

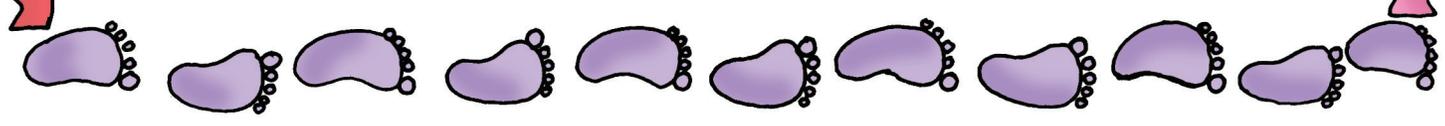


February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Count by fives to lead Jesus to the house.
Once there, he can find and heal
Simon's mother-in-law from a fever!

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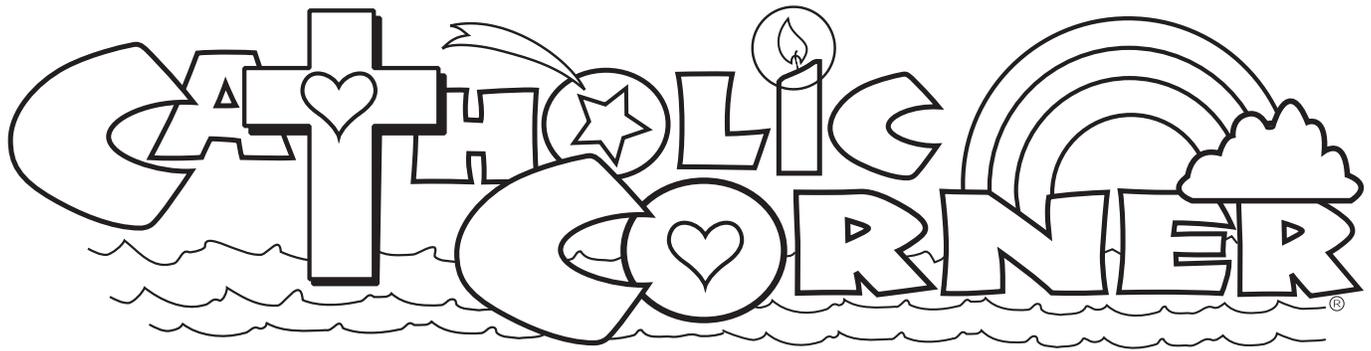
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- Row 5: 50, 55, 5, 25, 60, 90, 95, 100
- Row 6: 20, 60, 95, 55, 85
- Row 7: 30, 65, 15, 80, 10
- Row 8: 45, 50, 70, 75, 20



Simon's mother-in-law
lay sick with a fever.
[Jesus] grasped her hand,
and helped her up.

Mark 1:30, 31





TO HEAL THE BROKENHEARTED

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

(Psalm 147:3a)

Today we hear about Simon Peter, together with James and John and Jesus, visiting his mother-in-law. When they arrived and saw that she was sick, Jesus healed her. That evening Jesus continued to heal those who came to him seeking his help. He fulfilled the words of the prophet Isaiah (61:1; Psalm 147:3a): “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me . . . He heals the brokenhearted.”



This action of healing was experienced within the early groups of Christians. In his first-century letter, James wrote, “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord” (5:14). We call our presbyters “priests” today.

Today Jesus continues to touch those who are sick through the healing sacrament of the anointing of the sick. In people’s homes or within a communal setting in the parish, the priest anoints the person who is sick in mind or body with the holy oil of the sick. (This is one of the three oils blessed in each diocese or archdiocese during Holy Week. They are kept in a special place in each parish. Where are the oils kept in your church?)

As part of the sacramental ritual the priest lays hands on the one who is sick and anoints the person’s forehead and palms with oil. He then prays, “Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” With this prayer we ask that the person be healed and given the grace of courage and peace.



Do you know someone who is sick? You too can pray for God’s help and healing. You can also add your own words of encouragement with a card, a call, a text message, or even a visit in person or on social media.





Jesus healed many people!

Find and circle four things that are in the top picture but not the bottom one.





February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul told the Corinthians something we need to
keep in mind for our everyday living.

To find out what it was, use the number code provided.

Some letters have already been written in.

