



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Let us begin this New Year 2013 with our hearts full of love and thanks giving for all the graces we receive last year.

Let us try this month to renew pray in our family, friends and prayers groups, in union with Jesus and Mary. May all of us be witness of the joyful love of God. Remember that his month has been dedicated to respect life.

Important feasts and Saints for this month:

January 01	Mary, Mother of God	January 22	Blessed Laura de Vicuña
January 05	Saint John Neuman	January 24	Saint Francis de Sales
January 06	Epiphany	January 27	Saint Henry de Osso
January 13	Baptism of the Lord	January 28	Saint Thomas Aquino
January 21	Saint Agnes	January 31	Saint John Bosco

Materiales y Actividades incluidos del mes:

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| 1) Monthly Calendar and meditations of the Gospel | 6) Baptism of the Lord |
| 2) Mary, Mother of God | 7) Jesus gives us a very special wine |
| 3) World day of prayer and peace | 8) Saint Henry of Osso |
| 4) Choose Life | 9) Prayer |
| 5) Friends and Enemies | 10) Journey of Paul |

Los videos recomendados son: (todos se encuentran en el video club)

1. Saint Henry of Osso
2. Saint John Bosco
3. Nativity
4. Eucharist
5. The Father gift
6. Prayer

On January 27 we celebrate the feast of Saint Henry de Osso. Let us try to celebrate it in a special way and make it know.

May God bless you always,

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January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Mary, Mother of God Num 6, 22-27 Psalm 66 Ga 4, 4-7 Lk 2, 16-21	2 SS. Basil & Gregory 1 Jn 2, 22-28 Psalm 97 Jn 1, 19-28	3 The Most Holy Name Jesus 1 Jn 2, 29; 3, 6 Psalm 97 Jn 1, 29-34	4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1 Jn 3, 7-10 Psalm 97 Jn 1, 35-42	5 St. John Newmann 1 Jn 3, 11-21 Psalm 99 Jn 1, 43-51
6 Epiphany of the Lord (The Three Kings) Is 60, 1-6 Psalm 71 Eph 3, 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2, 1-12	7 St. Raymond Peñafort 1 Jn 3, 22; 4, 6 Psalm 2, 7-8 Mt 4, 12-17 23-25	8 1 Jn 4, 7-10 Psalm 71 Mt 6, 34-44	9 1 Jn 4, 11-18 Psalm 71 Mt 6, 45-52	10 1 Jn 4, 19; 5, 4 Psalm 71 Lk 4, 14-22a	11 1 Jn 5, 5-13 Psalm 147 Lk 5, 12-16	12 1 Jn 5, 14-21 Psalm 149 Jn 3, 22-30
13 Baptism of the Lord Is 42, 1-4; 6, 7 Psalm 28 Hechos 10, 34-38 Lk 3, 15	14 He 1, 16 Psalm 96 Mt 1, 14-20	15 He 2, 5-12 Psalm 8 Mt 1, 21-28	16 He 2, 14-18 Psalm 104 Mt 1, 29-39	17 Saint Anthony He 3, 7-14 Psalm 94 Mt 1, 40-45	18 He 4, 1-5; 11 Psalm 77 Mt 2, 1-12	19 He 4, 12-16 Psalm 18 Mt 2, 13-17
20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 61, 1-5 Psalm 95 1 Co 12, 4-11 Jn 2, 1-11	21 Saint Agnes Martin Luther King's He 5, 1-10 Psalm 109 Mt 2, 18-22	22 Saint Vincent He 6, 10-20 Psalm 110 Mt 2, 23-28	23 He 7, 1-3; 15-17 Psalm 109 Mt 3, 1-6	24 Saint Francis de Sales He 7, 23; 8, 6 Psalm 39 Mt 3, 7-12	25 Conversion of Saint Paul Hechos 22, 3-16 Psalm 116 Mt 16, 15-18	26 SS. Timothy & Titus 2Tm 1, 1-8 Psalm 95 Lk 10, 1-9
27 3er Sunday in Ordinary Time Ne 8, 2-4a Psalm 18 Lk 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21	28 Saint Thomas Aquinas He 9, 15; 24-28 Psalm 97 Mt 3, 22-30	29 Saint Pedro Nolasco He 10, 1-10 Psalm 39 Mt 3, 31-35	30 He 10, 11-18 Psalm 109 Mt 4, 1-20	31 Saint John Bosco (Patron of young people) He 10, 19-25 Psalm 23 Mt 4, 21-25		
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1



On January 1, New Year's Day, we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. This is a special feast and Holy Day of Obligation. At Mass that day, the priest will wear a white vestment in honor of Mary.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace; Mary, His Mother, is Our Lady, Queen of Peace. During the Mass on this Feast Day, we pray for peace. Think of the times you have needed God's help to be peace-maker.



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Mary Mother of God - January 1, 2013

Readings: Numbers 6, 22-27; Psalms 67, 2-3.5-6.8; Galatians 4, 4-7; Luke 2, 16-21

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angels had said about the child. All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.

