

Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



March 2011 Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Ash Wednesday begins on March 9 and ends on Holy Thursday, before the Mass of the of the Last Supper. In this particular time the church reminds us the suffer of Jesus for our salvation, He invites us to repents and conversion.

Enclosed you will find some Feast and Saints of the month:

March 09 Ash Wednesday

March 17 Saint Patrick

March 19 Saint Joseph

March 25 Annunciation of the Lord

Enclosed Material:

- 1) Calendar of the Month
- 2) Medications of the Sunday Gospel

Activities:

- 1) The Brick House
- 2) Lent-the way to conversion
- 3) Advent Calendar
- 4) The Transfiguration

- 5) Coloring of Saint Joseph
- 6) Coloring of Saint Patrick
- 7) The Annunciation

Suggest Videos (Available in the video club):

- 1 Easter Story
- 2 Saint Patrick
- 3 Resisting Temptation
- 4 Penance
- 5 Ten Commandments
- 6 Lent
- 7 Merciful love of Jesus
- 8 The Station of the Cross for Children

Remember to visit our web www.fcpeace.com you will find activities for the season of Lent. Thank you for your support God bless you.

May God Bless You Always,

Friends of Jesus and Mary



Exodus 17,3-7

Rom 5,1-2.5-8

Psalm 94

2Kings 5,1-15a

Luke 4,24-30

Psalm 41

Dn 3,25.34-43

Matthew 18,21-35

Psalm 24

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March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 St. Katharine Drexel	4 St. Casimir	5 First Saturday
	Prayer	Sirach 35,1-5 Psalm 49 Mark 10,28-31	Sirach 36,1-2a.5-6.13-19 Psalm 78 Mark 10,32-45	Sirach 42,15-26 Psalm 32 Mark 10,46-52	Sirach 44,1.9-13 Psalm 149 Mark 11,11-26	Sirach 51,17-27 Psalm 18 Mark 11,27-33
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27 Third Sunday in Lent	28	29	30	31		

Dt 4,1.5-9

Psalm 147

Matthew 5,17-19

Jr 7,23-28 Psalm 94

Luke 11,14-23



9th Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 6 2011

Readings: Deuteronomy 11, 18. 26-28; Psalm 30; Romans 3, 21-12.28; Matthew 7, 21-27

Not everyone who calls me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what my Father in heaven want them to do When the judgment day comes, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord! In your name we spoke God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and performed many miracles! Then I will say to them, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you wicked people!' "So then, anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded over, and the wind blew hard against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock. "But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded over, the wind blew hard against that house, and it fell. And what a terrible fall that was! (Matthew 7, 21-27)

Reflection

In the readings of this week we can see how God tells us how we must solidly establish our lives and faith, so that the difficulties and setbacks we experience don't allow us to fall apart and lose our faith and hope in Him

Are their parents concerned with providing them with a solid basis in faith and in the values they need? Have they ever seen a house that appeared to be so weak it looked it was going to fall apart at any moment? Have they seen solid constructions like castles and fortresses? What did Jesus mean when he said to build a house of faith on a rock and not foolishly on sand? Do they think knowing a few prayers is all they need? When they have problems, do they fall apart easily, or do they trust Jesus will be there for them? Jesus says that our faith must be solid so it doesn't fall apart when we have problems or difficulties. Do we have any problems right now? Share

