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The two previous books introduced us to the gift of life and the beauty of the world around us. Now we have this third book which presents community life. We have the responsibility to do our utmost so that the dark side of life will be overpowered by the many good things that we do.

We all strive o be good and so to leave an imprint on our environment. But for this to happen, we need to work for a better awareness of the importance of community. This sense of community grows with the participation of all of us, where true friendship and solidarity will be the foundation stones on which to build our community.

We have to cultivate all this in our hearts just like a farmer who takes care of his field.We have to instil in us positive attitudes so that we will tolerate, forgive and help build a better world motivated by our belief in Jesus who became man to save us.

We would truly be caring for ourselves and others when we cater for the needs of others before catering for our own and cultivating true and sincere relationships. This would really transform our families, our homes and our schools in better places to be in.

We need one another. This does not only present the title of the book , but it also serves as a commitment that we have to be faithful to throughout this year. It is a commitment that would motivate us to live for each other so that love and solidarity would be felt in our communities.

The more we are aware of each other's needs, more kindness will be demonstrated and the more we shower beauty and harmony, the more peace will reign.

Rev. Dr Renè Camilleri

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1 WE NEED ONE ANOTHER



1.1 A new year begins

At the beginning of the year we all feel excited and at the same time a bit afraid too. All this makes us reflect on what we will go through and how to prepare for it.

1. Read the story.

Mark was very excited to go back to school. He loved school. He kept wondering if Paul and Martha were going to be in his class this year. His mother told him that it is important to thank God for the Summer and to pray to have a good scholastic year.



1. Choose the correct answer.

1. Do you think Mark was happy that a new scholastic year was about to begin? (Yes, no, I don't know).

2. His mother asked him to thank God because God is a (teacher, Father, priest) who loves us.

3. When I pray I am (reading, singing, talking to God).

2. Draw in red the things you have to do to love God and keep unity with your friends.

Call my friends names.	I don't offend anyone.
Talk to God when I wake up.	Work in a group.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Sandra always tries to forget when someone was rude, to her.

She was always ready to _____ .

It is a beautiful thing to _____ and to forget.

1.2 Without them I am nothing

God shows us his love through our mother, father and those who take care of us. Sometimes these people work. That is why, in the evening or at different times of the day we have to spend time with our grandparents.

1. Match to form sentences.

Those who take care of us love us because	we help at home.
God shows us his love	he is the Father who loves us.
We show unity when	through the help of those who take care of us.
I talk to God because	They work hard to see us happy.

2. Choose two from the list and discuss with your peers how these people help you outside school hours.

Mum and dad

grandparents

friends

siblings

cousins

neighbours

Today we discuss and learn this:



Carla's parents both worked and arrived home late. Carla would finish her homework early so she could spend time with her _____.

It is a beautiful thing when we find _____ to stay with those who care for us.

1.3 To love and show respect

How many times do we hear the sentence: "I love you". It is a nice sentence when we truly love. At times we don't really love because we do what we want. When you love you show respect.

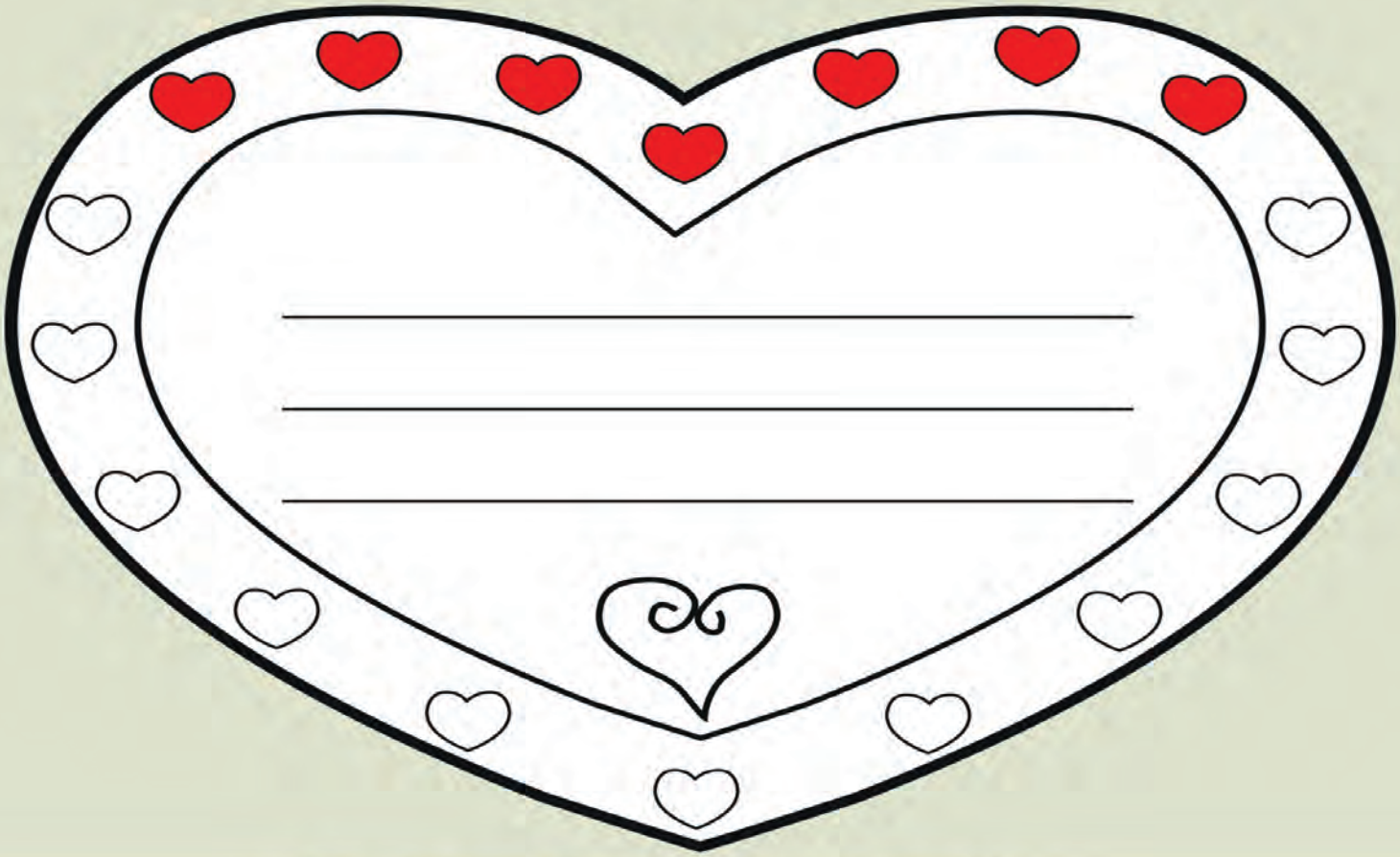
1. Colour according to the sentence.
Yellow means you agree. green means you don't agree.

Do you agree or not?		
I truly love when:	Agree	Disagree
1 Do as I please.		
2 Study and do what has to be done.		
3 Behave in church.		
4 Cry when I don't get my way		



2. I truly love when I appreciate what is done for me.

We show God we love him when we love others. Write two sentences to someone who takes care of you, where you tell him/her how much you appreciate all that they do for you. Colour the picture.



Today we discuss and learn this:



Martha was a girl who appreciated everything. She never complained.

Who does not complain like Martha always _____.

It is a beautiful thing to _____ everything that is done for us!



1.4 Need or want?

In life we must always be happy with what we have. It is sad to always want things and never be happy with what you have. We should avoid always wanting to get what we don't need.



1.Discuss with your friends and mark the needs and the wants.

	Need	Want
1. Maria wanted a colourful pen for school.		Want
2. Martha wanted a pair of shoes because the ones she has are torn.		
3. I phoned Peter because he was sick.		
4. Carl who was studying asked his mother for a break.		

2. We have a lot of needs.
Fill in the circles with your needs.

Finding someone to teach me.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Alex and Sarah had a lot of toys..

They used to _____ the toys with their friends.

It is a beautiful thing to share what we have and _____ God for all that we have!

1.5 Those who have a lot..... and those who have nothing!



Lots and lots of children around the world die every day of starvation because they have no food. These children and their families are really poor people who find no one to help them.

1. As children, what do we waste?

Here in Malta the problem of wasting also exists. Discuss with your friends and write what we as children waste.



2. Match

1. When God created the world no one was poor.

2. In the world we do not find many poor people.

3. Poor people do not have enough food to eat and clean water to drink.

TRUE

4. Mother Teresa worked with the poor.

5. On Missions day the church tells us to help the poor.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Mark washed his dog and let him use all the water he wanted.

Immediately his mother called him and reminded him that it was wrong to _____.

It is a beautiful thing to use water but not _____ it.

1.6 What do you love to do?

To get to know someone I have to learn about how they live, what they like to eat and how they spend the day. To get to know Jesus well, we have to learn how he and the people he spent time with, lived.

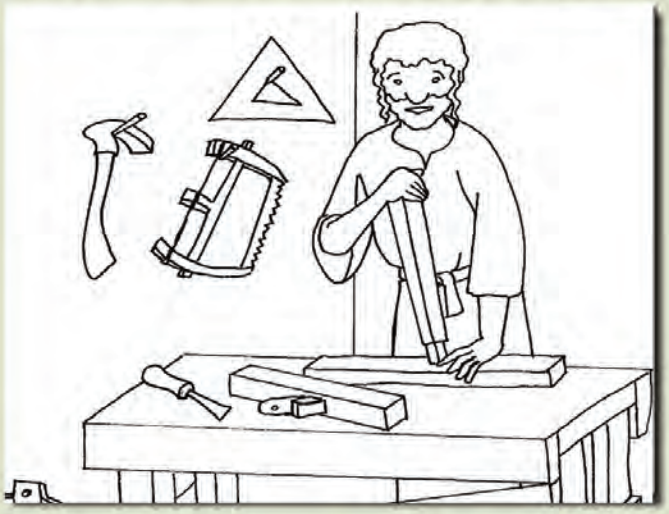
Write true or false.
In the Jewish culture.....

	True	False
1. The Jews use to grow fig and olive trees.	True	
2. Fishing was one of their most important jobs.		
3. There were male and female teachers.		
4. Jewish women used to make bread.		
5. A lot of the people who bred sheep were rich.		

2. Colour the pictures of jobs that you think people did in the times of Jesus.









Today we discuss and learn this:



Peter went to school with Mahmud. Mahmud was a new student who had just arrived at his school. They were friends and this was very important for both of them..

Peter regarded Mahmud as a _____.

It is a beautiful thing to be _____ with everyone!

1.7 No one gave him anything!

In the times of Jesus, there were people who were very rich, who had a lot to eat. There were also very poor people who had nothing to eat.

1. Read the story of the rich and the poor one and then put numbers near the sentences to form the story.

But the rich man never gave him anything.	
The poor man died and went to heaven because he was a good man.	
There was a rich man.	1
The rich man died and did not go to heaven because he was cruel.	
There was also a poor man who had nothing.	
The poor man used to beg the rich one for food.	
The rich man used to have a lot to eat.	



2. Fill in the sentences with the right word.

story • Lazarus • parable • breadcrumbs

1. The poor man's name was _____.

2. He used to eat the _____ that fell off the table of the rich man.

3. This story is called a _____.

4. A Parable is an invented _____ that Jesus used to to teach the people.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Annie was a girl who would eat an entire bar of chocolate without sharing it with anyone.

Annie was a person who did not love to _____ with others.

It is beautiful to remember to _____ !

1.8 Healed from illness on a Saturday

On Saturdays the Jews did not work and did nothing except go to the synagogue. There, would be a priest and he would read a paragraph from the Old Testament.



1. Listen to the story from the bible about the woman who needed healing and continue to colour the picture.



2. Choose the right answer.

1. Every Saturday Jesus used to teach in the (Synagogue, Samaria).

2. Once, while he was in the synagogue he delivered a (speech, miracle).

3. The woman had been sick for (fifteen years, eighteen years).

4. The head of the synagogue was (happy, angry) because Jesus healed on a Saturday.

Today we discuss and learn this:



David went to school with a small piece of bread. Maria always took an extra piece to give it to him.

Maria would give to _____ David so he would not suffer from hunger.

It is a beautiful thing to _____ others!

2 I AM NEVER ALONE



2.1 They help us to grow....

In life we are surrounded by good people who offer us every kind of help. They help us to grow as God wants us to. When we combine their services together we realise that the world is a better place where we can prosper.



1. Read the sentences and answer who says these phrases.

1. I take care of the spiritual needs of the Parish.
   I am **the Priest.**

2. I am in charge of the school and see that teachers and staff work happily together with the children.
   I am _____.

3. I grow fruit and vegetables.
   I am _____.

4. I teach catechism to the children in my classroom.

   I am _____.

5. I created you and take care of you daily.
   I am _____.

When I help my grandfather wash the dishes, I am doing him a service. Discuss with your friends what the pictures are showing you. Join the ones that are a service and fill the box below with a service that you give.



helping my mother



playing with a ball

SERVICE



paying attention in class



praying for others

_____

_____

Today we discuss and learn this:



Martina thinks a lot about all that her mother does for her and so she _____ her instantly.

It is a beautiful thing to instantly _____ your parents when they ask us for something!

2.2 God created everything good!

God created everything good. But sometimes we get confused when we see people suffer and die because of wars, sickness and hunger. We tend to forget that it is people that bring these situations.

1. Between the poor and the rich.

See which of these countries have these resources and mark them with a √ or a X The first one is done.

Resource	Rich countries	Poor countries
Clean water	√	X
Medicine		
Food for all		
Education		
Houses and churches		
Theft and fighting		
Freedom of religious expression		

2. Look at these pictures. Place the word under the correct picture. Discuss with your friends what you are seeing in the pictures and say a prayer for all the people who are suffering.

hunger • filth • ~~war~~ • poverty





war





Today we discuss and learn this:



Mustafa was coming from a country where there was war.

