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GETTING THERE TOGETHER

It could be that we view Religious Education at a school as only being there for exam purpose after we have studied by heart all that we have heard about God. But surely we don't learn Religious Education only with this aim in mind. This could be boring and we would prefer to study something else. But we study Religious Education so that with the knowledge and experiences gained we will be able to become better persons. At the same time we will help each other in loving God and live in harmony whatever the differences amongst us.

The title of this book: 'Getting there together' shows that we are coming from different backgrounds and so carrying different experiences which are all fruitful. If we learn how to live these experiences we will grow into better persons, enriching ourselves and the environment we live in. The experiences of our friends and of those who are close to us are important as well. All this will also help us appreciate the good in others. All these experiences can be compared to a cake having different ingredients with each one being equally important to bring the best in the cake. In life no one is an island, being cut off from the rest. But we are together.

To live together we not only need to accept each other, but also need to be careful of what we say or do. When we hurt others let us show that we are sorry. This helps in living in peace with everyone. This is not easy and we won't make it alone. We will make it with the help of others and with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is ready to help us whenever we ask for His help.

Rev. Dr. Carl Mario Sultana

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THE JOY OF BEING TOGETHER



1.1 The Holidays are over!

We have gone through a lot of experiences during the holidays. These experiences fill up our lives. If we are careful through them we will become better persons.

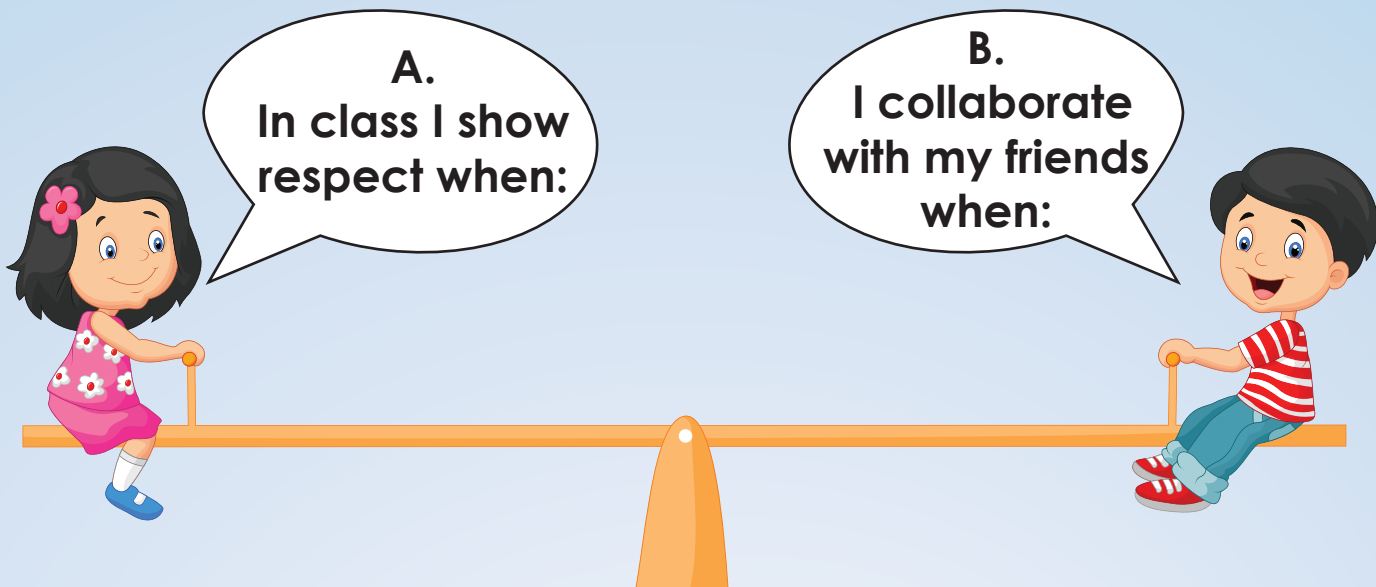
Activity 1

Look at the picture and discuss it with your friends. What do you think is the feeling that these children are experiencing?



Activity 2

Jesus is happy when we are happy. He wishes that we collaborate and respect each other. This makes life worth living.



1. I try to understand my classmates

2. _____

1. _____

2. _____

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Talk about your experiences with your classmates.

Thank you Jesus _____

because _____

1.2 All our experiences are gifts!

All our life experiences are gifts. Some are nicer than others. But we need them all because they all help us to become better persons.

Activity 1

Read the story



Nathan, a 8 year old boy moved house. It was summer and so Nathan found himself alone and without friends. He wished to find someone to play with. While alone he thought of the many times he quarreled with his friends, wanted to have his way and so disrupt games. He started feeling sorry for all that he had done. One day, Jamie his new neighbor invited him to his house. Nathan was really pleased. He promised himself that he was going to change his ways.

Discuss:

- a) What does this experience show?
- b) How do you think Nathan took this experience?
- c) How can the people around us help us to become better?



Activity 2

Fill in around the word 'Collaboration' the qualities that we should change. One has been done for you.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



We do not always thank or praise the Lord
for all those around us.

Lord Jesus, we are really pleased

1.3 I am not an island

I live with other people who take care of me and help me. With their help I can grow into a better person. Not all the people help me in the same way. There are those who give me good advice, those who are priceless because they serve as good example to me.

Activity 1

Discuss and match.

1

I need to tolerate
and respect

with beliefs different
from mine

2

I should believe in
and respect those

Everyone, whatever
their beliefs.

3

To tolerate means

If I take good advice.

4

I grow up properly

Leaving everybody
to express oneself.

Activity 2

Not everyone is like me or has the same beliefs
as I have.



We agree on these	
1	<hr/> <hr/>
2	<hr/> <hr/>



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Jake used to quarrel a lot with his
grandparents. They were always ready to
embrace him and discuss with him his
behavior?

A good quality in the grandparents was

Lord Jesus, thank you

1.4 Being different but being friends

I share my life with the people around me. We have to work together, appreciate each other and give in to each other. This will make us all happy .

Activity 1

Mark where you agree and where you don't.



	Agree	Disagree
1. Everybody has good qualities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. We have people around us who hinder us from living well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. People who love us leave us to do what we like.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Jesus shows us what it means to really love.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. It is not right to obey what our guardians tell us to do.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discuss and mark in the star

Activity 2

1, tolerance • 2. Togetherness • 3. Respect



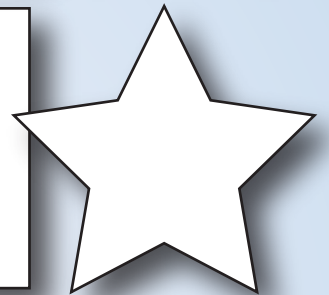
Although the bell rang, the teacher continued to explain to Mark a sum which he has not as yet grasped.



Ahmud, an Arabic said that he goes to the Mosk to pray. We explained that the place where we as Christian pray is called church.



The football team had to go in together for the match. We waited for Mark who has not yet turned up.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Saint John Bosco taught that if we want to be happy we _____

Lord Jesus, we do not always _____

1.5 The Bible helps us to live better.

Our house rules help us to live in harmony with each other. At school we also have rules that guide us to learn and advance in life. God also gave us the Bible which serves as a guide for us to live at peace with ourselves and with God.

Activity 1

Fill in with the right word.

New • Bible • Old • Holy • Evangelists • God

The _____ presents the story of Salvation. It is divided into two. The _____ Testament and the _____ one. In the New Testament we find the life of Christ written by the four _____. These were helped to write what _____ wanted through the help of the _____ Spirit.



Activity 2

Discuss and match the Evangelists with their symbol.

St. Matthew • St. Luke • St. John • St. Mark



cow



lion



eagle



angel

Saint Luke

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Before writing the Bible, the Evangelists asked and prayed. Before doing something we need to do the same.

Thank you Jesus for _____

1.6 The Holy Spirit really helps us!

After Jesus died, the apostles gathered together to help as one community. They felt the need to support each other because they were really afraid, now that Jesus was gone. But Jesus was not going to leave them alone. He sent them the Holy Spirit.

Activity 1

Finish the sentences.

1. The apostles were gathered together.
2. They were afraid _____.
3. All of a sudden they heard the strong howling wind
4. On their heads _____
and they were filled with courage.
5. They went out and preached _____.

Activity 2

Discuss and write two names of apostles.



Mark how you think these two apostles felt.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Happy	courageous	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Troubled	Confused	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Courage really helps us to do great things

Jesus, we thank you for sending us the

in Pentacoste.

1.7 I share what I have with you

With our good qualities we help others unite as well. When we respect each other and when we are honest we show that we are following Jesus.

Activity 1

What can we do so that the people around us live as a family?



The year four class had two new comers. They were seated near Kurt who started to befriend them .The rest of the class did not seem to care about them. Kurt started a conversation with them and they became friends. They talked about Malta and about Hungary and Etiopia, their birth places. Yuri and Khaled even brought some pictures to show to Kurt. With the teacher's permission all three of them worked on a presentation which they showed to the rest of the class. Everyone was really amazed.

a) When we encounter people from other countries we should

b) Kurt, Yuri and Khaled deserved to be praised because

c) After the presentation, the rest of the class felt

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Jesus knows our hearts. So we have to work on having a pure heart.

Lord Jesus help me to

1.8 Never give up!

When we find difficulty to understand something or when our friends quarrel with us, we feel lost. This is the time when we need help. This is the time we need courage to go on.



Activity 1

Discuss and answer.

Story 1

John is an old man who lives alone. He finds it difficult to go out. Many times Mark would ring John's door bell and then escape. Jamie on the other hand runs errands for him and finds great joy in sharing sweets with John which his mother used to make.

Who needed help?

Who was actually helping out?

We have to be like _____
so that _____

One good quality that Jamie had was

Discuss and answer.

Activity 2

Story 2

Rashid comes from Pakistan and so he is without friends. Abigail decided to talk to him and stay with him during break. So Rashid and Abigail became great friends and they learned a lot from each other.

Who was in need of some help?

Who was helping out?

We have to try to be like _____
so that _____

Abigail's good quality here was



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Who are the missionaries? They are those that help wholeheartedly. We have to be missionaries as well.

Lord Jesus, help me to be _____

2

WORKING TO BE BETTER



2.1 The First Community

God wants everyone to feel special and to feel loved. So he gave us our first community. Jesus also had a family and he was happy in it. When someone shows us that he cares, we feel happy and so can appreciate more the beauty around us.

