



Friends of Jesus and Mary  
Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

May 2011  
Miami, Florida

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May is the month dedicated to Virgin Mary. It is also a month where we can relate better to our own mother with Virgin Mary, Jesus' mother, and understand why Jesus crowned her as Queen of Heaven and earth, and gave it to us as your mother also. Help them to prepare a Spiritual Bouquet to be given to their mothers on Mothers Day.

**Important feast and some Saints of the month**

- May 01 Beatification John Paul II
- May 03 Exaltation Of the Cross
- May 08 Mother's Day
- May 13 Virgin of Fatima
- May 18 Pope John Paul II Birthday
- May 22 Saint Rita of Cassia
- May 31 The Visitation

**Enclosed Materials:**

- Monthly Calendar
- Meditation on the Sunday Gospel

**Activities:**

- a) Saint of the Month
- b) Mother's day Card
- c) Mother's in the Bible
- d) Feast days of Virgin Mary
- e) Good Shepherd activity
- f) The Ten Commandments
- g) Love one another

**Suggested videos:** (All available in the video club)

- 1. The Day the Sun Danced
- 2. The Ascension
- 3. The Life of Jesus I
- 4. The Visitation
- 5. Mary
- 6. Confirmation
- 7. Prayer
- 8. Fatima

**We are planning a Celebration of the 20 Anniversary of our ministry Friend of Jesus and Mary. On November 11,12 and 13 we will have a special mass in the church "Shrine of Charity at 12:00 pm and Saturday we leave to Saint Agustin Florida.**

*Comité de Amigos de Jesús y María*



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# MAY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 2 Sunday of Easter  ¶lets 2,42-47 Psalm 117 1 Peter 1,3-9 John 20, 19-31	<b>2</b> St. Athanasius  ¶lets 4,23-31 Psalm 2 John 3,1-8	<b>3</b> Exaltation of the Cross Ss Phillip & James (Apostles)  1 Co 15,1-8 Psalm 18 John 14,6-14	<b>4</b>  ¶lets 5,17-26 Psalm 33 John 5,16-21	<b>5</b>  ¶lets 5,27-33 Psalm 33 John 5,31-36	<b>6</b>  ¶lets 5,34-42 Psalm 26 John 6,1-15	<b>7</b>  ¶lets 6,1-7 Psalm 32 John 6,16-21
<b>8</b> 3 Sunday of Easter  ¶lets 2,14,22-25 Psalm 15 1 Peter 1,17-21 Lucas 24, 13-35	<b>9</b>  ¶lets 6,8-15 Psalm 118 John 6,22-29	<b>10</b>  ¶lets 7,51-8,1a Psalm 30 John 6,50-55	<b>11</b>  ¶lets 8,1b-8 Psalm 65 John 6,53-40	<b>12</b>  ¶lets 8,26-40 Psalm 65 John 6,44-51	<b>13</b>  ¶lets 9,1-20 Psalm 116 John 6,52-59	<b>14</b>  ¶lets 1,15-17,20-26 Psalm 12 John 15,9-17
<b>15</b> 4 Sunday of Easter  ¶lets 2,14a,6-41 Psalm 22 1 Peter 2,20b-25 John 10,1-10	<b>16</b>  ¶lets 11,1-18 Psalm 41 John 10,11-18	<b>17</b>  ¶lets 11,19-26 Psalm 86 John 10,22-30	<b>18</b> John Paul II Birthday  ¶lets 12,24-15,5a Psalm 66 John 12,44-50	<b>19</b>  ¶lets 13,15-25 Psalm 88 John 13,16-20	<b>20</b>  ¶lets 15,26-35 Psalm 2 John 14,1-6	<b>21</b>  ¶lets 15,44-52 Psalm 97 John 14,7-14
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<b>29</b> 6 Sunday of Easter  ¶lets 8,5-8,14-17 Psalm 65 1 Peter 3,15-18 John 14,15-21	<b>30</b>  ¶lets 16,11-15 Psalm 149 John 15,26-16,4a	<b>31</b>  Sof 3,14-18 Psalm 18,12,2-6 Lucas 1,59-58				

# Hints for May Mystery Saints

A. She was a French girl that loved God and her country very much. She guided the troops and saved her country from the enemy, the enemies captured her and she was killed. Her feast is celebrated on May 30th.

