



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

November begin with the big celebration of the Feast of all Saints, and all Souls. Teach the children about the Saints and the good examples. Also remember to pray for all deceased relatives and friends. Thanksgiving Day is on November 28; encourage to pray for unity among all our brothers and sister and to give thanks for all the good things they gave this great nation.

Important Feast and Saints:

November 01	All Saints day	November 28	Thanksgiving Day
November 02	Day of all Souls	November 30	Andres Apostol
November 03	Saint Martin de Porres		
November 08	Saint Angela of the Cross		
November 17	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary		
November 23	Consecration of the children of Friends of Jesus & Mary		

Enclosed materials:

- 1) Monthly calendar & Sundays Gospel

Activities:

- a) Examples for life
- b) All souls Day
- c) Friends Again with Jesus
- d) Presentation of Our Lady
- e) What I am doing at every hour
- f) A different Kind of King
- g) Thanksgiving prayer book
- h) Prayer before meals

Suggested videos

1. Saint Martin de Porres
2. Saints & Heroes
3. Gratitude Attitude
4. Anointing of the Sick

May God Bless you always,
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November 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 First Friday All Saints Day Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalm 24 1 John 3:1-3 Mt 5: 1-12	2 First Saturday All Souls Day Wisdom 3: 1-9 Psalm 27 John 6: 37-40
3 XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time Wisdon 11: 22-12:2 Psalm 145 2 Th 1:11--2:2 Lk 19: 1-10	4 Ro 11: 29-36 Psalm 69 Lk 14:12-14	5 Ro 12:5-16 Psalm 131 Lk 14:15-24	6 Ro 13:8-10 Psalm 112 Lk 14:25-33	7 Ro 14: 7-12 Psalm 27 Lk 15:1-10	8 Ro 15:14-21 Psalm 98 Lk 16:1-8	9 Ro 16:3-9,16,22-27 Psalm 145 Lk 16:9-15
10 XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14 Psalm 17 2 Th 2:16--3:5 Lk 20:27-38	11 Wisdom 1:1-7 Psalm 139 Lk 17:1-6	12 Wisdom 2:23--3:9 Psalm 34 Lk 17:7-10	13 Wisdom 6:2-11 Psalm 82 Lk 17:11-19	14 Wisdom 7:22--8:1 Psalm 119 Lk 17:20-25	15 Wisdom 13:1-9 Psalm 19 Lk 17:26-37	16 Wisdom 18:14-16;19,6-9 Psalm 105 Lk 18:1-8
17 XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time MI 3:19-20 Psalm 98 2 Th 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19	18 Acts 28:11-16,30-31 Psalm 98 Mt 14:22-33	19 2 Macc 6:18-31 Psalm 3 Lk 19:1-10	20 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31 Psalm 17 Lk 19:11-28	21 1 Macc 2:15-29 Psalm 50 Lk 19:41-44	22 1 Mac c 4:36-37,52-59 Psalm/1Ch 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48	23 1 Macc 6:1-13 Psalm 9 Lk 20:27-40
24 CHRIST THE KING 2 S 5:1-3 Psalm 122 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43	25 Dt 1:1-6,8-20 Psalm/Dt 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4	26 Dt 2: 31-45 Psalm/Dt 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11	27 Dt 5:1-6, 13-14,16-17,23-28 Psalm/Dt 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19	28 Dt 6: 12-28 Psalm/Dt 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28	29 Dt 7:2-14 Psalm/Dt 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33	30 Ro 10:9-18 Psalm 19: 2-5 Mt 4: 18-22
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All Saints November 01, 2013

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, peacemakers, 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 an 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. Who would you 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.



Examples for Life

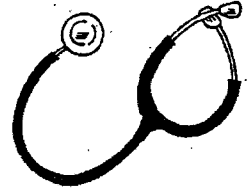
Name: _____

The spiritual union of all the members of the Church, living and deceased is called the communion of saints.

The people listed below are part of the communion of saints. Write the letter of the mini-biography in the space before each person's name.

___ 1. Dorothy Day

- A) A dedicated doctor, he founded MEDICO, an organization that secured medical supplies for Third World countries. He also served Vietnamese refugees in Laos



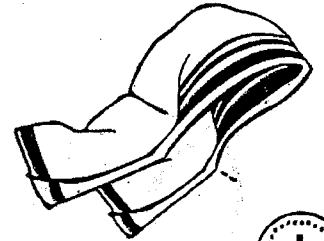
___ 2. Tom Dooley

- B) Founder of the Catholic Worker movement, she helped the poor, published a newspaper, and spoke out in support of peace and justice



___ 3. Mother Teresa

- C) She served the poor in the world, especially in Calcutta, India. She founded an order of Sisters who continue her work.



