



July 2012
Miami

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, the Father, created for us, by love. Emphasize the importance of prayer. Have a nice summer.

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

July 01	Blessed Junipero Serra	August 4	St. John Vianney
July 03	Saint Thomas	August 6	The Transfiguration
July 04	Independence day	August 12	Saint Claire
July 14	St. Katerina Tekakwitha	August 15	The Assumption
July 16	Our Lady of Mr. 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		

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) July and August calendars
- 2) Gospels for the month of July and August
- 3) Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 4) The Miracles of the loaves and fishes
- 5) Transfiguration of the Lord
- 6) The Assumption of the Virgin
- 7) Game -The Miracle of the fish

Suggested Videos:

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

We are planning our next VII Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary from October 4 to October 8, 2012 in Aruba, Netherlands Antilles. We invite all to make plans to attend.

May God Bless You Always,

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July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 13 Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdom 1,13-15 Psalm 29 2 Co 8,7 Mk 5,21-43	2 Amos 2,6-10.13-16 Psalm 49 Mt 8,18-22	3 St. Thomas Apostle Ef. 2,19-22 Psalm 116 Jn 20,24-29	4 St. Isabel Amos 5,14-15.21-24 Psalm 49 Mt 8,28-34	5 Amos 7,10-17 Psalm 18 Mt 9,1-8	6 St. Mary Goretti Amos 8,4-6.9-12 Psalm 118 Mt 9,9-13	7 Amos 9,11-15 Psalm 84 Mt 9,14-17
8 14 Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2,2-5 Psalm 122 2 Co 12,7b-10 Mk 6,1-6	9 Eph 1,3-6.11-12 Psalm 112 Lk 11,27-28	10 Ho 8,4-7.11.13 Psalm 113b Mt 9,32-38	11 Oseas 10,1-3.7-8.12 Psalm 104 Mt 10,1-7	12 Oseas 11,1-4.8c-9 Psalm 79 Mt 10,7-15	13 San Henry Oseas 14,2-10 Psalm 50 Mt 10,16-23	14 Isaías 6,1-8 Psalm 92 Mt 10,24-33
15 15 Sunday in Ordinary Time Amos 7,12-15 Psalm 84 Eph 1,3-14 Mk 6,7-13	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Isaías 1,10-17 Psalm 49 Mt 10,34-11,1	17 Isaías 7,1-9 Psalm 47 Mt 11,20-24	18 Isaías 10,5-7.13-16 Psalm 93 Mt 11,25-27	19 Isaías 26,7-9.12.16-19 Psalm 101 Mt 11,28-30	20 Isaías 38,1-6.21-22.7-8 Psalm / Isaías 38 Mt 12,1-8	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Miqueas 2,1-5 Psalm 9 Mt 12,14-21
22 16 Sunday in Ordinary Time Jr 23,1-6 Psalm 22 Eph 2,13-18 Mk 6,30-34	23 St. Brigida Miqueas 6,1-4.6-8 Psalm 49 Mt 12,38-42	24 Miqueas 7,14-15.18-20 Psalm 84 Mt 12,46-50	25 St. James Hechos 4,33.5.12.27-33 Psalm 66 2 Co 4,7-15 Mt 20,20-28	26 St. Joaquin & Ann Jr 2,1-3.7-8.12-13 Psalm 35 Mt 13,10-17	27 Jr 3,14-17 Psalm / Jr 31 Mt 13,18-23	28 Jr 7,1-11 Psalm 83 Mt 13,24-30
29 17 Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 K 4,42-44 Psalm 144 Eph 4,1-6 Jn 6,1-15	30 Jr 13,1-11 Psalm / Dt. 32, 18-21 Mt 13,31-35	31 St. Ignacio of Loyola Mt 13,36-43				



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			1 St Alfonso Liguori Jr 15, 10, 16-21 Psalm 58 Mt 13,44-46	2 Jr 18,1-6 Psalm 145 Mt 13,47-53	3 Jr 26,1-9 Psalm 68 Mt 13,54-58	4 Jr 26,11-16,24 Psalm 68 Mt 14,1-12
5 18 Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16,2-4,12-15 Psalm 77 Eph 4,17,20-24 Jn 6,24-35	6 The Transfiguration Dn 7,9-10,13-14 Psalm 96 Mk 9,2-10	7 St Cayetano Jr 30,1-2,12-15,18-22 Psalm 101 Mt 14,22-36	8 St. Domingo Jr 31,1-7 Psalm /Jr. 31 Mt 15,21-28	9 Jr 31,31-34 Psalm 50 Mt 16,13-23	10 St. Lorenzo Nahum 2,1,3,3,1-3,6-7 Psalm / Dt 32 Mt 16,24-28	11 St. Claire Habakkuk 1,12-2,4 Psalm 9 Mt 17,14-20
12 19 Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 K 19,4-8 Psalm 33 Eph 4,30-5,2 Jn 6,41-51	13 Ez 1,2-5,24-28c Psalm 148 Mt 17,22-27	14 St Maximiliano Kolbe Ez 2,8-3,4 Psalm 118 Mt 18,1-5,10,12-14	15 The Assumption of the Virgin Mary Rev. 11,19a;12,1 Psalm 44 1 Co 15,20-27 Lk 1,39-56	16 St Esteban Ez 12,1-12 Psalm 77 Mt 18,21-29	17 Ez 16,1-15,60-63 Psalm / Isaias 12 Mt 19,3-12	18 Mt 19,13-15
19 20 Sunday in Ordinary Time Pr 9,1-6 Psalm 33 Eph 5,15-20 Jn 6,51-58	20 St Bernard Ez 24,15-24 Psalm / Dt 32,18-21 Mt 19,16-22	21 St Pio X Ez 28,1-10 Psalm / Dt 32,26-27 Mt 19,23-30	22 Ez 34,1-11 Psalm 22 Mt 20,1-16	23 St. Rosa de Lima 1 Co 7,25-31 Psalm 144 Mt 19,3-12	24 St Bartolome Rev 21,9b-14 Psalm 144 Jn 1,45-51	25 St Louis Ez 43,1-7 Psalm 84 Mt 23,1-12
26 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos. 24,1-2a,15-17,18b Psalm 33 Eph 5,21-32 Jn 6,60-69	27 St. Monica 2 Ts 1,1-5,11b-12 Psalm 95 Mt 23,13-22	28 St Agustin Mt 23,23-26	29 Jr 1,17-19 Psalm 70 Mk 6,17-29	30 1 Co 1,1-9 Psalm 144 Mt 24,42-51	31 1 Co 1,17-25 Psalm 32 Mt 25,1-13	



