



Friends of Jesus and Mary

XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17th, 2019

Malachi 3, 19-20; Psalm 98, 5-9 Thessalonians 3, 7-12; Luke 21,5-19

Persevere in Faith

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Reflection

What is the Temple and where was it located? (The temple was the place where all Jews worshipped God in Jerusalem. Once a year, all the Jews went to the temple to celebrate Passover. God was present in the temple. God spoke to his people over the Ark of the Covenant, which housed the 10 Commandments, the manna, and Aaron's staff.) **What did**

Jesus mean when He said, "there will not be left a stone upon another stone"? (Jesus is God, the Messiah, and the leaders of the

Jewish faith did not recognize Him. The Romans destroyed the temple and the Arc of the Covenant, God's Covenant with the Jewish people, was lost. But God establishes the New Covenant with everyone who accepts Jesus as King and Savior; and the presence of Jesus, God the Son, stays with us in the Eucharist and in our heart.) **What does Jesus tell us about the future?** (Jesus says there will be difficult times and the world will hate His followers.) Should we be afraid? (No! He promises to be with us and protect us if we remain firm in our faith in Him.) **This invites us to never lose faith and trust in Jesus and not to depend on exterior things. Jesus is God, Almighty, that loves us with His whole life.**

Activity

On the next page, color the drawing about the Gospel and solve the Word Puzzle. On the next 2 pages, learn and color about God's presence to the Israelites in the Old Covenant, and to all in the New Covenant.

Prayer

Jesus, my God, enter my heart and help me to remain firm in my faith, trusting that you are always with me. Thank you for staying with me in the Eucharist to help me get to Heaven. Thank you for loving me. I love you. Amen.

Song: By Faith, Ayi the Cow, <https://youtu.be/YDu8ZH0 ktE> (3-7 years)

Faith, Lifetree Kids, <https://youtu.be/vTCQ81-7MnA> (8+ years)

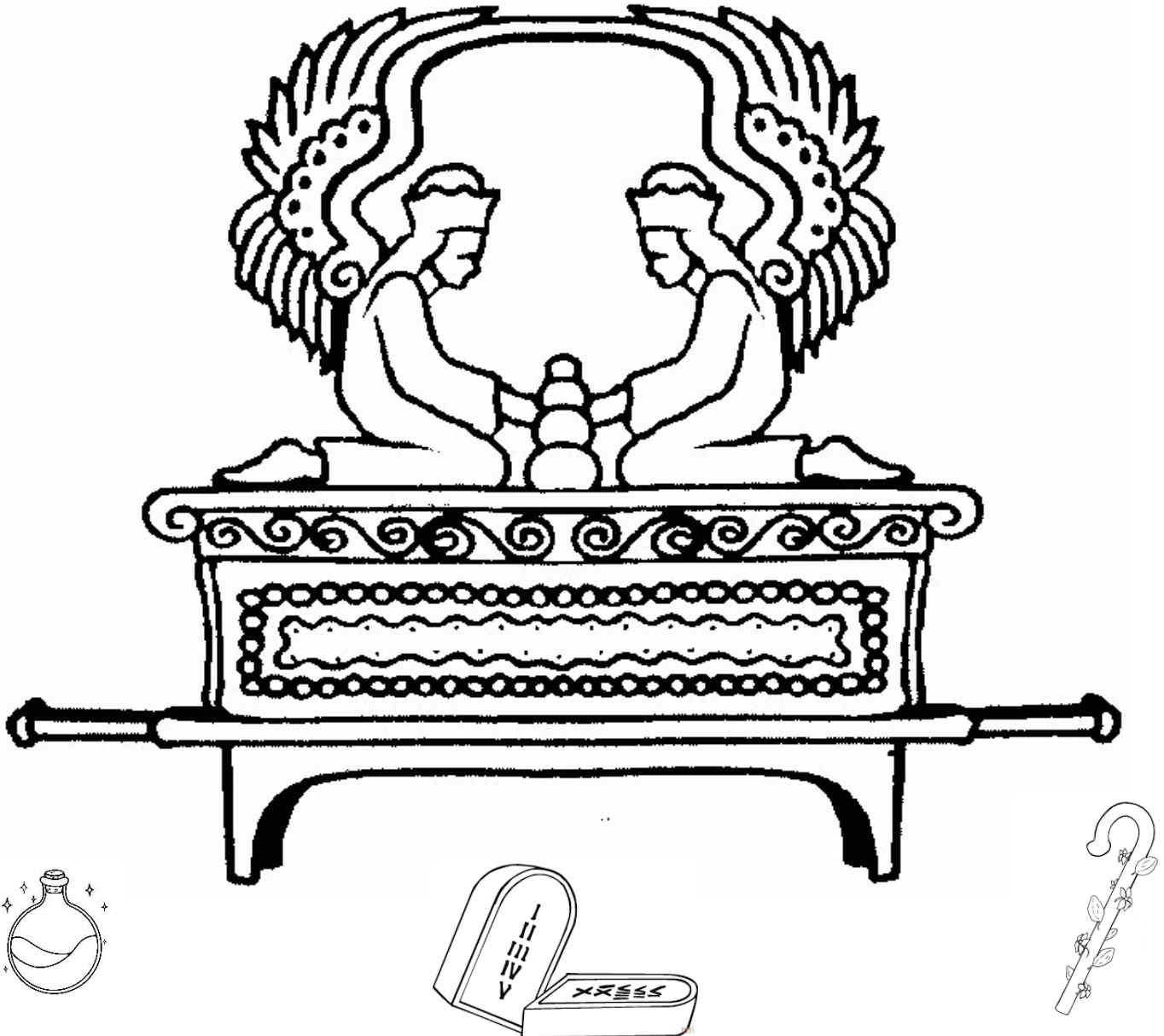
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THE ARK OF THE OLD COVENANT IN THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM – THE PRESENCE OF GOD

