

The logo for 'Kids' LITURGY' is centered in a white rectangular box. The word 'Kids' is in a large, colorful font where each letter is a different color: 'K' is blue, 'i' is red with a small heart inside, 'd' is yellow, and 's' is purple. Below 'Kids' is the word 'LITURGY' 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

Today's gospel message celebrates unity. With help, your children can be led to understand that when they attend Mass they are acting in union with other Christians. Try to make the following points to your children before next Sunday's Mass.

- 1.** At Mass, we come together with other members of our parish to celebrate our combined love for God.
- 2.** During the readings, we remember our Jewish ancestors and the early Christians, whose faith and struggles made us the Church family we are today.
- 3.** The gospel is Jesus speaking to his family, telling us how to live and how to love one another.
- 4.** During the petitions, we pray for the needs of all members of God's Church, those who are with us and those who are far away.

- 5.** The Eucharistic prayer recalls the saints who pray for us as we try to become one.
- 6.** In receiving Communion (or spiritual communion for those who are too young), we all partake of the one loaf; we all take Jesus into our hearts. This is the ultimate sign of our unity.
- 7.** As we leave the church to go home, we should remember to smile and speak to our brothers and sisters in Christ.



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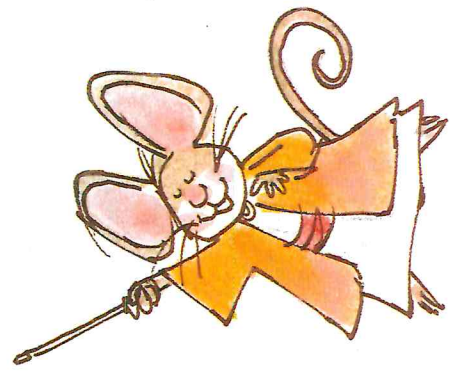
The Ascension of the Lord (C) • Luke 24:46-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter (C) • John 17:20-26 • May 29, 2022



**“That All
May Be
One”**

Before Jesus suffered and died, he prayed to his Father for all who love him. Using the color key below, color this picture of Jesus praying.

- 1 = red
- 2 = yellow
- 3 = green
- 4 = brown
- 5 = pink
- 6 = blue



Answer to One Thought Many:
FAMILY, CLASS, BALL TEAM, WORKERS, BAND, PRAYER AND MASS.

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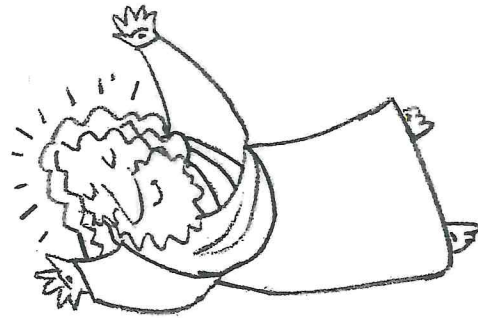
UNSCRAMBLE THE WORD

What is going on below?

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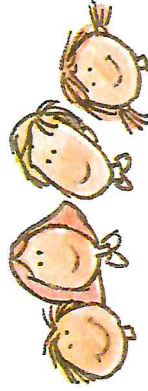


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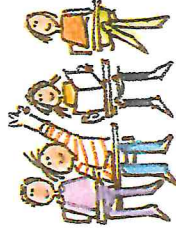
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How do many people become one? Below are some examples of groups who become one by working together or by playing together.

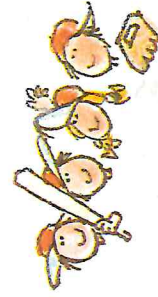
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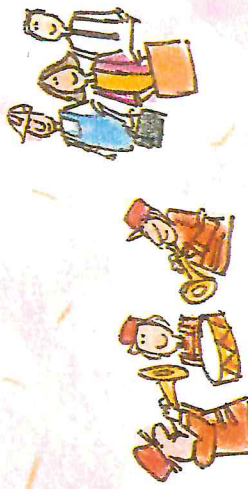
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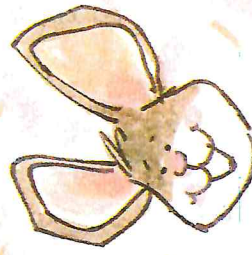


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Now can you guess how we can become one with those who love Jesus all over the world? Unscramble the words and then draw the picture yourself.



