



Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

April 2011  
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In this month of April we celebrated Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and finishing in Easter Sunday. Encourage all to grow spiritually meditating in the life of the Saints.

**Enclosed you will find the some Feasts and Saints of the Month:**

April 02	St. Francis of Paula	April 17	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
April 04	St. Gema Galgani	April 25	St Mark
April 07	St. John Baptist de la Salle	April 29	St. Catherine of Sienna
April 11	St. Stanislaus Kostka	April 30	Leader's Workshop –St. John Newman

**Enclosed Materials and Activities:**

- 1) Calendar of the month
- 2) Meditation on the Sunday Gospel
- 3) Saint of April

**Activities:**

- 1) Trivia of Lent
- 2) Easter Mobile
- 3) Sorrowful Mysteries
- 4) Passover Table
- 5) Jesus in the Tabernacle
- 6) We Celebrate Easter

**Suggested videos:**

- 1 The Savior III (Patrick Peyton)
- 2 Easter
- 3 The story of Sister Faustina
- 4 The merciful love of Jesus
- 5 Eucharist
- 6 The Resurrection
- 7 Stations of the Cross for Children

We are planning the 20 Anniversary of our Ministry the Friends of Jesus and Mary for November 11, 12 & 13 in Miami Florida. We will give more information next month. If you have the possibilities to come and share with us let us know.

May God Bless You Always,

*Friends of Jesus and Mary*



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# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 First Friday  Hosea 14,2-10 Psalm 80 Mark 12,28b-34	2 First Saturday  Hosea 6,1-6 Psalm 50 Luke 18,9-14
3 4o Domingo de Cuaresma  1 Samuel 16,1b 6-7.10-13a Psalm 22 Efesios 5,8-14 Juan 9,1-41	4 Santa Gema Galgani  Isaias 65,17-21 Psalm 29 Juan 4,43-54	5 San Vicente Ferrer  Ezequiel 47,1-9.12 Psalm 45 Juan 5,1-3.5-16	6   Isaias 49,8-15 Psalm 144 Juan 5,17-30	7 Juan Bautista de la Salle  Exodo 32,7-14 Psalm 105 Juan 5,31-47	8   Sabiduria 2,1a.12-22 Psalm 33 Juan 7,1-2.10.25-30	9   Jeremias 11,18-20 Psalm 7 Juan 7,40-53
10 5o Domingo de Cuaresma  Ezequiel 37,12-14 Psalm 129 Romanos 8,8-11 Juan 11,1-45	11   Dt. 13,1-9.15-17 19-30.33-62 Juan 8,1-11	12   Numeros 21,4-9 Psalm 101 Juan 8,21-30	13   Dt. 3,14-20.91-92.95 Psalm Dn 3 Juan 8,31-42	14   Genesis 17,3-9 Psalm 104 Juan 8,51-59	15   Jeremias 20,10-13 Psalm 17 Juan 10,31-42	16   Ezequiel 37,21-28 Psalm Jr. 31 Juan 11,45-57
17 Domingo de Ramos  Isaias 50,4-7 Psalm 21 Felipenses 2,6-11 Mateo 26,14-27,66	18 Lunes Santo  Isaias 42,1-7 Psalm 26 Juan 12,1-11	19 Martes Santo Papa León IX  Isaias 49,1-6 Psalm 70 Juan 13,21-33.36-38	20 Miércoles Santo  Isaias 50,4-9 Psalm 68 Mateo 26,14-25	21 Jueves Santo  Exodo 12,1-8.11-14 Psalm 115 1 Cor 11,23-26 Juan 13,1-15	22 Viernes Santo  Isaias 52,13-53,12 Psalm 30 Hebreos 4,14-16;5,7-9 Juan 18,1-19,42	23 Sábado Santo  Genesis 1,1 2,2 Psalm 32 Romanos 6,3-11 Mateo 28,1-10
24 Pascua de Resurrección  Hechos 10,34a.37-43 Psalm 117 Col 3,1-14 Juan 30,1-9	25 Mark Evangelista  Hechos 2,14-22-23 Psalm 15 Mateo 28,8-15	26 Santa de Siena  Hechos 21,4-9 Psalm 101 Juan 8,21-30	27 Santo Pus V  Hechos 3,1-10 Psalm 104 Luke 24,13-35	28 Santa Luis María de Montfort  Hechos 3,11-26 Psalm 18 Luke 24,35-48	29 St. Catherine of Sienna  Hechos 4,1-12 Psalm 117 Juan 21,1-14	30 San Pio Papa  Hechos 4,13-21 Psalm 117 Mark 16,9-15

# Can you guess which Saint we are?

## Mystery Saints for April



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# Hints for April's Mystery Saints

A. He was the companion and interpreter of Saint Peter. He will write down all the things that Peter would preach, and in this way created one of the gospels. Although it is one of the shortest of the gospels (only 16 chapters) it is written with a solid yet simple style; its purpose is to prove Jesus' Divinity. He died around the year 68

B. Her mother died when she was a child. During a long sickness, she heard Jesus' voice telling her: "Dear daughter, I give myself to you, and you should give yourself completely to Me. I am your Father and my Mother will be yours too." She would often think about Jesus' suffering in the cross. During Holy Thursday and Friday she would feel the same sufferings as Jesus

April 25

April 4

C. He was born in the northern region of Italy on the XVI century. Since he was a child he wanted to embrace religious life, and due to his exceptional qualities and intelligence, he won a scholarship and entered the Order of Saint Dominic. He was ordained bishop by Pope Paul IV, and later on cardinal. He was crowned Pope in the year 1566. He dedicated his life to fight the heresy of his time and contributed immensely to the church's progress.

