



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In this month 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 11	Our Lady of Lourdes
February 03	St. Blasé of the Throats	February 14	St. Cyril & Methodius
February 05	St. Agatha	February 14	St. Valentine
February 06	St. Paul Miki and companions	February 18	St. Bernadette

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) Calendar and reflection on Sunday Gospel
- 2) Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 3) Our Lady of Lourdes
- 4) Saint Bernadette
- 5) Mystery Saints for February
- 6) Saint Cyril and Methodius
- 7) The Light of Christ
- 8) Loving Heart
- 9) Family Coupons
- 10) God's is Love
- 11) Crossword –Let's Play

Suggested videos:

- 1 Our Lady of Lourdes
- 2 The Song of Bernadette
- 3 St Bernadette & Lourdes
- 4 Princess of Lourdes
- 5 Sharing "Quigley's Village"
- 6 Friendship (pbs kid)
- 7 Love God Treasure his name (csc)
- 8 Penance

*May God Bless You Always,
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Hebrews 12,1-4</i> <i>Psalm 21</i> <i>Mark 5,21-43</i>	2 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i> <i>Malachi 3,1-4</i> <i>Psalm 23</i> <i>Luke 2,22-40</i>	3 <i>Saint Blase</i> <i>Hebrews 12,18-19.21-24</i> <i>Psalm 47</i> <i>Mark 6,7-13</i>	4 <i>First Friday</i> <i>Hebrews 13,1-8</i> <i>Psalm 26</i> <i>Mark 6,14-29</i>	5 <i>First Saturday</i> <i>Saint Agatha</i> <i>Hebrews 13,15-17.20-21</i> <i>Psalm 22</i> <i>Mark 6,30-34</i>
6 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Isaiah 58,7-10</i> <i>Psalm 111</i> <i>1 Corinthians 2,1-5</i> <i>Matthew 5,13-16</i>	7 <i>Genesis 1,1-19</i> <i>Psalm 103</i> <i>Mark 6,53-56</i>	8 <i>St. Jerome Emiliani</i> <i>St. Josephine Bakhita</i> <i>Genesis 1,20—2.4a</i> <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>Mark 7,1-13</i>	9 <i>Genesis 2,4b-9.15-17</i> <i>Psalm 103</i> <i>Mark 7,14-23</i>	10 <i>Genesis 2,18-25</i> <i>Psalm 127</i> <i>Mark 7,24-30</i>	11 <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <i>Genesis 3,1-8</i> <i>Psalm 31</i> <i>Mark 7,31-37</i>	12 <i>Genesis 3,9-24</i> <i>Psalm 89</i> <i>Mark 8,1-10</i>
13 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Sirach 15,16-21</i> <i>Psalm 118</i> <i>1 Corinthians 2,6-10</i> <i>Matthew 5,17-37</i>	14 <i>S.S. Cyril & Methodius</i> <i>Saint Valentine</i> <i>Genesis 4,1-15.25</i> <i>Psalm 49</i> <i>Mark 8,11-13</i>	15 <i>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</i> <i>Genesis 6,5-8.7,1-5.10</i> <i>Psalm 28</i> <i>Mark 8,14-21</i>	16 <i>Genesis 8,6-13.20-22</i> <i>Psalm 115</i> <i>Mark 8,22-26</i>	17 <i>Genesis 9,1-13</i> <i>Psalm 101</i> <i>Mark 8,27-33</i>	18 <i>Saint Bernadette</i> <i>Genesis 11,1-9</i> <i>Psalm 32</i> <i>Mark 8,34-38</i>	19 <i>Hebrews 11,1-7</i> <i>Psalm 144</i> <i>Mark 9,2-12</i>
20 <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Lev 19,1-2.17-18</i> <i>Psalm 102</i> <i>1 Corintios 3,16-23</i> <i>Matthew 5,38-48</i>	21 <i>St. Peter-Damien</i> <i>Sirach 1,1-10</i> <i>Psalm 92</i> <i>Mark 9,13-29</i>	22 <i>Chair of St. Peter</i> <i>George Washington Birthday</i> <i>1 Pedro 5,1-4</i> <i>Psalm 22</i> <i>Matthew 16,13-19</i>	23 <i>St. Polycarp</i> <i>Sirach 4,12-22</i> <i>Psalm 118</i> <i>Mark 9,37-39</i>	24 <i>Sirach 5,1-10</i> <i>Psalm 1</i> <i>Mark 9,41-50</i>	25 <i>Sirach 6,5-17</i> <i>Psalm 118</i> <i>Mark 10,1-12</i>	26 <i>Sirach 7,1-13</i> <i>Psalm 102</i> <i>Mark 10,13-16</i>
27 <i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Isaiah 49,14-15</i> <i>Psalm 61</i> <i>1 Corinthians 4,1-5</i> <i>Matthew 6,24-24</i>	28 <i>Sirach 17,20-28</i> <i>Psalm 31</i> <i>Mark 10,17-27</i>					

