

The logo for 'Kids' LITURGY' is centered in a white rectangular box. The word 'Kids' is in a playful, rounded font where the 'i' is red with a white heart inside. 'K' is blue, 'd' is yellow, and 's' is purple. Below it, the word 'LITURGY' is in a bold, green, sans-serif font.

# **Kids' LITURGY**

**Dear Parents,**

**Here are weekly activities, centered around the Sunday liturgy, that children can engage in during our time of remote services. Just click on this page and scroll down to the current Sunday.**

**May God continue to guide and bless us.**

**You can reach the Office of Faith Formation at 805/969-4868.**



# Family Page

In this week's gospel, Jesus asks God to give his disciples courage and strength for the hard times to come. Good gifts to give our children are the encouragement to face up to problems and the assurance that they do not face them alone. As a family, learn the following prayer and say it together whenever a family member or friend needs help.

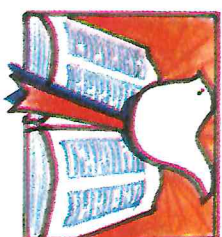
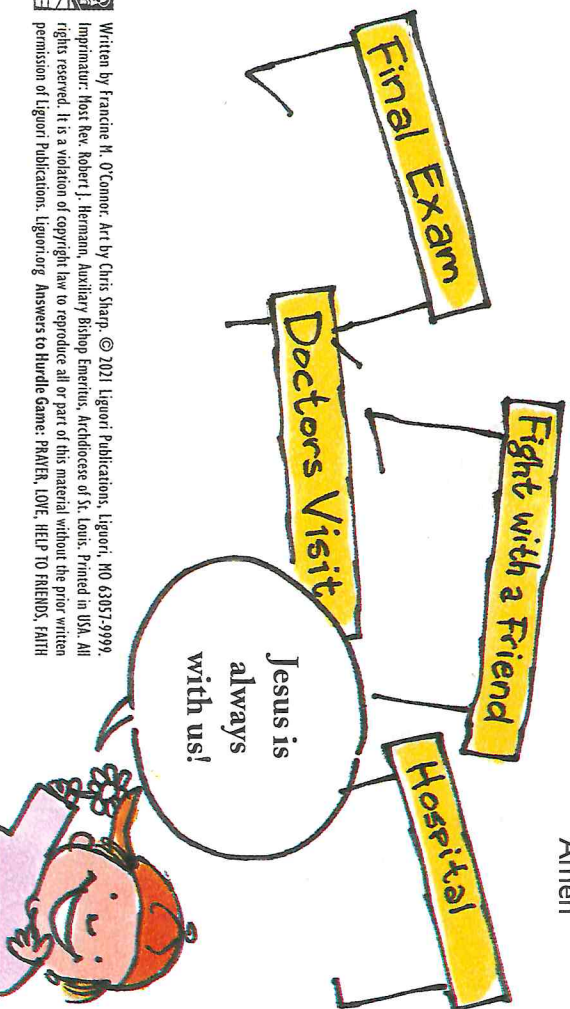


## PRAYER FOR GOD'S HELP IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Dearest God, we know things are not always easy in this world. But we trust in your Son's promise to be with us always and have faith in your love and tender care.

Please, God, keep (name person you are praying for) strong during this difficult time. Show (him or her) the joy of getting past this hurdle and back on the smooth track once more. And may all our triumphs bring glory to Jesus, in whose name we pray today.

