

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



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Dear Brother and Sister:

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

Let us try this year to pray for a priest that you know of your community or your church or someone of another country, they need our prayer the whole year.

Important feasts and saints:

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Enclosed materials and activities:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Meditations of the Sunday Gospel
- 3) Mary Mother of God
- 4) Resolutions for 2012
- 5) Different dresses for Virgin Mary
- 6) Baptism of the Lord
- 7) Bridge of Love
- 8) Fishing with Jesus
- 9) Mini Trivia of Saint Henry de Osso

Suggested videos: (All available in the "Video Club")

- 1. Saint Henry de Osso
- 2. Nativity: Three Wise Men
- 3. Saint John Bosco
- 4. Prayer

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

May God Bless you always Comite de Amigos de Jesus y Maria



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January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
l Blessed Virgin Mary The Mother of God	2	3	4	5 St John Neumann	6 Three Kings	7 First Saturday
Num 6,22.27 Psalm 66 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98 Jn 1:19-28	1John 2:29-3:6 Psalm 98 Jonh 1:29-34	1 John 3:7-10 Psalm 98 Jn 1:35-42	1 John 3:11-21 Psalm 100 Jn 1:43-51	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147 Marcos 1:7-11	1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149 Jn 2:1-11
8 Epiphany	9 Baptism of the Lord	10	11	12	13	14
Isa 60:1-6 Psalm 71 Eph 3,2-3a.5-6 Mt 2,1-12	Isa 42,1-4,6-7 Psalm 28 Acts10,34-38 Mk 1,7-11	1 Sam 1:1-8 Psalm / 1 Sam 2:1,4-5 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sam 3:1-10,19-20 Psalm 40:2&5 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sam 4:1-11 Psalm 44:10-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sam 8:4-7,10-22a Psalm 89:16-17 Mk 2:1-12	1 Sam 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 Psalm 21:2-3 Mk 2:13-17
15 II Sunday in Ordinary Time	16	17 St Anthony	18	19	20 SS Fabián y Sebastián	21 Santa Inés
1 Sam 3,3b-10,19 1 Cor 6,13c-15c,17-20 Jn 1,35-42	1 Sam 15;16-23 Psalm 50:8-9 Mk 2:18-22	1 Sam 16:1-13 Psalm 89:20,21-22 Mk 2,23-28	1 Sam 17:32-33 Psalm 144 Mk 3:1-6	1 Sam 18:6-9;19:1-7 Psalm 56:2-3 Mk 3:7-12	1 Sam 24:3-21 Psalm 57:2,3-4 Mk 3:13-19	2 Sam 1:1-4 Psalm 80:2-3 Mk 3:20-21
22 III Sunday in Ordinary Time	23	24 San Francis de Sales	25	26 SS Timothy & Titus	27 S Henry De Osso	28 St Thomas Aquinas
San Vicente Jon 3,1-5,10 1 Cor 7,29-31 Mk 1,14-20	2 Sam 5:1-7,10 Psalm 89:20,21-22 Mk 3:22-30	2 Sam 6:12b-15,17-19 Psalm 24:7,8 Mk 3:31-35	Acts 22:3-16 Psalm 117 Mk 16:15-18	2 Ti 1:1-8 Psalm 96:1-2a Mk 4:21-25 o Lk 10:1-9	2 Sam 11:1-4a Psalm 51:3-4 Mk 4:26-34	2 Sam 12:1-7a 10-17 Psalm 51:12-13 Mk 4:35-41
29 IV Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31 S John Bosco Patron if the young people)				
Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7;32-35 Mk 1:21-28	2 Sam 15:13-14 Psalm 3:2-3 Mk 5:21-43	2 Sam 18:9-10 Psalm 86:1-2,3-4 Mk 5:21-43				



Mary Mother of God-January 01-2012

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

The Shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told to them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. (Luke 2:16-21)

