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Dear Guides:

We begin this month with a new year, with hearts more full of love for the graces received last year. Let us try to grow more in prayer, in our family and in our prayer groups.

Some special feast days of the Church follow:

January 1: Solemnity of Holy Mary Mother of God

January 3: The Holiest Name of Jesus

January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 13: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 17: St. Anthony

January 25: Conversion of St. Paul

January 27: St. Henry of Ossó y Cervelló

January 31: St. John Bosco

Materials and activities included for this month follow:

Calendar of the Month

Meditations of the Gospels for the month with activities

Solemnity of Holy Mary Mother of God, activity

Life of St. Henry of Ossó with mini quiz

Conversion of St. Paul, activity and coloring

History of the Old Testament, Moses and the 10 plagues of Egypt

The Sacraments, explanation and activity

On January 27 we celebrate our Patron Saint St. Henry of Ossó. We encourage you to do something special to make him better known.

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 MARY MOTHER OF GOD	2	3 THE HOLIEST NAME OF JESUS	4 FIRST FRIDAY ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON	5 FIRST SATURDAY
	7 ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT	8	9	10	11	12
13 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	14	15	16	17 ST. ANTHONY	18	19
20 II SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ST. FABIAN ST. SEBASTIAN	21 ST. AGNES	22 ST. VINCENT DEACON & MARTYR	23	24	25 CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL	26 ST. TIMOTHY & ST. TITUS, BISHOPS
27 III SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ST. HENRY OF OSSÓ	28 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS	29	30	31 ST. JOHN BOSCO		

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Prayer For The New Year

Heavenly Father, we thank You
for the year that has passed and
the many blessings You have
showered us in time.

We beg your pardon in our
many failings and trespasses
and we pray that the coming
year be a more fruitful one.

We earnestly pray for the gift of
the Holy Spirit and we call upon
our Lord Jesus Christ for His
intercessions, His guidance and
His light to shine our path.

Read the full prayer @ christianstt.com

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Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6, 2019

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 71; Ephesians 3, 2-3.5-6; Mathew 2, 1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judah, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Reflection

Imagine the trip by camel through mountains, valleys, and deserts. What difficulties and dangers would they face? Why did they continue despite the hardships? How did they know a King would be born? The star guided them to Jesus. Who guides you to Jesus? (parents, grandparents, teachers, priests) Do you listen attentively to them? Are you willing to follow Jesus despite difficulties? What difficulties might you have? (distractions, laziness, people that don't believe and make fun...)

Activity

Make a manger with the Three Kings adoring Jesus. Read the meanings of the symbols in the story. Give them a drawing of a gift so they can write what gift they want to give baby Jesus. If possible, take them to the Blessed Sacrament to adore Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, you are the light of the world. Sometimes we get lost because we are interested in things that lead us away from you. Teach me how to recognize you in all the people around me. Show us your light to follow you always. Amen.

Song: O Come all Ye Faithful, Hillsong

(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/plj6wtHN21s>





Instructions:

- Piece of cardboard (6"x 8.5")
- Fold 2" from top and 2" from bottom to form ceiling and floor.
- Put box tape from ceiling to floor on both sides to form a room.
- Stick popsicle sticks to sticky side of tape (inside).
- Color picture.
- Glue to inside.
- Glue explanation behind.
- Glue hay to roof and floor.



We celebrate the manifestation of Jesus as Son of God to the Wise Men that came from the East to adore Him.