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Family Page

Here's a riddle for the family. What do you call a Church that is not made of bricks or wood or concrete and has no windows or doors or walls?

The answer, of course, is the CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST!

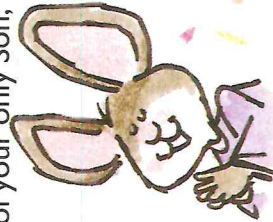
The Church the apostles helped to build is made up of people — people just like your family, people from around the world. Without people, there would be no churches. There would only be empty buildings. The parish church on the corner, the Gothic cathedral in the city, the simple chapel at the far end of the campus: All these are simply buildings where the People of God, the Church, gather to pray and worship God.

In keeping with the celebration of Pentecost, your family should strive to see yourselves as "CHURCH" in the fullest sense of the word. Before each main meal each day this week, pray the following prayer for the people of the Church all over the world.

Holy Spirit Prayer



Heavenly Father, send us your Spirit. Help us to remember that we are the Church, one with all your people. We pray for those who have forgotten the joy of worshipping with their Church family. We pray for people in countries where such worship is not allowed. We pray for the missionaries working to gather others into our fold. As we are united to one another by our family love, may we also be joined to our Church family by our mutual love of your only Son, in whose name we now pray. Amen



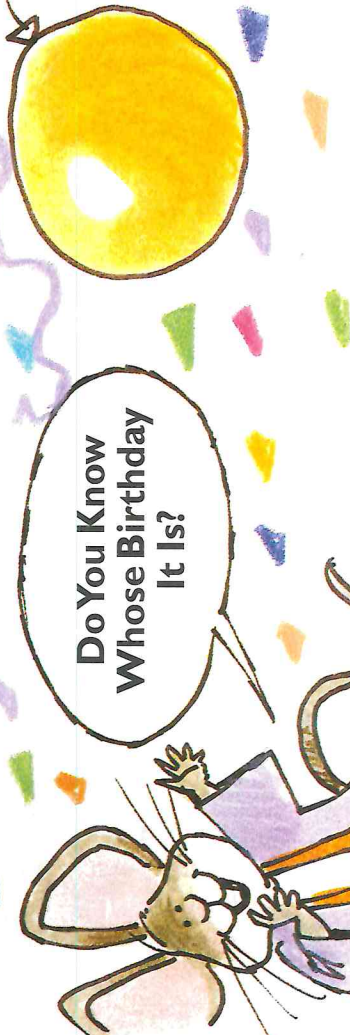
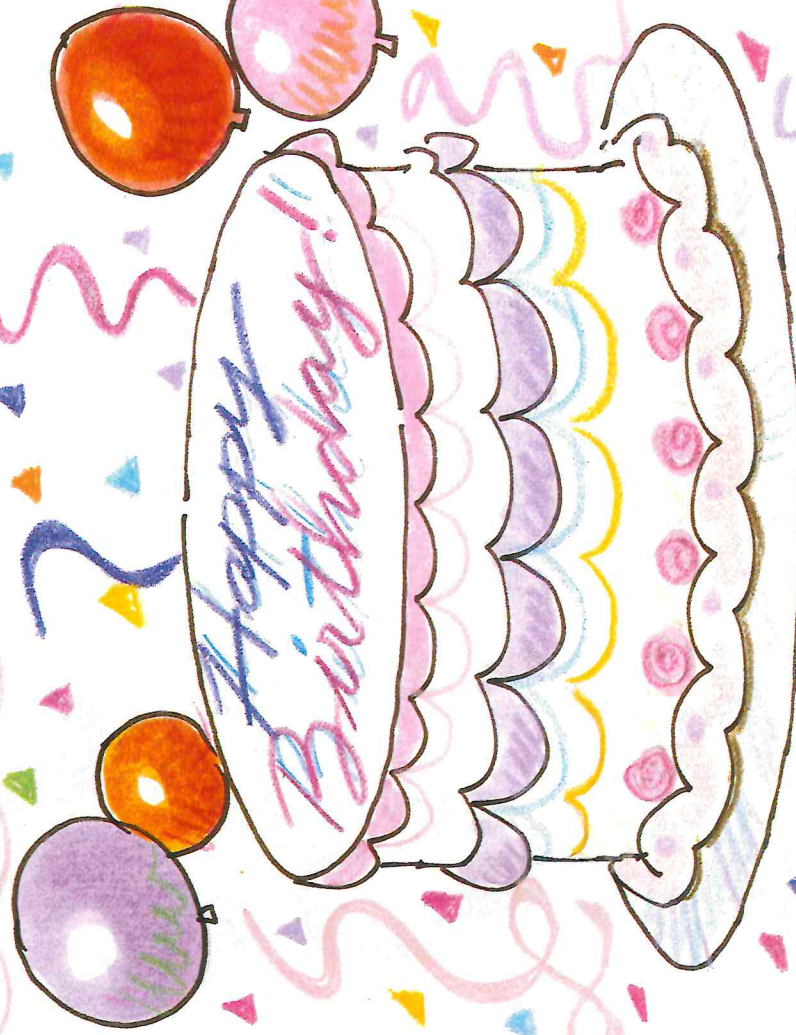
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Pentecost Sunday (C) • John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26 • June 5, 2022





