



Friends of Jesus and Mary
Amigos de Jesús y María



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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We would like to dedicate this month of September to sharing God's love with the children through his Commandments. We should emphasize the importance of obeying the rules in our families, schools, and churches. Let us also exhibit a spirit of love in our families by sharing daily. Let's demonstrate through our examples that by being an active part of the Holy Mass we will become part of this great family which is the Catholic Church.

Enclosed you will find some feasts and saints of this month:

Sept.	08	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sept.	14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sept.	15	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sept.	20	Leaders Workshop
Sept.	21	Saint Matthew
Sept.	24	Our Lady of Mercy
Sept.	27	Saint Vincent de Paul
Sept.	29	Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels

Enclosed Materials:

- 1) July and August Calendar
- 2) Gospel for the month of July And August

Activities

- 1) Our Lady of Charity
- 2) Prayer for Spiritual Adoption
- 3) Life of Saint Paul
- 4) Activity of Saint Michael Archangel
- 5) Bible Activity
- 6) Activity on the commandments

Recommended Videos

1. Listen to the Maker (SHKC)
1. The Eucharist (SHKC)
2. Moses (Hana-Barbera)
3. The Ten Commandments

The next leader's workshop will be Saturday September 20 in Saint Louis Church 9:30 a.m. Room "hospitality C"
We hope to see you there.

May God bless you always, Friends of Jesus and Mary



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September 08

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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St. Gregory The Great

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1 Cor 2,1-5
Ps 118
Lk 4,16-30

1 Cor 2, 10-16
Ps 144
Lk 4,31-37

1 Cor 3, 1-9
Ps 32
Lk 4, 38-44

1 Cor 3,18-23

1 Cor 4, 1-5
Ps 36
Lk 5, 33-39

1 Cor 4,6-15
Ps 144
Lk 6, 1-5

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XXIII Sunday Ordinary
time

Ez. 33, 7-9
Ps 94
Ro 13,8-10
Mt 18,15-20

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Birth of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Mie 5,1-4
Ps 12
Mt 1, 1-16.18-23

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1 Cor 6,1-11
Ps 149
Lk 6,12-19

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1 Cor 7,25-31
Ps 44
Lk 6,20-26

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1 Cor 8,1-13
Ps 138
Lk 27-38

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1 Cor 9,16-19.22-27
Ps 83
Lk 6, 9-42

13

1 Cor 10,14-22
Ps 115
Lk 6, 43-49

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XXIV Sunday Ordinary
time

Si 27,33-28,9
Ps 102
Ro 14,7-9
Mt 18,21-25

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Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 11, 17-26
Ps 39
Jn 19, 25-27

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1 Cor 12, 12-14.27-31
Ps 99
Lk 7,11-17

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St. Robert
Bellarmine

1 Cor 12, 31-13,13
Ps 32
Lk 7,31-35

18

1 Cor 15, 1-11
Ps 117
Lk 7,36-50

19

1 Cor 15, 12-20
Ps 16
Lk 8,1-3

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Leader's Workshop

1 Cor 15, 35-37 42-49
Ps 55
Lk 8, 4-15

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XXV Sunday Ordinary
time

Is 55, 6-9
Ps 144
Phil 1,20-24,27
Mt 20,1-16

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Pr 3, 27-34
Ps 14
Lk 8,16-18

23

Pio Pietrelcina

Pr 21, 1-6.10-13
Ps 118
Lk 8,19-21

24

Pr 30, 5-9
Ps 118
Lk 9, 1-6

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Ec 1,211
Ps 89
Lk 9, 7-9

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Ec 3, 1-11
Ps 143
Lk 9, 18-22

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Vicente de Paul

Ec 11, 9-12, 8
Ps 189
Lk 9, 43-45

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XXVI Sunday Ordinary
time

Ez. 18,25-28
Ps 94
Phil 2, 1-11
Mt 21,28-32

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Archangels Michael,
Gabriel y Raphael

Dn 7,9-10,13-14
Ps 137
Jn 1, 47-51

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Job 3,1-3, 11.16 12-15.17.20-23
Ps 87
Lk 9, 51-56



1. Paul, also call Saul, was a Pharisee young men of a vey outstanding and rigorous life. (Acts 22,31)



2. While they stoned and killed Stephen, Saul witness, approves and care for his cloaks. (Acts 7,59)



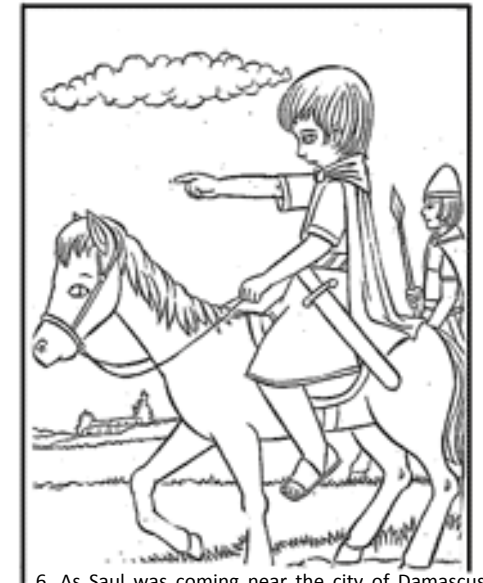
3. There was a great persecution against the Church of Jerusalem, and the apostles had to go away and hide (Acts 12,1)



