



# **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.**

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**Third Sunday of Easter (C) • John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14 • May 1, 2022**

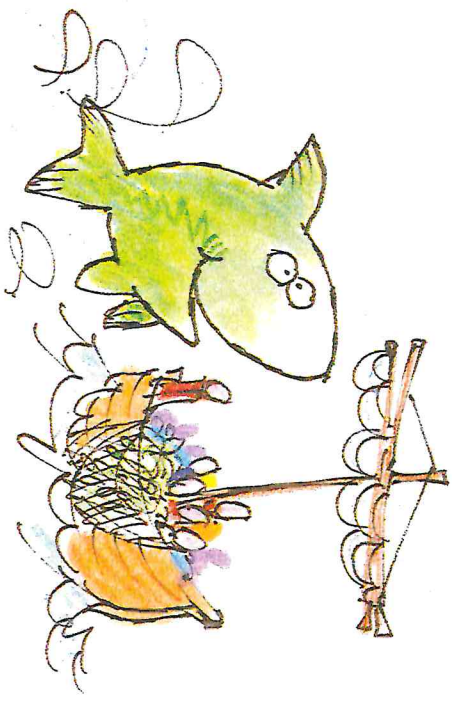




# Work Goes Better With Love

This week, Jesus and his disciples have a breakfast picnic by the lake. The disciples are very tired. They have fished all night and have not caught a thing. When they come near shore, Jesus tells them a special place where they can catch fish. When the boat is filled, they come ashore. Jesus has a fire ready to cook a breakfast feast.

Jesus asks Simon Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter answers him, "You know I love you." Jesus asks Peter again, "Do you love me?" Again Peter answers yes. Three times Jesus asks Peter. Three times Peter answers yes. Then Jesus tells Peter, "Feed my lambs.... Tend my sheep." Jesus wants Peter to be the leader of his Church, to take care of his people. Peter will be happy to do it, for he loves Jesus very much.



## WORKING FOR LOVE

Peter took care of Jesus' Church because he loved Jesus. It is fun to work for love, even if it's hard work. Here is a game you can play with a friend. You will need two buttons and a coin. Take turns flipping the coin. Tails means you move your button one space, heads you move two. Notice how fast you move when you work for love.





# Family Page

Jesus knows us all by name. This is important to remember. A name tells others exactly who we are. Here is a fun way to live out this gospel this week.



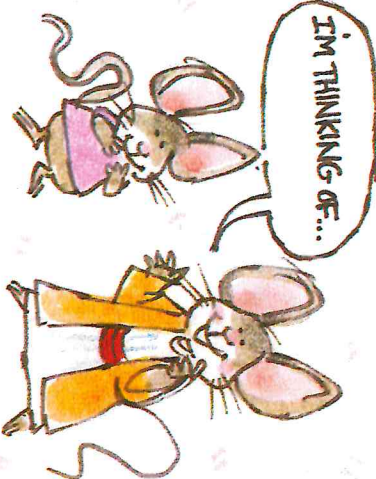
Play the following special version of "Twenty Questions," using the names of the members of your family, including grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins, and so forth.

## Instructions

The person who is up says, "I am thinking of someone in this family." The others then ask questions to be answered "yes" or "no" and try to guess the person's name. When 20 questions have been asked

and the name has still not been guessed, the one who is up gets 10 points and chooses someone else to be up. If someone guesses the right name before 20 questions have been asked, that person gets 10 points and is the next one to be up.

This game is lots of fun and will help you realize how hard it is to identify someone if you don't know his or her name. That's why Jesus tells his disciples that he knows his people by name. He means he knows them and loves them in a private and personal way.



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Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) • John 10:27-30 • May 8, 2022



## Your Name Makes You Special

Can you help Jenny find her dog, Brandy? He is the one who is just a little bit different. Draw a circle around Brandy and write his name on these lines.

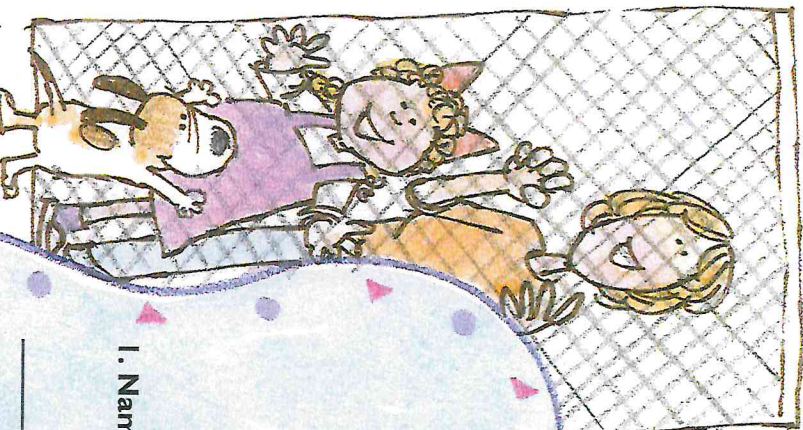
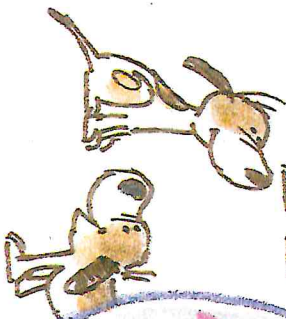