Activity 1

Discuss the word 'Community' and colour the words that go with it.

joy

help

egoism

solidarity

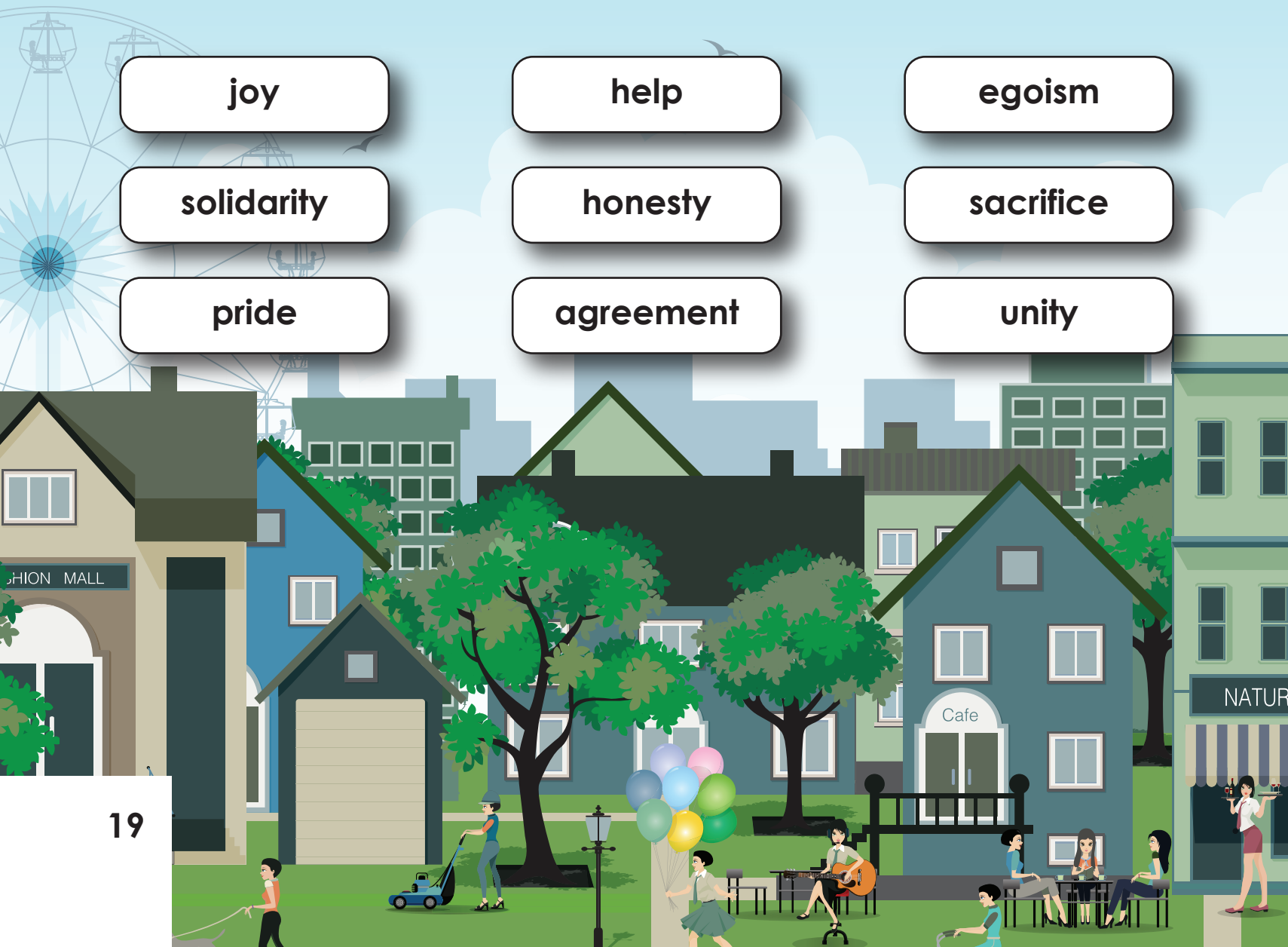
honesty

sacrifice

pride

agreement

unity



Activity 2

Look at the picture. Discuss and fill in.



This is the first community that we find ourselves in. The people in the picture are _____ of a family.

1. In a family there has to be _____.
2. The most important part of the picture is _____.
3. The heart shows _____.
4. In the family we give and _____.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray

When we think about all that we receive from those who look after us, we really have to thank God.



Lord Jesus thank _____

2.2 On our way to school and in the afternoon

We don't really imagine how lucky we are when in the morning we wake up, make the sign of the cross and know that at a certain time we will be going to school and in the evening we will be attending a catechism class or a sporting activity. In these communities we will be of different ages. We meet so that together we will become better persons.

Activity 1

What makes the school community one of unity, respect and joy? Discuss and colour the ones that fit.



Discuss and fill in with the right word.

Activity 2

Synagogue • God • Church • religious • Jesus

Amongst the many organizations that we go to after school, there are the _____ ones. Here we learn about _____ and the way we should live to be good Christians. These organisations are part of the church because the church with the help of these organisations helps us to get closer to _____ and to our neighbours. Jesus used to go to the _____ to learn and be with his peers as well.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Discuss the organizations that you attend. Share where you are finding yourself really great and where you are developing into a better person.

Lord Jesus I feel

2.3 Can you give me a helping hand please?

When we learn, we discover more of ourselves and so we learn to think, experiment and with a little bit of help we can make our choices. We attribute all this to God, who because he loves us, he gives us different kinds of help.

Activity 1

Discuss and write what help you are getting from these communities . Draw or use pictures of another community you attend





Activity 2

Not everybody agrees with me or believes what I believe.

1	At home we learn		and learn to respect each other even though we do not always agree.
2	From what we see and experience		we have to respect the way they live and what they believe in.
3	At school we learn		we learn how to look at life.
4	In class we listen to each other	1	to love and be loved.
5	We meet children coming from different cultures and		and support each other.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



At times when in the company of others we talk against one another.

Lord Jesus I wish

2.4 Worth more than gold!

Throughout his life, Jesus showed how precious it is to have someone who takes care of you. He showed us how to show gratitude towards all that is done for us.

Activity 1

There are many ways in which we can show respect. Discuss and colour the ones that fit.

If Jesus was among us, which words would we mark?

☐ I Congratulate. ☐

☐ Say 'Thanks'. ☐

☐ I lie. ☐

☐ I give in. ☐

☐ Work in a team. ☐

☐ I do what i want. ☐

☐ Listen to others. ☐

☐ Appreciate everyone. ☐

happy with what was done.

~~listen and accept others; opinions.~~

everybody has beauty in him.

my mistake.



When I work in a team I learn to listen and accept others' opinion

When I say sorry I admit _____

When I show appreciation for another's work I am _____

When I appreciate everyone, I believe that _____

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Jesus was one who also went to learn, so he himself has a lot to teach us.

Lord Jesus, I wish to be like you in

2.5 Nazareth – the village where Jesus lived

Jesus lived in his community in Nazareth. He lived a simple life amongst hard working people. From an early age he showed signs that he was eager to learn to discover his surroundings and help all those in need.

Activity 1

Jesus was a boy like us but he was without sin. What do you think Jesus did as a boy?



Discuss and match.

Activity 2



1

The most important place in Nazareth was

worship for the Jews..

2

The synagogue was a place of

the Rabbi.

3

The person who looks after the Synagogue was

on benches.

4

Important people used to sit

the Synagogue.

5

Poor people used to sit

on the floor.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Every Saturday, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, like any other Jewish family, used to go to the synagogue to pray and praise God. We also meet God in church.

Lord Jesus you are everywhere but
in _____

2.6 What do you see in the mirror?

Every child who is born has an identity. This makes us special and different from one another. It is important to know the things that make us unique. Do you think there is a resemblance between me and Jesus?

Activity 1

Stick your photo in the mirror. Under the mirror write down a good quality which makes you look like Jesus.



Activity 2

Jesus learnt from his family, from the synagogue and from his own environment. From where did you learn new things? Discuss.





Activity 3

Discuss and pray



We have a lot of children who do not want to learn or who do not have anyone to teach them.

Lord Jesus I wish _____

and so I pray to _____

2.7 God has a plan for you!

At times we find it difficult to discover what God wants from us. Sometimes we feel we are useless although we try.

Activity 1

After you listen to the story of Saint Joseph's from Copertino, fill in with the right word.

Joseph was from _____ in Italy. He was not good at _____ and even his _____ used to shun him. He started to believe that he was good for nothing. He did not know how to write or _____. He started to study the _____ trade but could not continue. When he wanted to become a _____ he was not accepted. Finally he went with some monks to take care of the _____. It was here that he decided to change his life. He started to study and in the end he succeeded to pass his _____ and he became a priest. He used to help a lot of people and he used to say; 'Have courage! God has a plan for you',

Activity 2

Discuss the incident when Jesus was lost in the temple. And after three days his mother and father found him in the temple amongst learned men. Write two adjectives to describe Jesus and another two to describe the learned people in the temple. Colour the picture.



Jesus:

Learned men:

Activity 3

Discuss and pray

A lot of children lose heart and lack behind. We have to help.

Lord Jesus _____



2.8 Growing in grace

We do not always understand why we have to learn and discover new things. We do not always understand that learning new things enable us to get to know ourselves better, learn to love God and others more.



Activity 1

Read this sentence from the Bible and discuss it with your friends.

Reading from
St. Luke
Verse 40

And the boy
grew up in
strength and in
wisdom
and God's grace
was with
him.

Activity 2

Look at these pictures and discuss the way these children are growing in wisdom and in grace.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray

We truly have to help each other.

Lord Jesus, give us the grace to



3

UNITED TOGETHER



3.1 We are family

We would really be overjoyed when we are far away from home and hear someone speaking our language. As Maltese we have things that unite us into a nation and as one big family.

