



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

September 2012
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In September, the school year begins in many countries; let us motivate the children, in the beginning of this New Year, to share the great love of God for all of us. Let us share all the gifts we have received. We encourage all to do the activity of the “spiritual adoption” were the children will pray for a baby that they choose.

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 Mathew

Sept. 24 – Our Lady of Mercy

Sept. 26 – Leader’s Workshop

Sept. 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul

Sept. 29 – St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Archangels

Enclosed Materials:

1. This month’s calendar & Gospels

Activities:

2. Bookmark “Spiritual Adoption”
3. Spiritual adoption activity
4. Prayer on the way to school
5. Our Lady of Sorrows
6. Bridge of Love
7. Guess which Saints we are
8. Activity with Mary

Recommended videos:

1. Listen to the Maker (SHKC)
2. The Eucharist (SHKC)
3. Moses (Hanna-Barbera)
4. The Ten Commandments

Our next workshop meeting will be September 26, please make plans to attend.

We are planning the VII Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary from October 04 through 07, 2012 in Aruba, Netherlands. We invite all to start making plans to attend.


May God bless you always, Friends of Jesus and Mary

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September 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Back to School Month						1 First Sunday 1Co 1, 26-31 PPsalm 32 Mt 25, 14-30
2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt. 4, 1-2 y 6-8 Psalmo 14 James 1, 17-18 Mc. 7, 1-8 y 14-15	3 St Gregory Labor Day (USA) 1 Co. 2, 1-5 Psalmo 118 Lk. 4, 16-30	4 1 Co. 2, 10b-16 Psalmo 144 Lk. 4, 31-37	5 1 Co. 3, 1-9 Psalmo 32 Lk. 4, 38-44	6 1 Co. 3, 18-23 Psalmo 23 Lk. 5, 1-11	7 1 Co. 4, 1-5 Psalmo 36 Lk. 5, 33-39	8 Birth of the Blessed Virgen Mary Mic. 5, 1-4a Psalmo 12 Mt. 1, 1-16 y 18-23
9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is. 35, 4-7a Psalmo 145 James 2, 1-5 Mk. 7, 31-37	10 1 Co. 5, 1-8 Psalmo 5 Lk. 6, 6-11	11 1 Co. 6, 1-11 Psalmo 149 Lk. 6, 12-19	12 The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgen Mary 1 Co. 7, 25-31 Psalmo 44 Lk. 6, 20-26	13 St John Chrysostom Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 1 Co. 8, 1b-7 y 11-13 Psalmo 138 Lk. 6, 27-38	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 1 Co. 9, 16-19 y 22b-27 Psalmo 83 Lk. 6, 39-42	15 Our Lady of Sorrows He. 5, 7-9 Psalmo 30 Jn. 19, 25-27
16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50, 5-9a Psalmo 114 James 2, 14-18 Mk. 8, 27-35	17 St. Robert Bellarmine 1 Co. 11, 17-26 y 33 Psalmo 39 Lk. 7, 1-10	18 1 Co. 12, 12-14 y 27-31a Psalmo 99 Lk. 7, 11-17	19 St. Januarius 1 Co. 12, 3-13 y 13 Psalmo 32 Lk. 7, 31-35	20 SS. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul, Chong Hasang, & Co. 1 Co. 15, 1-11 Psalmo 117 Lk. 7, 36-50	21 St. Matthew (Apostle) Ef. 4, 1-7 y 11-13 Psalmo 18 Mt. 9, 9-13	22 Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) 1 Co. 15, 35-37 y 42-49 Psalmo 55 Lk. 8, 4-15
23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sab. 2, 12-17 y 20 Psalmo 30 James 3, 16-4, 3 Mk. 9, 30-37	24 Pr 3, 27-34 Psalmo 14 Lk. 8, 16-18	25 Pr. 21, 1-6 y 10-13 Psalmo 118 Lk. 8 19-21	26 St. Cosmas St. Damian Pr. 30, 5-9 Psalmo 118 Lk. 9, 1-6	27 St. Vicente de Paul (Patron of Volunteers) Ecl. 1, 2-11 Psalmo 89 Lk. 9, 7-9	28 St. Wenceslaus St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions. Ecl. 3, 1-11 Psalmo 143 Lk. 9, 18-22	29 Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels Dt 7, 9-10 Wisdom 12, 7-12 Psalmo 137 Jn. 1, 47-51
30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Num. 11, 25-29 Psalmo 18 James 5, 1-6 Mk. 9, 38-43	NOTES:					

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Spiritual Adoption

Let us Pray ...
To save a Baby!

