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Amigos de Jesús y María

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**Florida Center for Peace**

May 2020  
Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

May is the month when we celebrate Our Blessed Mother Mary and we continue celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ until the Feast of Pentecost. We also celebrate Mother's day and so we want to appreciate all that our Mothers do for us especially our Mother in Heaven. Let us teach them the virtues of Mary and the importance of imitating them.

**The Following are important celebrations of the month:**

May 01	St. Joseph the Worker
May 02	Memorial of St. Athanasius of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church
May 03	Exaltation of the Cross and Saints Philip and James the Minor, apostles
May 10	Mother's Day and St. John of Avila
May 14	Feast of St. Matthias, apostle
May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
May 21	Feast of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven
May 26	Memorial of St. Philip Neri, priest
May 31	Pentecost and Feast of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary

**Materials included this month:**

1. Calendar
2. Meditations and Activities for the Sunday Gospel
3. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, scriptures and coloring
4. Our Lady of Fatima, History and Coloring
5. A bouquet of virtues for Our Blessed Mother, craft
6. A Mother's day card, craft
7. The Visitation of the Virgin Mary, gospel and coloring

Wishing all a joyful Easter Season!

**God Bless You Always,**

Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary



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## MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 St. Joseph the worker	2 Memorial St. Athanasius of Alexandria, bishop and doctor of the Church
3 IV Sunday of Easter- <b>Exaltation of the Cross-</b> <i>Feasts of St. Philip and James the Minor, apostle</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 V Sunday of Easter	11	12	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 Feast of St. Matthias, apostle	15	16
17 VI Sunday of Easter	18	19	20	21 Ascension of Jesus	22	23
24 VII Sunday of Easter	25	26 Memorial St. Philip Neri, priest	27	28	29	30
31 VIII Sunday of Easter - <b>Pentecost-</b> <i>The Visitation of the Virgin Mary</i>						

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IV Sunday of Easter, May 3, 2020

*Acts 2, 14<sup>a</sup> 36-41; Psalm 22, 1Peter 2, 20b-25; John 10, 1-10*

## Jesus the Good Shepherd

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

### Reflection:

**Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, ¿What is the work of a shepherd?** A person that protects and guides the sheep so they are safe and well fed. **¿How is Jesus a shepherd?** With His Word, His presence in the Eucharist, and with the Holy Spirit, Jesus guides us on how to do what's right and how to get closer to God so we can get to Heaven. He also protects us and provides all that is good for us. **Jesus says that there are shepherds which are thieves; they don't enter through the gate of the sheepfold or pen but jump over the fence. But the sheep don't follow them because they don't recognize the voice. To whom was Jesus referring?** Jesus was referring to the Pharisees who led the Jewish people but who did not have God in their hearts; instead they desired power and riches. **Jesus says that whoever enters through the gate is the good shepherd; Jesus says He is gatekeeper and He lets them in. Who are our good shepherds that Jesus lets in?** Pope Francis is the main shepherd of our Catholic Church. He names bishops who name priests to be our shepherds who guide us with the mass and the sacraments to Heaven. **Jesus says that His sheep follow the good shepherd because they recognize His voice. How do we recognize Jesus' voice in others?** When we encounter Jesus in prayer and in scripture, we learn what He wants from us. **What does Jesus tell us in His word and in His example that we must do to follow Him?** Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbor. He showed us when He cured the sick, fed the hungry, forgave sins, and washed His apostle's feet.



### Activity:

Search in the Gospels 3 examples where Jesus shows us how to love God or our neighbor. Choose one and draw it. Print or draw a sheep on card stock or cardboard (see next page). Cut and paste onto a craft stick. Write your name on the back. Dance with your sheep to the song below.

### Prayer:

Jesus, help me to pray more each day, to know you better, and to always recognize your voice in others. Thank you for always loving me, caring for me, and guiding me. I love you very much. Amen.