- ❖ The star announced the coming of Jesus. Today the Gospel announces the message of Jesus to all. The Wise men were not Jewish like Joseph and Mary. They came from faraway lands (the Orient: Persia and Babylonia). Jesus' message is for all nations.
- ❖ The Wise Men persevered a long, difficult, tiring journey. Following God implies sacrifice, but God rewards us with joy and eternal life.
- ❖ The Wise Men had faith in God. They believed even though they didn't see or understand. Maybe they thought they would find God in a grand palace; but they adored Him and gave Him gifts in a manger, thereby accepting God's plan.
- ❖ The Wise Men were generous. They gave Him:
 - **gold**: given to kings. Jesus is the King of the world.
 - **incense**: given to God. Jesus is the son of God made man.
 - **myrrh**: placed on chosen men. Jesus was chosen amongst men.
- ❖ What do we offer God? In life we should search for God untiringly and happily offer Him all that we have and are. We should also be stars leading others to Jesus.
- ❖ The Wise Men felt great joy seeing baby Jesus. They knew how to value God's great love for men. (adapted from Catholic.net)



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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2019

Isaiah 42, 1-4.6-7; Psalm 28; Acts 10, 34-38; Luke 3, 15-16, 21-22

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection

Imagine the scene, the light, the voice, the Dove. Whose voice is it? Who does the Dove symbolize? (God the Father, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus thus the of Holy Trinity is present) God's voice says that this is His son. How do the people feel? St. John the Baptist differentiates between his baptism and Jesus' baptism. (St. John's baptism is symbolic of their repentance and conversion. But with His passion, death, and resurrection, Jesus gives us forgiveness of sins, makes us children of God and part of the Church and sends His Holy Spirit to share in His divinity.) Jesus accepted being baptized even though he did not need conversion because he thus took our sins upon Himself and accepted His mission to redeem us. As God's children, we are chosen to complete the mission God has for us. We should be God's hands and heart for others.



Activity

As children, a mission that God gives us through the 10 Commandments is to honor our parents. Share how we can love and honor them better. See instructions on the next page to make a card for your parents. Under the circles B, C, and D, have the children write how they can be better sons/daughters like Jesus.

Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for loving us so much and for accepting your painful mission to save us. Teach us to love as you love. Help us to be open to the Holy Spirit to obtain the graces we need to complete the mission God asks of us. Stay with us always, Lord. Amen.

