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Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

In September, we celebrate the nativity of the most Holy Virgin Mary with much joy and celebration. We also do the Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child to promote the respect for life from an early age.

Important Feasts of the Month:

- Sept. 8 The Nativity of the Holy Virgin Mary
- Sept. 24 Our Lady of Mercy
- Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Cross
- Sept. 15 Our Lady of Pain
- Sept. 27 St. Vincent of Paul
- Sept. 21 St. Mathew the Apostle
- Sept. 29 Holy Archangels, Michael, Gabriel, Rafael

Materials included this Month:

- 1) Calendar of the Month
- 2) Sunday Gospels with Meditations
- 3) Nativity of the Virgin Mary, activity
- 4) The Holy Archangels, coloring
- 5) Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Child, activity

United in prayer for the success of our ministry,

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



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DOMINGO	LUNES	MARTES	MIERCOLES	JUEVES	VIERNES	SABADO
1 XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time	2	3 St. Gregory Magno, Pope y doctor of the Church	4	5	6	7
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XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 1st, 2019

Sirach 3, 17-18. 20. 28-29; Psalm 67; Hebrews 12, 18-19. 22-24a; Luke 14, 1. 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at the table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position. 'Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'" Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Reflection

Imagine that we are invited to a wedding in a large hall, where there is a very long table for the groom, his parents, family and closest friends. God gives each and every one of us talents and gifts such as being intelligent and great at school, being one of the best athletes on the soccer team, being able to afford our favorite video game console, etc. He is always looking out for us. How do we feel about these small successes? (All our successes are gifts from God to put them at the service of others, especially the weakest). Do we use these talents to help others without expecting anything in return? (Let's do good without expecting anything in return, because our reward will be great in heaven).

Activity

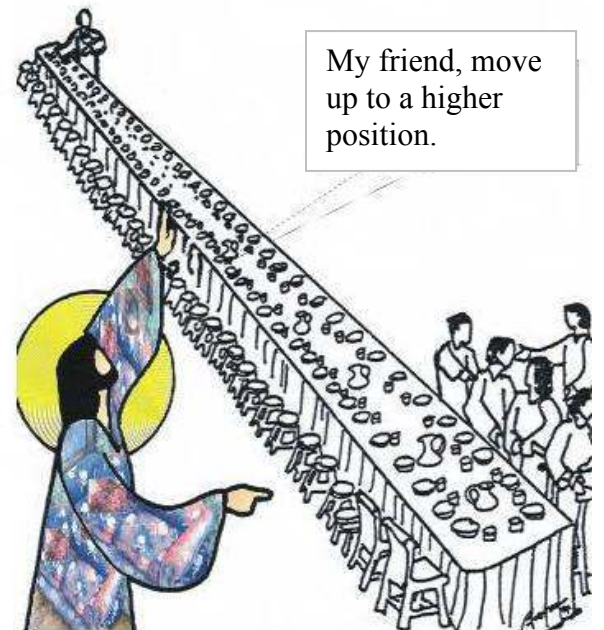
On the next page, color the parable and complete the grid of Jesus's teachings.

Prayer

Dear God, help me always be thankful for all the amazing gifts you have given me. I know that everything I have comes from you. Help me to be selfless and help others out of the kindness of my Heart, just like your son Jesus sacrificed himself out of love, expecting nothing in return.

Song: He's got the Whole World in his Hands, (CD friends of Jesus and Mary).

(Ctrl Click) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXrqncfW_Y8





THE LAST PLACE

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Color the Parable

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'Give your place to this man.'

and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place.

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'My friend, move up to a higher position.'

Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table.

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GOSPEL LUKE 14, 1. 7-11



COMPLETE THE GRID OF JESUS'S TEACHING



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XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8th, 2019

Wisdom 9, 13-19; Psalm 89; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14, 25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.