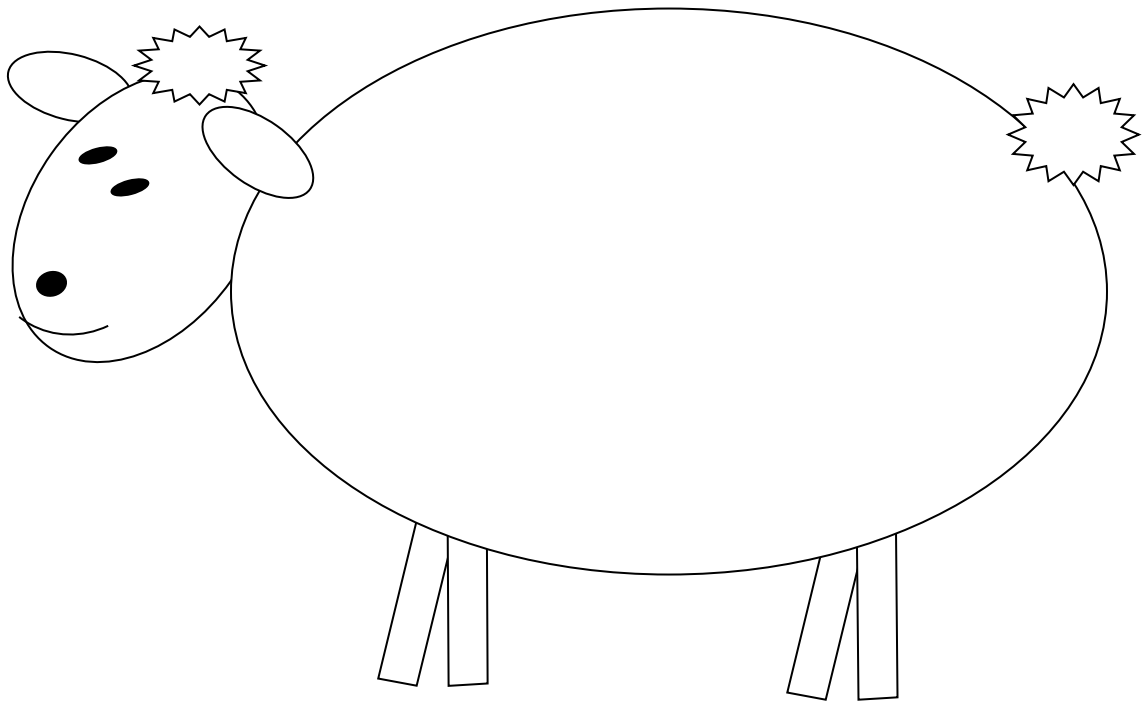
**Song:** The Baa Baa Song, Sibling Harmony, <https://youtu.be/PGPOX3vQtU8>



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V Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020

*Acts 6, 1-10; Psalm 32, 1Peter 2, 4-9; John 14, 1-12*

**Whoever sees me, sees the Father.**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

### Reflection:

Jesus speaks to the apostles about His Father and His Father's house. During that time, the Jewish people did not see themselves as children of God, but as His chosen people. God's power protected and guided them if they obeyed Him. They even refused to say His name aloud out of respect. But Jesus taught them to call God, Father. They also did not believe they went to Heaven; instead they went to the bosom of Abraham, a happy place where they waited for the judgement day. But Jesus' death and resurrection opened the gates of Heaven for us. **How does Jesus describe His Father's house?** Jesus speaks of a grand house with many rooms where He will prepare a room for each one of them and they will live as a family together with God the Father. **Jesus tells them that they already know the way to get there. What does He say is the way?** "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **What does this mean?** To get to Heaven, we must know and love Jesus and follow Him. **Jesus says that whoever knows Him, knows the Father. What does this mean?** They are one; whatever Jesus says, the Father says, whatever Jesus does, the Father does. **Jesus is God!** Jesus promises that whoever believes that He is God, will receive the power to do miracles in His name.



### Activity:

On the following page, see an example: Draw a house with 9 rooms. In each room, draw a symbol that describes the Father's house and God the Father. See 9 symbols and 9 words. Which of the 9 words correspond to the 9 symbols in the rooms? Life, Peace, Knowledge, Love, Power, Happiness, Joy, Light, Surrender.