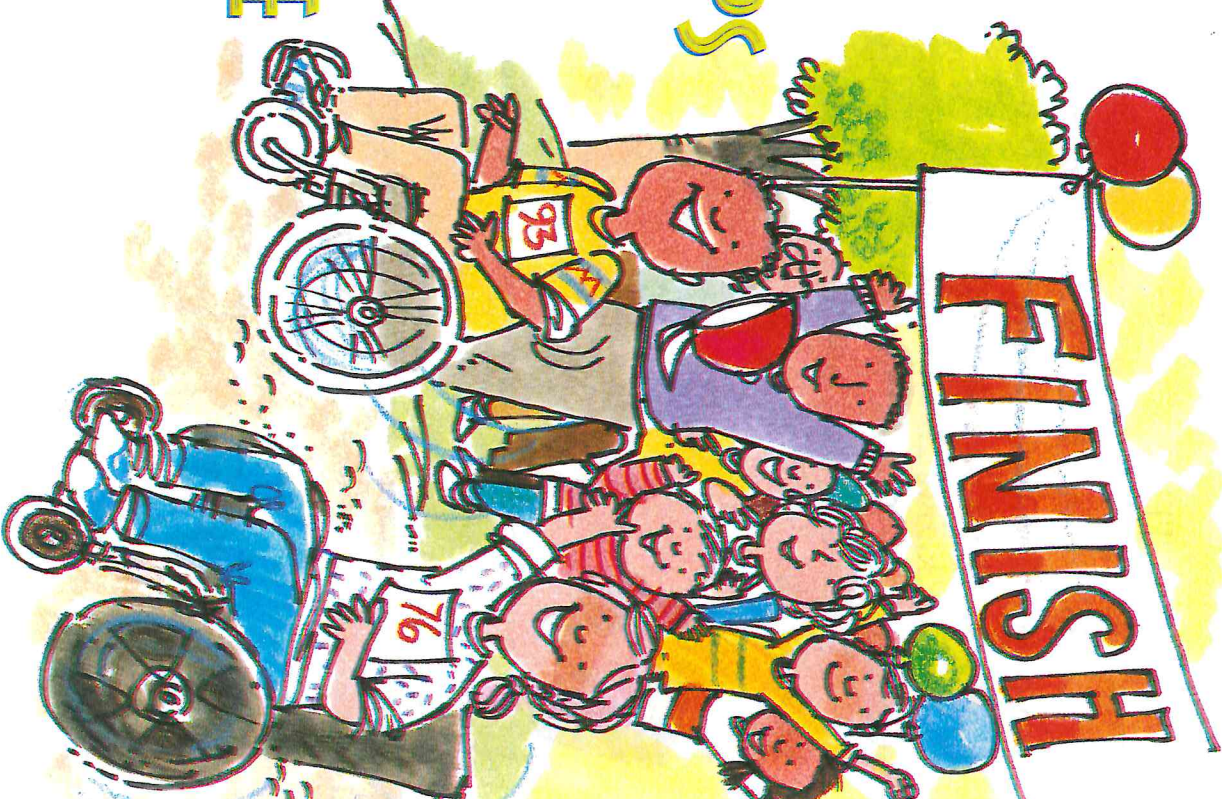
Amen



## explaining GOD'S WORD

Ascension of the Lord (B) • Mark 16:15-20 • May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) • John 17:11b-19 • May 16, 2021

## GOD HELPS YOU RUN THE RACE





# Getting Over the Rough Spots

Did you ever watch an obstacle race? The track is smooth until you come to the hurdles. Runners have to jump over the hurdles when they come to them.

Sometimes life is like that. Everything is smooth and easy until something happens — a hard lesson in school or your best friend moves away. Suddenly life is no longer easy. You feel worried or a little bit sad.

This feeling doesn't last forever. Someone helps you with your lesson or you find a new friend and you are happy again. You are over the hurdle and back on the smooth track.

Jesus knows about hurdles. In this week's gospel, he asks God to watch over his friends, to help them during hard times.

