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# Weekly Gospel Lessons



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# 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

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# The Baptism of Jesus



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

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



## 1. UNDERSTAND IT!

- ♦ **Messiah** – The Hebrew word for "Anointed One." The same word in Greek is Christos. It means the chosen person whom God sent to save people from their sin and be their king.
- ♦ **Baptize** – to purify or to cleanse spiritually.
- ♦ **I baptize you with water** – John meant that his baptism service with water was only a physical sign, a symbol of cleansing.
- ♦ **I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals** – Traditionally, Jewish servants were not required to perform the menial duty of unfastening their master's sandals, only non-Jewish slaves. But John said that he isn't even as worthy as a foreign slave to perform this service. He meant that he isn't in the same league as the Messiah.
- ♦ **Baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire** – Although baptism is done with water, Luke talks about the coming of Jesus and His passing judgment on those who do not know God, but praise be to Him, He will save all that come and put their trust in Him.

## 2. EXPLORE IT!

John was truthful and humble when he told people that the Messiah is more important than he is.

John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. The heavens then opened up and the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

## 3. CONNECT IT!

When we are baptized, we become the children of God and are purified by His sanctifying grace. We keep our soul pure in order to have the dignity of the beloved Children of God.

## 4. REMEMBER IT!

AND A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN, YOU ARE MY SON, THE BELOVED; WITH YOU

(LUKE 3:22)

## 5. LIVE IT!

[ PURITY ]

- ◆ **Purity** means to not sin in thoughts, words, and actions.
- ◆ Have you ever disliked someone because they are better than you? When you feel defeated, try to:
  1. Practice to improve your skills.
  2. Show humility by telling others that they have done a good job.
  3. Ask your Guardian Angel to protect your **purity** from sinful thoughts, words, and actions.

Draw an angel here:

What can a Guardian Angel do for you?

## 6. PRAY IT!

God has assigned a guardian angel to protect each one of us. Memorize the this Guardian Angel Prayer. Pray it every morning:



# Jesus at the Cana Wedding

Week C-2

John 2: 1-11

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

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish **ceremonial washings**, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the **headwaiter.**" So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from

(although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an **inferior** one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.



## 1. Understand It!

**Concern** – something to be worried about

**"My hour has not yet come."** - It is not yet time for Jesus to show His mission on earth

**Ceremonial washings** – In the Jewish religion, people often performed ceremonial washings, which they would wash their feet and their hands, or their head as a sign of purification

**Headwaiter** - the head of the dining-room staff

**Inferior** – not as good

## 2. Explore It!

During Jesus' time, running out of wine at a wedding would be a big embarrassment to the bride and groom. Before the couple and the guests knew what was wrong, Mary asked Jesus to help save them from embarrassment. Since Jesus was obedient and listened to His mother, and because He was **sympathetic** and wanted to help the wedding couple, Jesus performed a miracle and turned all the water in the jars into wine.



### 3. Connect It!

Mary was very observant and mindful enough to see that her friends needed help. She went to find the one person that she knew would be able to help – her son Jesus. Can we learn to be more like Mary, and pay close attention to our friends and even strangers to see who might need our help?

When Jesus found out about the problem, He used His power to help make sure everyone was happy. What special talents or gifts do you have that you can use to help those around you?



### 4. Remember It!

His mother said to the servers,  
“Do whatever he tells you.”  
(John 2:5)

### 5. Live It! [Sympathy]

**Sympathy** – Feeling sorry for someone’s situation; understanding and caring for someone

- Think of someone who is not happy right now. This person can be you, someone in your family, or someone who is sick, poor, or sad.
- First, pray for this person. Ask God to watch over them and help them in their life.
- Second, do the best you can to help. Spend some time to talk to this person to see why they are not happy.
- If there is anything this person needs and you cannot do for him/her, you can ask Mother Mary to bring this person to Jesus.

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



### 6. Pray It!

Dear Jesus, please help me to be compassionate and **sympathetic** to others like You. Please help me to love and care for everyone the same, whether or not I know them. Show me how to always be ready to help those around me and give me the courage to always do the right thing. Amen.



# Jesus is the Messiah

Week C-3

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

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

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the **Sabbath** day. He stood

up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the **scroll** and found the passage where it was written:

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

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

## 1. Understand It!

**Synagogue** – A Jewish place of worship, like a temple or church

**Scroll** – a roll of paper containing writing

**Anointed** – to put holy oil on someone. This was done as a sign of giving someone the strength and authority from God to be a king, a Priest, or a special messenger of God.

**Tidings** – news or announcement

**Oppressed** – being bullied, treated in a cruel and unfair way

**Fulfilled** – to complete or carry out a promise

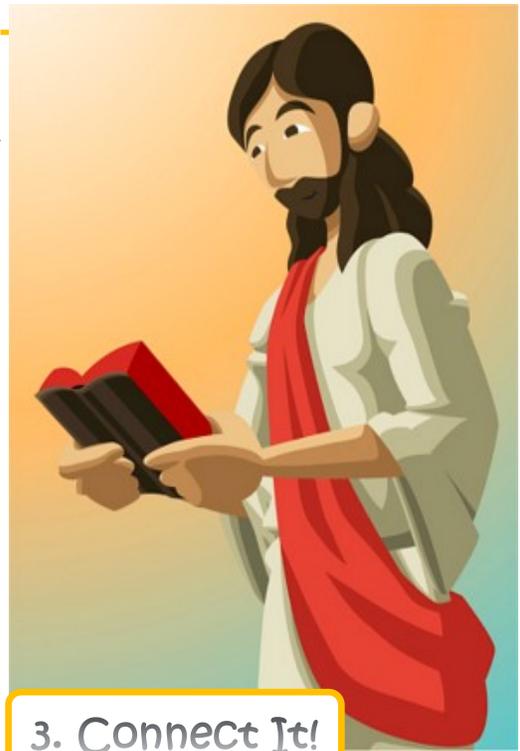
## 2. Explore It!

Today's Gospel talks about when Jesus first started His journey of spreading the Word of God. Jesus began teaching in the synagogues in His hometown of Nazareth and soon became known as a great teacher.

One day, Jesus read to the people an ancient Jewish prophecy. It predicted that God would one day send a man who would do great things, like:

1. Bring good news to the poor
2. Heal blind people and let them see again
3. Bring freedom to people

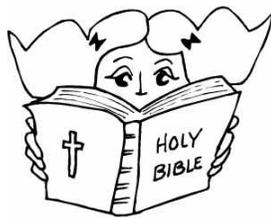
Although the people did not know it yet, the man that God promised to send was Jesus Himself. Jesus is the anointed one, also known as the Messiah, that has come to save the world.



## 3. Connect It!

The people in the synagogue listened carefully to Jesus when he spoke because they **respected** him

How does Jesus speak to you?



through \_\_\_\_\_



through \_\_\_\_\_



through \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Live It! [Respect]

**Respect** - giving honor or value to someone. We recognize that some things and some people are more important than us.

Write down why you need to **respect** each of these people:

Parents—

Teacher—

Classmate—

Priest—

## 4. Remember It!

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

## 6. Pray It!

Lord Jesus, help us to find Your presence in our lives. Let our ears be open and ready to listen when You speak. Help us to always know how important You are in our life, and to give You the love and respect that You deserve. Amen.