Activity

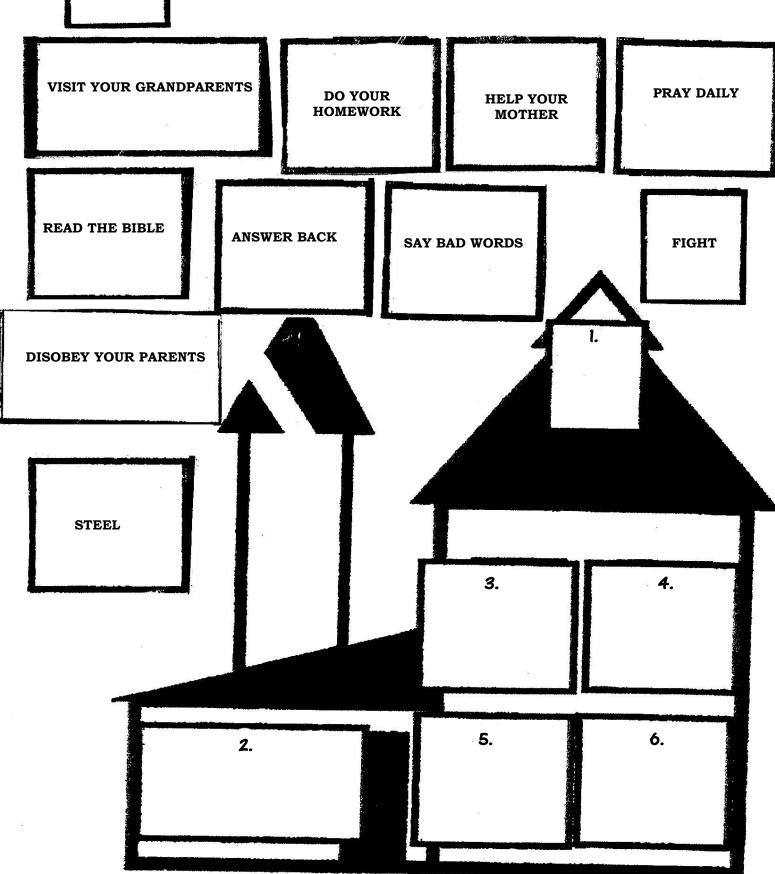
Prepare with the children bricks out of construction paper. Ask them to write what they think strong people should have so that their home, which is their heart, does not fall apart.(study, helping at home, caring for others, praying every day) Construct a house with all the bricks of the children. As they place them in the cardboard they said: "Jesus, you help us build a house in rock."

Prayer

Jesus, sometimes we are faced with great difficulties and our faith can subside. We ask ourselves about evil and sorrow in the world, poverty, violence and death. Make us aware of your presence so that our hope may remain alive. Amen

GO TO MASS

Here you will find several bricks, some have things that makes us strong in our faith and other makes us weak. Choose the ones that will strength your faith and paste them in the bricks house.





Ash Wednesday - March 9, 2011

Readings: Joel 2, 12-18; 2 Corinthians 5, 20-6, 2; Psalm 50; Matthew 6, 1-6. 16-18

Teaching about Charity and Fasting

"Make certain you do not perform your religious duties in public so that people will see what you do. If you do these things publicity, you will not have any reward from your Father in heaven. "So when you give something to a needy person, do not make a big show of it, as the hypocrites do in the houses of worship and on the streets. They do it so that people will praise them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you help a needy person, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know about it. Then it will be a private matter. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.

"And when you fast, do not put on a sad face as the hypocrites do. They neglect their appearance so that everyone will see that they are fasting. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. When you go without food, wash your face and comb your hair, so that others cannot know that you are fasting only your Father, who sees what you do in private,

will reward you. (Matthew 6, 1-6.16-18)

Reflection

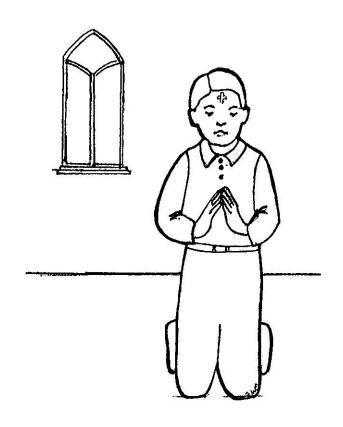
Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday before the mass of the Super of the Lord. In this time the Church reminds us of the surrender of Jesus for us and calls us to conversion. Forty days to thank Jesus for his sacrifice and love for us, doing al the things He likes. Do their families and communities celebrate Lent as a time of sacrifice? Jesus says that more important than what people do or give up for Lent is what we do because we love God and God love us. What do you think would please Jesus that you could do this Lent? Share