Song: When I am Baptized, Peggy Olson
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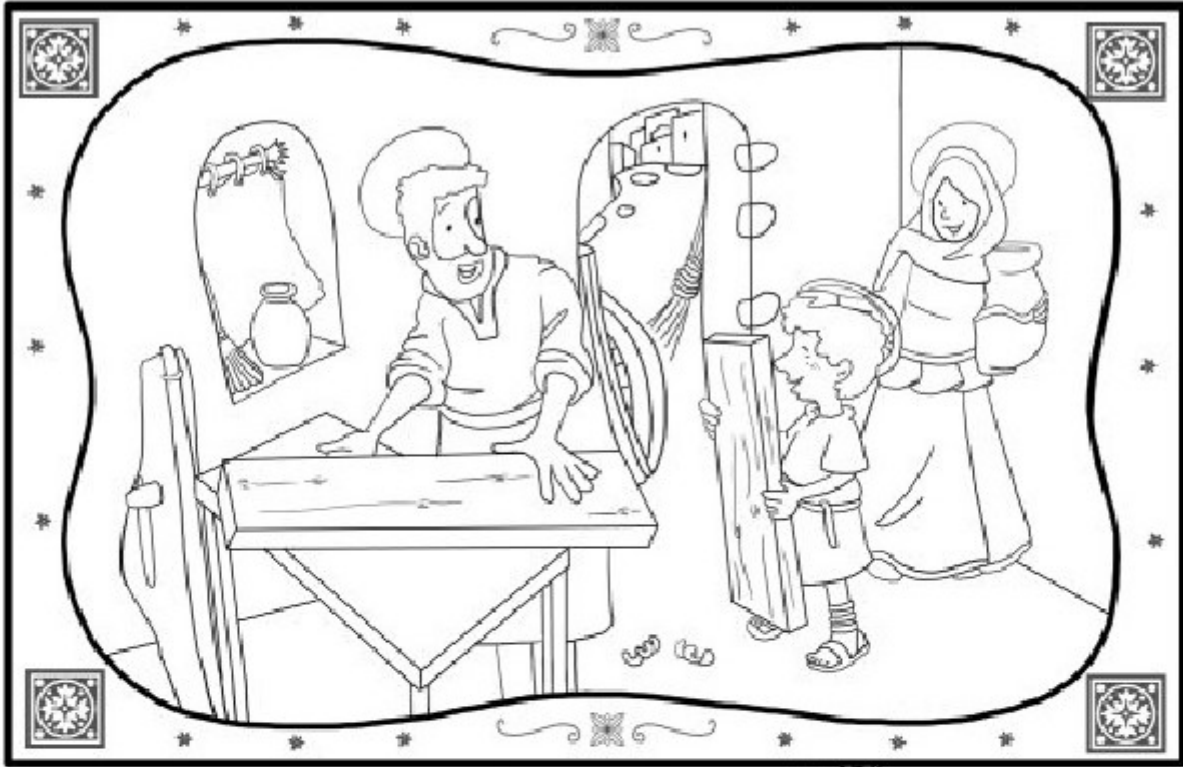
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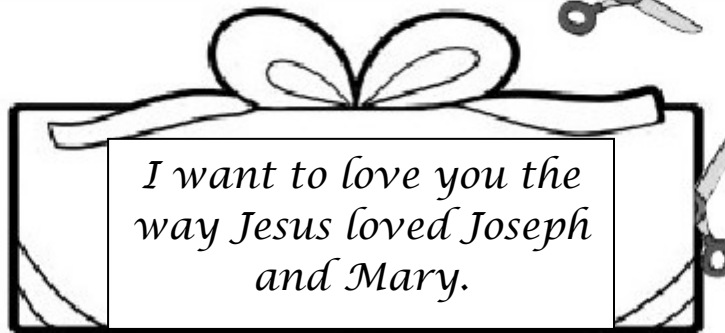
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Make a card for your parents: color and cut.
Then glue A, B, C, and D, to other side.



A



I want to love you the way Jesus loved Joseph and Mary.



B



C



D

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 2019

Isaiah 62, 1-5; Psalm 95; 1Cor 12, 4-11; Juan 2, 1-11

The Wedding at Cana

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Reflection

Jesus did His first public miracle because His mother, the Virgin Mary asked him. In the same way, our Blessed Mother intercedes for us and our needs. Jesus cannot say no to His Mother if it benefits us spiritually. The Virgin Mary only asks one thing of us: "Do whatever He tells you." If we do God's will, He can do miracles in our lives. And the wine that Jesus made was the best. In the same way, Jesus' presence in our lives changes everything so there is more happiness, love, and holiness.



Activity

Make the book on the next page. Play the game, "Jesus says" (Simon says). The leader gives instructions such as "Jesus says clap". The children must do what the leader says but only if the command is preceded by "Jesus says". If the leader gives instructions without saying this and the child follows, the child must sit down. The last child standing, wins.

Prayer

Lord, we want to change the water to wine with you. We want to change sadness to joy, hunger to satisfaction, loneliness to smiles and friendship. Come to our feast, Jesus, and fulfill our needs with your wine of joy and love. Amen.

Song: As I Kneel Before You, Michael Connelly
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/Lqa3Njit2LE>



**The wine ran out!
What miracle do we need?**

Book Wedding at Cana

Instructions: Color and cut the squares with the story. Cut a colored construction paper in half lengthwise, then in 3rds, (4.25" x 3.67") Glue story squares to pieces of paper. Punch holes in top corners and tie ribbons. Read and answer questions.



**"They have no wine!"
Mother intercede for _____.**



**"Do what He tells you"
How can we hear Jesus?**



**"Fill the jars with water"
How can we help Jesus?**



**Jesus makes the best wine.
Thank you, Jesus and Mary**

**THE
WEDDING
AT CANA**

**MARY INTERCEDES
FOR US.**



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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 27, 2019

Neh 8, 2-6.8-10; Psalm 18; 1Cor 12, 12-30; Luke 1, 1-4; 4, 14-21

"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled ..."

