



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

Make a family poster to show how many loving things you can do with your hands.

1

On a piece of poster paper or on the back of a large grocery bag, write the words **HELPING HANDS** in giant letters.

2

Have members of the family trace their hands on the poster. Write their names beneath the drawings of the hands.

3

Whenever someone does something loving with his or her hands, write that action on or around that person's hand-print.

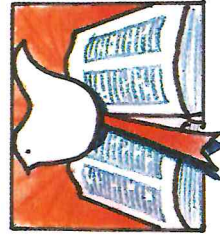


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By the end of the week, your family's loving touch poster should be full of loving things you have done with your hands. Hang the poster where everyone can see it.

5

Work together on a special end-of-the-week treat (using your hands, of course) for the whole family to share.



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 5:21-43 • June 27, 2021



HANDS CAN DO WONDROUS THINGS



In this week's gospel story, a man with a very sick little girl asked Jesus a favor: Starting at the arrow, read every other letter to see what he asked Jesus to do.

Helping Hands

Jesus had helping hands. In today's gospel story, a lady who was very sick wanted Jesus to help her. But people were crowded around Jesus. The lady could not get near him. "If I just touch his robe," she thought, "I will get well." She reached out and touched the hem of Jesus' robe. As soon as she touched Jesus, the lady was not sick any more.

A man named Jairus asked Jesus to heal his little girl. When Jesus and Jairus got to the house, the people said, "It's too late. The girl has died."

Jesus went into the house, took the girl by the hand, and said, "Little girl, get up."

The little girl was made well with one touch of Jesus' helping hands.

You can have helping hands like Jesus. You can touch others and help them.

What can you do with your hands?

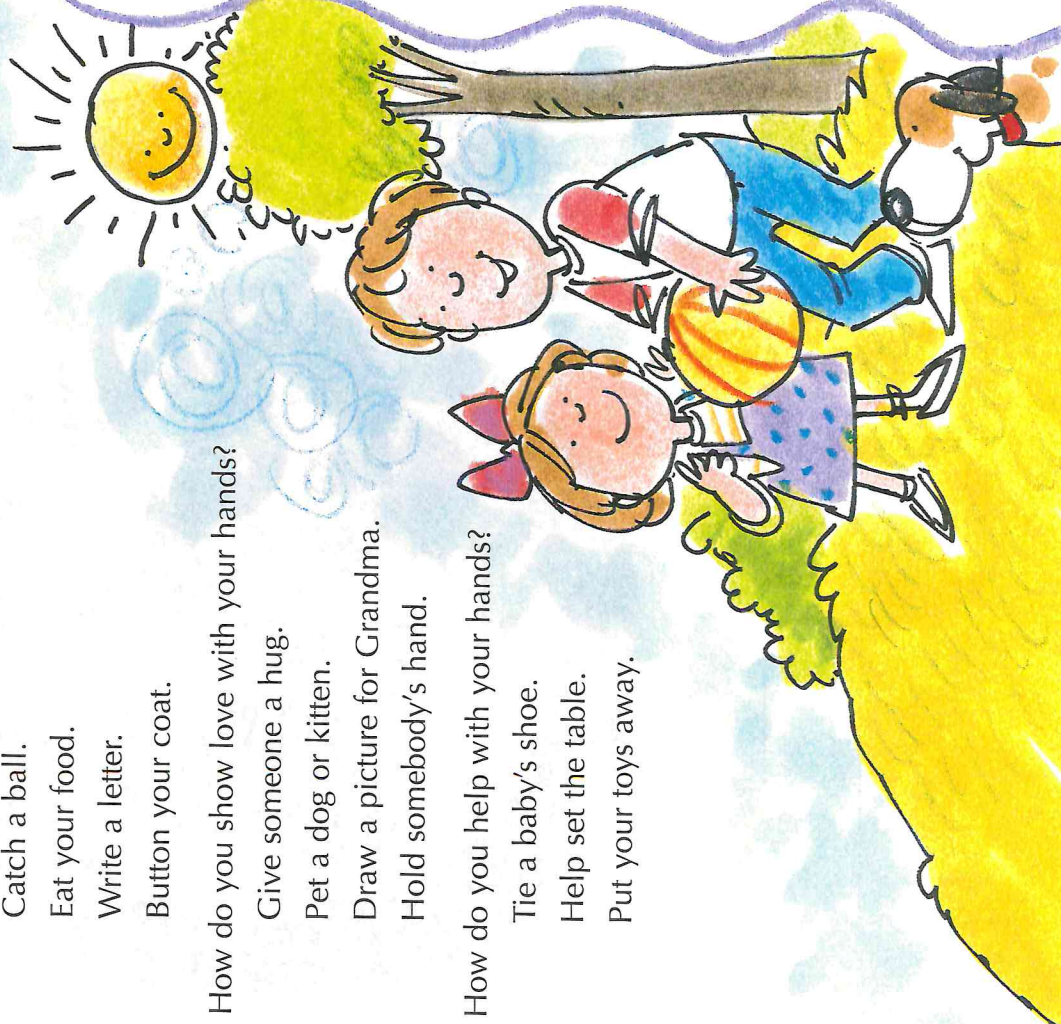
- Catch a ball.
- Eat your food.
- Write a letter.
- Button your coat.

