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Dear Guides:

In this month of love, let us emphasize growing in faith and love of Jesus. Jesus shows us how to follow Him and how to love in an extraordinary way. Let us pray for more faith and extraordinary love each day.

**Some special feast days of the Church follow:**

- February 2 Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- February 3 St. Blas, Bishop and Martyr
- February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 14 St. Valentine
- February 18 St. Bernadette Soubirous
- February 22 Feast of Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

**Materials and activities included for this month follow:**

- Calendar of the Month
- Meditations of the Gospels for the month with activities
- Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, acting and coloring
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, movie, story with coloring
- Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, activity
- Old Testament Story-The Tenth Plague, story and coloring

Praying that the Holy Spirit fills your heart with the necessary graces to take the love of Jesus and Mary to all the children and families of the world.

May God Bless You Always,  
Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FEBRUARY 2019</b>					1	2 Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Feast)
3 IV Ordinary Sunday St. Blas, Bishop & Martyr	4	5 St. Agatha, Virgen and Martyr	6 Sts. Paul Miki y friends, Martyrs	7	8	9
10 V Ordinary Sunday St. Escolástica, Virgen	11 Our Lady of Lourdes	12	13	14 St. Cirilo, monk & St. Metodio, Bishop	15	16
17 VI Ordinary Sunday Seven founding saints of the order of the Servants	18 St. Bernadette Soubirous	19	20	21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (Feast)	23 St. Policarpio, Bishop and Martyr
24 VII Ordinary Sunday	25	26	27	28		

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 3, 2019

*Jeremiah 1, 4-5. 17-19 Psalm 70; 1 Cor 12, 31-13, 13; Luke 4, 21-30*

### No prophet is accepted in his own native place.

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

### Reflection

In the Gospel, Jesus declares he is the Savior of the world, the promised one in Isaiah's prophesy. Jesus, who is God and knows what is in our hearts, saw that many didn't believe; they wanted to see signs they had heard he had done in other villages. Do we need to see miracles to believe Jesus is with us and loves us with all His life? Having faith means believing without seeing. This is why Jesus says no prophet is accepted in his native place. They all knew Jesus as the carpenter Joseph and Mary's son. How could he be Savior of the World? We go to mass, pray and wear crosses as jewelry. But do we truly believe Jesus is God, that He is with us and is present in the Eucharist, that He does miracles in our life? Let's pray for more faith.

### Activity

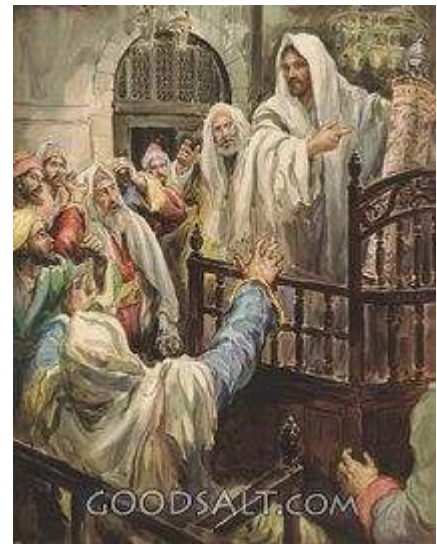
On the following page, cut and color the tools and the belt buckle with the worlds of who is Jesus. Cut poster board in long strips to form belts. Glue the tools and the buckle on the belt. Closet he belt with velcro, tape or punch holes in each end and tie a string.

### Prayer

Lord, help me to grow in faith every day. Teach me to see You in all those around me and those that I meet in this life. Help me to be a witness of your presence and Love in this world. Amen