Reflection

What is Jesus' place in my life? Is He a priority for me? Do I talk to Him every day, or just when I have a problem and I need His help? (Jesus wants His disciples to love Him. To do that, we must take out all the evil in our lives; because loving Him means working every day to become more like Him: kind, loving, merciful, forgiving, patient. Jesus says we must carry our cross and follow Him. This means, when we have to do things that we don't enjoy doing (such as cleaning our rooms, helping out at home, not fighting with parents or siblings), we do it with love. He wants us to think of others, not just our comfort. The Cross refers to everything that is difficult for us: our efforts, pain, illness, sadness, etc. Who carries that daily cross with love, patience and with Jesus, may be called "His Disciple."



Activity

Make a cross ornament to hang on the door or wall. Each child will be given a cardboard cross. Place the biblical verse that says: Take your cross and follow Jesus! Then write from behind what you think you could do or what comfort you want to give up to be a disciple of Jesus. Place your name, present it to the Blessed Sacrament and take it home.

Prayer

Jesus, I want to be your disciple. You are the most important person in my life. Keep me always united to you through prayer. As your disciple, help me to take my cross and follow You with joy. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Song: I have decided to follow Jesus, Cedar mont Kids.

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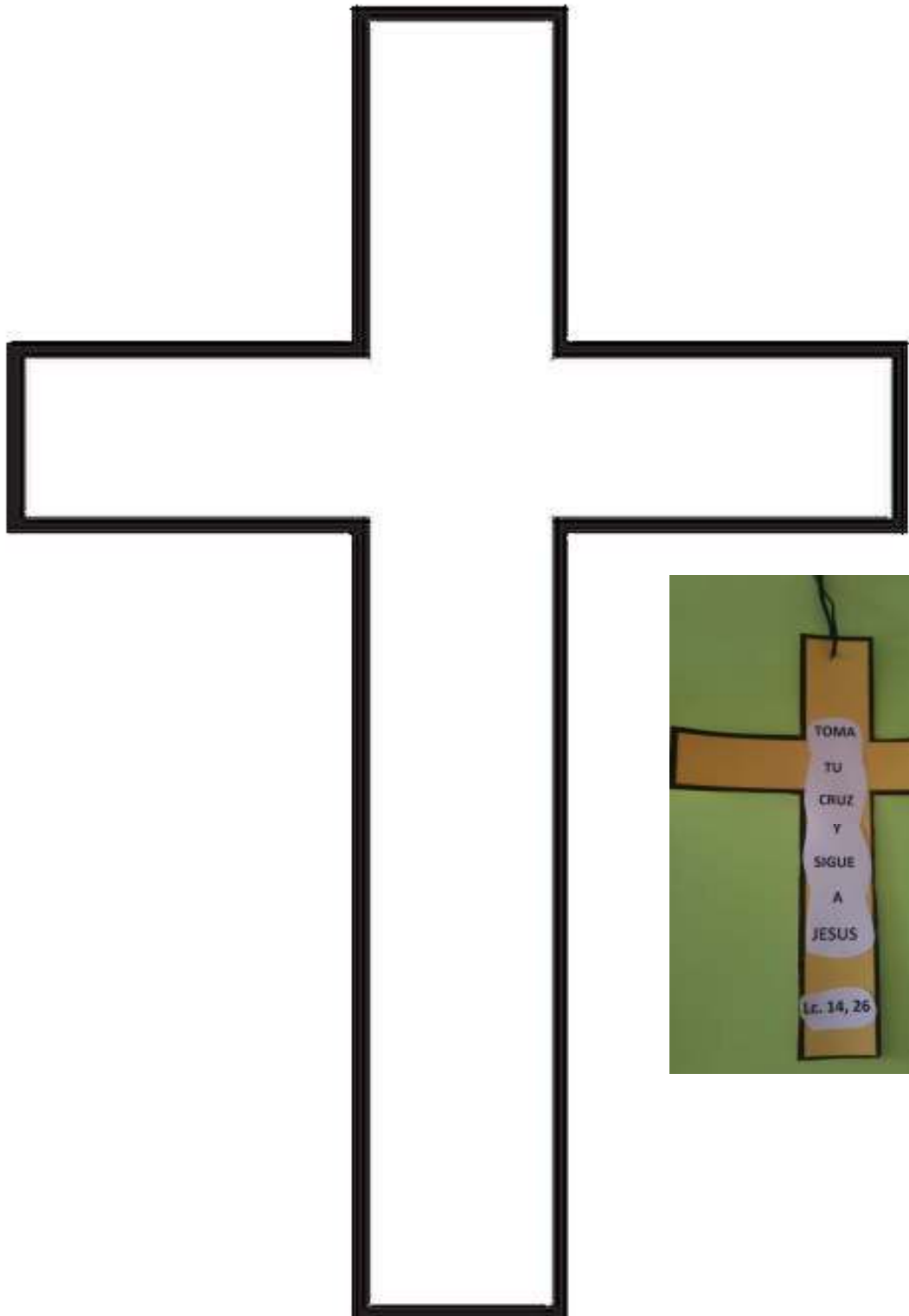