Receive the Holy Spirit

Birthdays are always special!

This week we celebrate Pentecost, the day God sent the Holy Spirit to help the Church to grow. Some call it the birthday of our Church.

Shortly after Jesus rose on Easter Sunday morning, and just before he went to his Father, he called his apostles together. Jesus told them to teach all the people in the WORLD everything that he had taught them. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them in their work.

Jesus kept that promise on the day we call Pentecost. The apostles were all in a room, wondering what to do now that Jesus was gone. Suddenly, "there came a noise like a strong, driving wind." Tongues of fire danced above their heads. All at once, they seemed to know what to do and how to do it. They began teaching others about Jesus. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the apostles traveled many miles and gathered thousands of people into the Church of Jesus Christ.

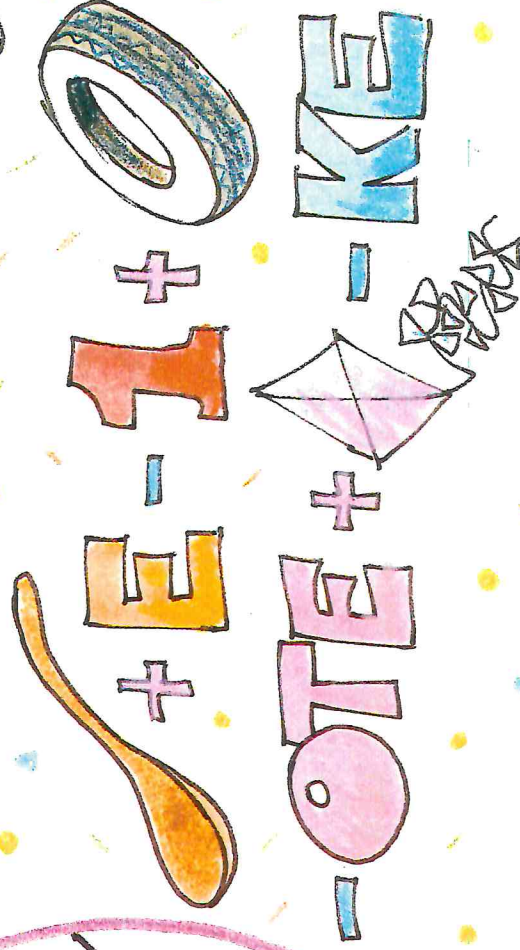
You too can be an apostle, with the Holy Spirit's help. You can go out and tell your friends and neighbors the wonderful stories of Jesus. Then you will be helping the Church of Jesus to grow.



Can you solve this rebus puzzle to find out how the Church grows? Of course! It is with the help of the

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Family Page



It is impossible to teach a mystery of God with mere human logic. The feast of the Holy Trinity is a chance for your whole family to deepen your faith in all the mysteries of the Church, and especially the mystery of three Persons in one God. Rather than explanations, emphasize the images of the Trinity and how these ideas, pictures, and symbols help us believe.

