



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

November 2018  
Miami, Florida

## **Dear Guides:**

In November we celebrate All Saints Day. Let's try to emphasize our calling to be Saints. It is not necessary to do great miracles, only to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbor in all our daily activities. Although no one sees what we do for love, God does and gives us Heaven as our prize.

## **Special Feast Days of the Church:**

November 01 All Saints Day  
November 02 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed  
November 03 St. Martin de Porres  
November 13 St. Francisca Xaviera Cabrini  
November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
November 21 Presentation of the Holy Virgen Mary  
November 22 St. Cecilia  
November 22 Thanksgiving Day  
November 25 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
November 22 Thanksgiving Day  
November 30 Saint Andrew the Apostle

## **Materials and Activities for the Month:**

- Monthly Calendar
- Meditation and Activities for the Sunday Gospel
- All Saints Day, Explanation and Coloring
- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Explanation and Coloring
- Presentation of the Holy Virgen Mary in the Temple, Explanation, Prayer and Coloring
- Thanksgiving Day- Activity
- St. Martin de Porres, Activity and Coloring
- St. Andrew the Apostle, Activity and Coloring
- Old Testament Story, Moses Flees and God Speaks to Him, Coloring
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Committee, Friends of Jesus and Mary



**NOVIEMBRE 2018**

DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIERCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SABADO
				1 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS DAY Wisdom of Solomon 3:1 or Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	2 FIRST FRIDAY COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	3 FIRST SATURDAY ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
4 31 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34	5	6	7	8	9 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME	10 ST. LEO MAGNO
11 32 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	12	13 ST. FRANCISCA JAVIER CABRINI	14	15 ST. ALBERT MAGNO	16 ST. GERTRUDE	17 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY
18 33 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	19	20	21 PRESENTATION OF VIRGEN MARY	22 ST. CECILIA THANKSGIVING DAY, Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Matthew 6:25-33	23 ST. CLEMENTE I	24 ST. ANDREW DUNG AND FRIENDS
25 SOLEMNITY OF JESUS KING OF THE UNIVERSE Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	26	27	28	29	30 ST. ANDREW APOSTLE	

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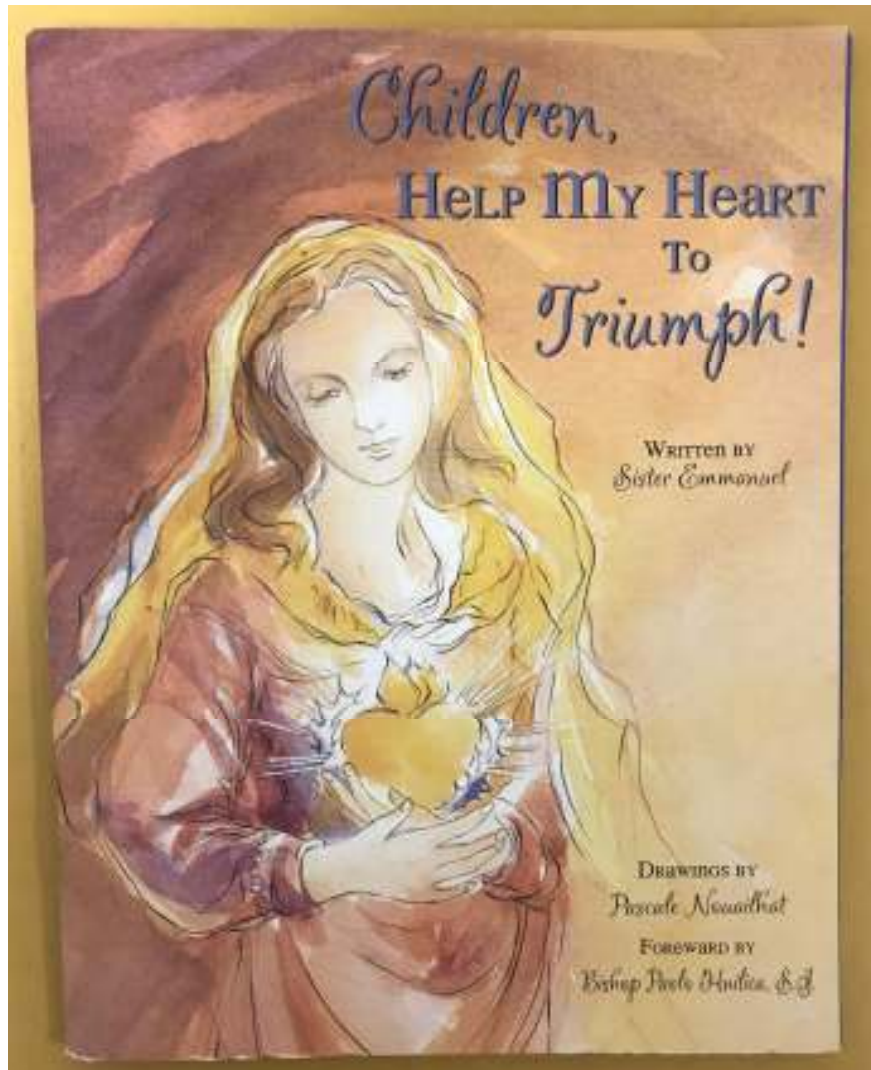