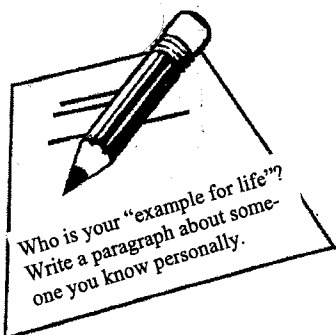
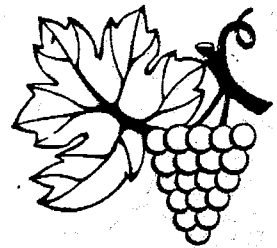
___ 4. Cesar Chavez

- D) A priest and later an archbishop, he worked for justice and against military dictatorship in El Salvador. He was assassinated while celebrating the Eucharist.



___ 5. Oscar Romero

- E) He helped migrant workers in U.S. by founding the United Farm Workers of America and by working for justice for immigrants.



Respuestas: 1.b 2.a 3.c 4.e 5.d



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All Souls November 02, 2013

Readings: Maccabeus 12, 43-46; Psalm 121; 1 John 3, 14-16; John 11, 17-27

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Judeans had come to see Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for." "Your brother will rise to life." Jesus told her. "I know," she replied, "that he will rise to life on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord!" She answered. "I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." **(John 11, 17-27)**

Reflection

Speak with the children about the Day of the Dead. For us Christians, we believe that life is changed not ended with physical death. Speak with the children about the experiences they have of people close to them who have died. How did they feel when that happened? How did the family cope with the moment? Invite the children to thank God because, despite the difficulties of dying, we have the hope and certainty that we will be with him. **Share.**

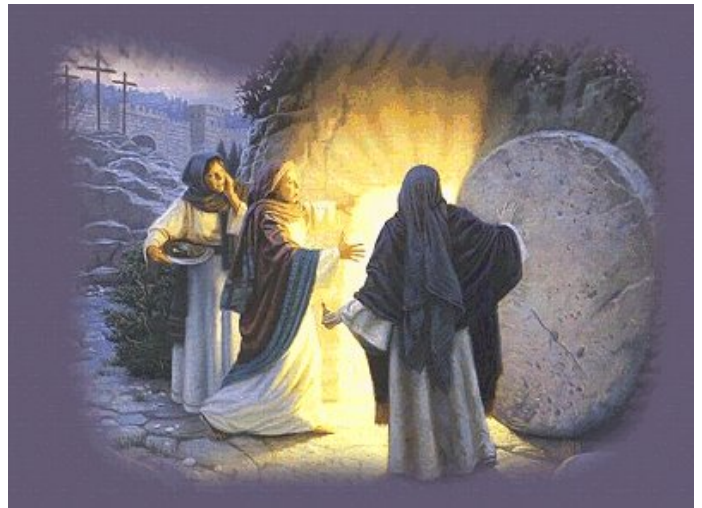
Activity

Ask the children to prepare cards with the names of the persons in their families who have died. Encourage them to remember all the good things they learn from them. Tell the children to write a prayer asking them, from heaven, to intercede for them. Bring all the cards to the altar of the group and pray all together, as a group, for their beloved death.

Prayer

Lord we are saddened by separation, but we know that you will always be with us. Give us faith, trust, hope at times of difficulty and death, so that we will always be secure in you.

Amen.



Death

Theme Discussion

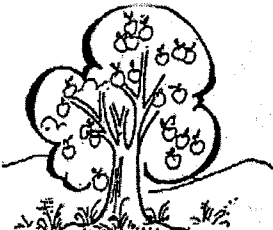

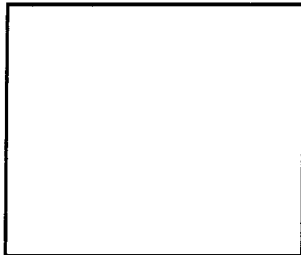
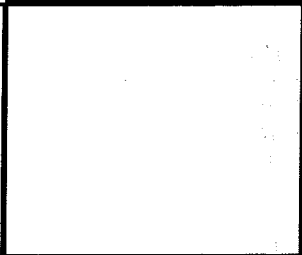
1. Discuss with the children their experiences of loss, whether it is the loss of a hat, a game, a friend, or the death of a parent or sister or brother, or friend or relative. Review and summarize what makes it so hard to face loss or death.

