



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

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## **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. Francis Xavier 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 28 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
- The Presentation of the Virgin Mary at the Temple, book market
- St. Andrew the Apostle, craft
- Story from the Old Testament, David and Goliath, coloring

God Bless You,  
Committee, Friends of Jesus and Mary

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 All Saint's Day	2 All Soul's Day
3 XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time	4 St. Carlos Borromeo, bishop	5	6	7	8	9 Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Letrán
10 XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time	11 St. Martin de Tours, bishop	12 St. Josafat, bishop and martyr	13 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, virgin	14	15	16 St. Margarita of Scotland; St. Gertrudis, virgin (opcional)
17 XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time	18	19	20	21 The Presentation of the Virgin Mary at the Temple	22 St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr	23
24 Solemnity of Christ the King	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day in the U.S.	29	30 St. Andrew, apostle and martyr

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XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 3, 2019

*Wisdom 11, 22-12, 2; Psalm 144; 2 Thesalonians 1, 11-2, 2; Luke 19, 1-10*

### Zacchaeus Seeks to See Jesus

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

### Reflection

Zacchaeus was the chief of the publicans. What is a publican? (they collected taxes for the Romans and were hated because they became rich overcharging.) Why did Zacchaeus try to see Jesus? (He had heard about His miracles and that He was a man of God. His heart felt His call. He needed to fill the emptiness that his stolen riches left him) Why did he climb the tree? (He was short in stature and the tall people blocked his view. His stature also symbolizes his social status because of his sins. He had to work harder to see Jesus than others.) How did Zacchaeus feel when Jesus called out to him? (Happy and grateful) What did he promise? (To give half of his riches to the poor and to pay back 4 times the amount he had stolen to people.) When he opened his heart to Jesus, he was filled with Jesus' love and he repented from his sins and was filled with love for others wanting to make up for the damage he had done them. How did the others react? (They complained that Jesus visited the home of sinners.) Jesus explains to them that the Son of Man came to seek out and save what has been lost. What distances us from God? How can we seek Him? How can we help Jesus save souls?



### Actividad

On the following page color and write the words said. Make cards for the children to write on one side what distances them from Jesus; and write on the other side what they will do this week to get closer to Him. Take the cards to the altar and each one says the following prayer:

### Prayer

Jesus, forgive me for separating myself from you. I promise to change and to avoid things that cause me to sin. Help me to pray more, forgive more, and love more. I pray for the conversion of sinners. Amen.

**Song:** Zacchaeus was a Wee Little Man, trikerbabe196, <https://youtu.be/bkd-QFD7vMA>



**Jesus and Zacchaeus**

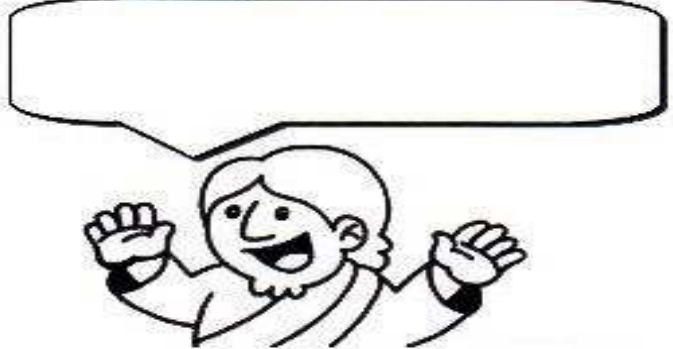
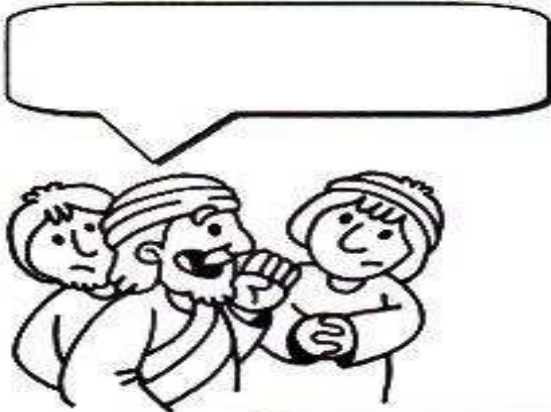
Write the dialogue as related by the Evangelist St. Luke 19:1-10.

