

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



Septiembre 2010 Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We would like to dedicate this month of September to sharing God's love with the children through his Commandments. We should emphasize the importance of obeying the rules in our families, schools, and churches. Let us also exhibit a spirit of love in our families by sharing it daily. Let's demonstrate through our examples that by being an active part of the Holy Mass we will become part of this great family which is the Catholic Church.

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

- Sept. 08 Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sept. 21 Saint Matthew
- Sept 25 Leaders Workshop
- Sept. 27 Saint Vincent de Paul
- Sept. 29 Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael archangels

Enclosed Materials:

a. This month's calendar & Gospels

Activities:

- a. Birthday of Blessed Virgin
- b. Game of the Ten Commandments
- c. Stop the Monster
- d. Spiritual Adoption Activity
- e. Climb the Mountain
- f. Forgiveness Cube
- g. Exaltation of the Cross
- h. Sounds of Peace and Love

Recommended videos:

- a. Listen to the Maker
- b. The Eucharist (SHKC)
- c. Moses (Hana-Barbera)
- d. The Ten Commandment

For group leaders in Miami: Our next workshop meeting will be September 25 at St. Louis Church room "Hospitality C" 7270 S.W. 120 St. at 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please make plans to attend.

We would like to thank all the persons who attended the VI International Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary, especially those who came from others countries. We thank Jesus for guiding us and sending us his Spirit, so that everything turned out well. We know we will have many fruits. For those that were not able to come, we have all the talks for sale, so you can get them for your spiritual growth.

