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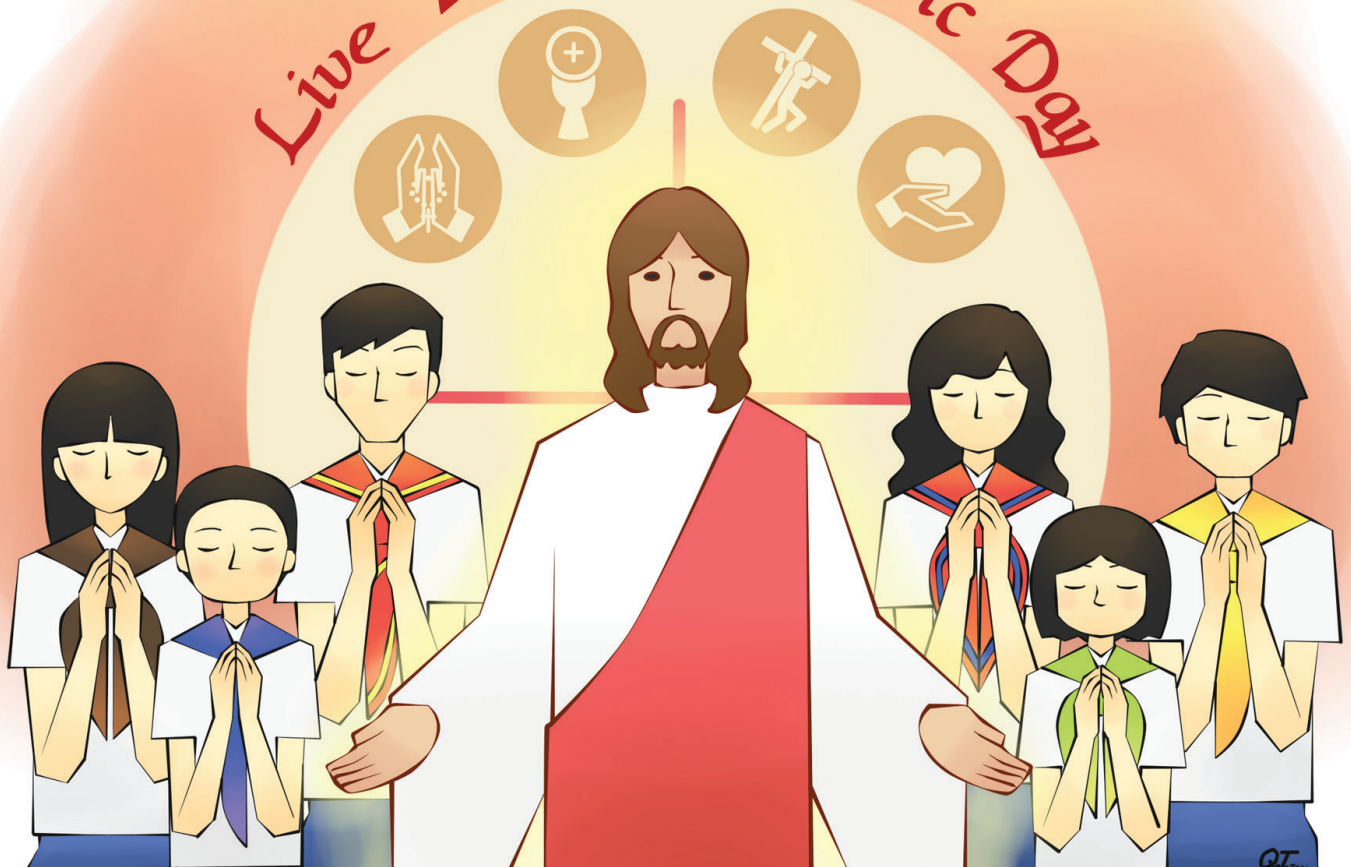


Weekly Gospel Lessons

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Live The Eucharistic Day



TNTT WEEKLY SCRIPTURE LESSON STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEM

STUDENT

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Read the weekly scripture lesson at home before going to TNTT and/or church
2. Participate and share in the bible sharing session
3. Practice the virtue from the **Live It!** section daily

YOUTH LEADER

YOUTH-LEADER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Prepare a weekly scripture lesson with prayer
2. Share and connect the Gospel to daily life
3. Encourage students to do homework and practice the weekly virtue

PARENT

PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Read the weekly scripture lesson with your child
2. Share and connect the Gospel to family life
3. Help, pray, and remind your child to practice the virtue from the **Live It!** section

Weekly
Gospel
Lessons

Lesson Journal

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	18th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 2	Jesus' Teaching on Greed	Detachment	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	19th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 4	Jesus' Warning of being Vigilant and Faithful Servants	Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	20th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 6	Jesus: A Cause of Division	Harmonious	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	21st Sunday in Ord. — C Page 8	Jesus' Teaching on Entering Through the Narrow Door	Tolerance	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	22nd Sunday in Ord. — C Page 10	Jesus' Teaching on Conduct of Invited Guests and Hosts	Honor	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	23rd Sunday in Ord. — C Page 12	Being Jesus' Disciple	Authenticity	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	24th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 14	Jesus' Teaching on Repentance	Joyfulness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	25th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 16	Jesus' Parable of the Dishonest Steward	Honesty	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	26th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 18	Jesus' Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus	Thoughtfulness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	27th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 20	Jesus' Teaching on Faith	Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	28th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 22	Jesus Healed the Ten Lepers	Gratitude	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	29th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 24	Jesus' Parable of the Persistent Widow	Perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	30th Sunday in Ord. — C Page 26	Jesus' Parable of Two Men Praying in the Temple	Humility	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	31st Sunday in Ord. — C Page 28	Jesus and Zacchaeus the Tax Collector	Encouragement	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	32nd Sunday in Ord. — C Page 30	Jesus' Teaching on Resurrection	Open to Truth	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	33rd Sunday in Ord. — C Page 32	Persecution Because of Jesus	Peace	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Christ the King — C Page 34	Jesus , the King of Mercy	Accountability	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	1st Sunday of Advent — A Page 36	The Coming of Jesus	Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	2nd Sunday of Advent — A Page 38	Prepare the Way for Jesus	Repentance	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
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	4th Sunday of Advent — A Page 42	The Birth of Jesus	Righteousness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Nativity of the Lord — A Page 44	Jesus , the Word, Became Flesh	Love	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	The Holy Family — A Page 46	The Holy Family of Jesus , Mary and Joseph	Obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Mary, Mother of God — A Page 48	Mary, Mother of Jesus	Peacefulness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Epiphany of the Lord — A Page 50	Follow Jesus' Star	Joyfulness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Baptism of the Lord — A Page 52	The Baptism of Jesus	Duty	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	2nd Sunday in Ord. — A Page 54	John's Testimony to Jesus	Witness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
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	7th Sunday in Ord. — A Page 64	Jesus' Teaching About Loving Enemies	Perfection	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	8th Sunday in Ord. — A Page 66	Jesus' Teaching About Loyalty to God	Loyalty	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	9th Sunday in Ord. — A Page 68	Listening and Acting on Jesus' Teaching	Prudence	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
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	3rd Sunday of Lent — A Page 74	Jesus is the source of living water	Enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	4th Sunday of Lent — A Page 76	Jesus cured the blind	Trust	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	5th Sunday of Lent — A Page 78	Jesus raised Lazarus	Caring	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Palm/Passion Sunday — A Page 80	The Passion of Christ	Loyalty	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Easter Sunday — A Page 82	Jesus Rises from the Death	Belief	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	2nd Sunday of Easter—A Page 84	Jesus Strengthened the Faith of Thomas	Faith	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	3rd Sunday of Easter—A Page 86	Jesus on the Road to Emmaus	Understanding	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	4th Sunday of Easter—A Page 88	Jesus is the Good Shepherd	Recognition	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	5th Sunday of Easter—A Page 90	Who is Jesus ?	Authenticity	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	6th Sunday of Easter—A Page 92	If you love Jesus ...	Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
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	Most Holy Trinity — A Page 98	Believe in the name of Jesus	Purposefulness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
	Most Holy Body & Blood—A Page 100	Jesus is the Living Bread	Thankfulness	<input type="checkbox"/> Read the lesson <input type="checkbox"/> Do homework/Practice virtue
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JESUS' TEACHING ON GREED

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the **inheritance** with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and **arbitrator**?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of **possessions**."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a **bountiful** harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my **harvest**?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

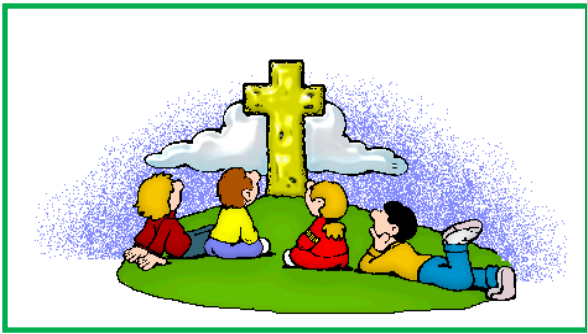


1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Inheritance	Things received from the death of the previous holder.
Arbitrator	An official person whose job it is to settle an argument.
Possessions	Something that is owned or possessed by someone
Bountiful	Abundant, a lot of something.
Harvest	Gathering crops.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In this Gospel, Jesus points out that what we collect and own today that may make us rich in our world, do not do us any good when we die. When we die, these things that we own no longer belong to us and, we cannot take them with us. Today, Jesus reminds us that we should be working on becoming rich in the eyes of God instead. To do this we need to fill our lives with things that really matter to God Himself such as being good faithful servants to Him. We need to do good with ourselves and for other people like a true disciple of God. Filling our life with meaningful treasures such as this, we are richer than people who just have a lot of things.



3. CONNECT IT!

Often times we spend too much time focused on material things in our world. Things like how our hair looks, our clothes, shoes, cellphones, and video games. We fill our lives with these material things and give it a lot of importance. Sometimes we even give these things

more attention and importance than God. We often forget that these things we own, at the end of the day don't mean very much. We forget that the main focus in our lives should be about God and our relationship with Him. We spend time on our phones and games and get nothing much out of it. However, when we choose to spend our time and attention on things that matter such as helping our family to be better servants to God, we get more out of our time and our life. We have more meaningful lives when we fill them with being a disciple of God.

4. LIVE IT! (DETACHMENT)

Detachment is when you aren't attached to something, and do not need to be around it.

This week practice detachment from electronic devices. Try to focus the time you usually spend on these things to be a better son or daughter, brother or sister in your family. If you don't use these things, try to think of something you do often on your own, and use that time to spend doing something good for another person in your family such as helping them out with chores or homework.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

[Luke 12:15]

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank you for always calling us to be better improved version of ourselves. We know sometimes we lose focus on You, the person who really matters in our lives. Sometimes we often get distracted by the other things in our lives and forget to even think of You. Please help us be better and always remembering that the things we own are just things. Help us remember what really matters in life. With this we pray to you, Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Jesus' Warning of being Vigilant and Faithful Servants

WEEK C - 019

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an **inexhaustible** treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"**Gird** your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds **vigilant** on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to **distribute** the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his **property**. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make **preparations** nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Inexhaustible

Never ending, endless.

Gird

secure (a garment or money bag) on the body with a belt or band.

Vigilant

Keeping careful watch.

Distribute

To divide and give out in shares.

Property

What a person owns.

Preparation

An act of preparing.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In this Gospel, Jesus teaches us that things themselves won't truly make us rich, and He reminds us that what we own in this life we cannot carry into our life after death. To have a life full of meaning, we need to be good servants to God, and to be ready to receive Him at any time. We are reminded by Jesus in this scripture to be good and faithful to Him at all times because we don't know what the future holds. If we keep waiting to do something, we may be too late. A person who is a faithful servant to God will remember it is important to always do what is right, and be the best person even if no one is there holding them accountable at that time.

3. CONNECT IT!

Sometimes it is easy to think that we have the time of the world. Sometimes we get lazy and push things to the last-minute thinking we'll just do it later. When we have this mindset, we push away anything that requires effort and work, and choose to do what's easier at the moment of time. This often can mean pushing aside doing what we know is right and good, because often times doing what's right and good takes more work. We even sometimes push aside what it means to be a faithful servant to God thinking we have time later. But we must remember that being a faithful servant to God doesn't just mean only being good to Him sometimes when we feel like it, but all the time. In this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we need to always be ready and willing to be a faithful servant to Him, especially in the times we don't want to. By always being a faithful servant to God, we will always be ready to meet Him.



4. LIVE IT!

Reliability: Able to be trusted to do or provide what is needed.

A reliable person is a person who does what he/she said. This person is always doing what is right even if nobody there holding him/herself accountable at the time. This week, if you tell mom/dad that you will only watch TV for 15 minutes then keep your word and turn off the TV in 15 minutes even though mom/dad doesn't check-in on you.

RELIABILITY

5. REMEMBER IT!

**“BLESSED ARE
THOSE SERVANTS
WHOM THE MASTER
FINDS VIGILANT
ON HIS ARRIVAL.”
(LUKE 12:37)**

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank you for always loving us no matter what we do. Thank you for always being there for us. We know sometimes we are not always the best that we can be for You, and we am sorry. We are sorry for all the times we chose to do something easier than being good servants to You. Please help us and teach us more everyday how to be better servants for You. We love You. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS: A CAUSE OF DIVISION

WEEK C - 020
LUKE 12:49-53



1. Understand It!

Fire	often used to present judgement.
Anguish	Severe pain or suffering.
in-law	A person you are related to by marriage.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on **fire**, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my **anguish** until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Jesus said that He will set the earth on fire, to bring division. One may easily misunderstand this, and think that Jesus is a violent and a bad person. However, what Jesus truly meant was that He is not here to promote the worldly version of "peace", but rather the peace that comes from God. Which is only for those who built their lives on the foundation of the Gospel.



3. Connect It!

You should never do anything that is bad even if you see other people do it. Always try to do what is right and Jesus will make sure you will be rewarded.

4. Live It! [HARMONIOUS]

Harmonious

Marked by agreement in feeling, attitude, or action.

God asked you to have harmonious relationships with everyone. You can do this by showing kindness and being selfless. Doing this may be hard sometimes, but no worries; remember that you are doing this for Jesus and He will always help you.

This week, try to help someone at least once per day. Give yourself a check mark every time you do.

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Monday	
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5. Remember It!

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"
(Luke 12:49)

Show these firefighters and kids some kindness by giving them some color!



6. Pray It!

Dear God, we thank you for all You have done for us. We wish to show You our appreciation by creating harmonious relationships with others by spreading Your love. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' Teaching on Entering Through the Narrow Door

WEEK C - O21

LUKE 13:22-30



Jesus passed through towns and **villages**, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "**Strive** to enter through the **narrow** gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord, open the door for us.' He will say to you in reply, 'I do not know where you are from. And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' Then he will say to you, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you **evildoers!**' And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the **prophets** in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will **recline** at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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Understand It!

Villages	A group of houses in a community
Strive	Make every effort
Narrow	Small width
Evildoers	People who do bad things
Prophet	A person that tells the will of God
Recline	Take a seat

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Explore It!

Jesus is teaching about the kingdom of God in Jerusalem. Then someone asked Him, "Are only a few people going to be saved?" Jesus gave the example of a narrow door as the kingdom of heaven, where everyone will try to enter but the owner will not let evildoers in. The evildoers will then be punished, while those who enter through the narrow door will be feasting in the kingdom of God.

3

Connect It!

Think about your favorite athlete. Where do you think they would be if they have given up when the training is too hard? Do you think they have never thought of, "I'll never be a professional athlete."? Of course they have! However, they pushed those negative thoughts away so they could focus on their goals. Likewise, our goal is to enter heaven. There will be times that it seems hard to be good, such as to share or to be nice to someone you don't like. But Jesus teaches us that to enter through the heaven's narrow door, we must be good Christians in our daily life. What can you do so you can enter through the narrow door?



