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Dear Guides:

In this month, we gather in Panama for the X International Congress of Friends of Jesus and Mary. Pray that the Holy Spirit is with us moving our hearts to continue taking Jesus' message to all. Pray also for those countries that are suffering discord and oppression.

**The following are special feast days of the Church:**

July 3 St. Thomas the Apostle  
July 4 Independence day in the USA  
July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
July 25 St. James the Apostle  
July 26 St. Joaquín and St. Ana  
July 29 St. Marta  
July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Materiales y Activities for the month:**

Sunday Gospels with meditations and activities  
The daughter of Jairus, for coloring  
Activity, God's Miracles and Blessings  
The Sacraments, for coloring  
Activity, Evangelize with the Wordless Book  
Jesus teaches us many things, for coloring  
Activity, Talking to God  
Jesus feeds 5000, for coloring  
Practicing Charity, for coloring  
St. Thomas, history and coloring  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Old Testament Story, Jacob's Ladder, for coloring

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Ws 1,13-15;2,23-24 Psalm 29,2.4-6.11-12a 2 Co 8,7-9.13-15 Mark 5, 21-43	<b>2</b>  Amos 2, 6-10.13-16 Psalm 49, 16-23 Matthew 8, 18-22	<b>3</b> ST THOMAS APOSTLE  Eph 2, 19-22 Psalm 116.1-2 John 20, 24-29	<b>4</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY USA  Amos 5,14-15.21-24 Psalm 49,7-13.16b-17 Matthew 8, 28-34	<b>5</b> ST ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL  Amos 7,10-17 Psalm 18, 8-11 Matthew 9, 1-8	<b>6</b> FIRST FRIDAY ST. MARIA GORETTI  Amos 8, 4-6.9-12 Psalm 118,2.10.20.30 Matthew 9, 9-13	<b>7</b> FIRST SATURDAY  Amos 9, 11-15 Psalm 84, 9.11-14 Matthew 9, 14-17
<b>8</b> 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Ezekiel 2, 2-5 Psalm 122, 1-4 2 Co 12, 7b-10 Mark 6, 1-6	<b>9</b>  Ob 2, 14-16.19-20 Psalm 144, 2-9 Matthew 9, 18-26	<b>10</b>  Ob 8, 4-7.11-13 Psalm 113b, 3-10 Matthew 9, 32-38	<b>11</b> ST BENEDICT ABBOT  Ob 10, 1-3.7-8.12 Psalm 104,2-7 Matthew 10, 1-7	<b>12</b> ST. VERONICA  Ob 11,1b.2-4.8c-9 Psalm 79,2-3b Matthew 10, 7-15	<b>13</b> ST. HENRY EMPEROR  Ob 14, 2-10 Psalm 50,3-4.8-9.12 Matthew 10, 16-23	<b>14</b> ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA  Isaiah 6, 1-8 Psalm 92, 1-2.5 Matthew 10, 24-33
<b>15</b> 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Amos 7, 12-15 Psalm 84, 9-14 Eph 1, 3-14 Mark 6, 7-13	<b>16</b> OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL  Isaiah 1, 11-17 Psalm 49, 8-9.16b-17. Matthew 10, 34-11,1	<b>17</b>  Isaiah 7, 1-9 Psalm 47, 2-8 Matthew 11, 20-24	<b>18</b> ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS  Isaiah 10, 5-7.13-16 Psalm 93, 5-10.14-15 Matthew 11, 25-27	<b>19</b>  Isaiah 26, 7-9.12.16-19 Psalm 101,13-21 Matthew 11, 28-30	<b>20</b>  Isaiah 38, 1-6.21-22 Psalm /Is 38, 10-12.16 Matthew 12, 1-8	<b>21</b> ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI  Micah 2, 1-5 Psalm 10, 1-4.7-8.14 Matthew 12, 14-21
<b>22</b> 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Jeremiah 23, 1-6 Psalm 22, 1-6 Eph 2, 13-18 Mark 6, 30-34	<b>23</b> ST. BRIDGET  Micah 7, 14-15.18-20 Psalm 84, 2-8 Matthew 12, 46-50	<b>24</b> ST. SHARBEL  Acts 4,33;5,12.27b-33 12, 22 Psalm 66, 2-3.5.7-8 2 Co 4, 7-15 Matthew 20, 20-28	<b>25</b> ST. JAMES APOSTLE  Jr 2, 1-3.7-8.12-13 Psalm 35, 6-11 Matthew 13, 10-17	<b>26</b> ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE PARENTS OF  Jr 2,1-3.7-8.12-13 Psalm 35, 6-11 Matthew 13, 10-17	<b>27</b>  Jeremiah 3, 14-17 Psalm/Jr 31,10-12b.13 Matthew 13, 18-23	<b>28</b>  Jeremiah 7, 1-11 Psalm 83,3-6a.8a.11 Matthew 13, 24-30
<b>29</b> 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  2 Kings 4, 42-44 Psalm 144,10-11.15 Eph 4, 1-6 John 6, 1-15	<b>30</b> ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS  Jeremiah 13, 1-11 Psalm/Dt 32, 18-21 Matthew 13,31-35	<b>31</b> ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA  Jeremiah 14, 17-22 Psalm 78, 8-9.11.13 Matthew 13, 36-43				