MAY 30

B. He was born in Turin, Italy, on August 16, 1815. His parents were poor farmers. He was very intelligent and full of life. HE was a carpenter, a shoemaker, a cook, a pastry maker and a farmer. He did many others jobs as well. He became a priest in 1841. He started his a religious order called the Salesians; an order of Salesian sisters was started too with the help of Mary Mazzarello. He died on January 31, 1888. He has a special way with young people.

MAY 31

C. He was a poor man living in Madrid. He had worked his whole life as a farmer. His fellow co-workers complained to the owner that he worked less than them because he was always attending Mass. The owner went to the fields to check on him, and he saw that some angels were helping him out. From then on, he ignored the other's complaints. The devotion that this poor farmer had shows us that Go should always be the first thing in our lives

MAY 15

D. She wanted to be a nun, but at the age of 15, her parents forced her to marry a bad and unfaithful man. She prayed consistently and he changed his way and converted. When her husband died she entered the convent. She had a specially strong devotion for Jesus in the Cross. She would say "Any sufferings that I may have, I offer them to you, Jesus."

MAY 23

E. After Jesus' Ascension, Peter mentioned to the other apostles that they had to choose someone to fill in Jude's place. The Holy Spirit guided them in their decision. He preached in Judea and Ethiopia. He was stoned to death in the year 64

MAY 14

F. One of these saints was born in Betsaida, where St. Andrew and St. Peter are from. He asked Jesus during the last supper "Show us the Father and this shall suffice". He preached in Frigia and dies crucified. The other saint was Jesus' cousin and brother to Judas Tadeo. He was the Jerusalem's first bishop and died by stoning in the year 62.

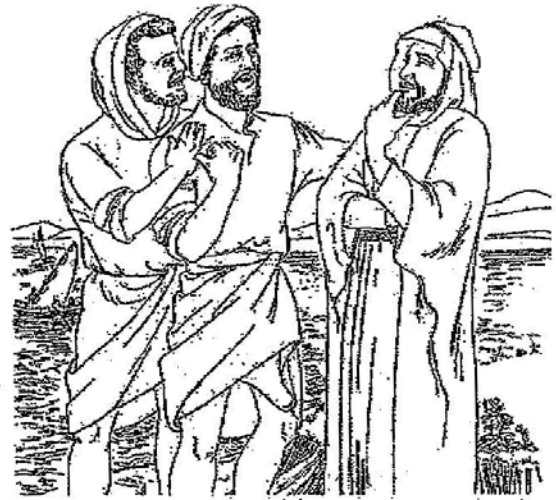
MAY 3

# Can you guess which Saint we are?

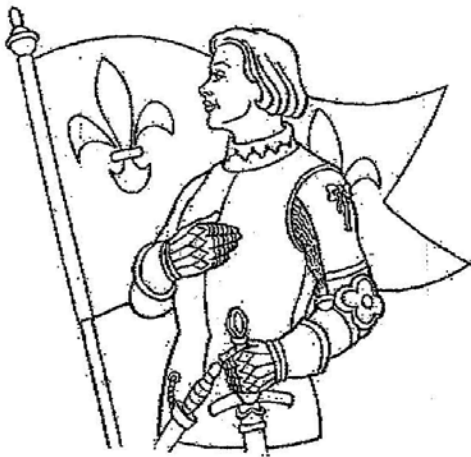
## Mystery Saints for May



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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Jesus I trust in-You**



**THE BEATITUDES:**

Ask the children to read Mathew 5:3 Jesus knows we are happy if we realize that everything we have comes from Him, without His gift we are poor.

Jesus knows we are happy when we share His gifts with others He will joyfully and generously welcome us to Heaven.

