

September 2013

### Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Let us motivate the children, in the beginning of this New Year, to share the great love of **God** for all of us. 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 saint 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 27 Saint Vincent de Paul

Sept 29 Saint Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael Archangels

### **Enclosed Materials:**

1) Calendar & Gospel of this month

### **Activities:**

- a) Forgiveness Cube
- b) The Ten Commandments
- c) Spiritual adoption prayers
- d) Archangels
- e) Blessed Chiara Luce Badano
- f) Our Lady's Deck -Game Rules

### **Recommended videos:**

- 1. Listen to the Maker
- 2. The Eucharist
- 3. Moses
- 4. The Ten commandments

We are planning the VIII Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary from June 19, to 22; 2014 in Nicaragua. We invite all to start making plans to attend. Reserve your space with \$50.00 deposit.

May God bless you always, Friends of Jesus and Mary



### Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



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| MONDAY                                  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                 | FRIDAY                                      | SATURDAY  |
| 2                                       | 3<br>ST GREGORY THE GREAT   | 4  | 5  | 6<br>First Friday                           | 7<br>First Saturday                                 |
| 1Th 4, 13-18<br>Psalm 95<br>Lk 4, 16-30 | 1Th 5, 1-6.9-11<br>Psalm 26<br>Lk 4, 31-37  | Col 1, 1-8<br>Psalm 51<br>Lk 4, 38-44  | Col 1, 9-14<br>Psalm 97<br>Lk 5, 1-11    | Col 1, 15-20<br>Psalm 99<br>Lk 5, 33-39     | Col 1, 21-23<br>Psalm 53<br>Lk 6, 1-5               |
| 9<br>ST PETER CLAVER                    | 10  | 11   | 12                                       | 13<br>ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM                    | 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS                     |
| Col 1, 24-2,3<br>Psalm 61<br>Lk 6, 6-11 | Col 2, 6-15<br>Psalm 144<br>Lk 6, 12-19   | Col 3, 1-11<br>Psalm 144<br>Lk 6, 20-26  | Col 3, 12-17<br>Psalm 150<br>Lk 6, 27-38 | 1Ti 1, 1-2.12-14<br>Psalm 15<br>Lk 6, 39-42 | Nu21: 4-9<br>Psalm 78<br>Phil 2: 6-11<br>Jn 3:13-17 |
| 16<br>POPE ST. CORNELIUS<br>ST. CYPRIAN | 17<br>ST ROBERT BELLARMINE  | 18   | 19                                       | 20  | 21<br>ST MATTHEW,APOSTLE                            |
| 1Ti 2, 1-8<br>Psalm 27<br>Lk 7, 1-10    | 1Ti 3, 1-13<br>Psalm 100<br>Lk 7, 11-17   | 1Ti 3, 14-16<br>Psalm 110<br>Lk 7, 31-35   | 1Ti 4, 12-16<br>Psalm 110<br>Lk 7, 36-50 | 1Ti 6, 2c-12<br>Psalm 48<br>Lk 8, 1-3       | Eph 4, 1-7.11-13<br>Psalm 18<br>Mt 9, 9-13          |
| 23<br>ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA           | 24  | 25   | 26<br>ST COSMAS & DAMIAN                 | 27<br>ST VINCENT DE PAUL                    | 28<br>ST LAWRENCE                                   |
| Esd 1, 1-6<br>Psalm 125<br>Lk 8, 16-18  | Esd 6, 7-8,12b.14-20<br>Psalm 121<br>Lk 8, 19-21  | Esd 9, 5-9<br>Psalm/Tb 13, 2-4.6<br>Lk 9, 1-6  | Ag 1, 1-8<br>Psalm 149<br>Lk 9, 7-9      | Ag 2, 1-9<br>Psalm 42<br>Lk 9, 18-22        | Zec 2, 5-9<br>Psalm/Jr 31<br>Lk 9, 43b-45           |
| 30<br>ST JEROME                         |   |  |  |   |   |
| Zec 8, 1-8<br>Psalm 101<br>Lk 9, 46-50  |   |  |  |   |   |
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XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 1, 2013

