



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María



Florida Center for Peace

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

May is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary; She was crowned as Queen of Heaven and earth. This month is also special because we celebrate mother's day. Prepare our hearts to give our mothers a spiritual bouquet.

Important feast and some Saints of this month:

- May 01 St Joseph the worker
- May 03 Exaltation of the Cross
- May 11 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:

- 1) Monthly calendar
- 2) Meditation on the Sunday Gospel

Activities:

- a) Good Shepherd activity
- b) Game the Castle of the soul
- c) The Visitation

We are planning the VIII Congress of Friends of Jesus and Mary on June 19 to 22, 2014 in Managua Nicaragua. Please make your reservation as soon as possible spaces are limited. Do not miss this opportunity!!!

May God bless you
Friends of Jesus and Mary

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May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 St Joseph the Worker Acts 5, 27-33 Psalm 33 John 3, 31-36	2 FIRST FRIDAY Acts 5, 34-42 Psalm 26 John 6, 1-15	3 FIRST SATURDAY Sts Phillip & James Apostles Nu 21, 4b-9 Psalm 77 John 3, 13-17
4 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 2, 14.22-33 Psalm 15 1P 1, 17-21 Lk 24, 13-35	5 Acts 6, 8-15 Psalm 118 John 6, 22-29	6 St Domingo Savio Acts 7, 51-8, 1a Psalm 30 John 6, 30-35	7 Acts 8, 1b-8 Psalm 65 John 6, 35-40	8 Acts 8, 26-40 Psalm 65 John 6, 44-51	9 Acts 9, 1-20 Psalm 116 John 6, 52-59	10 Acts 9, 31-42 Psalm 115 John 6, 60-69
11 4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2, 14a 36-41 Psalm 22 1P 2, 20b-25 John 10, 1-10	12 Acts 11, 1-18 Psalm 41 John 10, 11-18	13 Our Lady of Fatima Acts 11, 19-26 Psalm 86 John 10, 22-30	14 St Matthias Acts 1, 15-17-20-26 Psalm 112 John 15, 9-17	15 St Isidore the Farmer Acts 13, 13-25 Psalm 88 John 13, 16-20	16 Acts 13, 26-33 Psalm 2 John 14, 1-6	17 Acts 13, 44-52 Psalm 97 John 14, 7-14
18 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 6, 1-7 Psalm 32 1P 2, 4-9 John 14, 1-12	19 Acts 14, 5-18 Psalm 113b John 14, 21-26	20 St Bernardine of Siena Acts 14, 19-28 Psalm 144 John 14, 27-31a	21 Acts 15, 1-6 Psalm 121 John 15, 1-8	22 Saint Rita of Cascia Acts 15, 7-21 Psalm 95 John 15, 9-11	23 St John Baptist Acts 15, 22-31 Psalm 56 John 15, 12-17	24 Mary, Help of Christians Acts 16, 1-10 Psalm 99 John 15, 18-21
25 6th Sunday of Easter Acts 8, 5-8.14-17 Psalm 65 1P 3, 15-18 John 14, 15-21	26 St Phillip Neri Acts 16, 10b-15 Psalm 149 John 15, 26-16,4a	27 St Augustine of Canterbury Bishop Acts 16,22-34 Psalm 137 John 16, 5-11	28 Acts 17, 15.22-18 Psalm 148 John 16, 12-15	29 Ascension of the Lord Acts 18, 1-8 Psalm 97 John 16, 16-20	30 Acts 18, 9-18 Psalm 46 John 16, 20-23a	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3, 14-18 Psalm/Is 12, 2-6 Lk 1, 39-56
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Friends of Jesus and Mary
3rd Sunday of Easter May 4, 2014

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 answered:

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. It is true, they added, that some of our women alarmed us, because they went to the 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 of 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?"

Reflection

Jesus had promised his followers that he would defeat death and all the evil things. Is there something that makes you sad at this moment? Jesus eats and drinks with his friends to convince them that he really is with them. In sharing what they had and offering their hospitality, his friends realized that it was Jesus who was with them. Jesus asks that every time we meet with friends that we remember that He is among us. Do you share what you have with others? Jesus came to be our friend and to forgive us when we do wrong. True friends forgive each other, tell each other the truth, stay with them in difficult times and are happy for the good things. What type of friend are you? Share.

Activity

Bring bread to the group and share it among them after having acted the gospel and end with a prayer. When each of them receives the bread they should say: Jesus, stay with us.

Prayer

Jesus, I am at your disposal to serve you. Help me be a good friend even though it is hard. I want to be your disciple and take your message to others. Help me.

Amen.