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple February 2

The STORY of the Feast ...

It was a custom among the Jews that when a baby boy was a month old he was brought to the Temple and given to the Lord. So Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to Jerusalem.

A good old man named Simeon was led by the Spirit of God to the Temple. He took Jesus into his arms and praised God. "Now, Lord, I am ready to die, for I have seen the promised Child Who is to be the Savior of the world."

Simeon then said to Mary: "Because of your Child, many in Israel will fall and rise, for He will not be received by all. A sword will pierce your own soul."

*THIS IS THE WAY
THE BABIES WERE
WRAPPED IN THE
TIME OF JESUS*



The Messiah

The great hope of the Jewish people. In that time was the coming of a Messiah promised by God.

"Messiah" means the anointed (in the Old Testament the king, prophets, and priest were anointed as a sign of dedication for a special task).

The Jewish Scriptures were filled with predictions about the Messiah, and many Jews thought the Messiah would be a great ruler, equal to the greatest of their kings, King David. However the Messiah would also have to be a priest in order to spread the true teaching of God.

Under this King-Priest, peace and justice would rule and would again become a great nation.

It isn't surprising that the people anxiously awaited the arrival of the "Messiah"



The MEANING of this Feast ...

When only forty days old, Jesus was offering Himself to His heavenly Father as a sacrifice for the salvation of the world in the arms of His Mother.

She now offered her Son to God as she would offer Him standing beneath the cross on Calvary.

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on February 2

Our Lady of Lourdes (1844-1879)

FEAST

February 11

Miraculous Vision

If you go to the town of Lourdes in the mountains of southwest France, you will see an incredible sight. Every year, about three million pilgrims visit the grotto and nearby spring there, hoping the waters will cure them of illnesses and disabilities.

The miraculous cures are part of the story of St. Bernadette Soubirous. She was a frail teenager from Lourdes whom the Mother of God appeared at the grotto. "I am the Immaculate Conception", said the vision in white during one of her eighteen appearances.

She told Bernadette where to find the origin of the spring and where to dig in the ground for it. And she asked the girl to go and tell the priest to build a chapel at the grotto and have processions made to it. Bernadette became a nun, unaware that Lourdes, as well as she herself would change from being virtually unknown to world famous.

1. Change holy into cure by changing one letter each time.

Use the clues to help you find the words.

HOLY

A _____ in the ground

Opposite of hot

Heavy string to tie a box

Center of an apple

CURE

2. Change two letters each time to change chapel into waters.

Use the clues to help you find the words.

CHAPEL

The sun is _____ like a circle.

A person who _____ is unselfish

Plural of the animal that swallowed Jonah

WATERS



Saint Bernadette

February 18

Saint Bernadette was a poor girl. One day she went out to get some wood for the stove.. She walked along the rocks by the river. All at once, she saw the holy Virgin Mary high up on a rock. The Virgin Mary was for real, and she was very beautiful. Bernadette did not know



who the lady was, but she knelt down and took our her rosary. The lady smiled and looked pleased. She told Bernadette she wanted a church build at the rock. A lot of people still go to that church and pray . Not everybody gets to see Jesus' Holy Mother stand on a rock like Bernadette and please our holy Mother Mary.

Only sometimes we get tired when we pray the rosary. There are so many Hail Marys.