# My Sheep Hear My Voice... and They Follow Me

Today's gospel reminds me of a story about Jenny and her dog Brandy. One day Brandy got lost. Jenny looked and looked for him. She called his name over and over. When it got dark, Jenny climbed sadly into bed. Brandy was still not home. In the morning, Jenny's mother took her to the kennel to see if Brandy had been found. The man at the kennel led them to the pen out back. Jenny's mother gasped! There were four wiggly beagle puppies — and they all looked exactly alike. How would Jenny know which was Brandy? Jenny walked up to the fence and called Brandy by name. Over ran one little puppy, tail wagging so fast it looked like it might fall off.

When Jesus tells the story about the Good Shepherd, he is talking about himself and he is talking about you. "My sheep hear my voice," he says. "I know them and they follow me."



That's how it is with Jesus and you. Jesus has always known you — the color of your hair, the way you smile, and what makes you happy or sad. He calls you to hear his voice. He calls you to speak to him in prayer. At special times in your life, Jesus is there, calling you by name.

## The NAME GAME

Each of these questions has two answers.  
Put on your thinking cap and see  
how many you can get.

1. Name two people in the Holy Family whose names begin with J.

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2. Name two gospel writers whose names begin with M.

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3. Name two disciples whose names begin with P.

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4. Name two women in the Bible who have the same name.

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# Family Page

Learning to love as Jesus has loved us is a lifelong project. To help the family in this endeavor, make JESUS LOVES cards for distribution on a daily basis.



- 1.** Schedule an evening together for studying the Bible for signs of Jesus' love. Older children can each be assigned one of the gospels. Smaller children can work with the parents or an older brother or sister.
- 2.** Using index cards (or small slips of paper), write down examples of Jesus' love on one side of the card, citing book, chapter, and verse for each example.
- 5.** Now place the card at the bottom of the pile and take a new one from the top. Keep doing this as a family until every card in the pile has been drawn.
- 6.** Once your love actions have been completed for all the cards, you may shuffle them and begin again. This is an exercise in love that you can continue for as long as you like.

- 3.** Decorate the back side in any way that you want. You can draw pictures of yourself loving as Jesus loved or you can cut pictures from magazines and paste them on your card.
- 4.** When you feel you have found enough love actions, collect all the cards into one pile. Every morning thereafter, have each member draw one card from the pile. The object of this project is for you to follow the examples of Jesus throughout that day.



**Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) • John 13:31-33a, 34-35 • May 15, 2022**

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# A Circle of Love

**Read every other letter around the circle of love to discover what Jesus asks of all his people.**





In today's gospel story, Jesus tells us to love one another just as he has loved us. What are some of the ways that Jesus has loved his people?