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Reflection

Jesus returns to Nazareth where He was raised, where everyone knew Him as the son of Joseph the Carpenter and Mary. He enters the synagogue as usual and reads the scripture, a prophesy from Isaiah about the much-awaited Messiah. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (He is the Messiah) Did they believe him? Why? What kind of Messiah were they awaiting? (Someone to save them from Roman oppression.) From what does Jesus save us? (From separation from God caused from sin) Why do we need God? What is the Good News? (The Gospel) From what do we need liberation? What do we need to see? What graces do we need from God? How can we be witnesses of the Good News?



Activity

On the next page, color and cut the cross and glue onto brown paper cut in the form of a larger cross. (Can use brown paper bag.) Punch a whole on top two corners and tie ribbon for hanging. Write behind how we can be witnesses of the Good News. Play telephone with the phrases of the prophesy. One child whispers a phrase into the ear of another child. The 2nd child must whisper the same phrase to a 3rd child... After everyone has listened to the phrase, the last child states the phrase out loud to see how the phrase has changed.

Prayer

Lord, help me to take the Good News to others. In times of sadness, help me to be compassionate. In times of division, help me to be a bridge. In times of disillusion, give me words of encouragement. Amen.

Song: Jesus Song, Saddleback Kids, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/Rn84AYtFUSM>



**Jesus, help me to
understand the
Good News of
your love and
salvation.**



**Jesus, free
me from
all that
separates
me from
you.**



**Jesus, open
my eyes so
I may see
Your
presence in
my life.**

**Jesus, send your
Holy Spirit into my
heart and fill it
with the graces I
need to be a witness
of your Love.**



SOLEMNITY OF HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD-January 1st

The title "Mother of God" is **the principle and most important dogma** about the Virgen Mary and all the other Marian dogmas find their meaning in this truth of faith.

Song: Hail Mary (Echo Song), (Ctrl Clck) <https://youtu.be/7OxeUAtiuHk>

Make bookmarker: color, cut, and glue meditation on back. Punch hole and tie ribbon.



¿Why do we pray to the
Virgen Mary?

She is the Mother of God.
She felt Him first in her
womb. She saw Him first.
She saw His first smile. She
dried His first tear. She
caressed Him. She fed Him.
She held His hand. She
taught Him His first words.
She saw Him when He first
crawled. She saw His first
steps. She carried Him on
her lap. She hugged Him.
He hugged her. She kissed
Him. He kissed her. She saw
Him last. Yes, we can say
she is blessed amongst
women. Yes, we can ask her
to intercede for us. Yes, we
can ask her to bless us. I
thank you Mother for
sharing your most precious
gift, your Son Jesus, with us.
And I thank you for saying
Yes.



Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saul was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin. His parents sent him to Jerusalem to be educated in the law of Moses by Gamaliel, his teacher.



Later, he joined the sect of the Pharisees, and became a persecutor and enemy of Christ. One day, he offered to the High Priest to go to Damascus and arrest all Jews who declared faith in Jesus.



But God decided to show His mercy and patience with Saul. Close to Damascus, Christ spoke amidst a light from the sky, leaving Saul blind for three days.

During this time, he stayed at the house of a Jew named Judas and neither ate nor drank.

Through a revelation from Christ, the Christian Ananias went to Saul, who recuperated his sight, was converted and baptized. His name was changed to Paul. He immediately began to preach about Jesus Christ at the synagogues much to everyone's surprise.



Thus, the old persecutor of Christ converted to Apostle was elected by God as one of His principle instruments to convert the world.

Feast day of Saint Paul's Conversion is January 25.



ST. JOHN BOSCO



John's childhood and adolescence was spent in very humble conditions.