May God bless you always, Friends of Jesus and Mary



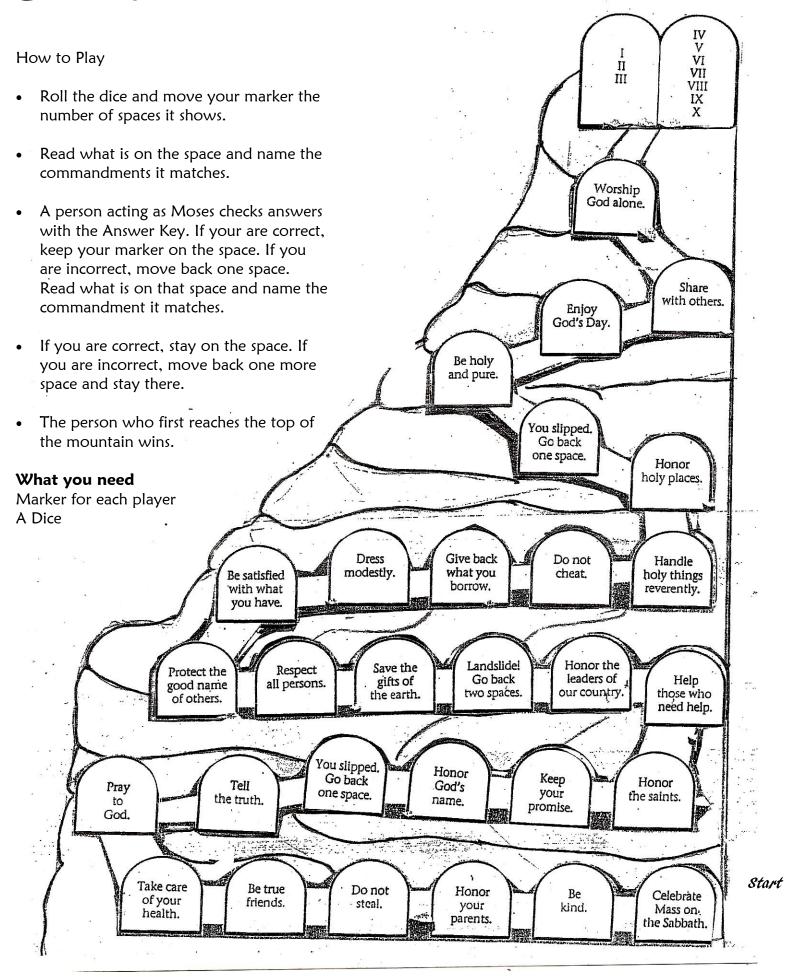


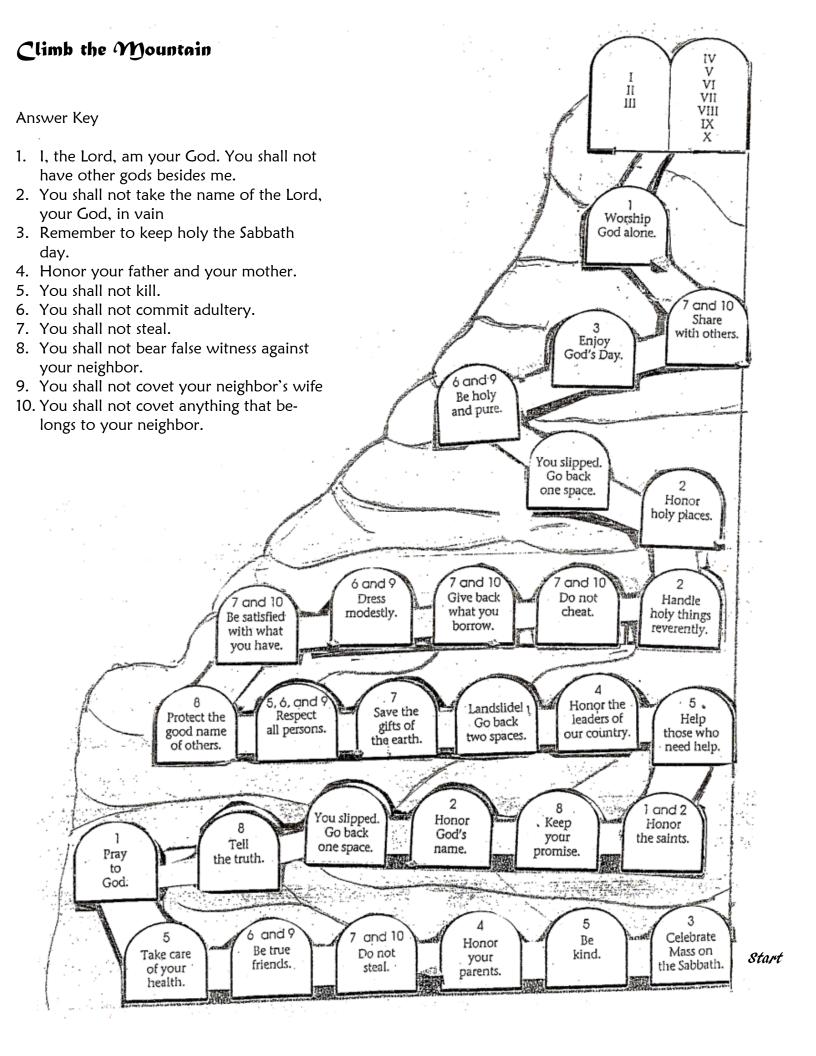


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Climb the Mountain







XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 5, 2010

Readings: Wisdom 9, 13-19 Psalm 89, Philemon 96-10.12-17 Luke 14, 25-33

The cost of being a disciple

Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, "Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well.

Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples.

If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. 'You began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say.

If a king goes out with ten thousand men to fight another king who comes against him with twenty thousand men, he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. If he isn't he will send messengers to meet the other king to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. In the same way," conclude Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have.

Reflection

In the readings of this week we can see in the first reading how sometimes the wisdom of God is mysterious and we don't fully understand his will. The Holy Spirit comes to our aid to give us light. In the gospel Jesus warns us that sometimes following him is not easy. We cannot say yes blindly, without truly considering what sort of commitment we are making. Do they live in an environment where everything is given to them without their making any effort or sacrifice? Are they able to sacrifice for others? What do you think Jesus might ask you to do? Are you ready to do it? Share

