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Dear Guides:

In this month of love, let us emphasize growing in faith and love and being Jesus' light to others. Jesus shows us how to follow Him and how to love in an extraordinary way. Let us pray for more faith and extraordinary love each day.

Some special feast days of the Church follow:

- February 2 Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- February 3 St. Blas, bishop and martyr
- February 5 St. Agatha, virgin and martyr
- February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 14 St. Valentine
- February 18 St. Bernadette Soubirous
- February 22 Feast of Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- February 26 Ash Wednesday

Materials and activities included for this month follow:

- Calendar of the Month
- Meditations of the Gospels for the month with activities
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, movie, story with craft
- Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, activity
- Pope Fancis-story and craft
- Ash Wednesday-activity
- Lent-activity
- Old Testament Story-Saul

Praying that the Holy Spirit fills your heart with the necessary graces to take the love of Jesus and Mary to all the children and families of the world.

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Solemnity In the Catholic Church, a solemnity is the most elevated rank of liturgical celebrations, to commemorate an act of most importance for the faith.	[Memorial] A day of remembrance or commemoration of a saint(s). [Optional] An optional day or commemoration of a saint(s).	Feast An annual religious celebration.				1
2 IV Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple	3 Optional St. Blas, bishop and martyr	4	5 Memorial St. Agatha, virgin & martyr	6 Memorial St. Paul Miki and friends, martyrs	7	8
9 V Sunday in Ordinary Time	10	11 Optional Our Lady of Lourdes	12	13	14 Memorial St. Cyril, monk y St. Methodius, bishop St. Valentine	15
16 VI Sunday in Ordinary Time	17	18 Optional St. Bernadette Soubirous	19	20	21	22 Feast Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
23 VII Sunday in Ordinary Time Memorial of St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr	24	25	26 ASH WEDNESDAY Beginning of Lent (fast)	27	28	29

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IV Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 2, 2020

Malachi 3, 1-4; Psalm 23, 7.8.9.10; Hebrews 2, 14-18; Luke 2, 22-32

The Presentation at the Temple

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Reflection

Why did Mary and Joseph go to the temple in Jerusalem? (To present and consecrate Jesus to God and to offer two turtle doves as per the law of Moses.) The law asked that a mother that gave birth to a boy be purified for 40 days then make a specific offering for their sins. (Lev. 12, 1-8) **Did the Virgin Mary have sins?** (No, Mary was born without original sin and she never sinned; but she was always obedient to God's law.) God also asked that all first-born sons be consecrated to Him. (Ex. 13,1-2) Joseph and Mary always obeyed the law of Moses; they also knew that Jesus belonged completely to God because He was God and that He had a special mission. **What happened when they left the temple?** (Simeon, a just man, full of the Holy Spirit, awaiting the coming of the promised Savior, recognized Jesus and taking Him in his arms, blessed God.) **How did Simeon describe Jesus?** (God's salvation; a light for revelation to Gentiles; glory for Israel) **From what does Jesus save us?** (from our sins that separate us from God, thus unifying us with Him once again) **How is Jesus a light?** (with his words and with His life, Jesus lights the path by teaching us how to love God and our neighbor and thus reach Heaven. His presence in the Eucharist unites us to God's love and the Holy Spirit fills our heart with the warmth of His love.) **How can we take this light to others?** (Share)



Activity

On the following page, color the scene with Simeon. Game: Sit the kids in a circle and give them a candle. Play the following song while they pass the candle to each other. Stop the music and the child holding the candle has to say how they can be a light to others. Continue until all have a chance to speak. You can also print a drawing of a candle and have the kids write how they can be light to others and present it to the altar saying the following prayer:

Prayer

Jesus my Savior, light of the world, glory of Israel, help me to be light in the world. I want to be obedient like Joseph and Mary; I want to love like you. Amen

Song: This Little Light of Mine, Lifetree Kids, <https://youtu.be/ty9bZXN4uWA>



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The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple



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Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9, 2020

Isaiah 58, 7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 2, 1-5; Mathew 5, 13-16

You are the Salt and Light of the World

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Reflection

How does salt effect food? (It improves the taste, preserves it so it doesn't spoil, improves our health...) **What does Jesus say happens if it loses its taste?** (It is bad and must be thrown away.) Jesus compares His disciples to salt. **How are they salt of the earth?** (Just as salt improves the taste of food, the apostles, as messengers of Jesus love, with their words and actions, take happiness, peace, and hope to others.) Jesus also says that the apostles are the light of the world. **How are they light?** (Other people see their love and Works and give glory to God and seek Jesus.) **How can we be salt of the earth and light of the world taking happiness and peace to others?** Share.



