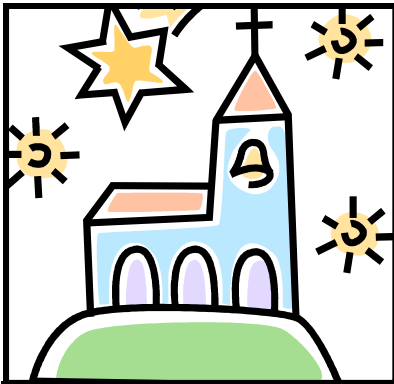




Community



Church



The Old Testament
Our Creator and Father



The New Testament
Jesus Among Us



The New Testament
The Church

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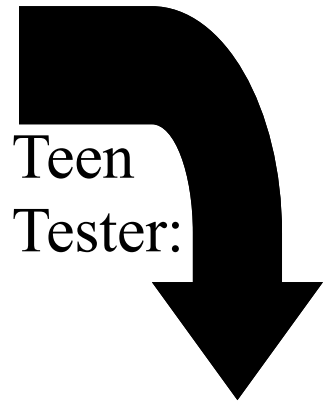
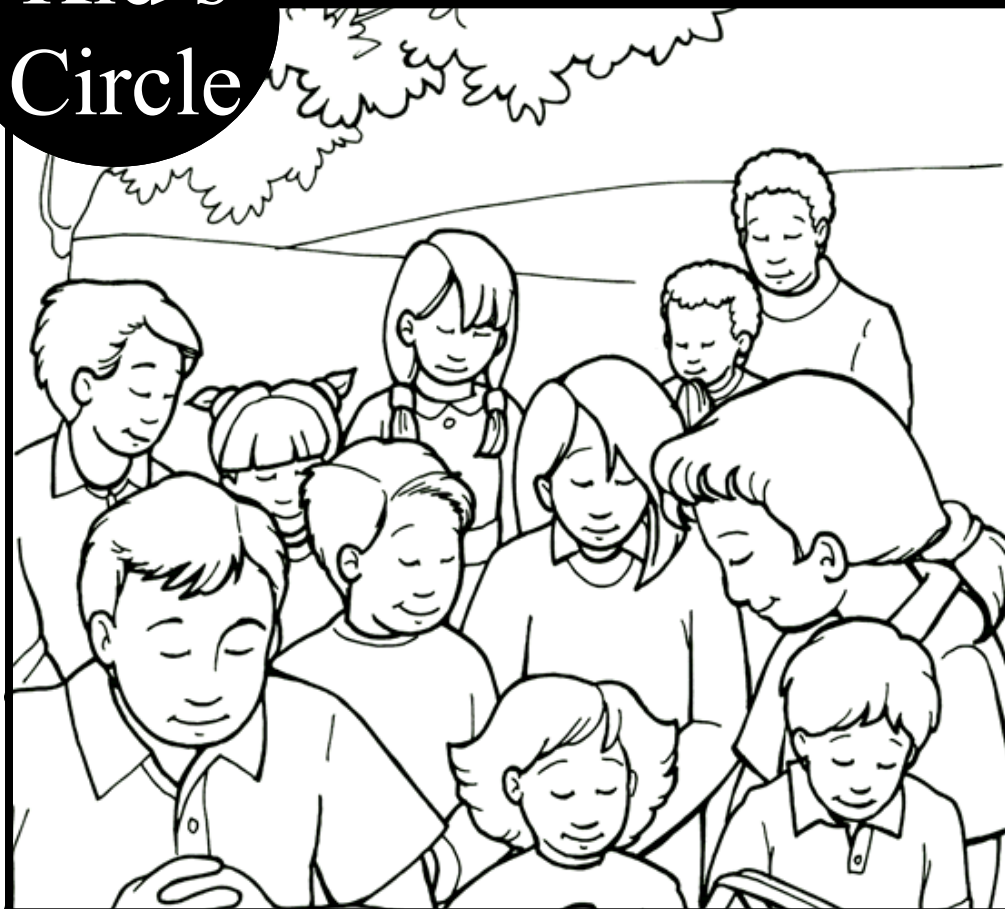
The New Testament
And The Church
God's Kingdom on Earth

Do you think God has a cell phone? If he did, would you be on his speed dial or even in his “friends and family network”? God wants to talk to us and wants us to increase his network throughout the world. He has described the steps needed to do this in the greatest story ever written, The Bible. Please join us for a year long journey of “LIVING THE BIBLE STORY THROUGH SERVICE”.

Our Story will be divided into three parts: The Old Testament: Our Creator and Father, The New Testament: Jesus Among Us and The Church: God’s Kingdom on Earth. Every month we will highlight a bible verse in each part of this story. We will list ways that we, as members of God’s family, can help to reach out to those in His “family circle”. We will learn many ways to live God’s message through SERVICE TO OTHERS. So get your batteries charged and start reaching out!

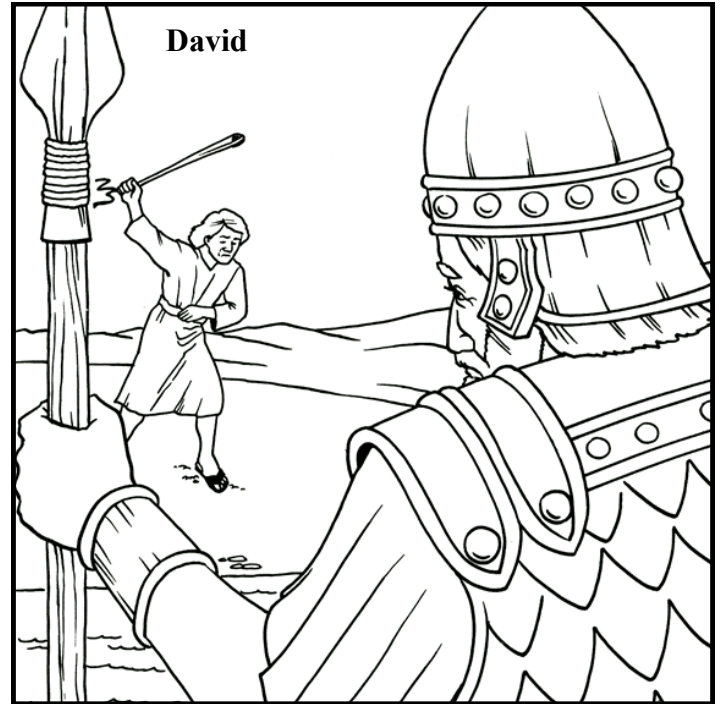
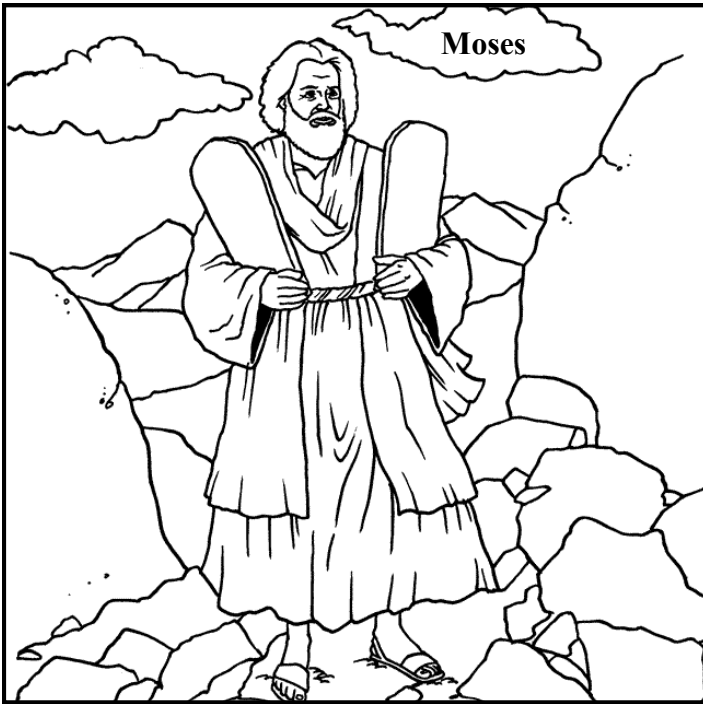
Kid's Circle

