



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Bothers and Sisters:

In this month let us try to encourage our children to love God and our neighbors, stressing how important it is to ask for forgiveness from any one we had offended.

Enclosed you will find the most important Feasts and Saints:

- February 02 *Presentation of the Lord and Mary's Purification*
- February 03 *San Blase-blessing of the throats*
- February 05 *St Agatha*
- February 06 *San Paul Miki y Companions*
- February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*
- February 14 *San Cyril and Methodius*
- February 14 *Valentine Day*
- February 18 *St. Bernadette Soubirois*
- February 23 ***Leader's Workshop***

Enclosed materials:

- 1) *Calendar of the month*
- 2) *Reflection on Sunday Gospel*
- 3) *Game Wise Saints*
- 4) *The Eucharistic*
- 5) *The ten commandments*
- 6) *Banner of Holy Week*
- 7) *Registration from for the V Congress of the Florida of Jesus and Mary*

Suggested Videos (all available in the Video Club)

1. *Our Lady of Lourdes*
2. *Sr. Bernadette & Lourdes*
3. *The song of Bernadette*
4. *Sharing Quigley's Village*
5. *Love God Treasure his name (shc)*
6. *Penance (shc)*
7. *The princess of Lourdes*
8. *Friendship (pbs kid)*

We are planning the V Congress of the Friends of Jesus and Mary for July 03 to 06 2008 in Panama. We invite all to make plans to attend. It is important to share ideas and experiences. If you have a special testimony about your group, please write it and mail it to us.

May God Bless you always,

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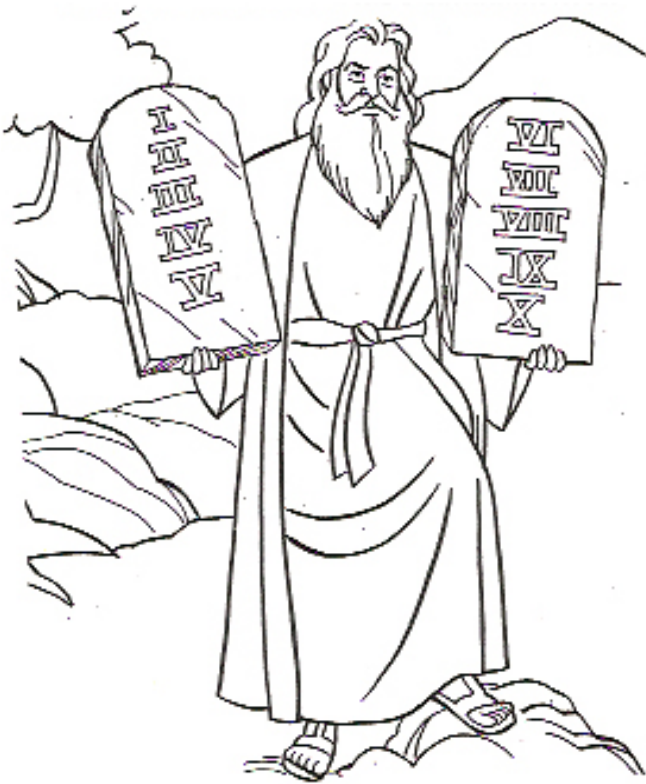