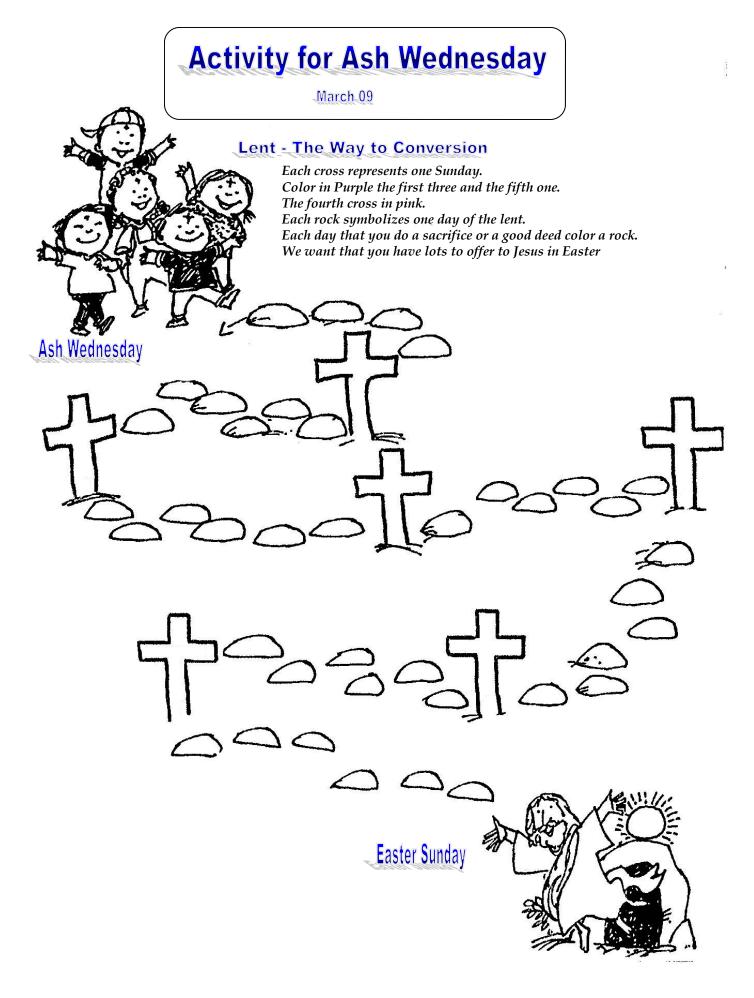
Activity

Share with each other what you plan to do this Lent. Write it on a piece of paper and place it in the altar of the group. Ask Jesus' help to accomplish it. You also can do the activity that appears on the next page.

Prayer

Lord, these ashes remind us of our origin on earth and our destiny ,which is you. Increase our love for you and for one another; and lead us to a new life of love, affection, compassion, and forgiveness. Amen







1 Sunday of Lent March 13, 2011

Readings: Genesis 2, 7-9; 3, 1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5, 12-19; Matthew 4, 1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Then the devil came to him and said,

"If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread." But Jesus answered,

"The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone' but need every word that God speaks." Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, The Holy City, set him on the highest point of the Temple, and said to him, "If you are God's Son, throw yourself down, for the scripture says, 'God will give orders to his angels about you; they will hold you up with their hands, so that not even your feet will be hurt on the stones." Jesus answered, "But the scripture also says, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. All this I will give you," the Devil said, "If you kneel down and worship me." Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan!

The scripture says, Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!" Then the Devil left Jesus; and angels came and helped him. (Matthew 4, 1-11)

Reflection

Jesus has gone through every human temptation to break away from God. By overcoming that temptation, Jesus teaches us to be children of God.

Are there gangs in the neighborhood who might lure them to easy money or drugs?

What ideas about success and power do we get in our homes and through TV, specially the evenings soaps? Let ask ourselves, what is most important for the bad characters? Are the good characters sometimes tempted to lie, seek revenge, or do something for money? Let's think about some time when we wanted to do something right but it was easier for us to be lazy, lie or misbehave. How did we feel not doing the right thing? Where we able to overcome some temptations? Share

Activity

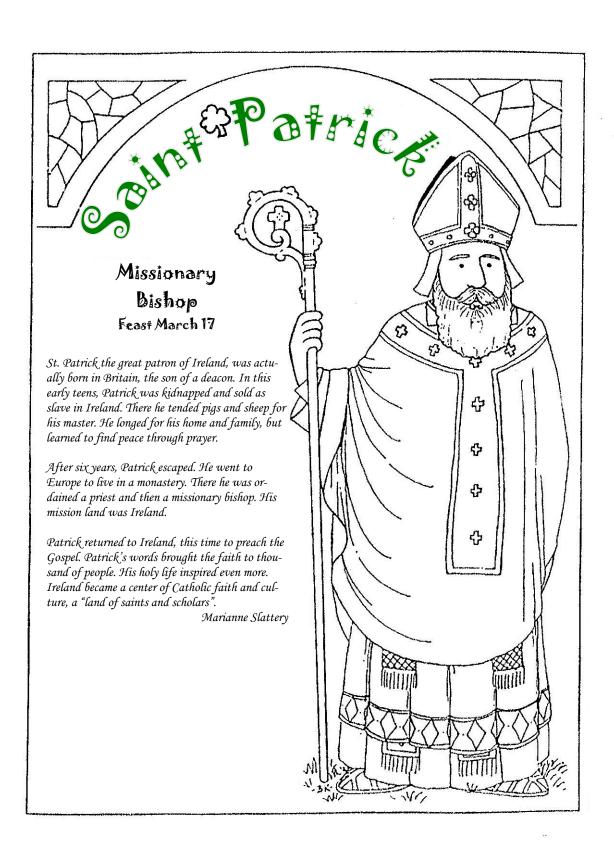
Prepare different cards for each member of the group. The cards should said: lots of money, good education, big house, lots of fame, sexual activity, elegant clothes, trips, social status, personal talents ,beauty, intelligence, computer, digital games, musical instruments, cellular etc. Seat the group in a circle and give each one 4 cards. Ask them to pick up 2 of them. One will represent what he needs the most. The other will represent what turn him or her away from God. Share the cards they pick up and why they choose those. Explain them what is necessity and what is temptation. Reflect what they need to do to be better and what help they need.

