



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We begin this month of November with the great celebration of the Feast of All Saints and All Souls. 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 22nd. Encourage the importance of praying for unity among all our brothers and sisters and to give thanks for all the good things they gave this great nation.

Important Feasts and Saints:

November 1st All Saints Day
November 2nd Day of All Souls
November 3rd Saint Martin de Porres
November 8th Saint Angela of the Cross

November 17th Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
November 22nd Thanksgiving
November 28th Leader's Workshop
November 30th Andres Apostol

Enclosed materials:

1. Monthly calendar & Sunday Gospel
2. Activities
 - a. Which Saints
 - b. Rosary to give thanks
 - c. Listen to the Maker
 - d. The Presentation of the Virgen Mary
 - e. Tree of Thanks
 - f. Blessed Bernardo de Hoyos
 - g. Game conversion Trivia

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

1. Saint Martin de Porres
2. Death
3. Saints and Heroes
4. The Miraculous Medal
5. Gratitude Attitude
6. Anointing of the Sick

Our next workshop will be November 28, 2012 please make plans to attend. We see you there!

May God bless you always,

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All Saints November 01, 2012

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 whose 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. Why 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**



Which Saint?

Name: _____

Read these short stories about four saints. Then answer the questions below.

St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) Anthony preached so well that he led many people to find Jesus. Even today people ask St. Anthony to help them find something they have lost.



St. Bernadette (1844-1879) Mary, the mother of Jesus, used Bernadette to bring millions of people closer to Jesus. Mary appeared to Jesus. Mary appeared to 14 year old Bernadette to uncover a spring of water that would cure sick people. Since then, hundreds of thousands of people have come to Lourdes, and many have been cured.



St. Vincent de Paul (1580-1660) Vincent cared about helping the poor and the sick. Today many Catholic parish have a St. Vincent de Paul Society to help the poor and suffering.



St. Ann is said to be the mother of Mary, who is the mother of Jesus. Jesus said all of us are his sisters and brothers. What relation does this make St. Ann to all of us?

1. A new homeless shelter is being built in your city and you are asked to name it after a saint. Which saint would you choose?

Why? _____

2. You're been arguing with your family all day. You want to talk to your grandmother and ask her how to make peace with everyone, but she lives a thousand miles away. What saint could you ask for help ?

Why? _____

3. Your cousin is sick and you want to pray for the nurses and doctors who are caring for him. Which saint would you pray to?

Why? _____

4. You got lost in the woods during a family outing. Which saint could you ask for the help to find your way?

Why? _____

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XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time / November 4, 2012

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-9; Hebrews 7:23-21; Mark 12:28b-34

The Great Commandment

A teacher of the law was there who heard the discussion. He saw that Jesus had given the Sadducees a good answer, so he came to him with a question: "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "The most important one is this: Listen Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, withal soul, with all mind, with all your strength. The most important commandment is this: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." There is no other commandment more important than these two."

(Mark 12:28b-34)

Reflection

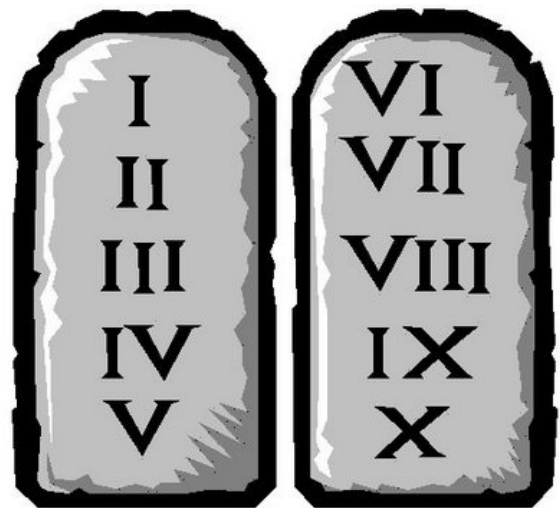
Talk with the children about laws, rules, and Commandments. What are they for? Are they imposed because someone wants to make our lives difficult? For instance, what are traffic laws for? Review the Ten Commandments with the children, emphasizing how all of them are related to the first two.

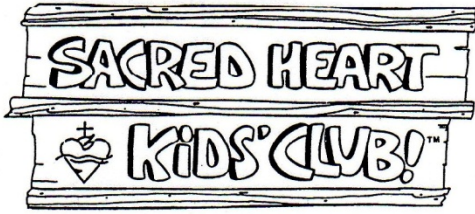
Activities

Ask the children to draw their heart on a piece of paper. Then ask them to write on their hearts what they can do to show love, such as to help or visit someone or to tell the truth. Bring a big poster-board heart to class, to represent God's heart and ask the children to stick their paper hearts on this larger one.

Prayer

Ask the children to pray for the needs of the people they love. All answer: "Teach us to love you as you love us, **Jesus**

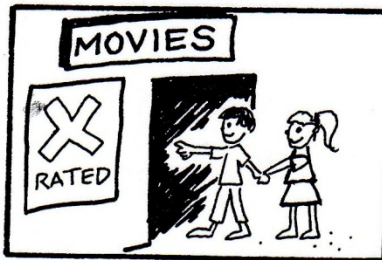




Listen to the Maker

Do You Listen to the Maker?