At 20 years old he entered the Seminary.

Once ordained a priest, he dedicated himself to forming poor adolescents and youth.

He founded workshops and oratories where they could learn trades and could be formed in the Christian life.

He always communicated a happy holiness.

He founded the devout Congregation of St. Frances de Sales (the Salesians) and the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

From Italy he sent missionaries to Latin America. The evangelization of Patagonia Argentina owes much to his efforts and the Salesians missionaries that preached in this land.



OWES	TRADES	LIFE	MISSIONARIES
CHILDHOOD	WORK	POOR	HAPPY
MISSIONARIES	PRIEST	EFFORTS	CREATED
FOR	DEVOUT	YOUTH	LOVE
FOUNDED	SALESIAN	OF	LAND
ITALY	JESUSCHRIST	ORATORIES	HOLINESS

Color the words that are underlined in the story of Don Bosco. The words that are left over form a thought of St. John Bosco.

Source : *Liturgia cotidiana (Ed. San Pablo)*

Solution: Work for love of Jesus Christ



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ST. HENRY DE OSSO AND CERBELLO, Feast January 27

“Today and always, all for Jesus.”

Henry was born in Vinebre, in the province of Tarragona, Spain, October 16, 1840 to Micaela Cervelló and Jaime de Ossó. He was the youngest of three children: Jaime, Dolores, and himself. His grandfather had always told him stories of the saints. Once his uncle took him to Zaragoza to see the Virgen of Pilar because of a promise he had made her if he was cured of an illness. Henry grew to love God and Mary very much. His mother wanted him to be a priest and his father wanted him to be a businessman. Henry always wanted to be a teacher. His father sent him to his uncle's house in Reus to learn his business. While he was in Reus, on September 15, 1854, his mother died. He remembered his mother's wish and wrote a letter to his father explaining his desire to enter the priesthood. He escaped to Monserrat to pray to the Virgen Mary and to go to Confession. He ran into a beggar exchanging clothing with him. His brother, Jaime, went looking for him and barely recognized him. Jaime promised to help convince his father to let him become a priest. At 13 years old, Henry entered the seminary and was ordained a priest September 21, 1867. He celebrated his first mass in Monserrat with his father, siblings, uncles and all his family present. He was an apostle for children and youth showing them their faith and inspiring movements to teach the Gospel. For children he formed groups, Friends of Jesus, so they could be "Other Jesus' on earth". He was fascinated by St. Theresa of Jesus, the great teacher of prayer and Daughter of the Church better known as St. Theresa of Avila. Considering her teachings, he founded the Company of St. Theresa (1876) dedicated to educating women on the Gospel and following her example. He dedicated himself to preaching and printing the Gospel. He suffered many trials. He died in Gilet, Valencia, Spain on January 27, 1896. He was canonized July 16, 1993 in Madrid by Pope John Paul II.

**“Don't let me leave
this world, my Jesus,
without having loved
you and made you
known and loved to
the best of my
ability”**



“Let it be our principle care at the beginning of a new year, to have purity of intention in all our works.”

“Try to live in such a way that you help others live according to the Gospel of Jesus.”

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**QUESTIONS FOR THE MINI-QUIZ
ST. HENRY OF OSSO AND CERVELLO**

<p>The children that are part of the club, Friends of Jesus want to be... Another Jesus on earth.</p>	<p>Henry loved children very much and wanted them to be another... Another Jesus on earth.</p>	<p>Where did Henry celebrate his first mass? Montserrat</p>
<p>How does he communicate to his father that he wants to be a priest? Through a letter</p>	<p>What did Henry do when he arrived at Montserrat? Pray to Mary and confess.</p>	<p>Who went to find Henry when he left for Montserrat? His brother Jaime.</p>
<p>When they find each other in Montserrat, what did Jaime promise Henry? To help him convince his father to let him become a priest.</p>	<p>On his way to Montserrat, Henry showed his generosity how? He exchanged his clothing with that of a beggar's.</p>	<p>After his mother died, Henry always remembered her saying... Henry, I want you to be a priest.</p>
<p>What day did his mother die? September 15, 1854</p>	PURPLE	