Friends of Jesus and Mary ***XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time July 1, 2012*** ***Readings: Wisdom 1, 13-15; Psalm 29, 2Co 8, 7; Mark 5, 21-43***

Jairus' Daughter and the Woman who touched Jesus' Cloak

Jesus went back across to the other side of the lake. There at the lakeside a large crowd gathered around him. Jairus, an official of the local synagogue, arrived, and when he saw Jesus, he threw himself down at his feet and begged him earnestly, "My little daughter is very sick. Please come and place your hands on her, so that she will get well and live." Then Jesus started off with him. So many people were going along with Jesus that they were crowding him from every side. There was a woman who had suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years, even though she had been treated by many doctors. She had spent all her money, but instead of getting better she got worse all the time. She had heard about Jesus, so she came in the crowd behind him, saying to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will get well." She touched his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once; and she had the feeling inside herself that she was healed of her trouble. At once Jesus knew that power had gone out of him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" His disciples answered, "You see how the people are crowding you; why do you ask who touched you?" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. The woman realized what had happened to her, so she came, trembling with fear, knelt at his feet, and told him the whole truth. Jesus said to her, "My daughter. Your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your trouble," While Jesus was saying this, some messengers came from Jairus' house and told him, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the Teacher any longer?" Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but told him, "Don't be afraid, only believe. Then he did not let anyone else go on with him except Peter and James and his brother John. They arrived at Jairus' house. Where Jesus saw the confusion and heard all the loud crying and wailing. He went in and said to them, "Why all this confusion? Why are you crying? The child is not dead she is only sleeping!" They started making fun of him, so he put them all out, took the child's father and mother and his three disciples, and went into the room where the child was lying. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up!" She got up at once and started walking around. (She was twelve years old.) When this happened, they were completely amazed. But Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone, and he said, "Give her something to eat." (Mark 5, 21-43)

Reflection

Do you think it is impossible for the girl to get up? What do you do when she does? Do you play with her, or are too afraid thinking she might be a ghost?

Activity

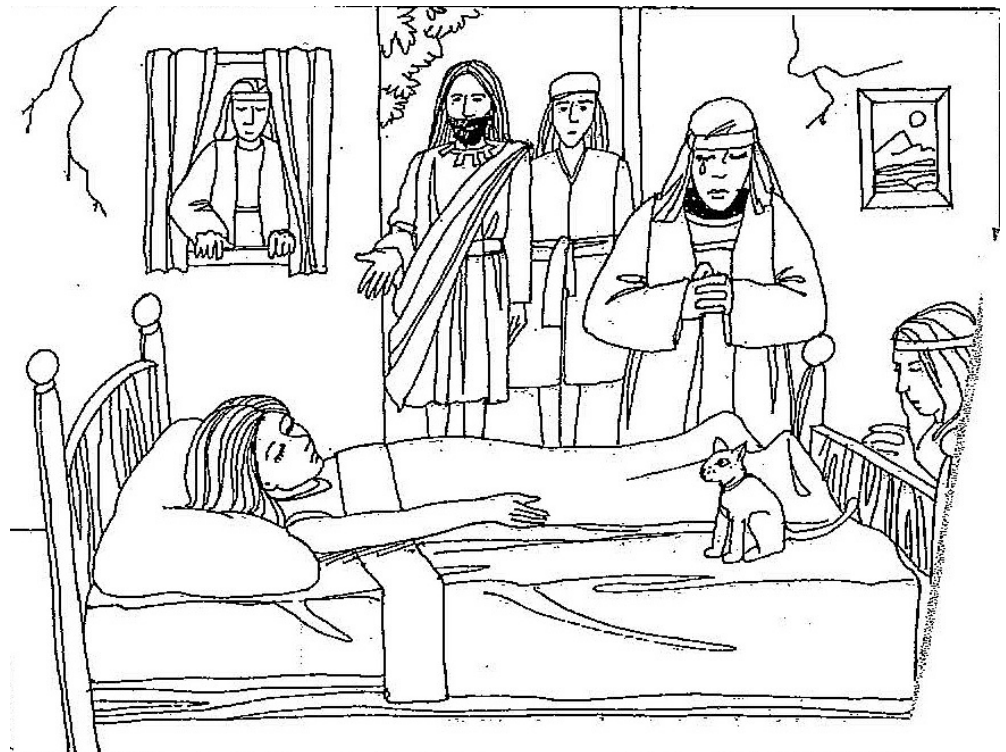
Dramatize the scene of Jesus' healing Jairus daughter. Create different endings for the story. What does the girl do after being healed?

Prayer

Jesus we ask you to pray for our families who are sick.

We know that you care for us.

Amen





Friends of Jesus and Mary

XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time July 8, 2012

Readings: Ezekiel 2, 2-5; Psalm 122; 2Co 12, 7-10; Mark 6, 1-6

Jesus is rejected at Nazareth

Jesus left that place and went back to his hometown, followed by his disciples. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him. Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own hometown and by their relatives and their family." He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith. Then Jesus went to the villages around there, teaching the people. **(Mark 6, 1-6)**