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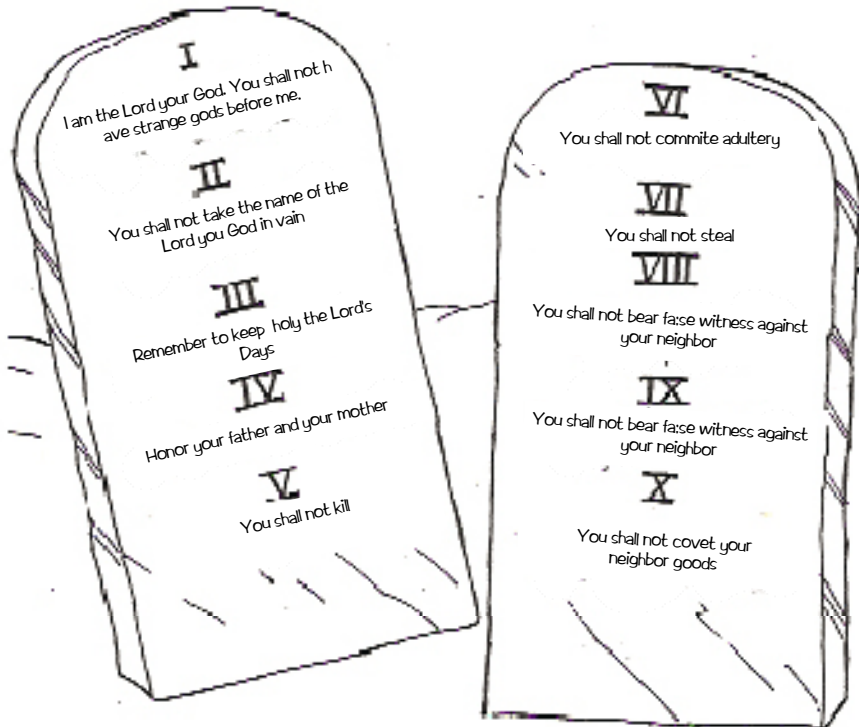
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Presentation of the Lord
3 <i>4th Sunday to Ordinary Time</i> <i>Mt 5:1-12</i>	4	5 S. Agatha	6 Ash Wednesday <i>Lent Begins</i>	7	8 S. Jerome Emiliani S. Josephine Bakhita	9
10 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mt. 4:1-11</i>	11 Our Lady of Lourdes	12 <i>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13	14 S. Cyril & Methodius <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16
17 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mt 17:1-9</i>	18 <i>President's Day</i>	19	20	21 S Peter Damian	22 Chair of S Peter <i>George Washington's Birthday</i>	23 S Polycarp
24 <i>3er Sunday of lent</i> <i>Jn 4:5-42</i>	25	26	27	28	29	

Moses became the "Great Teacher" of God's promise, God's love and God's Law: The Ten Commandments

Jesus is the Word of God. He was the "new teacher" of God and God's law of love



The commandments were more than laws. They taught how we are to honor and love God and one another.



The ten Commandments

Every day we show our love for God and one another.

We teach God's law and love

During this lent, Let us try to observe the Ten Commandments and be the teacher to all our family and friends.

We are today's teachers

A GREAT TURN-AROUND!

**IN THIS LENT LET'S TRY TO ALWAYS
SAID THE TRUTH**



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Turn the face around. Start at the arrow and go left. Write down every other letter on the lines to find the message. Your face will change from sad to happy if you get the message. When you have gone around the circle once, move the arrow to over the space, to the "Y", and to another Turn-Around. Watch the face change again!

HOLY WEEK BANNER

Instructions: Cut and paste the figures on the place they suppose to go. All are out of order. Paste them in cardboard to make a Holy Week Banner

PALM SUNDAY

HOLY THURSDAY

GOOD FRIDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

Los dibujos están desordenados colócalos en el día que corresponda



EUCHARIST (III)

HOLY THURSDAY

We have seen already how St. John tells us in Chapter 6 of his Gospel about the moment in which Jesus promised to give us the Eucharist. In this catechism lesson we are going to see how He gave it to us.

Jesus institutes the Eucharist.

One spring morning, Jesus walked towards Jerusalem with His disciples. Jesus knew that the hour was coming when He would die and return to His Father, God. There were only a few days left and He did not want to us to ever forget that He is God and that He loves us to the utmost, giving His life for us. In addition, how could He do something so as not to leave us alone for so long until He returned? Well, His love for us made Him think of something new: The Eucharist. The day before He died on the Cross, Jesus gathered together with His disciples to celebrate a great Jewish feast: The Passover. During the solemn Passover supper, the Jews bless God and give Him thanks because God had truly done amazing things for them, especially when He freed them from Pharaoh and slavery in Egypt. During the supper, Jesus was happy to carry out those gestures and prayers of blessing and thanksgiving to His Father, God. But He knew what it was? The Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

After blessing the bread, He gave thanks to the Father and He broke it, to give it to His disciples, as He had always done in the Passover supper. But before giving it to them, He said these new words: "Take and eat, this is my body". And blessing the wine, He pronounced the usual prayer and then added these words: "Take and drink, this is my blood, blood of the new covenant that will be shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." And, at the end, He added "Do this in memory of me".

In this simple way, Jesus gave us many things in the Eucharist: Each time we celebrate the Mass we relive the moment of His death and resurrection and we remember His great love. When we receive communion, we eat His same life, eternal life. And when we approach the tabernacle to be with Him, He sees us and He hears us, just as when He lived in Jerusalem. Thank you, Jesus!