Reflection

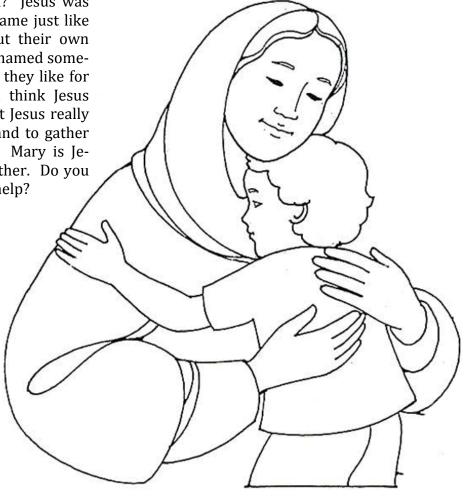
What was your experience of Christmas this year? Are their moms with them? Is another family member taking care of them? Jesus was born into a family. He received a name just like we did. What do they think about their own name? Would they have liked to be named something else? What type of gift would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

Activity

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

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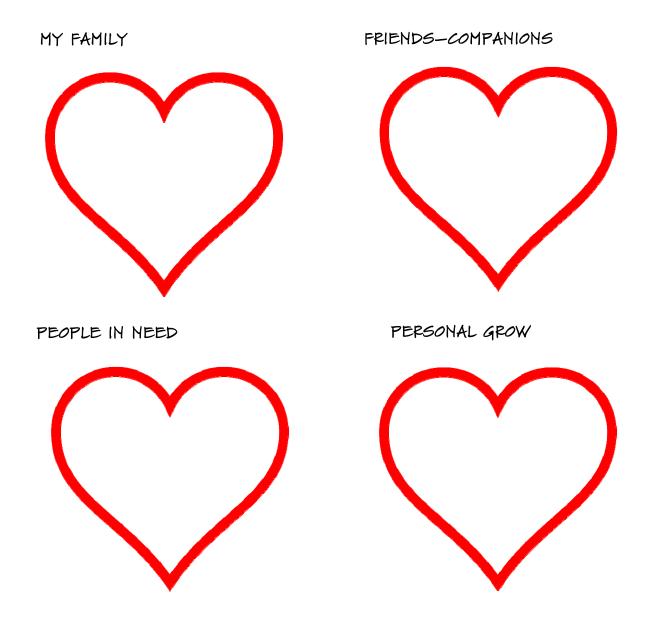
Thank you Jesus for becoming a child like us. Thank you for coming to live among us. Teach us to share your peace in our family, neighborhood, classmates, city and country. Amen.



New Year resolution for 2012

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

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



[&]quot;Commit to the Lord whatever you do, ad your plans will succeed"
Prov. 16:3



Epiphany of the Lord – January 8, 2012 Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Visitors from the East

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the King they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. (Matthew 2:1-12)

Reflection

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

Prayer

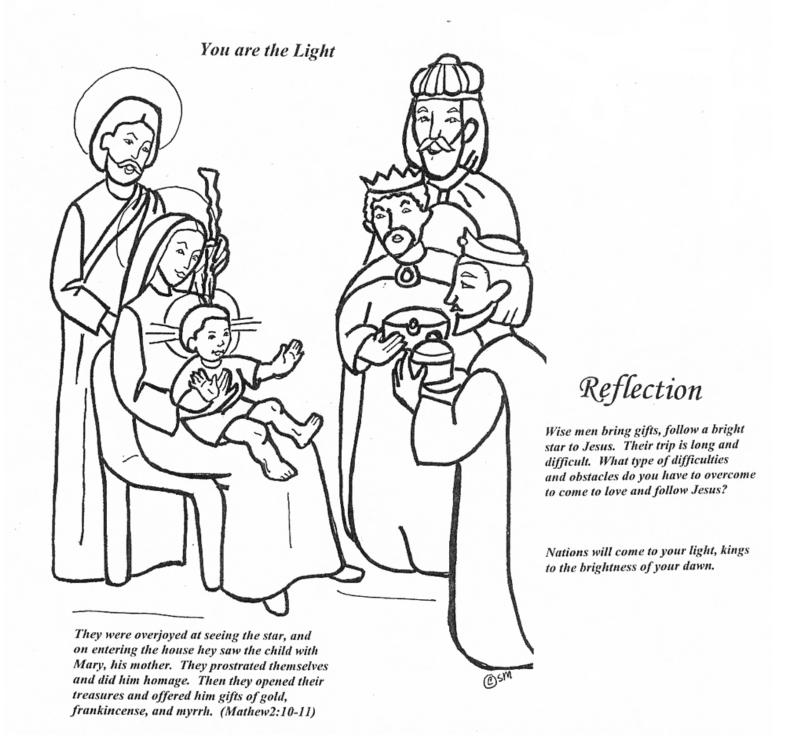
Lord Jesus, you came to announce to us that any person, no matter where he or she is from, is a child of God, of your family. Make us like stars to call other people and show them the way to you. May they find in us your smile of love for all peoples of earth. May we always look for you. Amen





