



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Acts, 12-14; Psalm 26, 1Peter 4, 13-16; Mathew 10, 26-33

Whoever loses his life for me, will save it.

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Reflection:

What does it mean to be worthy of Jesus? (God wants us to show Him our love in daily prayer, in Sundays Mass, and obeying His commandments. If someone tries to stop us, we should firmly say no.) **Jesus says that whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What does this mean?** (Sometimes the world tells us that we should do whatever we want to be happy, even if it is against God's Commandments. But Jesus says if we follow God's Commandments with love, we will be happy on earth and in Heaven. We may lose friends who want to separate us from Jesus, but Jesus promises us salvation.) **Jesus promises rewards for those who receive the righteous or His prophets. What can we do for them?** (Pray; invite them to dinner; help them with our time, talent or treasure.) **How does God reward us?** (Peace, love, happiness, salvation)



Activity:

On the following page, write or draw on the gift boxes to the left, gifts we can give God; on the right, gifts God promises us.

Prayer:

Jesus, my God, help me to always place you first in my life and to be generous with my time, talents, and treasures. Thank you for all the blessings you give me every day. No one is more generous than you. I love you. Amen.

Song: A Gift to You, KWSCM, <https://youtu.be/n3iG1gkW9R0>

Take Lord Receive, John Foley, https://youtu.be/UrX_T5QLBXQ

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1I11cNNLR6zXVFXftut8u8wKDCyU7MmKk/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true (3-5 yrs.)

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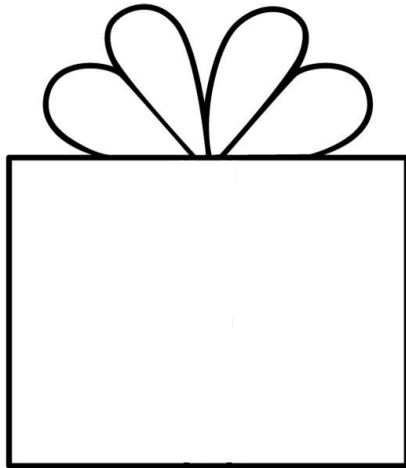


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