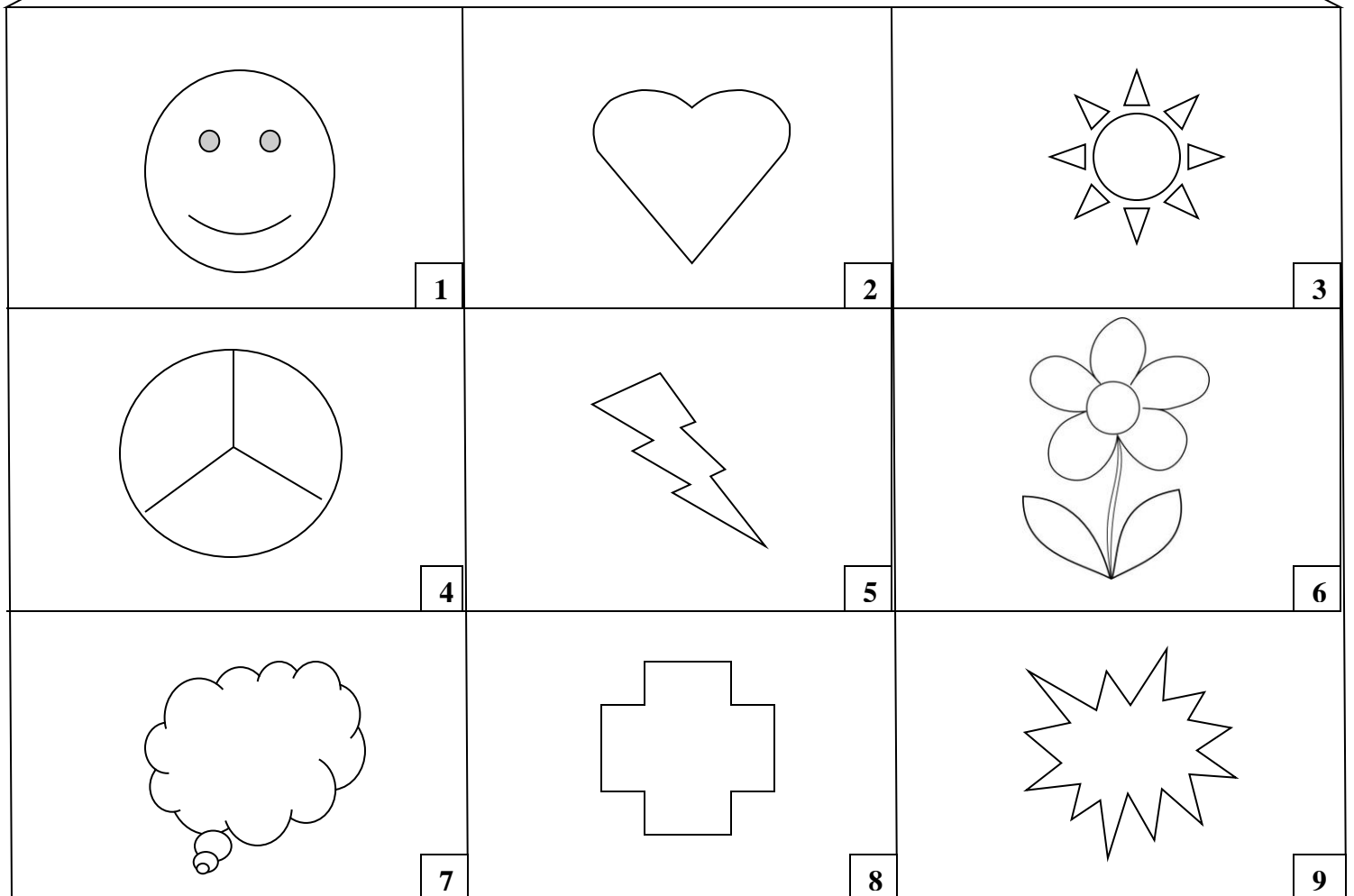
### Prayer:

Jesus, I want to know you better, love you more, and follow you more closely. Please help me!

**Song:** Kids Prayer (I love you Jesus, I want to know you, Lord), <https://youtu.be/3a1AQ001mAA>



## MY FATHER'S HOUSE



**Instructions:** Draw a house with 9 rooms. In each room, draw a symbol that describes God, and God, our Father's house. See 9 symbols above. Which of the following 9 words correspond to the symbols above? Life, Peace, Knowledge, Love, Power, Happiness, Joy, Light, and Surrender.

Answer backwards: Joy, Surrender, Knowledge, Life, Power, Peace, Light, Love, Happiness.



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VI Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

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

### He will give you... the Spirit of Truth

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

#### Reflection:

**Jesus says that if we love Him, we will follow His**

**commandments. Why?** When we love someone, we want to please them and make them happy. And since Jesus is God, we also trust that what He asks is for our own good because He knows everything and knows and loves us better than anyone.

**Jesus promises to send an Advocate. What is an advocate?**

Someone that protects, helps or favors with their influence so another can be in a good condition. Jesus calls this Advocate the Spirit of truth. Let us remember that Jesus said recently that He is the way, **the truth**, and the life and that He and the Father are one. Now he teaches us that He and the Spirit of truth are one.