Activity 1

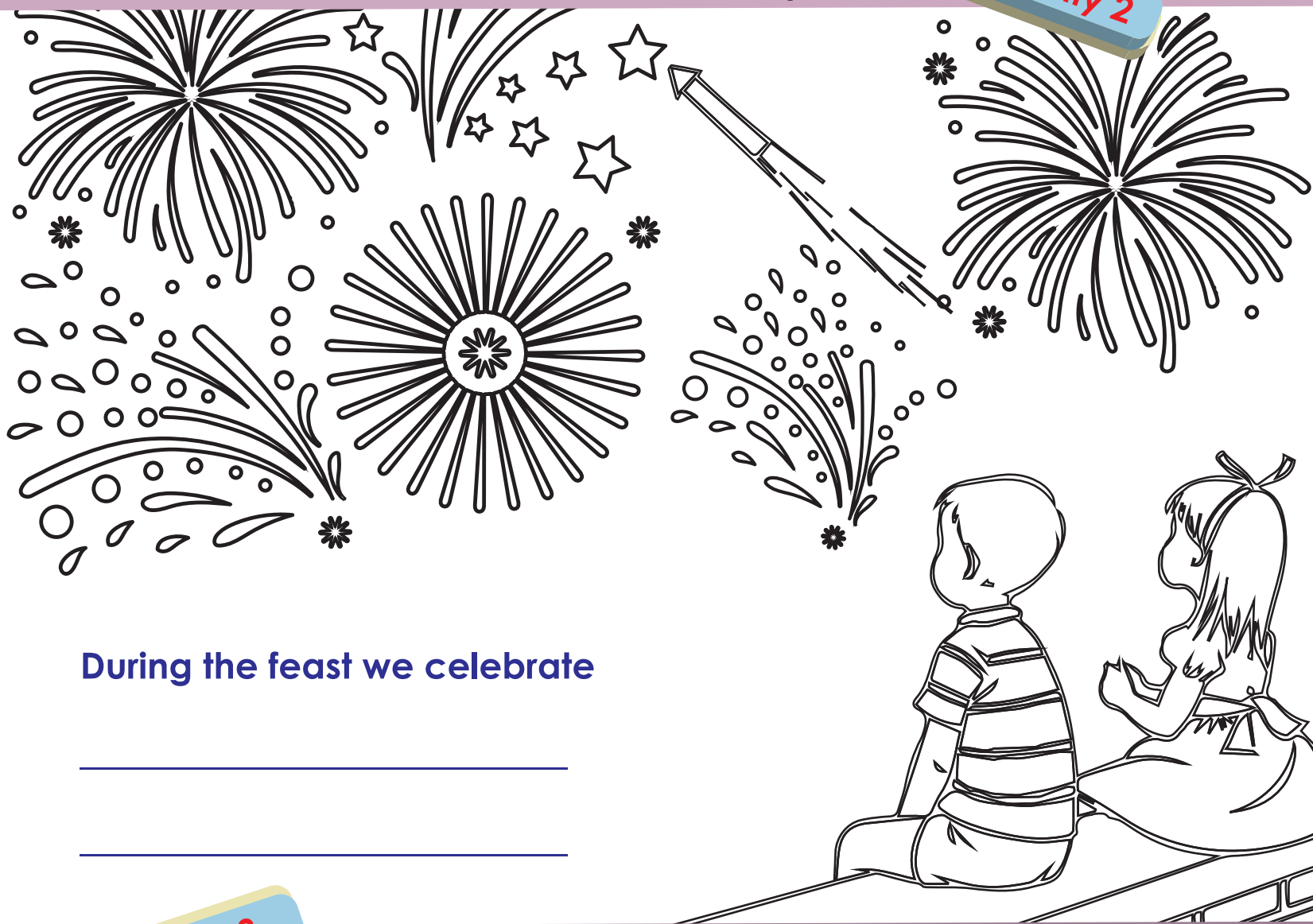
In this search a word find the many things that unite us as Maltese

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

flag
songs
temples
history
feasts
tradition
language
honey
culture
belief
procession

Colour this picture.

Activity 2



During the feast we celebrate

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Feasts are really beautiful and form part of our Maltese culture, When the feast is celebrated as it should, we really give an example of our Christian beliefs.

Lord Jesus by menas of the feasts

3.2 Maltese, but different

Around us we see people who live here but who have different ways of life and traditions. Jesus wants us to respect and love everyone.

Activity 1

Discuss how we can love one another as Jesus does.
Mark the good ones.

Respect their rights.

We only smile at them.

Accept their religious beliefs.

We keep them
at a distance.

We respect
them during play.

We learn about their traditions.



Activity 2

They brought a child before Jesus and he told his apostles ' he who accepts this little child will accept me.

1. Jesus wants us to
(respect, avoid)
everyone because
(in everyone, in some)
we see Jesus.
2. Thee little ones are those
(who are alone,
who are in need of
something)



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



The refugees are those people who have the same rights that we have. So we have to respect and love them.

Lord Jesus _____

3.3 His Endless love

When you love someone you feel the need to spend as much time as you can with the person. God loves us alot. So we need to find time to talk to him many times during the day.

Activity 1

Discuss and write.

In the boxes write what we need to tell Jesus to show that we love him. Colour the hands.

Thank you



1. I pray in a (quite, noisy) place to hear God speaking to me.
2. Prayer has to be (from the heart, words only).
3. (Songs, gossip) are a form of prayer.
4. When I make the sign of the cross I will be (praying, singing).
5. To pray you (need, don't need) to say a lot of words.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Jesus said" Where there are two or three praying in my name I will be amongst them'

Lord Jesus, help me to understand that




3.4 I meet him everyday

Many people like to pray. Praying means finding a quite place where you can talk to Jesus about your life. The Jews, the Catholics and the Muslims all pray.

Activity 1

Put these words under the right column



 Jews	 Catholics	 Muslims
	1	

	TRUE	FALSE
The Tefillin contains passages from the Torah.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Catholics believe that Holy Scripture was inspired by the Holy Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Jews have only the Old Testament, while Catholics have the New Testament as well. In it we find the life and teachings of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Muslims pray five times a day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
'Our Father' is a prayer that Jesus taught us.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Everyone has his own way of praying

Lord Jesus _____

3.5 The Holy Scripture

The Holy Scripture contains the Word of God. Here we find all that we need to know to lead a good life. Jewish children go to the synagogue to read and study the Holy Scripture.

Activity 1

Discuss the story of the Pharisee and the Publican and fill in with the given words.

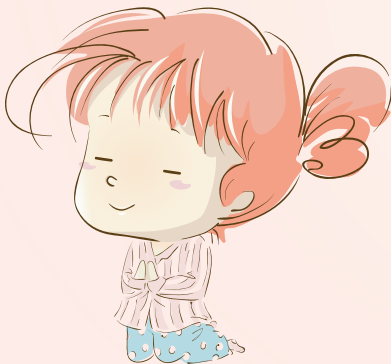
Two men went out to the _____ to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a Publican _____. The Pharisee sitting upright started to pray in his heart saying ' Lord _____ I thank you that I am not like other _____ thieves or like this Publican . In fact I fast twice a week and I _____ my taxes, The Publican from a distance did not even dare to look up to the _____ but in repentance he said "Lord god _____ me a sinner', I tell you, this Publican went home light hearted not like the Pharisee. For those who are proud will be _____ and those who are humble will be elevated".

sky
forgive
lowered
pay
temple
God
people

1. The Synagogue was the place the Jews used to pray and (study, write) the law.
2. This was done on (Saturday, Sunday).
3. Some Synagogues used to serve also as (schools, shops) for Jewish boys only.
4. Each boy from the age of 5 till (27, 13) used to go to the synagogue to study.
5. Jewish girls used to (go to school, stay at home) and be taught by their mothers.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



If we do not pray from the heart, pray would be useless.

Lord Jesus _____

3.6 We are all good people

We do not always see each other in a good light. We have to work on this, so that we will make the world we live in a better place for everybody.

Activity 1

Write Pharisee or Publican according to the given situation



Pharisee

I made a mistake please forgive me.

A cartoon illustration of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a white dress, kneeling on one knee with her hands clasped in prayer. A speech bubble from her says "I made a mistake please forgive me."

I am the Pharisee or the Publican?



Publican

1. When I respect my parents

2. When I realize I have to say sorry

3. When I do not treat everybody the same

4. I should not speak ill of anybody

5. Life is a gift from God

I would be working against unity.

because everybody has got his difficulties and his mistakes.

I would be realizing that I made a mistake.

so I should take care of myself.

1. I will be really loving them.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When we say what we want and do what we like, we would not be thinking of others.

Lord Jesus _____

3.7 The Apostles

A really good man who was a role model was Ewgenio Borg. Saint George Preca chose him and taught him, He later became the first General Superior of the Society of Christian Doctrine.

Activity 1

Discuss the life of Ewgenio Borg. Fill in the sentences with the given words.

Jesus – ~~Senglea~~ – Superior – George – humble –
MUSEUM – teach – apostle – shipyard – centres



Ewgenio Borg was born in Senglea. When he was old enough he went to work in a _____.

He did his work really well and some of his fellow workers used to call him the _____. He used

to teach all those around him. Saint _____

Preca choose him as the first General _____ of the Society. He opened many _____ besides that in Hamrun.

He was a really _____ person. He was always ready to _____ about _____.

Activity 2

Discuss and write 3 things that you can do to be like Ewgenio Borg.

I will calm people down when there is fighting.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



We do not always feel the need to be good and to help others. We need to do something on this.

Lord Jesus _____

3.8 A woman with a big heart

To be really good Christians, we do not only have to learn about Jesus, study and go to church. We have to realize that we have to put into practice all that we have learnt.



Activity 1

Learn about the life of Adelaide Cini .Discuss and colour the words that best describe this woman.



selfish

noble
hearted

humble

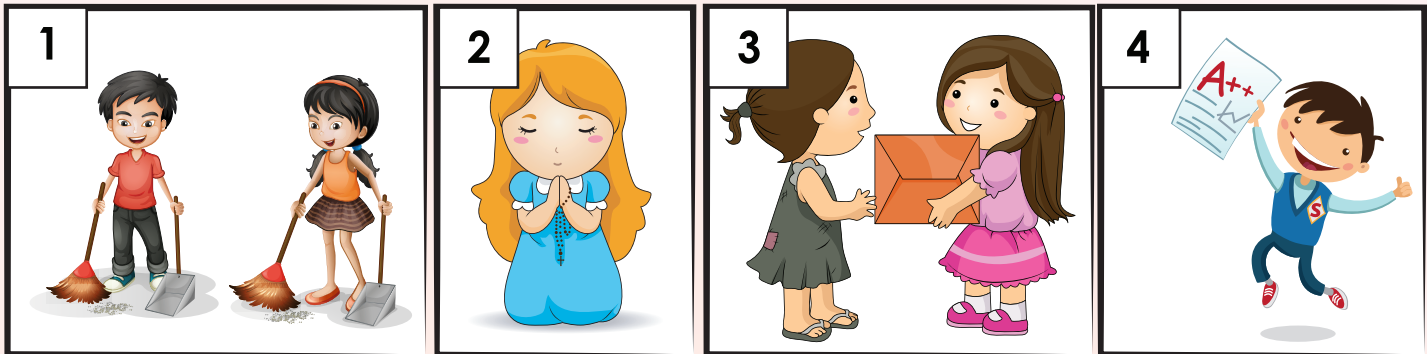
proud

generous

altruist

Activity 2

These children are all helping out in different ways.
Discuss and mark using the proper number.



