



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle A – XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

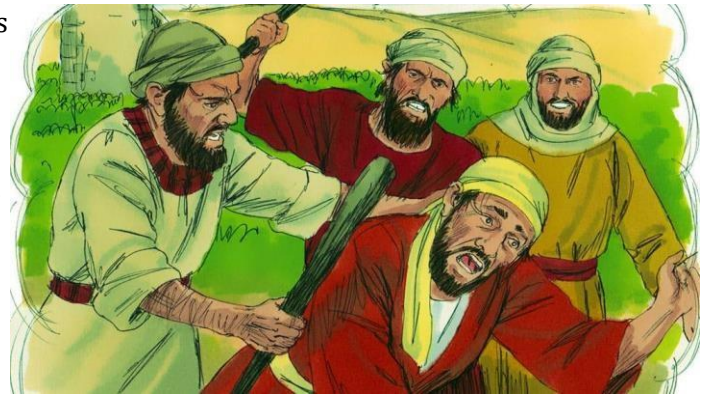
*Isaiah 5, 1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4, 6-9; Mathew 21, 33-43*

### **The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again, he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

### **Reflection**

Jesus directs a parable (a story with a moral) to the high priests and elders of the Jewish faith. They guided the people with laws, but did not have God in their hearts. **Who does the landowner represent?** God. **Who do the tenants represent?** The same high priests and elders. **What does the vineyard represent?** God's people. **What did the tenant's do when the landowner sent his servants to collect his produce?** They mistreated them, stoned them and killed them so they could keep the vineyard. **Who do the servants represent?** God's prophets. **Finally, the landowner sent his son thinking they would respect him, but they killed him too. Who does the son represent?** Jesus. **What is Jesus telling the high priests and elders?** They were not guiding His people well; they had not listened to His prophets, nor did they listen to God's son; therefore, God was going to take away their authority over His people and give it to others who would be good shepherds. **Who is the stone rejected by the builders that became the cornerstone?** Jesus. **The cornerstone is the one that takes all the weight of a building; likewise, Jesus is the center and the strength of God's people because He is God. The elders did not recognize Jesus. How can we recognize Him in our life?** Staying close to Him through prayer and the Sacraments, reading the bible, obeying His commandments and the Church, praying the Rosary, and serving our neighbor. In this way, He will be in our heart, loving and guiding us.



**Activity**

On the following page, color the parable. On the next page, color and share about how we can see Jesus in our lives. Cut and color the eye glasses and glue to poster paper cut in the same shape. Glue the arms to the glasses.

### **Prayer**

Jesus, help me to always see you in the love of people around me, in the beauty of nature that you created, and in the events of my life. I always want to see you. . Amen.

### **Song:**

Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord, idcm kids, <https://youtu.be/LVoQR9Vj0Zg?si=dRRmFIpB4GiZNt0> (3-7 yrs.)

Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord, <https://youtu.be/-OwXh9agxz8?si=QOmDQVZzSwlxqPyh> (8+ yrs.)

**PPT:** [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qDMmZh0A7hR1bHuEMdqkqRFRWpvpTUtB/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qDMmZh0A7hR1bHuEMdqkqRFRWpvpTUtB/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true)



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## PARABLE OF THE MURDEROUS TENANTS



A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenants and left on a trip...

After a while...

The landowner sent his servants to reclaim his part of the fruits.

But the tenants beat the servants and sent them away empty handed...

The landowner said:

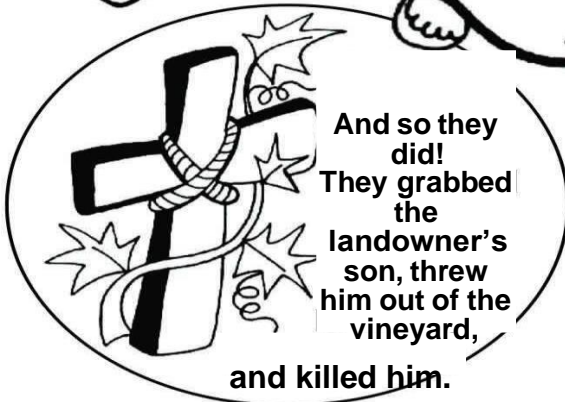
What should I do? I will send my beloved son. Maybe they will respect him...



Upon seeing them the tenants said...



This is the heir. Let's kill him and keep his inheritance.



And so they did! They grabbed the landowner's son, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the landowner do to them?

He will come, do justice with these tenants and give the vineyard to others.