Prayer

Lord, help us to overcome our temptations and to realize Your great love for us .We want to be better each day. Amen.



March 17





Prayer to Saint Joseph

Good Saint Joseph, I want you to be my special friend.

I honor you as the servant of God the Father, the foster father of Jesus Christ and the loving husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I honor you as the patron of families and the protector of the Catholic Church.

Into your care I place my soul and my Body. Keep me form all sin, and help Me to love God with all my heart, and my neighbor for the of God, just as you always did.

Give me a great love for Jesus and Mary, above all by praying to them often.

Help those whom I love, my parents, and my brothers and sisters, and those who are good to me. Pray for us that we may serve God faithfully on earth and may see God forever in heaven.

Through yours prayers may our whole family be happy with your Holy Family in heaven forever. Amen

Several times you have drawn the nativity scene or placed it in you house for Christmas. And as you know, there are three important people who must always be part of it.

JESUS

JOSEPH

MARY

All of them form the holy family, the Family of Nazareth

JOSEPH was a good father

JOSEPH was a good husband.

JOSEPH took care of Mary and Jesus

JOSEPH was a faithful man.

JOSEPH was a good worker.

JOSEPH was kind with all people.

JOSEPH always obeyed God.

JOSEPH always believed.

 ${\sf JOSEPH\ kept\ secrets\ from\ God}.$

JOSEPH prayed with faith.

JOSEPH was a fair man

JOSEPH loved and helped Mary.

JOSEPH looked for house for Jesus' birth

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{JOSEPH}}$ embraced the stable in Bethlehem .

JOSEPH ... Always said Yes

¿What do you ask of Saint Joseph today?



Jesus' foster father Virgin Mary's husband Protector of the Church

The Annunciation March 25



The Joyful Mysteries -Children's Play
The Annunciation

Narrator: Mary was in her room praying one day when an angel of the Lord

appeared to her. The angel said:

Angel: Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you

among women!

Mary: Who are you? Where did you come from?

Angle: Do not be afraid, I am Gabriel. God has sent me to tell you that

you will be the Mother of His Son. You will name him Emmanuel,

which means, God with us

Mary: How can that be? I am not married yet

Angel: Don't worry. You will have a baby by the power of the Holy

Spirit.

Mary: I am God's servant. I will do what he wants from me.

Narrator: With that, the Angel Gabriel left Mary.

After each Mystery Say: 1 Our Father y 10 Hail Marys 1 Glory Be



Friends of Jesus and Mary 2 Sunday of Lent March 20, 2011

Readings: Genesis 12, 1-4; Psalm 32; 2Timothy 1, 86-10; Matthew 17, 1-9

The Transfiguration

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white, Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he was talking, a shinning cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said,

"This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased listen to him!"

When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downward on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid!" So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus. As they came down the mountain Jesus ordered them. "Don't tell anyone about this vision you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from death. (Matthew 1-9)

Reflection

In the transfiguration Jesus shows himself as He is to his best friends. Jesus is radiant with light to show that he really is the Son of God. This is a call to listen to Jesus as a priority. The Transfiguration gives us a taste of the triumph of Jesus and our reasons to trust in God always.

What obstacles do they find in their own homes and communities? Have they ever been so happy in one place that they didn't want to leave? Why did they have to leave? To whom do they willingly listen? What are the most difficult tasks or things they have to do? Share

Activity

Dramatize the gospel story of this week. Explain to them that Moses and Elias are a sign of the **Law** and the **Prophets**, the two pillars of the Judaism .Jesus is the par excellence prophet, who brings to fulfillment the laws of the Old Testament eliminates the obligation of it and teach us the law of love to God.