A week later, when the time came for the baby to be circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name which the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

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JANUARY 1

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

How to Bring Peace to Others

We can:

- * live the Law of Love and the Ten Commandments.
- * be thankful for God's forgiveness and forgive others.
- * be kind and loving members of the Church both at home and at school.
- * try to help those who are not being treated justly or kindly.

How can you bring the peace of Jesus to someone today?

Saint Francis of Assisi was a great peacemaker. His special prayer will remind you of ways you can share the peace of Jesus with others. Join together to pray his prayer.

Prayer of Saint Francis

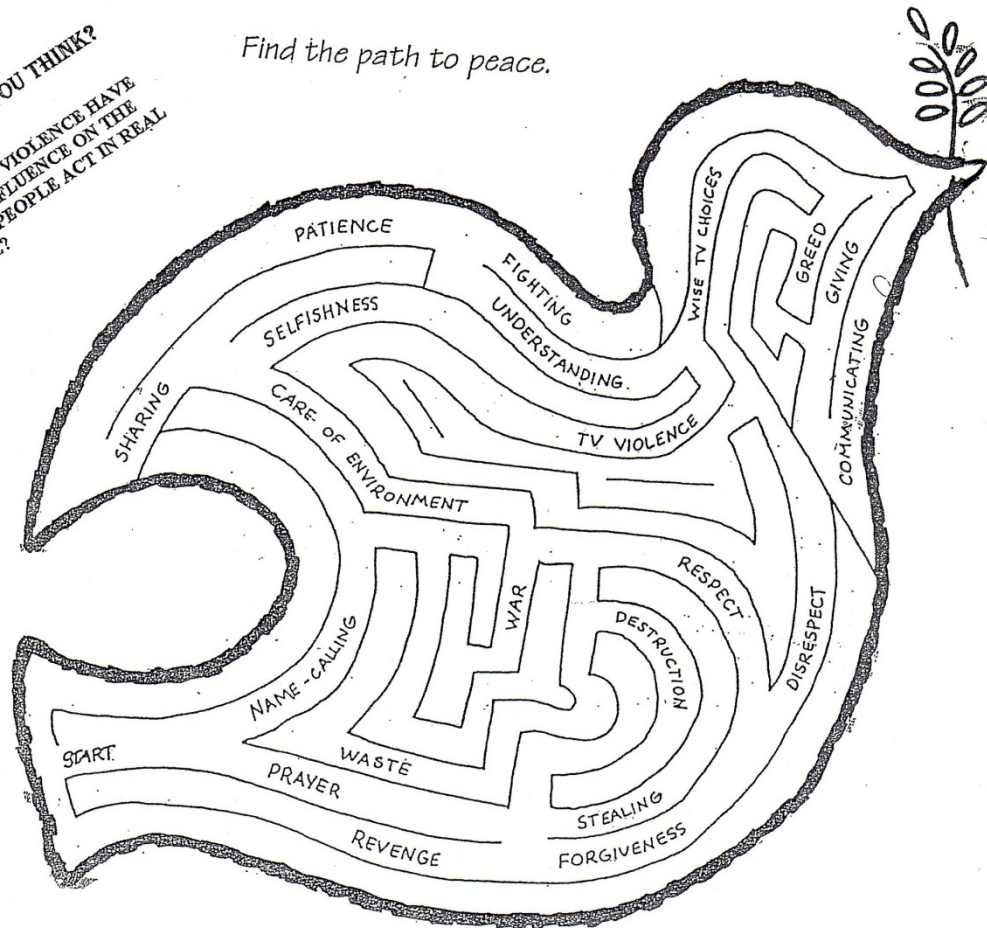
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

DOES TV VIOLENCE HAVE
ANY INFLUENCE ON THE
WAY PEOPLE ACT IN REAL
LIFE?

Find the path to peace.

