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March, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Lent is the time to grow in our love for Jesus. We remember that on a Friday, Jesus suffered and died for us. For this reason, we fast and do abstinence. Explain why we do little sacrifices during Lent. Pray and explain the Stations of the Cross to the children, and the Sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. (Pamphlet available, "Walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross", 12 for \$1 or 100 for \$5)

Important feast and Saints:

March 03 Saint Catherine Drexel

March 08 Saint John of God

March 17 Saint Patrick

March 19 Saint Joseph

March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

This year Easter falls on April 1st.

Enclosed materials and activities:

- 1) Monthly Calendar
- 2) Meditations on the Sunday Gospels
- 3) Activity: Money that glorifies God.
- 4) Purification of the Temple, for coloring.
- 5) Jesus on the Cross and Moses and the Snakes, for coloring.
- 6) The Fruits of the Cross, for coloring.
- 7) Jesus' Triumphant Entrance into Jerusalem, for coloring
- 8) The Creed, for coloring
- 9) Old Testament Stories: Adam and Eve
- 10) St. Joseph (2 pages)

Suggested Dvd's:

- 1) St. Patrick

May God bless you always,
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Jeremiah 17, 5-10 Psalm 1, 1-6 Luke 16, 19-31	2 FIRST FRIDAY Genesis 37, 3-4.12-13 17-28 Psalm 104 Mt 21, 33-43-45-46	3 FIRST SATURDAY ST.KATHARINE DREXEL Micah 7, 14-15.18-20 Psalm 102 Luke 15, 1-3.11-32
4 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT Exodus 20, 1-17 Psalm 18, 8-11 1 Co. 1, 22-25 John 2, 13-25	5 2 Kings 5, 1-15a Psalm 41 Luke 4, 24-30	6 Daniel 3, 25-34-43 Psalm 24 Mt 18, 21-35	7 STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY Dt.4, 1.5-9 Psalm 147 Mt. 5, 17-19	8 ST JOHN OF GOD Jeremiah 7, 23-28 Psalm 94 Luke 11, 14-23	9 ST. DOMINIC SAVIO Ob 14, 2-10 Psalm 80 Mark 12, 28-34	10 Ob 6, 1-6 Psalm 50 Luke 18, 9-14
11 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 2 Ch 36,14-16.19-23 Psalm 136, 1-6 Eph 2, 4-10 John 3, 14-21	12 Isaiah 65, 17-21 Psalm 29 John 4, 43-54	13 Ezekiel 47, 1-9.12 Psalm 45, 2-9 John 5, 1-3a,5-16	14 ST. MATILDA QUEEN Isaiah 49, 8-15 Psalm 144 John 5, 17-30	15 ST.LOUISE DE MARILLAC Exodus 32. 7-14 Psalm 105 John 5, 31-47	16 ST. JULIAN OF ANTIOCH Wisdon 2, 1a. 12-22 Psalm 33 John 7,1-2.10.25-30	17 ST. PATRICK, BISHOP PATRON OF IRELAND Jeremiah 11, 18-20 Psalm 7 John 7, 40-53
18 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT Jeremiah 31, 31-34 Psalm 50 Hebrews 5, 7-9 John 12, 20-33	19 ST. JOSEPH HUSBAND OF MARY 2 S 7, 4--5a.12-14a Psalm 88 Ro 4, 13-16-18. 22 Mt 1,16.18-21. 24a	20 Numbers 21, 4-9 Psalm 101 John 8, 21-30	21 Dn 3,14-20.91-92.95 Psalm/ Dn 3, 52-56 John 8, 31-42	22 Genesis 17, 3-9 Psalm 104 John 8, 51-59	23 Jeremiah 20,10-13 Psalm 17, John 10, 31-42	24 ST.CATHERINE OF Ezekiel 37, 21-28 Psalm /Jr 31, 10-13 John 11, 45-56
25 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Isaiah 50, 4-7 Psalm 21, 8-9.17-18a Phil 2, 6-11 Mark 14, 1-15.47	26 Isaiah 42, 1-7 Psalm 26 John 12, 1-11	27 ST. JOHN OF EGYPT Isaiah 49, 1-6 Psalm 70, 1-6.15.17 John 13, 21-33.36-38	28 Isaiah 50, 4-9a Psalm 68 Matthew 26, 14-25	29 Exodo12,1-8.11-14 Psalm 115 1 Co 11, 23-26 John 13, 1-15	30 Isaiah 52, 13-53, 12 Psalm 30 He 4,14-16; 5, 7-9 John 18, 1-19, 42	31 Genesis 1, 1-2, 2 Psalm 103 Genesis 22, 1-18 Mark 16, 1-7

