



Friends of Jesus and Mary

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Florida Center for Peace

May 2015
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sister:

In May will continue with the fifth and six Sunday of Easter, after we have 3 Sundays with very important feast in our Liturgical year. The Ascension of the Lord, Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity. Continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for the peace in the world.

Enclosed you will find the most important Feast and Saints:

May 01 St Joseph the Workers
May 03 Exaltation of the Cross
May 10 Mother's day
May 13 Our Lady of Fatima
May 17 The Ascension of the Lord
May 22 St Rita of Cascia
May 24 Pentecost
May 31 The Most Holy Trinity

Enclosed Material:

- a) Calendar & Meditations on Sunday Gospel
- b) St Athanasius
- c) Mother's day card
- d) The Ascension of the Lord
- e) Jesus my best Friend
- f) Our Lady of Christian
- g) The puzzle explained

Suggested videos:

- 1) The Day the Sun Danced-Fatima
- 2) Prayer
- 3) The Ascension of the Lord

Remember about our IV Congress to be placed in Miami Florida, on February 2016
Share this beautiful experience & Try to make plans to be with us.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 FIRST FRIDAY St Joseph the Worker Gn 1:26-2:3 Psalm 90 Mt 13:54-58	2 FIRST SATURDAY St Athanasius Acts 13:44-52 Psalm 98 John 14:7-14
3 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 22 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8	4 St Cyriacus, Martyr with Ten Companions Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115 John 14:21-26	5 Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 145 John 14:27-31a	6 Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 122 John 15:1-8	7 Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 96 John 15:9-11	8 Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 57 John 15:12-17	9 Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100 John 15:18-21
10 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26,34-35; 44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17	11 Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149 John 15:26-16:4a	12 Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 138 John 16:5-11	13 Our Lady of Fatima Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Psalm 148 John 16:12-15	14 Ascension of the Lord Lord Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Eph 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20	15 St Isidore the Farmer Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 47 John 16:20-23	16 Acts 18:23-28 Psalm 47 John 16:23b-28
17 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15-17,20a, 20c-26 Psalm 103 1 John 4:11-16 John 17:11b-19	18 St John I Pope Martyr Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 68 John 16:29-33	19 Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 68 John 17:1-11a	20 St Bernardine of Siena Priest Acts 20:28-38; Psalm 68 John 17:11b-19	21 Acts 22:30;23:6-11; Psalm 16 John 17:20-26	22 St Rita of Cascia Acts 25:13b-21; Psalm 103 John 21:15-19	23 Acts 28:16-20,30-31; Psalm 11 John 21:20-25
24 Pentecost Sunday Solemnity Acts 2:1-11 Psalm 104 Ga 5:16-25; John 15:26-27;16:12-15	25 Sirach 17:20-24; Psalm 32 Mark 10:17-27	26 St Philip Neri Sirach 35:1-12; Psalm 50 Mark 10:28-31	27 St Augustine of Canterbury Bishop Sirach 36:1,4-5a,10-17 Psalm 79 Mark 10:32-45	28 Sirach 42:15-25; Psalm 33 Mark 10:46-52	29 Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Psalm 149 Mark 11:11-26	30 St Joan of Arc Sirach 51:12cd-20; Psalm 19 Mark 11:27-33
31 The Most Holy Trinity Solemnity Dt 4, 32-34,39-40 Psalm 32 Ro 8, 14-17 Mt 28, 16-20						

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ST. ATHANASIUS

St. Athanasius was a very brave man and a great defender of the truth. Did you know that he had to flee into exile five times during his life?! The Arians, heretics who did not believe that Jesus was the true God, hated Athanasius and tried to kill him.

Good day, sir! we are ...looking for Athanasius, the bishop.

Peace, brethren. I saw him go off on a boat.