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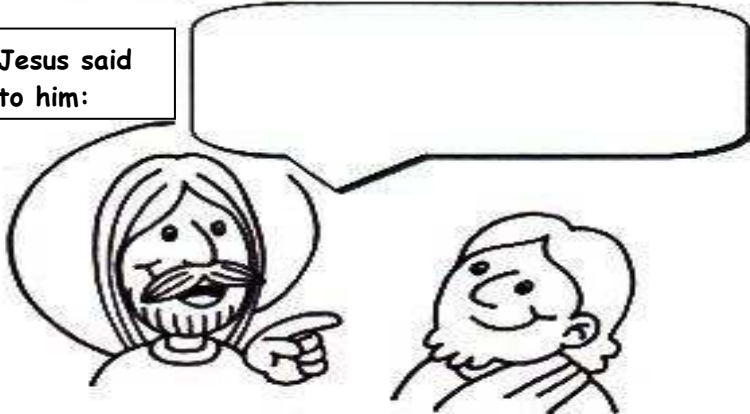


And he came down quickly and received him with joy.

But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,



Jesus said to him:



Did you know...?

A sycamore is a fig tree of Egyptian origin. This tree is particular because its trunk divides close to the ground permitting Zacchaeus, chief of the publicans (collector of taxes), of short stature, to easily climb it to see Jesus.



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XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 10, 2019

*2 Maccabees 7, 1-2. 9-14; Psalm 16; 2 Thessalonians 2, 16-3, 5; Luke 20, 27-38*

### Jesus Affirms the Resurrection of the Dead

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward. Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

#### Reflection

Who were the Sadducees (A Jewish religious sect that existed during the time of Jesus; they did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.) What does the resurrection of the dead mean? (The Church teaches us that just like Jesus resurrected from the dead, at the end of time, we will resurrect with Jesus, with our same



body, but transfigured into our glorious or heavenly body (Fil. 3:21)) How does Jesus describe resurrected people? (They will not get married nor will they die, because they will be like angels and children of God.) What are angels? (They are spirits that love and serve God with their whole being.) When we get to Heaven, our focus will be on God's love and God will provide everything for us. How can we love and serve God better on earth?

#### Activity

On the following page, cut the words and the drawings. Color the drawings and glue onto a light blue or white paper plate. Glue pieces of cotton around the drawings representing clouds. Behind the plate, glue the words and the picture above of the angels. Hang with a ribbon.

#### Prayer

God of Love, thank you for loving me so much that you sacrificed Your beloved Son so I may be with you in Heaven. Help me to love, to forgive, and to serve you better so I may please You and bring to this world more peace and joy. Help me to reach Heaven, a place of eternal love and happiness. Amen.

**Song:** Heaven is Real, Brentwood Benson, <https://youtu.be/csbRqyuZwnE>



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## WHAT WILL WE HAVE IN HEAVEN?