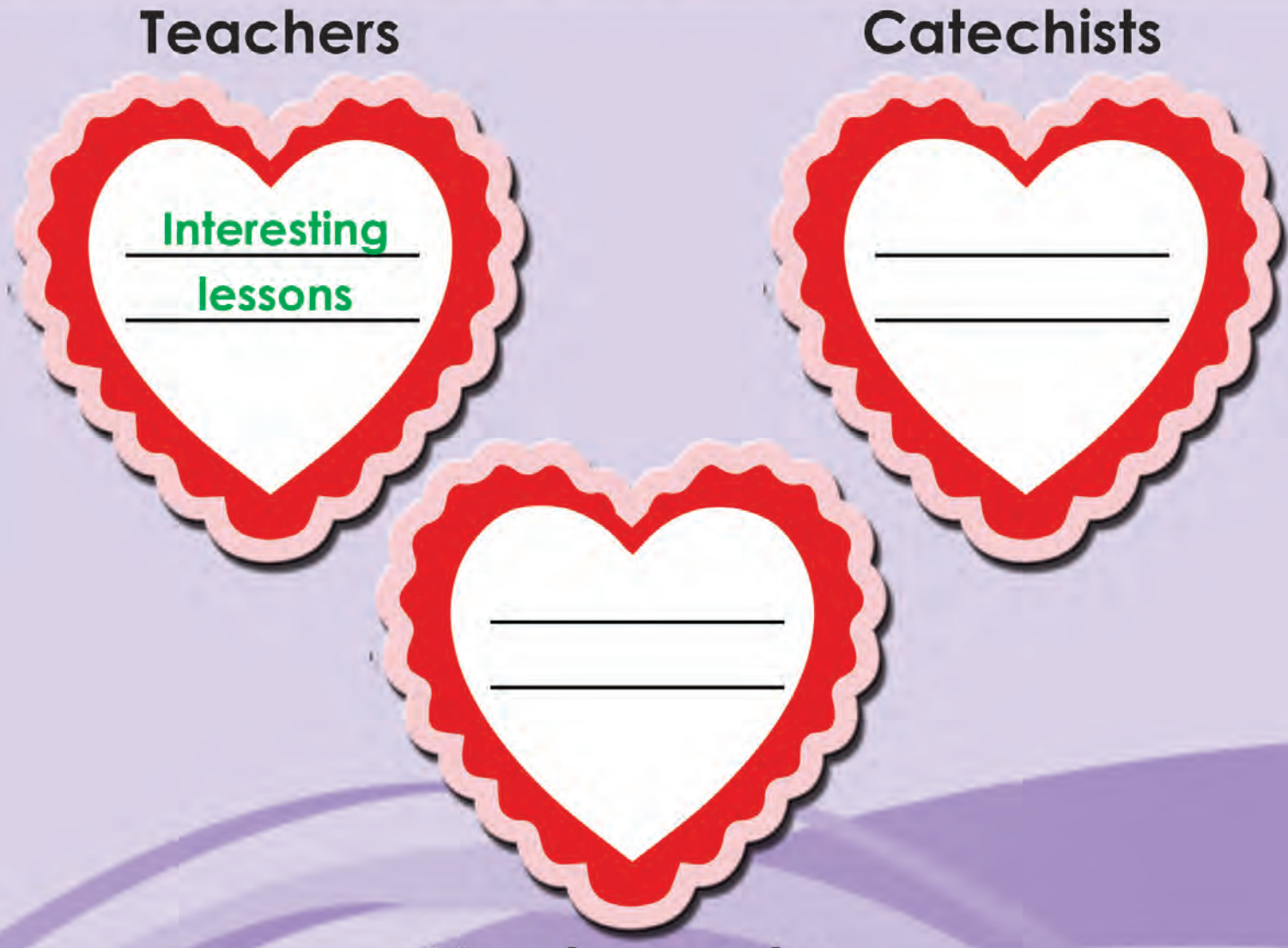
He was sad because he had left his grandparents behind him. _____ is truly ugly!

It is a beautiful thing to _____ for all those who are suffering in this way!

2.3 What do I expect from the people around me?

Those who are helping us grow, teach us to look at life with hope and live happily. They do this because they accept us, listen and respect us even when they have an different opinion.

1. What do you expect to receive from these people?



2. Fill in with the correct word.

listen • ~~full~~ • created

1. We live life to the _____full_____ way when we do what has to be done.

2. I need people to listen to me, so I have to _____ to others as well.

3. God _____ me to live in peace with others.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Chloe was sick, but she was never unhappy.

Chloe was really a _____ girl.

It is a beautiful thing that no matter what we have, we live in _____ !

2.4 Alone or in a group



God created us to live, be with others and help each other. Although sometimes we are alone, there are other times where we work in groups.



1. Mark the activities that we can do alone.

	✓	X
a. Think about something I heard.	✓	
b. Going to mass.		
c. Taking part in a quiz.		
d. Praying to God to help me during a lesson.		
e. Thinking of how loved I am by those that take care of me.		

2. Match. When I am with others, this helps me to.....

1	listen	for every person in the group.
2	care	with attention all what is happening.
3	learn	God in each and every person.
4	see	to help and support everyone.



Today we discuss and learn this:



Charlene was part of the football team. She always obeyed the rules.

Charlene believed that rules bring _____ in a group.

It is always good to _____to the rules!

2.5 At some time or another I need you

When Jesus was amongst us he showed us what it means to help others. When we help others we show solidarity. Solidarity is a virtue that reminds us that we need each other.

1. Read this story, discuss and answer the questions.

Maria was ashamed to show people her mother was il-literate. She would imagine her friends making fun of her. During parents activities she would try her very best so that as few people as possible would talk to her mother, so that she would not embarrass her.

1. Why was Maria ashamed to tell people who her mother was?

2. Do you think Maria had reason to behave like that?

3. Why is it that sometimes we are ashamed of someone and we shun him/her.



2. Continue the story.....

But Maria's mother was very good at making cakes and so many of the parents asked her often to make them a beautiful cakes for them for special occasions. Once Maria's teacher asked her if she could get her the recipe her mother uses.

3. Mark the correct answer.

	Right	Wrong
1. I want to appreciate everyone.		
2. Everyone is good at something.		
3. Jesus showed solidarity with everyone.		
4. I have to choose my friends.		

Today we discuss and learn this:



Near Kevin lived an old woman. Kevin visited her everyday and offered her his help.

Kevin was a real _____ with his neighbour.

It is a beautiful thing to _____!



2.6 On Jesus' footsteps!

In the bible we get information on who Jesus was. We see him sad because of those he sees suffering. We find him doing everything in his power to help and be a friend to all and be happy with all his friends.

1. Read the passage from the gospel of Saint Mark. Arrange the passage by numbering the feet.

1. Jesus approached her and healed her.
2. In the evening they brought the sick to him and they were healed.
3. Simon's mother in law was running a temperature.
4. As soon as he left the synagogue he went to Simon's and Andrew's house. 1

2. From what you have read, compare your life to that of Jesus.

1. Jesus went to Simon's mother in law who had a temperature.	As soon as I woke up, I thank God for the night and pray for a good day.
2. In the morning he left and went to pray in a quiet area.	At school I had to help two of my class mates make friends because they had a fight.
3. He healed those who were sick.	After school I called my Grandmother to see how she was as she was sick.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Amy and John were very good friends. Amy's mother returned late from work, so Amy would go and stay at John's house and wait for her there.

John and his parents were _____ indeed.

It is a beautiful thing when those who we _____ all need our help!



2.7 They were very good people!

Saint Martin de Porres was born in Peru' about 500 years ago. His family was poor, meaning he grew up in poverty.

1.Choose the right word.

a) Saint Martin was (poor, rich).

b) He lived in (Australia, Peru').

c) When he grew up he became a (Dominican, Jesuit).

d) He was everybody's friend, but most of all of the (rich, poor).

e) He opened a (school, orphanage) for homeless children.

2. Colour the correct picture..
As Christians we are like saint Martin when.....









Today we discuss and learn this:



Marvik did not like school, He used to stay alone at school. His classmates did not know what he wanted or what he wished.

Marvik needs to learn to _____ what he wishes and feels.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

2.8 Follow me

Jesus invites us Every day to follow him. At times this is not easy, and requires a lot of sacrifice.





1. Look at these sentences and colour the good ones.

Mark explained maths to his friend because he found it difficult.

Sylvia made the sign of the cross before she started the house work.

Martha stamped her feet when her mother did not let her watch tv.

Oliver used curse words because things were not going his way.

Carla gave some of her pocket money for the missions.

2. Match the sentences and see what it means to follow Jesus in our daily life.

Martha visited her friend in hospital.	to let her mother rest after she came back from work.
Paul decided to stay with John during break`	and wished her a quick recovery.
Lisa spent most of her day cleaning the house.	as he is always alone and have no friends.

Today we discuss and learn this:



John really wanted a coloured pencil like the one Mark had. Once he found this pencil in the classroom, so he went and returned it to Mark.

We should not keep items that are not ours. _____.

It is a beautiful thing that we _____ back items that do not belong to us!

3 JESUS IS AMONGST US



3.1 The first crib



St Francis wished that the birth of Jesus would never be forgotten. He was in Greccio in Italy where he came up with the idea to make a crib to show the poor circumstances our Saviour was born in.

1. Fill in these sentences.

~~Italy~~ • Christians • real • Jesus • birth

1. Francis was born in Italy .
2. He wanted to make a crib to remind people of the _____ of Jesus.
3. The crib that Francis created used _____ people.
4. He wanted everyone to participate in the crib, because he believed that _____ came in the world for all of us.
5. The crib is one of the traditions for us _____ that is related to Christmas.

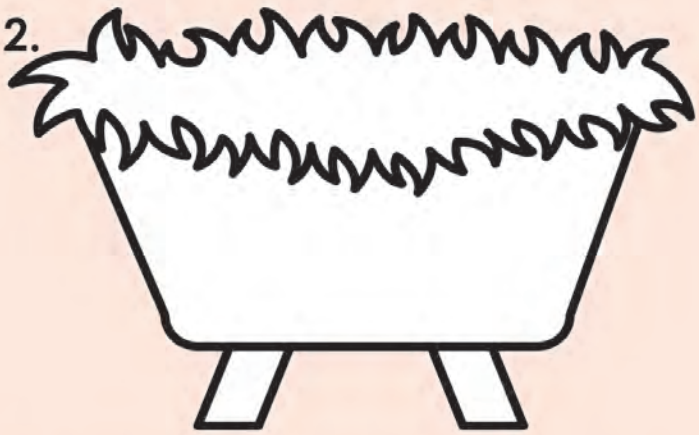
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If I had to build a real crib to show that Jesus was born for everyone, what would I put in the manger?

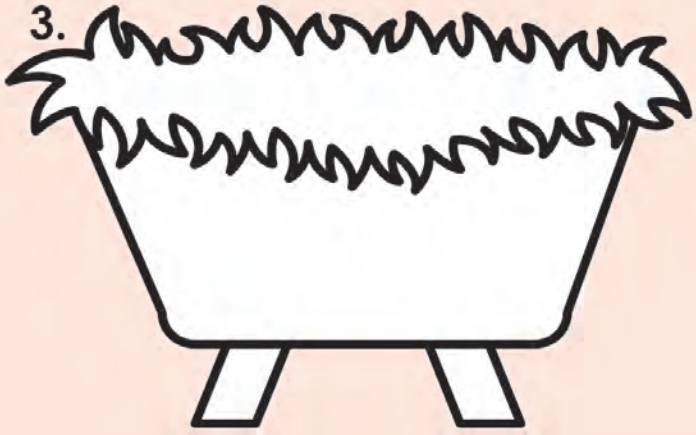
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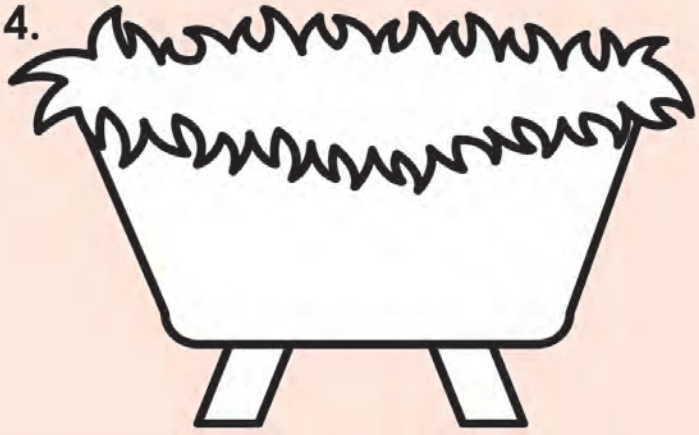
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4.



Today we discuss and learn this:



Alan was waiting for his Christmas presents as usual. His Aunty Lisa's gift would always arrive early. Alan would always want money from her.

Alan got angry this time when he did not find money but clothes instead. Alan needed to learn to _____.

It is a beautiful thing to _____!

3.2 Jesus was born in Bethlehem

The crib is one of the traditions we Maltese treasure. Besides the cave, star, cow, donkey, Mary and Joseph, we also place a lot of other human figures.

Colour these figures that we find in most of the cribs and name them.



Jesus



Today we discuss and learn this:



Julienne always said that if she had to be in the crib, she would like to be one of the shepherds. The shepherds were truly good people.

Julienne wanted to be _____ like the shepherds.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

3.3 We were in the cave

Every figure we see in the crib has its own story to tell. They talk about how they felt when the saw Jesus in the cave on some hay.

1. Join with the correct picture.

1. Jesus was born in a simple and poor cave and brought a lot of happiness to those around him.

2. Joseph suffered greatly when he saw where Jesus was going to be born. He continued to take care of him till the end.

3. The shepherds were the first people who rushed to see Jesus.

4. The three wise men offered Jesus their gifts.



I am happy when I obey.



When my father calls me to help him, I always go.



The people who teach me are gifts.



Mother and father work hard to bring us up.

2. Look closely at these two pictures. Discuss with your friends and find the difference between them two.



1. Lived in a palace.	1. Was born in a manger.
2.	2.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Adrian was overjoyed with the coming of Christmas. He prepared all that he had to do every day during the Novena to welcome Jesus in his heart.

