



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle C - VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26, 2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23; Psalm 102; 1Cor 15, 45-49; Luke 6, 27-38

Love Your Enemies

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Reflection

Who do you love most in the world? (Mother, Father...) Who do you find most difficult to love and why? Share. In this Gospel, Jesus wants to teach us to love like our Father in Heaven loves us. Jesus asks us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who mistreat us. Is this easy? Share. What other difficult things does Jesus ask of us? (To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.) Did Jesus love His enemies, pray for those who mistreated Him, give without expecting in return? Give examples. Up to what point did Jesus show us how much He loves us? (Jesus loved us so much, He even died on the cross to pay for our sins so we may enter Heaven.)

If we want to be another Jesus on earth to make the world a better place, we must try to act as Jesus asks us, as He acted. Then we witness Jesus' love and possibly make some friends of our enemies. We can then be extraordinary like Jesus. What can you do to love better? (Love Your Enemies, Mathew 5, ShareFaithKids, <https://youtu.be/lvzl5T9a5KU>)

Activity

On the next page, color, cut, and glue the cross onto a colored construction paper. Talk about how they can do what Jesus asks of us. On the last page, help the Roman (enemy of God's people) get to Jesus.

Prayer

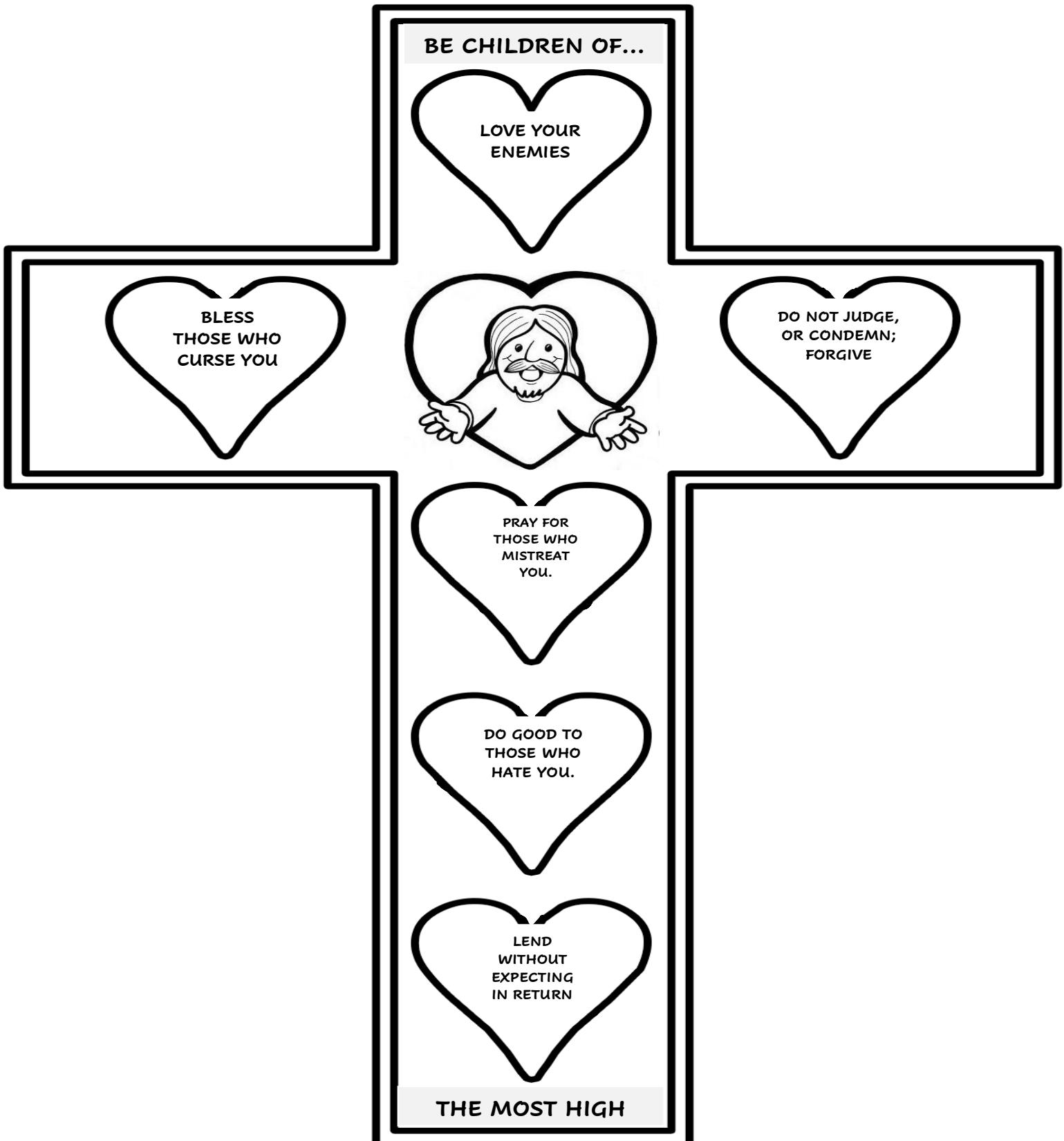
Lord, I want to love as You love. Fill my heart with Your Grace so I may do what appears impossible to me, to love and forgive my enemies. Help me to be extraordinary and be a witness of your great Love. Amen.