How do you show love with your hands?

- Give someone a hug.
- Pet a dog or kitten.
- Draw a picture for Grandma.
- Hold somebody's hand.

How do you help with your hands?

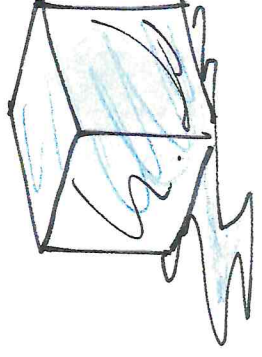
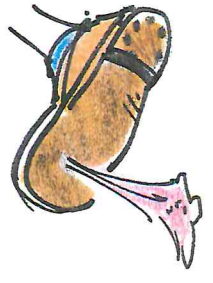
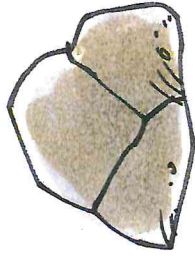
- Tie a baby's shoe.
- Help set the table.
- Put your toys away.



How Does it Feel?

Can you match up these pictures with words that describe them?

STICKY **FLUFFY** **COLD**
HARD **SHARP**



Family Page

A SPIRITUAL GROWTH CHART

Here is a project to help your children find out how much they have grown.



- 1 Give a sheet of paper to each child. Assign a "helper" to preschoolers who cannot write yet.
- 2 Write the numbers from one to whatever age the child is now, leaving space after each number to write.
- 3 Now, with your help, each member can write in the numbered lines the things they can do now that they could not do when they were that age (for example, a child of one cannot talk, write, read, or pray).
- 4 Each year, the list will get smaller. By the time they reach their current ages, they will be able to see how much they have learned and how they have changed.
- 5 One evening, take out the family photo album so all can see that their growth has been physical as well as mental and spiritual.
- 6 Talk to your children about your own childhoods: what you did, what you wanted to be when you grew up, what your classes were like, and so forth. It will help the children to realize that their parents did not spring up as full-grown adults, that it took years of learning, growing, and working to become what they are today.



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 6:1-6a • July 4, 2021

Growing in Faith

When you were a tiny baby, you didn't know anything about God. Using the words in the word list, fill in the blanks to show how much you have learned.



GOD IS MY



IS GOD'S SON.



THE

LIVES IN MY HEART.

CREATOR

JESUS

HOLY SPIRIT

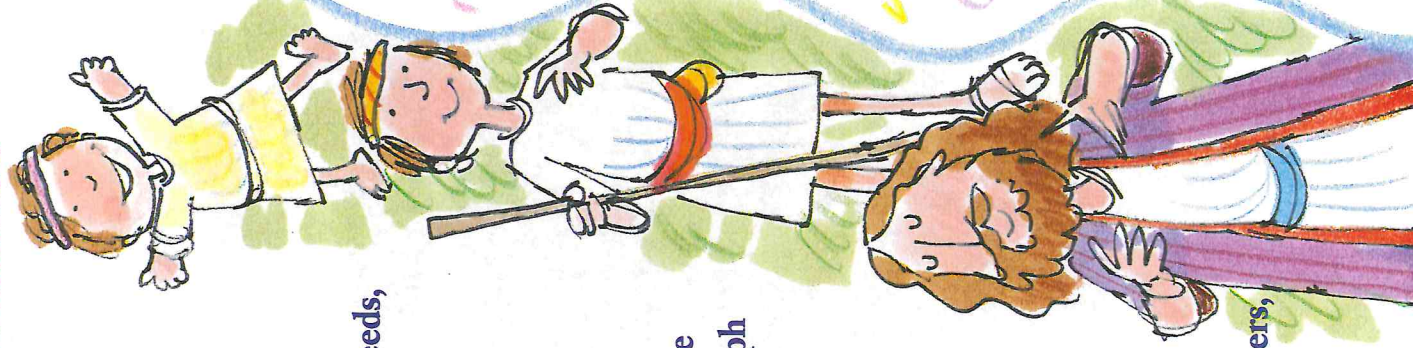
Now write down one more thing you have learned about God.

a lot like Jesus!!