Adrian was truly _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!



3.4 We lived through the first Christmas

When we are close to Jesus, we are full of peace. The people that witnessed the birth of Jesus definitely started to live a better life.

1. Who do you think said these phrases? Discuss in class.

A) "We were grazing sheep on a clear night, when all of a sudden we saw a lot of angels".

The shepherds

B) "I was the one who broke the news to people. My friends and I sang and wished peace to all the people who were kind hearted".

C) " We are not Jews. But due to the fact that we study the stars, it did not take us long to recognise an unusual star".

2. Look at these personalities of the crib. See what they teach us and what message they are trying to deliver to us.

Personality	They teach us	Message
Mary	Bringing the good news.	We did not believe in Jesus, but we looked for him and found him.
The Angel	Believe in God.	In life we find many things that trouble us. Believe in God as he is always with you.
The wise men	Jesus loves and accepts everyone.	Don't be ashamed to talk about Jesus and how much you love him.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Betsy was the cow and Polsy was the donkey. They wish to tell us that although they are animals, Jesus still invited them to join him in the cave.

The cow and donkey teach us that _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!



3.5 The angel in the crib

In the Christmas story, it was the angels that spread the news of Jesus' birth. They sang to praise God and wished good tidings to all those of good will.

1. Which of these sentences go with the Christmas stories.

1a. Jesus chose to be poor and simple.

1b. Jesus chose to be rich and live a comfortable life.

1a

2a. The angels wished to be poor, simple and to be the first to hear about Jesus.

2b. The angels gave the news to the shepherds, as they were the closest to the cave.

3a. The angels wished peace only to the shepherds.

3b. The angels wished peace to all those who were ready to accept Jesus in their hearts.



Mario's grandfather truly loved Jesus. Mario wanted to tell his grandfather all that he learnt about Jesus.



2. In the lines below write two sentences you think Mario told his Grandfather.

_____

_____

_____

Today we discuss and learn this:



Mawro very often was first in religion, yet he never wanted to make peace, when he quarrelled with his friends.

Mawro had to _____ to truly be good.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

3.6 Peace on earth to all of goodwill.

People with good will are those who are ready to love all people they meet.



1. Good faith comes when we learn to listen to what others tell us and see how we can help. Fill the present with what help you can offer.

1. Peter has problems to make friends and always ends up alone in the break. I can help Peter by.....



2. Sylvia is always last to finish class work. I can help Sylvia by.....



3. Our school believes that we should take care of our environment. I can do this by.....





2. Mark which of these are beneficial to the world around them.

1. Mary insists that, glass, paper and plastic should be recycled.	✓
2. Mario often lies about others. What is important to him is that he always gets his way.	
3. Albert always takes money out of his moneybox when there is a charity event.	
4. Emma is not ashamed to show that she goes to mass daily and says the rosary with her family.	

Today we discuss and learn this:



After the midnight mass ended the Vassallo family went home to eat something good and rest.

The Vassallo family was _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

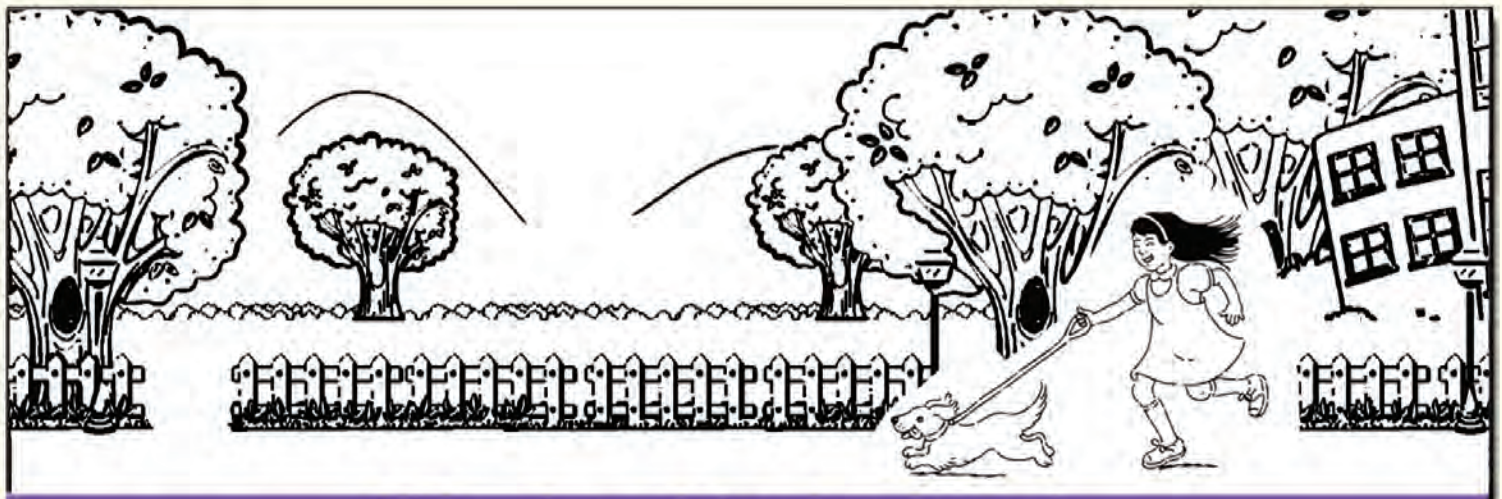
4 PEACE IS BEAUTIFUL



4.1 In darkness or in the light?

Jesus told us he is the light of the world. This means that all those who follow him will always be in the light, meaning they will be living well.

1. Discuss with your friends what you are seeing in the pictures. Only colour the pictures that show children living in Jesus' light.



Alisha always takes her dog out.



Kim and Karl always go to see their grandmother.



Amy broke her arm, so Jade went to her house to play with her.



These three boys did not want to play with Ryan.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Karl was rude, that is why his father was angry at him.

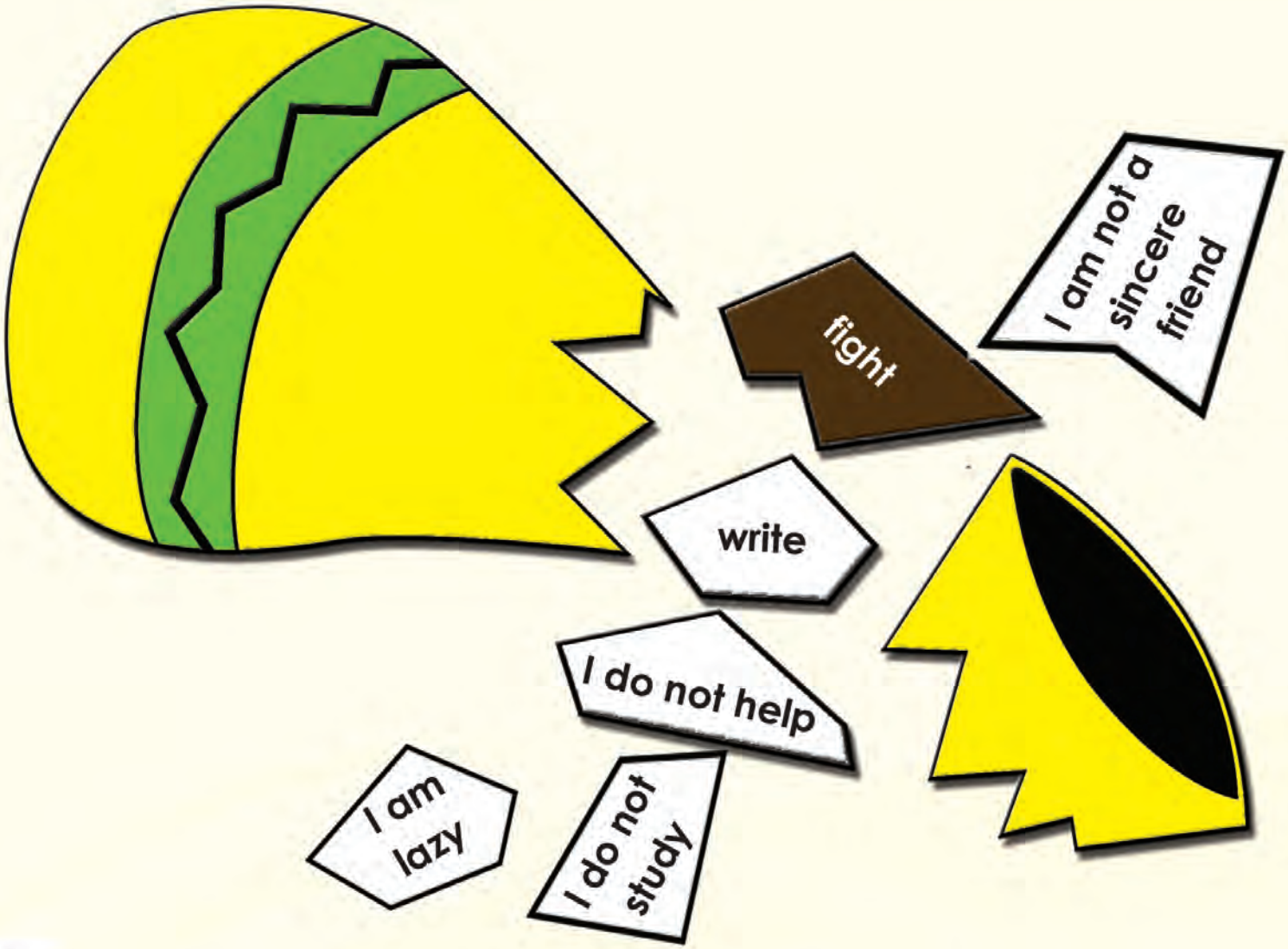
Karl was not _____ because

he was rude.
It is a beautiful thing when our attitude is _____!

4.2 When the vase broke

It is not the first time that we break a vase into pieces. Sometimes in our lives, we do the same. We fight and create problems.

1. I create problems when:
Choose and colour in brown.



2. Discuss the pictures
We create beauty among us when we:

bring happiness



finish our homework





be friends



take care of our pets

Today we discuss and learn this:



Maggie left home and rushed for school. She did not have time to talk to her mother as usual. This made her sad.

Maggie needed to learn _____ time better.

It is beautiful when we find time _____ to be together!



4.3 I respect what you believe in!

The three largest religions in the world that believe in one God are Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

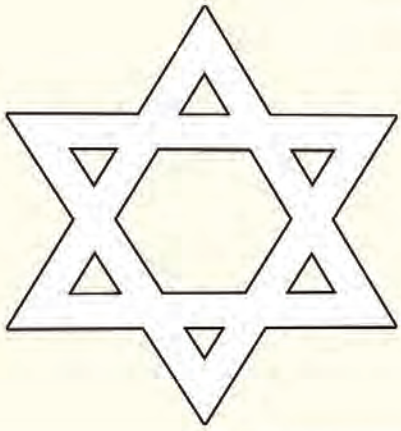
1. Match these sentences to get to know more about these religions.

The founder of Islam is	the Bible.
The Islam religion is written in	the Torah.
Jews read the word of God in	the Prophet Mohammed.
Christians read the word of God in	the Koran.

2. Every religion has its own symbol. In the box write the religion according to the symbol and then colour.







Today we discuss and learn this:



Omar was a boy from Syria. He is in Frank's class and is doing very well.

Frank became a friend of Omar's. Frank understood that we should _____ everyone.

It is a beautiful thing that we respect _____!

4.4 The first family of the church

The first people that learnt about God and believed in him were called "The community of the first Christians". The word community means a group of people who believe and do many different things together.

1. Fill in the blanks with the words:

everything • ~~each~~ • sinners • forgiveness • priest

1. The first community of the church truly loved ___each___ other.

2. They shared amongst them, _____.

3. They used to pray for _____ in front of everyone.

4. At the beginning of the mass we admit that we are _____ three times. In confession we admit our sins to the _____.

2 .We are also part of God's family.
Discuss the pictures with your friends.
Choose what makes you part of this family by marking the boxes you have at the corner of the pictures.









Today we discuss and learn this:



Lydia attended mass every Sunday to be part of the family of God and used to pay full attention.

Lydia truly believed in _____.

It is a beautiful thing that like Lydia we show how much we love Jesus by paying _____ in church!

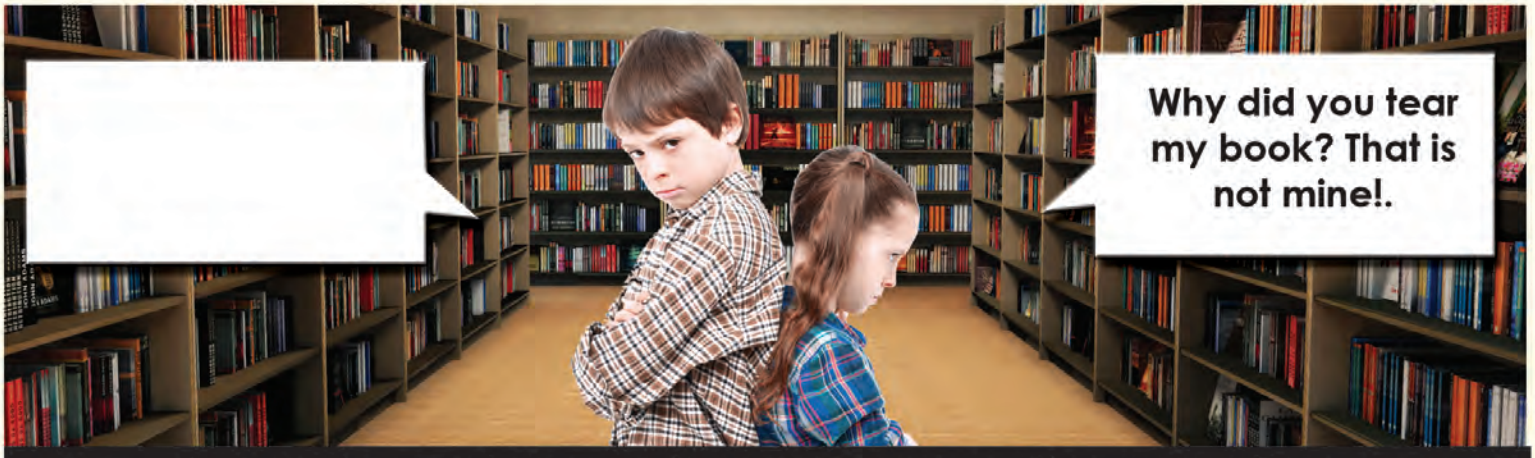
4.5 Next time I will think twice

When I do something without thinking , it is very possible that I may hurt someone and will have to apologise.

