



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

July 2019
Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

In many countries, children are on Summer vacation. We hope you will continue motivating them to go to Sunday mass with their family and participate in church activities.

Special feasts of the month follow:

July 1 Saint Juniper Serra
July 3 Saint Thomas the Apostle
July 4 Independence Day in the USA
July 14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
July 25 Saint James
July 26 Saint Joaquín and Saint Ana
July 29 Saint Marta
July 31 Saint Ignacio de Loyola

Materials included for the month:

1. July calendar
2. Meditations and activities for the Sunday Gospel
3. Saint Ignatius of Loyola, activity and coloring
3. Old Testament- Joshua and Jericho, history and coloring

We hope you have a wonderful vacation with your family. Please pray for our Ministry.

God Bless You Always,

Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary



JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Saint Juniper Serra	2	3 Saint Thomas the Apostle	4 Independence Day in USA	5	6 Saint Maria Goretti, Virgen and Martyr
7 XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 XV Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	15	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17	18	19	20
21 XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Saint Mary Magdalene	23 Saint Bridgette of Sweden, Religious	24	25 Saint James the Greater, Apostle and Martyr	26 Saint Joaquin and Saint Ana	27
28 XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 Saint Martha	30 Saint Peter Damien, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola			



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XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 7, 2019

Isaiah 66, 10-14; Psalm 65, Galatians 6, 14-18; Luke 10, 1-12. 17-20

Jesus sends off seventy-two.

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter, and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Reflection

Jesus sends them in groups of two. Why is it better to go in pairs? (one can pray; they can help each other; they are safer; people believe two more than one...) Jesus sent them to places He planned on going. What does this mean? (We take the message, but Jesus enters the heart.) What message? (Jesus loves us and opens the gates of Heaven with His death on the cross; love and obey Him) Why did He say: "I am sending you like lambs among wolves"? (Some sinners do not want to change, and they reject the messenger; God gives us the choice to accept Him or not.) Jesus asks them to say, "Peace to this household.", Why? (If their hearts are open to the message of repentance and love, they will have peace). How can we take this message to the world? (Our example of living as Jesus asks; telling others about Jesus.)

Activity

On the following page, color the name of Jesus, cut, glue to colored construction paper, make holes and hang with string. In groups of two, act out situations imitating Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, I want to be your messenger. Send your Holy Spirit to my heart so I may take peace and love to all in my family and in my community. Transform the hearts that do not want to receive your message. Amen.

Song: There's Just Something About that Name, Maranatha
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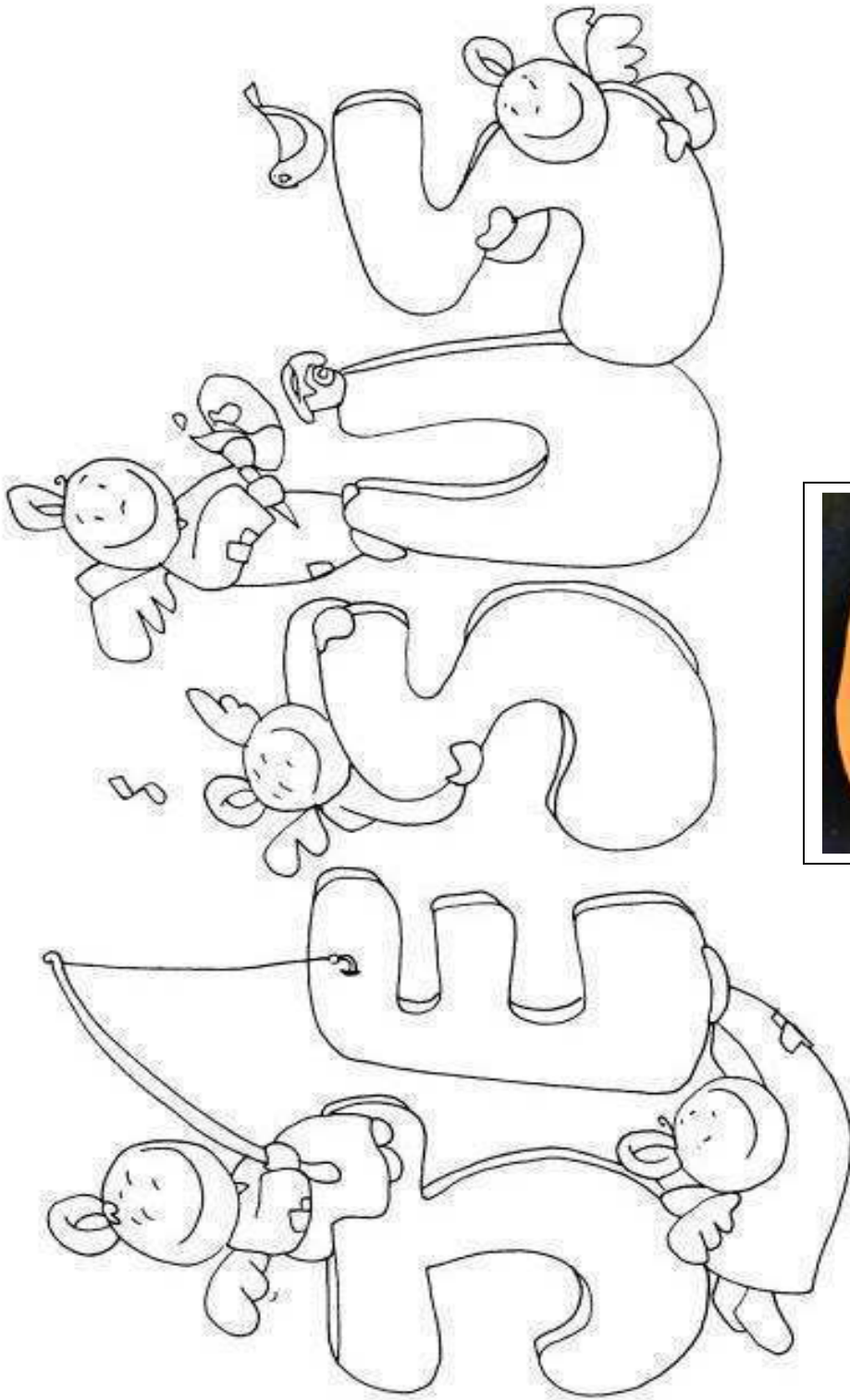




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XV Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 14, 2019

Deuteronomy 30, 10-14; Psalm 68, Colossians 1, 15-20; Luke 10, 25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*" He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reflection

How does Jesus say you obtain eternal life? (Loving God and loving your neighbor) What else does the scholar ask? (Who is my neighbor?) How does Jesus answer? (with a parable or story) In the story, 3 people pass by the half-dead man on the street. Who were they? (A priest, a Levite, and a Samaritan.) How is the Samaritan different from the priest and Levite? (The priest, the Levite, and the scholar were Jewish; the Samaritan was another religion that practiced idolatry and worshiped on another mountain. They were rejected by the Jews.) Who helped the injured man? (the Samaritan) What did Jesus want to teach them with this story? (All of humanity is our neighbor, even if a different race, religion, nationality; we are all God's children.) Who do I find difficult to help? How can I try to help my neighbor this week? How can I help my neighbor this week? (smiling, sharing, praying, helping, playing, conversing...)