If you lived the virtue of respect this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here

# The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth



Week C-4

Luke 4:21-30

He said to them, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the **gracious** words that came from his mouth. They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?” He said to them, “Surely you will quote me this proverb, ‘Physician, cure yourself,’ and say, ‘Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.’” And he said, “Amen, I say to you, no **prophet** is accepted in his own native place.”

Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of **Elijah** when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe **famine** spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many **lepers** in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.

They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.

But he passed through the midst of them and went away.

## 1. Understand It!

- **Gracious** – to be courteous, kind, and gracious
- **Prophet** – a person who speaks for God, serving as an intermediary between God and humanity
- **Elijah** – a prophet mentioned in the Old Testament (1 Kings Chapter 17) who the Lord spoke through
- **Famine** – extreme hunger, starvation
- **Lepers** – a person suffering from leprosy that is avoided or rejected by others

## 2. Explore It!

The people in the synagogue thought they knew Jesus well. They saw Him grow up, knowing Him as the son of Joseph, and were full of anticipation thinking that He would do all the great miracles that they had heard about. Yet, Jesus does the opposite. When Jesus mentions Elijah and Elisha, the people in the synagogue knew that Jesus was telling them that they were acting in a wrong way. Jesus was telling them that it was not about how much they knew Him that was the requirement for miracles; rather, it was faith.

## 3. Connect It!

Just as Jesus chided the people in the synagogue for their poor behavior, sometimes, we are told we are doing something wrong. Have there ever been a time when your parents told you not to eat too much candy because it would lead to cavities, but you didn't want to listen to them? Sometimes, your parents try to protect you from getting cavities because they care about you. You should try to listen to them because it's the truth. When you are not listening to your parents, you are not listening to Jesus.



Draw a picture of a time when a friend was nice to you, but you didn't see it

## 4. Remember It!

"Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place."  
Luke 4:24

## 5. Live It! [Acceptance]



**Acceptance** means accepting or receiving something that someone gives or tells you

Before you go to bed, think about the things that your mom or dad have asked you to do to help you be a better person. Maybe it is doing your homework right when you get home, being nice to your brother or sister, or helping your parents. Pray to God to help you **accept** and do the things that mom and dad ask you to do.

## 6. Pray It!

Lord,  
Please help me to be more like You and to look at everyone I meet with the same eyes as Your Son, Jesus, and to love them truly.  
Amen.

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

# Believe in Jesus

Week C-5



Luke 5: 1-11

## 1. Understand It!

- **Disembark** - to leave or get out of a boat or other vehicle

- **Simon** - the birth name of St. Peter
- **Astonishment** - amazement and surprise
- **You will be catching men** - to bring people to God

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had **disembarked** and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to **Simon**, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For **astonishment** at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on **you will be catching men.**" When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

## 2. Explore It!

Today's Gospel tells us about Jesus' calling of His first disciples who were fishermen. Let's recap the story by completing the following sentences:

Jesus was standing by the lake of \_\_\_\_\_.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to \_\_\_\_\_.

He said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Put out into \_\_\_\_\_ and lower your \_\_\_\_\_ for a catch."

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard \_\_\_\_\_ and we have caught \_\_\_\_\_, but at your \_\_\_\_\_ I will lower the nets."

They caught a \_\_\_\_\_ of fish and their nets were \_\_\_\_\_.

Seeing this, \_\_\_\_\_ fell at the knees of \_\_\_\_\_ and said, "Depart from \_\_\_\_\_, Lord, for I am a \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; from now on you will be \_\_\_\_\_."

Jesus asks Simon to do something impossible. Simon trusts in Jesus and did just as Jesus asked him. He was surprised when he saw a miracle and chose to follow Jesus on a mission to bring people to God.

### 3. Connect It!



Sometimes, our parents ask us to do impossible things like, "I think if you spend more time on your homework and less time on games, you can get straight A's at school." You might tell yourself that you are not an A student; it is impossible. Do you trust them and do as they ask you? What do you think Jesus would have you do about that "impossible" thing?

### 4. Remember It!

"Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." (Luke 5:5)

### 5. Live It! [Trust]

Trust - complete confidence in a person or plan

Jesus wants us to trust in Him and follow Him. He also wants us to honor and trust in our parents. For this week, I promise to listen to my parents and do what they say.



Write about three things that you trusted and followed in your parents this week:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

If you lived the virtue of trust this week ask your parent/guardian to sign here

\_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Pray It!

Dear God, please give me the courage to put my trust in You and in my parents. When I am in doubt about doing impossible things, please help me to remember that You will take care of me and help me to complete the task. Amen.





# Facing Temptations Like Jesus

Week C-1 Lent

Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be **tempted** by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and their glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you **worship** me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.'"

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the **parapet** of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and: 'With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, 'You shall not **put** the Lord, your God, **to the test**.'" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

## 1. Understand It!

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

**Worship** – to bow down in prayer and praise as if to God

**Parapet** – a place to stand on a rooftop

**Put to the test** – to dare someone or to see what someone can achieve

## 2. Explore It!

While Jesus was in the desert, the devil tried to trick Him into using His powers for selfish reasons. But, Jesus was determined not to listen to the devil and did not give in.

"You shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, your \_\_\_\_\_, and him \_\_\_\_\_ shall you serve."



### 3. Connect It!



Like Jesus, we are tempted by the devil when he tries to trick us to do bad things instead of good. Can you remember a time when you were tempted to do something you knew was wrong?

Like Jesus, you too always have the choice of how to use your gifts and talents.

### 4. Remember It!

“You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve.”

(Luke 4:8)



### 5. Live It! [Determination]

**Determination** is trying to do something that is difficult and not giving up.

- Every night this week, sit silently with Jesus for 10 minutes.
- Jesus was tempted 3 times and He resisted all 3 temptations. List 3 things you should not do and 3 things you should do.



If you lived the virtue of **determination** by sitting silently with Jesus every night this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here

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### 6. Pray It!



Lord Jesus,  
Please always be there to  
guide me to the right path  
and help me to listen to Your  
voice and will. Help me to stay  
strong and determined to  
resist the temptations of the  
devil like You did, and to  
always choose to do good.

# The Transfiguration of Jesus

Week C-2 Lent

Luke 9: 28-36



[Jesus] took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were **conversing** with him, **Moses** and **Elijah**, who appeared in glory and spoke of his **exodus** that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Peter and his **companions** had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his **glory** and the two men standing with him.

As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying.

While he was still speaking, a **cloud** came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

## 1. Understand It!

**Conversing** – talking amongst friends

**Moses** – the prophet who was used by God to free the Hebrew people from Egyptian slavery

**Elijah** – another prophet, who told people that the Messiah would come

**Exodus** – an event when many people leave a place at the same time

**Companions** – people you enjoy spending time with

**Glory** – amazing magnificence and beauty, like in heaven

**Cloud** – in the Bible, this is a sign that God is present

## 2. Explore It!

In Today's Gospel, Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up the mountain to pray. They witnessed the changing in Jesus' appearance and clothing. They saw Moses and Elijah, the prophets of the Old Testament, appear in glory and spoke to Jesus. They also heard God's voice from the cloud:

“This is my \_\_\_\_\_ Son;  
\_\_\_\_\_ to him.”