Readings: Ecclesiastes: 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12: 18-19.22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Humility and Hospitality

One Sabbath Jesus went to eat a meal at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and people were watching Jesus closely. Jesus noticed how some of the guests were choosing the best places, so he told this parable to all of them: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host, who invited both of you, would have to come and say to you, 'Let him have this place.' Then you would be embarrassed and have to sit in the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that your host will come to you and say, 'come on up, my friend, to a better place.' This will bring you honor in the presence of all the other guests. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or relatives or your rich neighbors for they will invite you back, and in this way you will be paid for what you did. When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; and you will be blessed, because they are not able to pay you back. God will repay you on the day the good people rise from death." (Luke 14, 1.7-14)

### Reflection

When we do favors or services, we don't have to think of the reward, or even of the recognition. Speak with the children about dinners with guests at home. Where does each person usually sit? Is there any reason why some people always sit at the head of the table? What would happen if the table were round? Do they feel they always want to be praised and recognized for what they do? Do they sometimes do things just because they know it is the right thing to do, even if no one sees it? Share.

### Activity

Ask the children to imagine and dramatize a dinner where people who are poor, disabled, and blind have been invited. What do they say? Do they give excuses because they will never be able to return the invitation? What can they offer? Ask each child to prepare an invitation for someone who is excluded from games at school. This will be their commitment for the week. Share.

### Prayer

Lord, we thank you because you see us just as we are and do not reject us. We do not have to buy your love, because you give it to us unconditionally. Give us light and generosity not to do things for reward or praise, but to respond to your great love. Amen.





XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8, 2013
Readings: Wisdom 9, 13-19 Psalm 89, Philemon 9b-10.12-17 Luke 14, 25-33
The cost of being a disciple

Once when large crowds of people were going along with Jesus, he turned and said to them, "Those who come to me cannot be my disciples unless they love me more than they love father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and themselves as well. Those who do not carry their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciples. If one of you is planning to build a tower, you sit down first and figure out what it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of you. 'You began to build but can't finish the job!' they will say. If a king goes out with ten thousand men to fight another king who comes against him with twenty thousand men, he will sit down first and decide if he is strong enough to face that other king. If he isn't, he will send messengers to meet the other king to ask for terms of peace while he is still a long way off. In the same way," concludes Jesus, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have." (Luke 14, 25-33)

### Reflection

In the readings of this week we can see in the first reading how sometimes the wisdom of God is mysterious and we don't fully understand His will. The Holy Spirit comes to our aid to give us light. In the gospel, Jesus warns us that sometimes following him is not easy. We cannot say yes blindly without truly considering what sort of commitment we are making. Do they live in an environment where everything is given to them without their making any effort or sacrifice? Are they able to sacrifice for others? What do you think Jesus might ask you to do? Are you ready to do it? Share.

### Activity

We live in an era of materialism. To follow Jesus we must think about others and not only about ourselves. We must not be focused on having things but on doing good. On the next page you will find the activity "Stop the Monster" that you can use as the activity for this week.

### Prayer

Lord, sometimes we look for the easiest way out and we serve the small idols of our selfishness. Give us your light and generosity to listen to your voice and follow you, knowing that the price we pay is small compared to the grace of your love and presence. Amen.





# Friends of Jesus and Mary XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2013 Readings: Exodus 32, 7-11.13-14 Psalm 50 1Timothy 1, 12-17 Luke 15, 1-32