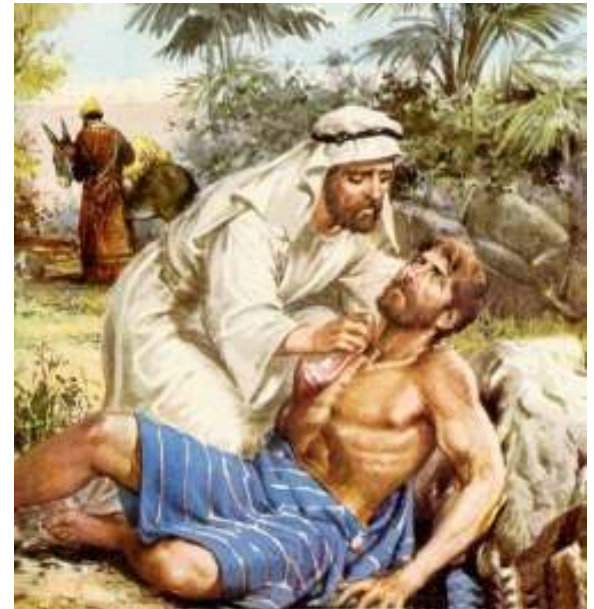
Actividad

On the following pages, color the parable as you tell the story. If possible, act out the story with the children. Later, pass out the hearts so each child can write on the back who they want to help this week. Help them to learn the commandments of love.

Prayer

Lord, teach us to be Good Samaritans, welcoming those that are rejected. Give us courage and generosity to do so, even though it requires personal sacrifice. Amen

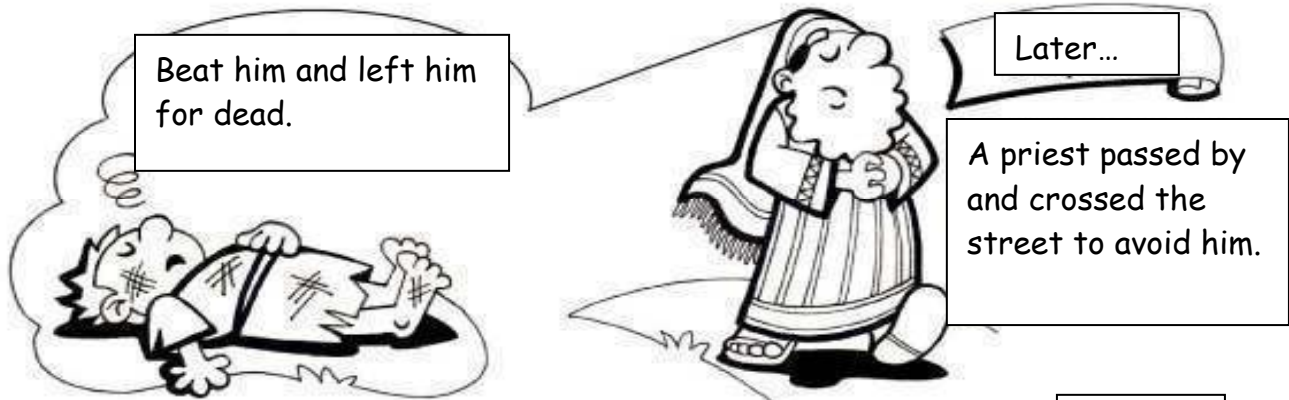
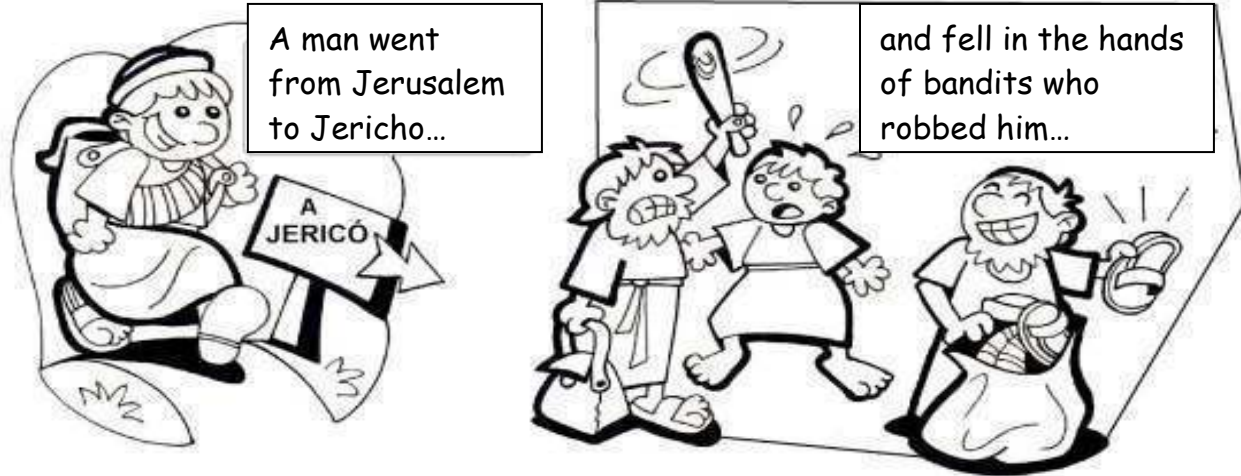
Song: Love your Neighbor, Sadock Sebastian
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Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Luke 10, 30-35





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The Samaritan cured and bandaged his wounds,



And took him to an inn.



And took care of him...



The next day he gave money to the inn keeper and said...

Take care of him. What you spend extra, I will pay you when I return.



What do you think? Which of the three behaved like a neighbor to the robbed man.