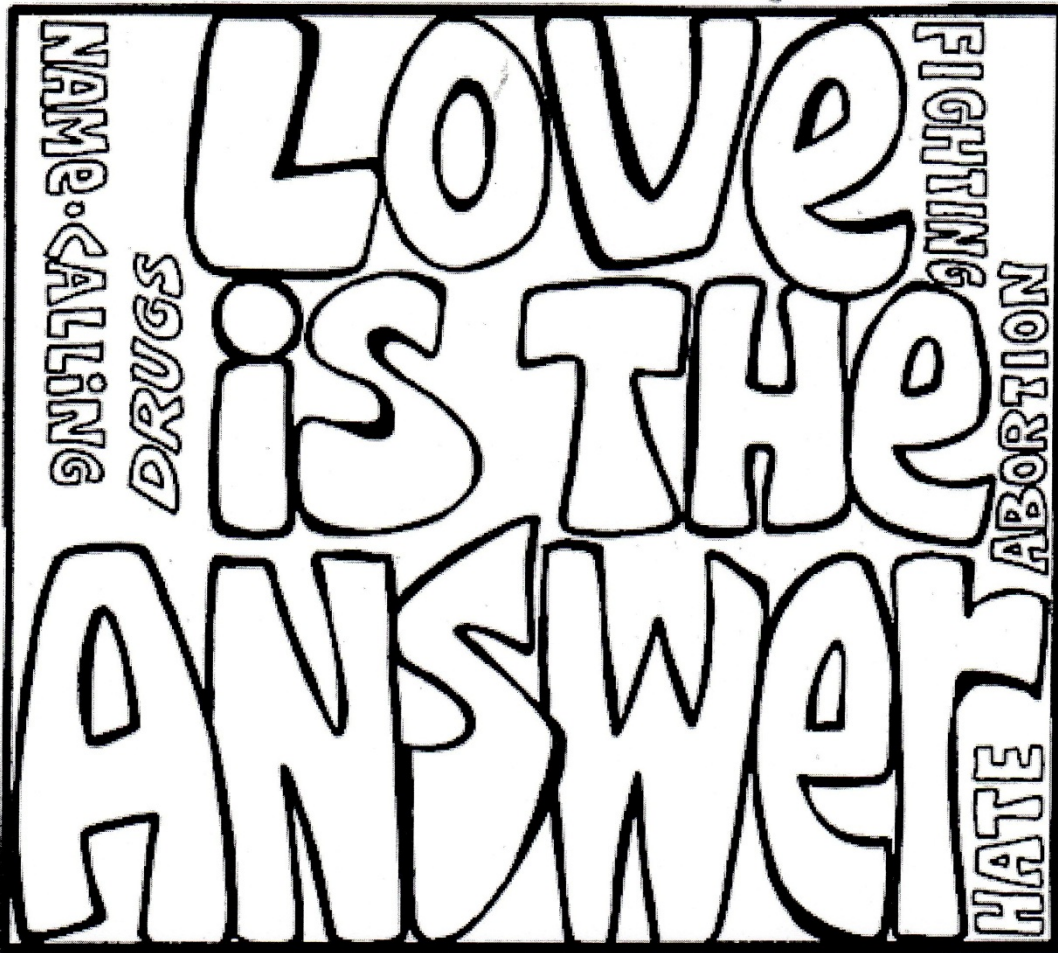




Choose Life!

¡Love is the answer!

Find the loving message and color it in bright colors. Then color everything else dark purple, including the non-loving words..



WAYS GOD'S PLAN IS REJECTED IN OUR WORLD	WAYS GOD'S PLAN IS PROTECTED IN OUR WORLD

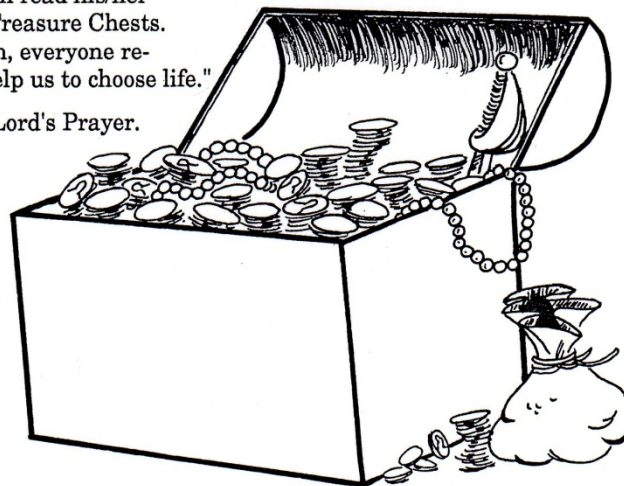
Prayer Service

God gives us the gift of life. He asks us to treasure our own lives and the lives of others . Write on the Treasure Chests how you can respect and protect life. Color the Treasure Chests. Now you are ready to begin your Prayer Service:

1. Begin with the Signing Song, "The Treasure of Life."
2. Opening Prayer (say it together): "Lord, you ask us and command us not to kill. We

come to You today, and we ask You to help us to respect life. Helps us to respect one another."

3. Let each person read his/her words from the Treasure Chests. After each person, everyone responds, "Lord, help us to choose life."
4. End with the Lord's Prayer.





Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Epiphany - January 6, 2013***

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72, 1-2.7-8.10-13; Ephesians 3, 2-3.5-6 Matthew 2, 1-12

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the East, and we have come to worship him." When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the law and asked them. "Where will the Messiah be born?" In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote: Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel." So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: "Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him." And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him. Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. (Matthew 2, 1-12)

Reflection

Imagine the trip by camel through mountains, valleys and deserts. What dangers and difficulties might they have faced? Why would they continue walking in spite of everything? Would you do the same? The star guided the Magi to Jesus. Who guides you? Your parents, grandparents, teachers? How well do you listen and follow them?

Activity

In the next page you will find an activity on Matthew 2, 1-12. Try to do it.

