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Weekly Gospel Lessons

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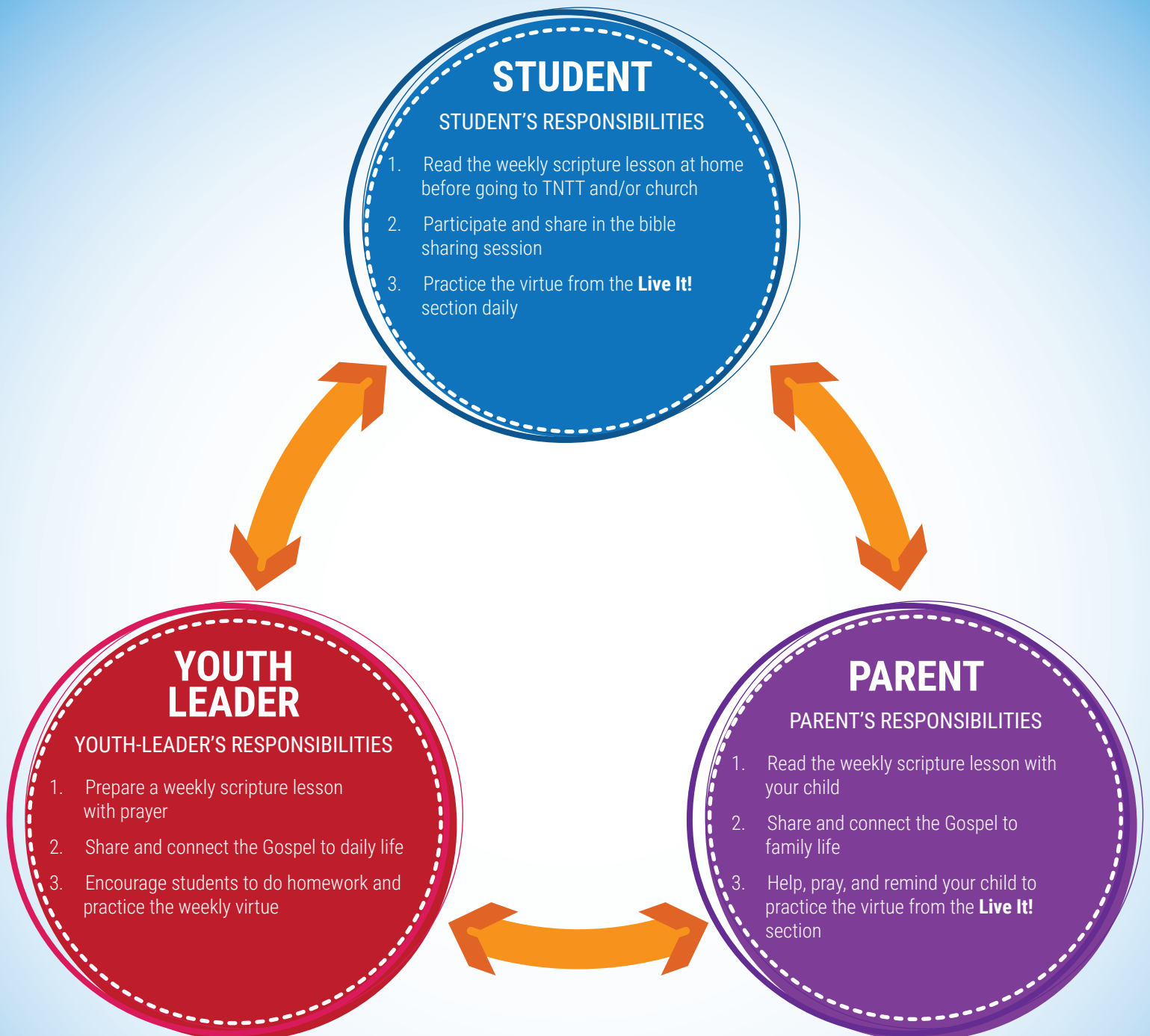
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Blessed are the poor in
spirit, for theirs is the
Kingdom of Heaven



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JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

WEEK B-O18

JOHN 6:24-35



When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to **Capernaum** looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "**Rabbi**, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "**Amen**, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that **perishes** but for the food that **endures** for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Capernaum	A town in Galilee where Jesus often stayed.
Rabbi	A Jewish title for a wise religious teacher.
Amen	Truly.
To Perish	To disappear or come to an end.
To endure	To last forever.

2. EXPLORE IT!

What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the Bread of Life"?

Jesus is saying that He is not a physical bread that perishes like the loaves or manna which people had eaten, but He is the true bread of God that comes down from heaven that gives life to the world; the true bread for eternal life.



3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus says: "I am the bread of life". He takes away hunger and thirst. Which of these experiences do you have in your life: Have you ever felt extremely hungry and thirsty for food and drink that it aches? Have you ever felt so hungry in your soul for God? Have you ever experienced "hunger and thirst" for God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth?

Take a moment of silence and ask yourself: "To believe in Jesus: What does this mean for me in my daily life?"

4. REMEMBER IT!

**"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."
(John 6:35)**

5. LIVE IT! [**TRUTHFULNESS**]



Truthfulness is:

- ♦ Being honest, not deceitful
- ♦ Being true
- ♦ Being realistic or true to life

To be true to yourself means to act in accordance with who you are and what you believe. If you accept yourself, let people see the real you and ask them to accept you for who you really are. You will find it effortless to be true to yourself and others.

You will be more likely to have dishonest behaviors if you fear being shamed. To practice your truthfulness virtue, do the following:

1. Make a list of things that you fear being shamed.
2. Ask your parent to help you and explain to you how to overcome your fear of being shamed.
3. Ask God to guide your words and actions when you fear being shamed with the prayer below.

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, You have commanded the virtue of truthfulness. It is the power against all deceptions. Direct Your spirit of honesty upon us, that our souls may always remain stainless. Guide our daily thoughts, words and actions. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____
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Jesus Gives His Flesh for the Life of the World

The Jews **murmured** about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the **prophets**: They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has **eternal life**. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

1. Understand It!

Murmur

To speak in a low voice or to mumble

Prophets

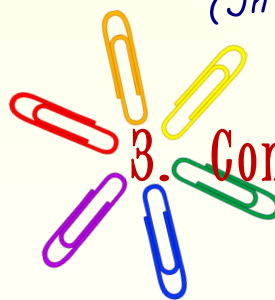
People chosen to speak for God and to guide the people of Israel

Eternal Life

A life that lasts forever, always exists, a continued life after death

2. Explore It!

Jesus asks people to believe in Him. He says, "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life." (Jn 6:47).



3. Connect It!

Imagine you are sitting with the Lord Jesus Christ having a conversation about what you have read. Jesus asks you to believe in Him and He tells you "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life."

Write your conversation below:

Me: _____

Jesus: _____

Me: _____

Jesus: _____

Me: _____



4. Remember It!

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever". (John 6:51)

5. Live It! [Acceptance]

- The act of accepting something or someone.
- Acceptance also means embracing what is, rather wishing for what is not.

Practice the virtue of **acceptance**:

This week, we practice the virtue of acceptance by accepting ourselves and others just the way we are. We believe that God created all of us in His image and that God does not make mistakes. In the first blank, write something that is hard for you to accept from yourself and others. In the second blank, write what you will do to help you accept it.

I am _____ I will learn to accept this by _____.

My mom or/and dad is/are _____ I will learn to accept this by _____.

My sibling(s) is/are _____ I will learn to accept this by _____.

My friend(s) is/are _____ I will learn to accept this by _____.

6. Pray It!

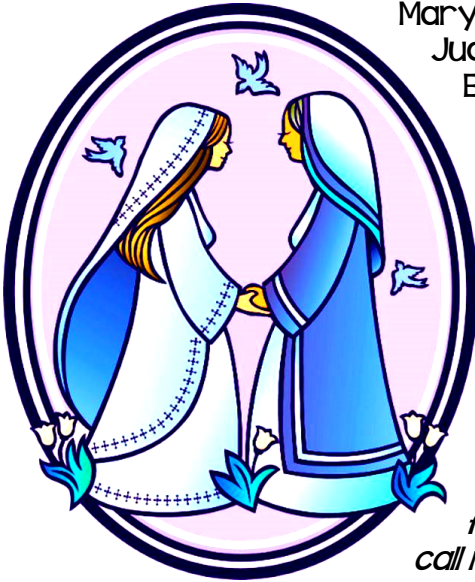
DEAR JESUS:

You want us to make friends with everyone no matter how different they are. You even want us to love our enemy. Jesus, please help us to treat everyone the same, to always welcome and accept those different than us, and to love and be happy with ourselves. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Mary Our Guide and Model to JESUS



Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said: *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit **rejoices** in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all **generations** will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has **mercy** on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their **conceit**. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."*

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

I UNDERSTAND IT!

Rejoice	To show great joy or delight
Generation	People who are all born and living at the same time
Mercy	Compassion or forgiveness
Conceit	Pride in one's own abilities or achievements

2. EXPLORE IT!

For today's Gospel, Mary visits Elizabeth after finding out that she is pregnant. Elizabeth is also pregnant, and both are rejoiced. Lead by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth told Mary that she is blessed for being obedient and having faith in the Lord. Mary was also thrilled and started singing from the deep of her soul, thanking God for remembering his promise of mercy to Abraham's descendants in choosing her to be the Mother of Jesus.

3. CONNECT IT!

Mary sings to praise God for all He has done for her. As we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary today, we acclaim that our Blessed Mother was taken up into heaven body and soul. Mary is the perfect example of how we should follow God. When the angel Gabriel appeared and told her she would be pregnant with Jesus, even though Mary didn't understand, she still

accepted what God had planned for her. With humility, she obeyed and followed God's plan, knowing and trusting that God loves her. Think about the last time when you prayed for something and it didn't happen as you wished. What did you do? Were you mad at God for not accepting your prayer or; did you just accept alternative outcomes and continue to pray, offer it all up to God?

4. REMEMBER IT!

**"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
(LUKE 1:42)**



5. LIVE IT! [HUMILITY]

Living in humility is living in modesty, thankfulness, humbleness. While Elizabeth praises her, instead of taking all the credit to herself, Mary humbly accepts the compliments and gives God all the glory and thank him.

For this week, practice humility by being grateful for what you have and thank God. On social media, think twice before you make that post or comment. How will my actions reflect the image of Christ? Pray to God and ask for help when you need it.

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Mother Mary, please guide me to follow your lead in humbly following and trusting in God. Help me to think less of myself and more of others. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____
Parent signature



Jesus is Rejected by Many Disciples

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said,

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were **murmuring** about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man **ascending** to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of **no avail**. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

1. Understand It!

Murmuring	Grumbling, complaining in a low voice
Ascending	Going up in the air
No avail	useless and will not help

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to believe in Him, but many leave Him and return to their former ways of seeing, thinking, and believing. Jesus asks the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Pete answers, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Even though the Apostles did not fully understand Jesus' message, they had enough faith in Jesus and stayed with Him.



B. Connect it!

If Jesus asks you right now, “Do you also want to leave me?”
What will you say to Him?

4. Remember It!

“Master, to whom shall
we go? You have the
words of eternal life.”
(John 6:68)

Dear God, please forgive us for the times
that we get irritable and impatient, and
fail to demonstrate friendliness to the
people whom we love most. Please help
us grow in the area of friendliness and to
release Your power in us so we can offer
others the friendliness that You take
pleasure in. Amen.

5. Live It! [Friendliness]

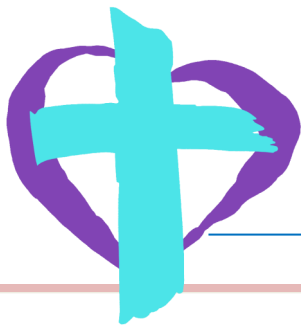
- **Friendliness** is being a good friend,
through good times and bad. You take an
interest in other people and make them
feel welcomed. You share your belongings,
your time and yourself.

Let's practice by greeting and smiling to
those who are older and younger than you.

6. Pray It!

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Jesus Asks Us to Live Honestly

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. —For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without **purifying** themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and **scribes** questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah **prophesy** about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as **doctrines** human precepts. You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.*”

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can **defile** that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

“From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastely, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”

1. Understand It!

Purifying	To make clean
Scribes	A person who writes books by hand
Prophecy	To say that something will happen in the future
Doctrines	A set of beliefs held by a group
Defile	To spoil, make unclean, disrespect

2. Explore It!

Jesus reminds us that our greater concern ought to be with what is in our heart, because it is from there that both our good and bad actions come from. It’s not just about following every single rule and practice correctly, it’s about understanding why the rules were there and how we genuinely act with God in our hearts.

3. Connect It!

When was the last time you felt you were “doing enough” for God just by going to church? Being a follower of Jesus means more than just keeping Sundays. It means to live His word too; follow the Ten Commandments, spread the news, and love your neighbour.



4. Remember It!

*“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;”
(Mark 7:6)*

5. Live It!

Honesty means to be free of lies, to have truth and sincerity.

⇒ What outside sources have the potential to negatively affect your life?

Write a paragraph about these sources and how you overcome them.

6. Pray It!

*Lord, you have commanded the virtue of honesty, it is the power against all deceptions. Direct Your Spirit of honesty upon us that by soul may always remain stainless. Guide our daily thoughts, words and actions, to join those living by the Spirit of truth.
Amen.*

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS HEALS A DEAF MAN

Week B-O23

Mark 7:31-37



Again Jesus left the **district** of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a **deaf** man who had a speech **impediment** and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"—And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke

plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they **proclaimed** it. They were **exceedingly astonished** and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the **mute** speak."

1. Understand It!

- **District** – An area of the city
- **Deaf** – Lacking the power of hearing
- **Impediment** – A block or stoppage of something
- **Proclaim** – To announce or say officially and publicly; to declare
- **Mute** – Lacking the power of speaking
- **Exceedingly Astonished** – Growing amazement, growing surprised

2. Explore It!

We learn that it is good for us to be alone in God's presence, away from a busy and confused world. Open your heart to realize God's work through the actions of others, and the wisdom passed down by those who felt His love. Just being able to recognize the blessings He's given us has the power to heal the greatest wounds in our life.

3. Connect It!



Was there a time you were stressed, troubled, or sad that you needed to be alone?

