

October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

People brought their boys and girls to Jesus
so he could bless them.

The disciples tried to discourage them.

But Jesus said,

“Let the children come to me” (Mark 10:14).

Jesus loves every child! And he loves you!

Use each of these letters once to complete the
spelling of some boys' and girls' names.

A B C D E F G H

Girls

__bigail

__eyonce

__uadalupe

__annah

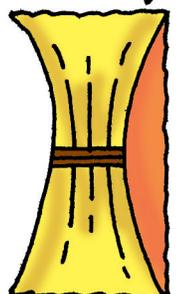
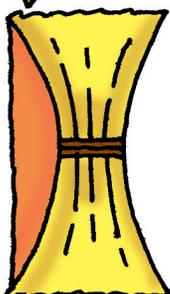
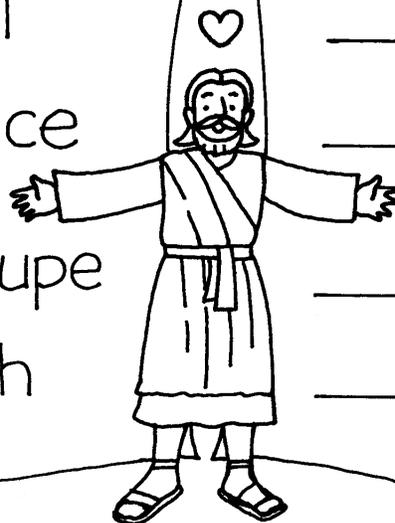
Boys

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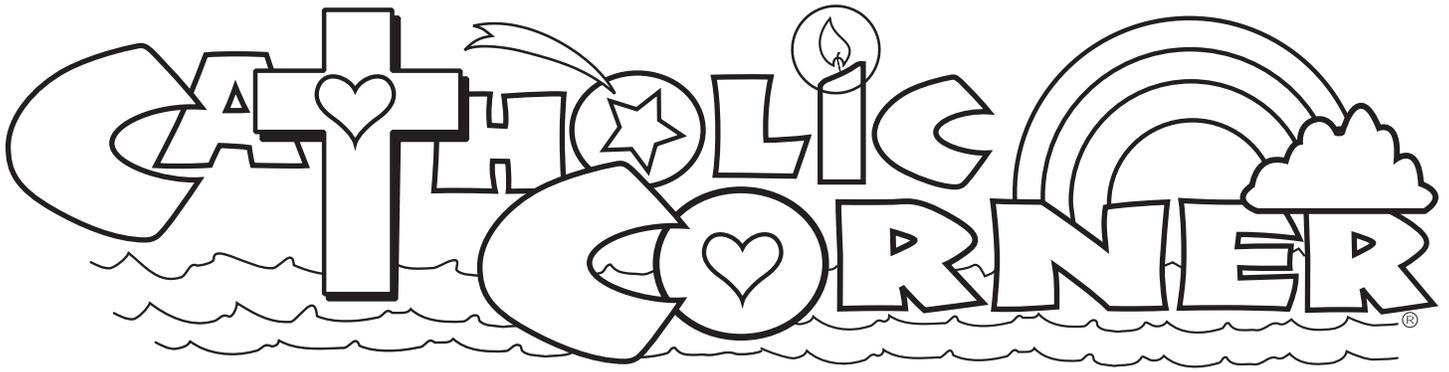
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"Let the children come to me."

Mark 10:14





FLOWING LIGHT OF GOD

St. Mechthild of Magdeburg (1207–1282) was born to a noble family in Germany and was well educated. When she was 20, she became a beguine (pronounced beh-gheen). A beguine is a woman who lives in a community of people who spend time in prayer and in service to those in need. Beguines lived mostly in the Netherlands in the thirteenth century. They are not nuns because unlike nuns, they do not take vows.

Mechthild was a writer and poet. Unlike many writers of her time she wrote in “low German,” the common language of the people, rather than Latin, so that ordinary people could read her writings. Her writings were lost for hundreds of years until they were rediscovered in the nineteenth century.

In her book *The Flowing Light of the Godhead*, Mechthild writes about God’s constant loving presence in our lives. Mechthild believed that knowing God’s love has nothing to do with how educated we are, how rich we are, the work we do, or whether we are young or old. This picture of God gave comfort and hope to many poor people of her time. It also gives hope to us.

Perhaps you can try to write your own poems about God’s love. There are many different styles: free verse, haiku (pronounced high-koo), cinquain (sing-kane), etc. Here are two examples. The words in parentheses show the pattern to follow in writing these poems. Ask each member of your family to write a poem. Because they express your ideas about God, you might offer them in prayer one night. Share them with your family and friends.



CINQUAIN

God’s gift (2 syllables) _____

Baby Jesus (4 syllables) _____

A person just like us (6 syllables) _____

The true beloved Son of God (8 syllables) _____

My friend (2 syllables) _____

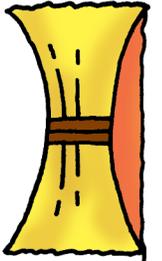
HAIKU

Beautiful flower (5 syllables) _____

Mary, the mother of God (7 syllables) _____

The Queen of Heaven (5 syllables) _____





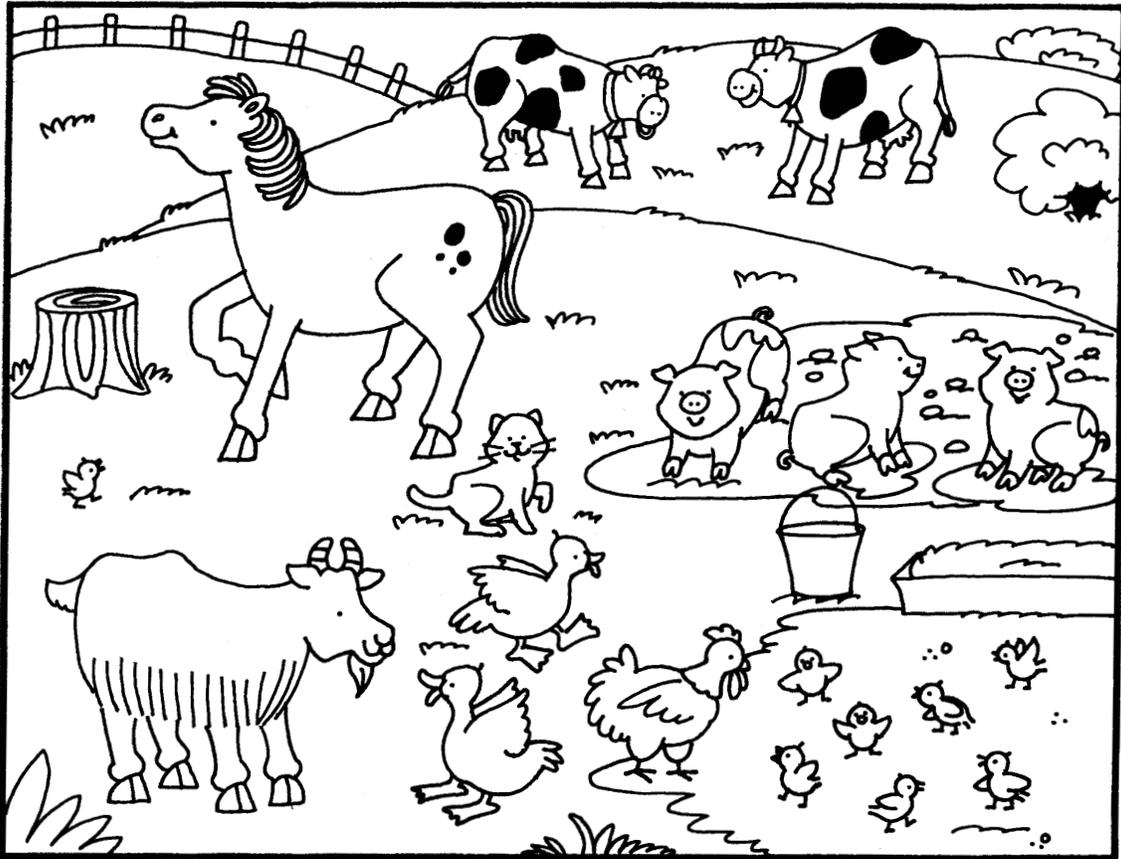
God let Adam name all the animals.