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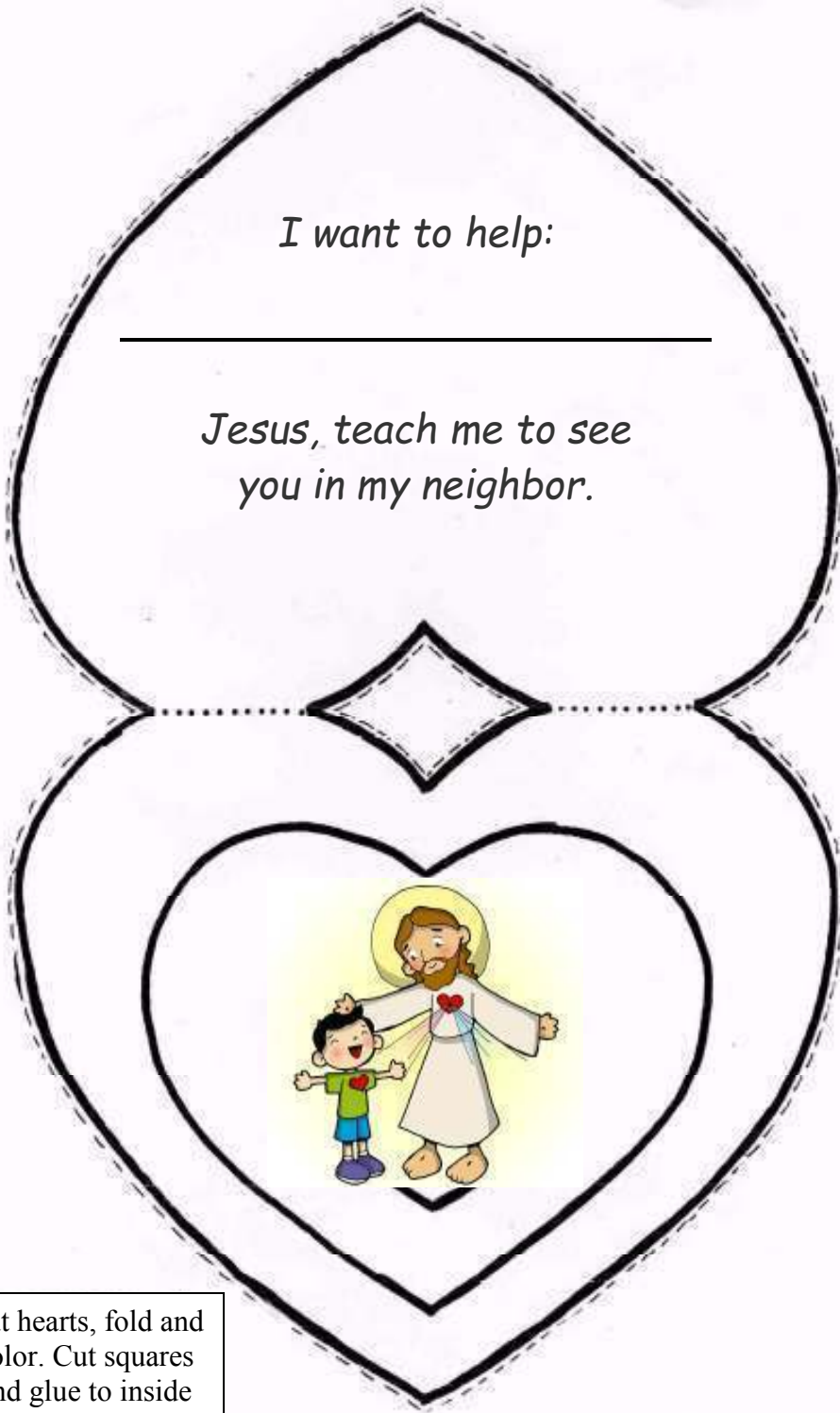
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I want to help:

*Jesus, teach me to see
you in my neighbor.*

You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your being,
with all your strength, and
with all your mind...

*Love your neighbor
as yourself.*



Cut hearts, fold and
color. Cut squares
and glue to inside
of card.

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XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 21, 2019

Genesis 18, 1-10a; Psalm 14 Collosians 1, 24-28; Luke 10, 38-42

Martha and Mary

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Reflection

What was Martha doing? (Housework for Jesus' visit.)
What was Mary doing? (She sat to listen to Jesus.) How did Martha feel? (It was not fair that she was doing all the work.) Have you ever felt that way? How did Mary feel? (She was happy listening to Jesus' words.) Have you ever felt that way? When Martha complained, what did Jesus tell her? (...Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her....) Why is what Mary chose more important? (Listening to Jesus in the bible or in our hearts when we pray gives us peace, happiness, love, wisdom...all we need to love and be happy in this life and the next.) Do you find time to listen to Jesus every day? When? Jesus also tells us that it is important to receive visitors as though they were Him. How do you treat visitors? Do you pay attention to them, so they feel loved?

Activity

On the following page, color and write words to Jesus.
Play the game on the subsequent page.

Prayer

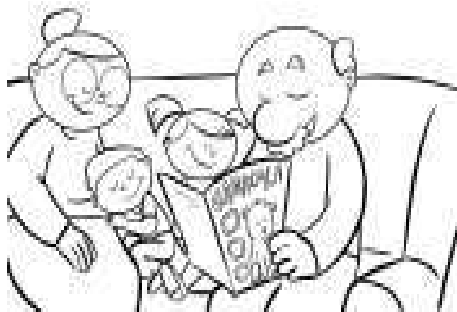
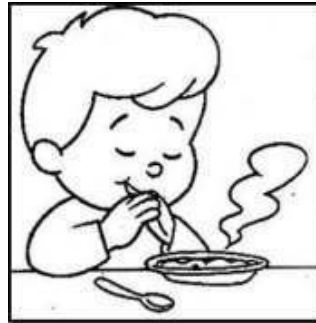
Jesus, I want to hear your voice in my heart. Help me to always listen to you in the scriptures during mass and in prayer. Help me to listen with love the persons around me so they may feel loved. Amen.

Song: Jesus is my Best Friend Kids Praise & Worship Bible Song 360p
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/tER4Jx6LyZk>





WE CAN LISTEN AND SPEAK TO JESUS ALL DAY LONG.





GAME MARTHA AND MARY

Divide children into 2 teams. Take turns reading a card to one child on each team. They must say “**Martha, Martha, you are worried about many things!**”, or “**Mary has chosen the better part,**” depending if the card reflects Martha or Mary. If they answer correctly, they earn a point. The team with the most points wins.

I had so much homework that I went to sleep without talking to God. (Martha)	When I wake up, I give thanks to God for another day to love Him. (Mary)	I wanted to eat quickly to watch my favorite t.v. show so I didn't say grace before my meal. (Martha)	Before each meal, I remember that my food is a gift from God, and I give Him thanks. (Mary)	My grandmother came to visit but I didn't talk to her because I was busy playing video games. (Martha)
Before starting a test, I ask God to help me think clearly. (Mary)	During Mass, I was busy thinking about my Friends and my activities, so I didn't talk to Jesus. (Martha)	During Mass, I told Jesus I loved Him very much and needed His help. (Mary)	I woke up late and didn't tell Jesus, “Thank you for a new day; I love you.” (Martha)	Whenever I pass the Adoration Chapel, I enter and say hello to Jesus. (Mary)
I passed the Adoration Chapel in a hurry, so I didn't enter to say hello to Jesus. (Martha)	My Grandmother wanted to know how I was, so I left my video game to talk to her. (Mary)	The new person in school wanted to talk, but my friends were waiting for me, so I left. (Martha)	Before I go to sleep, I give thanks for the day's blessings and pray for those in need. (Mary)	I had so much homework, I did not go to Mas son Sunday. (Martha)
I help my little brother put his shoes on in the morning. (Mary)	I love Jesus, but I don't have time to pray. (Martha)	I invited the new girl in school to sit with me and my Friends at lunch. (Mary)	My brother needed help getting dressed, but I wanted to clean my room. (Martha)	When I pray with my friends, I thank God in my heart for them. (Mary)



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XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 28, 2019

Genesis 18, 20-32; Psalm 137; Colossians 2, 12-14; Luke 11, 1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Reflection

Jesus teaches us to pray calling God our Father. Describe your Father in Heaven. In the Our Father, we ask for the Kingdom of God to come. Describe the Kingdom of God. Do we try to keep holy God's name, do His will, forgive others, share our bread, and fight against evil? Do we ask God for things and are disappointed when we don't get them? Do your parents give you everything you ask for immediately? Why? (They sometimes say no because it is bad for you.) God, when we think He is not listening, He is saying no because it is bad for us. What does God always want to give us? (The Holy Spirit) Why? How does God want us to pray? (With perseverance and boldness.)