1. Read the situations and look at the pictures. Write down what these children need to say to each other.



1. Janet took Yan's paints.



2. Maria and Kenneth are angry at each other because Kenneth tore her book by accident.



3. Kiara is sad because in the classroom, Leah did not want to help her with the activity.



4. Kevin got offended because Kyle did not want him to play with him.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Stephen had problems with his sums. But Keith was always there to help him.

Keith truly lived as a good C_____ .

It is a beautiful thing that we always _____ those who are in need!

4.6 I apologise in front of my friends and Jesus

When I do something that hurts others, I have to truly apologise to God and the others.

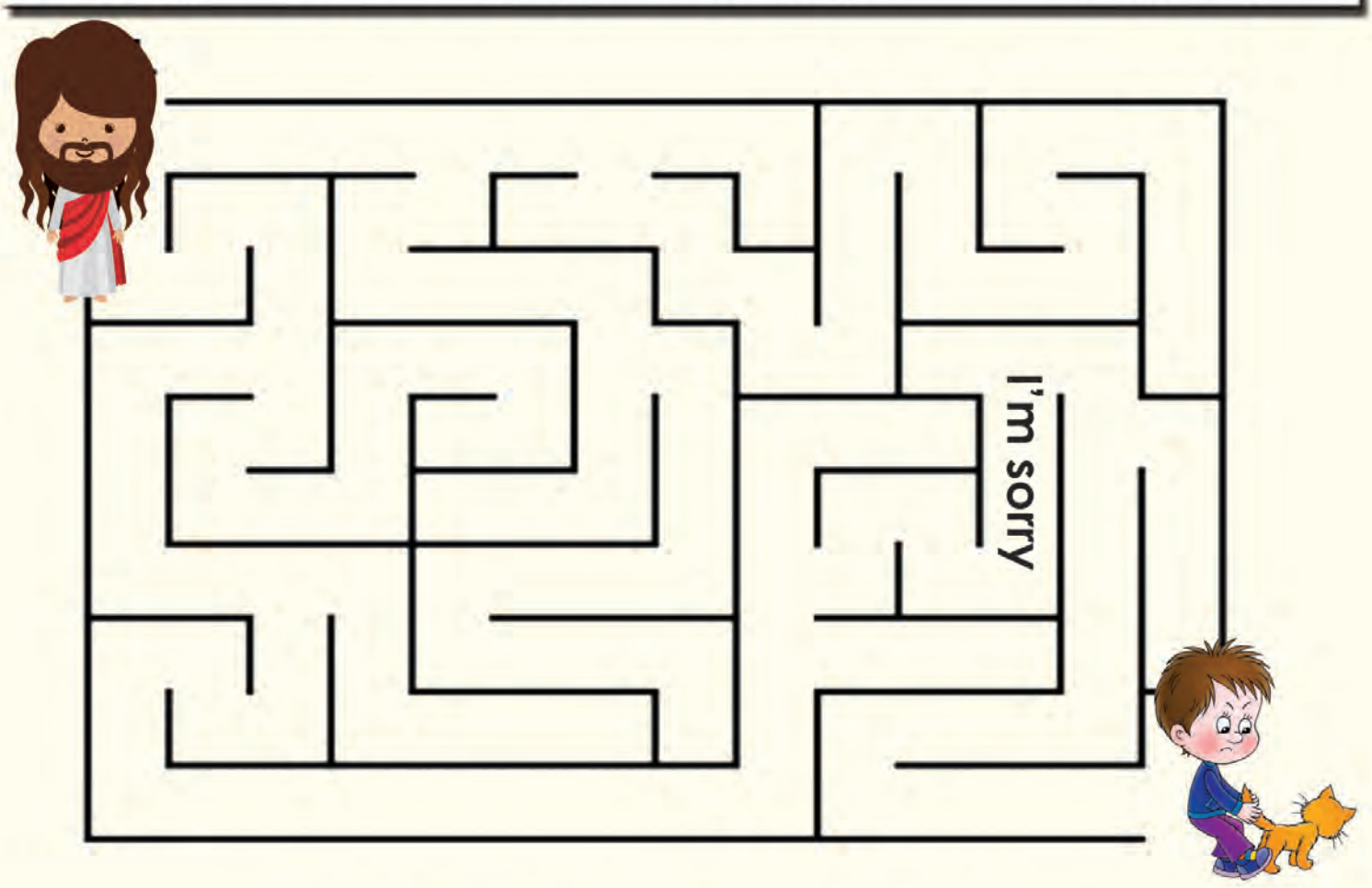


1. Help Peter join the sentences.

1	The sacrament of confession was created by	forgives me.
2	To confess I have to go to	Jesus
3	In confession the priest is there instead of	the priest.
4	The priest says the prayer of forgiveness to show that God	Jesus.

2. Peter committed a sin, help him find the path back to Jesus by writing the words in the path.

~~I'm sorry~~ • won't do it again • go in peace • I forgive you



Today we discuss and learn this:



Kurt would apologise but then after sometime he would do the same thing over again.

Kurt has to learn to say _____ and mean it.

It is a beautiful thing when we say _____ and it is real not fake!

4.7 Friends again

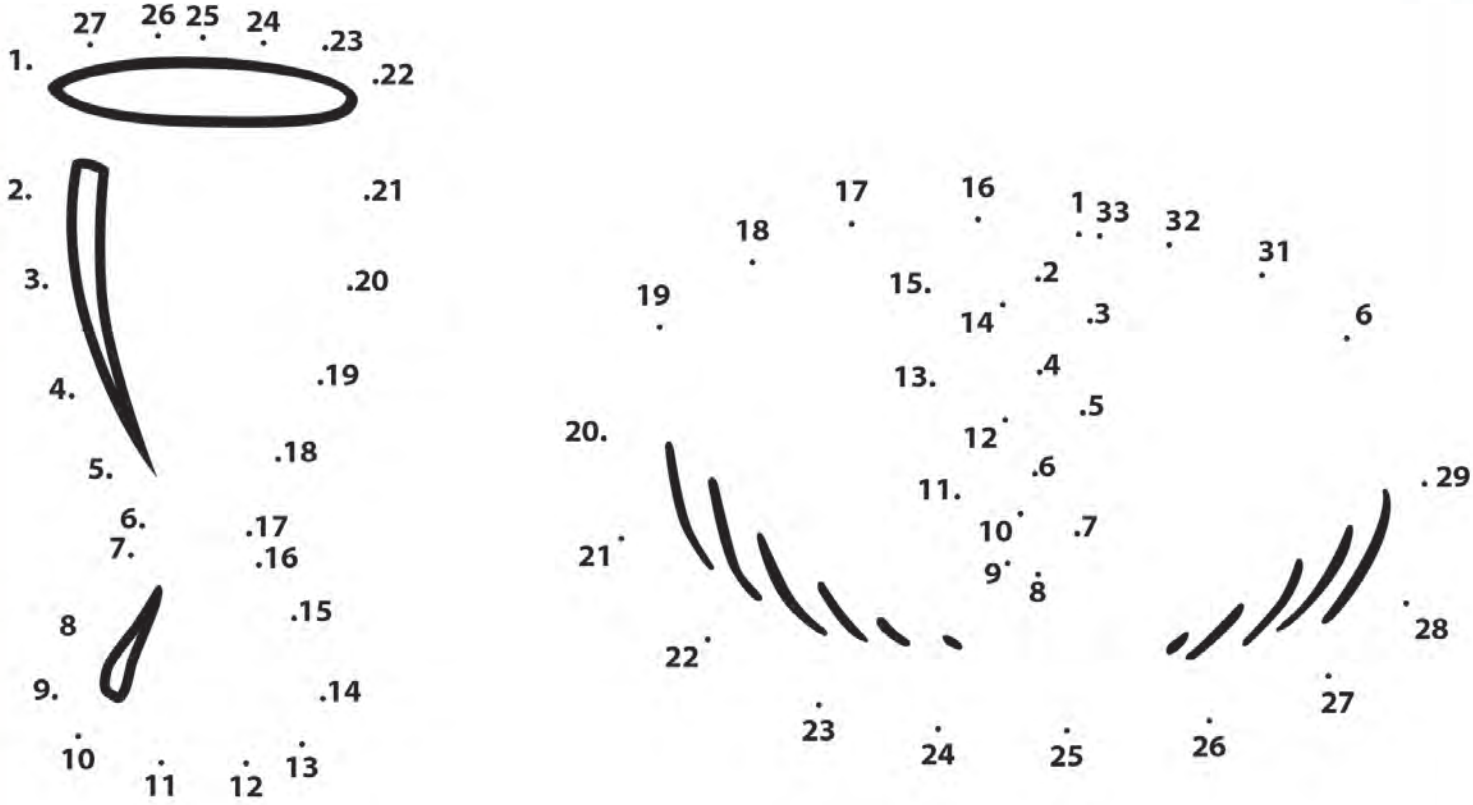
When I get forgiveness from Jesus, Jesus gives me another gift. He invites me for communion so that he will come to me.

1. Continue to colour the picture.

This picture shows us when Jesus gave himself to us.



2. Continue the sentence by putting the right word in the empty space. Join to find what Jesus needed in the last supper.



_____ and _____

Today we discuss and learn this:



Martina was a very good girl and would behave very well to receive Communion.

To receive Jesus we have to _____.

It is beautiful thing that we always behave _____!

4.8 Live properly

When we say that we are Christians we show that we are with Jesus. We show this by how we live with those around us.



1. Colour the phrases that show this.



Lara loves to help her mother with the house works.



Luke always gets into quarrels during the school break.



Daniel helps his friend with special needs.



Adriana frequently visits her grandparents.



Dylan does not like to share his colours with his friends.

2. Continue the sentence by placing the correct word in the empty space.

mass • prayers • ~~friends~~ • obeys

1. John often corrects and encourages his friends to talk properly.

2. Julia says her _____ every day before she sleeps.

3. Thea takes part in _____ every Sunday.

4. Sandra _____ her teacher.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Matthew often nags his friend because he is constantly lazy. He plainly tells him that he is in the wrong.

Matthew was a _____ boy.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

5 HELPING FROM THE HEART





5.1 We do everything from the heart

Sometimes we don't do what we have to do whole heartedly. This will leave work undone.



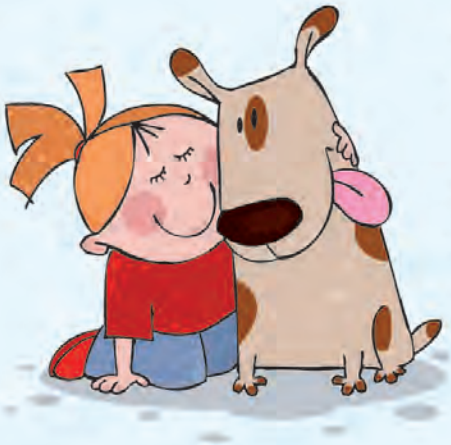
1. Discuss with your friends and then mark the correct answer.

	YES	NO
a) I was playing during my school break and helped a boy who hurt himself.	✓	
b) My house is like a hotel because I do nothing.		
c) At school Ryan uses a wheelchair. During break I push him around the grounds.		
d) I saw a dog in the streets and ran after it.		

2. Matcht

I go shopping to	and I help and stay with her.
I go to Catechism and pay attention	help my family.
I found a kitten outside	to become a better person.
Marthese is a very quiet girl	and brought it into the house with my mum's permission.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Maria never had a dog to take care of. Now she got one and has decided to take good care of it.

Animals were created by _____ as well.

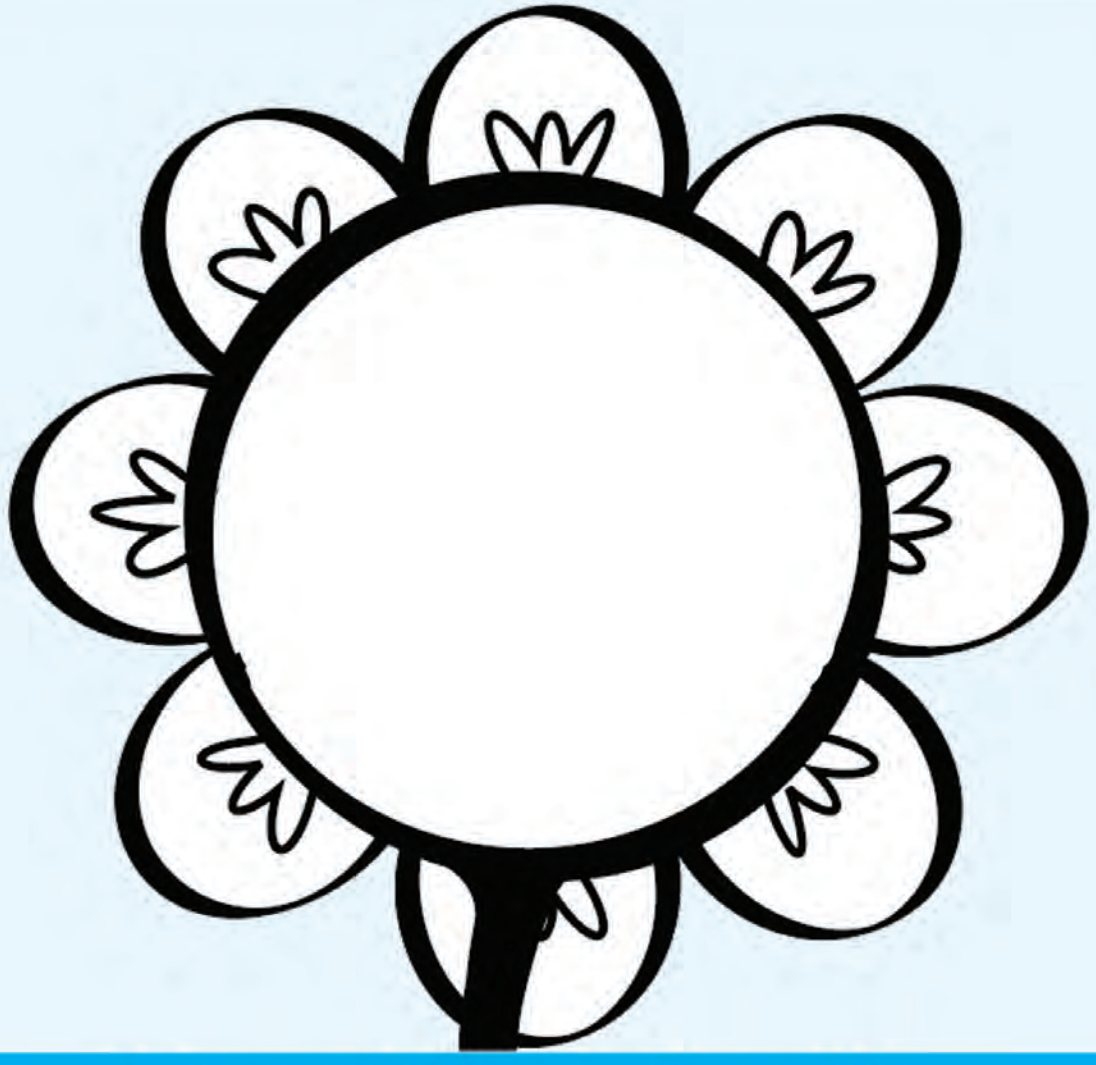
It is a beautiful thing _____!

