

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



Miami April, 2018

Dear Guides:

April begins the season of Easter which lasts 50 days until Pentecost. It is a time of great joy and happiness. We encourage you to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Important feast and Saints:

April 01 Easter Sunday

April 07 St. John Baptist de la Salle

April 17 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

April 25 St. Mark the Evangelist

April 26 St. Tarcisius

April 29 St. Catherine of Sienna

Enclosed materials and activities:

- 1) Monthly Calendar and Meditations on the Sunday Gospels
- 2) The Triduum
- 3) Jesus Resurrects, project
- 4) St. Thomas Believes, for coloring
- 5) St. Faustina and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, for coloring
- Jesus is Real, activity and coloring
- 7) Jesus is the Good Shepard, for coloring.
- 8) Lamb activity
- 9) The Vine and the Fruit, activity
- 10) Jesus is the Vine, we are the Branches, for coloring
- 11) Stories of the Old Testament, Noah and the Ark
- 12) Story of St. Tarcisius for coloring.

Suggested Dvd's

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

May God bless you always, Friends of Jesus & Mary



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	2	3	4	5	6 FIRST FRIDAY	7 FIRST SATURDAY
Acts 10, 34a. 37-48 Psalm 117, 1-2.16-17 Col 3, 1-4 John 20, 1-9	Acts 2, 14.22-32 Psalm 15 Matthew 28, 8-15	Acts 2, 36-41 Psalm 32 John 20, 11-18	Acts 3, 1-10 Psalm 104 Luke 24, 13-35	Acts 3, 11-26 Psalm 8 Luke 24, 35-48	Acts 4, 1-12 Psalm 117 John 21, 1-14	Acts 4, 13-21 Psalm 117 Mark 16, 9-15
8 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	9 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	10	ST. STANISLAUS	12	13 ST. MARTIN I	14
Acts 4, 32-35 Psalm 117 1 John 5, 1-6 John 20, 19-31	Acts 4, 23-31 Psalm 2 John 3, 1-8	Acts 4, 32-37 Psalm 92 John 3, 5a. 7b-15	Acts 5, 17-26 Psalm 33 John 3, 16-21	Acts 5, 27-33 Psalm 33 John 3, 31-36	Acts 5, 34-42 Psalm 26 John 6, 1-15	Acts 6, 1-7 Psalm 32 John 6, 16-21
15 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTERN	16 SAINT BERNADETTE	17	18	19	20	21
Acts 3,13-15.17-19 Psalm 4, 2.4-7.9 1 John 2, 1-5a Luke 24, 35-48	Acts 6, 8-15 Psalm 118 John 6, 22-29	Acts 7, 51-59 Psalm 30 John 6, 30-35	Acts 8, 1-8 Psalm 65 John 6, 35-40	Acts 8, 26-40 Psalm 65 John 6, 44-52	Acts 9, 1-20 Psalm 116 John 6, 52-58	Acts 9, 31-42 Psalm 115 John 6, 61-70
22 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	23 ST. GEORGE	24	25 ST. MARK EVANGELIST	26	27	28 ST. LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONFORT
Acts 4, 8-12 Psalm 117, 1.8-9.21-23 1 John 3, 1-2 John 10, 11-18	Acts 11, 1-18 Psalm 41 John 10, 1-10	Acts 11, 19-26 Psalm 86 John 10, 22-30	1P 5, 5b-14 Psalm 88 Mark 16, 15-20	Acts 13, 13-25 Psalm 88 John 13, 16-20	Acts 13, 26-33 Psalm 2 John 14, 1-6	Acts 13, 44-52 Psalm 97 John 14, 7-14
29 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	30 ST. PIUS V					
Acts 9, 26-31 Psalm 21, 26b. 28-30 1 John 3, 18-24 John 15, 1-8	Acts 14, 5-17 Psalm 113 John 14, 21-26					



Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

Acts 10: 34a.37-43; Psalm 117:1-2.16ab-17.22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.)

Reflection

Jesus' resurrection was not a return to earthly life as were the resurrections he had done before Easter (Jairus' daughter, the son of the Naim widow, Lazarus). These were miraculous events, but the affected persons would return to their ordinary life and eventually, they would die again. Jesus' Resurrection is different in that His resurrected body goes to a life beyond time and space. (Cat. #646) Do you think death is the end of everything? Jesus opened the doors of Heaven for us. How do we imagine Heaven?