Prayer

Jesus, you are the light of the nations. Sometimes we lose our way because we are interested in things that lead us away from you. Teach us to recognize you in each person of our family and in the people around us. Give us your light to seek you. Amen.

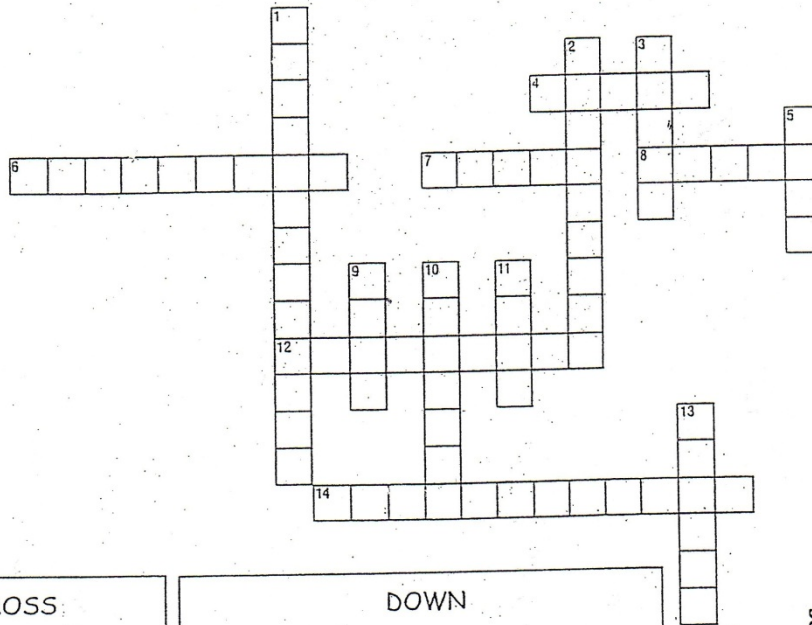


FRIENDS AND ENEMIES EPIPHANY

Name: _____

On the feast of the Epiphany, we remember when the Magi visited the infant Jesus to pay homage to him and to bring him valuable gifts. They knew he was very special. From the time of Jesus' birth, there were people who loved and honored him. But there were also people who felt threatened by him and wanted to destroy him. God protected Jesus against his enemies through various ways.

Read Matthew 2:1-13. Then complete the crossword below.



ACROSS:

- 4 The child's name
- 6 The ruler of the region (2 wds)
- 7 Sweet smelling resin
- 8 The country to which they fled
- 12 The holy city
- 14 When burned, sends up aromatic smoke

DOWN:

- 1 What the visitors called the child (4 wds)
- 2 The child's birthplace
- 3 The region of the child's birthplace
- 5 The visitors saw this rising
- 9 The child's mother
- 10 The visitors (2 wds)
- 11 A precious metal
- 13 He was warned in a dream

Friends and Enemies

Across: 4=Jesus; 6=King Herod; 7=myrrh;
8=Egypt; 12=Jerusalem; 14=frankincense.
Down: 1=King of the Jews; 2= Bethlehem;
3=Judea; 5=star; 9= Mary; 10= Wise Men;
11=gold

Has anyone ever protected you from harm? Using the back of this page, write a brief story about that event and the person or persons God sent to protect you.



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Baptism of the Lord / January 13, 2013

Readings: Isaiah 42, 1-4.6-7; Psalm 29, 1-4.9-10; Acts 10, 34-38; Luke 3, 15-16.21-22

The Baptism of Jesus

Peoples hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. So John said to all of them, "I baptize you with water, but someone is coming who is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. After all the people had been baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit came down upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." (Luke 3, 15-16.21-22)

Reflection

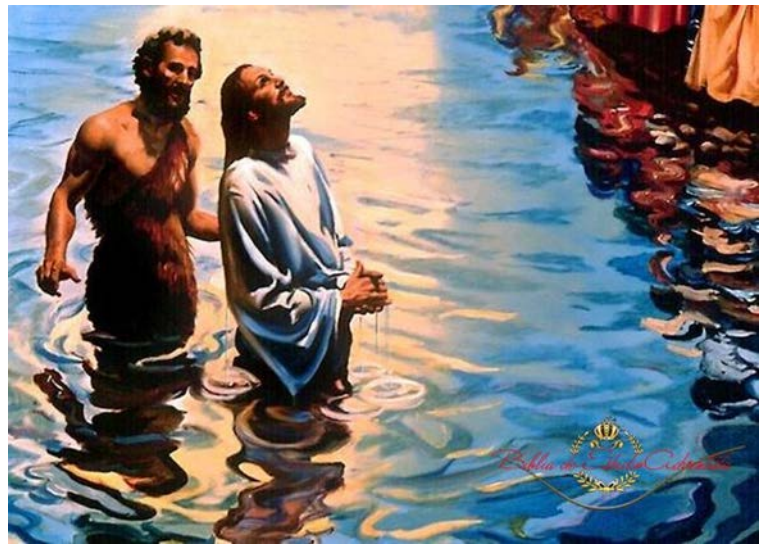
Through our Baptism in Christ, we, too become beloved children of God, chosen to fulfill the mission God has for us. We should become God's hands and heart for others. Imagine the scene: the light, the voice, and the dove. Whose voice is it? What does the dove represent? Do you think the people standing by the river were scared? Do you think they ran away or stayed to listen to Jesus? What would you have done? What do you think God has to say to you?