2. Based on the Gospels, show how Jesus faced both the death of others and His own death:

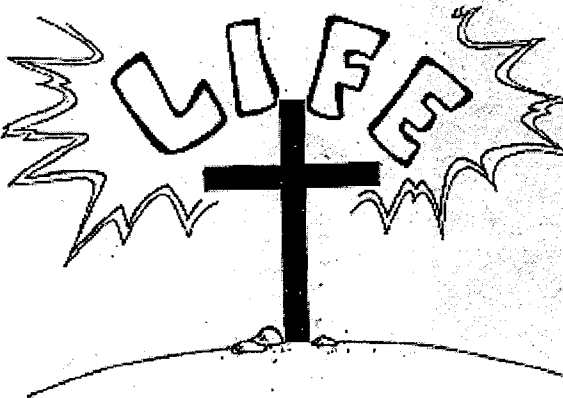
- The widow of Naim (Lk 7:11-15)
- Lazarus (Jn 11:1-43)
- The Daughter of Jairus (Lk 8:41-42; 45-56)
- Gethsemane (Mt 26:36-46; Mc 14:32-42; Lk 22:34-46)

Jesus makes changes for the better!

Club Members!
Sister Jane talked about some things in nature that changed, like the trees and the butterfly...
Can you find others? Draw or paste a picture of them in the boxes below.

What do these changes tell you about the change from this life to a Life of Fullness with God in Heaven?



Fill the blanks from the Word Bank.

We are created to _____ forever.
Jesus is waiting to _____ us home into heaven.
He said, "I am _____ a place for you".
We have _____ in Jesus.
For those who died, life did not en but _____
There will be no sadness there, no _____, no pain.
Heaven is where _____ is!

WORK BANK

- Welcome
- Preparing
- God
- Live
- Changed
- Tears
- New Life



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XXXI Sunday in Ordinary time November 3, 2013

Readings: Wisdom 11, 23-12, 2; Psalm 144; 2 Thessalonians 1, 11-2, 2; Luke 19, 1-10

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Jesus went on into Jericho and was passing through. There was a chief tax collector there named Zacchaeus who was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was a little man and could not see Jesus because of the crowd. So he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said to Zacchaeus, "Hurry down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today." Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed him with great joy. All the people who saw it started grumbling, "This man has gone as a guest to the home of a sinner!" Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Listen, Sir! I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much." Jesus said to him, "Salvation has come to this house today, for this man, also, is a descendant of Abraham. The son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." **(Luke 19, 1-10)**

Reflection

In the gospel of this week we can see how Zacchaeus, although he knew he was a sinner he seeks salvation in Jesus. Jesus offers it to him without judging or scolding him; simply by eating with him. Jesus invites us all to the Eucharist in the same way. What do you think of Zacchaeus? Why would he be so eager to see Jesus? How come Jesus saw him? If you were Zacchaeus, would you fall off the tree because of your excitement that Jesus is coming to your house? **Share.**

Activity

Dramatize the gospel with the older children. What was Zacchaeus's job? How did he change? For the small children we have an activity in the next page.

Prayer

Lord, there are many calls for us to change and mend our ways. Give us the desire to seek you. Help us and invite us once again, to sit down to dinner with you and to see what we must change. Give us the grace to do it. **Amen.**



Friends Again with Jesus!

Color the picture. Find the coins which Zacchaeus will give back to those whom he cheated. Color them yellow. Write in the box the number of the coins you find





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XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 10, 2013

Readings: 2 Maccabees 7, 1-2; Psalm 16; 2 Thessalonians 2, 15-3, 5; Luke 20, 27-38

The Question about Rising from Death

Then some Sadducees, who say that people will not rise from death, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, Moses wrote this law for us: If a man dies and leaves a wife but no children, that man's brother must marry the widow so that they can have children who will be considered the dead man's children. Once there were seven brothers; the oldest got married and died without having children. Then the second one married the woman, and then the third. The same thing happened to all seven, they died without having children. Last of all, the woman died. Now, on the day when the dead rise to life, whose wife will she be? All seven of them had married her." Jesus answered them, "The men and women of this age marry, but the men and women who are worthy to rise from death and live in the age to come will not then marry. They will be like angels and cannot die. They are the children of God, because they have risen from death. And Moses clearly proves that the dead are raised to life. In the passage about the burning bush he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He is the God of living, not of the dead, for to him all are alive." Some of the teachers of the Law spoke up, "A good answer, Teacher!" For they did not dare ask him any more questions. **(Luke 20, 27-38)**