One day when many tax collectors and other outcasts came to listen to Jesus, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law started grumbling, "This man welcomes outcasts and even eats with them!" So Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, what do you do? Do you leave the other ninety nine sheep in the pasture and go looking for the one that got lost until you find it? When you find it, you are so happy that you put it on your shoulders and carry it back home. Then you call your friends and neighbors together and say to them, 'I am so happy I found my lost sheep. Let us celebrate!' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine respectable people who do not need to repent. Or suppose a woman who has ten silver coins and loses one of them, what does she do? She lights a lamp, sweeps her house, and looks carefully everywhere until she finds it. When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, and says to them, 'I am so happy I found the coin I lost. Let us celebrate!' In the same way, I tell you, the angels of God rejoice over a sinner who repents." Jesus went on to say, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons. After a few days the younger son sold his part of the property and left home with the money. He went to a country far away, where he wasted his money in reckless living. He spent everything he had. Then a severe famine spread over that country, and he was left without a thing. So he went to work for one of the citizens of that country who sent him out to his farm to take care of the pigs. He wished he could fill himself with the bean pods the pigs ate but no one gave him anything to eat. At last he came to his senses and said, 'All my father's hired workers have more than they can eat, and here I am about to starve! I will get up and go to my father and say, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired workers.' So he got up and started back to his father. He was still a long way from home when his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms around his son, and kissed him. 'Father', the son said, 'I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son.' But the father called to his servants. 'Hurry!' he said. 'Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. Then go and get the prize calf and kill it, and let us celebrate with a feast! For this son of mine was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found.' And so the feasting began. In the meantime the older son was out in the field. On his way back, when he came close to the house, he heard the music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him, 'What's going on?' 'Your brother has come back home,' the servant answered, 'and your father has killed the prize calf, because he got him back safe and sound.' The older brother was so angry that he would not go into the house; so his father came out and begged him to come in. But he spoke back to his father, 'Look, all these years I have worked for you like a slave, and I have never disobeyed your orders. What have you given me? Not even a goat for me to have a feast with my friends! But this son of yours wasted all your property on prostitutes and when he comes back home, you kill the prize calf for him!' 'My son,' the father answered, 'you are always here with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be happy, because your brother was dead, but now he is alive; he was lost, but now he has been found." (Luke 15, 1-32)

### Reflection

In the gospel of this week we find three stories that are different but with the same message. How are these stories similar? All the characters have lost something and celebrate when they find it. What do you think Jesus is trying to say through these stories? Jesus says that God always rejoices when people return to him after being lost or far away. Do you think that when you regret having done something wrong Jesus forgives you and waits for you to embrace you? Share.

### Activity

Prepare with the children the "Forgiveness Cube" that is on the following page. Each child needs to make a commitment to forgive someone they have hurt and celebrate being together with something special.

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Lord, you always have your arms stretched out to receive those who return to you. Give us your generosity and mercy to forgive one another and to return to your love. Amen.



# Forgiveness Cube

I know God forgives even when we find it hard to forgive ourselves, because ...



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I know God forgives when we want to change from \_\_\_\_\_



I know God forgives even the times when we forgot about Him and cared only about ...

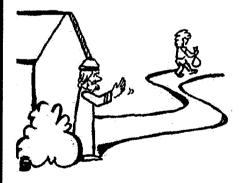




# <u>Directions to make the</u> <u>"Forgiveness Cube"</u>

Glue the whole page onto a stiff paper, then cut our the laid out box in one piece, following the outlines. Fold carefully on the straight lines and score the edges. Glue the flaps under the sides that fold over them.

I know God forgives even when we walk away from Him looking for ...



I know God forgives even when we act



### **Rules of the Game**

Toss the cube. When it lands, look at the picture on the top; then read and complete the sentence.

Finish it with the words: "Because He loves us!"

You are free to complete the sentence in many different ways. Each time you do it, you gain the number of points you find on each picture. If you cannot finish the sentence, you lose a turn in the next round.

Keep score. The one who has the highest number of points, win.



XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2013 Readings: Amos 8, 4-7 Psalm 112, 1Timothy 2, 1-8 Luke 16, 1-13

### The shrewd Manager

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a servant who managed his property. The rich man was told that the manager was wasting his master's money, so he called him in and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Turn in a complete account of your handling of my property, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' The servant said to himself, 'My master is going to dismiss me from my job. What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig ditches, and I am ashamed to beg. Now I know what I will do! Then when my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes. So he called in all the people who were in debt to his master. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?' 'One hundred barrels of olive oil,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'sit down and write fifty.' Then he asked another one, 'And you how much do you owe?' 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he answered. 'Here is your account,' the manager told him; 'write eight hundred.' As a result the master of this dishonest manager praised him for doing such a shrewd thing; because the people of this world are much shrewder in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." And Jesus went on to say, "And so I tell you: make friends for yourselves with worldly wealth, so that when it gives out, you will be welcomed in the eternal home. Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones. If then, you have not been faithful in handling worldly wealth, how can you be trusted with true wealth? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you what belongs to you? "No servant can be the slave of two masters; such a slave will hate one and love the other or will be loyal to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (Luke 16, 1-13)