Reflection

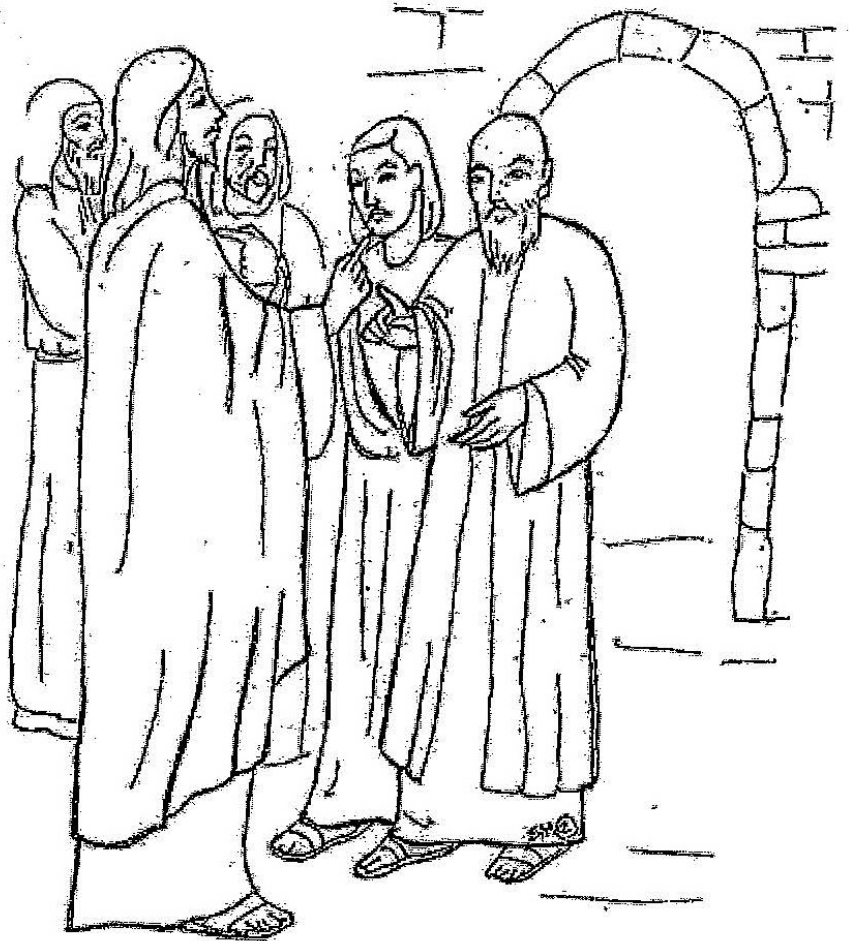
In the readings of this week we see how Jesus' neighbors don't want to listen to him because they feel he has nothing new to tell them. Sometimes people who are in ministry feel that no one is listening to them. God gives them the strength to go on. Share with the children. To whom do they listen? Who are some of the people who they think of as important? Why? To whom do they reject? Do you sometimes feel as if people don't listen to you just because you are a child? Can you rejoice when your younger siblings do things well?

Activity

Bring one index card for each child. Ask each child to write a message from Jesus to another child. For example: Jesus wants you to _____. Afterwards all can share their answers.

Prayer

Lord, we always want to listen to you. Help us to find the time to listen and to speak to one another. Help us to discover you in the humble blessing of our daily lives. **Amen.**





Friends of Jesus and Mary

XV Sunday in Ordinary Time July 15, 2012

Readings: Amos 7, 12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1, 3-14; Mark 6, 7-13

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Disciples

He called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two. He gave them authority over the evil spirits and ordered them, "Don't take anything with you on the trip except a walking stick, no bread, no beggar's bag, no money in your pockets. Wear sandals, but don't carry an extra shirt." He also told them, "Wherever you are welcomed, stay in the same house until you leave that place. If you come to a town where people do not welcome you or will not listen to you, leave it and shake the dust off your feet. That will be a warning to them!" So they went out and preached that people should turn away from their sins. They drove out many demons, and rubbed olive oil on many sick people and healed them. **(Mark 6, 7-13)**

Reflection

In the gospel of this Sunday Jesus tells his disciples to go out two by two to take the message of love. Upon their return they shared both their success and failures. In the time of Jesus, in the Middle East, refusing to give hospitality was considered a serious breach of honor. Do they like to work as a team? Why is it good to work as a team? Do you prefer to do things by yourself? What do you tell Jesus? What kinds of things you cannot do by yourself? Share why it is better to work as a team.

Activity

Ask the children to pick up a partner. Together they choose someone they will help. It can be a sick person, a classmate that needs help with his studies, someone that is lonely, etc. In a flash card write the name of the person you are going to help and plan what you are going to do for him. Pray together to Jesus and ask for the light of the Holy Spirit in your work. Write in the card what went well and what they were not able to do. Share with the group the following week.

Prayer

Lord, we know you walk with us in our journey. Help us to walk with one another, constantly supporting and encouraging one another. Teach us how to work as a team and to do what you ask us. **Amen.**



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16



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 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.

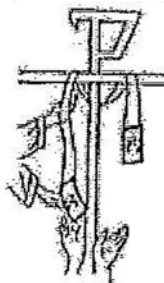
The word scapular indicates a form of clothing which monks wore when they were working.

With the passage of time, people began to give symbolic meaning to it; the cross to be borne everyday as a disciples and followers of Christ. In some religions, such as the Carmelites, the scapular turned into a sign of their way of life. The Scapular came to 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 commitment to Christ and to the others. Thus became a sign of Mary.

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 teaching the Gospel, to receive the sacraments, to profess our special devotion to the Blessed Virgin, which should be expressed each day, at least by saying the Hail Mary three times.

Short form of giving the Scapular

Receive this Scapular, a sign of your special relationship with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whom your 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.



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time July 22, 2012

Readings: Jeremiah 23, 1-6; Psalm 22; Ephesians 2, 13-18; Mark 6, 30-34

The apostles returned and met with Jesus, and told him all they had done and taught. There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have time to eat. So he said to them, "Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest a while." So they started out in a boat by themselves to a lonely place. Many people, however, saw them leave and knew at once who they were; so they went from all the towns and ran ahead by land and arrived at the place ahead of Jesus and his disciples. When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things. **(Mark 6, 30-34)**

Reflection

In the readings of this week God promises to gather together those who were scattered and separated. God fulfills this promise through Christ. Jesus wants his disciples to make time for rest and prayer. Have they separated themselves from someone they loved because of a quarrel? How did that make them feel? Jesus wants his friends to have some time to rest. He wants to spend time with them. Do you spend some time each day talking to Jesus? Do you sometimes help at home even if you feel like doing something else?