What fun that must have been!

Count each kind of animal and then write that number at the bottom.

Where do we see these types of animals?

Circle that place!



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 =	 =	 =	 =

jungle

farm

city

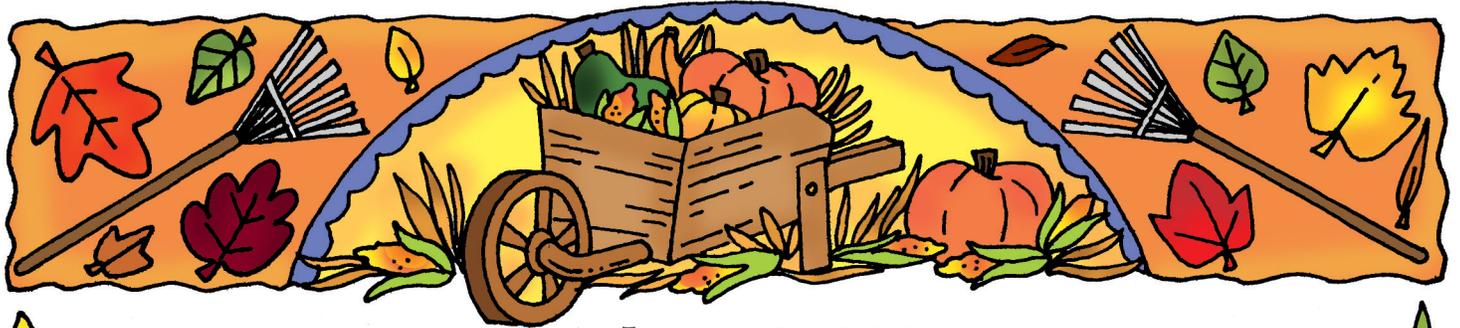


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October 10, 2021

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

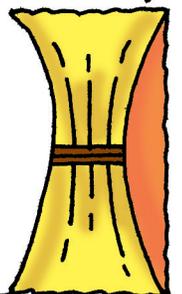
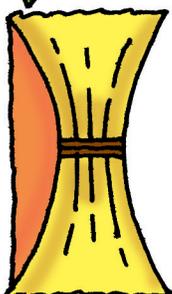
If we are to be true followers of Jesus
we need to put him first!

Cross out all the **B, H, J, M,** and **Vs** below.

Then write the remaining letters
(in the order they appear) onto the blanks.

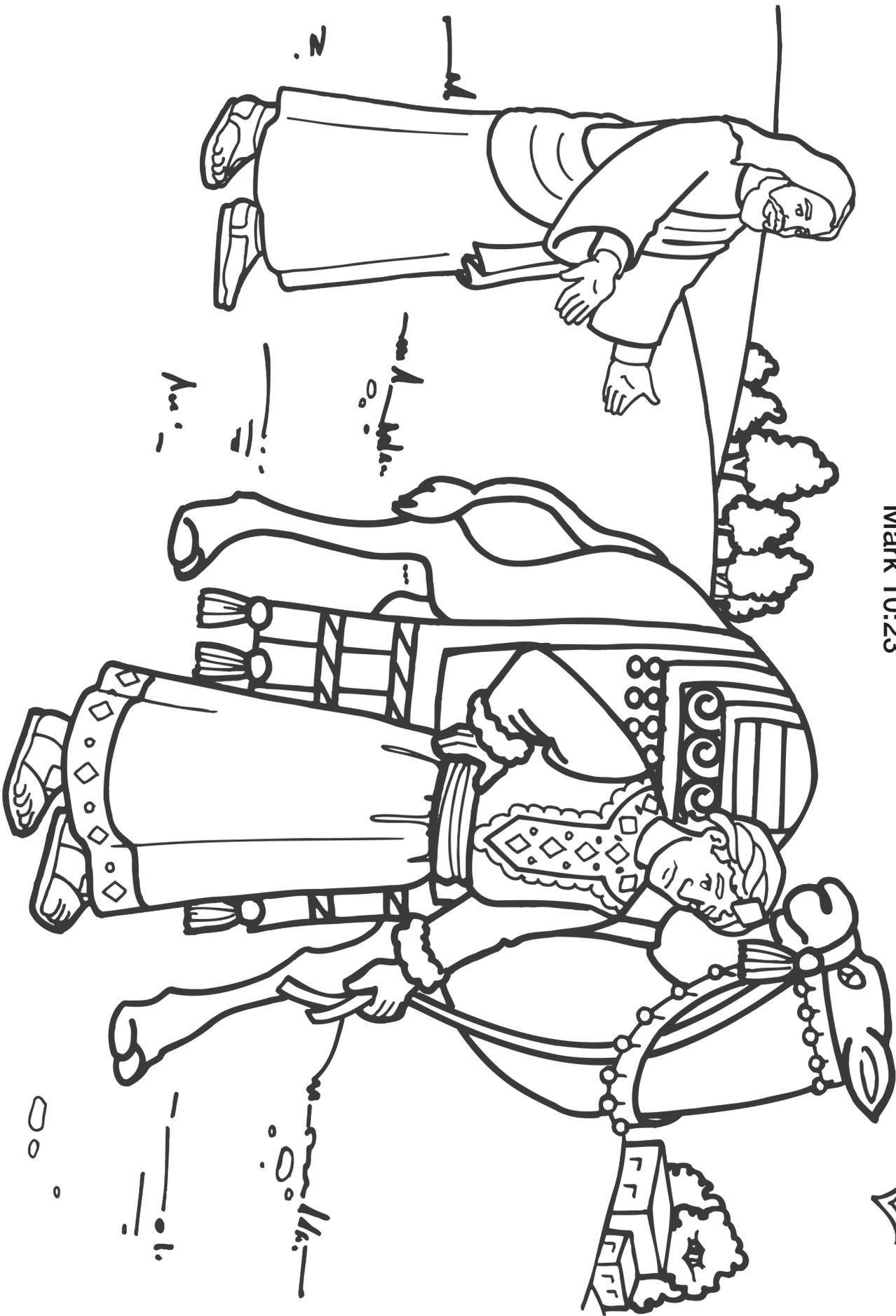
They will spell what we need to
be willing to do for Jesus.