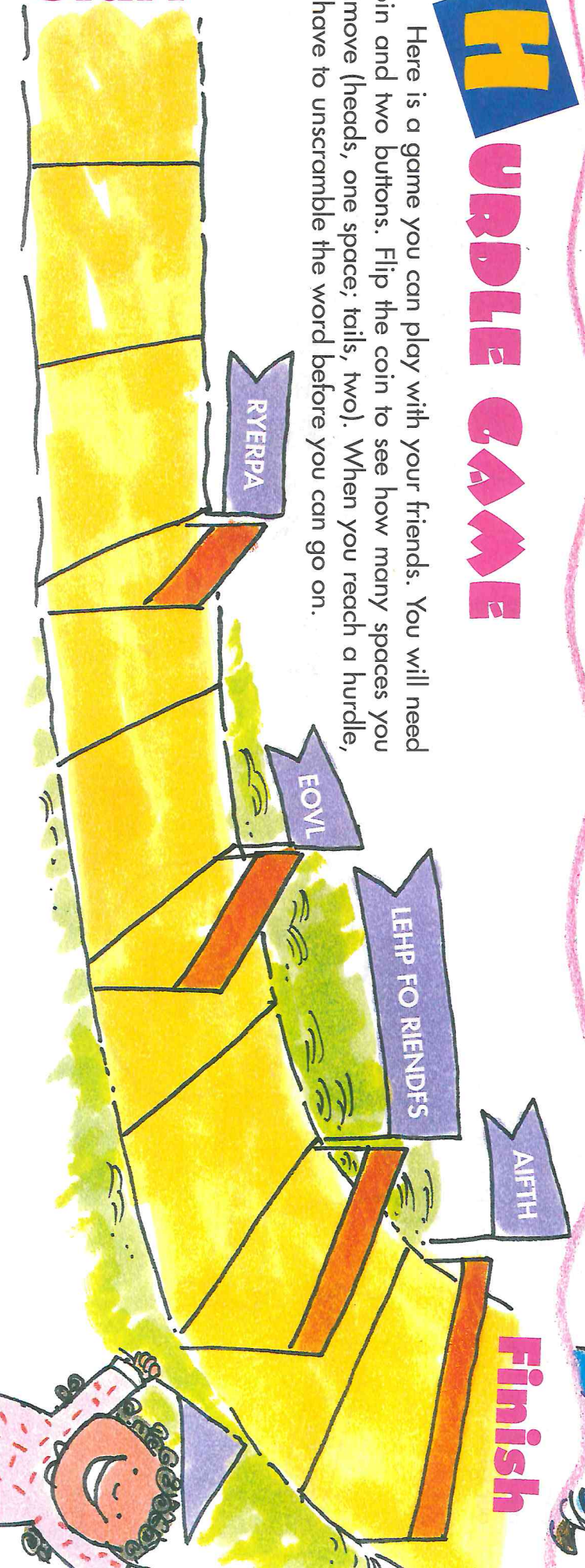
Today God watches over us, always ready to help us face the hard times in life.

## HURDLE GAME

Here is a game you can play with your friends. You will need a coin and two buttons. Flip the coin to see how many spaces you can move (heads, one space; tails, two). When you reach a hurdle, you have to unscramble the word before you can go on.



Finish



Start



# Family Tree

Encourage the children to discuss feelings about punishment and misbehavior. Help them to identify the difference between a mistake, an accident, and a deliberate sin. Work with them to make a "Forgiving Tree."



**1** Draw a tree without any leaves (or "plant" a branch with several twigs in a small plastic carton).

**2** Using the pattern below, cut out several leaves for your tree from construction paper or heavy white paper. Color the leaves different colors.

**3** Each time someone in the family forgives another, that person can write his or her name on one side of a leaf and the name of the person forgiven on the other. Paste or tape the leaf to your tree. You can even forgive someone for something you were angry about a long time ago.

**4** By the end of the week, see how many leaves you have on your tree — and how much more peace there is in your family.

**5** Celebrate with a "reconciliation night," using prayers composed by the family.



# explaining GOD'S WORD

Pentecost Sunday (B) • John 20:19-23 • May 23, 2021

## God Gives You Peace!

God gives us peace. Here are three symbols that make us think of peace. Can you make up a story to go with each symbol explaining why this is a sign of peace?



Written by Francine M. O'Connor, Art by Chris Sharp. © 2021 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Imprimatur: Most Rev. Robert J. Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Printed in USA. All rights reserved. It is a violation of copyright law to reproduce all or part of this material without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Liguori.org





# “I’M SORRY, GOD”

“Peace be with you!” Jesus said to his apostles. “Peace be with you,” the priest says to us at Mass. “Peace be with you,” we say to one another. Do you know what those words mean?

The apostles were not at peace. Jesus was gone. They wanted to say they missed him, that they were sorry for not always loving. But he was gone, and it was too late.

Jesus came to them. “Peace be with you!” he said. Jesus loved the apostles. Mistakes and failures didn’t matter. Jesus forgave them. Then Jesus said, “If you forgive others, they will be forgiven.” Now it was their turn to give peace.

Sometimes you do things that are not good, like getting angry and saying things you didn’t mean to say. Jesus forgives you — Jesus gives you peace.

The peace Jesus gives is like “making up” with God for not being as loving and kind as you can be.



## Searching for Peace

Reconciliation is a big word that means “making things right again.” All the words in the list below have something to do with reconciliation. Can you find these words in the magic square?

