



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May is the month dedicated to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus. Let us use this month to awake our children and help them to appreciate everything that our mothers do for each one of us. Help them to prepare a Spiritual Bouquet to be given to their mothers on Mother's Day.

Important feasts and some Saints:

May 01	Saint Joseph, the Worker	May 19	Pentecost Sunday
May 09	the ascension of the Lord	May 23	Leader's workshop
May 12	Mother 'days	May 31	the Visitation of Virgin Mary
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima		

Enclosed materials:

1. Monthly Calendar & Meditation on the Sunday Gospel
2. Activities:
 - a. Mary is Our Mother
 - b. Mother's day card
 - c. Pentecost
 - d. Confirmation
 - e. Prayer
 - f. The Holy Trinity

In our webpage you will find more activities about Virgin Mary

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

1. The Day the Sun Danced (Fatima)
2. Mary
3. Prayer
4. The Ascension
5. The Visitation

The Eucharistic Retreat for the children of the prayer groups and their families will be on June 1 2013 at St. Louis Catholic Church from 8:30 to 1:00 pm. Make plans to come.

Our next meeting will be Thursday May 23 at 7:00 PM

God Bless you always,

Friends of Jesus & Mary

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May 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 ST JOSEPH THE WORKER Gn 1: 26--2:3 Psalm 90 Mt 13: 54-58	2 ST. ATHANASIUS Acts 15:7-21 Psalm 96 Jn 15: 9-11	3 FIRST FRIDAY la santa cruz St Philip & James, Nu 21:4-9 Psalm 78 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17	4 FIRST SATURDAY Acts 16: 1-10 Psalm 100 Jn 15: 18-21
5 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Psalm 67 Rev 21: 10-14,22-23 Jn 14:23-29	6 Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149 Jn 15:26--16:4	7 Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138 Jn 16:5-11	8 Hch 17: 15, 22--18:1 Psalm 148 Jn 16: 12-15	9 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Acts 1:1-11 Salmo 47 Epf 1:17-23 Lk 24:46-53	10 Acts 18: 9-18 Psalm 47 Jn 16:20-23	11 ST JOHN THE ARC Acts 18:23-28 Psalm 47 Jn 16:23-28
12 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 97 Rev 22:12-14,16 Jn 17:20-26	13 OUR LADY OF FATIMA Acts 19:1-8 Psalm 68 Jn 16:29-33	14 ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Psalm 113 Jn 17:1-11	15 ST ISIDORE Acts 20:28-38 Psalm 68 Jn 17: 11-19	16 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Psalm 16 Jn 17: 20-26	17 Acts 25: 13-21 Psalm 103 Jn 21:15-19	18 BIRTHDAY OF POPE JOHN PAUL II Acts 26:16-20,30-31 Psalm 11 Jn 21: 20-25
19 PENTECOST SUNDAY Acts 2: 1-11 Psalm 104 1 Co 12: 3-7, 12-13 Jn 20: 19-23	20 Si 1: 1-10 Psalm 93 Mk 9: 14-29	21 ST. CHRISTOPHER Si 2: 1-11 Psalm 37 Mk 9: 30-37	22 ST RITA OF CASCIA Si 4: 12-22 Psalm 119 Mk 9: 38-40	23 Si 5: 1-10 Psalm 1 Mk 9, 41-50	24 MARIA AUXILIADORA Si 6: 5-17 Psalm 119 Mk 10: 1-12	25 ST MARY MAGDALENE DE PAZZI Si 17: 1-13 Psalm 103 Mk 10:13-16
26 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Pr 8: 22-31 Psalm 8 Ro 5: 1-5 Jn 16: 12-15	27 ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY Si 17: 19-27 Psalm 32 Mk 10: 17-27	28 St. Phillips Neri Si 35: 1-15 Psalm 50 Mk 10: 28-31	29 Si 36: 1, 5-6,10-17 Psalm 79 Mk 10: 32-45	30 Gn 14: 18-20 Psalm 110 1 Cor 11: 23-26 Lk 9: 11-17	31 VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY Zep 3: 14-18 Psalm / Is 12: 2-6 Lk 1: 39-56	
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Friends of Jesus and Mary ***6th Sunday of Easter May 5, 2013***

Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 66; Revelation 21, 10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. Those who do not love me do not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me. I have told you this while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you. Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am leaving, but I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for He is greater than I. I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe.” (John 14: 23-29)

Reflection

God is everywhere but seeks loving hearts where he can dwell. This is the real beauty and glory of a human city. Is God present in our family? The peace that God provides is not based on the absence of conflict and division. Jesus brings peace that is based on total trust in God, the forgiveness of others, a commitment to serve, and hope in a better future that will come from God. What difficulties, tensions, or violence affect the peace of mind of her children? How do they and their families experience and understand peace? How do you picture a family or people at peace to be? Are you at peace, for instance, when you tell lies to your parents, or when you think others have more than you do, or when you want to be superior to your siblings and classmates? What does Jesus mean when he says that he leaves us a different kind of peace?

Activity

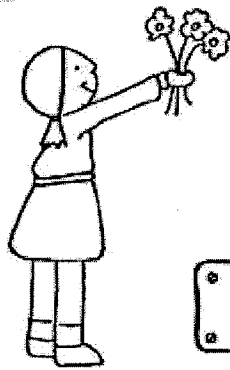
Bring papers divided in three columns. On them write peace, anxiety, fear. Ask them to write under each column what they feel and how they will bring this week the peace Jesus talks about to others. What will they do to correct the things they are doing wrong? Share what each one will do this week.

Prayer

Lord, be our peace when we refuse to hold grudge. When we sincerely forgive one another; when we are thankful for the good things you have given us; when, in the midst of difficulty, we help one another to trust in you. **Amen.**



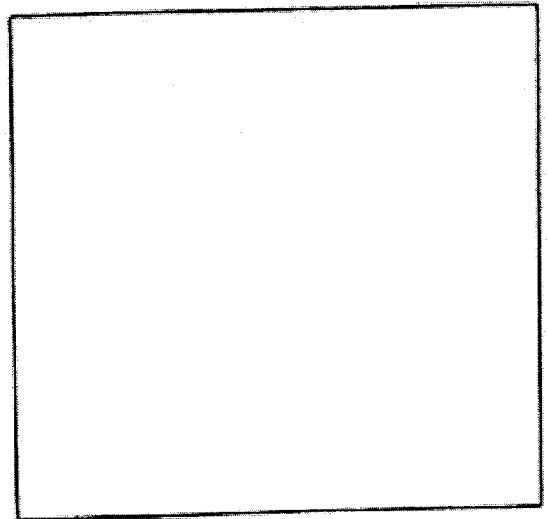
MARY IS OUR MOTHER



SHE LOVES US

Mary is our MOTHER in Heaven; she looks after us and protects us, she doesn't abandon us, specially when we are sad, or when we far from Jesus.

When have you felt that Mary is taking care of you? Draw a picture.



I want everyone to know and love you.



Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Ascension of the Lord May 09, 2013***

Readings: Acts 1, 1-11; Psalm 46; Hebrews 9, 24-48; 10, 19-23; Luke 24, 46-53

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later. And in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And I myself will send upon you what my Father has promised. But you must wait in the city until the power from above comes down upon you." Then he led them out of the city as far as Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them. As he was blessing them, he departed from them and was taken up into heaven. They worshiped him and went back into Jerusalem, filled with great joy, and spent all their time in the temple giving thanks to God. (Luke 24, 45-53)

Reflection

Jesus goes to heaven but he promises the Spirit which will help us and give us strength to be his witness, taking his messages to others. Jesus sends his friends to do his work; that is to serve and help others, to communicate that God loves them, to share what we have, to respect everyone as the image of God, and to strive for justice. What can each one of us do? **Share.**

Activity

In the following page you will find a script to act the Ascension of the Lord. It is based on Acts 1, 1-11. Bring costumes for the children to wear.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes when we don't get what we wished for we get frustrated. We want to believe in your promise and keep our hope placed in you. Send your Spirit upon us that with his power and light we can continue your work. Make us witnesses. **Amen.**



The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven

Based on Acts 1:1-14 & Matthew 26,16,20

Theatrical play for the feast of Ascension.