We often talk to God when we need Him. Know that He is always listening wherever we are. It is us that sometimes tunes Him out, not hearing what He has to say day by day. See if you can spot the messages He often blesses us with when we least expect it.

4. Remember It!

“Ephphatha!” (that is, “Be opened!”) (Mark 7:34)

5. Live It! [Listening]

Listening is the ability to continually give one's attention.

- Find time for Jesus throughout the day outside of your home at night.
- Spend 2 minutes nightly to reflect your actions and your words, and allow yourself to listen to what God is guiding you to.



6. Pray It!

Lord, teach us to listen to those nearest us, our family and us friends. Teach us to listen to those far from us – the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished. Teach us to listen for your voice — in busyness and in boredom, in certainty and doubt, in noise and in silence. Teach us, Lord, to listen. Amen.

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Jesus is the Messiah

Week B-O24

Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must **suffer** greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to **rebuke** him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "**Get behind me, Satan**. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life **for my sake** and that of the gospel will save it."



1. Understand It!

- **Suffer** - Hard to believe
- **Rebuke** - To give someone a talk, show disapproval of words and actions
- "**Get behind me, Satan**" - Jesus refers to Peter's rebuking, not actually saying Peter is Satan
- **For my sake** - For Jesus

2. Explore It!



The disciples tried to understand Jesus's mission like the great historical prophets. Jesus speaks for the first time about His suffering, death, and resurrection, and challenges the disciple's expectations about the Messiah. By giving up His life, Jesus opens up a new way, a new vision of self-giving love.

Do you know about the sacrifices your parents go through to support their children?

Listening and understanding the lessons given by our parents is their gift of wisdom to their children. Imagine if you had to handle work, food, home, and kids all at once at your age! See the sacrifices your parents make and follow in their footsteps to provide love and care for those around you, especially your family.

4. Remember It!

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah." (Mark 8:29)

5. Live It! [Wisdom] *means to have experience, knowledge, and good judgment.*

- 1. Who is a person that gives you great wisdom for living life spiritually with God?*
- 2. Talk to this person this week and summarize what you talked about*

6. Pray It!

Lord, You guide Your people with kindness and govern us with love. Give the Spirit of wisdom to those You have called to lead Your Church. Please shelter us in the warmth of Your Grace, send us courage to face the tasks You have set for us, and the wisdom to see Your guiding hand in all our works. Amen.

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Jesus Teaches His Disciples a Humility Lesson



Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "**What were you arguing** about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If **anyone wishes to be first**, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it

in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me **but the One who sent me.**"

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

What were you arguing	To go ashore and leave a ship.
anyone wishes to be first	The feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others.
But the One who sent.	A small part broken or separate off of something.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus sees the disciple's lack of understanding and reminds them that their role in Jesus' work is one of service, especially to the poor and lowly. Children are a symbol Jesus uses for the poor in spirit, the overall Christian community. We are called to redefine "greatness", to be last and to servants to all in the name of Jesus.

3. CONNECT IT!

Think of the different ways you help people each day. Did you do them because it made you feel better, or was it for the sake of others? Jesus reminds us to be modest in both our actions and thoughts as we spread the news and act with love and kindness. Always be thankful for the blessings God gives us to work His will through us and the world.

4. REMEMBER IT!

**“IF ANYONE WISHES,
TO BE FIRST, HE SHALL
BE THE LAST OF ALL”
MATTHEW 9:35**

5. LIVE IT! (CARE)

Modesty is quality or state of being unassuming or moderate in the estimation of one's abilities.

A very first lesson of practicing and living indirectly is to serve others; serve our family, grandparents, parents and siblings.



6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus. Bless my soul and grace it with care. Fill my heart with such love for You and for my neighbour, that all my words and actions radiate with joy and comfort, consolation and understanding. Help me be more caring so that it becomes the backdrop of my soul's life and substance. In Your name, I pray. Amen.

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JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO NOT SIN

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Millstone	either of a pair of circular stones between which grain or another substance is ground, as in a mill
Maimed	to remove the use of some part of the body or part of a body
Gehenna	originally described the valley to the southwest of Jerusalem which, because of its foul, dirty and uncleanness, became a garbage dump with continually burning fires, it came to be the same meaning with the place of torment for the wicked
Unquenchable	not able to cool down or put out

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to prevent anyone from doing good deeds in His name and warns us that whoever causes one of little children who believe in Him to sin would be punished. Jesus tells us that it is better for us to enter life crippled, without hands, feet or eyes than with hands, feet and eyes that cause us to sin.

3. CONNECT IT!

God can speak to us by directing us to certain words as we read the Bible.

Read the Scripture passage. What words connect with something going on in your life right now?

Read the passage again. Are there any other words that jump out at you?

4. REMEMBER IT!

"WHOEVER CAUSES ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVE IN ME TO SIN, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM IF A GREAT MILLSTONE WERE PUT AROUND HIS NECK AND HE WERE THROWN INTO THE SEA"
(MARK 9:42)

6. PRAY IT!

My God, I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Son's Sacred Heart, for the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of Christians. Amen.

5. LIVE IT!

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness – the act of forgiving or the state of being forgiven.

If someone has done you wrong, forgive them. Remember that if you forgive those who wrong you will also be forgiven for your wrong doing to others. If you have a hard time forgiving someone, you can always ask God to give you the strength to be a strong person to forgive those people.

In your daily prayers this week, ask God to give you strength to forgive those who have done you wrong.

Say the prayer below:

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JESUS TEACHES US ABOUT MARRIAGE



MALE AND FEMALE

Week B-O27

Mark 10:2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it **lawful** for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were **testing** him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses **permitted** a husband to write a **bill of divorce** and **dismiss** her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another **commits adultery** against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."



And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples **rebuked** them. When Jesus saw this he became **indignant** and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

1. Understand It!

Lawful	Allowed by the law
Testing	To challenge someone, or to try to trick him
Permitted	To allow, to give permission
Bill of Divorce	Divorce was not a public legal action in a court, the husbands simply wrote out a decree (I release and divorce my wife this day) and gave it to her
Dismiss	To send the person away, to make the person leave
Commit Adultery	To be unfaithful to your husband or your wife, to break the promise of marriage
Rebuked	To express strong disapproval; reprimand
Indignant	Angry about something unfair or wrong

2. Explore It!

The church teaches that through the sacrament of marriage, the couple's love for one another is sealed by God, and actually becomes a part of God's love. As a result, the sacrament provides the couple with the grace necessary to love one another fully as God intends; helps them to welcome children joyfully as a gift from God; and gives them the strength to overcome the challenges that their life together may bring.

3. Connect It!

What makes marriage special?

Marriage is special because it is a sacrament; which means that it is a sign of God's grace and love. Marriage is the love and commitment between a husband and wife and is a sign of the perfect and infinite love of God for each one of us.



4. Remember It!

**"But from the beginning of creation,
'God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall leave his
father and mother and be joined to his wife
and the two shall become one flesh."
(Mark 10:6-8)**

5. Live It! [Loyalty]

▷ state of being faithful to a commitment of obligation

- Make a promise to yourself (or to God) today to do something good and commit to do it.
- Write your promise and commitment:

6. Pray It!



Thank You Jesus for loving us, we pray that You would bless our family so that we can continue to praise and worship You together as a family.

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Jesus Asks Us to Share Our Fortune with Others



As Jesus was setting out on a **journey**, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to **inherit eternal** life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; **honor** your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have **observed** from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are **lacking** in one

thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were **exceedingly astonished** and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

1. Understand It!

Journey - a traveling from one place to another, usually taking a rather long time; trip

Inherit - to take or receive from someone after that person dies

Eternal - seemingly endless, existing at all time

Honor - to respect and obey

Observe - to obey, comply with, or conform to

Lacking - to be in need

Exceedingly - to an extreme degree

Astonished - amazed

2. Explore It!

In the Old Testament wealth and material goods were considered a sign of God's favor. The words of Jesus surprise the disciples because His words go against what was commonly accepted as true. Wealth, power, and merit generate false security, and Jesus rejects them completely as a requirement to go to Heaven. Having good fortune or being born into riches does not actually mean you are saved. To be given salvation is beyond us, and depends solely on the goodness of God who offers it as a gift.

3. Connect It!

In the two columns below, write some things you need but do not have and have but do not need. For example, you may need more patience, more gratitude, or a best friend.

Things you need but don't have	Things you have but don't need

4. Remember It!

*"Go, sell what you have,
and give to the poor
and you will have
treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me."
(Mark 10:21)*

5. Live It! [Generosity]

Generosity—readiness to willingly give to others.

In the lines below, write one or more things you will give up for the poor this week.

6. Pray It!

Lord, strengthen our desire to follow You today. Help us love true riches, and free us from anything that keeps us from You. Amen.

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Jesus Reminds His Disciples to Serve Others

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?"

They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."

Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking.

Can you drink the cup that I drink

or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

They said to him, "We can."

Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they became **indignant** at James and John.

Jesus **summoned** them and said to them,

"You know that those who are recognized as rulers

over the **Gentiles** lord it over them,

and their great ones make their authority over them felt.

But it shall not be so among you.

Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant;

whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

For the **Son of Man** did not come to be served

but to serve and to give his life as a **ransom** for many."



I. Understand It!

Indignant	Upset
Summoned	To call together
Gentiles	Those people who are not Jewish
Son of Man	Another name for the Messiah, Jesus
Ransom	A price that is paid to release someone held captive

2. Explore It!

God can speak to us by directing us to certain phrases we read in the Bible. Read the Scripture passage. What phrases or sentences connect with something going on in your life right now? Read the passage again. Are there any other phrases that jump out at you? Why?

In the space below write and illustrate the sentence or phrase from this Scripture passage that has the greatest significance to you today. Make sure the illustration relates to the connection that the phrase has to your life.



3. Connect It!

In the reading above from St. Matthew, Jesus asked His disciples to know how to be servants of God and of each other. What can we do today to be a servant of God and of each other?

4. Remember It!

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many”
(Mark 10:45)

5. Live It! [Service]

**an act of helpful
activity: help: aid**

- Help your parents with house work such as washing dishes, sweeping, gardening, etc.

If you practiced the virtue of **service** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here

6. Pray It!

O, Heavenly Father, give me a heart like the heart of Jesus, a heart more ready to serve than be served, a heart moved by compassion towards the weak and oppressed, a heart set upon the coming of your kingdom in the world of men and women. Amen.

JESUS HEALS A BLIND, BARTIMAEUS

As Jesus was leaving **Jericho** with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."



And many **rebuked** him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "**Son of David**, have pity on me."

Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in

reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "**Master**, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your **faith** has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Jericho	The oldest town in the world and is located 22 miles east of Jerusalem
Rebuke	An expression of strong disapproval
Son of David	A title for Jesus
Master	A teacher
Faith	Firm belief in God even in the absence of proof

2. EXPLORE IT!

Bartimaeus was blind and he had heard that Jesus was in town. He believed that Jesus could heal him and kept calling out to Jesus even when other people around him tried to stop him. He was not afraid to show others that he trusted in Jesus' healing power. Jesus was touched by his faith and had healed him. Bartimaeus was able to see due to his strong faith and followed Jesus right away.

3. CONNECT IT!

Do you remember the last time you ever followed a leader?

Did all your doubts, distractions, and desires change because you were ready to put your faith into someone you believed in?

Jesus asks us to be like Bartimaeus, someone who ignored all the detractors and continually called out to Jesus. What can you do to develop this relationship and be ready to follow Jesus every day?

4. REMEMBER IT!

JESUS TOLD HIM,
"GO YOUR WAY; YOUR FAITH
HAS SAVED YOU."



5. LIVE IT!

[SINCERITY]

Sincerity—genuine or real, not fake or pretended.

This week, when doing anything that has been asked by your parents, do it out of the goodness of your heart without seeking any reward in return.

6. PRAY IT!

Lord, may Your love give us more strength and wisdom to live Your words and to spread it to other people around us. Allow us to live better and be better kids in our families and to strengthen us to stay away from sins. Amen.

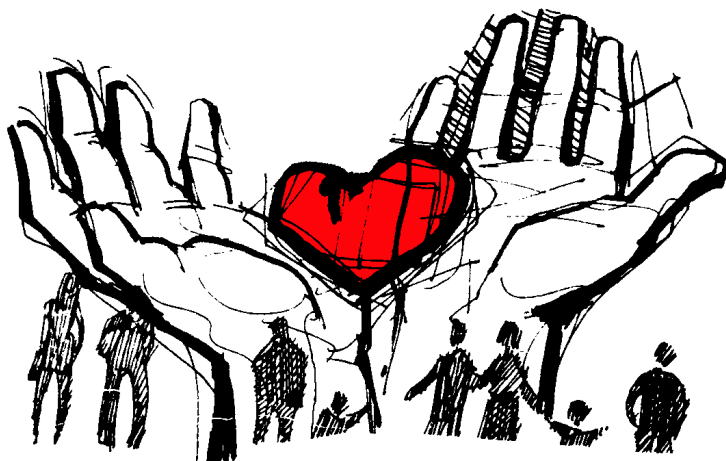
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Jesus Asks Us to Love God and Our Neighbor

One of the **scribes** came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."



The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt **offerings** and **sacrifices**." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

1. Understand It!

Scribe	a member of a learned class in ancient Israel through New Testament times studying the Scriptures as copyists, teachers, and jurists
Offerings	something given to God as a part of worship
Sacrifice	something given up for the sake of a better cause

2. Explore It!

Jesus is very clear in telling us that we are to go to heaven if we obey the commandments of:

love the Lord with all my heart, all my soul, all my strength, and love one another.

When we carry out these two commandments, all other commandments will fall into place. Love the Lord with our whole being, nothing should come before it. Love your neighbours meaning your family, friends and yes even your enemy including people that you do not like.

3. Connect It!



How many ways do you love God?

Do you recognize sometimes our actions bring us away from loving God?

Sometimes showing our love for God also means being able to say "I am sorry" to the friends and family we let down. God does not simply ask us to love only "Him" through spiritual prayer and sacrifice; He wants us to show our love and compassion continually with those around us.

4. Remember It!

*"To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself."
(Mark 12:33)*



5. Live It! [Responsibility]

Responsibility: a task that you are required to do. Jesus reminds that it is our responsibility to love God, our parents, our siblings, and our neighbours.