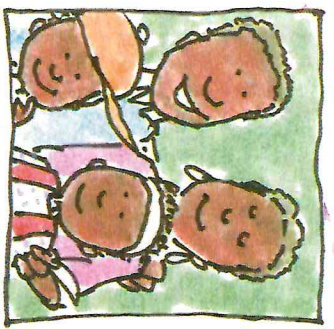
**Word list:** SORRY PEACE SINS FORGIVE LOVE

X	Y	B	P	E	A	C	E	Z
W	D	F	V	L	T	I	Q	S
O	D	O	N	C	I	L	W	A
P	O	R	W	R	N	O	Z	B
R	N	Q	P	S	M	V	T	S
Q	S	I	N	S	X	E	T	O
T	E	V	D	S	C	I	R	L
C	S	E	D	F	Q	O	H	V
Z	S	O	R	R	Y	N	A	E



# Family Page

This week, reflect on the sign of the cross, the symbol of all that God has given us through the Son and by the Spirit. Here are a few ideas.



1. Each person in the family write a prayer-letter thanking God for the gifts of each of the three Persons (Father, creation; Son, salvation; Spirit, inspiration).

2. Draw and color pictures of these gifts and/or of three-in-one items from everyday life (a cloverleaf, a triangle, a tricycle, and so forth).

3. Using the drawings, design a "Three-in-One" poster labeled CELEBRATE THE TRINITY — FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT.

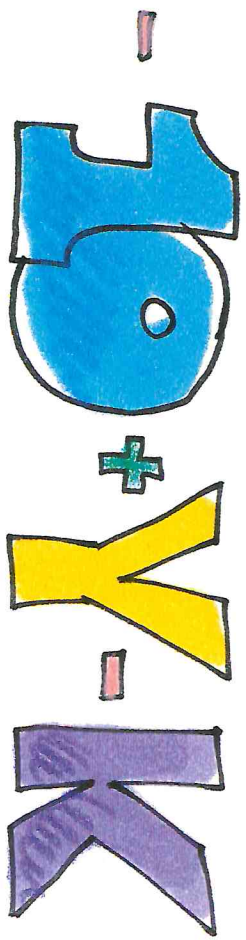
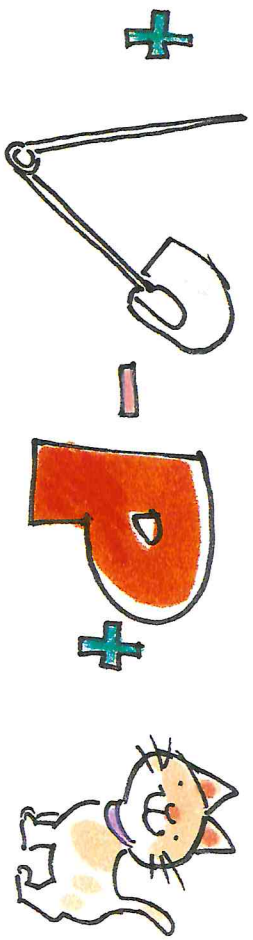
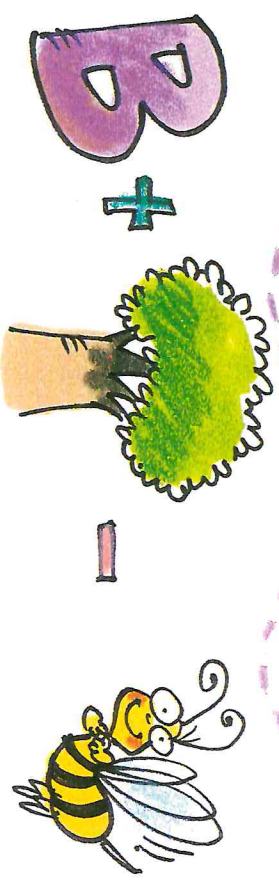


Answer to Rebus puzzle:  
B + tree - bee + pin - P + kitten - ten + Y - K = TRINITY