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FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
September 14

**TAKE
YOUR
CROSS
AND
FOLLOW
JESUS**

Lk. 14, 26





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XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 15, 2019

Exodus 32, 7-11. 13-14; Psalm 50; 1 Timothy 1, 12-17; Luke 15, 1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So, to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. "Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Reflection

The Gospel says that the Pharisees and tax collectors approached Jesus to listen. Why are tax collectors compared to sinners? (They collected money for the emperor; they often collected more and kept the extra.) Who are the Pharisees and scribes? (Leaders of the Jews.) Why do they object to Jesus talking to the tax collectors and sinners? (They find their actions offensive and therefore reject them. Because Jesus is Jewish and speaks of God, He too should reject them.) Jesus knows what they are thinking and explains with a parable: a story with a moral. Jesus talks about a shepherd and his sheep because during that time many were shepherds and could identify with the message. What happened to the shepherd? (He lost a sheep.) How did he feel? (Worried and sad.) What did he do? (He left the rest of the herd and went out to find it.) What did he do when he found it? (Full of joy, he carried it over his shoulders and went home to celebrate with family and friends.) Who does the pastor represent? (God) Who does the lost sheep represent? (Us when we disobey God and separate ourselves from Him.) What is the message of the parable? (God loves us very much and when we separate ourselves because of sin, He is saddened and seeks us until He finds us again. All in Heaven celebrate joyfully when a sinner repents and returns to God.) We should be grateful for His great mercy.

Activity

On the following page, color the parable of the lost sheep. On the other page, color, cut, and glue the prayer onto construction paper to make a bookmark. Punch a hole; tie a ribbon. Say repentance prayer with the children. Another page has sheep to cut out, glue to stick and dance. (see instructions)

Prayer

Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Thank you for seeking me when I leave you. Help me to seek you always and stay by your side. Help me to forgive those who hurt me as you forgive me. Amen.

Song: Hey! Jesus Loves Me, Ill Fight; (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/oliRlM6iw3c>





PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP.

Luke 15: 3-7

If one of you
loses a sheep...



...of the hundred that
you have...

Don't you leave the
other 99 in the pasture
to go and find the lost
one until you find it?



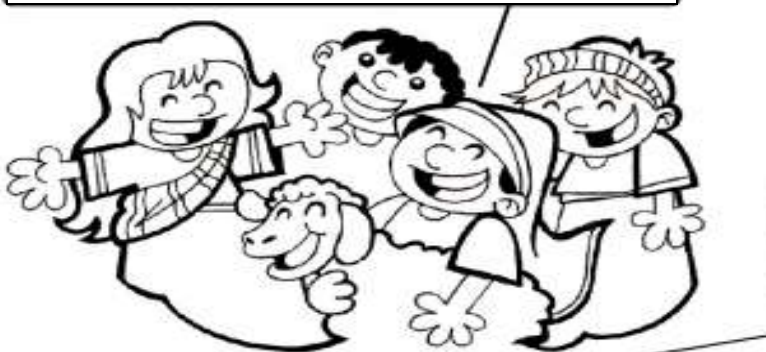
And when you find it,

you happily
place it on
your
shoulders...



And when arriving home, you gather
family and friends and say:

Celebrate with me; I have found the
sheep that I lost.



In the same way, there will be
more happiness in Heaven...



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...for one sinner that returns to God than for 99 righteous that
do not need to convert.