Each of these stories is about a different commandment. Identify the commandment and write it under each picture.



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XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 2012

Readings: 1Kings 17:10-16; Psalm; 145 Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44

Jesus warns against the teachers of the law / The offering of poor the widow

A large crowd was listening to Jesus gladly. As he taught them, he said, Watch out for the teachers of the law, who like to walk around in their long robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplace, who choose the reserved seats in the synagogues and the best places at feasts. They take advantage of widows and rob them of their homes, and then make a show of saying long prayers. Their punishment will be all the worse!"

As Jesus sat near the temple treasury, he watched the people as they dropped in their money. Many rich men dropped in a lot of money; then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins, worth about a penny.

He called his disciples together and said to them, "I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had she gave all she had to live on." (Mark 12:38-44)

Reflection

What do their families, schools, and the society around them teach them about generosity? Do they generously give of their material possessions, talents and time?

Jesus says that the poor woman has given more than others because the others gave what they did not need.

What do you have that you could share with others? Is it difficult for you to give what you have? Do you give from what is not necessary needed, or do you sometimes give something important to you?

Have they ever seen a member of the community or a friend give up something that was very valuable to them? **Share.**

Activity

Give out flash cards. Ask them to write something they can give. Example: share a lunch, give your favorite toy or clothe. Place a basket on the altar and ask them to place in the cards. Then they do a prayer asking Jesus to teach us to be generous.

Prayer

Lord, because of your great generosity we have received life, and all we are and have open the doors to our hearts to make us generous in the service of others. **Amen**



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XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18, 2012

Readings: Daniel 12: 1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13, 24-32

The Coming of the Son of Man

“In the days after that time of trouble the sun will grow dark, the moon will no longer shine, the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers in space will be driven from their courses. Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in the clouds with great power and glory. He will send the angels out to the four corners of the earth to gather God’s chosen people from one end of the world to the other.”

*“Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. “No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows. **(Mark 13, 24-32)**”*

Reflection

The end of the world will mean the final victory of Jesus. We don’t know when it will come, but we have to trust in Jesus. Talk with the children about what they know about astrologers or psychics and their predictions. Compare those visions with Jesus words that promise victory. How do they prepare for a trip? What do they enjoy about traveling? Explain how sometimes our life is like a journey: if we prepared we will be able to enjoy it, despite some of the difficulties. How can we prepare for the journey of life? **Share.**

Activity

Give to each child a blank piece of paper. Tell them to make a list of the things they will need to take for a trip. (bag, clothes, food) Then ask them to write the things they will need in the journey to God. What actions and attitudes do we need to take? **Share.**