Moses



Dear Jesus, Mary, Joseph I
promise to pray for this baby
I have spiritually adopted
during these 9 months of my
school year, so he or she may
be born as I have been born
to live a life as a child of
God to love and serve

My baby's name is:

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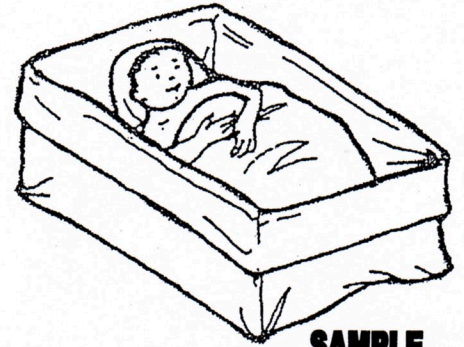


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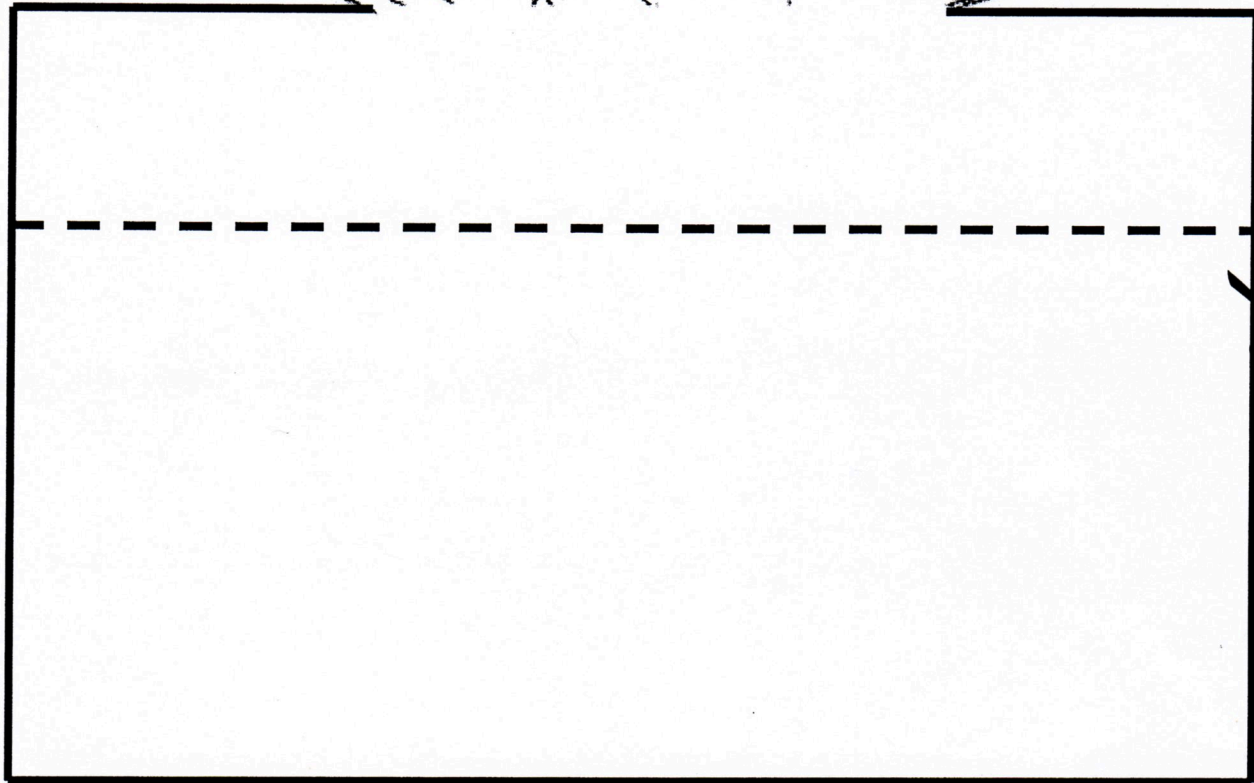
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Make a basket for baby Moses



SAMPLE



Teacher: Prepare a small brown lunch bag for each child by cutting off the top of the bag so that the remaining bag is only about 3 1/2 inches tall. (Cutting is done most easily while the bag is still folded.) Then help the children follow these directions: 1) Open the bag. 2) Carefully fold down a one-inch rim. 3) Carefully fold down a one-inch rim again. This is the basket. 4) Color the baby Moses. Cut him out along the heavy back lines. 5) Fold the piece in half along the long dotted line, keeping the baby facing out as you fold. 6) Then fold on the other dotted line, again keeping the baby out as you fold. 7) Put the baby Moses in the basket.