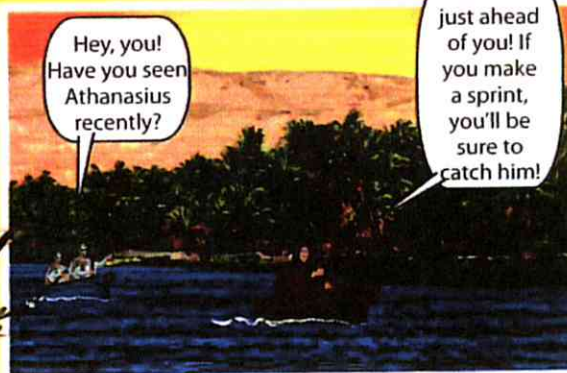
Good thing he was so smart and knew how to cleverly work his way out of dangerous situations!

The soldiers moved quickly and soon left Athanasius' boat way behind them.



Hey, you! Have you seen Athanasius recently?

Yes. He's just ahead of you! If you make a sprint, you'll be sure to catch him!



● ST. ATHANASIUS *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

NAME: Athanasius of Alexandria

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 295 A.D. in Alexandria (Egypt)

KNOWN FOR: his defense of the true faith of the Catholic Church.
He fought against Arius, a heretic who claimed that Jesus was not God.
He also defended the Virginity of Our Lady.

MAIN WRITINGS: Life of Anthony, Against the Pagans,
On the Incarnation of the Word, Discourses Against the Arians

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH: May 2, 373 in Alexandria (Egypt)



FEAST:
May 2



Friends of Jesus and Mary **5th Sunday of Easter - May 03, 2015**

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8

Jesus the real vine

"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples. **(John 15: 1-8)**

Reflection

We find this message in the readings of this week: a) with trust in God's protection, the church finds peace and continues to grow and flourish; b) The authenticity of love must be demonstrated in concrete actions; c) Christ depends on us to be his hands and the voice to bring salvation to others. What happens to the branches if they are torn from the trunk and are not replanted? By themselves they will die. Whom do they need? In the same way we need to be united to Jesus to grow. What does being very close to another person mean? To whom do they feel united? What does "giving fruit" mean? What good fruits can they give? Do they think that giving fruit means earning lots of fame and money?

Activity

What kinds of good fruits do you think Jesus likes? In the picture there is a vine and some branches. On each leaf, write a word that describes a way Jesus would like people to behave.

Prayer

Sometimes, Lord we get separated from you, or we forget your presence. And then it seems life ceases to have meaning and joy. Remind us always that, in order to live and give fruit, we need to be united among ourselves and with you like the vine. **Amen.**





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6th Sunday of Easter May 10, 2015

Readings: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 ; Psalm 97 ; 1John 4:7-10 ; John 15: 9-17

I love you just as the Father loves me; remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my father. You did not choose me; I chose you and appointed you to go and bear much fruit, the kind of fruit that endures. And so the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name. This, then, is what I command you: love one another. **(John 15: 9-17)**

Reflection

Make a list of the people that love you. What do those people do for you? What would you do for them? What are you willing to sacrifice for the people you love? Jesus gave His life for us. How can we thank Jesus for what He did for us? Give them enough time to share.