Reflection

Speak with the children about how they imagine heaven. Is it boring? What would make them happy? Talk about stories of martyrs. Explain how they were calm in the face of death because they trusted that God would raise them in the last day if they were faithful and strong. What is so important to the children that they would be ready to make any sacrifice? There won't be any need to know who is whose spouse in heaven. God is not a God of the death, but of the living. Jesus says he is always in favor of life, because God is a God of the living. He is the one who guides our heart to love him better.

Share.

Activity

Ask the children to share their experiences about things they have lost. Example: loss of a friend, a hat, a game, or the death of a dear friend or family member. Share what is your reaction when you lost something or when someone you love died. Choose a bible reading to show the reaction of Jesus when His loved ones died and also of His own death. Luke 7:11-16 (The widow's son in Nain) John 11, 1-43 (Lazarus) Luke 8, 49-56 (The daughter of Jairus)

Prayer

We have many questions about life after death. Give us strength and trust in you to understand that you call us, here and now, to a life of service, generosity and self-sacrifice. Give us perseverance for our life, knowing that we build your Reign.

Amen.



Presentation of Our Lady

November 21



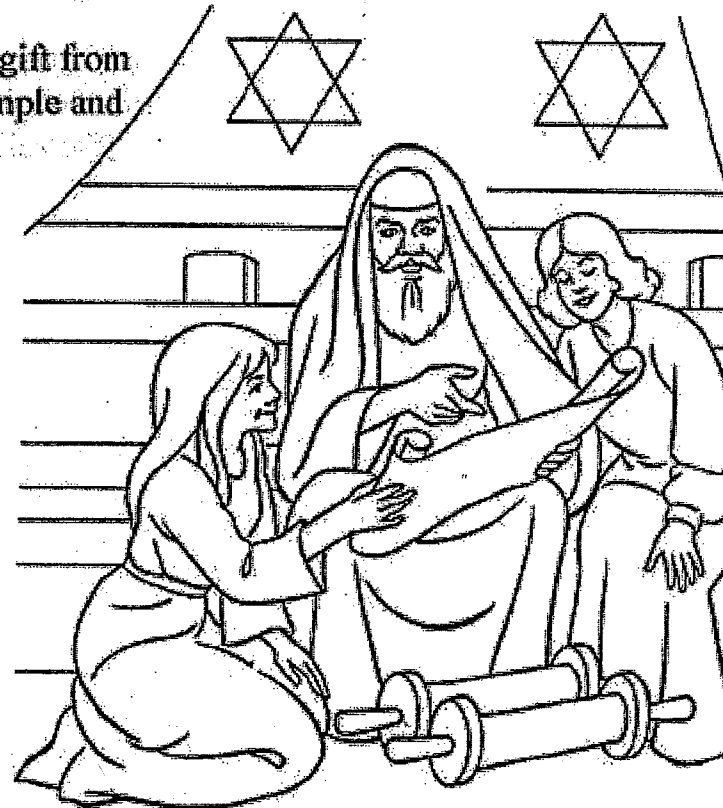
Joseph and Anne knew that Mary was a special gift from God. Soon after she was born they went to the temple and dedicated their child to God.

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.



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



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XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time November 17, 2013

Readings: Malachi 4, 1-2; Psalm 97; 2Thessalonians 3, 7-12; Luke 21, 5-19

Jesus Speaks of the Destruction of the Temple

Some of the disciples were talking about the Temple, how beautiful it looked with its fine stones and the gifts offered to God. Jesus said, "All this you see the time will come when not a single stone here will be left in its place; everyone will be thrown down." "Teacher," they asked, "when will this be? And what will happen in order to show that the time has come for it to take place?" Jesus said, "Watch out; don't be fooled. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time has come!' But don't follow them. Don't be afraid when you hear of wars and revolutions; such things must happen first, but they do not mean that the end is near." He went on to say, "Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky. Before all these things take place, however, you will be arrested and persecuted; you will be handed over to be tried in synagogues and be put in prison; you will be brought before kings and rulers for my sake. This will be your chance to tell the Good News. Make up your minds ahead of time not to worry about how you will defend yourselves, because I will give you such words and wisdom that none of your enemies will be able to refute or contradict what you say. You will be handed over by your parents. Your brothers, your relatives, and your friends; and some of you will be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a single hair from your heads will be lost. Stand firm, and you will save yourselves. **(Luke 21, 5-19)**