1 Develop the important habit of making the Sign of the Cross during special times of prayer and need. Some families make the Sign of the Cross whenever they hear a siren, praying that the triune God will watch over the victims of accident or fire or crime.

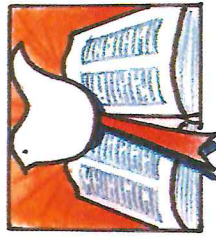
2 Help the children make Trinity symbols to hang in their rooms — anything that helps them remember the three-in-one image. A clover-

3 Cut out the prayer below, paste it on cardboard or heavy paper, and hang it where every member of the family will see it and remember to pray it each day.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen**

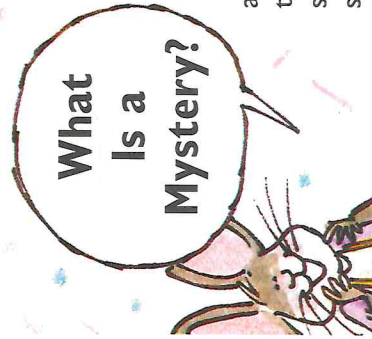
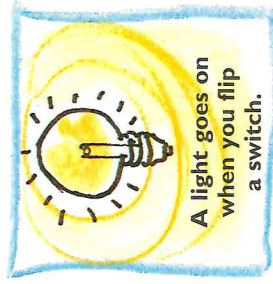
Answer to Special Times: 1. MASS 2. MORNING 3. MEALS 4. NIGHT

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The Most Holy Trinity (C) • John 16:12-15 • June 12, 2022



A mystery is something you can't explain. Some things are mysteries just because you're too young to understand them. Others are mysteries because only God can understand them. Circle the mysteries you believe because God said they're true.



Persons in One God

Sometimes mysteries can be great fun. There is the mystery of a detective movie that is solved by the end of the story. There is the mystery of how a computer game works or how a switch can turn on a light. These are mysteries you will understand when you get older and wiser.

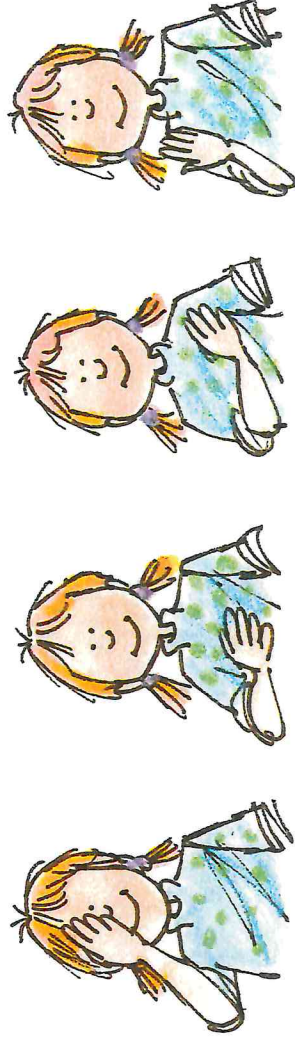
There are mysteries about godly things, like Jesus raising up from the grave or how the bread and wine become his very own body and blood or how the Holy Spirit lives and works in the Church. These are special mysteries that only God can understand. They are called “mysteries of the Church.”

This week the whole Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Trinity. This is a very big mystery that teaches about the three Persons in one God — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. How hard this mystery is to understand. You know that it is really true because Jesus told you so. You believe that it is really true because the Holy Spirit gives you faith.

That is the super, wonderful thing about the mysteries of God. The Father gives the Son to teach them and the Spirit to help you believe. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — the Holy Trinity mystery itself — will help you understand.

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

The Sign of the Cross is a special prayer, a simple way of saying, I believe in the mystery of the Holy Trinity.



Special TIMES

How often do you make the Sign of the Cross each day? When did you last make it? Here are some clues to times you use the Sign of the Cross. Can you unscramble them?



At the beginning and end of **SSAM**. _____

When I say my **MRONING** prayers. _____

Before I eat my **MELAS**. _____

When I say my **NITGH** prayers. _____

Family Page

Have you ever made bread? It doesn't take a lot of expensive ingredients and the procedure is filled with opportunities to share a spiritual experience while working together on a family project.