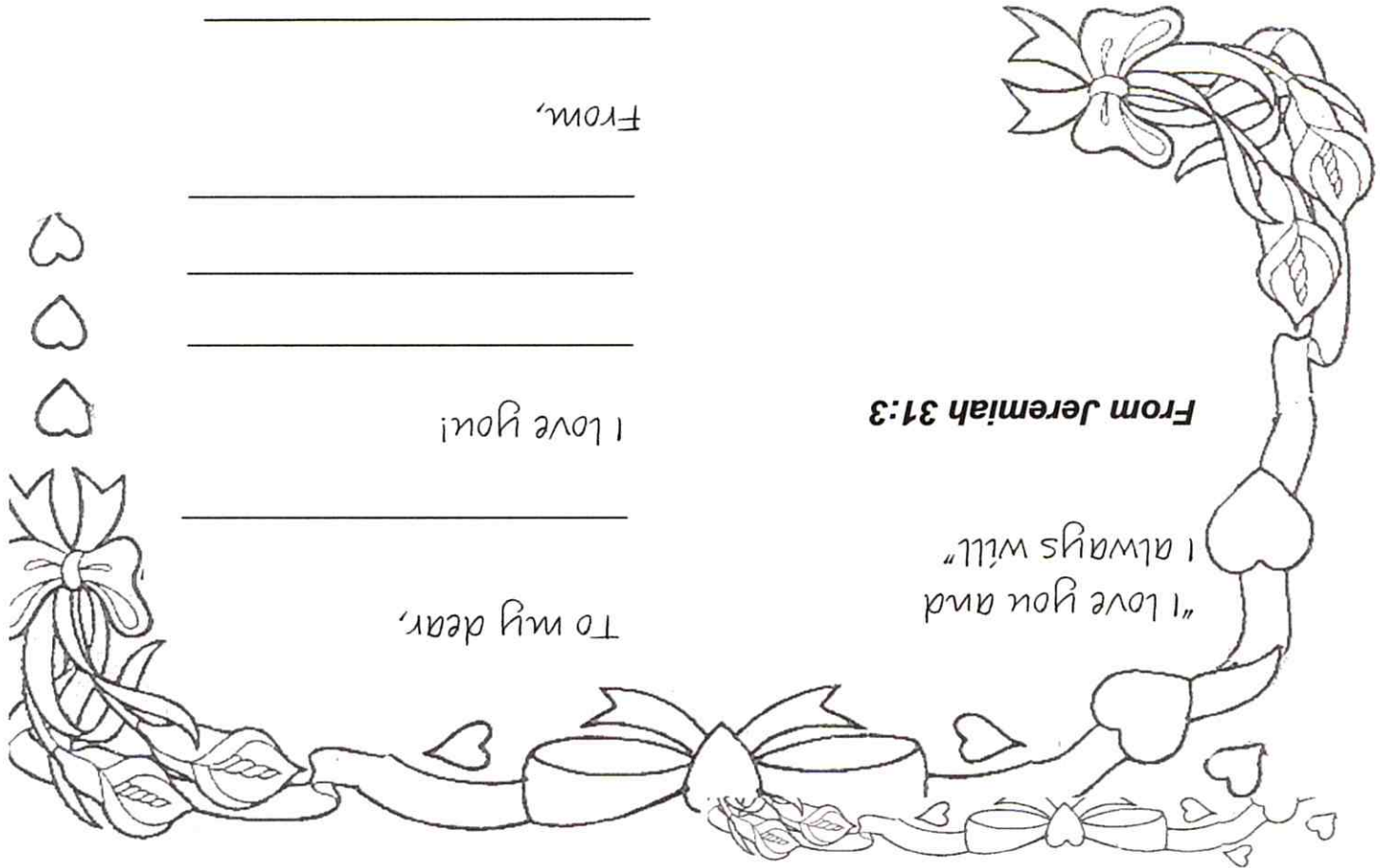
Activity

Prepare a poster board with a big picture of Jesus. Cut one heart for each child. Ask them to write on front their name and the name of the person that loves them. On the back they can write what they would do for them this week. Each child shall paste the heart on the poster. Before the group meeting ends, they shall pick up their heart to take to their special person. You have a model on the next page.

Prayer

We use the word love frequently Lord, but sometimes we don't think about how much it demands from us. It demanded your own life. Look with mercy, Lord, on the sacrifices we make for our families and friends. Give us courage to give of ourselves to others and to bring your message everywhere. **Amen.**

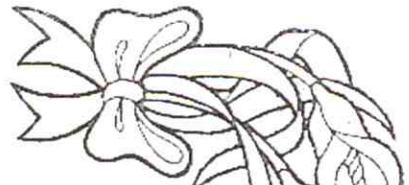




From,

I love you!

To my dear,



From Jeremiah 31:3

"I love you and
I always will"

Happy
Mother's
Day



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER
MARY WITH HER DIVINE SON
JESUS



Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Ascension of the Lord- May 14, 2015***

Readings: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 46 Eph 1: 17-23; Mark 16:15-20

He said to them, "Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, and these will get well." After the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God. The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed. **(Mark 16:15-20)**

Reflection

Jesus has shown a great love and now He wants his friends to help him in the mission to tell others how good God is, not only with words but with actions. How can you help Jesus to proclaim the Good News?

Activity

Prepare a small box to place some white index cards in it. On each card write a message from Jesus for each children (the mission God asked them to accomplish).