If you need help, read 1 Corinthians 10:31 in your Bible.

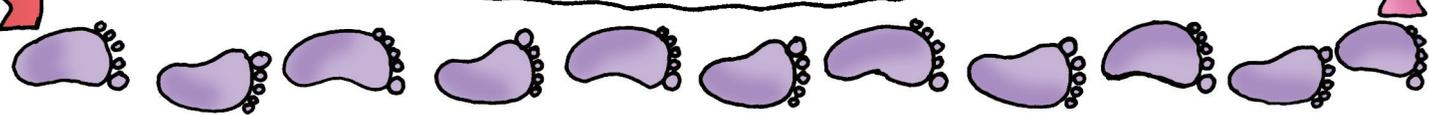
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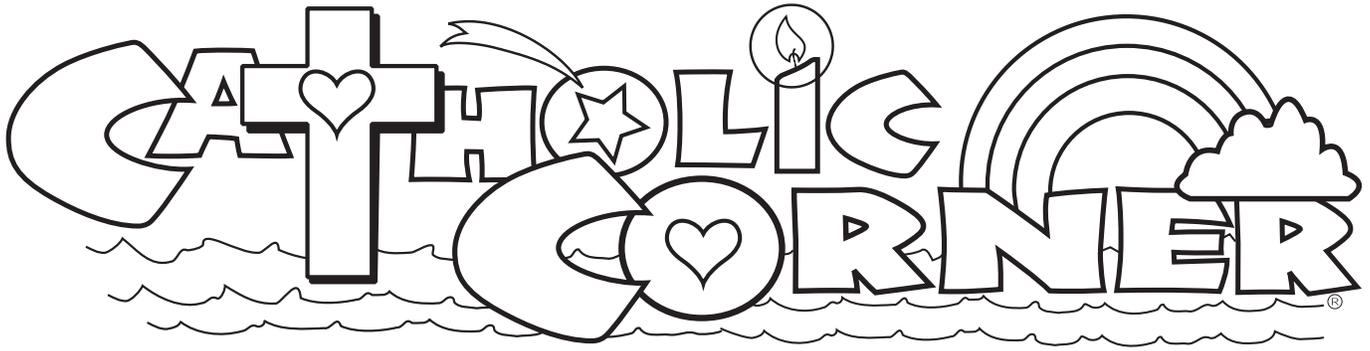
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“Be made clean.”

Mark 1:41



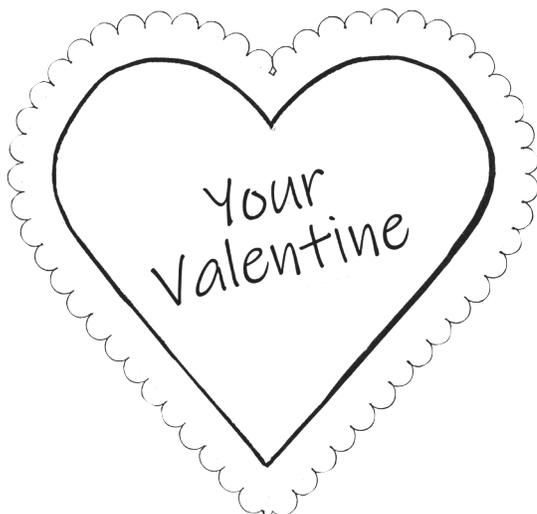
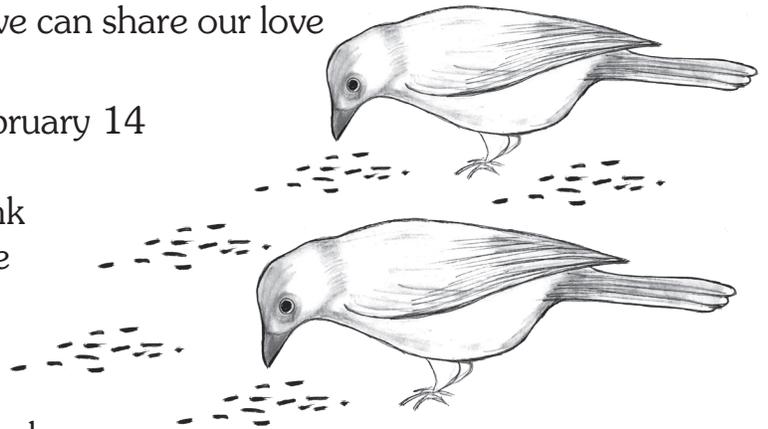


YOUR VALENTINE

The original ancient Roman calendar had only ten months. It had no January or February so the New Year began on March 1. It wasn't until 45 B.C. that January 1 began a new year, and our calendar now includes the month of February.