When Jesus was just a newborn baby,
God had a plan for him.
But first Jesus had to grow up.
He had to learn about the world.
He had to learn to be a man.
He had to learn about people and their needs,
so he could do his Father's work.

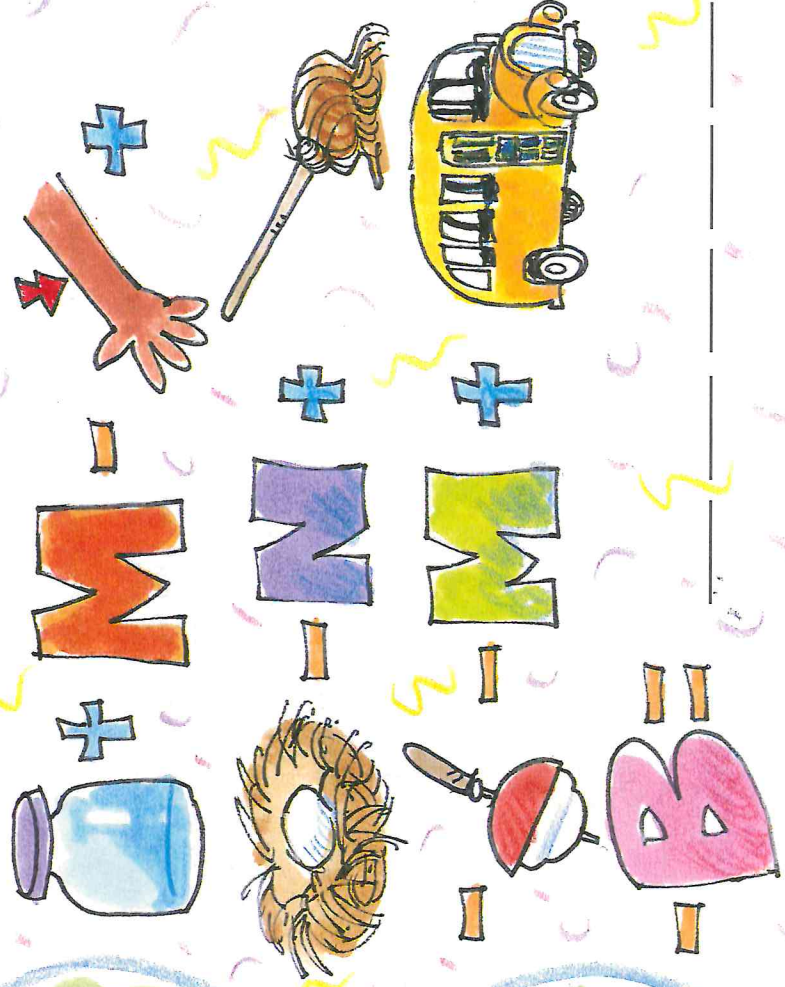
When baby Jesus became a boy,
he was a lot like you.
He played in the fields of Nazareth
and carved wooden boats to sail in the lake
and went on hikes in the woods with Joseph
and studied hard in school,
so he could do his Father's work.

God has work for you to do —
someday when you are big.
But first, like Jesus, you will grow up.
You will play with your friends.
You will learn about Jesus.
You will learn about the world.
You will learn to serve God by serving others,
so you can do God the Father's work!



Hidden Help

God the Father knows how really good you can be. If you need help to become the best YOU of all, there is Someone who can show you the way. Solve the rebus to see who your Helper is.



Family Page

It is often easier to be hospitable to strangers than to members of our family. The following "Guest for a Day" project is a good way for the whole family to practice hospitality.

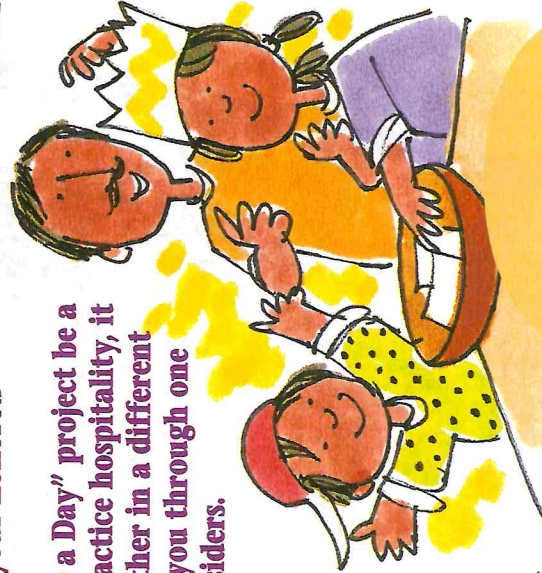
On each of seven small pieces of paper, write the name of one of the days of the week. Fold the papers and put them in a bowl or box. Have each member of the family pick one folded paper. (If there are more than seven members in your family, extend the project into the next week so that each member has a day.)