Reflection

Catastrophes and calamities will always happen. Our willingness and preparation to meet God cannot be improvised, we need to live each day looking at God. Our task is to be faithful in this world. If we do, the King of the universe will raise us up so that we can live with him forever. Speak with the children about what they know of current events in the world. Are they scared? What do their parents think about these things? God does not want for us suffering or death. God wants for us to live and work for justice. We must always be prepared to live with God, living each day the best we can, doing well what we do and taking care of others. **Share.**

Activity

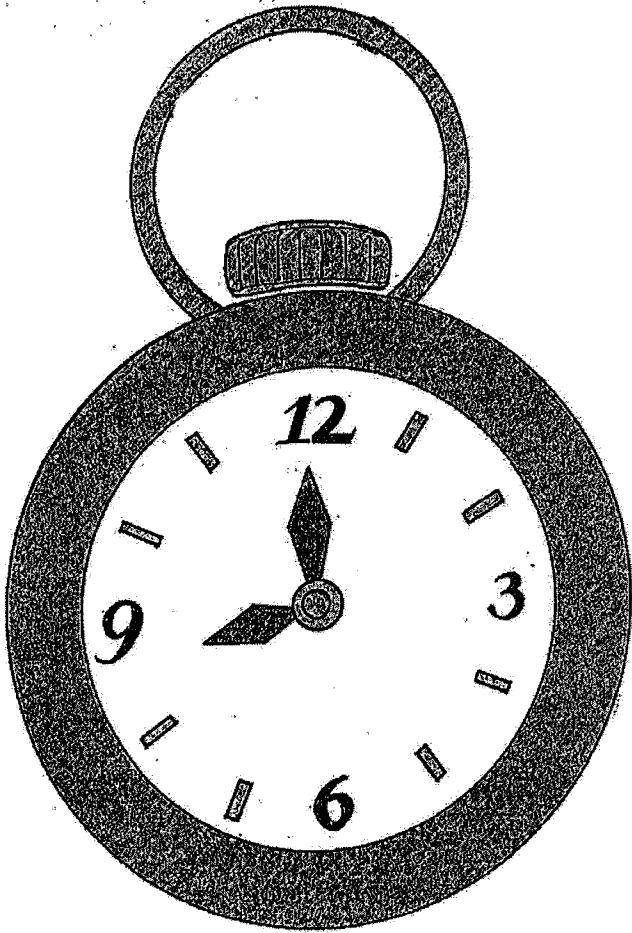
On the next page you will find an activity with two clocks. Ask the children to write beside one clock what they do now every hour and beside the other what they will do to be a better person. As they finish the activity have them present them at the altar of the group asking God to help them accomplish what they have promised to do.

Prayer

Lord, the world is full of problems causing anguish and terror. Stay with us so that we might live in your peace, taking care of each other and doing your work well and responsibly. **Amen.**



