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September 2020
Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

In September, we celebrate the birth of the Virgin Mary with much joy and celebration. We also begin the Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Children to promote respect for life.

Important Feasts of the Month:

- Sept. 3 Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope and doctor of the Church
- Sept. 8 The Nativity of the Virgin Mary
- Sept. 9 Memorial of St. Peter Claver, priest
- Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sept. 16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprus, Bishop, martyrs
- Sept. 21 St. Mathew, apostle and evangelist
- Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
- Sept. 24 Our Lady of Mercy
- Sept. 27 St. Vicente de Paul
- Sept. 29 Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Rafael
- Sept. 30 St. Jeronimo, priest and doctor of the Church

Materials Included this Month:

- 1) Calendar
- 2) Sunday Gospels with Activities.
- 3) Nativity of the Virgin Mary – craft and movie
- 4) Spiritual Adoption – Craft
- 5) The Holy Archangels – craft
- 6) Old Testament Story – Jonas and the Whale, story with coloring, craft

United in prayer for the success of our Ministry,

May God Bless and Protect You Always,
Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary



September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Memorial St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	4	5
6 XX Sunday in Ordinary Time	7	8 Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary	9 Memorial of St. Peter Claver, priest	10	11	12
13 XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 Feast of the Exhaltation of the Cross	15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrow	16 Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprus, Bishop, Martyrs	17	18	19
20 XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 Feast of St. Mathew, apostle and evangelist	22	23 Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	24	25	26
27 XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time St. Vincent de Paul	28	29 Feast of the Archangels Michael, Rafael, and Gabriel	30 Memorial of St. Jeronimo, priest and doctor of the Church	Solemnity In the Catholic Church, a solemnity is the most elevated rank of liturgical celebrations, to commemorate an act of most importance for the faith.	[Feast] An annual religious celebration. [Memorial] A day of remembrance or commemoration of a saint(s).	[Optional] An optional day of or commemoration of a saint(s).



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XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 6, 2020

Ezekiel 33, 7-9; Psalm 95, 1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Romans 13, 8-10; Mathew 18, 15-20

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I.

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, 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, amen, 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."

Reflection

Jesus wants us to love our neighbor and to desire their salvation. He gives us steps to take if we see someone sinning to help save them.

What is the first step? Correct them alone. **Why alone?** So no one else finds out giving them a chance to change without other's judgement. **What is the second step?** Take two/three other people with you because the person is more likely to listen to more people if corrected with love. **What is the third step if they still don't listen?** Tell the community (the family or the Church) to try and convince them. **And if they don't listen to the community?**

Separate from them as though they were a Gentile or Tax Collector.

Why a gentile or tax collector? A gentile did not love God or follow His commandments; a tax collector robbed people to make themselves rich and were hated. God wanted them to separate from the gentiles and tax collectors so they would not be tempted to follow their bad habits. In the same way, if we see someone doing bad things, we should separate from them so we are not tempted to imitate them and thus to sin. But since we want to save others, God gives us hope. **What else can we do?** We can pray for them. Jesus said: "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." **What happiness to know we can save others with our prayers! And how should we behave if someone corrects us?**

Activity

Complete the crossword puzzle on the following page. On the page after, color the picture of Jesus with the children. Ask God for the conversion of someone.

Prayer

Jesus, I pray that when correcting someone, you help me do it with goodness and love as you would. When someone corrects me, I pray that I may receive it with humility, trusting that they love me and desire my salvation. Amen.

Song: Love one Another, Dakota Pyle, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAflU4>





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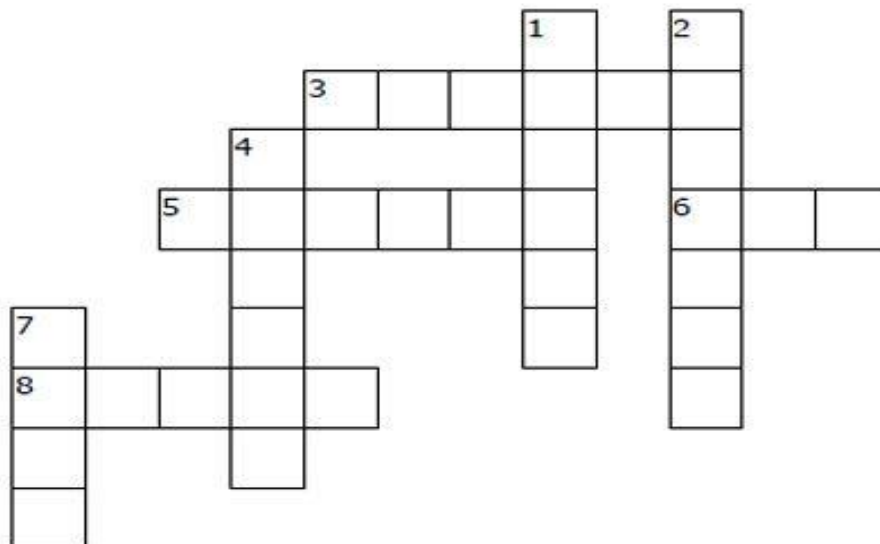
Gathered in His Name