- 1) To show that you love God, say the Our Father when you first wake up in the morning.
- 2) To show that you love your neighbour:
 - α. offer a short prayer for someone who is ill/sad/in trouble.
 - β. say "I love you" to your Mom/Dad/Brother/Sister.

6. Pray It!

*Loving Father, we thank You for Your blessings on us and my family. Please help us to love You with all our heart, our soul and our strength. And also help us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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Jesus Appraises the Poor Widow's Contribution

Week B-O32

Mark 12: 38-44



In the course of his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, "Beware of the **scribes**, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in **synagogues**, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a **pretext** recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe **condemnation**."

He sat down opposite the **treasury** and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their **surplus** wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

1. Understand It!

- **Scribes** - a teacher of Jewish law
- **Synagogues** - a Jewish house of worship
- **Pretext** - a reason that you give to hide your real reason for doing something
- **Condemnation** - the state of being declare guilty
- **Treasury** - a place where money collected is kept and paid out
- **Surplus** - extra

2. Explore It!

Jesus teaches us in today's Gospel that appearance can be deceiving, that things are not what they seemed. The scribes were not being kind or generous toward others and God is aware of their actions. As Jesus watched the people give their money to the church, he noticed that the rich people tend to give away the extra money they have. Then there was a poor widow who gave away her two small coins that's worth less than a penny. The poor widow had given all the money that she has to live on. Jesus praised the poor widow's contribution because she had given her all. To Jesus, it is not the amount of the gift that matters but it is in the generosity of the heart that counts.

3. Connect It!



Do you ever feel unhappy when someone else compares your time, effort, or contribution to theirs? Sometimes do you judge others by comparing your deeds? To genuinely help others, we don't worry about being noticed or repaid. Jesus reminds us that He loves it when we are generous in helping others. He knows what is in our hearts all the time. Think of times when you showed genuine kindness to someone, didn't it feel good to just spread happiness to others!

4. Remember It!

“...BUT SHE, FROM HER POVERTY, HAS CONTRIBUTED ALL SHE HAD, HER WHOLE LIVELIHOOD.” (MARK 12:43-44)



5. Live It! [Kindness]

Kindness: an act of doing good to bring happiness to others.

Let us imitate Jesus. This week:

- Say hello to a shy kid sitting by himself at the school cafeteria.
- Sit down with him at lunch time and talk to him like a friend.

6. Pray It!

Lord Jesus, You know everything in our hearts. Please forgive us if we judge other people based on their appearance. Help us to see Your face in everyone that we meet so that we can continue to love them like You do and be kind to them no matter what. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Jesus Will Come Again On The Last Day of The World

Week B-O33

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days after that **tribulation** the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his **elect** from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. **Amen**, I say to you, this **generation** will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

1. Understand It!

Tribulation	Distress or suffering, an experience that is hard to bear
Elect	God chose the people who believe in Him
Amen	Used to express agreement like after a prayer
Generation	Refers to those having the same parents and being a step in a line from one ancestor (a group of individuals born about the same time)

2. Explore It!

Jesus told His disciples of the warning signs for the coming of the powerful and glorious Son of Man. We do not know when Jesus will come again, only God the Father knows. Therefore, we must be ready for the coming of Jesus anytime and at all time.

3. Connect It!

When going on a journey, isn't having a list important so we can be ready for any situation? Jesus asks us to always be ready during our journey of life for His second coming. Is your list of trust, love, and happiness through Him complete? Remember that the easiest way of completing this list is to grow with God through committing to prayer, understanding scripture, and spreading His love.



4. Remember It!

“And then they will see
‘the Son of Man coming in
the clouds’ with great
power and glory.”

(Mark 13:31)



6. Pray It!

Dear Lord, please come to our heart and fill it with Your love so that we will not fear the last day of the world. Help us to know that You are always by our side so we can be ready for Your coming. We thank You for loving us.

5. Live It! [Readiness]

Readiness: an act of preparing for something that could happen at any time.

Our parents bring us to school and church to allow us to be ready for the “real world”; work, take care of others, share in God's love. Sometimes we don't know how important it is to be ready since each day brings new things! Think about two things each night:

1. What is something school helps us be ready for (like teamwork, studies, drills)?
2. what is something church helps us be ready for (like praying, trusting in God)?

Each night talk with your parents to understand how ready you are!

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS IS OUR KING

Week B-034

John 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own
or have others told you about me?"
Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the **chief priests** handed you over to me.
What have you done?"
Jesus answered, "**My kingdom** does not belong to this world.
If my kingdom did belong to this world,
my attendants would be fighting
to keep me from being **handed over** to the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not here."
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to **testify** to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



1. Understand It!

Pilate - the Roman governor of Judea who presided at the trial of Jesus Christ and authorized his crucifixion; Pontius Pilate

Chief priest - an individual who holds the office of ruler-priest; one who is the head of a religion

My kingdom - Jesus is not like an earthly king, ruling over a single people or place; the kingdom of Jesus is made up of justice, love, and peace

Handed over - to be placed under another's power and judged

Testify - to give evidence or testimony; to make a solemn declaration or affirmation, especially under

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that His kingdom does not belong to this world. Jesus also tells us that He was born and came into this world to testify to the truth and whoever belongs to the truth listens to His voice. He is the King of the Kingdom of the Truth.



3. Connect It!

- A king is a leader of his people. That makes it a pretty good name for Jesus, doesn't it?
- Have you ever heard Jesus called a king? There are several different places in the Bible where He's called one – and this week's Gospel reading is one of them.
- Can you find another place in the Bible where Jesus is called "king?"
- Why do you think He might be called that?
- What does it mean when we call someone "king?"



4. Remember It!

"You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth"
(John 18:37)



5. Live It! [Reverence]

Reverence: Honor or respect that is felt for or shown to someone.

Honor and respect others by showing gratitude, speaking politely, and being a good listener to everyone around.

- Thank people for their assistance and their support on a regular basis. It's important to remember all the people who've helped you on your journey.
- Show respect by saying thanks to God, parents, siblings, classmates, friends, teachers, and neighbours.

Show **reverence** this week by giving thanks to your parents or elders. Tell each person at least 5 reasons why you are thankful for them. Ask your parent/guardian to sign here when done:

6. Pray It!

Dear God,
Help us to prepare our hearts for Advent
and the coming of our king. Amen.

Be Alert for the Coming of Jesus



WEEK C-AI

LUKE 21:25-28,

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, **perplexed** by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand **erect** and raise your heads because your **redemption** is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from **carousing** and **drunkenness** and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be **vigilant** at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the **tribulations** that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Perplexed: Confused or puzzled

Erect: In an upright position

Redemption: To be saved from sin

Carousing: To drink alcohol excessively

Drunkenness: Alcohol addiction

Vigilant: To be awake or alert

Tribulation: A state of trouble or suffering

Imminent: About to happen

2. EXPLORE IT!

The Gospel of Luke takes Jesus' actions in a different light compared to other authors. Luke focuses on the day to day nature, and how important it is our individual actions shape our redemption. The disciples are asked to continually follow in Jesus' path, always observing and always paying attention so that they're ready for what is to come.

3. connect It!

Always paying attention to your teacher, friends, and even your family can be very hard. Many things distract us like television, video games, and the internet. The problem is, sometimes when we don't pay attention we miss very important details, like what to study for or what our parents are trying to teach us. God calls on us to learn to focus more, be **watchful** of our surroundings so we're not easily distracted and we can always be ready to act with our knowledge when necessary.

4. Remember It!

"Be vigilant at all times and pray..."
(LUKE 21:36)



5. Live It! [watchfulness]

Watchfulness is always watching the actions of someone or something: paying careful attention to someone or something.

- ♦ At the end of each night, name one thing you did that might have made Jesus sad during that day.
- ♦ Ask Jesus to forgive you and make an effort to avoid doing those things tomorrow.

6. Pray It!

Dear Jesus, Help us be **vigilant** at all times. Give us the strength to escape the **tribulations** that are **imminent** so we can stand before You when You call. Amen.

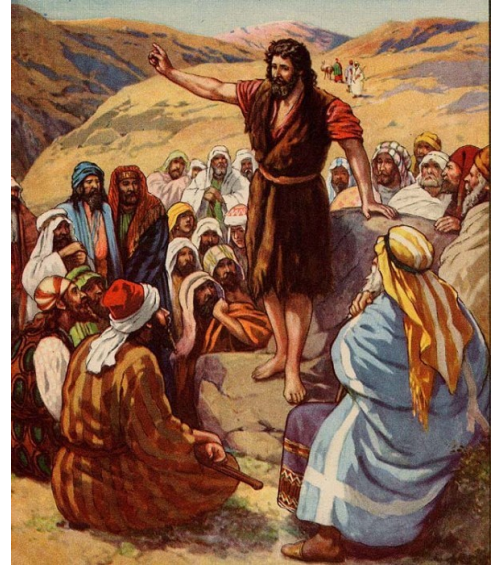
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PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was **tetrarch** of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went **proclaiming** a baptism of **repentance** for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, **make straight his paths**. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the **salvation** of God."



1. Understand It!

Tetrarch	A prince
Proclaiming	Announcing something important
Proclaiming	To be sorry for one's sins, to have a change of heart and to turn toward God
Make straight his paths	To make it easy for the Lord to come to you
Salvation	Being saved or rescued

2. Explore It!

Luke presents John with the theme of salvation, offering its expectations and urging the crowds to reform or change their ways. He offers certain standards when he speaks about "make straight his paths", speaking to everyone's personal integrity when they reflect on how prepared they are to receive the Lord.

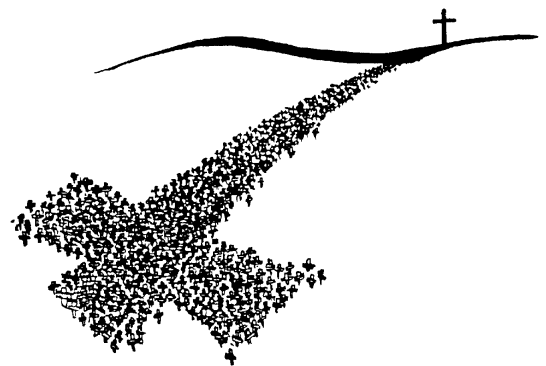
3. Connect It!

Preparing for a party can be hard, but fun. There is a huge list of things to get ready, but the result is being with your friends and family. Preparing ourselves towards Jesus can be hard, but just as fun when we know of His message of love and passion. The awesome thing about preparing ourselves though, is someone already created the list for us, called the 10 Commandments. Going to church and listening to our parents are some examples. How well do you prepare for Jesus' coming?

4. Remember It!

**“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths...”**

(Luke 3:4)



5. Live It! [Integrity]

Integrity means to have good principles, honesty.

- ⇒ Being honest with ourselves is a great first step in preparing for Jesus. We understand what we're missing, and know what we need to do towards making it right. Each night, sit with your parents and talk about one thing you're lacking when preparing for Jesus, and discuss the steps you need to make it right!
- ⇒ If you practiced the virtue of **integrity** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here:

6. Pray It!

Lord, teach us Your ways to uphold us with Your righteous right hand and develop in me the grace and integrity that only comes from being in Christ. Amen.



CHANGE OUR LIVES FOR JESUS

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two **cloaks** should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is **prescribed**." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice **extortion**, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." **Exhorting** them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people."



I. Understand It!

Cloaks	Coats
Prescribed	To set down as a rule, law, or direction
Extortion	To take something from someone wrongfully and by force.
To Exhort	To encourage someone to do something.

2. Explore It!

John the Baptist plays an important role in all four Gospels. He's described like a prophet, calling people to repentance for their sins. Very similar to Jesus, others thought John was the Messiah. John's preaching later gives us a preview into Jesus' message and is a model of how Christians should perform their mission, pointing others toward God with passion and humility.

3. Connect It!

Knowing how we act and what effect it has on others is very important. Being ethical in our actions is a way of focusing our life on God. To help others because it's the right thing to do follows God's plan beautifully. Sometimes we don't take the ethical way because it's too hard, too embarrassing, or not popular. How do you stack up against others when it comes to acting ethically for God?

5. Live It! [ETHICS]

Ethics is following accepted rules of conduct and following professional standards of conduct.

The way you live your life tells a story about God's love.

- Let others see that you are kind, that you are helpful and creative, and they also see your joy.
- Let your actions tell others that God's Spirit lives in you and that you have a story of "good news." You are beautiful and you can tell a story without a book!
- Live with good **ethics** by helping somebody with a task or chore this week.

4. Remember It!

*"...He will baptize
you with the holy
Spirit and fire."
(Luke 3:16)*

6. Pray It!

Dear Jesus,

As we prepare for Your arrival this Christmas, help us to show the world Your love and kindness through our words and actions. Let everything that we do show the world that You live within us. Amen

If you practiced the virtue of **Ethics** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here



Mary Brings JESUS to Elizabeth and John the Baptist

Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in **haste** to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant **leaped** in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the **fruit of your womb**. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the **Lord would be fulfilled**."



1. Understand It!

Haste	To hurry
Leap	To jump up
Fruit of your womb	When a baby is growing inside of a mother's womb
Lord would be fulfilled	To mean that God keeps his promises

2. Explore It!

Luke makes it very clear that Mary has a special place in God's plan of salvation. Beginning with her humility in accepting God's will, she is presented as the true first disciple who does the will of God. Her "yes" to God leads to Jesus' presence among us. God selects not a rich queen, but a poor young girl open to action of the Holy Spirit.

3. Connect It!

Showing care for others requires us to be mindful of humility, just like Mary. It sometimes takes a "yes" attitude to understand Mary's call to action through the Holy Spirit. Are you able to say "yes" when you see a friend in need? A "yes" when someone asks for your help on something you're not comfortable with? God calls us to not simply be humble with ourselves, but to understand and rely on Him for the strength to complete His will, just like Mary.

4. Remember It!

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:45)

6. Pray It!

God, keep us in Your loving care and guide all that we do. Bless us with the patience and compassion to care for others so that they see Your loving light and salvation. Amen.

5. Live It! [Caring]

Caring means to worry or have concern for others, to think and focus on others.

Caring isn't enough to simply see or recognize. God calls us to action, just like Mary through the Holy Spirit. Each day, look around God's creation and see if anything needs caring, whether its helping a friend, or cleaning the environment, to sacrificing your time for others or doing the chores so your parents can have an easier time.