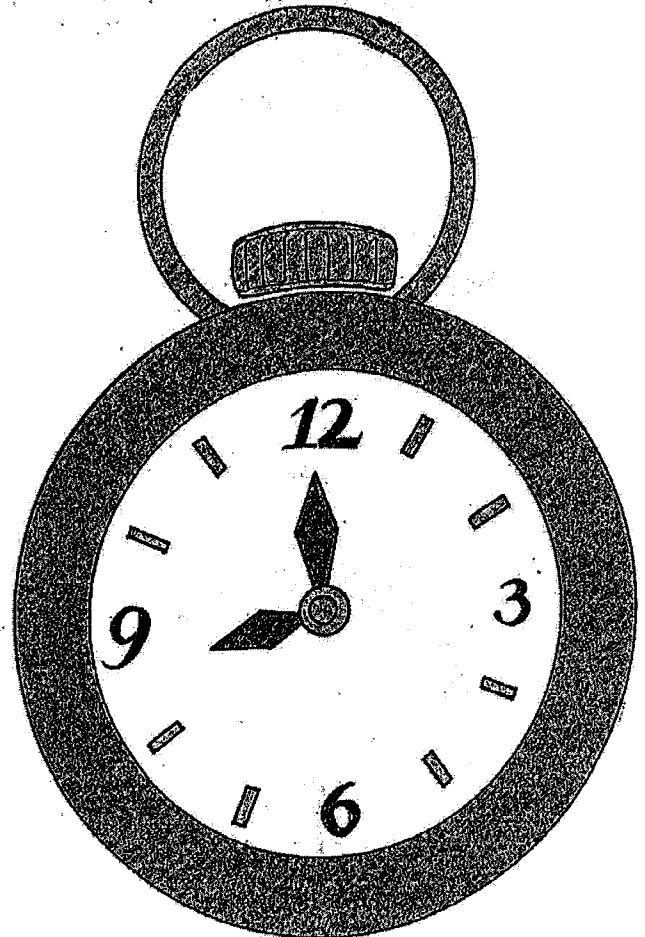
What I am doing at every hour



The days,
hours and
Minutes ...

My entire life,
I live with God

What I will do to be better





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Christ the King November 24 2013

Readings: 2 Samuel 5, 1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1, 12-20; Luke 23, 35-43

The people stood there watching while the Jewish leaders made fun of him; “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah whom God has chosen!” The soldiers also made fun of him: they came up to him and offered him cheap wine, and said, “Save yourself if you are the king of the Jews!” Above him were written these words: “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals hanging there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” The other one, however, rebuked him, saying, “Don’t you fear God? You received the same sentence he did. Ours, however, is only right, because we are getting what we deserve for what we did; but he has done no wrong.” And he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Jesus when you come as King!” Jesus said to him, “I promise you that today you will be in paradise with me.” **(Luke 23, 35-43)**

Reflection

Speak with the children about kings and queens. (The king of Great Britain or Spain, the ones of the fairy tales) What do they think is the work of kings? Do any of these kings resemble Jesus? How? Why do we speak of Christ, the King? Do some of the adults at home call each other my king or my queen? What might they mean by that? Tell them the stories of some martyrs who going to their death said: “Long live Christ the King.” **Share.**

Activity

For the small children prepare crowns. Ask them to decorate them and give them to the persons that are always serving them as their mother, grandmother, father, grandfather, teacher, etc. Those are the true kings and queens. For the older children there is an activity on the next page.

Prayer

Help us to remember, Lord that the reign you desire is service to one another, and sometimes requires sacrifice. Give us light to see how we can serve each other and reach out to others and meet their needs. **Amen.**



DIFFERENT KIND OF KING

Where do we get our ideas about kings? They come mostly from storybooks or the stories that we have read. The questions below ask you to compare the kings of this world to the king of the universe, Jesus. How is Jesus different from other kings?

WITH WHOM DO KINGS ASSOCIATE?

WITH WHOM DOES KING JESUS ASSOCIATE? (Luke 5:30-32)

HOW DO KINGS GET EVEN WITH SOMEONE WHO TREATS THEM POORLY?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS SAY ABOUT GETTING EVEN? (Matthew 5:39)

WHAT DO KINGS PROMISE THEIR FOLLOWERS?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS PROMISE HIS FOLLOWERS? (Matthew 16: 24-25)

WHERE DO KINGS LIVE?

WHERE DOES KING JESUS LIVE? (Luke 9:58)



CHRIST THE KING, November

5. WHAT DO MOST KINGS THINK THEY HAVE BEEN BORN TO DO?

WHAT DOES KING JESUS SAY HE COME TO DO? (John 12:20-27)

6. HOW DO KINGS HANDLE THEIR ENEMIES?

HOW DOES KING JESUS WANT US HANDLE OUR ENEMIES? (Matt. 5:39)

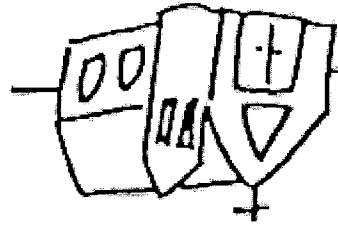
7. HOW DO KINGS TREAT THEIR FOLLOWERS?