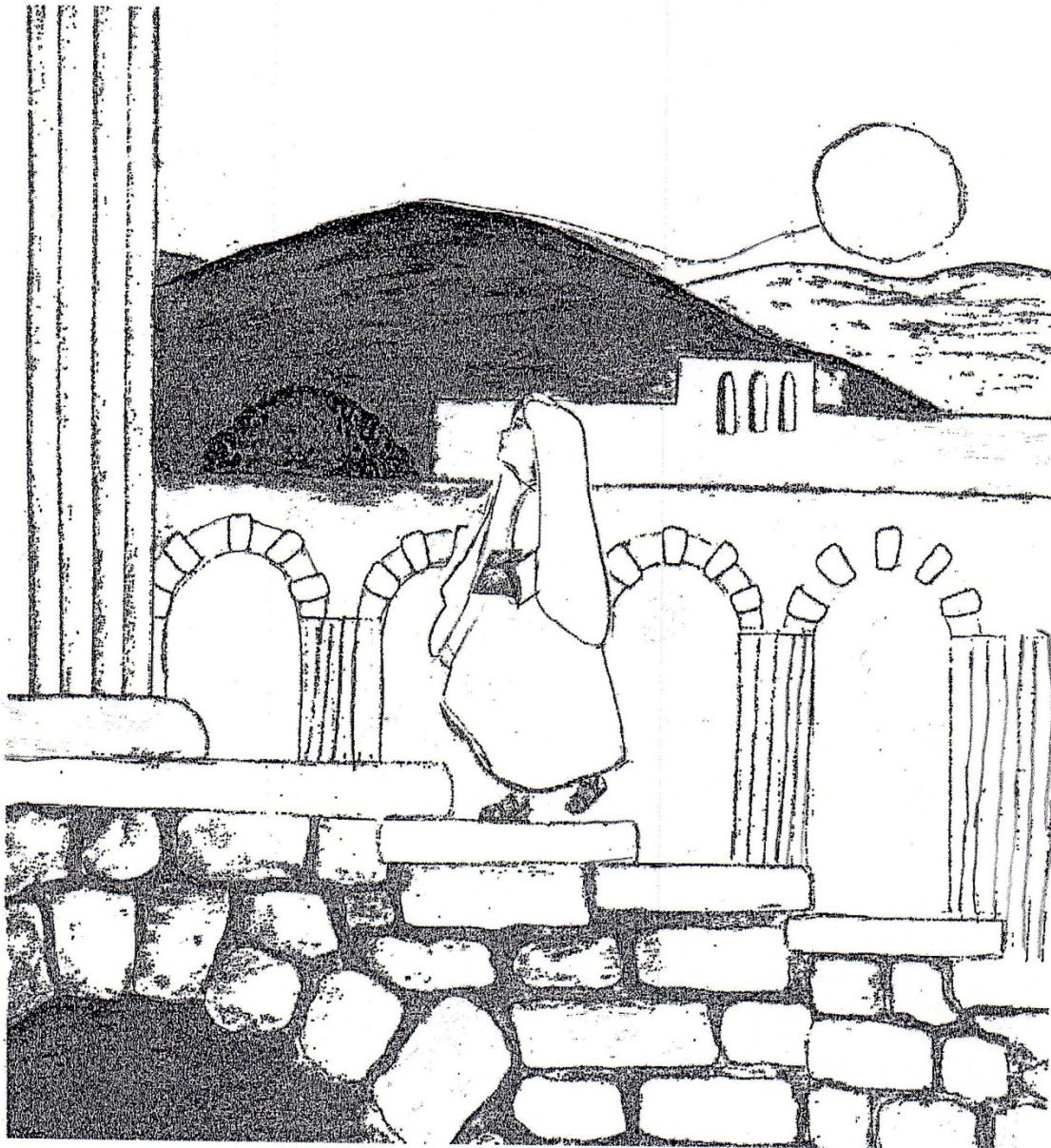
Prayer

Lord, we often hear terrible predictions about catastrophes at the end of the world. Teach us to trust your word above everything else, since your word doesn’t pass away. If we remain in your love and love one another, we know we have nothing to fear. Thank you, Jesus. **Amen**



November 21

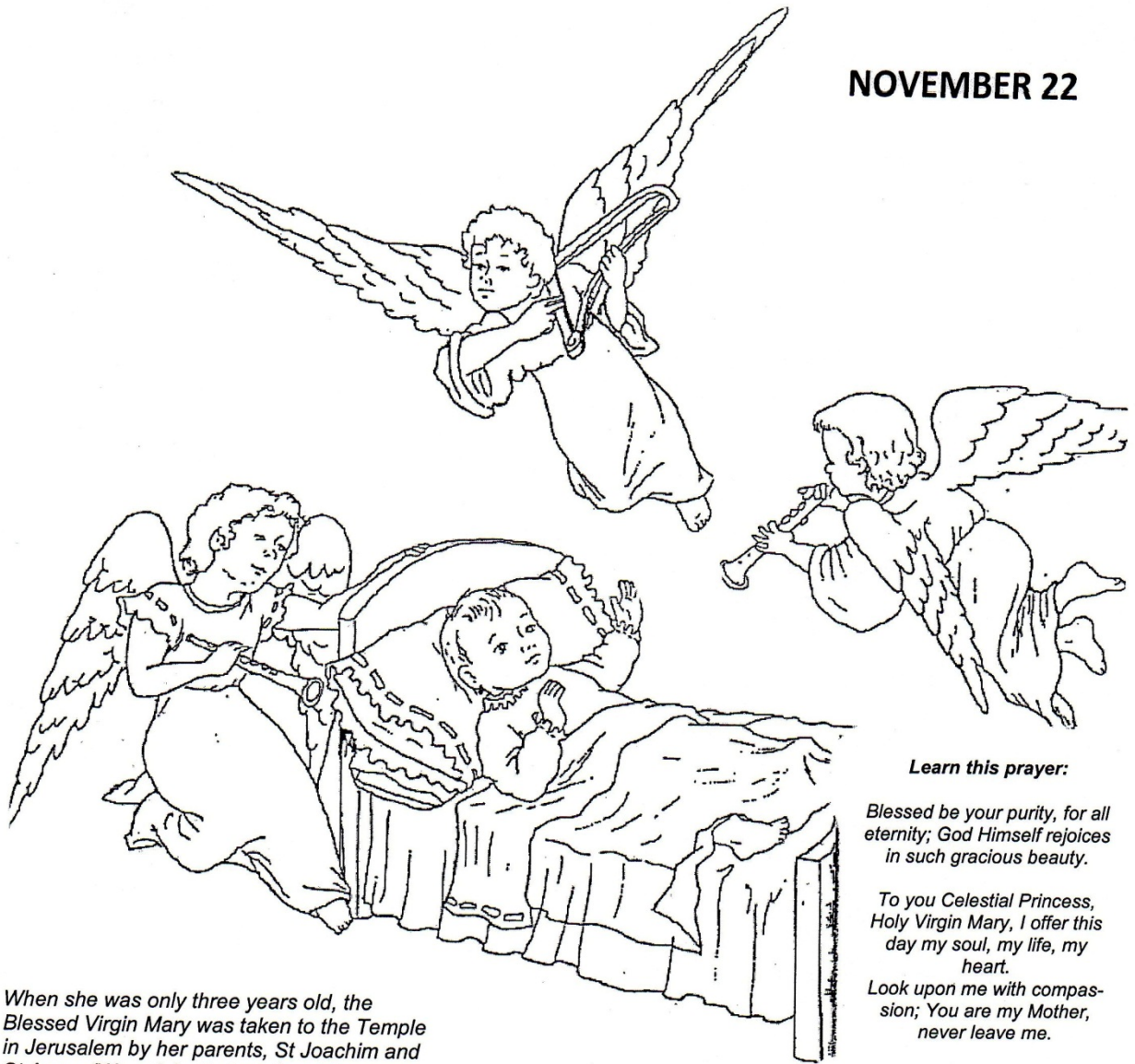
The Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple



Joachim and Anne knew that Mary was a special gift from God. Soon after she was born they went to the temple and dedicated their child to God.

When she was very young Mary went to temple school. Here she learned more about God and listened to the Bible stories of God's promise and plan

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When she was only three years old, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem by her parents, St Joachim and St Anne. (We celebrate their feast day on July 26). Mary's whole life was to belong to God. He had chosen her to be the Mother of his Son, Jesus. The Blessed Virgin was happy to begin serving God in the Temple. And St Joachim and St Anne were pleased to offer their saintly little girl to God. They knew that God had sent her to them.

In the Temple, the high priest received the child Mary. She was placed among the girls who were dedicated to prayer and Temple service. The high priest kissed and blessed the holy child. He realized that the Lord had great plans for her. Mary did not weep or turn back to her parents. She came so happily to the altar that everyone in the Temple loved her at once.

St Joachim and St Anne went back home. They praised God for their blessed daughter. And Mary remained in the Temple, where she grew in holiness. She spent her days reading the Bible, praying and serving the Temple priests. She made beautiful linens and splendid vestments. Mary was loved by all the other girls because she was so kind. Mary tried to do each of her duties well, to please God.

Mary lived her life to please God. She was aware of his divine presence. We can ask Our Heavenly Mother Mary to teach us how to please Jesus every day.

Learn this prayer:

Blessed be your purity, for all eternity; God Himself rejoices in such gracious beauty.

To you Celestial Princess, Holy Virgin Mary, I offer this day my soul, my life, my heart.

Look upon me with compassion; You are my Mother, never leave me.

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Christ the King - November 25, 2012

Readings: Daniel 7: 13-14; Psalm 92; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37

Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" he asked him. Jesus answered, "Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?" Pilate replied, "Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities.

No, my kingdom does not belong here!" So Pilate asked him, "Are you a king, then?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me," (John 18:33b-37)

Reflection

Christ loves us. Jesus freed us from our sins and built a new kingdom for us.

The reign of God is not one of power, dominion or violence, but of truth, justice and love.

What do they know about kings and queens other than the stories from the fairy tales?

How does the role of kings, queens and other rules, compare and contrast with that of Jesus. Which kingdom do you think is better? Why?