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## Friends of Jesus and Mary

XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 1, 2018

*Wisdom 1,13-15; 2,23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8, 7. 9.13-15; Mark 5, 21-24. 35-43*

### The Daughter of Jairus

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

### Reflection

Jesus cured a twelve-year-old girl who had died at the insistence of her father, Jairus. Do you pray to Jesus when someone you love is sick? Do you trust in Jesus when you are scared? Jesus tells us, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." Jesus' goodness should move us to grow in faith and share with others. How do we grow in faith? (We can pray for more faith.) How can we share with others?

### Activity

On the next page are drawings of miracles that God did in the Old Testament and New Testament. Talk about them and how God takes care of His people. Have the children make a list of the blessings God has given them and how they can share these blessings.



### Prayer

Lord of life help us to recognize all the blessings you give us every day. Give us more faith and trust in you, especially during difficult times of sickness and death. Help us to be generous with the gifts you give us. **Amen**

**Song:** KWSCM - Kids Worship Songs Children Ministry

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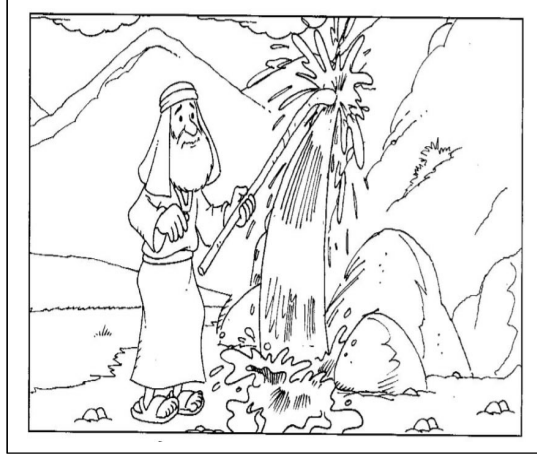
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MIRACLES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



God opens the waters of the Red Sea to save the Israelites.

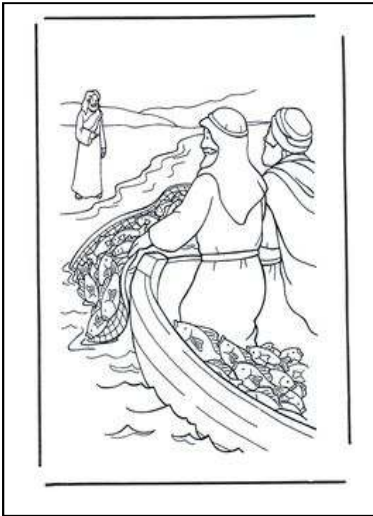


God gets water out of a rock so the Israelites can drink in the desert.



God sends an angel to close the jaws of the lions to protect Daniel.

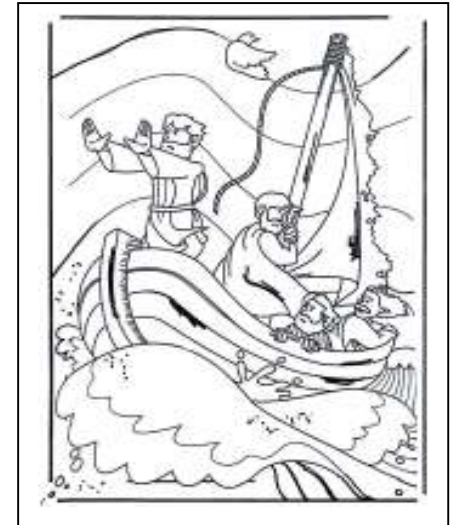
MIRACLES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT



Jesus helps the fishermen.