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 [NIV]

Puzzle is based on Matthew 18:15-20



Come Together



ACROSS

3. A male parent; a term used to address God
5. A female who has the same parents as another person
6. The number that follows one (1)
8. To have the same opinion as another person

DOWN

1. An organization that follows the teaching of Jesus
2. A male who has the same parents as another person
4. To give attention to a person who is speaking
7. What a person is known by and called

BROTHER
LISTEN

SISTER
CHURCH

FATHER
TWO

AGREE
NAME

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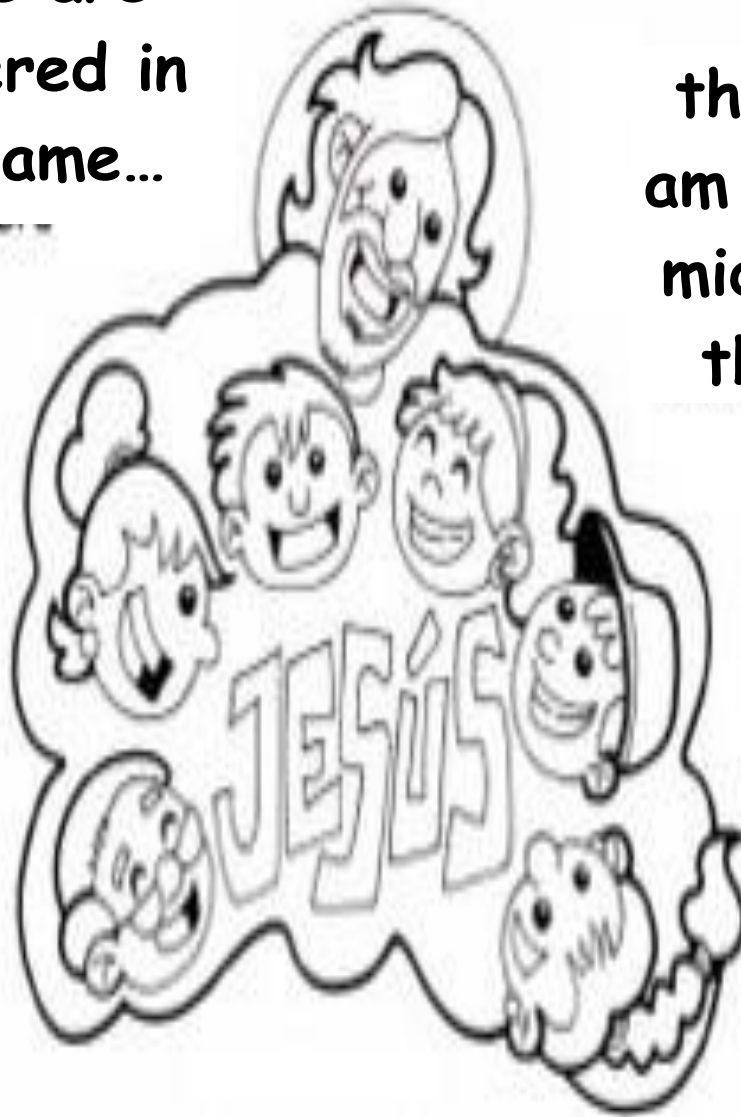
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Dear Jesus, I pray for the conversion of:

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XXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 13, 2020