4. Saul destroyed churches and houses and arrest man and women as prisoners (Acts 9,1)



5. Saul, received instructions to arrest the followers of Christ, both men and women and bring them back to Jerusalem (Acts 9,2)



6. As Saul was coming near the city of Damascus to arrest Christians (Acts 9,2)



7. Suddenly a light from the sky flased around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him (Acts 9,3)



8. "Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?" "Who are you Lord?" he asked. "I am Jesus, whom you persecute" (Acts9,5)



9. Saul got up from the ground and opened his eyes, but could not see a thing. So they took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. (Acts 9,8)



10. At one something like fish scale fell from Saul's eyes and he was able to see again. He stood up and was baptized; and after he had eaten, his strength came back (Acts 9,18)



11. He went straight to the synagogues and began to preach that Jesus was the Son of God. All who heard him were amazed and asked. "Isn't he the one who in Jerusalem was killing those who workshop that man Jesus? (Acts 9,20)



12. After many days had gone by, the Jews met together and make plans to kill Saul, but he was told of their plans. But one night Saul's followers took him and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket (Acts 9,23)



13. And so Saul stayed with them and went all over Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. They took Saul to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus (Acts 9,28)



14. Paul and his companions sailed from Paphos and came to Perga, a city in Pamphylia, where John Mark left them and went back to Jerusalem. He went from Perga and arrived in Antioch in Pisidia, and on the Sabbath they went into the synagogue and sat down (Acts 13,14)



15. Since we have died with the Christ, we believe that we also live with Him. (Romans 6,8)



16. Finally Paul was beheaded in Rome about the year 67. He sealed with his blood his faith in Christ. (Tradition)

From June 29, 2008 to June 29, 2009, the Holy Father Benedict XVI has declared this year dedicated to Saint Paul.

Let us try to know better his life story and follow his footsteps.

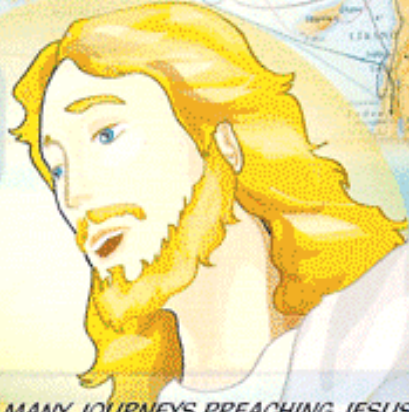
SAINT PAUL



and his Journeys



SINCE SAUL MET THE LORD HE GOT DOWN TO WORK. HE SPOKE OF JESUS CHRIST TO EVERYONE.



HE WILL MAKE MANY JOURNEYS PREACHING JESUS CHRIST, CONVERTING A LOT OF PEOPLE AND PERFORMING MIRACLES.



First Journey Acts 13:8, 10-12

IN ANTIOCH, BARNABAS AND PAUL WERE SENT OUT AND THEY SAILED TO CYPRUS. SERGIUS PAULUS, THE PROCONSUL, SUMMONED THEM.

BUT ELYMAS THE MAGICIAN OPPOSED THEM IN AN ATTEMPT TO TURN THE PROCONSUL AWAY FROM THE FAITH.

I WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THIS NEW DOCTRINE THAT YOU PREACH.

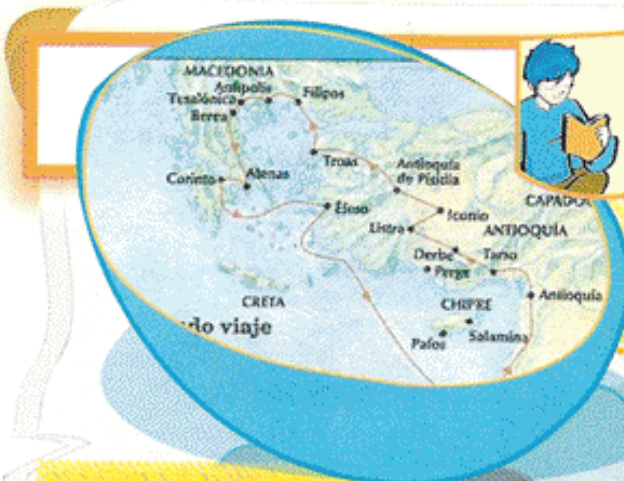


DON'T LISTEN TO THEM, NOBLE PROCONSUL. ALL OF THIS IS A BUNCH OF LIES.

YOU ARE FULL OF EVERY SORT OF DECEIT AND FRAUD. THE HAND OF THE LORD WILL FALL UPON YOU. YOU WILL BE BLIND FOR A TIME.

WHEN THE PROCONSUL SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HE BELIEVED, ASTONISHED BY THE TEACHING ABOUT THE LORD.





Second Journey

Acts 16:5, 9-10, 16-24

SILAS ACCOMPANIED HIM ON THIS JOURNEY. ST. PAUL VISITED THE CHURCHES THAT WERE ALREADY FOUNDED, COMFORTING EVERYONE. DAY AFTER DAY THE CHURCHES GREW STRONGER IN FAITH AND INCREASED IN NUMBER.

ONE NIGHT, WHILE HE WAS SLEEPING HE HAD A VISION...