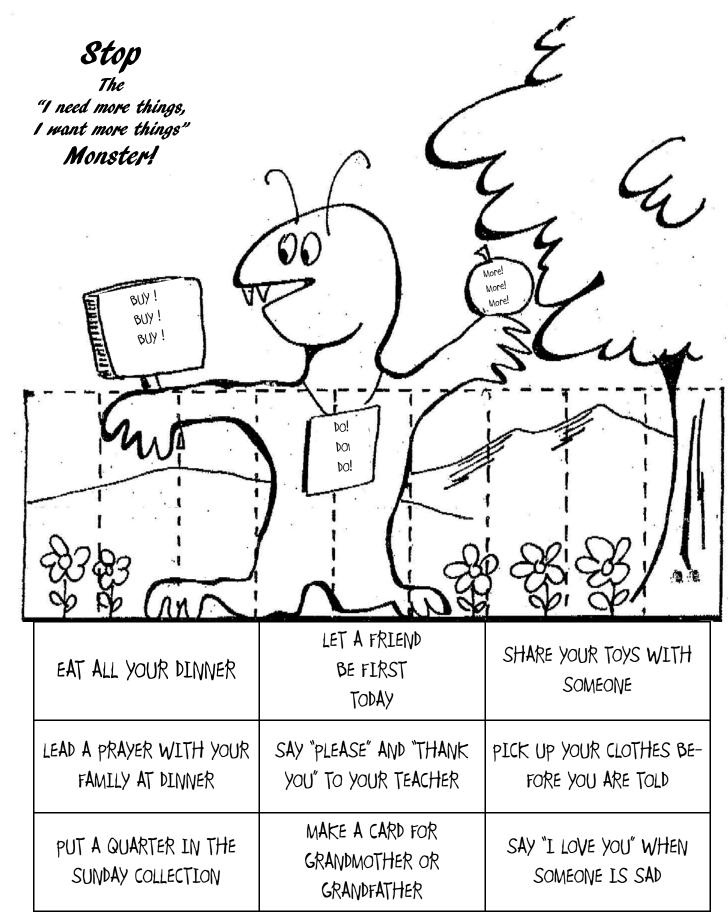
Activity

We live in an era of materialism. To follow Jesus we Must think in others and not only on our self. We must not be center on having things but on doing good. In the next page you will find the activity "Stop the Monster "that you can use as the activity for this week.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we look for the easiest way out and we serve the small idols of our selfishness. Give us your light and generosity to listen to your voice and follow you, knowing that the price we pay is small compared to the grace of your love and presence. Amen





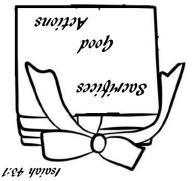
Sister Jane said Roger was attached by the "I Need More Things I Want More Things" Monster. Sometimes we become grabby and forget what we really need. The best way to stop is to start giving away what we have. Each time you say or do one of these good deeds, cut out that box and glue it on the fence to stop the "Monster". You may color it, too, if you like

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To: MARY



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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence. I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother, to you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the world Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen

Happy Birthday Mary!







XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2010

Readings: Exodus 32, 7-11.13-14; Psalm 50; 1Timothy 1, 12-17; Luke 15, 1-32

The joy of finding what is lost

One day when many tax collectors and other outcast came to listen to Jesus, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law started grumbling, "This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!" So Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them what do you do? You leave the other ninety nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that go lost until you find it. When you find it, you are so happy that you put it your shoulders and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbors together and say to them, "I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate! In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine respectable people who do not need to repent."Or suppose a woman who has ten silver coins loses one of them what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, and says to them, 'I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!' In the same way, I tell you, the angels of god rejoice over sinner who repents." Jesus went on to say, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate but no one gave him anything to eat. At last he came to his senses and said, 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers." So he got up and started back to his father. "He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him. 'Father, the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.' But the father called to his servants. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go and get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a feast! For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.' And so the feasting began. "In the meantime the older son was out in the field. On his way back, when he came close to the house, he heard the music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him, 'what's going on? 'Your brother has come back home,' the servant answered, 'and your father has killed the prize calf, because he got him back safe and sound.' The older brother was so angry that he would not go into the house; so his father came out and begged him to come in. But he spoke back to his father, look, all these years I have worked for you like a slave, and I have never disobeyed your orders. What have you given me? Not even a goat for me to have a feast with my friends! But this son of yours wasted all your property on prostitutes and when he comes back home, you kill the prize calf for him!' 'My son,' the father answered, 'you are always here with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and he happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found." (Luke 15, 1-32)

Reflection

In the gospel of this week we find three stories that are different but with the same message. How are this stories similar? All the characters have lost something and celebrate when they find it. What do you think Jesus is trying to say through these stories? Jesus says that God always rejoices when people return to him after being lost or far away. Do you think that when you regret having done something wrong Jesus forgives you and waits for you to embrace you? Share

Activity

Prepare the "Forgiveness Cube", that is in the following page with the children. Each one made a commitment to forgive someone they have hurt and celebrate being together with something special.

Prayer

Lord, you always have your arms stretched out to receive those who return to you. Give us your generosity and mercy to forgive one another and to return to your love. Amen



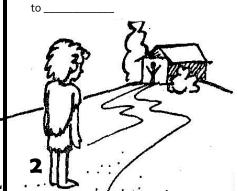
Forgiveness Cube

I know God forgives even when we find it hard to forgive ourselves, because ...