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## Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



**When:** Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM

**Where:** St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
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XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 4, 2018

Deuteronomy 6, 2-6; Psalm 17; Hebrews 7, 23-28; Mark 12, 28-34

### The First Commandment

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

### Reflection

Why are laws important? What happens if we don't follow traffic laws? Why does God give us laws to follow? (He loves us and wants us to be happy) Review the 10 Commandments and how they make us happy. What does Jesus respond to the scribes when they ask which the first commandment is. What is the relationship between these 2



commandments and the 10 Commandments? (They summarize them.) To Love God and to love our neighbor is what God asks of us because He know this will give us eternal happiness.

### Activities

Make the banner on the following page which divides the 10 commandments into two groups: those that speak about loving God, and those that speak about loving our neighbor. Share as to how they can love God and their neighbor better..

### Prayer

Lord, thank you for always taking care of me and caring about my happiness. Help me to obey you. Help me to love you with all my heart and to love my brothers and sisters more each day. Amen

**Song:** Greatest Commandment, Adrian Andres

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**JESUS SUMMARIZES THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**

*The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your*

1

4  
Honor your Mother and Father.

5  
Do not kill

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Do not committ adultery.

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Do not steal.

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Do not lie.

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Do not covet your neighbor's spouse.

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Do not covet your neighbor's goods.

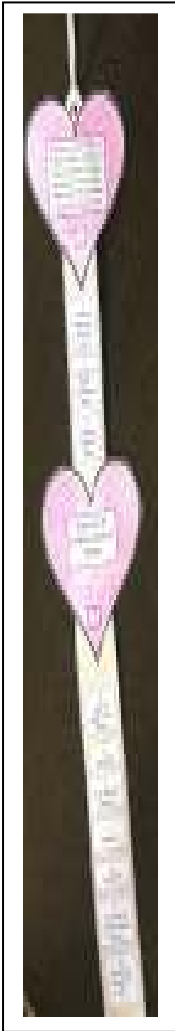
*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

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1  
Love God above all things.

2  
Do not use His name in vain.

3  
Keep Holy the Sabbath Day.





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**XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 11, 2018**

*1 Kings 17, 10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9, 24-28; Mark 12, 38-44*

### **The Widow's Offering**

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

### **Reflection**

Jesus says that the woman has given more than the rest; they gave of their surplus, but she gave all she had. Why did the widow give so much? (Because she loves God and is grateful for all He has done for her.) Why is it important to give of what we have? (The church needs our help in communicating Jesus' message of love.) How does the church help others? (It helps the poor, builds schools and hospitals...) What do you have that you can share with others? (talent, time, treasure) Is it difficult for you to give to others? Do you realize the sacrifices your parents do for you? Have you seen anyone share something big with others?



### **Activities**

Read the Gospel and have the children act it out. Put colorful handkerchiefs or scarfs for the rich donors, and simple ones for the widow and for Jesus. On the following page are instructions to make boxes to collect change. Encourage the children to collect coins from drawers or the car for their box and take them to church to donate.

### **Prayer**

Lord, we have received life and all that we are and have from your generosity. Open the doors of our hearts so we may learn to be generous, putting all that we have at the service of others. Amen

**Song:** Giving Makes You Happy, JW Story  
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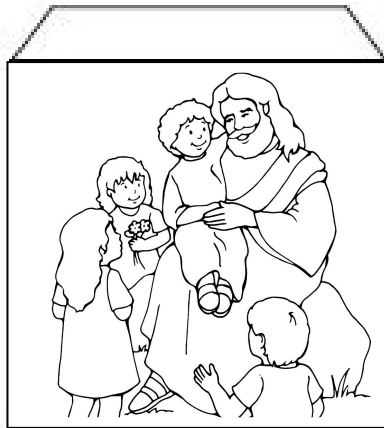


