



# Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 6, 2019

*Habakkuk 1, 2-3; 2, 2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1, 6-8. 13-14; Luke 17, 5-10*

## Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

### Reflection

**The apostles said to Jesus: "Increase our faith". What is faith?** (Believe and trust in God. We believe He exists, loves us, guides us, and listens to us even though we cannot see Him. Also, He can do anything.) **Why did the apostles need more faith?** (To carry out their mission to take Jesus' message of love to the world. Jesus did miracles so all would believe in what He said. Also, the apostles wanted to do miracles so all would believe their message.) **Jesus says that just with a little faith, the size of the tiny mustard seed, we could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey us. Jesus teaches us that faith has power. Where does this power come from?** (From God. When we believe and trust in Him, He can do miracles in our lives.) **How can we increase our faith?** (Praying often, reading the bible, participating in the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist, doing good works, forgiving, following Jesus' commandments of love.) **Jesus tells a story of a servant that works in the fields and returns home. Should he expect special treatment for doing his job?** (No. He met his responsibility and nothing more.) **What does Jesus teach us?** (We should be humble servants before God. When we pray, obey the commandments, or do good works, we are meeting our responsibilities as children of God and nothing more. We should not be filled with pride since God is the source of all that is good in us and all the good that we do. We should be grateful to Him.) **Let us pray for more faith.**



### Activity

On the following page, follow the instructions to make the flowering plant that helps us grow in love and faith. Color the pictures of the short Creed and sing the song. It can be sung before the Rosary with the younger children.

### Prayer

Jesus, increase my faith so I may believe that You are everything, and You can do anything. Help me to pray more, forgive more, love more. Help me to be a better witness of your love and power. Amen

**Song:** Fly, Lifetree Kids, (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/eWFAeziAvhs>

**PPT:** <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1YX8ghvRij29Fjh1YxVhVaU3QTqpryKhl/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true>



### Grow In God's Love

You will grow in God's love all your lives if you love him and love others. This flower can help you to keep track of how your love grows.