D. He is known as the patron for soldiers and boy scouts. This brave soldier from the 300s is known for his flawless courage and implacable faith. There are many legends attributed to this martyr and saint, among them, the one where he rescued a maiden from a dragon. He refused to follow the laws issued by the Roman emperor of his times, and suffered martyrdom and decapitation due to his unrelenting faith.

April 30

April 23

E. She was quite a prodigious child. One of the youngest among 25 siblings, she was always active and cheerful. From a very early age she dedicated herself to the service of those around her. She became a Montelala Dominican Tertiare. She had great revelations and wrote immortal works of great wisdom like the "Dialogue", she is the second woman known as Doctor of the Church and patron of Italy. She died at the early age of 33 in April of 1380.

F. He was born in Reims, France in 1651. At the age of 11 he began to prepare for the Holy Priesthood and was ordained at 27. He was admired for his great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. He gave away the large fortune his parents had left him and vowed to dedicate his life to the foundation of the Congregation of the Christian Brother. He is the patron of school teachers and is often called "father of modern education".

April 29

April 7

# Trivia of Lent



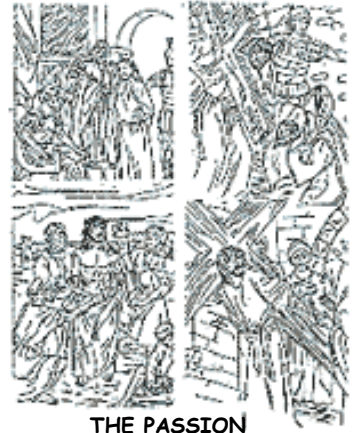
FASTING



PRAYER



WORKS OF MERCY



THE PASSION



CONVERSION



PENANCE



PASCUAL VIGIL



PURPLE



HOLE THURSDAY



VENERATION OF  
THE CROSS



ASH WEDNESDAY  
HOLY ASHES



THE WAY OF THE CROSS



PASCUAL TRIDIUM



HOLY FRIDAY



HOLY WEEK



THE RESURRECTION

# Trivia of Lent

<p>What we doing on Ash Wednesday and God Friday when we eat only one full meal and avoid eating between meals?</p> <p><b>FASTING</b></p>	<p>What is loving communion with God, in which we talk and listen to God?</p> <p><b>PRAYER</b></p>	<p>What is the giving of money or our time or talents or other material things to those who are in need?</p> <p><b>WORKS OF MERCY</b></p>	<p>What do we call the suffering and death of Jesus that we hear read from the Gospel of Mark (14:1-15; 15-57), on Palm Sunday and the Gospel of John (18:1-19:42) on Good Friday?</p> <p><b>THE PASSION</b></p>
<p>What is a deep and strong change of heart, when we turn away from sin and evil and toward God?</p> <p><b>CONVERTION</b></p>	<p>What do we do to show our sorrow for in and wrongdoing, and to help undo damage that may have been caused by our sin?</p> <p><b>PENANCE</b></p>	<p>What do we call the service o Holy Saturday night that consists of the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, Christian Initiation (or renewal of baptism vows), and the Holy Eucharist, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection?</p> <p><b>PASCUAL VIGIL</b></p>	<p>What is the liturgical color that symbolizes sorrow and penance during the season of Lent ?</p> <p><b>PURPLE</b></p>
<p>What day do we celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, when we remember the Last Supper, during which Jesus gave to us the gift of himself in the Eucharist?</p> <p><b>HOLY THURSDAY</b></p>	<p>What is the Good Friday ritual that consists of showing special respect to the wood of the cross?</p> <p><b>VENERATION OF THE CROSS</b></p>	<p>¿What is the first day of Lent?</p> <p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>What is placed on our forehead in the sign of the cross on the first day of the Lent as a reminder to do penance ?</p> <p><b>HOLY ASHES</b></p>	<p>What is the devotion that remembers Jesus' path to his crucifixion on Calvary?</p> <p><b>THE WAY OF THE CROSS</b></p>
<p>What do we call the three days that are the highest point of the liturgical year, when we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist and the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus?</p> <p><b>PASCUAL TRIDIUM</b></p>	<p>What day of the Triduum do we remember Jesus' suffering and death?</p> <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p>	<p>What begins on Palm Sunday and is a time during which we remember the last days of Jesus' life?</p> <p><b>HOLY WEEK</b></p>	<p>What is the event that is at the core of all Christian beliefs and practices, that proclaims Jesus of Nazareth suffered, died was buried, and was raised to new life with God?</p> <p><b>THE RESURRECTION</b></p>



# *Friends of Jesus and Mary*

*4th Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2011*

*Readings: 1 Samuel 16, 16.6-7.10 -13<sup>a</sup>; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5, 8-14; John 9, 1-41*

## *Reflection*

Talk with the children about blindness. Do they know anyone who is blind? What difficulties do blind people encounter? By giving sight to the blind man, Jesus says that he can give light to whomever he wants so that he can help them to see the right way to live. Do you ask Jesus for help to see what you must do? What ideas of guilt do soap operas transmit to them? What blindness or wrong ideas do we find in our families, neighbors and friends? Do they have role models of honesty, justice, and truth around them? Where can they find the guidance to follow the right path? Do they sometimes prefer not to see because it is ugly or painful, or because it makes us do uncomfortable things?

In the readings of this week we can see how Christians are called to be children of the light and to reject the work of darkness. Christ can help us to see the truth about ourselves and to walk in the light with Jesus. Share



## *Activity*

Act the gospel of this week with the children. In this way they can meditate and understand this gospel better, since it very long. Choose the different characters: Narrator, the disciples, Jesus, the blind man, the Pharisee, and the parents of the blind man. The narrator should be someone who reads well or the leader of the group. In the next page you can the script.