We are all in God's Network of Friends and Family



Teen Tester:

1. What is God's cell phone?
 2. How many people are in the world today, God's friends and family network?
 3. How many books are in the Catholic Bible, the greatest story ever written?
- ANSWERS: (1) prayer. (2) 6,815,500,000 people. (3) 73 books.



The Israelites eventually asked God for a king on earth. He reluctantly granted them their wish. The first king of the Israelite nation was Saul, followed by David and his son, Solomon. David moved his people's capital

to the city of Jerusalem. Solomon built God's beautiful temple in this great city. Many kings followed who lead their people astray. They began worshipping false gods and greatly displeased the Lord. The 12 tribes of Israel split up into 2 separate Nations, Judah in the south, consisting of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and Israel in the north, consisting of the other 10 tribes. Both were overthrown and enslaved by many warring nations including the Assyrians and the Babylonians. This was a time when many of God's prophets spoke to His people about repentance and a turning back to God, including Isaiah, Jeremiah and Jonah.

The Babylonians took over Jerusalem and forced many of the people to become slaves in far away nations. This is often called "the second exile". During this period of exile, the people showed remorse and heard a message of hope from many prophets of God, including Daniel. Later the Persians allowed the Israelites to return home to Jerusalem. This is often called,

"the second exodus". Ezra and Nehemiah helped their people to rebuild the protective wall and temple in their city of Jerusalem. The Jews, as the 2 tribes in Jerusalem began to be called, were subject to many new ruling nations including the Greeks under Alexander the Great and the Romans. At this time, the Jewish nation split into many different groups, including the rebellious Zealots, the law abiding Sadducees and the powerful Pharisees. Judas Maccabaeus and his Zealot followers fought hard to maintain their religious freedom during Greek rule.

Daniel and the Lions Den

Help Daniel get past the sleeping lion

THE BIBLE STORY: PART TWO: THE NEW TESTAMENT, JESUS AMONG US

The growing covenant with God and His people:
The Israelite Nation → Jew and Gentile, Male and Female, Adult and Child, You and Me, (All Mankind).



Under the Romans, a Jewish King named Herod, from Samaria in the northern tribes of Israel, was appointed to rule over Jerusalem. It is at this time that we have the Immaculate Conception and birth of God's Son, Jesus. He was born to a virgin, named Mary, in a manger in the town of Bethlehem. At the age of 30, He began His Father's work of spreading the good news about God's love and forgiveness. He chose 12 apostles to help spread the good news of God's love, not just to the Jews but to **all mankind**. He was crucified on the cross for the sins of humanity and rose from the dead in order to open the gates of heaven to all who choose to love and serve Him. This is often called **the new exodus**. Before He died, He celebrated the first mass with the 12 apostles and

gave them His Body and Blood in the form of The Holy Eucharist. He told them to continue to spread the good news of His love throughout the world.

THE BIBLE STORY: PART THREE: THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE CHURCH, GODS KINGDOM ON EARTH

Lead by Peter and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they began spreading the word and building the Church, which is God's Kingdom on earth. Paul reached many nations and brought this once Jewish based faith, now called Christianity, to everyone, **Jew and Gentile** alike. The Catholic Church has continued to grow over the years and now has members **all around the world**. As members of the Mary Queen Of Peace Catholic Church and God's Kingdom on Earth, we play an important part in this story. We are called to love God with our whole heart and soul and to love others as ourselves. We too are disciples of God and must continue to spread the hope and the good news of God's love and forgiveness, as told in God's Bible Story.

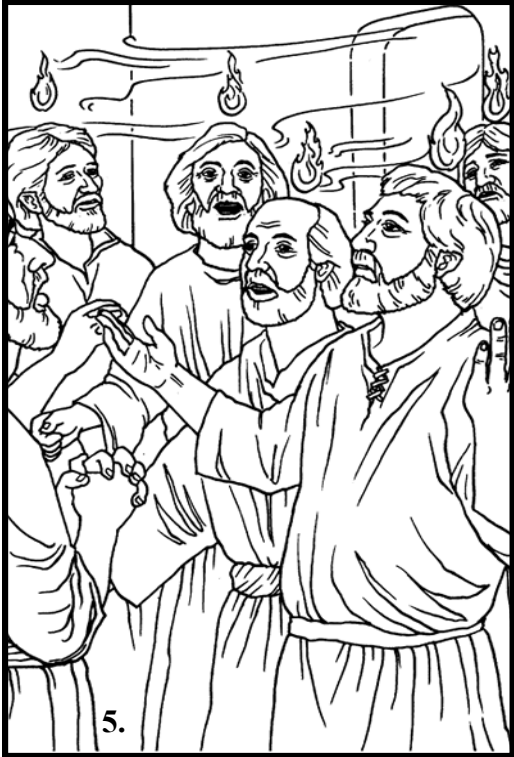
1. Jesus is a descendant of what son of Jacob?
2. Who eventually lead the Israelites to a land flowing with milk and honey or Canaan?
3. Who was the last judge of the Israelite nation before Saul became king?
4. Who had a calling to spread the message of Jesus to all mankind, not just the Israelite nation?