Everyday we have an "appointment" with JESUS



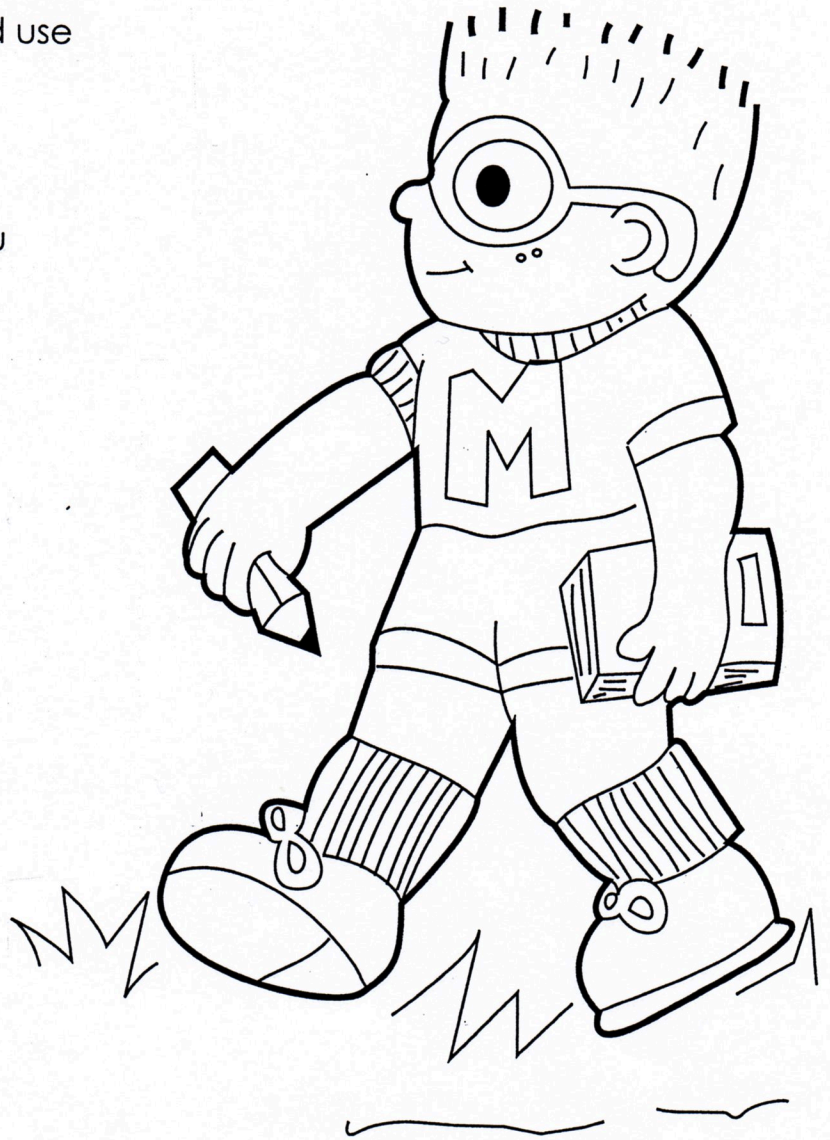
The first thing you do when
you enter your best friend's
house is to say hello.
When you enter Jesus house
to tell Him hello,
look for the Tabernacle:
that is where your Friend
lives in Church.
Jesus my Friend,
I believe that you live
here in the Tabernacle
in a special way.

Before you died, you told us
that the little host is your Body.
I love you
and I want you to live in me:
Come into my heart!
I want to give you a big hug.
Don't ever leave me! Amen.

Prayer on the way to school.

In School, your teachers
help you to grow.
So you should make good use
of your time in class.
Try to listen carefully
to all your teachers say,
and obey them.
Everything they teach you
is like a little seed
which someday,
when you grow up,
will become a large tree.

God our Father,
you have made me
intelligent so that
I can understand
what is good.
Help me to learn
all the good things
that I am taught
in school, because
they will make me
happy and help me
to be good to others.
Amen.





Friends of Jesus and Mary
XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 2, 2012
Readings: Dt.4, 1-2.6-8 Psalm 14, James 117-18; Mark 7, 1-8.14-15

The Teachings of the Ancestors

Some Pharisees and teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples were eating their food with hands that were ritually unclean, that is, they had not washed them in the way the Pharisees said people should. For the Pharisees, as well as the rest of the Jews, follow the teachings they received from their ancestors: they do not eat unless they wash their hands in the proper way; nor do they eat anything that comes from the market unless they wash it first. And they follow many other rules which they have received, such as the proper way to wash cups, pots, copper bowls, and beds. So the Pharisees and the teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why is it that your disciples do not follow the teachings handed down by our ancestors, but instead eat with ritually unclean hands?" Jesus answered them, "How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you! You are hypocrites, just as he wrote: These people, says God, honor me with their words, but their heart is really far away from me. It is no use for them to worship me, because they teach human rules as though they were my laws! You put aside God's command and obey human teachings." Then Jesus called the crowd to him once more and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. There is nothing that goes into you from the outside which can make you ritually unclean. Rather, it is what comes out of you that make you unclean." (Mark 7, 1-8.14-15)

Reflection

Talk with the children about the Importance and meaning of laws and regulations. For instance, what are the traffic lights for? Why do we have rules in the classroom? Do they ever break rules? When they Play, do they make sure that rules are followed? What are the rules at home? How do we feel about them? What is more important: to appear to be good or to really be good?

Activity

Compose your own Commandments of Jesus for the class. Ask each child to add Another commandment, such as "Jesus wants us to smile or "Jesus wants us to help," and so on. Read the class commandments out loud and talk about how these rules come from the heart. Discuss how Jesus would like these commandments.

Prayer

Jesus, I want to follow you with all my heart. I wish to be a good example for all my friends. Help me please.

Amen.