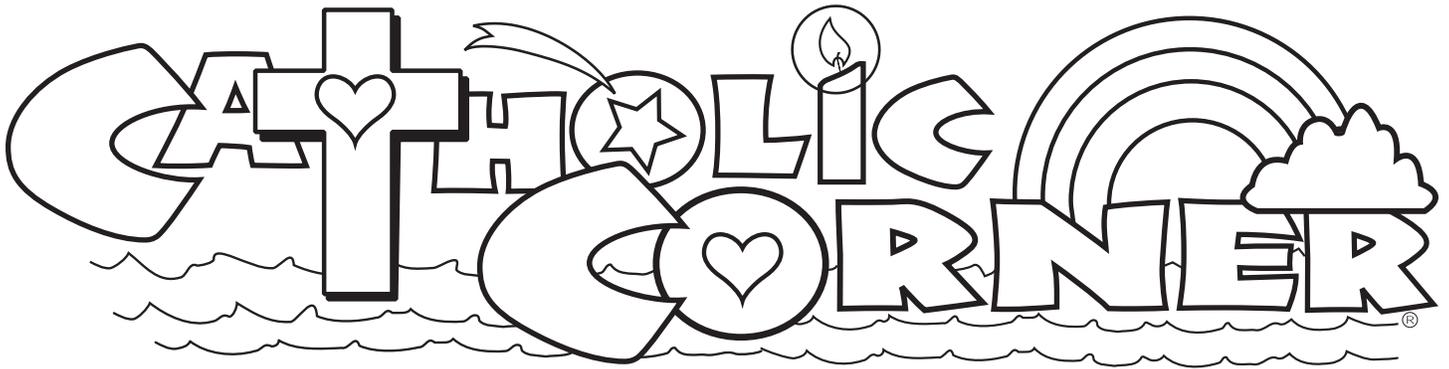
B	V	S	M	J	V	M
V	J	V	B	A	J	H
M	C	J	H	V	B	H
B	V	H	R	J	I	B
F	J	B	V	H	M	I
B	V	C	H	J	E	V



**"How hard it is [for those who have wealth]
to enter the kingdom of God!"**

Mark 10:23





LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

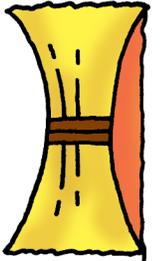
In today's Gospel (Mark 10:17-30) a man asks Jesus how to live a God-filled life. Jesus answers by reminding him that he knows the Ten Commandments. Do you? Three of them offer us ways that we can show our love for God. Seven of them offer us ways that we can show our love and respect for our neighbor. The Ten Commandments can be summed up by Jesus' Great Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind . . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37, 39).

Seven of the Ten Commandments are written here. Put the Commandment letter under the right heading of the Great Commandment.

- A. You shall not kill.
- B. You shall not steal.
- C. Keep holy the Lord's day.
- D. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- E. You shall not have strange Gods before me.
- F. Honor your father and your mother.
- G. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Love God	Love Your Neighbor
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
	4.

The man in the Gospel story told Jesus that he had practiced all of the commandments since he was a child. Talk with your family about how you can practice each one of them.



People can do lots of great and amazing things.
We have our limits, but God can do anything!

Sound out the message below
that is found in the Bible (Mark 10:27).

- d things

R possible + globe

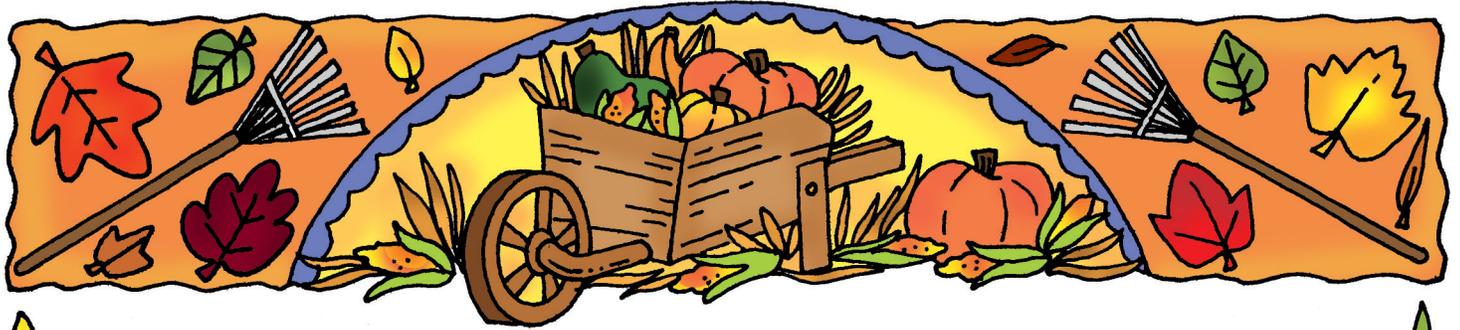
4 God.