**GOD**

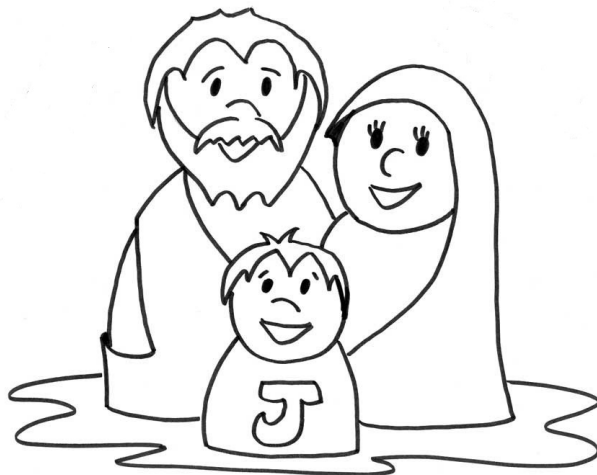
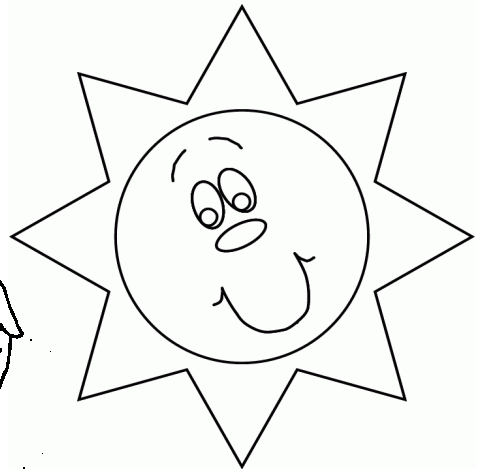
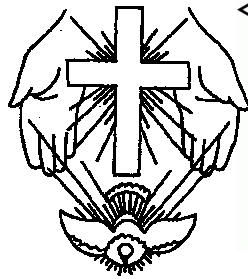
**Angels**

**Light**

**The Holy Family**

**Saints**

**Happiness Joy Love Peace Praise**



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**XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Malachi 3, 19-20; Psalm 98, 5-9 Thessalonians 3, 7-12; Luke 21,5-19*

### **Stand erect and raise your heads.**

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

### **Reflection**

What is the temple and where was it located? The temple was the place where Jews worshipped God in Jerusalem; people from all social classes were received. God was present in the temple. Once a year, all the Jews went to the temple to celebrate Passover. The walls of the temple were covered in gold and the exterior was extravagantly adorned. However, these luxurious items were not important. What did Jesus mean when He said, "there will not be left a stone upon another stone"? (The greatness of the church is not the expensive walls but Jesus' presence there and within our hearts.) What does Jesus tell us about the future and how we should defend ourselves? (Jesus says there will be wars, earthquakes, hunger, persecution, etc. He will stay with us as long as we have faith, and He will protect us making sure "not a hair in our head will be destroyed". This invites us to never lose trust in Jesus.



### **Activity.**

On the next page, color the drawing about the Gospel. Also, solve the Word Puzzle and have fun.

### **Prayer**

Dear God, help me stay far from all that's not good in your eyes, and give me the strength to not be superficial, and lose myself in my path to you.

**Song:** The Mustard Seed by Spring Harvest, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Io6UTiK-FFs>



**What is Faith?**



God not only made us and loves us, but also wants us to know Him. He revealed Himself by means of His Son Jesus. He invites us to follow Him and imitate Him in love and service to others. The response to this invitation is Faith.

Faith is to trust in God who never fails us nor abandons us.

The Catechism tells us about Faith:

Change #s for letters for message: 1-A, 2-D, C-16, 3-E, 4-F, 5-G, 6-I, 7-L, 8-N, 15-M, 9-O, 10-P, 11-R, 12-S, 13-T, 14-U

6	13	1	12	1	12	14	9	4	11	8	1	13	14
11	1	7	5	6	4	13	4	11	9	15	5	9	2

We cannot give ourselves faith. It is a gift God gives us, an enormous gift of His love. God never denies this gift to anyone who seeks it sincerely and humbly.

Like all invitations, God awaits a response. This is why Faith is also...

1	4	11	3	3	1	16
13	4	11	9	15	14	12

in placing our trust in God and believing in His Word. Because God respects the freedom of each of us.



**We live Faith in community!**

It is normal that we share what we believe. When we have something valuable, we tell our family and friends. And it's not like presenting a theory but introducing a friend: "I introduce Jesus to you," so all may say: "great to meet you".