Friends of Jesus and Mary
XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time September 09, 2012

Readings: Isaiah 35, 4-7; Psalm 145; James 2, 1-5; Mark 7, 31-37

Jesus Heals a Deaf-Mute

Jesus then left the neighborhood of Tyre and went on through Sidon to Lake Galilee, going by way of the territory of the Ten Towns; some people brought him a man who was deaf and could hardly speak, and they begged Jesus to place his hands on him. So Jesus took him off alone, away from the crowd, put his fingers in the man's ears, spat, and touched the man's tongue. Then Jesus looked up to heaven, gave a deep groan, and said to the man, "Ephphatha," which means, "Open up!" At once the man was able to hear, his speech impediment was removed, and he began to talk without any trouble. Then Jesus ordered the people not to speak of it to anyone; but the more he ordered them not to, the more they told it. And all who heard were completely amazed. "How well he does everything!" they exclaimed. "He even causes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak!" (Mark 7, 31-37)

Reflection

The worst "deafness" we encounter is when someone doesn't want to hear what we have to say. What daily obstacles to communication do we encounter? Do they feel that their families and teachers listen to them? Are they too busy to listen to their concerns and joys? How well do they listen to their friends? Do you sometimes pretend not to hear? How do you feel if your parents or others in your family do not listen to you? Do you know someone who is deaf or hearing impaired? How do you communicate with that person?

Activity

Take several musical instruments to the group. Hide them from the children and ask them to guess what instrument you are playing. Next say certain things that they are likely to hear often, such as "pick up your room," "you're so smart," or "do your homework." Ask them which phrases they would like to hear more often. Share.

Prayer

Jesus, we thank you for the gift of sound, music and beautiful words. We ask you to open our ears so that we may listen to one another and to the needs of our community. **Amen**





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Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2012

Readings: Numbers 21, 4-9; Psalm 77, Philippians 2, 6-11; John 3, 13-17

Jesus heals us

And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven. As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the dessert, in the same way the son of man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave His only son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior. (John 3, 13-17)

Reflection

The cross was a most cruel punishment reserved for the worst criminals who were not only executed, but also publicly humiliated. For people in those times, the cross was a symbol of shame. For us however, the cross is the sign of glory and salvation. Jesus' cross symbolizes healing and hopes for those who look for it. It is also an invitation to fight against our personal sins of selfishness and social sins of injustice and evil. What bad habits do you have? Do you ask Jesus for the help to break free of those bad habits?

Activity

Draw and cut crosses on cardboard paper. Each child writes in one side a need or illness that he wants Jesus to heal. Put them in a basket and place them on top of the altar of the prayer group, so that all the children can pray for the intentions.