Characters:

Narrator	Andrew
Peter	Mary
Thomas	Angel # 1
John	Angel # 2
Jesus	

Narrator: Today it has been 40 days since the celebration of Easter. It is a very important day for us who follow Jesus. We assist Mass just like any other Sunday. But, what do we celebrate today?

(Instrumental background music) All the disciples, including Jesus should be backstage. At this moment Peter and Thomas enter the stage and walk around while talking.

Thomas: These last 40 days have been the best days of my life.

Peter: Since Jesus' resurrection, I feel like he's closer to us than ever before.

Thomas: I hope that things will stay like this for the rest of our lives.

John: *(his voice is heard from the backstage where Jesus and the other disciples are)* ¡Peter! ¡Thomas! Jesus is with us right now, he wants you to come over here.

Jesus: Do you remember what John the Baptist used to say?

Andrés: I do! John would say: "I baptize people with water, but the one who is coming after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit".

Jesus: That's right. Very soon you will receive the grace that was promised by my father

Peter: Are you going to perform a great miracle?

Thomas: Will you make everyone believe in you?

Mary: Are you going to give us a special mission, my son?

Jesus: I want you to go around the world tell everyone the good news. Baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Peter: Lord, How will we teach other people? We've never been to school ourselves.

Andrew: I can't speak any foreign languages, I would be scared to go to another land.

Jesus: Do not fear! You will receive a special power and knowledge when the Holy Spirit arrives, then you will become my witnesses

Mary: ¡Then, my beloved Son, what should we do now?

Jesus: Return to Jerusalem and wait there, It won't be a long time.

(Jesus extends his hands and gives his blessing, like a priest would do at Mass)

Jesus: Now I bless all of you, and don't forget *that I'm with you always.*

(Angels # 1 & # 2 come forth and step in front of Jesus. Jesus disappears leaving the scene).

Thomas: I can't believe what's happening!

Peter: I wonder when we will be able to see Jesus again.

Angel # 1: People of Galilee, what are you still doing here?

Angel # 2: Jesus will return at the end of the world, but meanwhile you all have a mission to accomplish.

(The angels leave)

Peter: The angels are right, let's go to Jerusalem, like Jesus told us to do.

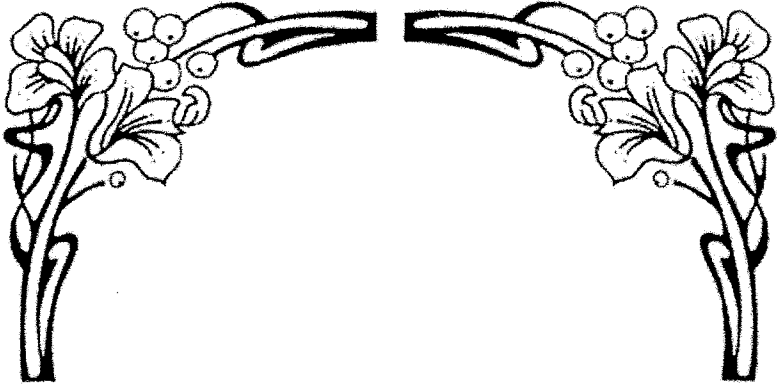
Mary: Yes, we can all pray together so that the Holy Spirit may come.

(Peter walks and the rest follow him, encouraged by Mary's words— You can play music at this point or sign a hymn to the Holy Spirit)



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Day!





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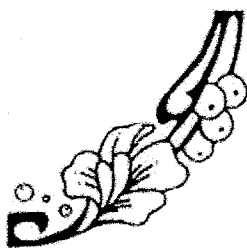


"Respect your Father and Mother."