Activity

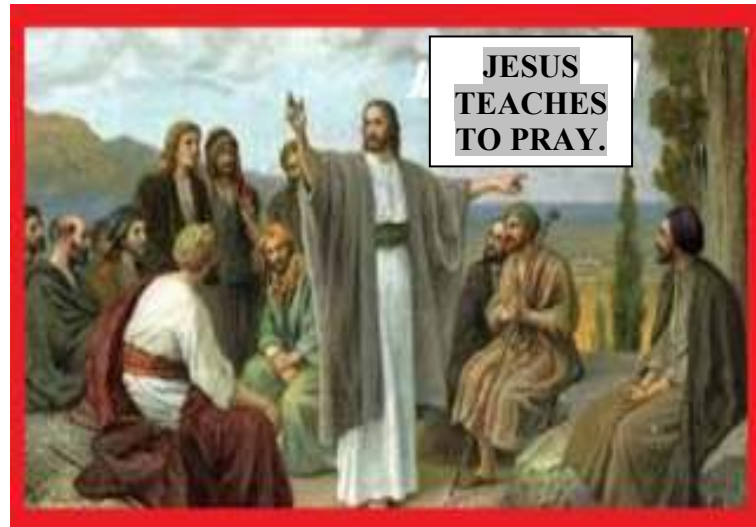
Act out the parable of perseverance in prayer. On the next page cut the doors and breads. Write on the doors what you are asking of God. On the breads, write the blessings God has given you today. Have each child take their door and bread and place it on the altar saying, "Jesus, I know you always listen."

Prayer

Lord, teach me to pray. Pray the Our Father slowly with hand movements.

Song: Our Father, Lord's Prayer 3

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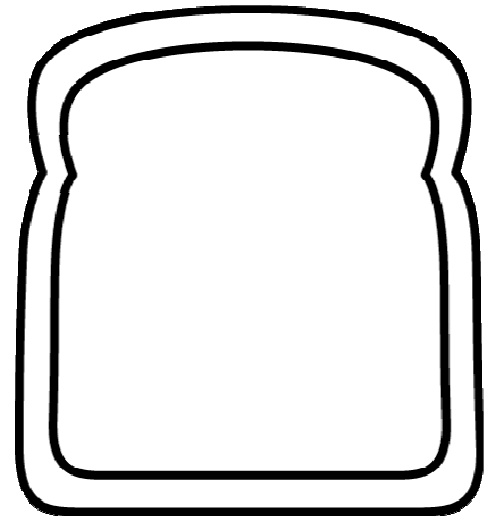
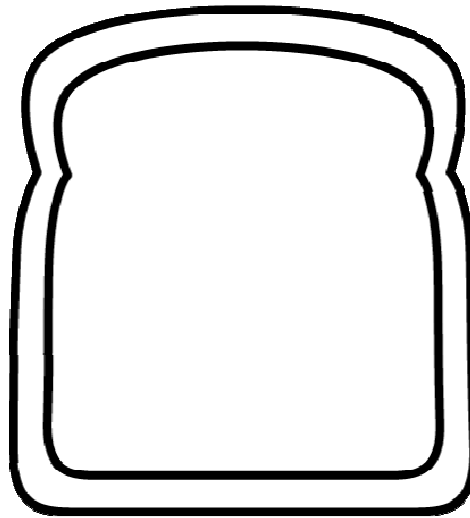
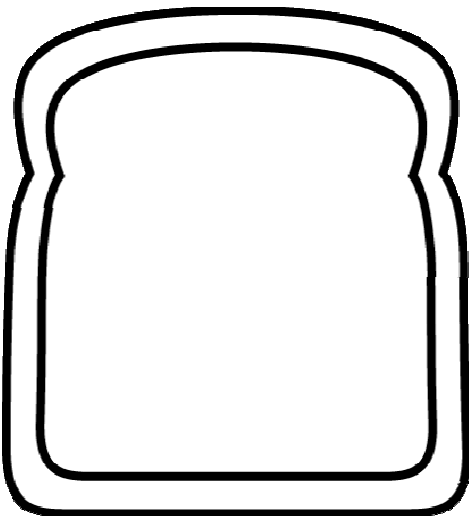
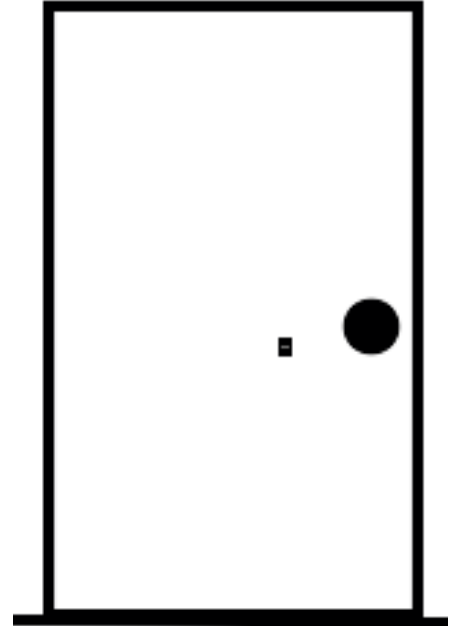
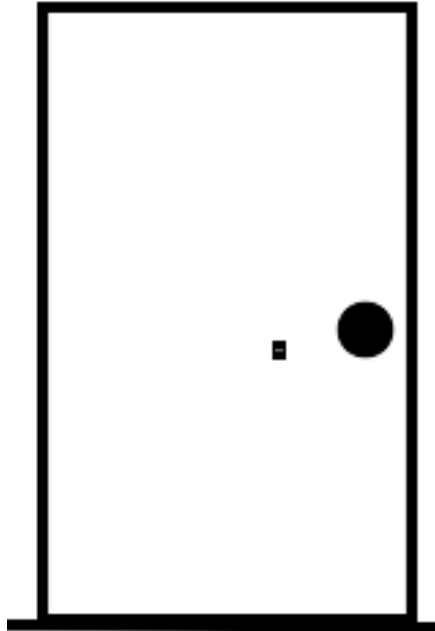
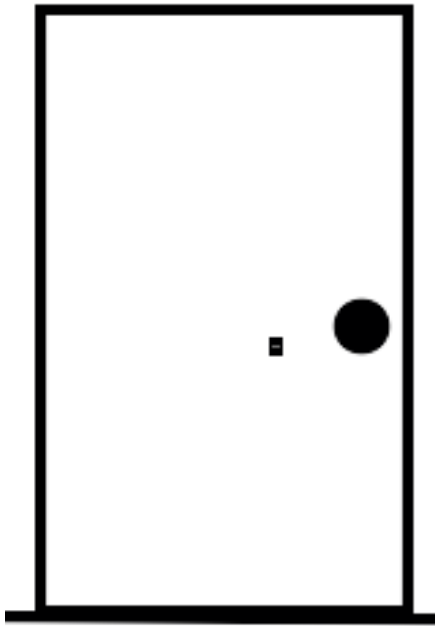




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OUR FATHER



Our Father who is
in Heaven.



Holy is your Name.



Your Kingdom come,



Your will be done on
earth as it is in Heaven.



Give us this day our
daily bread.

Forgive us our
trespasses.