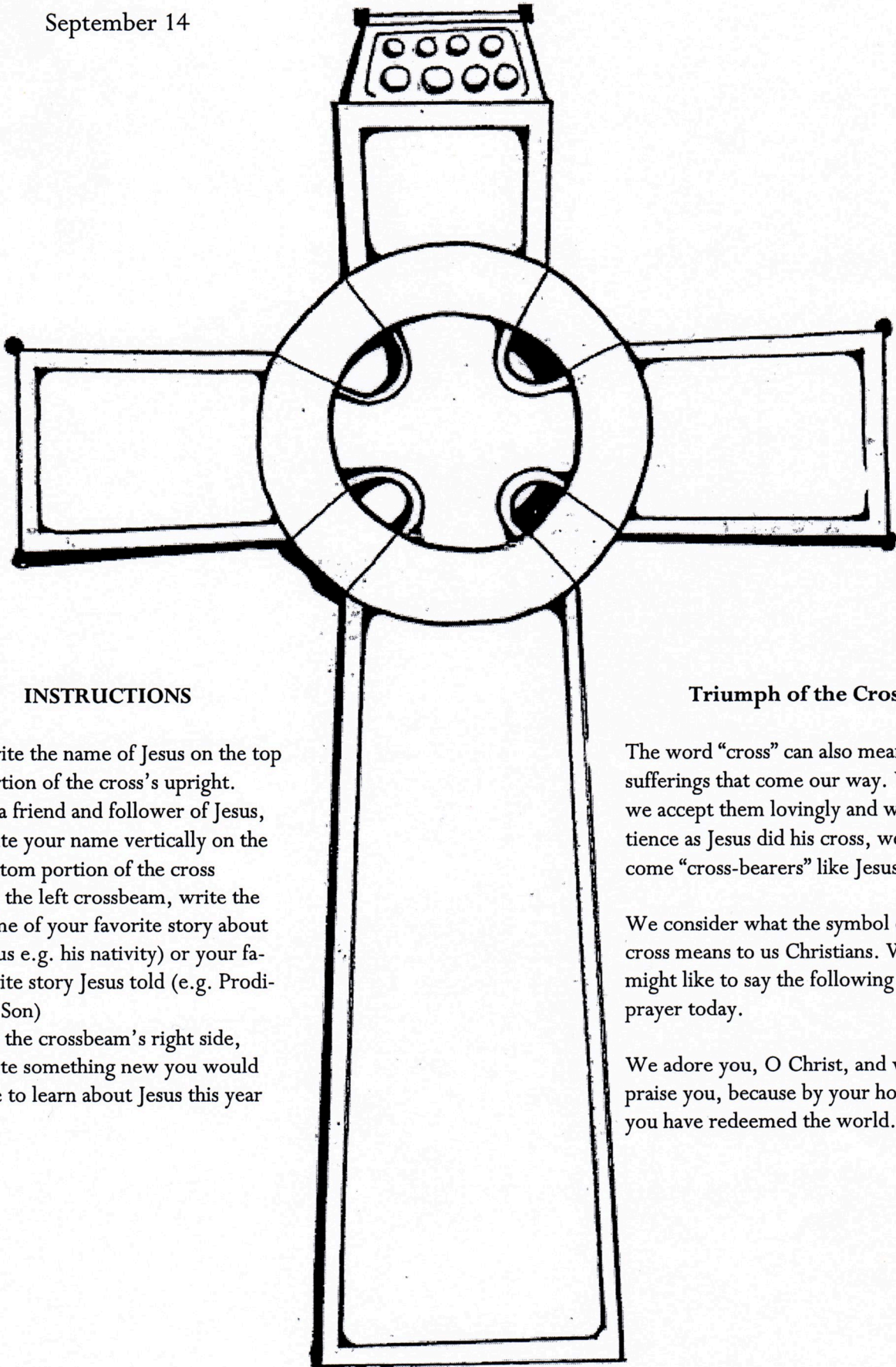
Prayer

Lord, when we find life hard, when we face our own sin and the sin of others, teach us to look at the cross, which gives us strength, both in joyful and sorrowful times. Thank you, Jesus, your cross saves the world. **Amen.**



My High Cross

September 14



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write the name of Jesus on the top portion of the cross's upright.
2. As a friend and follower of Jesus, write your name vertically on the bottom portion of the cross
3. On the left crossbeam, write the name of your favorite story about Jesus e.g. his nativity) or your favorite story Jesus told (e.g. Prodigal Son)
4. On the crossbeam's right side, write something new you would like to learn about Jesus this year

Triumph of the Cross

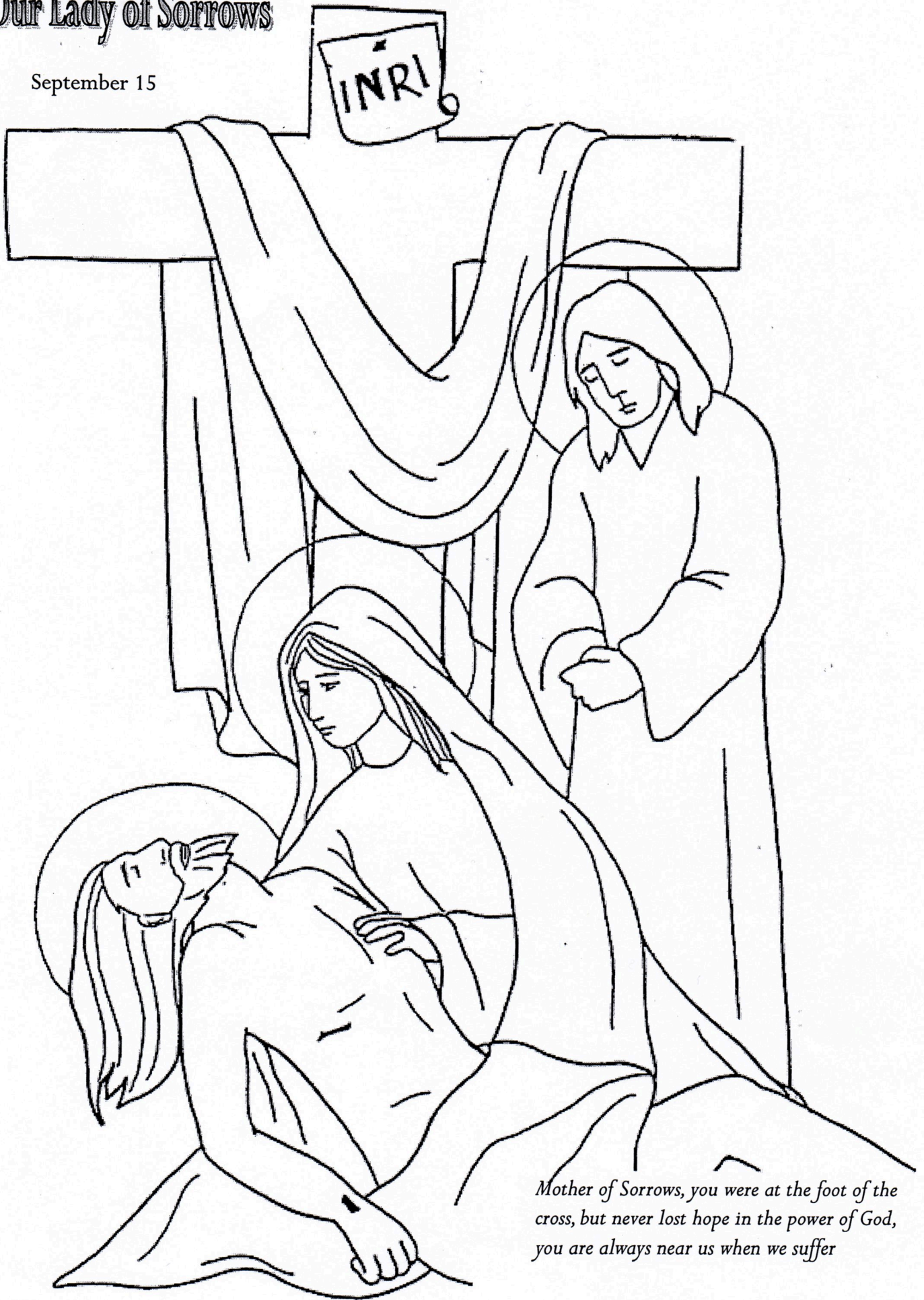
The word "cross" can also mean the sufferings that come our way. When we accept them lovingly and with patience as Jesus did his cross, we become "cross-bearers" like Jesus.