## explaining GOD'S WORD

Most Holy Trinity (B) • Matthew 28:16-20 • May 30, 2021



-----

## Three Holy Persons — One God

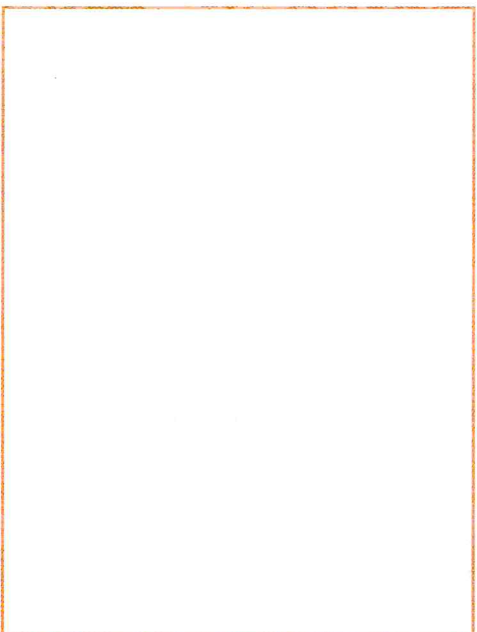
Can you solve this rebus puzzle to find the name of the three persons in one God?



# Three Times the Love

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity. We remember that our God loves us in three special ways.

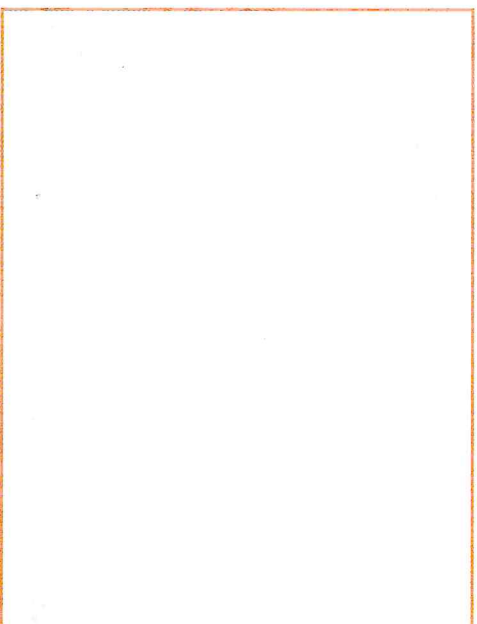
In the gospel story, Jesus sends his disciples out to baptize people “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here is a little story about each of the three Persons of God.



## FATHER

Before you were even born, God loved you. God put many love-gifts in the world for us. Sunshine, flowers, lakes and rivers, mountains and forests, birds and insects, are all gifts from the first person of the Trinity.

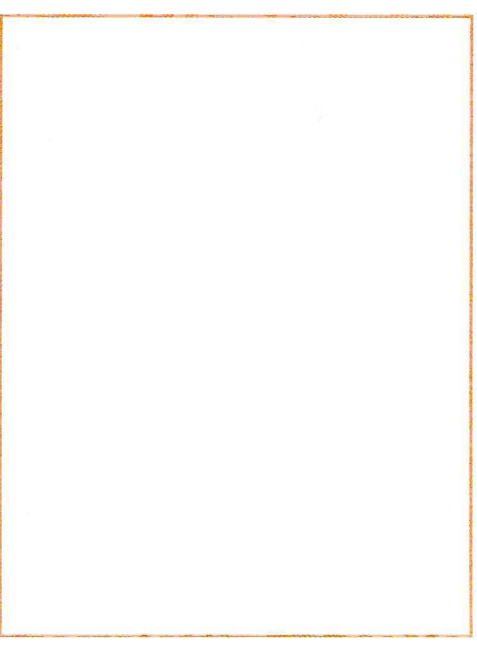
(Draw a picture that reminds you of God the Father.)



## SON

Jesus came to teach you all about the Father's love. Every loving thing you do shows you are living in the Jesus way by loving God and your neighbor.

(Draw a picture that reminds you of Jesus.)



## HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to fill you with the God-life we call grace. The Spirit helps you to love others the way that God loves them. The Holy Spirit helps you to pray.

(Draw a picture that reminds you of the Holy Spirit.)

Three persons, one God — triple love, triple wisdom, triple care.



# Family Page

A family bread-baking project is a perfect activity for the feast we celebrate this week. It can remind you of the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of himself. As the dough rises and doubles in size, recall how Jesus helps your faith to grow. As you share the bread you all helped to make, thank God for Jesus — and thank Jesus for making you a part of his body.