### 3. Connect It!

Chosen son – Jesus was selected by God to do God’s will. God invited us to listen to Jesus, also listen to our parents and teachers because they are selected by God to love and care for us.

### 4. Remember It!

“This is my chosen  
Son; listen to  
him.”  
(Luke 9:35)

### 5. Live It! [Obedience]

**Obedience** - willing to do what someone asks you to do

- Write one thing that you need to do at least three times a week but you do not like to do: \_\_\_\_\_.
- During this week, put in your best effort to get it done correctly, promptly and joyfully.

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



### 6. Pray It!

Lord Jesus,  
You were chosen by the Father to love me and to save me. Thank You for obeying Him,  
even when it is hard to do so.  
Lord, I pray that You bless my parents, my teachers, and all those You have sent to take  
care of me. May I joyfully obey them, just like You joyfully obey the Father.  
Amen.

# Jesus Calls Us to Repent



At that time some people who were present there told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

He said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not **repent**, you will all **perish** as they did!

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

And he told them this parable: “There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. [So] cut it down. Why should it **exhaust** the soil?’

He said to him in reply, ‘Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and **fertilize** it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.’”

## 1. Understand It!

**Repent** – feel sad about something we have done wrong or chose not to do

**Perish** – to suffer and die

**Exhaust** – to use up; to take nutrients from the soil

**Fertilize** – add more nutrients to the soil to help plants grow faster and stronger

## 2. Explore It!

In today’s Gospel, some people told Jesus about the killing of Galileans by Pilate. Jesus does not condemn Pilate, instead he tells the people:

“If you do not \_\_\_\_\_, you will all perish as they did!”

Decode the word below

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Jesus also tells the story of the fig tree. The tree didn’t bear any fruit after 3 years. The owner got upset and planned to cut it down.

### 3. Connect It!

Jesus invites us to think about the times when we were lazy or when we hurt someone's feelings. He wants us to apologize for our mistakes, to try our best, and to be kind.



### 6. Pray It!

Lord Jesus,  
You are slow to anger and full of love. Forgive me for all that I have done wrong today and for all the times when I failed to be kind and caring.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.  
Amen.

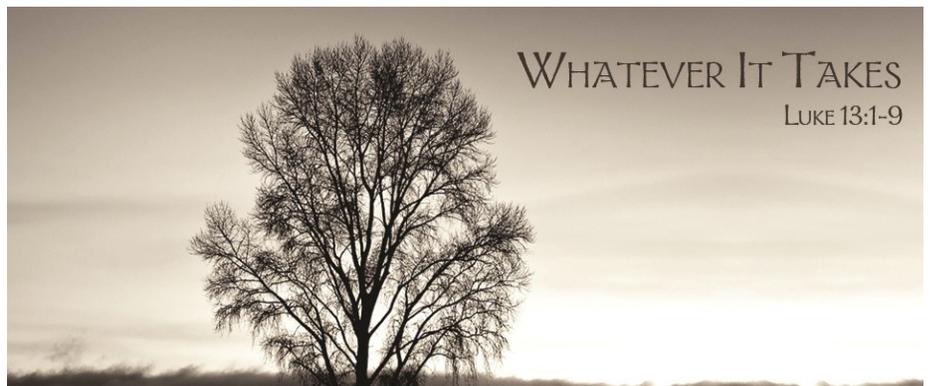
### 4. Remember It!

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

(Luke 13:3)

## 5. Live It!

# [Commitment]



**Commitment** is to work very hard to do something, and to do it right away.

- Have the courage to say "I am sorry" every time you make a mistake.
- Every day, do your homework as soon as possible.
- Say the Fatima Prayer to pray for the souls: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Your mercy. Amen."

If you practiced the virtue of **commitment** by doing the tasks above, ask your parent/guardian to sign here

# Jesus Tells Us About the Father's Love for the Lost Son

Week C-4 Lent

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to him, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable.

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your **estate** that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he **squandered** his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe **famine** struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the **swine** fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his

son, **embraced** him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the **fattened calf** and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

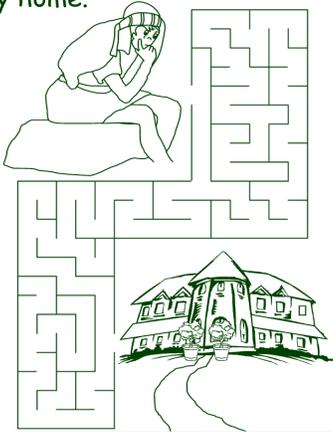
## 1. Understand It!

- Estate** – the property and belongings of a family; what someone might inherit from their parents
- Squander** – to use something in a wasteful way
- Famine** – a situation in which many people do not have enough food to eat
- Swine** – pigs and other similar animals
- Embraced** – to hold someone in your arms as a way of expressing love or friendship
- Fattened calf** – an expensive young cow that is saved for the main course at a big, special party
- Plead** – to ask for something in a serious and emotional way
- Rejoice** – to be very happy about something



## 2. Explore It!

Help the prodigal son find the way home.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells another great story about the Father's love for the lost son. The younger son who asked his father for his share (money), left home and found himself in trouble after spending all the money. He repented and decided to go back to his father. Instead of receiving a punishment, he received his Father's great love. His father welcomed him with open arms, forgave him, and threw a party to celebrate his return.

## 4. Remember It!

"Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found."

(Luke 15:23-24)

## 3. Connect It!

The younger son came home after many years away and was still forgiven by his father. The Gospel this week teaches us that we can also receive forgiveness at any time from our Father in heaven.

Without his parents around, the son quickly wasted all of his money until he had nothing left, instead of being careful and saving it. Sometimes we are having so much fun at the moment that we forget to stop when it is good for us. With **self-discipline**, we can learn to do the right things even without anyone else telling us to.

## 5. Live It! [Self-Discipline]

**Self-discipline** is to make yourself do things that should be done, even when you do not want to do it.

Write next to each activity how many minutes you think you should be allowed to do each activity each day this week.

Watching TV/Movies/YouTube: \_\_\_\_\_

Playing games on Computer/Video/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Time to be in bed: \_\_\_\_\_

This week, practice **self-discipline** and limit yourself to the times above each day without someone reminding you.

If you lived the virtue of **self-discipline** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Pray It!

Lord Jesus,  
 Help me today to not stray from Your love. Allow me to love each person I've met today as You have loved them. Please forgive me for everything that has caused me to stray away from Your love. I want to come back to You with all my heart. Amen.



# Jesus' Mercy Towards a Woman Caught in Adultery

## Week C-5 Lent John 8:1-11

Then each went to his own house, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the **temple** area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in **adultery** and made her stand in the middle.

They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing

adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to **stone** such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down

and wrote on the ground.

And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the **elders**. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one **condemned** you?"

She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not **sin** any more."