Pray to God for help.

2

He tries to understand and let others do the same.

They help out.

She gives out some of hers.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



We meet people who need help. We have to
be sensitive to their needs.

Lord Jesus _____

4

LOOK A BIT FURTHER ON



4.1 What is poverty?

When a person does not have anything to eat and is homeless we say that, that person is poor.

Activity 1

Look at these pictures and discuss the types of poverty that you can see here.



Choose the right word.

Activity 2

1. Poverty brings (happiness, sadness).
2. We need to help as much as we can to (eradicate, strengthen) poverty.



No
education



Without
friends

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Poverty does not help so that people will be better. You and your friends, whom do you think you can help?

Lord Jesus I wish _____

4.2 Jesus was born in poverty

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus who was born in poverty. Christmas is celebrated in many countries around the world. But not all countries celebrate it in the same way.

Activity 1

Match the tradition with the right country.

1. They drink and eat in the streets. Father Christmas gives out the presents on the 6th January.

☐

France

2. Christmas is celebrated near the river because it is really very hot.

☐

Switzerland

3. Everybody goes to midnight mass. Father Christmas fills their socks with presents.

☐

1



Italy

4. Decorate the Christmas Tree with biscuits in the form of ginger bread man. They eat fish at Christmas.

☐

Australia

5. Dress up as Mary and Joseph and go out knocking on doors.

☐

South Africa

6. They celebrate Christmas near the sea in summer.

☐

Mexico

7. Christmas dinner is eaten on Christmas Eve. It consists of stuffed turkey or sea food.

☐

Spain

Activity 2

Christmas traditions.

The Christmas
tree originated

Father Christmas
originated

The first Crib
came from



The First Christmas
procession was held

in Malta

Activity 3

Discuss and pray

When we know exactly what we would be
celebrating, that would be a real Christmas.

Jesus I wish

4.3 Christmas really brings joy!

We feel something peaceful in the air when Christmas would be approaching. People would look happier because Christmas is really a time of peace and happiness.

Activity 1

I would really be happy when..... Fill in the musical notes and colour.

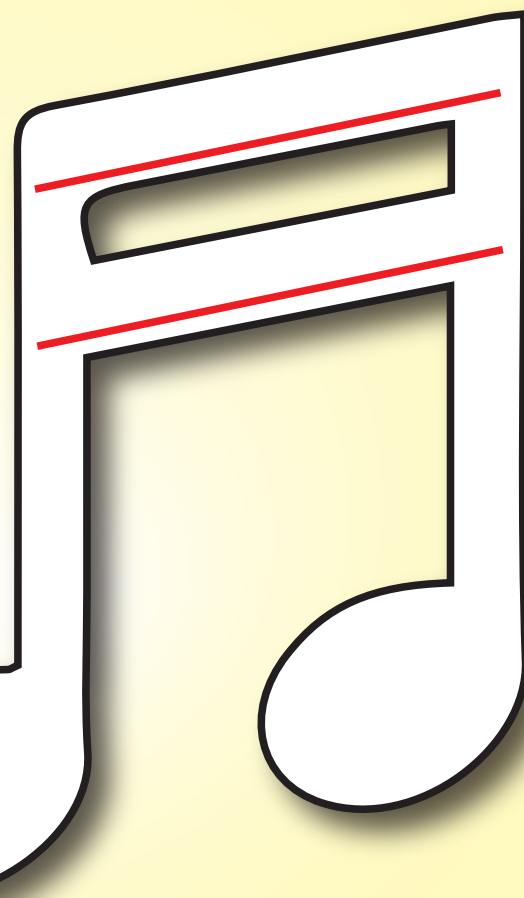
I often receive Holy Communion

I would party every day



Give help

Visit grandparents



Colour the picture.

Activity 2



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



The procession with Baby Jesus reminds us that we have to show Him to others by our deeds and actions.

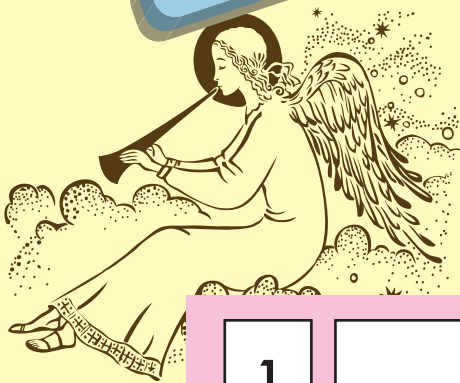
Baby Jesus _____

4.4 The story that changed our lives!

The birth of Jesus is an ever ending story, a story which changed our lives because it is a story of love, we feel love of our Heavenly Father who sent his Son Jesus amongst us to save us.

Activity 1

Put the story in order.



1

Mary and Joseph went to Betlehem to obey the order of Julius Céasar.

1

2

An Angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and told them: ; Fear not, for today I bring you tidings of great joy. Today your Savior is born.

3

They did not find a place to rest because there were so many people.

4

The shepherds hurried along and found Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in a manger.

Activity 2

Christmas is really a happy feast ifdiscuss and write under each picture.

Take part in the procession

We believe that poor people are our brothers and sisters as well

Jesus was born for all humanity



Jesus was born

for us all.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Let us look around us and see who needs help.
Let us pray for these people and help where we can.

Baby Jesus _____

4.5 We were really happy

The birth of Jesus brought happiness to Mary and to Joseph. Great happiness also accompanied those who saw him.

Activity 1

Choose the ones that show what the shepherds did at the time when they were given the good news.

1. They were surprised to see the bright light.
2. They continued to sleep.
3. They believed the angels.
4. They were filled with joy and set out to look for him.
5. They found him and kneeled before him.

☐☐☐☐☐

Angels - ~~Joseph~~ - Julius Céasar - shepherds - cave - Betlehem

I am from the city of David. On that day it was necessary for Mary and I travel to Betlehem.

Joseph

I am the city of David, here the Savior was born.

I ordered everyone in my kingdom to go to his birthplace and register there.

I offered shelter to Mary and Joseph.

I told the shepherds, ' You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and put in a manger.

We said . ' Let us go to Betlehem and see all that the Lord has showed us'.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Sometimes we forget that we can see and help Baby Jesus, because he is around us.

Baby Jesus _____

Look a bit further on

4.6 The poor and the rich get on well together

Jesus was born in poor conditions. But he met three rich wise men. These men, guided by a star went out in search of him.

Activity 1

Discuss and fill in with the right word.

homage - ~~east~~ - incense - homeland - gold - Herold -
Epiphany - gifts

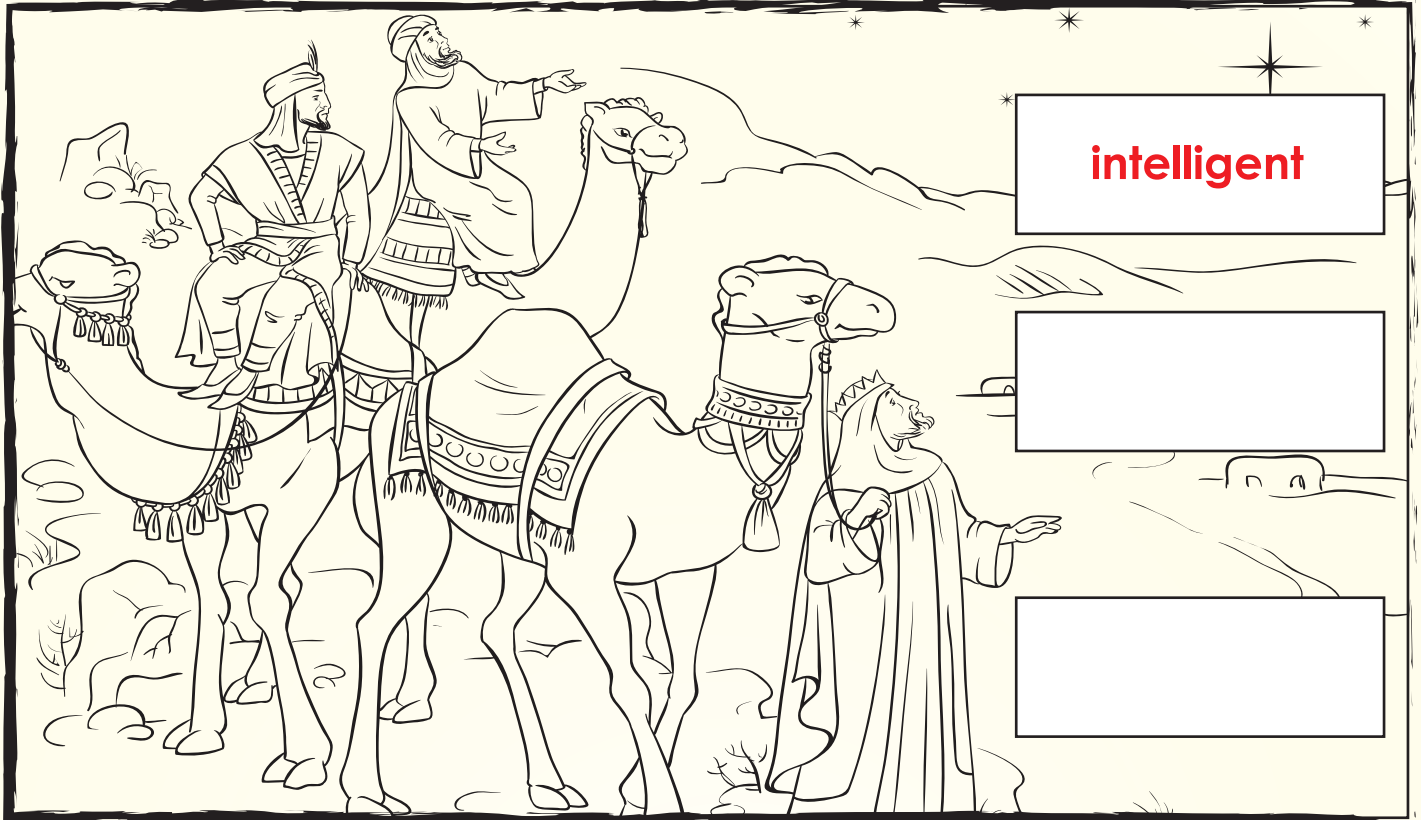
The three wise men came from the East and went to _____ to ask for the king of the Jews. The star that guided their way stopped on the place where there was the bay and they paid him _____. Then they took out their _____ and gave him, gold, _____ and merth. They were advised in a dream not to go to Herold again but went to their _____ taking a different route. The feast of these three wise men is called _____.