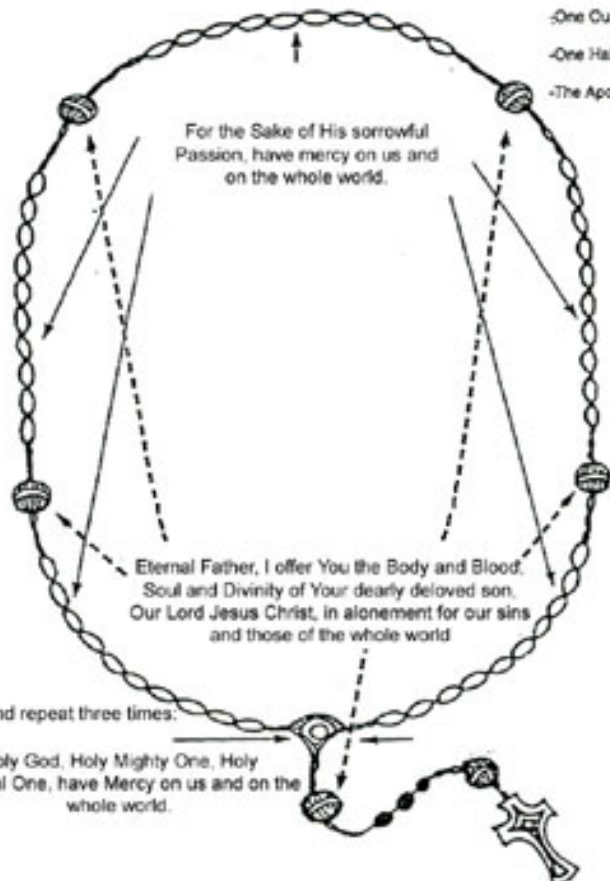
Let us think about the message of love Jesus gives and how we are going to live it

We show our kindness and compassion.....

**The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy**

You will begin with

- One Our Father
- One Hail Mary
- The Apostles Creed



For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world

At the end repeat three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have Mercy on us and on the whole world.



**Jesus Says:**

- Blessed are the poor in spirit
- Blessed are the merciful
- Blessed are the clean of heart...
- Blessed are the peace makers

Mathew 5, 3-12

Through the chaplet you obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with my will (1731)

The caring love of God for each one of us teach us how we must treat and take care others. We are a family!

**Divine Mercy Sunday!** The Sunday after Easter

Jesus is very merciful. He loves us and forgives our sins. We can tell others about his mercy. Jesus, we trust in you!



**Domingo de la Divina Misericordia!** El domingo después del Domingo de Pascua. Jesús es misericordioso. Él nos ama y perdona nuestros pecados. Debemos hablarles a los demás sobre su misericordia. ¡Jesús, confiamos en ti!



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Second Sunday of Easter May 1, 2011

Readings: Acts 2, 42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1, 3-9; John 20, 19-31

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

*It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."*

*A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those believe without seeing me!"*

*In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many others miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life. (John 20, 19-31)*

## Reflection

To doubt is not strange. It is the Lord himself, however, who gives us peace and communicates with us through the witnessing of others. At the same time, we are entrusted with sharing everything with others.

In the same way Jesus showed his wounds to Thomas, we show others we are the friends of Jesus through the works we do with our hands, our feet and our heart.

Whom do they listen to and believe? Who do they trust? What are they afraid of?

Is there peace in their homes and community?

Share

## Activity

Let the children draw their hands, feet, and heart. Ask them to write in them what they are planning to do with their hands, their feet and heart this week in order to show that he or she is a friend of Jesus. Example: House chores, homework, visiting someone who is sick, forgiving, telling someone they love them. Share what each one will do.



## Prayer

Lord, we have seen you in the aching hands of those who have served us; in the feet of those who have accompanied us and those who have visited us. Help us to be your hands, feet and heart to bring to others the good news of your life. Amen





# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Third Sunday of Easter May 8, 2011

Readings: Acts 2:14.22-33; Psalm 15; 1 Peter 1, 17-21; Luke 24, 13-35

## The Walk to Emmaus

Representation of the gospel

**Narrator:** On that same day two of Jesus disciples were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him but somehow did not recognize him. Jesus said to them:

**Jesus:** What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?

**Narrator:** They stood still, with sad faces. One of them named Cleopas, asked him:

**Cleopas:** Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know what has happened there these last few days?

**Jesus:** What things?

**Narrator:** The disciples answer

**Cleopas:** All about Jesus of Nazareth who proved himself to be a great prophet by the things he did and said before God and everybody and now our priests and leaders condemned him to death and crucified him. We were hoping that he would be the one to free Israel, but now it is three days since this happened. Is it true, they added, that some of our women alarmed us, because they went to tomb and they did not find the body. They say they saw an apparition; some angels told them that he was alive. And some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything as the women had described it, but they did not see him.

**Narrator:** Then the stranger, quoting Moses and the prophets, explained to them what the scripture says. As they drew near Emmaus, which was where the apostles were going to stay, the stranger made as if to continue, but they asked him to stay with them.

They sat down at a table, and the stranger took some bread, blessed it and gave it to them. And immediately their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus. But he had disappeared.