EUCHARIST MIRACLE

Would you like to know about another miracle which God did so that we might never doubt that He is in the Eucharist? Well, read this catechism lesson very carefully because we are going to tell you about the miracle of Lanciano. Ready?

Lanciano (Italy), year 1750

In the city of Lanciano there was a priest celebrating Mass. After the consecration of the bread and wine, he began to doubt the real presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Then right before the priest's eyes, a miracle took place: the host was transformed into a piece of living flesh and five pellets of coagulated blood appeared in the chalice, all of different sizes and shapes. The priest showed the miracle to all those present and these relics, preserved in reliquary, can still be seen today.

Thirty years ago the Church wanted a group of experts to analyze the relics in a laboratory. These were the results:

- ⇒ The flesh and blood are truly from a human person.
- ⇒ The flesh and blood are of the same blood type (AB)
- ⇒ The flesh and blood belong to a LIVING person, not to a dead corpse.
- ⇒ After more than 1,200 years, the blood is the same as if it had been taken from a person that same day.
- ⇒ The flesh comes from the heart.
- ⇒ Each pellet of coagulated blood weighs the same as the others. And when all 6 are weighed together, they weigh the same as only one.

Amazing, isn't it? It seems that with this miracle Jesus wanted to leave us proof that what the Church teaches is true: that Jesus Christ is alive in the Eucharist, in His body and His blood, in His soul and His divinity. There is no bread or wine after the consecration, even though they still appear to be bread and wine. The Eucharist is the great Sacrament of the love of God: He gives us His heart when we receive communion, that is to say, His love and His life. And why do the five pellets of blood weight the same altogether as they do individually? Because of something that the Church also teaches: if we separate a consecrated host into small pieces, Jesus Christ is entirely present in each one of those pieces. How good God is who, leaves such evident proofs to those who are not capable of simply believing His word!

If you have paid close attention to Explanation No. 69, you will be able to respond to these questions:

☼ Do you remember what feast day Jesus celebrated the night before His death on the Cross:

- A- Passover
- B- Christmas
- C- Pentecost



☼ These children are at Mass. Now they understand it better, because they know that the Priest repeats the words of Jesus in the Last Supper, that is the Mass we relive the moment of the Jesus' death and resurrection and we remember His great love for us.

☼ Laura knows that Jesus is present in the Eucharist in body, blood, soul and divinity and when she receives communion she eats His body and His blood in order to have His same life, which is eternal life.



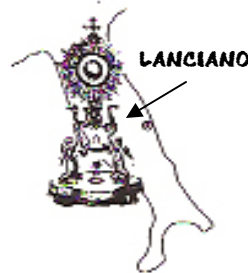
☼ Edward goes every day to visit Jesus in the tabernacle. He only sees a golden box and a red candle close by. However, he has faith and he knows that when we approach the tabernacle, Jesus is with us and He hears us, just as when he lived in Jerusalem.



And now, if you have paid attention well to explanation No. 70, you will know the answers to these questions:

Have you read carefully the Eucharistic miracle that we have told in Catechism No. 70? Now, see if you remember:

- ⇒ In what country is Lanciano located?
In _____
- ⇒ In what year did this miracle occur?
Around Year _____.
- ⇒ Is the host still preserved that was transformed into flesh?



30 years ago, some scientists examined the flesh and blood of the miracle. They saw that it was the flesh and blood of a person. In addition, they were not of a dead person, but a living person.

Michael is a very smart boy. He has understood what Jesus wanted to teach us in this miracle:

- ⇒ That in the Eucharist Jesus Christ is present.
- ⇒ That after the consecration there is no bread or wine.
- ⇒ That in the Eucharist God gives us His heart, that is to say, His love and His life.