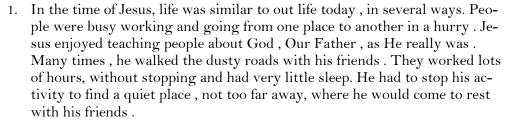
Prayer

Lord, you give us light and we trust in you to continue walking with us when things are difficult. You show your splendor in the kindness, the smiles, the generosity, and affection of each member of our group and family. Thank you for making us your beloved children. Amen











2. One time, Jesus took Peter, James and John (point to each one) with him to Mount Tabor. This is a beautiful mountain, filled with trees, flowers, grass, a blue sky and refreshing pure air. The view from the mountain is beautiful. You can contemplate the entire valley, with fruit trees, ready for the harvest.



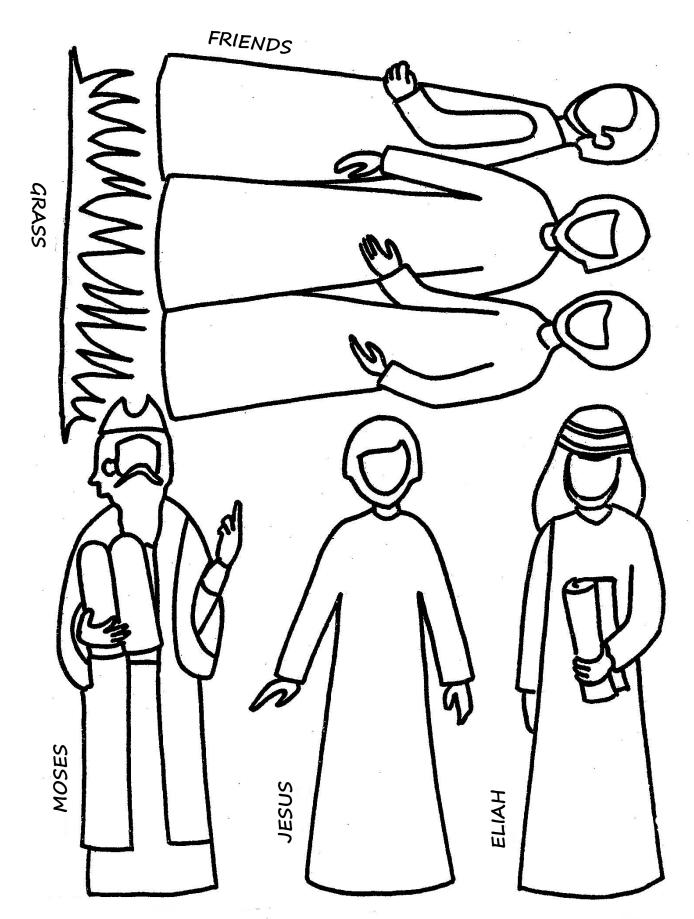
- 3. While t hey were at Mount Tabor, something spectacular happened. The appearance of Jesus suddenly changed (replace Jesus for the transfigured Jesus). His face was as radiant as t he sun and his clothes were as white as s now. His friends can hardly contemplate him. They saw Jesus talking to Moses and Elias; the two greatest men among the prophet chosen by God. Peter, James and John knew that those men had died many years ago. The disciples were happy to know that life does not end with the death of our body. They saw with their own eyes that God made men to live forever.
- 4. Peter was excited and said "Lord, i How great it is to be here! Lets make three tents; one for you, one for Moses and one for Eliah" While he was saying this, a big cloud covers them and they heard the voice of God the Father. Re f erring to Jesus, He said: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."
- 5. Peter, James and John his head and did John were frightened. (take out the pictures of the fell three) to the ground and Peter covered his eyes; James hid not want to look. After a while, they felt the soft hand of Jesus and heard his voice: "Do not be afraid! Get up! Let 's go! "replace the figure of Jesus transfigured with the other of his daily life) When they raised their eyes, they saw only Jesus. He looked like always; the radiance had disappeared. His face was a s kind as always but did not shine as the sun. His clothes did not radiate light. (Take out the figures).



6. Jesus walked slowly, towards the valley, along with Peter, James and John. He asked them not to tell anyone what they had seen, until his Resurrection. Do you believe that there were many people who realized he was more than a man? Some would say yes, others no, but it was because his appearance was like ours.



7. When he was nailed to the cross, he seemed helpless. People probably thought he was a loser. But three days after his death on the cross, he Resurrected among the dead, and showed himself to his friends. In this way, they showed that He had triumphed over death!