Activity

A lighthouse illuminates the night, so boats see the coast is near and avoid crashing into the rocks possibly sinking and losing all. We can be light that lead others to Jesus, saving their souls. On the following page, print and cut the lighthouse leaving the ray of lights. Glue to a black construction paper in landscape mode. The following page has pictures of ways children can be light to others. Have them cut, color and glue to the rays of light. Have them share how they can be light to others. Can also play a game: sit the children in a circle and give them a candle. Play the following song as the children pass the candle to each other. Stop the music and whomever has the candle must share how they can be light to others. Continue until all have a chance to speak.

Prayer

My Jesus, thank you for bringing Your light to the world. Help me to know You more and to imitate you better so that others may see Your Light through me. I love you very much. Amen.

Song: Shine from the Inside Out, Leanne Robson,
<https://youtu.be/W2xc-w8Zcbo>





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YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD... YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE

Instructions: Cut, color, and glue on the ray of light of the lighthouse (former page).
Share how you can be light to others.



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Who was a Scribe and who was a Pharisee?

In Jesus' time, the "Scribe" had knowledge of the law, and following legal traditions



DO YOU KNOW.....?

The Pharisees boasted of perfection, were attached to the Law and despised those who did not know it or did not practice it.



Scribes and Pharisee were arrogant and did not recognize Jesus of Nazareth.

WHAT JESUS SAID.....

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven"

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment".

Read in the Gospel (Mt. 5,20-22, 27-28 33-37 and underline what Jesus wants us to do



- ✓ YOU SHALL NOT KILL; AND WHOEVER KILLS WILL BE LIABLE TO JUDGMENT.
- ✓ WHOEVER IS ANGRY WITH BROTHER WILL BE LIABLE TO JUDGMENT
- ✓ DO NOT SWEAR AT ALL
- ✓ DO NOT TAKE A FALSE OATH
- ✓ UNLESS YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SURPASSES THAT OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES YOU WILL NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.





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VII Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2020

Leviticus 19, 1-2. 17-18; Psalm 102; 1Corinthians 3, 16-23; Matthew 5, 38-48

...Teaching about retaliation...

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on [your] right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Reflection

What does the phrase “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth” mean?” This is a phrase that refers to the idea that people should be punished according to the way in which they have offended. **What does Jesus say about this phrase?**

Jesus wants us to NOT apply it anymore; instead He wants us to learn to forgive and not to hold a grudge. **What does Jesus want us to do?** Jesus wants us to love our enemies, pray for them, and forgive them. **Why does Jesus want us to do something extraordinary like this?** Extraordinary is everything that going beyond what is usual, ordinary or regular. It is extraordinary to love those who do

NOT love us, greet those who do NOT greet us, without reservations, or grudges. God is extraordinary and Jesus loved in an extraordinary way dying on the cross and forgiving those who killed Him. He wants us to imitate Him so others will see God’s love in us and then seek God. He wants everyone to be saved. We can help Him save souls.



Activity

On the next page, color the picture related to this gospel and write a purpose to fulfill what Jesus asks us in this passage from Matthew. There is also an activity to make a forgiveness card. Forgiving is a way of doing good and loving our neighbor.

Prayer

Lord, make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love. Where there is injury, your pardon Lord, where there is darkness, only light and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

Song-Make me a Channel of your Peace, Mark G.- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihhvm6eLWZI>



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mt 5, 38-48



Color this picture and write on the lines a purpose to fulfill what Jesus asks us in this Gospel, for example:
I will pray for those who make me feel bad, I will share my colors with others, etc.

Jesus said: "Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrowlove your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust".