4

Live It! [TOLERANCE]

Tolerance: accept or endure (someone or something unpleasant or dislike) with patience and self-control.

One way we can enter through the narrow door is to be tolerant of others. Even when things are not going the way we want, we must still be tolerant. We must also express our tolerance with joy instead of sadness or anger. Go and try to practice tolerance by letting your brother or sister play with your toys a little longer or letting someone you don't really like to play with you and your friends!

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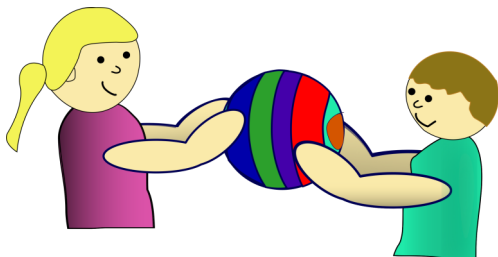
Remember It!

"Strive to enter through the narrow door."

(Luke 13:24)

6

Pray It!



Dear God, please help me learn to be more tolerant towards others and help me become a good Christian, so I can enter through the narrow door of heaven and be with You forever. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' Teaching on Conduct of Invited Guests & Hosts



On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a **parable** to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more **distinguished guest** than you may

have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the **esteem** of your companions at the table. For everyone who **exalts** himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

1. Understand It!

Parable: a short, simple story used to teach moral lessons.

Distinguished guest: a respected and admired person.

Exalt: to think or speak very highly of someone.

Esteem: respect for a person.

2. Explore It!

When we get invited to a banquet, we should take seats at a low place so if the host wants, he can ask us to move to a higher seat where we will feel honored. If we take a higher seat that doesn't belong to us, then we may be asked to move to another seat, and we will feel embarrassed. We should invite everyone, rich and poor alike; don't just invite only the people who we think can give us a return.

3. Connect It!

Jesus told this story to remind us to be humble and honor everyone. If we honor others, others will honor us. We shouldn't think that we are better than anyone. We shouldn't just help others and expect they have to do something for us in return. Have you ever helped someone without them knowing it was you?

4. Live It!

[HONOR]

Have high respect for everyone.

- ♥ Treat everyone nicely.
- ♥ Respect all your friends.
- ♥ Listen to and use kind words to a friend at school that you rarely talk to.

5. Remember It!

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

(Luke 14:11)



6. Pray It!

Dear God, please help us to lower ourselves and honor everyone; help us to be humble. We would like to learn how to help others without expecting a favor in return.
Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Being Jesus' Disciple

WEEK C - O23

LUKE 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my **disciple**. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the **foundation** and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish." Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a **delegation** to ask for peace terms. In the same way, everyone of you who does not **renounce** all his **possessions** cannot be my disciple.



1. Understand It!

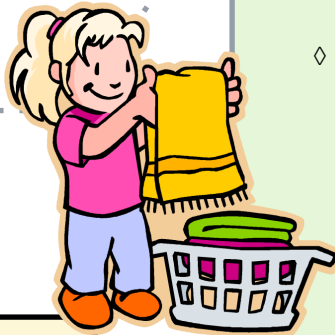
Disciple	Student or follower.
Foundation	the base for something
Delegation	A trusted person or group that represents someone else.
Renounce	To give up something.
Possessions	Things belonging to someone.

2. Explore It!

Today's Gospel teaches us how we should follow Jesus. We have different kinds of distractions in our lives, such as friends, video games, TV, etc. Taking the first step to follow Him, is taking some time away from these distractions and helping around the house or spending more time with our family. Jesus doesn't ask much of us, but for our hearts and our time.

3. Connect It!

Jesus loves us. He gave us our parents to take care of us on His behalf. If we love and trust in Jesus, we should do the same for our parents. That is what Jesus wants.



4. Live It!

[AUTHENTICITY]

True to one's own personality, spirit, or character.

- ◇ Be a good Eucharistic Youth member by offering day and night to God.
- ◇ To show our love to our parents by doing our chores such as (1) clean our room, (2) sweeping floors, (3) putting wet clothes from the washer into the dryer, (4) taking clothes out of the dryer, or (5) folding laundry,
- ◇ Spend another minute, every night to talk to Jesus about your day.

5. Remember It!

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

(Luke 14:27)



6. Pray It!

Dear God,
You have loved us above all things. Help us remember to stay away from things that may distract us from your love.
Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' Teaching on Repentance

WEEK C - 024

LUKE 15:1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the **Pharisees** and **scribes** began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this **parable**. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who **repents** than over ninety-nine **righteous** people who have no need of repentance.



"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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UNDERSTAND IT!



Pharisees	Jewish religious scholars and teachers. They knew the Scriptures and Moses' law very well, and strictly applied the law to everything.
Scribes	Jewish scholars and record-keepers who copied holy scrolls and other important documents.
Parable	a simple story that explains or teaches a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels.
Repent	to be sorry for something we have done or failed to do.
Righteous	displaying a good conduct and right behaviors.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In the Gospel today, Jesus used a simple story of finding a lost sheep to teach the Pharisees, the scribes, and all of us the following:

1. God will always be the first one to come to you when you are lost.
2. "Rejoice and repent!" Because we are sinners whom loved by God. He always welcomes each of us with an open arm.

The lost sheep in the Gospel could also be the Pharisees and scribes who are lost in their arrogant and jealousy when seeing Jesus welcome and embrace other sinners. God used the parable to seek for their return. Did they welcome Him? Sadly, they did not listen to Him with a humble heart.

3. CONNECT IT!

We all make mistakes. And often, we are not brave enough to admit our mistakes, to say sorry or to forgive those who have sinned against us. Jesus' message for us today is, Rejoice and Repent. He wants us to know that He will always come looking for us when we are lost and strayed away from him. He rejoices when we return to Him.

4. LIVE IT!

[JOYFULNESS]
A FEELING OF GREAT HAPPINESS.

God's greatest happiness is when we repent for our sins and rejoice in His love and mercy for each one of us. We can also experience this great joy in our lives if we can practice saying these three phrases more often – "THANK YOU" – "I AM SORRY" – "I FORGIVE YOU"

During night prayer, spend five minutes to reflect on what was happening during our day: thank God for all the blessings; be sorry for what you've done wrong; and ask God to help us live better lives tomorrow.

5. REMEMBER IT!

**"...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."
(Luke 15:7)**

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, help us be joyful when we lose our way and help return back to Your love. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' PARABLE OF THE DISHONEST STEWARD

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a **steward** who was reported to him for **squandering** his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am **ashamed** to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's **debtors** one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'



And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more **prudent** in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters

is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and **mammon**."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Steward

like a manager, who is put in charge of the owner's good, business, and property.

Squandering

Waste.

Ashamed

Embarrassed or guilty.

Debtors

A person that owes a sum of money or property of someone else.

Prudent

showing good judgment and caution.

Mammon

money or material wealth.

2. EXPLORE IT!

This Sunday's parable, Jesus used a story of the dishonest steward to teach us about honesty in our services. In the story, the steward's role is to help the boss taking care his property and make it profitable for the boss. Instead, he wasted the resources that the boss has entrusted for him to serve his greediness. When he did that, he was no longer stay truthful to his steward's role, and had become a servant of his own selfishness.

3. CONNECT IT!

Just like a steward, God gives us talents, treasures, and time to serve God and others. In this Sunday's parable, Jesus reminds us that our money and talents are meant to serve, and not to be admired. Whenever we choose to share with the poor and with those who don't have as much as we do, we are growing closer to the Lord. Whenever we become greedy and selfish, we have put the worldly things above God. Will you put God above all things?

4. LIVE IT!

[HONESTY]

to be truthful in what you say and what you do.

This week, Jesus invites you to practice honesty at home and at school by doing the following:

1. When your family members and friends are asking for your help, never say "no" to help them when you can.
2. Save the money you have to share with the poor and to put in the offering basket during mass. Never say "I don't have money to share with others" when you have money for toys and games.



5. REMEMBER IT!

"No servant can serve two masters."
(LUKE 16: 13)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, help us become Your honest steward by knowing how to use our riches and talents to serve You and others. Help us to always choose You above all our favorite games and toys. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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WEEK C - 026
LUKE 16:19-31

Jesus' Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined **sumptuously** each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the **netherworld**, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are **tormented**. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be **persuaded** if someone should rise from the dead.'"



1. Understand It!

Sumptuously	Netherworld	Tormented	Persuaded
costly	after-world	pain suffering	to convince

2. Explore It!

He said, 'Oh no, Father _____, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will _____.' Then _____ said, 'if they will not listen to _____ and the _____, neither will they be _____ if someone should _____ from the _____.'

3. Connect It!

"Let them listen to them": Jesus wants us to listen to Moses and the prophets. To listen to Moses and the prophets is to listen to our Pope, priest, and Youth-Leaders. For example, praying for the Pope's monthly intention, listening to the teachings of the priests and religious brothers and sisters, or following the instructions from the Youth-Leaders to do

4. Live It!

[Thoughtfulness]

is to show consideration for other people's advices and needs.

You can practice this virtue by:

- Listen to the Gospel and the homily and practice it.
- Listen and obey your parents and your teachers' advice about what is right and wrong.
- Share your toys with your brother and sister.
- Share lunch with your friends.

To do the example above is to show you are being thoughtful for other people's advice and needs.

5. Remember It!

If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.

(Luke 16:31)

6. Pray It!

Dear Jesus, please help me to be thoughtful and considerate towards others feelings and thoughts so that we do not hurt them with our words or actions. Lord Jesus, open our hearts so we may come near to You. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a **mustard seed**, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be **uprooted** and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Who among you would say to your **servant** who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were **obliged** to do.'"



1. Understand It!

mustard seed: one of the smallest seeds; its size is about 1 millimeter, not much bigger than a period at the end of the sentence. This mustard seed can grow into a large tree.

uprooted: pulled out of the ground.

servant: a person who performs duties for others.

obliged: do what you are asked to do.

2. Explore It!

When the disciples ask Jesus to give them more faith, Jesus compares their faith to the mustard seed. Jesus wants us to know that our faith is like a seed. Gradually, it will grow if you care and put in the work. Jesus also reminds us that we are all servants of God. We have to be humble and do what we are told to do without asking for anything in return.



3. Connect It!

When God made you inside of your mother, you were smaller than a mustard seed; and look what happened! You grew and were born into this world. By the gift of faith and baptism, you also become a child of God. And one day, by faith, you will enter into everlasting life in heaven. Faith gives us the power to say "Amen" to God's will and to the truths he has revealed.



4. Live It! [Faith]

Faith – complete trust in God.

Faith makes us grow strong in love and in the likeness of Jesus Christ. What can a member of VEYM do to strengthen our faith and relationship with Jesus? The answer is...

1. Living a Eucharistic Day by doing morning offering, holy or spiritual communion, and night offering.
2. Spend some quiet time to listen and adore Jesus in the Eucharist during Holy Communion.
3. Learn a new thing about Jesus every week, and try to do what Jesus has done.

5. Remember It!

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17: 6)



6. Pray It!

Dear Jesus, thank you for the gift of faith. We want to know You, love You, and trust in You more and more each day. Amen.

faith

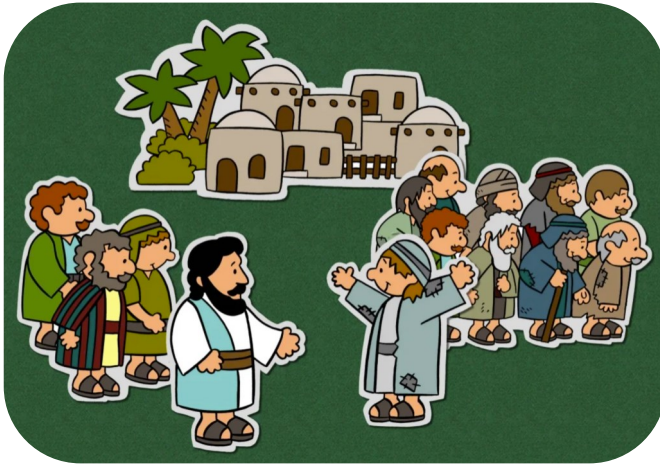
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Jesus Healed the Ten Lepers

WEEK C - 028

LUKE 17:11-19



As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten **lepers** met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were **cleansed**. And one of them, realizing he had been

healed, returned, **glorifying** God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a **Samaritan**. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this **foreigner** returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Leper	A person suffering from skin disease.
Cleanse	To make thoroughly clean of sin or guilt.
Glorify	To reveal the glory of God by one's actions
Samaritan	The Samaritans were half-Jews and half-Gentiles. Jews often look down on Samaritans. Both groups do not like each other very much.
foreigner	A person from another country.

2. EXPLORE IT!

During Jesus' time, there were lepers which were people that suffered a bacterial disease. However, during those times, they were viewed as unclean, impure, and full of sins. When they saw Jesus come by, they called out to Him, asking Him to have pity on them. Being the merciful person, Jesus cleansed and healed them.

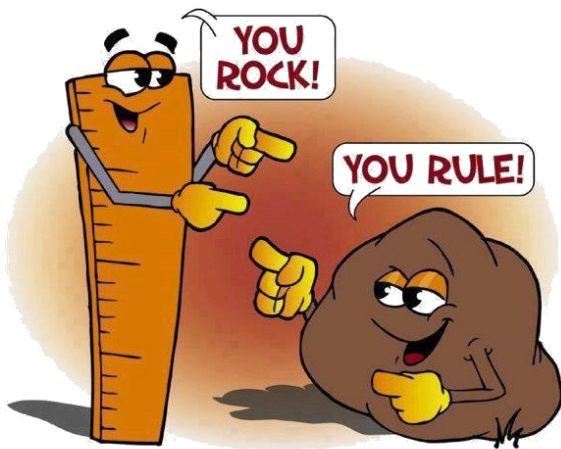
3. CONNECT IT!



God is loving and merciful and through Jesus, God has cleansed us of our sins. Like the Samaritan, how can we learn to recognize God's love and merciful heart? How can we show gratitude to God?

4. LIVE IT!

[GRATITUDE] to be thankful and willing to show appreciation for and to return kindness to someone



for, this coming week, remember to:

- ◆ Say "thank you" to your parents when they serve your meals.
- ◆ Say "thank you" to whomever drive you to and back from school.
- ◆ Say "thank you" to God every morning for keeping you safe overnight and for giving you another day.

5. REMEMBER IT!

**"Has none but this
FOREIGNER RETURNED
TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD?"
(LUKE 17:18)**

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, please help us to be able to recognize You, Your love, and Your merciful heart. It may be hard to recognize You sometimes, but please guide us, Holy Spirit, so that we may be able to see God through others and through ourselves. Allow me to give thanks to You and to glorify Your name everyday of my life. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS' PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

WEEK C - 029

LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the **necessity** for them to pray always without becoming **weary**. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my **adversary**.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the **dishonest** judge says. Will not God then **secure** the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Necessity	Something that is needed and required.
Weary	Feeling or showing tiredness.
Render	To give something to someone.
Adversary	An opponent.
Dishonest	Not trustworthy and has the intention to mislead or cheat.
Secure	To make something safe by guarding and protecting it.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus told the parable of the Persistent widow who continued to ask the dishonest judge to give her a fair decision against her opponents. Jesus tells us that we need to pray and to never become weary of our faith in Him. Like the persistent widow, if we continue to pray to God, even in our toughest times, God will listen and answer our prayers. He will always be there for us because He loves us.