We consider what the symbol of the cross means to us Christians. We might like to say the following short prayer today.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15



Mother of Sorrows, you were at the foot of the cross, but never lost hope in the power of God, you are always near us when we suffer



Friends of Jesus and Mary
XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2012

Readings: Isaiah 50.5-9 Psalm 114 James 2, 14-18 Mark 8, 27-35

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

Then Jesus and his disciples went away to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them. "Tell me, who do people say I am?" Some say that you are John the Baptist," they answered; "others say that you are Elijah, while others say that you are one of the prophets." "What about you?" he asked them "who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." Then Jesus ordered them, "Do not tell anyone about me." Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the law. He will be put to death, but three days later he will rise to life." He made this very clear to them. So Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But Jesus turned around, looked at his disciples, and rebuked Peter. "Get away from me, Satan," he said. "Your thoughts don't come from God but from human nature!" Then Jesus called the crowd and his disciples to him. "If any of you want to come with me," he told them, "you must forget me." For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for me and for the gospel, you will save it. (Mark 8, 27-35)

Reflection

Do you find Jesus' words difficult to understand? Jesus says that there are things that are more important than thinking of ourselves and our needs. What could you do to make others happy and know Jesus? Jesus tells us that if people say that they believe in him but then turn around and don't help others, they aren't true followers. How can you help others more often? Do you feel happy when you do something for others even if it has been difficult?



Activity

Prepare and bring to the group some cardboard crosses. Ask them to write in it something difficult that they would do this week to show Jesus they love him and want to follow him. Place a large poster board in front and ask them to place in it their cross. As they place the cross they say: "I want to follow you, Jesus."

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we reject your cross because we don't recognize it as ours. Help us to see the needs of others and teach us how to serve them. Help us to recognize you in the daily small crosses and problems we encounter. Help us to create lives of love, so that we may receive your joy. **Amen.**



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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2012

Readings: Wisdom 2, 12. 17-20 Psalm 53 James 3, 16-4, 3 Mark 9, 30-37

Jesus Speaks Again about His Death

Jesus and his disciples left that place and went on through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where he was, because he was teaching his disciples: "The Son of Man will be handed over to those who will kill him; three days later, however, he will rise to life. But they did not understand what this teaching meant, and they were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and after going indoors Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they would not answer him, because on the road they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the twelve disciples, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must place himself last of all and be the servant of all." Then he took a child and had him stand in front on them. He put his arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes in my name one of these children welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not only me but also the one who sent me." (Mark 9, 30-37)

Reflection

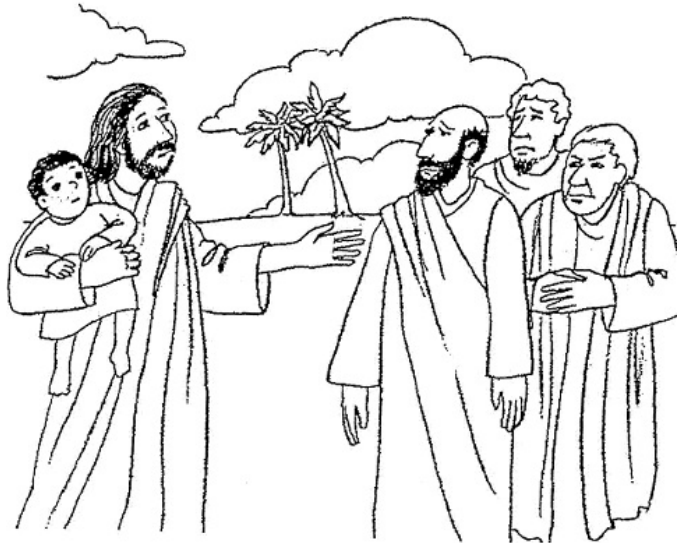
God calls each of us to be a bridge of love to his people. You can be a "Bridge" in many ways. What does it take to really love people?

Activity

In the next page you will find a "Bridge of love." In this activity you can understand how you need certain qualities to really love people. The one who loves is the one who serves. Share why these qualities are important.