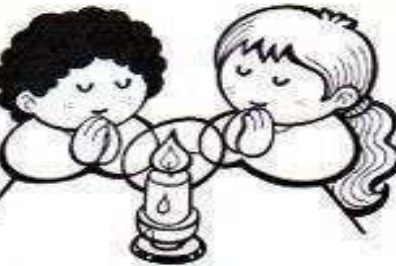
As we forgive
those who
trespass
against us.



GOOD

BAD

And lead us not into
temptation,



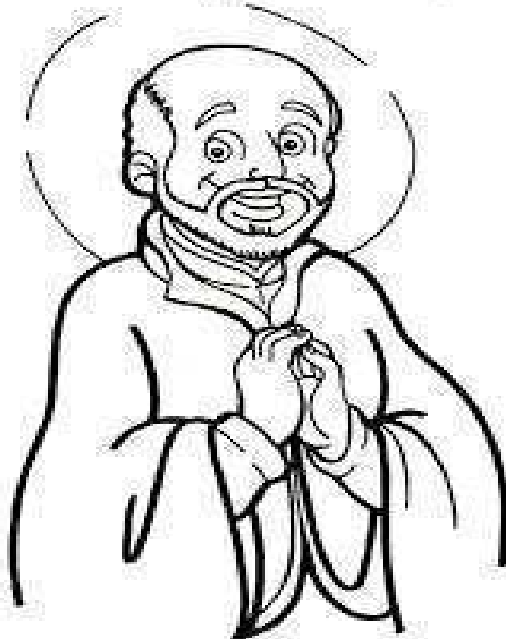
But deliver us from
evil.

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SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Founder of the Company of Jesus (the Jesuits).



Saint Ignatius was born in Loyola, Spain in 1491 into a noble family, the youngest of 8 children.

He was a soldier and was wounded in battle. While he was recuperating, he started to read the only books he found in the castle, a book about Jesus and a book about the saints. He was so impressed, he decided to imitate them.

Once recuperated, he went on pilgrimage to Our Lady of Montserrat, where he promised to change his life.

He slept in convents and hospices for the poor, praying and doing penance. He hid in a cave for a year in the outskirts, later using this experience to write his "Spiritual Exercises".

Later, while studying theology, together with 6 other students, he made vows of poverty, chastity and to go and spread the Gospel.

The Company of Jesus

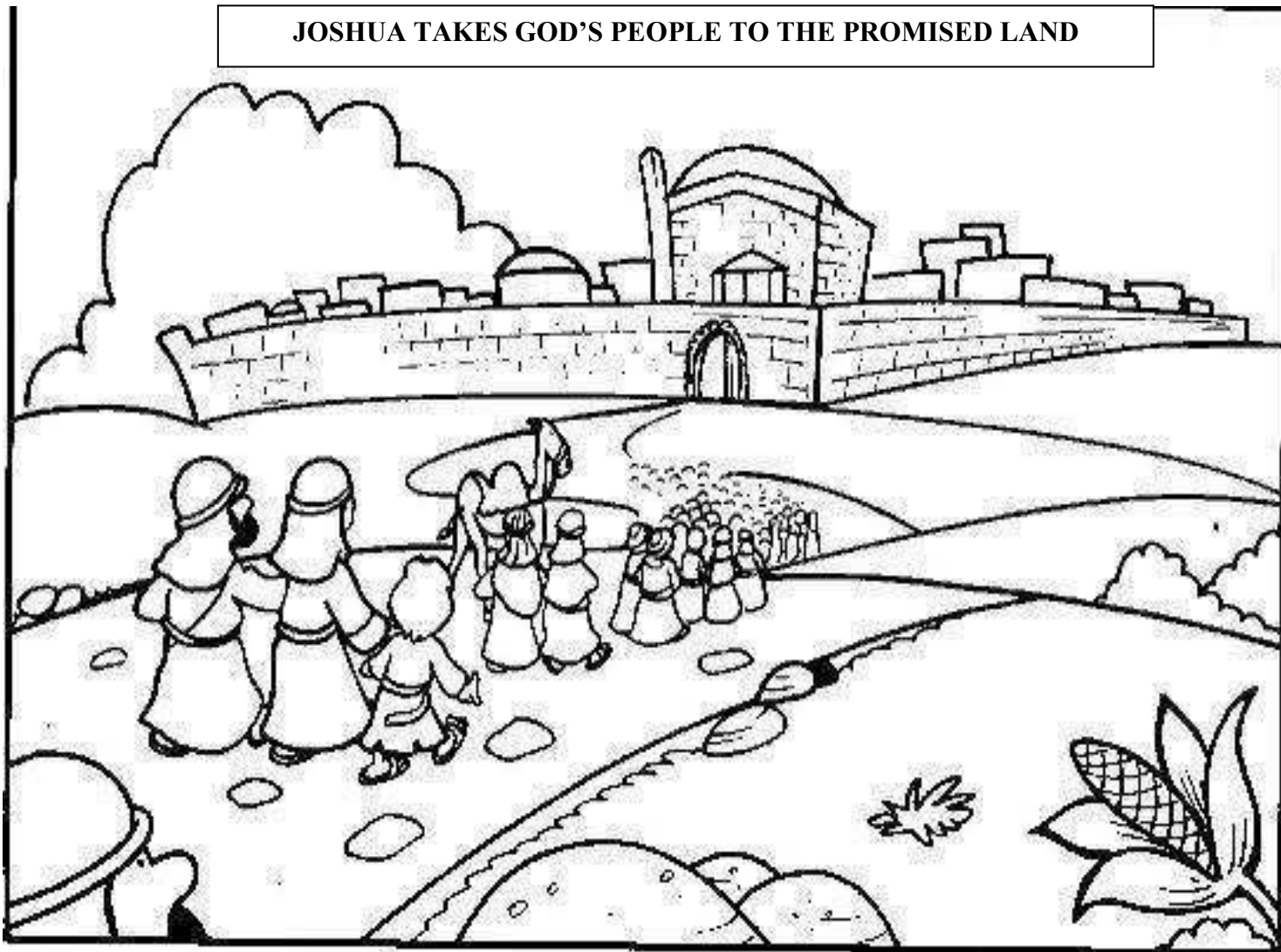
They went to Rome to become servants of God to the Pope. There, the Pope gave Holy Orders to those who were not yet priests. There they chose the name The Company of Jesus, later nicknamed Jesuits. In Rome, St. Ignatius started preaching the Spiritual Exercises and catechized the people. Later, they decided to form a religious order to perpetuate their work. Their vows were poverty, and chastity, adding obedience to imitate the Son of God who was obedient unto death. They vowed to go to save souls wherever the Pope sent them.

The Pope approved the order 9/27/1540. St. Ignatius was the first Superior General. He died in 1556 at 64 years old.





JOSHUA TAKES GOD'S PEOPLE TO THE PROMISED LAND



God promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that they would have many descendants and a land flowing with milk and honey. Over time, Moses was gone, and Joshua led the people to inherit the Promised Land. Joshua sent 2 spies to inspect the city of Jericho, but the King found out and sent soldiers to kill the spies. The spies hid in the house of a woman named Rahab. Since they were doing what God asked, God protected them. The spies promised to protect Rahab because she feared God.

Joshua told God's people that God would do a miracle for them, opening the river Jordan; but they must purify themselves to be able to cross. In the same way, we should leave things that are displeasing to God and clean our hearts so we can see His miracles.