My Lord Jesus,
It pains my whole heart
to have offended you,
For You are so good and
worthy to be loved. With
the help of your love and
mercy, I promise to try
and change my life,
to be your faithful
son/daughter.

Amen



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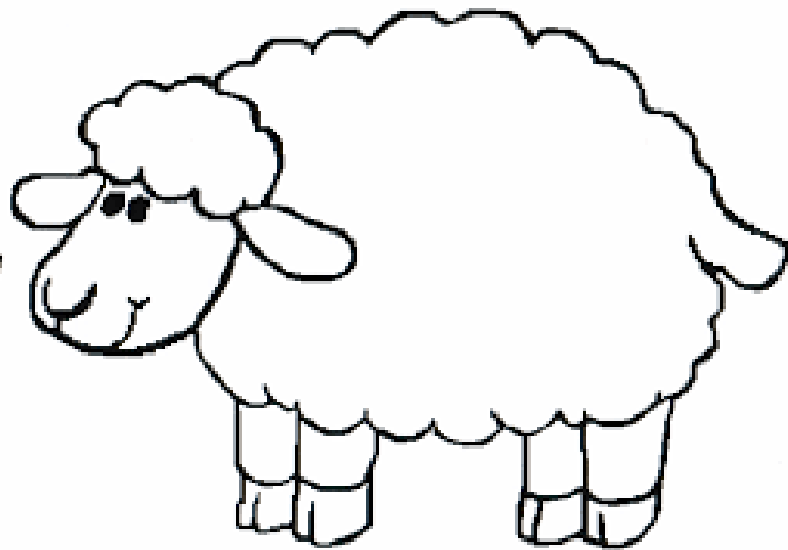
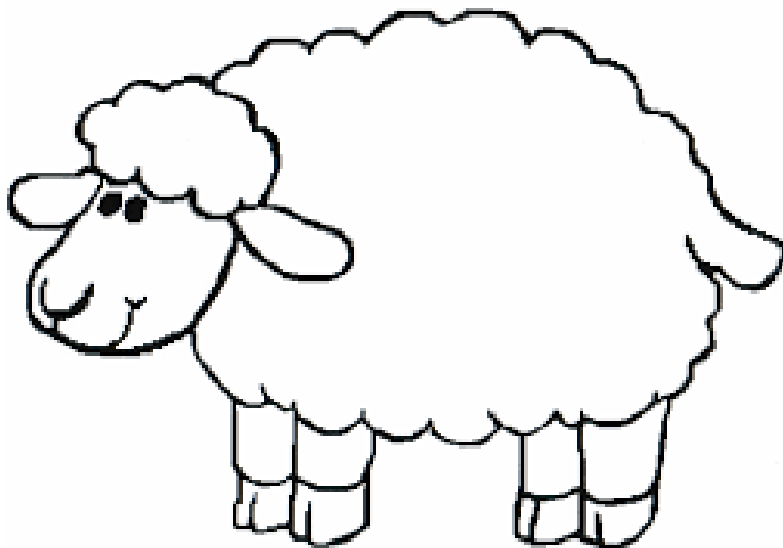
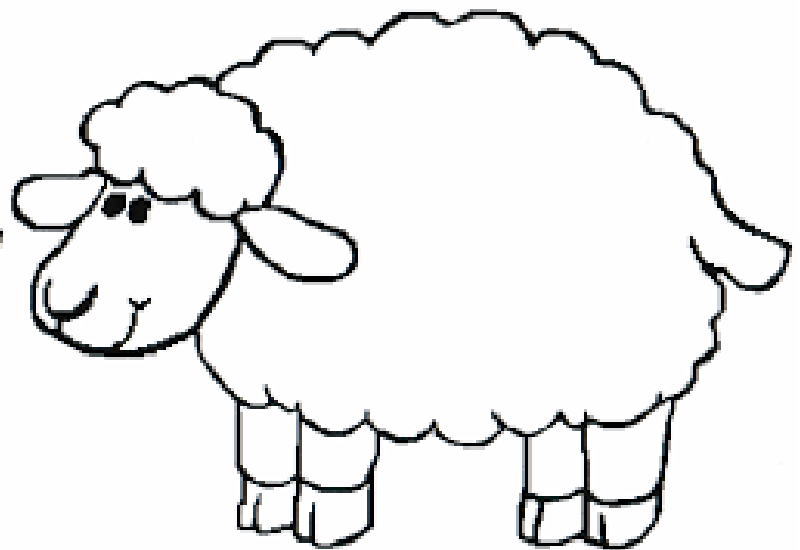
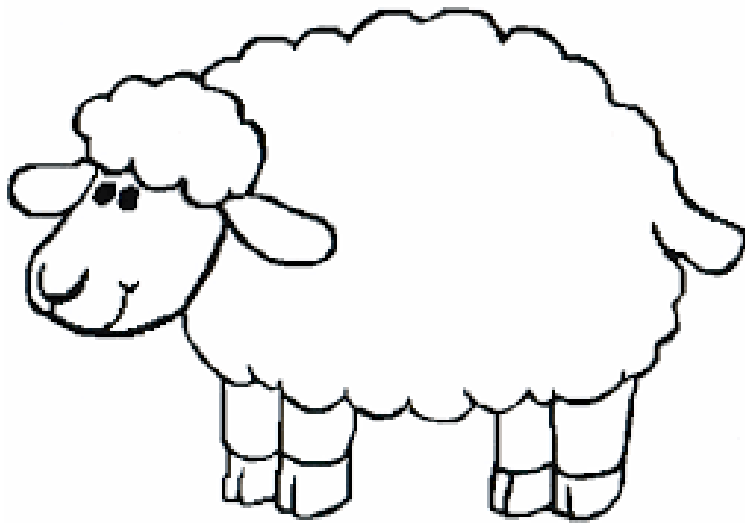