3. CONNECT IT!

How much faith do you have in God? He wants us to have faith in Him, His teachings, and others. God wants us to continue to do things even though they may become hard for us. He highly praises those who have **perseverance**, especially when it comes to having faith in Him. God wants all of us to continue to pray and to talk to Him. Do you feel like God does not listen to you sometimes? God is always there and is always listening to you and your prayers. Continue to have faith in God and continue to pray to Him for when you least expect it, God will answer you in the most humbling way for He is a loving father who is very merciful.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
(Luke 18:8)



4. LIVE IT! [PERSEVERANCE]

Perseverance - to continue doing something or trying to do something even though it is difficult

As a VEYM member, your leader reminds you to offer your day and night to God and receive spiritual communion daily. It is difficult to do it consistency every day.

For this week, to practice **perseverance**, try to do day and night offerings every day with the prayers below. Mark an "D" for day offering and "N" for night offering on your calendar. If you also receive spiritual Holy Communion during your prayer, then mark "D+" and "N+".



6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, please help me be firm in my daily prayers, so that I may be closer to You. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Jesus' Parable of Two Men Praying in the Temple

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a **Pharisee** and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay **tithes** on my whole income. But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who **exalts** himself will be **humbled**, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



1. Understand It!

- Pharisee** a Jewish person who strictly followed God's Laws.
- Tithes** a Jewish practice to offer 1/10 part of their money to support the church and clergy.
- Exalt** thinking highly of oneself.
- Humble** not proud or arrogant.

2. Explore It!

We are all different from each other. Some of us are born into a good family and get to go to school while some of us do not have a chance to go to school and might not even have a family. We cannot look down or say mean things to them because of that. We should try to get to know them and find their strengths, talents, and goodness, because we are all children of God, and God created us all beautiful and wonderful.

3. Connect It!



To teach people who only think about themselves, Jesus told them a story about a Pharisee and a tax collector who went to the temple and prayed. The Pharisee always praised himself for all the good things he did and said mean things about others. Meanwhile, the tax collector was humbly asking for God's mercy and felt sorry for his sins against God. And God forgave the tax collector.

4. Live It! [HUMILITY]

This week's Gospel invites us to live the virtue of humility - to think less about ourselves and learn to think about the goodness of others.

To practice this virtue, during this week, we will write down one good thing about the people we meet each day, one person per day only. By the end of the week, we will submit these notes to the leaders and pray for people we met during Sunday mass.

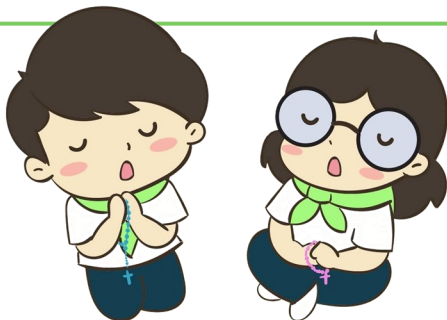
5. Remember It!

"...for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted"

(LUKE 18:14)

6. Pray It!

Dear God, please help us see the goodness in others and to help those who are in need of our love. Amen.



My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Jesus and Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

WEEK C - 031

LUKE 19:1-10

At that time, Jesus came to **Jericho** and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was, but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way.



When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my **possessions**, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have **extorted** anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today **salvation** has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

I. UNDERSTAND IT!

Jericho	A city in Palestine.
Possessions	Things that belong to us or others.
Extorted	To get something from a person by the use of force or threats.
Salvation	Being saved by Jesus from sins.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Even though Zacchaeus is a sinner and disliked by the people, he went out of his way just to see and listen to Jesus speak. Jesus accepts Zacchaeus for who he is and, in turn, Zacchaeus decides to repent for his wrongdoing and gives his possessions away. Zacchaeus was lost in his life for his sins and wrongdoings, but Jesus saves and forgives even sinners like him.



3. CONNECT IT!

By repenting of our sins and wanting to change for God just like Zacchaeus, we too can be saved. What are the bad habits you have that you want to change?

choose
faith
over
worry
♥

4. LIVE IT! [ENCOURAGEMENT]

Encouragement - giving someone support, confidence, and hope.

One thing we can do for each other is to accept and encourage each other to be the best we can be. What can you do for your friends, parents, or siblings that can make them feel better when they are sad?

This week, you should encourage your siblings, and your parent to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a family.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"For the Son of Man has
come to seek and to save
what was lost."
(Luke 19:10)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank you for
loving us unconditionally
and accepting us for who
we are, even though
we've sinned against You.
Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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WEEK C - 032
LUKE 20:27. 34-38

Jesus' Teaching on Resurrection



Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a **resurrection**, came forward. Jesus said to them, "The children of this age **marry** and remarry; but those who are **deemed** worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like **angels**; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Resurrection: when the dead becomes alive again.

Marry: become husband and wife, and dedicate your life to love, respect and serve each other.

Deemed: to be judged or considered.

Angel: a being created by God to adore Him and to protect Heaven and Earth.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus is telling the truth that death is not the end of life. Jesus is clearly speaking that there is an eternal life after death because God is the God of the living, not the dead.



3. CONNECT IT!

Everyone is born, grows up, matures and dies. When we die, our bodies turn to dust. But we believe that one day we will be alive with God forever like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Believing in eternal life makes us look at our life differently. We should live righteously, and godly in this world so that we can join Jesus Christ, whose life is eternal.



4. LIVE IT! [OPEN TO TRUTH]

- Listen and tell the truth.

For this week, to practice the virtue of "Open to the Truth", Please try to remember by heart and do the following 3 actions:

1. Telling the truth even you might get in trouble.
2. Doing what is right even when there is no one around.
3. Be courageous to accept your fault and say sorry for what you did wrong

5. REMEMBER IT!

"...and he is not God of the dead, but of the living..."
(Luke 9:38)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, please help us to be honest and to always tell the truth as You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
Amen.



My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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PERSECUTION BECAUSE OF JESUS

LUKE
21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was **adorned** with costly stones and **votive** offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, **famines**, and plagues from place to place, and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky.



"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving **testimony**. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your **adversaries** will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your **perseverance** you will secure your lives.

▶ I. UNDERSTAND IT!

Adorn	Decorate.
Votive	A gift offered to God as a sign of prayer or hope.
Famine	Many people are dying of hunger.
Testimony	Witness to the truth.
Adversaries	Opponent in a contest, conflict, or dispute.
Perseverance	Keep going despite difficulties and failures.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus will be with us even to the end of the world. When we experience difficulties and hatred, He advises us to hold steady to our belief in God and we will find peace.

3. CONNECT IT!

Even when we cannot predict our future, we can be ready for Jesus to come again by serving God and bringing peace to others.



5. REMEMBER IT!

“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”
[Luke 21:19]

4. LIVE IT! [PEACE]

Peace: feeling calm knowing God is always protecting us.

This week, try to pray with your parents every night and morning and keep track of every time you pray.



6. PRAY IT!

Dear Lord, please help us live each day so that we can serve You and so that our faith grows stronger each day. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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Jesus, the King of Mercy

WEEK C - 034
Luke 23:35-43



The rulers **sneered** at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers **jeered** at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an **inscription** that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there **reviled** Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, **rebuking** him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same **condemnation**? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in **Paradise**."

I. Understand It!

Sneer & jeer	To laugh, shout insults, and making fun at someone.
Inscription	Words that are written or cut in something.
Revile	To say unpleasant things to or about someone.
Rebuke	To speak angrily to someone because you disapprove of what they have said.
Condemnation	To be sentenced to death.
Paradise	Heaven, a place of great happiness.



2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Jesus was nailed on the cross with two other criminals. One of the criminals kept making fun of Jesus and said that if Jesus is truly the son of God, He should be able to save them all. The other criminal explained that they deserved their punishment because of their crimes, but Jesus did not do anything wrong. He only asked that Jesus remembers Him when He returns to heaven and Jesus promised that He will be with Jesus in heaven. Jesus makes the same promise to all who believe in Him and hope for the forgiveness of sins.

5. Remember It!

**“JESUS, REMEMBER ME
WHEN YOU COME INTO
YOUR KINGDOM.”
(LUKE 23: 35 - 43)**

6. Pray It!

Dear God, help us today to not stray away from Your love and grant us the strength to stay away from sins. But when we do sin, please give us the courage to face our mistakes so that we may be forgiven by You.
Amen.

3. Connect It!

The second criminal knows he has done something wrong, but instead of blaming it on others, he accepts that he has sinned. Since he owned up to his sins, Jesus allowed for him to enter heaven, even though he has committed a crime.

When we accept that we have sinned and do not try to deny it or make an excuse for it, we show God that we are truly sorry for our sins. God will always love us and He is always ready to save us, but only if we are able to be accountable for it.

4. Live It!

[Accountability]

Admit that you did something wrong and is ready to seek forgiveness.

Just like the criminal who held himself accountable and was saved by Jesus, we can be saved and forgiven. Recall a time when you did something wrong, but you owned up to it and was forgiven.



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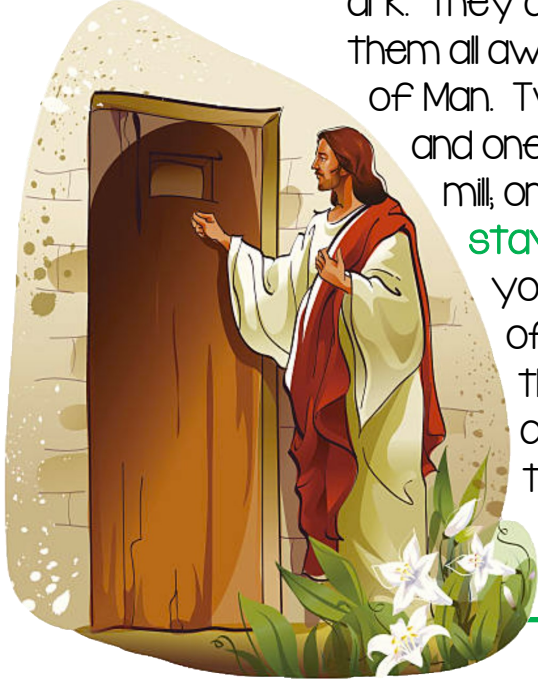
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THE COMING OF JESUS

WEEK A - A1

MATTHEW 24: 37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of **the Son of Man**. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field, one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be **grinding** at the mill, one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, **stay awake!** For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be **prepared**, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Son of Man	Jesus Christ
Grinding	make it smaller
Stay awake	be aware
Prepared	be ready



2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus wants us to be ready when the world is going to end; like the story of Noah's ark, the flood came upon suddenly and carried away those who were not prepared.

3. Connect It!

How would you feel if your teacher gives you a test when you are not ready? Are you going to do well on your test if you are not ready for it? Preparedness is a key factor in being successful in school. As we are longing for Jesus' coming this Christmas, it is important that we try to be holy every day and go to confession, in order to clean and prepare our souls for Him.

4. Live It!

[Preparedness]

Preparedness means to be ready.

- Spend one minute every night to think about what you will have to do the following day.
- Read the next weekly scripture lesson before learning it with your youth-leader.

If you get ready, you will do well at everything in your life.

5. Remember It!

**"Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come."
(Matthew 24:42)**

6. Pray It!



Lord Jesus,
please help us
be prepare for
Your coming by
teaching us to do
good deeds, and
to follow Your
commandments.
Amen.

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PREPARE THE WAY FOR JESUS



WEEK A - A2
MATTHEW 3:1-12



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the **Pharisees and Sadducees** coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will **baptize** you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His **winnowing fan** is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with **unquenchable** fire."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

John the Baptist

Jesus' cousin. The first person to perform baptism in the Jordan River for many people, including Jesus.

Pharisees and Sadducees

People who live strictly by God's laws, similar to priests today.

Baptize

Pouring water over a person to symbolize washing away of sins.

Winnowing fan

A fan shaped basket used to separate the chaff off the grain.

Unquenchable

Unable to be extinguished.

2. EXPLORE IT!

John the Baptist says that everyone should repent. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor, highly respected person or just an ordinary person, you must repent in order to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus allowed John the Baptist to baptize Him in the river of Jordan as he would with all others who come before Him.

Today, priests use Holy water to baptize us and wash away original sins. This baptism makes us children of God and heirs to the kingdom of heaven.



4. LIVE IT!

[REPENTANCE]

Repentance: Regret for any past wrong action.

Whenever you have done something against someone else, your parents tell you to say, "I'm sorry!". Repentance is when you actually feel sorry for what you did, not just saying it. This week, take courage and say sorry to someone for the mistake you've made.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
(Matthew 3:2)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Lord, we've searched for You with our whole heart. Please do not allow us to go down the wrong path and hurting You with our actions. Amen.



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JESUS' TESTIMONY TO JOHN

WEEK A - A3
MATTHEW 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of **the Christ**, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, **lepers** are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A **reed** swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a **prophet**? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.'* **Amen, I say to you**, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

The Christ

The anointed one or the Messiah.

Lepers

A person who has a disease that causes painful rough areas on their skin and damages to nerves and flesh. In Jesus' time, leprosy was considered a curse of God upon a sinner.

Reed

The straight stalk of any tall grasses.

Prophet

A holy man sent by God to speak to his people.

Messenger

A person who carries a message.

"Amen, I say to you"

Truly, I tell you. I'm telling you the absolute truth.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's reading, Jesus tells His disciples about John the Baptist as the greatest prophet and messenger of God. John points out to people that Jesus is the Christ from Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus has come to speak upon God's word, and share that He is the chosen one who comes from the Kingdom of Heaven. Before Jesus was born, everyone thought John the Baptist was the greatest person. Now that Jesus is here, He will show God's great love and works.

3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus is my Messiah, the King – I must follow because He makes the impossible, possible. The blind can see, the lame can walk, the lepers are welcomed, the deaf can hear, and the dead can come back to life. These miracles are shown to prove that Jesus is truly the Son of God, who is sent to lead all of us back to God's kingdom.

4. LIVE IT!

Evangelical – showing a strong desire to share Jesus Christ with people who don't know Him yet. To be an evangelical means to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ.

This week, try to tell your friends, siblings or parents your favorite bible passage/story!

EVANGELICAL

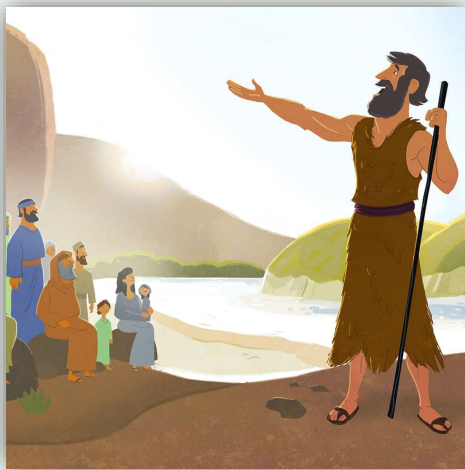
5. REMEMBER IT!

**"BEHOLD, I AM
SENDING MY MESSENGER
AHEAD OF YOU; HE WILL
PREPARE YOUR WAY
BEFORE YOU."
(MATTHEW 11:10)**



6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, please help us to be evangelized by speaking to others of Your good word. Thank You for giving us a voice to tell others how much You impact our world and our lives. We ask for Your guidance as we try to help others see Your greatness. Amen.



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The Birth of Jesus

WEEK A - A4

MATTHEW 1:18-24



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was **betrothed** to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a **righteous** man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to **divorce** her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the **prophet**: *Behold, the virgin shall **conceive and bear a son**, and they shall name him Emmanuel,* which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.



1. Understand It!

Betrothed	promised to marry someone.
Righteous	consistently following God's laws and to do the right thing.
Divorce	end a marriage or cancel a wedding.
Prophet	someone that speaks to humans for God.
Conceive and bear a son	a woman to be pregnant and give birth to a child.

2. Explore It!

When Joseph found out that his future wife was pregnant, he thought the right thing to do was to divorce Mary. The angel Gabriel told Joseph that the right thing to do is to let Mary stay with him and God had a plan for her child.

3. Connect It!

Joseph is a righteous man and he let Mary stay with him. Joseph and Mary trusted God. They didn't understand God's plan at the time; however, they did as God wanted. God spoke to Joseph and Mary through angels. God now talks to you through your parents. Will you listen and do what our parents ask? Will you trust them?