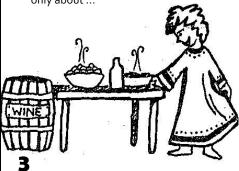


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I know God forgives when we want to change from _____



I know God forgives even the times when we forgot about Him and cared only about ...

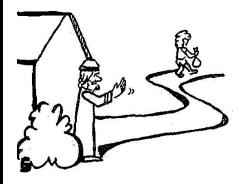




<u>Directions to make the</u> <u>"Forgiveness Cube"</u>

Glue the whole page onto a stiff paper, then cut our the laid out box in one piece, following the outlines. Fold carefully on the straight lines and score the edges. Glue the flaps under the sides that fold over them.

I know God forgives even when we walk away from Him looking for ...



I know God forgives even when we act selfish by ...

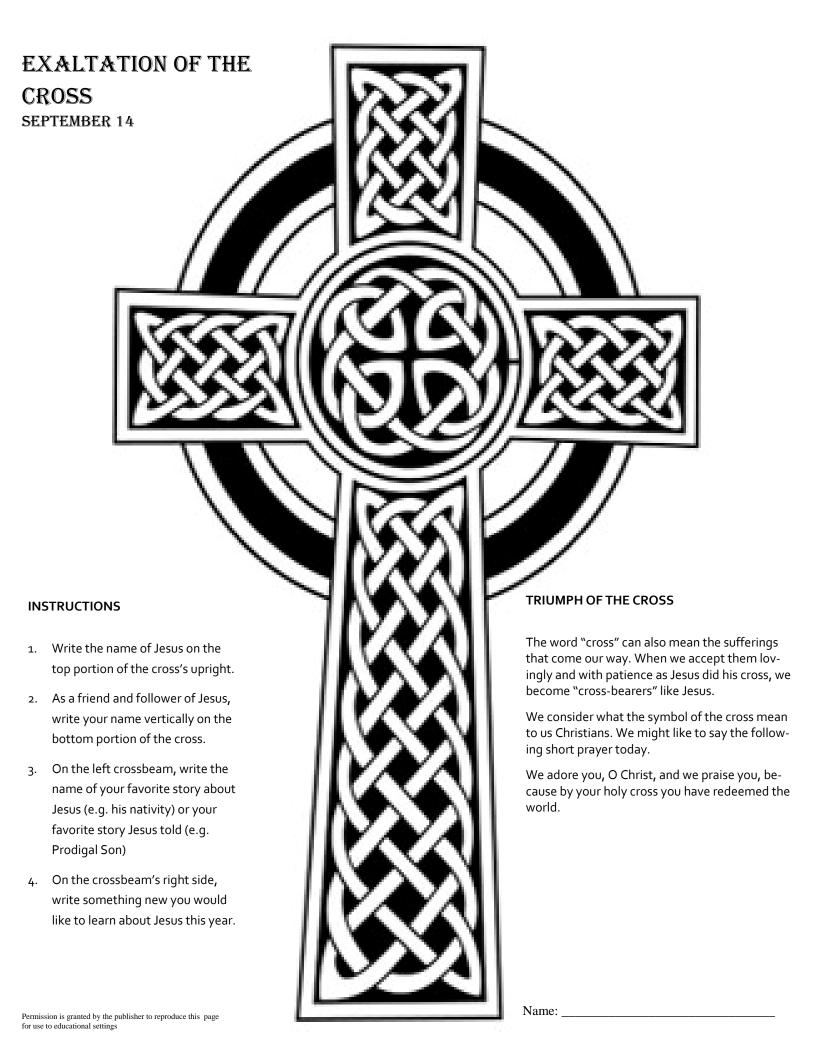


Rules of the Game

Toss the cube. When it lands, look at the picture on the top; then read and complete the sentence. Finish it with the words: "Because He loves us!"

You are free to complete the sentence in many different ways. Each time you do it, you gain the number of points you find on each picture. If you cannot finish the sentence, you lose a turn in the next round.