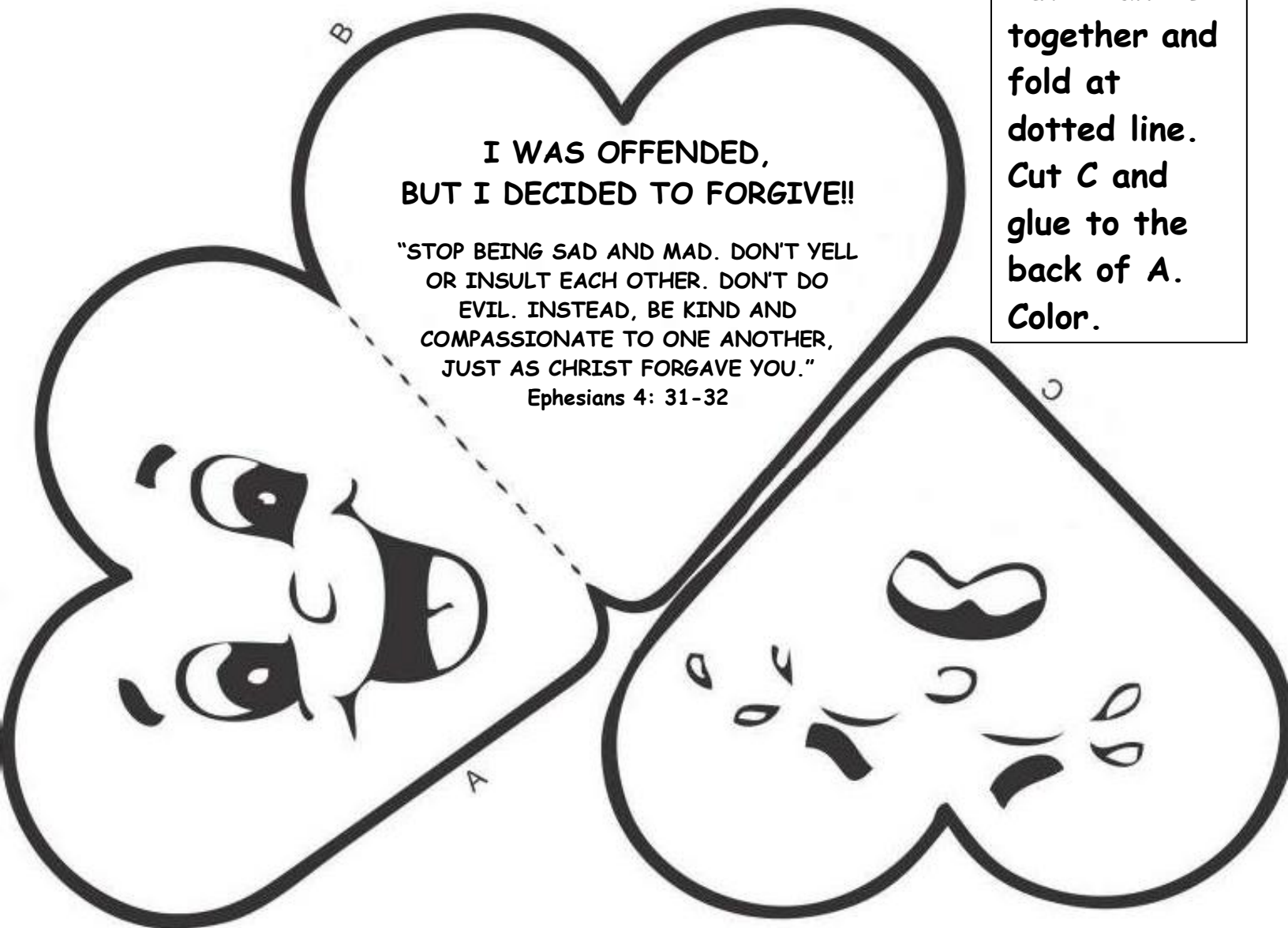
PURPOSE:

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FORGIVENESS CARD

Instructions:
Cut A and B
together and
fold at
dotted line.
Cut C and
glue to the
back of A.
Color.





OUR LADY OF LOURDES, FEBRUARY 11

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes-February 11

On February 11, 1858, three girls: Bernadette Soubirous, 14 years old; her sister Marie Toinette, 11, and her friend Jeanne Abadie, 12, left their house in Lourdes, France to gather wood for their fireplace.

The Soubirous family was poor and Bernadette suffered from asthma causing her to miss much school.