God ordered Moses: “Have them build an ark of acacia wood.... Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out... Put in the ark the tablets of the covenant law, which I will give you. There... I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites. (Exodus 25, 10-22). This ark contained **the gold jar of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.** (Hebrews 9, 4). The ark was kept in the holies of holies of the Temple Tabernacle and only the priests could enter once a year.



God spoke to them from between the cherubim (the angels). The 10 Commandment tablets was the word of God; the manna was the bread from Heaven that God fed the Israelites in the desert; Aaron’s staff signified the power communicated by God to his servant.



THE 4 HOMES OF JESUS, GOD BECAME MAN

Jesus, our King and Savior; the Word of God; the Bread of Life
Came, out of love for us, to forgive our sins, and to open the gates of Heaven for us.
He stayed with us to help us on the way to Eternal Life. Thank you, Jesus.



Instructions: Fold and cut a construction paper in half the long way (4.25"x5.5"). Fold in half, then fold in half again. Form a cube by taping the ends together from the inside. Fold the remaining paper in half twice, then cut a rectangle. Fold the rectangle in half and tape on the inside to opposite sides of the cube to make the roof.

Cut and color the 4 houses with the writing below each. Glue one to each side of the cube. On the roof, glue the sign, "The 4 homes of Jesus."

You can also make a mobile or a book with the 4 homes.



THE 4 HOMES OF JESUS.



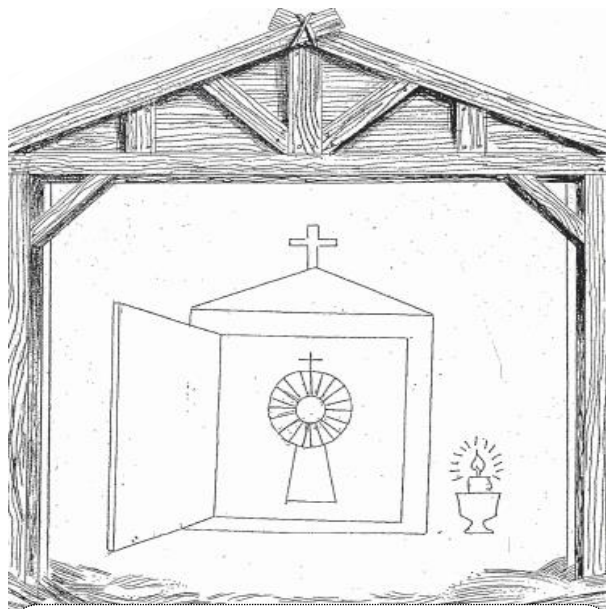
THE VIRGIN MARY

The Holy Spirit conceived Jesus, God and man, in the womb of Mary. She cared for Him with much love.



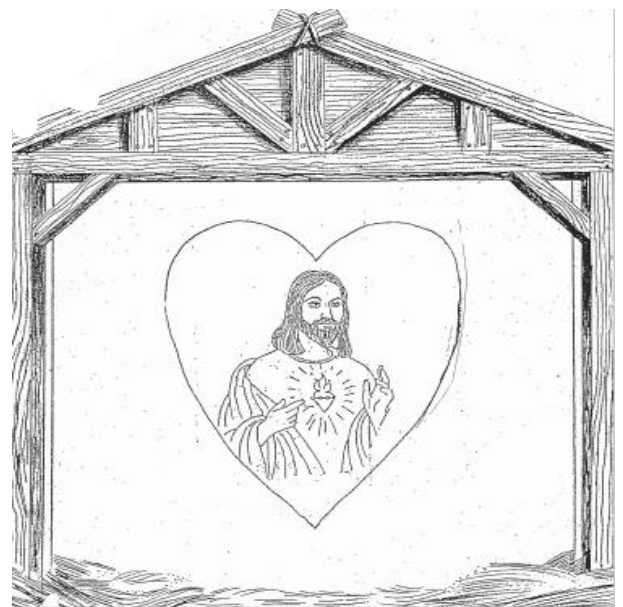
THE HOUSE IN NAZARETH

In Nazareth, Joseph and Mary taught Him many things, always with a lot of love.



THE TABERNACLE IN CHURCH

Before dying, Jesus promised to stay with us. He stayed in the Living Bread, the Eucharist. He lives in the tabernacle in Church. The red candle indicates He is there. He awaits us.



MY HEART

He also lives in the heart that invites, loves, and follows Him. COME TO MY HEART, JESUS.