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Third Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2018

Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 11; 1Corinthians 1: 22-25; John 2:13-25

Jesus Purifies the Temple

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words in scripture; zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty- six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" but he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Reflection

The Jews offered animals as a sacrifice to God in the temple and people had to buy them there. Jesus was angry at the abuses and the lack of devotion shown by the merchants at the temple. Jesus wanted them to give honor to God. Jesus dares to denounce them because he has the Father's authority. Ask the children what is most important to them? Is money, work, or entertainment ever more important than God? What values is this society transmitting to them?

Activity

Bring to the group a few coins from different countries to see whose images are on them (heads of state). Prepare some bills with the image of Jesus which show His message of love. Is Jesus their King? Write on the back how they can follow Jesus.

Prayer

Lord, you are the King of my heart. May all that I say and do today glorify you. I love you. Amen

Song: (He is the King of Kings, TheRealDonutMan),
(Ctrl Click, https://youtu.be/B6Yf_nsj2_A)

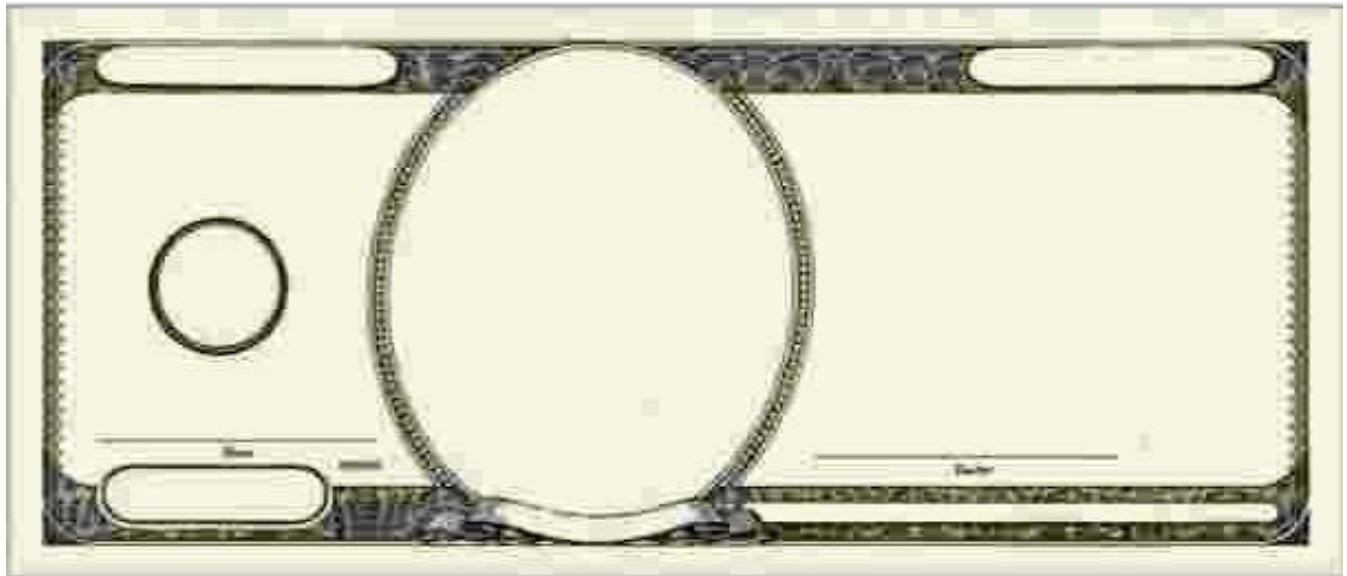




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JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

COME HOLY SPIRIT

FORGIVENESS

LOVE

MARY, PRAY FOR US



Cut and glue the pictures and words onto the bill.
On the back, write how you can follow Jesus, your King.

