



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - V Sunday of Easter

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

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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 in Heaven where they will live as a family. During that time, the Jewish people did not see themselves as sons and daughters of God, but as His chosen and protected people. They even refused to say His name aloud out of deep 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 all. **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 whomever knows Him, knows the Father. Jesus is God and wants us to know Him! How can we get to know God?** (Pray always, hear or read the Gospels, attend Mass and Adoration, obey God's commandments of love...)



Activity:

On the following pages, choose an activity to explain the Gospel.

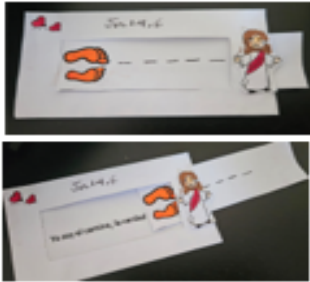
Prayer:

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

Song: Kids Prayer (I love you Jesus, I want to know you, Lord, <https://youtu.be/-THWU6hSCdE>

I will follow you, Roy Rantung, <https://youtu.be/jpVuBcbZ24c>

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Instructions: Cut on the dotted lines, on the next page, then cut inside the rectangle and fold so you see the words inside the rectangle. Cut and color the feet and Jesus. Glue the feet on the left end of the rectangle below and Jesus to the right of the open box on the next page. Slip the rectangle with the feet inside the folded paper covering the words. Pull the flap to the right to reveal Jesus' message.





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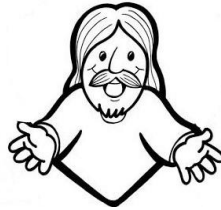
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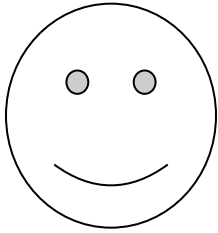
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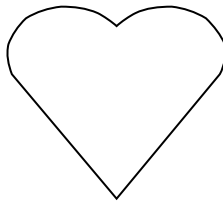
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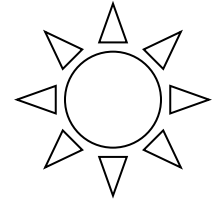
In my Father's house there are many rooms... I will prepare a place for you.



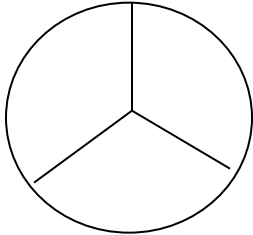
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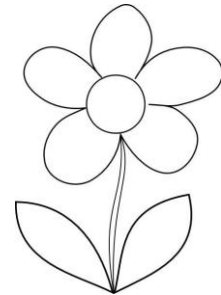
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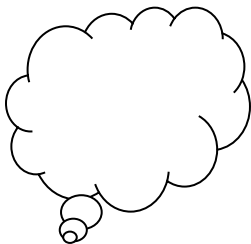
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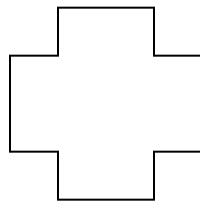
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Instructions: This picture of God's house has 9 rooms, each with a symbol of what we will find and/or feel there. Below are 9 words that describe these symbols. Write the number next to the corresponding word.

___ **Life**, ___ **Peace**, ___ **Knowledge**, ___ **Love**, ___ **Power**,
___ **Happiness**, ___ **Joy**, ___ **Light**, ___ **Surrender**.