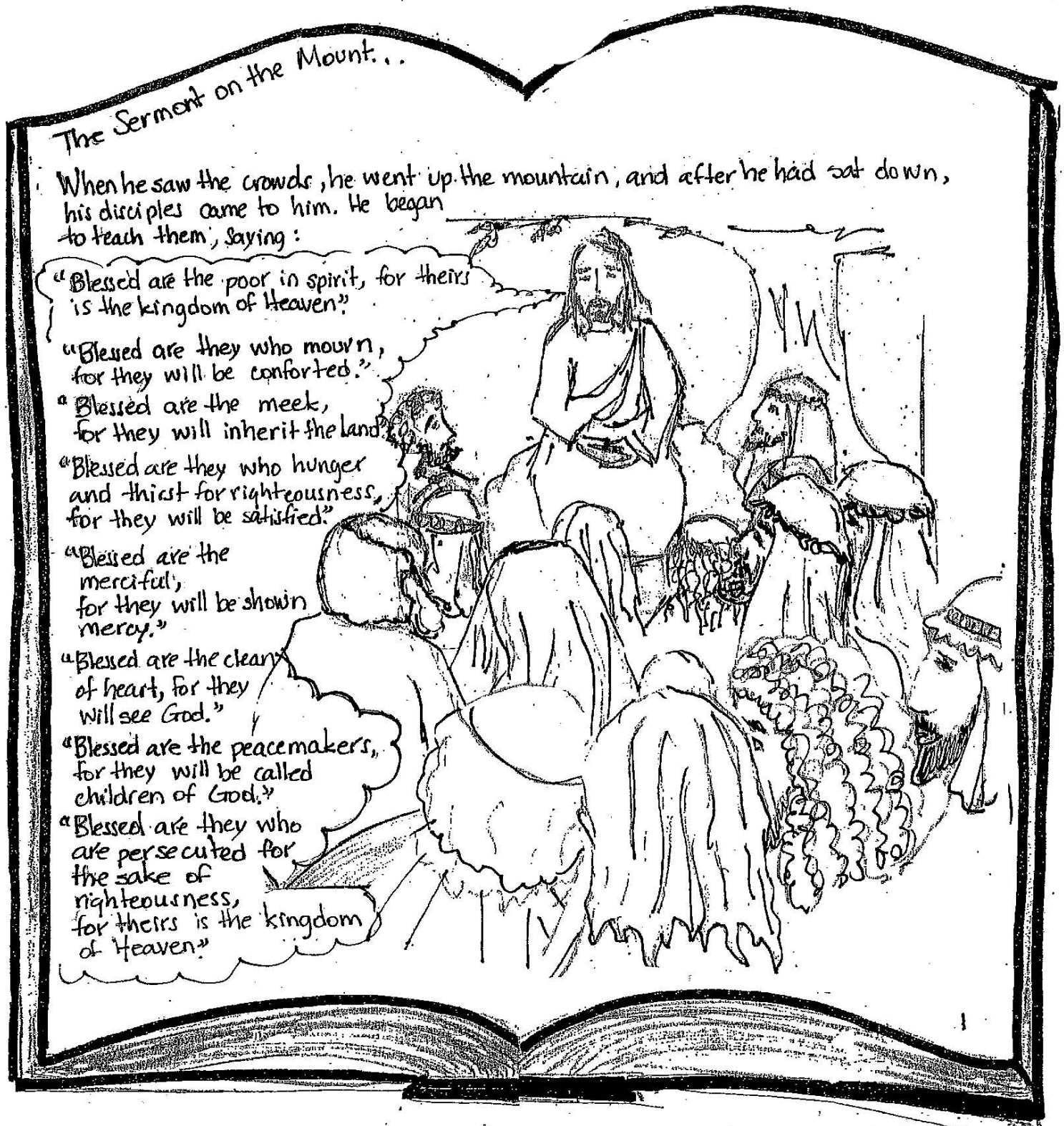




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Readings
Sop. 2,3;3,12-13
Psalm 145
1 cor 1,26-3

Gospel according to Saint Matthew 5:1-12
IV Sunday of Ordinary time — February 3, 2008