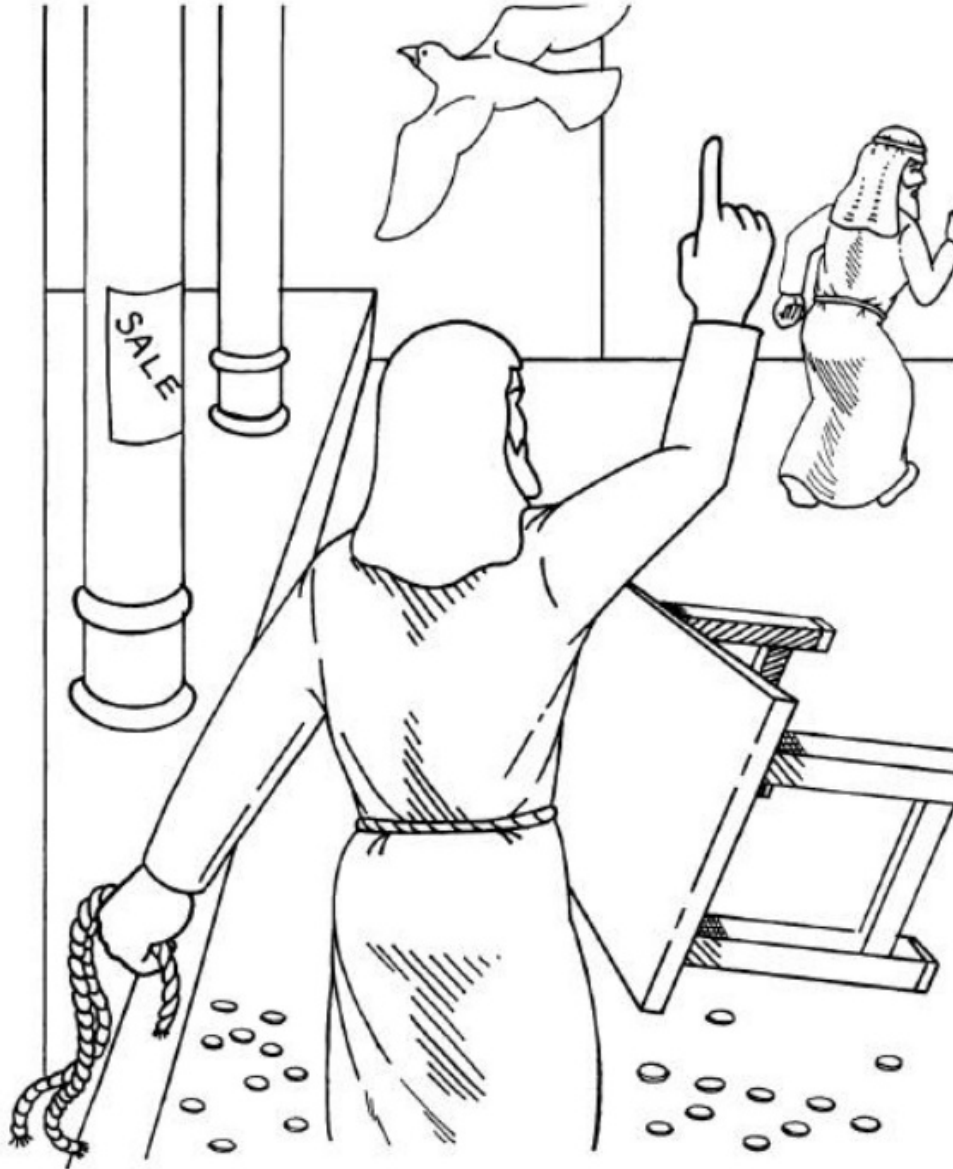
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THE PURIFICATION OF THE TEMPLE