Activity

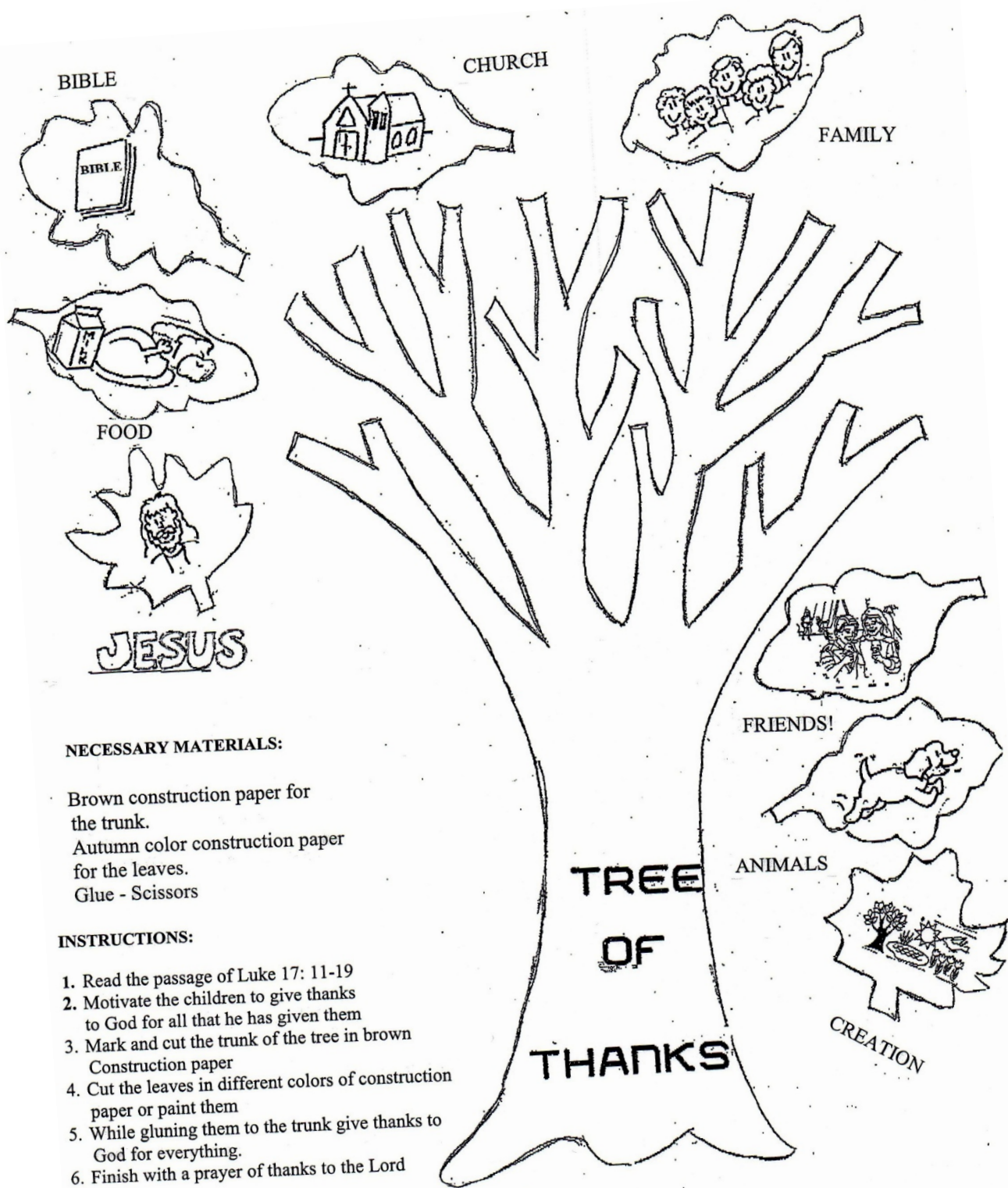
Pick one child to represent Jesus. Prepare some Flash cards with good actions and others with bad actions. (example: help a classmate, visiting someone, fighting, lying, visiting the sick and many more.) Each child presents the action to Jesus. The child in the role of Jesus should decide whether with his or her deed, can come into God's kingdom. Those who have bad actions may change them to an action that would allow them to enter God's kingdom. When they are accepted they said: Jesus you are our king.

Prayer

Lord, you are a servant king. You gave yourself as food for us, you were crowned with thorns and nailed to a cross. But you conquered death and now you are the king of life. Teach us to follow you and to act like you: to serve others, to treat people with kindness, and to forgive one another when we do wrong.

Amen





NECESSARY MATERIALS:

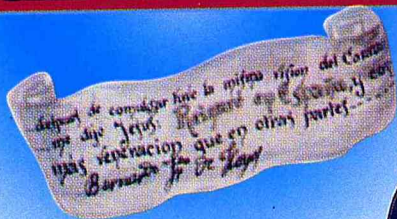
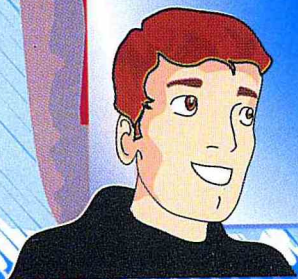
- Brown construction paper for the trunk.
- Autumn color construction paper for the leaves.
- Glue - Scissors

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the passage of Luke 17: 11-19
2. Motivate the children to give thanks to God for all that he has given them
3. Mark and cut the trunk of the tree in brown Construction paper
4. Cut the leaves in different colors of construction paper or paint them
5. While gluing them to the trunk give thanks to God for everything.
6. Finish with a prayer of thanks to the Lord

"We give thanks, O God, for all the gifts you send, for home, school and families, and every loving friend. Amen"

BLESSED BERNARDO DE HOYOS



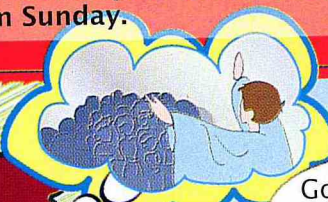
Seeing a portable pulpit at the door of the church, he climbed up and preached part of the sermon that he had heard on Palm Sunday.



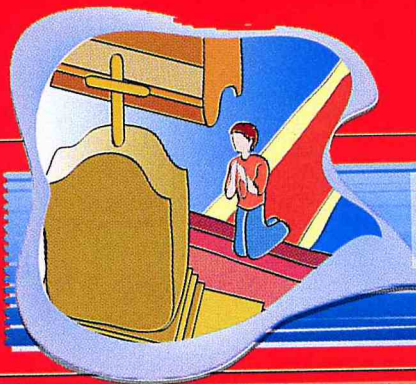
It's a miracle ...

Francisco Bernardo de Hoyos was born on August 21, 1711 in Torrelobatón (Valladolid, Spain).

7 years old



God loves us with an everlasting love!!

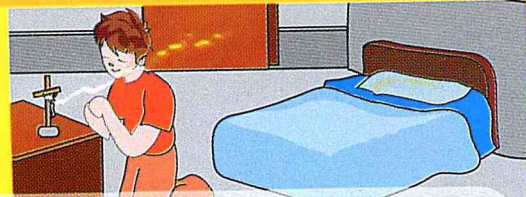


He was not content with going to Confession and receiving Communion once a month.