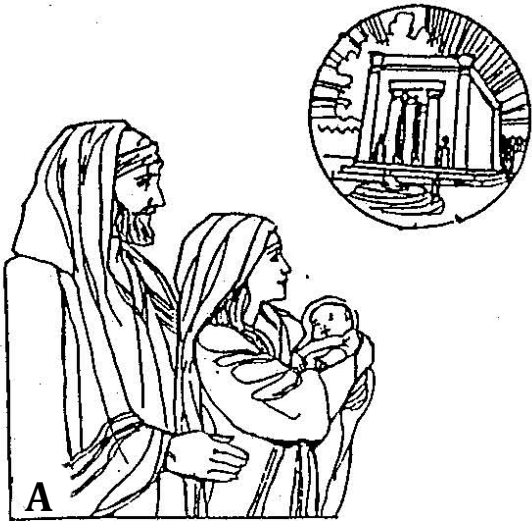
We keep thinking how many more we have to pray. But if we forget about how many Hail there are and think instead of how once upon a time Jesus was a baby and grew up and told the people about God and then die on the cross. And if we think of how he came alive again and went to heaven and sent us the Holy Spirit -if we think of all these things, the Holy Marys will go by in a hurry. It is a good way to pray the rosary. It is the way Saint Bernadette prayed.



Jesus, if your holy Mother smiled and looked please when Bernadette prayed the rosary, your Mother must like us to pray the rosary. And you must like us to pray the rosary, too. Help me to remember to pray the rosary now and even when I grow up. Amen

Guess which saint we are

Mystery Saints for February



A

February 2



B

February 3



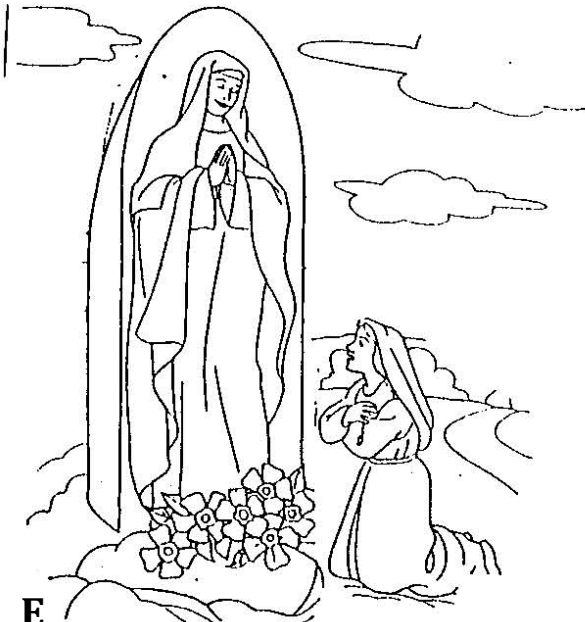
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February 18



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February 6



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February 11



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February 14



Friends of Jesus and Mary

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 6, 2011

Readings: Isaiah 58, 7-10; Psalm 111; 1Corinthians 2, 1-5; Matthew 5, 13-16

Salt and Light

You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it. You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lamp stand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5, 13-16)

Reflection

The readings of this week let us know that we are called to be salt and light in our daily acts of service, listening and generosity.

What do you think Jesus means by we have to be salt? What does salt do for food? How does food without salt taste? What should the friends of Jesus do to give "taste" to the world? Jesus says that we need to give good taste and light to the world by our good works? What types of good works does Jesus like best? What can you do? Share

Activity

Bring a candle for each child to the prayer group. Try to use the ones that use batteries, for security reasons. Ask them to express how they can be salt this week. Then ask them to think of one other child in the class whom they have seen doing something good. Ask each to present his or her candle to that other child and tell the others how he or she has been a light by doing something good. Light each candle. Then all respond: "I want to be salt and light with you Jesus"
In the next page you will find an activity for the small ones.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we seek to be brilliant, but not to be light that is shared. Come to our home, to our school, to teach us to share with all so that we can become light for the world. Amen



The Light of Christ

Color the pictures that help you be salt and light in the world like Jesus ask us.