**Jesus says that the world cannot receive the Advocate**

**because it doesn't know Him. Why?** Jesus told us that whoever knows Him knows the Father because they are one. In the same way, those who know Jesus know the Spirit of truth because they are one. The world does not know Jesus. **Jesus said that He lives among them and they will live. How do**

**we live in Him?** The Holy Spirit in the hearts who love and obey God is the presence of Jesus because they are one. We call our God, the Trinity: three persons but one God. It is a mystery we cannot understand but we accept in faith. **Jesus promised to show Himself to those who love Him. How does He manifest Himself to us?** God reveals Himself in our heart with good ideas, with our conscience, and with good sentiments of joy, love, and compassion for others. He also reveals Himself through other people.

#### Activity:

Craft on the next page: Cut a large triangle from poster paper or cardboard. On the top left, draw or cut-out a heart on another paper then draw a sun into the middle of the heart because God's love shines on all the world. On the top right of the triangle, draw or cut-out a Crown of thorns because Jesus reveals God's love through His suffering and dying for us. On the bottom corner, draw or cut-out a dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, using a heart for the head, an oval for the body, two right triangles for the wings, and a trapezoid for the tail. Decorate the sun with glitter or aluminum foil, the crown of thorns with tooth picks, and the wings and tail with paper trimmed at the edges. On the following page, fill in the blanks with the correct responses.

#### Prayer:

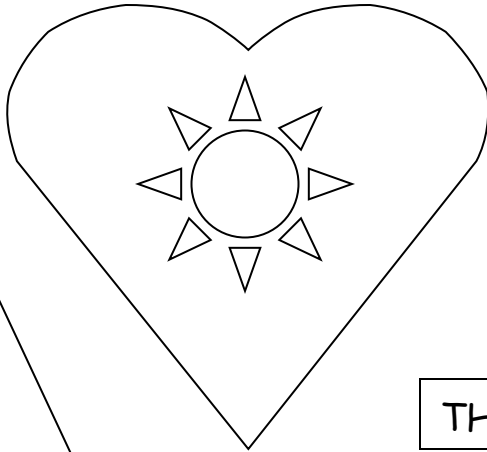
Jesus, thank you for sending the Spirit of truth to take care of us, to guide us, and to love us. Help me to love and obey you more each day so I may hear your voice in my heart and glorify you. Amen.

**Song:** Trinity Roll Up, Christ Music Kids, [https://youtu.be/mO\\_YzyHp30k](https://youtu.be/mO_YzyHp30k)

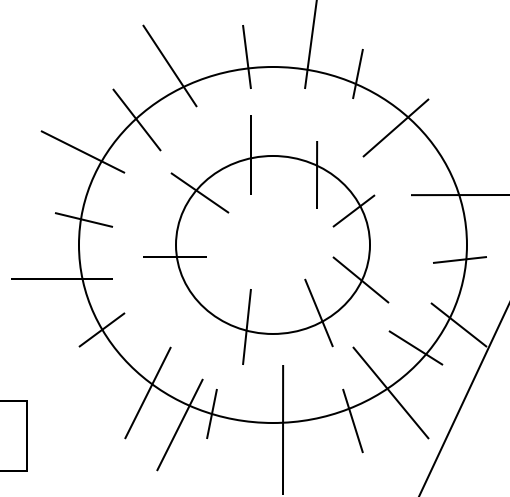




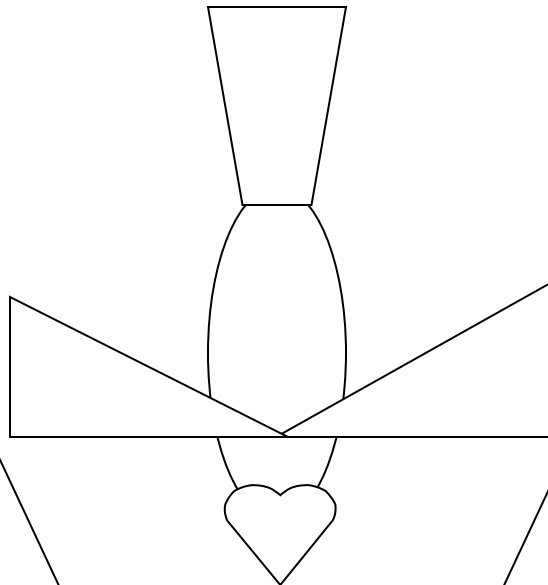
God the Father



God the Son



THE TRINITY



God the Holy Spirit

And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth. (Juan 14, 23)







## **The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven - May 21**

Acts 1,1-11; Psalm 32, Ephesians 1, 17-23, Mathew 28, 16-20



The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28, 16-20)