Each member is "Guest for a Day" on the day listed on his or her paper. The family is to treat the guest as you would treat a visitor to your home: Let the guest choose his or her favorite meal; play the guest's favorite game; do his or her chores; and so forth. Use your imagination to think of special ways to please your honored guest.

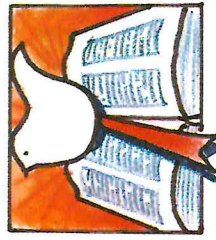
Not only will the "Guest for a Day" project be a good way for your family to practice hospitality, it will also help you to see each other in a different way, to realize that Jesus visits you through one another as well as through outsiders.



GUEST for the DAY

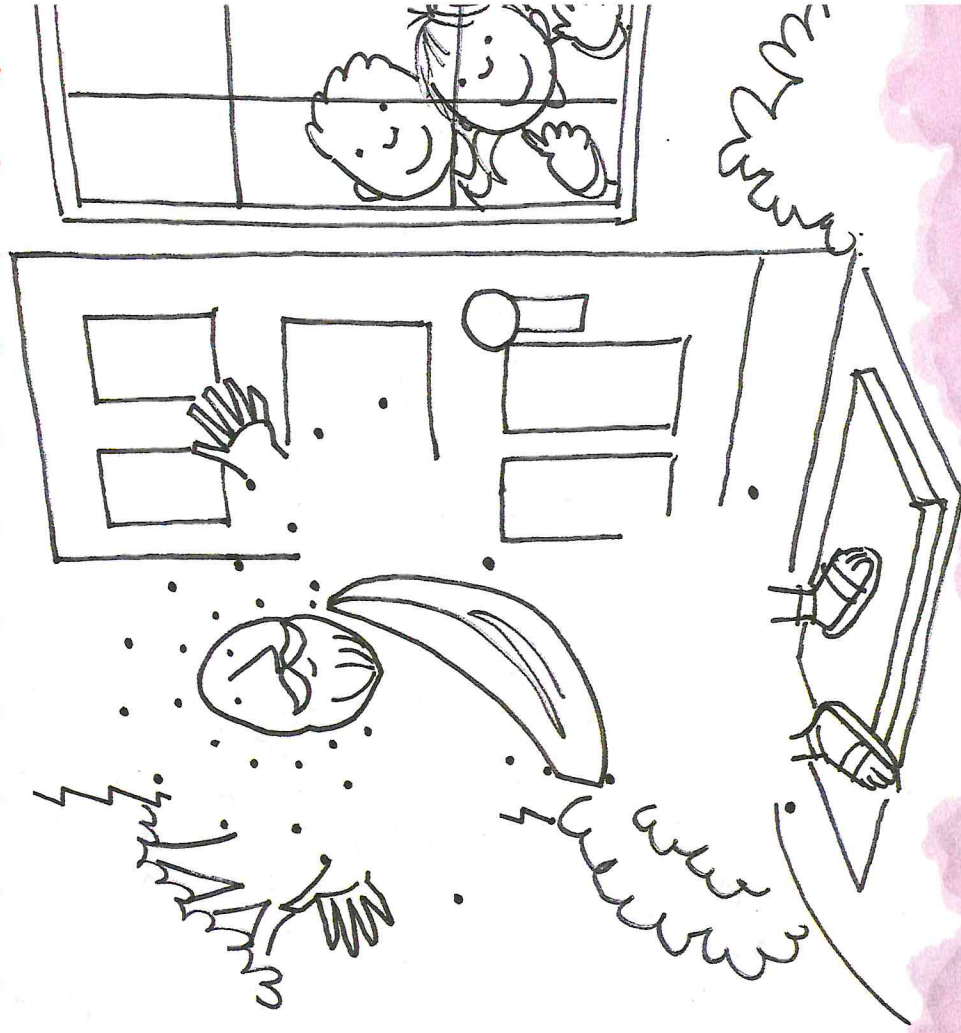


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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 6:7-13 • July 11, 2021



A SPECIAL GUEST

Follow the dots to see who has come to visit these children today. Then color the whole picture with bright, happy colors.

