



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle B - XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7: 12-15; Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus sends them out in twos.

He called the twelve disciples together and sent them out two by two. He gave them authority over the evil spirits and ordered them, "Do not take anything with you on the trip except a walking stick; no bread, no beggar's bag, no money in your pockets. Wear sandals, but do not carry an extra shirt." He also told them, "Wherever you are welcomed, stay in the same house until you leave that place. If you come to a town where people do not welcome you or will not listen to you, leave it, and shake the dust off your feet. That will be a warning to them!" So, they went out and preached that people should turn away from their sins. They drove out many demons, and rubbed olive oil on many sick people and healed them.

Reflection

Jesus sent His disciples out to preach in pairs.

What was their mission? (He sent them to tell everyone what Jesus said and did for us.)

Why did He send them in twos? (People believe two people more than just one. During that time, all testimonies in judgements required two people.)

Why did Jesus give them authority over evil spirits and the power to cure the sick? (When people see these miracles, they know what they say is true and is from God. Also, they can continue Jesus' work of healing.)

Why did Jesus order them to take only their clothes and sandals? (Jesus wants them to be completely focused on their mission and to trust that He Will provide for them through the community.)

What did they preach? (Repent, be baptized, believe in the Gospel and be saved. God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to die for us on the cross. He resurrected on the third day, then ascended to Heaven and opened the gates of Heaven for us.)

How can we help in this mission? (Telling others about Jesus' great love and showing them with our lives.)

Activity

On the following page, make the Works of Mercy cards and play the memory game. On the other page are instructions to make a wordless book so the children can evangelize. They can take turns telling the Gospel using their book. On the last page, find the differences in the two pictures and color.

Prayer

Lord, make me a witness of your message of love. Help me to love as you love so I may lead more souls to you. **Amen.**

Song: I'm in the Lord's Army, Heritage Kids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/9FqmiGwTqh4> (3-7 yrs. old)

I will Follow You, Roy Rantung (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/jpVuBcbZ24c> (8+ yrs. old)

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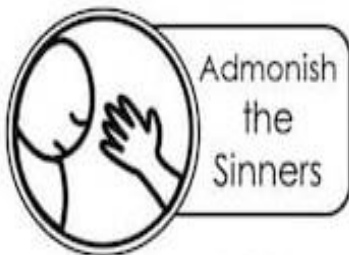
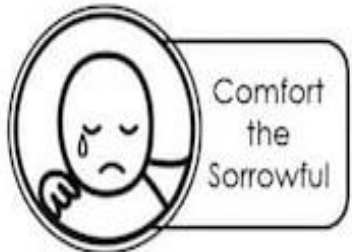
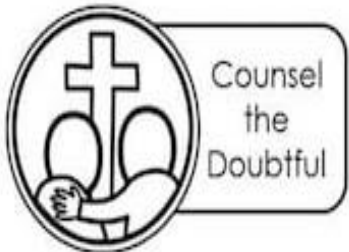




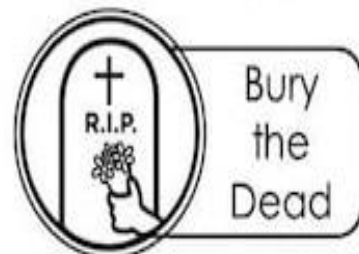
MEMORY GAME – WORKS OF MERCY

Instructions: Copy the Works of Mercy and cut both sets in the form of cards. Make 2 sets of cards, gluing them to poster paper which is cut a little larger than the copies. To play, place the cards face down on a table. The children take turns turning over 2 cards at a time to try to find a pair. The child with the most pairs at the end, wins.

Spiritual Works of Mercy



Corporal Works of Mercy



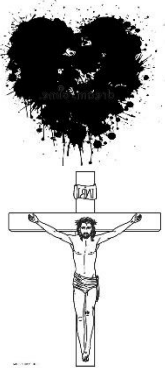
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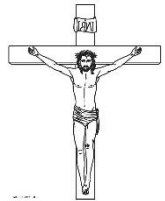


EVANGELIZE WITH THE BOOK WITHOUT WORDS

Instructions: Make a book without words so the children can evangelize with it. Cut construction paper in the following colors in four parts to make four books. You will need double the green pages. Make two holes on the left side to put a ribbon through them at the end. Start with black and explain what it means. Continue with each color explaining the meaning until finishing the book. The two green pages are the back and front cover. String the ribbon and tie. Have them practice evangelizing with the book.



BLACK represents sin. Since Adam and Eve disobeyed God and separated themselves from Him, we are all born with the mark of Original Sin on our souls and with the tendency to sin. When we sin, we separate ourselves from God and enter spiritual darkness losing our way and our happiness. We sin when we disobey God's law of love.



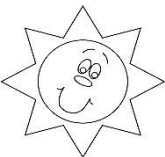
RED represents the blood of Jesus, shed for our salvation. "Jesus died for our sins, as written in Scripture; was buried; and rose on the third day, also according to Scripture" (1Cor 15, 3-4). He died to replace us as sinners and rose from the dead to show His power over death, saving us from our sins. (John 3:16)



BLUE represents the waters of Baptism. Jesus told His disciples "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Mat 28: 19-10) When we are baptized Original Sin is erased from our soul and we become part of God's family.



WHITE represents the purification of our souls through the sacrifice of Jesus. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (II Cor 5:17) The spiritual darkness is dispersed, and the light of Christ takes us to happiness and to heaven.



YELLOW represents Heaven, (Rev 21:18) Jesus has gone to prepare a wonderful place for those who believe and follow Him. (John 14:1-3)



GREEN (Cover) represents that Christians need to grow in their new life. Just as the plants need sun, rain, and soil, so do Christians need prayer, the Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Church community and its teachings to grow spiritually and glorify God.



Mark 6, 7-13: Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Disciples



Find below what is not included in the picture above.