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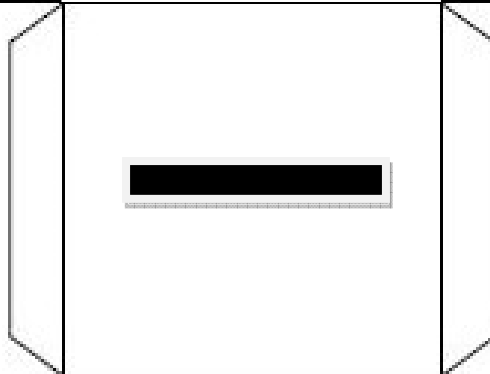
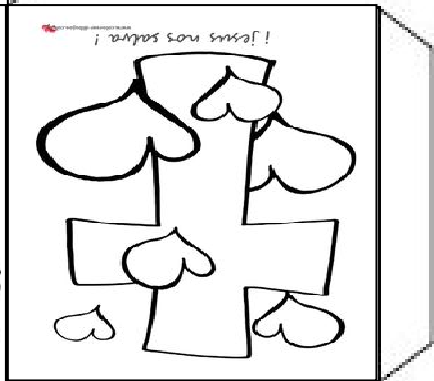
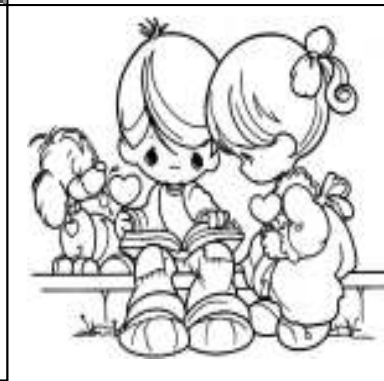
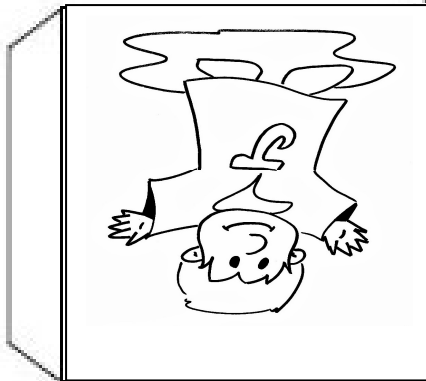
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**Instructions:** Print on card stock, color, fold on lines and glue. With scissors, cut opening on top, but do not glue top door. Can also glue pictures on other boxes.





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**XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 18, 2018**

*Daniel 12, 1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10, 11-14.18; Mark 13, 24-32*

### **The Return of the Son of Man**

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

### **Reflection**

Jesus promised to return a second time to earth. How did He come the first time? (In the Virgin Mary's womb) He promised to stay with us always. Where is He? (Hidden in the Eucharist, in scripture, in our hearts, where 2 or more are gathered in His name) Why did He come as a baby? (He wants to share in our weak humanity.) How will He return the 2<sup>nd</sup> time? (In glory, on a cloud where everyone can see) He will gather all His elect to share in His glory. Do we want to be one of His elect? How can we prepare to be ready for His triumphant return?



### **Activities**

Make a mobile or a small poster with clouds: one big one with triumphant Jesus and several smaller ones with phrases of how to prepare for His return. Glue cotton on the clouds. (See instructions on following page)

### **Prayer**

Lord, help us always to be aware of your presence in our life. Teach us to trust in your words above all else, since they are eternal. Help us not to fear because You are with us. Teach us to love always. Thank you, Jesus. Amen.

**Song:** I'll Follow Jesus, cfckfcmedia  
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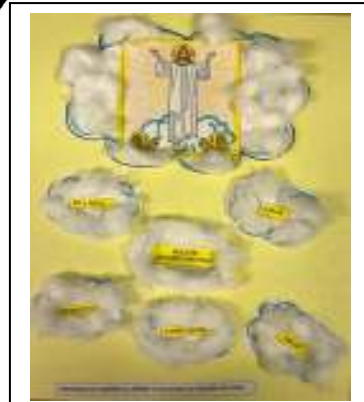
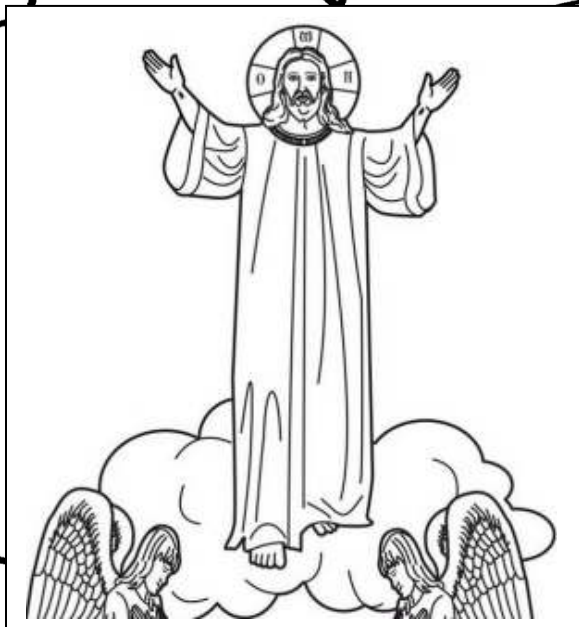
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***PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD AND LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD.***



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**XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 25, 2018**

*Daniel 7, 13-14; Psalm 92; Apoc. 1, 5-8; John 18, 33-37*

### **"Are You the King of the Jews?"**

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

### **Reflection**

Jesus says, "I am a King." But He also says, "My Kingdom is not of this world." What do you know about kings and queens? (They live in castles, they govern...) Where is Jesus' Kingdom? (Heaven, our hearts, the Church) What are His laws? (Commandments/to love God & each other) What are the similarities and differences between Kings of this world and Jesus? The Kingdom of Christ is not one of power, dominance, or violence, but one of service, truth, justice, and love. Which kingdom do you think is better? Why?