Activity 2

Colour the picture . Then from what you have heard write the adjectives that best describe the three Wise men.

proud • ~~intelligent~~ • humble • rich • poor



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



The three wise men were humble. We have to be humble as well.

by Jesus _____

4.7 Don't be proud

When people are proud they tend to find themselves being ridiculed. For he who works to show that he is the best in everything does not respect others. Others in turn tend to shun him. A person like this is not walking in Jesus' footsteps.

Activity 1

Join to form proper sentences.

1. Jesus was born in a crib away from the city.
2. His mother put him in a manger.
3. Mary and Joseph were the first to see Baby Jesus.
4. Some simple shepherds paid him homage.
5. The three wise men came from far away land to meet him.

Respect those who look after you.

Don't be proud.

I came into this world for everyone.

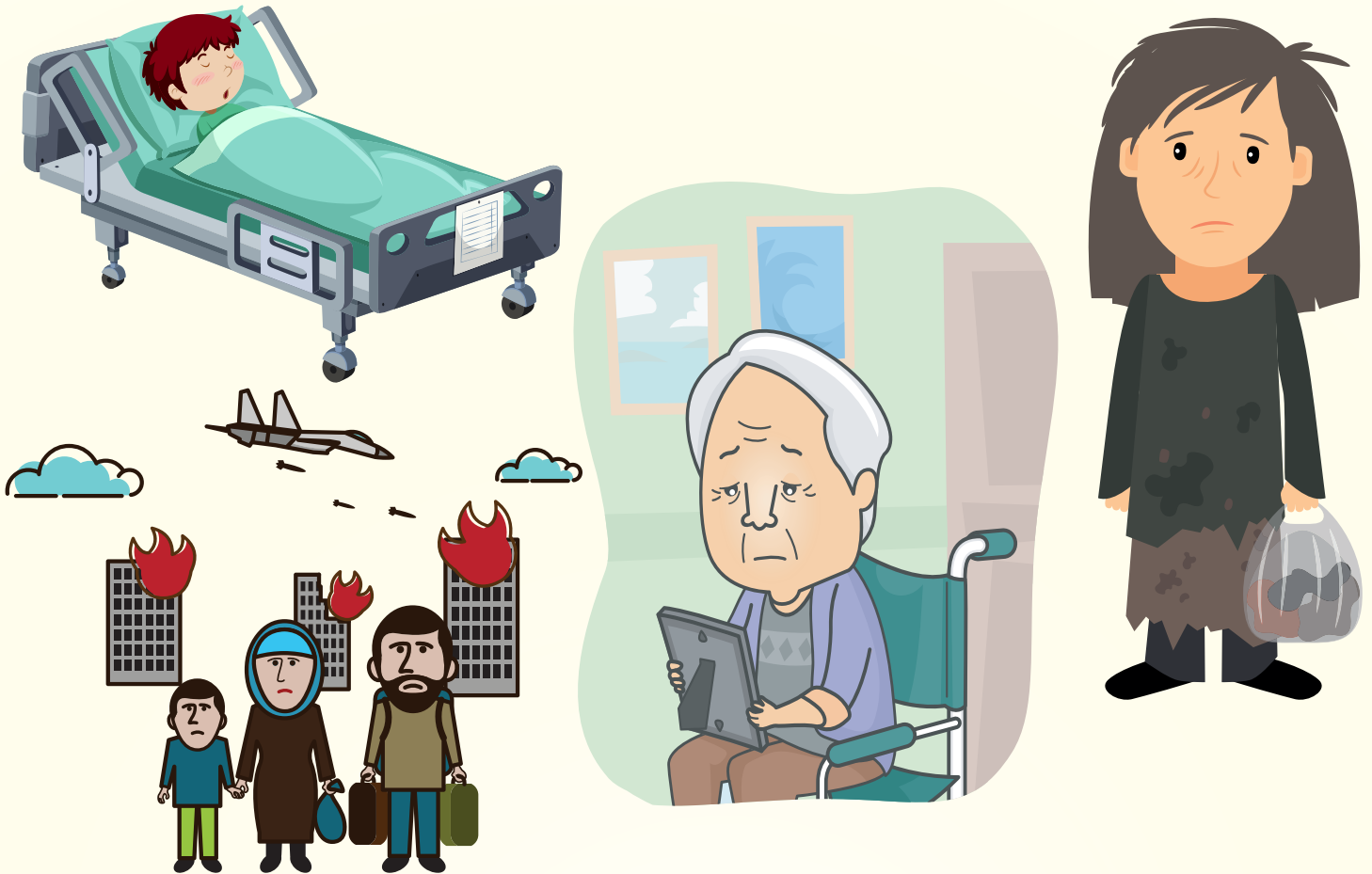
Love the poor.

Sit still and think about



Activity 2

Discuss how you and your classmates can make Christmas special for these.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



War is a painful experience

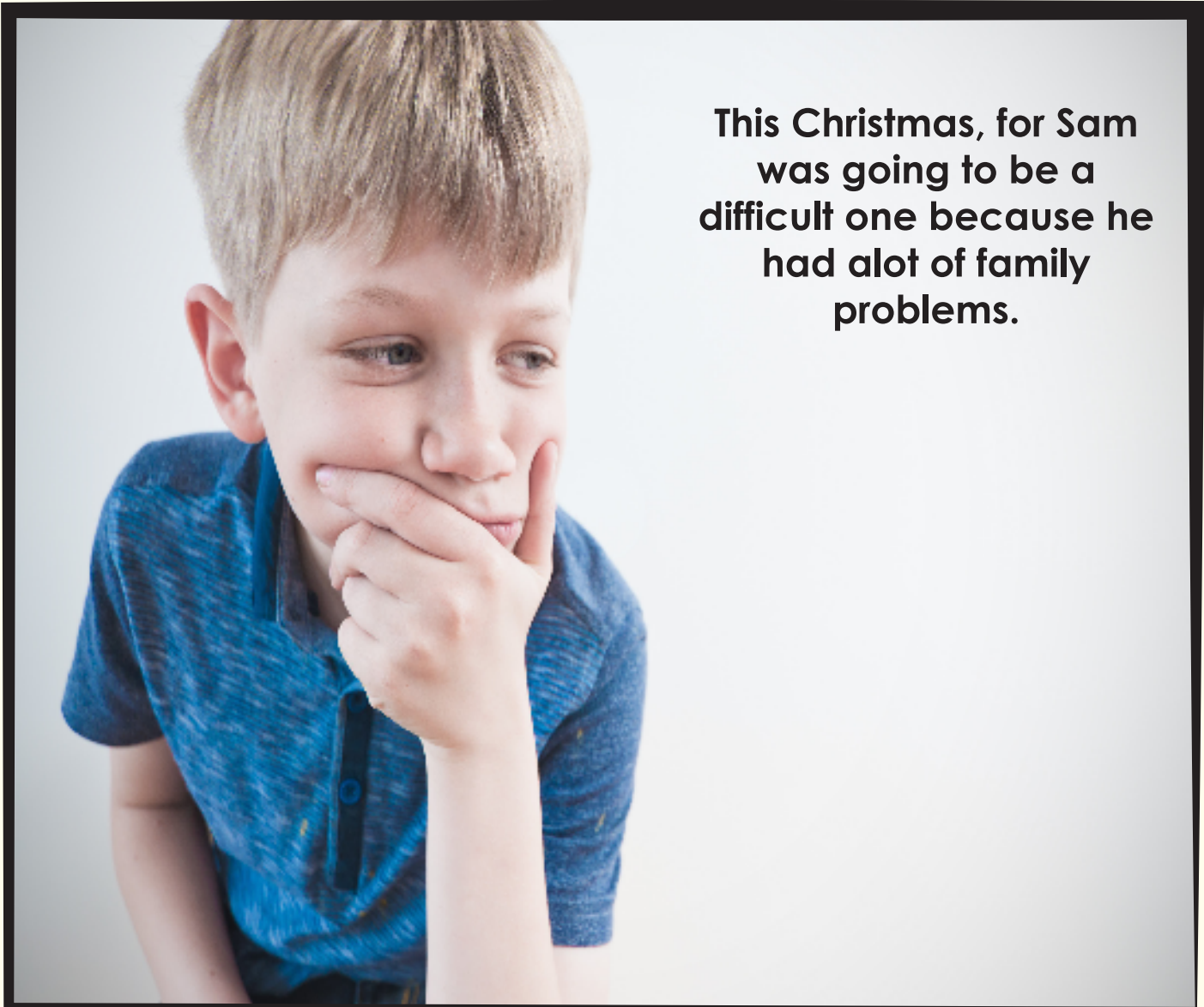
Baby Jesus _____

4.8 Come. I will help you.

Words mean nothing if not accompanied by deeds. If I am going to really help you, I have to do something for you.



Activity 1



This Christmas, for Sam was going to be a difficult one because he had alot of family problems.


Mention two ways in which you can help Sam.

1. _____

2. _____

Activity 2

Write a note for Sam to remind him that there is hope for him Use such phrases as : make courage, do not



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Write a prayer to Jesus in which you tell him to take care of somebody who is suffering and because of which he cannot enjoy Christmas.

5

WE LIVE TOGETHER



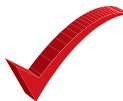


5.1 You and me. we have different needs.

Although we love each other and we work together, we have to realize that we have different needs. My needs may be different from yours.

Activity 1

Discuss and mark the right column

		
1. We all have different needs.		
2. A proud person wants to remain like that.		
3. Jesus is everybody's friend. We have to be like Jesus.		
4. Sometimes we suffer because of others.		
5. We have to pray for those who do not want to change.		
6. Everyone has to work to become better.		

Activity 2

See what these are doing.

Jesus loved everyone and was able to feel alright with everyone. Discuss how you can live with these people. Mark the proper sentence.