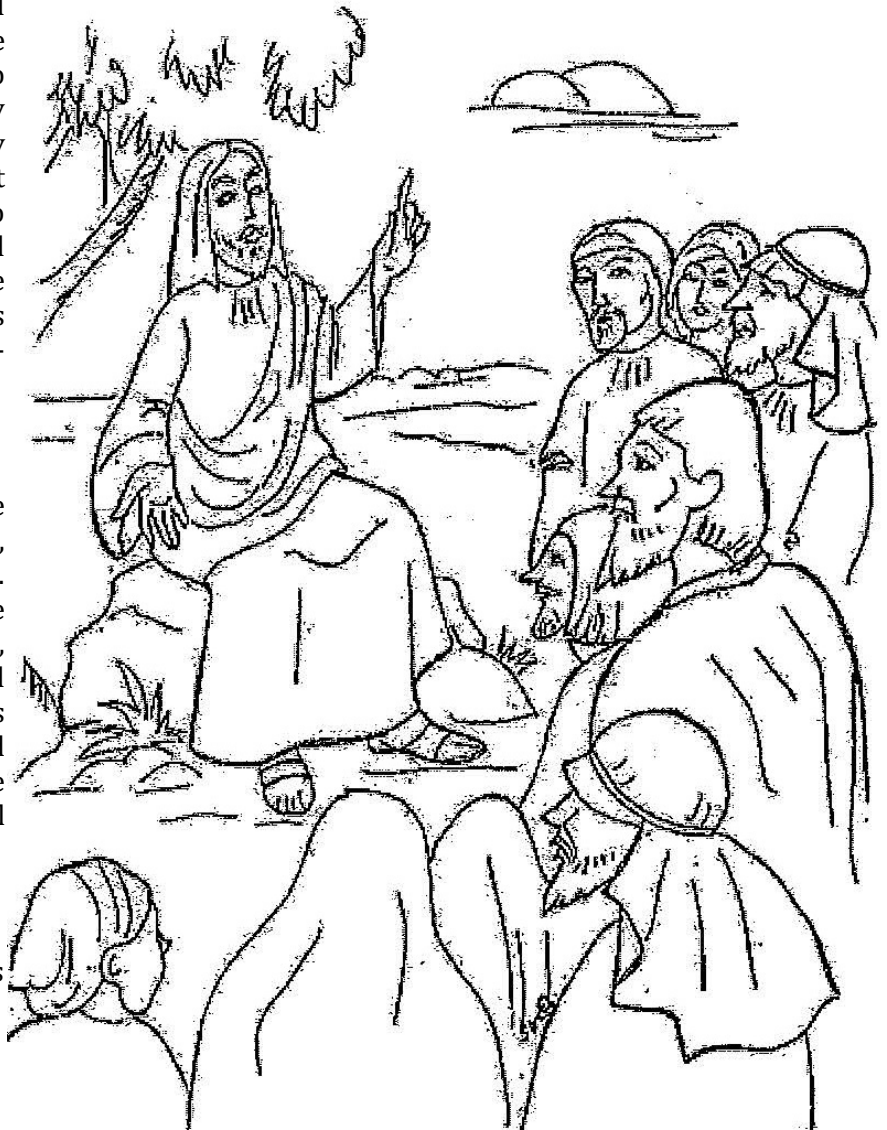
Activity

Bring a poster of the Good Shepherd to the group. On top with removable adhesive, place blocks, representing the bricks of a wall. In each one write something that will cause division, such as selfishness, disobedience, lies, fights, etc. As the children pick up and tear down the bricks, they should express their commitment for the week. All should say, "Jesus unite us in your love." When all the bricks are removed, the figure of Jesus will appear.

Prayer

Lord, we are hurt when we distance ourselves from each other. Help us to see how we can be good shepherds to one another with good examples and words of encouragement.

Amen.





Friends of Jesus and Mary

XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 29, 2012

Readings: 2 Kings 4, 42-44; Psalm 145; Ephesians 4, 1-6; John 6, 1-15

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

After this, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (or Lake Tiberias, as it is also called). A large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miracles of healing the sick. Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. The time for the Passover Festival was near. Jesus looked around and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?" (He said this to test Phillip; actually he already knew what he would do.) Phillip answered, "For everyone to have even a little, it would take more than two hundred silver coins to buy enough bread." Another one of his disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish, but they will certainly not be enough for all these people." "Make the people sit down," Jesus told them. (There was a lot of grass there.) So all the people sat down; there were about five thousand men. Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. When they were all full, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste a bit." So they gathered them all and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten. Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, "Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world!" Jesus knew that they were about to come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself. **(John 6, 1-15)**

Reflection

In the Old Testament, when God asked prophets to feed the people, God provided the food. Through the Eucharist, we were called to unity. God asks us to be humble, gentle, and patient. This is the best bread we can give one another. The most Christian act is sharing food. When we share what we have and what we are, God multiplies it for the good of all. Jesus has the power to multiply food. But he needs the generosity of people. Do you dare to share what you have, like the young boy in the story? When you share with others and everyone is satisfied, do you feel happier?

Activity

Act the gospel story of this Sunday.

Prayer

Lord, give us the generosity to share the best we have to give, so our family and friends will be rich with the gifts and talents that you have given each one of us. **Amen.**





THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES

Mark 6. 30:46

Narrator: Jesus and his apostles went off in a boat towards the territory of territory of Bethsaida, to a desert place to rest for a day: They were always so busy that they did not even have time to eat.

People saw them leaving and found out where they were heading to, and followed them on foot round the lake. Jesus was talking to Andrew and James.

Andrew: It is now getting late, Master, shall we dismiss the people, so they could buy something to eat in town?

Jesus: No! You give them something to eat.

Narrator: To what James reply.

James : There is a boy who has five barley loaves and a couple of dry fish!!!

Narrator: Surprised, Andrew reply ...

Andrew: But what good is this for so many?

Narrator: Jesus looked at Andrew and James and said ...

Jesus: Bring the boy and the loaves and the fish to me and get the people to recline.

Narrator: The people gathered in groups. Then Jesus took the loaves in his hands, looked up to heaven and gave thanks to God and said:

Jesus: Pass these bread among the crowd.

Narrator: Then Jesus took the fish in his hands looked up to heaven and gave thanks to God and said:

Jesus: Pass these fish among the crowd.