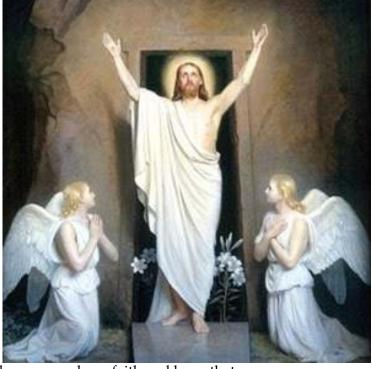
Activity

On the next page, do the craft on the tomb and the Resurrection. Afterwards, narrate the gospel of the Resurrection.

Prayer

Lord, today we celebrate your Resurrection with great joy. May our gatherings always be full of joy because we have faith and hope that, as you have conquered death, we, too, will rise with you. Amen.

Song: Jesus Song, Saddlebag Kids (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/Rn84AYtFUSM







HOLY THURSDAY: Jesus gives us the Eucharist and our Priests. He also shows u show to serve each other by washing the apostle's feet.

GOOD FRIDAY:

Jesus dies on the cross.



EASTER SUNDAY:

Jesus is alive!

FLORIDA



Jesus is Risen, Project (orientaltrading.com/freefun)

Supplies

- Thick Paper Plate
- Gray Paper
- Standard and Jumbo Craft Sticks
- Gray Paint or Spray Paint
- Printed Figures



Instructions

- 1. Paint the back and front of the paper plate gray. If you find a gray plate, you can eliminate painting part.
- 2. While the paper plate is drying. Print, cut out, and color the angel and Jesus.
- 3. Once the paper plate is dry, cut in half and cut out an opening on one paper plate half. Glue the paper plate halves together as shown.
- 4. Glue the paper Jesus and angel onto the paper plate tomb.
- 5. Glue the craft sticks into cross shapes and glue to the tomb as shown.
- 6. Crinkle the gray paper into a rock shape.







Second Sunday of Easter April 8, 2018 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 4: 32-35; Psalm 117:2-4. 16ab-15. 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

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." One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the twin), was not with them when Iesus came. So the other disciples told him. "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas," Put your finger here, and look at my hands, then reach out your hand and put it on my side. Stop your doubting and believe". Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God". Jesus said to him," Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

Reflection

The best gift Jesus gives His friends is His Peace. Ask the children what things they find difficult to believe. Ask also what movies or tv shows they believe easily. Who wrote them? Do they believe the stories from the bible? Who wrote the bible? In today's gospel, Thomas believes only when he sees and touches Jesus' wounds. Jesus is hurt when people don't believe in Him. Ask if they believe what adults and the bible tells them about God.

Activity

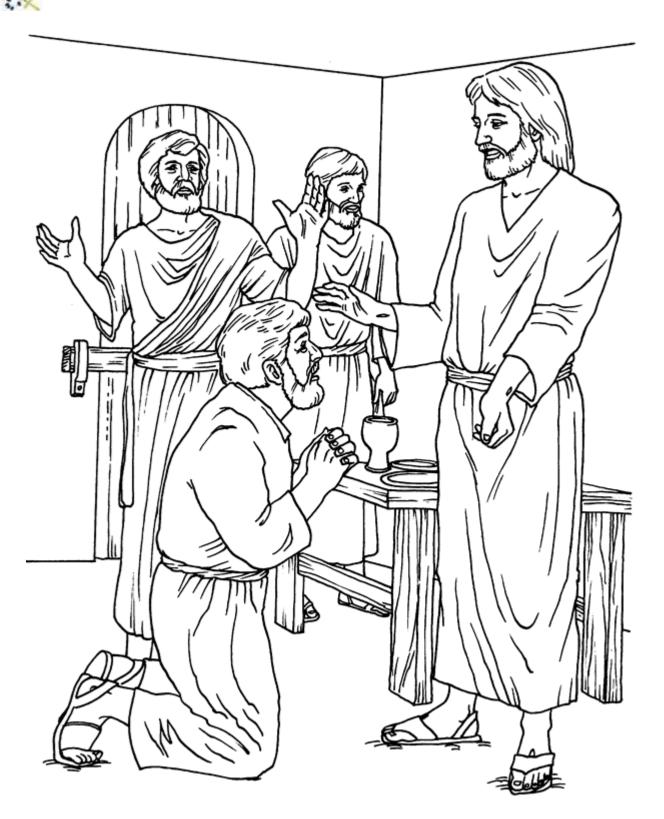
Dramatize the Thomas story. How do others react when Thomas refuses to believe? Are they angry? What do they say? What do they say later when Thomas sees Jesus?

