

Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



September 2016

Dear Brothers and Sister:

In this month we want to share with the children the Ten Commandments, the important in our life. Dedicate time to show them to follow the rules in the families, church and school. And be a good example for others.

Enclosed you will find some Feast and Saints of the month:

September	08	Birth of the blessed Virgin Mary
September	14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September	15	Our lady of Sorrows
September	21	Saint Matthew
September	24	Our Lady of Mercy
September	27	Saint Vincent of Paul
September	29	St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

Enclosed material and activities:

- 1) Calendar & Gospel month of September
- 2) Spiritual Adoption
- 3) The Ten Commandments
- 4) Birthday of Virgin Mary
- 5) Stop the Monster
- 6) Forgiveness Cube
- 7) Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 8) Our Lady of Sorrows

Suggest Videos:

- 1) Creations
2. The Good Samaritan
3. Prayer

May God bless you, Friends of Jesus and Mary



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 FIRST FRIDAY 1Co 3, 18-23 Psalm 23 Luke 5, 1-11	3 FIRST SATURDAY ST GREGORY THE GREAT 1Co 4, 6b-15 Psalm 144 Luke 6, 1-5
4 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ws 9, 13-18 Psalm 89 Phil 9b-10.12-17 Luke 14, 25-33	5 BI. TERESA DE CALCUTA 1Co 5, 1-8 Psalm 5 Luke 6, 6-11	6 1Co 6, 1-11 Psalm 149 Luke 6, 12-19	7 1Co 7, 25-31 Psalm 44 Luke 6, 20-26	8 BIRTH OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FEAST Mic 5, 1-4 Psalm 12 Matthew 1,1-16.18-23	9 ST PETER CLAVER 1Co 9, 16-19.22b-27 Psalm 83 Luke 6, 39-42	10 ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE 1Co 10, 14-22 Psalm 115 Luke 6, 43-49
11 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Ex 32, 7-11.13-14 Psalm 50 1Ti 1, 12-17 Luke 15, 1-32	12 1Co 11, 17-26. 33 Psalm 39 Luke 7, 1-10	13 ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM 1Co12, 12-14.27-31 Psalm 99 Luke 7, 11-17	14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, FEAST Nu 21, 4b-9 Phil 2, 6-11 Psalm 77 John 3, 13-17	15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS Hb 5, 7-9 Psalm 30 John 19, 25-27	16 STS. CORNELIUS, POPE & CYPRIAN, BISHOP 1Co 15, 12-20 Psalm 16 Luke 8, 1-3	17 ST. ROBERT BELLARMIN 1Co 15, 35-37.42-49 Psalm 55 Luke 8, 4-15
18 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Am 8, 4-7 Psalm 112 1Ti 2, 1-8 Luke 16, 1-13	19 Pr 3, 27-34 Psalm 14 Luke 8, 16-18	20 ST. ANDREW KIM & KOREAM MARTYRS Pr 21, 1-6.10-13 Psalm 118 Luke 8, 19-21	21 SAINT MATTHEW APOSTLE & EVANGELIST Eph 4, 1-7. 11-13 Psalm 18 Matthew 9, 9-13	22 Ecl 1, 2-11 Psalm 89 Luke 9, 7-9	23 ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA Ecl 3, 1-11 Psalm 143 Luke 9, 18-22	24 Ecl 11, 9-12, 8 Psalm 89 Luke 9, 43b-45
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XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 4, 2016

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 what they want 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.



Spiritual Adoption

Let us Pray ...
To save a Baby!