Write the message here: _____



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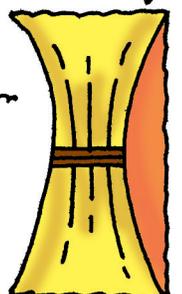
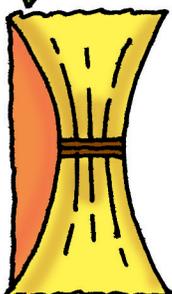
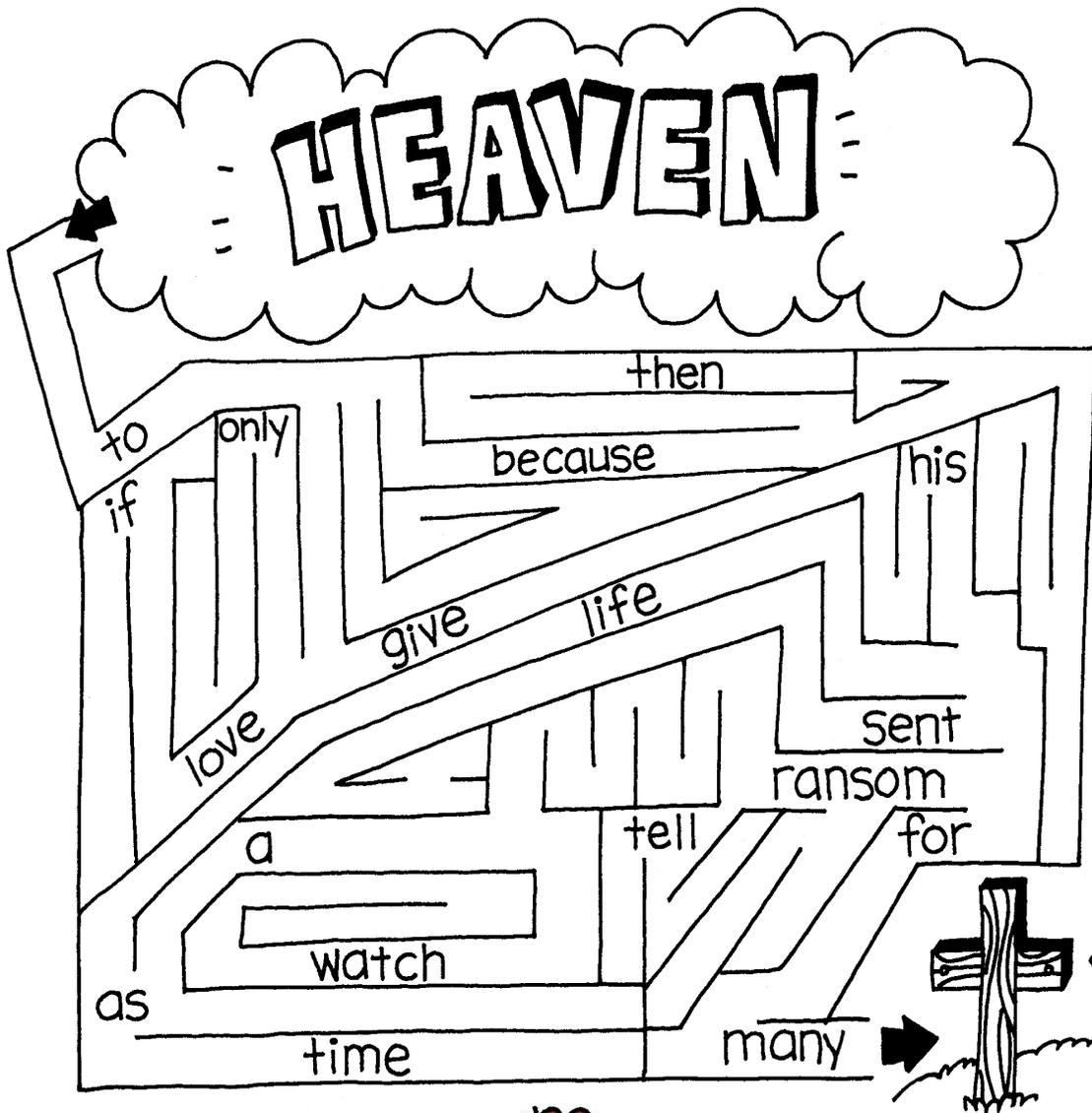