Epiphany, January 6, 2007

Wise Men See a Strong Light





Baptism of the Lord/January 9, 2012
Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4 Acts 10: 34-38; Mark 1: 7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I am is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1: 7-11)

Reflection

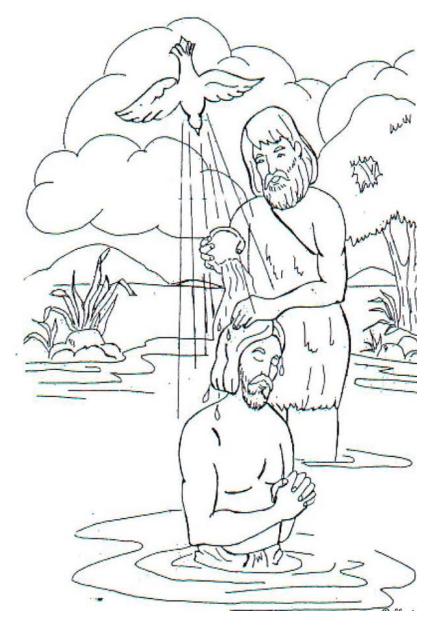
Through Baptism, we have received the same mission as Jesus: to announce peace and justice of God with our own life. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made shares of the mission; "Baptism is the sacrament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

Activity

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

Prayer

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



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



The Story of this Feast ...

Great crowds came out to hear John preach in the desert, near the Jordan River. Many of the people were sorry for their sins and asked to be baptized.

One day John saw Jesus Himself coming among the people to be baptized, and Jesus was at prayer after also baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit came on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:"You are My beloved Son. I am pleased with You."

The meaning of this Feast...

The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus not to make Him holy, but to anoint Him for His mission off saving the world. The voice of heavenly Father made Jesus known as His own Son Whom He Loved, and Whom He was sending to be the Messiah and King, the Savior Who was to offer Himself as a sacrifice on the Cross

Jesus did not need to be baptized, because He was without sin as God's Son. When we are baptized we became children of God and the sin we got from Adam and Eve is washed away.

The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus is on the Sunday after January 6