If you practiced the virtue of **caring** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here: _____



THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the **feast of Passover**, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the **caravan**, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were **astounded** at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great **anxiety**." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was **obedient** to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Feast of Passover	A Jewish holiday that is celebrating the Israelite' freedom from slavery to the Egyptian.
Caravan	A company of travelers on a journey through desert or regions.
Astounded	A feeling or showing great surprise or wonder.
Anxiety	To feel uneasy or nervous.
Obedient	To comply with orders and/or requests; usually from someone of authority.

2. EXPLORE IT!

This week's Gospel described the time when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem for Passover when he was 12 years old. They returned to Nazareth after the festival was over, but did not know that Jesus stayed behind. After a day of traveling with the caravan, Joseph and Mary realized that Jesus was not there so they returned to Jerusalem to find him. After three days they were surprised to find Him sitting with teachers and talking about things only adults would understand. They were upset that He made them worry, but Jesus responded that He was doing His Father, or God's work so they did not need to worry. Jesus knew that they did not understand, and He was a good and obedient son, so He followed them home anyway.



3. CONNECT IT!

There will be time at VEYM, or in life when you will come across something that is related to God's teaching where you do not understand. Instead of rejecting it as something that does not make sense, you should try to learn more about it. Joseph and Mary may not have understood what Jesus was doing or what He said, but they knew that there was a deeper meaning to it so they trusted God and trusted Him. You can learn from the Holy family by doing the same thing in asking your catechists, priests, and parents about what you do not know so you will learn, and also trust that what you may not understand now will be clear later as you get closer to God.

6. PRAY IT!

Jesus Christ, grant us the gift of understanding. Help us to understand the feelings of others and understand ourselves in our actions and reactions. Amen.

4. REMEMBER IT!

*"An Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and Man."
(Matthew 16:26)*

5. LIVE IT! [UNDERSTANDING]

Understanding: to be sympathetic/understand other people's feelings; to be tolerant and forgiving.

Members of VEYM should ask questions about the Bible for things that they do not understand, but it is also important to understand other people around you as well. For example, there may be times when someone is acting strange. Rather than making fun of them, you should try to understand why they are acting that way so maybe you can help them. Living God's teaching has many parts, and two of them are to understand what is taught and the other is to understand each other so we can love one another as Jesus has loved us.

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FOLLOW JESUS' STAR



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, **magi** from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him **homage**." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly **troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the **prophet**:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."



Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They **prostrated** themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, **frankincense**, and **myrrh**. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

I. UNDERSTAND IT!

Magi	The wise men from the East who brought gifts to the infant Jesus.
Homage	To pay special honor or respect publicly.
Troubled	To be concerned, worried.
Prophet	A person regarded as an inspired teacher and proclaimer of the will of God.

Prostrated	To stretch out with face on the ground in adoration and submission.
Frankincense	One of three gifts given to the baby Jesus; an aromatic material from an African tree that is used to burn as incense.
Myrrh	One of three gifts given to the baby Jesus; a fragrant item from certain trees used in perfumery, medicines, and incense.

2. EXPLORE IT!

The Gospel this week described the time when Jesus was born and the wise men went to bring Him gifts. These magi, or wise men, came to King Herod and asked him how they can find the newborn king of the Jews, as Jesus was known. King Herod was troubled because the arrival of Jesus challenges his authority as the high king. He asked his people how to find Jesus and showed the magi how to get there. He also asked them to let him know when they found Jesus so he can pay homage as well, but in reality he was going to get rid of baby Jesus.



The magi followed the star and found Jesus. They knew who He was and showered Him with gifts and treasures. While they were there, God warned them in a dream not to return to King Herod to let him know where Jesus was. The magi were obedient to God and His plan and went home another way instead of returning through Jerusalem.

3. CONNECT IT!

The Gospel taught us two things today. It taught the challenges that Jesus faced since His birth and through His life. Jesus was immediately rejected by people in power the moment He was born, and even in the end they still reject Him. It also showed us that only those who were considered outsiders and of lesser status fully accepted Him into their hearts. As witnesses of Christ, we will also face challenges like Jesus did. There will be people who are in power or have authority that will reject the teachings of the Church, and those who will not be kind to us. Like Jesus, we must be strong and have faith in God's plans to live a life according to His teachings. Lastly, just like how we can be rejected, there will be those who are mistreated by others because of who they are. We need to show them the love the Church has for them, because every person is a child of God.

4. LIVE IT! [REVERENCE]

Reverence: to have deep respect and honor for someone.

We all look up to Jesus as a perfect example, and Jesus was kind and respectful to all, even those who did not like Him. You can live out this week's virtue by being more respectful to people you do not get along with because this is part of being a witness of Christ, and this is part of trusting God's plans.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at his rising and have come to do him homage." (Matthew 2:2)

6. PRAY IT!

O Infant Jesus, awaken us to the beauty of life. Gentle our thoughts so that we are better able to view others and ourselves with kindness and generosity. Help us to lessen our anxieties and bring us to moments of reverence in You.

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The Baptism of Jesus

Week C-C1

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the *Messiah*, John answered all of them by saying, “*I baptize you with water*; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; *I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals*. He will *baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire*.”



Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

1. Understand it!

Messiah

The Hebrew word for “Anointed One.” The same word in Greek is *Christos*. It means the chosen person whom God sent to save people from their sin and be their king.

Baptize

to purify or to cleanse spiritually.

“I baptize you with water”

John meant that his baptism service with water was only a physical sign, a symbol of cleansing.

“I am not worthy to untie the thongs of his sandals”

Traditionally, Jewish servants were not required to perform the duty of unfastening their master's sandals, only non-Jewish slaves. But John said that he isn't even as worthy as a foreign slave to perform this service. He meant that he isn't in the same league as the Messiah.

“Baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”

Although baptism is done with water, Luke talks about the coming of Jesus and His passing judgment on those who do not know God, but praise be to Him, He will save all that come and put their trust in Him.

2. Explore it!

During Jesus' time, many people came to listen to the teachings of John the Baptist. Jesus also came among them and John baptized Him in the Jordan River. The heavens then opened up and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. From the sky, a voice was heard: "You are my beloved Son." What extraordinary words! Jesus, a man who appears to be like any other man, is the Son of God!



3. Connect it!

Jesus' baptism marked the beginning of His ministry. Our baptism washes away our sins and marks the beginning of our new life in Jesus; it is Christ Himself, through the actions of the Priest, who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit. Through your baptism, you became a child of God the Father, and a brother or sister of Jesus Christ. You are a member of God's family! Be proud of this identity, and share your faith with others.

4. Remember it!

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)

5. Live it! [Purity]

Purity means freedom from sins, in thought, words, and actions.

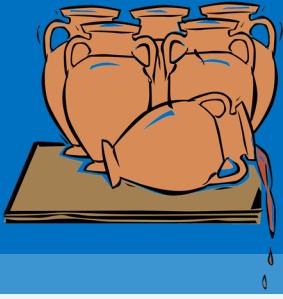
Ask your parents about your baptism. How did it look? How did they feel? For each evening, look at one of your baptism photos, state your name, and say: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Say the Our Father prayer slowly and pay attention to all the words, thinking about what each of them means.

O God, we thank You for the gift of Baptism. We are Your children and members of Your Church. We believe in You and we praise You. Amen!

6. Pray it!

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

Parent signature



JESUS at the Cana Wedding

Week C-O2

John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? **My hour has not yet come.**" His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish **ceremonial washings**, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars

with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the **headwaiter** tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



1. Understand It!

"My hour has not yet come."	It is not time for God to show His power.
Ceremonial washings	In the Jewish religion, people often performed ceremonial washings, which they would wash their feet and their hands, or their heads as a sign of purification.
Headwaiter	The head of the dining room staff.

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, John tells us about Jesus's first miracle. Jesus reveals His power, turning the water into wine at the wedding in Cana.

3. Connect It!

Jesus comes to the wedding and changes water into wine. If Jesus comes to your house today, what would you like Him to change for you?

Mary asked the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Jesus told the servers to fill the jars with water. The servers did. What would Jesus ask you to do? Would you do whatever He tells you?

What do you think about the outcome if you do whatever He tells you?

Do whatever he tells you.
John 2:5

4. Remember It!



5. Live It! [Sympathy]

Sympathy – Feeling sorry for someone's situation, understanding and caring about someone's situation.

Mary shows her sympathy for others at the wedding. When the wine run short, Mary intercedes and says to Jesus, "They have no wine."

Are there people in your life you sympathize with? Write down people that you sympathize with and how you express your sympathy with them.

6. Pray It!



Jesus, through the intercession of Mother Mary, grant us the virtue of Sympathy to be compassionate with others and our self. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Jesus is the Messiah

WEEK C-O3

LUKE 1:1-4; 4: 14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent **Theophilus**, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their **synagogues** and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the **Sabbath** day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the **scroll** and found the passage where it was written:



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has **anointed** me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "**Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.**"

THEOPHILUS	"Beloved of God"
SYNAGOGUE	Assemblies, house of prayer. People come to this large hall to pray and worship
ANOINTED	To put holy oil on someone. This was done as a sign of giving someone the strength and authority from God to be a king, a Priest, or a special messenger of God.
SABBATH	The seventh day of the week, as the day of rest and religious observance among Jews and some Christians.
SCROLL	A roll of paper containing writing
Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.	The scripture of the prophets from the past is fulfilled by Jesus, the Son of God.

1. Understand It!

Today's Gospel tells us:

2. Explore It!

- ◇ Jesus begins His public ministry after He was baptized and tempted in the desert. The Holy Spirit descended on Him at His baptism (Luke 3:22) and He was full of the Holy Spirit and led by the Spirit when He went into the desert (Luke 4:1).
- ◇ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and taught openly in the Jewish's house of prayer.
- ◇ Jesus reads a passage from the scroll of prophet Isaiah about a Messiah – who would be anointed by the Spirit and bring freedom from the oppressed, eyesight for the blind.
- ◇ After Jesus reads the passage, He says, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." What Jesus is saying is that the Messiah has arrived, which is Him.

3. Connect It!

In the Old Scripture, Isaiah had been talking about God's promised Messiah who would be anointed by the Spirit and bring freedom from the oppressed, eyesight for the blind. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that He is the One Isaiah had been talking about. He is the One for whom they had been waiting, and all the good things that Isaiah foretold are fulfilled in Him.

Are you waiting for Jesus? What do you want Him to bring when He comes?

Do you think that Jesus is waiting for you too? What do you think He wants you to bring?

4. Remember It!

"Today this
Scripture passage
is fulfilled in your
hearing."
(Luke 4:21)

5. Live It! [RESPECT]

- ◇ **RESPECT** – giving honor or value to someone. We recognize that some things and some people are more important than us.
- ◇ **RESPECT** is a virtue. We need to respect everyone. We must be conscious that God has created all people in His image. We should show them proper respect.

6. Pray It!

Dear Father, we thank You for Your love. We thank You for sending Your Son to free us from sin so that we can know the joy that You want for us. May we always listen to Your teachings. Amen.

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The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth

WEEK B-O4

LUKE 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the **synagogue**, saying: "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And **all spoke highly** of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, '**Physician, cure yourself,**' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of **Elijah** when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe **famine** spread over the entire

land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many **lepers** in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to **the brow of the hill** on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.



1

UNDERSTAND IT!

Synagogue

A house of prayer. People come to this large hall to pray and worship

All spoke highly

Means to think what that person said or did was of great value

Physician, cure yourself

A common Jewish prover to refer to someone who claims to have solutions to a problem, yet cannot solve the problem for themselves. In other words, they are a fake. The people of Nazareth were about to call Jesus a fake—just a nobody trying to make a name for Himself

Elijah

A prophet mentioned in the Old Testament who the Lord spoke through (1 Kings, Chapter 17)

Famine

Extreme hunger, starvation

Leper

A person suffering from leprosy that is avoided or rejected by others

The brow of the hill

Is the peak of a very steep hill

2

EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is rejected. The word of God is not always pleasant to hear. People in Nazareth do not want to accept a "hometown boy" who is the son of Mary and Joseph to be the promised Messiah of God. Jesus says no prophet is accepted in His own native place. Jesus gives examples of prophet Elijah. People in His hometown are so angry that they want to throw Jesus off a cliff to silence Him.

3

CONNECT IT!

There are times we do not like to listen to people who are so close to us, who we know well, like our parents and/or teachers. Do you recall the moment when you were so angry at your friend/parent/teacher who just told you the truth about yourself? Sometime, the truth is not always pleasant to hear. Open your heart and accept the truth to make you a better person. When you reject the truth, you reject Jesus. Jesus is the truth.

4

CONNECT IT!

**“Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted
in his own native place.”
(Luke 4:23)**

6

PRAY IT!

Heavenly Father, even when others refuse to believe that Jesus has the power to heal and forgive, help us to remain faithful and true. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

5

LIVE IT!

[ACCEPTANCE]

To accept and receive something that someone gives or tells you.

- ♦ Learn to accept the truth; sometimes it is different from our idea or standard. Accept and learn from others, especially if they are inferior or in lower status to us.
- ♦ To you, what is the truth that is not pleasant to hear? How do you learn to accept it? List the steps that will help you to accept it.



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Believe in Jesus

WEEK C-05

LUKE 5: 1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had **disembarked** and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water



and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For **astonishment** at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of **Simon**. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on **you will be catching men**." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

2. EXPLORE IT!

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

- ♦ **Disembark:** to get out of a boat
- ♦ **Astonishment:** amazement and surprise
- ♦ **Simon** is a birth name of Saint Peter, our first Pope.
- ♦ **You [Simon] will be catching men:** bring people back to God. Jesus wants Simon to be His disciple and no longer be a fisherman.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls His first disciples. Jesus says to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon replies, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." Simon does not appear to fully trust in Jesus, but Simon obeys Him. Jesus invites Simon Peter to be a fisher of men, to be His disciple. Jesus says to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." Not only Simon, but James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's fisher-partners responds to Jesus' invitation by leaving everything and following Jesus.

3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus says to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets."

What does Jesus say to you? If Jesus says to you, "Put down your game, and do your chores, help others." What would you say to Him? Would your answer be, "Master, I have worked hard in order to play, I have played nothing, but at your command I will put down my game and do more for others."