Moses



Dear Jesus, Mary, Joseph I
promise to pray for this baby
I have spiritually adopted
during these 9 months of my
school year, so he or she may
be born as I have been born
to live a life as a child of
God to love and serve

My baby's name is:

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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 besides Me

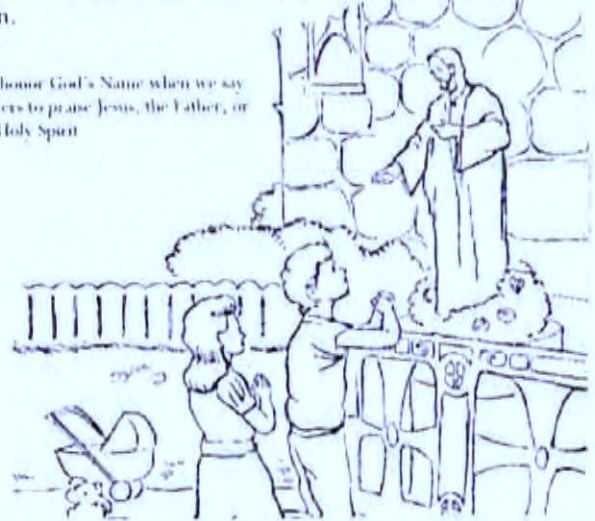


We must worship only God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is the Blessed Trinity.

The Second Commandment

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

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



Third Commandment

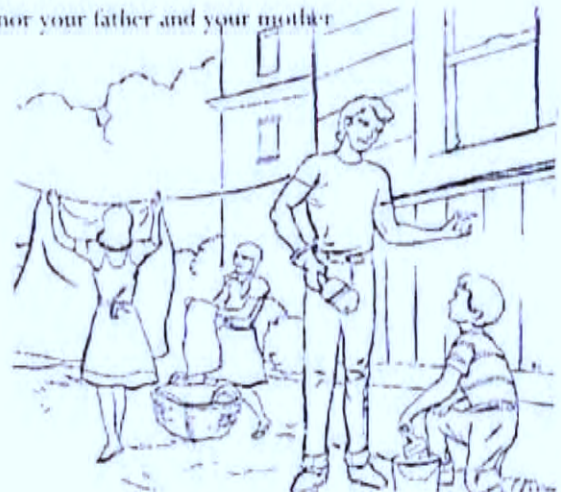
Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.



We obey this Commandment when we go to Mass on Sunday (or Saturday evening).

Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.



We must honor our parents by loving and obeying them. We should also help them whenever we can.

Fifth Commandment

You Shall not kill.



We must avoid fighting or hurting others. We must try to do good to them.

Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.



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

Seventh 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.

Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.



We must respect the marriage of men and women who marry each other in Christ.