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Friends of Jesus and Mary

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 13, 2011

Readings: Sirach 15, 16-21; Psalm 118; 1Corinthians 2, 6-10; Matthew 5, 17-37

Teaching about the law

Do not think that I have come to do away with the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. I have not come to do away with them, but to make their teachings come true. Remember that as long as heaven and earth last, not the least point nor the smallest detail of the Law will be done away with not until the end of all things. So then, whoever disobeys even the least important of the commandments and teaches others to do the same, will be least in the Kingdom of heaven. On the other hand, whoever obeys the Law and teaches others to do the same, will be great in the Kingdom of heaven. I tell you, then, that you will be able to enter the Kingdom of heaven only if you are more faithful than the teachers of the law and the Pharisees in doing what God requires. You have heard that people were told in the past, 'Do not commit murder; anyone who does will be brought to trial. But now I tell you: if you are angry with your brother you will be brought to trial, if you call your brother you- good- for nothing! you will be brought before the Council, and if you call your brother a worthless fool you will be in danger of going to the fire of hell. So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother, and then come back and offer your gift to God.' If someone brings a lawsuit against you and takes you to court, settle the dispute while there is time before you get to court. Once you are there, you will be turned over to the judge, who will hand you over to the police, and you will be put in jail. There you will stay, I tell you, until you pay the last penny of your fine. 'You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery. But now I tell you: anyone who looks at a woman and wants to possess her is guilty of committing adultery with her in his heart. So if your right eye causes you to sin, take it out and throw it away! It is much better for you to lose a part of your body than to have your whole body thrown into hell. If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away! It is much better for you to lose one of your limbs than to have your whole body go off to hell. 'It was also said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce.' But now I tell you; if a man divorces his wife for any cause other than her unfaithfulness, then he is guilty of making her commit adultery if she marries again; and the man who marries her commits adultery also. 'You have also heard that people were told in the past, 'Do not break your promise, but do what you have vowed to the Lord to do. But now I tell you: do not use any vow when you make a promise. Do not swear by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by earth, for it is the resting place for his feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not even swear by your head, because you cannot make a single hair white or black. Just say yes or No anything else you say comes from the Evil One. (Matthew 5, 17-37)

Reflection

In the bible readings for this week Jesus comes to offer us a better way than just the mere law. He invites us to love God and others, which is what pleases God. Jesus says that his friends go beyond what they supposed to do. They love him so much, that they really want to do things as he likes them. Is it easy for you to ask forgiveness from someone who is angry at you? Is it hard for you to let go of your anger when someone has hurt you? Ask Jesus for help to forgive. Tell him what you want to do.

Activity

Bring to the group flash cards. Ask the children to write on the back of the card a name of a person with whom they have fought and now would like to make up. Ask them to think for a moment about how they are going to approach that person. Direct them to Jesus for help to do it. Bring them to the altar of the group and pray together "I want to be with you, Jesus"

Prayer

Lord teach us to do everything out of love.
Teach us to increase that love each day so that we may fulfill a higher law-what pleases you must. Amen





Sacredness—Respectful Love

“You Are Precious” Gift Heart

You are precious and so are those whom you love. Plan to give this Heart to someone special. Color it. Write the person’s name on the line. Cut out the heart. Punch a hole at the top. Pull string or yarn through the hole.



Saint Cyril and Methodius

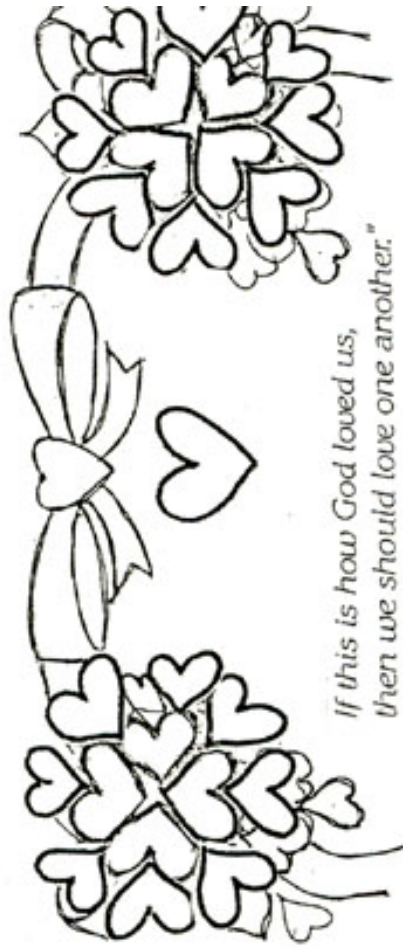
Were brothers who lived in Greece. They worked together to bring God's love to the people in eastern Europe.