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Instructions:

Copy sheep onto stock paper.

Cut sheep.

Glue cotton.

Glue sheep onto popsicle stick.

Dance to following song:

He's the Good Shepherd, Sibling Harmony

(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/PGQX3vQtU8>



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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 22, 2019

Amos 8, 4-7; Psalm 112; 1 Timothy 2, 1-8; Luke 16, 10-13

You Cannot Serve God and Money

Jesus said to his disciples: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

Reflection

Jesus said: "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." What responsibilities do you have in your home or in school? (Make bed, brush teeth, do homework...) If you fulfill these responsibilities, what happens? (Parents are happy and may give you more responsibilities.) What happens if you don't do them? (Parents become angry and don't trust you with more.) Jesus says that if, someone is not trustworthy with



dishonest wealth, they cannot be trusted with true wealth. For Jesus, money should be used to serve others and to serve God. Jesus spoke to the Pharisees, the Jewish leaders who loved money and were not serving God's people well and therefore not serving God well. How can you serve others and God with the gifts God has given you? (Helping those in need, the Church, your family...) If we don't love God and we love money instead, what happens? (We become selfish and full of avarice and we may do anything to get richer: steal, lie...possibly losing Heaven.) What is the true wealth God wants to give us? (His Holy Spirit with all His gifts and fruits, for us to share with others and the Church, thus giving glory to God.) Does money help us get to Heaven? Does the Holy Spirit help us get to Heaven? How?

Activity

On the following page, color and define the word Avarice. Color the pictures of persons being generous. Share how we can be generous with the gifts God has given us: talents, time and treasure thus giving glory to God.

Prayer

My God, send your Holy Spirit into my heart and fill it with love. Help me to see the needs of my neighbor and give me the generosity to share my gifts. Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Amen.