4. Live It! [Righteousness]

Righteousness - consistently follow God's laws and to do the right thing.

Arrange the letters, find the correct words to fill in the blank of this week's assignments:

_____ someone when people made fun of them.

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_____ up after yourself and others even when no one is asking you to.

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5. Remember It!

*"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
(Matthew 1:21)*

6. Pray It!

Dear God, please help us be more righteous and do good deeds in Your name. Help us to become the person that You want us to be so we can be with You forever.
Amen.

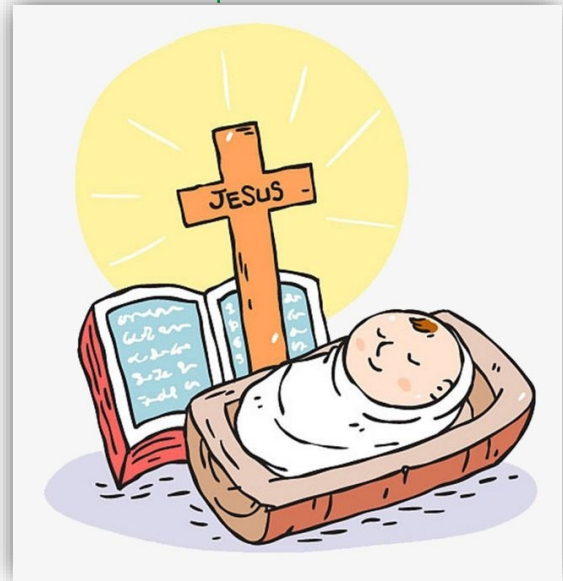
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JESUS, THE WORD, BECAME FLESH

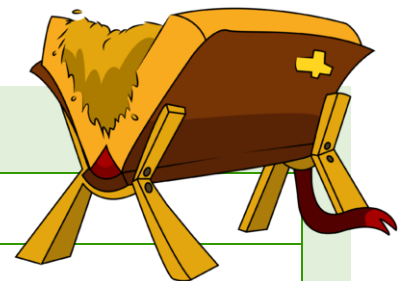
JOHN 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word** was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the **human race**; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which **enlightens** everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.



But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the **Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

1. UNDERSTAND IT!



The Word	God's message to mankind.
Human race	Everyone living on Earth.
Enlighten	Give information or knowledge to.
Word became flesh	The message comes to us through Jesus Christ.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Today's Gospel shares with us that God sent Jesus in the world when it was dark and cursed by (original) sin. Jesus' birth is Good News for people who need a Savior and for those who believed in and accepted Jesus, they were blessed with the gift of being God's children. Being God's children means that we will live in Heaven with God one day and that we are promised His kingdom! This also means that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ which makes it important to love and care for one another no matter how different we are.

3. CONNECT IT!

God loves us so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to save us from a life full of sins. The love God has for us is the same kind of love that your parents have for you. They would be willing to sacrifice anything for you. Do you know how great that kind of love is? Is there anything that you love so much that you can't imagine giving it up? Would you give it up to protect your family?

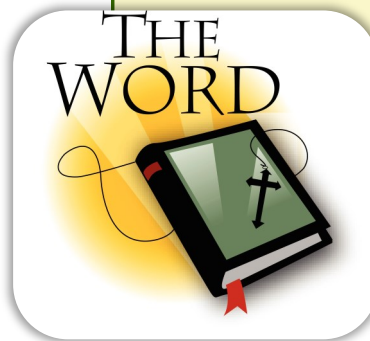
4. LIVE IT! [LOVE]

Love - a strong feeling of deep affection.

Christmas is a day full of presents but the best gift of all is the birth of Jesus! Give your family members a big hug and tell them that you love them! God is also a part of your family and though you can't physically hug Him, you can tell Him that you love Him through prayer.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling
among us, and
we saw his glory"
(John 1:14)



6. PRAY IT!

Dear Lord, thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus, into our lives to save us from sin. It is through Jesus that I am able call You Father. Please continue to guide us and to shine Your light into our hearts so that we can come to know You more and to love You better each day. Amen.

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The Holy Family

of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son.

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.

1. Understand It!

Magi	The wise men who brought gifts to Jesus at His birth.
Departed	Went away.
Behold	To look.
Prophet	A person chosen by God to speak and do what God wants.
Fulfilled	To complete something that was promised.
Nazorean	A New Testament title of Christ, from the place where He lived.

2. Explore It!

By celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, the Church encourages us to look to the Holy Family for example to lead holy lives. The Gospel today shows us the importance of the relationship of the Holy Family with God. When the angel of God told Joseph what to do, he immediately obeyed. He got up and moved his family to Egypt and again back to Israel. Joseph placed the love of Mary and the baby Jesus within his love of God. Jesus also showed us how He obeyed His heavenly Father by becoming human and sacrificing His life to save us. As Jesus grew up with Mary and Joseph, He loved them, learned from them, and obeyed them. Like Jesus, we should also obey our parents because that is what God wants.

3. Connect It!

Imitating the Holy Family, our family will be stronger when each member of the family pays more attention to each other's needs and spend more time with one another. The family will also be holier if we pray together daily.

Activity: Complete the sentence

Family Nazareth Obeyed Child Joseph

Jesus grew up in the town of _____ with Mary and _____. He was a _____ just like you. In his _____, Jesus _____ his mother and father.



4. Live It! [Virtue]

Obedience is listening and doing what God tells us. God loves us very much and wants us to be happy. He speaks to us in many different ways: through the Bible, through Mass, through prayers, through our parents and teachers. This week, as you perform your daily chores (or any tasks your parents asked you to do), remember to do it obediently with this prayer, "Thank you God for giving me a family to love."

5. Remember It!

"He [Joseph] rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel"
(Matthew 2:21)

6. Pray It!

A Family Prayer

Children: Praise be to God
Children: Praise be to God
Children: Praise be to God
Children: Help us, Lord Jesus
Children: Come, Holy Spirit
Children: Be with us, God
Children: Jesus, Joseph and Mary

Parent(s): who made us a family.
Parent(s): for the love that we share.
Parent(s): for sending us Jesus.
Parent(s): teach us to be obedience.
Parent(s): guide our thoughts and our deeds.
Parent(s): watch over our family.
Parent(s): help us become holy. Amen.



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MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

WEEK A - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

LUKE 2:16-21

The shepherds went in **haste** to **Bethlehem** and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the **manger**. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his **circumcision**, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Haste	Excessive speed or urgency; to hurry.
Bethlehem	Jesus' birthplace.
Manger	A long open box for horses or cattle to eat from.
Circumcision	The cutting off of the foreskin of males that is practiced as a religious rite by Jews.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, the shepherds were told by the angels that a Savior was born and so they hurried off to Bethlehem. When they arrived and saw that the message was true, they repeated to Mary all that they were told. Mary listens and keeps these words in her heart. The shepherds return to their work full of joy and praises for God, knowing that their world would be changed forever now that Jesus was here.

3. CONNECT IT!

Today we celebrate that the Blessed Virgin is the Mother of Jesus. We have become the children of God through Jesus but that also means we have become the children of Mary. Teaching the youth to become good Christians is one of our missions and the most perfect example of a good Christian is our Mother Mary. Through her, we can learn how to keep our hearts open so that we can receive the Word of God.



5. REMEMBER IT!

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on Them in her heart"
(Luke 2:19)

4. LIVE IT! [PEACEFULNESS]

PEACEFULNESS - a state of being quiet and calm.

Mary knows just how hard it is to find peace in the world and so she has prepared a special tool for us to help us grow closer to God. This tool is called the Rosary and it is the key that lets us into Mary's heart where we can also talk to her. Take the time to go and find a quiet place to pray using the Rosary.



6. PRAY IT!

Hail Mary, full of grace, you have answered God's call. We pray to you to ask for your help so that we can be more like you and so we can open our hearts to God to become perfect Christians. Amen.

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FOLLOW JESUS' STAR

Matthew 2:1-12



EPIPHANY



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.

1. Understand It!

Assembling	Gather together into one place.
Shepherd	To protect, guide, or watch over the people.
Ascertained	To figure out something exactly.
Homage	To pay respect to someone important.
Prostrated	To lay face down on the ground in front of someone.
Frankincense	A type of fragrant incense.
Myrrh	A perfumed oil used to preserve the body of the dead.

2. Explore It!

We remember that Jesus was born on a special day called Christmas. On the Feast of the Epiphany, we remember the special day Jesus showed Himself to the entire world in the person of the Magi. The Magi are wise men who followed a special star to search for the Christ child to honor. They were very happy to meet Jesus and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These valuable gifts of the ancient times tell us that the Magi knew Jesus was the Savior. Gold is a gift offered to kings. It means Jesus is the King of all kings. Frankincense is the gift for a priest. It also represents Jesus' divine nature. That He is God. Myrrh is a very expensive burial ointment. This gift foretold Jesus' pain, suffering and death to save us from sins.

3. Connect It!

The Wise Men brought special gifts to Jesus because they knew that He was God's Son and God's gift to us. We can be like the Wise Man and share our gifts with others. We all have gifts, which does not require money to buy, like playing with someone who does not have friends, praying for someone in need, or simply giving somebody a smile. When we do these, we are being gifts to others. We tell them they are special through our actions.

Activity: Complete the sentence | Frankincense Myrrh Gold

The three wise men brought gifts of _____, _____ and _____ to give to baby Jesus.



4. Live It!

Joyfulness

Joyfulness is a feeling, causing, or showing great happiness; full of joy.

Joyful emotions affect the body and the soul. The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star and meeting Jesus and His Mother. This week, try to bring Jesus to everyone you meet with a bright joyful smile.

5. Remember It!

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star.”

(Matthew 2:10)



6. Pray It!

Thank you, Jesus. My friend! My brother! Help me to know You more clearly. Help me to love You more dearly. Help me to follow You more closely and joyfully. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____
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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



Jesus came from **Galilee** to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to **prevent** him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us **to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

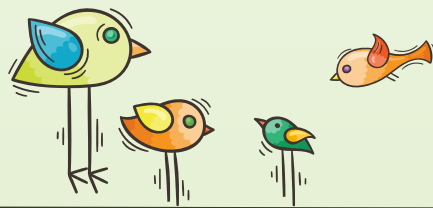
1. Understand It!



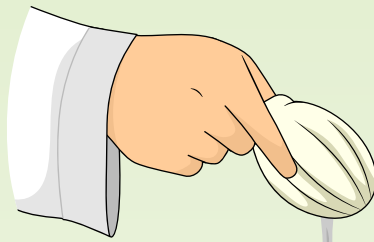
Galilee	Is a mountainous region in northern Israel country.
Prevent	Stop something from happening.
To Fulfill	To complete.
Righteousness	Is doing the right thing.
Spirit of God	The Holy Spirit.

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, we get to witness and hear a conversation between Jesus and John the Baptist. Jesus asked John to baptize Him, although John is first hesitant, saying it should be Jesus baptizing him rather than the other way around. John obeys Jesus' requests, baptizing Him. After He is the Holy Spirit descends to show and for us to hear Jesus truly is the "beloved Son."



3. Connect It!



Baptism is an important Sacrament in our Catholic faith. When we are baptized, we not only become a member of the Catholic Church, our original sin is forgiven, allowing us to start new and pure in our relationship with Christ. In our Baptism, we are not alone. We enter into a new and supportive family of the Catholic Church, who is there to support us and to help us to resist what is bad in the world so that we can be worthy of being God's children.



4. Live It! [Duty]

With baptism, we become sons and daughters of God. What do your parents remember about your baptism? Make a list, share with your classmates. As a member in God's family, we gladly accept our duty, just like accepting our chores. Look around, can you quietly help out with one simple task? For example: pick up a piece of trash, rearrange the books, hand out the bulletins, wiping the table, picking up supplies for a friend, sharing your toys with others.

5. Remember It!

"Allow it now,
for thus it is fitting
for us to fulfill all
righteousness."
(Matthew 3:15)

6. Pray It!

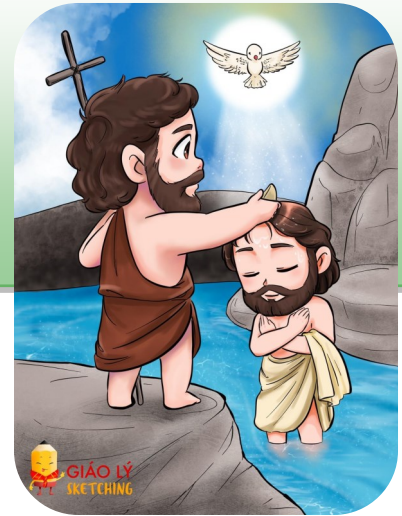
Dear Lord, through the Baptism, You allow us to call You Father. Thank you very much, Jesus, for guiding my every thought, word, and deed today. Please help me and be with me in all my daily duty. Amen.



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John's Testimony to JESUS



WEEK A - 02

JOHN 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the **Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John **testified** further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will **baptize** with the **Holy Spirit**.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

1. Understand It!



John the Baptist

Called people to turn away from sin; baptized Jesus.

Lamb of God

Jesus Christ, the sacrificial offering for our sins.

Testify

Give evidence as a witness.

Baptize

Admit (someone) into a specified church by baptism.

Holy Spirit

God, the third person of the Holy Trinity

2. Explore It!

John the Baptist was baptizing believers in the Jordan river when he saw Jesus come toward him. John baptized Jesus and saw the Holy Spirit come down. As he was told that the one whom the Holy Spirit came down on was the Son of God, he testified that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

3. Connect It!

John the Baptist realized that Jesus is the Son of God and gave witness to all that would hear him. When you were baptized, whether as a baby or a little older, you also became the daughter or son of God. Like John the Baptist, you are called to live your life as a witness to the love of God. The motto for Au Nhi is obedience. If you are able to obey your parents, you will live as witness to Jesus' love.

4. Live It! [Witness]

Witness - A person who will tell you exactly what they saw and speak of it

Practice being a witness to Jesus by:

- Doing the sign of the cross before you eat each meal at school or at home
- Obeying your parents, teachers or youth-leaders



5. Remember It!

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."
(Luke 1:34)

6. Pray It!

Dear Father, thank you for sending Your son Jesus Christ down to us. Help us to be witnesses so that others will come to know His love as we do. Amen.



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JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

WEEK A - 03
MATTHEW 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of

Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.



1 UNDERSTAND IT!

PROPHET

A person who is seen and respected as a teacher or a preacher of God's will.

PREACH

To publicly teach others.

REPENT

To feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin.

SYNAGOGUES

Jewish house of worship.

2 EXPLORE IT!

Jesus preaches us to repent because the Kingdom of Heaven is near. He asks each one of us to turn away from sin and bad behaviors in order to follow Him. That also means we have to make Jesus our first priority and sacrifice ourselves. Moreover, we need to make a commitment to strengthen our faith, proclaim His words to everyone, and keep ourselves away from sins.

3 CONNECT IT!

When you commit to follow Jesus, you have to keep yourself clean. It bothers you when you have to sin in your life because sin makes you uncomfortable. Therefore, we need to live a lifestyle of repentance, means that we repent or turn away day by day from the things that God (through the Holy Spirit or His word) shows us are wrong.

4 LIVE IT!

[COMMITMENT] *a willingness to give your time and energy to something that you believe in, or a promise or firm decision to do something.*

To make commitment to follow Jesus, we have to give our time and energy for Him. Instead of wasting time playing video games, sleeping, watching TV...we can sacrifice those time to help our parents, go to church, or praying because that pleases Him. We also need to promise to do only good deeds and turn away from sins each and every day.