### **Activities**

Make crowns. (Following page) To each child, give an example of something a follower of a King of this world would do/say or a follower of Jesus would do/say. (Help the poor/not share/yell at brother or sister/pray often/help at home/go to church/disobey parents) They respond, "I will or I won't, Jesus, you are my King".

### **Prayer**

Lord, you are a servant King. You suffered for us, dying on the cross. But you were victorious over death and you are the King of life. Teach us to be like you, serving each other, and treating each other with kindness. Please forgive us when we make mistakes. Amen

### **Song: King of Kings, CelestinoZ**

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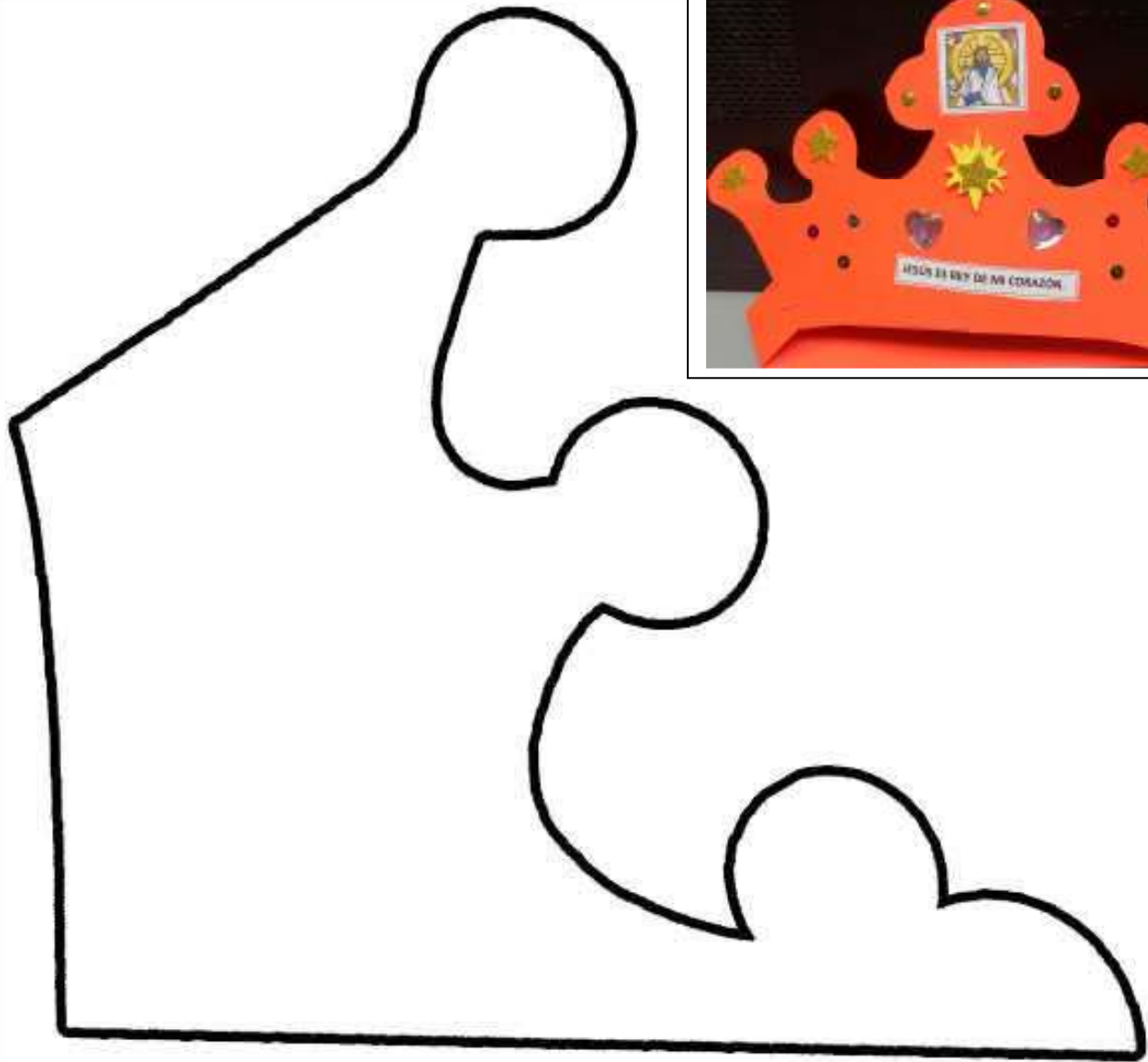




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**Fold poster paper in half; trace the crown and cut. Cut a strip of poster paper to staple to both ends to finish the crown. Cut and color the picture of Jesus and glue to the cross. Cut and glue sign "JESUS IS KING OF MY HEART" to the front. Decorate.**



**JESUS IS KING OF MY HEART.**



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**Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – November 2nd**



The tradition of praying for the dead dates back to the early Christians, when they already honored the memory of those who had died by offering up prayers and sacrifices for them.