**Song:** I Believe (VBS 2017), steffinjaise

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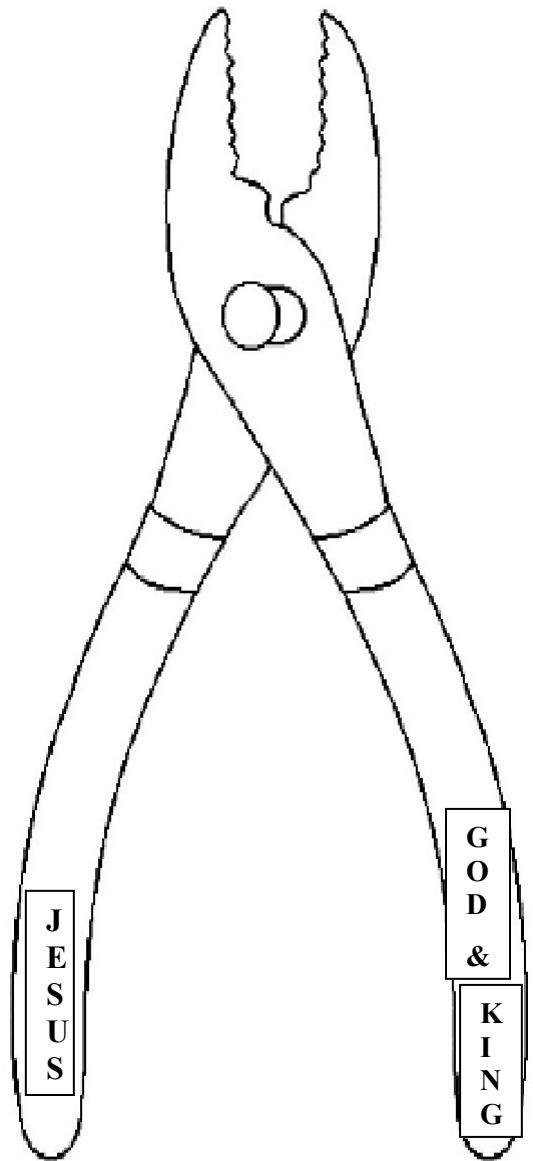
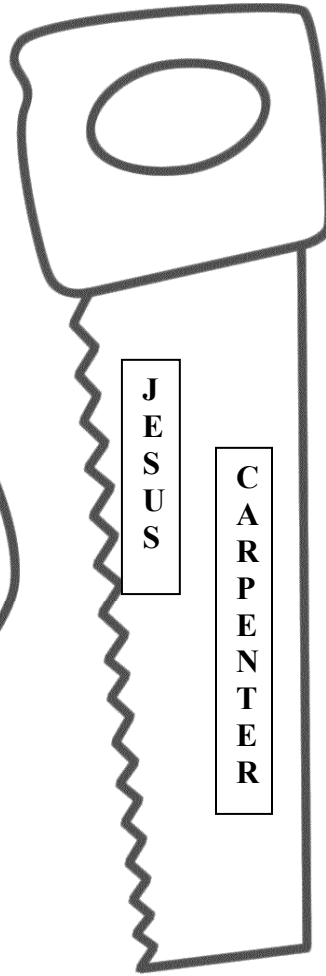
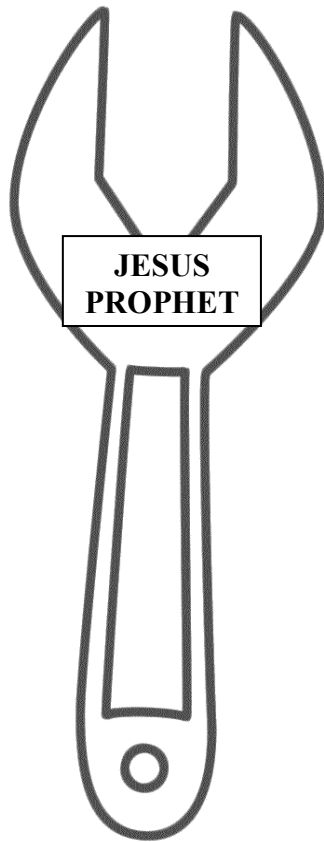
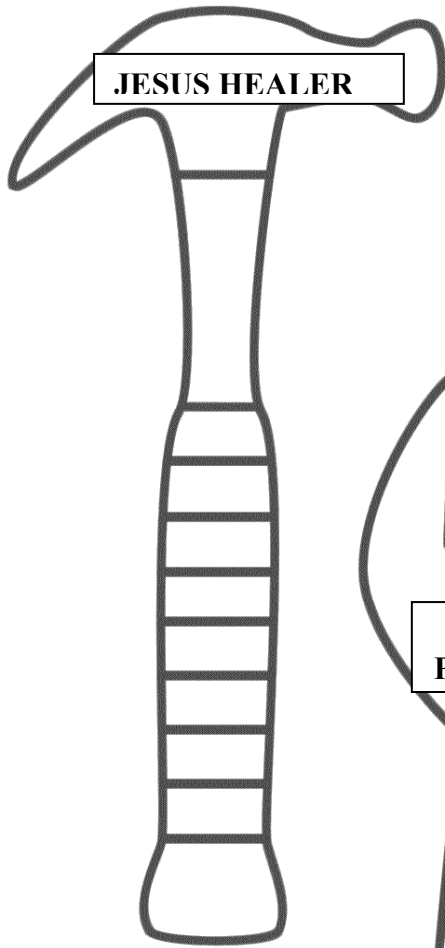