Prayer

Lord, we are worried and afraid about so many things. Be present among us with your peace. Give us the faith that we may find you in the suffering of others. Unite us in community so that we will share everything and always help each other. Amen.

Song: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, HumptyFell (Ctrl Click: https://youtu.be/Z29h7HUcJus)









St. Faustina was born in Poland on August 25, 1905.

At 7 years old, she heard God's voice in her soul for the first time, inviting her to a more perfect life.

At 15 years old she started working as domestic help in someone's home and felt a strong calling to the religious life. But when she told her parents, they did not allow it.

Despite everything, years later, Faustina left her family and joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Varsovia and became a religious sister.

God gave her many extraordinary graces including: visions, revelations, stigmata, prophesy and reading souls. She became God's voice for His Divine Mercy message to the world.

At 33 years old she became sick with tuberculosis and she died in 1938.

At the end of her canonization, Pope John Paul II declared the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday.

What does Mercy mean? Compassion from the bottom of the heart.

Jesus said to St. Faustina: Pray this rosary in the following way:

First, pray the OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, and the CREED.

After, in the corresponding beads on the rosary, pray the OUR FATHER and say the following words:

ETERNAL FATHER, I OFFER YOU THE BODY, BLOOD, SOUL AND DIVINITY OF YOUR DEARLY BELOVED SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN ATONEMENT FOR OUR SINS AND THOSE OF THE WHOLE WORLD

On the HAIL MARY beads, say the following words:

FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.

To finish, say the following words three times:

HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE, HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD.

(Ctrl Click: https://youtu.be/iOitj70jhJk)



Third Sunday of Easter- April 15, 2018 Acts 3: 13-15.17-19; Psalm 42.7.9;1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48 Jesus is real: ghosts don't eat

The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized the Lord when he broke the bread. While the two were telling them this, suddenly the Lord himself stood among them and said to them," Peace be with you." They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, "Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see I have." He said this and showed them his hands and his feet. They still could not believe, they were so full of joy and wonder; so, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of cooked fish, which he took and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are the very things I told you about while I was still with you: everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the writings of the prophets, and the Psalms had to come true." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures and said to them." This is what is written: The Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reflection and Activity

If you were there, how would you feel when you touched Jesus hands and feet? What would you want to ask Jesus? Do you think Jesus was truly hungry when he asked for something to eat? Jesus tries to calm down their fears. Do you ever help others when they are afraid? Jesus brings us peace. Do you ever try to help people make-up after a fight? The Apostles were witnesses, telling others of Jesus' resurrection. Do we ever witness to Jesus' resurrection? How? Write on each risen Christs on the next page how we can be witnesses for Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, when you are with us, we have peace, joy and consolation. Help us to see you always present among us and to be reconciled with one another. Help us not to do our will but yours. Amen

Song: I Believe, (VBS 2017)

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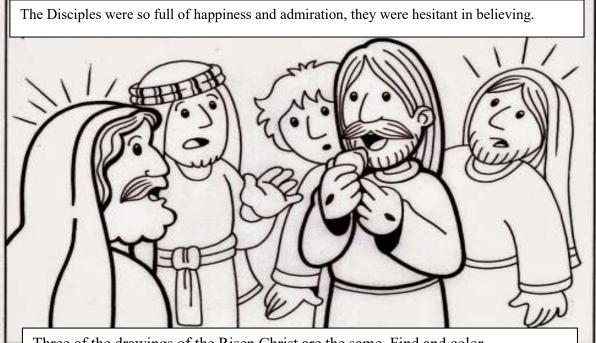




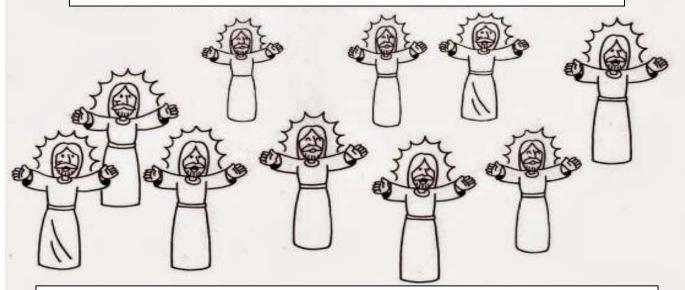




3rd Sundav of Easter – Luke 24: 35-48



Three of the drawings of the Risen Christ are the same. Find and color.



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(Fill in the vowels to see the message.)