How do we transmit our Faith? With our words and our actions, just as Jesus did. Pope Francis says:

(Cross out the words INVITATION and JESUS which are repeated in the following words. Then read the message.)

INVITATIONITISA SUPERNATURALINVITATIONJESUSGIFTFROMINVITATIONGODA  
FREEJESUSACTFROMJESUSUSLOVEINVITATIONISTHEMEASUREMENTOFOURFAITH.





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**XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

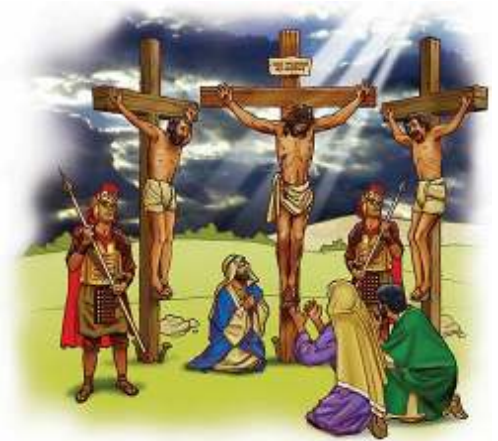
*2 Samuel 5, 1-3; 20-22; Psalms 122; Colossians 1, 12-20; Luke 23, 35-43*

### **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

#### **Reflection**

What is a king? (He is the monarch of a kingdom, has power, wears a crown and tunics of elegant fabrics.) What is Christ the King like? (He is not a human-style king with great riches; His greatest triumph is giving His life for others; A king who, with his sacrifice and with his blood, converts to love; A king with all the power of the universe who does not use it to have comfort, but to serve and love others.) What attitude did the thieves who are on each side of Jesus on the Cross have? (One of them mocked and told Jesus to save himself; the other thief asked Jesus to remember him when he arrived in his Kingdom.) What did Jesus respond to each of them? (To the 1<sup>st</sup>, He did not answer not being tempted by his words; while to the 2<sup>nd</sup>, He gives a beautiful answer "today you will be with me in Paradise".)



Jesus wants us to be like the good thief, to be inspired by Jesus to correct our failures and follow Him. In spite of our failures, the mercy of God is infinite if we repent from the heart. Do I use my possessions or abilities for my personal comfort or to help those in need? How can I help others? (Help classmates study, or do homework, share my lunch or snacks, be friendly to someone who has few friends, etc. How do I react to insults? Do I respond back with insults or do I refuse to be tempted like Jesus?

#### **Activity**

On the following page, follow the instructions to complete the Crossword Puzzle. Color the Crown of Jesus.

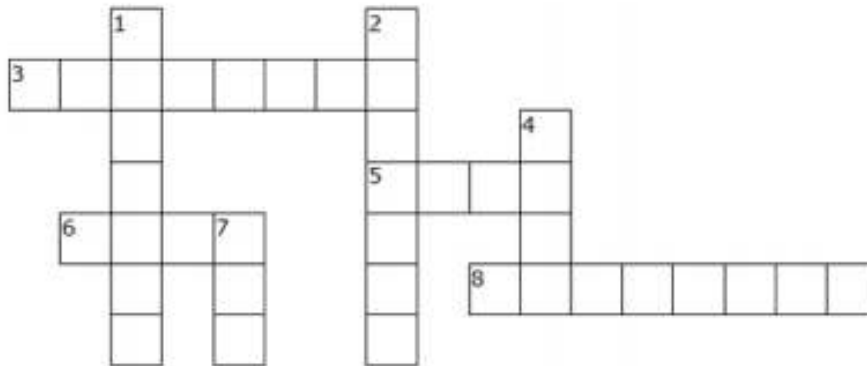
#### **Prayer**

Thank you, Lord for your Saving Word. Thank you for coming to teach me a new path that leads me to Heaven. Thank you for giving yourself completely for me. You are my King! Reign forever in my life and in my heart.