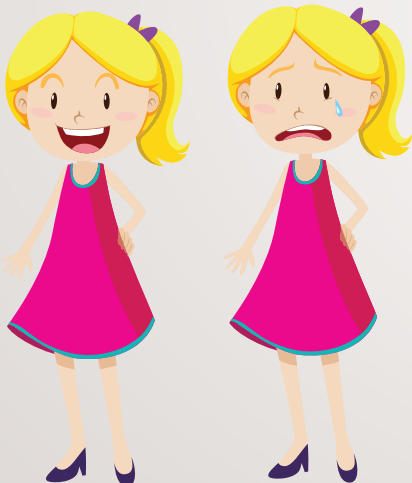
a) Mary shouts at everything and everyone. This irritates everyone. I have to (calm down, shout back) until she stops and I can talk to her.



b) Jason is always late. I have to (explain to him that this is not right, leave him) and encourage him to use his mind and prepare everything from the night before.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Let us talk about our characters and discuss how we can improve ourselves.

Lord Jesus , I wish I

5.2 Some are tall and some are short

There are those who are short and those who are tall. There are those with straight and those with curly hair. We have those with dark skin and those who are fair. The list is never ending.

Activity 1

On this wall you find certain characteristics that go with making a happy life. Colour these **green**. There are other characteristic that are not that good. Colour these **red**.

friendly

kind hearted

nervous

lively

patient

likes to tease

give up

fighter

does not like to help

sincere

does not tell the truth

obedient



Carlos is very fidgety. In class he is always prompting and answering questions without giving anyone a chance. His classmates are not happy with this. Sitting next to him is Federica who is doing her utmost to remind him to wait for his turn and to raise his hand to answer. Little by little he is improving.

How can you describe Carlos?

How was Federica helping Carlos to change his attitudes?

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Different characters produce different ideas.

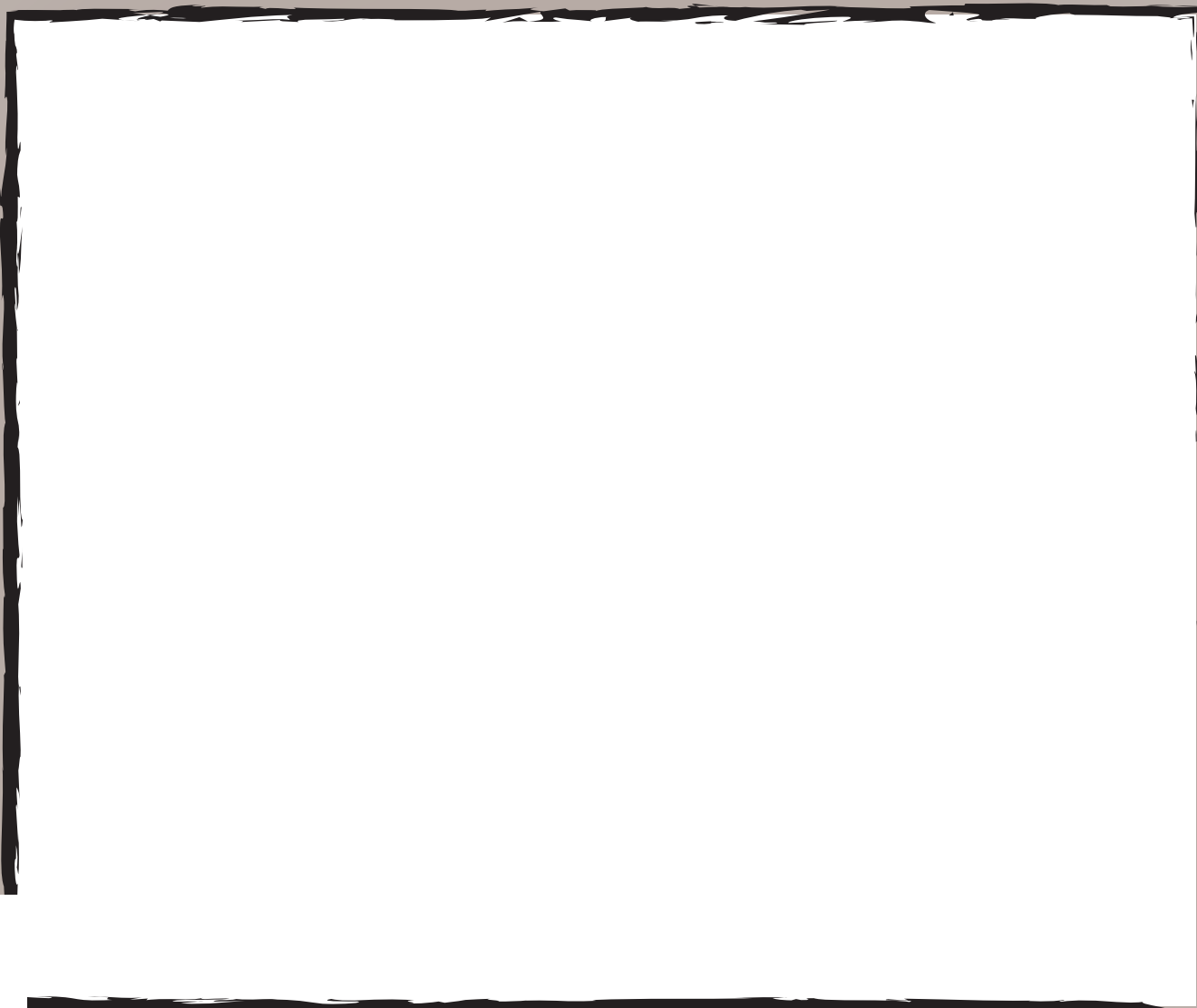
Lord Jesus _____

5.3 It is important to open up our hearts

When we are faced with a problem which we cannot solve, we feel lonely and heavy hearted. Then we remember that there are people whom we can talk to and open our hearts with.

Activity 1

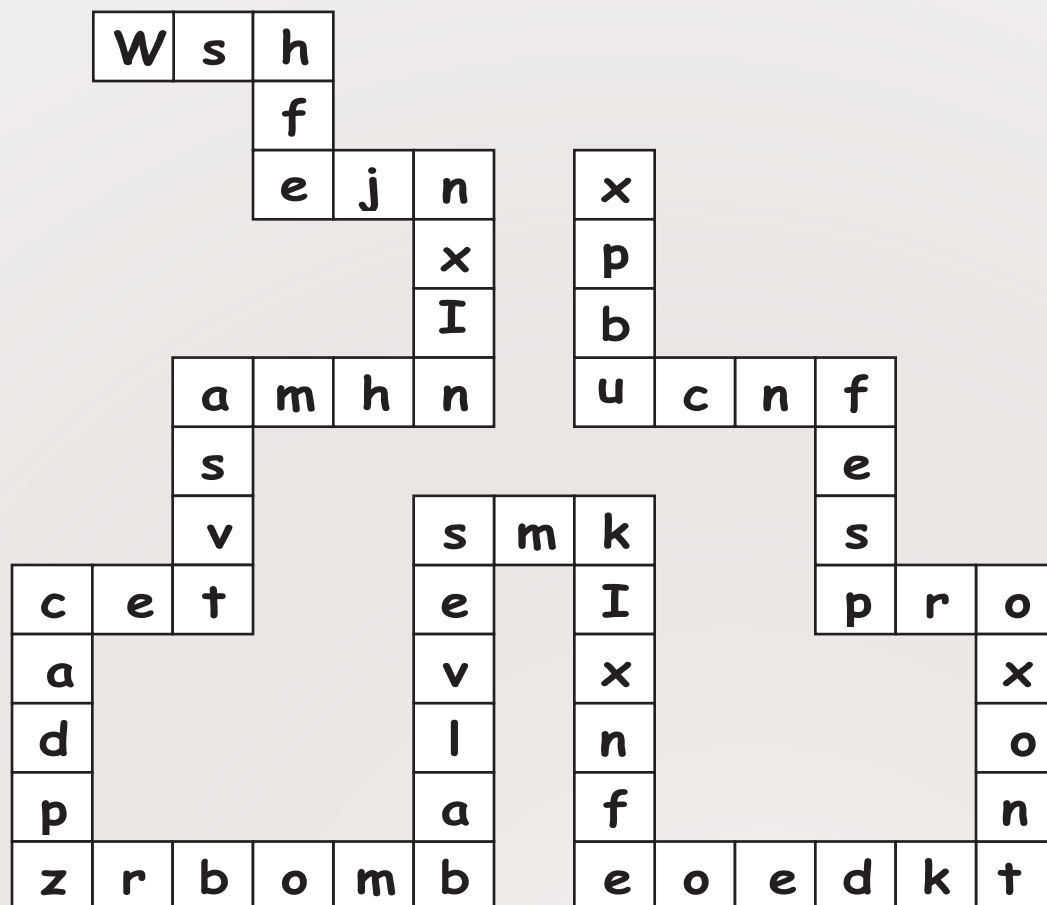
Discuss: With whom do you open up your heart?
In the space below, write, draw or stick a picture of those people whom you can trust.



Activity 2 find the hidden sentence.

Activity 2

Start with the letter W



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



It is very important that we open up with those that can really help us.

Lord Jesus thank you _____

5.4 Try my best to do good

Jesus wishes that we do good to everybody. He does not want us to be like King Saul who ended up doing the wrong things. We have to try to help our friends because in this way we will be happy together.

Activity 1

King Saul at first was a good king but he ended up doing the wrong things. Fill in the story of this king with the given words

David • kill • ~~first~~ • escape • God • against • envy



_____ was the first king of Isreal. At first he was a
_____ d man, but then he started to _____
_____ young man by thr name of _____.
_____ d was becoming popular with the people. Saul
_____ not continue to obey _____. He even
_____ to _____ David, but David managed
to _____.

After this Saul started making and taking the wrong
decisions. The people started to turn
_____ him and he ended up bad.

John likes to play with everybody and he never says anything against anyone.



Rachel always wants her friends to do what she likes and what she suggests.



Carl likes to scribble on his friends' books. It is not the first time that he blames some else for it.



Martina always pays attention in class and helps her class mates when in difficulty.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



It is important that we always do good deeds.

Lord Jesus. _____

5.5 What you wish for yourself, wish for others!

Jesus showed us with his own life how we should treat others. He never let anyone down, but he helped everyone.

Activity 1

Match the answer.



When I do wrong I

myself.

happy.

praise me.



2. In life I always have
to be with those that

Mean good.

Do not love me.

Want me to be
unhappy.



3. I always have to
invent things on
my friends.
help everyone.
hurt others.

1. Jason was really naughty. His mother spent a lot of time in hospital, so he was always alone because his father had to go to work. There was always trouble and fighting whenever he was around. Because of this nobody wanted to play with him or be with him.

Discuss

1. Jason's character.
2. Why should one try to understand Jason?
3. How can one help Jason?

Jesus showed us that whoever the person may be, we should always (help, neglect) them.