Activity

In the next page you will find an activity on the Baptism of the Lord. Reflect and answer the questions. Then share.

Prayer

Jesus, you know the love we feel in our hearts for each member of our family. To acknowledge that God calls us to be God's beloved children, we must show affection for one another and reach out to those who need us in the community. Stay with us Lord. Amen.



Baptism of the Lord

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

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

John had no doubt because in this way God had announce it to him in the desert.

When Jesus leave John said to the people: I saw the Spirit came over Him, and I witness that He is the Son of God. Repent and sin no more, because the Savior has come.

Reflection:

When you were baptized you were free of sin to receive the Savior. Try to always stay clean and God will be with you, because He loves you a lot. What are you going to do to clean your heart?

And your mind? _____

If you have no peace remember what John said: Repent and sin no more. Try to receive reconciliation doing a good act of contrition.

Baptism prepares the souls for the coming of Jesus. Prepare your soul and all of those you have near you. How could you do it?

How could you practice charity and love in your home?

How would you practice justice when you play?



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Second Sunday Ordinary Time / January 20, 2013

Readings: Isaiah 62, 1-5; Psalm 96, 1-3.7-10; 1Cor 12, 4-11; John 2, 1-11

The wedding in Cana

Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine." "You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold between twenty and thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!" Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. After this, Jesus and his mother, brothers, and disciples went to Capernaum and stayed there a few days. (John 2, 1-11)

Reflection

In the gospel of this week Mary tells us to do as Jesus tells us. When we listen to Jesus, we experience the miracle of bringing joy to others. Talk with the children about parties at home. Were there ever too many people and not enough food or drink? How did they solve the problem? What do they lack now? Do they know any family in need? What can they do to help? Are they ready to do what Jesus said, even if it didn't sound right? Are they ready to do whatever Jesus tells them? What do they think Jesus is asking them to do today? Share.

Activity

In the next page you will find drawings of some water jugs. Write on them what kind of "wine" or good deeds they would like to fill them with (service, sharing, comforting someone, making someone smile and many more).

Prayer

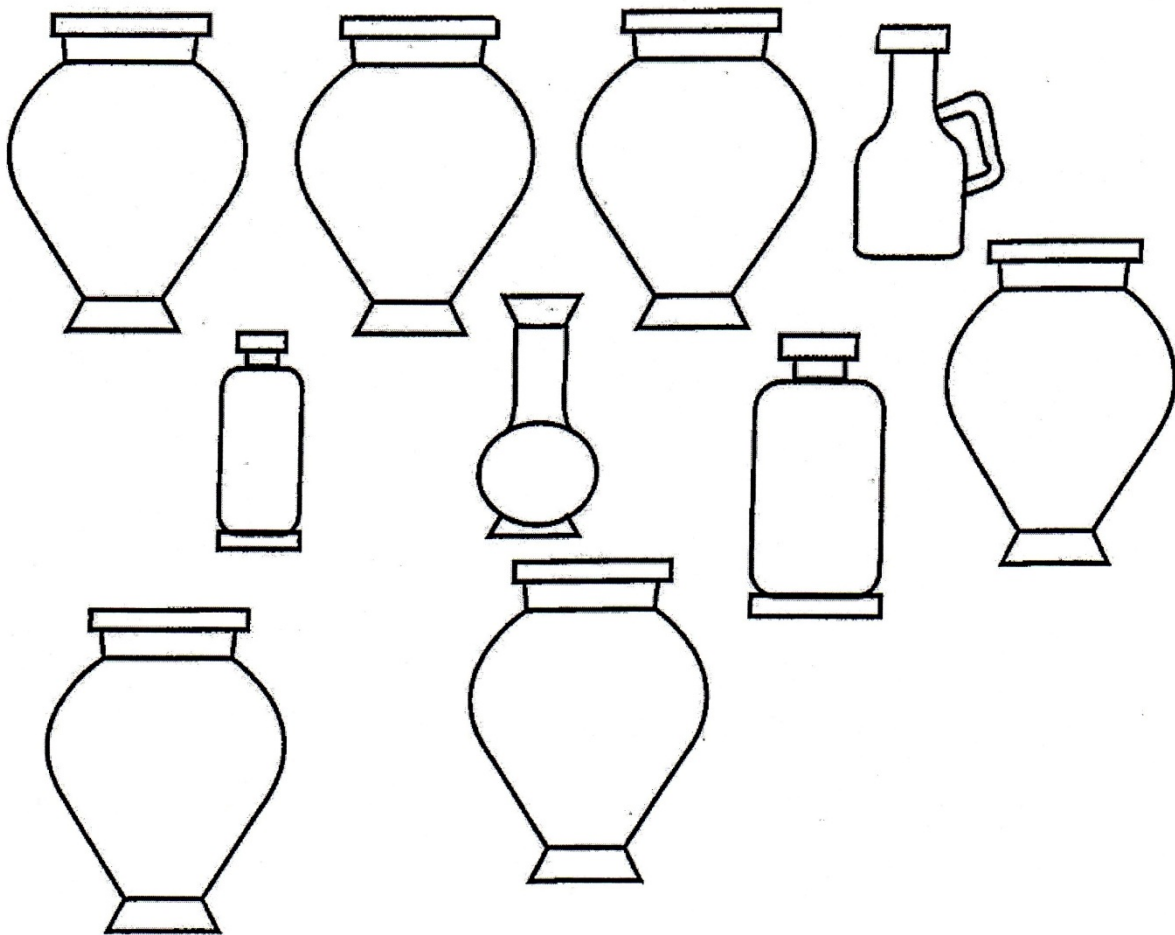
Lord, we want to change the water into wine with you. We want to change sadness into joy, hunger into shared food, loneliness into smiles and friendship. Come to our human feast, Jesus, and fill our needs with the wine of your joy and love. Amen.