Songs: This Little Light of Mine, Listener Kids, <https://youtu.be/cKkbIZtqhyQ>
Generosity, Jerome Collins, <https://youtu.be/nF3yJg45NZY>



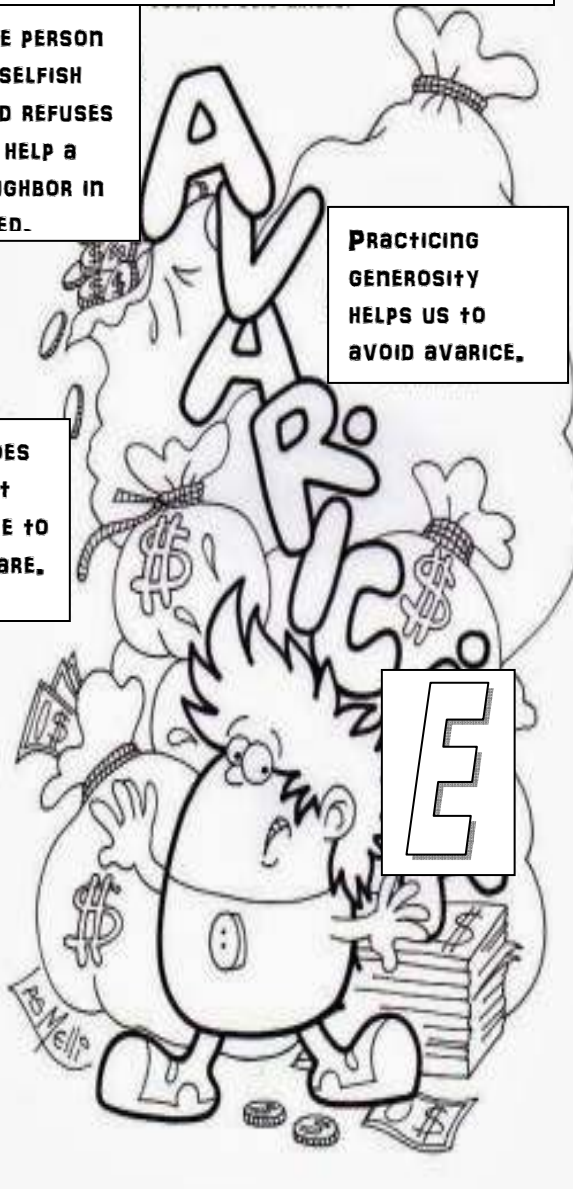
No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other.
(Luke 16:13)

AVARICE IS A SICK DESIRE TO POSSESS ANYTHING, NOT ONLY MONEY.

THE PERSON IS SELFISH AND REFUSES TO HELP A NEIGHBOR IN NEED.

PRACTICING GENEROSITY HELPS US TO AVOID AVARICE.

DOES NOT LIKE TO SHARE.





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XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 29, 2019

Amos 6, 1. 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6, 11-16; Luke 16, 19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Reflection

How did the rich man treat Lazarus? After Lazarus died, where did his soul go? After the rich man died, where did his soul go? Describe the experience of the rich man in Hell. Describe the experience of Lazarus in Heaven. Could the rich man, after he died, repent, and go to Heaven? Did the rich man believe in the Word of God? How do you know? If someone rejects the Word of God, will they believe someone that returns from the dead to tell them? What does Jesus want to teach us? (Riches can cause us to lose Heaven if we forget about God and the needs of our neighbor.)

Activity

On the following page, color the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Make a card with a promise to bring something the following week (clothes, food, toys for a person in need) and take to the Church collection for the needy.



Prayer

Jesus, I never want to forget You. Thank you for all the blessings you give me. Fill my heart with Your Love so it will spill over everyone around me. Help me to share Your love with my neighbor by sharing all my blessings. Amen

Song: I Love You Jesus, Odessa Paran, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/yux0UF2tbhA>



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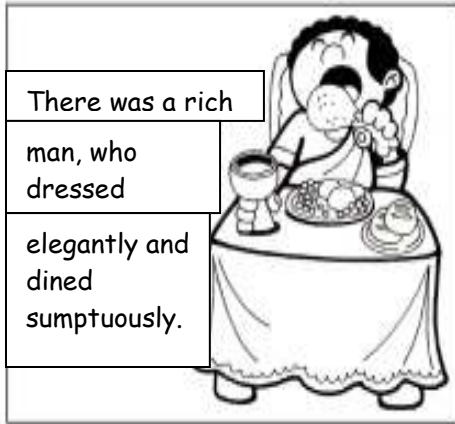
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Lazarus and the rich man.

Luke 16: 19-31



There was a rich man, who dressed elegantly and dined sumptuously.