## { 1. Understand It! }

- **Temple** – a building for worship (like our church)
- **Adultery** – living with a man as if he was her husband, but they were not married
- **Stone** – killing someone by throwing rocks at them
- **Elders** – the most respected older people of the community
- **Condemn** – to strongly say that someone is bad or wrong
- **Sin** – intentionally doing something wrong, mistreating another person, and offending God



## { 2. Explore It! }

In today's Gospel, some people brought a woman who committed adultery to Jesus, a great sin in His time. They said to Jesus, "She deserves to die by Moses' commandment," and asked (tested) Jesus for his commandment. After a long period of silence, Jesus reminds the people that no one is without sin; everyone needs forgiveness. The people reflected on themselves, went away one by one, leaving the woman with Jesus. Jesus forgave her and told her:

"Neither do I \_\_\_\_\_ you. Go, [and] from now on do not \_\_\_\_\_ anymore."

At least 10 words from this Gospel passage are hidden. How many words can you find?

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## { 3. Connect It! }

Everyone makes mistakes. We must learn to not judge and say bad things about other people because we too have made mistakes. Jesus loves everyone, even when they sin.

## { 4. Remember It! }

"Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin anymore."

(John 8:11)

## { 5. Live It! [Gentleness] }

**Gentleness** is showing kindness toward others like Jesus does.

Offer to clean up, even when you did not cause the mess. When you are in your classroom, in church, in the hallways, or at home, quietly look around to see if you could pick up trash and humbly put items where they belong in.

When you see someone doing something wrong, use a soft and gentle voice to talk to them.

If you practiced **gentleness** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here

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## { 6. Pray It! }

Lord Jesus,  
I thank You for dying on the cross for my sins, for loving me even when I am lazy, upset, or unkind. When I am angry or sad, please help me to be gentle and caring, just like You. Help me to grow in Your love and grace.

In this last week of lent, I offer this prayer for all those who no longer go to Church, and those who passed away before apologizing for their sins. I pray that they would soon experience Your love for them. Amen.



# The Passion of Christ

WEEK C-Palm Sunday

LUKE 22:14-23:56

When the hour came Jesus took his place at table with the **apostles**. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this **Passover** with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the **kingdom of God**." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new **covenant** in my blood, which will be shed for you. "And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is **betrayed**." And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. "Simon, Simon, behold **Satan** has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." He said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you." But he replied, "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."



He said to them "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?" "No, nothing," they replied. He said to them, "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, He was counted among the wicked; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment." Then they said, "Lord, look, there are two swords here." But he replied, "It is enough!"

Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him.



He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When

he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from **grief**. He said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test." While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?" And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply, "Stop, no more of this!" Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness." After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said, "This man too was with him." But he denied it saying, "Woman, I do not know him." A short while later someone else saw him and said, "You too are one of them"; but Peter answered, "My friend, I am not." About an hour later, still another insisted, "Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean." But Peter said, "My friend, I do not know what you are talking about." Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep

bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" And they reviled him in saying many other things against him.

When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Christ, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."

Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying, "We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds, "I find this man not guilty." But they were adamant and said, "He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here."

On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your

presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.” But all together they shouted out, “Away ! Release Barabbas to us.” — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. — Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting, “**Crucify** him! Crucify him!” Pilate addressed them a third time, “What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.” With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished.



As they led him away they took hold of a certain **S i m o n** , a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A

large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’ At that time people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall upon us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?”

Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his

left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him 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.”

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”; and when he had said this he breathed his last.



*Here all kneel and pause for a short time.*

The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, “This man was innocent beyond doubt.” When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these

events. Now there was a virtuous and righteous man named Joseph who, though he was a member of the council, had not consented to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and was awaiting the kingdom of God. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. After he had taken the body down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb in which no one had yet been buried. It was the day of preparation, and the **Sabbath** was about to begin. The women who had come from Galilee with him followed behind, and when they had seen the tomb and the way in which his body was laid in it, they returned and prepared spices and perfumed oils. Then they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.



### 1. UNDERSTAND IT!

<b>Apostles</b>	the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ
<b>Passover</b>	a Jewish holiday in early spring that celebrates the freeing of the Jews from Egyptian slavery
<b>Kingdom of God</b>	Kingdom of Heaven
<b>Covenant</b>	a formal and serious agreement or promise
<b>Betrayed</b>	to hurt someone who trusts you, such as a friend or relative by not giving help or by doing something morally wrong
<b>Grief</b>	deep sadness caused especially by someone's death
<b>Satan</b>	the fallen angel who try to tempt humans to sin
<b>Crucify</b>	to kill (someone) by nailing or tying his or her hands and feet to a cross
<b>Condemnation</b>	a very strong statement or expression that shows criticism or disapproval
<b>Sabbath</b>	a day of rest and worship

### 2. EXPLORE IT!

Jesus Christ is the Messiah, which means someone that God had promised to send to free His people. Jesus died on the cross because He knew that was what God the Father wanted and that He was willing to die for everybody in the world, so that one day, they can be with Him and God the Father in Heaven.

### 3. CONNECT IT!

God had a special group of people whom we call the Jews. Along time ago, God promised the Jews that He would send them a King, the Jews waited and waited for their king. They knew he would come one day because God always keeps His promises. Have you ever made a promise to anyone? Did you keep that promise? Do you think God would keep a promise that he made? Color the cross to show how much love Jesus give us.

### 4. REMEMBER IT!

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



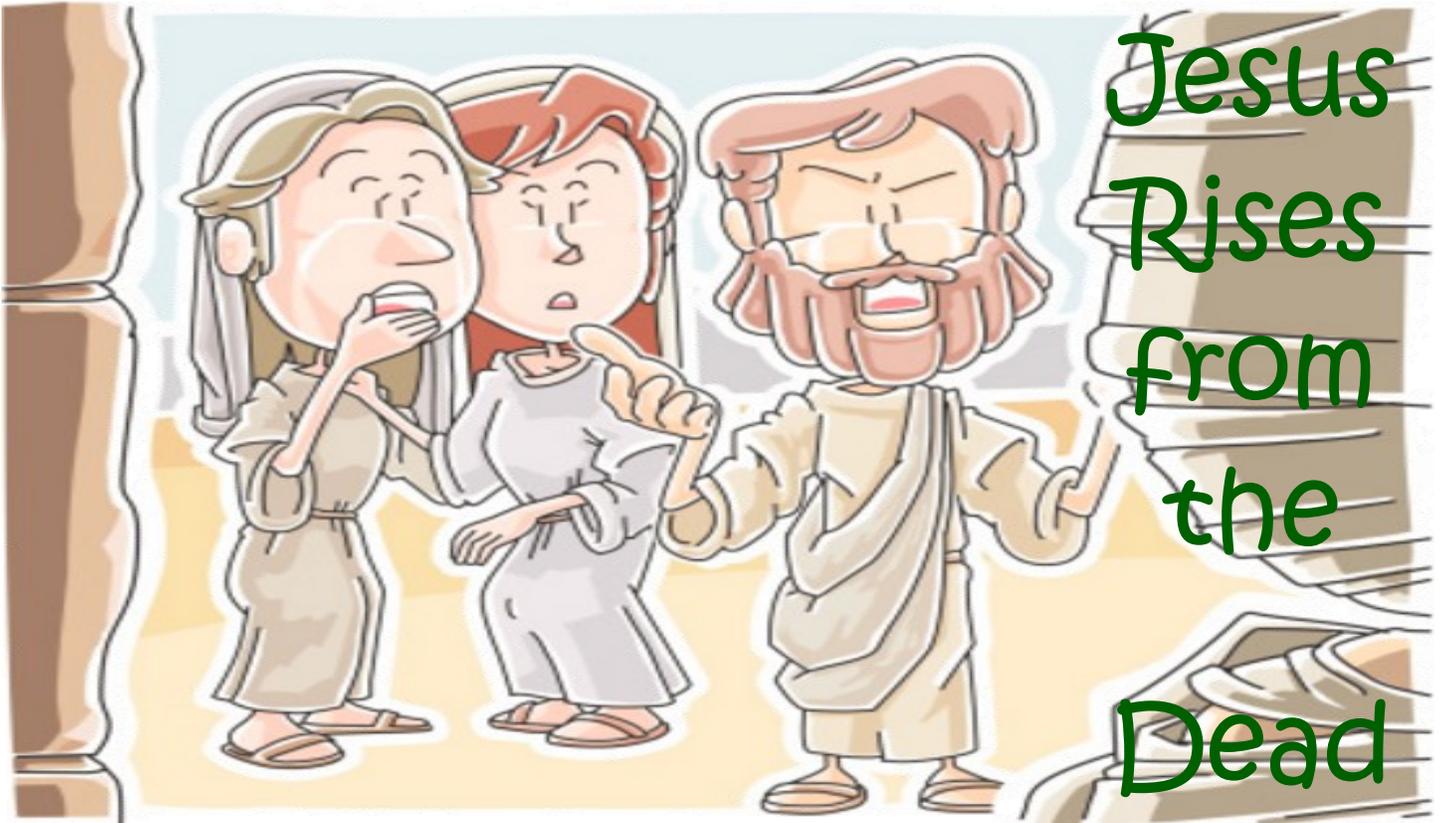
### 5. LIVE IT! [ SACRIFICE ]