11 years old.

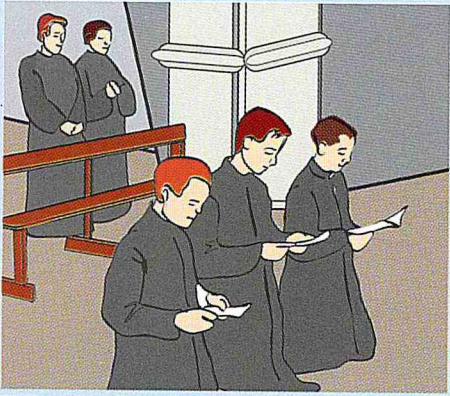
He entered the Jesuit school in Villagarcía de Campos.



He was allowed to retire to his room to unburden himself with a good cry, soft sobs, and sighs.

15 years old.

He entered the novitiate.



The Child Jesus appeared to him in the form of a Divine Fisher, who was fishing for hearts with a golden hook.



Baby Jesus, what do you want?

Wound me, kill me, inflame me with your love.

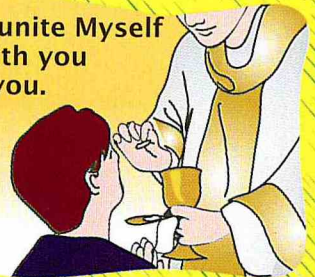


19 years old



When I began to read the formula of the vows, I saw Jesus Himself in the Holy Eucharist and He was hearing me...

From now on, I unite Myself more closely with you because I love you.

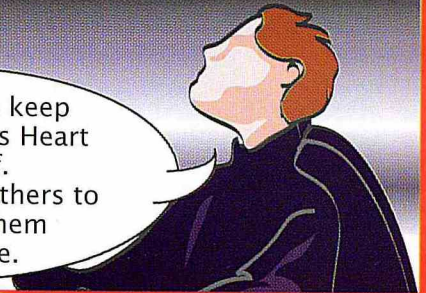


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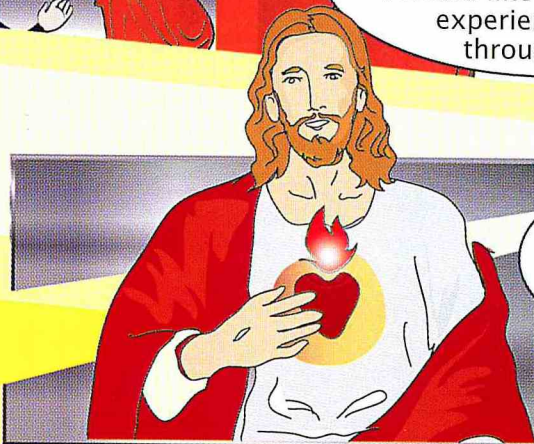
21 years old

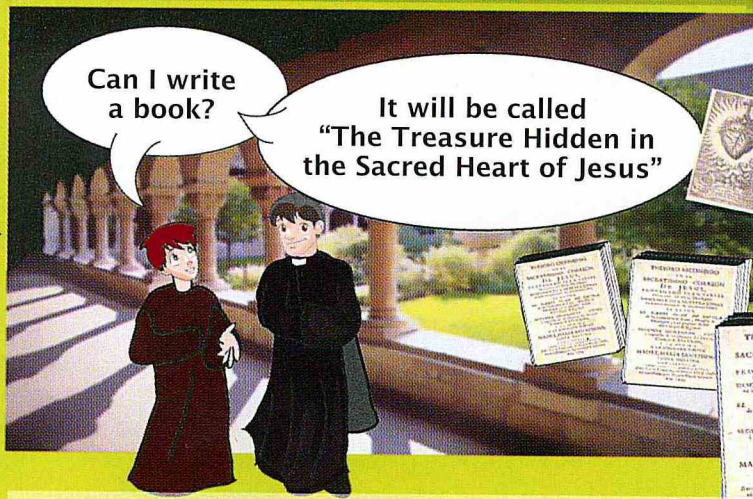


I don't want to keep the riches of His Heart for myself. I would like for others to experience them through me.



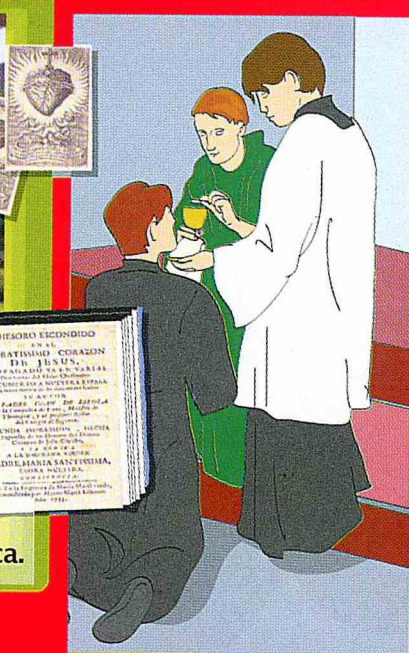
I WILL REIGN IN SPAIN AND WITH MORE VENERATION THAN IN MANY OTHER PLACES.