“Take these out of here, and
stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”



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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 11, 2018

2 Chron. 36: 14-16, 19-23 Psalm 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5,6 Ephesians 2: 4-10 John 3: 14-21

Jesus will be lifted up

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Reflection

God always showed compassion despite the unfaithfulness of the people. Summarize the story of Moses and the snakes (Numbers 21:5-9). What do you want to ask Jesus about Moses, the snakes, and the people who were sick? In doctor's offices and in pharmacies, one sees the symbol of a snake wrapped around a staff recalling God's healing through the staff and snake. God lifted up Christ so that we could all be saved. Jesus says that by looking at him we get strength for the difficulties of life. What troubles would you like to tell Jesus about?

Activity

Prepare a big cardboard cross. Have ready for them small pieces of paper. Ask them to write some sickness or problem that needs healing. Each child will then stick his or her piece of paper on the cross. Then pray: "Jesus, you are our health."

Prayer

Lord, spiritual illnesses are sometimes more painful than those of the body. Let us always look at you to be able to face the difficulties of life with courage, strength and peace. Your presence heals us, Jesus. Amen

Song: I want to see Jesus lifted high, KWSCM (Ctrl Click)

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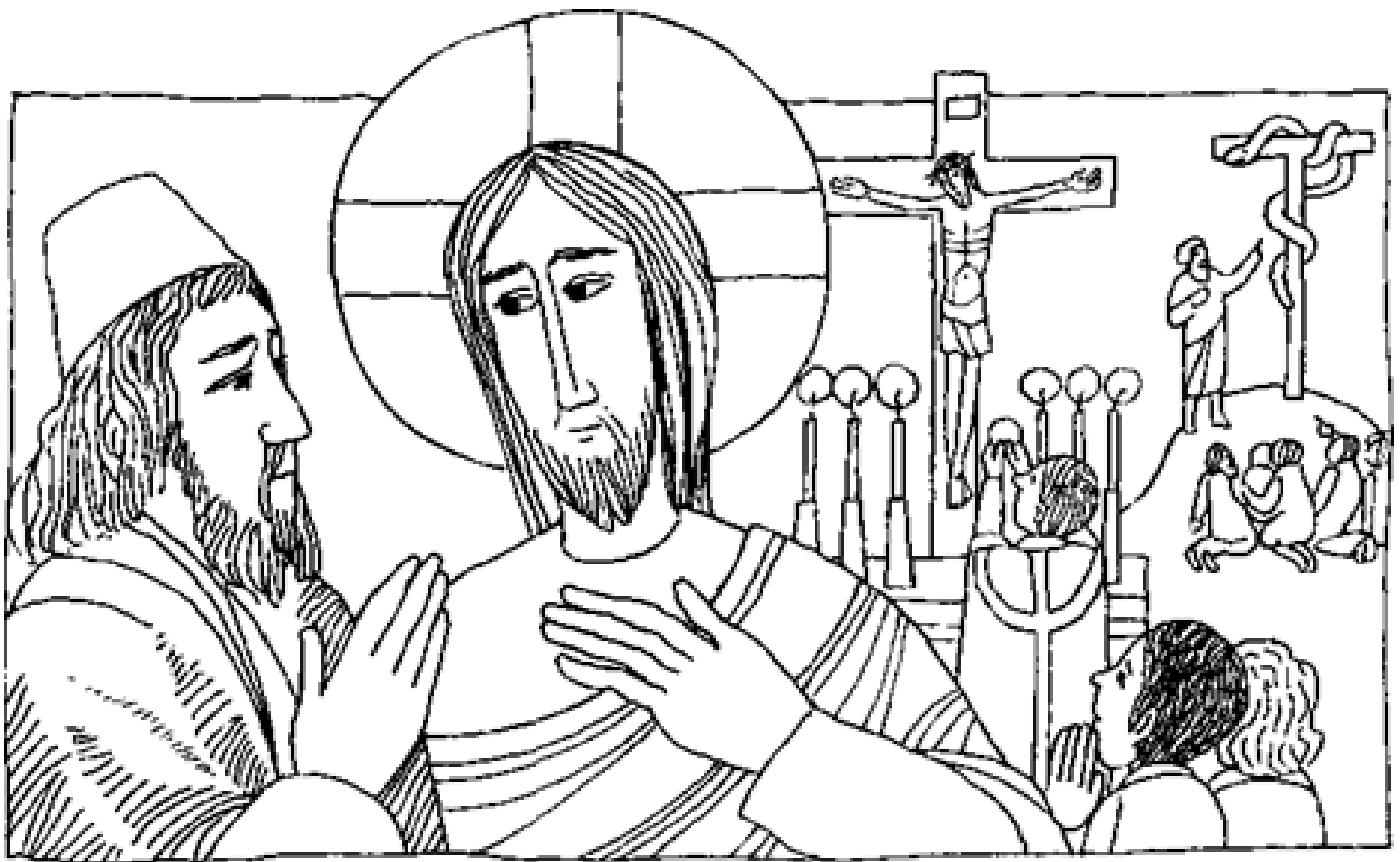