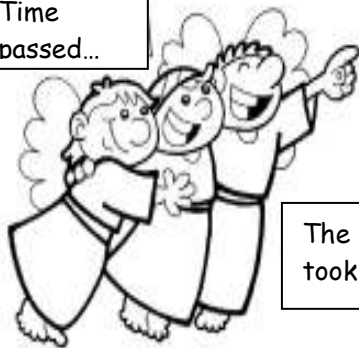
There was also a poor man covered in sores...

...who lied at the rich man's door hoping to eat the scraps that fell from his table.



Even the dogs came to lick his sores.

Time passed...



The poor man died, and the angels took his soul to Heaven.

The rich man also died...



...and was buried and his soul went to Hell.

Rich man: Father Abraham, have pity on me; send Lazarus to give me water for these flames torment me.



Remember my child, you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus received what was bad.



now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.

Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.



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They have Moses and the prophets!



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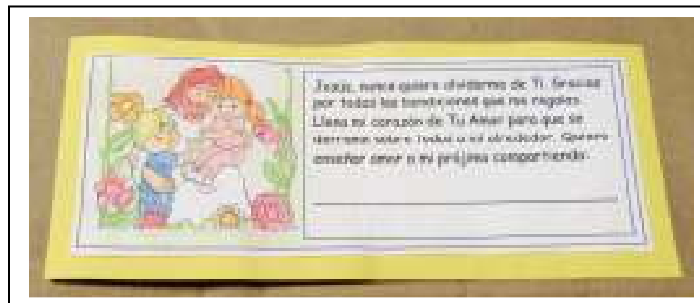
Jesus, I never want to forget You. Thank you for all the blessings you give me. Fill my heart with Your Love so it will spill over everyone around me. I want to show my neighbor love by sharing:



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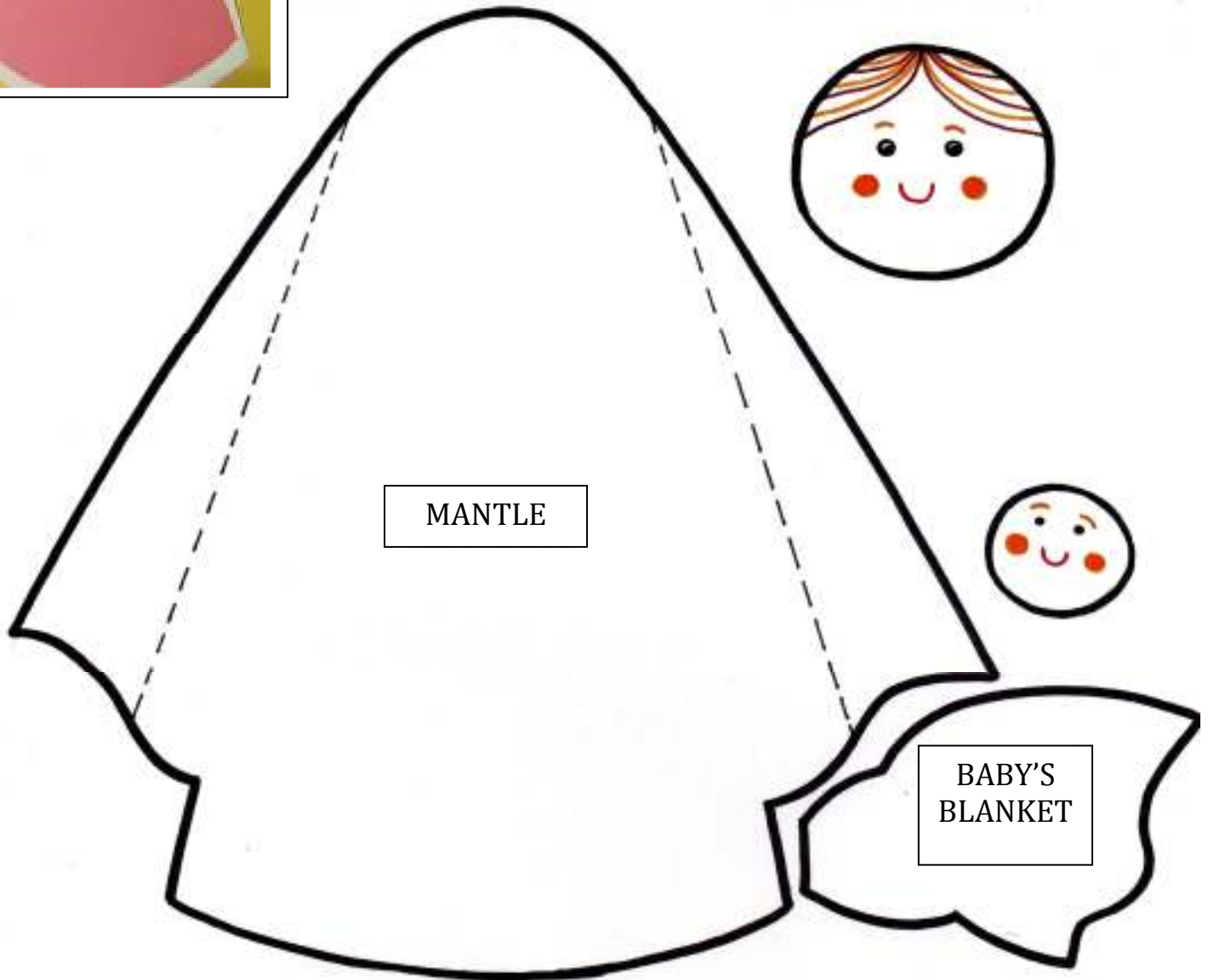