The Transfiguration, Book II-A, Unit 4
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3 Sunday of Lent - March 27, 2011

Readings: Exodus 17, 3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5, 1-2.5-8; John 4, 5-42

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Reflection

Because she was a woman and a Samaritan, Jesus was not supposed to speak to the woman at the well.

But Jesus wants to give the waters of salvation to all, without exception. Only God can give the living waters. Jesus does not mind talking to a Samaritan woman, though in those times they were consider bad. How do you treat those who are not like you? Imagine your conversation with Jesus.

What does he tell you about yourself? Are there things you think no one knows about you, but he knows? Jesus says that those who go to him will not be thirsty, will need nothing else to make them happy. Will you go Jesus to look for what you need? Do you easily follow Jesus? Share

Prayer

Lord, we want to be the water that Will help us grow the best of us; giving love to all our brothers and sisters. We want to be the water that refreshes after a hard day's work, the water of love that give us motivation for a new day. Amen



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Representation of the Gospel

Narrator: So when Jesus heard what was being said, he left Judea and went back to Galilee; on his way there he had to go through Samaria. In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the trip, sat down by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her.

Jesus: "Give me a drink of water." (His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)
The woman answered:

Samaritan: ¿You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan so how can you ask me for a drink?"

Jesus answered, "If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

Narrator: The woman said:

Samaritan:, Sir, "You don't have a bucket, and the well is deep: Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his children and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater that Jacob, do you?"

Narrator: Jesus answered.

Jesus: "Those who drink this water will get thirsty again, but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life."

Narrator: The woman said:

Samaritan: Sir "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

Narrator: Jesus told her:

Jesus: Go and call your husband and come back.

Narrator: The woman answered:



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Samaritan: I don't have a husband.

Narrator: Jesus replied,

Jesus: "You are right when you say you don't have a husband. You have been married to five men, and the man you live with now is

not really your husband. You have told me the truth,"

Narrator: The woman said.

Samaritan: Sir, I see you are a prophet, "My Samaritan ancestor's worshiped God on this mountain, but

you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God."

Narrator: Jesus said to her:

Jesus: "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvations come. But the time is coming and is already ere, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

Narrator: The woman said to him:

Samaritan: "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Narrator: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "I am he, I who am talking with you."

Narrator: At that moment Jesus' disciples returned, and they were greatly surprised to find him talking with a woman. But none of them said to her, "What do you want?" or asked him, "Why are you talking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar went back to the town, and said to the people there.

Samaritan: "Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could he be the Messiah?"

Narrator: So they left the town and went to Jesus. In the meantime the disciples were begging Jesus have something to eat!"

Jesus: "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

Narrator: So the disciples started asking among themselves, "Could somebody have brought him food?"

Jesus said to them.

Jesus: "My food," Jesus said to them, "Is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do. You have a saying, four more months and then the harvest.' But I tell you, take a good look at he fields; the crops are now ripe and ready to be harvested! The one who reaps the harvest is being paid and gathers the crops for eternal life; so the one who plants and the one who reaps will be glad together. For the saying is true; "Someone plants, someone else reaps.' I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there, and you profit from their work."

Narrator: Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they begged him to stay with them, and Jesus stayed there two days. Many more believed because of his message, and they told the woman, "We believe now, not because of what you said, but because we ourselves have heard him, and we know that he really is the Savior of the world." (John 4, 5-42)

ADVENT CALENDAR



ST DAY

We will pray three Hail Marys specially for sick children, who suffer hunger and war



ND DAY

We will remember all the children who are orphans, who live on the street despised by all and who have nobody who truly loves them. To help them we will eat everything that is given to us without complaining



RD DAY

We will pray an Our Father a Holy Mary and Glory to be the Lord asking Him to put and end to abortion in the world and so that mothers will allow their children to be born.



TH DAY

We will study and do our homework promptly, offering everything for those boys who will one day be priest, so that people won't try to crush their vocation but will help them to grow in their Christian life



TH DAY

We won't eat any sweet things and we will offer this sacrifice for the children who don't know God



TH DAY

We will console the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mary by being more obedient at home and asking her to guard the purity of children

We will like this Lent to organize a rescue group of children. But do not worry we are not going to fight with weapons of war buy of peace.

We offering our good deeds and prayers.

Do you like the idea?

Then follow us!!!



TH DAY

We will go to Mass, offering it for the children who blaspheme and mock God or holy things Each day of the week made a prayer or a good deed.

The day of Easter you will have a wonderful gift to offer Jesus as a thanksgiving gift for his great love for us