Exodus 20:12

Thank you for

From,





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7th Sunday of Easter May 12, 2013

Readings: Acts 7:55-60 ; Psalm 96; Revelations 22,12-14,16-17,20; John 17:20-26

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who believe in me because of their message. I pray that they may all be one. Father! May they be in us, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I gave them the same glory you gave me, so that they may be one, just as you and I are one: I in them and you in me, so that they may be completely one, in order that the world may know that you sent me and that you love them as you love me. Father! You have given them to me, and I want them to be with me where I am, so that they may see my glory, the glory you gave me; for you loved me before the world was made. Righteous Father! The world does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made you known to them, and I will continue to do so, in order that the love you have for me may be in them, and so that I also may be in them." (John 17: 20-26)

Reflection

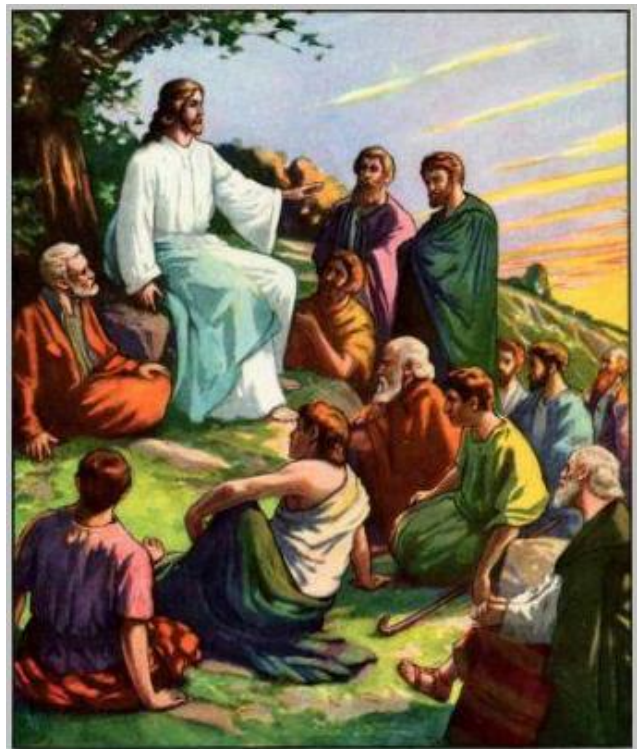
One of the greatest witnesses we as Christians can give is the unity, which is not thinking all the same, but seeking the common good, respecting diversity. Our unity and witness are based on Jesus Christ who gives us living waters and is our beginning and our end. Jesus is the bread of life, the bread of unity. In the Eucharist we all share in the same bread, which is the body of the Lord and drink of the same cup, his blood. In doing so, we become one with Jesus and with one another as members of the Body of Christ, the church. Explain the word martyr. Martyrs are those who, in spite of persecution, continue firm in their discipleship of Jesus, forgive those who persecute them and remain united to God and to everyone. Stephen was one of them. Do we have a strong faith like Stephen that is not deviated from God's will by either treat or flattery? Have they ever been martyrs when they have done good even if they were criticized or laughed for it? Share.

Activity

Bring a blank sheet of paper and ask the children to write in it what have they done for the good of their family or community this week. Example: house work, ask forgiveness from someone they have hurt, hear patiently someone that needs advise, help a classmate with homework, etc. Encourage them to make a commitment this week for the unity and wellbeing of the community. **Share.**

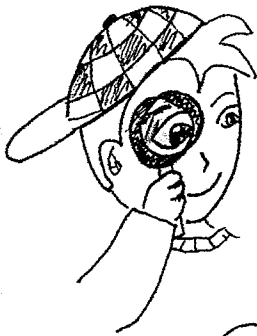
Prayer

Lord, sometimes we judge the people around us harshly and we are not able to acknowledge our sinfulness. But you forgive us regardless of what we have done. Give us understanding. Give us the strength to start on a new path with you. **Amen**