**Song:** Awesome God – Cedarment Kids. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_oCdVcHayA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_oCdVcHayA)



## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

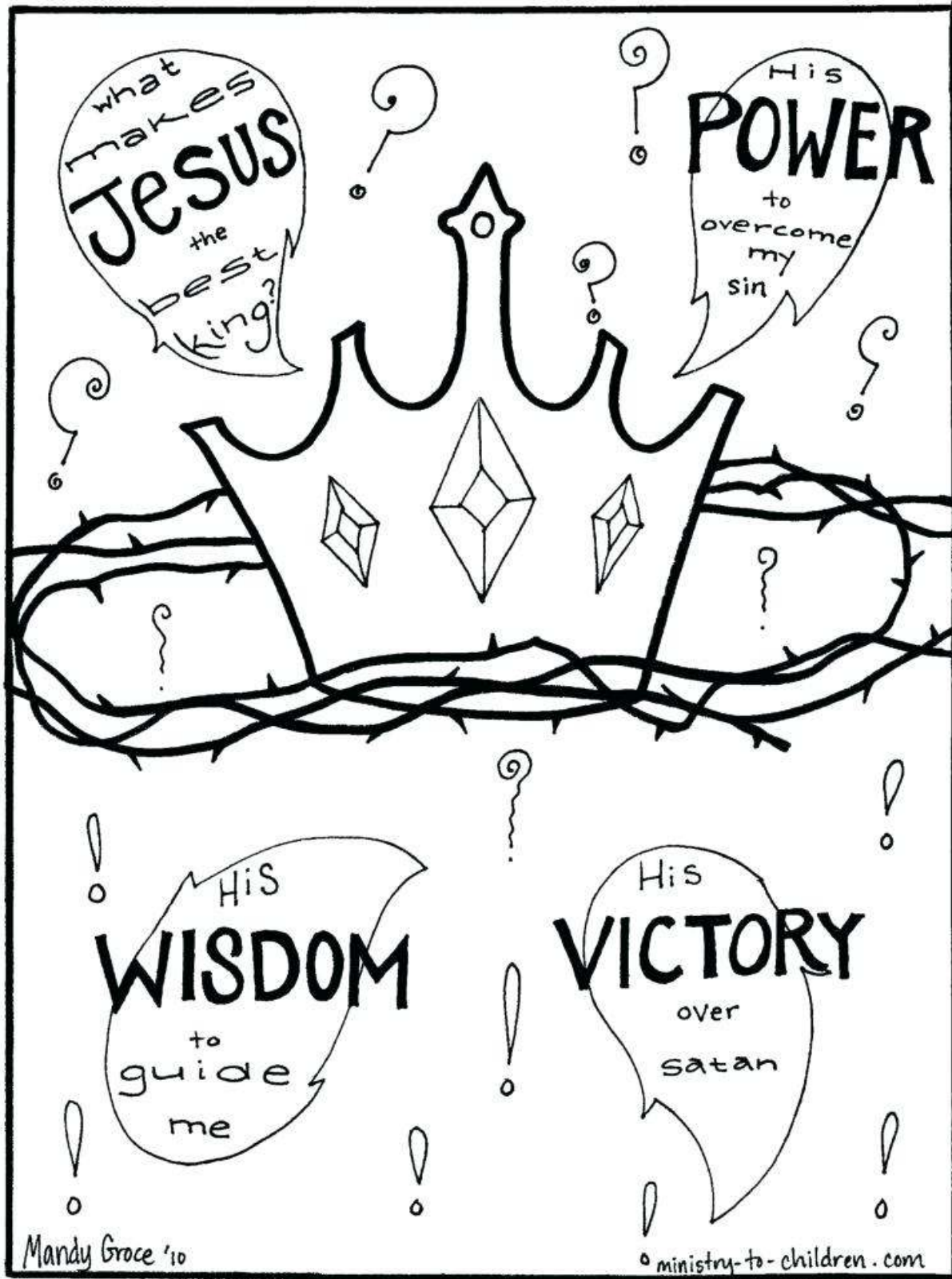
3. A place of peace and rest; sometimes used to describe heaven
5. To rescue someone from harm
6. A male ruler; opposite of queen
8. A person guilty of crime

### DOWN

1. To kill by nailing to a cross
2. The promised Savior sent from God
4. To be afraid of something
7. The creator and ruler of the universe

CRUCIFY	PARADISE	GOD	CRIMINAL
SAVE	FEAR	KING	MESSIAH







Complete and color...

