



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B-IV Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 Psalm 137: 1-2, 3, 4-5,6 Ephesians 2: 4-10; John 3: 14-21

Jesus must be lifted up

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Reflection

On the following page, read the summary of the Old Testament story about Moses and the serpents. Why is God angry with the people? (The people complain that God took them out of Egypt to starve; they are tired of the bread God provides. They don't trust God's plan to take them to the Promised Land. God wants His people to trust Him and the great love He has for them. He wants them to realize that only He can give them true happiness.) **Have you ever complained about something? Share. Can you think of a reason that this situation may have helped you in some way? Share.** God was compassionate to His people despite their complaints and He cured them with the snake on the stick. The gospel compares the snake on the stick to what? (Jesus on the Cross.) **Why does God allow Jesus to die on the cross?** (God loves us so much that He gave His only Son so we would not perish.) **From what does Jesus heal us?** (Jesus' cross heals our souls from our sins and gives us Eternal Life.) **How are we saved?** (Believing in and loving Jesus and sharing that love.) **Jesus says that contemplating His cross helps us with life's difficulties. How?** (He gives us strength, comfort, peace, wisdom... to face problems with love.)

Activity

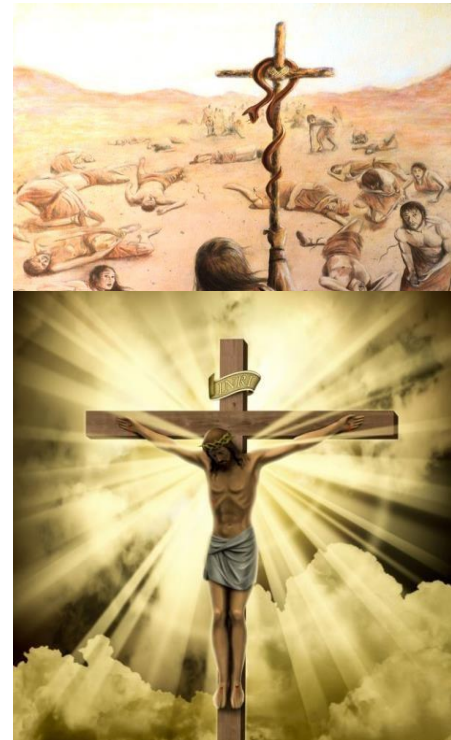
On the following page, read and color the story of Moses and the Serpents. On the other page, follow instructions to make the craft about God's love. On the last page color and write difficulties you would like Jesus to help you with. Unscramble the words to see what Jesus wants for or from us. (Trust, Faith, Love, Salvation)

Prayer

Lord, enter into my heart. Your presence heals me. Give me your love, your light, your strength to face my difficulties. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

Song: I want to see Jesus lifted high, KWSCM <https://youtu.be/Ffpj1SY4uJU>

PPT: https://drive.google.com/file/d/158site51Nhvy1ee5GLoT-5f7Ac0_zHvk/view?usp=sharing





Old Testament Story
Moses and the Serpents (Numbers 21, 5-9)

So, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

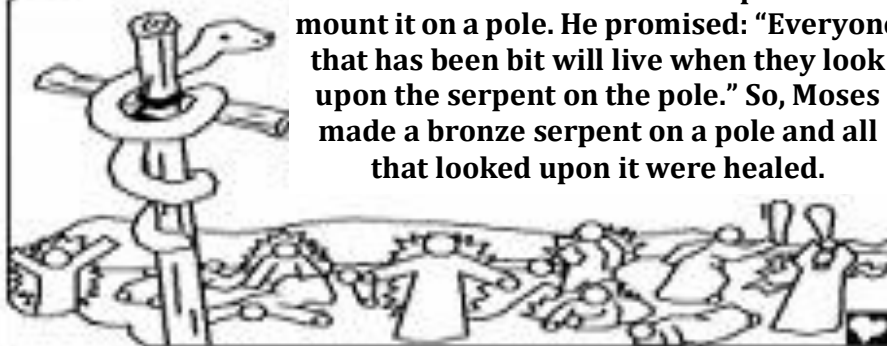
The sin of the people angered God. He sent serpents amongst them. The serpents bit the people and many died.



"We have sinned. Pray that the Lord remove the serpents!" the people begged. So, Moses prayed for them, but God did not remove the serpents.



God told Moses to make a serpent and mount it on a pole. He promised: "Everyone that has been bit will live when they look upon the serpent on the pole." So, Moses made a bronze serpent on a pole and all that looked upon it were healed.



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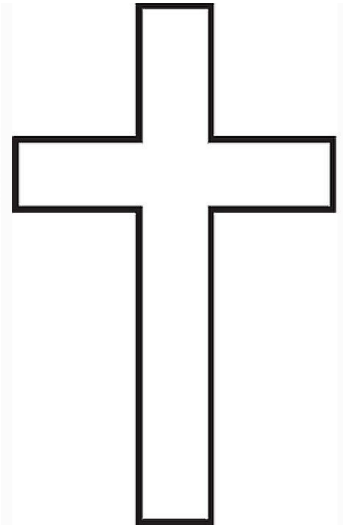
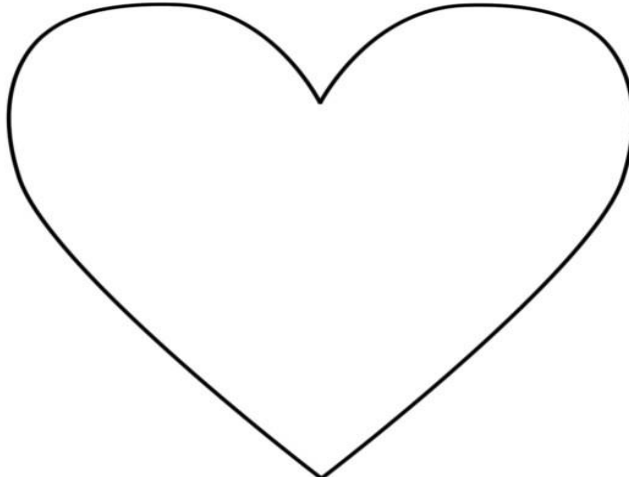
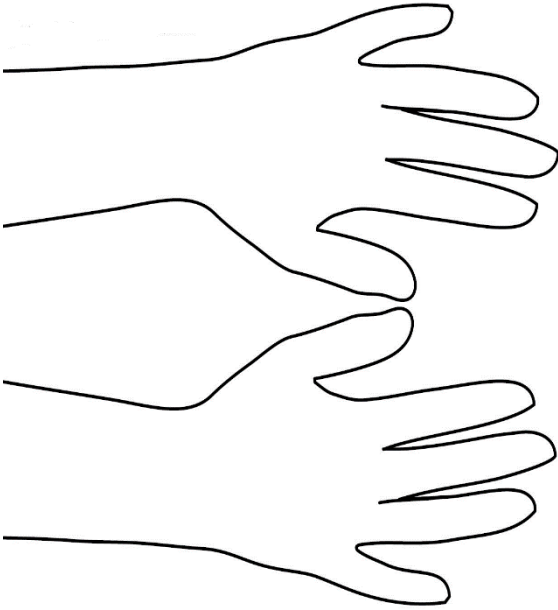


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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.
(John 3:16)



Instructions: color, cut, and glue heart to the world, cross to the heart, hands to the cross, and bible verse on bottom.

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For God So Loved the World

John 3:16 (NIV)

Name: _____

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

God	gave	whoever	eternal
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