Teen
Tester:

ANSWERS: Judah, Joshua, Samuel and Paul.

THE GROWING COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

DIRECTIONS: Color each picture below and write the name of God's covenant partners by the appropriate picture. Write your name on the 6th line and draw a picture of yourself in this box. We are all called to live in a loving, covenant relationship with God.



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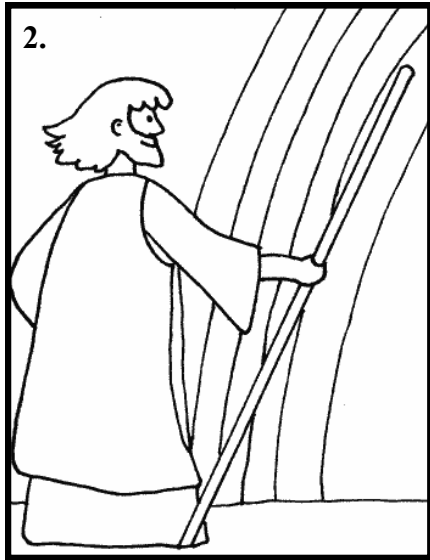


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Covenant



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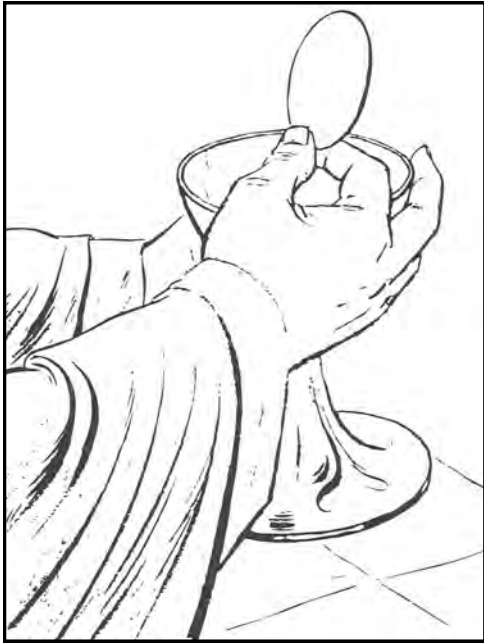


3. _____



1. _____

ANSWERS: 1. Adam and Eve, 2. Noah and his family, 3. Abraham and his descendants, 4. Moses and the entire Israelite Nation, 5. Jew and Gentile, male and female, adult and child, all of mankind, 6. You!



Kid's Circle

Living in a Covenant Relationship with God.
Saying Yes To God through prayer, the sacraments and
SERVICE to Others.




We become part of God's Kingdom on Earth through Baptism.

God gives us free will to choose right or wrong.


Saying Yes to God!

Saying No to God!


PRAYER



SACRAMENTS



SERVICE



Living in a **Covenant Relationship with God** in true happiness!

Noah, Abraham, Moses, the prophets, the saints and **YOU** through prayer, the Sacraments and **SERVICE**.

Love

Loneliness




Greed Hatred
Envy Laziness Dishonesty

Adam, Cain, the Israelites and **YOU** when you choose Sin or make the wrong choice in God's Eyes!

Isolation or Exile from God with continued disobedience

sin



Say Yes To God!

Teen Tester:

How do you choose to live your life? Think of times that you live:

- in a covenant relationship with God, by saying yes to God through prayer, taking part in the Sacraments and doing service for others.
- in loneliness, feeling separated and isolated from God, through greed, hatred, envy, laziness, dishonesty or other acts displeasing to God.

The Enchanted Mirror



**A Story of Service By:
Monsignor William M. Bilinsky
Summer, 2010
Folsom, Louisiana**

CHAPTER ONE Treasure in the Street

It was a cloudy day. The boy had been hoping for some sun. He liked it when it was sunny. A sunny day in October could be very pleasant. It was the sun, the heat and humidity in July that he didn't like. Mandeville in Southern Louisiana was miserable in July and August but it was wonderful in the Fall. Soon it would be Halloween. Maybe that was

another reason he liked sun in October. A warm Halloween was really great!

As the boy walked up and down the streets of his subdivision he noticed that people were beginning to put their trash out at the curb. He would probably have to help his Dad with their trash. "Why do we have so much garbage?" he wondered. He turned down Hermitage Place heading for home. Suddenly it was as if someone had aimed a very bright spotlight at his eyes. The sun had broken through the clouds. But it wasn't the sun that blinded him. It was the sun hitting something lying next to a trash can at the curb and then bouncing off and up towards his face. As he drew closer he saw that it was a large mirror. It was almost as tall as he was. He stooped down and examined the mirror. It was about 3 feet high and 2 feet wide. It was bordered by a gold frame. It didn't look like trash to the boy. "I could use a mirror in my room", he thought. "I wonder if Mom would mind if I brought it home."

A man walked down the driveway toward the curb. He was carrying more trash. "Like the mirror?" he asked the boy. "Yes Sir", replied the young boy. "We are moving next week and I have a lot of stuff to throw out", said the man. The boy looked at the mirror and then back at the man. "Do you mind if I take the mirror since you don't want it anymore?" asked the boy. "Not at all", replied the man. The boy offered to help the man haul some trash to the curb. The man smiled and said, "no need, my boys will be home soon and they will finish the job." The boy picked up the mirror. He was surprised how heavy it was. "Need some help?" asked the man. "No Sir" the boy replied. "I can manage. Thank you very much for the mirror." He turned and headed for home carrying his newly discovered treasure.

CHAPTER TWO A Hole in the Mirror

As the boy entered the house, his mother called out "don't slam the door!" She came out of the kitchen and there was her son holding the mirror. "Joseph, what is that" she asked in a surprised tone. "It's a mirror, Mom. I found it by someone's trash. The man said I could have it." "Why are you bringing someone's trash home?" she asked. She didn't look pleased. Before she could make him haul it out to the trash, Joseph quickly pleaded: "Can I keep it, Mom, please, can I keep it? I need a mirror in my room. This one is almost like new." The mother examined her son's treasure find. "True", she thought, "there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with it." She thought for a moment and then looked into Joseph's pleading eyes. "OK. But your dad will have to find some place in your bedroom to hang it".

Joseph lifted his treasure and carried it off to his room. His two dogs watched curiously as he walked by them with the mirror. They were nosey creatures and quickly followed him into his bedroom. He leaned the mirror against the closet door. The dogs began to sniff this new addition to the house. "Leave the mirror alone", said Joseph. "You might knock it over and break it!" He loved the two dogs.