# HEAVEN

The saints were not people that never made mistakes or never sinned,

But they tried to live like true children of God, trying to be like Him more each day.

Jesus tells us: "Be perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect."  
(Mat 5, 48)

Write the name of some saints you know:

What does it mean to be a saint?



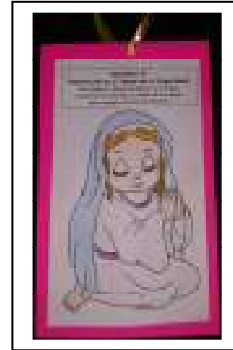


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**November 21**  
**Presentation of the Virgin Mary at the Temple**  
St. Joaquin and St. Ana took Mary when she was just a child to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to the service of God.



Make a  
book  
marker.



### Prayer

Saint Mother Mary,  
You who at a young age  
consecrated yourself to the  
Most High, accepting freely to  
serve Him completely as an  
immaculate temple.

You who trusting in your  
saintly parents, St. Joaquin  
and St. Ana, responded with a  
loving obedience to the call of  
God the Father.

You who since the moment  
your parents presented you at  
the Temple, perceived in your  
interior the profound design  
of God's Love; show us, Good  
Mother, to be courageous  
followers of your Son,  
announcing in each moment of  
our life a generous and firm  
response to God's Plan.

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## ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE NOVEMBER 30

Andrew, born in Bethsaida, was first a disciple of John the Baptist, then later followed Christ. He also introduced Jesus to His brother Peter. He and Philip were the ones that took some Greeks before Jesus. Andrew was also the one who let Jesus know a boy had some fish and loaves of bread. According to tradition, after Pentecost, he preached the Gospel in many regions and was crucified in Acaya.



### Prayer

Oh good cross,  
who was made beautiful  
by the members  
of the Lord,  
so many times desired,  
solicited and wanted,  
searched for without  
rest and with ardent  
desire prepared!  
Receive me from among  
men and take me  
to my Master,  
so that for you  
He may receive me,  
He who redeemed me  
for you dying.

Amen

**Instructions:** Fold a paper in three. While folded, cut arch at top. Color, cut, and glue the picture in the middle panel, and words on side panels. Decorate the arches.





## November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

**Instructions:** Cut 2 circles: one  $\frac{1}{4}$  size of the other. Cut long feathers in different colors. Cut a small triangle for the beak and cut a red mitten for the throat. Cut 2 small white circles for the eyes and color in black pupils. Glue the throat between the 2 circles then the face features. Write on each feather something you are grateful for then glue behind the large circle.

**Song:** Thankful, Shawana Belt Edwards, <https://youtu.be/XTHDKxOL9cg>





## Who is King David?

### David the shepherd...

David was the youngest of eight brothers and had musical and poetic gifts which he practiced while shepherding the sheep.

He was one of the most famous heroes of the bible since he always tried to please God.



### David the king...

From shepherd, he went on to become the second king of Israel.

King David unified the 12 tribes of Israel and established his reign in Jerusalem, making it the capital and new religious center of Israel.

That is why the city of Jerusalem is known as the "city of David".

### The promise...

God gave King David great promises, especially for his descendants. When Israel was destroyed, the people maintained the hope of the coming of a Messiah from the descendants of David, to guide them again on the path to God.

That promise was fulfilled in Jesus; that is why He was called the "son of David".



*Adaptación-fuente: La biblia católica para jóvenes*