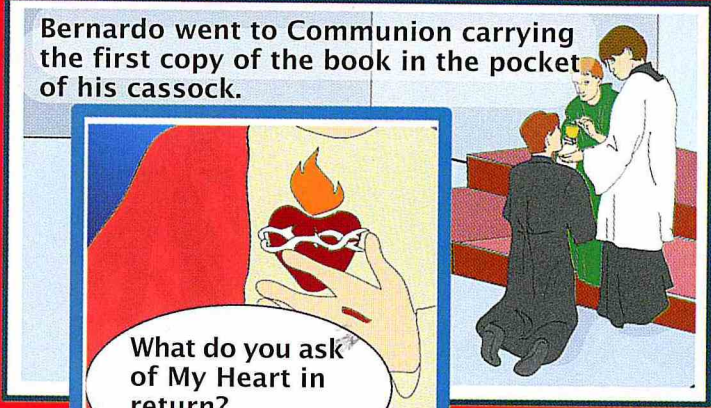


Can I write a book?

It will be called "The Treasure Hidden in the Sacred Heart of Jesus"



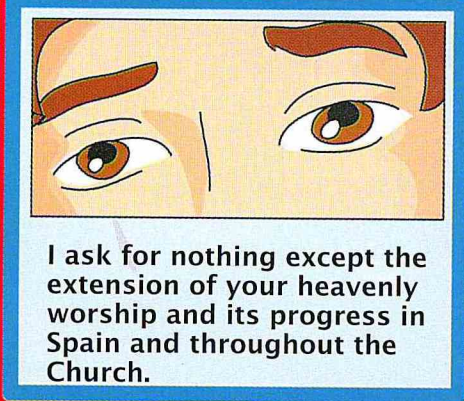
Copies were sent to the Royal Family, to bishops and archbishops throughout many parts of Spain and America.



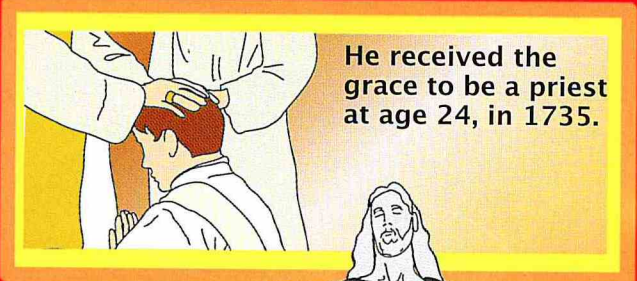
Bernardo went to Communion carrying the first copy of the book in the pocket of his cassock.



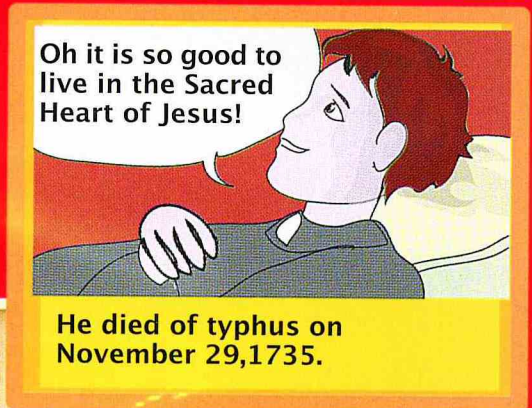
What do you ask of My Heart in return?



I ask for nothing except the extension of your heavenly worship and its progress in Spain and throughout the Church.



He received the grace to be a priest at age 24, in 1735.



Oh it is so good to live in the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

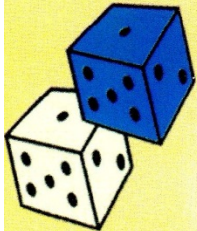
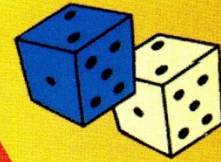
He died of typhus on November 29, 1735.



On April 18, 2010, Father Bernardo de Hoyos was beatified.




Conversion Trivia

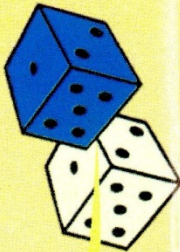


Begin with four teams, it doesn't matter how many people are on each team. Each team begins with a black heart and has to turn it back to white.

Start at the black square that is in the center of the board. You get a white heart if you overcome the four vices, which are the tv, cell phone, bad friends, and vanity.

Before beginning the game, place the little white squares with colored dots  on top of the black triangles that are on the board.

Then the game begins. To return to a white heart, the players have to reach the vices by throwing the dice, and do what they say. If they complete it, they earn a white square with the color of their team, which they place in their spot at the center black square. If they didn't complete it, in their next turn they have to move on to another vice, returning to this one at another time.



In each one of the other spots, the team has to answer a question, depending on which spot they've landed.