Example:

- 1) I would like you to smile often.
- 2) I would like you to do your homework without being asked.
- 3) I want you to help someone that is in need.
- 4) Help your mother with the house chores.
- 5) Visit a friend that is sick.

You can add a lot more similar to this. Have the children pick up a card from the box. Each child will promise to accomplish the mission that he or she has received this week.

Prayer

Lord, you send us to announce God's love for all and the salvation that comes from you. Sometimes we don't even know how to start. Give us your light and wisdom to recognize each moment of the day in which we can be your witness through our actions of honesty, justice, love and service to all. **Amen.**





***THE ASCENSION OF JESUS
JESUS RETURNS TO THE FATHER***

Narrator: Jesus led His Apostles to a place near Bethany. As He finished speaking to them He began to rise in a cloud toward Heaven.

Apostles: Lord, where are you going? Do not leave us, let us come with you!

Jesus: Do not fear. I will be with you always.

Narrator: As the Apostles stood watching Jesus rise toward Heaven, two men dressed in white stood beside them.

Angels: Why are you standing here looking at the sky?

Peter: We are watching our Lord Jesus leaving us, returning to the Father.

Angel 1: As you see Him leaving you, He will also return.

Angel 2: Go back to Jerusalem as Jesus told you and wait for the Holy Spirit to come to you.

Narrator: The Apostles returned to Jerusalem as the Angels had told them.



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7th Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2015

Readings: Acts 1:15-17, 20^a; Psalm 103; 1John 4:11-16; John 17, 11b-19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." **(John 17, 11b-19)**

What am I going to do?

Speak to Jesus and tell him about a time when you saw something quite amazing. Ask him for strength to do what he wants of you.

Tell him what you want to do:

☺ For example: I will share my toys with other children.

☺ For example: I will be respectful with the adults and I will not answer back when they tell me something I do not like.

WORD SEARCH

Find the following hidden words in Spanish and write a sentence using them:

HEAVEN, ANGEL, LOOK, MESSENGERS, AMAZED, FRIENDS, JESUS, CITY, RETURN, WENT UP

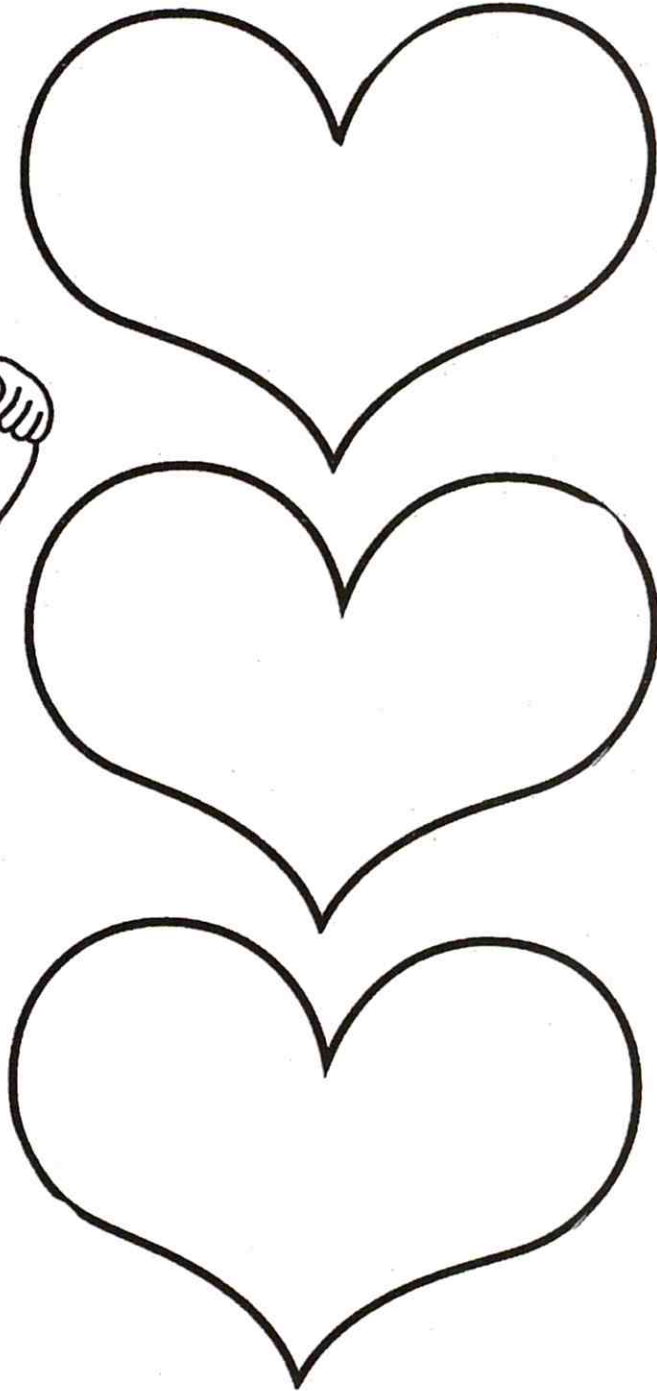
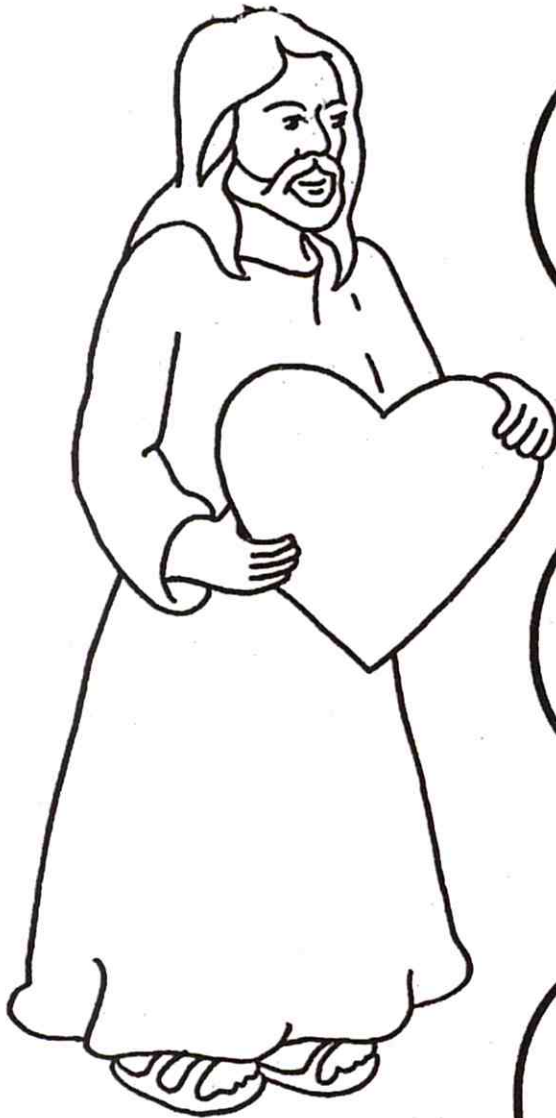
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Pentecost - May 24, 2015

Readings: Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 103; 1Corinthians 12, 3b -7.12-13; John 20, 19-23

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

It was late that Sunday evening and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." **(John 20, 19-23)**

Reflection

The readings of this week give us the message that the Spirit of God cast out fear and turns the disciples into proclaimers of the Resurrection of Jesus. They explain to us that the gifts and talents of each other are different, but all of us are called to serve God. Jesus gives the Spirit to the disciples and sends them out to proclaim his word and forgive sins. In which ways is the Spirit of God present in us? In their families?

Activity

Act the first reading with the children (Acts 2, 1-11). Prepare tongues, one for each. Write on them the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Put them in a circle and begin to pray. Place one on each children's head, at the time when the wind blows. Pray over them asking for the gift he or she has received. All hold hands in a circle and pray together.

Prayer

Send us your Spirit Lord, which brings us peace and courage to face problems. Give us the fruits of generosity, kindness, love, joy, peace, and patience to lead our family and our group to harmony and to use it to serve others. **Amen.**



Name : _____

three in one

God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Read each Scripture passage shown here. Then decide which persons of the Trinity each passage refers to and draw a line to the corresponding symbols. One has been done for you.