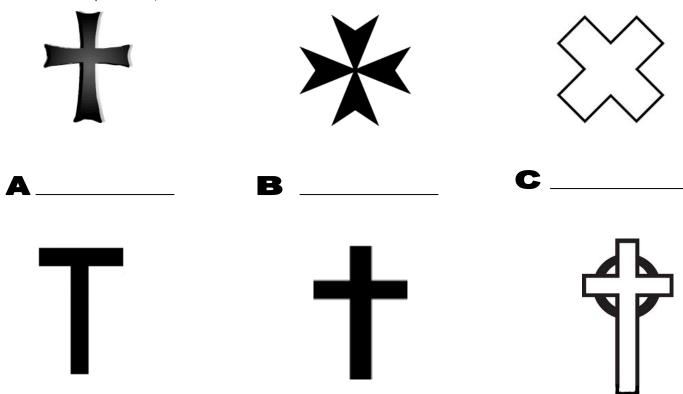
Keep score. The one who has the highest number of points, win.



The Exaltation of the Cross

September 14

Through his dying and rising, Jesus triumphed over sin and death. The church celebrates the triumph of the cross on September 14





The Sign of the Cross

Did you know that the cross was not always a symbol of Christianity? At the time of Jesus death, it reminded people of the terrible punishment criminals got. No wonder it was not a popular symbol. But as years passed, Christians realized that because Jesus rose from dead, he "triumphed" over the shame and pain of the cross. Little by little, the cross came to be a symbol of Jesus victory over death.

The Cross has become one of the most widely used symbols of all time. Can you name each of these distinct forms of the cross? Use the clues!

Clues

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- 1. St Andrew's Cross: St Andrew died on an X-shaped cross
- 2. Greek Cross: Also called "St George's Cross it has four beams of equal length.
- 3. Latin Cross: this cross is the most common in American Art.
- 4. Celtic Cross: "The circle "without beginning or end" stands for eternity.
- 5. Maltese Cross: this fancy eight-pointed cross is named for the island of Malta.
- 6. Tau Cross: the Greek letter Tau looks like our capital "T"
- 7. Papal Cross: Its three crossbeams are each a different length.



XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2010

Readings: Amos 8, 4-7 Psalm 112, 1Timothy 2, 1-8 Luke 16, 1-13

The shrewd Manager

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master's money, so he called him in and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Turn in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' The servant said to himself, 'My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes. So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master? One hundred barrels of olive oil,' he answered. Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'sit down and write fifty.' Then he asked another one, 'And you how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'write eight hundred.' As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." And Jesus went on to say, "And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home. Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. If then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you? "No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a slave will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (Luke 16, 1-13)

Reflection

Jesus does not praise the crooked man, but his cleverness. We, Christians, need to be skillful and lucid to work for the good, for the building of the Kingdom of God. Have they ever heard adults at home talk about having been deceived or robbed? Do they have thought to plan a practical joke or some other naughtiness? Have they ever plan something good, such as a surprise to their parents or teachers? Share

Activity

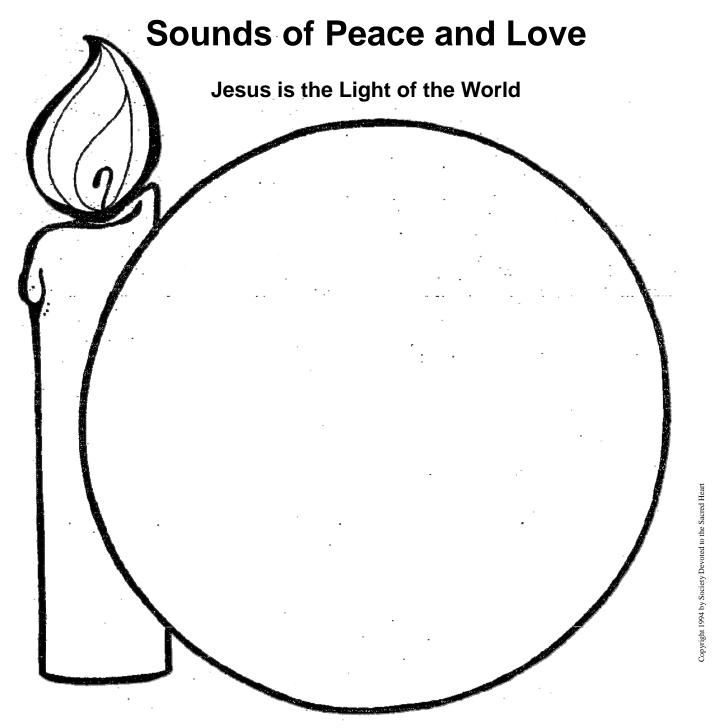
Make a plan with the group to help someone that is having problems. Invite the children to make their petitions and decide as a group what they will do. In the following page you can find an activity on how to show that Jesus is our light. Chose a song like "This little light of mine"

Prayer

Lord, give us your light to see the truth. Give us your truth and your wisdom to do good with decision an efficiently. Give us your joy so that our faith becomes attractive to others, so they can come to you. Amen







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



XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2010

Readings: Amos 6, 1a. 4-7; Psalm 145; 1Timothy 6, 11-16; Luke 16, 19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in a great luxury every day. There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast of heaven. The rich man died and was buried, and in Hades, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. So he called out, Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire! But Abraham said, remember my son, that in your life time you were given all good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain. Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are.