(You are all witnesses of all this)



Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117: 1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28cd. 29; 1 John 3: 1-2; John 10:11-18

Jesus is the Good Shepard

I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so, the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd. The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will, I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

Reflection

Jesus says that he knows us by name. How do you listen to recognize when Jesus wants to tell you something? Who are your good shepherds? Do you have bad shepherds in your community? How can they harm you? Jesus gives up his life for the people he loves. Are you willing to sacrifice something for the people you love? Share.

Activity

Act out the gospel with the children. You will need the characters: the Good Shepard, a bad shepard, a wolf, two groups of sheep which signify Israel and the gentiles. Stress the love of the Good Shepard for His Sheep. Also, copy and cut out the sheep on the following page onto cardstock and glue cotton onto it. Have the children write their names on the back and dance to the song

Prayer

You know us by name, Lord. You know what we are and what we can do. We thank you, Lord, because you love us without conditions. Give us good ears to listen to your voice, and to know when you call us. Give us readiness to go out to meet you. Amen

Song: We're Following Jesus, riverspringbbc, (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/BcdxkZv9kDA

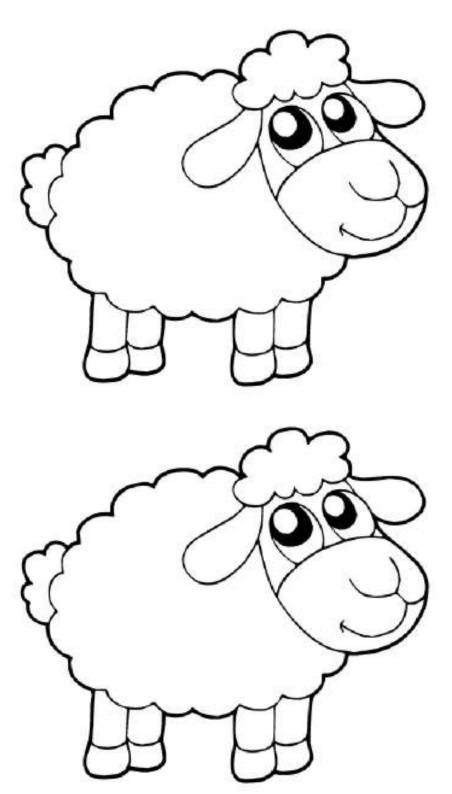














Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018

Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

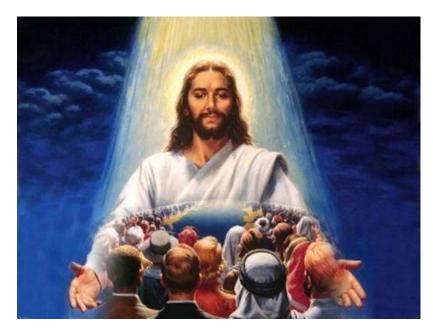
Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Reflection

Jesus depends on us to be His voice and His hands for others. He says He is the vine and we are the branches. What happens to a branch that is cut off from the trunk? It would dry up without the water and nutrition it receives from the trunk. A branch attached to the trunk grows and bears fruit. We also bear fruit when we are united with Jesus. Why? What does it mean to bear fruit? What good fruits can we bear for Jesus?

Activity

On the following page is a vine with branches and fruit. Extend the vine and branches onto a larger page. Cut out the



fruit. Each child writes their name on a fruit with a word which tells how they will bear fruit for Jesus, colors the fruit and glues it to a branch.

Prayer

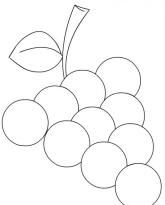
Lord, sometimes we separate ourselves from your presence. Then we feel like life has no meaning or happiness. Remind us always that to live and bear fruit we need to be united to you and to each other, like the vine. Amen.

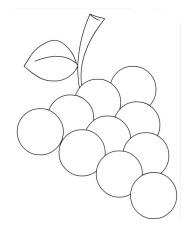
Song: His Banner Over Me is Love, Praise in Motion Music (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/cy90kF8gpgo