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NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY
SEPTEMBER 8TH



MANTLE

BABY'S
BLANKET



MARY'S
DRESS

Instructions:

- A. Cut shapes of the Virgen Mary onto colored papers or materials.
- B. Glue onto left side of poster paper (leaving space on right) in following order:
 1. Halo and folded mantle,
 2. Face of the Virgin Mary,
 3. Mary's dress,
 4. Blanket and Jesus' face,
 5. Other desired decorations.
- C. Cut around figure of Mary leaving small trim.
- D. Cut extra poster paper on right into strip (2"x6"), fold into triangle, tape behind to stand Mary.



THE HOLY ARCHANGELS – SEPTEMBER 29

Michael

Gabriel

Rafael

Archangels



Michael

Mission:
Defend us in the battle
and protect us from
evil.



Gabriel

Mission:
Messenger of God.
Announced to the Virgin
Mary the Incarnation of
Jesus in her womb.



Rafael

Mission:
Intercede for the
healing of body and
soul. Accompanies
travelers.



ACTIVITY FOR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN CHILD

Moses saved from the waters.

A mother placed her baby in a basket in the river

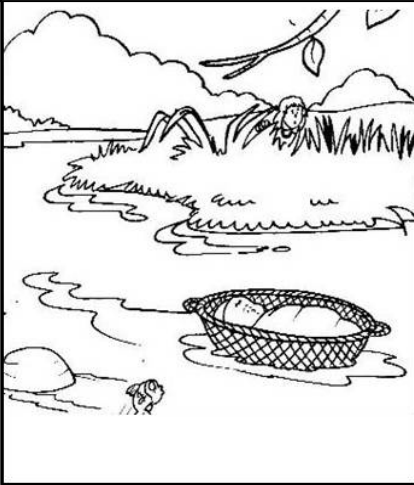
The daughter of Pharaoh found the baby.



NAME: _____

The sister of the baby watched where the basket went.

The sister of the baby asked the daughter of Pharaoh if she wanted a wet nurse.



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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Dear Jesus, Mary, Joseph:

I promise to pray for this baby which I have spiritually adopted during these 9 months of the school year; so that he or she may be born, to live a life as a child of God.

The name of my baby is:



Instructions: Read the story from a children's bible of how Moses was saved from Pharaoh. Explain that we want to spiritually adopt a baby in the womb of a mother who is in danger of death because of sickness of the baby or it's mother. Decorate a poster board with a river surrounded by grass. Make copies of baby in top, left corner above and have children color and write the name of their adopted child underneath. Place baby on the river. Make book marker to take home and pray.