The rich man said, "Then I beg you, father Abraham, and send Lazarus to my father's house, where I have five brothers. Let him go and warn so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain. Abraham said, "Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say. The rich man answer, that is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from the death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins. But Abraham said, If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death. (Luke 16, 10-31)

Reflection

In the readings for this week we can see how Jesus tells us that we must be attentive to the needs of others, and help them in their needs.

Have their ever felt ignored, as if they were not there. by their parents or teachers? How did they feel? Do they often go by people who need something and try to ignore them? What do they think of the story? Share.

Activity

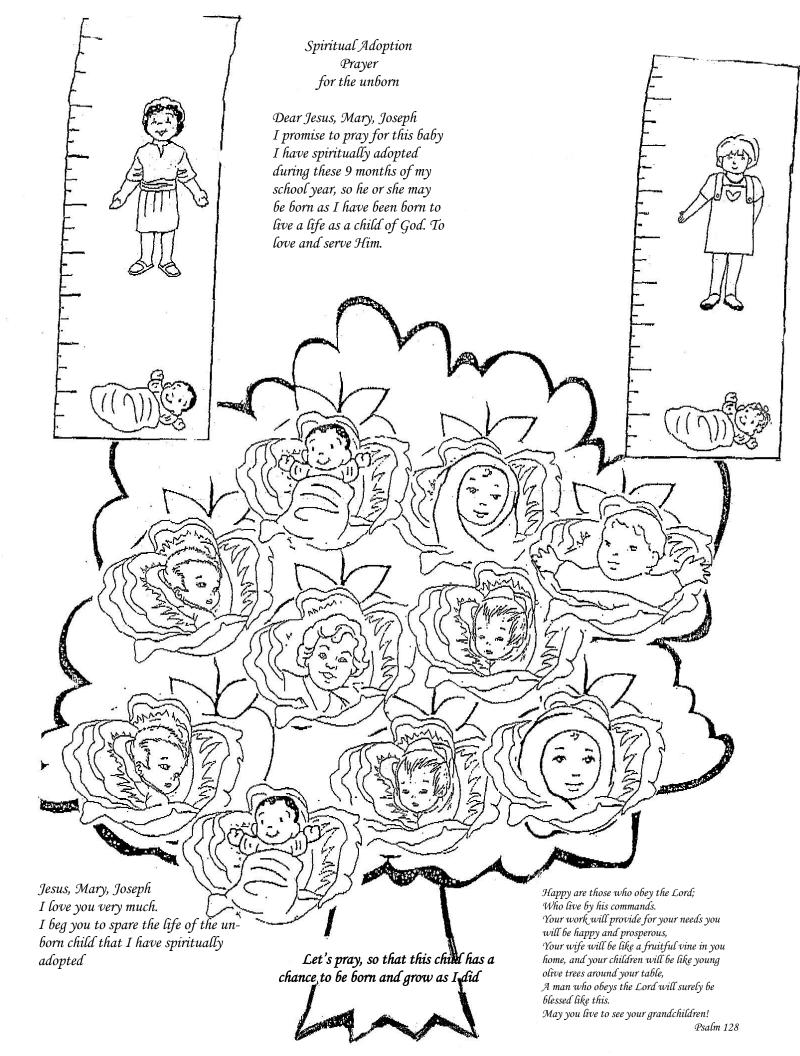
Bring white paper to motivate the children to make special invitation for a family member or friend which they have not seen for a long time. Pick up a date and an hour for the meeting and let them know how important it is for you.

Also they can make thank you cards for their parents and teachers for all the things they do for them every day. Then you can place the cards in the altar to ask Jesus to help them accomplish what they have promise.

Prayer

Lord, open our eyes and our ears to see and to listen to one another and to respond to the needs of others with love and compassion. Forgive our blindness when we do not see the needs of others, and when we do not move to help. Make us generous and decisive. Amen







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