those who had no room. She knew they would like to have helped.</p> <p><i>I will ask Mary to help me make room for Jesus in my heart by doing what he wants me to do</i></p>

O Come, Jesus

<p>Sunday Third Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: I will be happy, O Lord, for you are near!</p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph were offered only a poor stable to stay in They accepted gratefully.</p> <p><i>I will excuse others when they are thoughtless, and I will try to be more thoughtful of others today</i></p>	<p>Tuesday The animals helped to warm the stable by being there.</p> <p><i>I will share the warmth of my friendship with others, especially with someone I do not like</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Joseph cleaned the stable for Mary and for Jesus, who would soon be born.</p> <p><i>I will keep my heart pure today by thinking and doing only pure things and by saying only kind things about others.</i></p>	<p>Thursday Mary put fresh straw in the manger to make a bed for the Christ Child.</p> <p><i>I will brighten the day for others by smiling and showing how happy I am that Jesus is coming.</i></p>	<p>Friday Joseph made a bed of clean straw for Mary to sleep on during the night.</p> <p><i>I will secretly do a kind act for someone who is not very friendly toward me</i></p>	<p>Saturday Mary unpacked the swaddling clothes that would keep the baby Jesus warm.</p> <p><i>I will warn my heart with love for Jesus by doing a kind act for each one in my family</i></p>
<p>Sunday Fourth Week of Advent</p>  <p>Prayer: Come, O come, Emmanuel; ransom captive Israel!</p>	<p>Monday Mary and Joseph waited patiently for the coming of Jesus.</p> <p><i>I will try to be patient today, especially when others keep me waiting or do things that bother me .</i></p>	<p>Tuesday Mary and Joseph thanked God to care for them.</p> <p><i>I will thank God for all he gives me. I will show my parents I am grateful for all they do for me</i></p>	<p>Wednesday Mary and Joseph were at peace because they trusted God to care them.</p> <p><i>I will trust God to help me today to be a peacemaker in school and at home</i></p>	<p>Thursday A beautiful, very bright star shone in the night sky over the stable.</p> <p><i>I will bring the brightness of joy to everyone I meet today.</i></p>	<p>Friday/ Saturday Mary and Joseph welcomed Jesus with great love!</p> <p><i>I will be helpful at home these last days before Jesus' birthday</i></p>	<p>Christmas Day.</p> <p><i>I will welcome Jesus with great love also and offer him all my good acts and prayers during the weeks of Advent.</i></p>