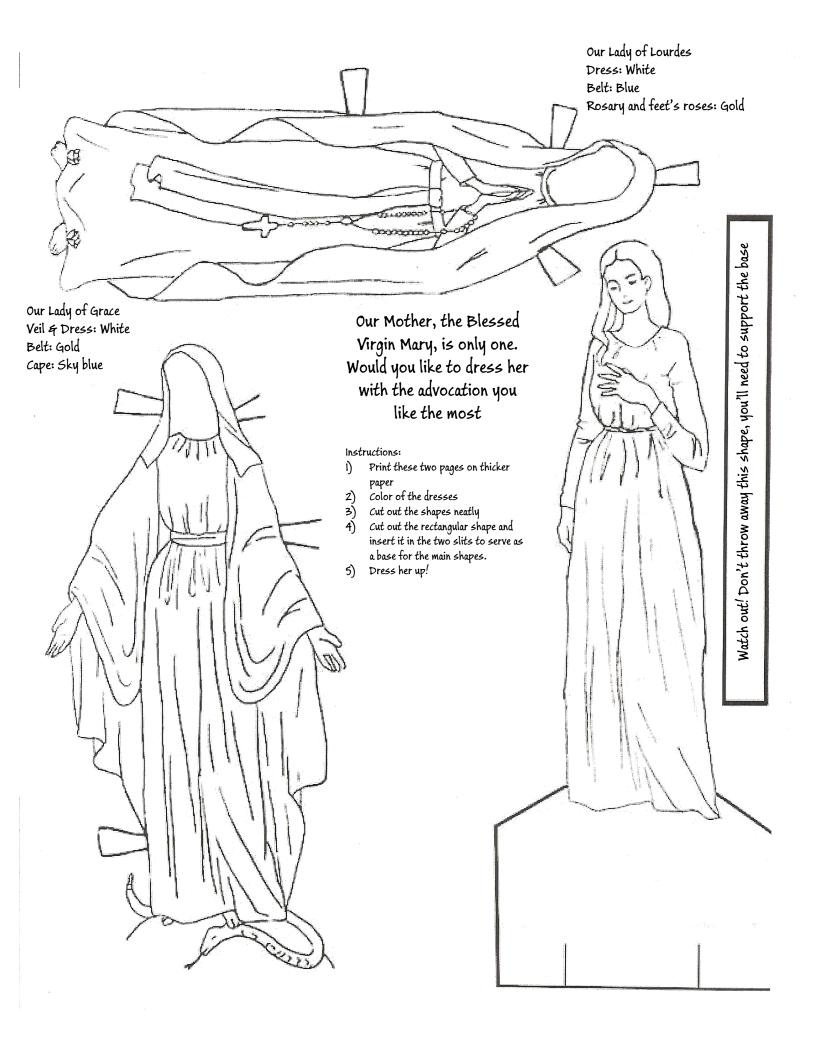
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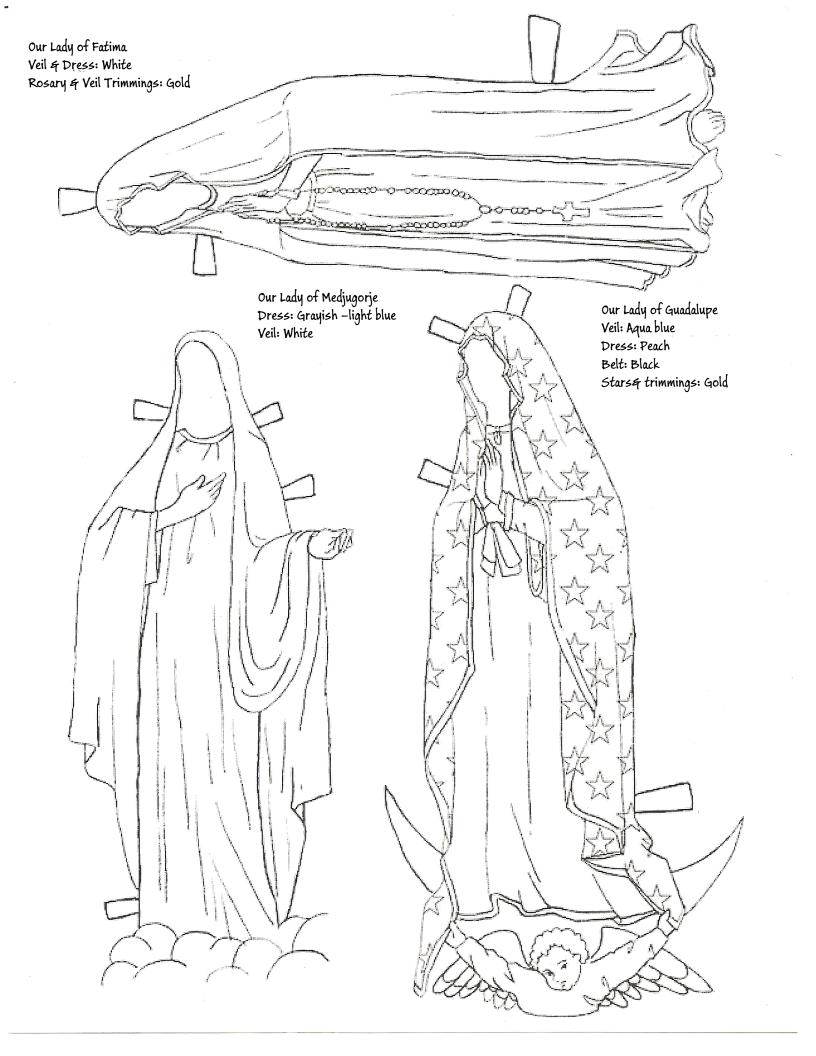
When Jesus reaches the age of thirty years, he went out of Nazareth to preach; but before he went to receive Baptism from John.