## *Prayer*

Lord, we ask your blessing to enlighten our life. Let us see when we wake up the right things and be open to what you want to show us this day. Let me see my world with a positive mind and always remember that Jesus is at my side. May I be light to all my friends and family members. Amen



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## 4th Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2011

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16, 16.6-7.10 -13<sup>a</sup>; Psalm 22; Ephesians 5, 8-14; John 9, 1-41

**Narrator:** *As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been born blind. His disciples ask him:*

**Disciples:** *"Teacher, whose sin caused him to be born blind? Was it his own or his parents' sin?"*

**Narrator:** *Jesus answered,*

**Jesus:** *"His blindness has nothing to do with his sins or his parents' sins. He is blind so that God's power might be seen at work in him. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me; night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light for the world."*

**Narrator:** *After he said this, Jesus spat on the ground and made some mud with the spittle; he rubbed the mud on the man's eyes and told him,*

**Jesus:** *"Go and wash your face in the pool of Siloam." (This name means "Sent.")*

**Narrator:** *So the man went, washed his face, and came back seeing. His neighbors, then, and the people who had seen him begging before this, asked,*

**Neighbors:** *"Isn't this man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "He is the one," but others said, "No he isn't; he just looks like him."*

**Narrator:** *So the man himself said, "*

**The blind man:** *I am the man."*

**Narrator:** *They asked him*

**Neighbors:** *How is it that you can now see?"*

**Narrator:** *He answered:*

**Blind man:** *"The man called Jesus made some mud, rubbed it on my eyes, and told me to go to Siloam and wash my face. So I went, and as soon as I washed I could see."*

**Narrator:** *They asked*

**Neighbors:** *"Where is he?"*

**Narrator:** *He answered*

**Blind man:** *"I don't know,"*

**Narrator:** *Then they took to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. The day that Jesus made the mud and cured him of his blindness was a Sabbath. The Pharisees then asked the man again how he had received his sight. He told them,*

**Blind man:** *"He put some mud on my eyes; I washed my face, and now I can see." Washed my face and now I can see."*

**Narrator:** *Some of the Pharisees said,*

**Pharisee:** *"The man who did this cannot be from God, for he does not obey the Sabbath law,"*

**Narrator:** *Others, however, said,*

**Pharisee:** *"How could a man who is a sinner perform such miracles as these?"*

**Narrator:** *And there was a division among them. So the Pharisees asked the man once more,*

**Pharisee:** *"You say he cured you of your blindness*

**Narrator:** *The man answered:*

**Blind man:** *"He is a Prophet."*



**Narrator:** *The Jewish authorities, however, were not willing to believe that he had been blind and could now see, until they called his parents and ask them:*

**Fathers of the Blind man:** *"Is this your son? You say that he was born blind; how is it, then, that he can now see?" His parents answered, "We know that he is our son, and we know that he was born blind. But we do not know how it is that he is not now able to see, nor do we know who cured him of his blindness. Ask him; he is old enough, and he can answer for himself!"*

**Narrator:** *His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, who had already agreed that anyone who said he believed that Jesus was the Messiah would be expelled from the synagogue. That is why his parents said, "He is old enough; ask him!" A second time they called back the man who had been born blind, and said to him,*

**Pharisees:** *"Promise before God that you will tell the truth! We know that this man who cured you is a sinner."*

**Narrator:** *The man replied.*

**Blind man:** *"I do not know if he is a sinner or not," One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see."*

**Narrator:** *They asked*

**Pharisee:** *"What did he do to you? How did he cure you of your blindness?"*

**Narrator:** *He answered,*

**Blind man:** *"I have already told you," and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?*

*Maybe you, too, would like to be his disciples?"*

**Narrator:** *They insulted him and said,*

**Pharisees:** *"You are that fellow's disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for that fellow, however, we do not even know where he comes from!"*

**Narrator:** *The man answered:*

**Blind man:** *"What a strange thing that is! You do not know where he comes from, but he cured me of my blindness. We know that God does not listen to sinners; he does listen to people who respect him and do what he wants them to do. Since the beginning of the world nobody has ever heard of anyone giving sight to a person born blind. Unless this man came from God, he would not be able to do a thing."*

**Narrator:** *They answered,*

**Pharisees** *"You were born and brought up in sin and you are trying to teach us?"*

**Narrator:** *and they expelled him from the synagogue. When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked him,*

**Jesus:** *"Do you believe in the son of Man?"*

**Narrator:** *The man answered,*

**Blind man:** *"Tell me who he is, sir, so that I can believe in him!"*

**Narrator:** *Jesus said to him,*

**Jesus:** *"You have already seen him, and he is the one who is talking with you now."*

**Narrator:** *The man said, and knelt down before Jesus.*

**Blind man:** *"I believe, Lord!"*

**Narrator:** *Jesus said,*

**Jesus:** *"I came to this world to judge, so that the blind should see and those who see should become blind."*

**Narrator:** *Some Pharisees who were there with him heard him say this and asked him,*

**Pharisee:** *"Surely you don't mean that we are blind, too?"*

**Narrator:** *Jesus answered,*

**Jesus:** *"If you were blind, then you would not be guilty; but since you claim that you can see, this means that you are still guilty"*