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**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 10, 2019**

*Isaiah 6, 1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 137; 1 Cor 15, 1-11; Luke 5, 1-11*

## The Miraculous Catch

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

### Reflection

We see how Peter and his friends, first listen to Jesus speak to the crowd from their boat, and then Jesus asks them to go out and fish. Peter protests because they had been fishing the whole night without success. But they obey Him and the catch is so abundant they need two boats to bring it in. Peter's response to this miracle is one of profound humility before the God of the Universe. Have you ever felt the majesty of God in your life? How did you feel? Later Jesus told them they would be fisher of men, so they left everything and followed Him. Jesus wants us to be fisher of men also. With Jesus in our boat we can achieve this. We can fish men for Jesus with our example of love and with our prayers. How can we be examples of love for others?



### Activity

On the following page, cut and color the fish. Write on the blank line groups of people or a person that we need to catch for Jesus. (Those that don't believe in God, those that are separated from the Church, those that don't know God's love, those that are depressed or disillusioned, a friend or family member...) Hide the fish and have the children find them. Then have the children take the fish one by one to a basket and pray for them: "Jesus, I give you ...so you will save them".

### Prayer

Jesus, help us to always have faith in you. Help us to always have your mission of saving men as our mission. Help us to grow in love every day. Amen

**Song:** I Will Make You Fisher of Men, KevinTrobaugh  
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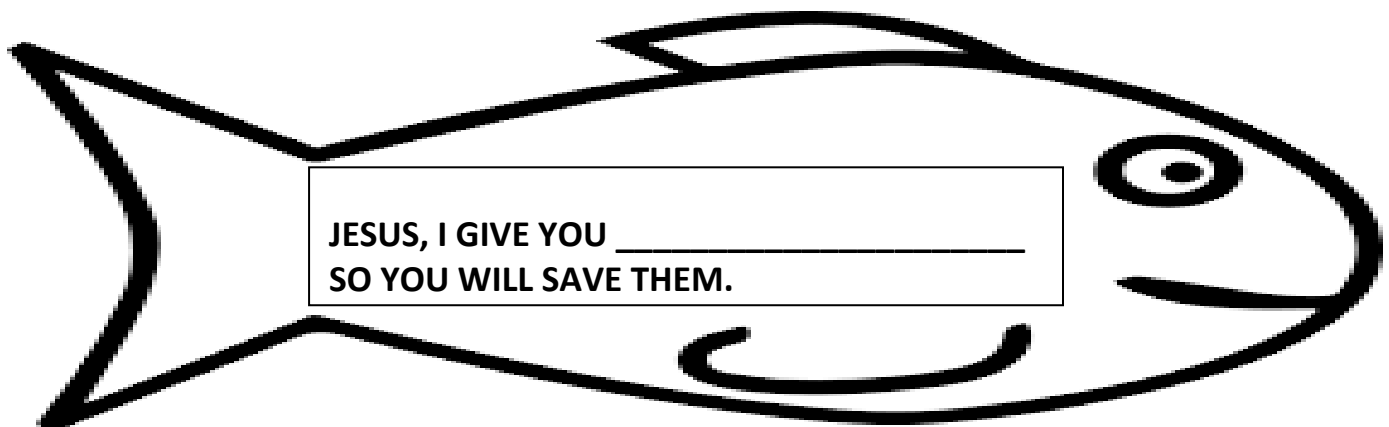
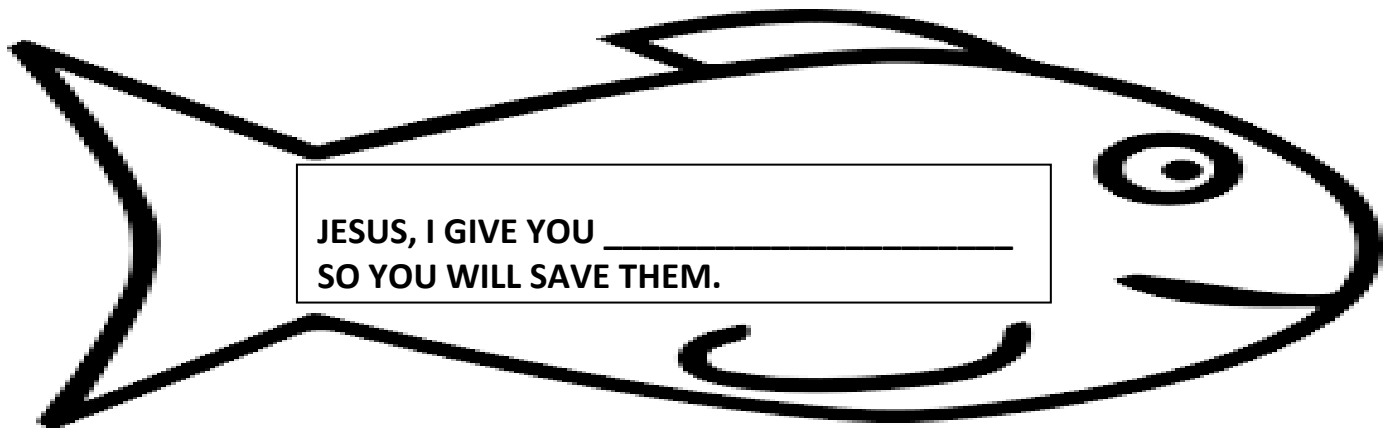
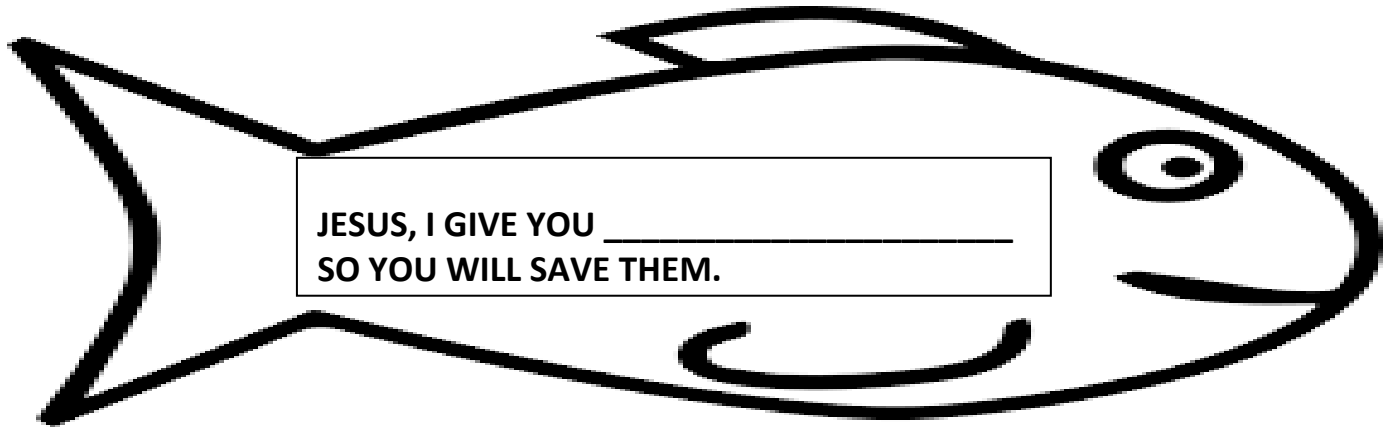




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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 17, 2019