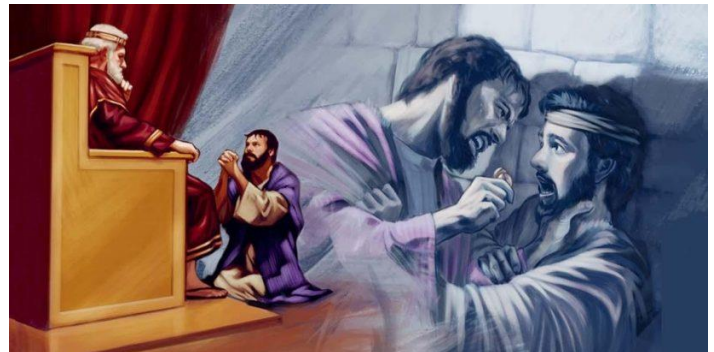
Sirach 27, 30-29, 7; Psalm 103; Romans 14, 7-9; Mathew 18, 21-35

Forgive Seven Times Seventy

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’ Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’ Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

Reflection

Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive. **What does Jesus answer?** Jesus answers seventy times seven. The number seven in the bible signifies perfection. To be perfect, we must always forgive. Jesus teaches the importance of forgiving with a parable about the Kingdom of God (those that accept Jesus as King in their hearts). **Who is the king?** God. **Who is the servant?** A sinner. **Why does the sin forgive his debts?** The King felt sorry for him when he fell before him begging and promising to repay. **When we sin, what should we do to receive God’s forgiveness?** Repent from the heart and ask for forgiveness. **What did the servant do after he was forgiven?** He sent a fellow servant to jail for not repaying a small debt he owed him. **How did the king react when he heard of this?** He sent him to jail until he repaid his debt because he was not equally compassionate as the king had been to him. **What does God want from us?** God wants us to forgive those who hurt us, just as He forgives us when we are sorry for our sins. It is not easy, but we can ask Him to help us with his Grace.



Activity

On the following page, put the pictures in the order they occurred by placing the corresponding number in the box. Make a book by coloring, cutting, and gluing the pictures onto a colored paper which has been folded in half twice, cut, and stapled on the left. Glue the prayer on the back.

Prayer

Good and merciful God, who cannot ignore a contrite heart, help me to repent of my sins; and help me to always forgive, especially _____.

Prayer

Good and merciful God, who cannot ignore a contrite heart, help me to repent of my sins; and help me to always forgive, especially _____.

Song: Forgive One Another, We Are United, (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/kZ_wCZ1gPN4



FORGIVE SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

Mathew 18, 21-35

Put a number in the small box putting the events in order that they happened. Make a book, coloring, cutting, and gluing the pictures on colored paper which has been folded in four, cut and stapled together. Glue the prayer in the back.



Good and merciful God, who cannot ignore a contrite heart, help me to repent of my sins; and help me to always forgive, especially _____.



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XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 20, 2020

Isaiah 55, 6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 20-24.7; Mathew 20, 1-16

The Last Will Be First

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So, they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Reflection

Jesus teaches with a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven, the community that loves and follows Jesus. Jesus wants that His followers want the best for their brothers and sisters always, putting their happiness before their own.

Who does the landowner represent? God. **Who do the laborers represent?** The followers of Jesus. **Why do some laborers get upset?** Those that started working at the end of the day received the same payment as those who had worked a full day. **How does Jesus respond?** They had received the agreed upon payment so no injustice was done. He is free to spend his money at will. **What does the payment represent in the Kingdom of God?** God rewards with peace and eternal life those who follow Him and help build His Kingdom. To follow Jesus we must love our neighbor and desire their salvation. We should be happy when a sinner repents and follows Jesus and not judge them for taking so long. **What does it mean “the last will be first, and the first will be last”?** Those who love and serve Jesus and their neighbor will be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. **How can we serve Jesus and our neighbor?** Share.

Activity

On the following page, color and follow the path from each laborer to the foreman then fill the blank with the syllable next to the laborer. On the other page, color how we can love our neighbor and thus help build the Kingdom of God. Write what you will do this week to love and serve your neighbor.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to love as You love and to serve as You serve to help build the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen.

Song: Denarius Rap Song, Kyle Jones, <https://youtu.be/cLouA3KytUQ>





Ciclo A

Mathew 20, 1-16

Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.



The laborers will seek their pay. Follow the path from the laborer to the foreman. Fill the corresponding blank with the word next to the worker.