When He came to the Jordan River; He asks John to baptize him. John did not want to do it because he knew He was the Savior. Also He had no sins to be clean off. Jesus insisted saying:" Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires. So John agreed. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven. "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased." (Matthew 3,13-17)
John had no doubt because in this way God had announce it to him in the desert.
When Jesus leave John said to the people: I saw the Spirit came over Him, and I witness that He is the Son of God. Repent and sin no more, because the Savior has come.

Reflection:

When you were baptized you were free of sin to receive the Savior. Try to always stay clean and God will be with you, because He loves you a lot. What are you going to do to clean hour heart?
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If you have no peace remember what John said: Repent and sin no more. Try to receive reconciliation doing a good act of contrition.
Baptism prepares the souls for the coming of Jesus. Prepare your soul and all of those you have near you. How could you do it?
How could you practice charity and love in your home?
How would you practice justice when you play?







2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15, 2012

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

The First Disciples of Jesus

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" which translated means Teacher, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" which translated is Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" which translated is Peter. (John 1:35-42)

Reflection

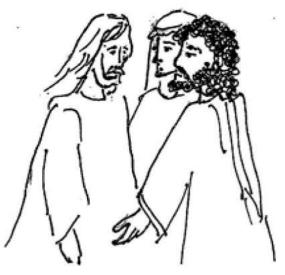
God can call people of any age. The important thing is to answer: "Here I am Lord". The disciples wanted to see where Jesus lived. Where does Jesus live today in our families, neighborhoods, classmates, and cities?

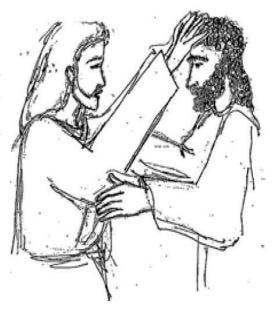
Activity

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

Prayer

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

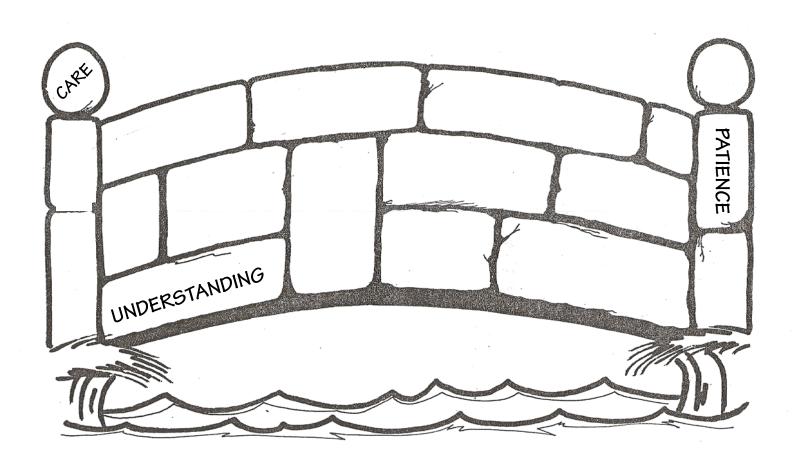




Bridge of Love

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

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





Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 22, 2012
Readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

Jesus calls four Fishermen

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. (Mark 1:14-20)

Reflection

The Lord asks us to be available for the mission, even if it is difficult. We need to change our bad courses of action to follow Jesus. What difficulties do they encounter to follow Jesus and do well? What talents do they have for good? How are you going to use them this week?