Jesus cures a blind man.



Jesus calms the storm.

Make a list of the blessings God has given you and how you can share them:

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3. \_\_\_\_\_
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XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 8, 2018

*Ezekiel 2, 2-5; Psalm 122; 2Co 12, 7-10; Mark 6, 1-6*

### Jesus is rejected at Nazareth

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and John and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So, he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

### Reflection

Jesus' neighbors do not want to listen to him because they know him so well and think he can't have anything new to say to them. Do you have anyone close to you that you don't listen to? Why? Who do you listen to? Why? Jesus wants to speak to them about God's love. Who speaks to you about God's love. Do you listen and learn from them? Why is it important to hear about God's love? Where do you see God's love in your life?

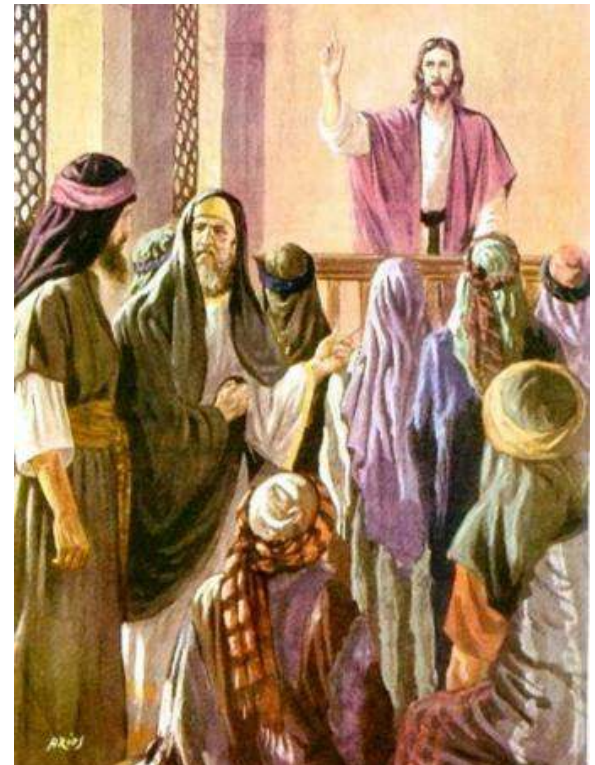
### Activity

Cut hearts and write on each one where they can find God's love. (A smile, a hug, the help of a friend, the bible, the Eucharist, the Sacraments, a beautiful flower, the correction of a parent, an invitation to play, a sunset, the devotion of a pet) Hide the hearts so they can find only one. Then have them present what the heart that they found says and how they can share it with others.

### Prayer

Lord, we always want to listen to you. Help us to find the time to listen and to speak to one another. Help us to discover you in the humble blessing of our daily lives. **Amen.**

**Song:** When I Look, KidSpring Children's Ministry  
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The **Sacraments** are actions of God with which He shows us the love He has for his children. All of them have been created (instituted) by Him, and that's why it's He who performs them through different means.

He created them to **give us grace**; to give us, along with His love, the necessary strength to fight against and through the difficulties of life. Of course, that is, *if* we have a positive disposition and attitude towards wanting to please God.

**THE SEVEN  
SACRAMENTS**



**BAPTISM**



**CONFIRMATION**



**RECONCILIATION**



**COMMUNION**



**MATRIMONY**



**HOLY ORDERS**



**ANNOINTING OF  
THE SICK**



## Friends of Jesus and Mary

XV Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 15, 2018

*Amos 7, 12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1, 3-14; Mark 6, 7-13*

### Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Disciples.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

### Reflection

Jesus sent them out in pairs to give testimony of everything he had said and done. People believe two people more than just one. In those days, two testimonies were required in trials. Jesus also gave them the power to expel bad spirits and to cure the sick to give signs confirming their testimony. Jesus wants the world to know how much God loves them and he needs us to be His messengers.



### Activity

The following page has instructions to make a Wordless Book to teach them how to evangelize. They can make book for themselves, and one to give away. Have them practice evangelizing with the book.