Song: Love One Another, Dakota, Pyle, (Ctrl Clck) <https://youtu.be/LYlkcoAFLU4> (3-6 yrs.)

Give it Away, Lifetree Kids, (Ctrl Clck) <https://youtu.be/ywCiDhbd-Js> (7+ yrs.)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1zbLvulzs0fvqcuEywXyVzI2crc_g23qd/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true







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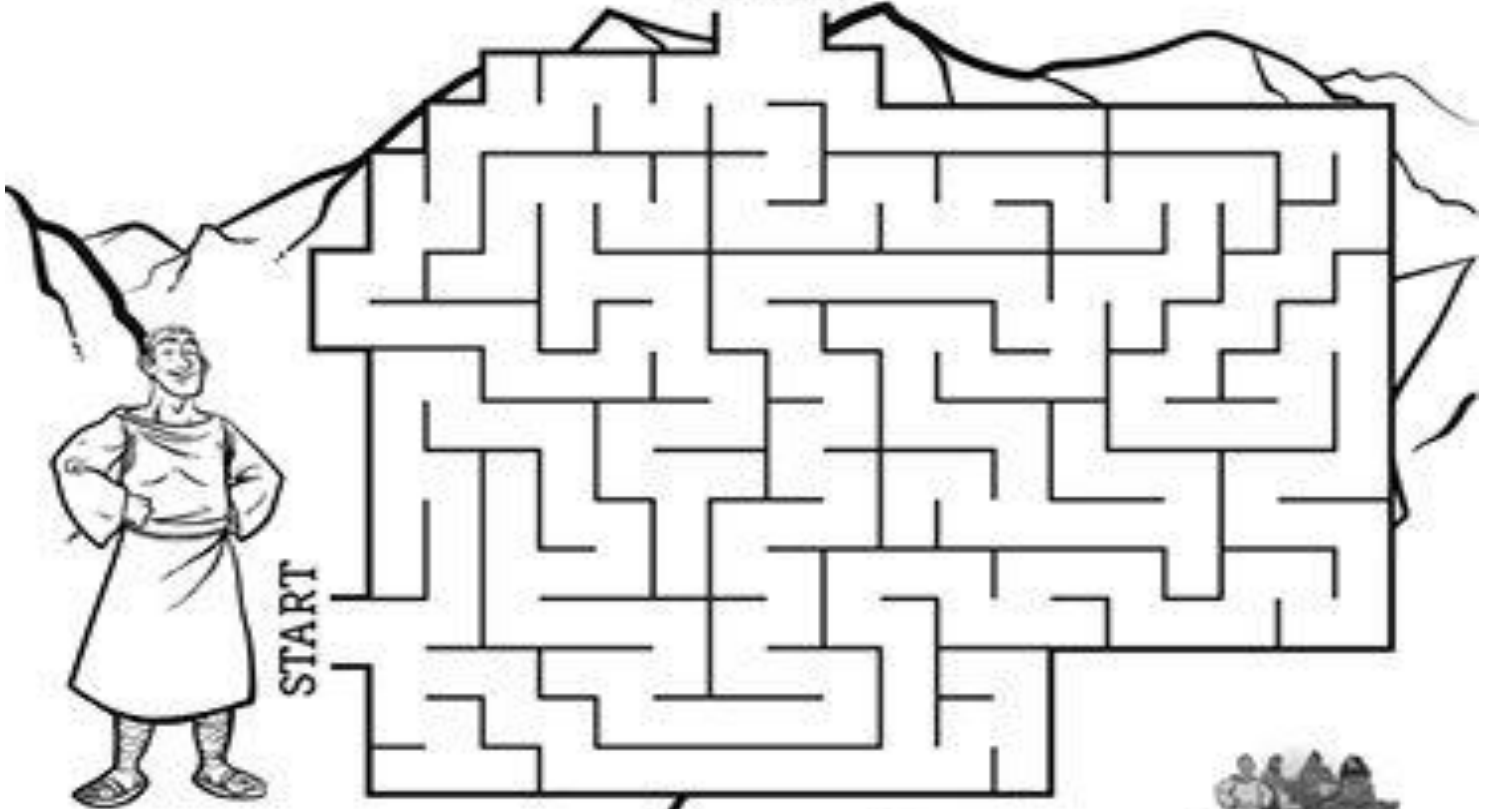
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Lead the Roman to Christ.



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