### Reflection

Jesus does not praise the crooked man, but his cleverness. We, Christians, need to be skillful and lucid to work for the good, for the building of the Kingdom of God. Have they ever heard adults at home talk about having been deceived or robbed? Do they have thought to plan a practical joke or some other naughtiness? Have they ever planned something nice, such as a surprise to their parents or teachers? Share.

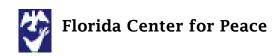
### Activity

Make a plan with the group to help someone that is having problems. Invite the children to make their petitions and decide as a group what they will do. On the following page you can find an activity on how to show that Jesus is our light. Choose a song like "This little light of mine."

### Prayer

Lord, give us your light to see the truth. Give us your truth and your wisdom to do good with decision an efficiently. Give us your joy so that our faith becomes attractive to others, so they can come to you. Amen.





XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2013

Readings: Amos 6, 1a. 4-7; Psalm 145; 1Timothy 6, 11-16; Luke 16, 19-31

### The Rich Man and Lazarus

There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in a great luxury every day. There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast of heaven. The rich man died and was buried, and in Hades, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. So he called out, Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire! But Abraham said, remember my son, that in your life time you were given all good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain. Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are. The rich man said, "Then I beg you, father Abraham, and send Lazarus to my father's house, where I have five brothers. Let him go and warn so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain. Abraham said, "Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say. The rich man answer, that is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from the death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins. But Abraham said, If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death. (Luke 16, 10-31)

### Reflection

In the readings for this week we can see how Jesus tells us that we must be attentive to the needs of others, and help them in their needs.

Have their ever felt ignored, as if they were not there. by their parents or teachers? How did they feel? Do they often go by people who need something and try to ignore them? What do they think of the story? Share.

### Activity

Bring white paper to motivate the children to make special invitation for a family member or friend which they have not seen for a long time. Pick up a date and an hour for the meeting and let them know how important it is for you.

Also they can make thank you cards for their parents and teachers for all the things they do for them every day. Then you can place the cards in the altar to ask Jesus to Help them accomplish what they have promise.

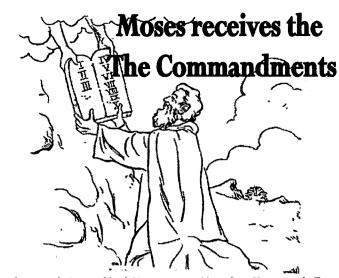
### Prayer

Lord, open our eyes and our ears to see and to listen to one another and to respond to the needs of others with love and compassion. Forgive our blindness when we do not see the needs of others, and when we do not move to help. Make us generous and decisive. Amen



### The Ten Commandments

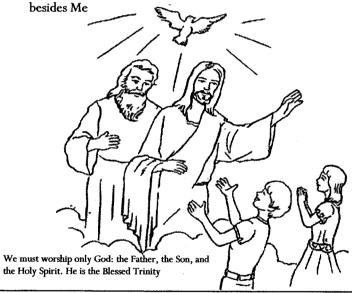
- 1-I, the Lord, am your God, You shall not have other gods besides Me.
- 2— You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
- 3- Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
- 4— Honor your father and your mother.
- 5- You Shall not kill.
- 6- You shall not commit adultery.
- 7- You shall not steal.
- 8— You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9- You shall not cover your neighbor's wife.
- 10—You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.



On the way to the Promised Land, Moses goes up to Mount Sinai. He receives the Ten Commandments written on tablets of stone.