Prayer

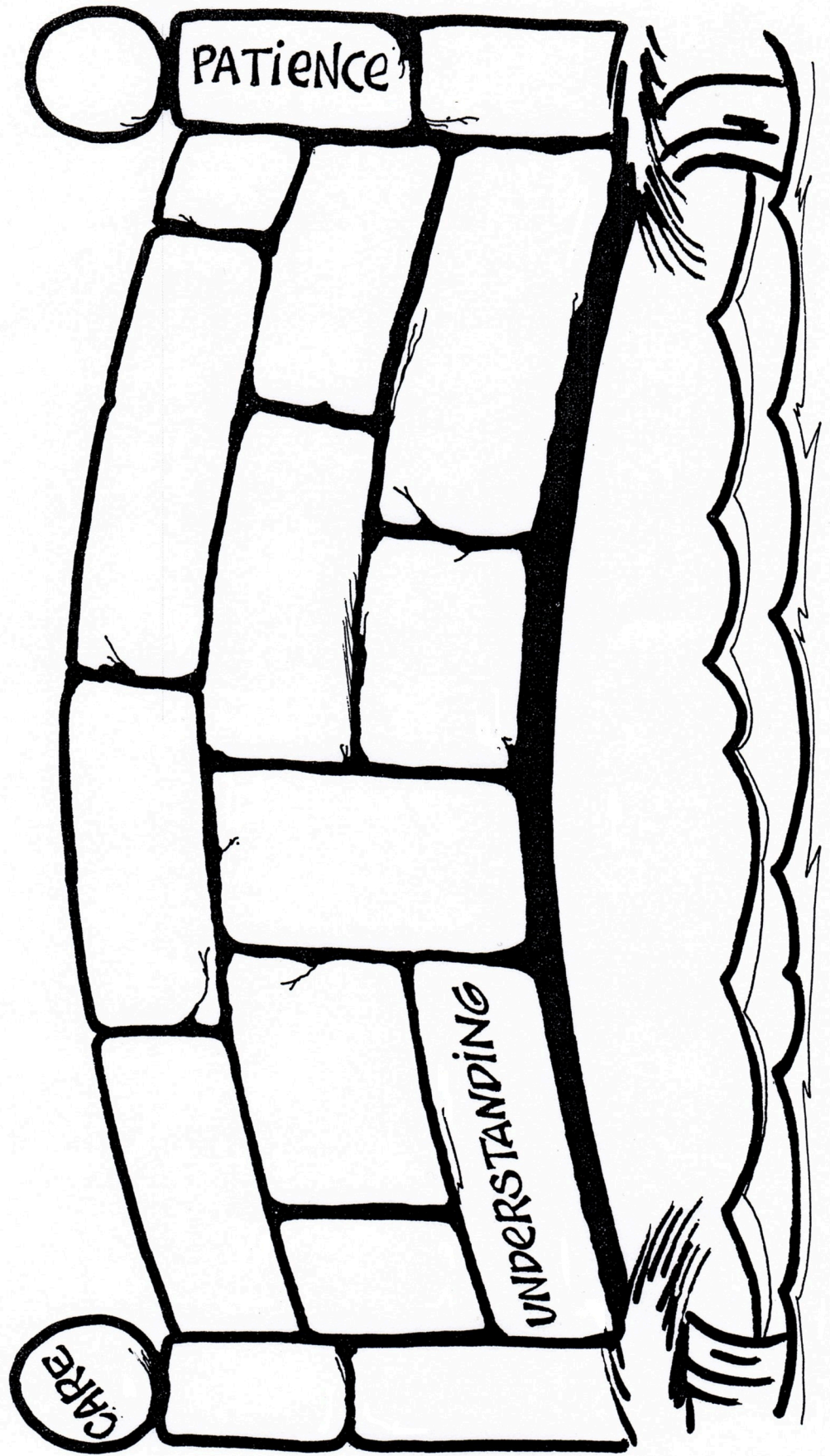
Jesus, when we feel tempted to be controlling or self-important, be with us and teach us to listen to you. Help us to create peace in our home by treating one another with kindness and understanding. Help us to appreciate the many gifts you gave each of us. **Amen.**



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.





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XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 30, 2012

Readings: Numbers 11, 25-29 Psalm 18 James 5, 1-6, Mark 9, 38-43

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw a man who was driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn’t belong to our group.” “Do not try to stop him,” Jesus told them, “because no one who performs a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to say evil things about me. For whoever is not against us is for us. I assure you that anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to me will certainly receive a reward. If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around the neck and be thrown into the sea. So if your hand makes you lose your faith, cut it off! It is better for you to enter life without a hand than to keep both hands and go off to hell, to the fire that never goes out.” (Mark 9, 38-43)

Reflection

There are people who might be doing well, even if they are not with us. Jesus tells us to appreciate them and work with them. What are their experiences of collaboration or working in teams? Do they have opportunities at school to participate in projects that help others? Do they like team work? What did they like about team effort? What did they dislike? Each of us has a great treasure to share. We can create beautiful things with our talents. Put your talents at the service of others.