Activity

Act the story of the gospel. Prepare a net with cardboard fishes. Let each child pick one. Ask them to write on it their name in one side and on the back his commitment to follow Jesus. Then they pick up another fish and write the name of a friend to whom they are going to help follow Jesus. Jesus invites us to be fishermen of souls. Let us follow His call.

Prayer

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



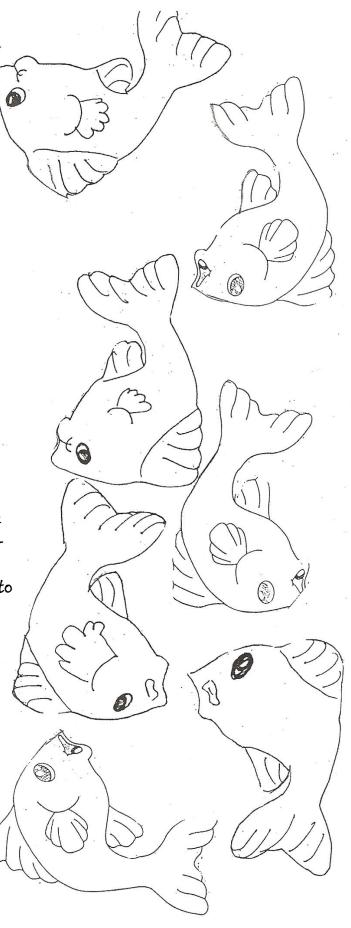




Fishing with Jesus

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Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time January 29-2012

Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are the Holy one of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. (Mark 1:21-28)

Reflection

What evils, dangers, and threats do the children encounter in their neighborhoods? What causes them anxiety? Who are the authority figures in their lives? Share with them.

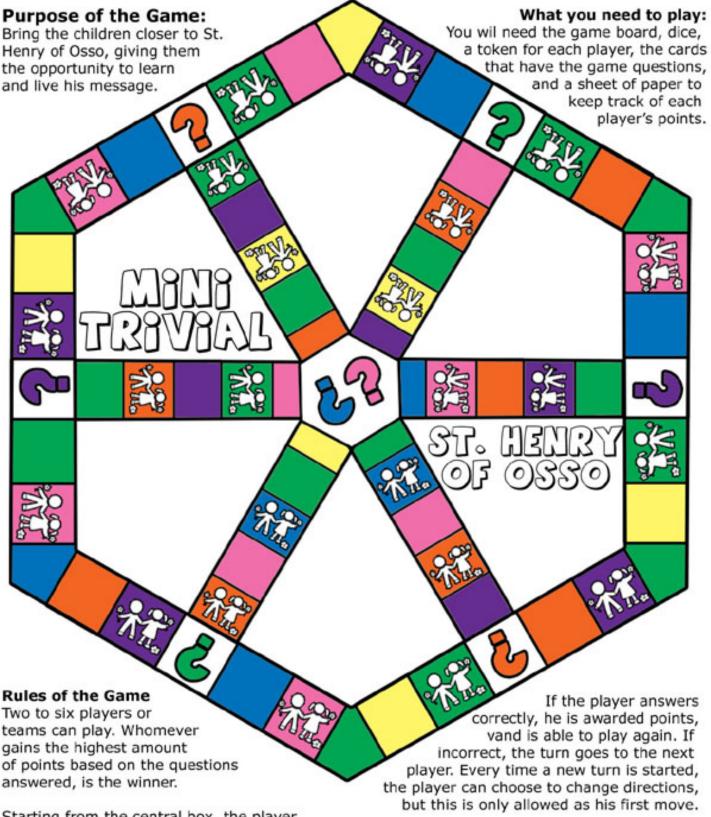
Activity

Make a chain with colorful cardboard or construction paper links. On each link ask the children towrite one thing that is evil or makes people unhappy. Get together to pray. As the children express their commitment for the week, break each one of the links. All respond: "Thank you Jesus, for setting us free"

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we are too concerned about our own interests. Sometimes selfishness and resentment don't allow us to feel free. Give us your word and strength so that we may do good and free others through our forgiveness. Amen.