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Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 18, 2018

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13,14-15; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

Jesus is the good seed

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Phillip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Phillip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father saves me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Reflection

Jesus’ death, like that of a grain of wheat, is not the end of the story. Jesus’ death is a source of abundant fruit which is produced for the good of all. Talk about the seeds. Have they ever planted something? Did they have to wait a long time until it grew? Jesus sacrificed himself for us. What does this mean? What gift did His sacrifice obtain for us? Who sacrifices for them? What sacrifice can they do for someone? Write on a piece of paper and take to the altar.

Prayer

Jesus you are always attentive to the Father. Your love for our Father gave you the strength and courage to carry out your mission. Give us your Spirit so that we may always work for the good of others. Help us to produce fruits of life. Amen

Song: Fruit of the Spirit, cd1218 (Ctrl Click)

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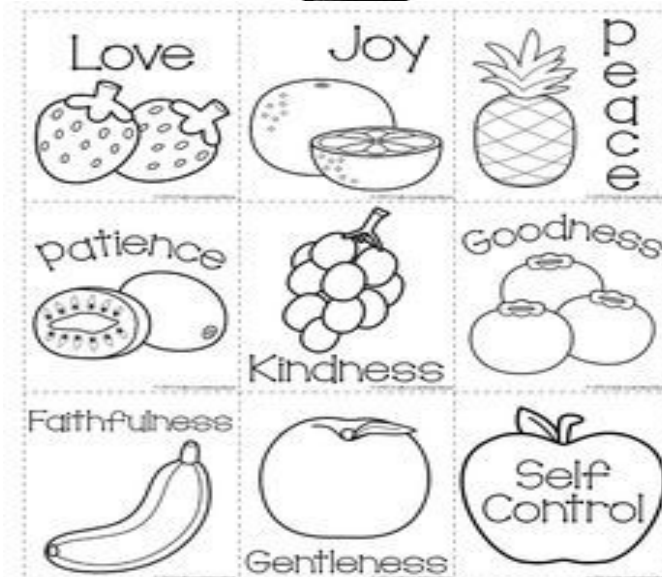
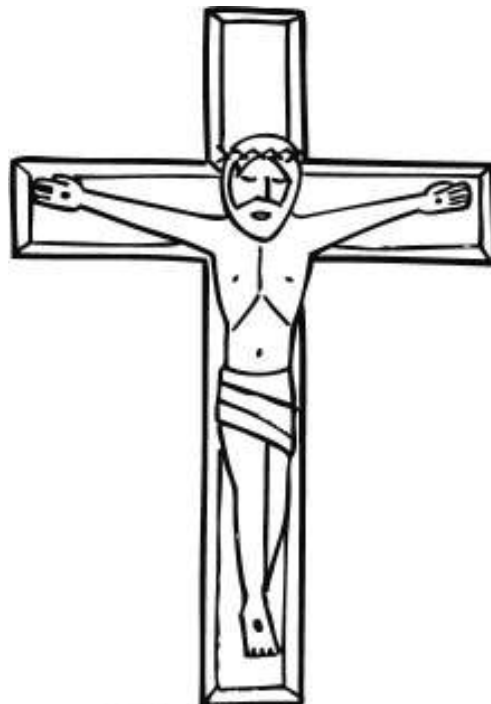
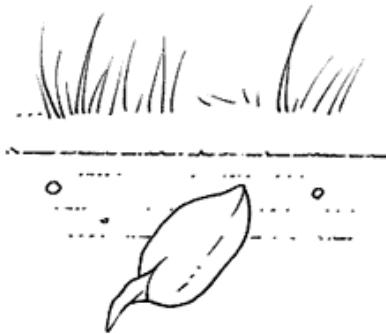