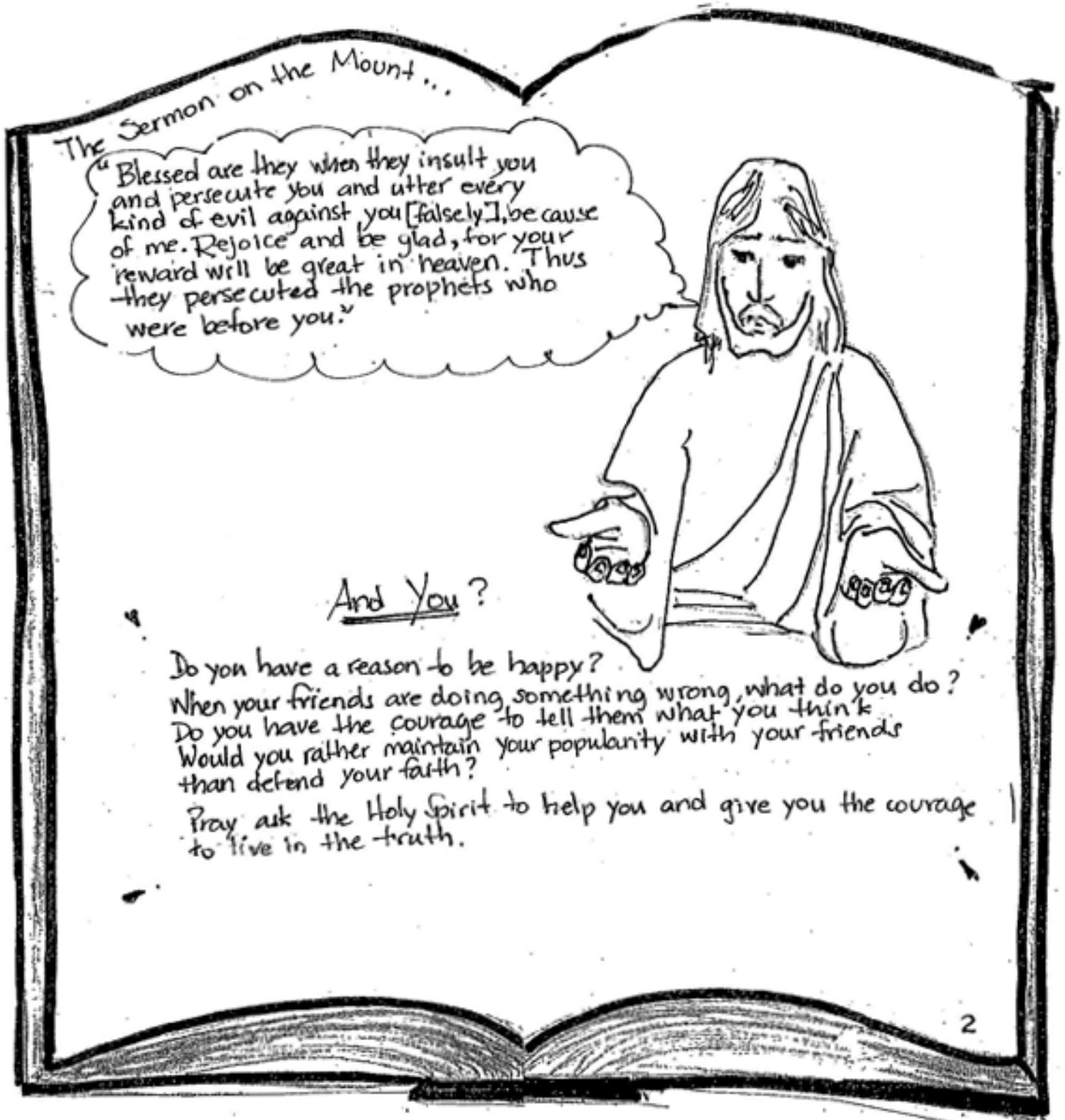




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The Sermon on the Mount...

"Blessed are they when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely], because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



And You?

Do you have a reason to be happy?
When your friends are doing something wrong, what do you do?
Do you have the courage to tell them what you think?
Would you rather maintain your popularity with your friends than defend your faith?
Pray ask the Holy Spirit to help you and give you the courage to live in the truth.



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Readings
Genesis 2,7-9; 3,1-7
Psalm 50
Romans 5,12-19

Gospel according to Saint Mathew 4:1-11
3 Sunday of Lent—February 10, 2008

The Temptation of Jesus..

Then Jesus was led to the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached him,

"If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."

He said in reply

It is written:
"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on a parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