Although it was already late, Cleopas and his companion rushed back to the cenacle to tell the rest the good news. On the way they said,

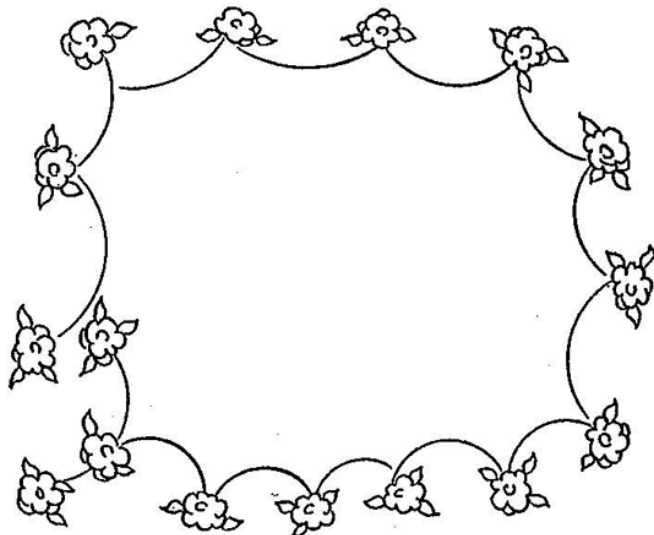
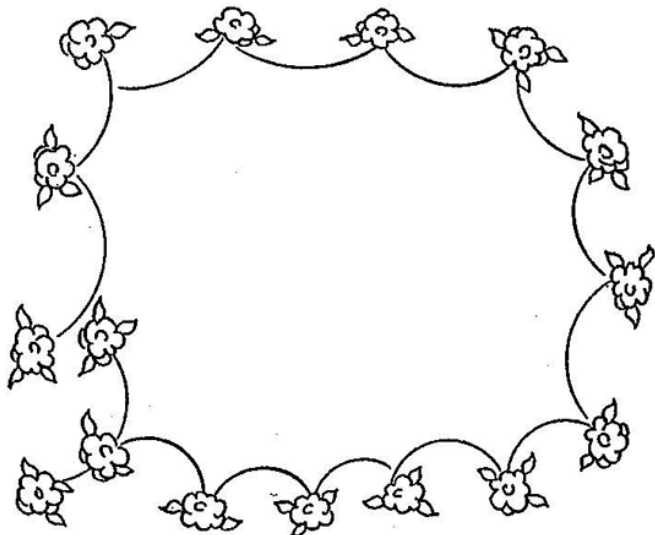
**The disciples:** "Were our hearts not burning when he spoke to us, explaining the scripture to us?"





# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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Dear: \_\_\_\_\_,

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*My gift for  
you is a gift  
of Prayer.  
Love*

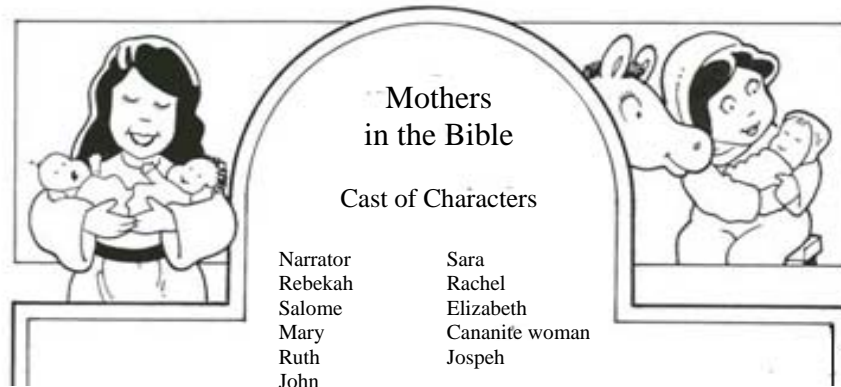
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Make a bookmark for Mom, Grandma and God-mother.

In the circle where the flowers are write a prayer for your Mom or any other special person.

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**Narrator:** Today we honor all mothers, but specially those whose lives we read about in the Bible. Hear them as they speak for themselves.