5. REMEMBER IT!

**"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
(Matthew 4:17)**

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God! We ask You to sanctify and give us strength to fight against our temptations. We believe in You. We trust in You. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we make our commitment to only follow You and to proclaim Your words to everyone on earth. As we promise to repent day by day, we pray that You help us with Your kindness and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Jesus Proclaims God's Blessings

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who **mourn**, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the **meek**, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for **righteousness**, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown **mercy**. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are **persecuted** for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. **Rejoice** and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."



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1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Mourn	To be gentle, nice and not want to fight.
Righteousness	Doing the right thing.
Mercy	To love and forgive.
Persecuted	To be made fun of and tortured for their faith.
Rejoice	To celebrate and feel great happiness.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus teaches the disciples and a crowd of people on the hill about God's blessings. It is a To-Dos list for anyone who wants to receive God's blessings. Here are the 8 Blessings and what they mean:

1. He who is humble will be blessed and filled with God's grace.
2. He who regrets his sins and the sins of the world will be comforted by the Holy Spirit.
3. He who is gentle, kind, and obedient to God will receive peace in this world.
4. He who has a desire to fulfil God's will and do what is right, will achieve holiness.

5. He who shows love, compassion, and forgiveness towards others even if they don't deserve, God will also show us love, compassion and forgiveness.
6. He who is free of all selfish intentions or acts free of personal gain, who is pure of heart and selfless, will see God.
7. He who lives a peaceful life but also tries to bring peace and friendship to others is a child of God.
8. He who is persecuted and suffers because they are Christian should not be ashamed but faithfully follow Jesus' teachings because God's glory will be revealed to us.

To summarize the Eight Beatitudes, Jesus emphasized that even if we suffer mentally, spiritually, or physically, we should rejoice for the promise of the glory that is to come in the Kingdom of Heaven when we follow his teachings.

4. LIVE IT! [SUFFERING]

To feel pain and sadness

To Do: draw a picture of what happened in your life that made you feel hurt. Show your parents or a youth-leader this picture and tell them what happened. Then pray together with your parents or youth-leaders about this suffering.

3. CONNECT IT!

Has someone made fun of you for praying before you eat? Was there a time when someone was mean to you and you wanted to yell or fight them? Did someone hurt you and was it hard for you to forgive them? God ask us to take the suffering of all the bad things in our lives and to love the people who hurt us. When we do all this, God will take care of us.

5. REMEMBER IT!

**"REJOICE AND BE GLAD,
FOR YOUR REWARD WILL
BE GREAT IN HEAVEN."
(MATTHEW 5:12)**

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Heavenly father, we will let You take this sadness and pain of this day. We ask You to help us be happy because we know that You love us. Give us the strength to be gentle and kind to others even when it is hard. Help us see that the things on earth cannot make us happy forever but we will forever be happy with you. Amen.

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Become Salt and Light for JESUS

WEEK A - 05

MATTHEW 5:13-16



Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the **salt** of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the **light** of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good **deeds** and **glorify** your heavenly Father.”

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Salt	Used to preserve & enhance flavor.
Light	Refers to good deeds.
Deed	An action that you perform with intent.
Glorify	To give glory, honor, or high praise to.



2. EXPLORE IT!

A long time ago, when there was no electricity, no refrigerator, or light bulb on the ceiling, people would use salt to preserve meat or place an oil lamp on high to light the room.

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the symbols of salt and light to help us understand God's will for us. He said “you are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” To be salt, Jesus wants us to preserve the world and to bring flavor to the life of others. How? By using our talents that God has given us, in order to serve others. To be the light, He wants us to share our talents with the world and do good deeds.

3. CONNECT IT!

As a child of God, we are meant to be salt and light for others. Everything God has given us is meant to be shared with others. For example, if God gives you a beautiful singing voice but you never sing for anyone, is that not a waste?

Be the salt and light of Jesus. Share your talents with others so that they can see the beauty of God.

4. LIVE IT! [ROLE MODEL]

Role Model - a person who serves as a good example for others to follow.

Let us be the light to the world by bringing joy and happiness to other people. Let us be the salt by being a role model for other people around us.

- Help your parents with house chores to make them happy.
- Do at least one good thing for your friends at school.



5. REMEMBER IT!

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

(Matthew 5:16)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, please give us strength and courage to be Your salt and Your light. Please guide us so that we can bring Your goodness to people around us. Amen.

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to **abolish** the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness **surpasses** that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not **kill**; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be **reconciled** with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into **Gehenna**. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false **oath**, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."



Understand It!

Abolish	To stop, to end
Surpass	To exceed, be greater than.
Kill	The cause the death of someone.
Reconcile	To make peace.
Gehenna	Hell.
Oath	A promise to God.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus is asking us to be truthful at all times through the Ten Commandments:

- The first 3 commandments: be truthful to God
- The 4th commandment: be truthful to our parents
- The remaining 6 commandments: be truthful to our siblings, our friends and our neighbors

God knows everything, and He knows how truthful we are.

3. CONNECT IT!

Sometimes, when we are afraid of getting bad grades, we might not tell our teachers that we did not do our homework. Or we might not tell our parents that we did not clean the room because we will not get to play. Our parents and teachers might not know the truth, but Jesus will be very sad.

4. LIVE IT! [Truthful]

Consistently telling the truth; honesty

Living truthfully is the 8th VEYM Vows – "*Thiếu Nói ngay thẳng trọn đời, nói làm đúng mực người người tin yêu.*" Being truthful help you earn trust and love from others. If you ever make mistake, being truthful would help you to receive forgiveness. Take courage and be brave, be honest with your parents, your teachers, and your friends.

Who is a person that you find it hard to tell the truth to? This week, practice telling only the truth to them.

6. PRAY IT!



Dear Jesus, I am sorry that sometimes I lied to You, to my parents, my teachers, my brothers and sisters. Please help me to live truthfully to my 'Yes' and my 'No.' Amen.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

(Matthew 5:37)



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JESUS' TEACHING ABOUT LOVE OF ENEMIES

WEEK A - 07

MATTHEW 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*. But I say to you, offer no **resistance** to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your **tunic**, hand over your **cloak** as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who **persecute** you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what **recompense** will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the **pagans** do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

1 Understand It!



An eye for an eye - pay the full value of what has been harmed or taken.

Resistance - to go against a force.

Tunic and cloak - robe for daytime use and for warmth at night.

Persecute - to treat someone badly and unfairly.

Recompense - to pay back a favor

Pagans - people who worship false gods, or no god at all.

2 Explore It!

Jesus tells us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who hurt us. When someone hits us, we don't have to hit them back. We prevent people that bully or abuse us, and we should love them like God does, even when they don't love us back. This is the **PERFECT** love of the Father, and the Father wants to give us his power to love.

3 Connect It!

The perfect love is the ability to love not only your friends but also those who are difficult to love.

This week, each time you look in a mirror, you see a person made by God and deserve God's perfect love. God wants you to love others because He also loves them.



6 Pray It!

Father, You made the sun shine on the good and the bad today. We give You our lives and our love. Help us to shine like You. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be. Amen.

4 Live It! [Perfection]

Perfection – the action or process of improving something or someone until it is faultless or as faultless as possible

- Slowly and mindfully say the “Our Father” prayer. Think about a person that you don’t like very much as you practice the perfect love.
- If you know someone who is being picked on, tell a caring adult right away. Pray for the bully to soon experience the power of kindness.

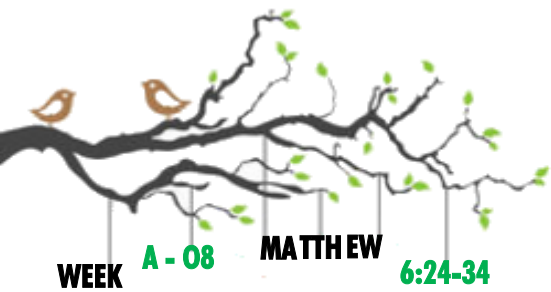
5 Remember It!

“So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

(Matthew 5:48)

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JESUS' Teaching About Loyalty to God

1. Understand It!

Mammon	An Aramaic word meaning riches or material wealth (property, money, things we own).
Reap	Cut or gather a crop or harvest.
Life-Span	Length of time someone lives; the Greek word can also mean "stature," a person's importance.
Pagan	Someone who has little or no religion.
Sufficient	Enough of something.

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and **mammon**.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or **reap**, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your **life-span**? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the **pagans** seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. **Sufficient** for a day is its own evil."

2. Explore It!

Jesus teaches us that God knows what we all really need. God knows we need food, clothes, and water, but He does not want us to make them the most important objects in our lives. He does not want us to be slaves of the things we want. Jesus teaches us to try to get to the kingdom of God and God's love because God will provide for all the other things.



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3. Connect It!

Most of us do not have to worry about the food we eat, the clothes we wear, or the toys we have, because our parents provide for us. They do so because they love us. In today's Gospel, Jesus tell us that God loves us and will always provide for us if we seek His kingdom.



4. Live It! [LOYALTY]

Loyalty - a strong feeling of support and faithfulness.

Can you be loyal to God by putting God first in your life?

- Put God first by praying when you first wake up in the morning.
- Give thanks to God before you eat your meals!

5. Remember It!

"Seek First the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,"
(Matthew 6:33)

6. Pray It!



Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that You provide us. Father, please free us from the temptations of the world, so that we can think of You more throughout our day, be loyal to You with each day of our lives, and to put You first before our need of things. Amen.



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Week A - 09
Matthew 7:21-27

Listening and Acting on Jesus' Teaching



1. Understand It!

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not **prophecy** in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you **evildoers**.'"

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and **buffeted** the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."

To Prophecy

To reveal a message from God, sometimes a message about the future.

Evildoer

A person who does bad or evil things.

To buffet

To slam against.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about two types of people. The first type of people is the people who say that they believe in God, but they are not followers of God. The second group of people is people who believe in God, and follow God with their whole mind and heart. Jesus remind us that only when we truly listen and do what God teaches us to do with our whole mind and heart will we be close to Him. If we only say good things, we have not done what God has told us. However, when we actively choose to live out our faith, not only do we become real followers of God, but our faith makes us grow stronger with God.

2. Explore It!

3. Connect It!

Sometimes it's very easy say good things or do good things, but not mean it. It is also easy to do things, but not really care about what we are doing. Have you ever gone to church but forget to pay attention? Or say sorry, but not really mean it? When we follow God, Jesus reminds us that we have to actively live out our faith. Jesus always found ways to teach all of us how to live like He does, and be better people. With the lessons and stories from the bible, Jesus shows us how to get closer to God and to be the best version of ourselves. With this knowledge, we must also live out what we learn from Him.



5. Remember It!

4. Live It! [Prudence]

Prudence

The virtue prudence is when we know what is right and good for us, and we make plans to do what is right and good. When you know how to be a good person and do what is right, how do you plan to make sure you do that?

Sometimes when we're mad, we say mean things or hurt people's feelings. This week, plan on focusing your energy to be extra nice instead, even when someone makes you mad.



"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."

(Matthew 7:24)

6. Pray It!

Dear Lord, thank you for sending down Jesus to teach us how to be the best version of ourselves. Thank you for loving us so much even when sometimes we fail to do what is right. Please help us be prudent in our ways, to give us the knowledge to continue understanding how to live a good and righteous life as Your children, and to give us the wisdom to understand how to make it a part of our plans to live a good and righteous life so that we can continue to grow closer and closer to You every day of our lives. Amen.

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The Temptation of Jesus

WEEK A - L1

MATTHEW 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be **tempted** by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The **tempter** approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*"

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the **parapet** of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their **magnificence**, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will **prostrate** yourself and **worship** me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*"

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and **ministered** to him.



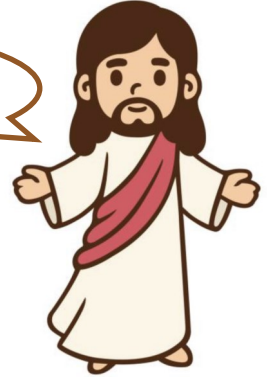
Tempt	To make someone want to have or do something bad.
Tempter	A person or thing that tempts.
Parapet	The edge of a roof that connects to a wall.
Magnificence	Another word for greatness.
Prostrate	To lie down flat with face placed downward.
Worship	To honor, respect and love God.
Ministered	To look after or take care of.



2. Explore It!

While Jesus was in the desert, the devil gave Jesus three tests. Jesus made the right choice each time by not listening to the devil. Jesus remained obedient to God the Father.

3. Connect It!



Just like Jesus, we are tempted by the devil to do bad things instead of good. We must try to follow Jesus' footsteps to not fall into temptation by making the right choices at school, church, and in our family each and every time.



5. Remember It!

*"The Lord, your God,
shall you worship
and him alone
shall you serve."
(Matthew 4:10)*



6. Pray It!

4. Live It! [Perseverance]



Perseverance
not giving up when
facing opposition or
something difficult

Each night this week, take some time to think about your day and how you may have been tempted throughout the day.

- Did you choose to do bad things or did you choose to do good things?
- If you did something bad, don't give up. Think about how you can be better the next day.
- Pray and ask Jesus to help you persevere against the devil.

Lord Jesus, You were tempted three times while in the desert. Help us be strong and faithful like You and please teach us to know right from wrong so that we can persevere when faced with temptation. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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The Transfiguration of Jesus



WEEK A - L2

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was **transfigured** before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, **Moses** and Elijah appeared to them, **conversing** with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved **Son**, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the **Son of Man** has been raised from the dead."

1. Understand It!

Transfigured

Transform outward appearance into something more beautiful or elevated.

Moses

A prophet who received the Ten Commandments.

Conversing

Engage in conversation; to talk to someone.

Son of Man

Jesus Christ.



2. Explore It!

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain and showed them His shining glory. After Jesus transfigured, Moses and Elijah appeared and started talking to Him. Peter realized that the apostles were witnessing something special when, suddenly, God the Father started to speak from the cloud. The apostles fell and laid flat facing downward in fear. Jesus calmed them and asked Peter, James, and John not to tell anyone what they saw until Jesus has been raised from the dead.



3. Connect It!

Do you pay attention to the readings when you go to mass? Did you know that when you go to mass, the readings are the words of God? In today's Gospel, God the Father wants us to listen to Jesus. Next time when you go to mass, pay attention to the readings and listen to Jesus.



5. Remember It!

"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him."

(Matthew 17:5)

4. Live It! [Listening]

Listening - pay attention to what someone says.

God the Father is well pleased with Jesus because He listens and obeys.

1. This week, go to mass and pay attention to the readings.
2. When you go home to your family, listen to your parents and do things that will make them happy with you.

6. Pray It!

Teach us to listen, O God, to those nearest us, our families, and our friends. Teach us to listen, Holy Spirit, 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 Source of Living Water

WEEK A - L3

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.



A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" — For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. — Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the **cistern** is deep: where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst: the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to **eternal life**." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a **prophet**. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain: but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand: we worship what we understand, because **salvation** is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ: when he comes, he will tell us everything."

JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here?' I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The **reaper** is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the **sower** and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."



Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who **testified**, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word: for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

1. Understand It!

- Cistern:** A container for storing and holding water or other liquid.
- Eternal life:** Continued life after death.
- Prophet:** A person who teaches or spreads the will of God.
- Salvation:** Deliverance from sin and its consequences.
- Reaper:** A person that harvests a crop.
- Sower:** A person that place seeds on the field so that they may grow.
- Testify:** Give evidence as a witness.



4. Live It! [Enthusiasm]

Enthusiasm - Strong excitement about something; a strong feeling of active interest in something that you like or enjoy.

When you help a person, or share something with him/her, you bring happiness to that person. Let's practice this idea with those closest to you.

- Clean your room and help your parents with chores without complaining
- Volunteer to share your toys/games with friends and/or siblings
- Encourage your classmates to be active in your VEYMclass

2. Explore It!

Jesus met a Samaritan woman that came to draw water from Jacob's well. Jesus promised to give her living water so she would never be thirsty again. She was surprised and believed Jesus was the Messiah. The woman left and called people to come to Jesus. Many Samaritans of that town began to believe the woman's word. Later on, they no longer just believed because of the woman's word, they believed because they heard Jesus and knew He is truly the Savior of the world.

