



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

## Cycle B-V Sunday of Lent

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33*

### Jesus is the good seed

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Phillip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Phillip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father saves me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

### Reflection

**What were they going to celebrate in Jerusalem?** (Passover) What do they celebrate in Passover? (When God freed them from slavery in Egypt.) **What does Jesus say to the apostles Andrew and Phillip?** (The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.) **To what hour is Jesus referring?** (The hour of His passion and death on the cross.) **Jesus says that a grain of wheat must die to produce abundant fruit. What comparison is Jesus making?** (Jesus' death, like that of a grain of wheat, produces much fruit for the good of the world.) **What does Jesus give us with His sacrifice?** (Forgiveness of our sins, Union with God in the Eucharist, Union with God in Eternal Life, God's Grace within us) **What does sacrifice mean?** (To decide to not do something you find pleasurable to help another person.) **How can we bear fruit for Jesus?** (Imitate Jesus and sacrifice for love of God and love of others by praying, serving or helping, sharing, and forgiving.) **Who sacrifices for you? What sacrifice can you do to help someone?** Share.

### Activity

On the following page, color the main points of the gospel and complete the craft. On the other page, connect the sacrifice with the corresponding fruit.

### Prayer

Jesus you are always attentive to the Father. Your love for our Father gave you the strength and courage to carry out your mission. Give us your Spirit so that we may always work for the good of others. Help us to produce fruits of life. Amen

**Song:** Make me a Servant, Asidor kids, [https://youtu.be/zw\\_FNbF1LrU?si=y3U31v-ztzHvfd\\_X](https://youtu.be/zw_FNbF1LrU?si=y3U31v-ztzHvfd_X) (3-7 yrs.)

The Servant Song, servantofthelion, <https://youtu.be/kdmgpMfnjdU?si=hT5zoo0Waq0mkgzx> (8+ yrs.)

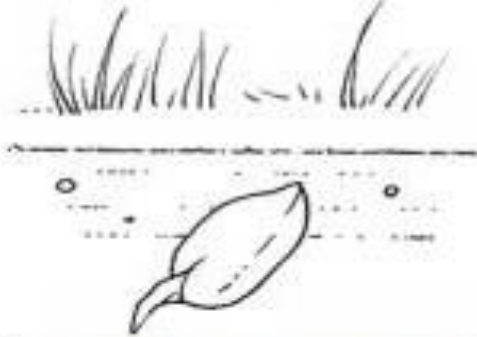
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**JESUS IS THE GOOD SEED (John 12:20-33)**

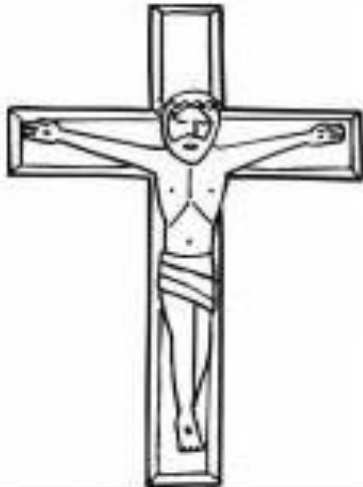
Color and cut the 3 parts of the gospel. Fold the colored paper in 3 equal parts (landscape mode). Tape together the two ends to create a triangular prism. Glue each part of the gospel to one face of the prism.



**The grain of wheat must die to be able to...**



**Give much fruit.**



**The Son of Man must be glorified...**



**To gift us Eternal Life.**



**Whoever sacrifices and serves me, will have Eternal Life.**



**When I am lifted up from earth, I will draw everyone to myself.**



**The Sacrifices of Jesus' Followers  
Give Fruit for the Kingdom of God**

Instructions: Connect the sacrifice with the corresponding fruit.

**SACRIFICES**



**Prayer**



**Control Negative  
Emotions**



**Serve Others**

**FRUITS**



**Peace**



**Love of Neighbor**



**Love God**