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1, 9-11)



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VII Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020

*Acts 1, 12-14; Psalm 26, 1Peter 4, 13-16; John 17, 1-11*

### Jesus prays for His own.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

### Reflection:

**Jesus speaks to His Father and asks Him to glorify Him so that the Father may be glorified. How do people glorify themselves in our world?** Winning sports, becoming famous movie stars, getting high positions in companies, governments, making large sums of money...**How does God glorify Jesus and Jesus glorify God?** Suffering and dying on the cross in the hands of His enemies and later resurrecting from the dead. **Why does He glorify the Father in this manner?** Jesus reveals the extreme of God's love for us; to be with us for eternity, He was willing to suffer and die. He shows His power and victory over death with His resurrection. **Jesus then asks God to give eternal life to those who love Him and He describes eternal life. What is it?** It is to know God and Jesus Christ. **How can we know God better?** We can pray more, read the bible more, go to mass attentively, go to confession regularly... **Jesus repeats that He and God are one and those who believe this will be glorified. How can we glorify Jesus?** When we trust in Jesus and we follow His commandments out of love for Him, we glorify Him.

### Activity:

On the following page are the 10 Commandments with corresponding symbols. Review them and play: One person says a Commandment and another must draw the corresponding symbol. Write or say a prayer asking for the people you love, just as Jesus prayed for His own.

### Prayer:

Jesus, help me not to seek the glory of this world but Your glory. Help me to imitate You in humility, obedience, service, and love. Help me to believe and always glorify you. Amen

**Song:** Love the Lord, CJ and Friends, <https://youtu.be/vdMlxCdly-c>





**GOD** ♥ **OTHERS**

LOVE GOD FIRST	1	4	OBEY YOUR PARENTS
HONOR GOD'S NAME	2	5	DO NOT KILL
HONOR GOD'S DAY	3	6	BE PURE
Remember God Loves You	7	DO NOT STEAL	
	8	DO NOT LIE	
	9	DO NOT WANT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S SPOUSE	
	10	DO NOT WANT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S THINGS	

Here are the Ten Commandments in an easy way to remember.

Do You Listen to the Maker?  
Each of these stories is about a different commandment. Identify the commandment and write it under each picture.

Mix them up and try to match them with the pictures. Keep trying until you get it right.





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### VIII Sunday of Easter - Pentecost, May 31, 2020

*Acts 2, 1-11; Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 12, 3b-7. 12-13; John 20, 19-23*

(Gospel – John 20, 19-23)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

(First Reading - Acts 2, 1-11)

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

#### Reflection:

In the gospel, after His resurrection, Jesus appears to His apostles and breathed the power of the Holy Spirit over them giving the power to forgive sins. **Who are the successors of the apostles who receive this power?** They are the bishops and priests. **Which sacrament does God use the priests to forgive our sins?** The sacrament of Reconciliation.

Jesus remains with the apostles for 40 days, after His resurrection, teaching them why He suffered and died on the cross and how all was written in scripture. He tells them that He must leave in order to send them the Paraclete, or the Holy Spirit. After 40 days, He ascends into Heaven commanding them to baptize all. But their fear of Jesus' enemies continued and they hid in a room. It wasn't until God sent the Holy Spirit and they were filled with the gifts of the Spirit that they were able leave and announce the Good News of what God had done for all. **How did the Holy Spirit descend on them?** With the loud sound of a strong wind and with tongues of fire resting on each of them; tongues because they needed to speak and fire because their hearts needed to burn with God's love. **What happened after the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit?** Their fear disappeared and they started speaking in different languages so all in Jerusalem understood what they proclaimed: all that God had done for them.

#### Activity:

On the following page, color the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Reading what each means, then sing the indicated song. On the other page, fill in the blanks on how the Holy Spirit helps us in the seven sacraments.

#### Prayer:

Holy God, open my heart to receive your Holy Spirit and to receive its gifts so I may be a good witnesses of your son Jesus Christ. Thank you for making me part of your family. Amen.