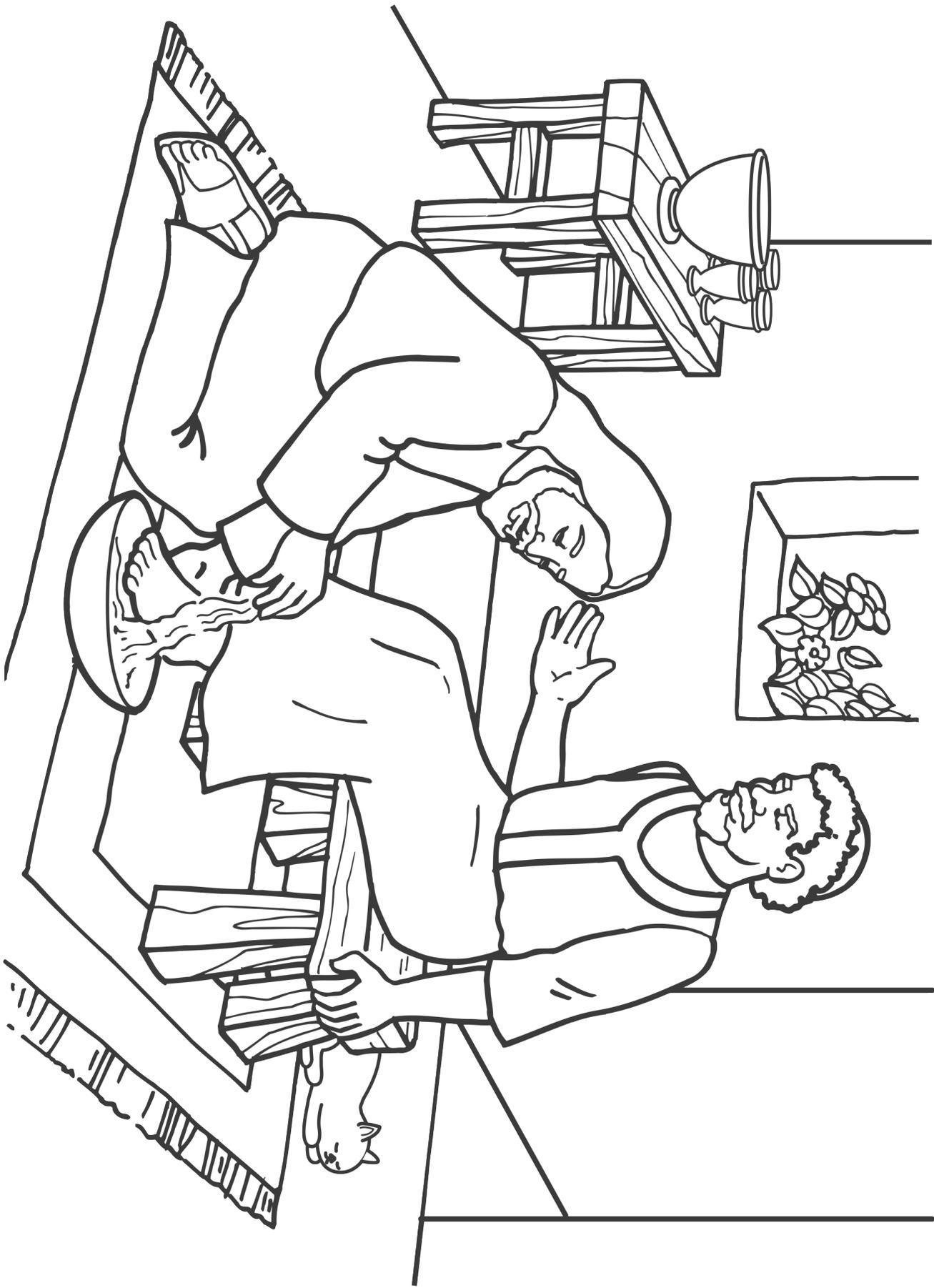


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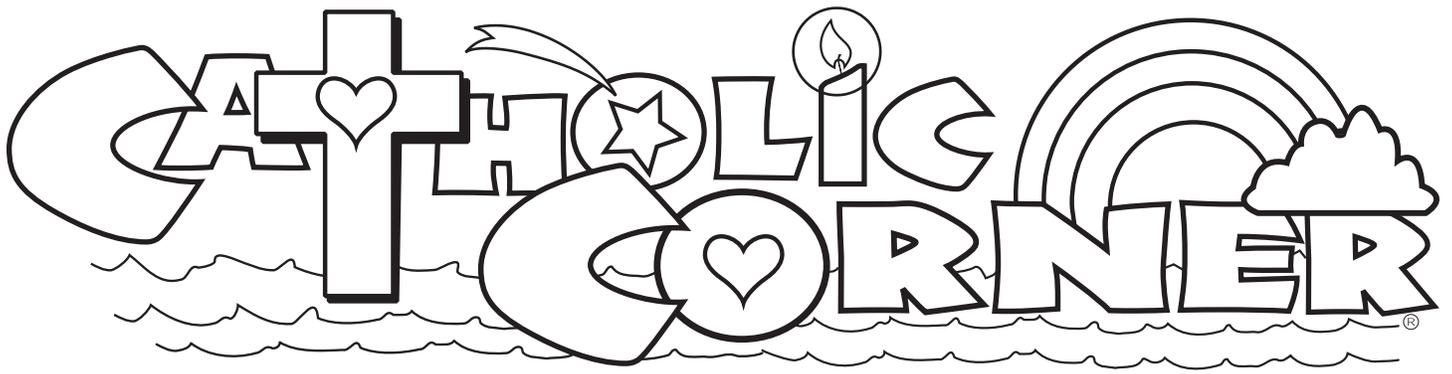
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10:45 tells us why Jesus came to earth.
Make a path from heaven to the cross at the end.
Read the words as you go to find what Jesus did for us!





“The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.” Mark 10:45



LOOK AT THE BIRDS

At this time of year, some birds begin flying to warmer places to avoid the coming cold weather. This Saturday, October 23, is known as St. John of Capistrano's Day in California. On this day, tradition says, swallows begin their flight south to Argentina—six thousand miles away. They will stay there for most of the winter.



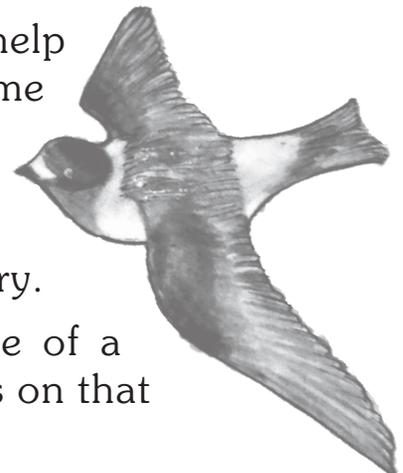
At the beginning of next spring the swallows will begin their migration back from Argentina to San Juan Capistrano in California. On March 19, St. Joseph's Day, the town welcomes visitors from all parts of the world to witness the return of the swallows. This tradition has been celebrated since the early 1930s. Check the website of this mission church to read more about the legend of the birds of Capistrano.

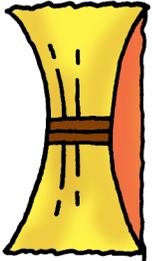
Jesus tells us, "Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" (Matthew 6:26). When we see how God cares for these little birds, we can trust that we are important to God and God will certainly take care of us, too.



Watching the birds in the coming weeks might help remind us of Jesus' words. Perhaps you can buy some birdseed for those feathered friends who stay with us all winter. We can take part in God's care by feeding them. We can also help in God's care for us by helping our brothers and sisters who are hungry.

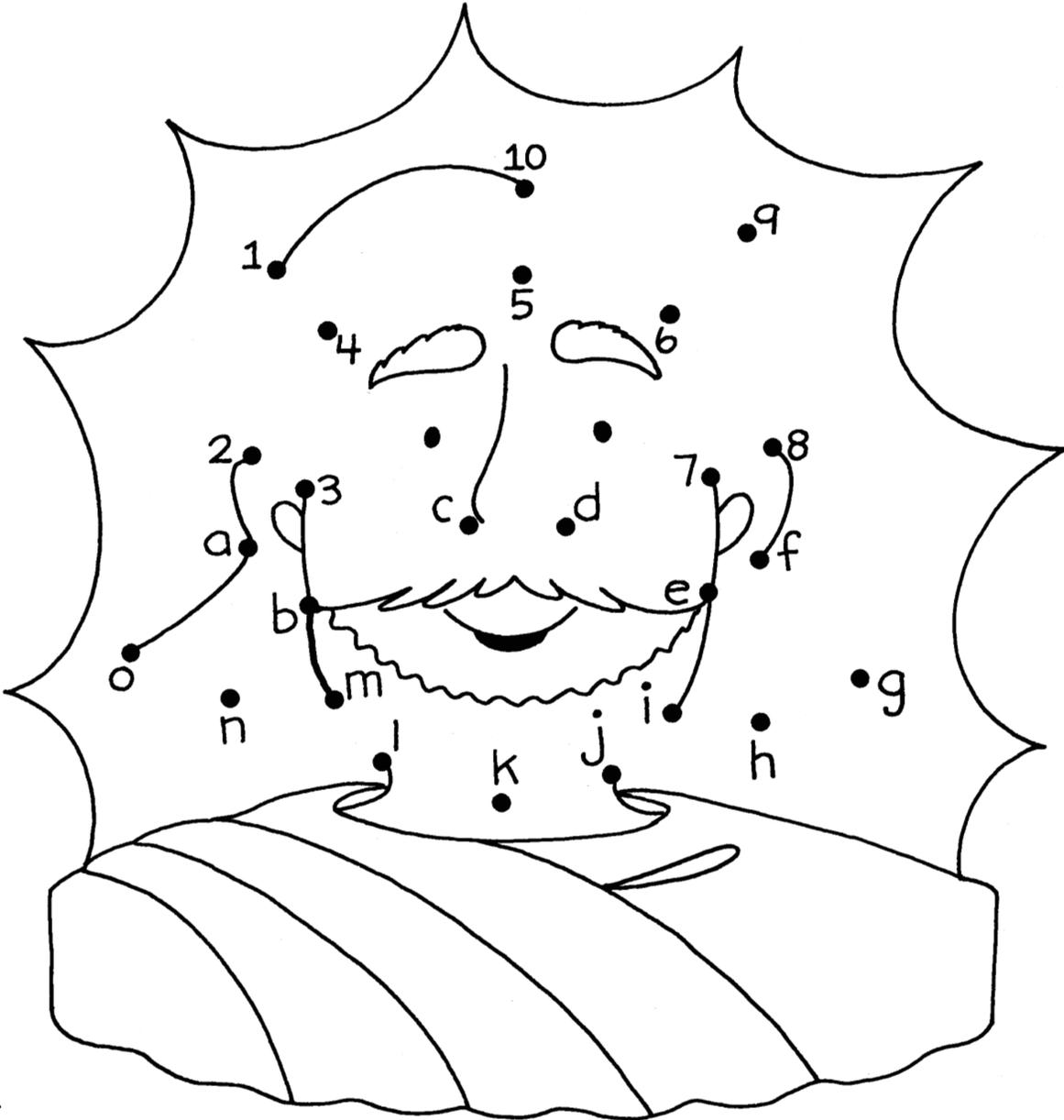
If you have next year's calendar, draw a picture of a bird on March 19 and remember to check the news on that day to see the birds return to Capistrano.





