



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle A - XII Sunday in Ordinary Time,

*Jeremiah 20, 10-13; Psalm 68, 8-10. 14 y 17. 33-35; Romans 5, 12-15; Mathew 10, 26-33*

### Do Not Be Afraid

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

### Reflection:

**Are you afraid of something? Share. What do you do when you are scared of someone or something?** (Hide or distance yourself.) **Now the apostles must proclaim to all the world what God did for them. Jesus tells them, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."**

**Who wanted to kill their bodies?** (The enemies of Jesus were still looking for His followers to kill them.)

**Jesus says, "Be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna (Hell)." Who?** (We must fear those that want to separate us from God so we will not love, pray, and obey Him. That person does not follow God but God's Enemy and they lead us to sin.)

**Are there people or situations that try to lead you away from God?** (Share. Examples: Friends that influence us to disobey our parents or the 10 Commandments; too much time playing video games or watching TV leaving little time for prayer; pride, lust, anger, laziness, gluttony, envy, avarice...)

**Jesus explains that God is always in control and we should not be afraid if we are following Him. What examples does He use?** (The sparrows, the hairs on our head) **Jesus wants us to trust in God because He wants us to be His witnesses in all the world with our words, works, and behavior to save souls. How can we attract souls to Jesus?** (Avoid sin, pray, love, obey, help, share, go to mass attentively... grow in virtue.)



### Activity:

Review the deadly sins on the following page and the corresponding virtues. On the next page, draw a flower next to the sentence that represents a virtue and a cactus next to the one that represents a deadly sin.

**Prayer:** God, help me to avoid sin and to grow in virtue so I may take your message of love to the world and win many souls for your Kingdom. Amen.

**Song:** Fear Not, Ellie Holcomb, <https://youtu.be/MDNIFzccqing>

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14M1Fg8vUFDZ3Zcu55zI3GFVbwMknlpdw/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/14M1Fg8vUFDZ3Zcu55zI3GFVbwMknlpdw/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true) (3-7 yrs.)

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**THE SEVEN MORTAL SINS**

The mortal sins are the vices to which humans are inclined because of their weakness. These sins lead to many other sins. (Illustrations in Spanish)

**PRIDE:**  
The desire to be superior and to have honor and glory

Virtue: **HUMILITY**



**LUST:**  
The excessive vice of sexual desire

Virtue: **CHASTITY**



**ANGER:**  
The reaction or furious attitude to a hurt, difficulty, or conflict.

Virtue: **PATIENCE**



**LAZINESS:**  
Lack of effort towards obligations or spiritual things.

Virtue: **EFFORT**



**GLUTTONY:**  
The excessive desire and consumption of eating and drinking.

Virtue: **MODERATION**

**ENVY:**  
The desire or resentment of the qualities, goods, or accomplishments of another.

Virtue: **CHARITY**



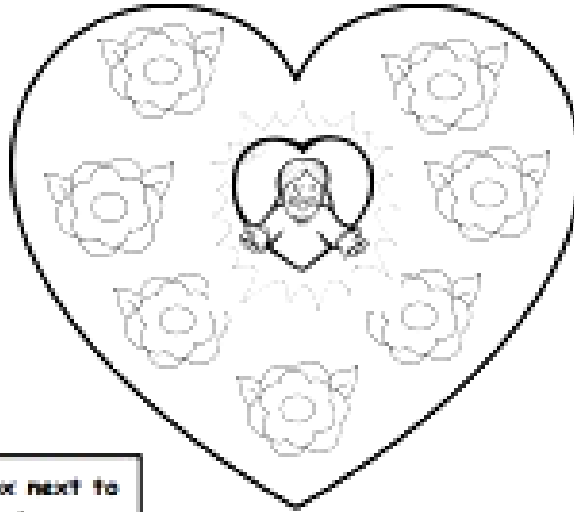
**GREED:**  
The desire to hoard goods.

Virtue: **GENEROSITY**





Virtues



Sins

Instructions: Draw a flower in the box next to a virtue and a cactus next to a sin.

**A heart filled with virtues attracts a soul to Jesus.**

1. All the cookies are mine!
2. Congratulations for winning the first prize!
3. I cannot go out until I finish my homework.
4. I am smarter than you!
5. I see you play very well. Will you help me improve?
6. I cannot pick up my room because I must play my video game.
7. The captain of our football team thinks he's so great!
8. I cannot help the poor because I am saving for a video game.
9. I brought a delicious desert. Do you want half?
10. Take my money to buy the homeless some food.
11. I'll hate you forever for what you did to me!
12. I will wait for you even if I am late for my game.