4. REMEMBER IT!

"Master, we have
worked hard all night
and have caught
nothing, but at your
command I will lower
the nets."

(Luke 5:5)

5. LIVE IT! [TRUST]

TRUST- firm belief in the truth of someone or something.

Do you trust Jesus? What do you believe in Him? List three things that you believe in Jesus:



6. PRAY IT!

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.

(By St. Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556)

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JESUS PROCLAIMS GOD'S BLESSINGS

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from



all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and **denounce** your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your **consolation**. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will **grieve** and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their **ancestors** treated the false prophets in this way."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

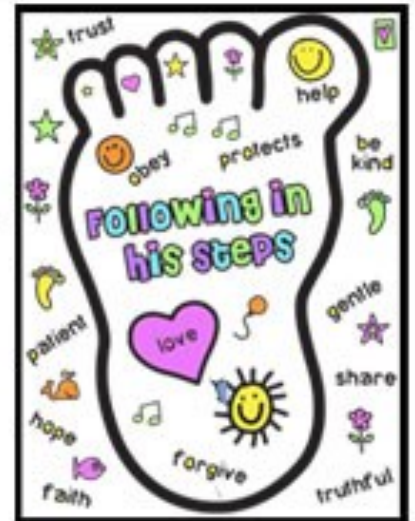
Denounce	To publicly declare to be wrong.
Consolation	Comfort received by a person.
Grieve	To feel intense sorrow, suffering.
Ancestors	A person, typically coming before a grandparent and earlier, from whom one is descended from.

2. EXPLORE IT!

The Gospel this week talked about the time when Jesus stood in front of His twelve disciples and many followers to tell them the truth of being His follower. He described common things people were suffering from at that moment in their lives and promised them that they will be taken care of in the kingdom of Heaven. He said that those who are hungry or poor will be filled with God's love. He also warned that those who have too much, but does not give thanks, will end up losing it all because it is not theirs.

3. CONNECT IT!

As a member of Eucharistic Youth and a Christian, we must learn how to live as God teaches. One of those things is what we do not have now will be rewarded in Heaven if we are faithful and patient. It also warns about being greedy and chasing after things that we do not need. The "woes" that Jesus spoke about were not about punishment, but they are reminders for us that having too much of something may not be good for us. For example, eating too much good food may taste good now, but may not be good for your health, and it is the sin of gluttony. Jesus wanted us to know that being His follower may not be easy now, but we will all be rewarded in the end.



5. LIVE IT! [OPTIMISTIC]

Optimistic: to be hopeful and confidence about the future.

You can live this week's virtue by being hopeful even when you are struggling and tired. It is hard to do, but Jesus has taught us that we will always be rewarded in the end. The important part is to not despair, but to be positive and keep on being the best you can be. For example, you may be having a hard time in school, but being positive and working hard will get you either a higher grade or prepare you for the better things that God planned for you.

4. REMEMBER IT!

*"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours."
(Luke 6:20)*

6. PRAY IT!

Lord, when we hope in You, the tiredness and sadness disappear. Keep us from things and people who draw us away from You and help us to make right choices. Help us to remain optimistic, despite the disappointments and difficulties in life. Pour in us the Holy Spirit to protect us and encourage us to follow You. Amen.

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JESUS ASKS US TO LOVE even enemies

WEEK C-07
LUKE 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples:

"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who **curse** you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your **tunic**. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect



repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be **merciful**, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop **judging** and you will not be judged. Stop **condemning** and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Curse	To speak in a mean way and seek harm or misfortune on another person.
Tunic	A simple slip on long shirt.
Merciful	To give compassion, especially to those who offend.

Judging	To form an opinion of something or someone.
Condemning	To declare as wrong, guilty or evil.

2. EXPLORE IT!

The Gospel today speaks of another kind of power – the power of love and justice. In this power, both the giver and receiver benefit.

At first sight, Gospel seems downright silly, hopelessly idealistic. Jesus tells His disciples: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you..."

Surely this is not to be taken seriously. Are we to become wimps? Are we to invite people to trample on our basic rights? In fact, far from being wimpiest, the implementation of this teaching requires tremendous inner strength and a strong sense of security. It calls for an overwhelming awareness of the dignity, value and rights of every other person irrespective of how they behave.



5. LIVE IT! [FORGIVENESS]

Forgiveness: the action or process of forgiving or being forgiven; to stop feeling resentment against another.

At the end of each day, write about a few different things you are expected to do the next day (help with chores, make dinner, play with siblings, etc.). Is it easy to live up to these expectations? Would you understand what "going the extra mile" means? Be ready to share and discuss with the class!

3. CONNECT IT!

Forgiveness in the Gospel always implies reconciliation; it involves bringing people together again and the healing of wounds but not the destruction of the wrongdoer. That is something very different. It can take time and a lot of effort and a lot of real concern for people.

Jesus himself is our model. As he hangs naked, stripped of all dignity, the victim of unspeakable violence, this moment, contrary to all appearance, is the moment of his triumph, the triumph of love over hate, violence and murder. We need to learn to forgive others as Jesus forgives the people who crucified him to the cross.

4. REMEMBER IT!

**I DO TO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM DO TO YOU. I**

☞ **LUKE 6:31** ☞

6. PRAY IT!

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Savior, forgive our sins and the wrongs we made against You and others. We want to be true to Your Word and pray that You will love us and remain within us always. Help us to forgive those who have wronged and hurt us. We promise to give You praise and glory in love and in service all the days of our lives. Amen.

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JESUS TEACHES US, "BE TRUE TO OURSELVES"

WEEK C-08

LUKE 6:39-45



Jesus told his disciples a **parable**, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the **splinter** in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even

notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You **hypocrite**! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Parable	A short story that illustrates a moral altitude or principle; Jesus often used Parables to teach the disciples important lessons.
Splinter	A small needlelike piece that is thin and split off from wood.
Hypocrite	A person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion

2. REFLECT IT!

Jesus uses today's Gospel reading to teach the disciples about the importance of not being a hypocrite. He gives the example of the brother who has a wooden beam in his eye, but instead of taking care of that first, focuses on the splinter in his brother's eye instead. Jesus teaches His disciples that they must take care of themselves and be in good spiritual health before they are able to help others grow in faith.

3. CONNECT IT!

Just as Jesus taught the disciples of not being a hypocrite and being in good spiritual health, He also wants us to be the same. Our spiritual health is based on our faith and relationship with God. To be spiritually strong means we follow the teachings of God and the Church, while also seeking God's forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. Not until we are spiritually strong are we truly able to share our faith and help others also grow in faith.



5. REMEMBER IT!

"A GOOD PERSON OUT OF THE STORE OF GOODNESS IN HIS HEART PRODUCES GOOD, BUT AN EVIL PERSON OUT OF A STORE OF EVIL PRODUCES EVIL; FOR FROM THE FULLNESS OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS."
(LUKE 6:45)

4. LIVE IT! [AUTHENTICITY]



The quality of being authentic and real.

To help others grow in faith, we must have a strong faith.

This week ask your parents to attend one more Mass than you usually do. How did you feel after attending mass? What did God seek to teach us in the Gospel then? Seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation if necessary.



6. PRAY IT!

Lord, we believe: we wish to believe in Thee. Lord, let our faith be full and unreserved, and let it penetrate our thoughts, our way of judging Divine things and human things. Lord, let our faith be joyful and give peace and gladness to our spirit. Lord, let our faith be humble and not presume to be based on the experience of our thoughts and of our feelings; but let it surrender to the testimony of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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FACING TEMPTATIONS LIKE JESUS

WEEK C-L1

LUKE 4: 1-13



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Tempt – to convince a person to do something that is not good.

Worship – to bow down in prayer and praise.

Parapet – a place to stand on a rooftop.

Put to a test – to dare or to trick someone.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be *tempted* by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and their glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you *worship* me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.'" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the *parapet* of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and: 'With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, 'You shall not *put* the Lord, your God, *to the test*.'" "

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is tested in the wilderness. The devil wants to test out the power of God and tempts Jesus to use God's power for His own goods. The devil fails.



3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus faces three temptations:

1. Physical temptation: Jesus is tempted by the devil to use God's power for satisfying His hunger.
2. Power and goods Temptation: Jesus is tempted by the devil to worship the devil and put power, goods, and glory of the devil before God.
3. Spiritual Temptation: Jesus is tempted by the devil to put God, His Father to the test.

Have you ever been tempted to do something wrong? How did you respond to the temptations?

4. REMEMBER IT!

“YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD, YOUR GOD, AND HIM ALONE SHALL YOU SERVE.” (LUKE 4:8)

5. LIVE IT! [DETERMINATION]

- ◇ Determination is trying to do something that is difficult and not giving up.
- ◇ Jesus resisted all three temptations. List 3 things you should not do and 3 things you should do and determine to do them.
- ◇ Pray Our Father daily to help you resist from temptations.

6. PRAY IT!

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



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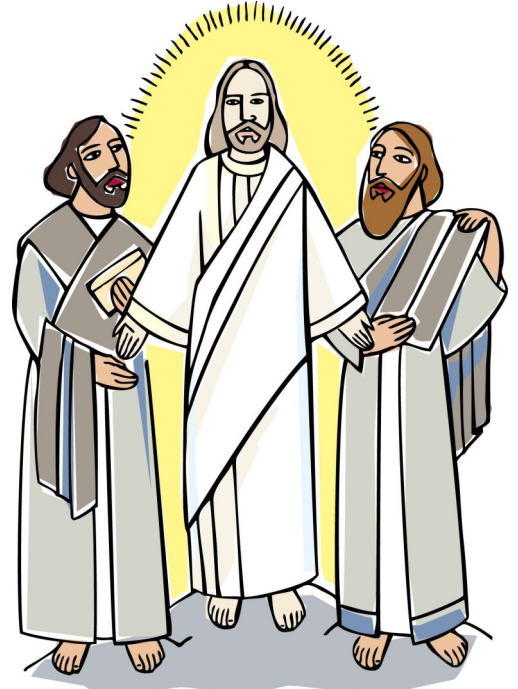
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The Transfiguration of JESUS

WEEK C-L2

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the **mountain** to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, **Moses and Elijah**, who appeared in glory and spoke of his **exodus** that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, **Jesus was found alone**. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.



1. UNDERSTAND IT!



Mountain

Common in the book of Luke where prayer takes place

Moses and Elijah

Representing Old Testament law and the prophets

Exodus

Luke speaks of Jesus' journey towards death,

Jesus was found alone

Now it is the word of Jesus that is meant to be listened

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Peter, John and James witness the transfiguration of Jesus. They witness the changing in Jesus' appearance and clothing. They also see Moses and Elijah, the prophets of the Old Testament,

appear in glory and speak to Jesus about the exodus that Jesus is going to accomplish in Jerusalem which is His passion, death, and resurrection. They also hear God's voice from the cloud telling them to listen to Jesus and that Jesus is God's chosen Son.

3. CONNECT IT!

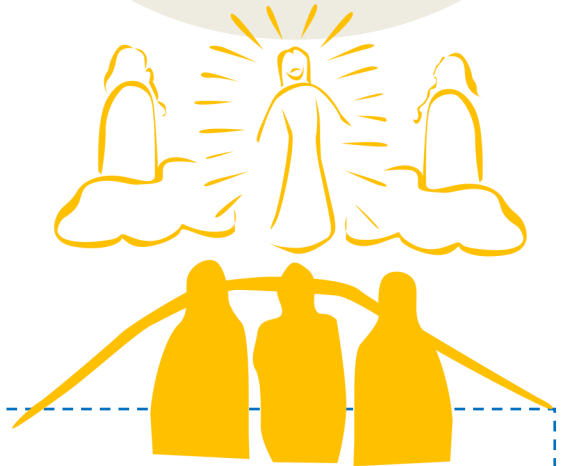
The transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel helps to strengthen Peter, John and James' faith. God allows certain apostles to have a privileged spiritual experience that is meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure, Jesus' exodus, His passion, death and resurrection.

Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Eucharist to help strengthen our faith. By His power, He remains forever with us on earth. The Holy Eucharist is the proof of His love. The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament of love and unity between heaven and earth. Receiving the Holy Communion frequently will strengthen our faith, love and unity with God.

4. REMEMBER IT!

*"This is my chosen Son;
listen to him."*

Luke 9:35



5. LIVE IT! [Obedience]

to follow an order, request

Recall a special time when you felt "alive," happy, excited for life. Relive the moment in your mind. Was God present in that experience?

Write down this experience and add to it each day on how God plays a part in your special time as you reflect daily.

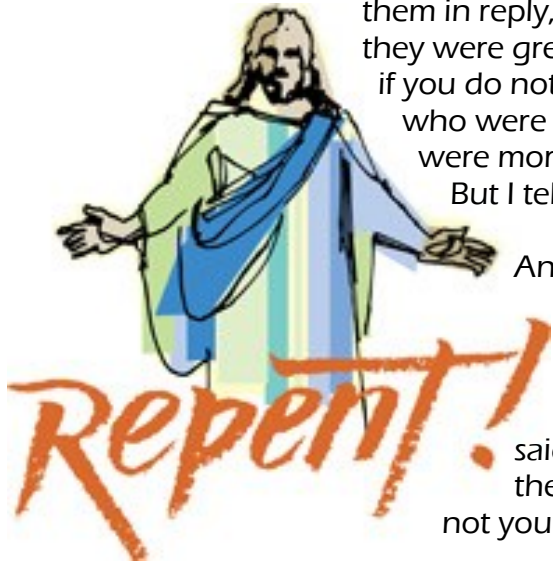
6. PRAY IT!

God, we pray that Your strength and wisdom are with us as we make decisions that follow Your path. Help us to apply Your words to our lives so that our obedience will be a blessing to everyone who sees You working in us. Help us stay focused on You so the obstacles that we face won't seem impossible to overcome because we know all things are possible through You. Amen.

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JESUS Calls Us to Repent

WEEK C-L3
LUKE 13: 1-9



At that time some people who were present there told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had **mingled** with the blood of their sacrifices. He said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not **repent**, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no mean! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all **perish** as they did!"