#### Song:

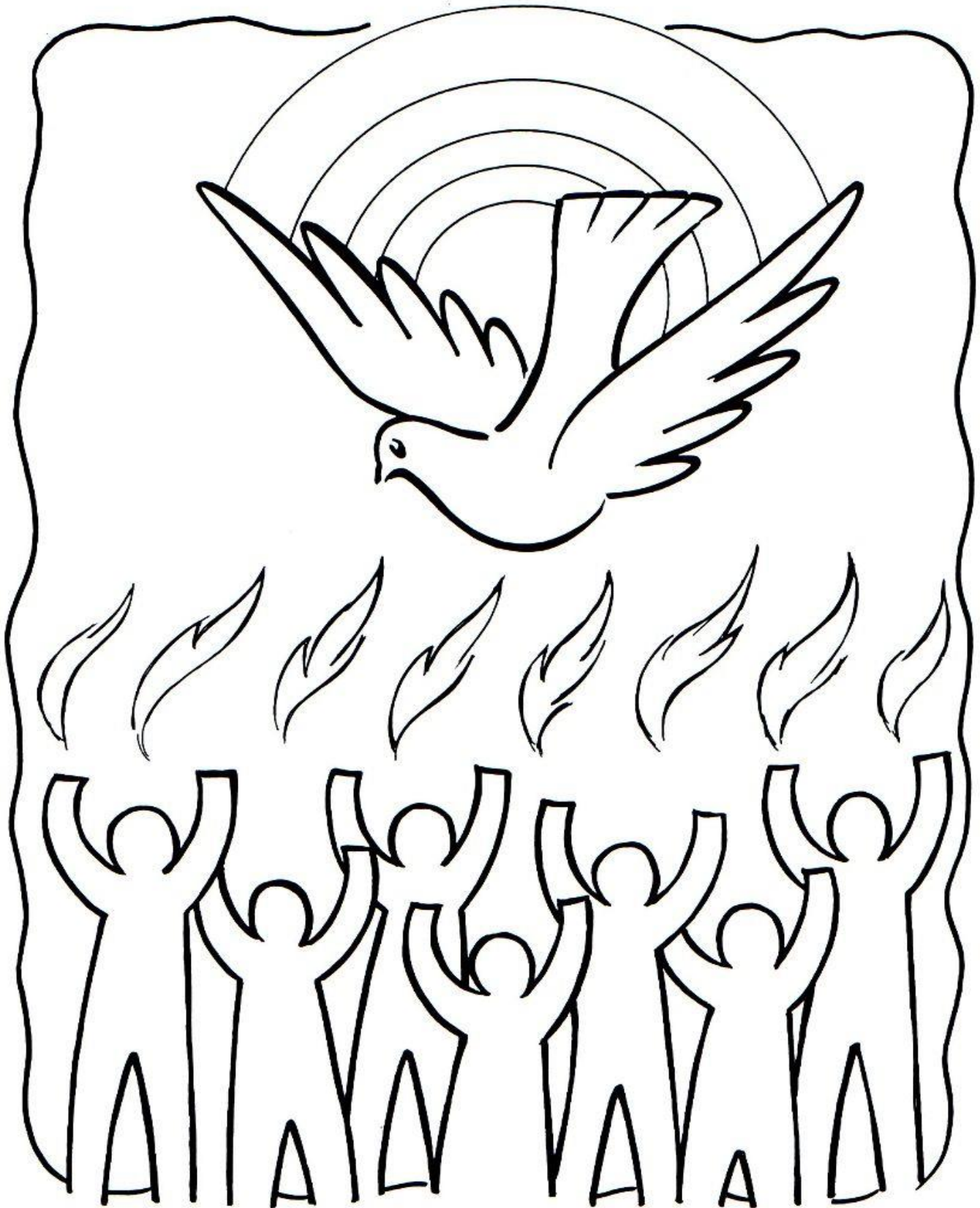




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# THE SEVEN sacraments

WRITE WHAT EACH MEANS TO YOU  
ON THE BLANK LINES



BAPTISM

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## THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS US IN EACH SACRAMENT:

1. In \_\_\_\_\_, the Holy Spirit forgives our sins through the priest, restoring us as children of God.
2. In \_\_\_\_\_, it is the Holy Spirit that unites the spouses in love.
3. In \_\_\_\_\_, we ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to sanctify the water to makes us saints, temples of the Holy Spirit, and children of God.
4. In \_\_\_\_\_, we call upon the Holy Spirit to sanctify the priest in the prayer of Consecration to make them what Jesus truly wants them to be.
5. In \_\_\_\_\_, the priest calls the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine to the body and blood of Jesus asking to maintain us united always to Jesus' family.
6. In \_\_\_\_\_, the priest asks God that in His mercy, He help the sick with the grace of the Holy Spirit.
7. In \_\_\_\_\_, the bishop anoints us with the sacred oil and seals us with the Holy Spirit to receive the graces that we need to be witnesses of Jesus.