We should always work to make their lives (better, worse). When we work to do this we will be walking in Jesus' footsteps.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



In our lives we meet people who come from different backgrounds. Some even come from difficult ones. Discuss if in your village you have these kind of people. See where you can help.

Jesus, I wish

5.6 Love everyone

Jesus met a lot of people in his life. He always left an impact on them by helping them out. Help went to those close to him and also to strangers. It did not matter for him who the person was as long as that person needed help.

Activity 1

Think and choose the right phrase.

1. In my life I have to love and help

those who love me	Those who help me	everyone.
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2. When somebody asks for my help I

do my utmost to help

find an excuse	don't care.
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3. When somebody gives me good advice

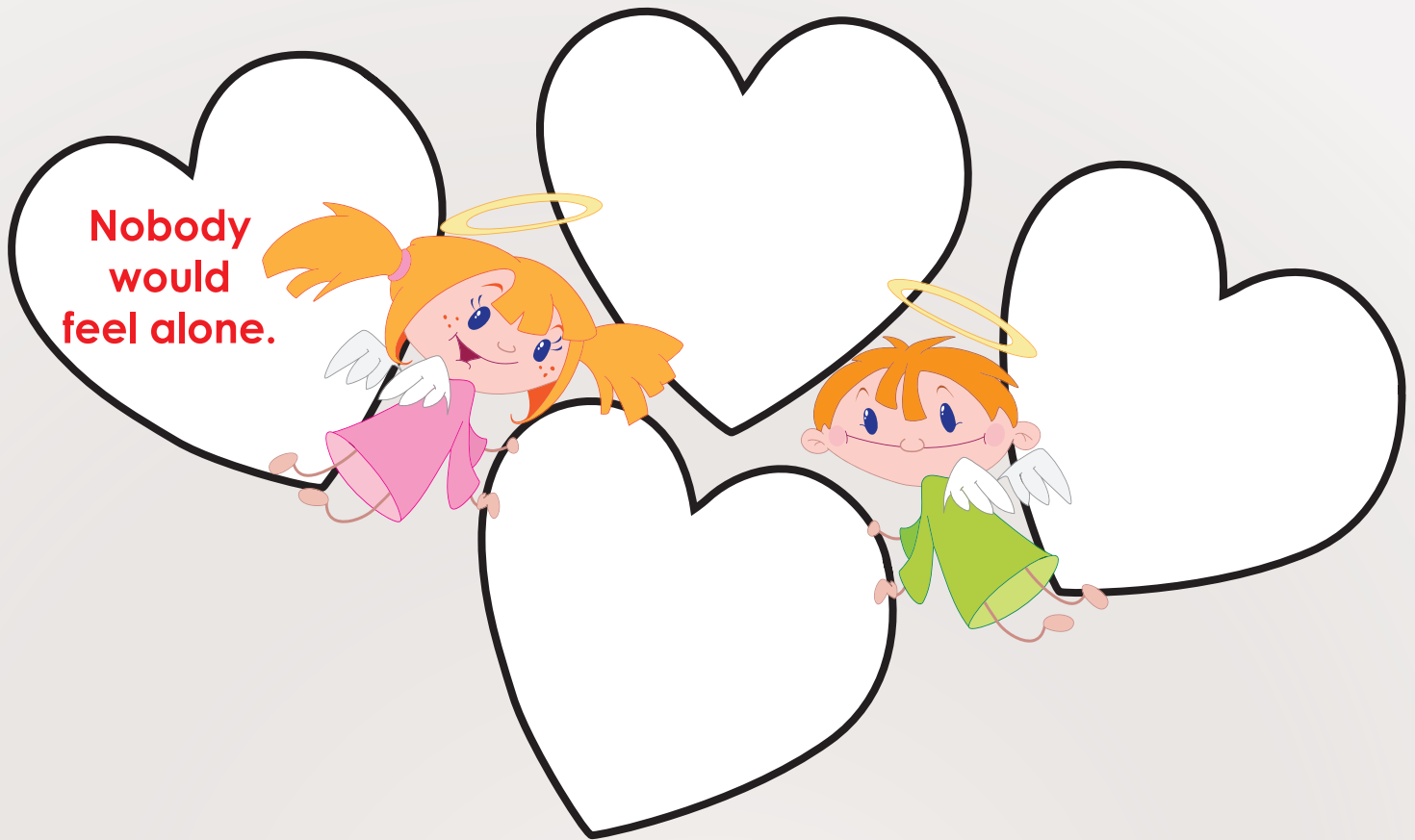
I take heed	I ignore it	I do what I want.
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4. Jesus teaches us that we have to treat other

bad	good	as we like
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and see that we do good everywhere.

In these hearts write down the reasons why we should love everyone.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray

It is important that we love everybody.



Lord Jesus, _____

5.7 I take an advice

Sometimes we make mistakes or do not know that we are in the wrong. But in our lives we have people that love us and mean good. These guide us to get better.

Activity 1

Discuss and fill in

Jesus wanted the best for Mathew and when he met him, he helped him to change his life. Matthew was not hard headed and listened to what Jesus had to tell him.
What shall we do when somebody gives us advice.



Activity 2

Answer the questions by choosing the right answer.



1. What was Matthew's job before he met Jesus?

Collected taxes.

☒

Distributed money.

☐

2. What did Jesus tell him when he met him?

"Should be ashamed of yourself"

☐

"Come after me"

☐

3. What did Matthew do?

Followed Jesus.

☐

Did not care.

☐

4. How did his life change?

Matthew followed Jesus.

☐

Matthew was sad.

☐

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Sometimes we are given advice but we do not take it.

Lord Jesus _____

5.8 Greet everyone

Was there ever someone who asked you to play with him and you refused? Or asked for your help and you did not find the chance? Think....If Jesus was in your situation, what do you think he would have done?



Activity 1

Match the sentences using numbers

Jesus cured many people amongst whom was the daughter of Jairus.

- | | | | |
|----|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Jairus was | | could cure his daughter. |
| 2. | His daughter | | was asleep and not dead. |
| 3. | Her father believed that Jesus | 1 | the head of the synagogue. |
| 4. | Jesus went to his house | | woke up and walked around them. |
| 5. | Jesus told them that the girl | | was dying. |
| 7. | Jesus took the girl's hand and told her | | to raise the dead girl. |
| 8. | After a while the girl | | "Wake up, Talitha!". |





Activity 3

Discuss and pray



At times we have to leave the things that we like doing to be able to do those things that we really should be doing.

Lord Jesus _____

6

THOSE THAT ARE PART OF MY LIFE



6.1 Real friendship

True friends make our world beautiful. True friends help us to get to know each other more and grow together in love and peace.

Activity 1

What does true friendship mean? Discuss and fill in.

Happy
being
together



Activity 2

We have to be careful
whom to call friends.

We have to ask to be
able to understand
what true friends do.

Jesus had many
friends. He had true
friends, but then he
also had those who
helped in his
crucifixion..

Choose the ones that show Jesus being a
true friend to the apostles.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jesus chose them to be with him. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. He taught them to be better. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. He left them when he found others. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. He helped them when they did not catch fish. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. He used to talk against them. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. He was always with them. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



We do not always understand the true meaning of friendship. At times we think that everything should be done according to our likes.

Jesus, you who were a true friend

6.2 Jesus a true friend

Jesus was really a true friend. He was all the time helping, teaching and being with the apostles. He used to support them and he had a lot of patience with them.

Activity 1

Discuss and then fill in.

We were playing when Mark decided that he did not want to play any more. He said that he had scored a goal. We were all present and we all agreed that he was off side. We quarrelled and did not want to remain friends with him any more. He tried to cheat us.



agree

fight

discuss

patience

We have to realise that we are not going to _____ on everything. Friendship means that we have _____ with one another and when we disagree we find the time to _____ the situation and we clear things. When we are proud and do not accept that we made a mistake everyone loses because we _____

	True	False
1. Friends should lend us things.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Friends can push and hurt you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Your friend has got to help you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. A friend does not envy you.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. A friend is ready to say 'sorry'.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. A friend is always ready to pardon his mates.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



It is not easy to have patience when you do not agree with what the other is doing.

Lord Jesus, _____

6.3 Friends of my age group

The best friends are those that are of your age. Being a friend does not necessarily mean that everyone has to agree with me. For example having friends do not mean having the same hobbies or supporting the same team.

Activity 1

In this word search you find qualities of true friends.
Colour these qualities .

pray • honest • good • happy

V	H	O	N	E	S	T	K
P	R	A	Y	N	V	S	C
R	T	H	A	P	P	Y	O
G	N	J	K	G	O	O	D



In the passage 15:15 from St John we find this sentence: I call you friends because a servant does not know his master's business. I call you friends because I taught you all that the Father told me.

1. The best friends are those who are of my age group.
2. According to Jesus, friends are those who envy each other.
3. I can honestly tell you all that I feel.
4. Friends are those who are ready to sacrifice themselves to help.
5. According to Jesus friends are those that share everything with you.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



It is not easy to find friends who honestly tell us when we make mistakes.

Jesus please _____

6.4 In the seventh heaven

With good friends I would really be in the seventh heaven. When we quarrel it would be another story, I would be sad and upset. That is why it is important that we settle things between us when we disagree.

Activity 1

Discuss and write the feelings of these children.



1. During break Jake pushed Naomi

Jake felt _____

Naomi felt _____

2. Miguel forgot his lunch but Julian shared his with him.

Miguel felt _____

Julian felt _____



Discuss and then choose.

Activity 2

During break Justine, together with her friends love to run about. Justine broke her leg and during break she could not run. What can you do so that Justine would not be left out of play?

1. Leave her at the side watching you. _____
2. Choose play that does not include running. _____
3. Give her some time to play with her. _____
4. Ignore her. _____
5. You stay with her once. _____
6. Something else: _____



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When everything is going well, everybody is happy, but when things go wrong there will be sadness.

Lord Jesus, _____

6.5 I could have done that!

Sometimes our friends promise us something or we promise them something and someone does not keep their word. This brings frustration. But we should remember that we cannot always keep our promises.

Activity 1

Choose the right answer.

Mary promised Stefan and Shelan that she was going to take them to the circus with the rest of the family. They were really eager to go. But on the day Mary phoned up to say that granny was sick and so she was unable to take them .



1. Stefan and Shelan were (happy, sad) that they were not going to the circus.
2. Mary (had a reason, did not have a reason) not to take them.
3. It is (always, not always) possible to keep promises.
4. When we cannot keep our promises we (should, shouldn't t) explain.
5. We should always see that what we promise we (can, cannot) keep.