Jeremiah 17, 5-8; Psalm 1; 1Cor 15, 12.16-20; Luke 6, 17.20-26

### The Kingdom of God is Yours

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

### Reflection

With the crowd in the background, Jesus speaks to the disciples and says: "Blessed are you who are poor..." Why are the apostles poor? (They left all their worldly possessions to follow Jesus.) Jesus then explains to them why they made a good decision: "the Kingdom of God is yours". How do you imagine the Kingdom of God? Jesus continues: "Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied." The apostles were sometimes hungry because they did not have a home. They went from town to town and depended on the generosity of others. Jesus said: "Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh." The apostles possibly missed their families and their homes and were sometimes sad; but Jesus gave them hope that this would change. Jesus said: "Blessed are you when people hate you...on account of the Son of Man." Why do some people hate the followers of Jesus (They feel guilty for their sins but they do not want to change) Jesus wants to show them that it is not easy to follow Him, but He promises them happiness that will never end in the Kingdom of God. Those that don't follow Him will have poverty, hunger, and sadness in eternity.



### Activity

On the following page, cut out the words and glue the ones that we experience in the Kingdom of God on the fruits in the tree. Glue the words that distance us from the Kingdom of God on the rotten fruit on the floor.

### Prayer

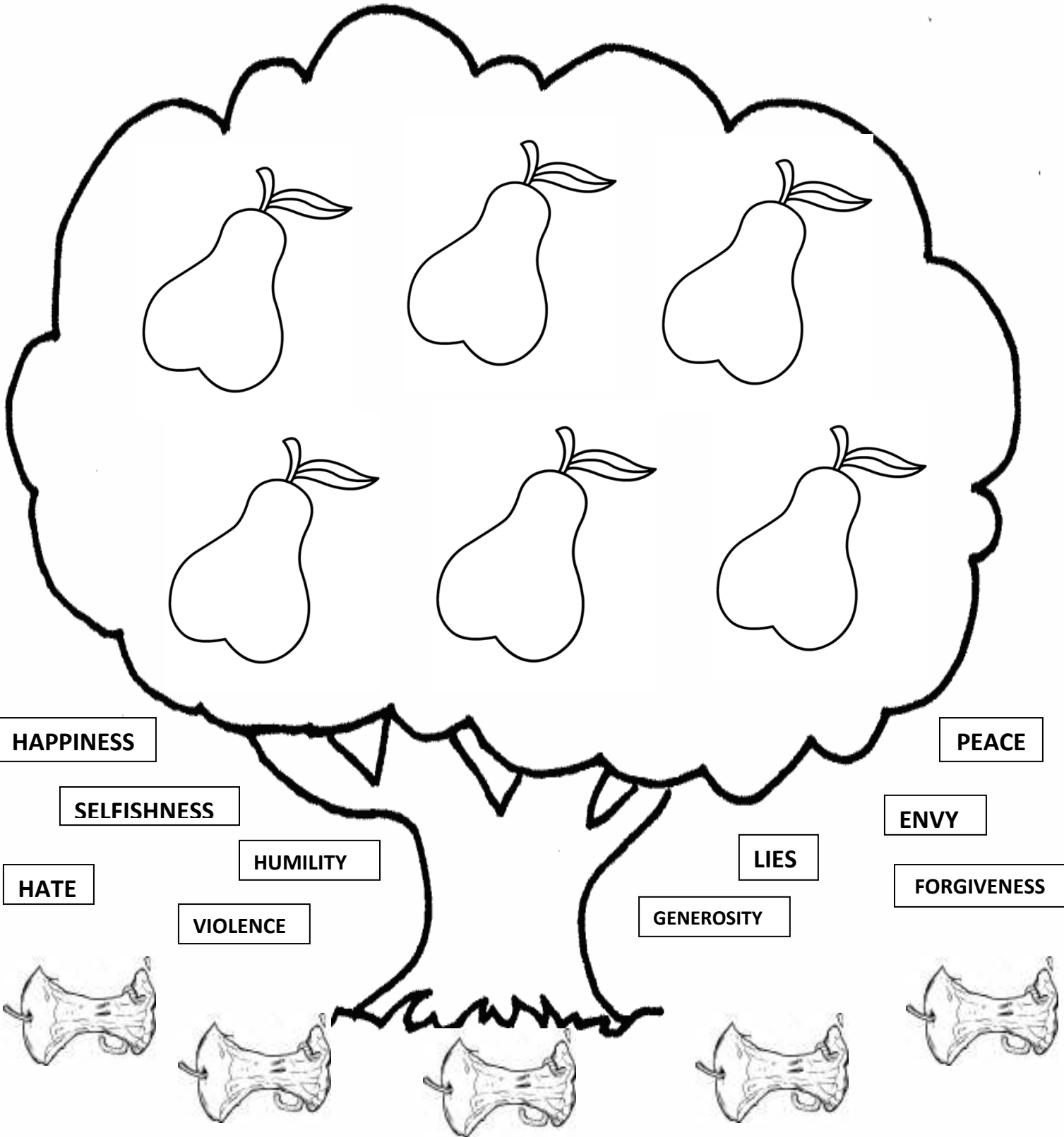
Lord, Holy Father, place the desire of Your Kingdom in our hearts so we may follow you always, in good times and in difficult times. Do not allow that things of this world separate us from you. Amen