Tenth Commandment

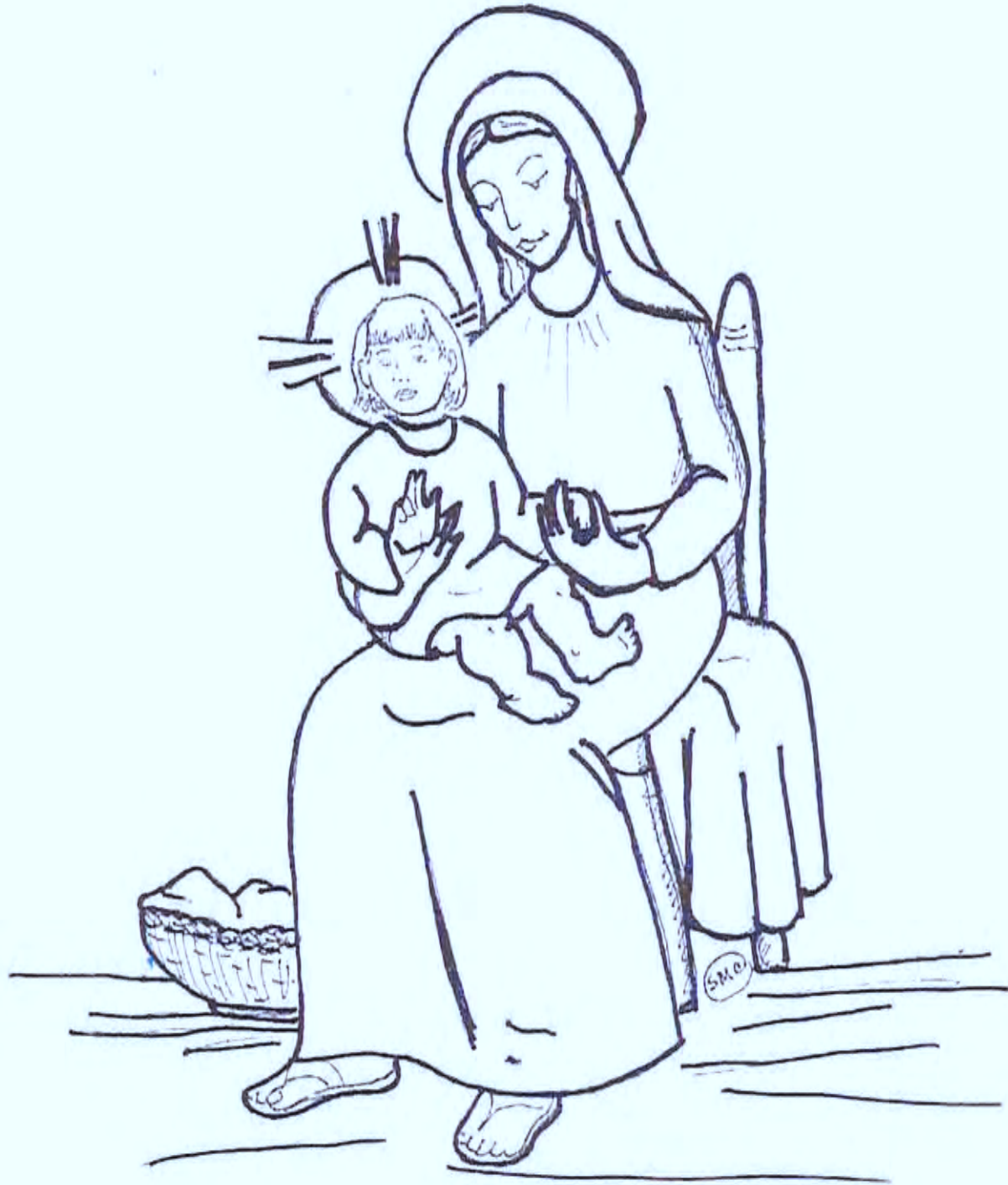
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.



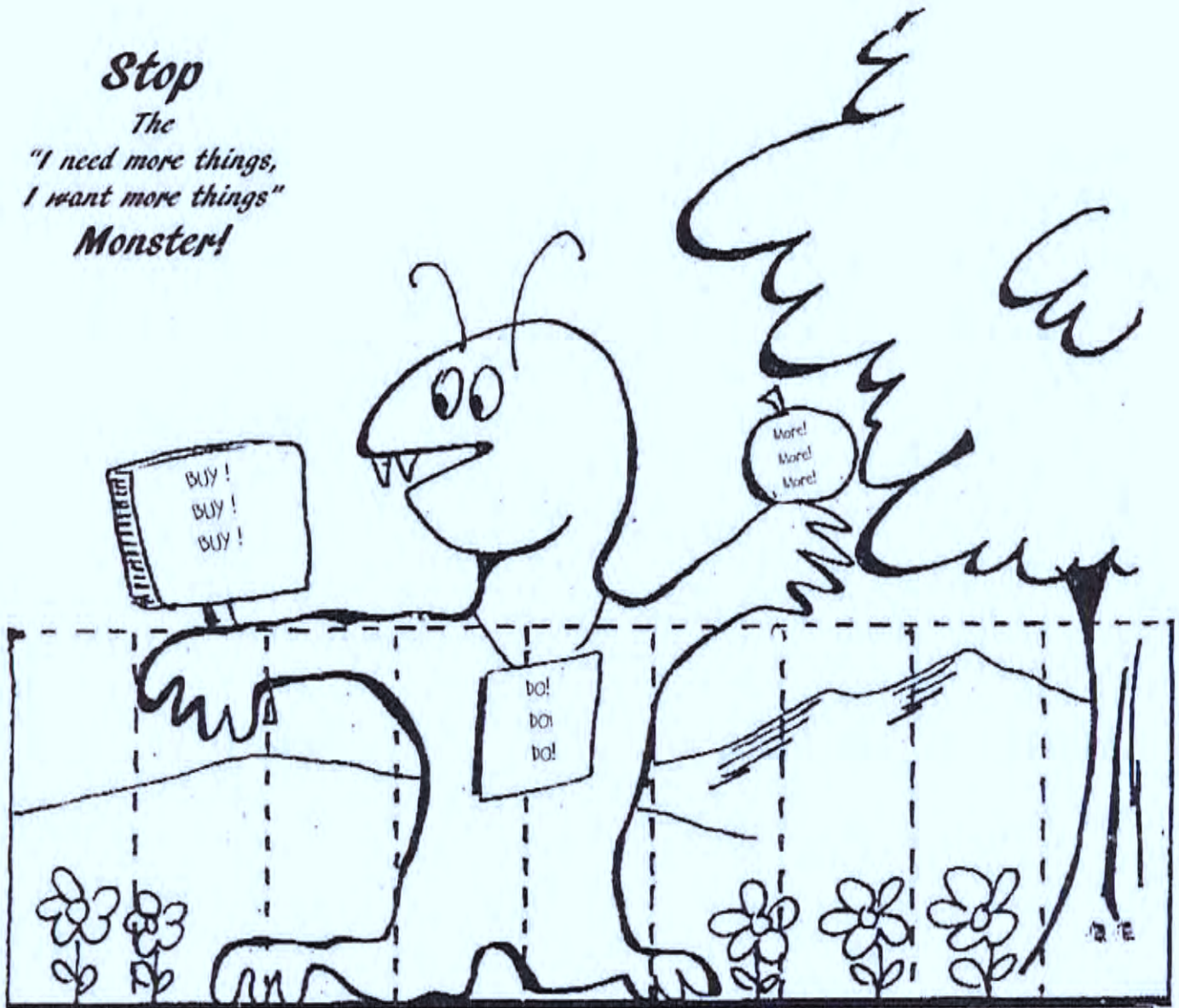
We must never be jealous of what others have. We should be happy for their good fortune.