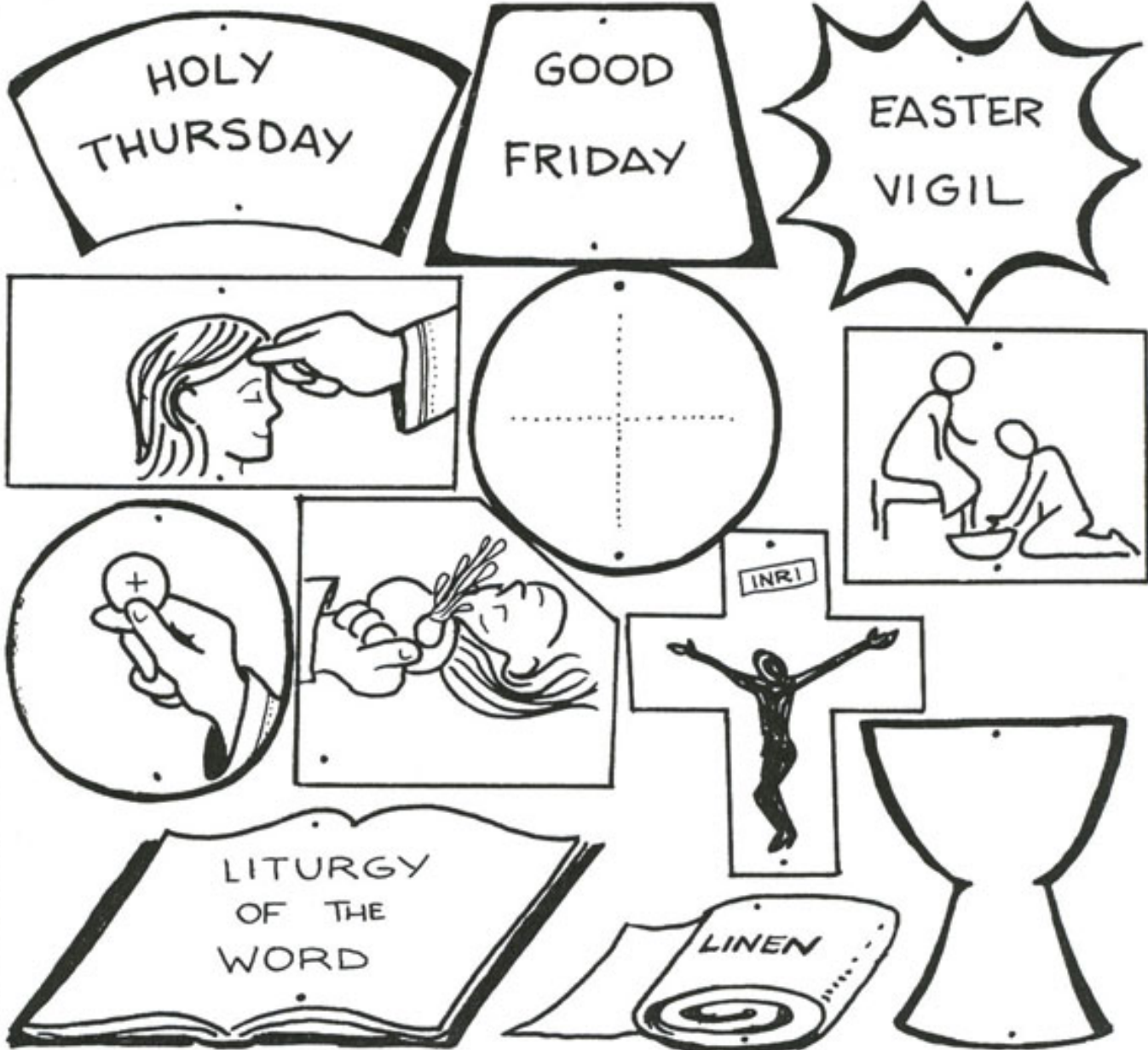
*(John 9, 1-41)*



# Easter

## Easter Mobile

Color. Cut out. Match the pieces to the day on which these events happen, thread them on a thin ribbon or colorful yarn and attach the strips to a coathanger to remind you of what takes place during Holy Week in preparation for Easter.





# Friends of Jesus and Mary

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent April 10, 2011

Readings: Ezekiel 37, 12-14 Psalm 129, Romans 8, 8-11 John 11, 1-45

## *The Death of Lazarus*

A man named Lazarus, who lived in Bethany, became sick. Bethany was the town where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (This Mary was the one who poured the perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was sick.) The sisters sent Jesus a message:

"Lord, your dear friend is sick." When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was sick. He stayed where he was for two more days. Then he said to the disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "Teacher," the disciples answered, "Just a short time ago the people there wanted to stone you; and are you planning to go back?" Jesus said, "A day has twelve hours, doesn't it? So those who walk in broad daylight do not stumble, for they see the light of this world. But if they walk during the night they stumble, because they have no light." Jesus said this and then added, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I will go and wake him up." The disciples answered, "If he is asleep, Lord, he will get well." Jesus meant that Lazarus had died, but they thought he meant natural sleep. So Jesus told plainly, "Lazarus is dead. But for your sake I am glad that I was not with him, so that you will believe. Let us go to him." Thomas (called the Twin) said to his fellow disciples, "Let us all go along with the Teacher, so that we may die with him!" When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had been buried four days before. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Judeans had come to see Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother's death. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died! But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask him for." Your brother will rise to life," Jesus told her. "I know," she replied "That he will rise to life on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord!" she answered. "I do believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." After Martha said this, she went back and called her sister Mary privately. "The teacher is here," she told her, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up and hurried out to meet him. (Jesus had not yet arrived in the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.) The people who were in the house with Mary comforting her followed her when they saw her get up and hurry out. They thought that she was going to the grave to weep there. Mary arrived where Jesus was, and as soon as she saw him, she fell at his feet. "Lord," she said, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died!" Jesus saw her weeping, and he saw how the people with her were weeping also; his heart was touched, and he was deeply moved. "Where have you buried him?" he asked them. "Come and see, Lord," they answered.

Jesus wept. "See how much he loved him!" the people said. But some of them said, "He gave sight to the blind man, didn't he? Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?" Deeply moved once more, Jesus went to the tomb, which was a cave with a stone placed at the entrance. "Take the stone away!"