## HOMEMADE BREAD

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 1/2 cups warm water       | 1 tablespoon salt     |
| 2 packages active dry yeast | 1/2 cup cooking oil   |
| 1/2 cup nonfat dry milk     | 7 to 7 1/2 cups flour |
| 2 tablespoons sugar         |                       |

Put water in large mixing bowl. Sprinkle yeast over the water. Add dry milk, sugar, salt, oil, and about 3 cups of flour to yeast mixture to make a thick batter. Blend well. Beat 3 minutes at medium speed of mixer. Gradually add remaining flour to form a very stiff dough, mixing by hand. Turn dough on a floured surface, knead until smooth and no longer sticky—about 1 to 2 minutes. Divide dough in half, shape each portion into loaf and place in greased pans. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled in size, about 1 hour. Bake at 375 degrees for 35-40 minutes.



## explaining GOD'S WORD

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (B) • Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 • June 6, 2021

## Who Is Coming to Live In Your Heart?

A picture to color





# The "First" First Communion

Today we remember the Body and Blood of Christ.  
At Mass, we will hear the story of the very first Communion.

## COMMUNION PRAYER

Here is a special prayer to say at Communion time.  
To decode the prayer, use the key below.

H  
K N W D Z N V  
M D R V R I

### KEY:

H=I; K=L; N=O; W=V; D=E;  
Z=Y; V=U; M=J; R=S.

**O**n the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends for a special supper. Jesus took bread, blessed it, and said, "This is my body." He passed the bread around the table for all to share. After dinner, Jesus took the wine, blessed it, and said, "This is my blood." He passed the cup to his apostles to drink. Then Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me."

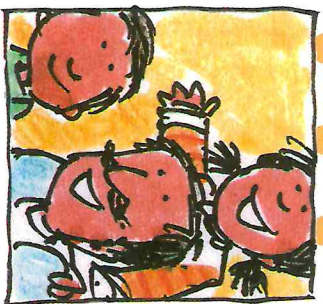
Each time we share communion with others at Mass, Jesus comes to us in the bread and wine. Listen carefully to the priest. When you hear the words, "This is my body...this is my blood," whisper a thank-you prayer to Jesus for finding such a wonderful way to live in your heart forever.





# Family Egg

The Word of God is the seed from which faith springs, but it takes nurturing and care to bring that seed to full bloom. Work together this week to begin a small window garden.



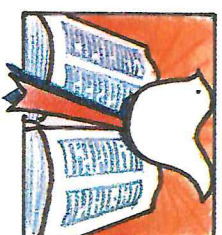
- 1** Buy a package of seeds from your local store. Read the package to make sure this is a good time of the year for growing this kind of seed.
- 2** Use an empty egg carton as a container for your garden. Punch a small pinhole in the bottom of each section.
- 3** Fill each section with a small amount of soil and add two or three seeds just below the surface of the soil. (Potting soil works best, but soft dirt from your yard is fine.)
- 4** Place the garden in a sunny window. Since the summer sun tends to be hotter in the afternoon, a window that receives morning sun is best.
- 5** Instruct the children in the care of the garden so they will not kill the seeds by using too much water. Feel the soil each day to determine whether water is needed. For such a small amount of soil, water should be added by the spoonful.
- 6** When the sprouts look sturdy enough, transplant them into larger, individual pots or outside in the garden.
- 7** Tell the children repeatedly how they and God work together to help the garden grow — and how God also works with them to help their faith grow.



SEED = D + 1 - EE +  
RAIN - K +  
STAR - K +  
Answer to How Big Is Your Faith:



Written by Francine M. O'Connor. Art by Chris Sharp. © 2021 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Imprimatur: Most Rev. Robert J. Hermann, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Printed in USA. All rights reserved. It is a violation of copyright law to reproduce all or part of this material without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications, Liguori.org. Answer to Growing Up in Faith: DOWN: 1. CHURCH 2. PATIENTS ACROSS: 2. PRAYER 3. BIBLE 4. JESUS

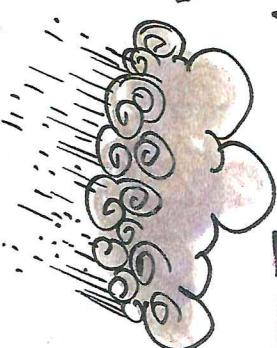
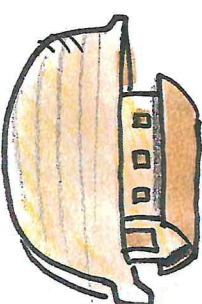


## explaining GOD'S WORD

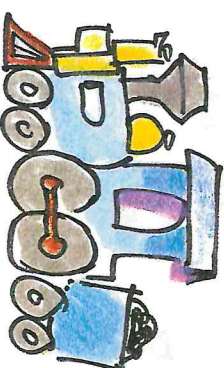
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 4:26-34 • June 13, 2021



+ K -



-



- L +



=

\_\_\_\_\_

## HOW BIG IS YOUR FAITH?

Jesus said even a tiny faith can do wonderful things. Solve the rebuses to see how tiny.