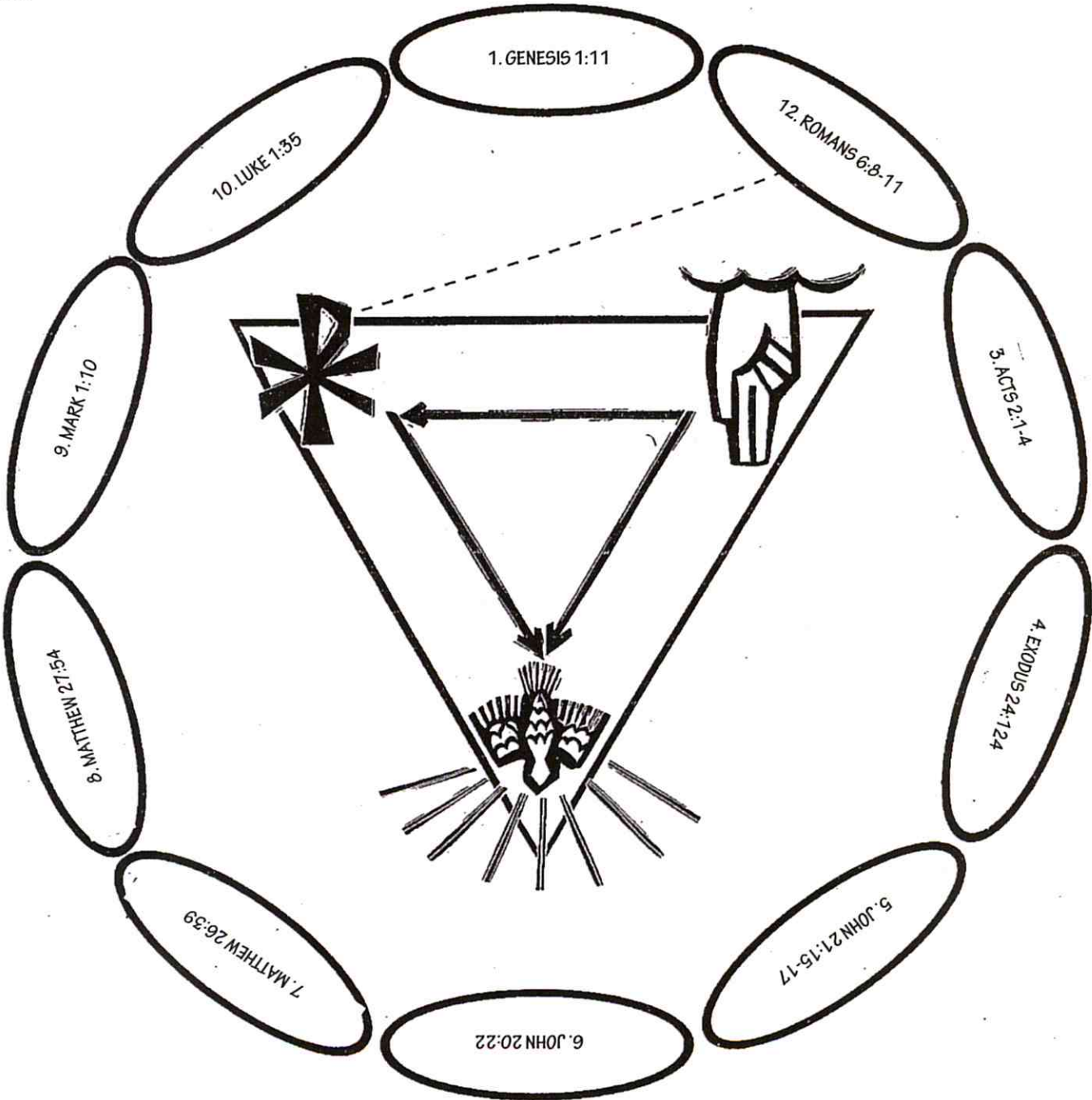
FATHER



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The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Do you know when the apostles received Confirmation?