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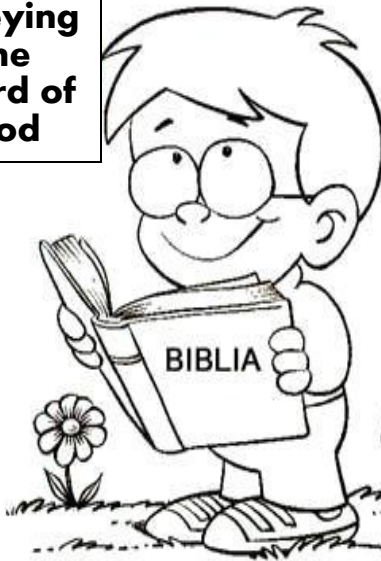


WE CAN GIVE LOVE

Giving a present



**Obeing
the
Word of
God**



Evangelizing



Helping Someone



Helping those in Need



Giving a Hug or Kiss



Jesus, help me to love as You love. This week I want to love and help more my neighbor by:



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XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 27, 2020

Ezekiel 18, 25-39; Psalm 24; Philippians 2, 1-11; Mathew 21, 28-32

The Parable of the Two Sons

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

Reflection

Jesus teaches us with a parable: **a father tells his two sons to go work in the vinyard.....What does the first son respond?** He says yes, but then does NOT go. **What does the second son respond?** He says he will not go, but later repents and DOES go to work in his father's vinyard. **Which of the two did the father's will?** The second. Jesus compares this good son with the tax collectors and the other son with the chief priests and elders of the people . **Who were the chief priests and elders?** They were the leaders of the Jewish faith. They preached in length about God with beautiful words, but did not obey His words; and they did not believe John the Baptist when he came to prepare them for the coming of Jesus, nor did they believe in Jesus when He spoke or performed miracles.



Who were the tax collectors? People that collected taxes for Rome, but added money for themselves and so were hated by the people. But despite not being Jewish, and considered sinners, they believed in Christ, converted, and did the will of God. **This parable shows us that being respected and knowledgeable in God's word is nothing if a person does not serve God with humility and true repentance for his/her sins. God wants us to show our love with WORKS, not with WORDS.** It is not enough to say I love you Jesus, and not try to follow His Commandments in loving our neighbor and avoiding sin. God knows everything and knows what is in our heart. Our final response to God will be given with our actions.

Activity

On the following page, read the parable as a story and color. On the other page, fill in the missing words in the parable, and follow the path to see which son went to work in the vineyard.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, send your Holy Spirit so I may discover the path I should follow to do Your will always, not only with my words, but also with my actions.

Song: I'll follow Jesus, dance, cfckfcmmedia, <https://youtu.be/Dx6RWOUF1M8>

The Parable of the Two Sons, Saddleback Kids, <https://youtu.be/pEz1rkZj7dU>



Parable of the Two Sons

Mathew 21: 28-31



What is your opinion?

A man had two sons...



He told them...

Son, today I need you to go and work in my vineyard.

But he later repented and went to work in the vineyard...

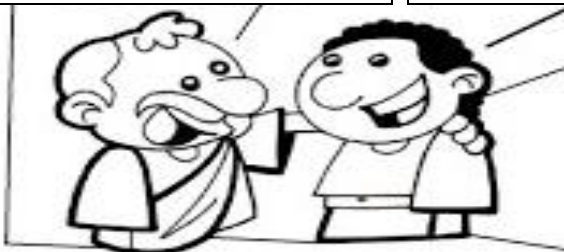
I won't!



Son, go and work in my vineyard.

I will go!

But later did not go to work...



Which of the two did what the father wanted?