3. Connect It!

Without drinking water, we cannot survive. Jesus is our source of living water. Like the Samaritan woman in the Gospel today, we should be excited when we meet Jesus in our lives. Do you have a good attitude when you pray or participate in VEYM lessons and activities? Those are moments when you meet Jesus. Do those things with joy to show others that you know Jesus!

5. Remember It!

*"My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work."
(Luke 13:3)*

6. Pray It!

Dear Jesus, thank you for the Living Water You have given to us. Through it, we know how much You love us and how generous You are. We promise to drink You every day of our life so we are no longer thirsty but can live happily and deserve the eternal life that You prepared for us. Amen.

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As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the **saliva**, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the **Pool of Siloam**" - which means Sent -. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."



They brought the one who was once blind to the **Pharisees**. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a **Sabbath**. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.



1. Understand It!

Saliva	Spit or the clear watery fluid produced in the mouth.
Pool of Siloam	Siloam means sent. The Pool of Siloam was a place of ceremonial washing during the time of Jesus.
Pharisees	Jewish group with strict observance of traditional and written law.
Sabbath	a day of religious observance when we rest, praise God and enjoy his creations. The third commandment tells us to keep the Sabbath holy.

2. Explore It!

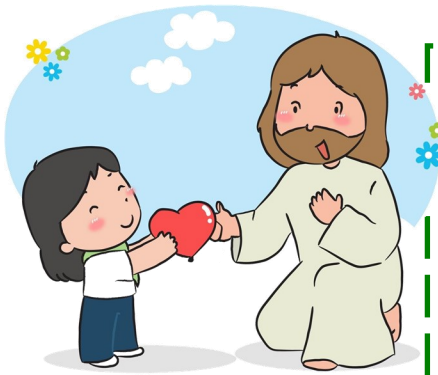
In the time of Jesus, if someone was born blind, people assumed it was because God was punishing the parents for something they had done wrong. Jesus tells His disciples that it is not true. When people look down on this blind man, Jesus comes to him, talks to him, then heals him.

3. Connect It!

Jesus says He is the light of the world, and cured a blind man so that he can see. Close your eyes and imagine your life without sight. What do you see? How does it make you feel? Because we cannot see Jesus, do you still believe? Jesus gave us the gift of sight so that we can see all the great things he has given to us. What are some things you are grateful for?



4. Live It! [TRUST]



Trust - believe in someone's strength, kindness, and honesty.

To build your parents' trust:

- Offer to help them with one chore before they could ask for your help.
- Complete this chore with your best effort and as soon as possible.



5. Remember It!

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

(John 9:35)

6. Pray It!

Dear Lord, help us to trust in You. Help us to believe in You like the blind man. Help us to see Your Face, help us to hear Your voice, and most importantly, help us to love like You. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

WEEK A - L5

JOHN 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair: it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This **illness** is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he **stumbles**, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the

tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the **resurrection** on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her **weeping** and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became **perturbed** and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you

laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench: he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"



So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

1. Understand It!

Illness:	Not in full health: sickness
Stumbles:	Walking unsteadily or clumsily
Resurrection:	Rising from the dead
Perturbed:	Anxious or upset
Weeping:	Expressing sadness by crying, shedding tears

3. Connect It!




With enough faith and trust in God, we can accomplish anything in our lives through prayer. Even when things seem impossible, we can pull through with just the comfort of our faith in God. So remember to pray hard and believe when you ask God for something. Whether it is passing a test, reaching a personal record, or anything in general. Remember it is only through God and Jesus that we can have an eternal and happy life.

5. Remember It!

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”

(John 11:25-26)

2. Explore It!



Jesus came to Bethany to visit Martha and Mary to raise their dead brother Lazarus. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Jesus, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Jesus will never die.

4. Live It! [CARING]

Caring – displaying kindness and concern for others.

Remember to appreciate and respect all lives. No matter how sick or unclean someone looks, we as Catholics must never turn away. We must care for everyone, especially during the times when they need us the most.

1. Buy or ask your parents to buy you a pack of sticky notes.
2. On each sticky note, write random nice things that you can do around the house to show your parents you care about them.
3. Once a week, take it out and do that random act of kindness to show that you care.

6. Pray It!

Dear God, please give us the faith to believe in You. Remind us that with just a little prayer, through You, all is possible. Keep us strong in Your light, so that we may all have eternal life. Teach us to help and care for others so that we can show them the way to heaven. Amen.

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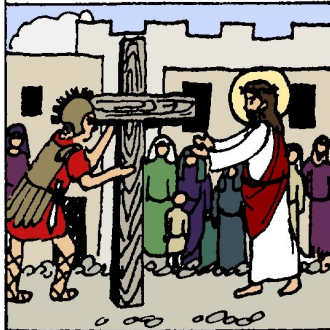
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The Passion of Jesus Christ

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!

One of Jesus' disciple lost his faith in Jesus, his name is Judas Iscariot. He betrays Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Then there is Peter, another disciple of Jesus, who denies knowing Jesus three times. Jesus is very sad so He asks the disciples to stay awake and pray with Him. But the disciples were too tired and fell asleep. Jesus suffers from being arrested, beaten, people making fun at Him until He dies on the cross for our sins.

Jesus dies on the cross because He loves us and wants to forgive us. He gives us forgiveness and hope for a life with God. We must do what Jesus does, to love and forgive others.

3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus loves you when you are good, when you are bad, when you eat, when you sleep, when you do homework, when you help others and even when you don't pay attention in your prayer.

Do you love Jesus? Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus? Are you willing to spend time with Jesus in prayer? Are you going to be loyal to Jesus by admitting to others that you know and love Him? Are you going to practice love and forgiveness to others? If you answer yes to all these questions, then you do love Jesus and you are definitely a disciple of Jesus!

5. REMEMBER IT!

"Amen, I say to you,
one of you will be tray me."

(Mathhew 26:21)

4. LIVE IT! [LOYALTY]

being faithful.

You can show that you are faithful in following Jesus by:

† Getting to know Jesus personally from reading the bible with your parents.

† Praying or talking to Jesus in the morning, afternoon and at night before you go to sleep.

If you forget to do any of the above, try again. Do not give up.



6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, today we learned that You love us so much that You gave up Your own life for us on the cross. Thank you Jesus!!! Please help us to be like You, so we can be as loving and forgiving to our families, to our friends and to everyone that we meet. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS Rises from the Dead

WEEK A - E1

JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala 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 place where we buried dead people.
- Burial cloths:** A piece of material used to wrap a dead body for burial.
- Scripture:** The sacred writings of Christianity in the Bible.



2. EXPLORE IT!

It was early morning, Mary Magdalene and others are the first one to go to the tomb where Jesus' body was buried. They are shocked to find that the tomb is empty. Jesus is gone! Quickly, they run to tell Peter and John, who run to the tomb. And sure enough, the burial cloths that are used to wrap Jesus for burial were the only thing in the tomb. The tomb is empty. Where is Jesus' body? John, the disciple, remembers that Jesus has said that He will rise from the dead. Jesus has conquered death! Can you imagine the joy that John feels when he believes that Jesus has truly risen? Jesus is alive!

3. CONNECT

IT!

Jesus has conquered death! Nothing is impossible for Jesus! Jesus is alive! The disciples are wonderfully happy. You should be happy too! Do you know a song that praises God? It is a song that goes like this:

"Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord.
Sing Hallelujah, sing Hallelujah
Sing Hallelujah to the Lord."



To show your joy at the news that Jesus is alive, go ahead and sing this song as many times as you can. Remember to share this song with your friends and family too.

4. LIVE IT! [BELIEF]

– a true feeling that you know for sure a person does exist and that you trust this person.

Belief → Attitude



Results ← Action

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Do you believe in Jesus truly rise from the dead?
Do you believe that Jesus gives us eternal life?
If you say yes to these questions, be joyful in your belief that Jesus has conquered death and He is living among us!

5. REMEMBER IT!



"THEN THE OTHER DISCIPLE ALSO WENT IN, THE ONE WHO HAD ARRIVED AT THE TOMB FIRST, AND HE SAW AND BELIEVED." (JOHN 20:8)



Pray often

6. PRAY IT!

Heavenly father, we thank you for allowing us to know that Jesus has risen from the dead. We are very happy to believe in Jesus being raised from the dead. We will try to share this Good News to all of our family and friends. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Jesus Strengthens the Faith of Thomas

WEEK A - E2 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 Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

I. UNDERSTAND IT!

Disciple	A person who follows Jesus.
Midst	In the middle of.
Retain	Keep possession of.
Believe	Accept [something] as true; feel sure of the truth of.





2. EXPLORE IT!

By believing without seeing, we are one step closer to God. By listening to your parents, that if you study and work hard you will become a better person is to believe without seeing. What others things do you believe, and have faith in?

FAITH in GOD

CHANGES EVERYTHING



3. CONNECT IT!



Today, we cannot see Jesus physically, however, we believe that Jesus always stays with us, because He said, "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Mathew 28:20).

We also believe that He is the Son of God who died and rose from the dead and He loves us. Each time when we go through the happiness and sadness of our lives, Jesus is with us. He is also in you and people who you meet every day through the Holy Spirit. How is your faith in Jesus now?

4. LIVE IT! [FAITH]

complete trust and confidence

Faith through Obedience: Just as the disciples had faith in Jesus and listen to his teaching. We must also listen to him. The fourth commandment says "Honor Thy parents". For the next six days, do what is asked of your parents. Get a parent initial each day.

Sun _____ Mon _____ Tues _____
Wed _____ Thurs _____ Fri _____
Sat _____

5. REMEMBER IT!

**"...Blessed are those
who have not seen
and have believed."**

(Luke 20:29)

6. PRAY IT!

Lord Jesus, Son of God, thank you for loving us although we are sinners. Please forgive us for the times we did not believe in You. Many times, we hurt ourselves and others and we did not know that made You sad too. Please help us to believe You more everyday even though we do not see You. Teach us to love everyone just as You love us. Amen.

My child has completed the corresponding virtue for this week _____

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JESUS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS



That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were **conversing** about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a **prophet** mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our **chief priests** and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to **redeem** Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had

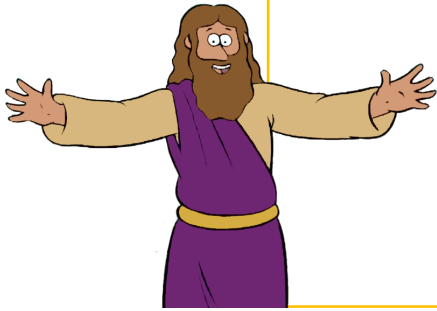
described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he **interpreted** to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he **vanished** from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

I. UNDERSTAND IT!

Debate	To discuss about a subject.
Downcast	Disappointed.
Sentence	Declare a punishment to someone.

Redeem	Gain or regain something.
Interpret	Explain the meaning of something.
Vanish	Disappear.

2. EXPLORE IT!



The two men were disappointed about what happened to Jesus, they heard the others told them that they couldn't find Jesus in His tomb. They did not understand that according to the Scripture, Jesus must rise from the dead to finish His work and bring salvation to all men. They did not even know that it was Jesus walking with them until He broke the bread, only then they understand Jesus truly live.

3. CONNECT IT!

In every mass, the priest gives a homily to explain the Gospel to everyone, so we can understand the message that God sends to us through His Son, Jesus.

4. LIVE IT! [UNDERSTANDING]

To know the meaning of something.

Every time we go to mass, we need to pay attention to the homily so we can understand God's message for us, and then live as God wants us to live.

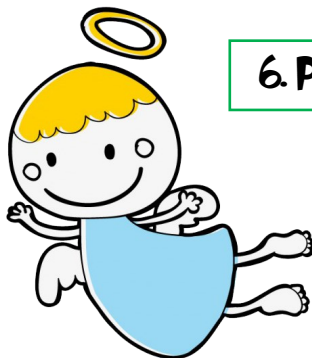
5. REMEMBER IT!



“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?”

(Luke 24:29)

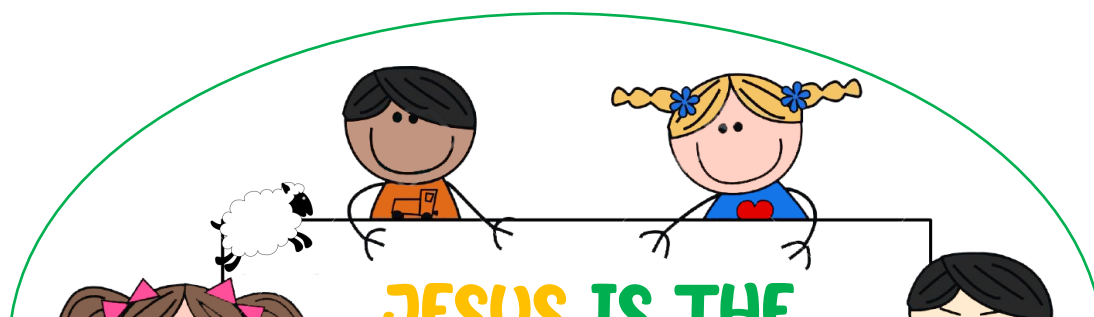
6. PRAY IT!



Almighty God, we thank you for sending Your Beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to teach us to love and serve You and others. We ask You to open our mind to truly understand Your teaching to us and open our heart to keep it and help us live Your Word every day in our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

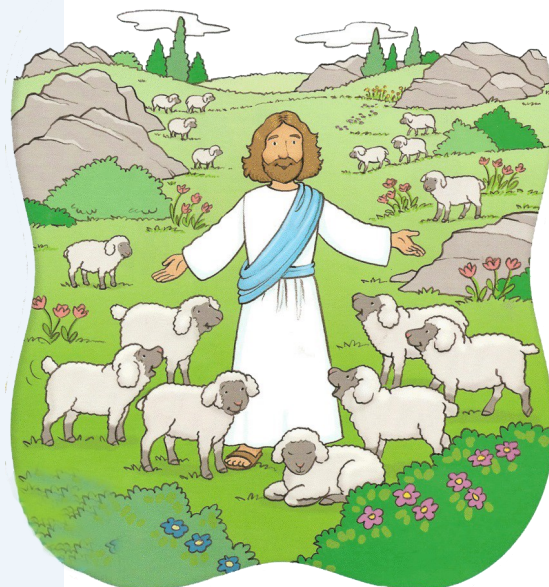
WEEK A - E4

JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not **recognize** the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, they did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find **pasture**. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more **abundantly**."



UNDERSTAND IT!

Shepherd	A person who guides a group of sheep.
Gatekeeper	To control or access a gate.
Recognize	Identify (someone or something) from having encountered them before; know again.
Pasture	Land covered with grass suitable for feeding animals.
Abundantly	A large amount.



EXPLORE IT!

Today's Gospel tells us about how Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He say "Amen, amen, I say to you" as He wants the sheep to recognized His voice. The sheep listen to the shepherd voice as they enter though the gate. for those who do not enter the gate, but climb over the gate is a thief and a robber. The gate opens and whoever passes through the gate will be saved, but for those who are against, will not be saved. The shepherd voice is the only thing the sheep would listen to, because they will not follow any command unless they recognize it.



CONNECT IT!

Jesus is the good shepherd, to be heard and listen to by the sound of His voice. Jesus commands saying "Amen, Amen, I say to you." for the sheep who listen will follow Jesus path through the gate. The sheep recognized the good shepherd voice that the sheep would understand to follow its command.



LIVE IT!

[RECOGNITION]

Special notice or attention

Jesus teaches us how to become His follower. Jesus used His voice so we can listen to what He has to say every day. Being recognized is something you accomplished and something you work hard for to achieve.

hear
God's voice



REMEMBER IT!