Narrator: Some five thousand men plus women and children ate bread and fish to their satisfaction.

Jesus: Go and gather up the left overs so that nothing good would be wasted.

Narrator: The apostles gathered twelve baskets full of leftovers. All who were present were very impressed with the "Miracle of the loaves and fishes".

Actors;

Narrator:

Andrew

Jesus

James

Audience

Some one from the audience

You will need 5 children or more for the presentation.



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XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time August 5, 2012

Readings: Exodus 16, 2-4.12-15; Psalm 77; Ephesians 4, 17.20-24; John 6, 24-35

When the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they got into those boats and went to Capernaum, looking for him. When the people found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Teacher, when did you get here?" Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted not because you understood my miracles. Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him." So they asked him, "What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?" Jesus answered, "What God wants you to do is to believe in the one He sent." They replied, "What miracle will you perform so that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, just as the scripture says; He gave them bread from heaven to eat." "I am telling you the truth," Jesus said. "What Moses gave you was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they asked him, "give us this bread always." "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty." (John 6, 24-35)

Reflection

In the readings for this week we can see how God sent bread to feed the Israelites in the desert. Jesus reminds us that this new manna, his own body and blood, gives everlasting life. What kinds of things give them life and joy? What gives them more joy, gifts and food, or true friendships and being with Jesus? Jesus says that being with him gives much more than all things in this world. Do you go to Jesus with confidence? Jesus says that his body and blood give a life that does not end, despite death in this world. When you pray, speak to Jesus as you would to your best friend. Let us try this week to have Jesus as our best friend.

Activity

Bring to the class some flash cards. Give one to each child and ask them to write their desires and commitments for the week. Encourage them to pick up a special time of the day to talk to Jesus. Remember that Jesus is the bread that gives us life. Pick someone with whom they are going to pray this week.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes the things we desire are not the same you wish for us. Give us hunger for you, firmly believing that it is your bread and your presence among us that gives us true life and joy. **Amen.**



Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6





Friends of Jesus and Mary

XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12, 2012

Readings: 1Kings 19, 4-8; Psalm 33; Ephesians 4, 30-5, 2; John 6, 41-51

The people started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." So they said, "This man is Jesus son of Joseph, isn't he? We know his father and mother. How, then, does he now say he came down from heaven?" Jesus answered, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. People cannot come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me; and I will raise them to life on the last day. The prophets wrote: Everyone will be taught by God. Anyone who hears the Father and learns from him comes to me. This does not mean that anyone has seen the Father; he who is from God is the only one who has seen the Father. I am telling you the truth: He who believes has eternal life; I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. But the bread that comes down from heaven is of such a kind that whoever eats it will not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If you eat this bread, you will live forever. The bread that I will give you is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live."

(John 6, 41-51)

Reflection

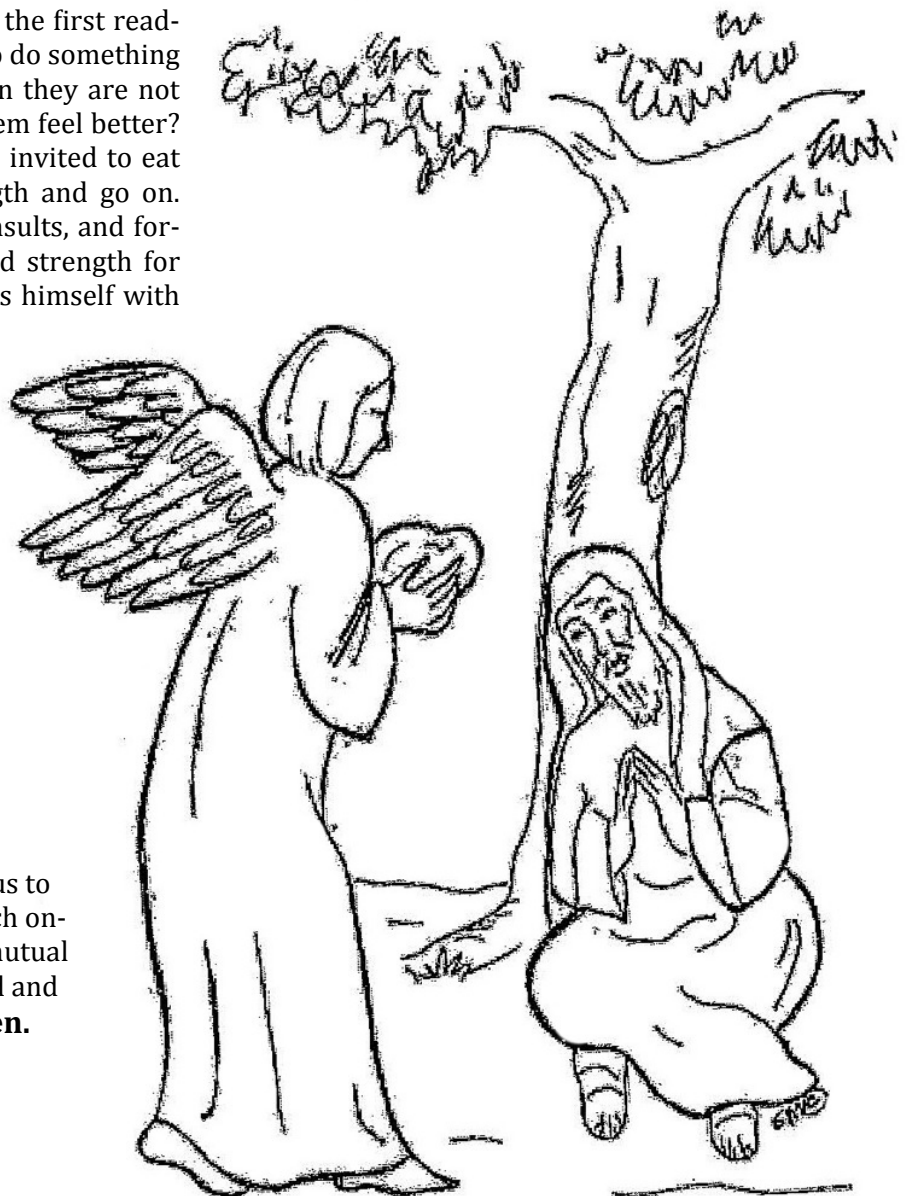
Share with the children the story of Elijah, in the first reading. How do they feel when they are unable to do something they want to do? Are they discouraged when they are not chosen for a sports team? What can make them feel better? In our discouragement and tiredness, we are invited to eat the bread of heaven in order to gain strength and go on. The way to God must be free of bitterness, insults, and forgiveness. In that way, we become bread and strength for others. Jesus becomes one with us, he shares himself with us. We must be likewise.