Parable of the Two Sons

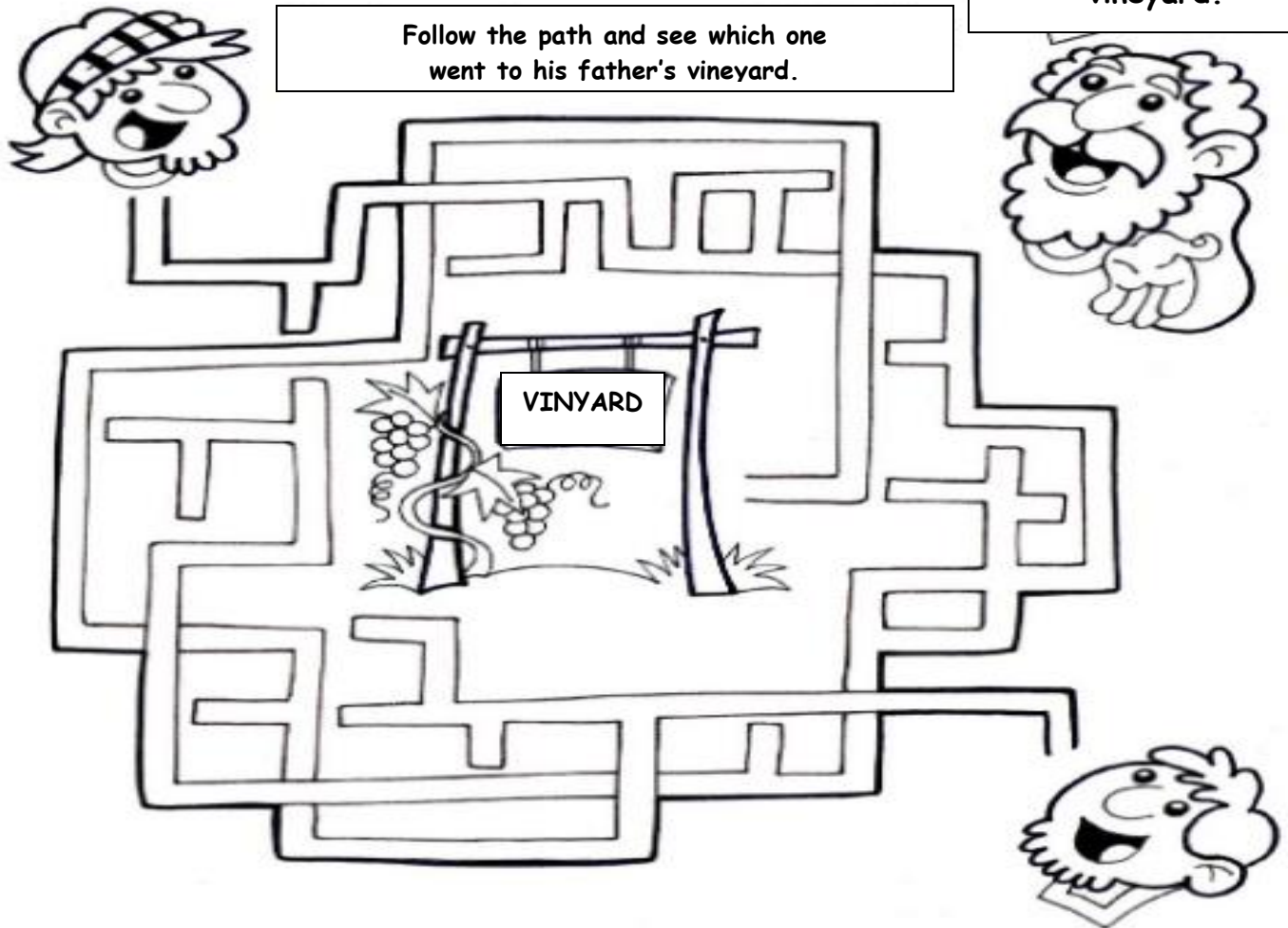
Mathew 21: 28-31

Fill in the words or phrases that are missing: THE FIRST, WON'T, SONS, REPENTED, WORK, I WILL

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two _____. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and _____ in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I _____,' but afterwards _____ and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, '_____, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, _____.

Sons, go to my vineyard.

Follow the path and see which one went to his father's vineyard.