**Sacrifice** means to give up something that you want to keep or that is important to you

This week, give something up for your brother, sister, or friend. Also, do a chore at home that you promise to your brother or sister that you will do.

### 6. PRAY IT!

Dear God, thank you for loving us. Help me to be more like You and to sacrifice for others. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and King. Amen.



## Week C-1 Easter

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdalen came to the **tomb** early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the **stone removed from the tomb**. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other **disciple whom Jesus loved**, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the **burial cloths** there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the **scripture** that he had to rise from the dead.

### 1. Understand It!

- **Tomb** – a building or chamber above or below the ground in which a dead body is kept
- **the stone removed from the tomb** – the entrance to the tomb was closed with a giant stone, too heavy for even several people to move
- **disciple whom Jesus loved** – a nickname for St. John the Apostle, the youngest of the 12 Apostles
- **Scripture** – the sacred or holy writings of a religion
- **Burial cloths** – a sheet or a linen cloth used to cover the body in preparation for burial

In today's Gospel, Mary of Magdalen went to the tomb in the morning. Mary Magdalen saw the stone removed and the tomb empty.

During his teachings, Jesus often told his followers that he would one day rise from the dead. But, his disciples became sad when Jesus was captured, crucified, and buried. However, they still hoped that his message would be true, and that Jesus would come back to life.

Mary Magdalen, John, and Peter, all arrive at the tomb to find something impossible. The sealed tomb was open, and the body of Jesus was gone. Though they were not sure what happened, they believed that their hope came true and Jesus had risen.

## 2. Explore It!



## 3. Connect It!

When something bad happens or we are feeling sad, we should have hope that things will get better.

We should also have hope and faith in Jesus' teachings, and trust that they are true.

## 4. Remember It!

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

(Luke 20:2)

## 5. Live It! [Hope]

**Hope** - to want something to happen or be true and think that it could happen or be true

Write about one good thing you **hope** can happen for the world. Explain whether or not you believe it can happen.

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## 6. Pray It!

### Act of Hope

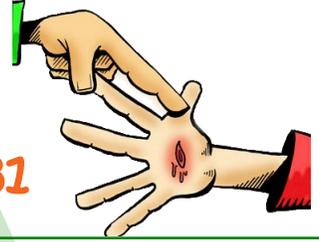
O my God,  
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sins,  
the help of Your grace,  
and life everlasting  
through the merits  
of Jesus Christ,  
my Lord and Redeemer.

If you lived the virtue of **hope** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here \_\_\_\_\_

# Jesus Strengthened the Faith of Thomas

Week C-Divine Mercy

John 20:19-31



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

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

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

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

## 1. Understand It!

**That first day of the week** – the week after Jesus was crucified

**Rejoiced** - to feel or show that you are very happy about something

**The Twelve** – The 12 Apostles who were closest to Jesus

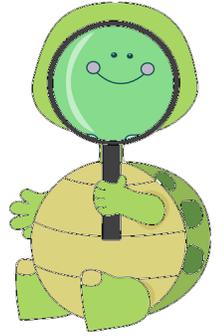
**Believe** – to trust in something without having proof that it is right

**He breathed on them** - a sign of sending graces from Jesus



## 2. Explore It!

1. After Jesus was crucified, all of His followers believed Jesus was dead and were hiding because they were scared of being persecuted in the same way. The first time He appears to His apostles is when they are gathered together in a room.
2. The first appearance to the disciples is in a locked room with everyone except for Thomas. A week later, Jesus appears again, but this time with Thomas present.
3. The other disciples told Thomas that they have seen Jesus resurrected from death. However, Thomas didn't believe them and demanded to put his hands to the marks of nails in Jesus' hands and His side.
4. Jesus explains that while it is good that Thomas believed in Jesus after seeing Him in person, it is even better to believe without needing to see Him.



## 3. Connect It!

At first, Thomas didn't believe the other Disciples that Jesus had resurrected from the dead. Thomas believed only when he saw and talked to Jesus himself.

Today, we also hear from our Catholic Church about Jesus' resurrection. Unlike Thomas, we don't get to see Jesus. However, we can see Jesus through our **faith**. We should always pray to God for a strong faith and to never lose it.

## 4. Remember It!

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

John 20:29

## 5. Live It! [Faith]

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

- This week, I will learn and remember by heart the Catholic Act of Faith prayer. I will say this prayer daily.

If you lived the virtue of **faith** by learning and remembering the Catholic Act of Faith prayer this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here

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## 6. Pray It!

### Act of Faith

O my God,  
I firmly believe that You  
are one God  
in three divine Persons,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
I believe that Your divine son  
became Man,  
died for our sins,  
and that He will come  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe these  
and all the truths which  
the Holy Catholic Church teaches,  
because You have revealed them,  
who can neither deceive  
nor be deceived.

# Peter Professes His Love to Jesus

After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberius. He **revealed** himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his **disciples**. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his **garment**, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.



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

## 1. Understand It!



**Revealed** – to show

**Disciples** – a student and follower of Jesus Christ

**Garment** – a piece of clothing

**Signifying** – to indicate, signal, or hint of something else or in the future

**Glorify** – to honor or praise



## 2. Explore It!

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Simon Peter three times, "Do you love me?" And every time, Simon Peter responds faithfully that he does love Jesus. When Jesus tells Simon Peter to "Feed my sheep," He is telling Simon Peter to take care of those who follow God and to help them to love God more.