COME OVER TO MACEDONIA AND HELP US.

QUICKLY, SILAS, WE HAVE TO GO TO MACEDONIA. GOD IS CALLING US TO EVANGELIZE THERE. WE CAN'T WAIT.



A SLAVE GIRL WHO WAS POSSESSED BY THE DEVIL CAME TOWARDS THEM.



THESE MEN ARE SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH!

THEN THE DEVIL LEFT HER AT THAT MOMENT.



I COMMAND YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST TO COME OUT OF HER.

HER OWNERS DIDN'T LIKE THIS AT ALL BECAUSE SHE BROUGHT A LARGE PROFIT TO HER OWNERS THROUGH HER FORTUNE TELLING. THEY BROUGHT THEM BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES.



THESE MEN ARE DISTURBING OUR CITY AND ARE PREACHING CUSTOMS THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT.

THE CROWD JOINED IN THE ATTACK ON THEM, AND THE MAGISTRATES HAD THEM STRIPPED AND ORDERED THEM TO BE BEATEN WITH RODS.

AFTER GIVING THEM MANY BLOWS, THEY THREW THEM INTO PRISON AND INSTRUCTED THE JAILER TO GUARD THEM SECURELY.



WHEN HE RECEIVED THESE INSTRUCTIONS, HE PUT THEM IN THE INNERMOST CELL AND SECURED THEIR FEET TO A STAKE.

HOW CRUEL!



Acts 17:12, 21-22, 24-25

THERE WAS SUDDENLY SUCH A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE THAT THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE JAIL SHOOK; ALL THE DOORS FLEW OPEN.



PAUL AND SILAS LOOKED AT EACH OTHER IN AMAZEMENT AS THEIR CHAINS PULLED LOOSE.

THE JAILER, TREMBLING WITH FEAR, FELL DOWN BEFORE PAUL...

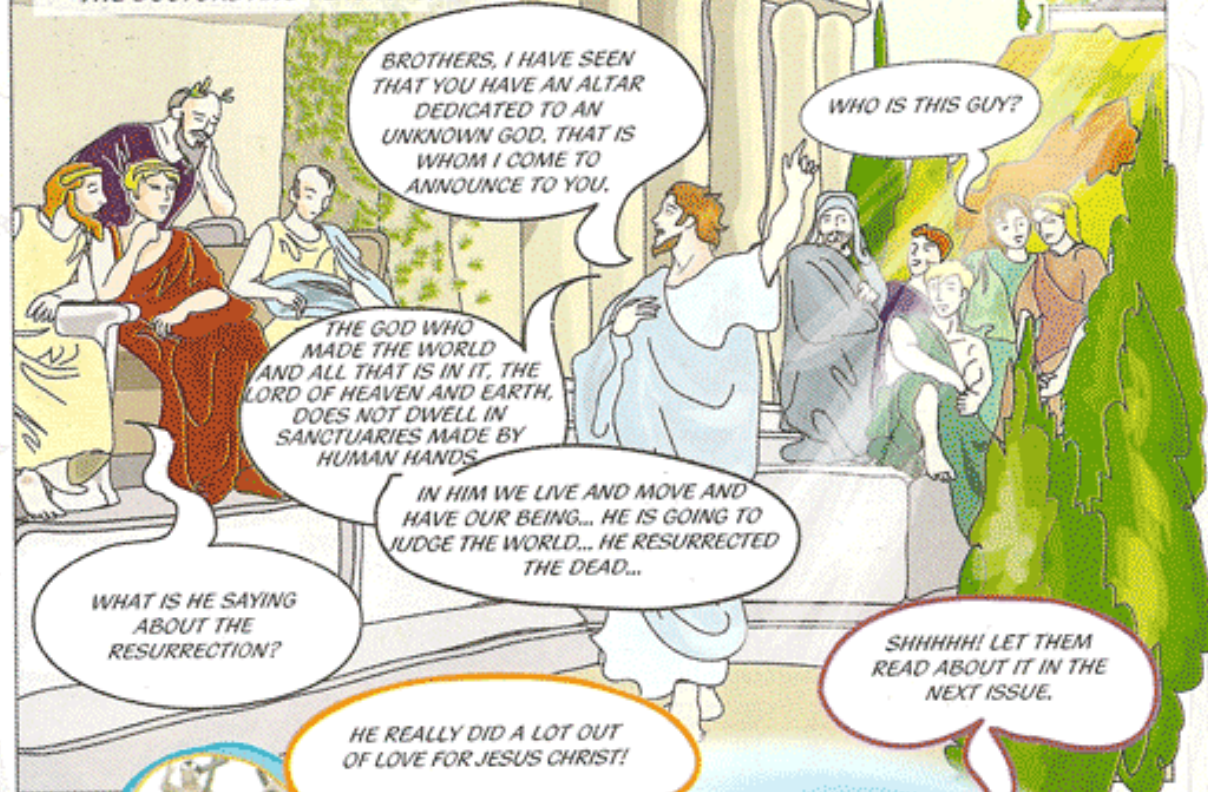
WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

BELIEVE IN THE LORD.

THE GUARD TOOK HIM TO HIS HOUSE, AND HEALED HIS WOUNDS. PAUL BAPTIZED HIM, AND HIS ENTIRE FAMILY.