When a person dies, they are no longer capable of doing anything to earn Heaven; however, those still living can offer our good works so the deceased can gain salvation.



With good works and prayer, we can help our loved ones obtain forgiveness and purification from their sins in order to participate in the glory of God.

These prayers are called suffrages.

La Iglesia ha querido instituir un día, el 2 de noviembre, que se dedique especialmente a la oración por aquellas almas que han dejado la tierra y aún no llegan al cielo.

The best suffrage is to offer Holy Mass for the deceased.

The Church has wanted to institute a day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, which is dedicated especially to pray for those souls who have left earth but have not yet reached heaven.(Purgatory)



Our prayer for the dead not only can help them, but later, when they reach Heaven, they can intercede for us. Those that are in Heaven, intercede for those that are on earth, so they may have the grace to be faithful to God and reach eternal life.

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***Solemnity of All Saints – November 1st***

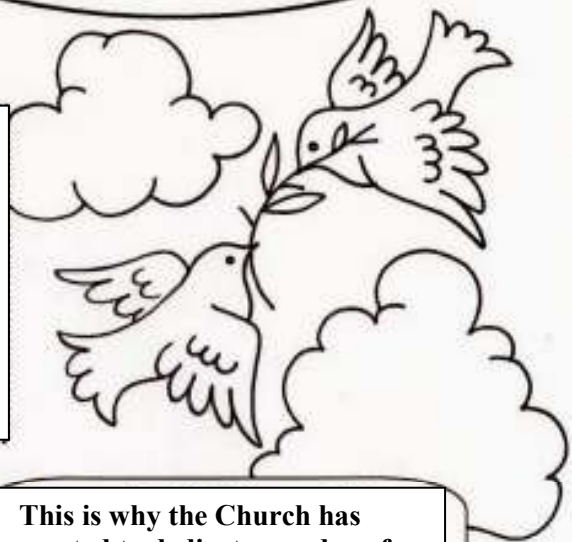
On this day we celebrate all the millions of people that have reached Heaven, even if we don't know them.



A *Saint* is someone who has reached Heaven. Some have been canonized or sanctified, and so are placed by the Church as examples of Christian life.

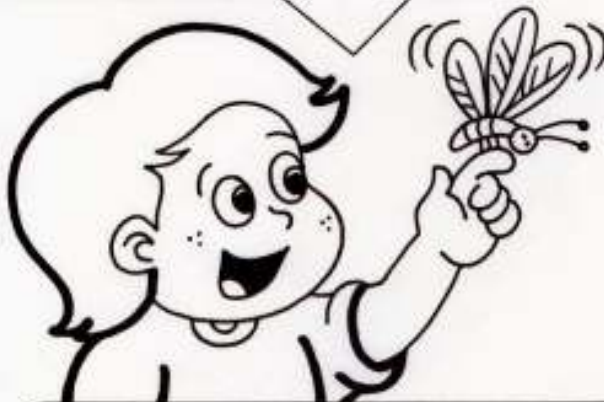
***What is the Communion of Saints?***

Those in Heaven participate in the life of the Church by means of the testimony of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayers. They contemplate God, praise Him, and don't stop taking care of those they left on earth. The intercession of saints means that they, being united with Jesus, can mediate for us before God.



Even though we should ask the saints for help every day, it is easy to forget.