Jesus gives us a very special wine

Write on each one of the large jars what kind of "wine" or good deeds you will like to fill it with. (service, sharing, comforting someone, making someone smile, visiting the sick, etc.)

The servants poured six jars with water. Jesus turned the water to wine.
The jars were very large. Color the six large jars purple.
Color the other jars any color.



SAINT HENRY DE OSSO

Patron Saint of the Friends of Jesus and Mary

Our friend Henry when he was little boy receive a gift of a book "The life of Saint Theresa of Jesus". Since this day his wish to be like her increase.

GREAT FRIEND OF JESUS

He study
Think
Work
Jesus like her

Talk
Play
Pray and love



In his Herat he print three names

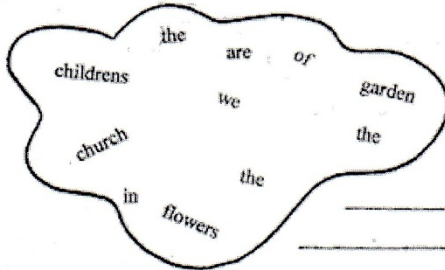


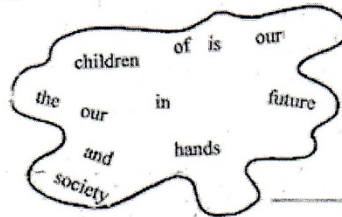
And day by day he was resembling all three

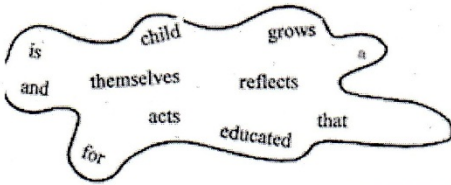
One day he choose to dedicate his life to Jesus and the children and become a **PRIEST FOR EVER**

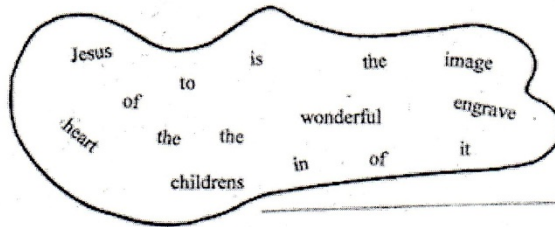


Show the video of Saint Henry and then put in order the phases.