THIS IS HOW THE LORD SAVED PAUL FROM ALL DANGER BECAUSE HE TRUSTED IN HIM.

... AT THE AREOPAGUS IN ATHENS BEFORE THE DOCTORS AND TEACHERS.



BROTHERS, I HAVE SEEN THAT YOU HAVE AN ALTAR DEDICATED TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. THAT IS WHOM I COME TO ANNOUNCE TO YOU.

WHO IS THIS GUY?

THE GOD WHO MADE THE WORLD AND ALL THAT IS IN IT, THE LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, DOES NOT DWELL IN SANCTUARIES MADE BY HUMAN HANDS.

IN HIM WE LIVE AND MOVE AND HAVE OUR BEING... HE IS GOING TO JUDGE THE WORLD... HE RESURRECTED THE DEAD...

WHAT IS HE SAYING ABOUT THE RESURRECTION?

SHHHHH! LET THEM READ ABOUT IT IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

HE REALLY DID A LOT OUT OF LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST!



AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIS THIRD JOURNEY WHEN...

... HE WAS ALMOST SHIPWRECKED...

HURRAY FOR ST. PAUL!



SEPTEMBER 08

Our Lady of Charity



Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary

Remember, O most Gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, My mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer

Prayer of Consecration to Mary

O my Queen and Mother, I give myself entirely to you.

To show my devotion to you I consecrate to you this day my eyes, ears, mouth, heart, and whole being without reserve.

Therefore, good Mother, since I am your own, keep me and guard me as your property and possession.



Amigos de Jesus y Maria

XXIII Sunday in ordinary time; September 7, 2008

Readings: Ezekiel 33, 7-9; Psalm 94; Romans 13, 8-10; Matthew 18, 15-20

It is better to reconcile than to fight

If your brother sins, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where

Two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18, 15-20)

Reflection

Are there things you find difficult to forgive and forget?

When someone hurts them, can they speak to those people calmly and affectionately so that they can be reconciled? How do they feel when they make up after a fight?

What do you think about today's story? Would you tell Jesus he is asking for too much?

Out of love, it is important to seek reconciliation with those who have offended us or whom we have offended.

Activity

Bring a basket with pieces of paper. Motivate the children to write what bothered them this week. In the other side ask them to write a prayer to Jesus asking for his help to be able to forgive.

Prayer

Lord, Jesus, fill us with your love and your mercy to understand one another and forgive each other as we have been forgiven by you. Amen



Keep Love Alive

Here are 3 challenges for 3 different occasions



When you remember to listen to the other person during an argument, write in the handshake what happened. Then color the hands



When you say "Sorry" after a fight, write in the handshake what happened. Then color the hands



When you accept an apology, write in the handshake what happened. Then color the hands



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Exaltation of the Holy Cross; September 14, 2008

Readings: Numbers 21, 4-9; Psalm 77; Philippians 2, 6-11; John 3, 13-17

Jesus heals us

And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.

As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior

Reflection

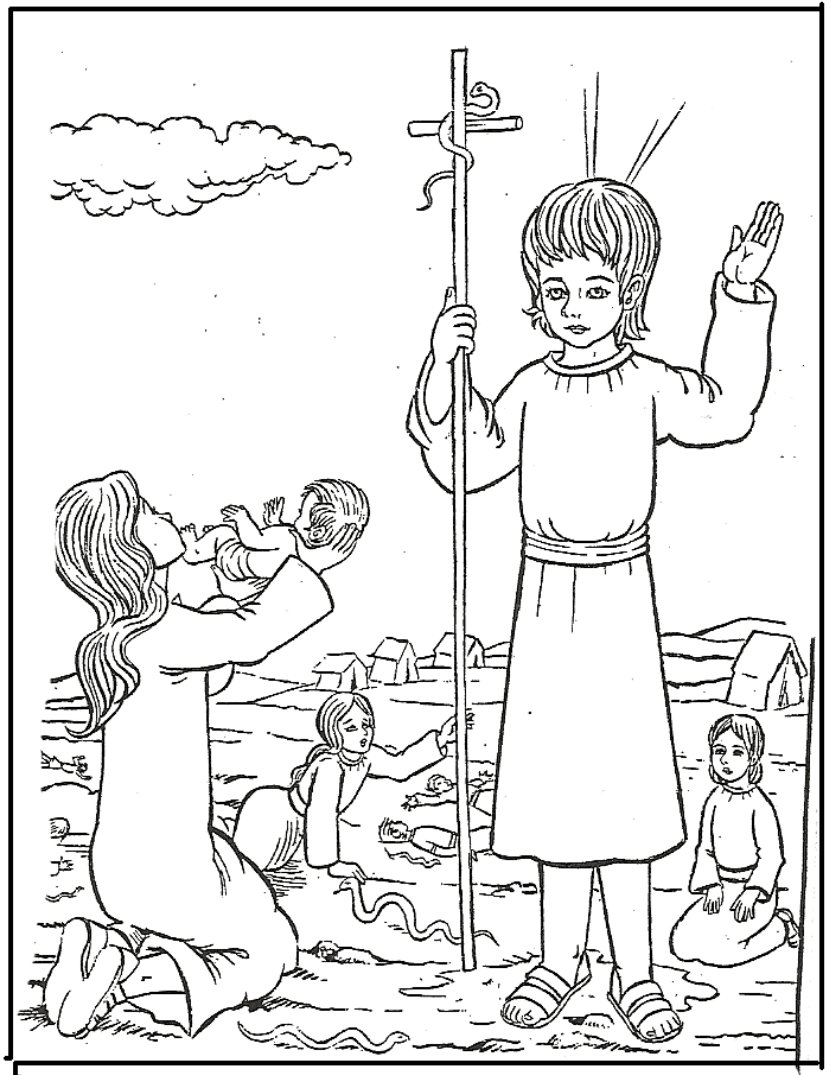
The cross was a most cruel punishment reserved for the worst criminals who were not only executed, but also publicly humiliated. For people in those times, the cross was a symbol of shame. For us however, the cross is the sign of glory and salvation. Jesus cross symbolizes healing and hope for those who look for it. It is also an invitation to fight against our personal sins of selfishness and social sins of injustice and evil. What bad habits do you have? Do you ask Jesus for the help to break free of those bad habits?