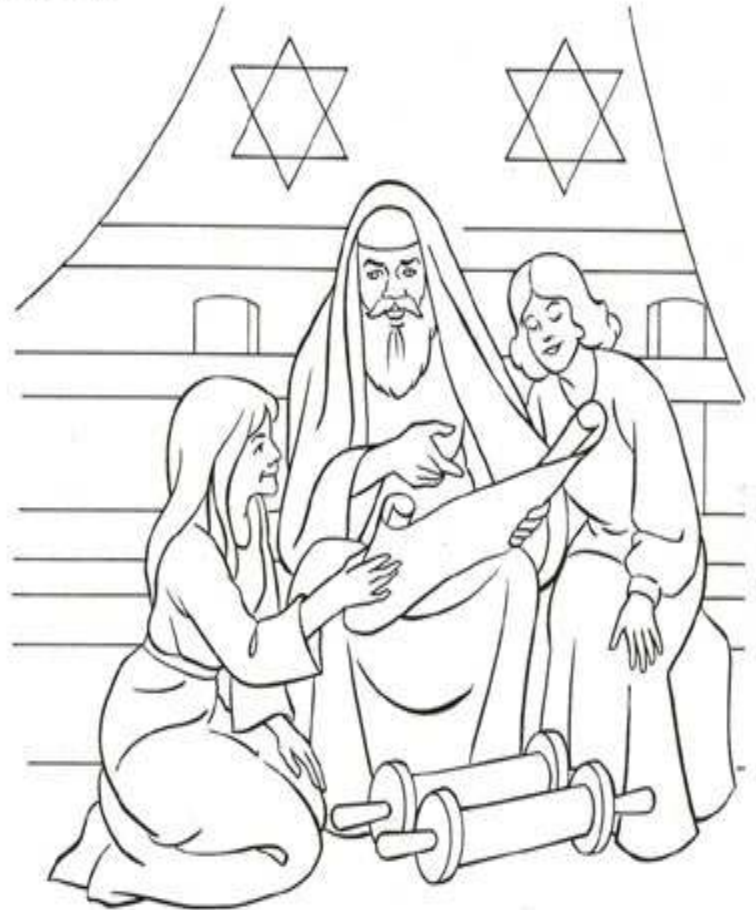
This is why the Church has wanted to dedicate one day of the year where we especially pray to the *Saints* to ask their intercession, November 1<sup>st</sup>.



This day is an opportunity that the Church gives us to remember that God calls us all to be *Saints*. Being a Saint is not having a halo around your head and doing miracles. It means doing all your daily activities with love and for love of God.



## THE PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGEN MARY AT THE TEMPLE November 21



**Joaquin and Ana knew that Mary was a very special gift from God. When she was small, they presented her at the Temple and dedicated her life to God.**

**When Mary was very young, she went to school in the Temple. There she learned more about God, the stories of the scriptures, and the promises and plan of God.**

### PRAYER TO THE CHILD MARY

**Response (R):** Child Mary, help me to be like you.

Child Mary, for your perfect humility/**R**

Child Mary, for your faith and obedience/**R**

Child Mary, for your simplicity and purity/**R**

Child Mary, for your love to your parents on earth and your Father in Heaven/**R**