God loves all of us and wants us to respond the same way as Simon Peter had when Jesus asked him, "Do you love me?" We must not only love Jesus, but love our friends, family, and neighbors, whom Jesus also loves.

## 3. Connect It!



4. Remember It!

"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."  
(Luke 20:15)

## 5. Live It! [Excellence]

**Excellence** - to be very good at something

This week, ask mom or dad to take you to visit a Chapel. Tell Jesus that you love him very much and ask Him to help you be a very good child, listening to your parents, and be the best child that you can be.

## 6. Pray It!

Thank you Jesus for Your love for us. Please help us to share Your love to everyone around us. Amen.

If were y ou were an **excellent** child this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here \_\_\_\_\_

# Jesus Knows His Sheep



Week C-4 Easter  
John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

“My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them **eternal life**, and they shall **never perish**.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand.

The **Father and I are one.**”



## 1. Understand It!

- **Eternal life** – Jesus will allow us to live forever in the Kingdom of Heaven
- **Never perish** – Jesus promised us that if we follow Him, we will never die
- **Father and I are one** – Jesus reminds us that He is God

## 2. Explore It!

Everyone in Jesus’ day knew all about sheep and their shepherds.

Sheep are wonderful creatures made by God, but they don’t know how to take care of themselves.

The shepherd takes care of the sheep, finding good clean water for them and leading them to good food. A good shepherd keeps the sheep away from danger and leads them back to their pen each night. A good shepherd loves and cares for his sheep and the sheep listen to him and follow him. When a shepherd and sheep have a good relationship, no one can separate them.

From today’s Gospel, Jesus said He is the good shepherd and we are His sheep. If we believe in Jesus and follow him, no one can separate us from him, and no one can take us away from him.

### 3. Connect It!

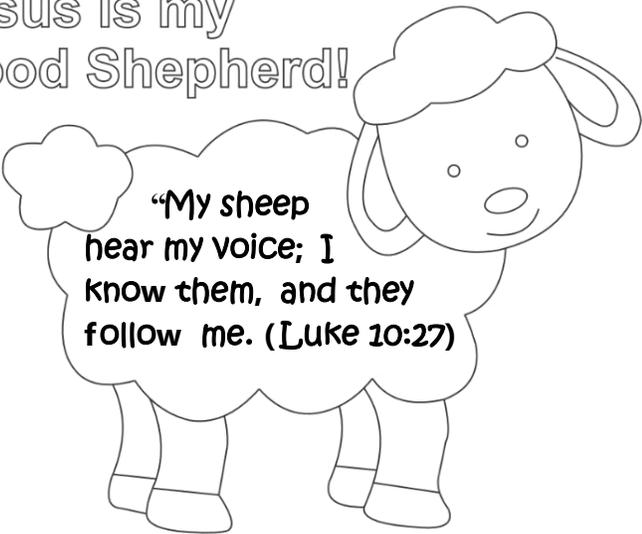
What shepherds do for their sheep is similar to what our parents do for us. Write down 5 things that your parents do to shepherd you at home:

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What you have written above are just some of the many **responsibilities** that parents have as the shepherds of a family. What are our **responsibilities** as a sheep? Some of our **responsibilities** are to listen and follow our parents' guidelines and directions so that we don't get lost in life.

### 4. Remember It!

Jesus is my Good Shepherd!



### 5. Live It! [Responsibility]

**Responsibility** - Something that other people rely or depend on you for

For this week, I will take **responsibility** and do the following 3 Chores:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 6. Pray It!

Give me, O God, a sense of **responsibility**.  
Give me a sense of **responsibility** to myself, so that I may never waste the gifts which You have given to me.  
Give me a sense of **responsibility** to my parents, so that I may do something to try to repay them for all the love and the care they have given to me.  
Amen.





# Jesus' New Commandment

Week C-5 Easter

Luke 13:31-33a, 34-35

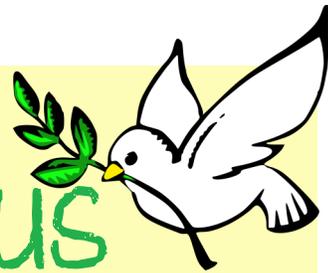
When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## 1. Understand It!

- **Son of Man** – Jesus is the Son of Man, that is, a human being
- **Glorify** – to make glorious by bestowing honor, praise, or admiration



# The PEACE of Jesus



Week C-6 Easter

John 14:23-29

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

“I have told you this while I am with you.  
The **Advocate**, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything

and remind you of all that I told you.  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to  
you.  
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.  
You heard me tell you,  
‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’  
If you loved me,  
you would rejoice that I am going to the  
Father;  
for the Father is greater than I.  
And now I have told you this before it  
happens,  
so that when it happens you may believe.”

## 1. UNDERSTAND IT!



**Keep my word** – stay true and loyal to someone’s teachings  
**Dwelling** – a home or place to live in  
**Advocate** – a person who defends, promotes, or supports a cause

## 2. EXPLORE IT!

In last week’s Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to “love one another”, Jesus’ new commandment. In today’s Gospel, Jesus continues and says that whoever loves him will keep his commandment, and God the Father will love that person, and both Jesus and the Father will come and live with him.

Jesus is going back to his Father in heaven and gives his peace to the disciples.

Jesus promises the disciples that his Father will send the Holy Spirit who will teach and guide the disciples and be with them while Jesus is not around.

### 3. CONNECT IT!

“My peace I give to you” – The peace of Christ is to live in harmony and communion with God. Jesus asks us to love one another and to unite with him by receiving Holy Communion daily.



### 4. REMEMBER IT!



Peace  
I leave with you;

My Peace  
I give you.

Not as the world gives  
do I give it to you.  
(John 14:27)

### 5. LIVE IT! [TRUTHFULNESS]

**Truthfulness** - Telling or being in the habit of telling the truth

Most of us find it easy to make a promise, but we often forget to follow through. Being **truthful** is to keep your word, no matter how trivial your promise.

For this week, write down 3 different promises and try to fulfill them:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 6. PRAY IT!

God, please help me to be a child who always tells the truth and send Your Holy Spirit of Truth to guide me into all truth. Help me to tell the truth even when I think I will be punished if I admit what I have done. Amen.



# The Ascension of Jesus

WEEK C-Ascension of the Lord

Luke 24:46-53

And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from *Jerusalem*. You are witnesses of these things. And [behold] I am sending *the promise of my Father* upon you; but stay in the city until you are *clothed* with power from on high."

Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him *homage* and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



## 1. UNDERSTAND IT!

**"Jerusalem"** - Jerusalem is the center of Judaism because it contains the Temple

**"The promise of my Father"** - The Holy Spirit

**clothed** - to be covered with or as with clothing. In the reading, the phrase "clothed with power" means that the disciples will receive the spiritual or supernatural power that will cover them like clothing

**homage** - respect or reverence paid

## 2. EXPLORE IT!

For forty days after rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to his disciples many times. They have seen him and recognized him.

Now Jesus leaves his friends to return to His Father in heaven. His disciples won't be alone since He promises to send the Holy Spirit.