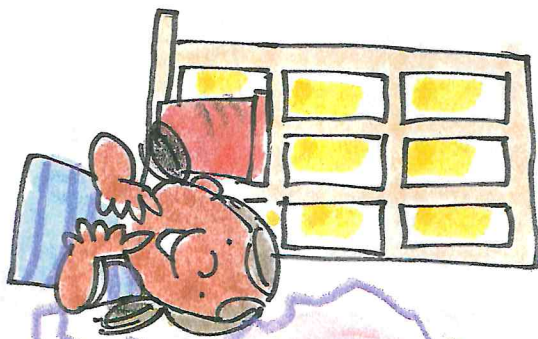


# Jeanne Marie's Wonderful Seed

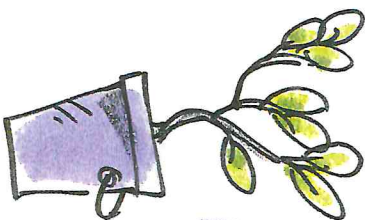


This is a Jesus story about a tiny little seed, and Jeanne Marie who held it in her hand. She showed it to her mother and her father and her brother, but they laughed and said, "It's just a grain of sand."

But Jeanne Marie knew better, so she put it in a glass and placed it in the window in her room. She watered it each morning, watched it every day, and dreamed about the day her seed would bloom.



Then POP! One happy morning her seed began to grow. It grew and grew and soon outgrew its glass. She put it in a pot, then later in a pail, and finally in the garden—it grew so fast!



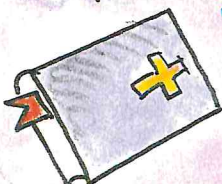
Now Jesus said your faith is like a little seed, sometimes no bigger than a grain of sand. But if you keep believing and pray with all your might, it can become the greatest faith in all the land.

## GROWING UP IN FAITH

When you were a baby, you didn't know anything about God. But now you are getting bigger and smarter. Your faith is also growing. Below are pictures of people and things that help your faith grow. Can you fit the names of the pictures into the crossword?

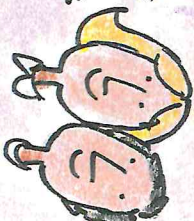
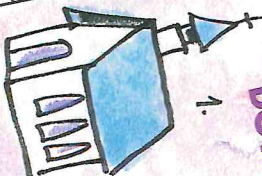
ACROSS:

4.

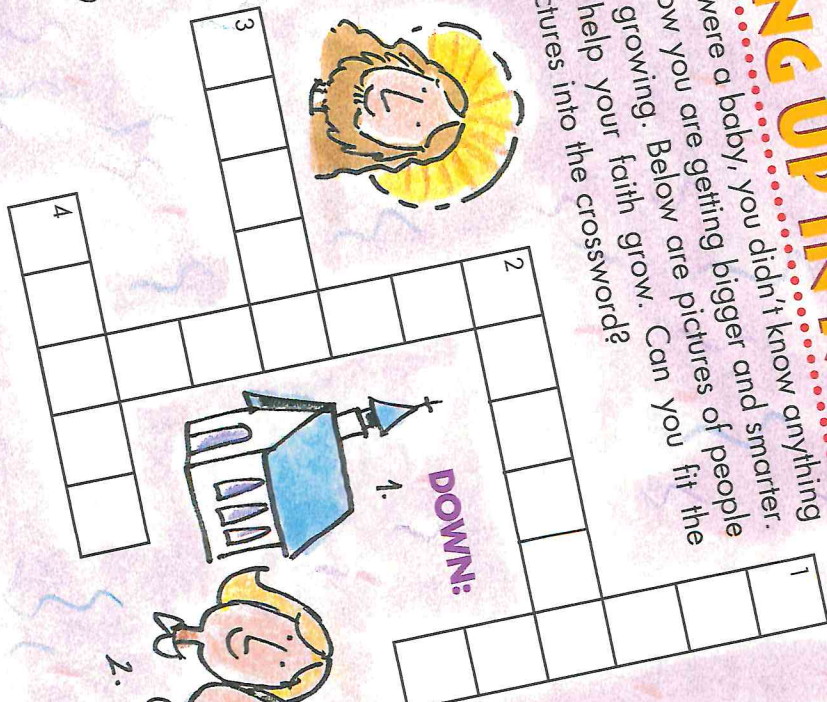


DOWN:

1.