<p>What did his mother want him to be when he grew up? A priest.</p>	<p>Henry had two siblings. Which number was he? Third.</p>	<p>Vinebre is a town in the province of? Tarragona.</p>
<p>What were the names of Henry's siblings? Dolores and Jaime.</p>	<p>What were Henry's last names? Ossó y Cervello</p>	<p>What city did Henry go to work as a businessman? Reus</p>
<p>At which relative's house did Henry go to work in Reus? His uncle.</p>	<p>Which family members assisted his first Mass? His father, siblings, uncles and other family members.</p>	<p>Why did his uncle take him to Zaragoza to see the Virgen of Pilar? To keep a promise he had made if he was cured of a sickness.</p>
<p>Where was Henry's father born? Vinebre</p>	PINK	

<p>Where was Henry when his mother got sick? Reus.</p>	<p>What did Henry do as a child when he went with his uncle to the countryside? Listened to stories of Saints.</p>	<p>How many siblings did Henry have? Two.</p>
<p>What did Henry want to be when he grew up? A teacher.</p>	ORANGE	



Explanation of the Sacraments:

<https://catholic-link.org/explain-sacraments-to-children/>

The Sacraments...Discovering Symbols

Draw a line to the symbol that corresponds to the sacrament.

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**ANNOINTING
OF THE SICK**

CONFIRMATION

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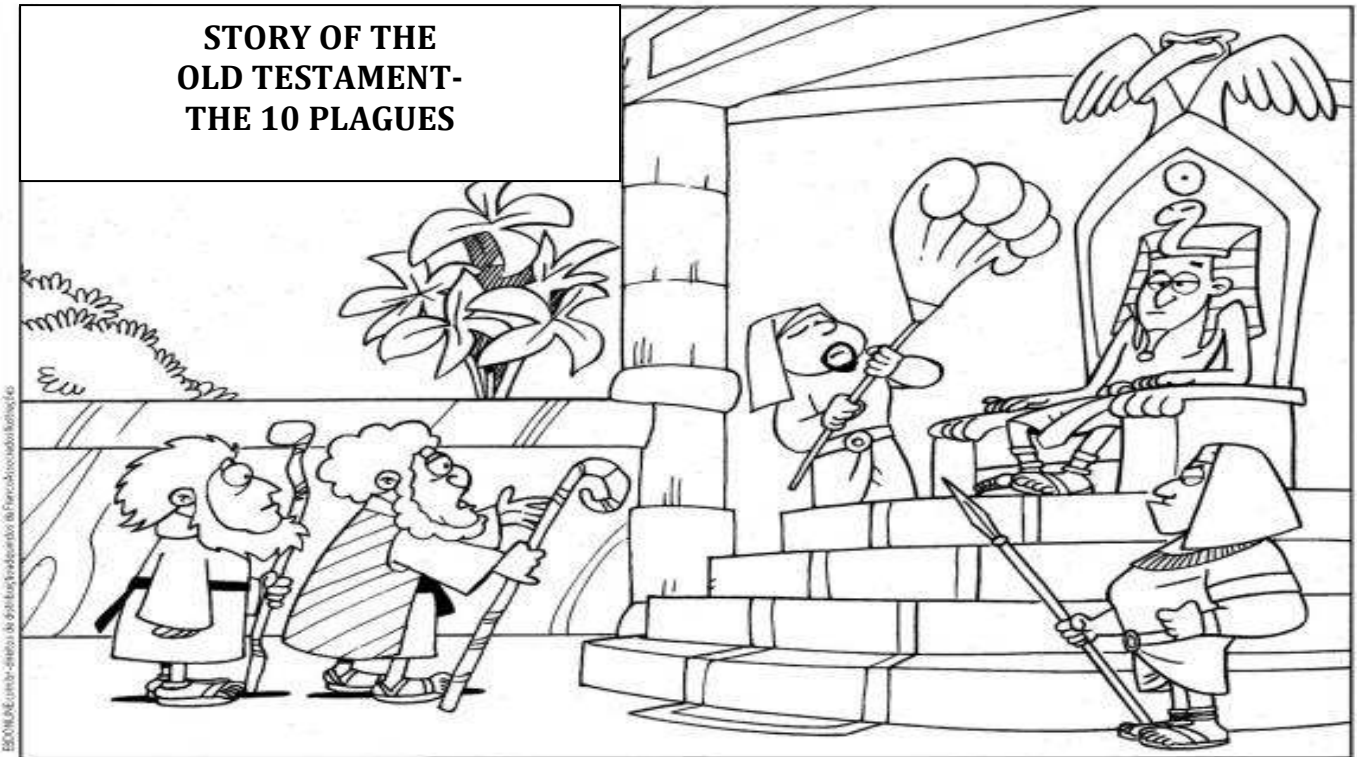
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**STORY OF THE
OLD TESTAMENT-
THE 10 PLAGUES**