Activity

Draw and cut crosses on cardboard paper. Each child writes in one side a need or illness that he wants Jesus to be healed. Put them in a basket. And place them on top of the altar of the prayer group, so that all the children can pray for the intentions.

Prayer

Lord, when we find life hard, when we face our own sin and the sin of others, teach us to look at the cross, which gives us strength, both in joyful and sorrowful times. Thank you, Jesus, your cross saves. The world. Amen





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XXV Sunday in ordinary time; September 21, 2008

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24; Matthew 20:1-16

The workers in the Vineyard; A merciful and fair master



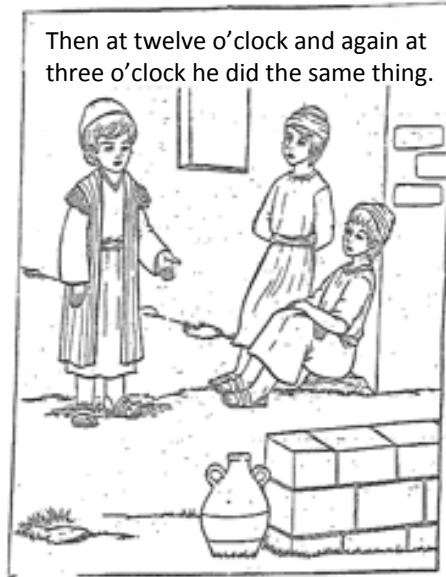
The Kingdom of heaven is like this once there was a man who went out early in the morning to hire some men to work in his vineyard .



He agreed to pay them the regular wage, a silver coin a day, and sent them to work in his vineyard.



He went out again to the market place at nine o'clock and saw some men standing there doing nothing, so he told them, " You also go and work in the vineyard and I will pay you a fair wage. So they went.

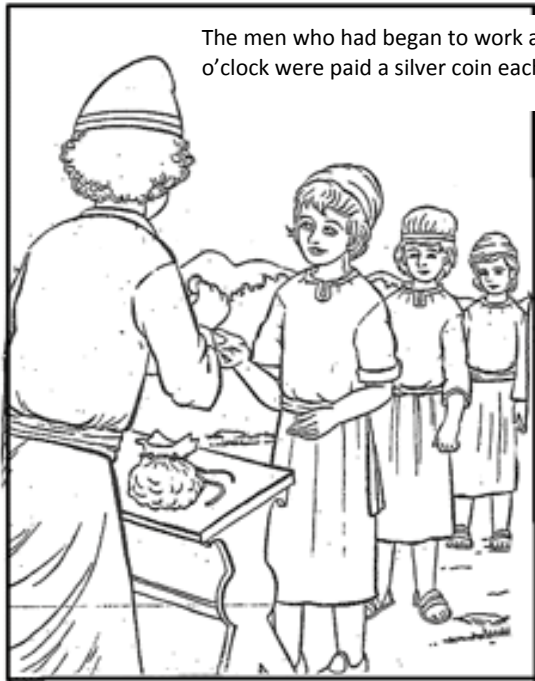


Then at twelve o'clock and again at three o'clock he did the same thing.

It was nearly five o'clock when he went to the marketplace and saw some other men still standing there. "Why are you wasting the whole day here doing nothing?" he asked them. "No one hires us, they answered." Well, then, you go and work in the vineyard," he told them.

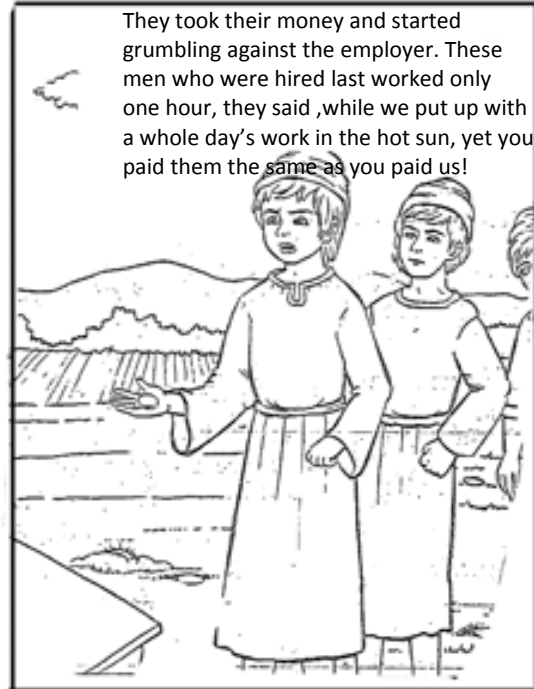


When evening came, the owner told his Foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with those who were hired last and ending with those who were hired first.