In the moment of taking the city, God's people walked around the city once a day for 6 days. On the 7th day, they circled the city 7 times and later yelled loudly, and the walls of Jericho fell allowing them to take the city in God's Promised Land.



August 2019
Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

The August Sunday Gospels continue teaching us how to get to eternal life. We want to communicate the happiness and joy of eternal life to the children so they will adopt this goal with peace and happiness. We also see Jesus glorified in the Transfiguration and the Virgin Mary taken to Heaven in the Assumption.

The following list includes some important feast days of the Church:

August 4	St. John Maria Vianney, priest
August 6	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
August 7	St. Sixtus II, Pope and martyr and his martyred friends
August 10	St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr
August 11	St. Claire of Assisi, Virgin
August 14	St. Maximiliano Maria Kolbe, priest and martyr
August 15	Assumption of the Virgin Mary
August 20	St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
August 21	St. Pio X, Pope
August 23	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
August 24	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
August 27	St. Monica
August 28	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Materials included this month:

1. Calendar
2. Meditations and activities for the Sunday Gospels
3. The Transfiguration, coloring and activity
4. The Assumption, coloring and activity
5. History of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, coloring
6. History of the Old Testament, Samson and Delilah, coloring

Esperamos pasen unas lindas vacaciones juntos a sus familias. Recen por nuestro ministerio.

Que Dios los Bendiga Siempre,

Comité Amigos de Jesús y María



AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time St. John Maria Vianney, priest	5	6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord	7 St. Sixtus II, Pope and martyr and his martyred friends	8	9	10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and martyr
11 XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Claire of Assisi, Virgin	12	13	14 St. Maximiliano Maria Kolbe, priest and martyr	15 The Assumption of the Virgin Mary	16	17
18 XX Sunday in Ordinary Time	19	20 St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	21 San Pio X, Pope	22	23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle
25 XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time	26	27 St. Monica	28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	29	30	31



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XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 4, 2019

Ecclesiastics 1, 2; 2, 21-23; Psalm 89; Colossians 3, 1-5. 9-11; Luke 12, 13-21

“...one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus, will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

Reflection

Jesus says, “one’s life does not consist of possessions” What does this mean? (Jesus knows the most important thing is to get to eternal life, not accumulate material things.) How do we get to eternal life? (Loving God and loving our neighbor) How can we love God? (Spending time with Him in prayer and in Mass; adoring Him in the Blessed Sacrament; reading the Bible; obeying His commandments...) How do we love our neighbor? (Sharing our time and things, helping, being kind...)

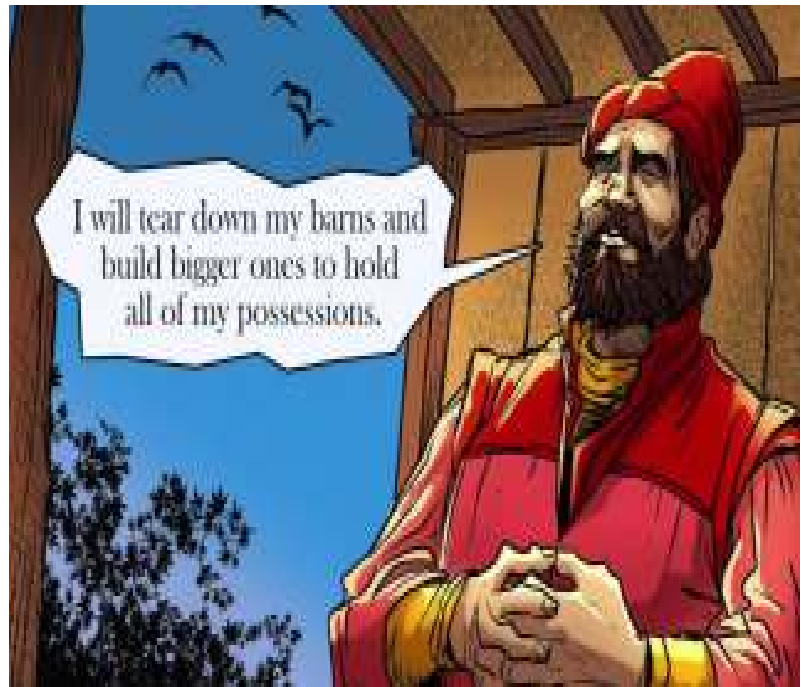
Activity

On the following page, color and circle around those that are planting for eternal life.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for obtaining eternal life for us. Thank you for teaching us how to love and how to be happy. Help us to love You and love each other more every day. Help us to reach eternal life with You. Amen.

Song: Heaven is Real, Brentwood Benson
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/csbRqyuZwnE>





WHO IS PLANTING THE BEST?



Color and circle
the people that
plant for eternal
life.





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XIX Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 11, 2019

Wisdom 18, 6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11, 1-2. 8-19; Luke 12, 35-40

Be Prepared

Jesus said to his disciples: “Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Reflection

What happens if you get to class and realize you have a Math test you forgot about? (You get a bad grade.) How do you prepare for a test? What happens if your friends pick you up to go to the movies and find you sleeping? (You lose out on going to the movies.) How do you prepare to go to the movies? Jesus tells us, “Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.” For what do we need to be vigilant and ready? (For the day our Father calls us home to Heaven.) How do we get ready for that moment? (Living a way that is pleasing to God.) How does God want us to live? (Obeying, forgiving, helping, and loving God and our neighbor.) Jesus uses the example of the thief. What would you do if you knew a thief was coming to rob your house?

Activity

On the following page, color and cut the lamp. Fill out the Windows with people you would like to help, forgive... Fold the Orange lines and tape the side, top, and bottom of lamp.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for loving us so much that with Your painful sacrifice, you opened the gates of Heaven for us. Help us to live each day in Your love. Increase in us the desire for eternal life and to please You in all things. Amen

Canción: Preparing Children for Heaven, Claudette Vanessa Lofranco
(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/BPDEZCFNc U>





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**JESUS, HELP ME TO
LOVE:**

**JESUS, HELP ME TO
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Friends of Jesus and Mary

XX Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18, 2019

Jeremiah 38, 4-6. 8-10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 12, 1-4; Luke 12, 49-53

I have come to set the earth on fire.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Reflection

What does fire do? Fire burns, transforming the material, giving off light and heat in the process. What happens when we welcome Jesus into our heart? (He transforms our heart, cleaning out what separates us from Him: selfishness, hate, envy-let the children name what separates them from Jesus.) How is Jesus a light for us? (His Word and Holy Spirit guide us to Heaven) How is the light of His fire reflected in our hearts? (When we obey Jesus, our actions attract others to follow Jesus.) How is the heat of His fire reflected in our hearts? (The love of Jesus in our heart compels us to love others with our words and actions.) How does a person act that shuts Jesus out of their heart? (With selfishness, hate, envy, violence...) This is the division of which Jesus speaks. God lets us choose whether we let Jesus into our hearts and the effects of our decision are very significant.



Activity

Make the Crown of fire or a mobile on the following page. Wear the crown and dance to the following song.