February 14

My Prayer:

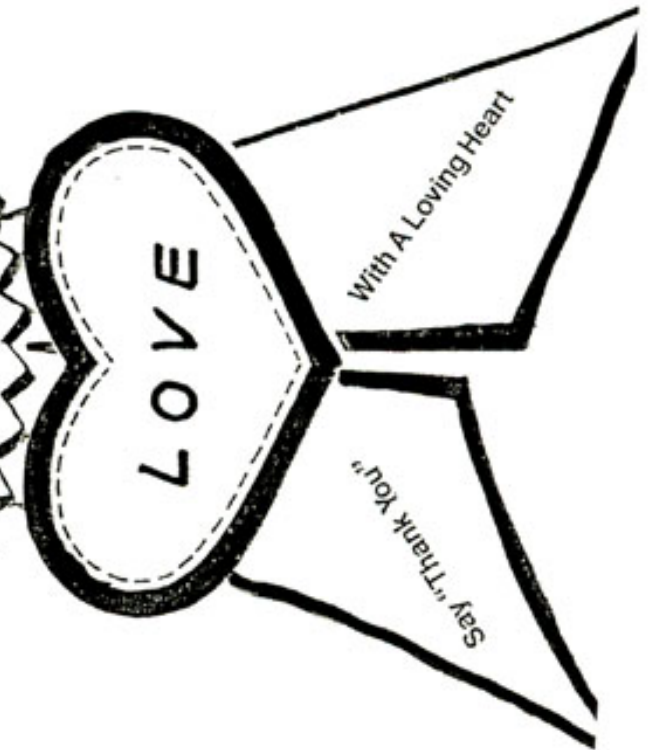
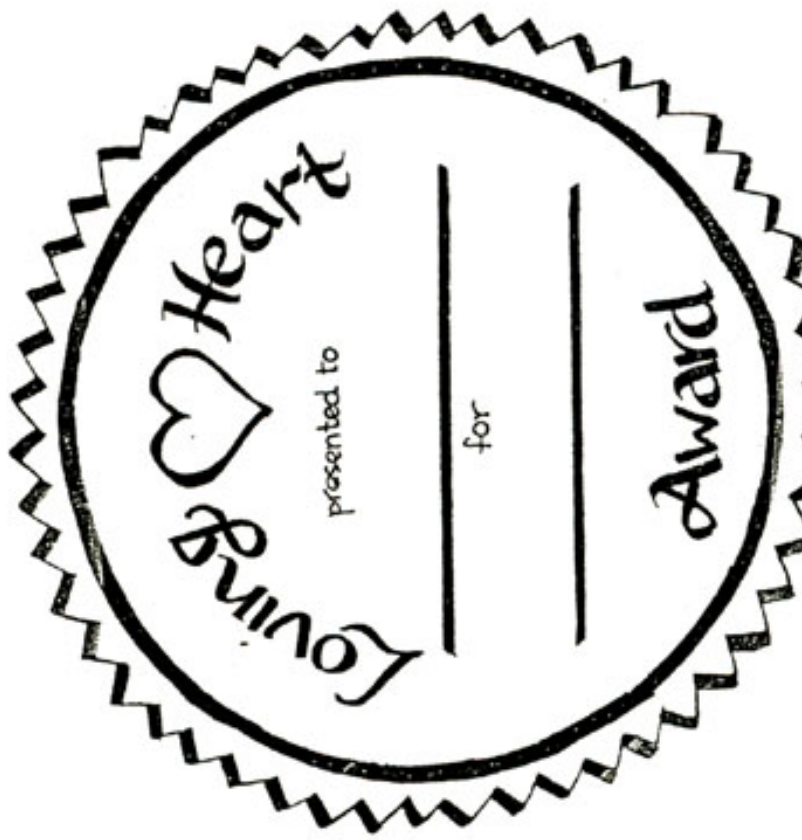
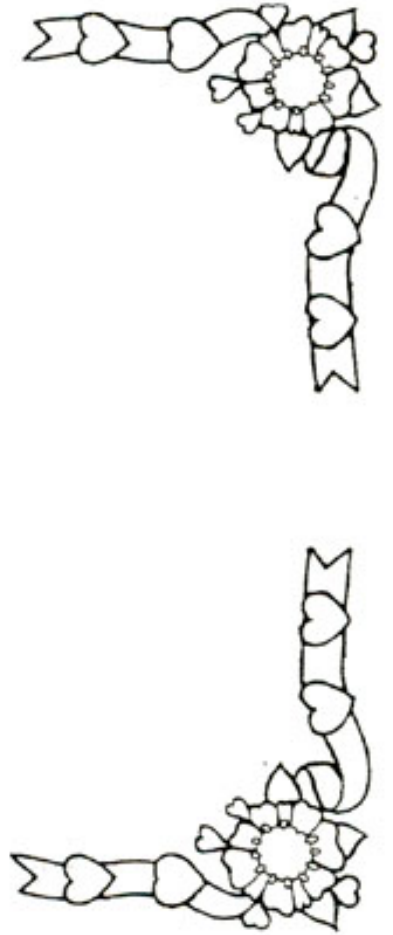
Sometimes, God, I do not work with my family and friends to share your love. Let me see you in the people who are closest to me. Amen.