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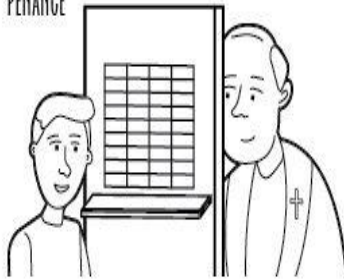
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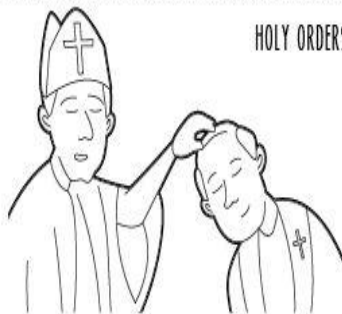
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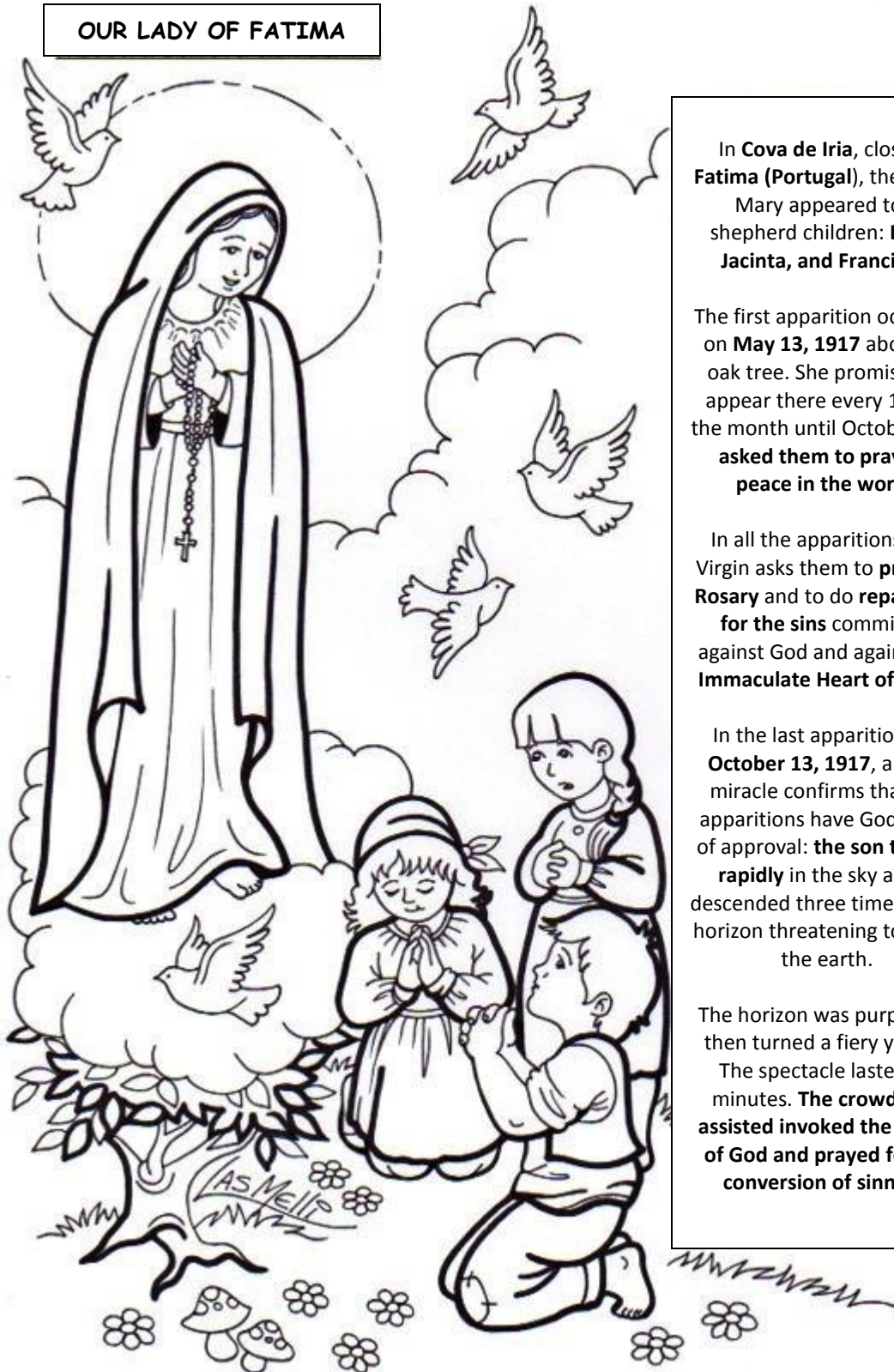
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA



In **Cova de Iria**, close to **Fatima (Portugal)**, the Virgin Mary appeared to 3 shepherd children: **Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco**.