But at times they were very mischievous. The dogs backed off from the mirror. But within a few seconds they were back sniffing and examining this new bedroom addition. "I told you two to leave it alone", shouted Joseph. This time the dogs were determined to figure out who the two dogs were that they saw in the mirror. Joseph realized why they were so interested in his new treasure. "Hey, you two! That's you in the mirror," laughed Joseph. The dogs' names were "Stripes" and "Comet". They were Italian Greyhounds. Spoiled and curious they were not about to give up their search for the two dogs they saw in the mirror. They continued their quest. Stripes seemed determined to find the dogs. What he couldn't figure out was why they didn't have a familiar canine odor. He poked and probed the glass. Joseph watched with great amusement.

Suddenly, Joseph jumped up from his bed. It seemed as though Stripes had put his head through the mirror. Now half of his body was into the mirror. Joseph was stunned! He ran toward the mirror frightened by the thought that Stripes might have cut himself on the glass. Then suddenly Stripes was gone! He had walked right through the mirror! Joseph froze. For a moment he couldn't breathe. Comet began to howl. Then before Joseph realized what was happening, Comet ran right into the mirror and disappeared!

CHAPTER THREE Into the Mirror

Joseph's mind was whirling. The dogs had disappeared into the mirror. But it couldn't be! Where had they gone? He was afraid that something terrible had happened to them. What kind of mirror was this? He couldn't believe what he had just seen. Slowly he walked toward the mirror. He bent down in front of it and reached out to touch the glass. As he did so his finger seemed to pass right through the glass. Quickly he pulled his hand back. He sat on the floor with his legs crossed under him. Once more he leaned toward the mirror. His fist touched the glass. He pushed the glass gently. His fist passed right through the mirror! He got down on all fours and peered into the mirror. His head came closer and closer to the glass. Before he could figure out what to do next, his head glided through the glass. Slowly he leaned further in. Now half his body was into the mirror. He crawled deeper into the darkness. Now his whole body was in the mirror. He was just about to turn back when he heard his dogs bark. Were they in trouble? He had to help them. He jumped to his feet. Suddenly the darkness lifted and he found himself in a large grass covered clearing.

All around the clearing were trees. But these were trees the likes of which he had never seen before. Hanging from the branches were dog biscuits, little stuffed toys and other things he didn't recognize. The trees moved their limbs up and down as if they were dancing. The trees were filled with birds. On the other side of the trees was a stream of water. Drinking from the stream were animals of every type. There were deer, squirrels, raccoons, possums, cats, dogs, lizards, armadillos and other unfamiliar animals. Suddenly he heard the sound of barking dogs. He looked around and called out loudly "Stripes, Comet, come here"! Within a few moments his two dogs came running up to him. They ran round and round him. Their long thin tails wagging wildly. They jumped up and began licking his face. They never seemed so happy.

His dogs ran off to join other dogs running and playing. He scratched his head and wondered where he was and what was this all about. He heard someone call his name. "Joseph, Joseph, come here". He looked around but could see no one. "Look up here in the tree next to you", the voice said. Joseph looked up and to his amazement, perched on a tree limb, was the largest owl he had ever seen. His eyes were almost as wide as his head. "Hoot, hoot", said the owl. Joseph stared at him and the owl stared at Joseph. "Yes" said the owl, "it was me who called you." "You can talk?" the boy asked in amazement. "Yes, my son", replied the owl. "Many strange and wonderful things happen here in the land behind the mirror's glass. This is a land of enchantment. Sit down on the grass, Joseph, and I will tell you all about this land. I will also tell you about the mirror and why we chose to show its magic to you". Joseph did as he was told. He sat down on the grass and eagerly awaited the owl's story.

CHAPTER FOUR

The Owl's Tale

Slowly the owl began to unfold the mystery of this place. "You see, my son", began the owl, "a long time ago when God created heaven and earth He knew that a place would be needed for some of the animals that He created. Knowing all things God saw that there would be evil men and women as well as bad boys and girls who would respect neither the animals nor the land that He created. He saw many years down through the ages. God was so moved by the suffering of some animals that He made this place to provide comfort and happiness for all these little creatures. God not only loves all you humans but He loves every creature and thing He created."

Joseph looked up at the owl and asked: "But what does this place have to do with me?" The owl let out a long "hoot" - his way of smiling. "My son", he replied, "God knows how much you love your dogs Stripes and Comet, as well as your lizard. So he decided to let you in on the existence of this secret place. God saw the mirror lying against the trash and endowed it with special powers. Your Guardian Angel led you to the mirror. And so here you are in this land beyond the mirror. It is an enchanted forest created for animals that have been abused, mistreated or unloved. Here they receive everything they need for their care, comfort and happiness".

Joseph looked puzzled. "I have to get back home", he thought. "I can't stay here for ever"! The wise old owl read the boy's mind. "Oh, you are not meant to stay here", said the owl. "We just want you to take God's message of love for all of creation back to your family and friends. What God asks of you is that you share with others your love for animals. If you do this the pets and other animals you and your friends will meet on life's journey will be treated with love and respect. God will not have to send his angels to transport them to this enchanted land. You will create such a place right in your own homes, your own towns, and your own world. Do you think you can carry this message back home with you?"

Joseph couldn't believe what he had heard. An owl was talking to him. It seemed as normal as talking with his friends. He looked up at the owl and said: "Of course I will do it. My mother and father have always taught me to obey the Lord. If that's what he wants me to do. I will gladly do it", the boy said with great enthusiasm. The owl hooted with approval.

The wise old owl turned his head from side to side and said, "Call your dogs. It's time to go back through the mirror". The boy jumped up on his feet and called loudly, "Stripes, Comet—come"! Within seconds the two dogs bounded toward their little master. He looked down at them with more love than ever before. "Time to go home", he said.

The owl pointed with the tip of his great wing into the darkness from which Joseph and the dogs had come. But now the darkness parted and there was a path filled with light that led to the back of the mirror. "Go, my son and may the Lord go with you", said the owl. He almost sounded like a priest giving a blessing.



CHAPTER FIVE

Through the Mirror Once More

Joseph waved farewell to the owl. He called to Stripes and Comet. "Come on guys! Through the mirror you go." Without fear the two greyhounds jumped through the back of the mirror. He could hear them barking on the other side. The boy started his return as he had come. First he put his hand through the mirror. This time he felt his dogs licking at his fingers. Then he pushed the rest of his body through the

the glass. He tumbled into his bedroom. The dogs were all over him. He reached out his fingers and pushed against the glass. This time nothing happened. He tried again but the magic mirror no longer responded to his touch.

Joseph sat down on the floor staring at the mirror. He was deep in thought when he heard his father calling him. He wondered how he could ever explain his adventure to his parents. Then the answer came to him. He turned to the two dogs and said “Let’s keep our little adventure between us. OK, guys?” He knew no one would believe him. The dogs wagged their tails. Their eyes told him that they understood.