**Song:** I have decided to follow Jesus, Lifetree kids

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**THE KINGDOM OF GOD**



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 24, 2019

*1 Sam 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; Psalm 102; 1Cor 15, 45-49; Luke 6, 27-38*

**“...Love your enemies...Then ... you will be children of the Most High.”**

Jesus said to his disciples: “To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

### Reflection

Who do you love most in the world? (Mother, Father...) Is it difficult to love them? Who do you find difficult to love? Why? In this Gospel, Jesus asks us to love our enemies, to pray for those who mistreat you... Did Jesus love His enemies? When? Did Jesus pray for those who mistreated Him? When? Do bad people love their families? If we want to be another Jesus on earth to make the world a better place, we must try to act as Jesus asks us, as He acted. Then we witness Jesus' love and possibly make some friends of our enemies. We can then be extraordinary like Jesus.

### Activity

On the next page, color, cut, and glue hearts and sign to poster paper of the same shape. Punch holes on top of hearts and on sign and hang the hearts from the sign with ribbon. Punch holes on the top extremes of the sign and hang with a ribbon.

### Prayer

Lord, I want to love as You love. Fill my heart with Your Grace so I may do what appears impossible to me, to love and forgive my enemies. Help me to be extraordinary and be a witness of your great Love,

**Song:** Love Your Enemies, Deb Neueschwander  
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# ***THEN YOU WILL BE CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH***

***LOVE  
YOUR  
ENEMIES***

***PRAY FOR  
THOSE WHO  
MISTREAT YOU***

***DO GOOD TO  
THOSE WHO  
HATE YOU***



***DON'T JUDGE,  
DON'T  
CONDEMN,  
FORGIVE***

***BLESS THOSE  
WHO  
CURSE YOU***

***LEND  
EXPECTING  
NOTHING  
BACK***



## PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE (DRAMA)

**Narrator 1:** When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

**Narrator 2:** Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout ... and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

**Simeon:** "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

**Narrator 1:** The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,

**Simeon:** "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted, and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