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**THANKSGIVING DAY USA**

**NOVEMBER 22**

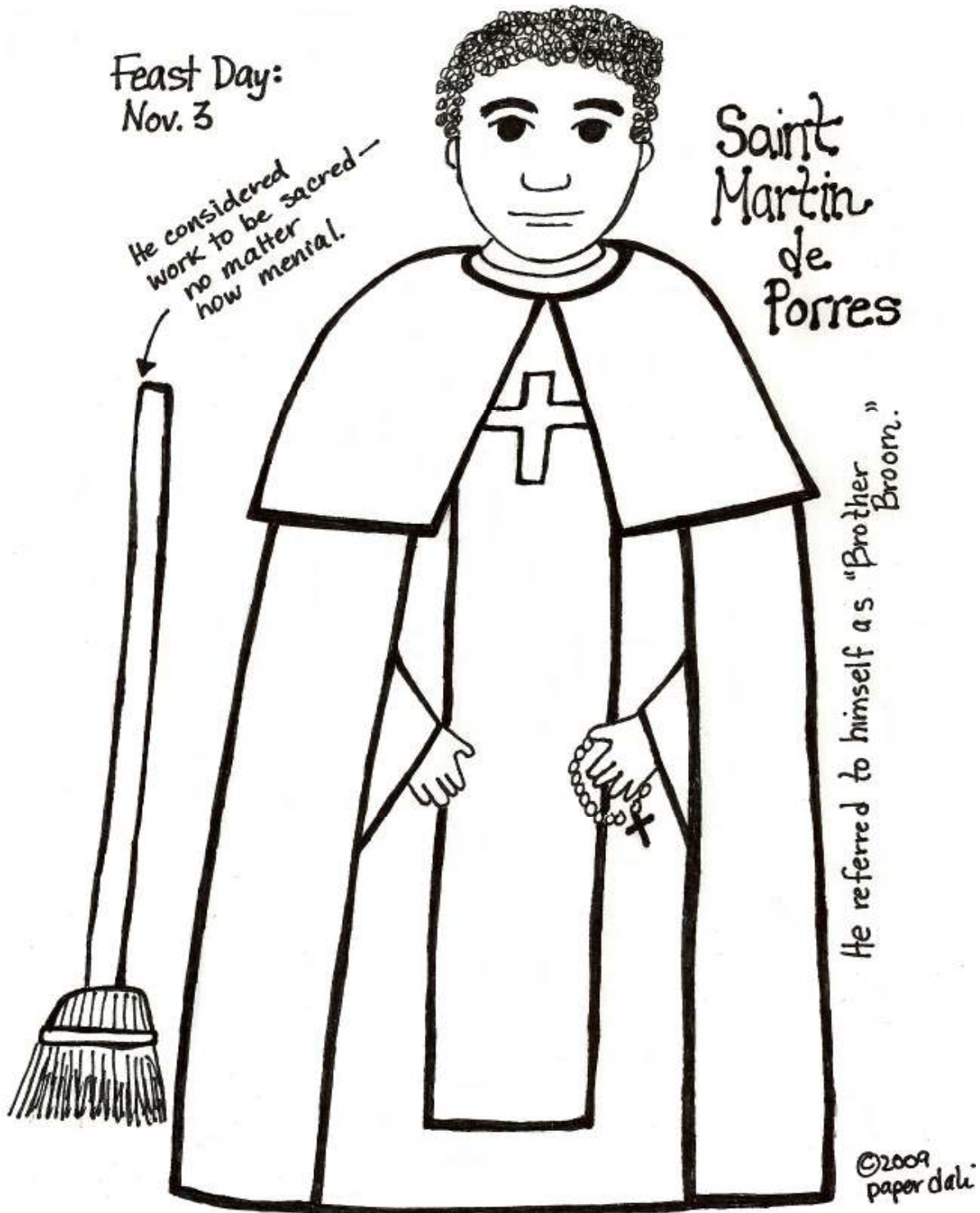
**WE GIVE THANKS**

Make a box out of a tissue box and decorate like a turkey. Have the children put their thank you phrases in the box.

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**His name was St. Martin de Porres Velasquez. He was born in Lima, Peru. He was the first black Saint in America. He had the gift of healing. He would say that he cured but God heals. He often is portrayed with a broom to represent his humility and service.**

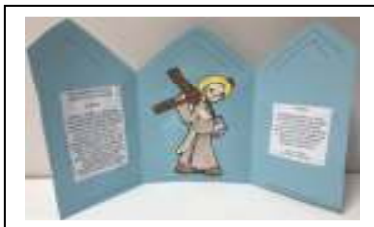
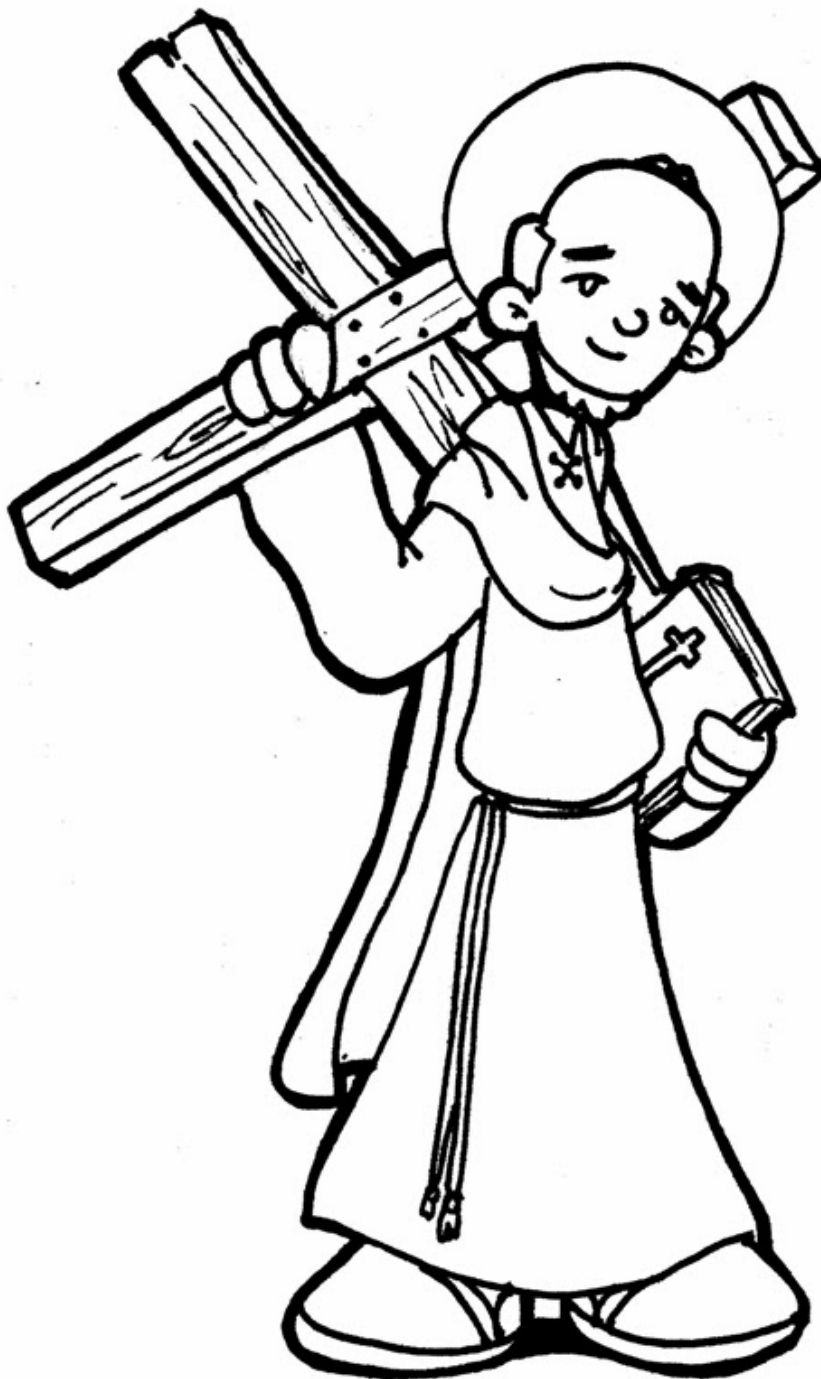