On the way to the river Gave, they passed a natural grotto, Massabielle, where Bernadette hears a murmur. There she saw the figure of a beautiful young woman, dressed in a white tunic and a blue sash around her waist, a rosary hanging from her arm.

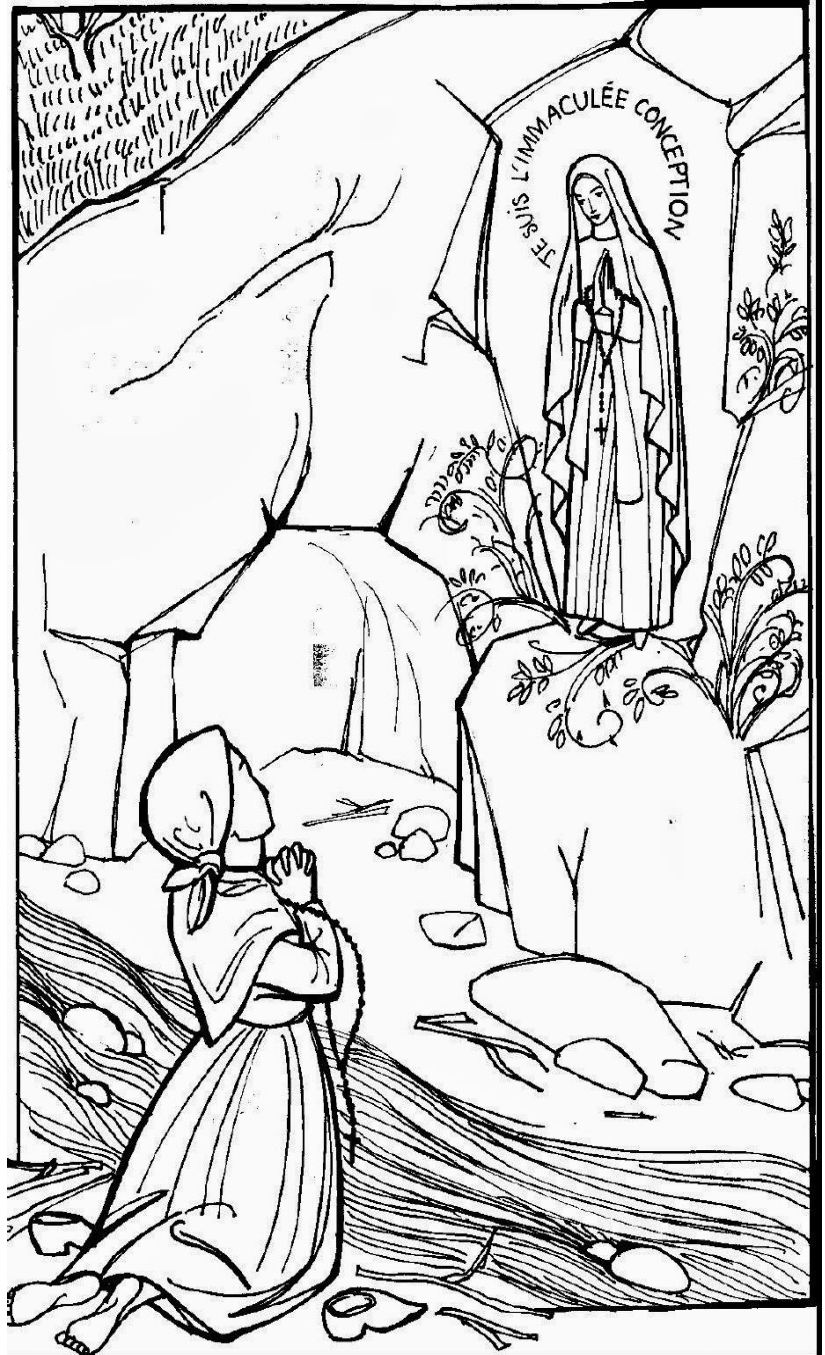
Bernadette approached and they began to pray the Rosary together. Later the Virgin disappeared.

For five months, the Virgin appeared to her amidst crowds that approached to pray and to see the beautiful lady, but the Virgin only appeared to the child.

Mary asked her to dig and a stream miraculously appeared. The water cured many sick people so Our Lady of Lourdes is the patron of the sick.