On Pentecost!

YES!!
Yes!



When the Holy Spirit came in the form of a strong wind and fire.



Mr. Anthony, did you know that the source of the wind is the sun, and that it contains 2% of the solar energy we receive?



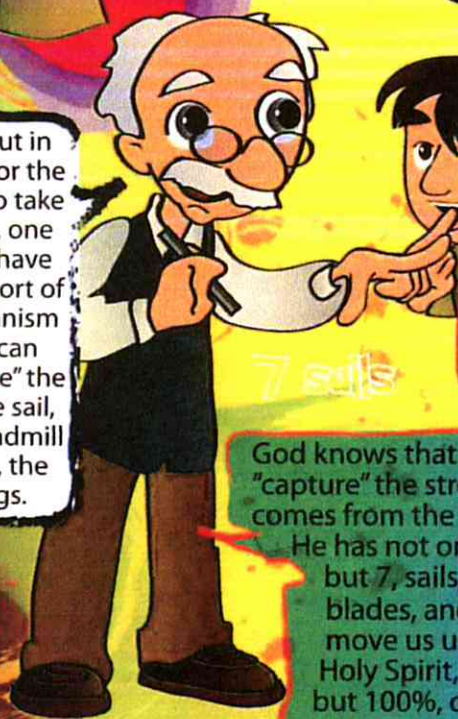
How interesting!

Wind is useful in many things:

sailboats, windmills, aeroplanes!



Yes, but in order for the wind to take effect, one must have some sort of mechanism that can "capture" the air: the sail, the windmill blade, the wings.



That's true!

I know, but how can we "capture" the Holy Spirit?

God knows that we need to "capture" the strength that comes from the Holy Spirit. He has not only given us 1, but 7, sails, windmill blades, and wings that help move us using the wind of the Holy Spirit, which is not only 2%, but 100%, of Jesus' strength.

capture it? No.

Really? What are they?



They are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that work in our soul.

Let's learn their names...



The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom
which allows us to know and love God, and better understand things as God does.

Counsel
an interior light in our conscience which helps us to judge what is right in any situation.

Understanding
which helps us to understand the Word of God and what it has to teach us.



Knowledge
which helps us to understand the true value of all creatures in relationship to God as Creator.

Fortitude
a strength necessary in doing God's will without letting ourselves be influenced by shyness or by violence.

Fear of God
which helps us realize just how weak we are and reminds us to be careful not to offend God, our Father.

Piety
which makes our heart relate to God as our Father and all mankind as our brothers.

The Holy Spirit gives us so much in the Sacrament of Confirmation!



Mary Help of Christians

May 24,





Friends of Jesus and Mary ***Most Holy Trinity - May 31, 2015***

Readings: Deuteronomy. 2:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 32; Romans 8: 14-17; Matthew 28: 16-20

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age." **(Matthew 28: 16-20)**

Reflection

The readings of this week tell us that there is only one God, who alone deserves to be worshipped and obeyed. Paul reminds us that by baptism we did not receive a spirit of fear and slavery, but the spirit of adoption as children of God and co-heirs with Christ. Jesus calls us to participate fully in his mission and to make disciples of all people.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 232 249) tells us the following:

The mystery of the Holy Trinity is central for the Christian life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is, therefore, the source of all other mysteries of faith; it is the light that illumines them. It is the most fundamental and essential one. The revealed truth of the Holy Trinity has been at the root of the living faith of the church, mainly in the act of Baptism.

Activity

Review with the children the way of making the sign of the cross. Do they know why Christians make the sign of the cross? Remind them also of how the adults bless them when they go out, before they start something or before going to bed. They place them under God's protection. Renew the Baptismal promises and make the sign of the cross using holy water.

Prayer

Lord, you are a community. You teach us to be a community and to relate to one another in your love, and not out of fear or slavery. Thank you for your promise to always be with us. Strengthen our family in their love for one another. **Amen.**



The Puzzle

explained

Hey kids!

When someone really loves someone they make an effort to get to know them more. They want to know what things they like and what pleases them. You all know that **we have an incredibly beautiful Mother in Heaven whom God has filled with gifts and virtues.** In order to help you to get to know these gifts, privileges and virtues which Our Blessed Mother has, we have created a puzzle which you can find in this magazine.