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Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2014

Readings: Acts 2, 14a. 36-41; 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

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



Prayer

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



**MODEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
AND THE SHEEPS FOR
THE ACTIVITY OF THE FOURTH
SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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Fifth Sunday- May 18, 2014

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 in our way, Jesus promises to be with us, to lead us to God if we follow his way and do 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 about 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 visible so that they can easily read them. Make 5 groups. Each one picks the title that has more meaning for them. As a group, read the bible verses twice. Let the message of the reading touch your heart. On 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 a circle, each person in the group share what they picked. 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 25, 2014

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 promised 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 protects 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, to share and to love one another. Share.

Activity

Bring some index cards to the group. Invite the children to write on them how they think they 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 do 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 hearts open to listen to one another. May we have outstretched arms to serve one another in love.

Amen.



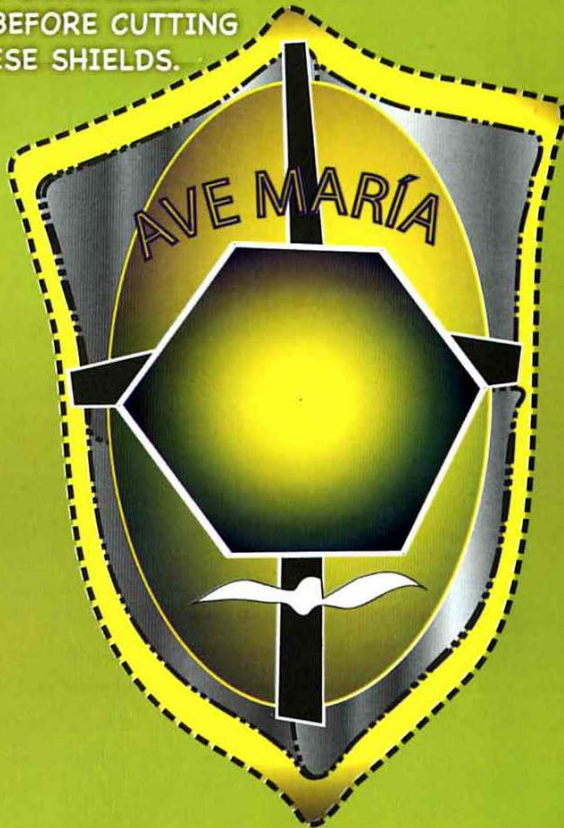
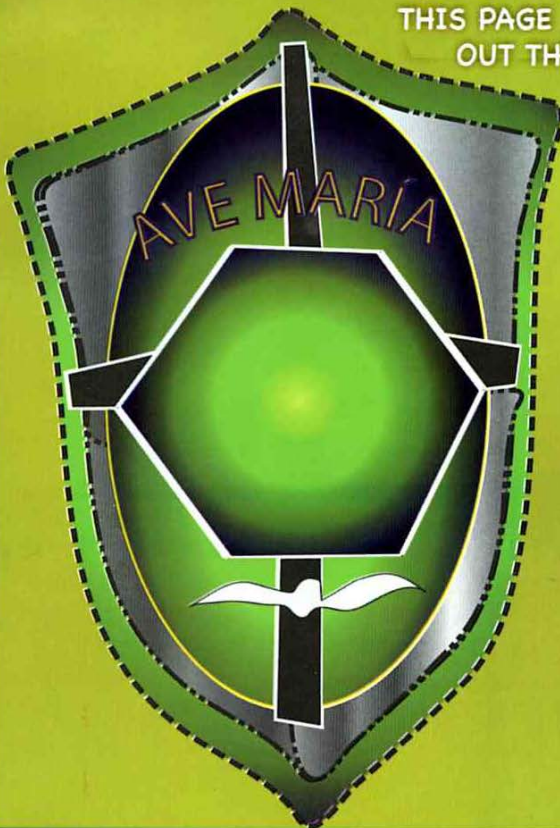
THE VISITATION
May 31



SHIELDS DEFEND THE CASTLE!!



DON'T FORGET TO COPY
DOWN THE QUESTIONS THAT
ARE ON THE OTHERSIDE OF
THIS PAGE BEFORE CUTTING
OUT THESE SHIELDS.



THE CASTLE OF THE SOUL

GAME-TRIVIA

Our soul is like a castle with an amazing hidden treasure inside. **It is a treasure of infinite value** that we must always guard and protect. This treasure is grace, the life of God in us.

In this game we're going to see if you and your fiends are up to defending this treasure.

LET'S PLAY!

Pay close attention, we're going to explain everything so that you can really become a master in defending your interior castle.

There can be **4 teams** of one to one thousand players!

The way to defend the treasure is to form ourselves well. The more we know about God, the more we will love Him. If you've payed close attention in Catechism Class, to the CateZoom articles in this magazine and to everything your parents have taught you about God, I'm sure you'll be more than ready for this game!