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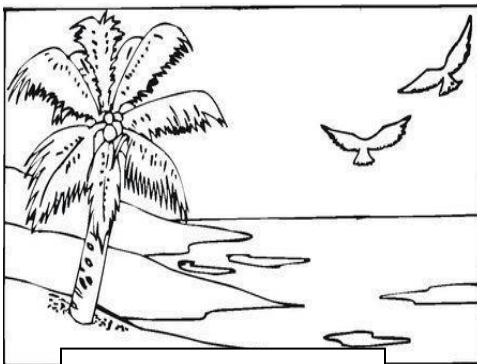
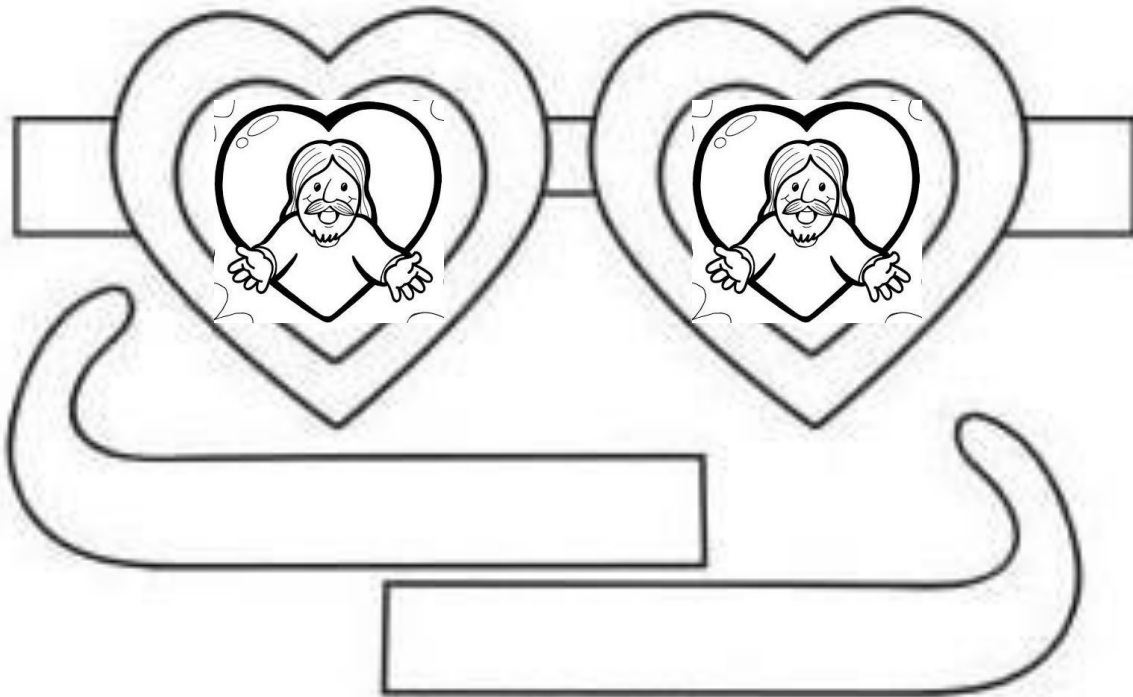


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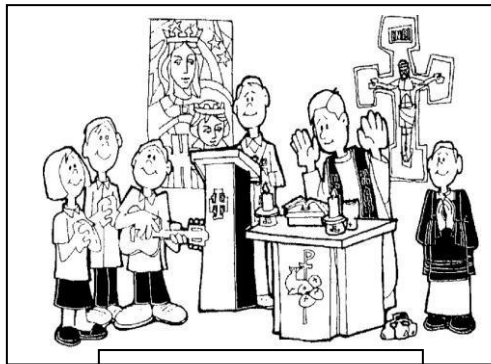
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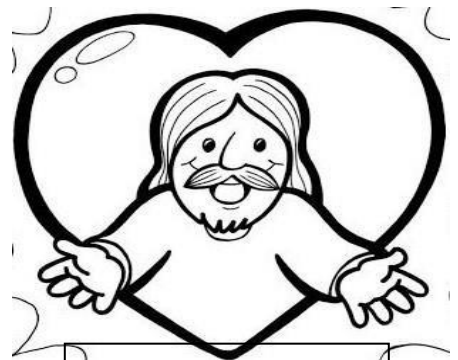
*In my Neighbor*



*In Your Creation*



*The Mass*



*In my Heart*

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