Activity

Hand out to each child a blank sheet of paper. Ask them to divide the paper in two. On one side write things that give them strength, courage and happiness. On the other side write things that give them sadness, anger, and discouragement. Each one makes a commitment for the week that will bring them to the road of happiness. Give enough time for them to write. Share what they wrote.

Prayer

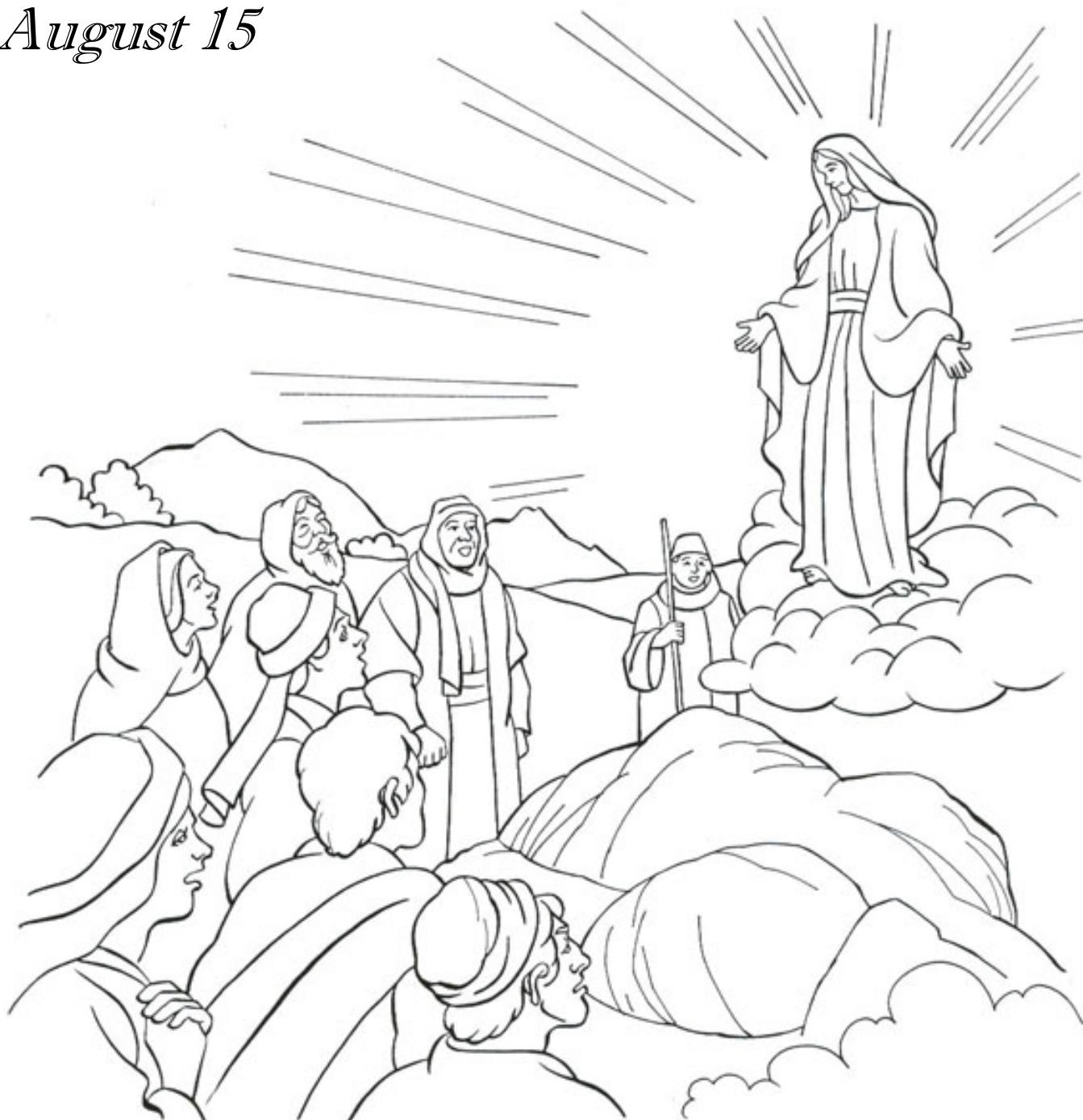
Stay with us, Jesus, when we feel weak. Help us to get rid of any bitterness and bad temper; which only cause discouragement. May our words of mutual encouragement be nourished from your bread and become bread for our journeys to come. **Amen.**



FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY

Mary is Assumed into Heaven

August 15



Because Jesus loved his mother so much she was taken to heaven body and spirit when she died. From heaven she care for us



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XX Sunday in Ordinary Time August 19, 2012

Readings: Proverbs 9, 1-6; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5, 15-20; John 6, 51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If you eat this bread, you will live forever. The bread that I will give you is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live. This started an angry argument among them. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they asked. Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them to life on the last day. For my flesh is the real food; my blood is the real drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them. The living father sent me, and because of him I live also. In the same way whoever eats me will live because of me. This, then, is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the bread that your ancestors ate, but then later died. Those who eat this bread will live forever." **(John 6, 51-58)**

Reflection

When we share a meal and the Eucharist, we gain strength to face problems together. Do their families usually eat together? Do they eat out at fast food restaurants a lot of the time? Do they like eating with their families? What does it mean when someone tells you, "If you don't eat, you'll waste away?" What would happen to your life if you didn't have Jesus? If you never share with him?