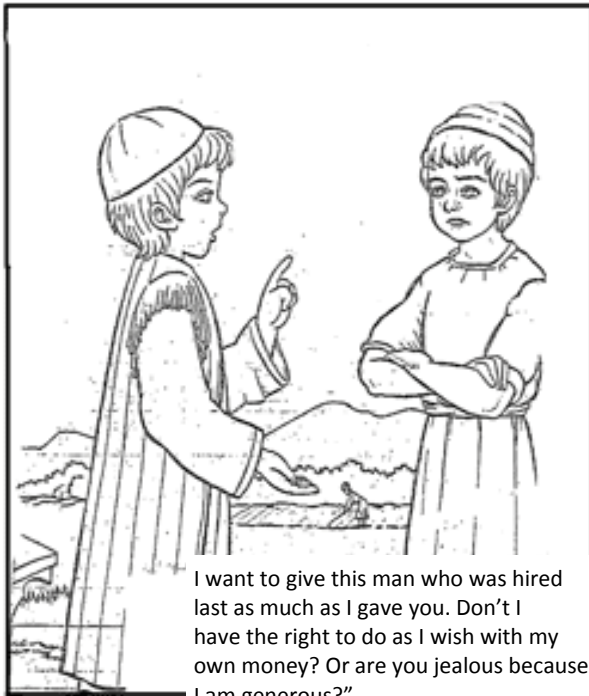
The men who had begun to work at five o'clock were paid a silver coin each.

So when the men who were the first to be hired came to be paid, they thought they would get more; but they too were given a silver coin each.



They took their money and started grumbling against the employer. These men who were hired last worked only one hour, they said, while we put up with a whole day's work in the hot sun, yet you paid them the same as you paid us!

Listen friend, the owner answered one of them. "I have not cheated you. After all, you agreed to do a day's work for one silver coin. Now take your pay and go home.



I want to give this man who was hired last as much as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you jealous because I am generous?"



And Jesus concluded, "So those who are last will be first, and those who first will be last."

Prayer

Lord, you are always compassionate and generous. Give us a heart free from resentment and jealousy so that we can rejoice in the good of others and in how you deal with each one of us with infinite love. Amen

Reflection

God ways are not our ways. God is much generous than we could ever imagine. God can be as generous as He wants with his gifts. God is as generous as the owner was with those who did not have anyone to hire them all day. When you saw that other friends got things that in your opinion, they did not deserve. How did you feel? What do you think about the owner of the vineyard? Do you think it was not fair for him to give equal pay to all? Why would he do something like that? The message today is the great compassion and generosity to which God calls us, because He is compassionate and generous..



Amigos de Jesús y María

XXVI Sunday in ordinary time; September 28, 2008

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

The Parable of the two sons / Actions speak louder than words

"Now, what do you think? There was once a man who had two sons. He went to the older one and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." "I do not want to", he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. "Yes, sir," he answered, but he did not go. Which one of the two did what his father wanted?" "The older one," they answered. So Jesus said to them, "I tell you: the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you. For John the Baptist came to you showing you the right path to take, and you would not believe him; but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. Even when you saw this, you did not later change your minds and believe him. (Matthew 21:28-32)

Reflection

Jesus says that the most important is not what we say we will do, but what we in fact do.

Which of the two sons do you think you are? Why?

What are some of your excuses not to work?

Jesus says God is pleased when we do what we promise to do. Do you fulfill your promises?

Activity

Prepare a script of the gospel. Dramatize the scene as if it were happening nowadays and with familiar situations.

Prayer

Lord, sometimes we want to do something but we get distracted and do not do it. Help us to be true to our word and to the promises we make to one another. Teach us to be humble and not to think of ourselves as superior to anyone. Amen