Company's Coming

Someone is coming to visit!
Our family is getting ready!
Clean the house.
Put away our toys.
Dust the furniture.
Bake a cake.

We must get ready to greet our guests!
The apostles are going from town to town.

Jesus said, "Do not take food or money.
Let the people make you welcome."

The apostles will help the people.

The apostles will cure the sick.

The people will be happy to see them.

Jesus said to his apostles, "Whoever
welcomes you, welcomes me."

Do you greet your company with a smile?
Do you share your toys?
Do you make visitors feel welcome?
Well, here's a surprise!
When you welcome a guest to your home, you
welcome Jesus!



Cheery Welcome

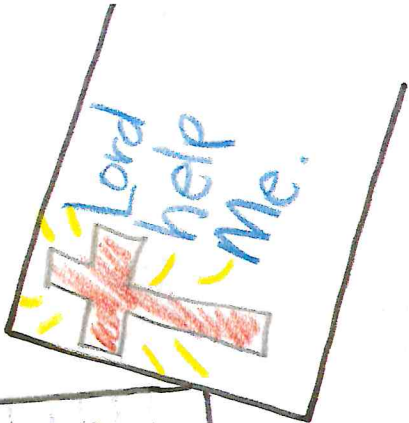
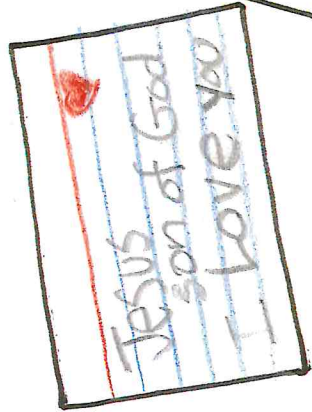
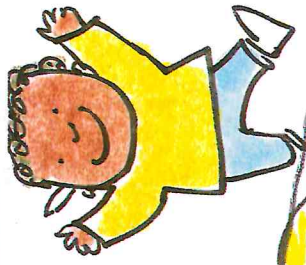
Jesus wants you to make everyone feel welcome. Make a
welcome mat below by coloring the welcoming things red and
the unwelcoming things gray.



Family Page

This week, make up individual prayer cards with short prayers written by the children themselves. Small index cards are perfect for this project since they are plain on one side for the children's drawings, and lined on the other side for writing their prayers.

To start the children off, we have included some short prayers and some picture ideas.

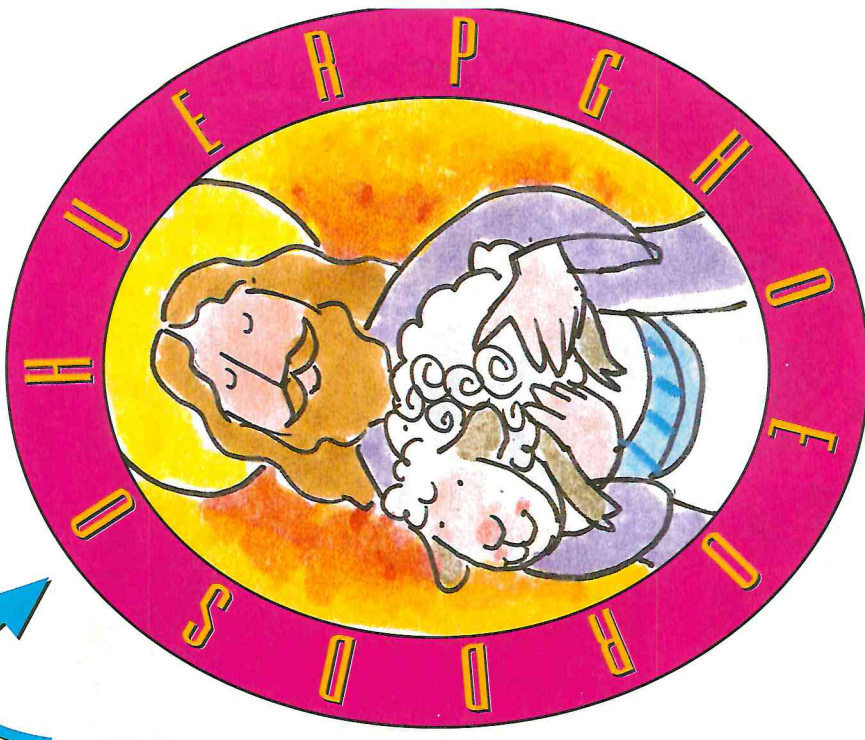


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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 6:30-34 • July 18, 2021



Someone to Help You



Sometimes we feel a little sad.
Sometimes we feel frightened and alone. Starting at the arrow, read every other letter to find out who God has sent to help us.