And he told them this **parable**: "There once was a person who had a **fig tree** planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it **exhaust the soil**?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall **cultivate** the ground around it and **fertilize** it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'

1. Understand It!

- ◇ **Mingled**: been a part of, mixed with.
- ◇ **Repent**: regret or sorrow for something that we have done or have failed to do
- ◇ **Perish**: pass away, to be destroyed
- ◇ **Parable**: a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.
- ◇ **Fig tree**: a tree with large leaves, edible fruit
- ◇ **Exhaust the soil**: remove the soil's nutrients
- ◇ **Cultivate**: prepare the soil to grow crops or trees
- ◇ **Fertilize**: make the soil more nutrients for the trees to grow better

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that all sinners will be taken away from God if they don't repent. Jesus also uses a parable about a tree that does not bear fruit and the owner wants to cut it away. The gardener asks the owner to give the tree more chances and hope that he can save the tree by fertilizing it and helping the tree to bear fruit in the future. If after all the help the tree can get but it still does not bear fruit, then the owner can cut it down. If a sinner does not repent, the sinner is like the tree that does not bear fruit.

3. Connect It!

Repentance is absolutely necessary for forgiveness. We cannot be saved from sin without turning from sin and seeking to honor God. The gardener is like Jesus who teaches us and helps us to live in the right way, but if we continue to turn away from Him and choose to do wrong, we will be taken away from God.

4. Remember It!

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did."
(Luke 12:3)



5. Live It! [Commitment]

- ◆ Commitment means to be dedicated and loyal towards an activity, action, or thought.
- ◆ Are you committed to being a good friend, son/daughter, even a Christian?
- ◆ Write down your commitments.

6. Pray It!



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

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JESUS TELLS US ABOUT THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR THE LOST SON

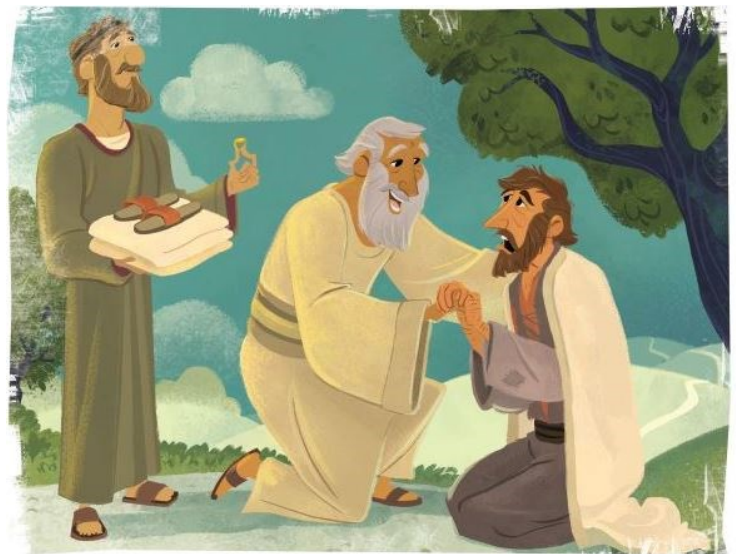
WEEK C-L4

LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and **scribes** began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he **squandered** his inheritance on a life of **dissipation**. When he had freely spent everything, a severe **famine** struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."'"

So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine

was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'



1. Understand It!

- * **Scribes:** a person who copies documents, notes, books
- * **Squander:** to waste what his family had saved
- * **Dissipation:** useless, careless or thoughtless
- * **Famine:** a time of little food

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Luke shows us in the most visual way possible that there is no limit to God's love. It is an unconditional love; it is an extravagant, outrageous love. The sons here represent each of us at different points in our lives. Can you imagine this kind of forgiveness? He doesn't hold back. The father isn't upset about his son wasting all his money, but the father is incredibly happy to see his son return home.

3. Connect It!

Was there a time you asked for money to buy or do something? Were you truly happy with what you did with that money? Think about the time and effort your family takes to provide for you. At the end of the day, family will always continue to love and sacrifice with open arms because they understand that with experience, good or bad, comes maturity and self-discipline.

4. Remember It!

*"...let us celebrate with a feast,
because this son of mine was dead,
and has come to life again;
he was lost, and has been found."
(Luke 15: 23 - 24)*

6. Pray It!

Lord, give us the wisdom to see good life doesn't come without self-discipline. Give us the grace to impose it upon myself. Help us to discipline our tongues that we may be clear rather than clever, sincere instead of sarcastic. Help us to discipline our thinking and actions to do what is right and not what is easy. Let us get on with the job at hand, doing the best we can and leaving the rest to You.

Amen.

5. Live It! [Self-Discipline]

- ◇ **Self-discipline** means to control our feelings, overcome weaknesses.
- ◇ Can you connect the father's love in the bible to your loved ones? Write a short paragraph each night on how your loved ones reacted to your asking for money, and what happened when you ran out?



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JESUS' Mercy Toward a Woman Caught in Adultery

WEEK C-L5

JOHN 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in *adultery* and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, *Moses commanded* us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

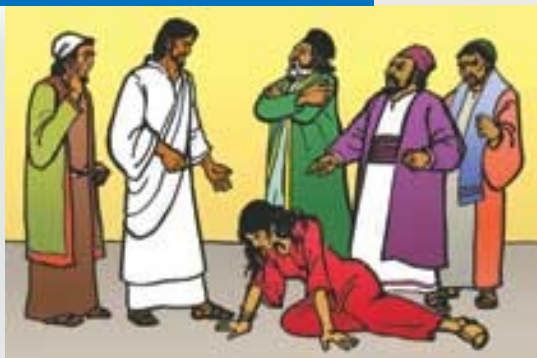
Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."

Adultery	To be unfaithful to one's husband or wife
Moses commanded	in reference to the Old Testament laws during Moses' time.

1. Understand It!



2. Explore It!



In today's Gospel, Jesus shows God's mercy. He saves the sinner from being stoned to death. He forgives the sinner and teaches the sinner to sin no more.

3. Connect It!

Jesus shows God's mercy for sinners. How do you show your mercy to others?

Do you want to save others from death? How do you react when you hear bad news? Do you wish for the bad guy to die? Jesus saves the bad woman in today's Gospel and gives her a chance to be a better person, to sin no more.

4. Remember It!

Neither do I condemn you.
Go, and from now on do not
sin anymore. (John 8:11)



5. Live It! [Gentleness]

Gentleness means to be kind, tender, mild, soft.

- Practice your gentleness and forgiveness this week: If someone makes you feel hurt, you tell him/her that his/her actions or words hurt you and tell them from now on do not do that anymore.
- Think of a time when someone wronged you. Were you ever able to forgive them, recognizing no one's perfect?

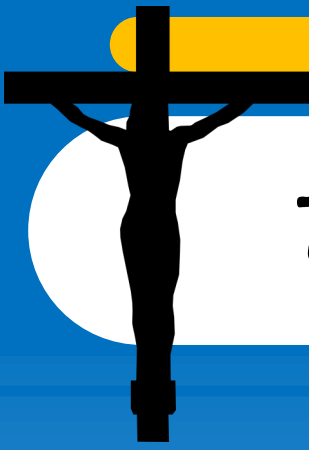
6. Pray It!

Lord, You want us to learn from You gentleness of heart. No matter how we fail You, Your gentleness never fails us. You are slow to anger; Your kindness is without limit. Give us the wisdom to help us to be more like You. Amen.



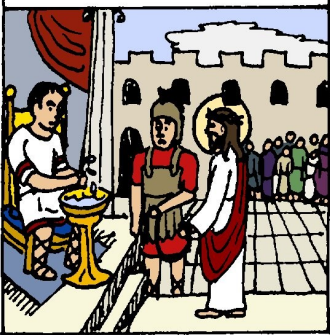
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THE PASSION OF CHRIST

1. Jesus is condemned to death



2. Jesus takes up His cross



3. Jesus falls the first time



4. Jesus meets His mother



5. Simon helps Jesus carry the cross



6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus



7. Jesus falls the second time



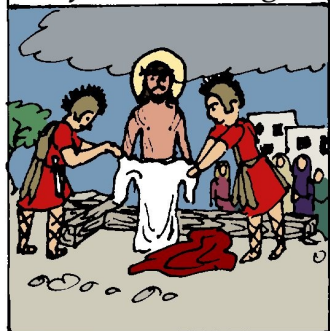
8. Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem



9. Jesus falls the third time



10. Jesus is stripped of His clothing



11. Jesus is nailed to the cross



12. Jesus dies on the cross



13. Jesus is taken down from the cross



14. Jesus is buried in the tomb



2. EXPLORE IT!

Today's Gospel is about the Passion of Jesus Christ. The priests and scribes make plans to arrest Jesus, after the Passover. As the priest plan, Jesus is washed with an expensive perfume. Jesus then announces before the Last Supper, that one of His disciples will be betray Him. Following the Last Supper, it is told that Peter will deny Jesus three times, before morning. Jesus then goes to pray in the garden at which point He is betrayed by Judas. Jesus is then brought before the high priest for judgement. As Peter is watching, he is almost caught and denies knowing Jesus three times. Jesus is then brought before Pontius Pilate, and then is sentenced to crucifixion by the people. Jesus is then beaten, before He begins to walk with the crucifix to Golgotha. He is then crucified at Golgotha and dies on the cross. Following His death, He then wrapped in cloth and taken to his tomb. Today's Gospel exemplifies the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, for He loved the world so much that He was willing to die for it.

3. CONNECT IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus institutes the Eucharist and creates a new covenant with God. He promises that those who follow and believe in Him will have eternal life. Jesus then takes up His cross and sacrifices His life for everyone. This scene shows how Jesus bore the weight of the world, and through His sacrifice not only was He transformed, but He saved the world from sin. This great love is seen in the Eucharist every week! How lucky!

5. LIVE IT! [SACRIFICE]

To offer or kill as a religious sacrifice.

How fortunate are we that Jesus gave His life to save us all from sin? Often times we are just onlookers to others that bear a greater burden than we do. This whole entire Lenten season is about sacrifice.

This week, think about what you gave up for Lent. Continue to practice giving up that one thing. Whether it be giving your time, or helping your parents at home. Write it on a piece of paper, and your experience with it and bring the paper in to share next week.

4. REMEMBER IT!

***"This is my body,
which will be given for you;
do this in memory of me."
(Luke 22:19)***

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, You gave Your life and showed us how each person can use their talents to help others who carry a heavier burden than we do. We pray that You can give the strength to use our talents and help others see Your love and sacrifice in the Eucharist. Help us continue to sacrifice for others. Amen.

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WEEK C-E1 EASTER SUNDAY

JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdalen came to the **tomb** early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to **the other disciple whom Jesus loved**, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first;



he bent down and saw the **burial cloths** there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the **scripture** that he had to rise from the dead.

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

tomb- a vault or burial chamber for dead people.

The other disciple whom Jesus loved- it's John, one of the youngest out of the twelve disciples.

burial cloth- a sheet/linen cloth used to cover the body of Jesus in preparation for burial.

scripture- sacred writings.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus died on the cross in obedience to God's will, so that we might receive forgiveness of our sins through His sacrifice. After His death, He was buried in the tomb. Today's Gospel tells us, on the third day of Jesus' death, Mary Magdalen came to Jesus's tomb to visit but found out the stone to the tomb was moved. She ran to tell Jesus' disciples. His disciples came and saw the burial cloths but Jesus' body was no longer in the tomb, the tomb was empty. John saw the empty tomb and he believed. Jesus was raised from the dead.

4. REMEMBER IT!

"They have taken the Lord
from the tomb, and we don't
know where they put him."
(John 20:2)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank You for
sending Jesus to die and rise
from the dead for us. Thank
You for giving us the hope
that Jesus' resurrection
means we will be able
to share eternal life
with You in heaven.
We pray. Amen.



3. CONNECT IT!

Is it hard for you to believe Jesus was raised from dead? Why or why not?

5. LIVE IT! (HOPE)

Hope: want something to happen, a feeling of trust.

Bible says Jesus gives us hope. He gives us a feeling of trust in God. As Jesus Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day (CCC #989).

This week, recite the Apostles' Creed daily to express our hope, our trust in God.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS Strengthened the Faith of Thomas

WEEK C-E2 DIVINE MERCY

JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples *rejoiced* when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, *he breathed on them* and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will

not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that *you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.*

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Rejoiced — to feel joy

He breathed on them — an outward sign of sending graces from Jesus

You may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in His name — means that you will have eternal life if you have faith in Jesus, the Son of God. You will do God's will not your will if you trust in God.

2. EXPLORE IT!

There are two parts in today's Gospel. The first scene is Jesus' appearance to the disciples in a locked room. The second scene is the dialogue between Jesus and Thomas, the non-believer.

Jesus appears to the disciples in spirit (He passed through a locked door) and yet He also appeared to the disciples in bodily form (Thomas was able to put his finger into the nail marks of Jesus). This is a mystery that requires faith.

3. CONNECT IT!

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus. How about you? Is your faith strong enough to believe without seeing? Do you trust in Jesus enough to do His will and not yours?

5. LIVE IT! [FAITH]

Faith is a firm belief in God even in the absence of proof.

Jesus reminds us to place our faith and trust in Him. In what areas of my life do I need to have more faith in Jesus?

Find a quiet place and finish this sentence:

Jesus, please help me to _____
so I can have more faith in you.

Faith

4. REMEMBER IT!

“...Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

(John 20:29)



6. PRAY IT!

We thank You Jesus, for Your love and Your calling us to be Your disciple. I thank You for Your gifts of peace, forgiveness, reconciliation and faith. we love You Jesus. Amen.



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Peter Professed His Love to Jesus

WEEK C-E3

JOHN 21:1-19



After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the *Sea of Tiberius*. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out

on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Sea of Tiberius is the largest freshwater lake in Israel. It's also call Sea of Galilee.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Today's Gospel tells us about the third appearance of Jesus after His death. The disciples recognize Jesus as: Jesus helps them to catch the fish. Jesus gives them bread and fish. After the meal with the disciples, Jesus seeks for Peter's love for Him to take care of His people. Jesus also lets Peter know that his future would be dying to give glory to God. Then He asks Peter to follow Him.

4. REMEMBER IT!

“...Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
(John 20:15)

6. PRAY IT!

Give me courage and strength, O God,
so that I can follow Jesus no matter
what challenges, difficulties, or hardships
come our way. Please, never ever let me
outlive my love for Your Son or for You.
In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

3. CONNECT IT!

Do you love Jesus?

You don't know exactly what the future holds, but Jesus asks you to follow Him, even if it means a cross.