You have to make your way through the Castle's **secret passageway of vigilance** following the stones!

The passageway is made up of **4 different colors of stones**. Each color corresponds to a different category of questions that you must answer if you want to keep advancing. These questions will test you to see how much you know about God and other spiritual things.

If you get the answer right, keep advancing and responding to the questions until you get one wrong. If you get it wrong, the turn passes to the next player.

GREEN STONES: THE SACRAMENTS

RED STONES: RANDOM

ORANGE STONES: THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

BLUE STONES: OUR LADY

GREEN STONES

QUESTIONS ON THE SACRAMENTS

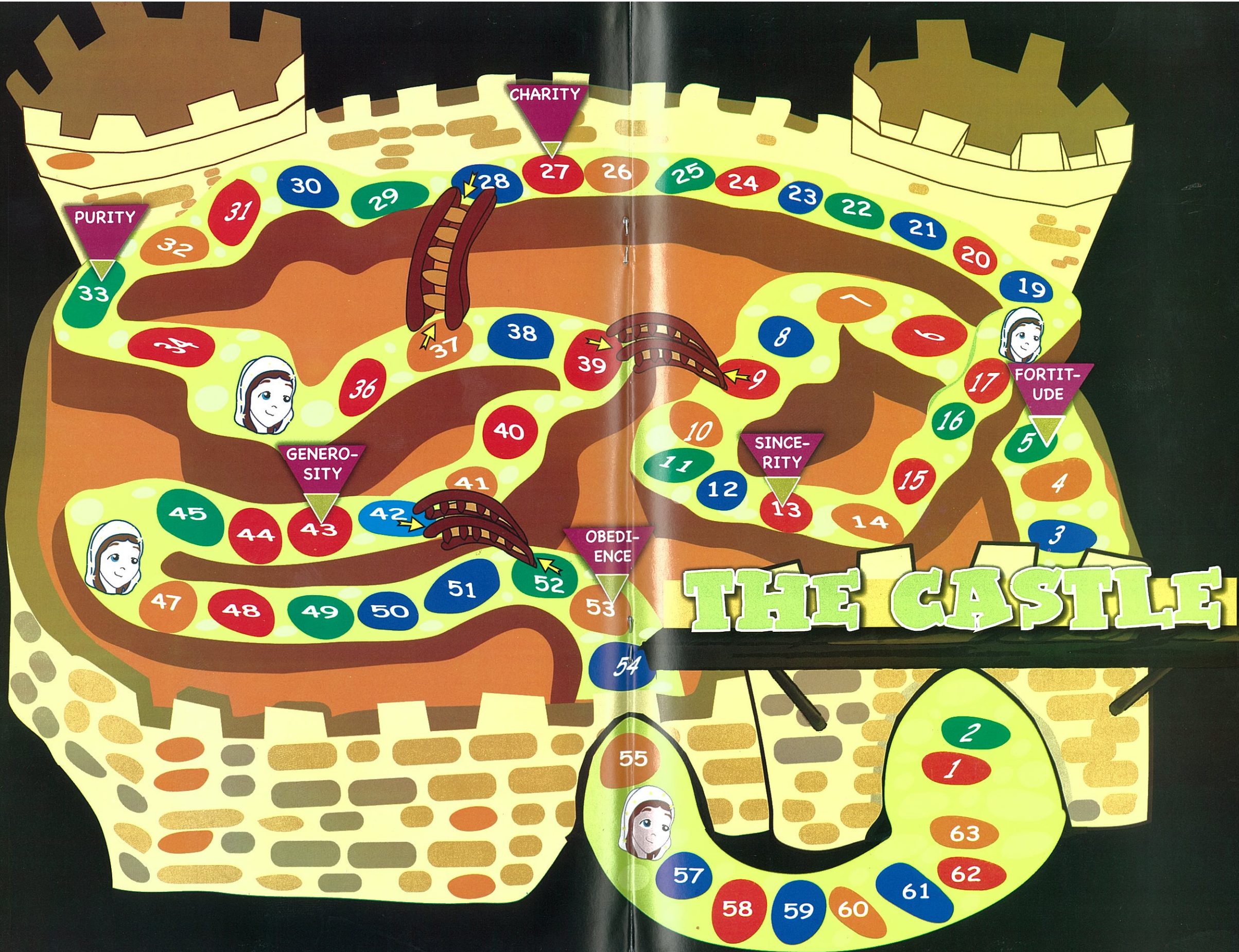
<p>How many sacraments are there? SEVEN</p>	<p>Which sacraments can only be received once in a lifetime? BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION AND HOLY ORDERS</p>	<p>Which sacrament is food for the soul? THE EUCHARIST</p>
<p>Can I receive communion in mortal sin? NO I'm obliged to confess all _____ sins MORTAL</p>	<p>Who is that we receive in Holy Communion? JESUS CHRIST IN HIS BODY, BLOOD, SOUL, AND DIVINITY</p>	<p>What sacrament allows us to receive all the others? BAPTISM</p>
<p>What sacrament forgives us our sins? CONFESSION</p>	<p>What is an examination of conscience? RECALLING THE SINS COMMITTED SINCE MY LAST CONFESSION</p>	<p>When does the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ? IN THE CONSECRATION</p>
RED STONES	RANDOM	
<p>Where was Jesus born? IN BETHLEHEM</p>	<p>What is the mystery of the most Holy Trinity? THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT PERSONS IN ONE GOD</p>	<p>What is the prayer Jesus taught Us? THE OUR FATHER</p>
<p>What are demons? FALLEN ANGELS</p>	<p>Who founded the Church? JESUS CHRIST</p>	<p>Which are the different ways we can sin? IN THOUGHT, WORD, DEED, AND OMISSION</p>
<p>Does God our creator have a body? GOD IS PURE SPIRIT</p>	<p>Who created our soul? GOD</p>	<p>What does it mean to say that God is omnipotent? IT MEANS THAT HE CAN DO ALL THINGS</p>
<p>What is prayer? TALKING WITH GOD</p>		