**Sarah:** (enters carrying baby) I am Sarah, wife of Abraham, from whom all our people are descended. I was an old woman when my baby, promised by my Lord, was born. I was so overjoyed that I named him Isaac, which means laughter. (Goes to back or other side of stage before next person enters)

**Rebekah:** (Enters carrying twin babies in her arms) I am Rebekah, wife of Sara's son. Isaac and mother of the twins Jacob and Esau. Although I love Jacob more. When he was a young man, I even helped trick his father into giving him a blessing meant for Esau, but I never saw him after that. (She goes to stand beside Sarah.

**Raquel:** (Enters carrying twin babies in her arms leading Joseph by the hand) My name is Raquel, and I was the beloved wife of Jacob. My first son, Joseph was the favorite of his father, who gave him a beautiful coat of many colors. My second son I named Ben-Oni, which means "son of my pain", but my husband rename him Benjamin, "son of the right hand" for he, too, was loved by his father. (She to stand beside Rebekah).

**Naomi:** (Enters followed by young woman) I am Naomi, I had two sons, but I am best remembered for my daughter in law, Ruth. It is through her loving devotion, after my sons died, that all mothers-in-law are remembered. (She and Ruth move back with the others).

**Salomé:** I am Salome, the mother of James and John. I stayed close to Jesus when he was in Galilee, and I followed him to Jerusalem. After Jesus died, I even walked to the tomb with spices to anoint him .

**Elizabeth:** (Entry followed by John) My name is Elizabeth, one of the first mothers mentioned in the New Testament. I am the mother of John, ;later known as the Baptist. Like Sarah, I was old when he was born, yet I was honored and happy to be the mother of the man who later baptized Jesus. (Both move back beside the others).

**Mary:** (Enters carrying baby). I am Mary, the mother of Jesus, whose birth was announced by an angel, whose death took place on the cross, and whose kingdom will never end. My soul glorifies the Lord. (Moves back by others).

**Canaanite Women** I am the Canaanite women who begged Jesus to cure my suffering child. Even though I had great faith in Jesus, it took great courage to go to him because I was looked on as a "foreigner", someone different from others. My love for my child gave the strength not to worry about what people were saying about me.

(All characters come forward and stand together)

**Narrator:** Even after so many generations, we remember those mothers. They gave to the world children who later changed the world. May all mothers like these continue to teach their children how much God loves them.



**January 1**  
**Mary Mother of God**



**February 2**  
**The Presentation of Jesus**



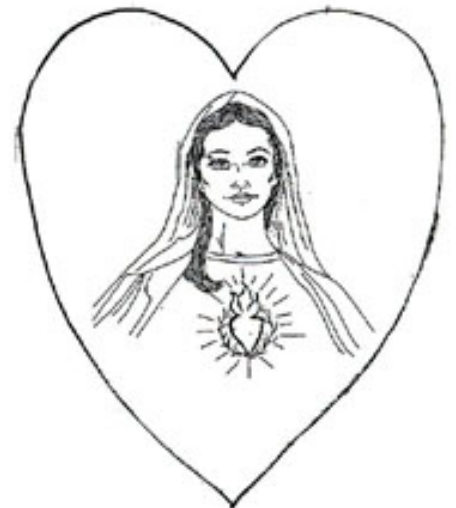
**February 11**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**



**The Annunciation**



**May 31**  
**Visitation of Our Lady**



**The Immaculate Heart of Mary**



**June 25**  
**Mary Queen of Peace**

**Feast Days of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**



**July 16**  
**Our Lady of the Mount Carmel**





**August 15**  
The Assumption of Our Lady



**August 22**  
Queen of Mary



**September 8**  
The Nativity of Our Lady



**September 15**  
Our Lady of Sorrows



**October 7**  
Our Lady of the Rosary



**November 21**  
The Presentation of Our Lady



**December 8**  
Immaculate Conception

### MEMORY GAME ON THE FEAST OF MARY

#### Instructions

Duplicate the pictures color and paste them in a cardboard and cut it.  
Now you will have two of each.  
Place them face down on a table.  
The one that finds most pairs is the **winner**.