Let's play

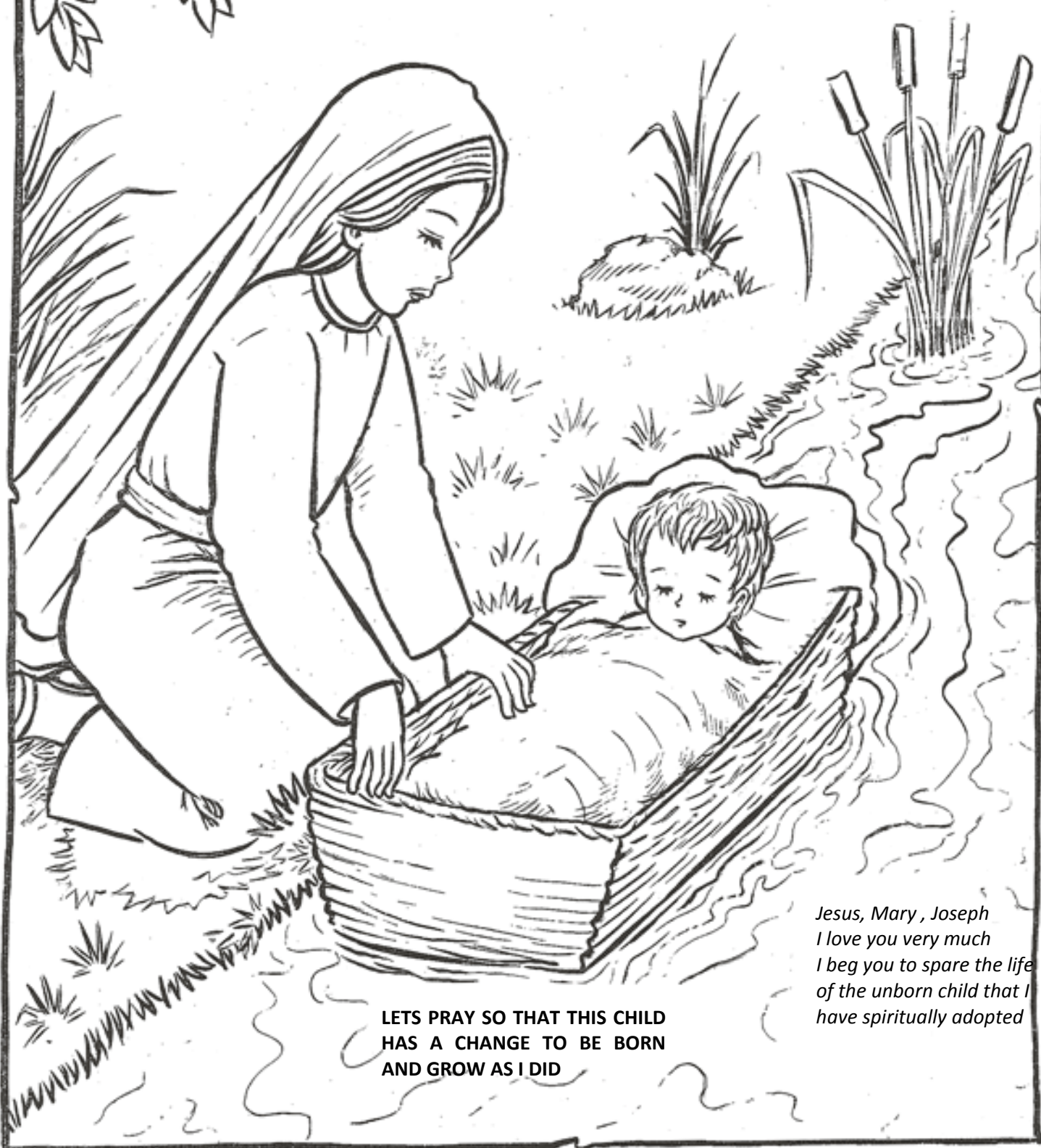
3.- Whom does St. Michael defend us from?

Join the dotted line following the numbers and you will find out.



**Spiritual Adoption Prayer
For the Unborn**

Dear Jesus, Mary and Joseph I promise to pray for this baby I have spiritually adopted during these 9 months of my school year, so he or she may be born as I have been born to live a life as a child of God to love and serve Him



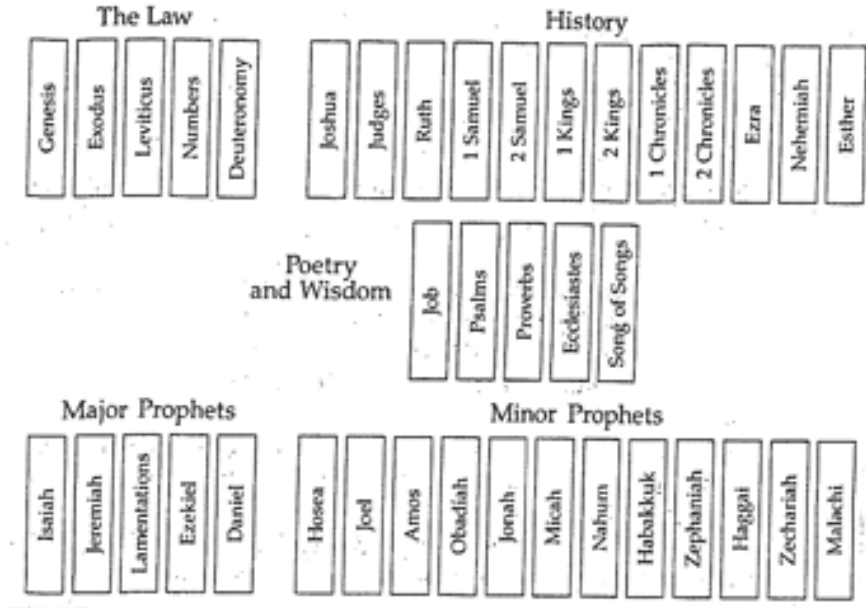
*Jesus, Mary, Joseph
I love you very much
I beg you to spare the life
of the unborn child that I
have spiritually adopted*