General Culture Question

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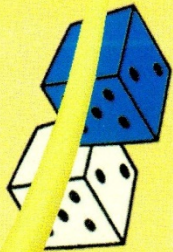
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Question about the Bible



Question about the life of a saint



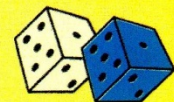
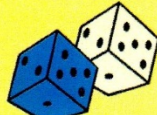
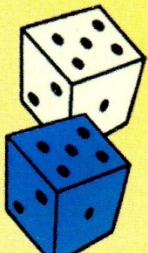
O si se cae en la casilla de los dados,



Roll again

The question is made by a member from the other team. If they don't respond to the question in the time limit of 30 seconds, or the answer is incorrect, they lose their turn.

The game ends when the first team fills its black space with the four white pieces.



? General

- 1.- What do you call a baby horse?
- 2.- What year did World War II start?
- 3.- How often is there a leap year?
- 4.- Is a whale a mammal?
- 5.- What is the commutative property in math?
- 6.- Which weighs more: a pound of straw or a pound of iron?
- 7.- What part of the body do blind people use to read?
- 8.- What country has a white flag with a red circle in the center?
- 9.- What shapes are classified as scalene, equilateral, or isosceles?
- 10.- Where was Pope Benedict XVI born?
- 11.- Which country's capital is Cologne?
- 12.- What is a seism?
- 13.- What does it mean to be bilingual?
- 14.- Where was basketball invented?

Saint

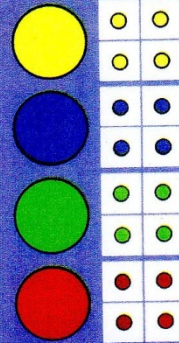
- 1.- How did St. Peter die?
- 2.- Name a saint who died a martyr of purity.
- 3.- Name a saint that begins with T.
- 4.- What saint wept in praying for her son's conversion?
- 5.- What color was the habit of Mother Teresa of Calcutta?
- 6.- What French saint was burned by the Inquisition?
- 7.- What religious order did St. Teresa of Jesus belong to?
- 8.- What saint died on his/her way to China to evangelize?
- 9.- How old was St. Therese of Lisieux when she died?
- 10.- What saint received the scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel?
- 11.- St. Dominic Savio's motto was "I would rather die than"
- 12.- What saint had angels plow his field?



Sacred Scripture

- 1.- How many Gospels are there?
- 2.- What's the name of the person in the Gospel who climbs a tree to see Jesus?
- 3.- What king in the O.T. committed two grave sins of adultery and murder?
- 4.- Say the names of five Apostles.
- 5.- What book of the Bible tells the story of creation?
- 6.- What was Matthew's trade?
- 7.- How many books are in the Pentateuch?
- 8.- What was Tobias' wife's name?
- 9.- What is the last book of the Bible?
- 10.- Who did Jesus raise from the dead four days after he/she died?
- 11.- Who spent three days in the belly of a whale?
- 12.- What is the Book of Revelation about?
- 13.- Who was blinded by bird droppings?
- 14.- Who is the apostle who doubted?
- 15.- What was the name of Jacob's youngest son?

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ANSWERS TO THE TRIVIA QUESTIONS

GENERAL CULTURE

- 1.- Foal
- 2.- 1939
- 3.- Every four years
- 4.- Yes, it is a mammal
- 5.- The order of factors does not affect the product or sum
- 6.- Both of them weigh a pound
- 7.- Their fingers
- 8.- Japan
- 9.- Triangles
- 10.- He was born in Markt am Inn, Bavaria, Germany.
- 11.- Cologne is not a capital, it is a city in Germany
- 12.- An earthquake
- 13.- Someone who speaks two languages
- 14.- In Massachusetts, United States

SAINT:

- 1.- Crucified upside down
- 2.- For example: St. Maria Goretti
- 3.- For example: St. Thomas
- 4.- St. Monica
- 5.- Whit and blue
- 6.- St. Joan of Arc
- 7.- Discalced Carmelites
- 8.- St. Francis Xavier
- 9.- 24
- 10.- St. Simon Stock
- 11.- "I would rather die than sin."
- 12.- St. Isidro the Laborer

SACRED SCRIPTURE:

- 1.- Four
- 2.- Zaccheas
- 3.- King David
- 4.- The twelve are: Peter, James the Lesser, John, Batholomew, Thomas, James the Great, Judas the son of James, Philip, Andrew, Simon the Zealot, Matthew, and Judas Iscariot
- 5.- In Genesis
- 6.- He was a tax collector
- 7.- Five
- 8.- Sarah
- 9.- Revelation, or The Apocalypse
- 10.- Lazarus
- 11.- The prophet Jonah
- 12.- The battle between good and bad in which Jesus triumphs
- 13.- Tobit
- 14.- Saint Thomas
- 15.- Benjamin



Bad friends
 One team member, with a mouthful of water, has to say a Commandment and the rest have to guess what it is.

Cell phone
 As you have highly trained thumbs, all of you must declare a thumb war on the other team. The entire team has to win.

Vanity
 One team member, with their eyes shut, has to put make-up on another member.

TV/Internet
 Half the team has to act out a made-up TV ad and the rest have to guess what it is for.

Conversion

Trivia

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