Birthday of Mary ! September 8

Mary is very special. Her parents were known as Joachim and Ann. They loved her very much. Happy Birthday, Mary!



Stop
The
"I need more things,
I want more things"
Monster!



EAT ALL YOUR DINNER	LET A FRIEND BE FIRST TODAY	SHARE YOUR TOYS WITH SOMEONE
LEAD A PRAYER WITH YOUR FAMILY AT DINNER	SAY "PLEASE" AND "THANK YOU" TO YOUR TEACHER	PICK UP YOUR CLOTHES BE- FORE YOU ARE TOLD
PUT A QUARTER IN THE SUNDAY COLLECTION	MAKE A CARD FOR GRANDMOTHER OR GRANDFATHER	SAY "I LOVE YOU" WHEN SOMEONE IS SAD

Sister Jane said Roger was attached by the "I Need More Things I Want More Things" Monster. Sometimes we become grabby and forget what we really need. The best way to stop is to start giving away what we have. Each time you say or do one of these good deeds, cut out that box and glue it on the fence to stop the "Monster". You may color it, too, if you like.



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XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

Readings: Exodus 32, 7-11.13-14 Psalm 50 1 Timothy 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 been hurt by and celebrate being together with something special.

Prayer

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 ...

1

I know God forgives when we want to change from _____ to _____

2

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

3

I know God forgives whenever we tell him that ...

4

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

5

I know God forgives even when we act selfish by ...

6

Directions to make the "Forgiveness Cube"

Glue the whole page onto a stiff paper, then cut out 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.

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.