He heard a knock at his bedroom door. His dad walked in and said: “Let’s see the antique you found. Who knows? It might be a magic mirror”, his father said with a chuckle. “Now, where can we hang it”? “Dad”, the boy asked, “do you think we can volunteer at some animal shelter”? Joseph looked at the dogs and winked. He was certain he could see broad smiles on their faces.

THE END



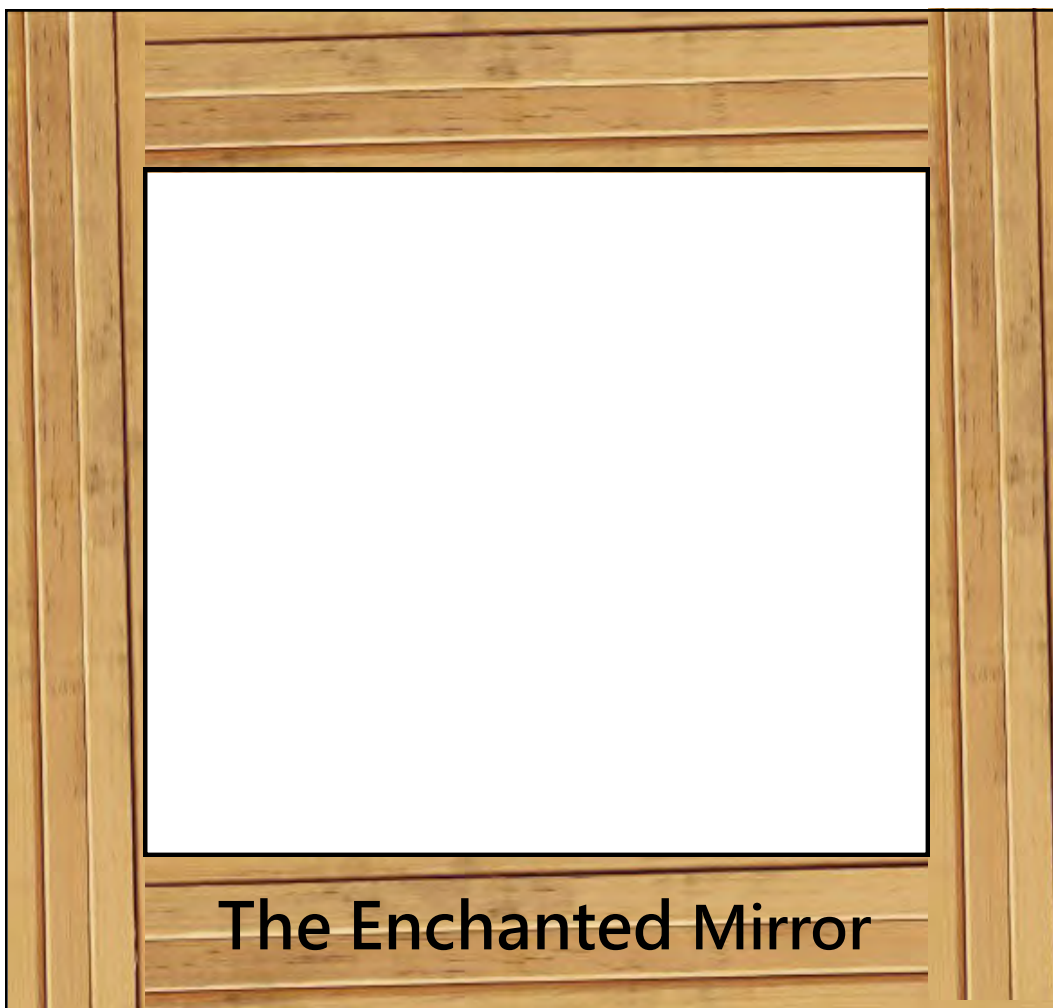
Think of one of God’s creations, a person, place or living thing, that is neglected or abused

in today’s world. Next, think of a way that you could make the world a better place for God’s neglected creation. Now, draw a picture of yourself helping God’s neglected creation in the enchanted mirror to the left.

Teen Tester:



Think of one of God’s creations, a person, place or living thing, that is neglected or abused in today’s world. Next, think of a way that you could make the world a better place for God’s neglected creation. Now, write a poem or short passage about yourself helping God’s neglected creation in the enchanted mirror to the left.



The Enchanted Mirror

SERVICE, SAYING YES TO GOD!

DRAW an outline of one of your hands below and write your name in the palm. We are all the work of God's hands. Through our gifts and the works of our hands, we are invited to create beauty and goodness in the ordinary events of our lives. Let us take a few minutes to reflect upon our hands as instruments of creation. Look at the palm, at the fingers, at the thumb. No tool ever produced is able to do what the human hand can do. We use our hands to give and receive, to grip and let go, to hold and caress, to guide and shape, to restore and create beauty.

You can find many incredible acts of love and service in **The Old and New Testaments of the Bible**. List acts of service above, that you want to carry out in the upcoming year. Refer to the service suggestions and Bible verses, found on the following pages, for inspiration. Write one service act and the person who will benefit in each finger of your hand above. Start reaching out, saying yes to God and living The Bible Story through service.

Service As Shown In The Bible

Build and care for God's Church!

Help out with the Fleur-de-fall and other fund raisers for building and maintaining our church, help change miscallettes or stuff bulletins, help decorate or clean the church, etc.

Follow and teach the Lord's words!

Babysit for someone attending church or another religious function; help out with vacation bible school, children's liturgy of the word or Religious Education Classes; assist a teacher, faculty member or co-op member at your school; tutor a younger child; etc.

Rejoice and praise the Lord!

Spread the joy of the season by going Christmas caroling, participate in the mass as a seraphim singer or an altar server, participate in the Parish Christmas Pageant or Living Way of the Cross, etc.

God will provide!

Save, collect and donate old clothes, toys and household items to Granny's Attic at the Samaritan Center to help the needy in our area; save, collect or donate old eye glasses for reuse by the impoverished around the world; donate and raise money for the hungry children around the world during operation rice bowl; etc.

Work with God to do great things!

Have a bake sale, lemonade stand or other fund raiser for a great cause, write a letter to you local politician asking for protection of unborn babies, collect food for a food drive, etc.

Become a champion of the lowly!

Send a care package or letter of encouragement to a soldier, write your local politician asking for protection of the elderly and disabled, say the rosary for world peace, etc.

Never give up, have faith in God!

Help victims of Katrina or other natural disasters, run in a fun run or participate in a fund raiser for a good cause, buy presents for poor families at Christmas and make a card for them, etc.

Obey God's plan for our lives!