## 3. CONNECT IT!

Jesus died, awoke on the third day, and ascended into heaven forty days later. The Ascension of Jesus is not about the end of His mission on earth, it is about the beginning of the Catholic Church with the arrival of the Holy Spirit as Jesus promises.

Jesus is no longer visible on this earth as He was to the first disciples; He is present in His Church, through His Word and through the Eucharist. He is patiently waiting in the Tabernacle to meet you. It is up to you to meet Him.

#### 4. REMEMBER IT!

*"...and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations..." (Luke 24:47)*



#### 5. LIVE IT! [ PATIENCE ]

**Patience** - the ability to wait for a long time without becoming annoyed or upset

Jesus' disciples **patiently** waited for the Holy Spirit after Jesus ascended into heaven. When the Holy Spirit came, they were joyous and confident; they were no longer being scared. **Patience** prepared them to receive the Holy Spirit and His spiritual gifts. They set out to announce the incredible news: Jesus, the Son of God who was crucified, has risen.

For this week, let's practice the virtue of **patience** with delaying gratification: It is the ability to resist the temptation for an immediate reward and wait for a later reward.

When our parents ask us to wait for..... (a period of time) before they can fulfill our request; instead of arguing or pushing it through, we should:

1. STOP, take several deep breaths, go and do something else.
2. PRAY for our parents so that they can fulfill our requests sooner.
3. REMIND them nicely if they completely forget your request.

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

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#### 6. PRAY IT!

Dear Lord, thank You for loving me. Thank You for being so gracious with me and so very patient. I pray that I can love just as You love. I pray that I can be patient with my (dad, mom, brother, sister, etc.). Lord, please add patience to my heart, in Jesus' name I pray. Amen





# Jesus' Disciples Received the Holy Spirit

Week C-Pentecost

John 20:19-23

## Receive the *Holy Spirit*

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."



## Understand It!

<b>First day of the Week</b>	The first day of the week is referring to Sunday, in this case, Easter Sunday
<b>Breath</b>	To breathe on someone was a sign of sharing with them the Spirit within you
<b>The Holy Spirit</b>	The Holy Spirit empowers the Apostles to forgive sins. In the name of Jesus, they are given the power to forgive the bad things that someone has done
<b>Retain</b>	To retain means to keep or remember something. Hence, to retain a sin means not to forgive it

## 2 Explore It!

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were scared because they thought they would be caught and die the way Jesus had died. Yet, when Jesus appears to them and breathes on them and sends the Holy Spirit, the disciples have the courage to live their faith.



## 3 Connect It!

Sometimes in our lives, we get scared and we try to hide from what we do not know or from other people. Jesus is reminding us that although we don't always see Him, He is always there with us, protecting us, and guiding us.



## Remember It! 4

*Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”*  
(John 20:23)

## 5 Live It! { Openness }

**Openness** – 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

If you lived the virtue of **openness** this week, ask your parent/guardian to sign here \_\_\_\_\_

## Pray It! 6

*Lord, I have not been this way before, please guide and direct my paths. Your Spirit can give me the gift of peace, hope, and love. Let me take time to sense the power of Your Spirit moving within me. Give me an understanding and an open heart and mind so that I can see You in everyone and not to condemn others. Amen.*

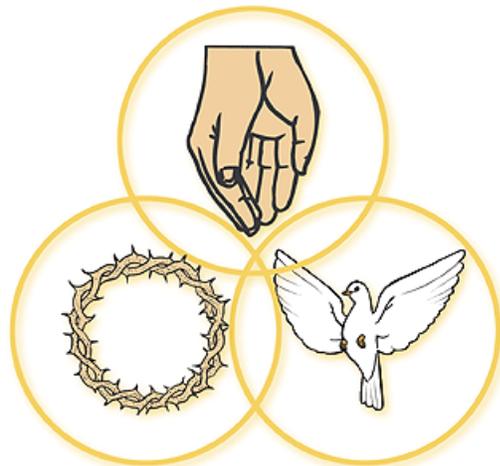
# Jesus Reveals the Holy Trinity



WEEK C8-MOST HOLY TRINITY

JOHN 16: 12-15

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

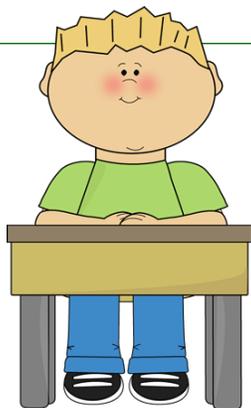


## 1. UNDERSTAND IT!

**bear** - to hold up, support, or be capable of

**Spirit of truth** - one of the names of the Holy Spirit, the third person of God

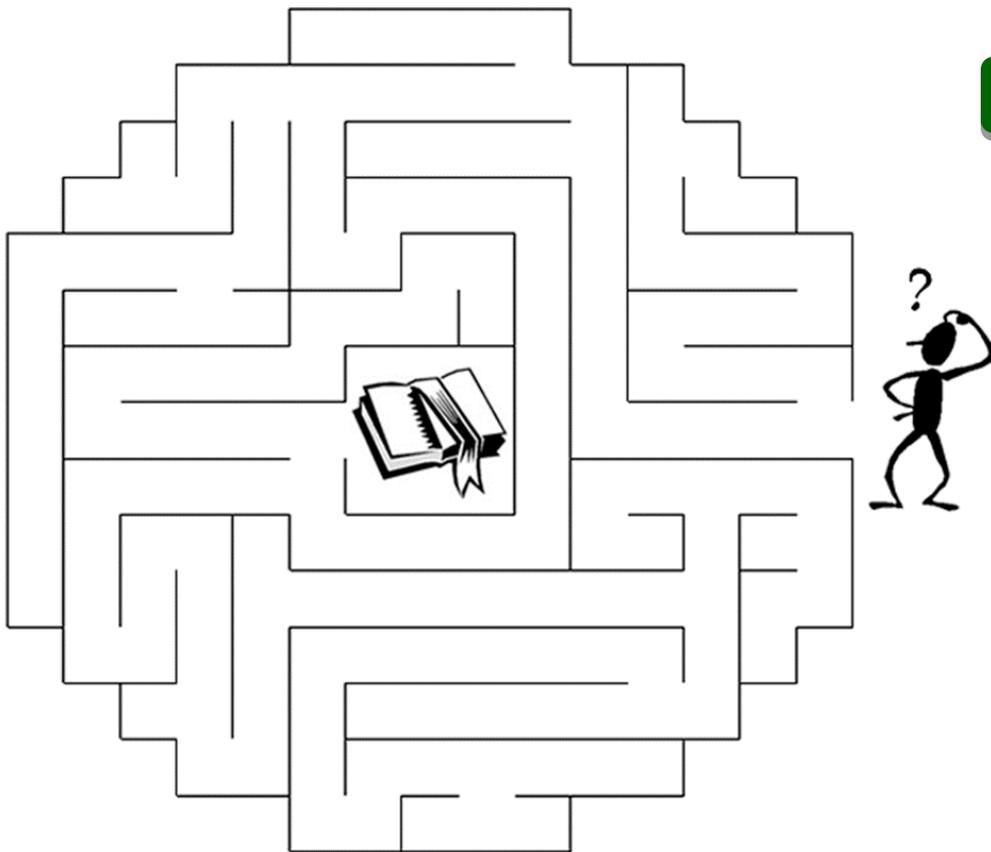
**declare** - to say something very important so that everyone can hear



## 2. EXPLORE IT!

At school, we have teachers to help us to learn new lessons. At home, we have parents and other family to help us learn about life. There are many people in our lives that help us learn something new each day. When there is something we do not know or understand, it helps if there is someone there to guide us and show us the right way. Like a hard subject in school, there are some things about God and Jesus' teachings that might be hard for us to understand at first. That is why in today's Gospel, Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to help guide them to the truth. The Spirit of Truth lives inside each of us and everything around us, ready to guide us like a teacher.