On February 14—today—we celebrate Valentine's Day, the feast of St. Valentine. Many stories and traditions surround this feast. Legend tells us that around 269 A.D. a priest named Valentine sent encouraging letters to Christians who were frightened and worried in the midst of persecution. He was said to have signed the notes "Your Valentine." On this day we send Valentine greetings to our friends and to those we love. We remember that God loved us first and for that reason we can share our love with others.

A traditional belief holds that around February 14 songbirds begin to sing again to celebrate surviving a harsh winter. Some people think that this is also the time when birds choose a mate. This practice is often true among people, too. Some couples choose to become engaged or get married on this day. Many people send greetings to those whom they love and care for.



This day is a good reminder to tell people dear to us that we love and care about them every day of the year. On this Valentine's Day, send a greeting, written or by media, by voice or in person, to someone you love. If you can, send a message of love and care to the birds too by spreading birdseed to feed them.





Jesus healed a man with a terrible disease called leprosy.

Jesus told him not to tell anyone.

But the man spread the news about it anyway.

Count the number of times this man has shouted, "Healed!"

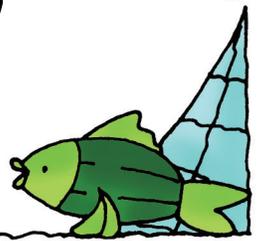
Then write that number inside the bandage roll at the bottom.

Healed



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February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

God told Noah that the whole earth
would never be flooded again.

God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of that agreement.

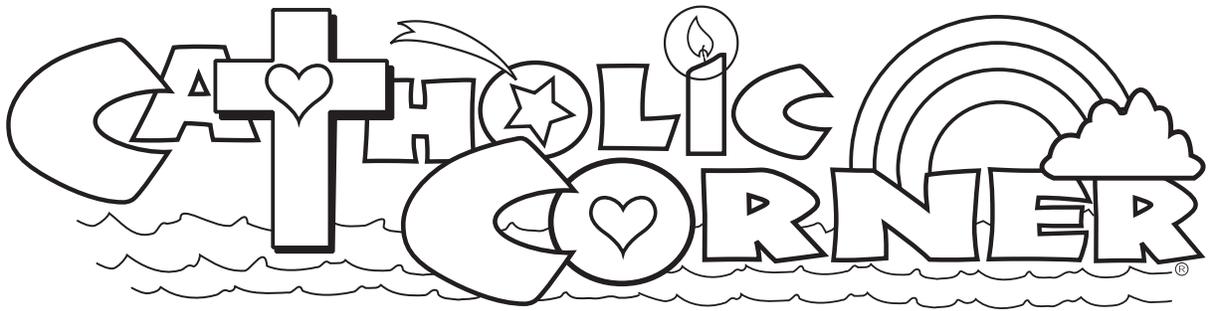
To find what God called this promise,
finish writing the names of the pictures shown.

Then start at the star and
read across to see what the boxes spell.

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**"I set my bow in the clouds ... as a sign of the covenant."
Genesis 9:13**





TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

Every year, we begin a new Lent with the story of Jesus' forty-day struggle with temptation. Mark's Gospel version of Jesus' temptation in the desert is the shortest one, only two verses long (Mark 1:12-14), and ends on a hopeful note: "the angels ministered to him."

Take a moment to remember what Lent was like last year. Churches were closed; we couldn't even attend Mass to celebrate Easter. We were like Jesus, struggling through a very difficult time. But we remember and are grateful for all those who ministered to us through those days.

We are now at the first Sunday of a new Lent. Once again, the Church asks us to renew the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We promise to take up our cross and follow Jesus through Lent to Easter.

The cross is an important Christian symbol. There are many different types of crosses, each with its own meaning and history. Each week of Lent we will think about prayer, fasting, and almsgiving under the sign of a different cross.