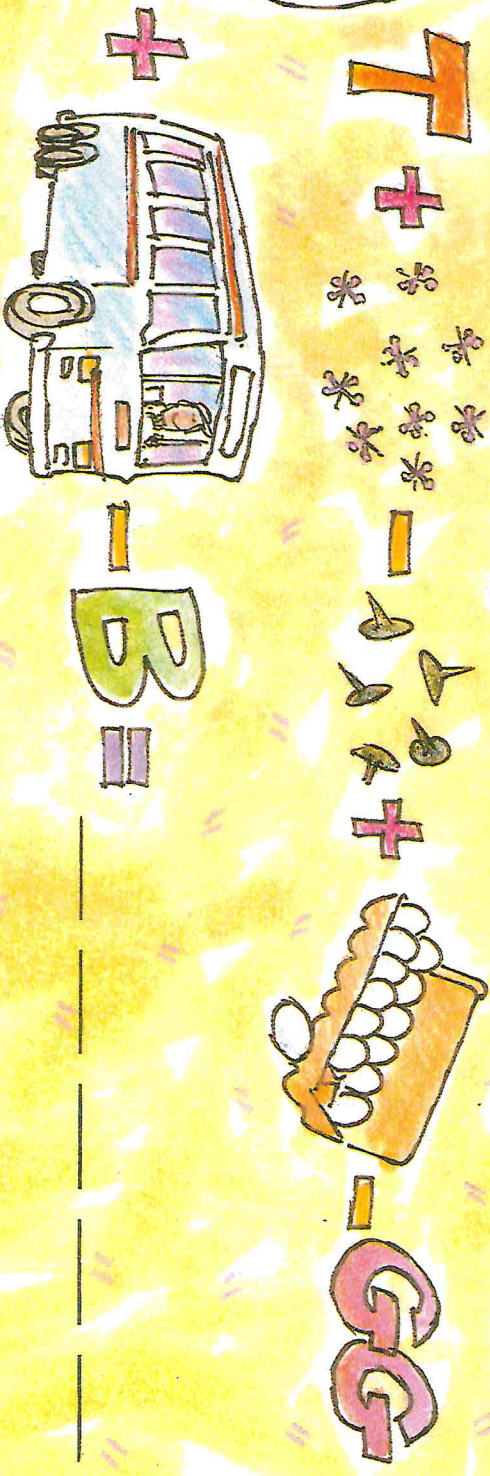
Even when he was a little boy, Jesus showed his love by being helpful to Mary and Joseph. You can love like Jesus loves by obeying your parents and being just as kind and just as helpful as Jesus was.

Jesus always comforts you when you are sick or feeling lonely and sad. You can love like Jesus loves by bringing your special cheer to someone you know who is sick or lonely or sad.

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Jesus is always quick to forgive those who say they are sorry. You love like Jesus loves by forgiving those who hurt you and by saying, “I’m sorry,” when you have hurt someone else.

**Sometimes it is easy to love others — sometimes it is hard. Solve the rebus and see who loves with the greatest love of all.**





# Family Page

It's good to remember the wonderful promises Jesus made before his suffering and death. It's even better to recall that he still keeps those promises. He was very clear when he said, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word." To be true to Jesus' Word, we need to remember his two greatest commandments. Here's a good way to be sure we do that.

First, take two sheets of notebook paper. At the top of the first sheet, write the first greatest commandment:



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

At the top of the second sheet, write the second greatest commandment:

2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On each sheet, list five things you and your family will do this week to keep those commandments. Then hang your commandment sheets where you'll see them every morning as you begin your day.



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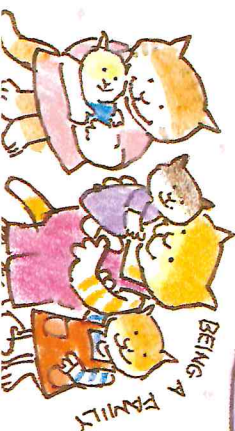
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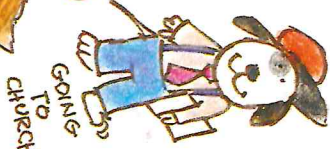
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GIVING



GOING TO CHURCH

### Promise Prayer

I'm promising, dear Jesus, to follow you today, and to obey your every rule in all I do or say, to always be a loving child, helpful, kind, and sweet, to give the love you give to me to everyone I meet. But if this promise I should break or if I bring you sorrow, then help me to begin again and keep my promise tomorrow.



# Jesus Makes Three Promises

In this week's gospel story, Jesus makes wonderful promises. His promises are for everyone — you and me and all our friends. Jesus promised us that if we really, truly love him, and try to keep his commandments, God the Father will come to us and live in our hearts for all time.

Then Jesus makes a second promise, more wonderful than the first. He promises us that the Father will send the Holy Spirit to us, to help us understand all that Jesus came to teach us.

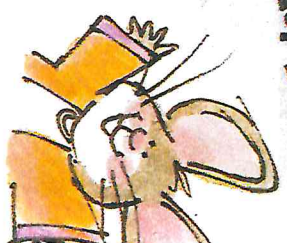
Finally, he makes a third promise, and this one he calls his gift: "My peace is my gift to you. Do not be distressed or afraid. I go away for a little while, but I will come back to you."



Three marvelous promises: the Father, the Son, and the Spirit will come to be with us — to live with us, to teach us all we need to know, and to bring us peace when we are worried or afraid.

Do you always keep the promises you make? Below are the promises Jesus made many years ago that he still keeps today. Unscramble the words to find the promises.

**PROMISES!**  
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1. YM TFAHRE IWLL AKEM SIH MOHE NI RUOY EHRAT.

2. HET LOYH SIPIRT LIWL TACEH OYU.

3. I LWIL OCME KCAB OT YUO.

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