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Palm Sunday– March 25, 2018

Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14: 1-15, 47

The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11, 1-10)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Reflection

Remembering the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, we read this gospel in the beginning of Mass. Why were people praising Jesus? What does Hosanna mean? (Save us) Why did he enter riding a colt? (Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9) They receive Jesus like a king. How do you treat a king? Is Jesus your King? How can you serve and love Jesus better this week?

Activity

Reenact the scene of Jesus entering Jerusalem. Make a procession with palms. The children can wave them and sing Hosannas.

Song: Ho! Ho! Ho! Hosanna, Discover House
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/tykIVo6MrX8>

Prayer

Lord, you came to show us that the one sent by God is a servant to all. Help us to believe that true worth doesn't come from power but from our union with you. Help us to praise you each day through our acts of service to one another. Amen

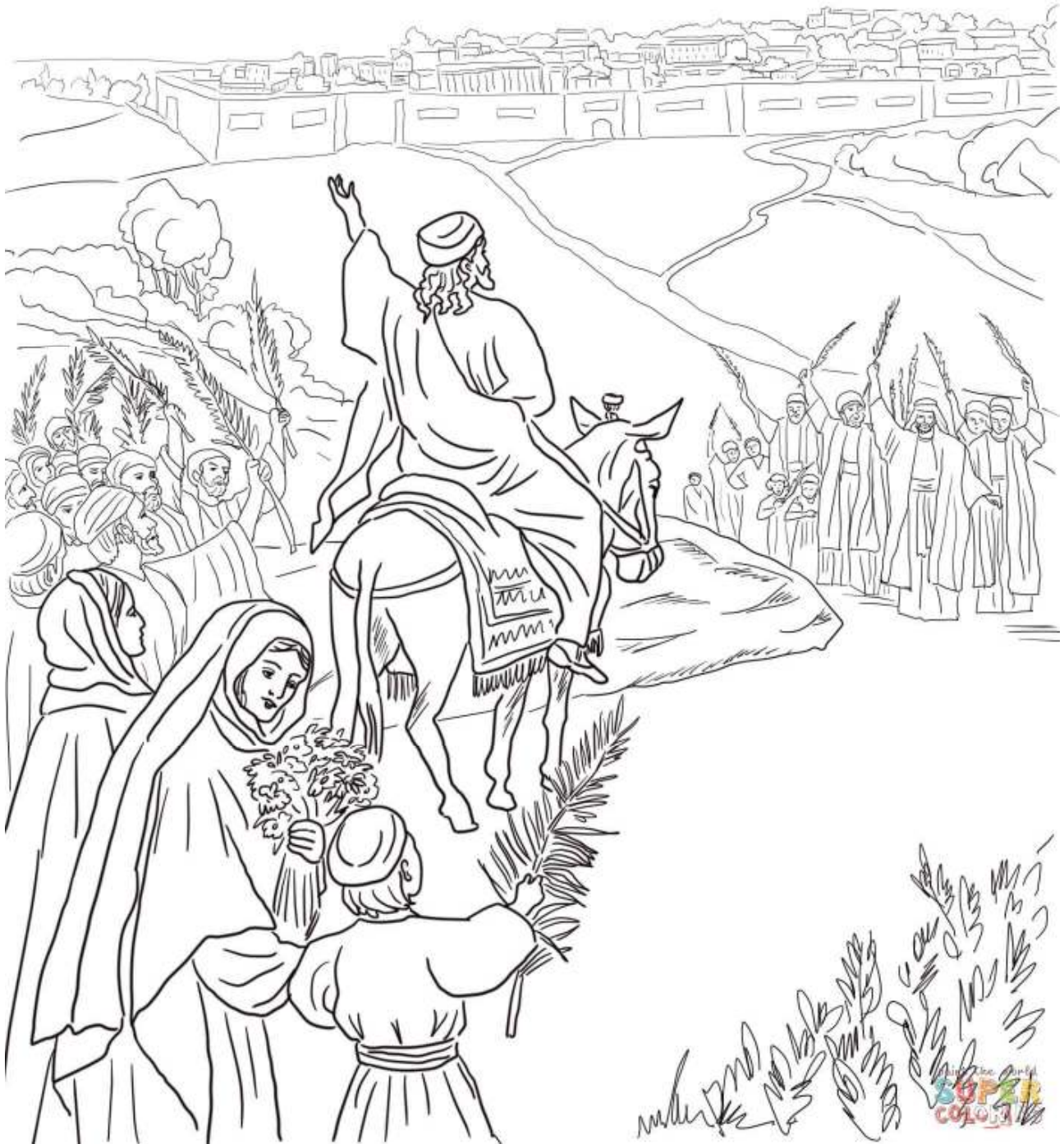




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THE CREED



I believe in one God, the Father Almighty.



And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,



Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,



Born of the Virgin Mary,



Suffered under Pontius Pilot,



Was crucified, died, and was buried.



He descended into hell and on the third day he rose again from the dead.



He ascended into heaven



And is seated at the right hand of the Father Almighty.



From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Spirit,



The Holy Catholic Church,



The communion of Saints,



The forgiveness of sins,



The resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

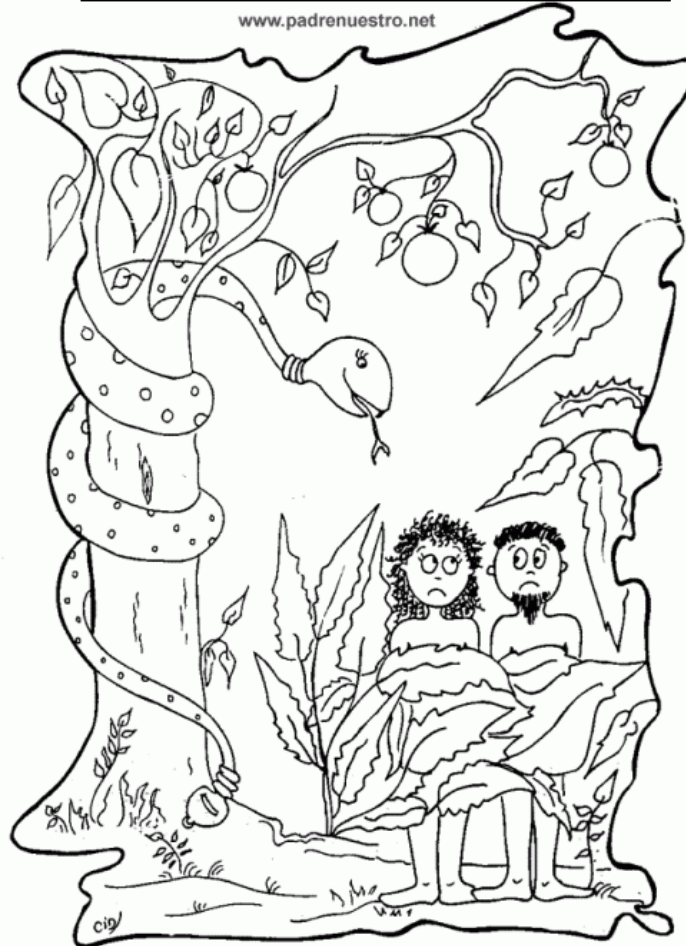


Amen



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Read the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis 2:4-3:24.