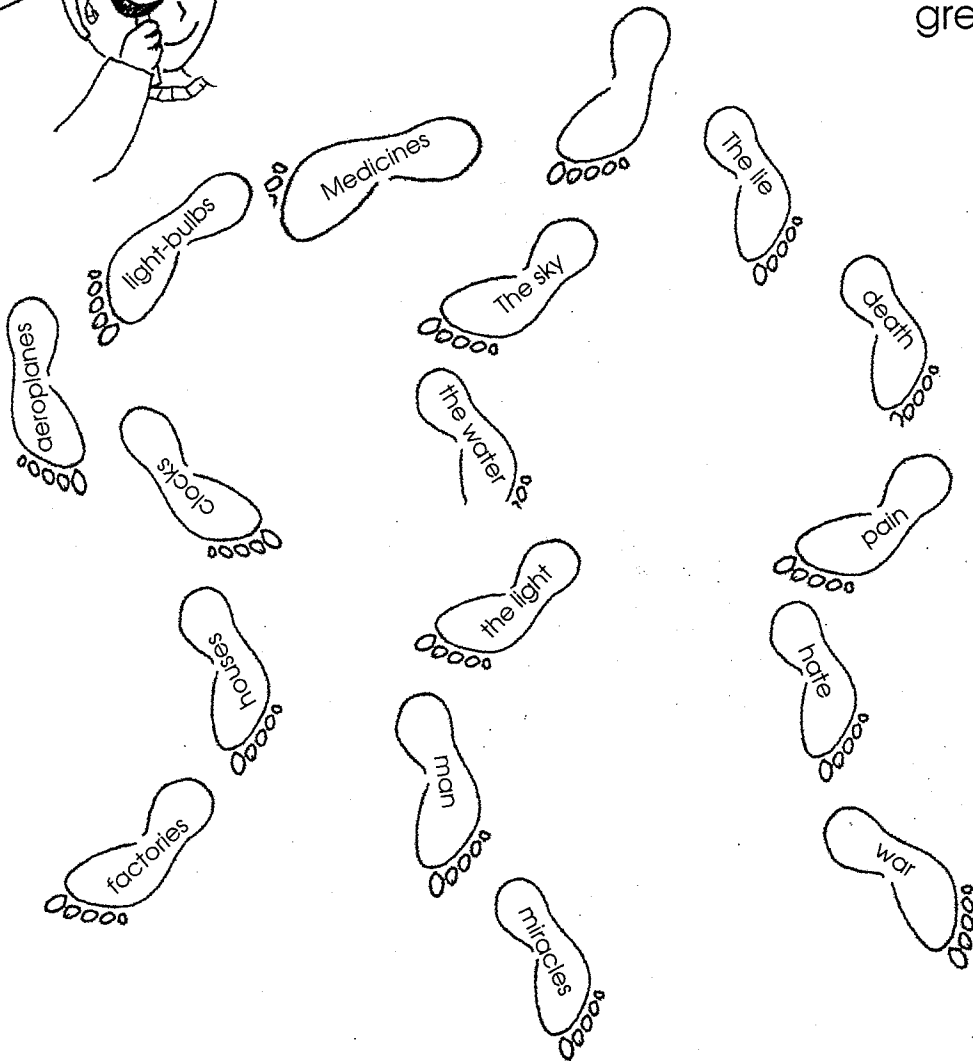
PRAYER

THE GLORY BE



Let's see if you're a good detective. Join with a line the footprints of the things created by God and you will arrive at a great truth.

GOD HAS GIVEN MAN INTELLIGENCE



GOD DID NOT CREATE EVIL

HOW GREAT GOD IS!



Friend of Jesus and Mary

Pentecost May 19, 2013

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103; Romans 8, 8-17; John 14, 15-16.23b-26

“If you love me, you will obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever.” Judas said “Lord, how can it be that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. Those who do not love me do not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me. I have told you this while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you. (John 14, 15-16.23b-26)

Reflection

Speak about the story. When are Jesus friends less scared? What do they do then? As they receive the Holy Spirit, its gifts and fruits, their fear is gone. Jesus tells us that his Spirit is joy, love, and unity rather than selfishness, division, or jealousy. How can you tell if the Spirit of Jesus is in your group? (If there is generosity, kindness, peace, patience, joy.) Explain the gift and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. **Share.**

Activity

Dramatize the coming of the Holy Spirit using the first reading Acts 2, 1-11. We suggest that the leader of the group do the narration, to have more action in it. You can prepare some tongues from red construction paper with the gifts of the Spirit. Then explain each gift to the child and pray over them according to the gift he or she got. In the following pages you will find two activities.