Jesus ordered. Martha, the dead man's sister, answered, "There will be a bad smell, Lord. He has been buried four days!" Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believed?" they took the stone away. Jesus looked up and said, "I thank you, Father that you listen to me. I know that you always listen to me, but I say this for the sake of the people here, so that they will believe that you sent me." After he had said this, he called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" He came out, his hands and feet wrapped in grave cloths, and with a cloth around his face. "Untie him," Jesus told them, "and let him go." Many of the people who had come to visit Mary saw what Jesus did, and they believed in him.

**(John 11, 1-45)**



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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent/ April 10, 2011

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## The Death of Lazarus

### Reflection

Speak with the children about the story. How did they imagine situation on today's gospel.

Have they experienced death in their family? How did the adults react? What words of comfort did they hear?

Have they ever gone to give condolences to someone? How did that feel?

What do they think of Lazarus' story and his coming out of the tomb? Do you think like Martha and Mary that Jesus can rise Lazarus? What do people say and do when they see Lazarus come out?

Jesus shows that he has power to solve the most impossible things. Do you trust Jesus to help you when you think things have no solution?

Jesus shares the pains of human beings but gives us strength to face death with hope. Share



### Activity

Bring to the group a piece of white paper for each child. Ask them to write a note of condolence to comfort Jesus for the death of his dear friend. Then write a prayer where you tell Jesus of something that worries you And you think is very difficult o resolve. Tell Jesus know that He can help you, resolve the problem. Share the prayers.

### Prayer

Lord, help us to say to you with Martha, that we know you have power to give us life. Bring us out of the tombs of our selfishness to hear your call and walk with you. Amen



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Palm Sunday April 05- 2009

Mark 11, 1-10

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7; Psalm 21; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14: 1-15, 47.

## The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

As they approached Jerusalem, near the towns of Bethphage and Bethany, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples on ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. And if someone asks you why you are doing that, say that the Master needs it and will send it back at once." So they went and found a colt out in the street, tied to the door of a house. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders asked them, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered just as Jesus had told them, and the crowd let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus, threw their cloaks over the animal, and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches in the field and spread them on the road. The people who were in front and those who followed behind began to shout, "Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! God bless the coming Kingdom of King David, our Father! Praise to God!" (Mark 11, 1-10)



## Reflection

As a remembrance of the entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem, we read on the begging of the Mass on Palm Sunday the gospel of Mark in the year B

The palms are blessed and distributed to all.

During the Mass this Sunday the passion of Jesus is read.

Why would people first praise Jesus and then demand his death? Do you have known people who has betrayed you or your parents? How did you feel about it?

## Activity

Reenact the scene of Jesus entrance in Jerusalem. Make a procession with palms. The children can wave them and sing Hosannas.

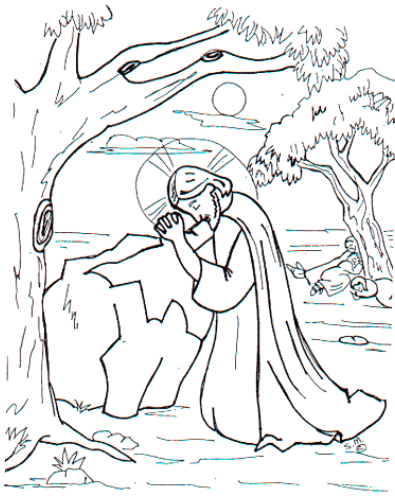
## Prayer

Lord, you came to show us that the one sent by God is a servant to all. Help us to believe that true worth doesn't come from power but from our union with you. Help us to praise you each day through our acts of service to one another. Amen

# SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

These mysteries are pray Tuesday and Friday

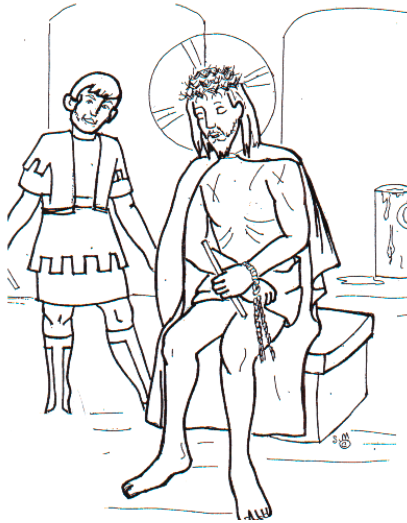
We suggest you pray during Lent



## 1. *The Agony in the Garden (Lk 22,39-44)*

In His anguish He prayed with all the greater intensity, and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then He rose from prayer and came to His disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted with grief. One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for Sin



## 2. *The Scourging at the Pillar (Mt 27,22)*

Pilate's next move was to take Jesus and have Him scourged.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Purity

## 3. *The Crowning with Thorns (Mk 15,16-18)*

They stripped off His clothes and wrapped Him in a scarlet military cloak. Weaving a crown out of thorns they fixed in on His head, and stuck a reed in His right hand.

One Our Father, Ten Hail Marys, One Glory Be, etc.

Fruit of the Mystery: Courage

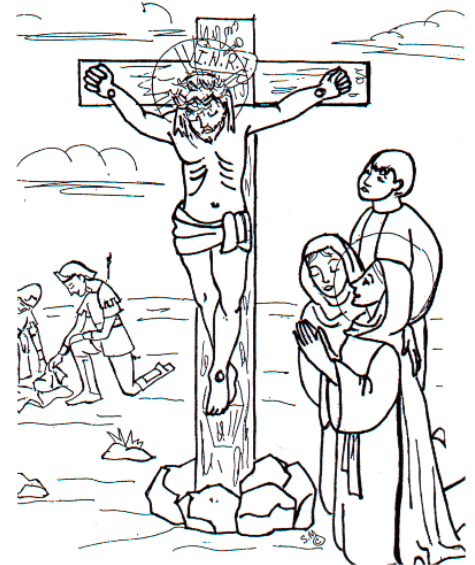


## 4. *The Carrying of the Cross (Jn 19,16-18)*

... carrying the cross by Himself, He went out to what is called the Pace of the Skull (in Hebrew Golgotha)

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Fruit of the Mystery: Patient



## 5. *The Crucifixion (Jn 19,67-27)*

Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, "Father, into Your hands I commend My Spirit.: After He said this, He expired.