Jesus Won't Let You Down

Amy is four years old. She is shopping with her mother. Suddenly Amy looks around. Her mother is nowhere in sight. Amy is very frightened! "Mommy! Mommy!" she cries.

People come to help her, but Amy just wants her mother. Look who's coming around the corner — it's Amy's mother! Amy gets a big hug. "Amy," her mother says, "don't you know I will never leave you?"

Jesus is very tired. He has been preaching all day. So he goes off alone, away from the crowd, to rest. But, look — the crowd has followed him. Jesus doesn't send the crowd away. He says, "They are like sheep without a shepherd." Like Amy in the market, the people were afraid when Jesus went away.

Do you ever feel all alone?

Do you ever feel there is no one to comfort you when you are sad?

Always remember — Jesus is never far away.

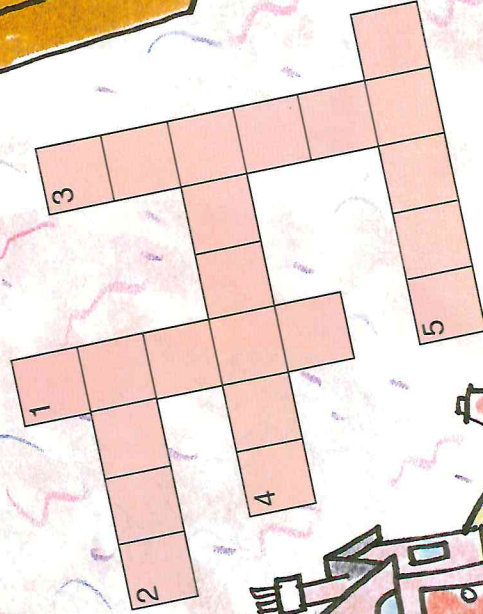
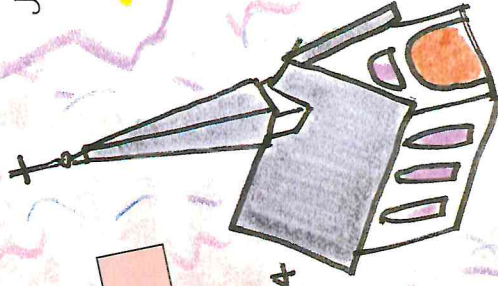
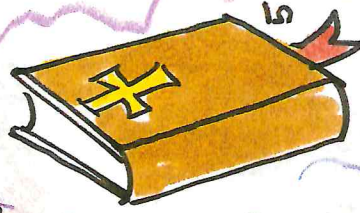
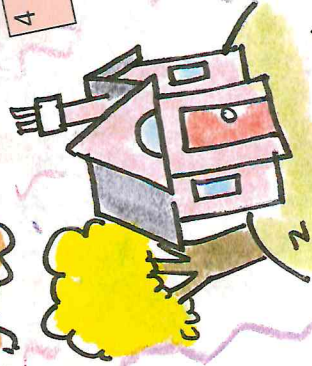
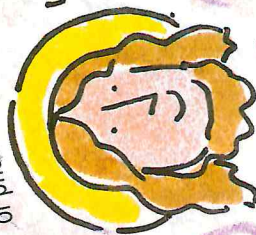
Follow him, turn to him, pray for his help.

You are not a "sheep without a shepherd."

Jesus is your SHEPHERD, and he will never leave you.

Picture Crossword

Sometimes Jesus sends help through other people, like your parents, teachers, friends, or priests. In the picture crossword puzzle below are six places where you can find help.



Family Page

Make this a week of family awareness. Discover ways you can help others. In your parish or neighborhood, there are people who need your concern and help. Take the time to find out about them. Here are a few suggestions.

- 1 Bake a casserole or special dessert for a shut-in neighbor.
- 2 Offer your services as family baby-sitters to a young couple who seldom gets out.
- 3 Donate magazines and books to a hospital or nursing care facility in your area.
- 4 Collect toys and games to donate to a local charity or children's hospital.



- 5 Decorate a "mission box" and place it on the kitchen table where everyone in the family can add to it. When the box is filled, send the money to the missions.
 - 6 Older children can mow lawns or run errands for elderly or handicapped neighbors.
- These are just a few ways you can "feed the hungry," for each person is hungry in his or her own way. Without the help of neighbors who care, some people have nowhere to turn.