Exaltation of the Cross

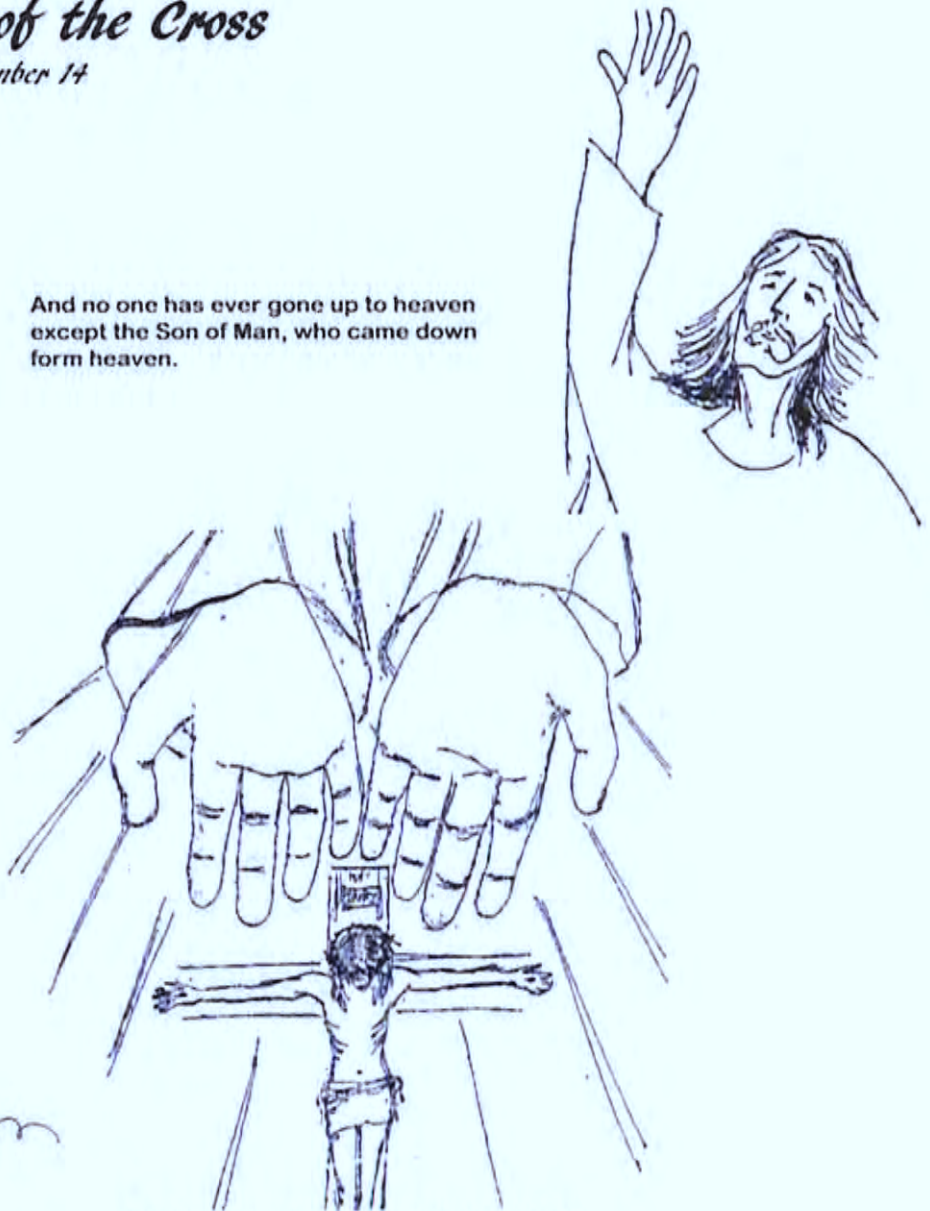
September 14

John 3,13-17

And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.



As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.