The first apparition occurred on **May 13, 1917** above an oak tree. She promised to appear there every 13<sup>th</sup> of the month until October. **She asked them to pray for peace in the world.**

In all the apparitions, the Virgin asks them to **pray the Rosary** and to do **reparation for the sins** committed against God and against the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**.

In the last apparition, on **October 13, 1917**, a great miracle confirms that the apparitions have God's seal of approval: **the sun twirled rapidly** in the sky and it descended three times to the horizon threatening to fall to the earth.

The horizon was purple and then turned a fiery yellow. The spectacle lasted 15 minutes. **The crowd that assisted invoked the mercy of God and prayed for the conversion of sinners.**



**A Bouquet of Virtues  
for the Virgin Mary**

Mother Mary,  
I want to be like you.  
Help me to imitate you.  
I love you,

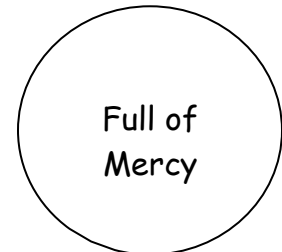
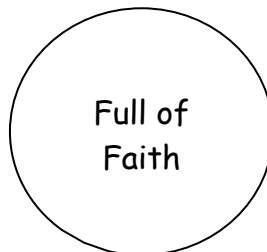
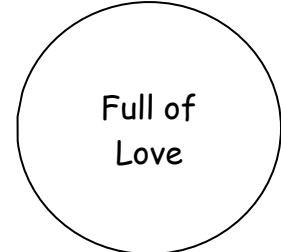
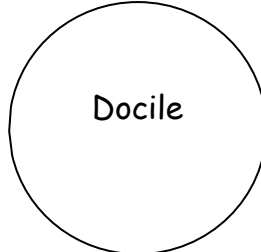
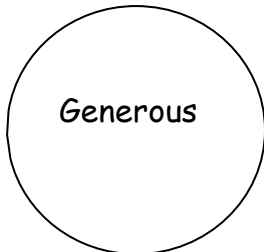
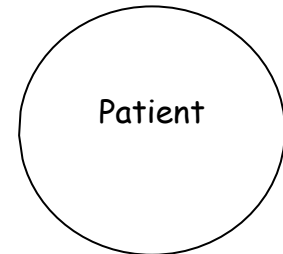
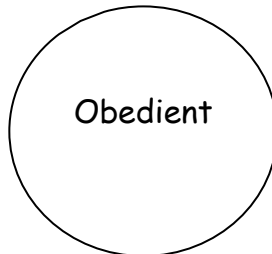
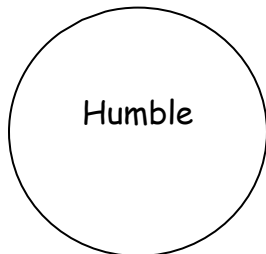
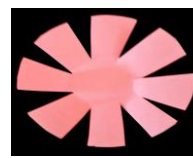
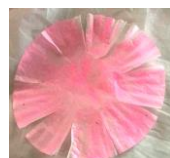


**You need:**

1. 8 or 18 cupcake liners (if painted, a 2nd liner must be placed behind for shaping), or cut paper circles (4" diameter)
2. A construction paper, 9"x12" cut into 2 pieces, 9"x4", 9"x8".
3. Circles with virtues (below) cut-out.

**Instructions:**

1. Cut the border of the liners to make petals; paint or color. Glue the circles with virtues in the middle.
2. Glue towards the middle of the paper 9"x8". Glue the message on the other side.
3. Cut the paper, 9"x4", in 4 strips from 1"x9"; staple to the corners of paper with flowers; join 4 strips and staple below.







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MOTHERS DAY CARD - MAY 10th

Instructions: Print or draw the card below, cut and color. Fold a construction paper in half, top to bottom. Glue to cover. Open and glue signed message to the inside.



DEAR MOTHER:

THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME, HELPING ME, AND  
TEACHING ME ALWAYS. THANK YOU ALSO FOR

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I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH,

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_



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### FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY - MAY 31

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could into the hill country to a town in Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now it happened that as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honored with a visit from the mother of my Lord? Look, the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' (Luke 1, 39-45)