Prayer

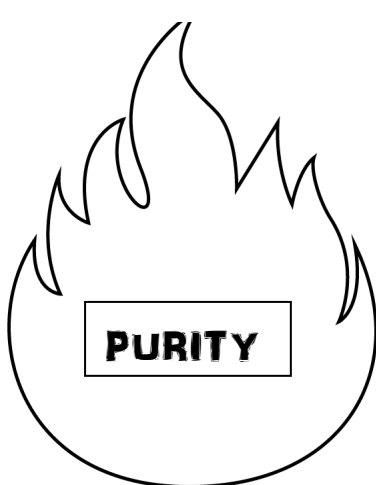
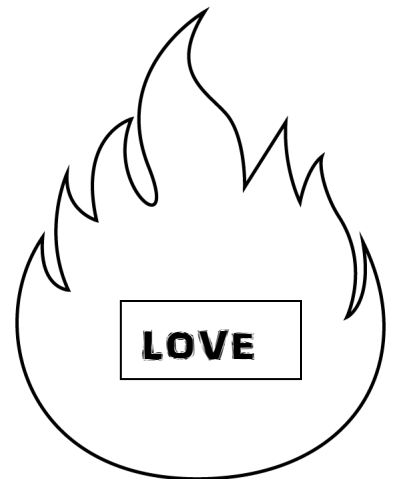
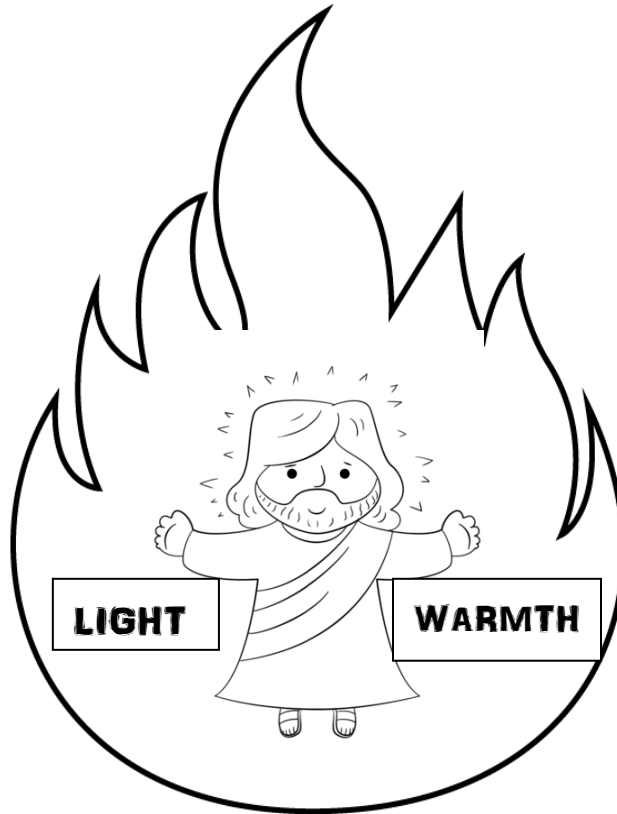
Jesus, enter into my heart and transform it so I can be light and warmth for others. Transform the rebellious hearts so they may be open to You and feel the fire of Your love. Amen.

Canción: The Mighty Name of Jesus, Brentwood Benson

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THE FIRE OF JESUS



Instructions:

Crown: Cut pieces of poster 2"x 23".

Color and glue Jesus and flames on it.

Mobile: Cut and color flames. Make holes and hang flames onto Jesus with ribbon or string.



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25, 2019

Isaiah 66, 18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12, 5-7. 11-13; Luke 13, 22-30

The Narrow Door

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Reflection

To pass on to the next grade you have to meet certain criteria. What are they? Certain behaviors can get you kicked out of school. What are they? Jesus compares salvation to a narrow door where many cannot enter. Jesus says that many will try to enter but He will respond: 'I don't know who you are.' Jesus lets in those that He knows. How do we get to know Jesus? (praying, Reading the Bible, spending time with Him in Mass and in the Blessed Sacrament, consulting Him in our important decisions...) Jesus says: 'Depart from me, all you evildoers!' If we know and love Jesus, we will do good to please Him. Those who reject Jesus, do evil to please themselves. Each day we can grow in friendship with Jesus to love Him and others, thereby gaining eternal life.

Activity

On the following page is a maze to find the way to the Kingdom of God; avoiding paths to vice, wealth or fashion that divert us from the path to Heaven. Color. Speak of the paths that lead us to eternal life and those that divert us.

Prayer

Lord, help me to know you more, to follow you more, to obey you more each day. I want you to be my best friend. Guide me to someday reach the Kingdom of God with you. Amen.