5.2 The world we form part of

We need to take care of the world around us. We also need to appreciate all that we have and the things happening around us.



1. Discuss with your friends the beauty we see around us. Thank God and draw the environment you live in.



Today we discuss and learn this:



It was the first Friday of the month. At school the parish priest came. I went to talk to him because I trust him and know he will help me.

I have to get help from _____ who love me.

It is a beautiful thing to _____those who mean good!

5.3 Stop and think

Did you ever notice the difficulties those who live with us had to go through? God is happy when we realise all the goodness we receive from these people.

1. Discuss the pictures with your friends and choose the right picture and colour it. To grow up as good Christians we must:



Praise God for all the things we have.



Be lazy and leave all the work for others.

Mark and Maria's mother woke up late. In the evening she came home late from work. Although she had the food prepared there was still a lot of housework left and she ended up sleeping late.



2. What can Mark and Maria do to help their mother so no one will suffer? Choose the ones you agree with.

		Agree	Disagree
1	They grumble because they woke up with a fright.		✓
2	They thank God for a new day.		
3	They help mum prepare lunch for everyone.		

Today we discuss and learn this:



Those who grumble, bother the people around them. It is better to see what we can do and do it happily.

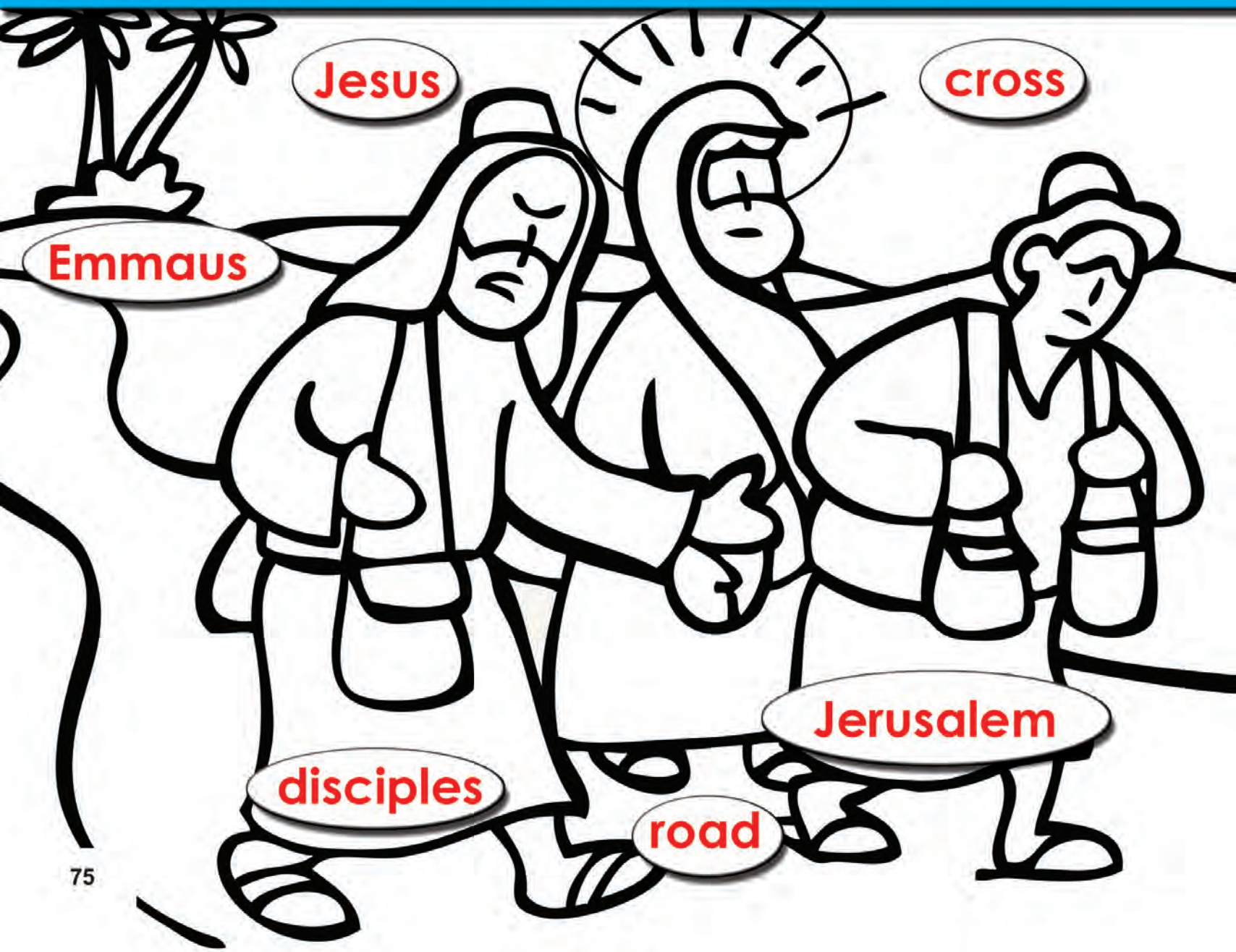
When we do this we are giving our _____.

It is a beautiful thing to do our share so those around us will be _____!

5.4 Those that make us really happy

When we ignore what we believe in, we get very sad in the end. That is what happened to two of Jesus' friends. They did not actually believe that Jesus was going to rise from the dead. That is why they were very disappointed.

1. Discuss the story with the help of the words you have and then colour the picture.





2. Fill the blanks with the words from the picture.

1. The disciples were going to Emmaus which was quite a distance from _____.

2. Jesus had died on the _____. They did not have the patience to wait for him to rise from the dead.

3. Jesus rose from the dead and met them on the _____ but they did not even realise who he was. When he blessed the_____ he vanished. That is when they realised he was _____.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Ruth's mother had been promising her a computer game for a while. Ruth grumbled a lot as she did not believe the game would ever arrive.

Ruth was impatient. We have to learn to be _____.

It is beautiful to understand that we _____ have all that we want!

5.5 Jesus spend a day with us

Life is very hectic, leaving us little time to stop and think! Sometimes we are like the disciples of Emmaus and we are too distracted!

1. Jesus meets us as he did with the disciples. Match when Jesus meets us.

Jesus met them.	I go to school and my teacher explains everything.
Jesus explained.	Every morning my mother wakes me and says good morning with a smile.
Jesus reminded them.	Stephanie got a chocolate and shared it with her friends.
Jesus broke bread with them.	There was an accident and I remembered that I had to pray for all those who got hurt.

2. Mark the correct ones. What do I have to do to become better?

I let my sister see her favourite programme.

I eat chocolate alone.

I stay in the back seat of the car so that my uncle can stay in the front with my father.

I close the tap correctly so water will not drip out.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Krissa's grandmother lived with them. Often Krissa would gladly help her put her shoes on.

Krissa was being _____ her grandmother.

It is a beautiful thing to _____!

5.6 Thomas did not believe it was Jesus

Thomas loved Jesus, but when he had the opportunity to prove that love by believing in him, he did not do it straight away.

1. Find the word from the list.

1. Thomas was one of the apostles.

2. Once Jesus appeared to the apostles. But as Thomas was not there he did not want to _____ that Jesus came.

3. He said he would not believe before he saw with his own _____.

4. Jesus told Thomas that people that don't need to _____ to believe were really good people. Thomas was sorry that he did not believe straight away _____.

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O	M	A	H	F	R	A	K	U	V
X	A	P	O	S	T	L	E	S	X
R	G	B	E	L	I	E	V	E	F
F	V	X	Z	V	H	E	S	I	K
K	J	S	E	E	W	N	V	O	R

2. Colour the picture and fill in the blanks.

Look at my wounds.

My master and my _____.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Noel had to go to his friend Manuel. At the last minute Manuel told Noel he had to cancel because of his grandmother. Noel did not believe him. Two days later Manuel's grandmother passed away.

Noel was very sorry that he did not _____his friend.

It is a beautiful thing _____ the people that love us and wish us well!

5.7 Is this good or bad?

When I wrong others, I am not doing right. I do wrong when I hurt someone with what I say, steal from others and when I do wrong on purpose.



1. Discuss the pictures with your friends to show what is right and what is wrong.







2. Look at this story and find the right word.

Catherine was very well educated and often came first in class. All the children in class loved her very much except for Jason. He used to do his best to make fun of her. He would say " Why should Catherine always be happy? She needs to be sad every once in a while".

1. Jason was being
   - good.
   - ~~mean.~~

2. Catherine's friends loved her be cause she was
   - angry.
   - educated.

3. What Jason used to say was
   - right.
   - wrong.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Jason would make fun of Catherine.

When you make fun of people you are always _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

5.8 The naughty sheep

When we do what we want and forget how we should behave, we become like the naught sheep of the story.

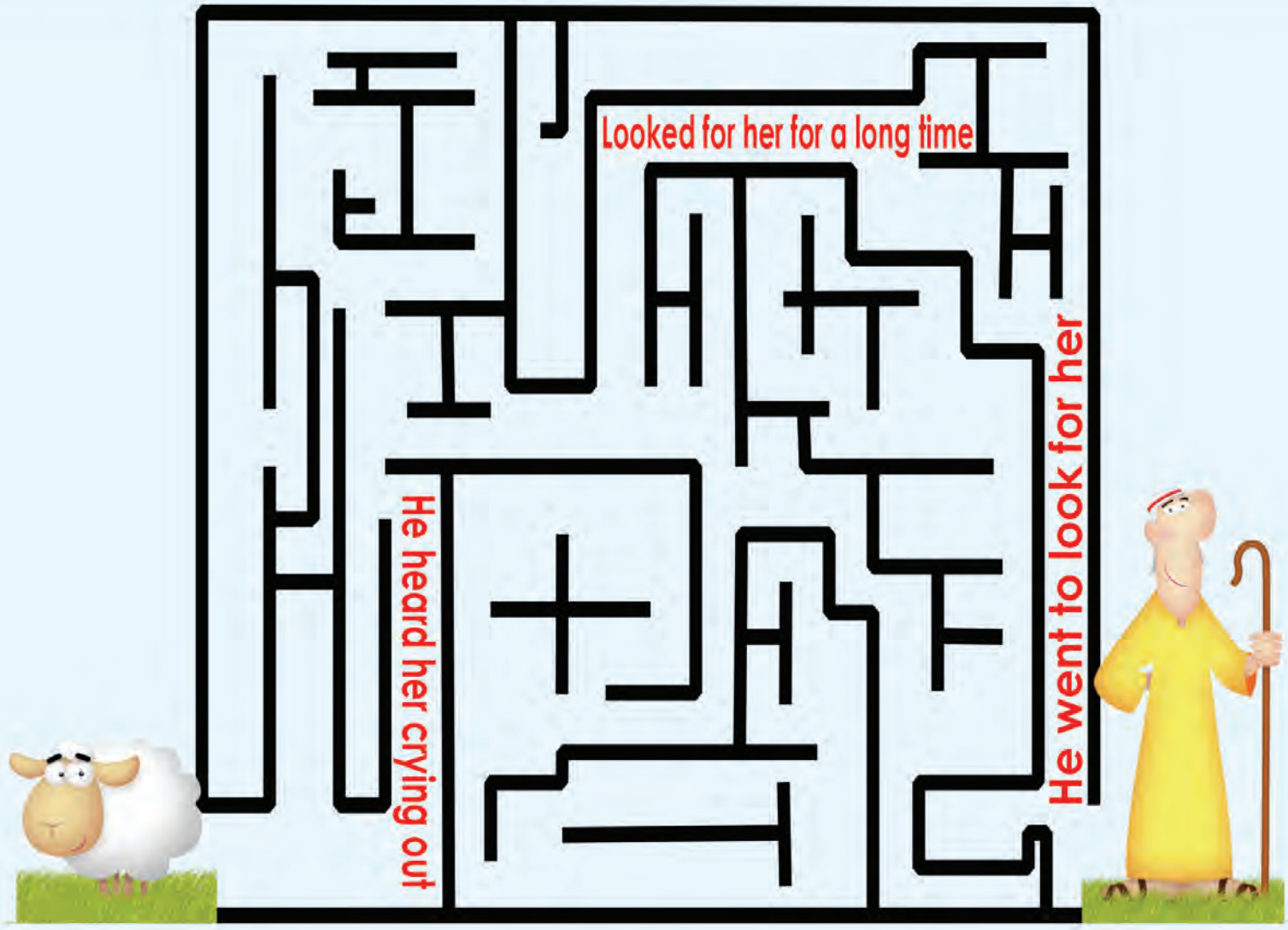


1. Match the story.

1.	He left the other 99 and went to look for her.	
2.	At last he found her and celebrated with his friends.	
3.	A shepherd had 100 sheep.	1
4.	Once he lost one.	
5.	God is happy when a sinner comes back to him.	