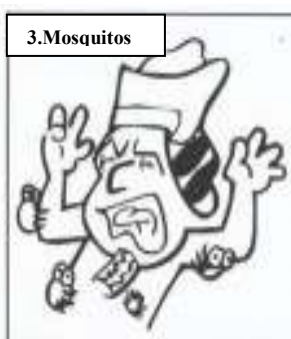
Moses and his brother Aaron presented themselves before the Israelites and before Pharaoh and communicated God's plan. The Israelites believed them, but Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt and imposed even harder work. God told Moses to warn Pharaoh of the miseries that would befall Egypt if he refused to comply with His wishes. Pharaoh refused to obey so God sent the plagues through Moses. Pharaoh's heart was hardened and refused to free the Israelite's. The 10th plague finally convinced him to free them from slavery. God showed He is all powerful and omnipotent. We see it is important to listen to and obey God.



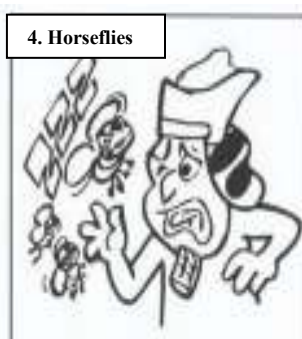
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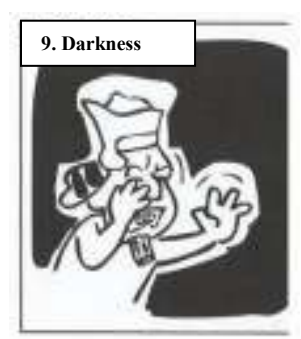
2. Frogs



3. Mosquitos



4. Horseflies



9. Darkness



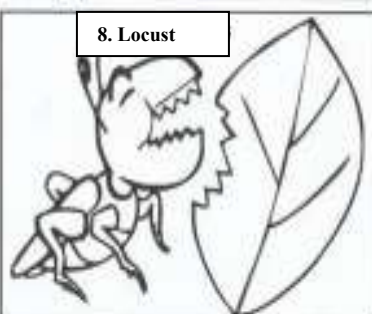
5. Cattle Sickness



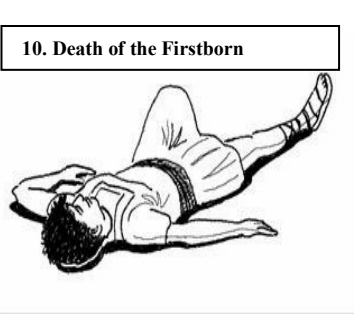
6. Ulcers



7. Hail Storm



8. Locust



10. Death of the Firstborn