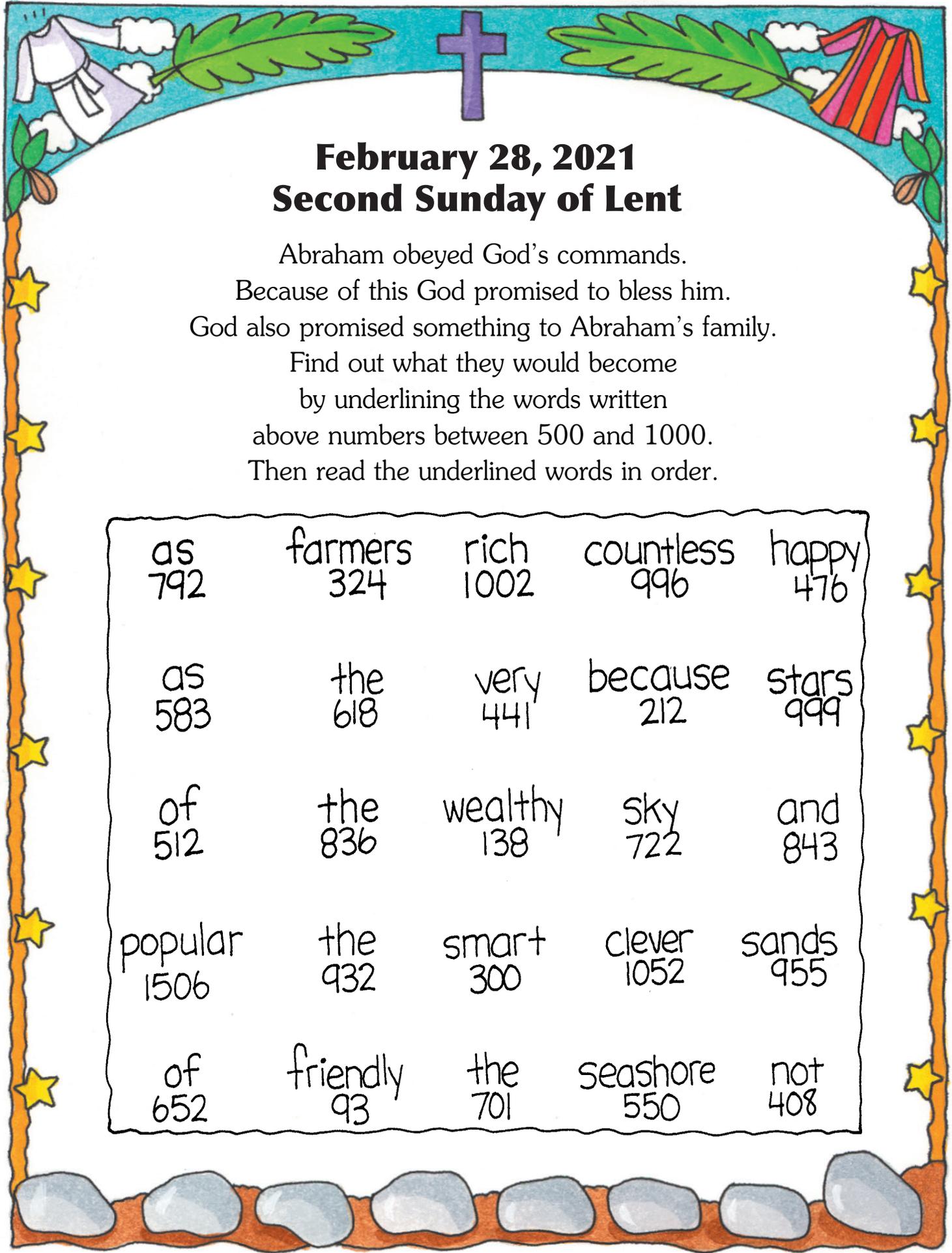
The Tau cross was the beloved symbol of St. Francis of Assisi, and today it remains the symbol of the Franciscan order.

This week, let your prayer be the peace prayer of Francis: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." Find it in your prayer book or look for it on line. Try to put into practice the words expressed in each line.