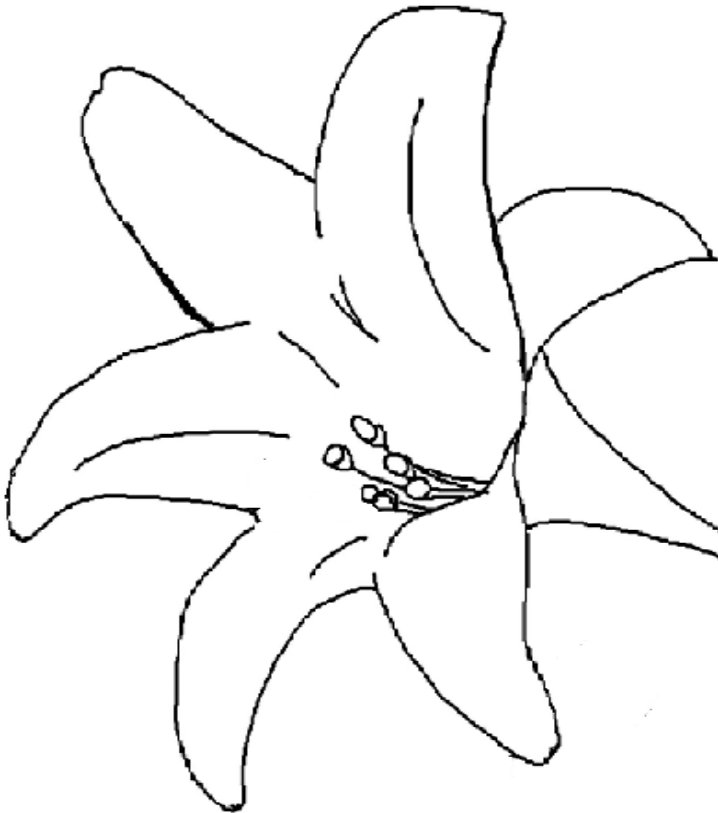




The Nativity of the Virgin Mary-September 8

Ana, the mother of the Virgin Mary, married a farmer named Joaquín, Galilean of Nazareth. He descended from the royal family of David. They were married twenty years without having children. The Hebrews considered this a dishonor and a punishment from Heaven. Ana intensified her prayers to God for a child and promised to offer the child up to God. Her perseverance in prayer paid off and God sent them a singular daughter. Mary was conceived **without original sin**, and was predestined to be the mother of Jesus, the incarnate Son of God. Mary was born holy. When she was three years old, they offered Mary up to God in the Temple as promised. Mary lived in the Temple until she was fourteen years old working, praying, and learning scripture. She wanted to stay there always, but the customary time to marry arrived; the High Priest chose Joseph and they were engaged. With her life, the Virgin Mary fulfilled the Words of God to the serpent in the Garden of Eden: " I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; They will strike at your head, while you strike at their heel.". (Genesis, 3 – 15) **She never sinned** and so she is the **Immaculate Conception**.

Mary conceived without sin, pray for us.



Instructions:

- Cut the drawings and the story.
- Enlarge the flower 200% with a copier or drawing it larger.
- Color the drawings.
- Glue the flower to a colored paper.
- Glue Mary and her parents in the middle of the flower.
- Glue the history on the back of the paper.





Instructions for Mobile: Color and cut rectangles with drawings. Glue on colored rectangles cut a little larger. Punch holes and attach with ribbons.

HOLY ARCHANGELS

SEPTEMBER 29, (Catholic.Net)

- Of the 3 main hierarchies of angels, they are closest to humans.
- They are holy because they chose to be on God's side over the devils.
- They are God's messengers for very important messages.
- The bible says there are 7 archangels (Tobias 12, 15; Revelations 8, 2)
- Only 3 appear in the bible:
 - Michael (Daniel, Jude, Revelations)
 - Gabriel (Daniel, Luke)
 - Rafael (Tobias)

Michael

Mission:

Defend us in the battle and protect us from evil.



Gabriel

Mission:

Messenger of God.
Announced to the Virgin Mary the Incarnation of Jesus in her womb.



Rafael

Mission:

Intercede for the healing of body and soul.
Accompanies travelers.



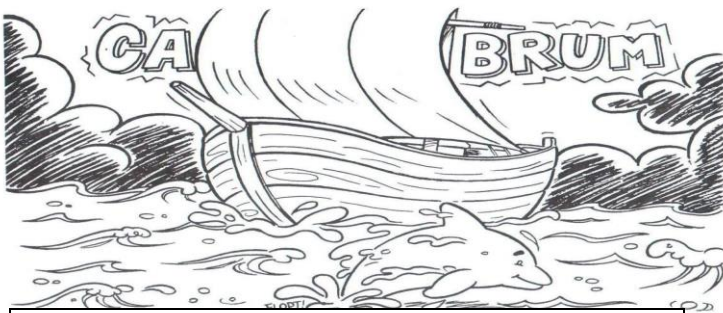
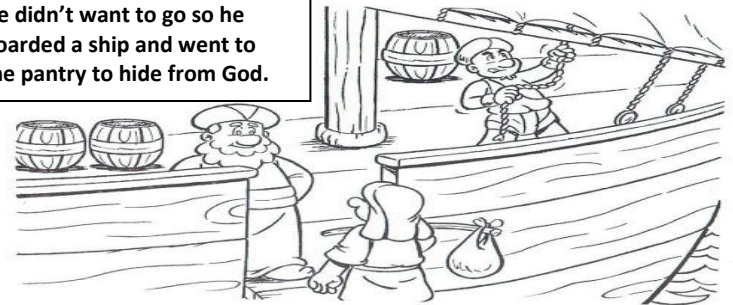


Old Testament Story, Jonah and the Whale, (Jonah Song, Saddleback kids, <https://youtu.be/RlvuWMqAPTQ>)



The Lord spoke to Jonah: Go to the city of Nineveh and tell the people I am very sad for their bad behavior so I will destroy them.