2. Find the path that the shepherd has to take to find the sheep.



Today we discuss and learn this:



Marion's grandfather told her a story about a girl who missed her Museum lessons. Marion realised the girl in the story was her.

Marion was like the lost sheep because she was being _____.

It is beautiful to _____ in the Good Shepherd's flock!

6 JESUS HAS RISEN





6.1 When the seed grows....

The sun flower needs soil, water and light to grow into a beautiful flower. Like the seed we also need a proper environment to grow up to love God.

1. Match these sentences together.

1. The seed needs a good environment to grow.	Difficulties won't help us grow.
2. Sometimes the wind makes it difficult for the seed to grow.	We are born different from one another.
3. Some insects eat the seed while it is growing.	We need good people to be able to grow up properly
4. Every seed is different from other seeds.	The wrong friends keep us away from doing the right thing.






2. Choose the correct answer.

1. Like the seed we need (love / hate) to grow up well.

2. (Respect / Jealousy) helps us become good children.

3. To be truly good Christians we need to (appreciate / ignore) what others do for us.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Steve was a good singer. But Steve did not have many friends because he felt and acted as being better than others.

Steve needed to _____.

It is beautiful to _____!

6.2 I was also there and saw him

During the passion of Jesus Christ we see a lot of people. Some were close and others took part from a distance.

1. Use in a light colour to find the people who saw Jesus condemned to death.

the shepherds	Jesus's Mother Mary	Peter
the wise men	John	Simon from Cyrene
the Roman soldiers	the priests of the temple	the Samaritan woman

Peter was one of Jesus' best friends. When Jesus was taken by the Romans, Peter found himself alone and said that he did not know Jesus.

2. Listen to the passage from the gospel of Saint Luke and put the words in their place.

him • ~~distance~~ • betrayed • Peter
palace • fire

_____ was walking behind him from a

_____. He entered the _____ yard and

sat by the _____. Someone saw him and said: "

This one was also with _____ "but he

continued to say that he did

not know him. He _____

him three times.



distance

Today we discuss and learn this:



Mariella's sister broke her tablet on purpose when they had a fight. Later on she needed someone to explain some sums to her. Mariella explained them to her.

Mariella _____her sister with all her heart.

It is beautiful to _____!

6.3 Simon helps Jesus

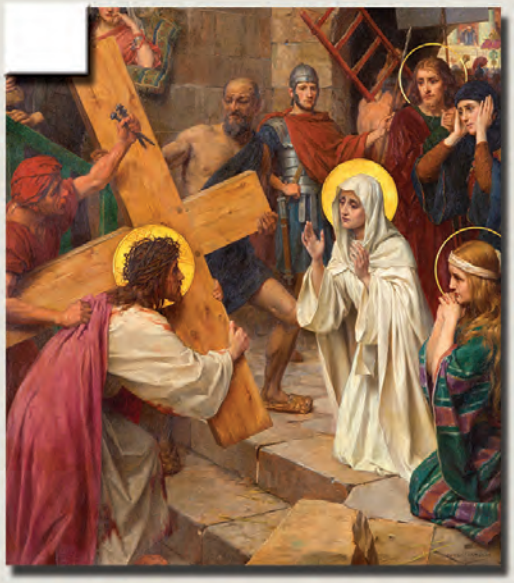
The gospel of Saint Mark shows us Simon of Cyrene meeting Jesus.



1. Choose the right word about Simon.

1. Simon was from (Cyrene / Bethlehem).
2. He had just been coming from a (shop / field).
3. He was (invited / ordered) to help Jesus carry the cross.
4. The soldiers were (German /Roman).
5. Simon helped Jesus (to the end of the road / to Calvary).

2. Choose the pictures that go with this story.









Today we discuss and learn this:



Mario always wanted to play. Once his mother asked him to go get her some groceries from the shop, he went straight away.

Mario was _____ when he accepted to go shopping.

It is beautiful to _____!

6.4 I can be Simon

Sometimes in our life we suffer because we help others. We have to give from our time or possessions. Other times we suffer because others do not appreciate all that we do.

1. Read this story and discuss these questions with your friends.



Mark never knew why his sister Melanie always received more attention from his parents than him. He felt rejected. Melanie required a lot of attention. Although he felt this way he still always did what was needed of him.

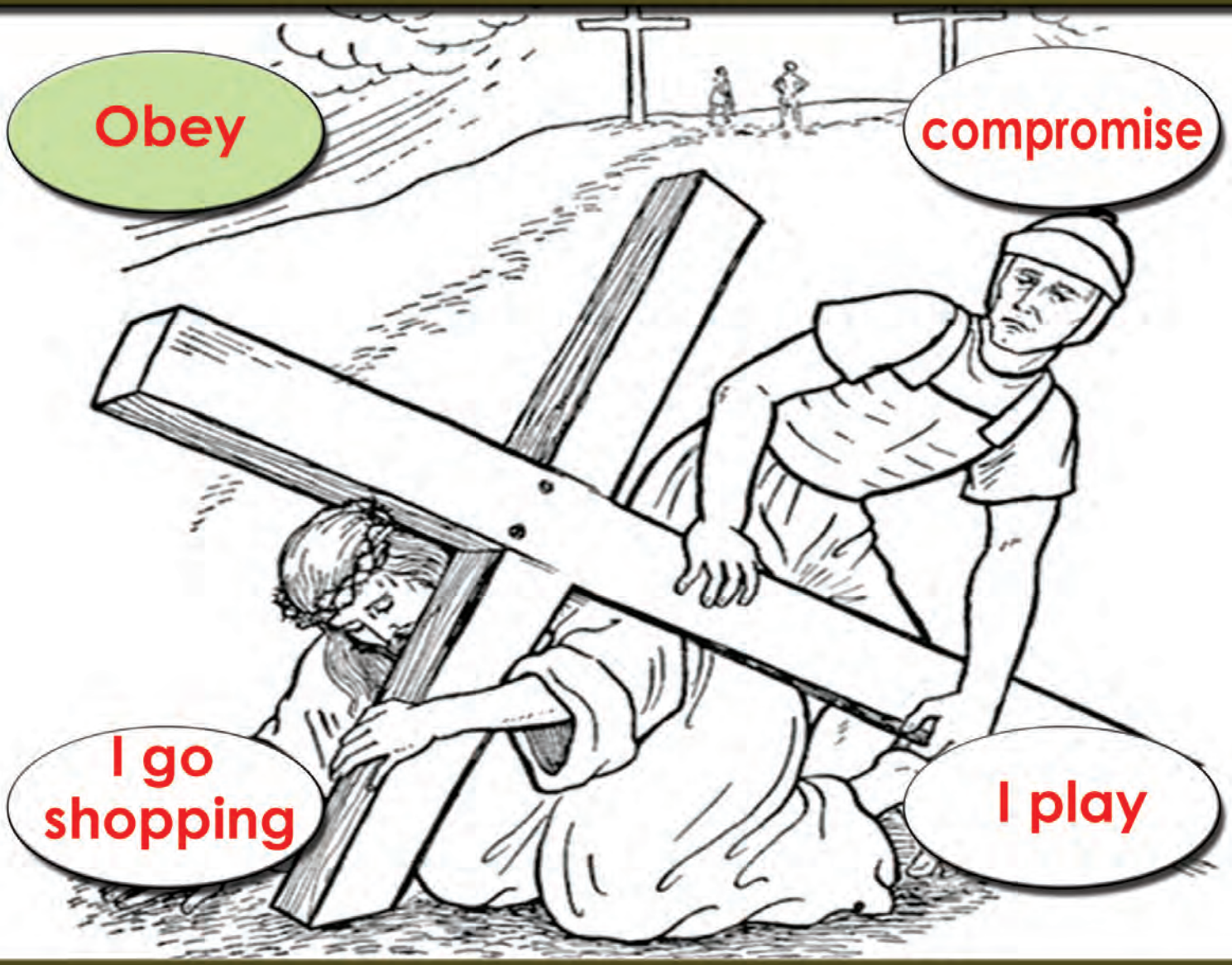
Discuss with your friends.

1. Do you think Mark was right to think he was rejected?

2. Do you think Mark's mother rejected him?

3. Why was Mark right in helping out when he was needed.

2. Simon definitely suffered when he carried the cross for Jesus. From the list, choose the things you also suffer when you do them. When done colour.



Today we discuss and learn this:



Alison was invited to a party. Her mother was sick, so Alison did not go and stayed home to help her mother.

Alison was _____.

It is beautiful to _____!

6.5 Standing beneath the cross

Our Lady stayed with Jesus through the whole process. She saw him suffer, she saw the soldiers being cruel to him and she saw him die on the cross.

1. In this space write a prayer to Our Lady for the needs of someone who is suffering.



Prayer to Holy Mary

2. Colour this picture.



Today we discuss and learn this:



Uncle Paul was very sick and passed away. Grandma cried a lot for him.

I felt that I need to _____ for uncle Paul.

It is beautiful to _____ for the dead!

6.6 They found the stone slab moved and an empty tomb

It was Sunday morning when Jesus rose from the dead. The stone that closed the tomb was moved aside and the tomb was empty.



1. Read the gospel of Saint Luke. Arrange the story of how Jesus rose from the dead.



1. They found the stone moved from the entrance and the tomb empty.

2. Two men asked: "Why are you looking for, someone who is alive amongst the dead?".

3. They also told them "he is not here but he is risen".

4. On the first day of the week, some women came to the tomb with perfumes that they had prepared.

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2. On Easter we give eggs because Jesus left the tomb and was alive. Colour the eggs that show what Jesus did when he rose from the dead.



Jesus in his Glory









Today we discuss and learn this:



Peter ran to his mum as he wanted to tell her what Jesus said to the apostles when he appeared to them.

Peter told his mother "_____ be with you".

It is beautiful to bring _____ !

7 I AM SORRY





7.1 I do what I promise

God promised to send
Jesus amongst us and so he did.
So to grow up properly
I have to always keep my word.

1. Fill in the blanks by choosing the words from the boxes.

emotions • happy • Jesus • ~~role~~ • promise

1. We have a role in the group we are in.

2. We feel _____ when someone keeps his word and fulfills his _____.

3. We need to pay attention to people's _____ when we promise something.

4. God promised us that he would send _____ and that is what he did.

2. Discuss with your friends what the pictures are showing. Write the correct sentence in the blank space.

I show that I am sorry for what I did • I share what I have with others



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Today we discuss and learn this:



Abraham always promised his friends that he would lend them his books. They lend him theirs, but he never kept his promise.

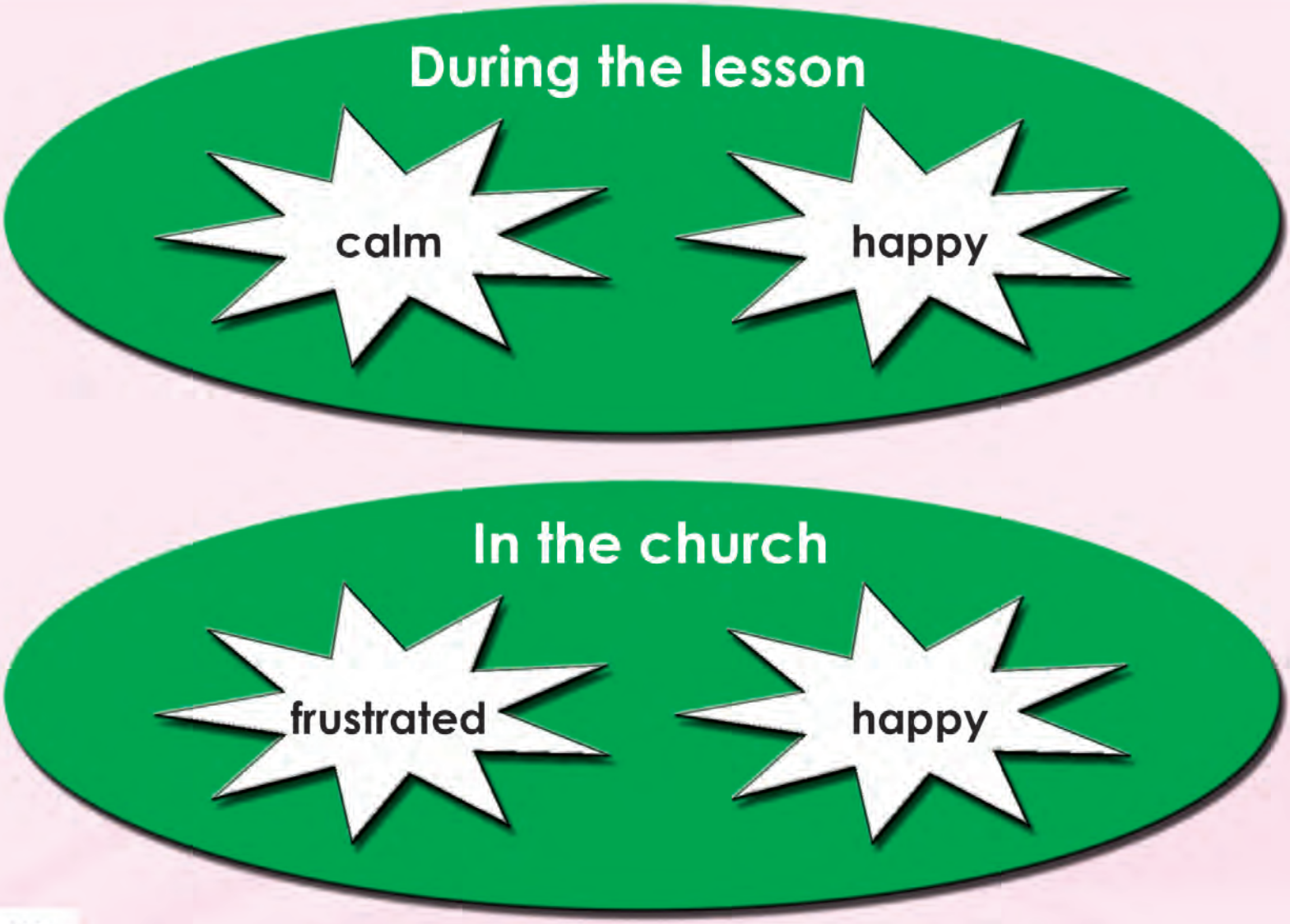
Abraham did not _____ by getting books from his friends.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

7.2 How do we feel?

During the day we are in different places. There are places where we feel better than others. This is because the people around us help us or interfere with the way which makes us feel good.