Visit the sick in a hospital or send them a get well card, collect items needed for unwed mothers or a foster care facility, raise money for a sick child, etc.

Take care of our planet!

Clean up litter, plant a tree or garden, raise money for environmental protection, recycle, etc.

Care for the elderly and feeble!

Visit the sick and lonely in a nursing home or in your neighborhood, cook a meal for a family with a sick child or parent, say the rosary for the victims of abortion, etc.

Care for and protect animals!

Care for or walk dogs at the SPCA or for a neighbor out of town, raise money for animal protection, create a natural animal habitat in your backyard, etc.

Promote love, forgiveness and justice!

Collect supplies needed for a homeless or battered woman's shelter, raise money for refugees from countries with unstable governments, send a care package or letter of encouragement to the imprisoned, etc.

The Old Testament , Our Creator and Father

Service as shown in the Bible

The Book Of Genesis

The story of creation.
Chapter 2: Verse 15. The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and care for it

Noah and the Flood.
Chapter 6: Verse 20. Of all kinds of birds, of all kinds of beast, and of all kinds of creeping things, two of each shall come into the ark with you, to stay alive.

Abraham's call. Chapter 12: Verse 1 and 4. The Lord said the Abram, "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk to a land I will show you". He went as the Lord directed him.

Joseph's Temptation.
Chapter 39. Verse 20-23. The Egyptian, Potiphar, seized Joseph and threw him in jail. But even while he was in prison, the Lord remained with Joseph and showed him kindness.

The Book of Exodus

The Crossing of the Red Sea.
14: Verse 21. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord swept the sea with a strong wind throughout the night and turned it into dry land.

The Quail and Manna.
16: verses 13-15. When the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like frost on the ground. Moses told them, "this is the bread which the Lord has given".

Take care of our planet!

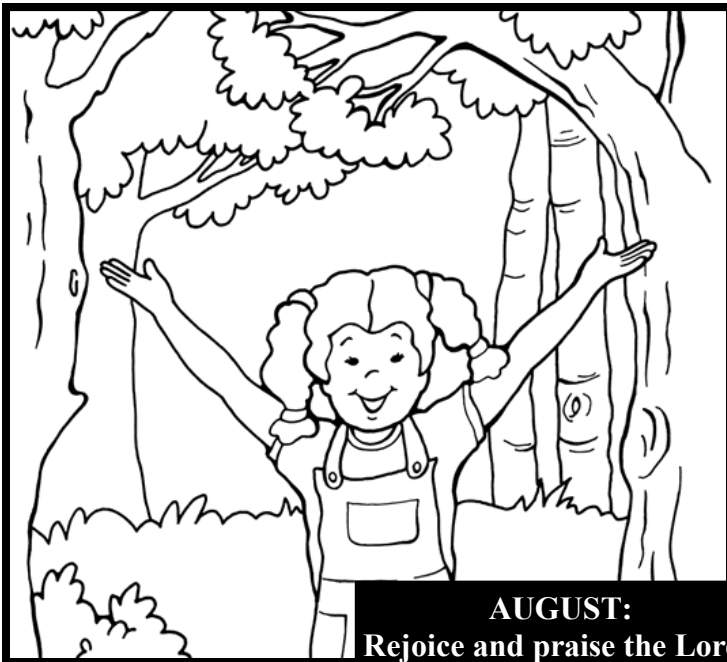
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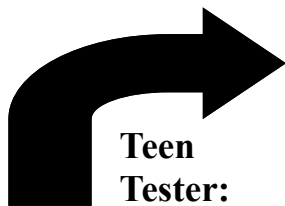
God will provide.



AUGUST:
Rejoice and praise the Lord.



SEPTEMBER:
Follow and teach the Lord's words.



Teen Tester:

1. How many priests were there in the USA in 2009?
2. How many years must a priest go to school after graduating from High School?
3. What is minimal wage?
4. What was the average annual income for households in 2009?

ANSWERS: 40,666 priests, they go 8 years (4 in college and 4 for masters), \$7.25 per hour, \$65,000 per year.

The Books of:
Leviticus,
Numbers,
Deuteronomy,
Joshua,
and Judges.

**The Book of
Ruth**

Naomi in Moab.
1:Verse 16.
Ruth said to her
mother-in-law,
Naomi,
“wherever you
go do not ask me
to abandon or
forsake you, for
wherever you go
I will go”.

**Care for elderly
and feeble.**

**The 1st
Book of
Samuel**

**David and
Goliath.**
12:45.
David
answered
Goliath,
“you come
at me with
sword and
spear but I
come
against you
in the name
of the Lord
of Hosts”.

**Become a
champion
of the
lowly**

**The 2nd
Book of
Samuel**

**The Ark
Brought to
Jerusalem.**
6:14. Then
David came
dancing before
the Lord with
abandon, as he
and all the
Israelites were
bringing up the
Ark of the
Lord with
shouts of joy
and to the
sound of the
horn.

**Rejoice and
praise the
Lord.**

**The 1st
Book of
Kings**

**The King-
dom made
secure.** 2:9.
Lord, give
your ser-
vant, Solo-
mon, an
understand-
ing heart to
judge your
people and
to distin-
guish right
from
wrong.

**Promote
love, for-
giveness
and
justice!**

**The 2nd
Book of
Kings, The
1st Book of
Chronicles.**

**The 2nd
Book of
Chronicles**

**Renewal of the
Covenant.**
34:31. The king
made a cove-
nant before the
Lord to keep
His command-
ments, decrees
and statues with
his whole heart
and soul.

**Follow and teach
the Lord’s words.**

**The Book
of Ezra**

**Founding of
the temple.**
4:10. When
the builders
had laid the
foundation
for the
Lord’s
temple, the
vested
priests, with
the trumpets,
and the
Levites were
stationed
there with
cymbals to
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**Build and care
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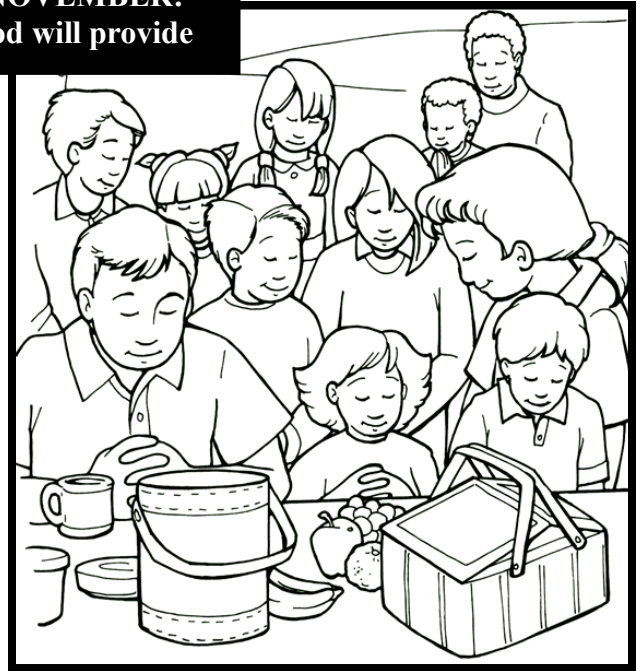
**The Books of
Nehemiah,
Tobit, Judith,
Esther, 1 and 2
Maccabaeus,
Job, Psalms,
Proverbs,
Ecclesiastes,
Songs, Wisdom,
Sirach, Isaiah,
Jeremiah,
Lamentations,
Baruch, Ezekial,
Daniel, Hosea,
Joel, Amos,
Obadiah, Jonah,
Micah, Nahum,
Habakkuk,
Haggai,
Zechariah and
Malachi.**