# The First Commandment

I, the Lord, am your God, You shall not have other gods



# The Second Commandment

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We honor God's Name when we say prayers to praise Jesus, the Father, or the Holy Spirit

You shall not take the Name of the Lord, your God, in

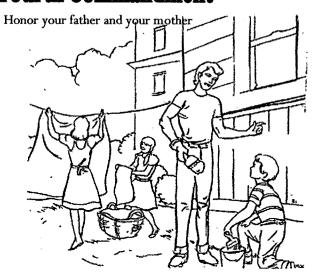


# Third Commandment

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day

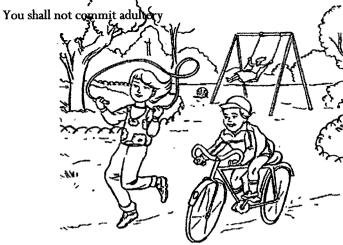


# **Fourth Commandment**



# Fifth Commandment You Shall not kill. We must avoid fighting or hurting others. We must try to do good to them

# Sixth Commandment



We must be pure in all we see and hear, say and do

# **Seveth Commandment**

You shall not steal



We must show respect for the property of others. If we find someone's wallet, we should return it to that person.

# **Eighth Commandment**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.



We must always tell the truth. If we have broken a window, we must say we did it

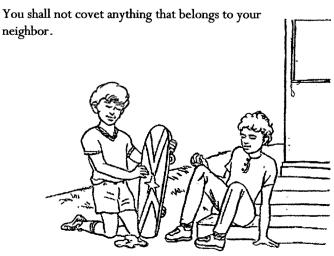
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You shall not cover your neighbor's wife