1. Colour the stars that show how we feel. Discuss with your friends.



2. We do our work not to be unhappy. Mark.

	Stay with who is lonely.	Right	Wrong
	Don't help others.	Right	Wrong
	Go buy milk for my grandmother.	Right	Wrong

Today we discuss and learn this:



Alison was new in class. Cathy made fun of her because she did not speak Maltese well.

No one should make _____ of others.

It is a beautiful thing _____!



7.3 Behave well

Our behaviour shows if we are well behaved or not!
Good Christians behave well with others.

1. Mark the well behaved or not by drawing a sad or happy face.

1. He threw a tantrum because his mum did not want to buy him a toy.
2. In church he was very attentive.
3. I went to help my father because he asked me to.
4. She tore the booklet because her teacher told her to correct her work.

2. Write a note to who takes care of you to tell them that you are going to try and be more well behaved.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Patrick woke up and did not want to go to church. His mother told him that if he goes she would buy him a pizza. He went to church straight away.

Patrick was not well _____ because he went thanks to the offer of a pizza.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

7.4 We work not to say 'no' to Jesus

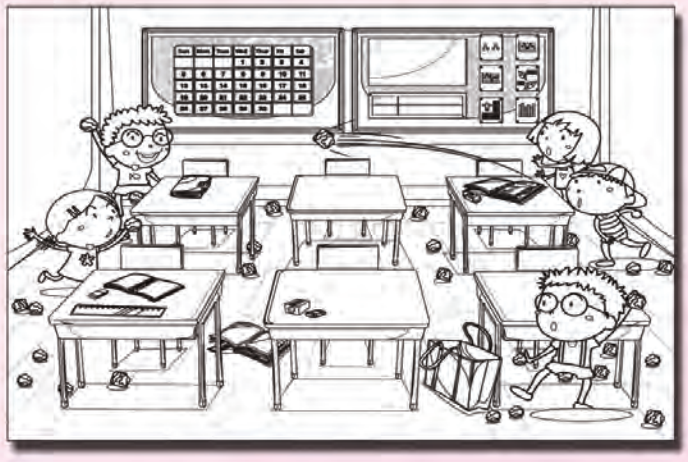
When Jesus was living, many people said 'yes' to him but there were others who said 'no'.

1. Discuss what you are seeing in the pictures. Colour the pictures that are saying 'yes' to Jesus.











2. Fill the blanks.

1. When we let down others, we are also letting down J_____.

2. We have to be children who tell Jesus 'y_____' in all that he asks of us.

3. When I quarrel with my siblings, but feel sorry after, Jesus f _____ me.

4. We should always try to show r_____ towards those around us.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Anna was proud of her mother. But then she would never help her and always found excuses.

Anna did not really _____ her mother.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

7.5 The parable of the two brothers



In the parable of the two brothers we see that sometimes we are not well behaved because we do not obey.

1. Place the sentences after each other using numbers.

1. The father wanted his sons to go to the fields. ☐
2. The elder son said that he was not going to go, but then he did go. ☐
3. The younger said that he was going to go, but then he did not go. ☐
4. Once there was a father who had two boys. 1
5. He called his elder son and asked him to go to the field. ☐
6. He called his younger son and asked him to also go to the field. ☐

2. Match the sentences

The two brothers had to	always in good things.
It is not right to tease before	obey instantly.
We have to obey	we obey.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Charlotte was smart and clean and her teacher always praised her. Charlotte would thank them and keep on behaving.

Charlotte was trying to _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

7.6 It is not always easy to obey

The two brothers in the story did not truly know what it means to obey. This is because neither of them did what was asked of them to do instantly.

1. Look at these sentences and choose if the children are obeying or misbehaving.

	Angry = A	Obeying = O
1. Jane shouted at her friend because she hit her by accident.	A	
2. Jeff did not play with his sister because she did not let him see the programme he wanted.		
3. Ariana accepted her friend's apology when she took her ball.		
4. Frank helped his friend although he made fun of him because he studies and doesn't waste time.		

2. Colour the boxes with capital letters.

W	a	H	n	E	d	N	z	I	x
O	d	B	l	E	h	Y	f	J	t
E	v	S	o	U	a	S	h	R	i
E	a	A	n	L	d	L	a	Y	p
H	a	A	d	P	d	P	r	Y	q
W	n	I	n	T	H	z	M	d	E

When _____

_____

_____

Today we discuss and learn this:



Every morning Aldo would go buy the newspaper for the old man who lived near him. Aldo would share the sweets the old man gave him with his friends.

Aldo was _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

7.7 We realise and change our way

In our life it is not the first time that we realise that what we have done is not right. So we have to change our way.

1. Write the number that goes with each letter.

1-w 2-e 3-p 4-v 5-a 6-h 7-c 8-n 9-f
10-i 11-r 12-g 14-o 15-t 16-s 17-t

1	2		6	5	4	2
W	E				V	

3	2	5	7	2
		A		E

I	6	2	8		1	2
W					W	

11	2	16	3	2	7	15
		S			C	

2	5	7	6		14	17	6	2	11
		C			O				R

Now write the sentence in these lines.

_____

_____

_____

2. What should I do before I act. Colour the correct ones.

Do what I want.	Listen to what I am told.	I complain after.
Obey.	I ignore everyone.	I understand the need to help.

Today we discuss and learn this:



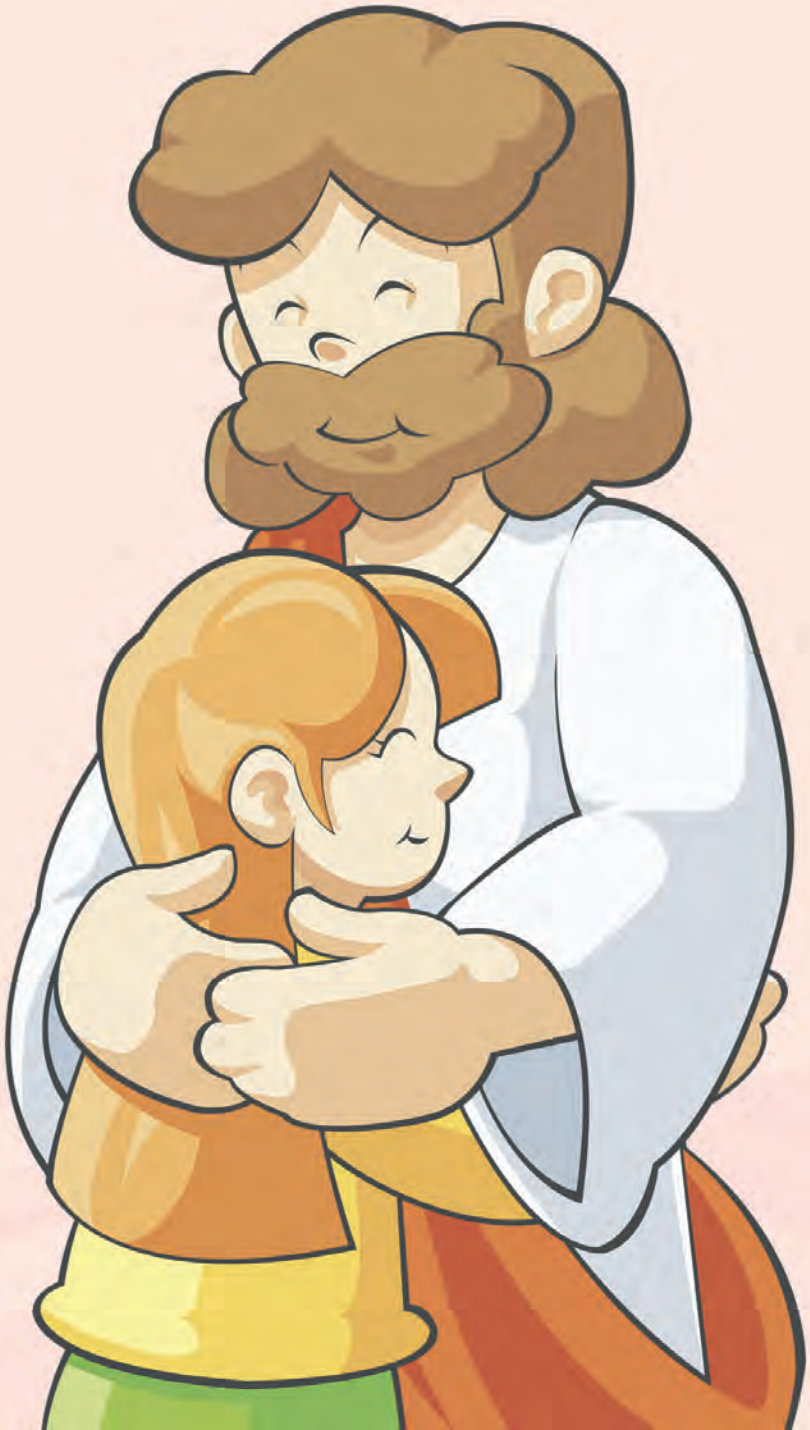
Matthew realised that he got really angry when he stamped his feet. He decided to change his life and become better.

On thinking Matthew realised that _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

7.8 Going in the right direction

Jesus was an exemplary and obedient boy because everything his parents asked of him he did. This is not always easy.



1. Look at these pictures and discuss when it is easy (E) and when it is difficult (D).

E











2. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

Jesus • ~~path~~ • behave

1. When we say 'no' to those who want the best for us, we are not on the right path.

2. When we say 'no' to good things, we are ignoring _____.

3. We need to _____ to be more like Jesus.

Today we discuss and learn this:



"Who is proud will suffer!" said Jason's mother to Jason. Jason kept thinking about what his mum told him.

Jason did well to _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

8 THE PEOPLE AROUND US



8.1 Happy to be together

In life there are many things that can make us happy for a short time. There are other things that make us happy throughout our lives.

1. Discuss together with your friends all the things that come to your mind when you think of the word 'HAPPINESS'.





2. Place the words below in the correct column.

1. Participate in the celebration of mass.
2. Getting new toys.
3. I travel to Disneyland.
4. I have friends I can trust.

Happiness	True Happiness
	1

Today we discuss and learn this:



Neville had his birthday and invited his friends. Everyone came except Peter. He was not going to the party as he could not afford a present. Neville called him and asked him to come just the same.

Neville was truly _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

8.2 Save me

In our lives we sometimes pass through difficult times. But, if we look carefully, we will find Jesus in every difficulty we have.

1. To find out what Jesus wants from us when we are in difficulty, follow these points:

1) cross off with a pencil all the words that begin with w.

2) cross off with a pencil all the words that show a colour.

3) cross off all the words that have to do with water.

4) Colour in yellow the words that a remaining and write them in order in the lines below.

writing	tap	never	green
red	give	winning	orange
walking	wonder	bottle	up

in difficult times _____.



2. Read the story and after discuss the questions.

Jesus and the apostles were on a boat. All of a sudden there was a storm. Water started going into the boat.

3. Choose the correct one to continue the story.

1. The apostles were very (happy / scared).
2. Jesus was (asleep / awake).
3. The apostles woke Jesus up to (eat / save them).
4. Jesus (calmed / raised) the sea and it got very calm.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Sandra loved playing with her parents, but would grumble because she didn't have a lot of toys.

Sandra needs to be _____ with what she has.

It is beautiful thing _____!

8.3 Look a little bit further

Sometimes we don't even notice certain things that would be happening around us. We see a lot of people suffering but we don't even realise they are also part of our family.

1. Look at the pictures and then choose the best answer.



These children are sometimes unhappy because.....

1. They don't live in a palace. ☐
2. They don't have enough food. ☑



This rich man looks un-happy because....

1. He has to go to work. ☐
2) He is selfish, he always wants more and he does not help others. ☐



Why do you think these children are happy just the same?

_____

_____

_____



What does this man need to be happy again?

_____

_____

_____

Today we discuss and learn this:



Peter knew how to play the piano well. He had a lot of concerts. But he missed a lot of Catechism lessons. So he learned very little about Jesus.