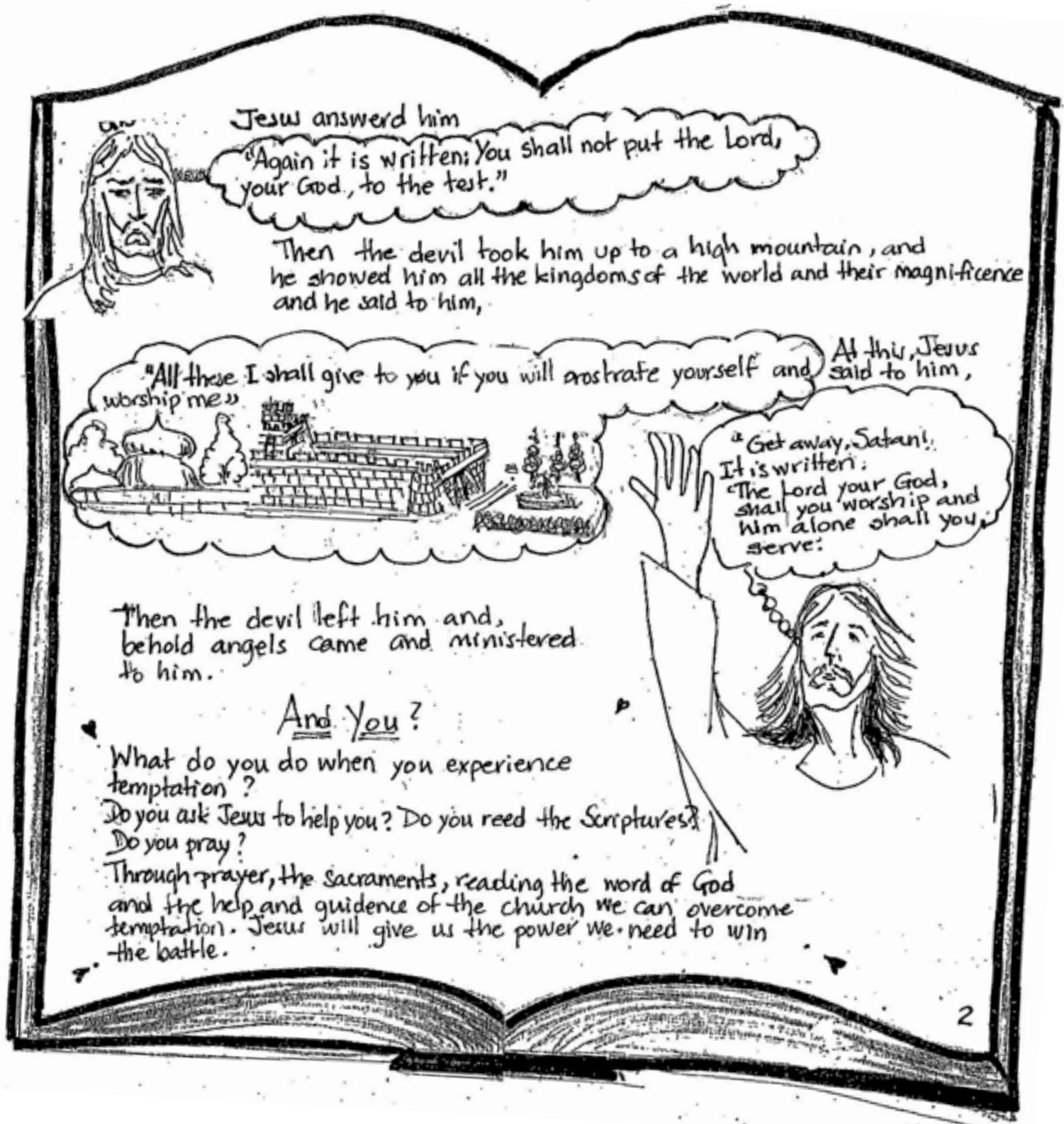




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Psalm 50
Romans 5,12-19

*Gospel according to Saint Matheu 4:1-11
1 Sunday of Lent—February 10, 2008*





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Readings
Genesis 12,1-4
Psalm 32
2 Timothy 1,8-10

*Gospel according to Saint Matthew 17;1-9
3^d Sunday of Lent—February 17, 2008*



The Transfiguration of Jesus...

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light; And behold, Moses and Elijah appear to them, conversing with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, in reply:

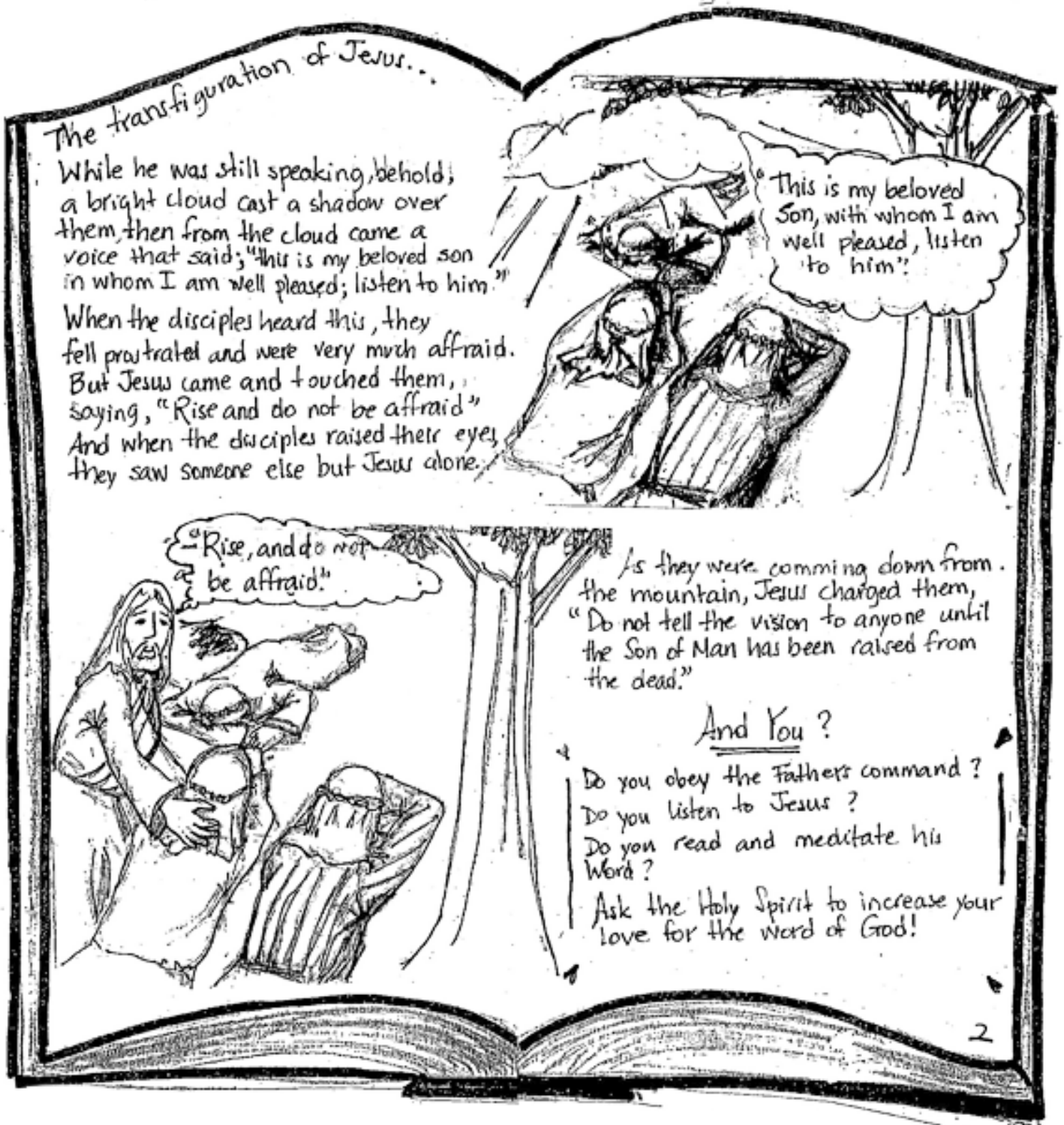
“Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”



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Psalm 32
2 Timothy 1,8-10

*Gospel according to Saint Matthew 17;1-9
II Sunday of Lent—February 17, 2008*





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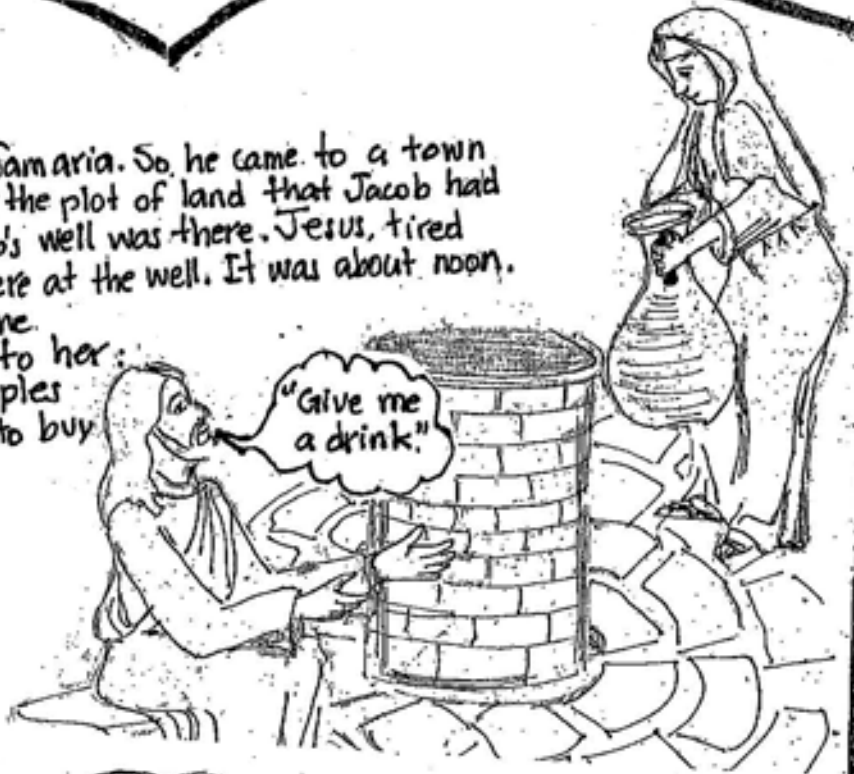
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Psalm 94
Romans 5, 1-2, 5-8