Activity

Make a list of different types of community services. Prepare flash cards with different types of service to others. Example: Help at home play with your smaller brothers and sisters, listen to someone that needs your help, teach a classmate, help your teacher, and more. Make two teams. By turns each team pick up a card and dramatize the service that appears in it. The other teams try to guess. If it guesses, it gets one point. The one with the most points is the winner. Make sure to let them know that when you help and share, you serve Jesus.



Prayer

Lord, you call us to faithfully follow you and to work with others to build a better world. Show us the ways we can serve you by serving one another. **Amen.**

Guess which Saints we are

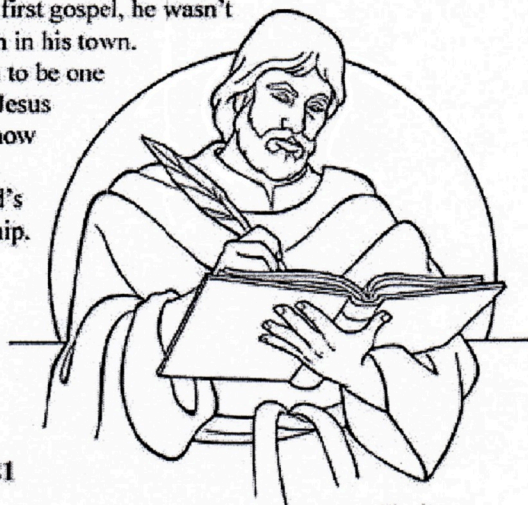
Mystery Saints for September



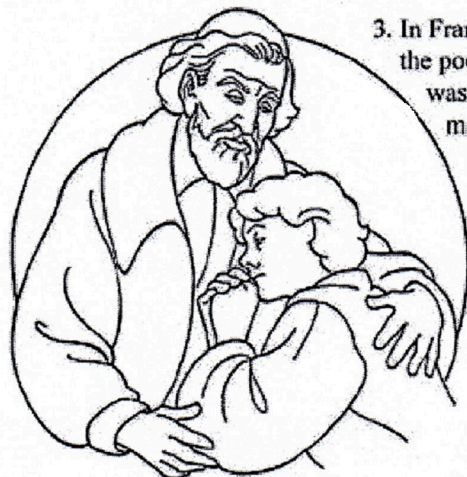
1. Historical Roman martyrs. Their names mean "adornment and dreamer", they were called the one without money. They practiced medicine without charging a fee, they gave a lot, even if they didn't receive anything in return.

September 26

2. He wrote the first gospel, he wasn't a popular person in his town. Jesus chose him to be one of his apostles. Jesus was letting us know that everyone is welcome to God's life and friendship.



September 21



3. In France he took care of the poorest folks. He was aided by different men and women; and nowadays, by his followers throughout the world, who continue to serve the sick, old and orphaned.

September 27

4. They adore God, love Him, and serve Him in heaven. They always sing praises of God and of the Blessed Mother. When God calls them, they fly at his command. They are always ready and happy to obey their King.



September 29

Answers: 1. Saints Cosmas & Damian, 2. Saint Vincent de Paul, 3. Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael, 4. The Archangels: Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael.

Answers for the game of Mary

1. Happy Birthday Mom
2. September 8th
3. The Dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception
- 5 B. it's the crack that reaches the edges of the star.
6. They are 20 mysteries divided in 4 parts:

- Joyful:** The Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation of Jesus and the Finding Jesus in the Temple.
- Luminous:** The Baptism of Jesus, the Wedding of Cana, the proclamation of the Kingdom of God, the Transfiguration and the Institution of the Eucharist.
- Sorrowful:** The Agony of Jesus in the garden, the Scourging of Jesus, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross and the Crucifixion.
- Glorious:** The Resurrection, the Ascension, the Descent of the Holy Spirit, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

With Mary

It's the Virgin's birthday and she loves flowers. Here are six tests, and for each one that you complete correctly, you will get a flower. The game consists in throwing the dice and doing the test that the dice says. The first person throws the dice and tries to complete the test. If done correctly, they throw again. If the test is not accomplished, it's the next person's turn. If you get the same number in which you are in, the turn also gets passed to the next person.

The Virgin loves that we pray the rosary, because each time that we say a Hail Mary is like we were giving her a flower. Do you know how many mysteries there are in the rosary and which ones they are?

The painting angel had written a phrase in the clouds for the Virgin on her birthday, but the clouds have moved. Can you put the phrase in order by placing each letter where it belongs?

The children were playing with marbles and by mistake broke the star. Can you guess which was the marble?

What day is the Virgin's birthday?

1. September 8
2. December 25
3. May 13
4. August 8

In heaven, charity is what there is most of, and everyone is kind to each other. To receive this flower, you must give the next turn to one of your companions and make them laugh by telling them something funny.

Each time that you pass a test, paint the flower of the test that you have passed whatever color you want. The first one to get the six flowers wins.

Charity



Here there is a hidden dogma of the Virgin. Can you decipher it?





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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

US\$ 200 por persona sin paquete de alojamiento,

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.

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