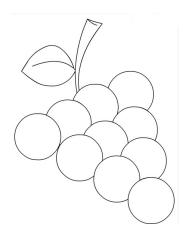


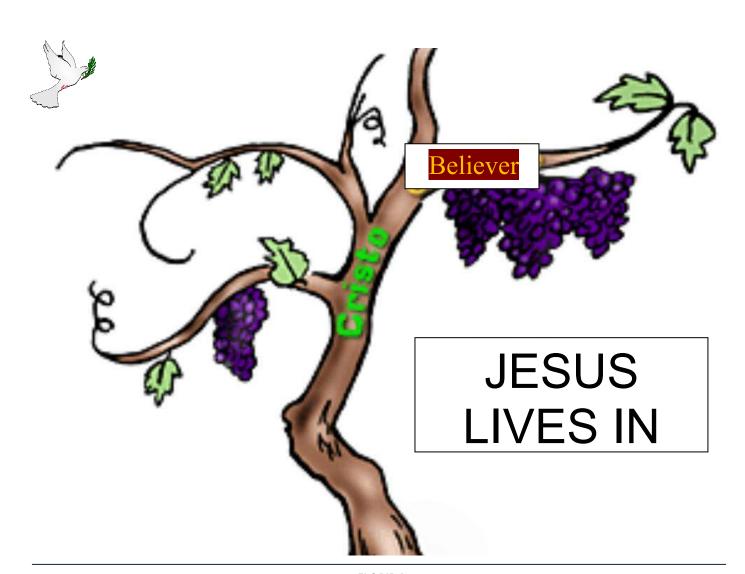
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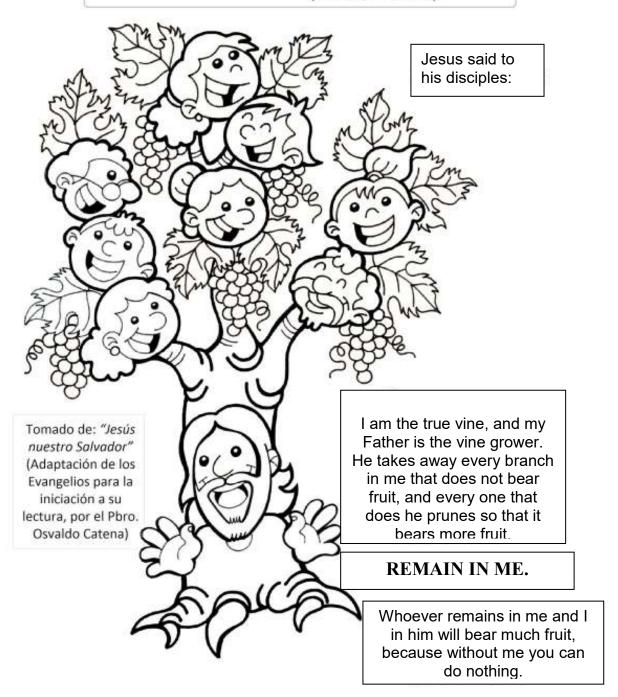






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(Jn. 15,1 - 2.5-6)



Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.



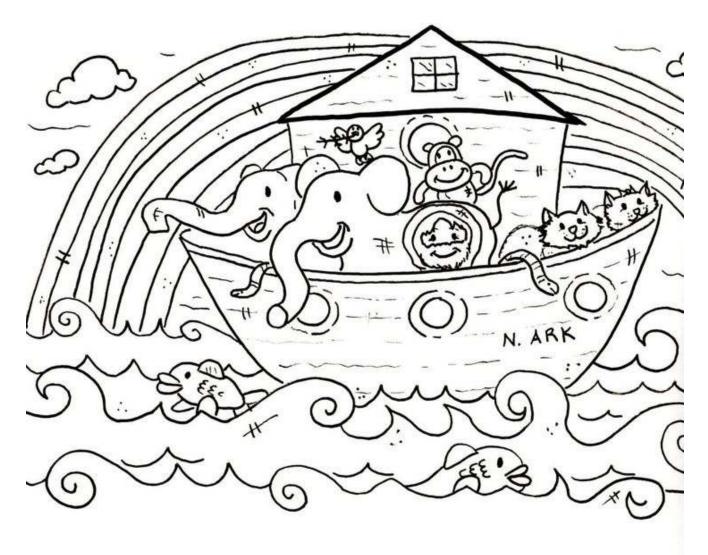
Martyr of the Eucharist, 3rd Century Patron Saint of those who do their First Communion and of Acolytes

"In Rome, during the reign of Emperor Valerian, in the Via Apia, St. Tarcissus, the acolyte, was martyred. The pagans found him taking the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ to the persecuted Christians and asked him what he was taking. Tarcissus refused to respond. The pagans stoned him and beat him until he exhaled his last breath, but they could not find the Eucharist in his hands or in his clothes. The Christians picked up his body and buried him honorably in the Catacombs of St. Callistus."



NOAH DID ALL THAT GOD COMMANDED HIM. (Genesis 6-9)

"I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. "Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, "I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. (Genesis 9:13-15)



Read the story of Noah from a children's bible. Stress how through Noah's love and faithfulness to God, his family was saved. The waters of the flood prefigure the cleansing waters of Baptism.