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • John 6:1-15 • July 25, 2021

A Thank-You Prayer

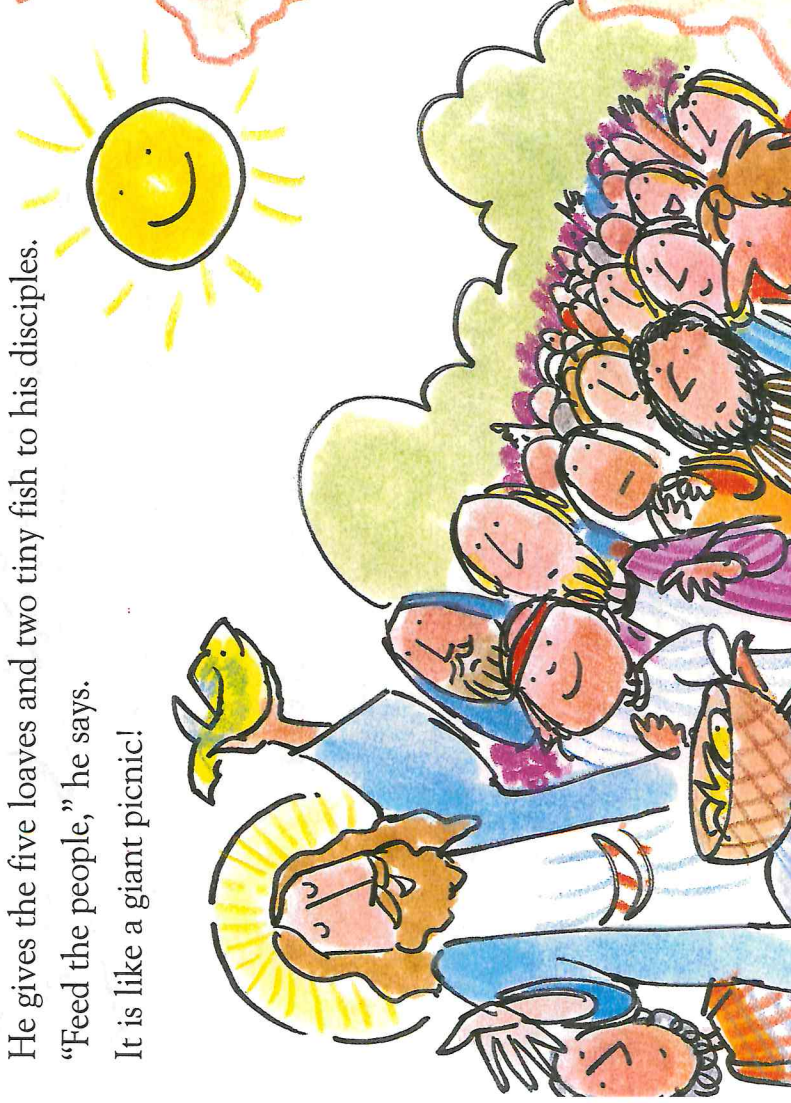


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Unscramble the words on this basket to decode a prayer you can say before meals.

