



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - III Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8, 23b-9, 3; Psalm 26; 1Corinthians 1, 10-13. 17; Mathew 4, 12-23 o 12-17

The people have seen a great light.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Reflection

Why did Jesus move to Capernaum? (He wanted to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy. Isaiah was a prophet who lived around 700 years before Jesus. Jesus knew the scriptures which were inspired by His Father and He wanted to glorify Him.) **What does the prophecy mean: "Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness"?** (A Gentile was someone who did not believe in God. Zebulun and Naphtali were Jacob's sons who had disobeyed God and their lands became pagan -believers in other Gods. Without the light of God in their hearts, the people lived in darkness.)



What does the prophecy mean: "the people... have seen a great light"? (Jesus is the light of the world and He shined taking God's message of love to that land of gentiles.) **How is Jesus light for us?** (The light guides our steps in the darkness so we do not fall and Jesus guides our steps to happiness and to Heaven; light gives us warmth and Jesus gives us the warmth of God's love to share with everyone.) **Why does Jesus say: "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"?** (When we repent, we turn away from sin that separates us from God and move closer to God. We "convert". Jesus is God, our King, and His followers form part of His Kingdom. Jesus wants us all to share in His Kingdom on earth and in Heaven.)

Activity

On the following page, follow the strings to discover what actions should bring light to others. Color the flame. Talk about how they want to be light for others. On the last page, complete the craft, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD".

Prayer

My Jesus, I thank you for being light of the world. Help me to always follow you and glorify God as you did, thus being a light that attracts others to the Kingdom of God. I love you. Amen.

Song: Shine, Jesus, Shine, vbtylee, <https://youtu.be/cVnMrCIAeMw>

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Bh2Kkw9NKvun8ndko-QYYxvFHyjKT8PtX/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true

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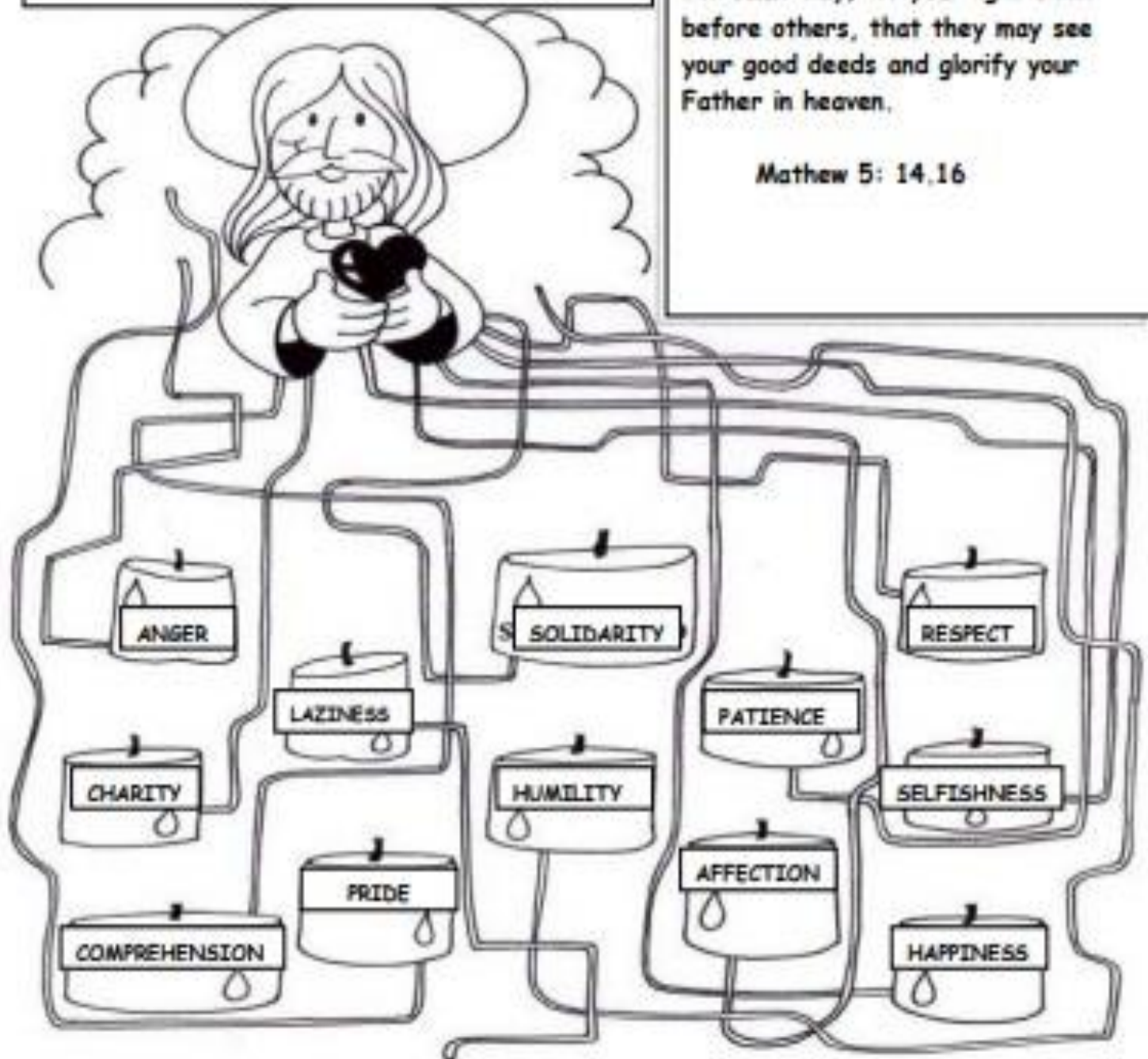
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The Light of the World