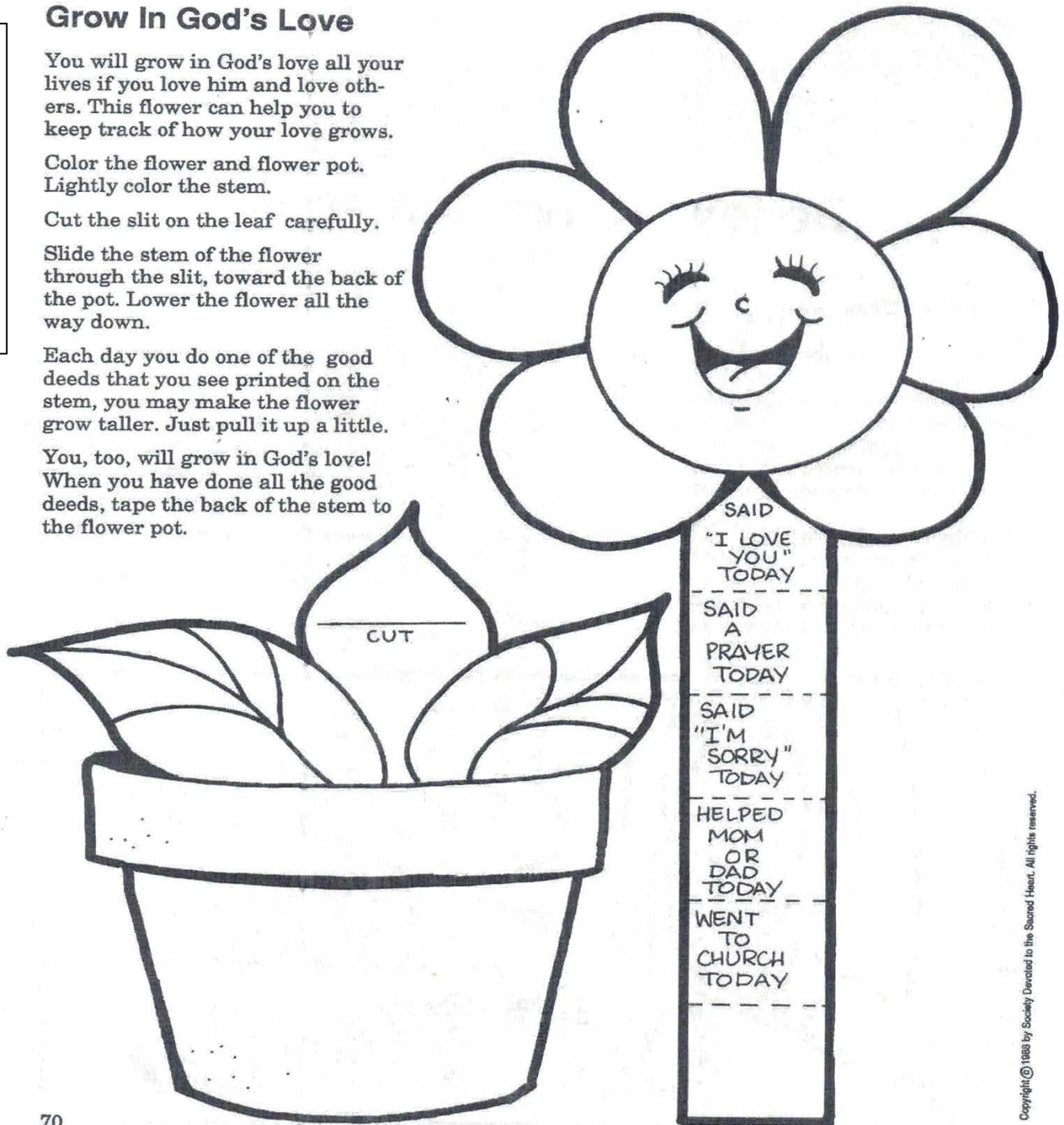
Color the flower and flower pot.  
Lightly color the stem.

Cut the slit on the leaf carefully.

Slide the stem of the flower through the slit, toward the back of the pot. Lower the flower all the way down.

Each day you do one of the good deeds that you see printed on the stem, you may make the flower grow taller. Just pull it up a little.

You, too, will grow in God's love!  
When you have done all the good deeds, tape the back of the stem to the flower pot.



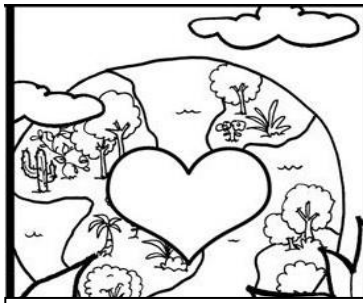




**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**



I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty.



Creator of Heaven and earth,



And in Jesus Christ his only son, Our Lord,



Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,



Born of the Virgin Mary,



Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended into Hell.



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, He rose again from the dead.



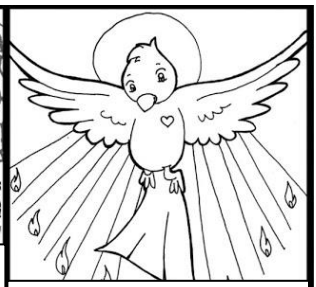
He ascended into Heaven.



And is seated at the right hand of the Father.



From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Spirit,



The Holy Catholic Church,



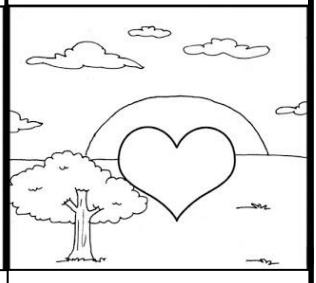
The Communion of Saints,



The forgiveness of sins,



The resurrection of the body,



And life everlasting. Amen.