Would you follow Jesus?



5. LIVE IT! [EXCELLENCE]

Excellence means extremely high quality, extremely good.

You want to love Jesus. You want your love for Him to be excellent. Would you be like Peter? Would you love Jesus, even if it means to give up your desire to follow Him?

Say this prayer every day this week to help you keep your excellence of love for Jesus.

“Give me courage and strength, O God, so that I can follow Jesus no matter what challenges, difficulties, or hardships come my way. Please, never ever let me outlive my love for Your Son or for You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen”

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JESUS KNOWS HIS SHEEP

Week C-E4

John 10:27-30

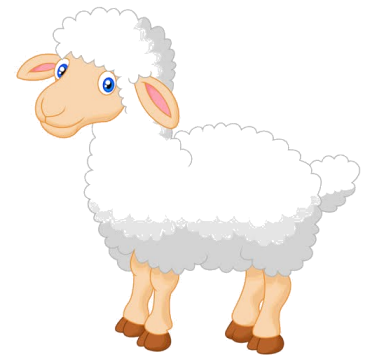


Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them *eternal life*, and they shall *never perish*. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. *The Father and I are one.*”

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Eternal Life	Jesus will allow us to live forever in the Kingdom of Heaven.
Never Perish	Jesus promised us that if we follow Him, we will never die.
Father and I are One	Jesus reminds us that He is God.



2. EXPLORE IT!

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that if they are His followers, they should hear Him and follow Him. He will give his followers eternal life and no one can take his followers out of His Hand nor God the Father’s Hand. Jesus also tells his disciples that God, the Father and Him are one.



3. CONNECT IT!

The words Jesus speaks in this reading were directed to Jewish leaders who wanted to trip Him up. They were hoping He would call Himself the Messiah. Instead, Jesus refers to Himself as "the Good Shepherd." He describes the secure and lasting relationship He has with His sheep, those who truly hear Him and believe. Just as no one can separate Jesus and His Father, no one can take Jesus' disciples away from Him.

We don't want to be separated from Jesus. We listen to Jesus and follow Him by reading His words in the Bible and following His teaching.

4. REMEMBER IT!

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me."
(Luke 10:27)



5. LIVE IT! [RESPONSIBILITY]

Something that you should do because it is morally right, legally required, etc.

What are some of your responsibilities at home? At church? At school? Do you do your chores without complaining? Do you do your homework without someone nagging you? Do you go to Mass every Sunday with your family? Take some time to reflect on some of your responsibilities. Try to fulfill your responsibilities with a smile. Offer each task to Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

This week's virtue practice: Write down your chores and put a check mark next to the chore that you've completed.

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, thank You for helping us understand and bringing us closer to God, the Father. Please help us to follow You and Your examples just as the sheep followed their shepherd.

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JESUS' NEW COMMANDMENT



WEEK C—E5

JOHN 13:31–33A, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said,
“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is
glorified in him. If God is **glorified** in him,
God will also glorify him in himself, and God
will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little
while longer. I give you a new commandment:
love one another. As I have loved you, so you
also should love one another. This is how all
will know that you are my disciples, if you have
love for one another.”



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

GLORIFY - to honor or praise

Love 
One Another

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus is saying farewell to His disciples at the Last Supper. He tells them that He will soon be “glorified.” They still do not really get the message about His death and resurrection. He gives them a new commandment: love one another. You are my disciples, “if you have love for one another.”

3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus says, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

- Do you know how much Jesus love you?
- Can you describe Jesus's love for you?
- Can you love others like Jesus love you?
- Can other recognize you as Jesus' disciple because you love them?



4. REMEMBER IT!

*"...love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you also should
love one another"*
(John 13:34)

6. PRAY IT!

Jesus, help us be humble and lovely disciples. Amen.

A NEW COMMANDMENT
LOVE

5. LIVE IT! [LOVE]

Love is more than a feeling. Love is acceptance, unconditional, and selfless. The definition of love in the Bible: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

Love for your family

Love for your friends

Love for your neighbors

Love for people who are hard to get along with

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The Peace of JESUS

WEEK C-E6

JOHN 14: 23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our *dwelling* with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The *Advocate*, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.



You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

1. Understand It!

- **Dwelling**—a place where a person lives.
- **Advocate**—a person who defends, promotes, or supports a cause

In the gospel today, Jesus says whoever loves Him, will keep His word and God the Father will love and stay in that person. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to guide and remind those who love Him of what He teaches. Jesus also promises that He will leave God's peace for those who keep His Word.

2. Explore It!

3. Connect It!



Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that by loving Him and listening and following His teachings, we will discover the truth and find peace. Do you feel at peace when you experience the truth from God's word? Do you experience the truth from God's word?

When your heart is troubled or afraid, seek the Word of God, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to God's peace. Jesus asks you to love Him by keeping His word and follow His teaching. He always invites you to put your faith, hope, in Him so that peace of God may be dwell in you.

4. Remember It!

*"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives
do I give it to you."
(John 14:27)*



5. Live It! [Truthfulness]

Telling or being in the habit of telling the truth.

It is critical to always tell the truth or the truth will tell on you. Practice living a simple life by telling the truth daily.

This week, pay careful attention to whatever you say. Write down why speaking the truth is important to you.

Dear Jesus, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey towards heaven. Please help us to always be truthful in everything we do and every word we say. Amen.

6. Pray it!

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BE ONE WITH JESUS

WEEK C-E7
JOHN 17:20-26



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will **believe** in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the **glory** you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even

as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the **foundation** of the world. **Righteous** Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Believe	To accept that some is true, especially without proof.
Glory	To praise, worship, and thanksgiving.
Foundation	The basis or principle of something.
Righteous	Morally right.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In this final part of Jesus' prayer during His discourse to His disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus now prays for all those who through the influence of disciples before us came to believe in Christ as Lord. Each one of us is among those Jesus is praying for here.

In this prayer Jesus prays above all for unity among his disciples as the most effective sign of witness. He now prays that we may display the same unity among ourselves and with Jesus as that which binds Jesus and the Father.

3. CONNECT IT!

Is that the witness that we are giving today by unity among ourselves? What do people see when they look at our parishes? What do they see when they look at our families? What are they to think of the painful divisions of so many groups who claim Jesus as their Lord? How can we maintain such divisions in the face of these words of Jesus?

Obviously, we all have much to think and pray about regarding our "spiritual" life and the impact we make in drawing people to Christ.

So let us make our own the last words of Jesus' prayer today: "I have made your name known to them and [his disciples] will continue to make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and so that I may be in them."



6. PRAY IT!

O most humane and loving Jesus, Your endless grace and mercy flows forth. Help us to fully repent for our sinful ways, and to change ourselves for the better. Grant us the grace to live according to Your teachings and for our hearts to remain flawless before You.
Amen.

4. REMEMBER IT!

**"I wish that where I am they also may be with Me."
(John 17:24)**

5. LIVE IT! [UNITY]

Unity: the state of being united or joined as a whole.

This week, trying doing a simple act of kindness for someone but do it with great love and care as if you were doing it for Jesus.

Do not participate or bullying anyone. Report any bullying that you witness to an adult such as your parent, school teacher or your Youth-Leader.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' DISCIPLES RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT



WEEK C - PENTECOST SUNDAY

JOHN 20:19-23

On the evening of that *first day of the week*, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he *breathed* on them and said to them, "Receive the *Holy Spirit*. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you *retain* are retained."



1. Understand It!

First day of the week	The first day of the week is referring to Sunday, in this case, Easter Sunday
Breathed	To breathe on someone
Retain	To retain means to keep or remember something. Hence, to retain a sin means not to forgive it.

2. Explore It!

In the Gospel today, Jesus comes back from his death and brings peace to his disciples who are in fear of what has happened. Jesus appears to His disciples and entrusts to them the ministry of reconciliation. Jesus says to his apostles: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are

3. Connect It!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #1461) teaches us that since Christ entrusted to His apostles the ministry of reconciliation, bishops who are their successors, and priests, the bishops' collaborators, continue to exercise this ministry. Indeed bishops and priests, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, have the power to forgive all sins "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

4. Remember It!

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

(John 20:23)



5. Live It! [Openness]

Openness - the virtue of being honest and willing to talk about things, the virtue of being willing to accept new ideas or people, the virtue of not being enclosed.

The virtue of openness allows us to accept God in our life, love the truth and accept others.

This week, practice the Openness virtue by doing one or more of following:

1. Go to confession
2. Forgive those who wrong/hurt you.
3. Renew your faith through openness to God's words; read the Bible daily .

6. Pray It!

"Open My Eyes"

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love

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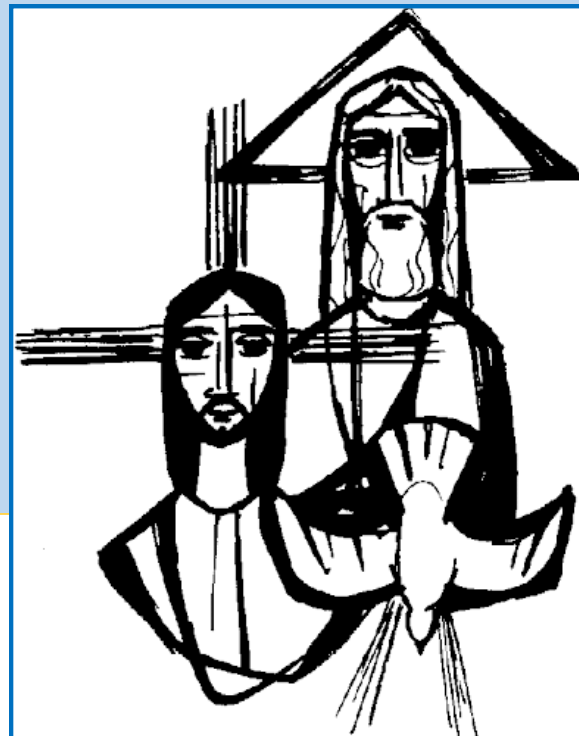
“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot **bear** it now. But when he comes, the **Spirit of truth**, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will **declare** to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

bear – be capable of

Spirit of truth – The “truth” to which the Holy Spirit guides the community must have the same sense as “truth” elsewhere in the Gospel: Belief in Jesus as the sole revelation of God and the one who speaks the words of God

declare – to say something very important so that everyone can hear



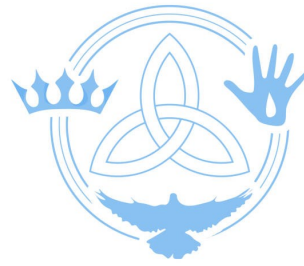
2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the Holy Trinity to his disciples. Jesus talks about God the Father, the Son (Himself), Holy Spirit and their unity in one. Jesus says that the Holy Spirit is the truth and the Holy Spirit will take from what is of Jesus (the truth) and everything that the Father has in Jesus (the truth) to speak to the disciples.

3. CONNECT IT!

What we believe is summarized in the Catholic profession of faith that we recite in Sunday masses.

- I believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth...
 - ◊ *This describes God as a Creator. The image of God as Father has had a lasting significance to the Christian faith down the ages.*
- I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God...
 - ◊ *Christians believe that Jesus is both human and divine; this was the way in which God experienced what it was to be human.*
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life...
 - ◊ *For Christians, the Holy Spirit is the power of God, whom people experience in their daily lives. He is 'God in us', God the sustainer (always in existence) and God the encourager.*



4. REMEMBER IT!

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (John 16:13)

6. PRAY IT!

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.



5. LIVE IT! (UNDERSTANDING)

Understanding – is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us to know the truth. Understanding is the ability to know the meaning of the teachings of the Church. The gift of understanding helps you be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.

This week, make a commitment to read the bible daily to gain knowledge of God and understand God's will for you.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' Miracle with Five Loaves of Bread and Two Fish

WEEK C - MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

LUKE 9:11-17

The crowds, meanwhile, learned of this and followed him. He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the **Twelve** approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five **loaves** and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of [about] fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were **satisfied**. And when the leftover **fragments** were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Twelve –refers to the twelve apostles of Jesus

Loaves – refers to loaves of bread

Satisfied – means full

Fragments –refers to the pieces of bread left over

2. EXPLORE IT!

In the Gospel today, Jesus performed a miracle with five loaves and two fish, He feeds about five thousand men. Jesus takes the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. Five thousand men are full and there are twelve baskets of leftover. The Gospel today also shows us the caring and sharing moment of Jesus for His followers who had followed Him to listen to Him and to be healed of various illnesses.

3. CONNECT IT!

The scene of Jesus breaking bread in today Gospel also occurs at the Lord's Supper and at every mass. At the Lord's Supper, Jesus breaks the bread and gives them to his disciples and asks them to do "the breaking of bread" in memory of Him. Jesus institutes the Eucharist Sacrament according to Mark: "He took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them and said, 'Take, this is my body.' And He took a cup and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them and they drank all of it and He said to them, 'This is

my blood of the New Covenant which is poured out for many."

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ) to show the joy of the institution of the Eucharist.

Can you identify "the breaking of bread" event during mass? What does the priest do during "the breaking of bread"? Hint: The Eucharist Sacrament is also called "the breaking of bread."

4. REMEMBER IT!

"They all ate and were satisfied." (Luke 9:17)

5. LIVE IT! [SHARING]

Sharing – is caring and giving.

We are blessed with many things in this world. Jesus has given us a loving family and wonderful home for us to live in. Jesus also gave us good food that our parents prepared for us.



This week, practice your sharing virtue by finding a local food bank. Ask your parents to help you to drop off the can or box food for your local food bank. Local food banks are always in need food to feed the poor in your community.

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for the bountiful food You have given daily, both spiritual food and material food. We pray that we all open our heart to share the bountiful food You have given us so that there will be less hungry children in the world. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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THE WOULD-BE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

WEEK C-O13 LUKE 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he **resolutely** determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to **consume** them?" Jesus turned and **rebuked** them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and **proclaim** the kingdom of God."

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Resolutely	To mark by firm determination.
Consume	To eat or burn something up completely.
Rebuked	To criticize sharply; to reprimand.
Proclaim	To declare publicly, insistently, and proudly.