	BLUE STONES:OUR LADY	
Was our Lady born with original sin? NO	What day do we celebrate the Immaculate Conception? DECEMBER 8	Is our Lady present body and soul in Heaven? YES
What day do we celebrate our Lady's birthday? SEPTEMBER 8	Can we adore Mary? NO.WE CAN ONLY ADORE GOD	Name the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary? JOYFUL,LUMINOUS,SORROWFUL AND GLORIOUS
What angel told Our Lady that she would become the mother of God? ST. GABRIEL	What are the names of Our Lady's parents? ST. JOCHIM AND ST. ANNE	What are the names of the shepherd children of Fatima? JACINTA, LUCIA AND FRANCISCO
Is the blessed Virgin Mary our mother? YES	Who is the patroness of America? OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	

ORANGE STONES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

How many commandments are there? 10	What is the first commandment? YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS	What is the third commandment? KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY
Worshipping false god is called ----- IDOLATRY	When are we obliged to go to mass? SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION	Blasphemy is a grave insult to _____ GOD
What is the sixth commandment? YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY	If I rob something that isn't mine, what commandment am I breaking? THE SEVENTH	When we love and respect our parents, what commandment are we obeying? THE FOURTH
VIRTUE BOXES		

<p>Name the Theological Virtues FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY</p>	<p>Name the virtue that helps us to be constant in our search for good. FORTITUDE</p>	<p>Complete the following sentence: Blessed are the pure of heart, for they..... GOD</p>
<p>A child who always shares his things without complaining is achild. GENEROUS</p>	<p>When my parents and teachers ask me to do something that is not wrong, I must..... OBEY</p>	<p>Does Jesus want us to be sincere or tell lies? BE SINCERE AND TELL THE TRUTH</p>
<p>What is Charity? LOVING GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS AND OUR NEIGHBOR AS ONESELF</p>	<p>What virtue am I not practicing when I watch dirty movies? PURITY</p>	<p>Jesus was always To the Father's will. OBEDIENT</p>
<p>Who did Jesus say was the father of lies? THE DEVIL</p>		



CHARITY

PURITY

GENERO-SITY

OBEDI-ENCE

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FORTIT-UDE

THE CASTLE

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WHO WINS THE GAME?

EACH TEAM HAS A SHIELD

On our game board there are six stones that have the name of a different virtue. They are the virtues that you have to make the effort to collect in order to complete your shield and make the castle invincible.

When you land on one of these stones and answer the question correctly you attain that virtue and must place it on your shield. Keep going until you've collected all six virtues.

The first team to complete their shield wins.

WILD CARDS

There are other stones that have the face of Our Lady. When you land here you get a wild card. You can turn it in whenever you want, it permits you to throw again when you get one of the questions wrong and keep playing.

LADDERS

There are some stones that allow you to climb the ladder when you land on them. That way you can take shortcuts to other parts of the passageway to get to the virtues faster.

MATERIALS

You need a die and 4 gamepieces of a different color.

On the following pages you can find the cutouts for the game:

SHIELDS
VIRTUES
WILDCARDS

We'll give you the list of questions for the different stones. You can make your own question cards by cutting out construction paper and writing the questions and answers on them. You can even change the questions and add new ones when you learn more things! The more questions you have... the better!!!