Just follow the simple recipe below. If time is a problem, many stores carry small loaves of frozen bread dough. Here is a thought to consider as you work together on your bread.



When making bread, you start with a small bit of dough. Before long the dough has doubled in size. This is the way it is with Jesus. The love you feel at Communion time is just a tiny feeling. Then it grows and grows.

Homemade Bread

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

Put the water in a large mixing bowl. Then sprinkle the yeast over the water. Add dry milk, sugar, salt, oil, and about 3 cups of flour to the 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 onto a floured surface, knead until smooth and no longer sticky — about 1 to 2 minutes. Divide dough in half, shape each portion into a loaf shape 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 to 40 minutes.

Answer to Communion Message: THIS IS THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST. AMEN.

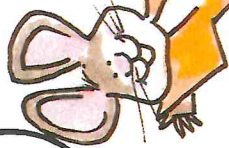
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (C) • Luke 9:11b-17 • June 19, 2022

A Picture to Color



Maggie's First Communion

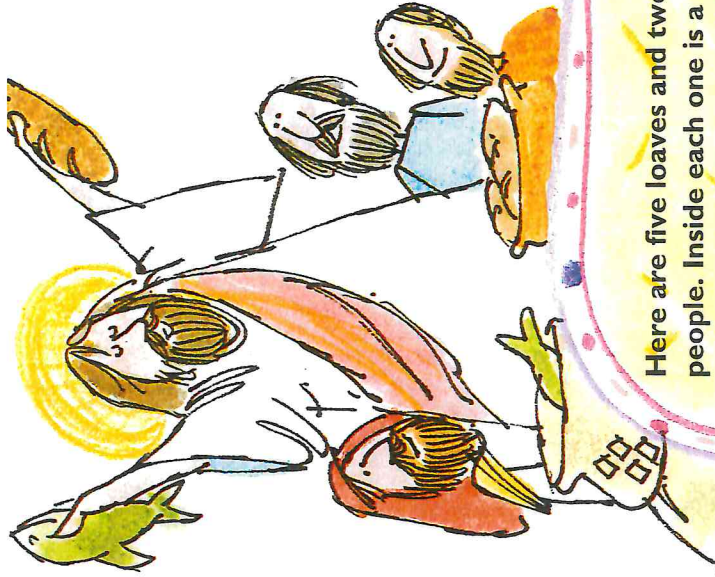


Maggie was so excited! It was her first Communion day! She had learned many wonderful things about Jesus. She knew the Last Supper story, when Jesus took the bread and wine and told his disciples, "This is my body. This is my blood." It was such a happy thing at last to receive Jesus in Communion.

When Maggie's family got to church, almost every seat was filled. Maggie had never seen so many people. Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, sisters, brothers, and cousins, all there to see the children receive Jesus for the very first time. Maggie pulled at her father's coat and he leaned down to hold her close. "Daddy," she whispered quietly, "I hope there's enough Jesus to go around!"

This little story reminds us of the Gospel story for this week.

Jesus was surrounded by thousands who had come miles just to hear him speak. The apostles became quite worried. The skies were getting very dark. No one had anything to eat. Where would they find enough food to feed this great crowd of people?



Jesus wasn't worried. Taking a few loaves of bread and two small fish, he said a prayer and told the people to share. There was more than enough to go around.

That's the miracle you see every time you go to Mass. Jesus shares himself with everyone. And there is always more than enough of Jesus to go around.

Here are five loaves and two fish — just like Jesus shared with the people. Inside each one is a scrambled word or words. If you unscramble them, you will find the words of Holy Communion.