Starting from the central box, the player will move his/her token the number shown on the dice and move in the direction of his preference. Whena player lands on a box with a question mark or of the color of the question cards, he will be asked the correspondent question.

Points:

Purple	3 points
Green	2 points
Pink	1 point
Orange	1 point

The children of the Friends of Jesus and Mary want to be Answer: another Jesus on earth	Where did Saint Henry celebrate his first Mass.? Answer: Montserrat	After Mrs. Michaela died, Saint Henry Saint Henry remember a lot a phrase that his mother use to said. Which one is it? Answer: "My son I will like you to become a priest"
Saint Henry love so much the children and he want them to become Answer: Another Jesus on earth	Who went on pursuit of Saint Henry when he went to Montserrat? Answer: His brother James	On his way to Montserrat Saint Henry show his generosity. What did he did? Answer :He change his cloth wit a poor beggar
When he and his brother James meet at Montserrat, what did James promise him? Answer: That he will help him to become a priest.	How did he let his father know his decision to become a priest? Answer: He wrote him a letter	What did Saint Henry did when he arrived at Montserrat Answer: He pray to the blessed Mother and went to confession
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How old was Father Henry when he die? Answer: 56 years What phrase did Henry taught to repeat	Father Henry was very worry. What do you think he was worry about? Answer: He did not know if the children will always be taken care and get to know Jesus Why did Saint Henry like so much to	What was the book that Henry preferred to read? Answer: The book of the life of Saint Therese of Jesus Why did Father Henry want school
many time? Answer : All for Jesus	read the book on the life of Saint Theresa? Answer: Because reading it he learn to speak with Jesus and to know him like Theresa.	sister's to be known as Theresian? Answer: Because he wanted them to be like her in everything.
To whom Did Father Henry wanted that the Teresian's Sister look like? Answer: To Saint Theresa of Jesus	What school did he began to built without money, only with great confidence on God?	Why Father Henry is in Heaven with Jesus?

What did he go to do in the seminar of Tortoise?	What did Henry thought the night of April ?	What is the slogan of the Teresian Sisters?
Answer: To study and prepare himself to be a priest.	Answer :T0 establish the Teresian Schools	Answer: To know, love Jesus and make Him known and love.
Why did Father Henry founded the society of Saint Theresa of Jesus? Answer: So that many children and youth may love Jesus as Theresa did.	Which was the phrase that Saint Henry said the most and that he copy from Saint Theresa? What are the three things that the children that belong to the Prayer groups Friends of Jesus And Mary must do?	
		swer: Say yes to Jesus, talk to esus and Love as Jesus did.
	GREEN QUESTIONS	

Where was Saint Henry when his mother got sick?	The father of Saint Henry was born in	Which were the names of Saint Henry brothers?
Answer: In Reus	Answer : Vinebre	Answer Dolores and Jaime
What did Henry wanted to be when he was young?	Whom from his family attended his first mass?	Vinebre is a town of the providence of
Answer: A teacher	Answer: His father, brothers, uncles, aunts and the rest of his family.	Answer: Tarragona
How many brothers did Saint Henry have?	Saint Henry had two brothers, which number was he?	To which city did Saint Henry went to work as a merchant?
Answer: He had two.	Answer: The third	Answer: To Reus

What did Father Henry did as a little boy when he visit his grandfather in the farm? Answer: He loved to heard stories about saints.	Why did his uncle took him to Zarago-za? Answer To fulfill the promise he had made if he was cure from his illness	What were Saint Henry last names? Answer: De Osso and Cerbello
What does Michaela wanted Saint Henry to be? Answer: a Priest	In which house of his relatives Saint Henry work in Reus? Answer: In his uncle's house	ORANGE QUESTIONS