Kid’s Circle

**OCTOBER:
Build and care for God’s
Church.**



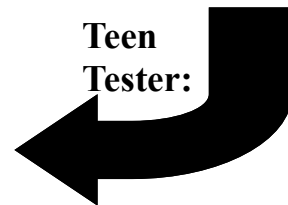
**NOVEMBER:
God will provide**



1. What is the oldest, continuously operating cathedral in the US?
2. How long was Pope John Paul II in office as Pope?
3. What country was Pope John Paul II born in?

ANSWERS: St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans, 26 years, Poland

**Teen
Tester:**



The New Testament, Jesus Among Us.

The Gospel of Luke

The Announcement of the Birth of Jesus. 1:38. Mary said, "behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Mary visits Elizabeth. 1:56. Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned home.

The Birth of Jesus. 2:7. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger because there was no room at the inn.

The Visits of the Shepherds 2:20. After visiting the child, the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

The Gospel of Matthew

The Visit of the Magi. 2:2 "Where is the new born king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage."

The Call of the First Disciples 4:19-20. He said to them, "come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him.

Obey God's plan for our lives.

Care for the elderly and feeble.

Care for and protect animals

Rejoice and praise the Lord.

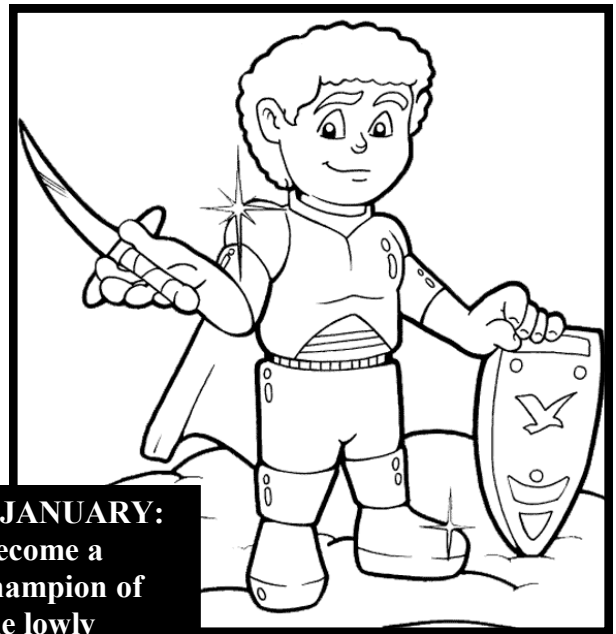
Take care of our planet!

Work with God to do great things.

DECEMBER:
Work with God to do great things



JANUARY:
Become a champion of the lowly



1. When did the United States Supreme Court legalize abortion in the landmark case of "Roe vs. Wade"?
2. How many abortions are performed each year in the United States?
3. How many people were homeless in the USA in 2009?

ANSWERS: 1973, 1.3 million (43 million world wide), 1.6 million homeless

Teen
Tester:



The Gospel of Matthew

The Sermon on the Mount. 5:16. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

Dependence on God. 7:30 If God so clothes the grass of the fields, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will He not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

The answer to our prayers. 7:11 If you then, who are wicked, know how to give gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him.

Peter's Confession About Jesus 16:18. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the nether-world shall not prevail against it.

The Gospel of Mark

Jesus and His Family. 3:34-35 And looking around at those seated in the circle, He said, "here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and my sister and my mother".

The Gospel of John

The New Commandment 13:34. I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

Follow and teach the Lord's words.

God will provide.

Never give up, have faith in God!

Build and care for God's Church.

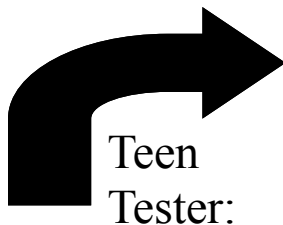
Become a champion of the lowly

Promote love, forgiveness and justice!

FEBRUARY:
Never give up,
have faith in God!



MARCH:
Obey God's plan
for our lives.



1. What is the worst natural disaster recorded in world history?
2. What is the worst natural disaster recorded in US history?

ANSWERS: Plague (black death) caused 75 million deaths in the 14th century. The small pox took 130,000 lives in the US between 1775-1782.

The New Testament and The Church. God's Kingdom on Earth.

The Acts of the Apostles

The Coming of the Spirit. 2:3-4. Then there appeared to them, tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Peter's speech at Pentecost. 2:40-41. Peter testified with many arguments and was exhorting them, "save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized.

Communal Life. 3:44-45. All who believed were together and had all things in common, they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Communal Life. 3:46-47. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all people.

Signs of Wonders of the Apostles 5:19-20. But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, led them out and said, "go and take your place in the temple area and tell the people everything about this life".

Trial before the Sanhedrin 5:27-29 when they had brought them in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "we gave you strict orders to stop teaching in that name". But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "we must obey God rather than men."

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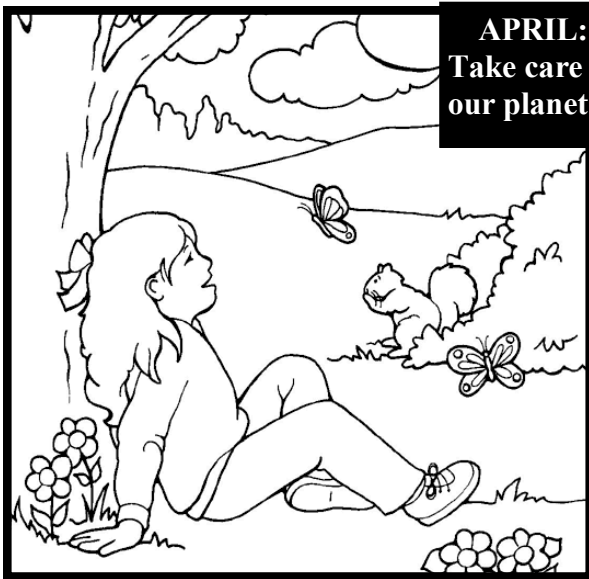
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APRIL:
Take care of our planet!