### Prayer

Lord, make me a witness of your message of Love. Give me the graces I need to better take your message to others and to help save the souls You so love. **Amen.**

**Song:** I'm in the Lord's Army, Cedermont Kids  
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## EVANGELIZE WITH THE BOOK WITHOUT WORDS

**Instructions: Make a book without words so the children can evangelize with it. Cut construction paper in the following colors in four parts to make four books. You will need double the green pages. Make two holes on the left side to put a ribbon through them at the end. Hacer un libro sin palabras para que los niños evangelicen. Start with black and explain what it means. Continue with each color explaining the meaning until finishing the book. The two green pages are the back and front cover. String the ribbon and tie. Have them practice evangelizing with the book.**

**BLACK** represents sin. Since Adam and Eve disobeyed God and separated themselves from Him, we are all born with the mark of Original Sin on our souls and with the tendency to sin. When we sin, we separate ourselves from God and enter spiritual darkness losing our way and our happiness. We sin when we disobey God's law of love.

**RED** represents the blood of Jesus, shed for our salvation. "Jesus died for our sins, as written in Scripture; was buried; and rose on the third day, also according to Scripture" (1Cor 15, 3-4). He died to replace us as sinners and rose from the dead to show His power over death, saving us from our sins. (John 3:16)

**BLUE** represents the waters of Baptism. Jesus told His disciples " Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mat 28: 19-10) When we are baptized Original Sin is erased from our soul and we become part of God's family.

**WHITE** represents the purification of our souls through the sacrifice of Jesus. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:<sup>[a]</sup> The old has gone, the new is here!" (II Cor 5:17) The spiritual darkness is dispersed, and the light of Christ takes us to happiness and to heaven.

**YELLOW** represents Heaven, (Rev 21:18) Jesus has gone to prepare a wonderful place for those who believe and follow Him. (John 14:1-3)

**GREEN** (Cover) represents that Christians need to grow in their new life. Just as the plants need sun, rain, and soil, so do Christians need prayer, the Word of God, and the Church community and its teachings to grow spiritually and glorify God.



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XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 22, 2018

*Jeremiah 23, 1-6; Psalm 22; Ephesians 2, 13-18; Mark 6, 30-34*

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So, they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

### Reflection

Jesus sees that the people thirst for His words. Jesus wants to be with them, even though He is tired, teaching them what God wants and values. What does God want from us? Do you read the Bible? Do you help out in your house even if you are tired or don't feel like it? Jesus also wants his disciples to rest and spend time with Him to recharge their batteries. Do you spend time with Jesus? How can Jesus help you?



### Activity

On the following pages is a prayer cube. Have the children cut and paste it together. Take turns tossing the cube and seeing what the top says. Read and discuss the meaning for each person. Ask them to play with their families at home.

### Prayer

Lord, without You we can't do anything well. Help us to spend a lot of time with you in prayer. Show us what is important to God so we can always glorify Him. Help us to grow in faith and treat each other with love so we may carry your message of love to everyone.

**Amen.**

**Song:** Alpha and Omega, Lawrie

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## Talk with God

The Lord is near to  
all who call on Him,  
to all who call on  
Him in truth.  
(Psalm 145, 18)

But when you ask,  
you must believe and  
not doubt, because  
the one who doubts  
is like a wave of the  
sea, blown and  
tossed by the wind.  
(James 1. 6)

For where two or  
three gather in my  
name, there am I  
with them.  
Mathew 18:20

This is the  
confidence we have  
in approaching God:  
that if we ask  
anything according to  
His will, He hears us.  
(1John 5, 14)

“Call to me and I  
will answer you  
and tell you great  
and unsearchable  
things you do not  
know.”  
(Jeremiah 33:3)

Be joyful in  
hope, patient in  
affliction, faithful  
in prayer.  
(Romans 12, 12)





## FRIENDS OF JESUS AND MARY

XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 29, 2018

*2 Kings 4, 42-44; Psalms 144; Ephesians 4, 1-6; John 6, 1-15*

### Jesus feeds five thousand men.

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So, the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So, they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone. (Prefiguration of the Eucharist)

### Reflection

In the Old Testament, when God asks His prophets to feed His people, He provides the food. Jesus can multiply the bread Himself because He is God. But He needs our generosity. When we share what we are and have, God multiplies it for everyone. Would you like to share like the boy in the Gospel? Have you ever noticed that when you share, there is enough for everyone and everyone is happy?