Activity

Prepare a game asking the children to guess what is used in the different celebrations. Remember all the times Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

Prayer

Lord, sit down with us when we gather to eat as a family and to share our joys and pains of the day. May we celebrate your presence and be grateful for the gift of your nourishment which gives us strength each day. **Amen**





Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2012

Readings: Joshua 24, 1-2a.15-18b; Psalm 33; Ephesians 5, 21-32 John 6, 60-69

The Words of Eternal Life

Many of his followers heard this and said, "This teaching is too hard. Who can listen to it?" Without being told, Jesus knew that they were grumbling about this, so he said to them, "Does this make you want to give up? Suppose, then, that you should see the Son of Man go back up to the place where he was before? What gives life is God's Spirit; human power is of no use at all. The words I have spoken to you bring God's Life-giving Spirit. Yet some of you do not believe." (Jesus knew from the very beginning who were the ones that would not believe and which one would betray him.) And He added, "This is the very reason I told you that no people can come to me unless the Father makes it possible for them to do so." Because of this, many of Jesus' followers turned back and would not go with him any more. So he asked the twelve disciples, "And you, would you also like to live?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. And now we believe and know that you are the Holy One who has come from God."

(John 6, 60-69)

Reflection

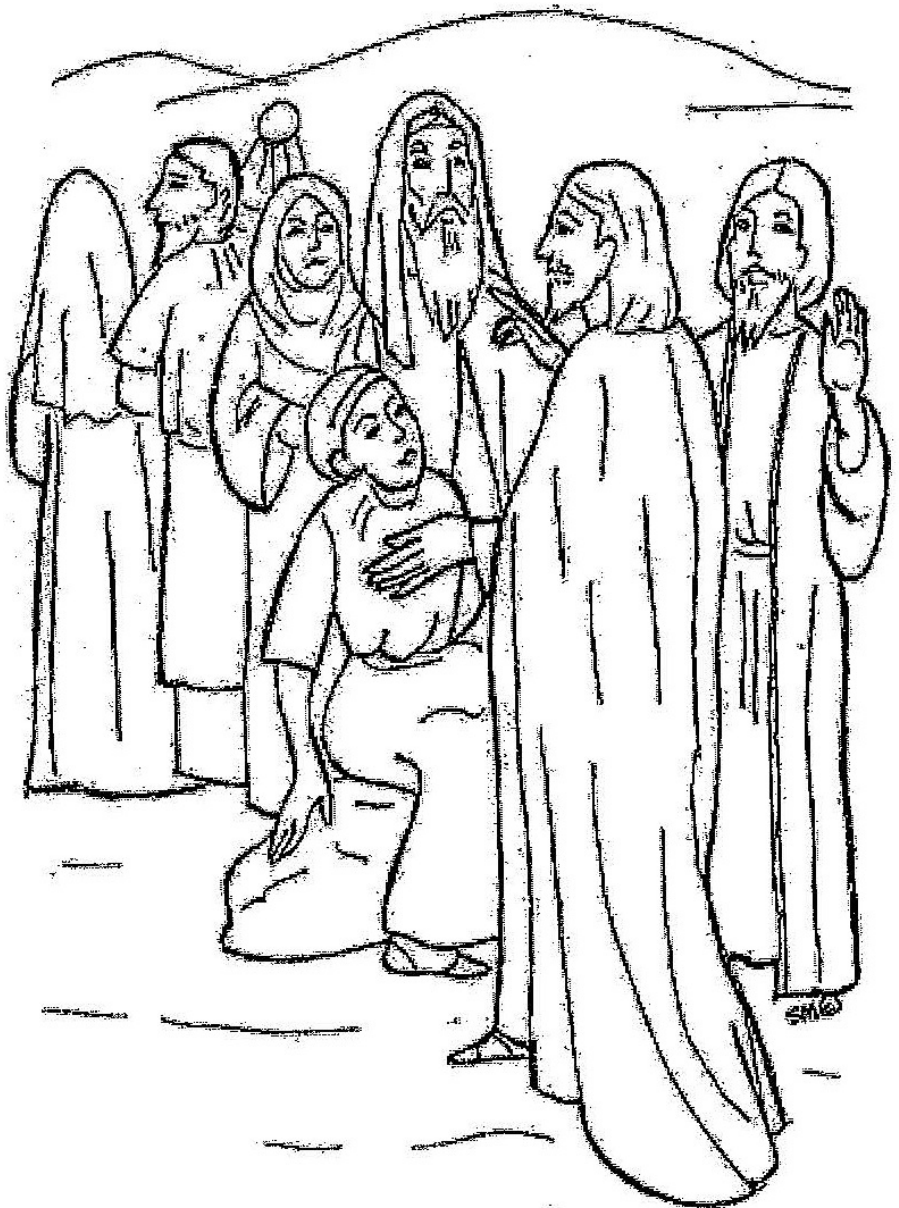
The example of respect and love in today's readings is the model of the relationship between Christ and his church. The family is the domestic church that should model that love. We, like the Israelites and Jesus' followers, have the option to either serve and do God's will or to abandon the Lord and follow other gods such as power or money. What does having options mean? What is their experience in making decisions? What would they have to leave behind if they chose to follow Jesus? Have any of your friends ever left you? How did that make you feel? Does Jesus' life mean that Christians will live on this earth forever? What does he mean by "life that doesn't end?"

Activity

Prepare a big poster with two roads. Prepare cards with actions that lead us to Jesus, (share, say the truth, obey, study, pray) and others that do not (fighting, disobedience, lies, selfishness). Place them on a small box or basket. In the next page you will find a model. One by one they pick the cards. Ask them to place the card on the correct road and explain why each card does or does not lead to Jesus.

Prayer

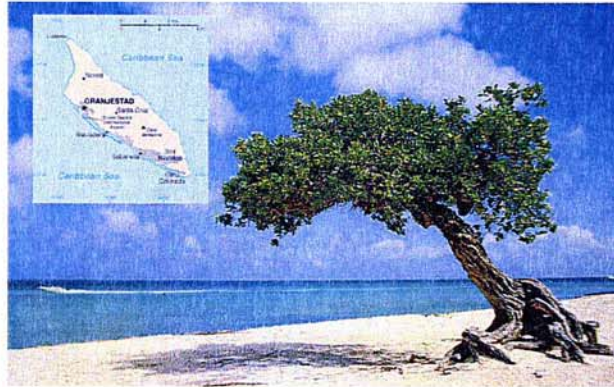
Lord you ask us to make a serious decision to serve and love you above all other things. Give us your light so that we may remember that only you give us true life. May our actions always express the love and respect you have for your church. **Amen.**





Amigos de Jesús y María
VII Congreso Internacional
Aruba, Antillas Holandesas
Del 4 al 7 de Octubre, 2012

Venga con nosotros a participar de un congreso distinto a todos los demás, donde tendrá la oportunidad de conocer más a los "Amigos de Jesús y María" y volver a ser niño por un fin de semana, orando, aprendiendo y cantando como lo hacen los niños de los grupos de oración alrededor del mundo.