Ecclesial and civil authorities of the town often taunted her, but she remained firm in her Marian faith, and especially, in the Virgin's special request: construct a chapel over the grotto and carry out processions. Mary declared she was the "Immaculate Conception" causing the ecclesial authorities to believe her.

Bernadette later entered a hospice school run by the Sisters of Charity of Nevers, where she learned to read and write. At 24 years old, Bernadette became a postulant and joined the Sisters of Charity at their motherhouse at Nevers. She died of tuberculosis at 35 years old. She was canonized in 1933.



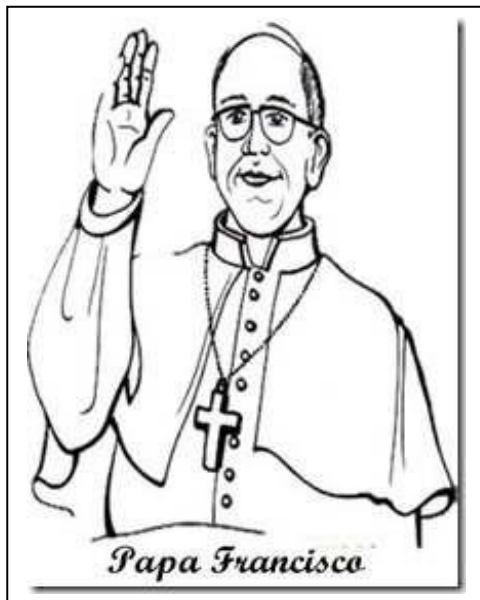
St. Bernadette, Princess of Lourdes-Gloria.tv:(Ctrl Click)
<https://gloria.tv/video/421wx1dTALGsBvpHY7p3AbdB4>

Instructions: Cut and glue above on both sides of brown or gray paper and cut in the form of a grotto. Draw lines that follow grotto lines in picture. Color.





St. Peter the Apostle-1st Pope



Feast-Chair of
St. Peter, the Apostle
February 22

Jesus addressed Simon, one of the twelve apostles, changing his name to Peter which means firm rock, because of his firm faith. Jesus said: "On this rock I will build My church." (Mathew 16:13-20)

In the Old Testament, when God is going to enter into a covenant with someone, He changes their name to one in line with the mission they are to realize. Jesus elevates Peter's mission to confirming the faith of the other apostles and shepherding God's people, continuing the work of the Good Shepherd.

The Pope (Father in Italian) is Bishop of the City of Rome, where our Catholic Church has its headquarters and where Peter's successor lives. All other churches should be under the authority and in communion with the Bishop of Rome.

My God, Sanctifier and Light of the World, inspire and protect Pope Francis So he may guide the Church with your Wisdom and Love. Amén.

Make bookmarker: Glue above on both sides of construction paper (3.75" x 9"). Cut semicircle at the top and draw lines to look like the dome of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.



POPE FRANCIS

Jorge Mario Bergoglio was born December 17, 1936 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Son of Italian parents: Mario (ex railroad employee) and Regina (housewife)

He graduated from high school with a degree of chemical technician, but at 21 years of age (1957), he decided to become a priest.



He was ordained a priest the December 13, 1969. He became Superior General of the Company of Jesus from 1973 to 1979, during the violent military dictatorship.

He was Professor of Theology, Bishop and later Archbishop of Buenos Aires. In 2001, Pope John Paul II named him Cardinal with the title of St. Roberto Belarmino. He became the leader of the Catholic Church in Argentina.

Bergoglio lived alone in a simple apartment in the second floor of a building in Cuna, next to the Cathedral of Buenos Aires.

Of humble character, he always avoided all exposure to media. He maintained a low profile so he could travel on the metro and bus like everyone else.

He often went to confession in the Cathedral like any other priest.

Following the disastrous fire of Cromagnon, he went to all the hospitals to be with the victims and their families.

When he travelled to Rome, he did not like to wear the vestments of a Cardinal. He often wore black instead to avoid any ostentation.

He also often attended ecumenical and interreligious events.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Pope loves soccer and favors de Club San Lorenzo de Almagro. He also loves the Tango.

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Ash Wednesday
Mathew 6:1-6, 16-18

During this liturgical time, the Church invites us to practice in a special way three proposals from Jesus:

(Search in the Gospel and write the biblical citations then draw an arrow to the corresponding picture. Color.