*If this is how God loved us,
then we should love one another."*

1 John 4:11

Happy Valentine's Day




Family Coupons

free SERVICE  TO COUPON

THE BEARER OF THIS COUPON MAY REDEEM IT AT ANY TIME FOR:

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CLEAN-UP  TO COUPON

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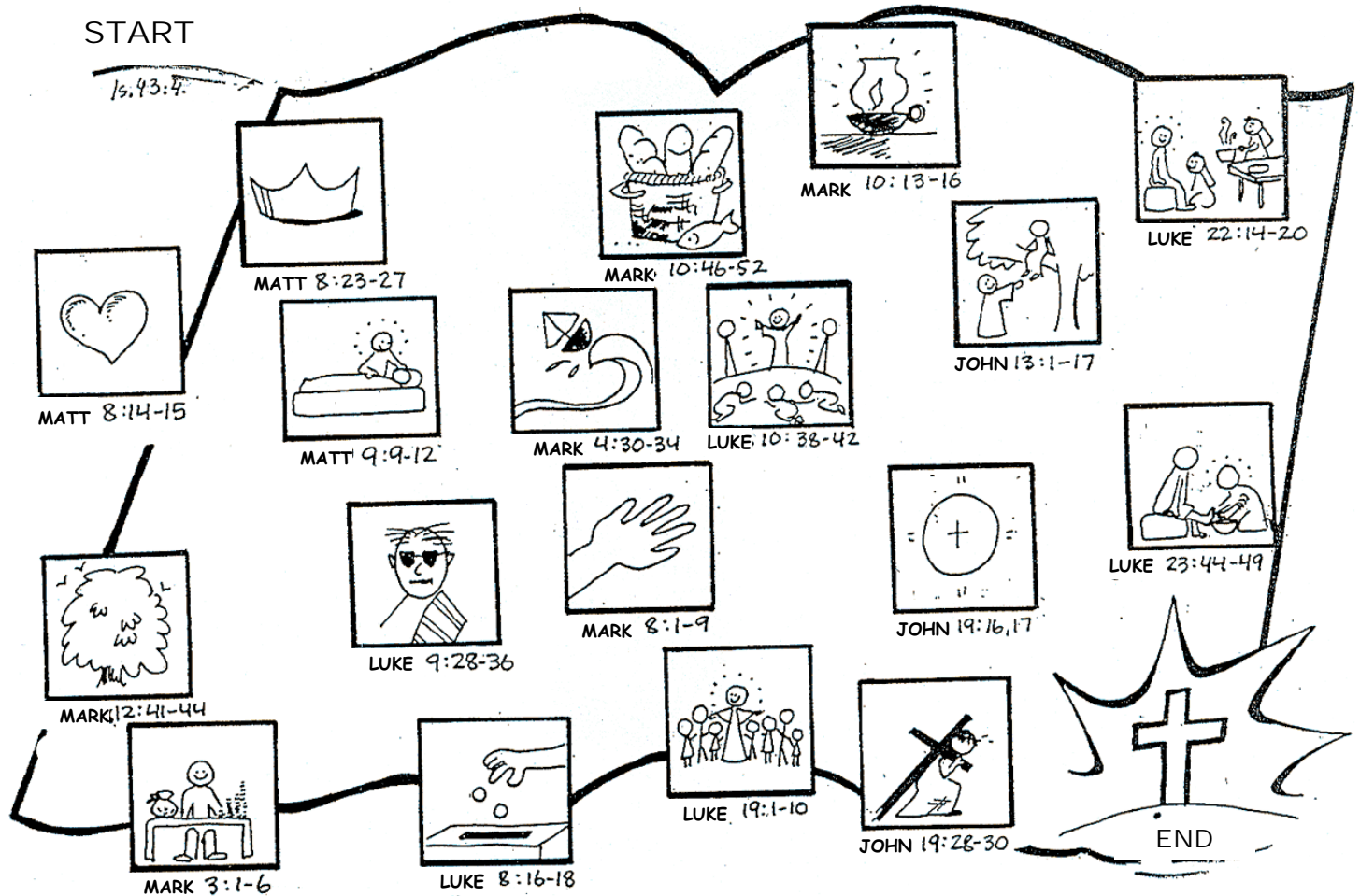
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To freely give the gift of loving service at home is not always easy. When you give generously, you give like Jesus gives. Here is a fun way to serve. Fill out these coupons, and give them to your family tonight. (Brothers and sisters, too!)