Today the Letter to the Hebrews tells us we have a great high priest who understands how we feel when we've done something wrong.

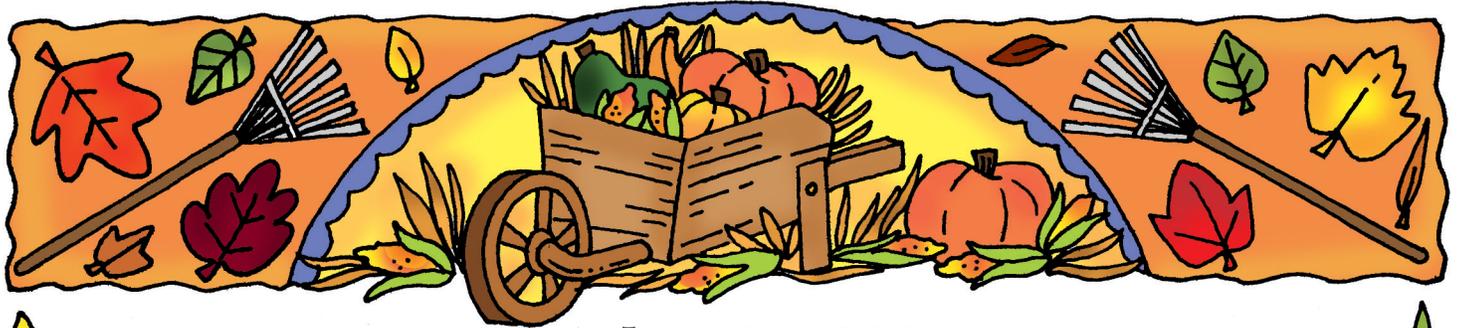
To see who this is, connect the dots from 1 to 10. To finish your picture, connect the dots in "a" to "o" order. Color it when you're done!



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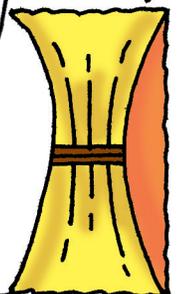
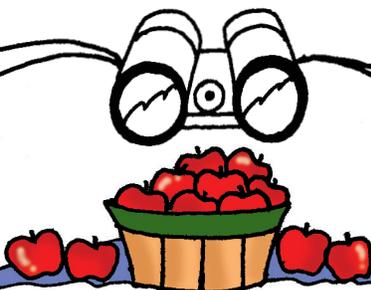
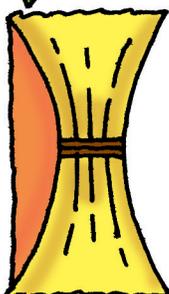
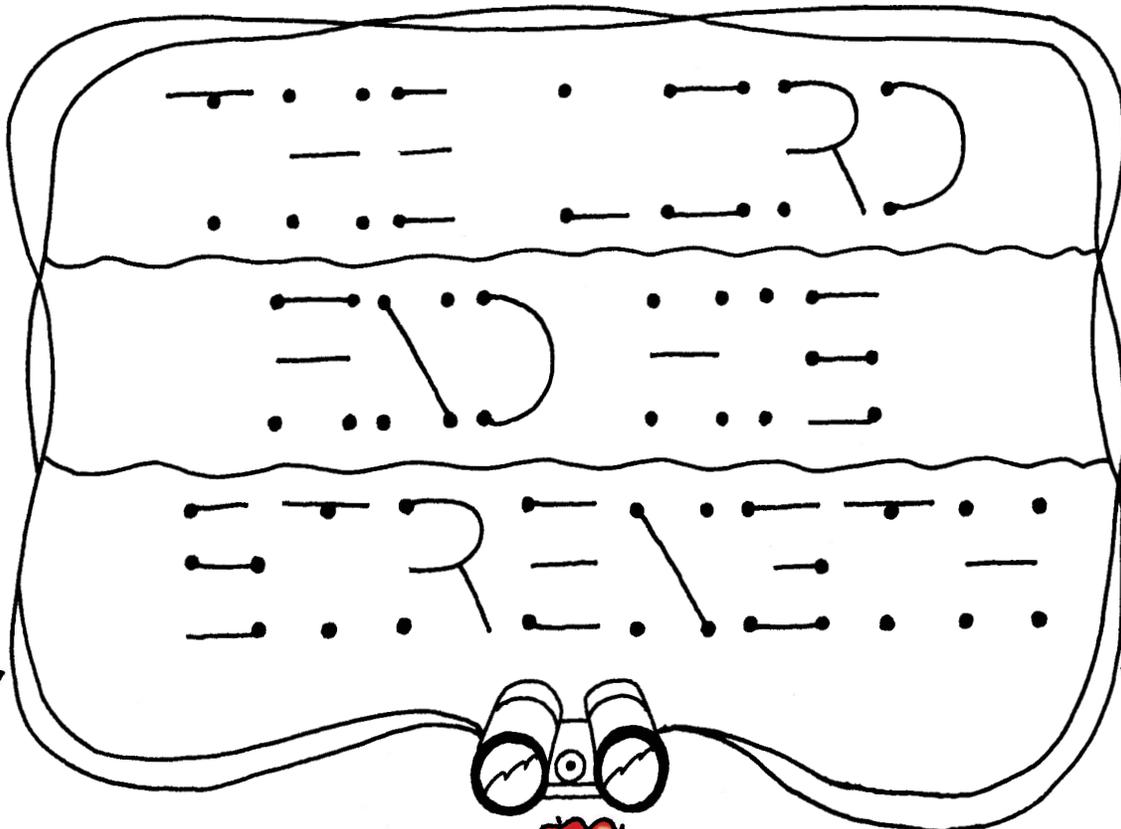


October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's fun and rewarding to reach our goals!
But what does Psalm 105:4 tell us to seek?
To find the answer, follow these instructions.

Notice there are three sections. In each section connect the top dots down to the dots right below them. Some dots are halfway down - connect them to the dots below also.

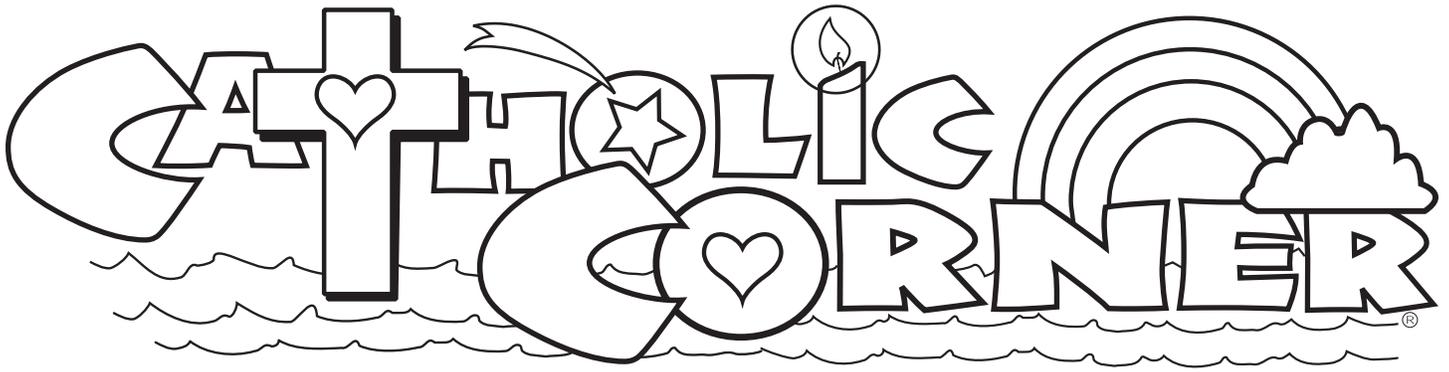




“Master, I want to see.”