### Activity

The next pages have ideas for the children to do acts of charity. Do you know of anyone that needs help? How can you help? Talk about the different ideas they can help and have each child choose one they will do this week.

### Prayer

Lord, give us generosity to share what we have and the best of ourselves so in this way our friends and family will be full of your blessings. **Amen**

**Song:** Love One Another, Dakota Pyle

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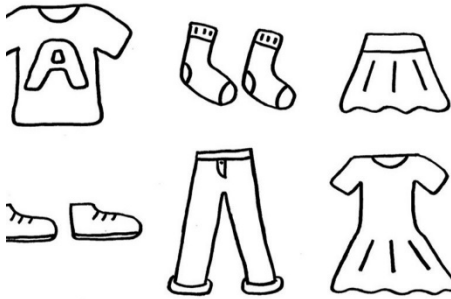
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## PRACTICE CHARITY

God wants us to help each other. This week bring clothes, books, clothes or food to give to those in need. Bring them to the group to donate. Many churches have places to leave donations.



Bring clothes that you no longer use that are in good condition to give to those in need.



Bring canned goods to give to those in need.



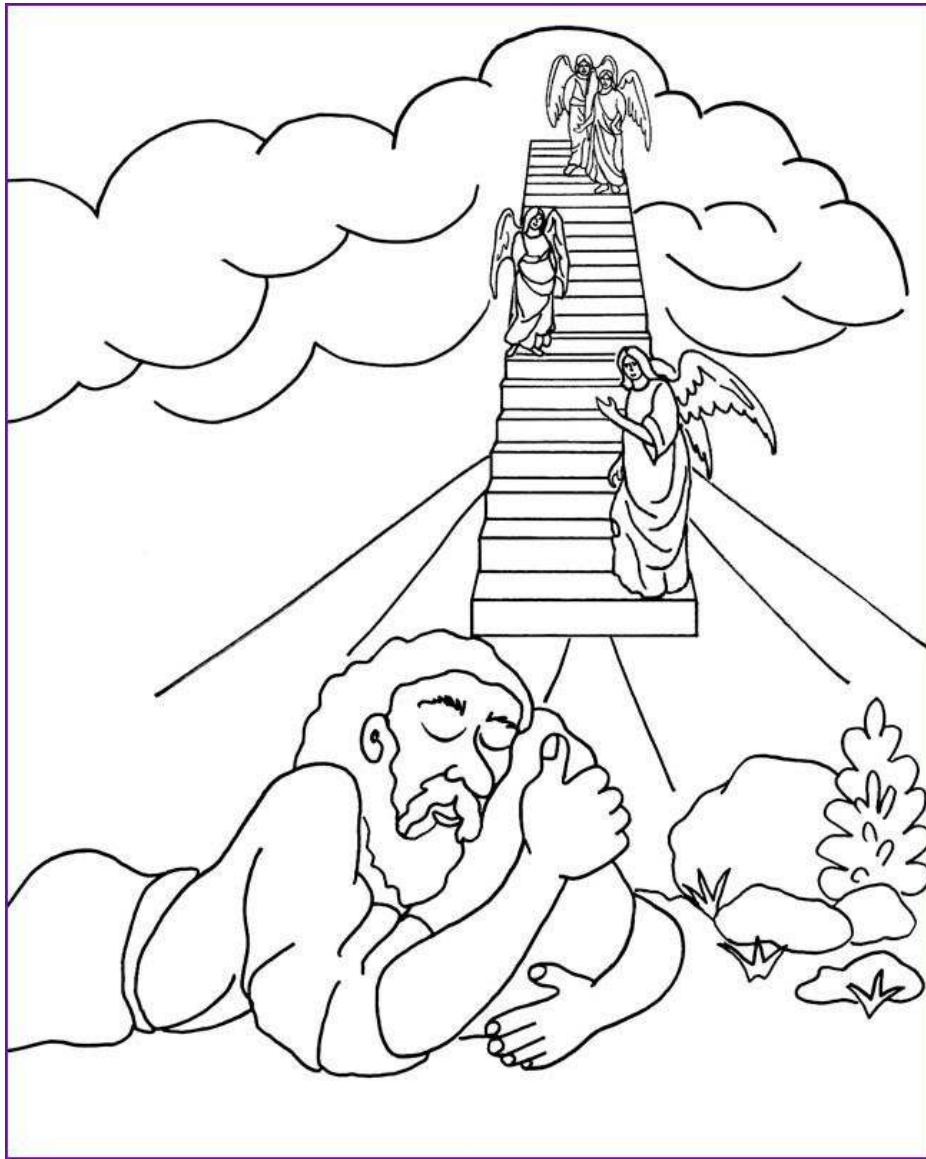
Bring books that you no longer read that are in good condition to give to those in need.



