



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle C - XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

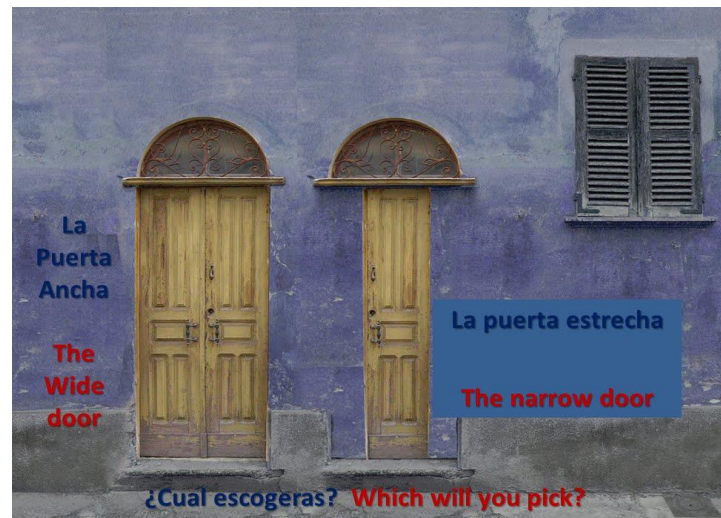
Isaiah 66, 18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12, 5-7. 11-13; Luke 13, 22-30

The Narrow Door

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Reflection

To pass on to the next grade you have to meet certain criteria. What are they? Share. Certain behaviors can get you kicked out of school. What are they? Share. Jesus compares salvation to a narrow door where many cannot enter. Jesus says that many will try to enter but He will respond: 'I don't know who you are.' WE MUST KNOW JESUS! How do we get to know Jesus? (Praying often, reading the Bible, spending time with Him in Mass and in the Blessed Sacrament, imitating Him...) Jesus says: 'Depart from me, all you evildoers!' If we know and love Jesus, do we want to do evil? (No. We love Him and want to please Him obeying His commandments of Love.) Each day we can grow in friendship and love with Jesus and share that love with others, thereby gaining eternal life. We can also pray for those who do not know Jesus and for those who have separated themselves because of sin so they may return to Jesus and be saved.



Activity

On the following page is a maze to find the way to the Kingdom of God; avoiding paths to vice, wealth or fashion that divert us from the path to Heaven. Color.

Prayer

Lord, help me to know you more, to follow you more, to obey you more each day. I want you to be my best friend. Guide me to someday reach the Kingdom of God with you. Amen.

Song: Obey Obey O Obey The Lord (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/ivNK3RawfxA> (3-7 years)

I Will Obey, Crossings Kids Worship (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/n_skYhGRLVg (8+ years)

PPT: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1MrDkZwC11R94w5StAf1n8qqpSEjBKyoZ/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtoref=true&sd=true>



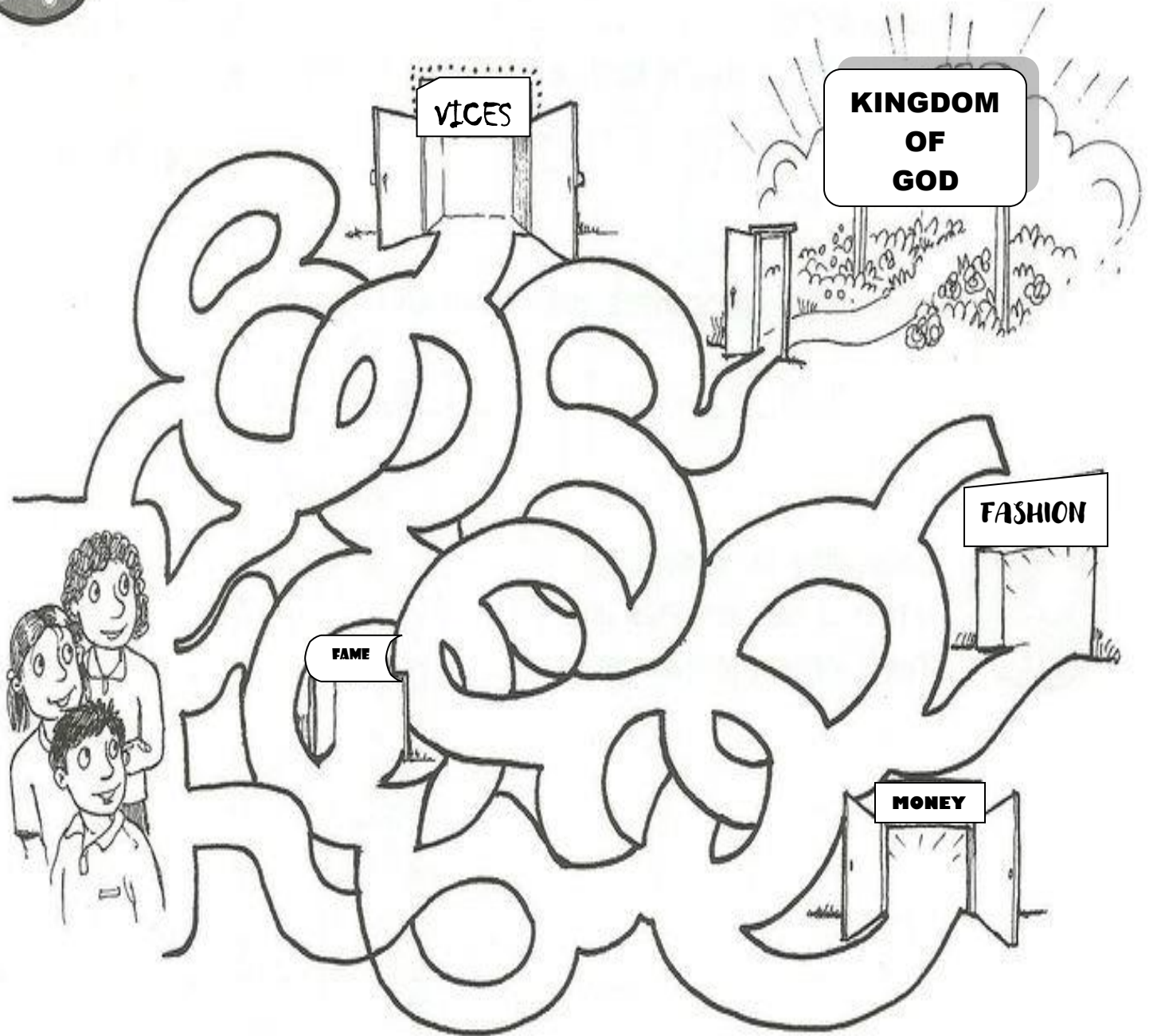
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Color the path that leads children to enter by the narrow door to reach the Kingdom of Heaven.





THE NARROW GATE

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate..." *Luke 13, 22-30*
What actions help us to enter through the narrow gate?