*Gospel according Saint John 4;5-42
III Sunday of Lent—February 24, 2008*

The Samaritan Woman...

He had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her: "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.



The Samaritan woman said to him.

"How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

(For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans)

Jesus answered and said to her

"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."





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The Samaritan Woman ...

The Woman said to him:

"Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?"



Jesus answered and said to her:

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."



The woman said to him:

"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to come to draw water."

Jesus answered her:

"Go call your husband and come back."

The woman answered and said to him:

"I do not have a husband."



"For you have had five husbands and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."



The woman said to him,

"Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but your people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."



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The Samaritan Woman...

Jesus said to her,

"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth."

I know the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed. When he comes, he will tell us everything.

The woman said to him,

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

At that moment the disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking to a woman, but still no one said, "what are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah? They went out to the town and came to him. Meanwhile the disciple urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, In four months the harvest will be here? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving his payment, and gathering crops for the eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that One sows and another reaps. I send you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything that I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more became to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman,

"We no longer believe because of your words; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

And You?

Do you share with others what you know about Jesus.
Do you invite them to listen to him? Do you guide them to Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you lead others to Jesus.

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Jesus wants to teach us all the things which the saints know and, as you can see on the board, He has sent a few of them to tell us things. Each one has come with a cloud that is divided into 6 parts. There is also a wheel with 8 colors that you have to cut, fold and place on a stick (you could use a tooth pick or a kebob stick), so that it will spin.

There can be up to 8 players. Each player begins to play by spinning the wheel and then goes to the cloud which has the color that he spun. There can only be one player on each cloud. If two get the same color, you have to learn to give in and, as good Christians, come up with a solution to the problem. One of you can spin again. When the game has already begun, there then can be two players on the same cloud. Once you're on the cloud, you move by throwing the dice (normal dice, from any other game that you might have).

When you get a 1, you land on section 1 within the cloud. When you get a 3, section 3. You always move to the number which you get on the dice. You have to figure out what sentence each saint wants to tell us so that we can learn it. The one who directs the game (who obviously doesn't play) writes on a piece of paper for you the word, syllable, or letter that is hidden behind each number of the cloud. You have to come up with the entire sentence and, while playing, not show it to anyone so as to keep the other players from copying yours. If you already know the sentence after two words, all the better! When you get the sentence right, you move to a different cloud. The one who figures out first the 8 sentences and who said them wins. How do you go from one cloud to another? Either by spinning the wheel to get a different color or by rolling a 6 and then you choose the cloud where you want to go. If you do not get a different color or if you do not roll a 6, you lose your turn.

Wise Saints

St. Dominic Savio:

1. Dea
2. th
3. rath
4. er
5. than
6. sin.

St. Bernard

1. Look
2. to the
3. star,
4. call
5. on
6. Mary.

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

1. My
2. Vo
3. ca
4. tion
5. is
6. love.

St. Francis Xavier:

1. How good
2. it is
3. to give
4. one's
5. life
6. for Christ!

St. Teresa of Avila

1. G
2. od
3. a
4. lone
5. suf
6. fices.

St. Peter of Alcantara

1. Oh blessed
2. penance which
3. has earned
4. for me
5. such great
6. glory.

St. John Bosco

1. Be joyful,
2. play,
3. shout,
4. jump...
5. but do not
6. commit sins.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

1. For
2. the
3. greater
4. glory
5. of
6. God.

Wise Saints