He didn't want to go so he boarded a ship and went to the pantry to hide from God.



All seemed calm until suddenly the Lord sent a great storm.

The storm was so strong, the sailors prayed to their gods for it to stop.

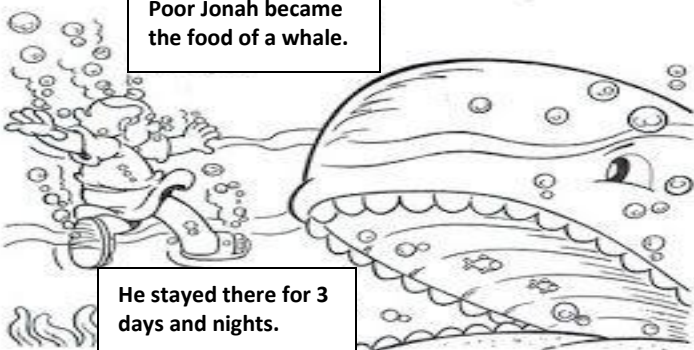


The captain was very mad and went to speak with Jonah. How can you sleep through this storm? It is your fault this is happening.

Jonah asked that they throw him overboard because it was his fault God had sent the storm. He had not obeyed the Word of God.



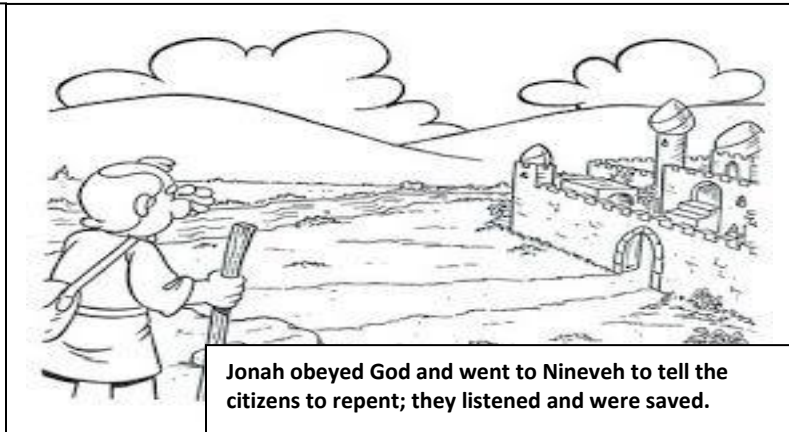
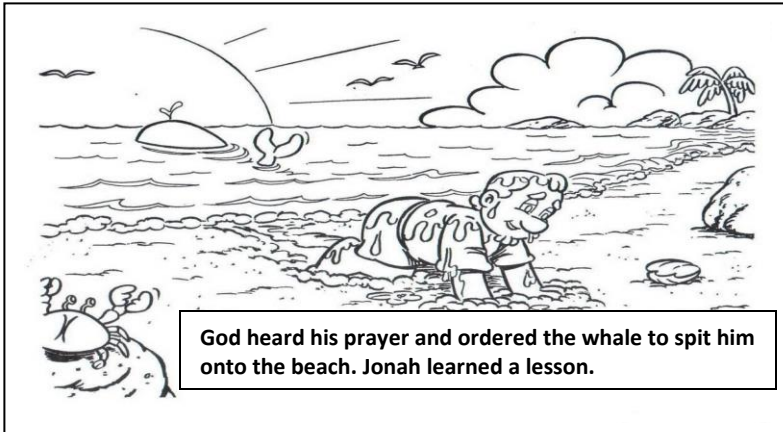
Poor Jonah became the food of a whale.



He stayed there for 3 days and nights.



Jonah was scared! Everything was dark and cold! He began to pray and ask God to help him.



Craft

1. Color and cut the whale and Jonah onto card stock.
2. Cut the whale in half.
3. Glue the top half of the whale onto the top half of Wood of a clothes hanger; glue the bottom half to the bottom wood of the clothes hanger.
4. Glue Jonah on the back of the bottom half of Wood of the clothes hanger so when you open it you see Jonah coming out of the mouth of the whale.