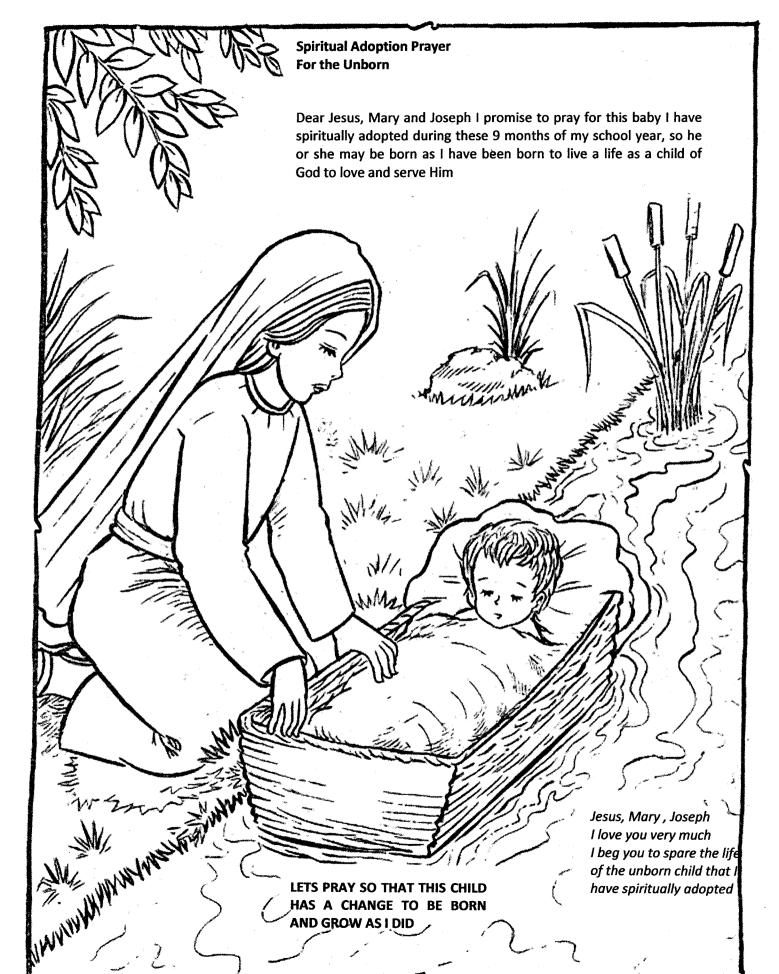


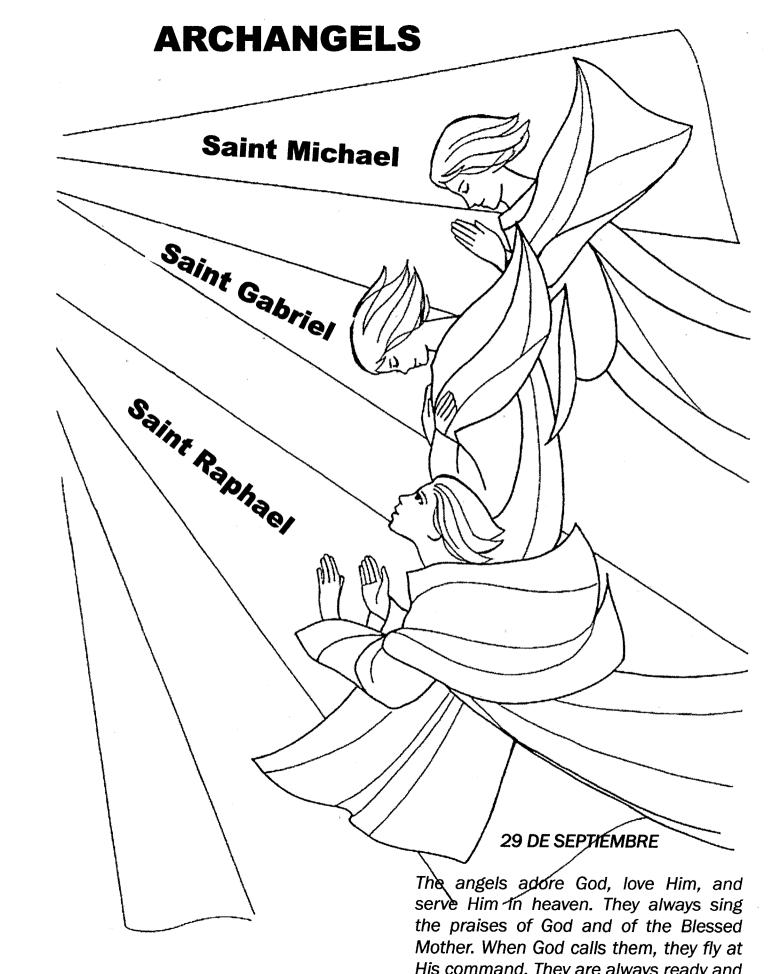
We must respect the marriage of men and women

# **Tenth Commandment**



We must never be jealous of what others have. We

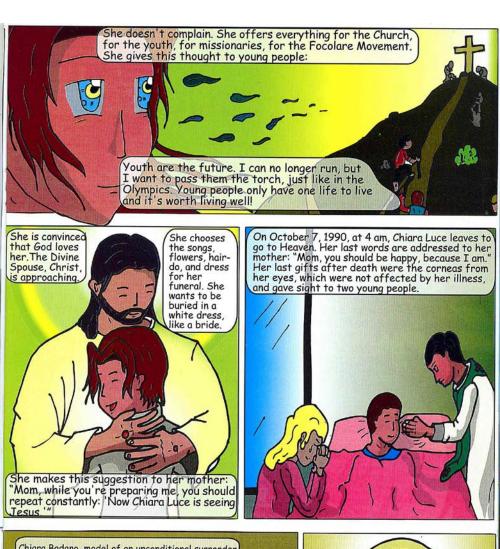


















**OUR HM ZOOM GAME:** Cut out the pages that have the deck of cards and paste them on CONSTRUCTION PAPER THAT IS THE SAME COLOR! Once they are glued down, cut out each card in the deck to start the game.

**NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 2 or 4** 

**OBJECTIVE:** The game consists in trying to form groups in the deck.

There are four groups: LIFE OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE MESSIAH, THE BIRTH, LIFE WITH JESUS. Each group contains four cards.

HOW TO PLAY: Shuffle the deck well and deal out all the cards among the players. Roll dice or toss a coin to see who gives the order to pass the cards. The chosen player says, "One, two, three!" On "three", all the players pass one of their cards face-down to the player on their right.

**WHO WINS:** the player who is able to form the most groups or form one before anyone else does.

**SPECIAL PRIZE:** A special prize (decided by your mom or dad) is given to the player who memorizes the scenes from the life of Jesus and Mary.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Getting mad is absolutely forbidden.