Mark 10:51

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ചാഹിയ്ക്കുന്നു.



YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

In today's second reading we hear, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" (Hebrews 5:6).

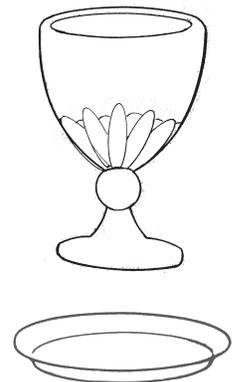
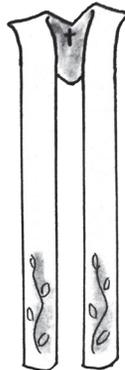
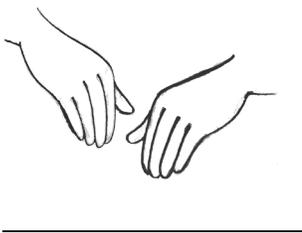
A man becomes a priest through the sacrament of Holy Orders after many years of study. At Mass a Rite of Ordination is presided over by a bishop after the Gospel and the homily. There are several parts to the rite and we will look at five of them.

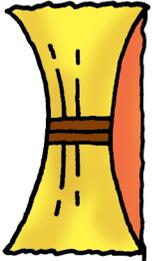
The bishop does a *Laying On of Hands* on the head of the candidate. He then leads the *Prayer of Ordination* and prays that the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon the candidate so he can do God's work of service. These are the two essential actions of the sacrament.

After the prayer is the *Vesting* (clothing) of the newly ordained in a stole and chasuble as a sign of his priestly role of presider at Mass. Then the bishop *Anoints the Hands* of the priest with the oil of chrism. This is the same holy oil that is used in the sacraments of baptism and confirmation. It is a sign of the priest's special participation in Christ's priesthood.

Lay people *Present the Bread and Wine* in a paten and chalice. These are brought forward and given to the new priest as a sign of the people's sacrifice that he will help them offer to God. The vessels are often gifts from the priest's family so each time he uses them they are a reminder of their love.

Here are images of things that are part of an ordination. Write the name of the part of rite in which they are used on the lines. You might also think about writing a note to the priests in your parish thanking them for dedicating their lives to the service of the people of God.





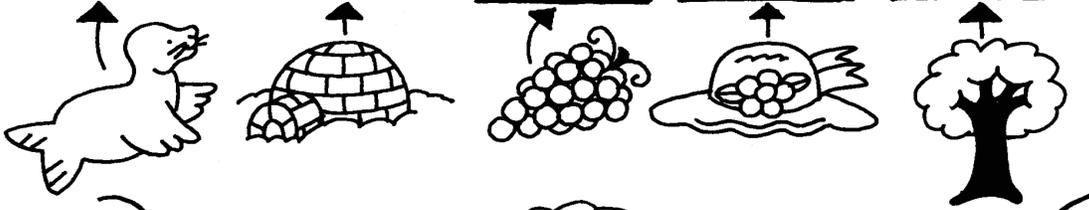
When Jesus left Jericho
a blind man wanted something from him.

Jesus had pity on him.

Write the first letter of each picture
to find what Jesus gave him.

H I S

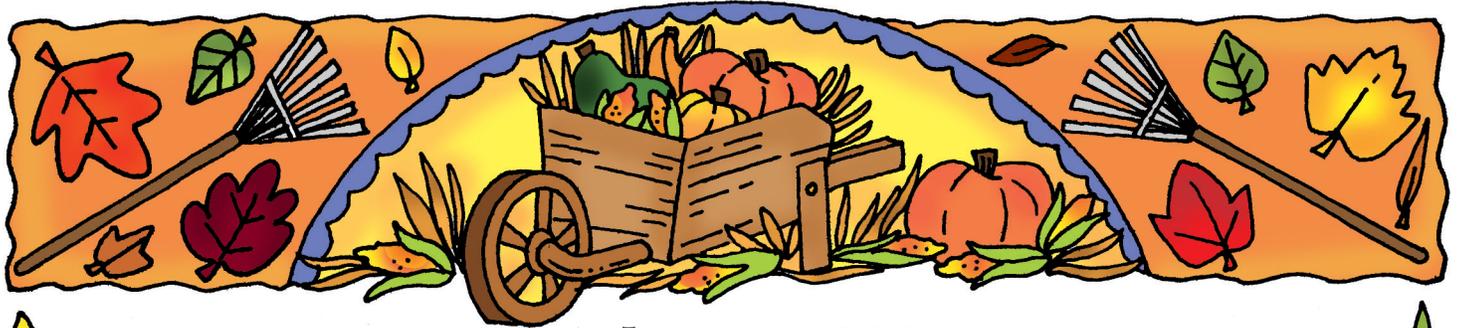
Five empty square boxes for writing the first letter of each picture below.



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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Long ago, people offered sacrifices to God
for the forgiveness of sins.

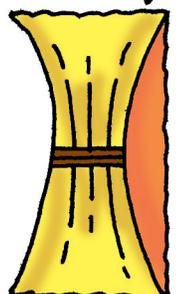
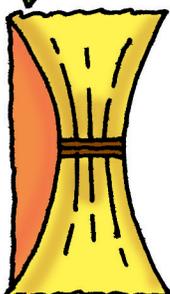
But when Jesus died,
he was the perfect sacrifice for all time.

Now he intercedes for us forever!

The puzzle below contains "all our sin."
There are eight points around the puzzle,
each with a word or phrase next to it.