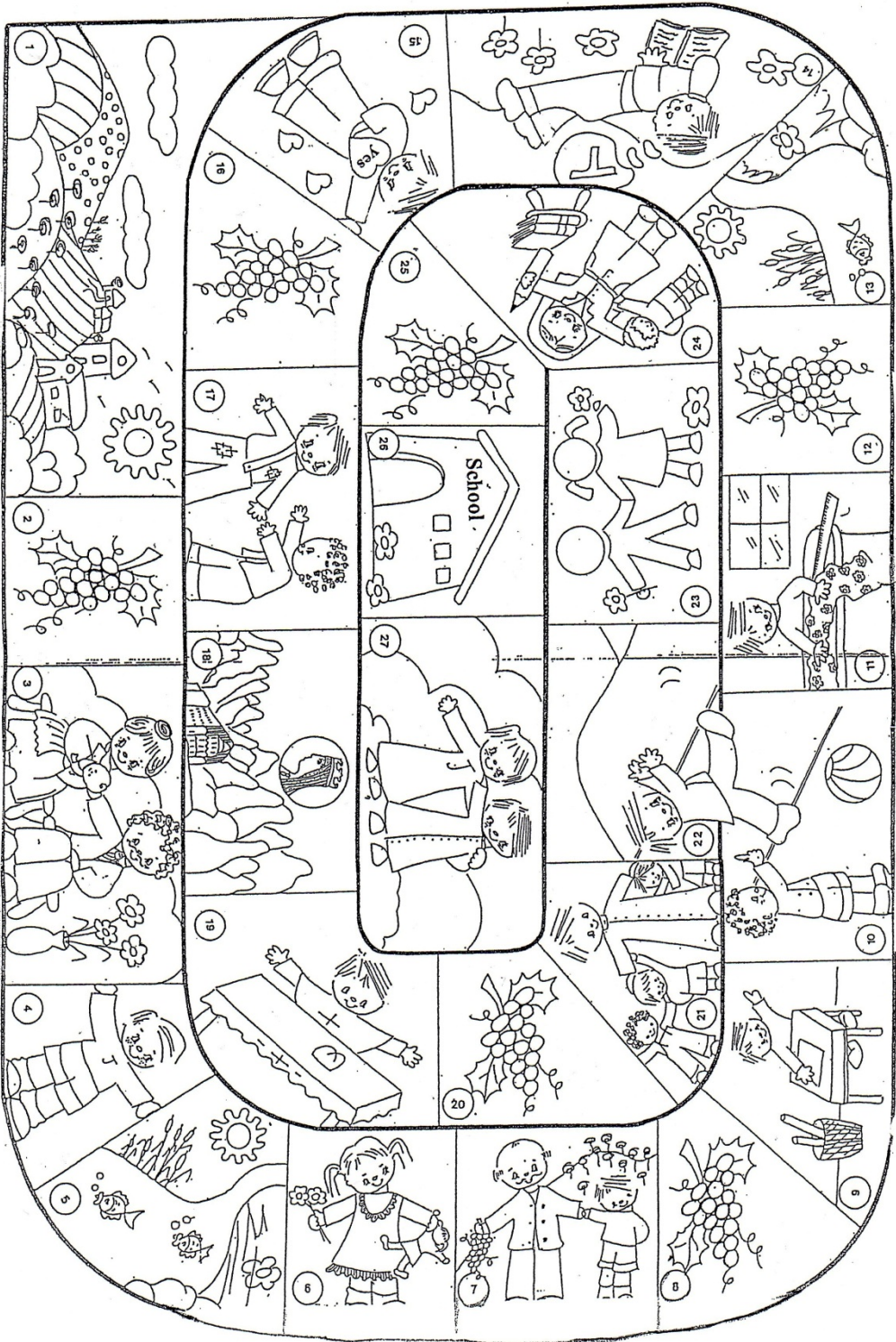








GAME ON THE LIFE OF SAINT HENRY DE OSSO



The game is about the life of Saint Henry de Osso. The game is played with tokens and a dice. All the players place their token on the number one space. Each player in turn rolls the dice and moves his or her token the number of spaces rotated on the dice. If a player lands on a space containing a vine of grapes, that is allowed to advance his/her token to the next space with another vine of grapes. The player says "From vine to vine I get closer to Henry".


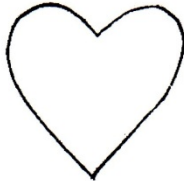
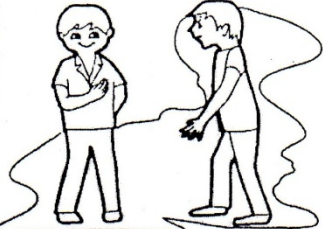
If a player lands on a space with a river (#5) that player advances immediately to the next river space (#13). The player then says "I smile from river to river". If a player lands on (#10) space her/ she immediately advances to #22. The first player to reach the #27 space is the winner.



Prayer

Friends Talk. Because we can talk to God, we can be His friends.
Write in the spaces below what you would share with your friend:

FRIENDS SHARE ...

		
<p>THOUGHTS</p>	<p>FEELINGS</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p>

Jesus is my friend

Jesus Loves You! He said: "Let the little children come to me!" He is waiting for you to talk to Him. Write some thoughts, feelings and activities here that you would like to share with Jesus:

We can always talk to God!