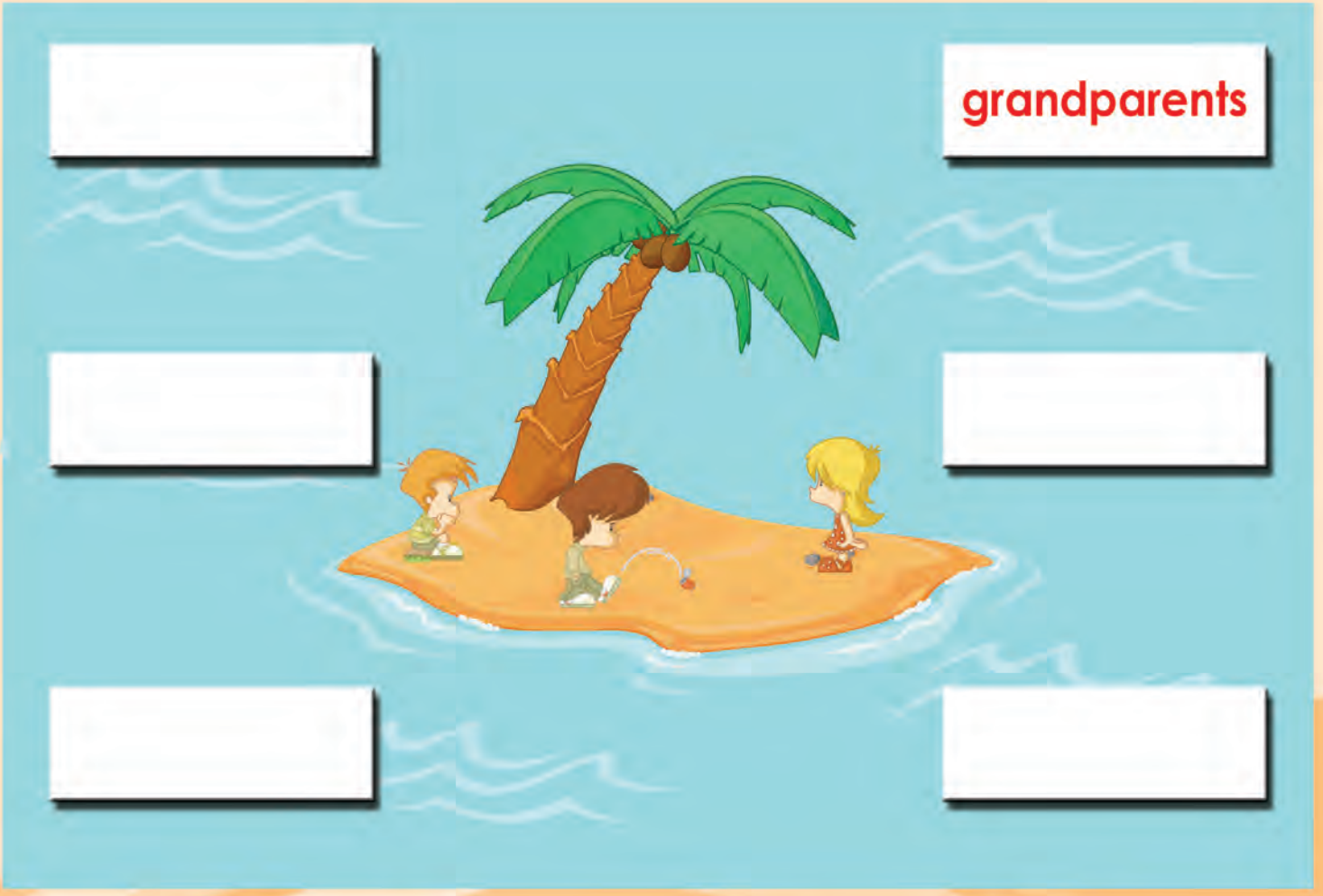
Peter needed to _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

8.4 Who is helping us grow?

Who knows what life would be like if we lived alone on an island? What would life be like without all the people around us?

1. What would we lack if we had to live on an island away from people? Discuss with your friends and fill the blanks.



2. How can we show appreciation for all that these people have done for us.
Write the number near the correct picture.
There are two sentences for each picture.

1



2



We help in house work without complaining.	2
We pay attention during lessons and we participate.	
When somebody corrects us we do not get angry.	
We do our homework properly and neatly.	

Today we discuss and learn this:



Patrick was very poor as his father was very sick. Patrick was happy just the same because he knew his mother did all that she could for them.

Patrick was _____ boy.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

8.5 Our rights and duties

We often argue because someone does not give us what we deserve. But then we do not seem to care about what we should do to others.

1. Read and fill in the blank with the correct word.

a) We have r_____ when we have people who:

- love us,
- take care of us and provide us with good food,
- teach us what is right
- listen to what we have to say.

a) We Have d_____ when:

- we take care of the things around us,
- we help and tell the truth,
- do our very best to learn,
- listen to what others say.

2. Colour the rights with the colour yellow and the duties with the colour blue.

Rights

Things we expect from others.

Duties

Things that we have to do for others.

1. We should help our parents and anyone we see in need.
2. We feel happy when others love us.
3. We need to thank God for all he gave us.
4. We need to obey our parents, grandparents and teachers.
5. We need someone to take good care of us.
6. We pay attention so we can learn as much as possible.

Today we discuss and learn this:



Chris always wanted things but never thought about what he should do. You could not even enter his room. It was too dirty.

Chris needed to understand_____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!



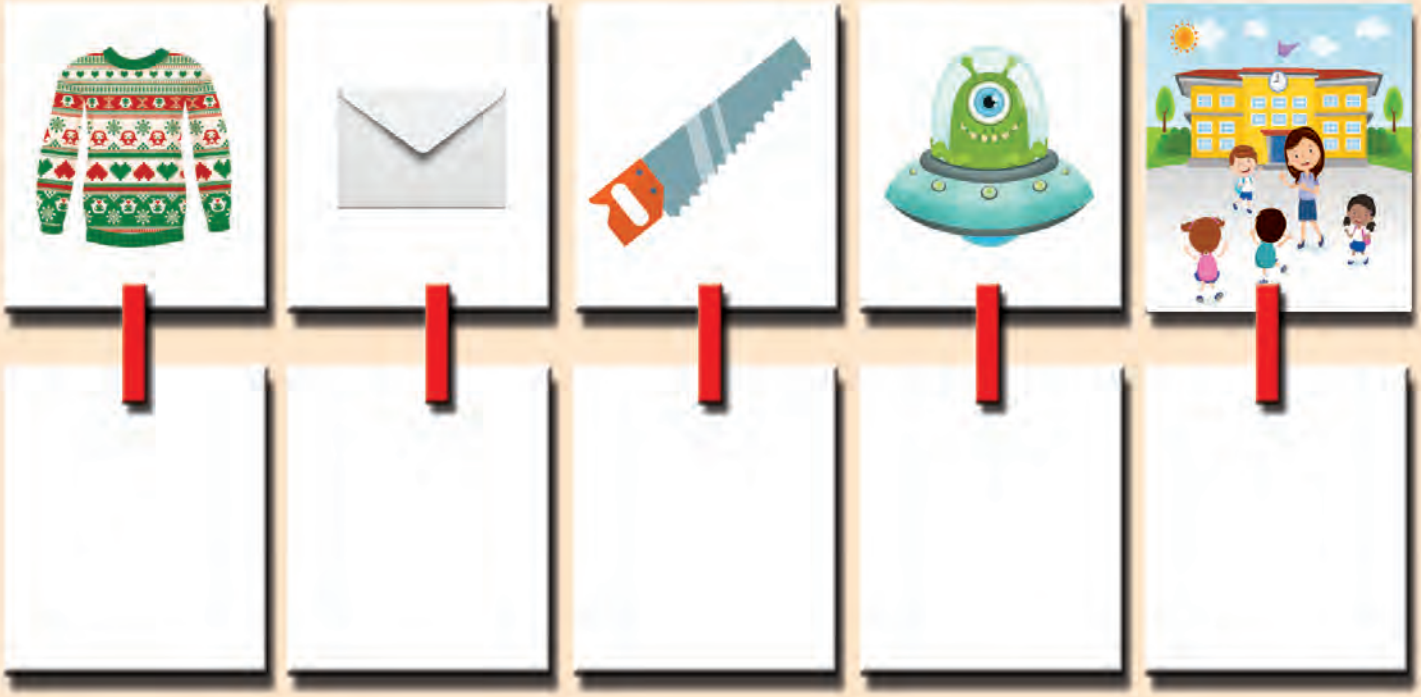
What does God want from us?

In the Bible we find everything we need to live a good life and be able to go to heaven.

1. Find out who it is that gave us all this by writing the first letter from what you see in the picture.

Example 

B ← because the picture is showing a bottle

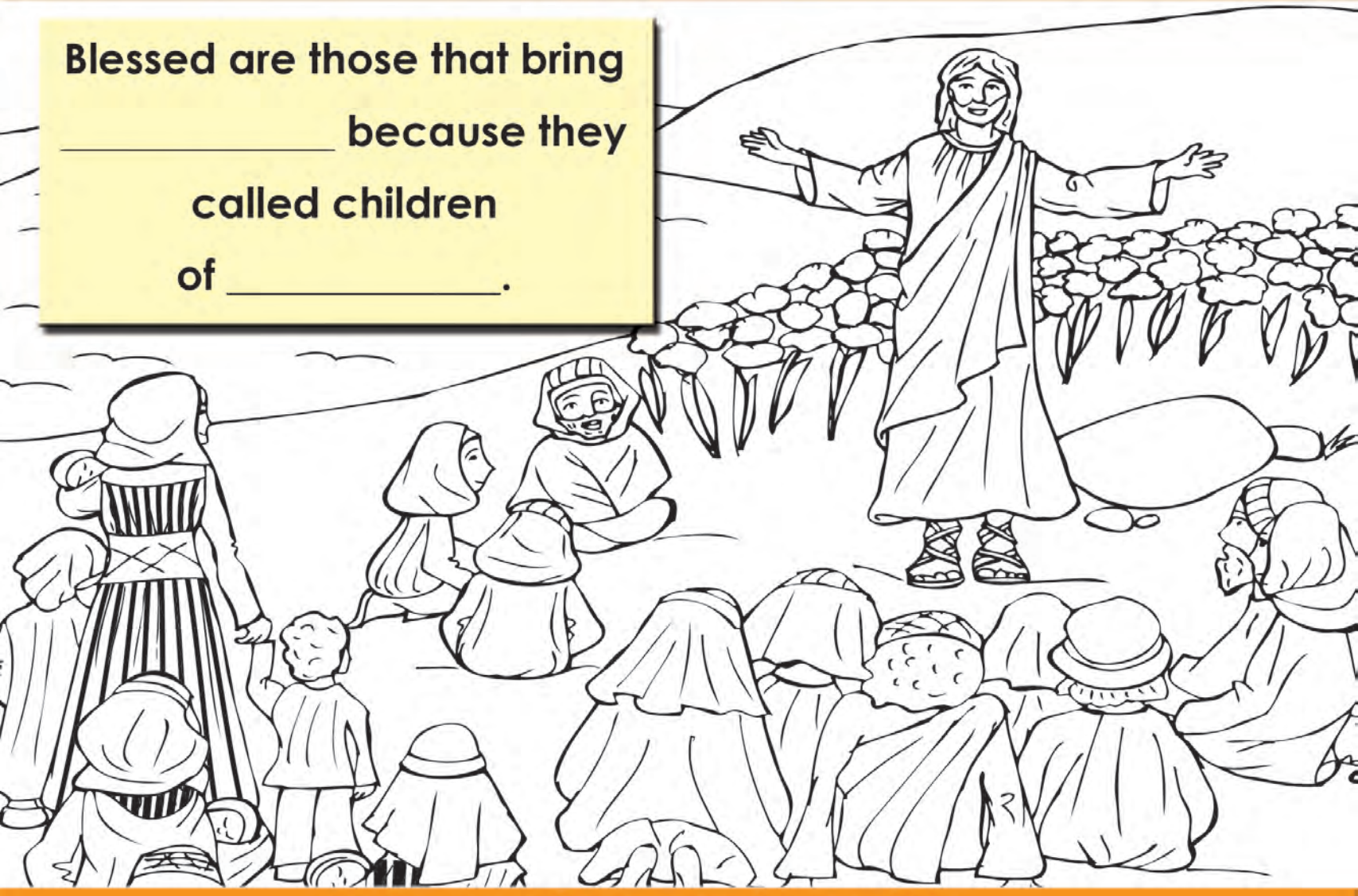


2. What do you think you should write

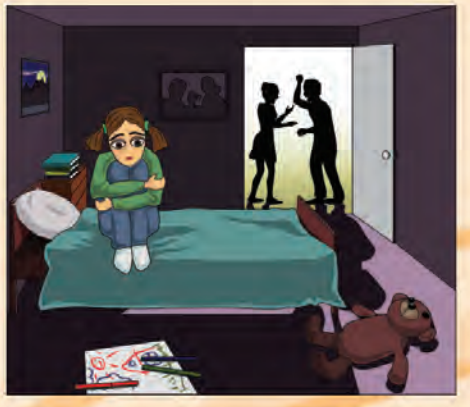
With Jesus we are always _____

3. Colour the picture of Jesus teaching the Beatitudes.

Blessed are those that bring _____ because they called children of _____.



Today we discuss and learn this:



Carl was happy living in a family of three brothers. The family next door was always arguing and it was never quiet.

It is so ugly _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

8.7 Be merciful to others

It is not easy to be merciful. To be merciful, sometimes, you have to do away with the things you love, or give up what us close to your heart.

1. How can we be merciful to others?
Write the number of the sentence in the right box near each picture.









1. See why he is crying and help him.
2. Go next to him and ask him to come play with you and your friends.
3. Help them by giving them some of your clothes or toys.
4. Call him or send a card that you made yourself.

2. Read this story and discuss.

Story A: Martha always loved animals, yet she was very afraid of dogs. On a day while on her way to Museum, Martha heard a dog whining in pain. She saw one in pain because it was hit by a car. Martha did not know what to do as she could not take it home as they did not have enough money or space for a dog. Martha still wanted to help him.

What can Martha do as to help the dog?

She could

_____

We should love animals because

_____

Today we discuss and learn this:



George and his mother got on the bus. When they got on they sat down. Shortly afterwards an old lady came up. George got up and gave her his seat.

George was _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!

8.8 We need each other

In life it is very difficult to do everything alone. At some time or other we need help, or else we will need to give help ourselves.



1. Underline the correct answer.

1. I did not understand the homework the teacher gave me.

a. Do not do your homework.

b. You ask the teacher to explain it to you again.

ċ. Answer randomly.

2. Your friend looks very unhappy.

a. You tell him to get up and come play with you.

b. You ignore him.

ċ. You ask him what is wrong and listen to him.

3. Your friend's bread fell on the floor and she has nothing else to eat.

a. You give her a piece of your bread.

b. You throw away her dropped food.

ċ. You tell the teacher what happened.

2. Match the sentences.

I can help the poor by	obeying immediately.
We can work like a team by	giving clothes and food.
I can help my parents by	listening and helping each other
I can make a lonely person happy by	spending some time with her

Today we discuss and learn this:



Gerald helped because he would say: " I am very happy when people help me, so I do the same".

Gerald was _____.

It is a beautiful thing _____!



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