**December 12**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe





# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 15, 2011

Readings: Acts 2, 14a. 6-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2, 20b-25; John 10: 1-10

## The Parable of the Good Shepherd

Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice." Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant. So Jesus said again, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness. (John 10:1-10)

### Reflection

Jesus is our protection and knows us by name. Jesus gave himself for us, even when we were like sheep gone astray. Today Jesus continues to call us to return to our Lord and shepherd. With whom do they feel protected? Who knows them well? Who would be willing to give their own life for them? Have they ever seen a shepherd or pictures of shepherds? Shepherds communicate with their sheep through whistling. The sheep recognize the voice of their own shepherd. How do we know when Jesus wants us to do something or call us to do something? Share

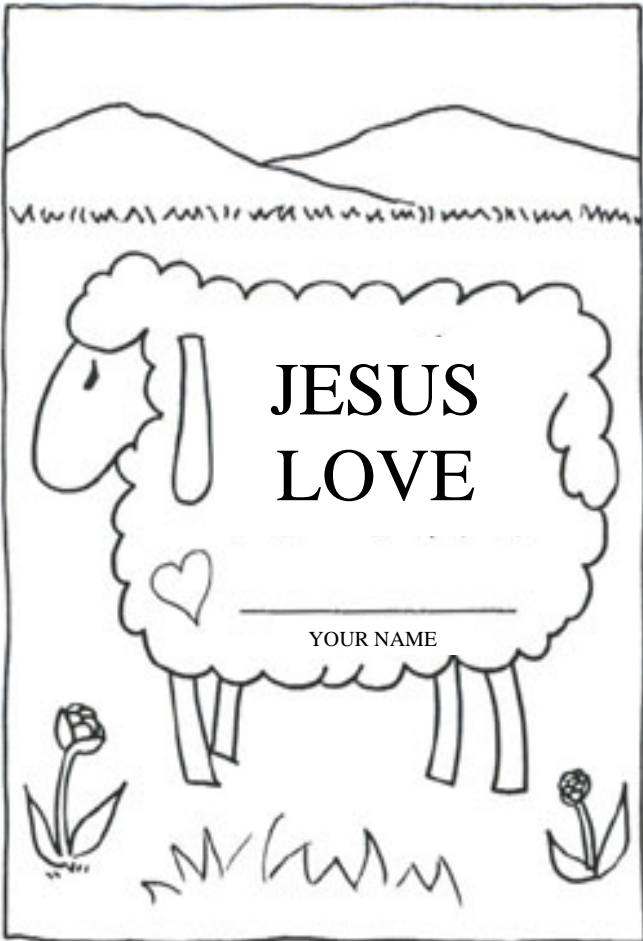
### Activity

In the next page you will find pictures of sheep. Cut them and bring one for each child to the group. Make bigger the picture of the Good Shepherd, Color it and paste in the middle of a big poster board. Ask the children to write their name in one side of the sheep and in the other side write what they would do for Jesus this week. Paste all the sheep in the poster board around the Good Shepherd. Then all together said a prayer.

### Prayer

Lord, you have always protected our family and friends, even in the midst of danger. Help us to recognize your voice in the voices of each member of our family and friends. Help us to recognize one another as you know and love us. Amen





**Jesus says that He is the Good Sheppard, who loves us very much and will take care of us.**



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

Fifth Sunday- May 22, 2011

Readings: Acts 6, 1-7; Psalm 32 ;1Peter 2, 4-9 ;John 14, 1-12

## Jesus the way to the Father

*“Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them. “Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am. You know the way that leads to the place where I am going.”*

*Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?” Jesus answered him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me. Now that you have known me,” he said to them, “you will know my Father also, and from now on you do know him and you have seen him.” Phillip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father; that is all we need.” Jesus answered, “For a long time I have been with you all; yet you do not know me, Phillip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. Why, then, do you say, “Show us the Father? Do you not believe, Phillip that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I have spoken to you.” Jesus said to his disciples. “do not come from me. The Father, who remains in me, does his own work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. If not, believe because of the things I do. I am telling you the truth: those who believe in me will do what I do – yes, they will do even greater things, because I am going to the Father. (John 14, 1-12)*

## Reflection

Despite all the difficulties and uncertainties of our way, Jesus promises to be with us to lead us to God if we follow his way, that is, his works. Is there something that worries you and you want to tell Jesus? Have you ever felt confused and don't know what to do? How do you feel when you hear the words of Jesus? Have they ever traveled with their parents? What are their preparations? Do they think what they need to take? Would they ever set out without knowing where they are going?

When Jesus says that he is the way to God, what do they think they need to take for that kind of journey? Share.

## Activity

Prepare some index cards with some titles that identify Jesus. Also bring some blank cards.