**LET'S PRAY SO THAT THIS CHILD
HAS A CHANCE TO BE BORN
AND GROW AS I DID**

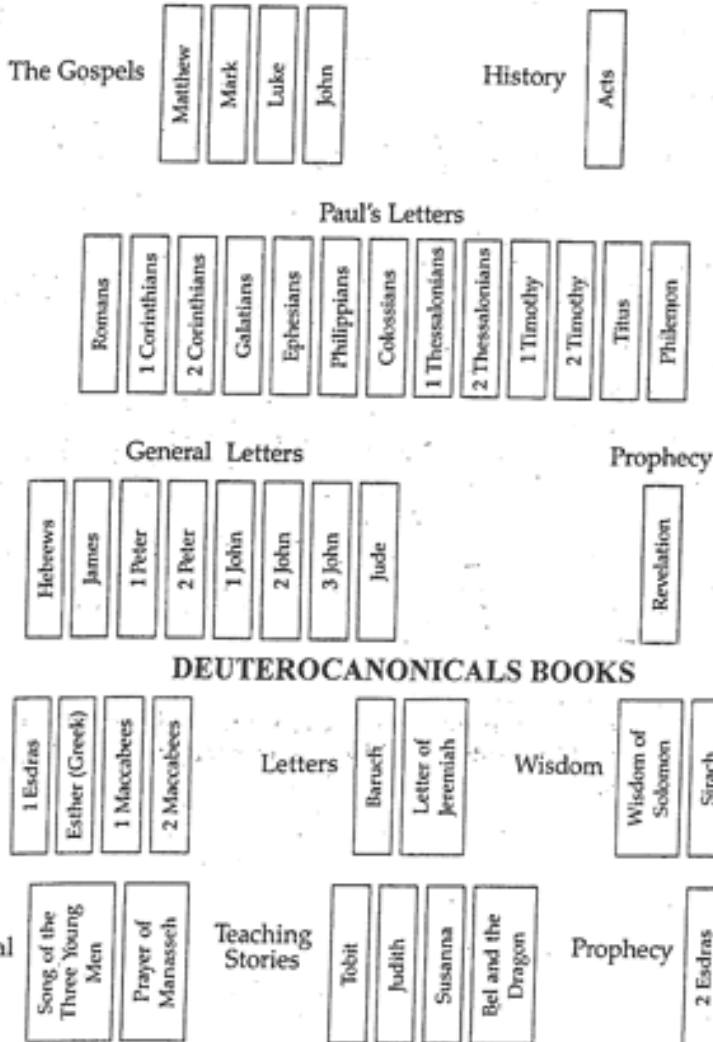
The Bible

The word "Bible" comes from the Greek word *biblia*, which means "books". So the Bible is really a collection or library of many books. These are divided into two main parts, The Old Testament and the New Testament

OLD TESTAMENT



NEW TESTAMENT



How to Look up a Bible Reference

Every verse in the Bible is marked by its own verse number. To find any one of the passages listed in these reader's helps, you need to find the book, and the verse or verses within that chapter.

The chapter number immediately follows the name of the book.

This is followed by a period (.) Which is followed by the number or range of numbers for the verses you seek. For example:

1 Corinthians 12.1-11 is the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter twelve, verses one through eleven.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF BIBLICAL BOOKS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Name	Abbrev.	Name	Abbrev.
Acts	Ac	Lamentation	Lm
Amos	Am	Letter of Jeremiah	Let Jer
Baruch	Ba	Leviticus	Lv
Bel and the Dragon	Bel	Luke	Lk
1 Chronicles	1 Ch	1 Maccabees	1 Macc
2 Chronicles	2 Ch	2 Maccabees	2 Macc
Colossians	Col	Malachi	Ml
1 Corinthians	1 Co	Mark	Mk
2 Corinthians	2 Co	Matthew	Mt
Daniel	Dn	Micah	Mic
Deuteronomy	Dt	Nahum	Nh
Ecclesiastes	Ec	Nehemiah	Ne
Ephesians	Eph	Numbers	Nu
1 Esdras	1 Esd	Obadiah	Ob
2 Esdras	2 Esd	1 Peter	1 P
Esther	Es	2 Peter	2 P
Esther (Greek)	Gk Est	Philemon	Phm
Exodus	Ex	Philippians	Phil
Ezekiel	Ez	The Prayer of Manasseh	Man
Ezra	Ezra	Proverbs	Pr
Galatians	Ga	Psalms	Ps
Genesis	Gn	Revelation	Rev
Habakkuk	Hb	Romans	Ro
Haggai	Hg	Ruth	Ru
Hebrews	He	1 Samuel	1 S
Hosea	Ho	2 Samuel	2 S
Isaiah	Is	Sirach	Si
James	Jas	Songs of Songs	Sgs
Jeremiah	Jr	Song of the 3 Young Men	S of 3 Y
Job	Job	Susanna	Su
Joel	Jl	1 Thessalonians	1 Th
John	Jn	2 Thessalonians	2 Th
1 John	1 Jn	1 Timothy	1 Ti
2 John	2 Jn	2 Timothy	2 Ti
3 John	3 Jn	Titus	Titus
Jonah	Jon	Tobit	Tb
Joshua	Js	Wisdom of Solomon	Ws
Jude	Jd	Zechariah	Zec
Judges	Jg	Zephaniah	Zep
Judith	Jdt		
1 Kings	1 K		
2 Kings	2 K		



Listen to the Maker

Do you listen to the Maker?

Each of these stories is about a different commandment. Identify the commandment and write it under each picture.