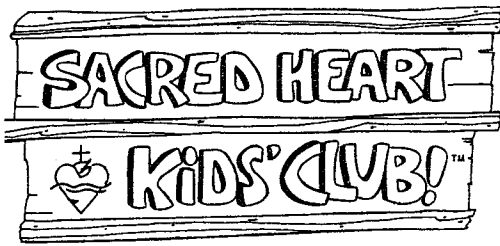
Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit. Come to give us sweetness and gentleness so we could extend our hand instead of judging and condemning. Come Holy Spirit to give us trust and we will be sustained in our fears, knowing that God is our faithful friend. **Amen.**

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Mayo 19, 2013





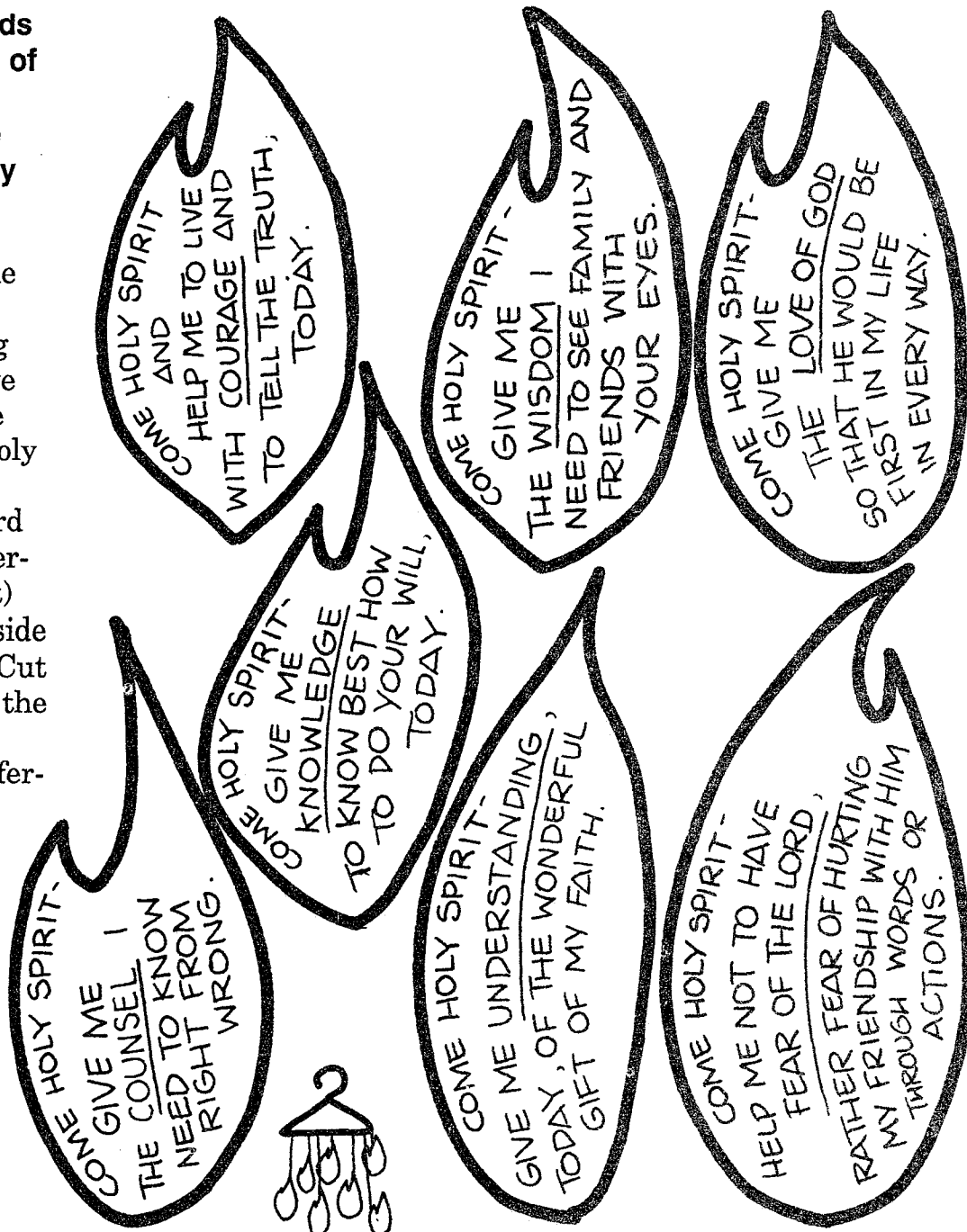
Confirmation

"Driving Winds and Tongues of Flame, these are the ways the Holy Spirit came!

On each of the flames is a prayer asking for help to live out one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Write the word which is underlined (the gift) on the other side of the flame. Cut out and color the flames.

Pray for a different gift every day. You can hang these flames, too, as a mobile.



<p>Questions</p> <p>Where was Jesus when Mary and Joseph were looking for him?</p> <p>Answer/ In the temple of Jerusalem</p>	<p>Questions</p> <p>What country did Mary and Joseph flee to in order to save Jesus from King Herod?</p> <p>Answer / Egypt</p>	<p>Questions</p> <p>What were the names of the Names of the Virgin Mary's parents</p> <p>Answer /Saint Joaquín and Saint Anne</p>
<p>Questions</p> <p>Who are the maternal grandparents of the Child Jesus?</p> <p>Answer /Saint Joaquin and Saint Anne</p>	<p>Questions</p> <p>Where did Jesus live and grow up with the Virgin and Saint Joseph?</p> <p>Answer / Nazareth</p>	<p>Questions</p> <p>What job did Jesus help Saint Joseph with?</p> <p>Answer / Carpentry</p>
<p>Questions</p> <p>To what place did Jesus went to a wedding where Mary was present also?</p> <p>Answer / Cana</p>	<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>"The Family that prays together, stays together "</p> <p>(Fr.Peyton)</p>	<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>"Families should be families of prayer"</p> <p>(Blessed John Paul II)</p>
<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>"True happiness is found in giving".</p> <p>(Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta)</p>	<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>"We go to Jesus and return to Him through Mary"</p> <p>(Saint José M. Escrivá)</p>	<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>"Devotion to Mary is the key to Paradise"</p> <p>(Saint Ephrem)</p>