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Fruit of the Mystery: Perseverance



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010

Readings: Exodus 12, 1-8, 11-14; Psalm 115; 1Corinthians 11, 23-26; John 13, 1-15

## Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

It was now the day before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved those in the world who were his own, and he loved them to the very end.

Jesus and his disciples were at supper. The Devil had already put into the heart of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, the thought of betraying Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given him complete power; he knew that he had come from God and was going to God. So he rose from the table, took off his outer garment, and tied a towel around his waist. Then he poured some water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "are you going to wash my feet, Lord?"

Jesus answered him, "You do not understand now what I am doing, but you will understand later."

Peter declared, "Never at any time will you wash my feet!" If I do not wash your feet," Jesus answered, "You will no longer be any disciple." Simon Peter answered, "Lord do not wash only my feet, then! Wash my hands and head, too!" Jesus said, those who have taken a bath are completely clean and do not have to wash themselves, except for their feet. All of you are clean - all except one." Jesus already knew who was going to betray him; that is why he said, "All of you, except one, are clean." After Jesus had washed their feet, he put his outer garment back on and returned to his place at the table. "Do you understand what I have just done to you?" he asked. "You call me teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am.

I, your Lord and Teacher, have just washed your feet. You, then, should wash one another's feet. I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you. (John 13, 1-15)

## Reflection

Speak with the children about the Jewish Passover and what is celebrated there. How is that meal similar to our Mass? Have they heard sometimes "Lamb of God"? Who is being talked about?

Tell the children the story of the Exodus 12, 1-8, 11-14

How is Jesus the "Lamb of God" for us? Why?

Jesus generosity in giving his own Body and Blood challenges us to give of ourselves to others.

The Eucharist invites us to commit to serve others, to share and to give our own lives, like Jesus.

How can you offer your service to others?

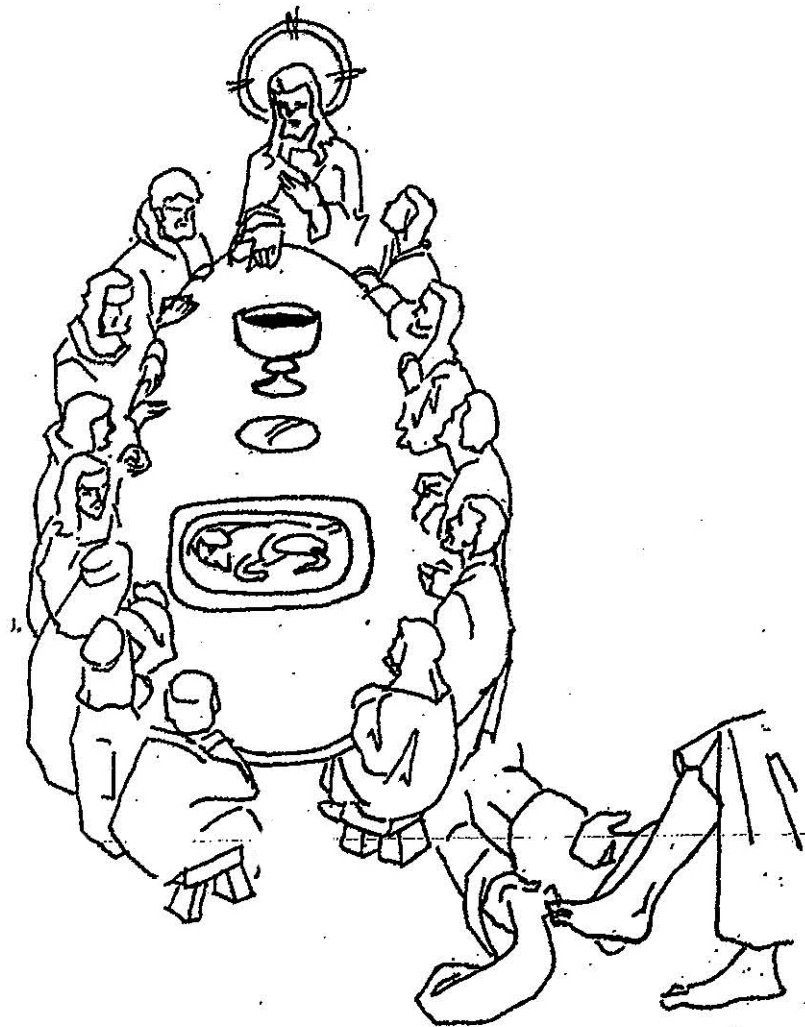
How do you react when Jesus wants to wash your feet? Are you embarrassed? Share

## Activity

Dramatized the Last Supper. Dress 12 children as the Apostles and prepare the supper as Jesus did with his disciples. In our web page you can find more information in the file for Lent. You can use this readings: Exodus 12, 1-8, 11-14; washing of the feet John 13, 1-15; and the Last Supper 1 Corinthians 11, 23-26

## Prayer

Lord, by the Eucharist, the gift of yourself, by your body given to us and your blood poured out for us, you have remained with us for ever. We give you thanks, Lord. And pray that your nourishment may always strengthen us so that we, too, will reach out to share with and serve one another Amen





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**MAKE A PASSOVER TABLE**

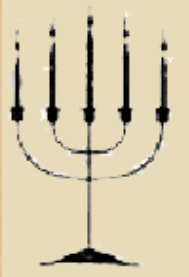
On the table, you could also place other Passover symbols:

- ✓ A shadow dish of salt water (for the suffering and tears of God's people)
- ✓ Matzoh (unleavened bread). Flat bread is used because God's people did not have time to bake regular bread before they left Egypt. (If your grocery does not have Matzoh, you can use crackers.)