St. Francis and his followers were poor, owning nothing. During this week choose one day (or more) to have a very simple supper and donate the money you might have spent on a fancier meal to a food pantry.

St. Francis loved nature and animals. This week, fast from too much video or screen time and spend extra hours playing with friends, walking outside, enjoying nature, or taking extra care of pets.





February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

Abraham obeyed God's commands.
Because of this God promised to bless him.
God also promised something to Abraham's family.
Find out what they would become
by underlining the words written
above numbers between 500 and 1000.
Then read the underlined words in order.

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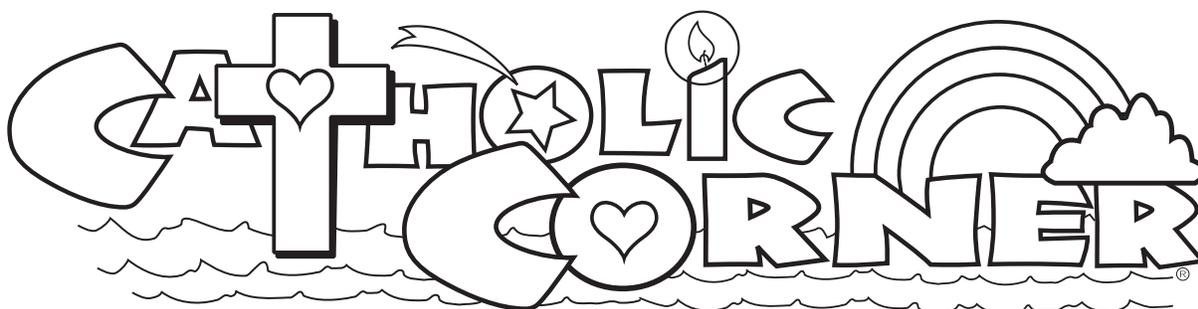
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**Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,
and they were conversing with Jesus.**

Mark 9:4



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

On the second Sunday of Lent we always hear the story of the Transfiguration (Mark 9:2–10 this year). Jesus reveals the glory of God’s kingdom shining out of him to Peter, James, and John. Jesus tells them not to share what they have seen until after the “Son of man has risen from the dead.” After the Resurrection Jesus tells his followers (that’s us!) something very important. He instructs them to spread the gospel, the Good News of the Kingdom, to the ends of the earth. He promises to be with us always.

This week we look at the Jerusalem Cross. It is made of five crosses, one large central cross and four smaller crosses. These crosses have two meanings: they stand for Christ’s five wounds and they represent Jesus’ command to spread the Gospel to the four corners of the earth.



This week we can pray for all those who work to spread the words of Jesus around the world. Remember to include yourself and your family, because you too bring Jesus to everyone you meet.

Your almsgiving this week might be to orders, organizations, or communities that have missions around the world like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Benedictines, etc.

Your fast could be a little different this week. Instead of using the computer to play a game, use it to research the Catholic missions in the United States or a country in Africa or South America. Search: catholic missions in (name a country or place). Make a dinner of food typical in that part of the world. Fasting from game technology can be an opportunity to learn about and appreciate the beauty of different cultures.

Think about how much God loves us.
Even God's own Son was not spared for love of us!
Have someone read this big banner to you.
Then fold it as directed to make a small one.
It will tell you something
that you should always remember.

God is

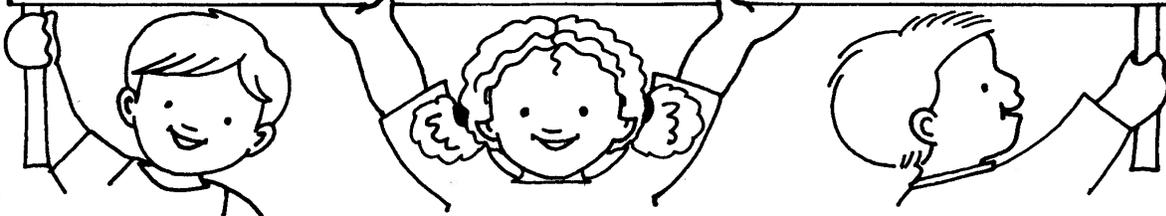
always ready to
listen to you!

(Fold Up↑)

God's word is full of
true promises.

(Fold Down↓)

for us!



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