A Picnic With Jesus

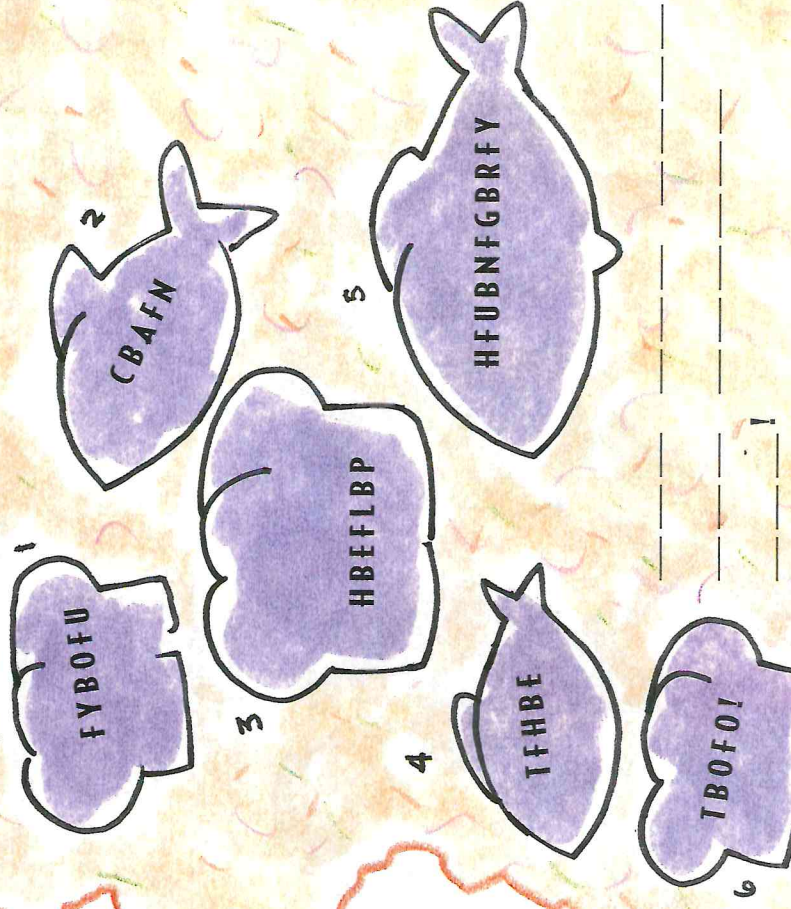
Jesus is on a hillside, speaking to the crowd.
Thousands of people listen to his words.
The people have been here for hours. It is getting dark.
“Send the people home,” Philip says. “They are getting hungry.”
Jesus says, “Give them something to eat.”
So many people. How can they possibly feed them all?
Andrew tells Jesus, “Here is a boy with five loaves of bread and a couple of dried fish. But that will never be enough.”
And then the miracle begins!
Jesus tells the people to sit down on the grass.
He takes the loaves and fish from the boy and prays.
He gives the five loaves and two tiny fish to his disciples.
“Feed the people,” he says.
It is like a giant picnic!



Everyone eats until they are full.
The disciples pick up the leftovers.
They fill twelve baskets!
How did Jesus do it?
Five loaves — two fish — twelve baskets —
and all the people are filled!

A SECRET MESSAGE FROM JESUS

You can help Jesus perform miracles. Decode this message from Jesus and see what you can do. (In the puzzle, B stands for bread and F stands for fish.) Cross out all the B's and F's to find what Jesus wants you to do.



Family Page

Jesus has a lot to say about how to live. As a family, seek out and discover Bible passages that exemplify Jesus' way of acting toward others. We have listed four possible passages below.

This project is more fun if everyone is involved. Some of the passages can be "acted out" on a special night chosen for this purpose, with each member playing a part. Your small playlet can be simple or elaborate. You can use scenery, props, costumes, and so forth — or you can just take turns reading the parts aloud.

Or the family can choose one passage and, as a family, emulate Jesus. For example, the passage on the loaves and the fish can inspire you to do something for the poor or make a special treat for an elderly neighbor; Jesus' visit to Bethany can be a cue to invite someone special to a family dinner.

Suggested Bible Passages:

John 6:1-15

The Multiplication of Loaves and Fish

Mark 2:1-12

A Paralytic at Capernaum

Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus, the Tax Collector



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • John 6:24-35 • August 1, 2021

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What Did Jesus Say

Jesus has something important to say. After you have read this bulletin, cut these puzzle pieces out and place them on the inside puzzle. The more you learn about Jesus, the more you can become like him.

Full of the Leader

Emily wants to be like Mother.

When Mother feeds the baby, Emily feeds her doll.

When Mother plays the piano, Emily plays the bottom keys.

When Mother writes at her desk, Emily sits beside her and draws a picture.

Emily reads when Mother is reading, helps her plant her garden, and goes with her to visit the sick.

Emily has learned to type and to play

Mary Had a Little Lamb on the piano. Emily is growing up to be just like Mother.

There were some people who wanted to be just like Jesus. They wanted to do all the wonderful things Jesus did.

"What must we do to perform the works of God?" they asked.

And Jesus answered, "Have faith in the One sent by God."

Sounds easy, doesn't it? You can do marvelous things if you believe in Jesus and follow his example.

Jesus took care of the poor, comforted the sick, and forgave those who hurt him.

You can do all those things!

Make a card for someone who is sick.

Share your toys and clothes with the poor.

Say "I forgive you" to someone who has hurt you.

The more you learn about Jesus, the more you can be like him.

WORDS OF JESUS full quotation: Do unto others AS YOU would have THEM DO unto you. Love one another AS I HAVE loved you. Love your neighbor AS yourself. LOVE GOD with all YOUR HEART.



Here is a puzzle for you to finish. Cut out the pieces on the front of this bulletin and place them where they fit. If you choose the right piece for the right place, you will have the whole quotation.

Words of JESUS