El Obispo de las Antillas participará en el Congreso durante la misa de apertura y clausura. Tendremos la participación de Sacerdotes y Religiosas de diferentes partes del mundo.

Todos los participantes del Séptimo Congreso Internacional de los Amigos de Jesús y María tendrán que registrarse en la página web: www.friendsofjesusandmarycongress.org o pueden enviar el formulario de inscripción al fax +(297)-588-3444. Por favor regístrese lo antes posible preferiblemente antes del 11 de Septiembre, 2012.

El alojamiento es en [Talk of the Town Hotel](#), L.G. Smith Boulevard 2 Oranjestad, Aruba

Cuota de Registración **no incluye boleto de avión:**

US\$ 275 por persona incluyendo el paquete de alojamiento en el hotel,

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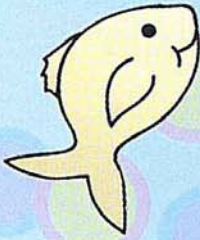
El paquete de alojamiento incluye 3 desayunos, almuerzos y cenas además de 4 noches en un cuarto con 4 personas.

El Lunes 8 habrá una excursión por toda la isla si desea participar haga planes para quedarse hasta el Martes 9. Costo de la excursión y la noche extra es adicional.

Estamos tratando de formar un grupo para conseguir el pasaje más barato, si está interesado tiene que llamarnos de inmediato para recibir el descuento de grupo.

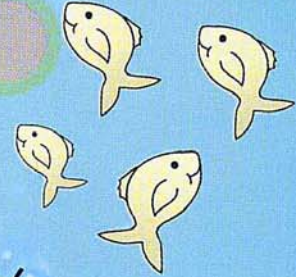
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THE MIRACLE OF THE FISH



Have you read the Gospel passage that we told you on the center page about the Miracle of the fish? Here's another one:

Luke 5:1-11.



"AND THEY CAUGHT A GREAT NUMBER OF FISH" *Their nets nearly broke!*

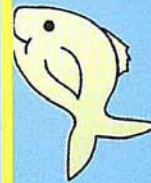
Because they trusted in Jesus and did what He told them.

THREE FISH

For this next game, each team has to have 11 fish (they have to be different colors), and taking turns, each player places their fish one by one on the circles. Two fish of the same team cannot be in the same line.

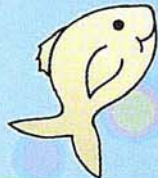


When all the fish are situated, each player can move horizontally or vertically. The object of the game is to try and line up three fish. When a player has three fish lined up, they can take one of the other teams fish out of the game. The first one to get all the fish of his opponent wins.



Let's go fishing!

JUMP

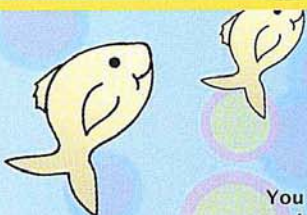
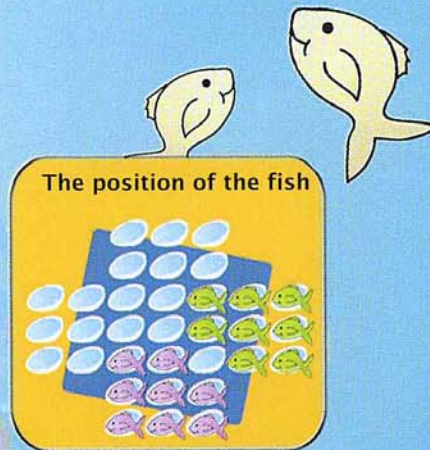


It is important to do what Jesus wants!

Each player has 8 fish (of different colors) and situates them like drawing below.

The object of the game is to try and get all of your fish into your opponent's field. You take turns moving the fish and you can only move one step at a time. There are two possibilities:

- A) The player who in 15 minutes has moved the greatest number of fish into his opponent's field wins.
- B) Play until one of the two moves all of their fish into the opponent's field.

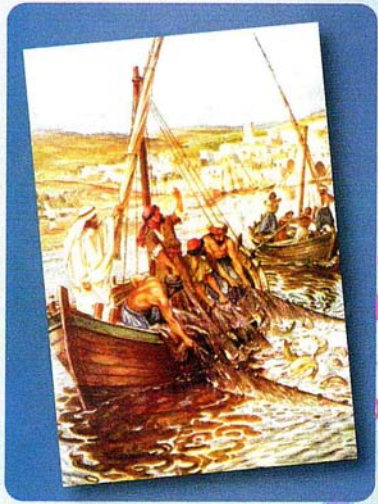


You will have to make the fish of different colors. You can trace the fish from the board and color 11 fish one color and 11 another color. You can also scan them and print them out if you have the possibility.

THE MIRACLE OF THE FISH

Do you remember the miracle of the fish? Look in John 21:1 and following. You will see how important it is to pay attention when Jesus tells us to do something.

The game's position.



Make two groups.
Hey! You are going to need a dice.
You have to glue the orange strip of fish onto cardboard and then cut out the fish and the black circle, which represents the Apostles' ship. Look at the yellow box on the right so as to situate them.
Roll the dice to see which team has the fish and which team has the boat.

RULES OF THE GAME

The Apostles' ship can move in any direction (forwards, backwards, diagonally, and to the sides, according to the number that comes out on the dice.

The ship takes a fish when it jumps over it to move into an empty space, and the fish is taken out of the game.

The fish can only move forwards and to the sides, but never backwards and diagonally.

As the fish can't jump over the boat, they must try and surround it so that it cannot move anymore.

The Apostles' ship wins when it catches at least 12 fish.