2.





# Family Page

This Week, Celebrate Family!

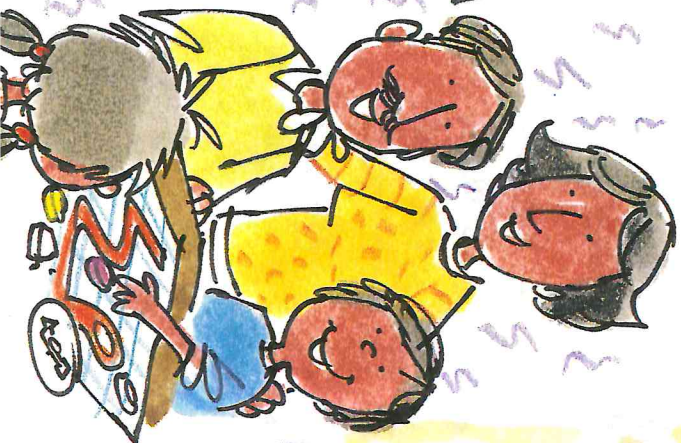
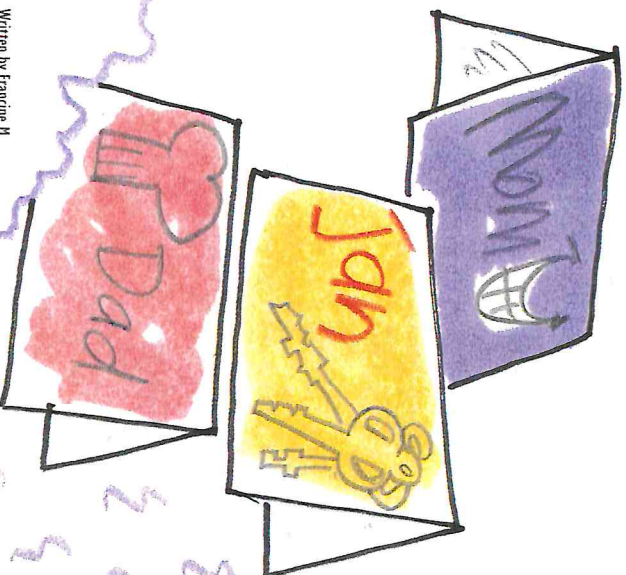


**1** Choose a night when everyone can celebrate together and plan a meal that includes each member's favorite food.

**2** Make place cards for the table, decorating them according to what each member brings to the family (a smiling face for the family clown; a cook's hat for the best cook; a set of car keys for the family "chauffeur").

**3** Select a game that younger members can play or choose a book for an evening of storytelling.

**4** To close the evening, have a short worship service. Begin with a simple faith song that everyone knows. Ask each member to thank God in his or her own words for your family.



# explaining GOD'S WORD

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 4:35-41 • June 20, 2021

## THANK YOU, GOD

This week we celebrate family day, and the wonderful joy of a family's love. We remember our loving God in heaven who watches over us from above.

For being with us in our play, for listening to us when we pray, for comforting us when we're afraid, we thank you, God, on this special day.





"Aren't you afraid?" a lady asked the little boy.

"How come?" the woman asked.

"I'm not scared," the boy explained,

The little boy knew his father would not let any harm come to him. He *trusted* his father.

This week's gospel story is a story about trust. Jesus and his disciples are out in a boat. A terrible storm comes up. The boat rocks. Waves break over them. The little boat fills with water. The disciples are afraid, but Jesus is asleep.

When you are afraid, remember

this little story. God watches over you always. Trust God to keep you from

harm.

Here is a list of five words that mean trust. Working together as a class or family, write a prayer using some or all of these words.

Dear God,

Dear God,