On one side of the puzzle you will find a beautiful picture of Our Lady and on the other side you will find the dates of various Marian feast days and solemnities which we celebrate throughout the year.

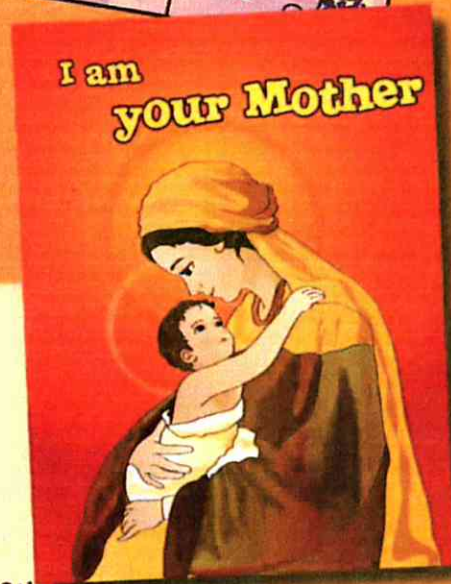
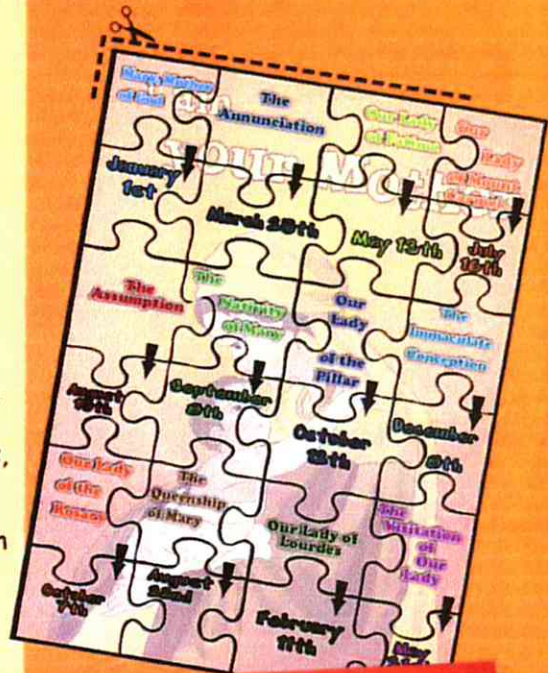
Here's some advice to make your puzzle last longer: before you cut out the puzzle pieces you should laminate it so that it will be more durable. Afterwards, cut out the pieces very carefully. Then you can start! You have to match the name of the feast day or solemnity with its corresponding date in order to finish the puzzle.

Isn't it a good thing to know on which days throughout the year you should congratulate Our Blessed Mother, or bring her flowers or say a special prayer? She will be so happy if you do it because it is a very loving detail. By doing so, your love for her will grow each day!

SHE LOVES YOU A LOT

One puzzle piece will have the name of the feast day and another puzzle piece will have the date.

- ★ FEAST: Mary, Mother of God DATE: January 1st
- ★ FEAST: The Annunciation DATE: March 25th
- ★ FEAST: Our Lady of Fatima DATE: May 13th
- ★ FEAST: Our Lady of Mount Carmel DATE: July 16th
- ★ FEAST: The Assumption DATE: August 15th
- ★ FEAST: The Nativity of Mary DATE: September 8th
- ★ FEAST: Our Lady of the Pillar DATE: October 12th
- ★ FEAST: The Immaculate Conception DATE: December 8th
- ★ FEAST: Our Lady of Lourdes DATE: February 11th
- ★ FEAST: The Visitation of Our Lady DATE: May 31st
- ★ FEAST: Our Lady of the Rosary DATE: October 7th
- ★ FEAST: The Queenship of Mary DATE: August 22nd



I am
your Mother

Mary, Mother
of God

The
Annunciation

Our Lady
of Fatima

Our
Lady
of Mount
Carmel

January
1st

March 25th

May 13th

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The
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I am

your Mother