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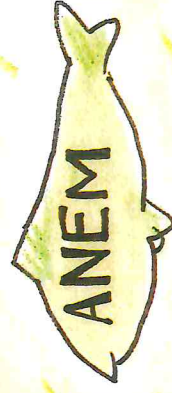
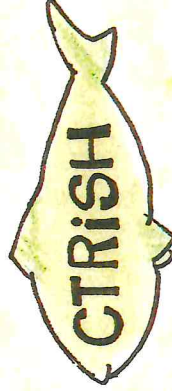
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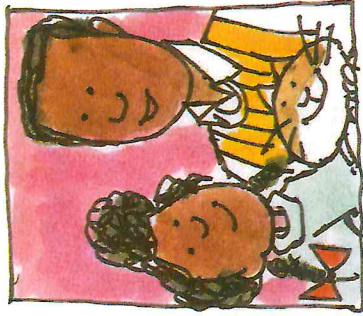


Family Page

Every Christian home must be modeled on the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Can you think of ways to make your home a more loving place for Jesus to live? Here's a family project that will help you identify both the loving and unloving things your family does.

1 Across the top of a large piece of paper, write the words HOME SWEET HOME. Make the letters big and bright. Divide your paper into two columns, a LOVING column and an UNLOVING column.

2 In the first column, list all the loving things your family does (play games together, help one another with chores, and so forth). In the second column, list all the unloving things your family does (for instance, arguing or being selfish). You can do your lists by drawing your



examples, by using pictures cut from magazines, or by explaining in writing.

3 As the week progresses, see if you can get rid of everything on the unloving side and add a whole lot of new things to the loving side. You can paste some of your loving pictures right over your unloving list.

4 Hang your HOME SWEET HOME paper where everyone, including Jesus, will see it. And remember to always give Jesus a home in your heart...where your love is.

HOME SWEET HOME

LOVING

UNLOVING



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) • Luke 9:51-62 • June 26, 2022

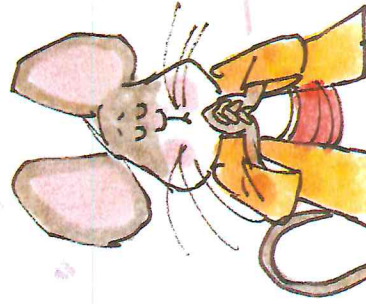


The foxes have lairs,

the birds of the sky have nests,



...but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.





Mary had no home. She had come across the ocean on a boat filled with people who had no homes. She was to have a new home in America and live with a family named Robertson.

Mary did not think she could have a home without her own family. Yet no one in her family was living now, and Mary was very sad and frightened.

When Mary's ship landed in America, the Robertsons were there to meet her. They hugged and kissed her and were so glad to see her.

Mr. Robertson said, "I am your new father." Tamara Robertson said, "I'm so happy to have a new sister." Mrs. Robertson said, "We will take very good care of you."

Mary could not understand English, so she didn't understand a word they said. But she could tell they were a very loving family. At last she understood that home is where love is. And the Robertsons were full of love.

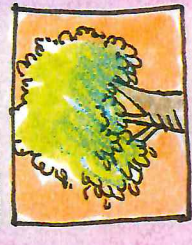
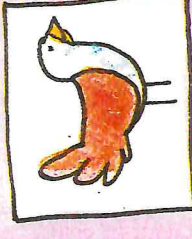
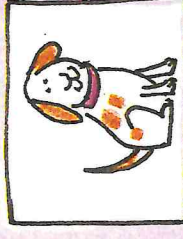
In this week's gospel story, Jesus said, "The foxes have lairs, the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Jesus meant that he has no home on earth. But this isn't really sad. You see, if you love him and pray to him often, Jesus will come and make his home in your heart.

For Jesus, as for Mary, home is where love is. Can you make your heart a home for Jesus?

Find the Right Home

These animals seem to be lost. Match them with their proper homes by drawing a line from each animal to its home.



Family Page

"Whoever hears you, hears me." With these words from the gospel, Jesus indicates that he plans to continue speaking to his people until the end of time. Make this whole week a "listening to Jesus" week. Here are some ideas.



The whole family can take a listening walk together in your neighborhood. Listen carefully. See how many things you can hear that are signs of God's love: birds singing, children laughing, gentle breezes blowing the leaves on trees, dogs barking. Make a listening scrapbook. Draw or cut out pictures of ways

that God spoke to you on your walk and paste them in your scrapbook. One evening, after the dishes are done, have a family Bible reading time. Choose someone in the family to read a story from the Bible. After the reading, talk about what the story means to each of you.