<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>The happy family conquers the enemy!!</p>	<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>We want to be faithful and obedient!!</p>	<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>¡Mary never abandon this family!</p>
<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>¡We are not friends with selfishness!!</p>	<p>FAMILY SHOUT OUTS</p> <p>May our life never lack the Eucharist!</p>	<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Grandpa: If as a family you go to Mass,you'llall get to heaven really fast</p>
<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Grandma: "Pray the rosary as a family and Mary will live among you"</p>	<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Grandpa: Why don't you go as a family to visit someone who is alone or sick?</p>	<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Grandma: Don't get mad at each other .Try to show each other details of goodness and kindness .</p>
<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Grandpa: Be understanding towards one another</p>	<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Grandma:Patience,patience, patience with others. Remember that you have faults too.</p>	<p>ADVICE</p> <p>Find who of your friends needs help and try to help him.</p>

<p>TRIALS</p>	<p>TRIALS Game of earth, sea and air. One member of the family places himself in front of the rest of the family who are all in line. When he says "Earth", everyone has to jump to the left .When he says "sea", everyone has to jump to the right. When he says "air" everyone has to jump to the center. The game keeps getting faster and faster. When you mess up, you are out!</p>
<p>TRIALS You must invent a song that talks about the Virgin Mary and everyone else has to add the choreography.</p>	<p>TRIALS In 30 seconds, you form a phrase that uses these words: Mary-May-rain- joy Mary- flower-Heaven-smile. Mary –Mother-tenderness-family.</p>

Family

We're currently in the month of May, the month dedicated to Our Mother in Heaven. Would you like to reach the Heart of the Virgin Mary together with your whole family? Invite them to come along with you by playing this game. You have to reach the Goal after achieving as many flowers as possible for Our Lady. You need some dice and some chips or tokens of some kind. Read the instructions on page " " and...get ready to play with your whole family!