HAPPY



SAD



ANGRY



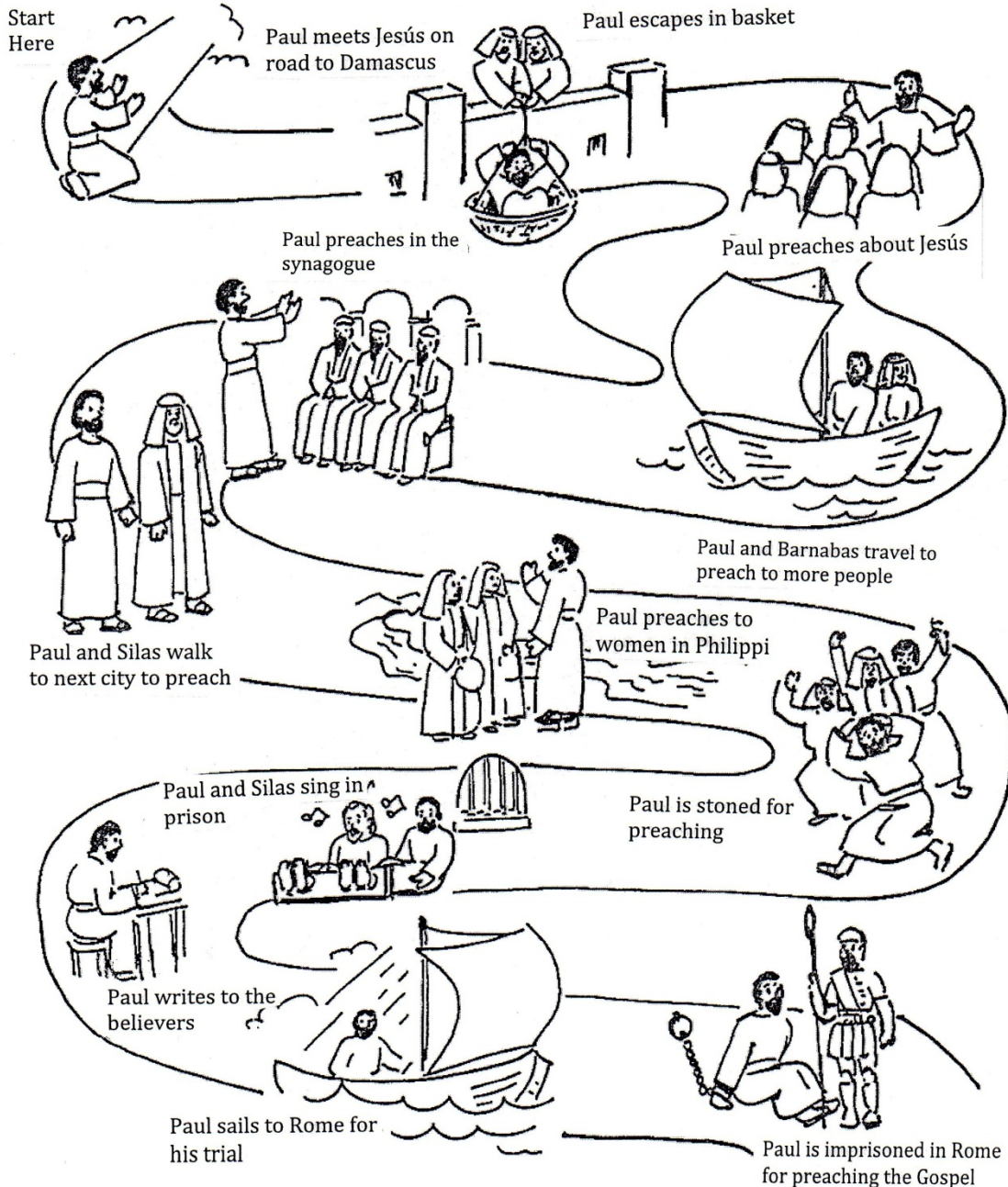
SCARED

Read the prayer in each square and draw a picture of yourself at different occasions when you were happy, sad, angry and scared.

<p>Dear God, You made me happy. Thank You!</p>	<p>I am so sad, help me, Dear God!</p>
<p>Jesus! I am scared, please help me.</p>	<p>I need you, God, I am angry! Help me not to hurt others</p>

GOD is always LISTENING

God led Paul to teach many people about Jesus in different countries. Even though Paul had many hard times because he was a Christian, he still obeyed and loved Jesus. Follow this path of Paul's life to see some of the things that happened to him. Color Paul in each picture. You can be a missionary like Paul by telling others about Jesus too.



(They) went everywhere preaching the word.



Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Third Sunday Ordinary Time / January 27, 2013***

Readings: Nehemiah 8, 2-6.8-10; Psalm 19, 8-10.15; 1Corinthians 12, 12-30; Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

Dear Theophilus: Many people have done their best to write a report of the things that have taken place among us. They wrote what we have been told by those who saw these things from the beginning and who proclaimed the message. And so, Your Excellency, because I have carefully studied all these matters from their beginning, I thought it would be good to write an orderly account for you. I do this so that you will know the full truth about everything which you have been taught.

Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone. Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people." Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read." (Luke 1, 1-4; 14-21)

Reflex ion

Imagine the temple full of religious people. What do you think they said when they heard Jesus, a young man, say all those things about the scriptures? Imagine you are poor and listening to Jesus. What would be good news for you to hear? Jesus said he came to carry out a great mission and he needs your help. What good news can you give to others? Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor and to set the captives free is not an option but a mandate for us Christians.

Activity

Bring white paper to the group. Ask the children to write in them what they think Jesus' mission is for them. How is Jesus asking you to be good news? They made a scroll and bring it to the altar. Then they said: "Jesus you are good news."

Prayer

Lord, in times of sorrow, helps us to listen to one another with compassion. In times of estrangement, help us to build bridges. In times of disappointment, place on our lips the words that give encouragement and bring good news to others. Amen.