MAY:
Care for elderly and feeble.

1. What hurricane resulted in the greatest loss of life in the USA?
2. What terrible disease, from the early part of this century, has been eradicated in the USA due to vaccinations?

ANSWERS: Hurricane Galveston in the 1900 (8,000 deaths vs. Katrina's 1,836), polio

Teen Tester:

The Acts of the Apostles

Stephen's Martyrdom. 8:59-60. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord do not hold this sin against them", and when he said this, he fell asleep.

Peter heals Aeneas at Lydia. 9:33-34. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been confined to a bed for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and make your bed." He got up at once.

The Vision of Peter. 10:11-12. He saw heaven opened and something resembling a large sheet coming down, lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all the earth's four legged animals and reptiles and birds of the sky.

Paul and Barnabas at Lystra. 10:8-10. At Lystra there was a cripple man, lame from birth, who had never walked. Paul called out, "stand up straight on your feet." He jumped up and began to walk.

Paul and Barnabas at Lystra. 14:15. "We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and all that is in them".

Paul's farewell speech at Miletus. 21:28. Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you oversees, in which you tend the Church of God that he acquired with his own blood.

The New Testament Letters:
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews

The Catholic Letters:
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

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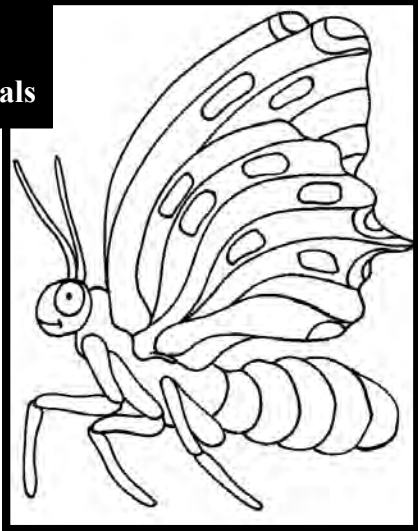
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Build and care for God's Church.

JUNE:
Care for and protect animals



JULY:
Promote love, forgiveness and justice



Teen Tester:

1. What is the oldest tree known in the USA.?
2. What is the oldest breed of dog known to exist?

ANSWERS: Methusala, a 4,000 year old bristle cone pine in California. The Saluki, or Royal dog of Egypt, a member of the hound group, known since 329 B.C.

Contact the following **MQP Ministries** to help out for Service Hours on an ongoing basis (contact info found at maryqueenofpeace.org):

- Liturgical Ministries (Altar Servers, Music Ministry, and for High School Students Ministry of the Word and Ushers)
- Family Life Ministries (Child Care, Coffee and Donuts, Faith Fest, Family Night)
- Christian Service
 - cards and care packages (Communion to Homebound, Heritage Manor, Meals and More and Prison Ministry)
 - food drives, clothing collections and personal fund raisers for (Samaritan Center, Society of St. Vincent de Paul)
 - help out with clean up at various events (Knights of Columbus Fish Fries during Lent)
- Finance and Operations (Fleur-De-Fall, Gardening)

Consult the **MQP Living The Bible Through Service Worksheet and Calendar** for monthly scheduled service events and suggestions (maryqueenofpeace.org, mqpcs.org). Some suggestions listed below:

- Complete and turn in a monthly Living The Bible Through Service Worksheet and receive 10 minutes of service hours/sheet
- care for or walk dogs at the SPCA or for a neighbor out of town
- raise money for animal protection
- collect pet items for the local Humane Society
- Save, collect and donate old clothes, toys and household items to Granny's Attic at the Samaritan Center to help the needy in our area
- save, collect or donate old eye glasses for reuse by the impoverished around the world and donate to the local Lion's Club
- donate and raise money for the hungry children around the world (Unicef)
- participate in a local food drive (MQP Thanksgiving Food Drive and monthly Samaritan Center donations)
- spread the joy of the season by going Christmas caroling
- participate in the Parish Christmas Pageant
- buy a Christmas present for poor families at Christmas or make them a card (MQP Angel Tree)
- make a Christmas card for a soldier over seas
- collect coats or sweaters for a coat drive (Kiwanis Club)
- visit the residents in a local nursing home (Heritage Manner or Roquette Lodge)
- have a fund raiser or help build housing for the homeless in your area (Habitat For Humanity)
- collect and donate items for unwed mothers (North shore Crisis Pregnancy Center or Daniel's Inn)
- write your local politician asking for protection for all life
- make a home made item for a new Habitat For Humanity home owner (bird house, painted planter, etc.)
- write your local politician asking for protection of the elderly and disabled
- collect old sports equipment for inner city youth centers (New Orleans Archdiocese Catholic Charities)
- decorate and fill up a shoe box of hope with personal care items for the Samaritan Center.
- have a personal fundraiser for St. Joseph's Abbey
- make a card for a teacher, priest, nun or religious ed. Teacher
- Collect, sort and donate Mardi Gras Beads for special education needs (S.T.A.R.C. or Fontainebleau High School)
- clean up litter in a local park (North Lake Nature Center or Keep Mandeville Beautiful Beach Sweep)
- participate in a bird count and record the data on eBird.com
- Recycle
- Participate in a local fun run for a good cause
- raise money for refugees from countries with unstable governments
- send a care package or letter of encouragement to a soldier or those in prison
- have a personal fundraiser for the Archdiocese Military Service
- decorate and fill up a shoe box with school supplies for the Samaritan Center
- visit the sick and lonely in a nursing home, local hospital or in your neighborhood
- cook a meal for a family with a sick child or parent
- deliver toys to sick children in a hospital (see guidelines for Children's Hospital In N.O.)
- have a personal fundraiser to help with vaccination efforts internationally (United Nation's Foundations)
- help out with the MQP Fleur-de-fall and other fund raisers for building and maintaining our church (MQPCS golf tournament, Christmas Mini Market, etc.)
- help change MQP miscelletes, stuff bulletins and straighten pews on a regular basis
- help decorate or clean the church
- participate in the mass as an altar server, choir member, seraphim singer.
- Help out with MQP Vacation Bible School
- Help a teacher or school faculty member
- Help tutor a younger child
- Baby sit a younger child for free to allow a parent to attend a Church or service related function

Fill Out These Slips and Bring To Designated Service Masses Throughout The Year

Name _____ Grade _____

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