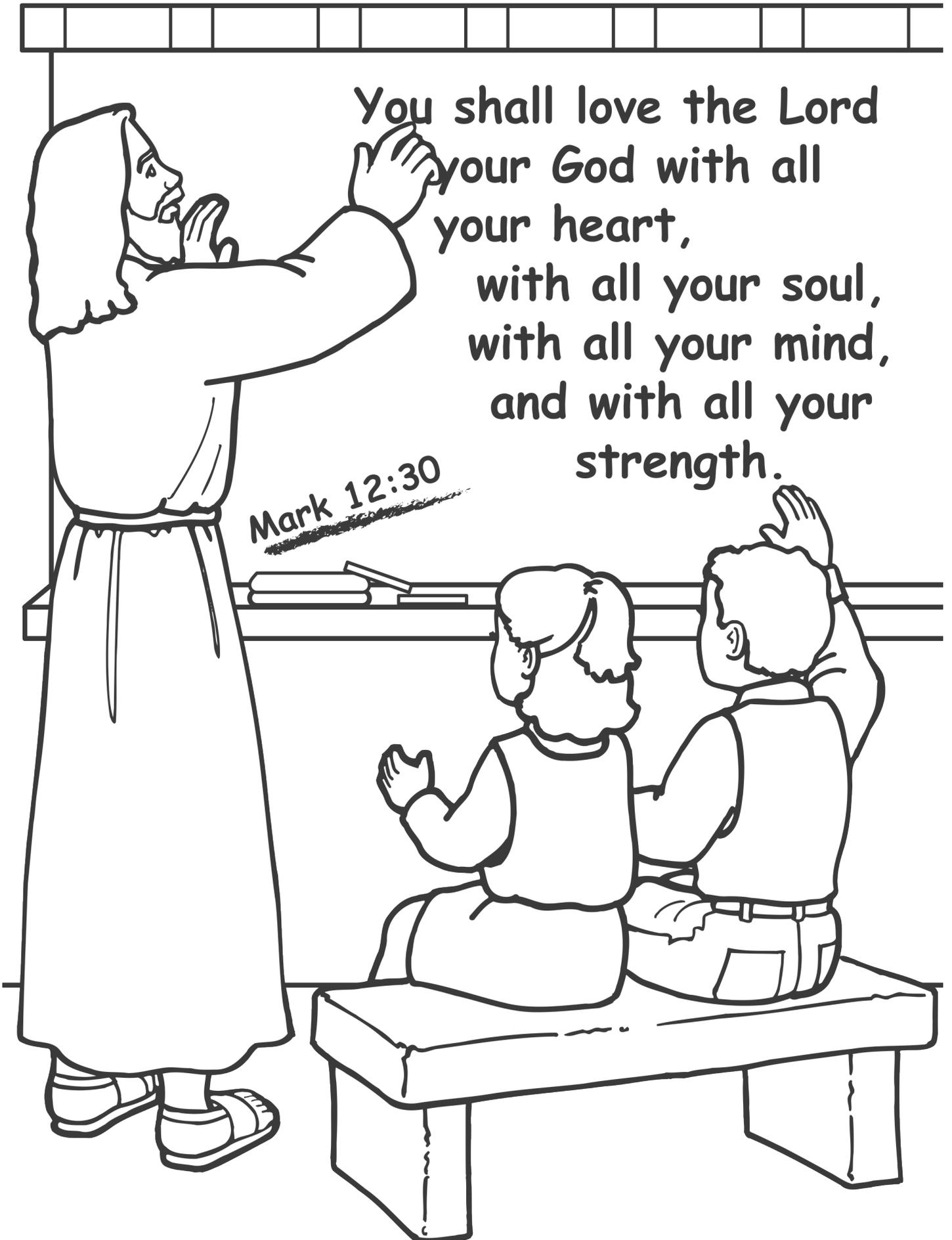
As you connect the points
in the following order, say the words for that point.
Then go and tell someone this wonderful truth!
Connect points 1 to 5, 3 to 7, 2 to 6, and 8 to 4.

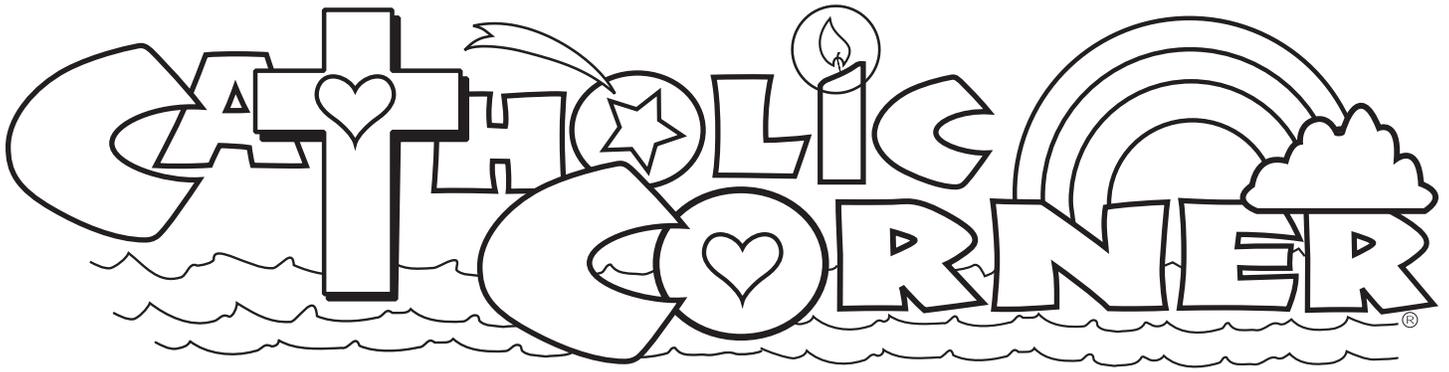
	1 (Jesus)	2 (us)	3 (himself)	
	A	L	L	
8 (and)	O	U	R	4 (for all)
	S	I	N	
	7 (for)	6 (once)	5 (sacrificed)	



You shall love the Lord
your God with all
your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your
strength.

Mark 12:30





BLESSED ARE THEY

Today is All Hallows Eve, otherwise known as Halloween. The word hallow means a saint or holy person. Christmas Eve precedes Christmas Day and New Year's Eve precedes New Year's Day. So All Hallows Eve or Halloween precedes All Hallows Day, or All Saints Day, November 1.

The Gospel reading on All Saints Day is the teaching of Jesus we call the Beatitudes. Each of the eight beatitudes can teach us something about the qualities of a saint. Each one begins with the word "Blessed" because "Beatitude" means blessed or happy. We saints-in-the-making will be happy and blessed when we act as described in the Beatitudes.

Here are the beginning words of five of the eight Beatitudes that might describe saints. Next to each phrase, write the name of someone you know who demonstrates that quality. Ask yourself, how can these qualities make us happy? You can find the other three beatitudes in your Bible at Matthew 5:1-12.

Blessed are they who mourn _____

Blessed are the meek _____

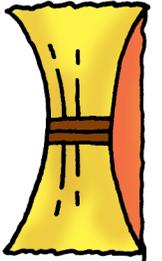
Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness _____

Blessed are the merciful _____

Blessed are the peacemakers _____

Put a star next to the beatitude that best describes you. Developing these qualities is one way that can help us become saints. It will not be easy, but if we are successful we will be blessed and happy.





Moses told the people
 how they must love God (Deuteronomy 6:5).
 Circle the correct instructions and draw a line through
 the incorrect instructions.
 Copy the circled ones into Moses' speech balloon.



With all your heart!
 With half your heart!
 With bits of your heart!

With part of your soul!
 With none of your soul!
 With all your soul!

With some of your strength!
 With all your strength!
 With a pinch of your strength!



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