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## **ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE Feast Day - November 30**

### **History**

Andrew, born in Bethsaida, was first a disciple of John the Baptist, and later followed Christ introducing his brother Peter to Him. He and Phillip took some Greeks before Jesus, and Andrew let Jesus know that a youth had some loaves of bread and fish on the mount. According to tradition, after Pentecost, Andrew preached the Gospel throughout many regions and was crucified in Acaya.

### **Prayer**

Protect us, Lord our God,  
and that the constant  
intercession of St. Andrew the  
Apostle, whom you called to  
preach in your name and to  
be pastor of your church be  
the mediator which listens to  
my plea. (petition)

St. Andrew,  
Pray for us.

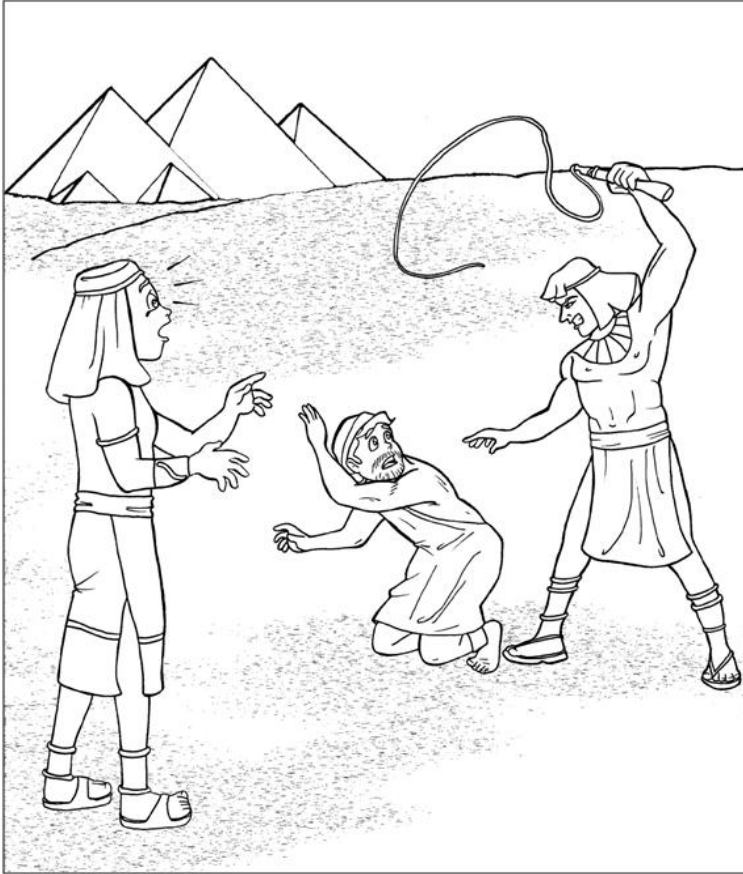
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**STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT: MOSES FLEES AND GOD SPEAKS TO HIM.**



After the daughter of Pharaoh adopted Moses, he grew and was educated in court, but he knew he was an Israelite. One day he went out to survey the work of the slaves and saw one of the Egyptian slave masters hurting a slave. To defend him, he killed the slave master. But Pharaoh found out, so Moses fled to the desert for fear of the consequences. In the desert of Midian, he met Jethro, married his daughter, and became a shepherd. Although that Pharaoh eventually died, the Israelites continued enslaved. God heard their cry and remembered His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. One day while herding his sheep, Moses saw at a distance a bush burning brightly but not being consumed by the fire. When he approached, a voice stopped him saying: “Stop, take off your sandals for the ground you step on is holy ground!” He realized it was God speaking to him. God said: “Go to Pharaoh. I want you to free my people from slavery in Egypt and to lead them to Canaan. I will be by your side. Gather the elders of Israel and tell them that the God of your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob sends you.” Moses was scared and asked Him, “What if they don’t believe me? What if I can’t speak well?” God answered that He would give Him the power to do miracles with his staff and thus demonstrate to His people and to the Egyptians that He sent him. Also, his brother Aaron would help him by speaking for him.