A cup of grape juice (in place of wine). Candles.

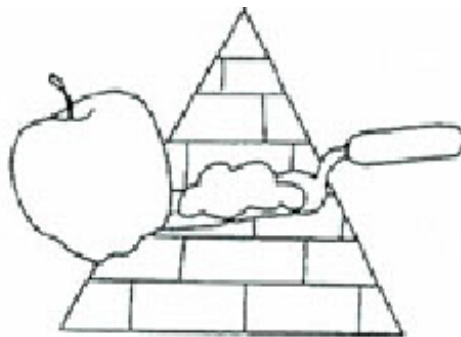
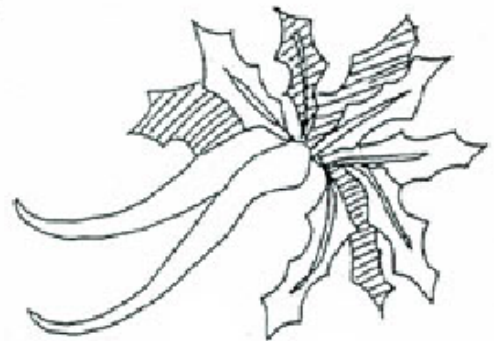
Arrange the items near you Seder Plate, at the center of the table. At your meals, you might have someone read Exodus (12:1-14, which tells about the first Passover. Here is a prayer from the Passover celebration that you can use at your dinner.

*Blessed are you, o God,  
King of the Universe,  
who have kept us alive  
and brought us to enjoy  
this holy*



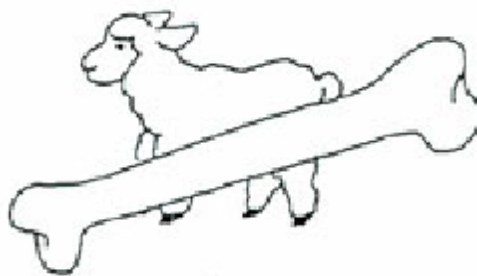
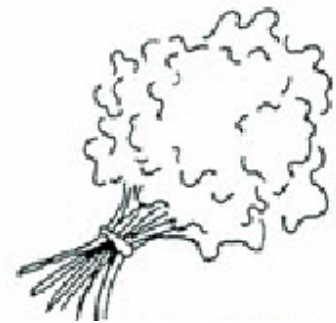
The Jewish people continue to celebrate Passover the way their ancestor have done for centuries. Families gather for a festive meal called Seder. They prepare certain foods that remains them of he Hebrews suffering in Egypt and of how God led them to freedom

**Bitter Herbs:** for the bitter and cruel way Pharaoh treated God's people. The bitter herbs are usually represented by a horse-radish, which looks like a small, white carrot

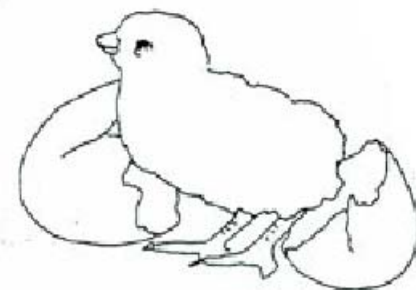


**Charoses:** for the clay God's people used in building Pharaoh's cities. Charoses is an apple salad made of finely chopped apples with cinnamon and a little grape juice

**Karpas:** for spring and new life. The karpas, or green vegetable, is usually represented by pasley



**The Shankone:** for the lamb whose blood saved the people. Since lambs are no longer sacrificed, the bone stands for the whole lamb.



**CHAROSES**

To make three small servings mix together:  
 1 Large apple, finely chopped (Ask an adult to help)  
 Cinnamon (a large "pinch")  
 1 tsp. grape juice (for moisture)  
 Optional:  
 1 cup raisins and  
 3 tbs. chopped nuts

# JESUS IN THE TABERNACLE

But, why do we keep Jesus in the tabernacle after celebrating mass?

**We do it for three reasons:**

1. **to take Him to the Christians who were not able to attend the Eucharist because they are sick.** They also need the strength and grace of Jesus

2. **To take Him to those who are going to die.** This is called the "Viaticum". This is the best help that we can have for our journey from this world to God. It is the best nourishment and the greatest strength at this very important time.

3. **So that we may adore Him and come to Him in prayer.** To adore Jesus in the Eucharist is to acknowledge that He is God. It is not a piece of bread, but the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, the second person of the most Holy Trinity.

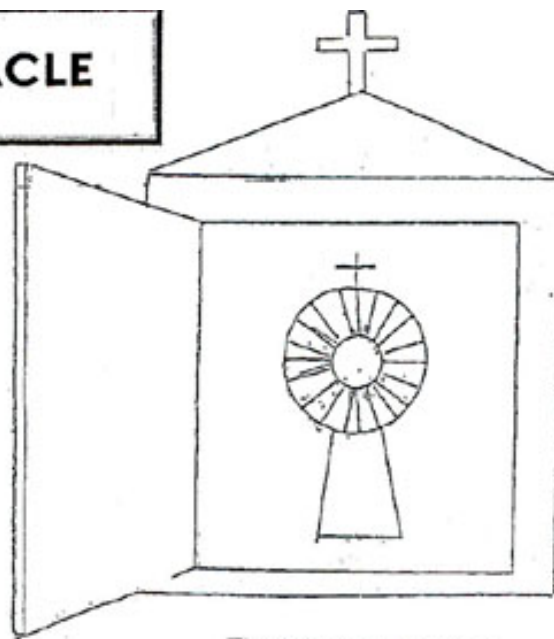
**We should also come to Him to thank Him.**

for all He gives us; to ask Him what we need; to listen to Him because He speaks to our hearts and to ask His forgiveness for all the wrong we do.