Mathew 3-4

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Mathew 6: 6

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Mathew 6: 17

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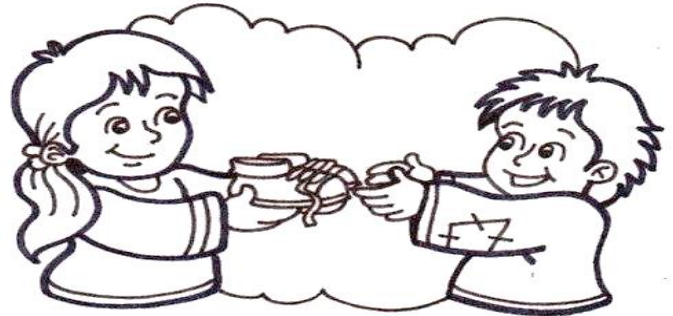
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Did you know...?

Remember an ancient Hebrew tradition; when they knew they had sinned or when they wanted to prepare for an important feast in which they should be purified, they covered themselves in ashes and dressed in sack cloth. In this way, we recognize we are small, we are sinners, and we need God, realizing we come from dust and from dust we will return.



Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving your life for me and for the whole world. Just as you fasted for 40 days in the desert, I want to remember your sacrifice during the 40 days of Lent by doing the following:

Help me to do this out of love for you. Please help me in my hour of need.

Name: _____



All About LENT

Color each palm leaf as you count each day of Lent. Color Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and all other special days of Lent violet.

This color reminds us that we must prepare, remember Jesus' passion. Draw your something purple.

Lent prepares your heart and mind for Easter.

Praying Hands

Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. We must remember to pray during Lent. I will pray for:

Fish

This Lenten sign reminds us that we must fast. Draw a fish

Butterfly

An important symbol showing the life cycle of Jesus. Draw a butterfly.

This Bible verse helps me remember Jesus died for me.

Heart

Lent is a special time for us to prepare for Jesus by fasting and giving our life more fully to God for 40 days and nights. It is a "spring cleaning" of our lives spiritually.

40 Days

Christians practice almsgiving during Lent to show they are grateful for the gifts God has given them.

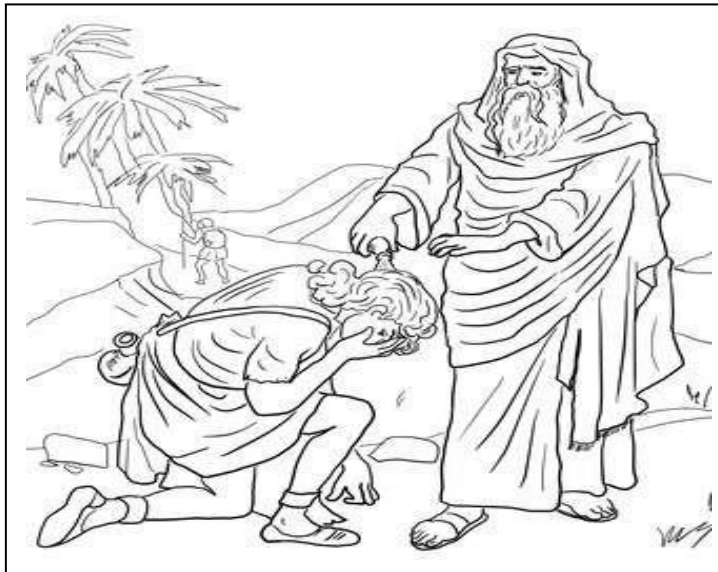
SPECIAL OFFERING

I WILL OFFER THE LORD _____

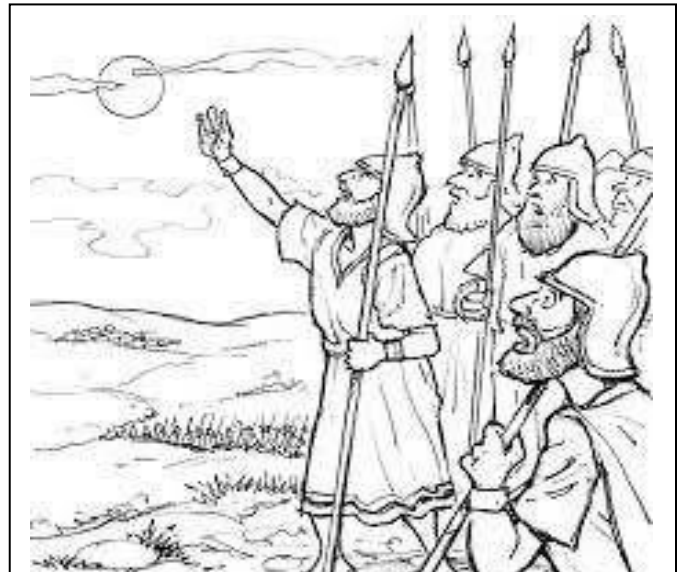
Thank you Jesus for saving me!