"A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

(John 10:11)



PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank you for everything You done for us. Give us the voice to share with other that You have given us. We pray that You help us with Your guidance to build in our faith. Amen.

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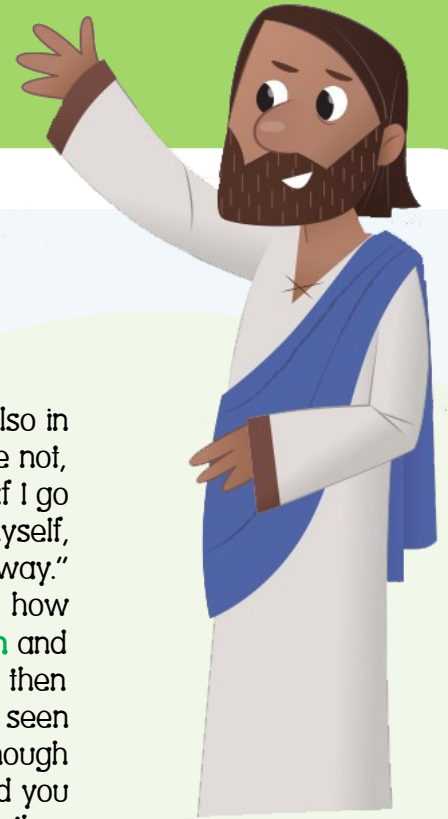
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WHO IS JESUS?

WEEK A - E5

JOHN 14:1-12



Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many **dwelling** places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am **the way** and **the truth** and **the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

JESUS IS THE WAY!

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

- Dwelling:** A place in which to be with God.
- The Way:** A path or route that is right and true according to God's teaching.
- The Truth:** Knowledge and liberation from sin.
- The Life:** Deliverance from a life of sin and death to a life of freedom in eternity.

2. EXPLORE IT!



I am with you always!

Jesus is God on Earth and He carries out God's work for us to see as children of God. We may not see God in person but He is always with us and He helps guide us down the right path. Believe and have faith in God because He is the way, the truth and the life.

3. CONNECT IT!

JESUS
the WAY
the TRUTH
the LIFE

We cannot see air but we know that it is there and air is there to keep us alive. This is the same with God; we may not be able to see Him, but He is always present with us. Jesus is the truth and the light of our life; we should strive to be like Him. Be truthful and do what you can to be better children of God.

4. LIVE IT! [AUTHENTICITY]

Authenticity - being real and true, not fake or pretending.



To be authentic means being true, so do not lie to your parents.

Be true to yourself – do the sign of the cross in school before you eat, do not be embarrassed in being Catholic

5. REMEMBER IT!

**"I am the way
and the truth
and the life."
(John 14:6)**



6. PRAY IT!

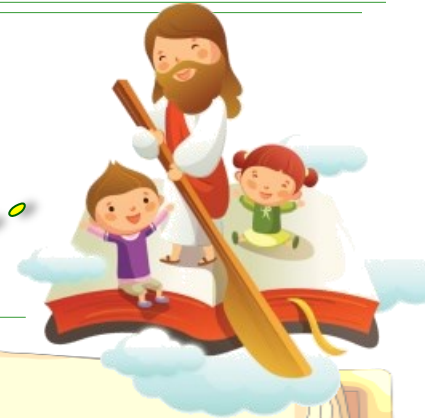


Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that for Your guidance and leading down the right path and keep us from straying away. Help us stay true to our Catholic self and be more like You every day. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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IF YOU LOVE JESUS...



Jesus said to his **disciples**:
 "If you love me, you will keep my **commandments**. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **advocate** to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he **remains** with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you **orphans**; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and **observes** them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and **reveal** myself to him.

1. Understand It!



Disciple	A person who follows Jesus.
Commandment	A rule that must be obeyed, especially one handed down by God.
Advocate	A helper.
Remain	Continue to exist.
Orphan	A child whose parents are dead.
Observe	To see, watch, notice or perceive.
Reveal	Make known to others.

2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Jesus said to His disciples that, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Jesus' commandments are rules of love, love God and love others as He loves us. Jesus knows that keeping His commandments sometime is not easy. He knows that we all need help in times of trouble. He promises to not leave us alone. Therefore, before Jesus returns to heaven, Jesus promises to send the "Helper - The Holy Spirit" to strengthen, to guide, to comfort, and protect the church and each of us. He also promises that He will reveal Himself for those who loves Him and obey His rules.

3. Connect It!

Obedience is an act of love. It's not enough to just tell God that we love Him. Instead, we have to show God our love and obedience by doing the right things - just like how you show love to your parents, your friends, and others.



4. Live It! [Obedience]

Obedience - to follow a request, to obey someone.

This week, Jesus invites us to practice obedience with our parents, family, and teachers as well as show your love to them, our friends and others.

1. Do what your parents request you to do.
2. Pray that God helps you be obedient to His commandments always.

5. Remember It!

*"If you love me,
you will keep my
commandment."
(John 14:15)*



6. Pray It!

Dear God, we thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to be our comfort and our guide. We tell You we love You every day, but we know that we need to show our love, too. Please watch over us this week and help us to make loving decisions every day. Amen!

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THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

WEEK A - Ascension of the Lord

MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven **disciples** went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they **worshipped**, but they **doubted**. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

2. EXPLORE IT!

Disciples	People who follow Jesus.
Worship	The feeling or expression of adoration for a God.
Doubt	A feeling of being unsure.
Baptize	Admit someone into a specific church.

Although the disciples were afraid, when Jesus appeared in front of them, He gave them the courage so that they can go and spread His teachings and invite people to become Jesus' disciples through baptism.



3. CONNECT IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites His apostles to "Go and Make disciples of all nations." When you were baptized, you also received that mission. Live your life according to Jesus' teachings and help others learn about Jesus Christ. By inviting others to become Jesus' disciples, you are making the world a better place for everyone.

4. LIVE IT! [DISCIPLESHIP]

Discipleship - living life according to the Teachings of Jesus.

This week, practice discipleship by:

- Praying every morning/night
- Be nice to everyone
- Doing the sign of the cross before eating



5. REMEMBER IT!

*"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
(Matthew 28:19)*

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank you for all that You do for us. Please give us the strength and courage to spread Your Good News to everyone around us and help them become Your disciples.
Amen.



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JESUS' DISCIPLES RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

WEEK A - 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 Sunday, in this case, Easter Sunday
Breath	To share your inner Spirit with another person
The Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit allows the Apostles to forgive sins. In the name of Jesus, they are given the power to forgive the bad things that someone has done
Retain	To keep or remember something. Hence, to retain a sin means not to forgive it

2 Explore It!



In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples live in fear, afraid that they will be caught by the Jews because they are followers of Jesus. Jesus appears to them and gives them the Holy Spirit (breathed on them) so that they have the courage to go out and proclaim the Gospel. He also gives them the power to offer a forgiveness of sins.

3 Connect It!



The Holy Spirit can sweep your heart clean

Sometimes in our lives, we get scared and we try to hide from what we do not know or from other people. Remember to pray and reach out to the Holy Spirit for help although we don't always see the Holy Spirit, He is always there with us, protecting us, and guiding us.

4 Live It! [OPENESS]

Openness - to be open and willing to accept what others have to say and give.

- Be open to God and share your toys with your sisters and brothers (and friends if they come to visit).
- Be obedient to your parents and teachers.



5 Remember It!

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

(John 20:23)

6 Pray It!



Dear Lord, thank you for loving us. Thank you for being so gracious with us and so very patient. We pray that we can love just as You love us. Please guide and lead us in the right path. Your Spirit can give us the gift of peace, hope, and love. Let us take time to sense Your Spirit moving within us. Please open our hearts and minds so that we can see You in everyone. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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WEEK A
Most Holy Trinity

BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS

JOHN 3:16-18



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who **believes** in him might not **perish** but might have **eternal life**. For God did not send his Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Believes	Know exactly something for sure.
Perish	To die; disappear.
Eternal life	Continued life after death.
Condemn	Judge, criticize.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In today's Gospel, Jesus told us about the love of God. God loves the world, and sent His only Son to the world to save us from sin. He also emphasized that if we do not believe in God, we will not be saved, and will not have an eternal life. Whoever does not believe in God will be condemned.



3. CONNECT IT!

We have to believe that God love the world. He did everything to help us because of our sins. God has never forgotten about us. He had always loved us unconditionally even though we always make mistakes. God is the Father who love us as a family. He sent His only Son, Jesus to the world to love us, nourish us through the Eucharist and lead us back to Him. We must believe and follow Jesus.



4. LIVE IT!

[Purposefulness]

Having or showing determination

For this week, pick a few tasks or chores that you normally do and go above and beyond it so you can do more. Instead of having your parents ask you to do your chores, do it without them asking. Be determined to finish your homework before you can go out and play.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

(John 3:16)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, we thank you for teaching us about love and sacrifice. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to adore our neighbors, friends, and family. Without Your guidance, we will not know what unconditional love truly means. Please continue to watch over our family. Amen.



JESUS
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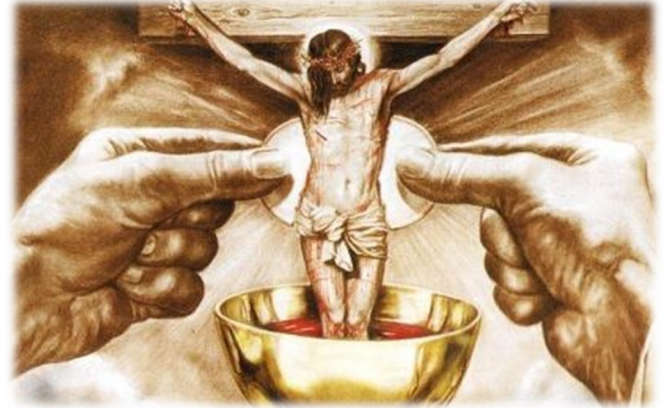
JESUS IS THE LIVING BREAD

WEEK A - MOST HOLY
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

JOHN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "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."

The Jews **quarreled** among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your **ancestors** who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."



1. Understand It!

Living Bread	Jesus is the bread of life. When we receive the Eucharist, it helps us to stay away from sin (death)
Flesh	Meat or muscle
Quarrel	Argue, fight, or disagree
Ancestors	Someone related to you and your family a long time ago. These are your relatives who passed on their unique characteristics and traditions to you and your families.



2. Explore It!

Today, Jesus says, "Eat me. Drink me." He tells us things that are very hard to understand and imagine. We need to eat His Body and drink His Blood so that we will have life in Him. His Flesh is true food and His Blood is true drink. What He means in the eating and drinking of His Flesh and Blood is that we should receive Communion (Eucharist) so that we will be in Jesus and Jesus will be in us. We eat

and digest His life, His love, His mercy, and His forgiveness. We consume His life so that He might consume and change ours. Jesus also says that people who eat this bread will live forever.



3. Connect It!

Just like we need physical food for physical strength, we need spiritual food for spiritual strength. In the Gospel's today, Jesus offers His **flesh** and **blood** as **spiritual food**.

The question is, why we need spiritual food?

It's really simple; for example, without food, the body quickly collapses; without spiritual food, the soul atrophies. The spiritual food is like the water, milk, bread, and meat of our spiritual lives. We can find spiritual food by receiving the Eucharist regularly.

4. Live It!

[Thankfulness]

Showing appreciation and feeling grateful for what you have.

This week, we practice to appreciate and give thanks to people who help us even with small things.

Follow the message that Jesus wants to send you this week by

- Going to mass and receiving Communion.
- Receiving Spiritual Communion if unable to go to mass.



6. Pray It!

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us Your Body in the bread and Your Blood in the wine so that we can be with You and You with us. Amen.



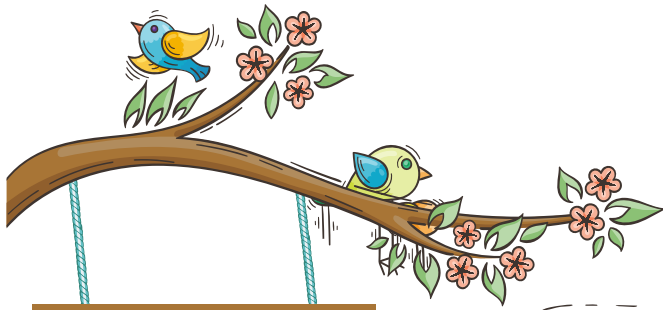
5. Remember It!

**"WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH
AND DRINKS MY BLOOD
HAS ETERNAL LIFE."**

(JOHN 6:54)

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With Hope, Matthew Follows Jesus



Week A - 010
Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me. And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a **physician**, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, "I desire **mercy**, not sacrifice." I did not come to call the **righteous** but sinners.



1. Understand It!

- **Physician** A doctor that somebody who is sick goes and sees.
- **Mercy** To feel love or forgiveness towards someone who they have power to punish or harm.
- **Righteous** When someone loves and obeys perfectly.

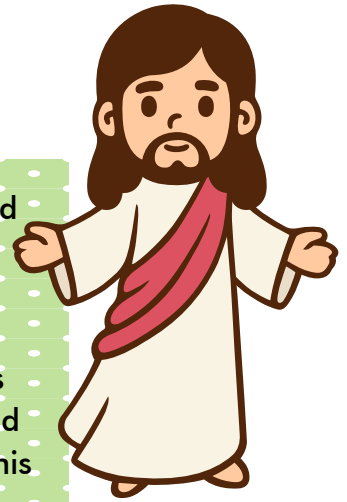


2. Explore It!

In this Gospel, the Pharisees saw that Jesus, a person who was supposed to be Holy and righteous, was sitting with sinners and thought it was wrong for Jesus to sit with the sinners. If sinners are people who do bad things, then why was Jesus sitting with them? Jesus then reminded them that He actually wants to be even closer to the sinners, because it's the sinners who need Him the most.

3. Connect It!

Because Jesus is so perfect, sometimes we think only righteous people should be around Jesus. We think that Jesus only wants to be around people who are perfect and good like He is. Because of this, sometimes when we do something wrong, we feel scared to be around Jesus. We don't feel worthy enough to be around someone so perfect. But we must remember that Jesus chooses to be close to everyone including sinners because He loves them and wants to help them. Because we are human, we are not perfect. However, this Gospel reminds us that we can always count on God to be there with open arms for us and to love us anyways.



4. Live It! [Virtue]

Hope is to always remember that things will get better no matter what it is that happens. It is to remember that even when we feel far away from God, we can always feel hopeful in knowing He is always there waiting for us.

This week, think about the things you have done or said that were wrong. Pray to God and apologize for these things promising to try your best not to do this again. Offer this all up to God so that you can become even closer to Him.



5. Remember It!

"He said to him,
"Follow me." And
he got up and
followed him."

[Matthew 9:9]



6. Pray It!

Dear God, thank you for loving me even though I am not perfect. I know there are so many times I fail to do what is good, and because of this, I feel very bad and ashamed. Please remind me that no matter what it is that I have done and how bad I feel, to be hopeful, because You will always love me. Please help me remember this so that I can come to accept Your forgiveness and unconditional love even on the days I lose hope in myself. Amen.

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The Companion of Jesus

Week A - Oll
Matthew 9:36-10:8

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he **summoned** his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this **proclamation**: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand'. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse **lepers**, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

1. Understand It!

Summoned – To call for.

Proclamation – To make an announcement.

Lepers – People with a flesh-eating disease that used to be incurable and separated from everybody else .

2. Explore It!

In this week's Gospel, Jesus and His disciples came across crowds and crowds of people who were in need. When He saw them, Jesus felt a great deal of compassion and love for them and told His disciples to go out and help these people. He told His disciples to go and serve the sick and the poor, and to do this without charging them anything.