GOD'S LOVE IS ALL OVER SCRIPTURE



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Read the Bible passage under "Star". Find the picture or symbol that matches the passage. Draw a line connecting them. Read the Bible passage under that picture. Continue finding the matching pictures and drawing connecting lines. If you match the right passages, you will reach "Finish" and win. If you don't, go back and try to discover the correct combinations. (There are two possible routes!)



Friends of Jesus and Mary

7^o Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2011

Readings: Leviticus 19, 1-2.17-18 ; Psalm 102; 1Corinthians 3, 16-23; Mathew 5, 38-48

Teaching about Revenge

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But now I tell you: do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too. And if someone takes you to court to sue you for your shirt, let him have your coat as well. And if one of the occupation troops forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles. When someone asks you for something, give it to him; when someone wants to borrow something, lend it to him.

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your friends, hate your enemies.' But now I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike and gives rain to those who do good and those who do evil. Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that! And if you speak only to your friends, have you done anything out of the ordinary? Even the pagans do that! You must be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5, 38-48)

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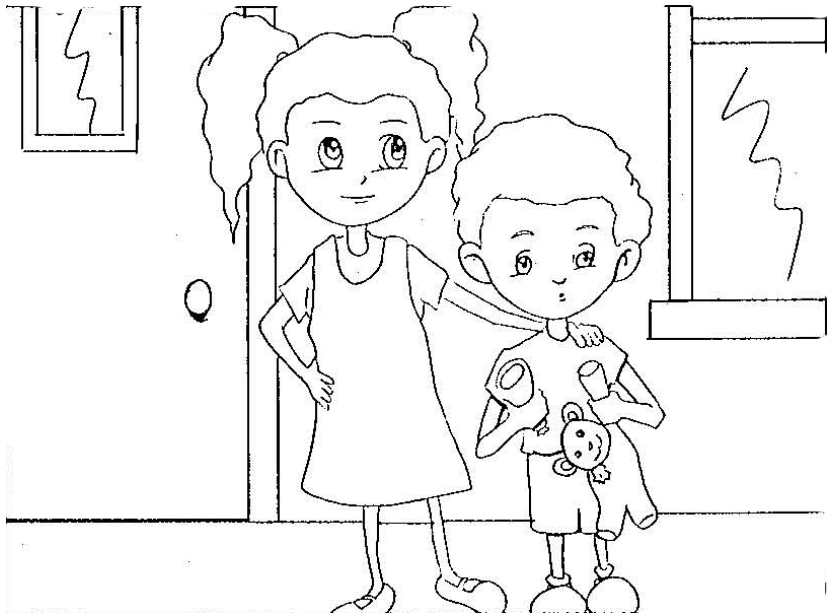
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Jesus says that all human beings, since they are the children of God are the temples of God and deserve respect.

How do you deal with those who treat you poorly?

Do you want to take revenge? Share



Activity

Bring news papers to the group with news about how some actions are taken out of a desire of revenge. Cut out those clippings and make a collage. Ask them to write a prayer of healing for each situation. Read all the prayers and make together a healing prayer.