1-I am the bread of life. John 6, 28-40

2-I am the light of the world John 8, 8-19

3-I am the gate for the sheep John 10,7-16

4-I am the way, the truth and the light John 11, 17-28

5-I am the vine John 15,1-17

Sit the children in a circle.

Place the cards with the messages in a visible way so that they can easily read them. Make 5 groups. Each one picks the title that has more meaning for them. Already in the group read the bible verse twice. Let the message of the reading touch your heart. In the other blank card write the title that will identify you with the mission you are going to realize as a Christian. Example: “I will be an evangelizer of children”. In the circle each one group share what they pick. Unite your hands and finish with a prayer.

## Prayer

Lord, sometimes life becomes difficult for us and we don't know which way to go. Thank you for your promise to walk with us, guiding us and being the way of love, forgiveness, mutual support, hope and joy. We trust in you Jesus, because you lead us to a safe place. Amen







# Friend of Jesus and Mary

6th Sunday of Easter May 29, 2011

Readings: Acts 8, 5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1Peter 3, 15-18; John 14, 15-21

## *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*

*If you love me, you will obey my commandments. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you. "When I go, you will not be left all alone; I will come back to you. In a little while the world will see me no more, but you will see me; and because I live, you also will live. When that day comes, you will know that I am in my Father and that you are in me, just as I am in you. "Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me; I too will love them and reveal myself to them."*

*(John 14, 15-21)*

## *Reflection*

Jesus promise not to leave us alone and to send his Spirit. At the same time, he invites us to do what he did: **Love and serve**

What can you do for others to show Jesus how much you love him?

Have they ever felt lonely or sad? When do they feel better, when they have lots of things, or when they feel someone loves them and protect them? When they have things only for themselves or when they share? Jesus does not leave us alone and invites us to do like him, share and to love one another. Share

## *Activity*

Bring some index cards to the group. Invite the children to write in them what they think have done with their life testimony to contribute for a better world. Share what each one wrote. Then write a pledge of what you are going to this week to help in your home and school showing love and service. Place the cards in the altar of the group and finish with a prayer.

## *Prayer*

Lord, you send us your Spirit of love so that we don't feel lonely or abandoned. May we always have our ears and heart open to listen to one another. May we have outstretched arms to serve each other in love. Amen





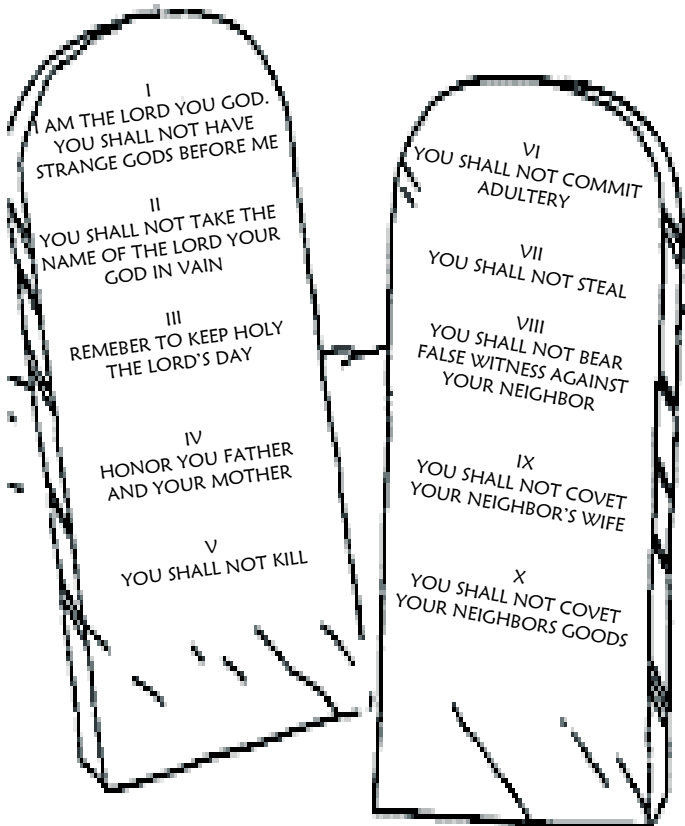
# Teacher of God's Law of Love



Moses was the teacher of the “old law” Jesus came to fulfill God’s law and teach us how to live the law.

Every day we show our love for God and one another.  
We teach God’s law of love

When we treat others the way we want to be treated we  
become beatitude people.



We teach others God’s law of love ... God will welcome us to heave.

We are today’s teachers