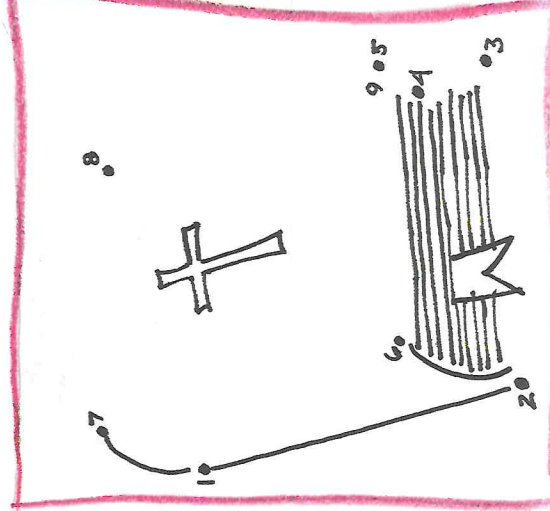
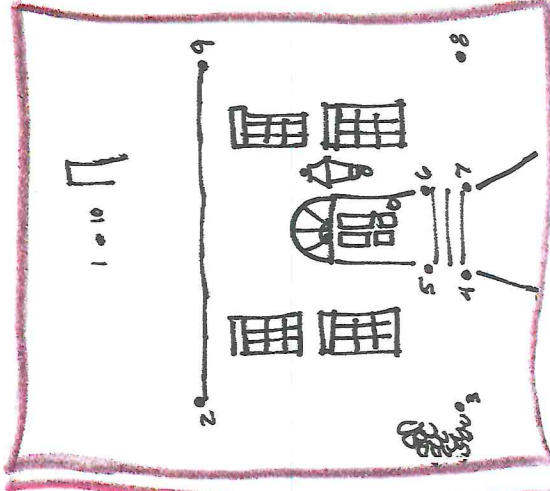
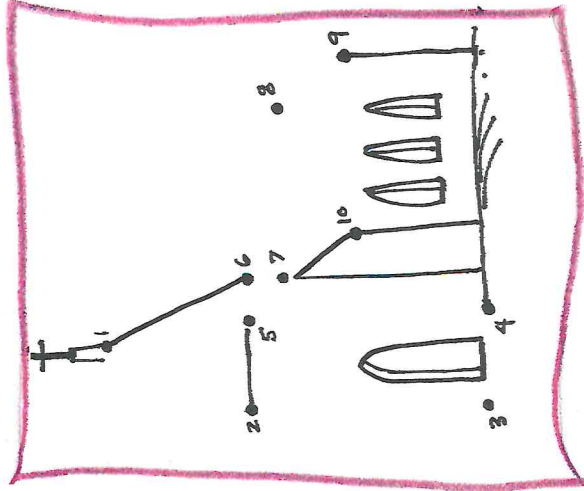
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) • Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9 • July 3, 2022

Did you hear Jesus today?

Follow the dots and see how many ways you heard Jesus today. Jesus speaks to you through the people in your CHURCH. Jesus speaks to you through the words in the BIBLE. Jesus speaks to you through your parents at HOME.



Listening to Jesus

Have you ever wished you lived when Jesus was on earth? You could follow him along the dusty roads of Galilee. You could wait on the riverbank for his boat to come to shore or sit on a grassy hillside and listen to him speak. Wouldn't that be great?

But there is a way you can listen to Jesus speaking today. In this week's gospel story, Jesus sends his disciples to tell everyone the Good News. Later, he tells them, "Whoever hears you, hears me."

This is a wonderful message. It means that when you hear someone talking about God the Father or reading the words of the gospel, you are really listening to Jesus.

Just think about the many ways that Jesus speaks to you today. He speaks to you in the Bible and when you pray alone in your room and when you are at Mass.

Jesus speaks to you through your parents and through your teachers and through your friends. Jesus speaks to you through all those people who were sent to teach you and guide you.

Jesus is never far away from you. As long as you love him and listen to him, he will keep speaking to you always. It's just like having Jesus in your family. Now, isn't THAT a wonderful message?

A listening game

Can you hear Jesus? If you unscramble the words below, you will find the ways he will speak to you today.

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