For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

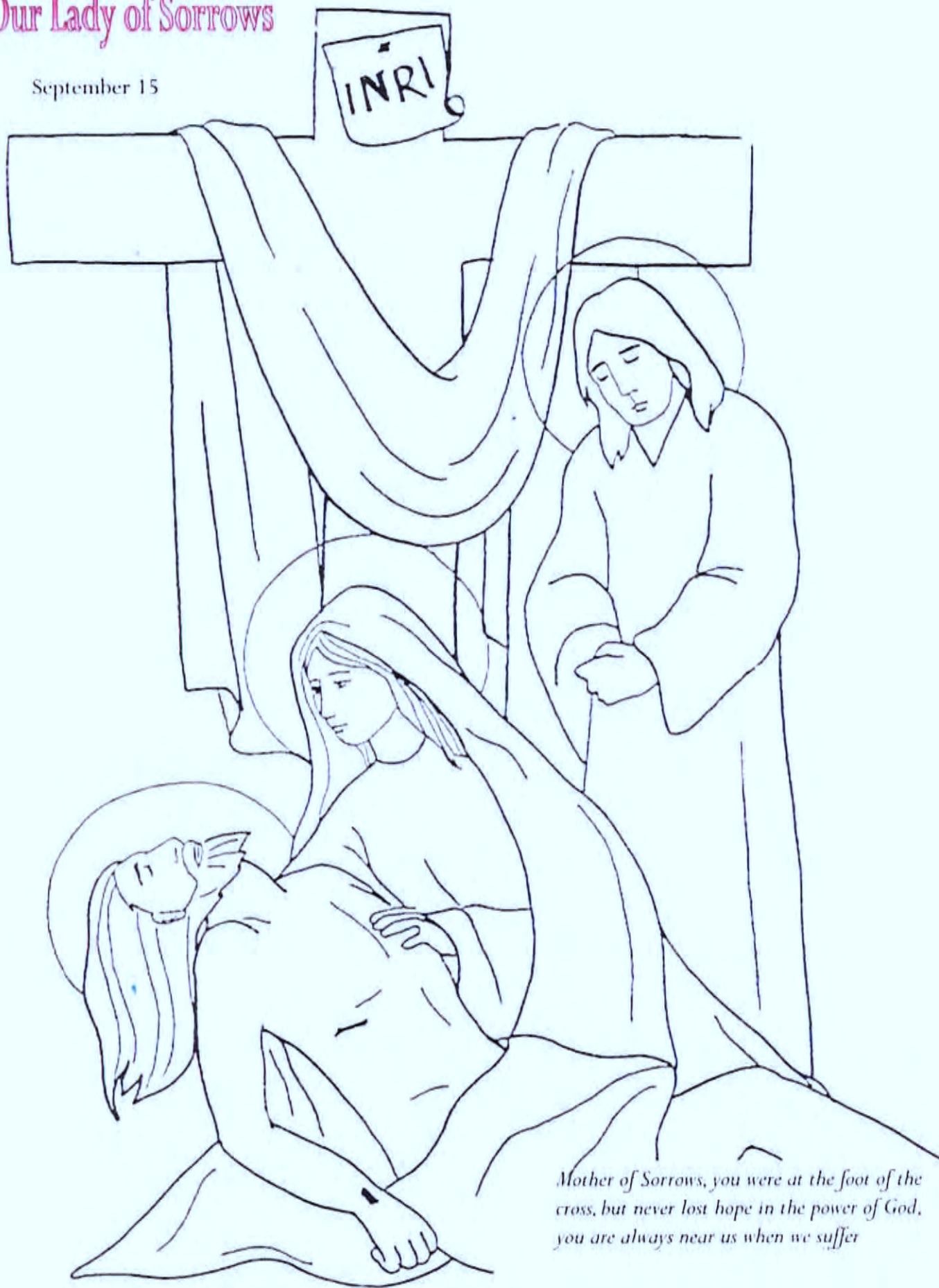


For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.



Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15



Mother of Sorrows, you were at the foot of the cross, but never lost hope in the power of God, you are always near us when we suffer



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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2016

Readings: Amos 8, 4-7 Psalm 112, 1 Timothy 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? Have they 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 and efficiently. Give us your joy so that our faith becomes attractive to others, so they can come to you. Amen.





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XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2016

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 answered, "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 they 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 a special invitation for a family member or friend whom 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 on the altar to ask Jesus to help them accomplish what they have promised.

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.



A Snack with God

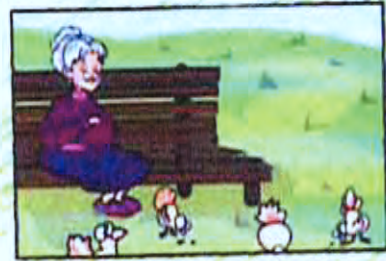


There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. Assuming that God's house was far away, he packed his suitcase with cookies and drinks. He then set off on his journey.



He had walked three blocks, when he caught sight of an elderly lady. She was sitting on a park bench, looking at some birds.

The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase.