**Narrator 2:** There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.,

**Ana:** Thank you God for sending us the Liberator of Israel!

**Narrator 1:** When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.



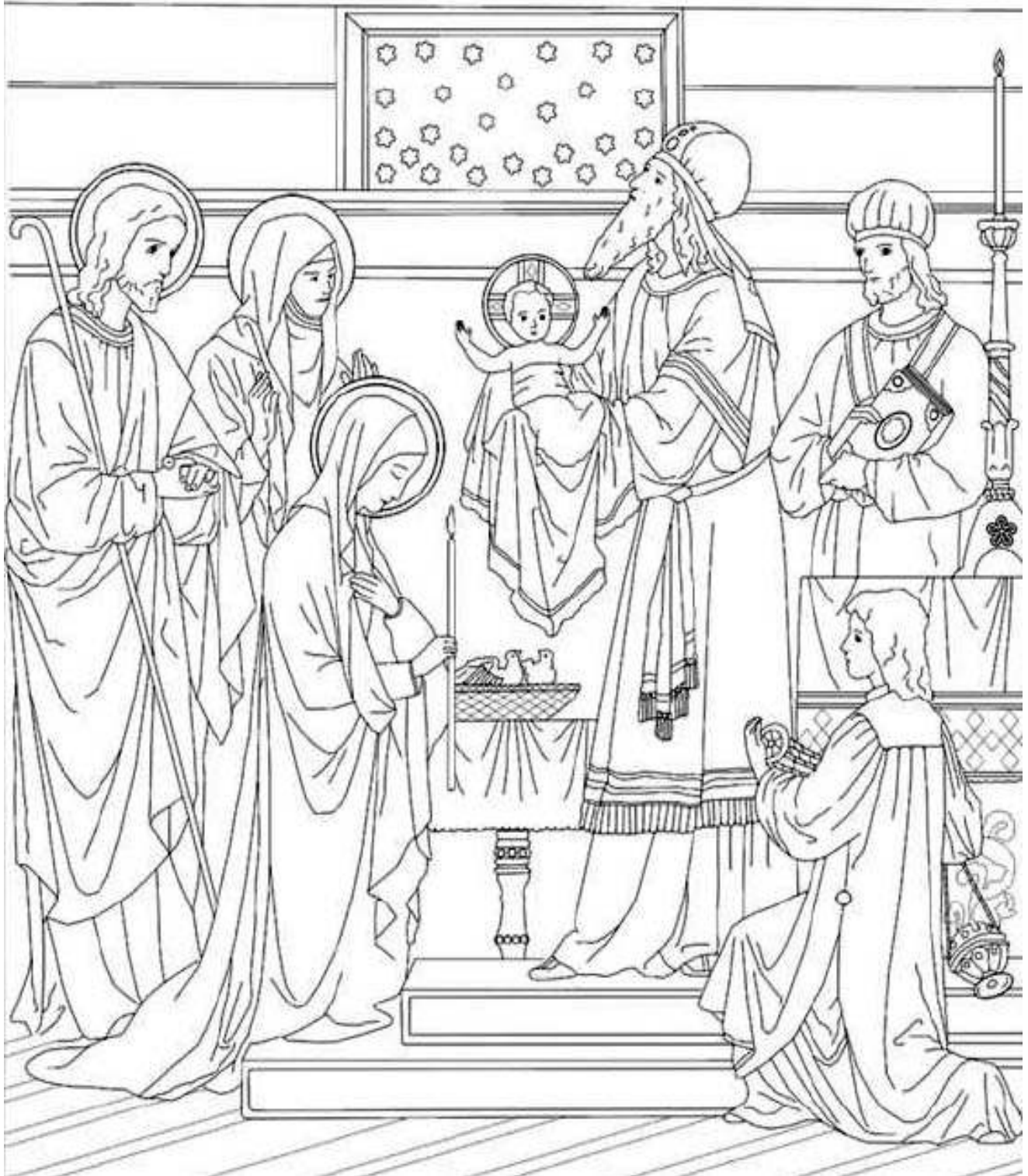


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**PRESENTACIÓN DE JESÚS EN EL TEMPLO, 2 DE FEBRERO**



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St. Bernadette, Princess of Lourdes-Gloria.tv:(Ctrl Click) <https://gloria.tv/video/421wx1dTALGsBvpHY7p3AbdB4>

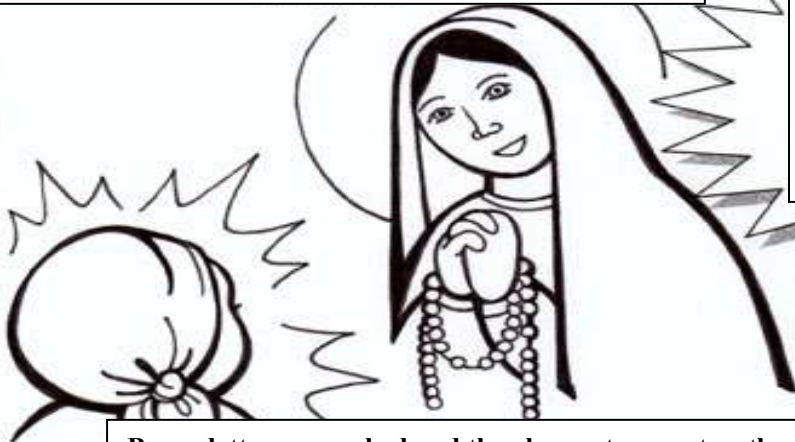
## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

On February 11, 1858, three girls: Bernadette Soubirous, 14 years old; her sister Marie Toinette, 11, and her friend Jeanne Abadie, 12, left their house in Lourdes, France to gather wood for their fireplace. The Soubirous family was very poor and Bernadette suffered from asthma causing her to miss much school.