3. Connect It!

Whenever Jesus saw anyone in need, He always felt great compassion and love for them. As followers of Jesus, we also need to have compassion and love for those who are not as lucky as we are. To be Jesus' true disciple, we must be like Jesus and serve those that need us. We must see people in need and less fortunate than ourselves as He did, with lots of love. When we are filled with lots of love for other people, we can come to serve other people just like Jesus had served us.

4. Live It! [Virtue]

Sharing is when we give others a portion of something that we have. You can share just about anything such as your time or talent. This week focus on sharing some of your extra free time to help your mom or dad do chores around the house such as cleaning up or helping with dinner. Mom and dads usually have less free time than us, so they will greatly appreciate your efforts.

5. Remember It!

**"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.
(Matthew 10:8)"**

6. Pray It!

God, thank you for blessing me with so much in my life. I have so much to be grateful for that I don't always remember to thank you for or share it with others. Please help remind me to remember to love other people just like you loved them. Please grant in my heart a love so strong for other people that I remember to share what I have with others just as Jesus reminded us to do in today's Gospel. Amen.



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ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS

WEEK A - O12

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve:
“Fear no one. Nothing is **conceded** that will not be **revealed**, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, **proclaim** on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in **Gehenna**. Are not two **sparrows** sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are **worth** more than many sparrows. Everyone who **acknowledges** me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will **deny** before my heavenly Father.”



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Conceded	To be kept secret or hidden.
Revealed	Made known to others.
Proclaim	Told or shouted out something to others.
Gehenna	A small valley in Jerusalem.
Sparrows	Birds. They are very social and live as colonies called flocks.
Worth	Good, valuable, or important.
Acknowledges	To accept or show that you know someone.
Deny	Not accepting.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus asks us to be brave and accept Him so that we will be accepted in Heaven. He asks us not to be afraid of people who kill us because we acknowledge Him but be afraid of those who take away our soul and body by taking us away from Jesus. He wants us to know that just like how God takes care of the birds, God will take care of us because we are worth more than birds.

3. CONNECT IT!

In today's life, Jesus calls us to acknowledge Him and follow Him so that He can lead us to heaven. He knew temptation and evil doers would make it harder for us to follow Him. Jesus tells us not to be afraid because God loves us and He will protect us.

4. LIVE IT! [COURAGE]

Courage is a virtue portrayed when we choose to do good, especially what that is the most difficult decision.

This week, we will acknowledge Jesus before others by making the sign of the Cross when you eat lunch in public as well as at home.



6. PRAY IT!

Lord, grant us courage as we go through this day. When there is a temptation to give up, help us to keep going and to maintain a cheerful spirit when things do not go our way. Give us courage to do whatever needs to be done. Amen.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"But whoever denies Me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

(Mathew 10:33)

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CONDITIONS AND REWARDS FOR JESUS' DISCIPLES

WEEK A - O13

MATTHEW 10:37-42

Jesus said to **his apostles**: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up **his cross** and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for **my sake** will find it.

"Whoever **receives** you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a **prophet** because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a **righteous man** because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple- amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

"His Apostles"	Jesus chooses twelve disciples to be His Apostles. Jesus has many disciples but only 12 Apostles.
"His Cross"	One's pain, struggle, difficulty, and or challenge
"My Sake"	For Jesus.
Receive	Greet or welcome (a visitor).
Prophet	A holy man sent by God to speak to people for God.
A Righteous Man	A right and good man.

2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus teaches us to love God above everything. He wants us to pick up our cross or our challenges in life and follow Him. Jesus says if we cannot give up our lives to follow Him then we will lose everything but if we lose our lives, give up our things to follow Jesus then we will find our real lives as reward from God the Father.



3. CONNECT IT!

It is hard to give up things to follow Jesus sometimes. For example, we can play video game for hours and it is hard for us to give up game to pray.

4. LIVE IT! [DETACHMENT]



Detachment is to not be attached to people or the materialistic aspects of the world.

For this week, detach yourself from hobbies or activities that do not help you grow closer to God and replace that with time to pray and explore the Bible. List two things you are willing to be detached from.

1. _____

2. _____

5. REMEMBER IT!

“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
(Matthew 10:39)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank you for making all things new. Thank you for all that You have given us. Help us to let go of the bad habits and to put You first. Help us to make You the center of our lives every single day.

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The Gentle Mastery of Jesus

WEEK A – O14

MATTHEW 11:25-30

At that time Jesus **exclaimed**:

"I give **praise** to you, father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.

Yes, father, such has been your **gracious will**.

All things have been handed over to me by my father.

No one knows the Son except the father,

and no one knows the father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are **burdened**, and I will give you rest.

Take my **yoke** upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart;

and you will find rest for yourselves.

for my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

2. EXPLORE IT!

Exclaimed	To say out loud something suddenly.
Praise	To honor.
Gracious Will	Good will.
Burdened	Hardship, worry, trouble.
Yoke	A wooden frame that is placed around the neck of animals to join or pair the animals together.

Jesus tells us He is the Son of God. He asks us to believe in Him and follow Him to do His father's will. Jesus also asks us to pair with Him and to learn from Him because He is gentle and humble. When we are with Him, we will live a more peaceful life.



3. CONNEC IT!

In today's life, many people are lost, depressed, worried because of their illness, jobs, and challenges. Jesus always invite them to follow Him, pair with Him so He can help them carry their burdens. We need to remind ourselves that when we are sad to pair with Jesus, pray to Him, share with Him our burdens because Jesus will help us.

4. LIVE IT! [GENTLENESS]

Gentleness is being kind and tender.

This week, we learn from Jesus, to be kind and gentle to everyone. We will not say anything mean or disrespectful to others. Practice saying one kind thing to someone and write it here.

5. REMEMBER IT!

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart."

(Matthew 11:29)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus.
Please teach us to be like You in all our ways. Teach us kindness, gentleness, generosity, and to be giving, forgiving, loving and caring. Teach us to follow in Your humble footsteps.
Amen.

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JESUS' PARABLE OF THE SOWER

WEEK A - O15

MATTHEW 13:1-23



On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was **scorched**, and it **withered** for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the **mysteries** of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's **prophecy** is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.*

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some **tribulation** or **persecution** comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Sower	A farm worker who scatters seeds over land to grow plants.
Scorched	Burned with heat or flame.
Wither	To lose ability to survive and grow.
Mysteries	Something that is hard to be understood and cannot be explained
Prophecy	Knowledge of the future.
Tribulation	Challenging experience/test.
Persecution	Actions to cause suffering.

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

2. EXPLORE IT!

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compare the word of God to seeds. The seeds need to fall on good soil in order to grow and bear fruit. The word of God, in the same way, needs to be heard by the people who take the time to receive it and let it grow inside of them. Jesus told us that the word of God is just waiting to become alive inside of us. All we have to do is listen. It is normal that we don't always understand everything we hear, as long as we take the time really listen with an open heart. Just as your family needs to take time for meals together, every Christian need to feed daily on the word of God.

3. CONNECT IT!

Our faith requires nourishment and attention to grow. If we do not give it any attention, it could easily fade away. One way we grow our faith is by practicing it, to include participating in Mass. Yet just attending Mass is not enough. Sometimes when we go to Mass, we become distracted and do not listen to the Bible readings or the Father's homily. Yet the word of God and His teachings are the nourishment our faith needs. Like the sower parable, it is important that we do not allow things to take us away from God, that we give Him our full attention. This means not sleeping during Mass and not joking around with friends. By giving God our full attention, we can grow our faith and also help others also grow closer to Christ.

4. LIVE IT! [ENTHUSIASM]

Enthusiasm is an intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval.

This week be enthusiastic in discovering Jesus because He is giving us great knowledge. Read the Gospel every night this week and pay close attention in Mass.

5. REMEMBER IT!

*"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it."
(Matthew 13:23)*

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, we need to always be enthusiastic or excited when we hear God's Word. Help us understand Your Good News and be willing to share it with other people around us. Amen.

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JESUS' PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

WEEK A – 016

MATTHEW 13:24–43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed **weeds** all through the **wheat**, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An **enemy** has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest: then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like **yeast** that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.*

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom.

The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the **fiery furnace**, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."



1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Weeds	A plant that is not valued where it is growing and is usually of vigorous growth, especially: one that tends to overgrow or choke out more desirable plants.
Wheats	A kind of food grain: sometimes cooked whole or cracked as cereal: usually ground into flour for making bread, baked food, pasta.
Enemy	Someone who hates or wants to harm another.
Yeast	An ingredient that cause the dough to bubble and rise and create a light, airy product.
Fiery Furnace	A container or enclosed space in which a very hot fire is made.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In the first parable, Jesus tells a story about weeds being sown in a field that had been planted with wheat – good seeds. He compares the wheat to the people who want to do God's will and the weeds to sinners who do bad, evil things.

3. CONNECT IT!

This week Jesus told a story that compared His church to a garden that has lots of weeds or sinners. They do things that aren't very loving or say hateful things. In this story, Jesus said that we shouldn't worry about pulling up the weeds that grow around us. If we do, we may do more harm than good. He suggests that we leave the weeds for God to take care of - and that we concentrate on doing what he wants us to do - which is sharing love.

Today's Gospel is about God's mercy, God lets sinners stay alive as long as the good people. He wants to give sinners more chances to repent so they can go to Heaven instead. We are all sinners so we should thank God for His mercy.

4. LIVE IT! [FAIRNESS]

Fairness is about not favoring any one person above another and it allows everyone involved the same chance to succeed or to participate.

This week count how many buildings or business office you see in the neighborhood that have a parking space for the disabled or entrance ramp for the people using wheelchair. These are examples of fairness by law. Write down what you can do to show fairness in your classroom or at home?

5. REMEMBER IT!

**"FIRST COLLECT THE WEEDS AND TIE THEM IN BUNDLES FOR BURNING; BUT GATHER THE WHEAT INTO MY BARN."
(MATTHEW 13:30)**

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, help us not to worry too much about who is good and who is bad. Help us learn to be fair and to show Your love to everyone. Amen.

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JESUS' PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN



WEEK A - 017

MATTHEW 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a **treasure** buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a **merchant** searching for fine **pearls**. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the **wicked** from the **righteous** and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be **wailing** and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied,

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

1. UNDERSTAND IT!

Treasure	A collection of precious or very valuable things.
Merchant	A business person who deals buying and selling things.
Pearl	A highly prized round gem that is formed within the shell of a pearl oyster.
Wicked	Morally bad or wrong, evil.
Righteous	Morally right.
Wail	To cry of pain, grief, or anger.

2. EXPLORE IT!

In the first 2 parables two persons were so happy to find something very precious that was worth giving away everything they owned so that they could have it.

The last parable compares kingdom of heaven like a fisherman's net catching all sort of fish. They will be sorted out and the bad fish will be thrown away.

3. CONNECT IT!

The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure one could ever desire. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. That is why Jesus calls us to give up all that we have and follow Him.

On the final judgment day, the angels will go out and separate the bad from the good and throw the evil ones into Hell.

The kingdom of heaven is a mixed body of saints and sinners (good fish and bad fish). Jesus is telling us that that is the work of God in His own good time. It is for us to learn to be tolerant, compassionate and understanding of those who seem to fall far below the requirements of the Gospel and the Kingdom. Judgment day is for later. Right now, it is for us to use the time given to us to go in search of the treasure and the pearl of great price, and to ask God for wisdom - the gift to be able to identify, with Jesus, the really true, the good and the beautiful, and to help others in the same search.

4. LIVE IT! [WISDOM]

Wisdom is the ability to apply knowledge or experience or understanding or common sense and insight.

King Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom so he could have an understanding heart to know right from wrong. Some traits of Godly wisdom are: humble, caring, respectful, peace-loving, forgiving, honest and fair.

This week before saying your nightly prayer, write down a note about what wisdom trait you have done during the day and make it as your offering to God.

5. REMEMBER IT!

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

(Matthew 13:44)

6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure. Please help us understand in our own hearts how important and how wonderful this Kingdom of Heaven is. Help us grow in the love and knowledge of God! May we walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

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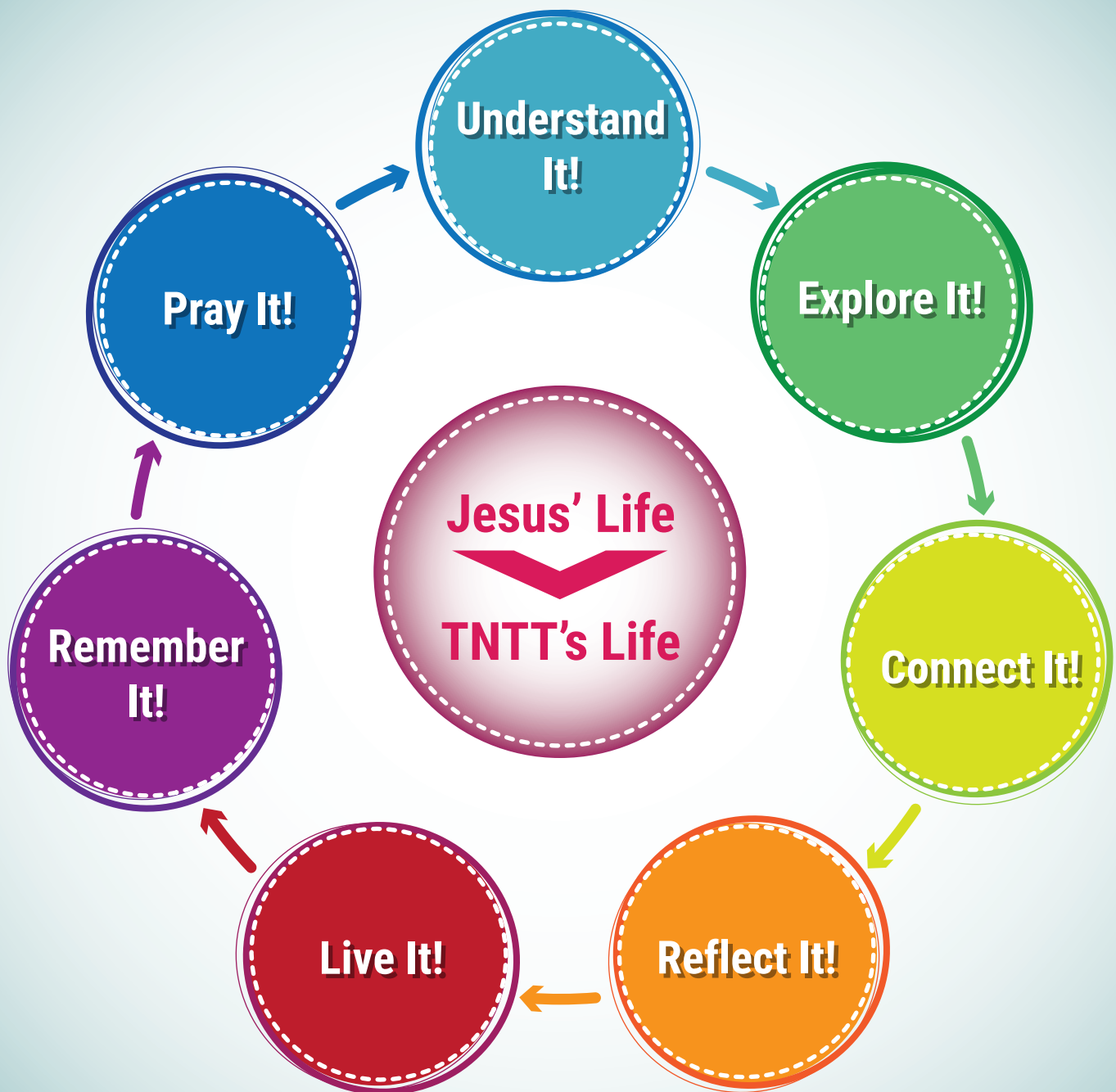
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Imitate Jesus' life through Scripture by learning, practicing, and living the Catholic virtues



*“Go and Make
Disciples
of All Nations,”*

Mt 28:19