Canción: One Door and Only One, Cedermont Kids

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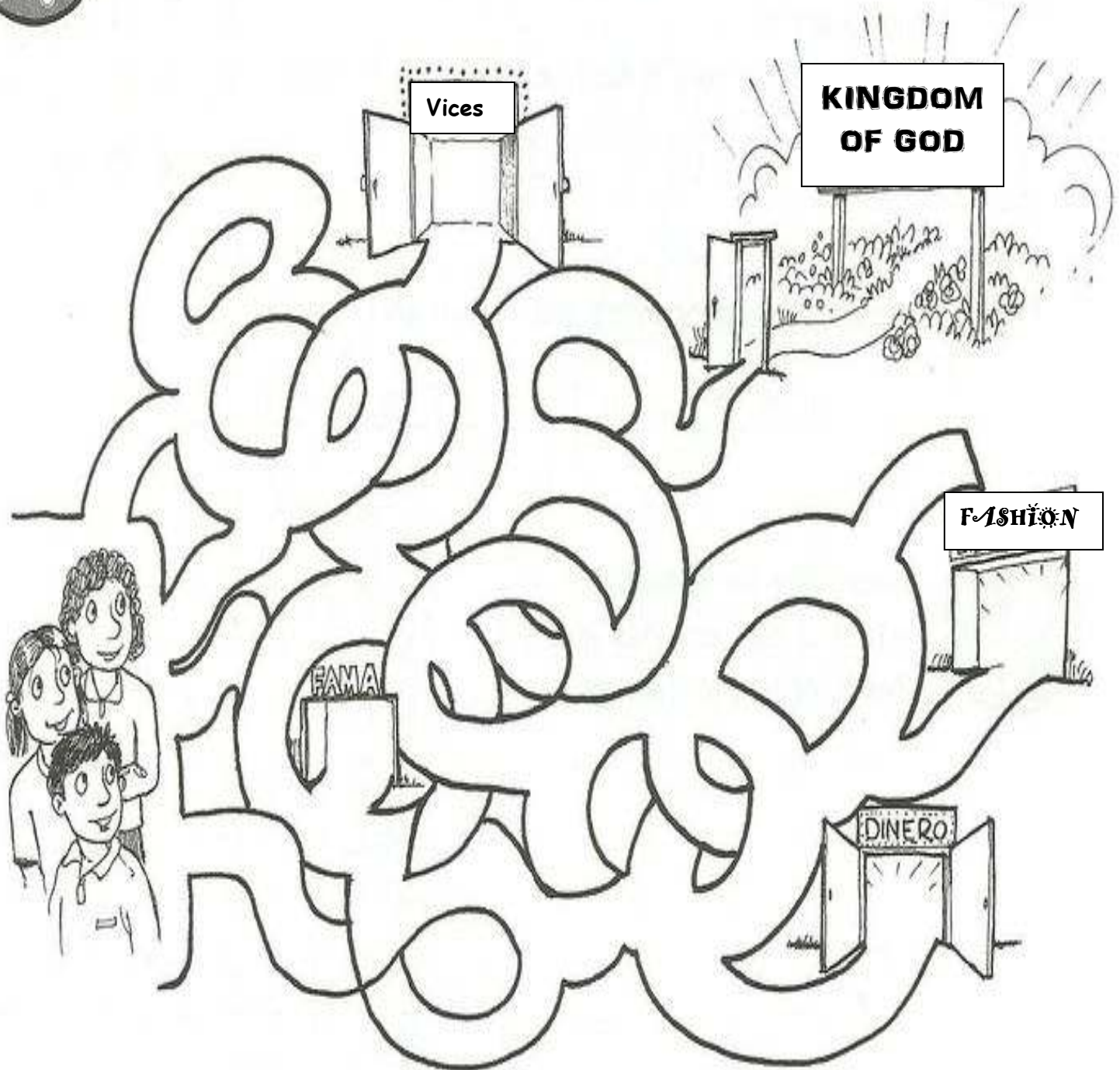
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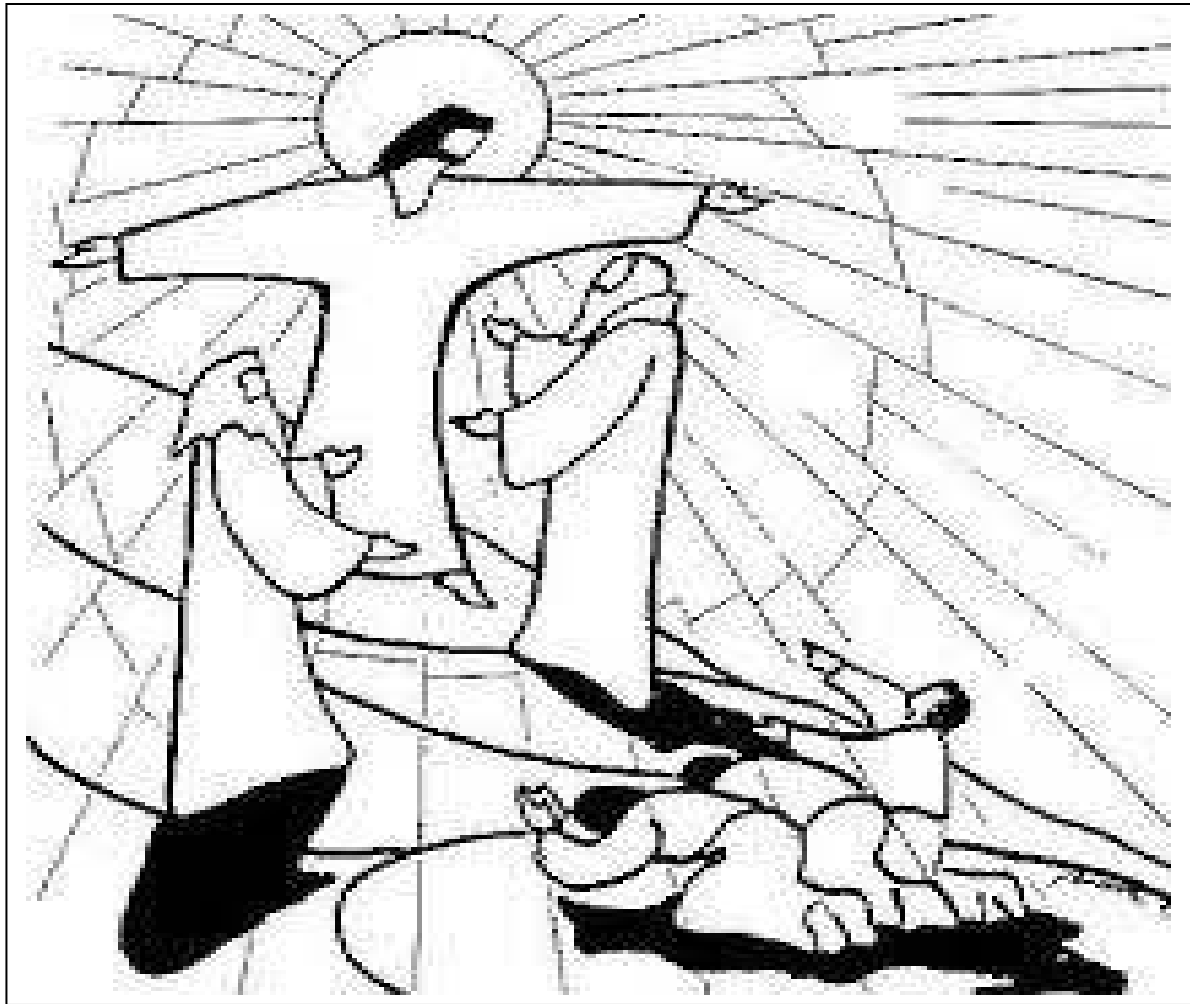
Color the path that leads children to enter by the narrow door to reach the Kingdom of Heaven.





THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up a mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. (Luke 9, 28-36)



Instructions: Color and cut the picture and passage. Glue picture on one side of $\frac{1}{2}$ a piece of colored construction paper and glue passage on the other side.





Assumption of the Virgin Mary

It is a dogma of faith or an absolute truth of the faith, infallible, revealed by God through Sacred Scripture or by Sacred Tradition. Once proclaimed, it cannot be negated, not even by the Pope or council decision.

We celebrate when the body and soul of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was glorified and taken to Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

The Church tells us that the resurrection of the body will happen at the end of time. But for Mary, this act was advanced by singular privilege.

Virgin Mary, Mother of God and my Mother in Heaven,
I love you with all my heart.
Pray for us, so we may one day be with you in Heaven. Amen.

Instructions: Color and cut picture and passage. Glue picture to one side of ½ colored construction paper; glue passage to other side.



STORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT – SAMSON Y DELILAH



When the Israelites obeyed God, they were victorious in conquering the Promised Land. After a while, the Israelites forgot God and all He had done for them and fell under the rule of the Philistines. During that time, judges ruled the people of God. A judge of Israel, Samson, was selected by God to fight the Philistines. Before he was born, an angel told his mother that Samson should be dedicated especially to God as a Nazarite, and that he was destined to save Israel from the Philistines. As a sign of this, he was never to cut his hair. When Samson was older, he killed a lion with his bare hands and constantly harassed the Philistines although, he never completely liberated Israel from them.

Delilah was a young, beautiful Philistine woman, enemy to Samson. On behalf of her King, she tested Samson 7 times. He triumphed 6 times; but on the 7th, he allowed himself to be tricked. Samson confessed to Delilah the secret of his strength. They seized him, cut his hair, blinded him, and put him in jail.



When his hair grew out again, he recuperated his strength. At a party, the Philistines took Samson to their temple to entertain the crowd. He grabbed the two columns that held up the temple, prayed, and shook them with all his might. The temple fell killing Samson, the Philistine chiefs, and the crowd. Lord, it is good to be faithful to you. Samson was faithful until he let himself be tricked by Delilah.