HOW DOES KING JESUS TREAT HIS FOLLOWERS? (John 13:12-17)

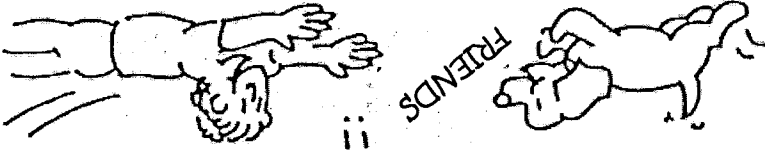
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CHURCH



FRIENDS



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FOOD



Give Thanks in All Circumstances

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thanksgiving

Prayer
Book

This book belongs to:



BIBBLE

Prayer before meals

The blessing

We thank you, God our Father,
for the food we are about to eat.
Let it give us strength to
help us follow you,
and energy to work for you,
so that we may always
please you in everything. Amen.



Do you know who I am?
Your conscience!

THE CONSCIENCE



I'm very important in your life. I'm going to explain everything you need to know about me.

I live deep within you.

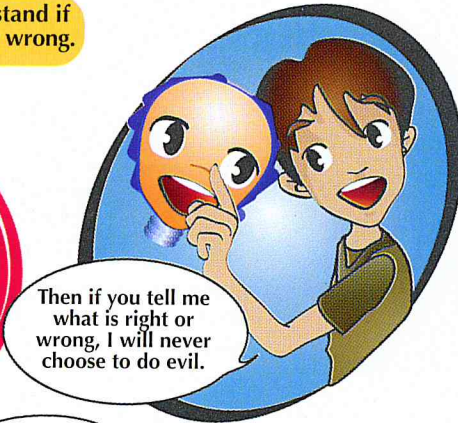


Thanks to me, you can use your reason to know how to choose between good and evil.



Many times I have told you that you shouldn't do certain things...

Thanks to me you can understand if you've done something right or wrong.



Then if you tell me what is right or wrong, I will never choose to do evil.



Unfortunately, with the help of the devil, you can do anything you want if you ignore me or make me be quiet.



The devil will try to make you deaf to my words. Or maybe make them seem unimportant.

Don't listen to what your conscience tells you.



A lie every once in awhile is not bad...



You should not tell lies.



I give you the antidote to resist the devil's poison so that I can keep strong and in shape.

- 1.- Listen carefully to the Word of God at Mass.
- 2.- Learn the teachings of the Church which are in the Catechism.
- 3.- Heed the advice of people who know and love you.
- 4.- Receive the sacraments frequently (especially the Eucharist and Confession).
- 5.- Pray a lot, and above all, make a good examination of conscience.

If you do all these things well, God will speak through my words and you can always choose what is good.

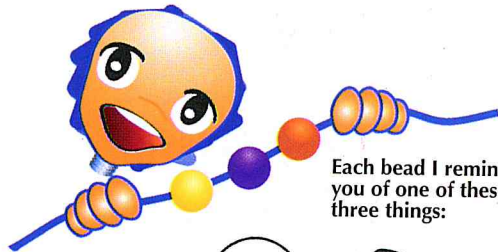


THE CONSCIENCE

During the examination of conscience, I tell you all that you've done during the day and I make you realize the good and bad things so that you avoid the bad ones in the future.



I give this advice: take a piece of thin cord and put three beads on it. Have it with you when you make your examination of conscience.



Each bead I remind you of one of these three things:

You can't do evil to achieve something good.

Do to others all the good that you would have them do to you.



I have something for you ...

Always respect others because they are children of God, although this does not mean you have to accept things that others do that are wrong.

REMEMBER

- ✦ The conscience is the most secret and sacred thing that every person has.
- ✦ The straight and true conscience is formed with education, by listening to the Word of God and the teachings of the Church. It is supported by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and aided by the advice of wise people.
- Making an examination of conscience does a lot of good.
- ✦ When you listen to your conscience, you can hear God's voice speaking to you.
- ✦ Your conscience is with you, in your soul. It looks at you with God's eyes; it warns you on time.

If you want, you can follow these clues to make your examination of conscience.



WHAT CAN WE DO?

You should examine your conscience carefully before going to sleep. You can also say this prayer:

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Your grace to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.
Lord, have mercy, I'm sorry.
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I'm the spark that jumps when you have to choose between good and evil.

- What good things did I do today? (prayer, helping out, sacrifices...)
- Have I fulfilled the resolution I made for today?
- What bad things have I done? (words, gestures, making fun of people, insults ...)
- What are you going to ask Jesus for, to help you be a better person?
- Think about your resolution for tomorrow.