In short, to speak with Him.



**"Jesus is alive among us"**



**The tabernacle is the little house of Jesús. It is in the church. Whenever Jesus is there, the lamp will be lit..... Look for it**

**Jesus, from "His little house" in the Tabernacle:**



**L**OVES us,  
**O**UR Lord is with us  
**V**ALUES and hears everything we tell Him.  
**E**ASES our sorrows and looks at us with love When we visit Him.  
**S**ANCTIFIES us with "graces" so we might be good and  
**U**RGES us to come, so He can receive all the children at the Tabernacle. Our Jesus  
**S**AVES us and awaits our visit.

**The Tabernacle is the best place to be with Jesus and to discover what He wants from us.**

Therefore, pray to Jesus who is present in the Eucharist because He has remained there to help you.

He will show you how to be a better altar server, not only when you help with Holy mass, but also during your lifetime.



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

*Easter Sunday April 12, 2009*

*Readings: Acts 10, 34a 37-43; Psalm 117 Colossians 3, 1-4; John 20, 1-9*

*Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"*

*Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.)*

**(John 20, 1-9)**

## *Reflection*

*Jesus' resurrection was not a return to earthly life as it was the case of the resurrections he had done before Easter (Jairus' daughter, the son of the Naim widow, Lazarus). These facts were miraculous events, but the affected persons would have to return to their ordinary life. At a certain point, they would die again. The Resurrection of Jesus is essentially different. In his resurrected body he goes from the state of to a life beyond time and space. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #646) Jesus' disciples did not understand what had to happen according to scripture.*

*What are some of the prevalent attitudes toward death in your families?*

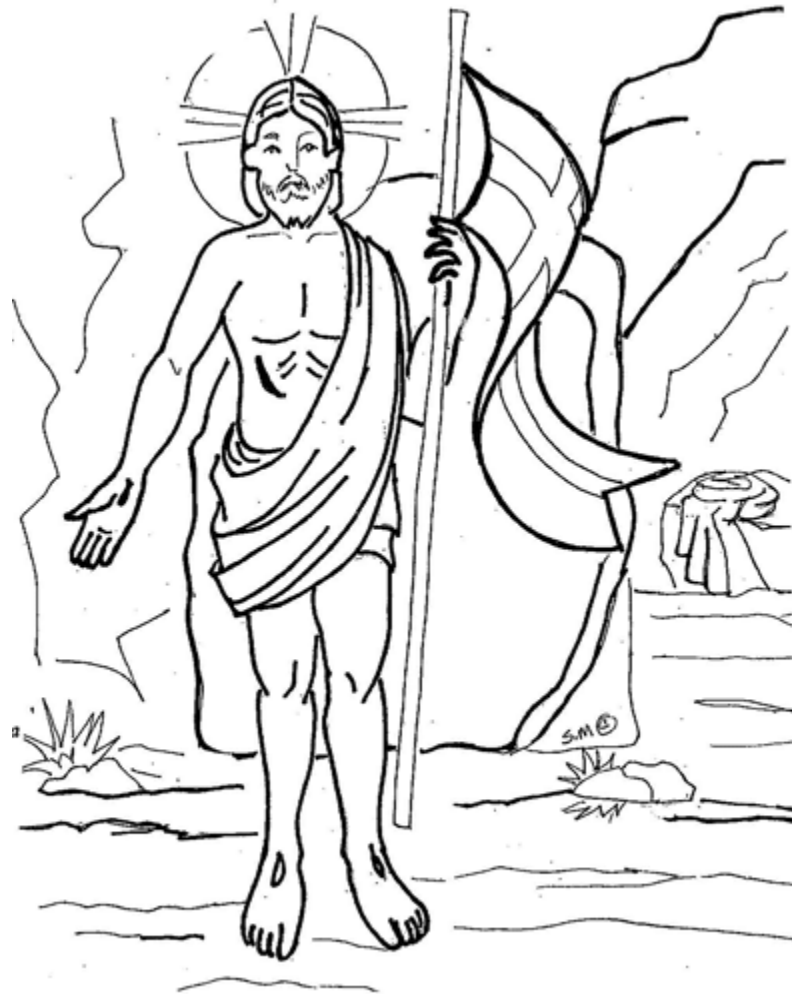
*Do they treat death as the end of every thing?*

*Have they ever seen a death in their family?*

*How did they feel? Do they think that person is still near them in some way?*

## *Prayer*

*Lord, today we celebrate your Resurrection with great joy. May our Gatherings always be full of joy because we have faith and the hope that, as you have conquered death, we, too, will rise with you. Amen*



# We Celebrate Easter: Signs of Joy

Jesus died for us.  
He rose to new life for us.  
Jesus gives us new life.  
He will be with us always.

Circle the right word.

Jesus rose from the dead on (Easter Pentecost) Sunday.

Early in the morning the women went to the ( Water Tomb).

When they got there, the ( guard stone ) was rolled away from the entrance to the tomb. (Jesus Mary ) was not in the tomb. Jesus had risen from the ( sleep dead ). We sing (alleluia Holy, Holy, Holy), praise the Lord.

Jesus gives us new ( lost life ). We believe that some day we, too will rise from the dead. God will give us new life in ( heaven church ).

We light the Easter candle. It is a sign the risen Jesus is with us. Color the Easter candle.

Walking by Faith