Prayer

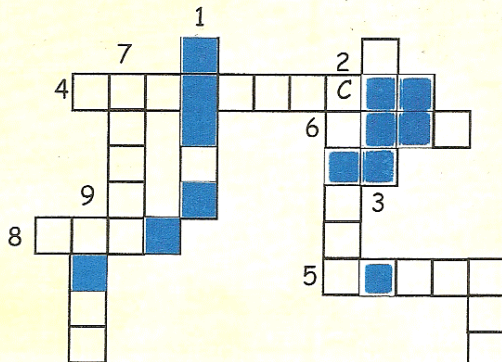
Lord forgiving is not easy .Give us your mercy and gentleness to learn how to forgive and start over. Give us strength to recognize when we are wrong and ask for forgiveness and to offer restitution. Amen

LET'S PLAY

1. - CROSSWORD

This crossword has two parts:

A- Look at the drawing and then write down the name of each thing. Do it with a pencil so that you can rub it out if you make a mistake.



B- Now you must combine the letters in the blue squares to discover the hidden message that I want to tell you. (You will have to use one of the "O's" twice).

SOLUTIONS:

1) A- 1- Devil; 2- Church; 3- Gold; 4- Tabernacle; 5- Holy Trinity; 6- Host; 7- Altar; 8- Mary; 9- Adam.
 B- Hidden message: God loves you.
 2) Grandfather-stick; boy-catechism; mum-rosary; little girl-doll; boy with broken glasses-glasses; hungry beggar-sandwich; uncombed boy-comb.
 3) Door handle for the door; belt for the lady; flower vase for Our Lady; font for holy water; Hall Mary; stone from the wall; Ted's sneekers.



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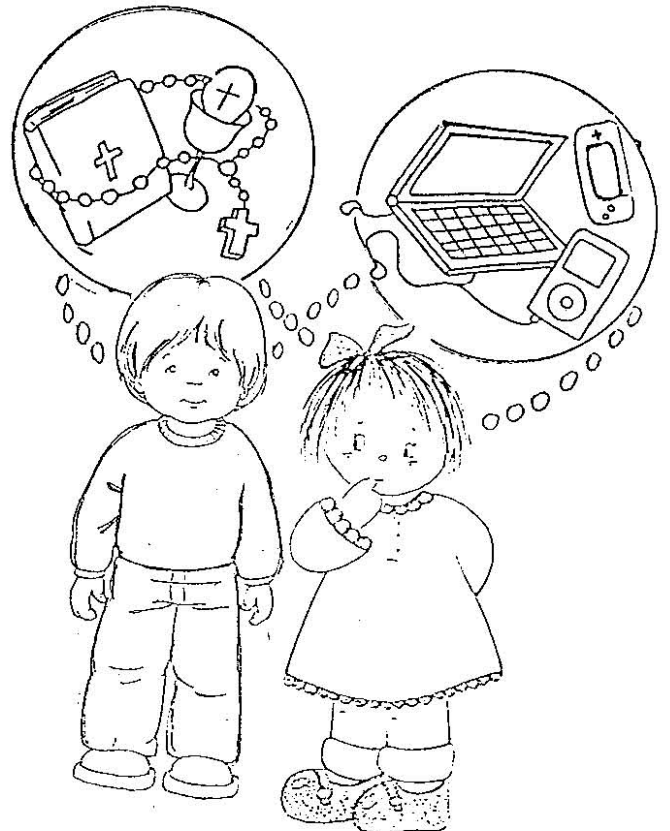
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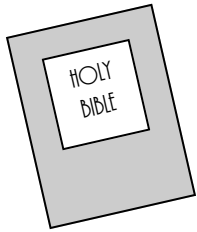
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Memory Verse

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Matthew 6:9

Teacher Talk

Say, Jesus taught His friends how to pray. He told them that God was their Heavenly Father and that He was holy. Jesus said, "Do not worry about your life. Your Father in heaven takes care of the birds. He will also take care of you." Jesus wanted them to know that God loved them and will care for them. Jesus also said. "Don't worry about what you wear. Look at the flowers. They don't make clothes. But God the Father dresses them beautifully." Jesus said that all we need to worry is loving God. He will take care of the rest.

► Which one is different?

God the Father takes care of us all. Look at the pictures in each row. Color the pictures in each row that look the same as the first picture in that row.