How was Adam and Eve's relationship with God?

Why did they disobey God?

What were the consequences of their disobedience?

What did God promise them? Who is the Savior?

God, help us to always trust that
all you ask of us is for our own happiness.
Help us to love and obey You more each day.
Amen



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St. Joseph descended from King David. He loved God very much and obeyed His laws. God chose him to be the protector of Mary and His Son, Jesus. (Mt 1)

The Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the power of God overshadowed her; for this reason her Son is Holy and the Son of God. (Lk 1:35)

An angel told Joseph in a dream, “Do not fear to take Mary into your home as your spouse, because the child conceived is of the Holy Spirit”.(Mt 1:20)



During that time, the Emperor called for a census. Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem, the town of King David, on a donkey to register. (Mt 1)

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son and laid him in a manger because there was no room in the inn. (Lk 2:6)

An angel tells Joseph in a dream to take the child and His Mother to Egypt because Herod wants to kill Him. (Mt 2:13)



They presented Jesus in the temple to consecrate Him and offer the prescribed sacrifice according to the Law of Moses. (Lk 2:21-18)

Joseph, following a message in a dream, went to Nazareth after Herod had died. The child grew and God’s grace was with Him. (Mt 2:19-23)

When Jesus was 12 years old, after Passover, they lost Him for 3 days and found Him in the temple speaking to the masters of the Law. (Lk 21:41-52)

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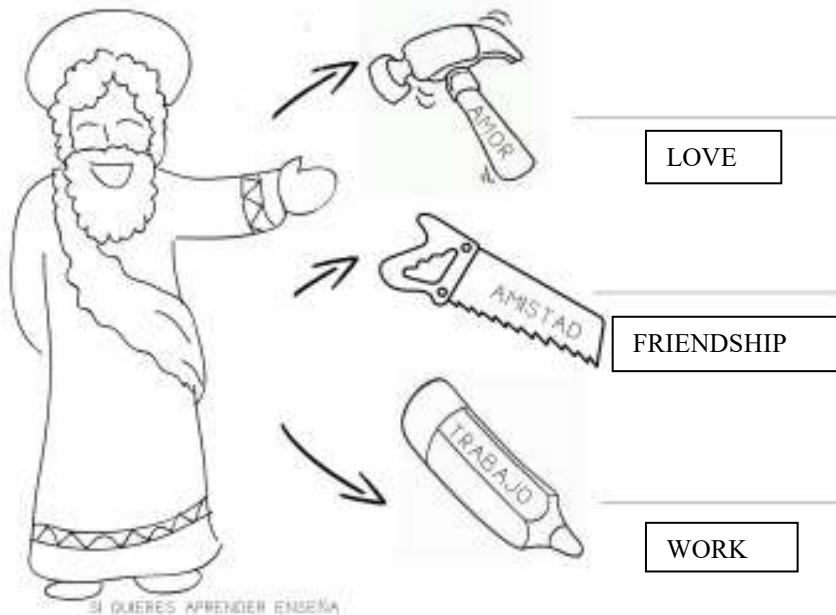
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ST. JOSEPH

We celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph on March 19, remembering the foster father of Jesus. St. Joseph was a good and just man and loved JESUS very much. He lived in NAZARETH and was a CARPENTER; he taught JESUS many things. Joseph worked with these tools and he taught JESUS how to use them. What did he teach Jesus?



BLESSED BE SAINT JOSEPH

Blessed be Saint Joseph,
That witnessed the Glory of God on earth.
Blessed be the Eternal Father that chose you.
Blessed be the Son that loved you,
And the Holy Spirit that sanctified you,
Blessed be Mary that loved you.