2. EXPLORE IT!

We see two parts of Jesus' journey today; rejection at a Samaritan village and the requirements of discipleship. There is a historical grudge between the Samaritans and the Jews for a variety of reasons due to wars, lands, and politics. The response by James and John is often the temptation to use violence to achieve righteousness. Jesus has come to break this temptation and is aware He must undergo violence Himself before He can enter His glory. The latter part of today's reading speaks to the rush into discipleship; Jesus wants everyone to be aware of the costs, make Jesus and His mission central in their life, and to go forward without looking back.

3. CONNECT IT!

Prioritizing is an important aspect of everyone's life. One needs to finish their homework before going off to play. Chores need to be completed before talking with friends. These priorities teach us a variety of lessons as we grow older. The same applies to the kinds of priorities Jesus wants us to have. They not only form good habits, but build deeper understanding and appreciation (organization, knowledge, stability, cleanliness, etc.) we often do not recognize when we are younger. Jesus calls on us to not only make priorities in our life, but to put God as the most important.

5. LIVE IT! [LOYALTY]

Loyalty — the quality of showing and giving firm and constant support or allegiance to a person or institution.

Do you know what your current priorities are? Are they in line with what your family expects your priorities to be? Each night, have a talk with your family and ask about a priority they would like for you to have and why. Then briefly write down the conversation you had and what you learned! Be ready to share the most interesting priority your family would like for you to have to the class!



4. REMEMBER IT!

**"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."
(Luke 9:62)**

6. PRAY IT!

Jesus, You have shown us the greatest example of loyalty when You still love mankind despite our transgressions. Enable us, through following Your example and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to be forgiving, loyal, and dependable in the midst of difficult circumstances. Help us to do unto others as we would have them do to us. Amen.

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THE MISSION OF JESUS' 72 DISCIPLES

WEEK C-014
LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20



At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, “The **harvest** is abundant but the **laborers** are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’ If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’ Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, ‘The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.’ Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more **tolerable** for **Sodom** on that day than for that town.”

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name.” Jesus said, “I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to ‘tread upon serpents’ and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not **rejoice** because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Harvest	The process of gathering crops.
Laborers	A person doing unskilled manual work for wages.

Tolerable	To be able to endure.
Sodom	In the Bible, a place that was depraved and wicked.
Rejoice	To give joy and feel great delight.

2. EXPLORE IT!



We continue the theme of discipleship in this week's reading with Jesus sending out pairs of disciples ahead of Him. There is a subtle connection between the Old and New Testament here, where in the Law of Moses, two witnesses were necessary for a testimony to be credible. We continue to learn of its challenges, difficulties, and its rewards. Healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom, and Jesus assures the disciples that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is a calling for everyone, not trained individuals or charismatic speakers.

3. CONNECT IT!

Family is where we first learn to work together, whether it is with our parents, extended family, siblings, or close friends of the family. Although we have more freedoms as we grow older, family often stays constant and is a reminder that togetherness best serves our goals and dreams. Similar to Jesus sending the disciples, we are reminded that when we work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God, there is no obstacle we cannot overcome.



4. LIVE IT! [PURPOSEFULNESS]

Purposefulness means to have or show determination or resolve.

What are the different ways your family works together? Are there instances when you can only be successful if you are working with someone else? This week, think about a task, chore, or project you have done where you needed help to complete. How was working together more successful than you working alone? Be ready to share your experiences with the class!

5. REMEMBER IT!

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” (Luke 10:2)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, I am calling upon You today for Your divine guidance and help. Help me to find purpose in my life, where my actions are for good, where I lift people up rather than bring them down. I pray that You will be my strength and my shield. My heart has trust in You. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

WEEK C-O15

LUKE 10:25-37



There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit **eternal life**?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "*You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.*" He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to **justify** himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They

stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a **Levite** came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a **Samaritan** traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Eternal Life	Existence of life after death of the body.
Justify	To show or prove to be right or reasonable.
Levite	A member of the Hebrew tribe of Levi; these members often provided assistants to the priests in the Jewish temple.
Samaritan	A member of a people inhabiting Samaria in biblical times, they were often not liked by Jews because of their ancestry.

2. EXPLORE IT!

A scholar of the law sought to test Jesus by asking Him what is the greatest commandment. Jesus replied with, "What is written in the law". This is important because the answer the scholar gave was a verse said in prayer twice a day during Jesus' time. Jesus' simple response to the scholar breaks the expectations of how society defined what was a "neighbor." Jesus explains that a neighbor is a person who acts with compassion towards another person. When Jesus asks the scholar who was the neighbor in the parable, the scholar could not bring himself to say it was the Samaritan. All he says was that it was "the one who treated him with mercy"

3. CONNECT IT!

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it is convenient, but whenever their children needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart! In the parable of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him.

4. REMEMBER IT!

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)

5. LIVE IT! [KINDNESS]

As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Each night, write down one responsibility you have with your family.

Describe briefly how easy or hard it is to meet those responsibilities. Share with your class this week and see how different people have different responsibilities!

The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.



6. PRAY IT!

Tender and kind Jesus, teach us to be like You in all your ways. Teach us kindness, gentleness, generosity, and to be giving, forgiving, loving and caring. Teach us to follow in Your humble footsteps. Guide us to the place You want us to be, take control. Mold and shape us into the brilliant beings You destine us to become. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____
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JESUS With Martha and Mary

WEEK C-O16
LUKE 10:38-42



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Burdened	A load, typically a heavy one, that causes one to feel heavily troubled.
Serve	To perform duties or service for another person.
Anxious	A feeling or showing worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus visits Martha and Mary in their home. As Jesus speaks, it is only Mary that sits at His feet to listen. Martha, on the other hand, is busy trying to prepare serving Jesus. As Martha hurriedly tries to prepare everything, she asks Jesus to encourage Mary to also help with the preparation. Jesus responds to Martha by telling her that what is most important is not the preparation, but the guests, who is Jesus Himself.

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, **burdened** with much **serving**, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are **anxious** and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

3. CONNECT IT!

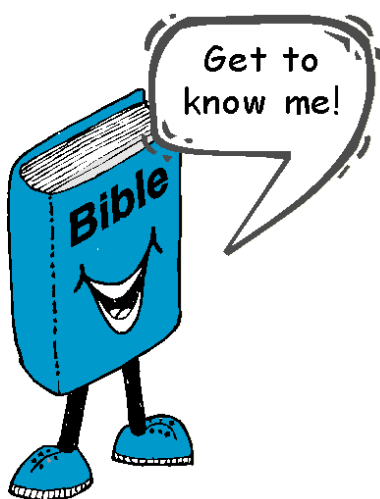
Preparing for dinner, especially if you're having guests and friends over, can take a lot of planning and work. First you must decide what to eat, what to drink, and how much you need. Once you decide those things, then you must go to the grocery store and pick up all the ingredients. You also must clean the house as no one wants to visit a dirty one! But stop for a moment and think, why are you hosting guests and friends over in the first place? That is the same question Jesus is asking Martha in today's Gospel. Why is Martha "burdened with much serving" when in reality, "there is need of only one thing." The most important thing is not the serving, but rather, the conversation with Jesus. Jesus reminds us to think less about what is on the surface, such as the time we spend on our outward appearance and trying to please others, and instead, use that time to be in daily conversation with Christ, deepening our relationship with Him.

4. LIVE IT!

[WISDOM]

Wisdom is the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement.

We gain wisdom by learning and listening to others, especially Jesus Christ. This week, grab your Bible and read the Gospel daily. What did you learn from the Gospel reading?

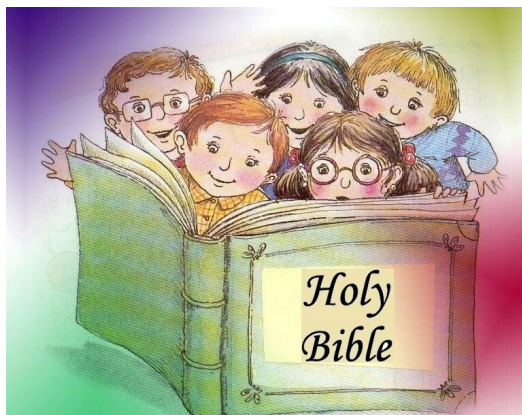


5. REMEMBER IT!

*"Martha, Martha,
you are anxious and worried
about many things."
(Luke 10:41)*

6. PRAY IT!

Thank You, Lord, for being there for us, especially in times of need. It amazes us that the Lord of the Universe would take time to listen to us and to care about what we say. God, there are things happening around us right now that we do not understand. Some of these things make us feel weak, helpless, and afraid. Even in the midst of this, we know that You are the Lord. We know that the situation is in Your hand, and we trust You. we beseech You for strength and for wisdom that we would be able to endure this situation and be able to handle it in a way that would bring glory to Your name. In Jesus name. Amen.



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JESUS' TEACHING ON HOW TO PRAY

Week
C-O17

LUKE
11:1-13

“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”



Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, **hallowed** be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily

bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in **debt** to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his **persistence**.”

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are **wicked**, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Hallowed	To make holy, consecrated.
Debt	A sum of money that is owed or due.
Persistence	To continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

2. EXPLORE IT!

The disciples in today's Gospel asks Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus takes it a step further and teaches them not only how to pray, but what to pray for through the Lord's Prayer. Jesus tells them to ask for “daily bread,” which represents the necessities of life and “forgive us our sins,” which is a reminder that while the disciples are not perfect, God will guide them to do what is right rather than what is wrong. Jesus also teaches the disciples the importance of forgiving others.



3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus teaches us the importance of not only praying, but how to pray. In the Lord's Prayer, we pray and seek God's help in giving us what we need in life. It goes even further and, in the prayer, we recognize that we are imperfect and are sinners. Therefore, we ask God for help in keeping us away from sin, so that one day, we can live with Him in Heaven. Like a father who takes care of his children, God is also like that.

Sometimes we may ask God for lots of things to make our lives easier, but instead of just giving us everything, God gives us what we truly need.



4. LIVE IT! [SINCERITY]

Sincerity means the absence of pretense, deceit, or hypocrisy.

God calls on us to be sincere with others and with Him. Therefore, for this week, apologize when we hurt others and/or are wrong. At the end of the week, also seek God's forgiveness and be sincere with Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



5. REMEMBER IT!

"... ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be
opened to you."
(Luke 11:9)



6. PRAY IT!

Oh Most humane and loving Jesus, Your endless grace and mercy flows forth. Help us to fully repent for our sinful ways, and to change ourselves for the better. Grant us the grace to live according to Your teachings and for our hearts to remain flawless before You.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____
Parent signature

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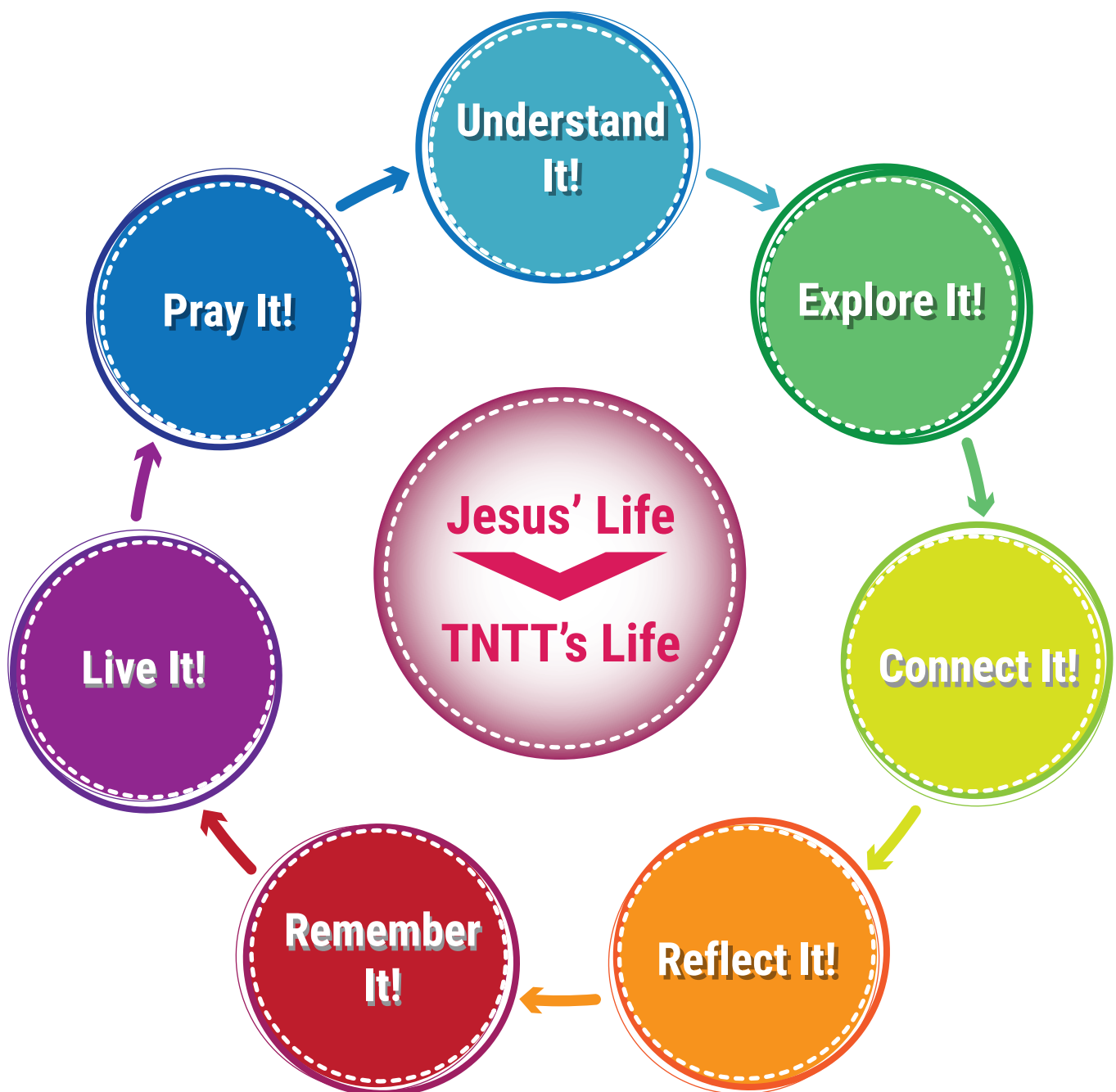
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Imitate Jesus' life through Scripture by learning, practicing, and living the Catholic virtues



“Go and Make
Disciples
of All Nations,”

Mt 28:19