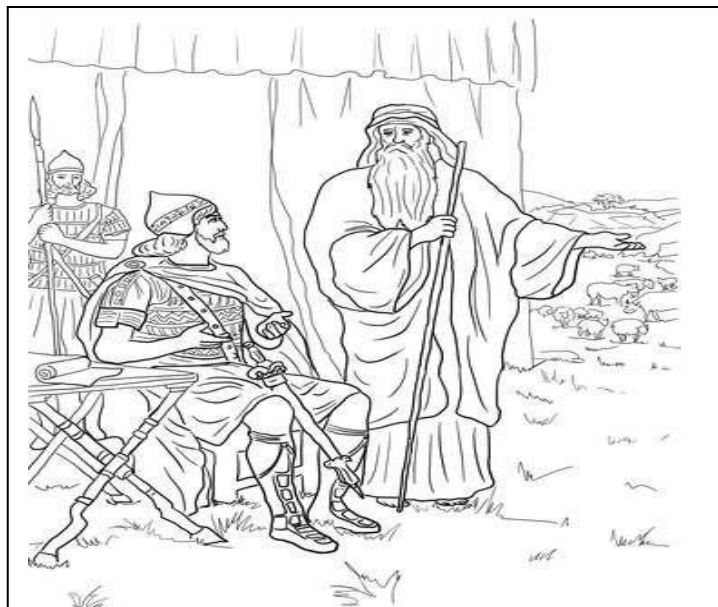
Old Testament Story: Saul



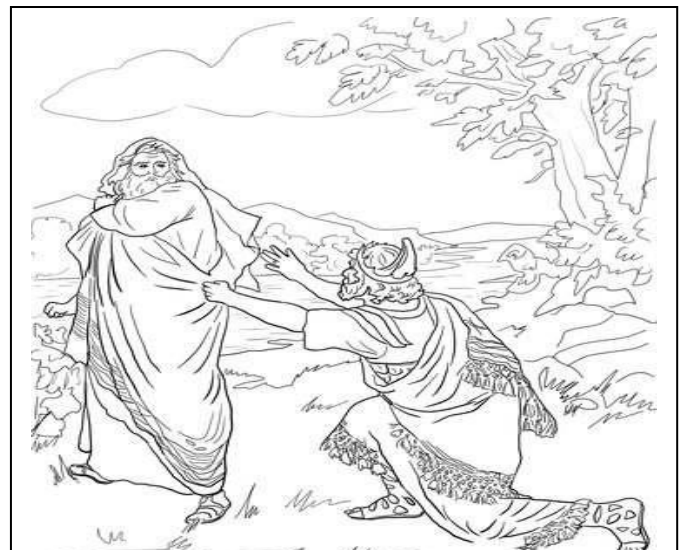
Saul was searching for his Father's donkeys when Samuel saw him. God showed Samuel that he was the favored one and Samuel anointed him king with the sacred oil. Saul did not feel worthy nor capable of governing his people and he went home without any desire to be king.



But when they told him the Ammonites threatened the city of Gabesh-gilead, indignant, he convened all men capable of fighting a war. They attacked with 300,000 men and won. Samuel convened his people in Gilgal where Samuel confirmed him king before the Lord.



Saul battled all the surrounding enemies and always won. On one occasion, Saul offered the sacrifice as though he were a High Priest. Samuel was indignant and prophesied that his dynasty would end with him.



By means of Samuel, God ordered Saul to destroy the Amalekites, and not to forgive anyone's life or keep any plunder. But disobeying, Saul forgave the life of the king Agag and he kept the best cattle and trophies. God thus rejects Saul as king.