Playing with the whole Family



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Friends of Jesus and Mary

Holy Trinity May 26, 2013

Readings: Proverbs 8, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5: 1-5; John 16, 12-15

"I have much more to tell you, but now it would be too much for you to bear. When, however, the Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God; He will lead you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own authority, but he will speak of what he hears and will tell you of things to come. He will give me glory, because he will take what I say and tell it to you. All that my Father has is mine; that is why I said that the Spirit will take what I give him and tell it to you. (John 16, 12-15)

Reflection

The relationships of the Holy Trinity are the model of the right relationships that must exist in the family, society and particularly the church. Paul in the second reading tells us that, in the midst of difficulties, we learn patience, a steadfast faith, and hope which gives us courage to continue living. Talk with the children about the people they love. How do they relate to them? Can they tell them all their secrets? Is there any person with whom they would like to be very close, united in their heart? Is there something hindering it? How do they feel about it? What would you like to ask Jesus about being one with the Holy Spirit? When you love someone very much, sometimes it seems as if you think the same things and can read each other's mind. This is the way Jesus would like you to love him and everyone around you, because that is the way Jesus loves you. **Share.**

Activity

Explain to the children the characteristics of each of the three Divine persons. The Father created us, the Son redeemed us and the Holy Spirit gave us his love. You can bring a boiled egg to the group. Explain that as the egg has three different parts the yolk, the white and the cover, it is only one egg. In God there are three different persons but only ONE God.

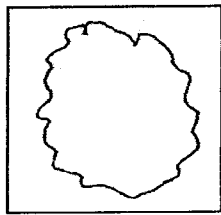
Prayer

Lord, you call us to model our family after yours; the Trinity. May our words be full of love and interest for the good of all. May our actions at home show that we seek the good of others. May our gatherings be full of joy because we share your life. **Amen.**

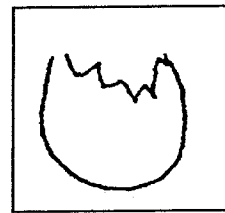


THE HOLY TRINITY

Just like the eggshell

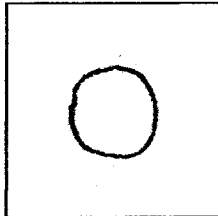


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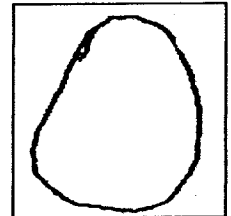


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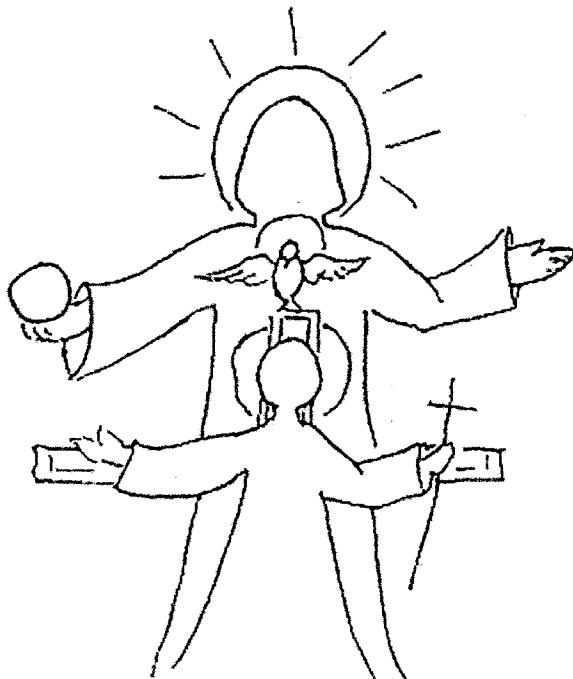


Just like that ...

**The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit are
3 person and 1 God**

Jesus said: "I am ascending to my Father and your Father..." (John 20, 17)

God The Father



God the Holy Spirit

"Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14, 9)

God the Son

"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything" (John 14,26)