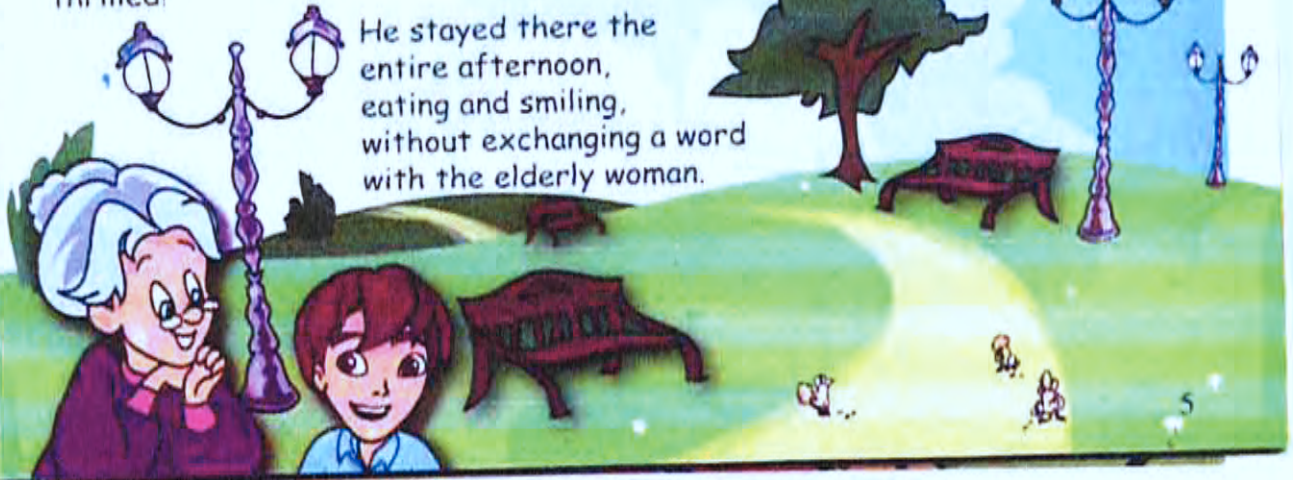
He was about to take a sip of his drink, when he realized that the elderly woman seemed to be hungry, so he offered her some cookies. She gratefully accepted the offer and smiled at the boy.



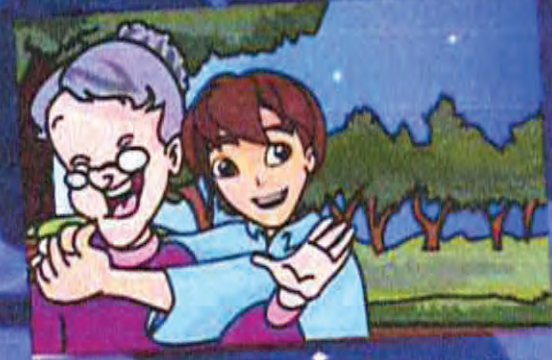
Her smile was so beautiful that the boy once again offered her another one of his snacks, just to be able to see it again. And once more, she smiled. The boy was thrilled!



He stayed there the entire afternoon, eating and smiling, without exchanging a word with the elderly woman.



It started to grow dark. The boy got up to go, but before leaving he looked back and ran towards the elderly lady to give her a hug. After hugging him, she gave him her biggest smile.



When the boy got home, he opened the door. His mother was surprised to see him so happy. She asked him,



Today, I had snack with God!

And you know what? God has the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!



Why are you so happy, son?

In the meantime, the elderly woman, who was also glowing with joy, went back home. Her son was surprised by the peaceful expression on her face and asked,

Mom, what have you done today? You look so happy!



I ate cookies with God in the park.

And you know what? He's younger than I thought!

PEOPLE COME INTO OUR LIVES FOR A REASON, SOMETIMES FOR A SHORT WHILE AND OTHER TIMES FOR OUR ENTIRE LIFE.

RECEIVE THEM ALL, BECAUSE IT'S GOD HIMSELF WHO SPEAKS TO US, GUIDES US AND LOVES US THROUGH THEM!