Bring toys that you no longer use that are in good condition to give to those in need.



Help an elderly person or your parents with chores.



### OLD TESTAMENT STORY: JACOB'S LADDER

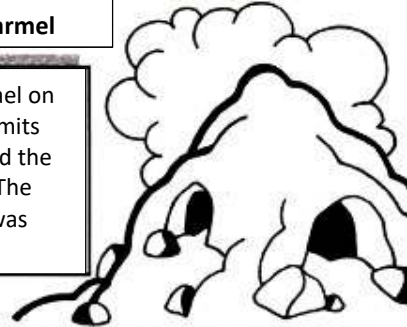
Jacob escaped Esau's anger to Haran, to his uncle Laban's house. On the first night of his journey, he rested his head on a stone and fell asleep. He dreamed of a ladder that reached from the ground all the way up to heaven. There were angels running up and down the ladder. He looked and saw God himself standing at the top of the ladder. God spoke to Jacob "I Will give to you and your descendants the land where you sleep. I am with you and will take care of you and return you to this place. He reached Haran and worked for Laban for many years accumulating great riches. He married Rachel, one of his daughters. When he returned to Canaan, Esau received him with open arms.





### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mount Carmel is a tall mountain range in northern Israel on the Mediterranean Sea. It has many caves which hermits have elected to live. There the prophet Elijah defended the one true God in the IX century B.C. (book of Kings). The contemplative Carmelite Order, inspired by Elijah, was started and lived there.

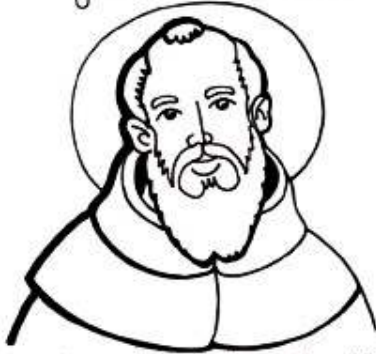


The Carmelites have spread devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel to all Christians as a model of **prayer, contemplation, and dedication.**



She accompanied the Carmelites as they spread around the world. They consecrated themselves to God and Mary and took the habit in her honor remembering that they belonged to her and, through her, to Christ.

This devotion was propagated wherever the Carmelites went.



In 1246, St. Simon Stock became General of the Order. He realized that the Order needed the intervention of Mary to survive. He put them under her protection and asked for help from the "Flower of Carmel" and the "Star of the Sea".

In response to his fervent prayer, Mary appears to him on July 16, 1251 and gives him the scapular for his Order, giving him the following promise:

"This should be a sign and privilege for you and for all the Carmelites: whoever dies wearing the scapular will not suffer eternal fire."

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us.



## St. Thomas Help us to Believe.

Feast Day: July 03

**Born:** (around the time of Jesus): **Died:** (around) 72 AD

Thomas was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. Thomas in the Syriac language means "twin." St. Thomas loved Jesus very much. When Jesus was captured by his enemies, Thomas lost his courage and ran away with the other apostles. It broke his heart when Jesus died. Then on Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to his apostles after he had risen from the dead but Thomas was not with them. As soon as he arrived, the other apostles told him joyfully, "We have seen the Lord." They thought Thomas would be happy. Instead, he did not believe them. "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails," he said, "and put my finger in the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Eight days later when Jesus appeared to his apostles again, Thomas was there, too. Jesus called him and told him to touch his hands and the wound in his side. He fell down at Jesus' feet and cried out, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed."

After Pentecost, Thomas was strong and firm in his belief and trust in Jesus. He took the mission he was given seriously and went to Parthia, Persia and India to preach the Gospel. He was killed by his enemies while kneeling in front of a cross and praying. He died a martyr there, after many people became followers of Jesus.