On the way to the river Gave, they passed a natural grotto, Massabielle, where Bernadette hears a murmur.

There she saw the figure of a beautiful young woman, dressed in a white tunic and a blue sash around her waist, a rosary hanging from her arm.



Bernadette approached and they began to pray together. Later the Virgin disappeared.

For five months, the Virgin appeared to her amidst crowds that approached to pray and to see the beautiful lady, but the Virgin only appeared to the child.

On many occasions, Bernadette was ridiculed and taunted by ecclesial and civil authorities of the town, but she remained firm in her Marian faith, and especially, in the Virgin's special request: construct a chapel over the grotto and carry out processions.



Mary told her that she was the "Immaculate Conception" causing the ecclesial authorities to believe her. After the apparitions, she entered a hospice school run by the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, where she was taught to read and write. At 24 years old, Bernadette took the religious habit of a postulant and joined the Sisters of Charity at their motherhouse at Nevers. She dies of tuberculosis at 35 years old. She was canonized in 1933

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

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**FEBRUARY 22**



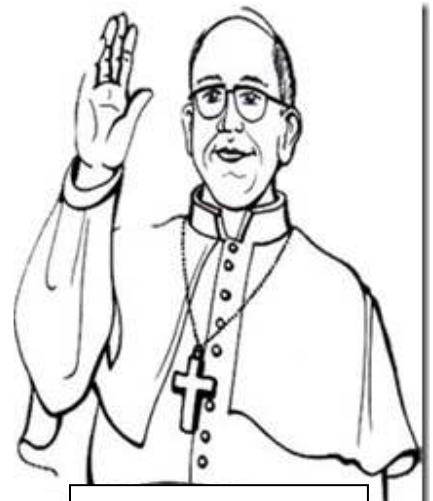
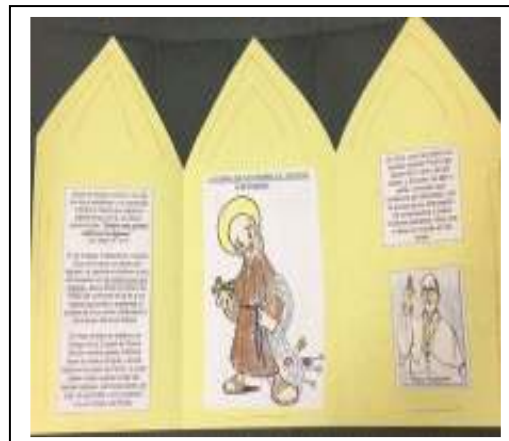
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Jesus addressed Simon, one of the twelve apostles, changing his name to Peter which means firm rock, because of his firm faith. Jesus said: ***"On this rock I will build My church."***  
(Mathew 16:13-20)

In the Old Testament, when God is going to enter into a covenant with someone, He changes their name to one in line with the mission they are to realize. Jesus elevates Peter's mission to confirming the faith of the other apostles and shepherding God's people, continuing the work of the Good Shepherd.

The Pope (Father in Italian) is Bishop of the City of Rome, where our Catholic Church has its headquarters and where Peter's successor lives. All other churches should be under the authority and in communion with the Bishop of Rome.

Oh God, who have given your blessed apostle Peter the keys of Your Kingdom of Heaven, and the power to bind and unbind: allow us to be liberated, with the help of his intercession, of the slavery of all our sins. Amen.



Pope Francis

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## STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT - THE TENTH PLAGUE



GOD wants to free His people, but Pharaoh opposes Him, so God sends ten plagues to convince him. In the tenth plague, God sends the angel of death to kill the first born of all Egyptians. The Hebrews could bypass this punishment by marking their doors with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. *That night they would eat its meat, roasted over fire, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They would eat fully clothed, sandals on their feet, walking stick in their hands ready to journey.* The mark on the door would be a signal to pass over the house and leave the inhabitants unharmed. At midnight, death visited the homes of the Egyptians. Terrified, they begged the Hebrews to leave. Pharaoh called Moses and his brother and ordered them and their people to leave Egypt. They were thus freed from slavery.