Follow the lines to discover which are the actions that should bring light to others. Once discovered, light by coloring the flame.

"You are the light of the world.. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Mathew 5: 14,16



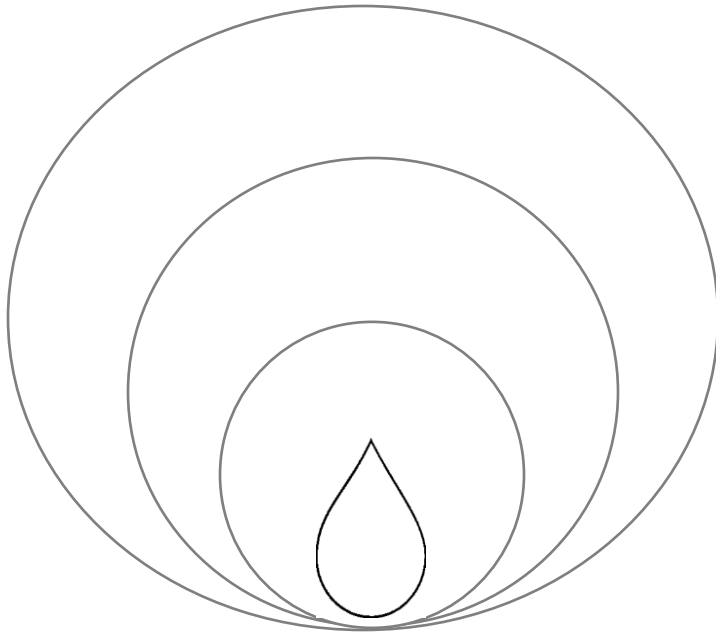
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I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Instructions:

- Cut a white piece of paper into pieces 4"x7".
- Glue the paper onto an empty roll of toilet paper.
- Cut to slits 1/4" long on opposite sides of the top of the roll of toilet paper.
- Glue the circle of light onto poster paper cut the same shape.
- Write in the circles how you can be light for others: praying, helping, forgiving...
- Color.
- Insert the circle into the two slits at the top of the roll.
- Cut the sign, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" and glue to the back of the circle.