Use the help of the Holy Spirit to find the way to the truth!



### 3. CONNECT IT!

We receive the Holy Spirit as a lifelong helper when we are baptised. There are many times that the Holy Spirit can help us understand the right thing to do or how to be a better person. However, we must pray for God's help and be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

### 4. REMEMBER IT!

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

### 6. PRAY IT!

Dear Jesus, please continue to send us Your Holy Spirit to guide us in our lives. Help me to be always open to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Please watch over me, help me, and help me to understand God's will. Amen.

### 5. LIVE IT! [ UNDERSTANDING ]

**Understanding** - to know, comprehend, or be familiar with an idea or subject

Write down two questions about God that you don't know the answer to. Then, ask your parents the questions and see if they can help you **understand** it with the help of the Holy Spirit.

1. Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Question: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

# Jesus' Miracle with Five Loaves of Bread and Two Fish

WEEK C9- MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Luke 9: 11-17

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



## I. UNDERSTAND IT!

<b>Twelve</b>	are the Twelve Apostles of Jesus
<b>Dismiss</b>	to allow or tell people to leave; to send away
<b>Lodging and provisions</b>	a place to sleep and food to eat; basic needs for the day
<b>Loaves</b>	portions of bread
<b>Satisfied</b>	to have enough to be happy
<b>Fragment</b>	a piece that has broken off

## 2. EXPLORE IT!

The Apostles did not want to give away what they had because they were afraid it would not be enough. However, Jesus was able to perform a miracle and turn just five loaves of bread and two fish into enough food to feed 5000 people. When we give something to God, He turns something small into something amazing and gives us back even more than what we had to begin with. Only by **sharing** what little food they had with Jesus were the Apostles able to help everyone.

### 3. CONNECT IT!

By **sharing** like the Apostles did, we not only help everyone else around us, but we also receive more back from Jesus. What do you have that you can share with others?



### 5. LIVE IT! [ SHARING ]

**Sharing** - to give so that everyone has the same amount

One thing we can donate to help others is our extra clothing for people who don't have enough. Ask your parents to sort out clothing that you don't use anymore and donate them to those who might need them more than you.

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

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### 6. PRAY IT!

Good and gracious God, we thank You for all we are and all we have. Everything we have is a gift from You. Give us hands that are eager to share what You have given to us. As we promise to be mindful of the needs of others, we pray that You help us with Your kindness and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### 4. REMEMBER IT!

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







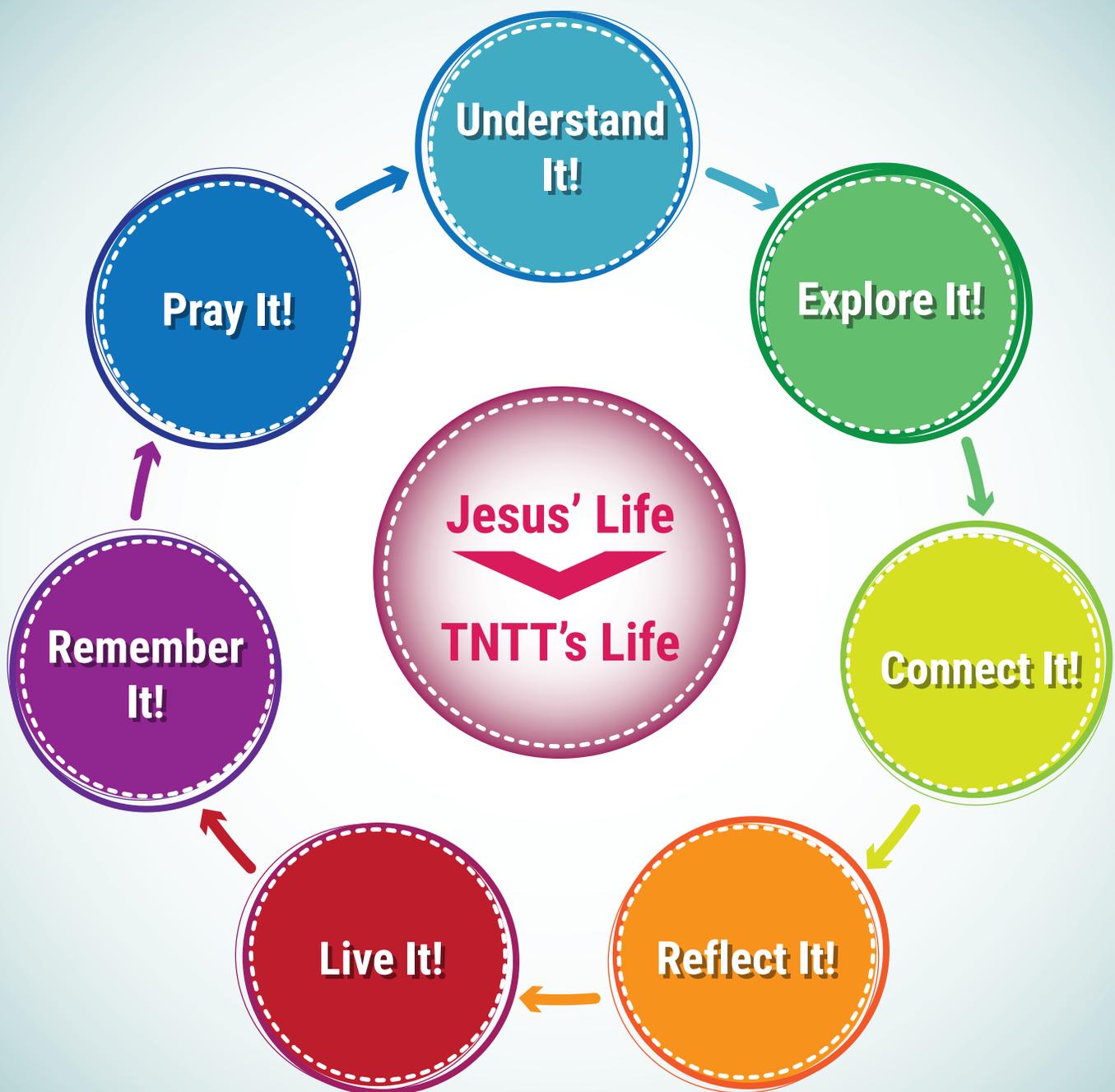
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# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE LESSON MOTTO

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



Go and Make  
*Disciples* of All Nations

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*(Mt 28:19)*



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