Activity 2

Look at the list below and discuss those promises that practically you can always keep.



1. Clean up my satchel.
2. Do my bed.
3. Wash the clothes.
4. Change the uniform and put it properly on a chair.
5. Help in cleaning up the kitchen.
6. Pray with the afternoon prayer.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Sometimes we forget that those who take care of us promise a lot of things that they keep.

Lord Jesus, _____

6.6 Do not say anything about me !

Jesus loved everybody, even those who did not agree with him. Jesus teaches us that we should not judge others and that we should treat everybody the same.

Activity 1

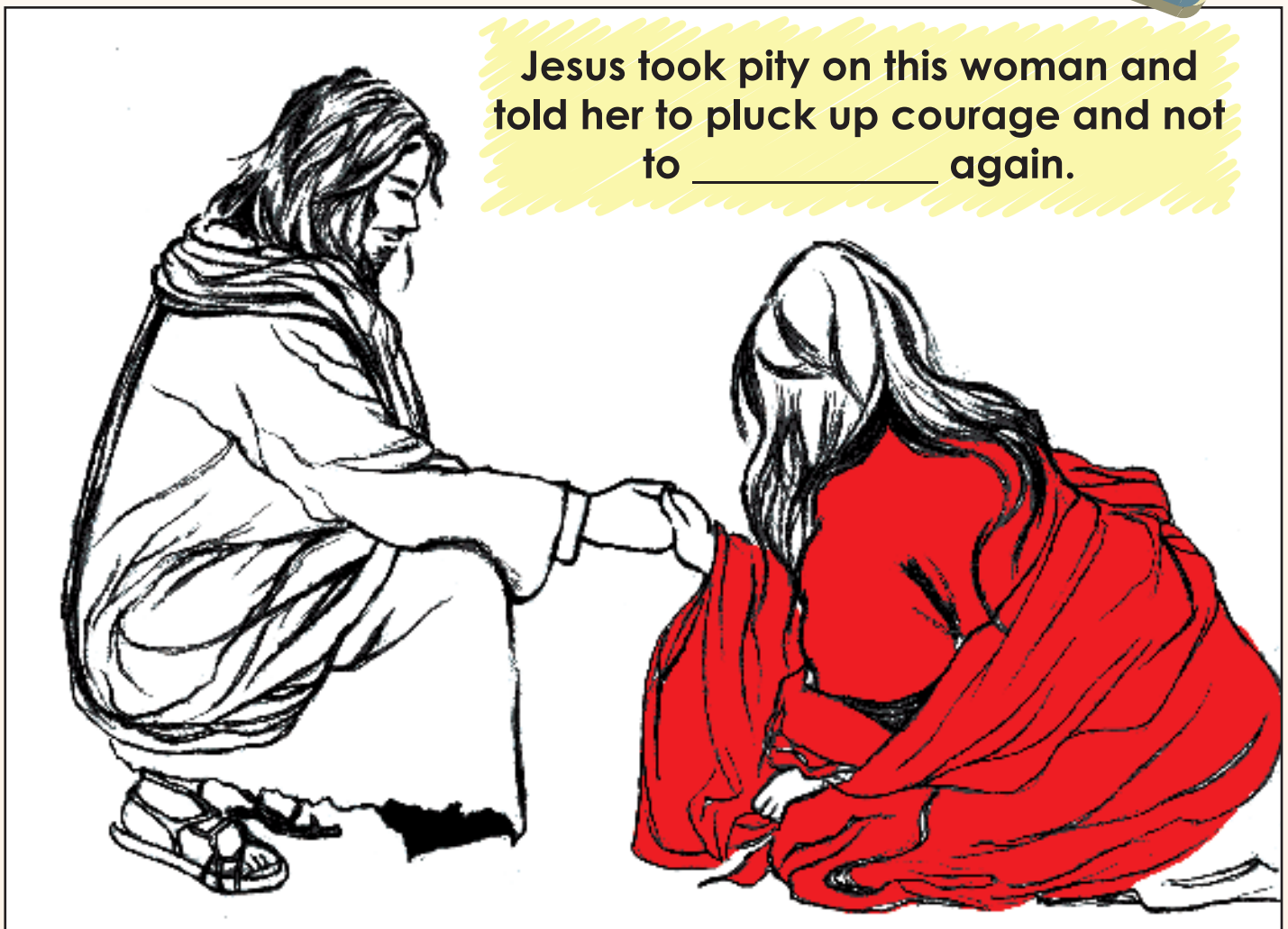
Discuss and fill in the story of the Adulterous woman.

One day, some people brought before Jesus a woman who was caught doing _____. Those who were caught like this woman were _____ to death. So the people asked _____ what they should do. Jesus knelt down and started writing in the _____ and then told them, ' Who is without sin, let him be first to cast a _____. When all the people heard this, they all left. Jesus asked the woman,' Where are those that accused you?' Go and do not _____ any more.



Colour the picture and complete the sentence.

Activity 2



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Sometimes we look at the faults of others and we forget our own.

Lord Jesus, _____

6.7 For a strong chain.

The chain would be strong if all the circles in it would be joined together. In order to be strong we have to work for unity and see that nobody is left out of the group.

Activity 1

Discuss and mark.



Manuela had everything that she needed, She was always smart and tidy in her work. This did not please Marvin and his group. They used to insult her and bully anyone who plays or talks to her. Manuela was being bullied. When Keith saw this he started thinking on how he should help.

	YES	NO
1. I have to talk when somebody hurts me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I can be hurt through words and deeds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. It is right to ignore people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Messages of insults are bad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I should never be afraid of a bully.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Bullies need help.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Choose the correct answer

Activity 2

8. In the Acts of the Apostles we find the story of Tabitha. She really loved others and was always on the look out to help so that others would be happy.

1. Tabitha was from (Joppe, France).
2. Her name in greek meant (deer, tiger).
3. She spent a lot of time helping (the poor, at home) to see that they will be happy.
4. She used to sew (clothes, curtains) for those in need so that they could keep warm.
5. She had a lot of (friends, sons) because she helped everyone.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



To help means serving others without expecting anything in return.

Lord Jesus, _____

6.8 Jesus, the environment and me

When he was on earth, Jesus showed us how to take care of the environment and keep it clean by being happy with one another and be close to God. He himself showed us that his Heavenly Father was very important to him and that he helped him a lot in life.



Activity 1

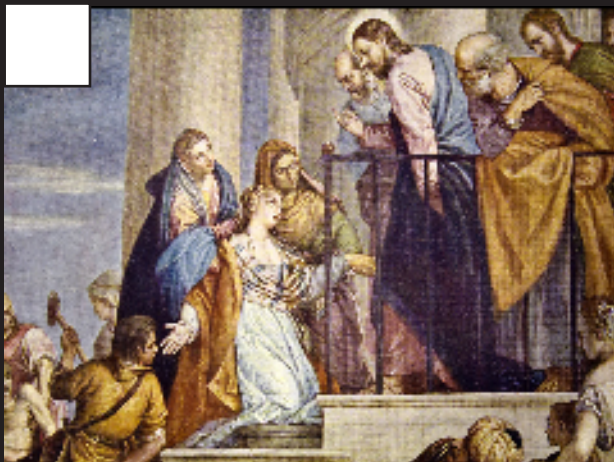
Discuss and show what Jesus did in these circumstances.



Jesus and Peter and the catch of fish.



Jesus praying



Jesus and the adulterous woman.



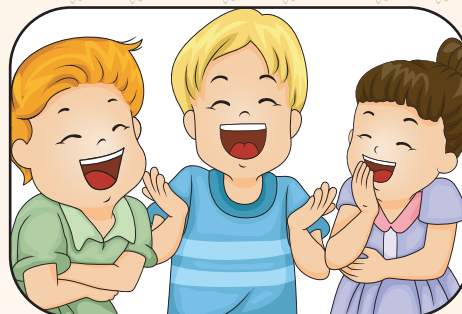
The Wedding feast at Cana.

1. Pleasing his apostles.
2. Help in difficulty.
3. Help and encourage.
4. Ask for God's help.

think and then write when like Jesus, you can:

Activity 2

Make others happy • Encourage others
Ask for God's help • Help in difficult times



Activity 3

Discuss and pray

At times we are tempted to make fun of others.

Lord Jesus _____



7

LOOK AHEAD WITH COURAGE



7.1 See if you can climb

To be really good is not always easy because you have to see what has to be done and do it. At times this offers some challenges because it requires that you have to go against what you would like to do.

Activity 1

Discuss with your friends and choose those sentences that show life's challenges.



Do not waste time.

Finish in time.

Do what has to be done.

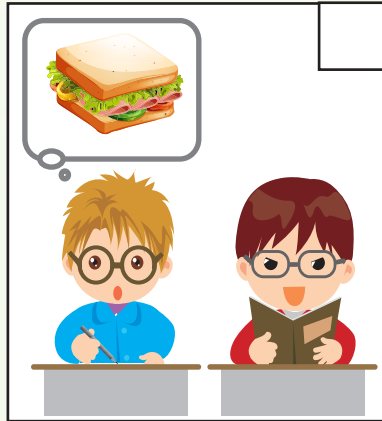
Always obey.

Sleep as much as you like.

Do not lose heart.

Activity 2

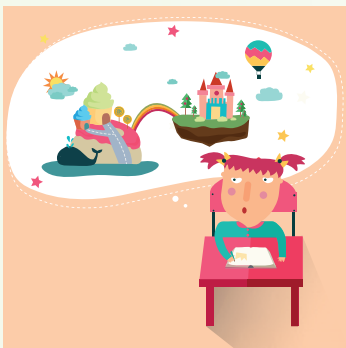
What are the challenges that these children are facing? Discuss and fill in the right number.



1. I should help but it's my brother's turn to help.
2. I need to pay attention but I am hungry.
3. I need to pray but I wish to go to the party.
4. I need to study but I wish I could play.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



It is not easy to put your mind on something when it is on something else.

Lord Jesus, _____

7.2 It's a challenge to live as true Christians.

Challenges in life are opportunities where we have to decide between those things that we have to do and those that we want to do. All our life is full of challenges. One of the biggest challenges is living our Baptism.

Activity 1

Discuss and mark the good ones.



Baptism makes us:

Cousins with Jesus.

Clean from the inside.

Adults in the church.

Ready to learn.

Brothers and sisters.

Sons and daughters
of God.

Activity 2

Before starting to preach,
Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist.

1. Baptism as set up by Jesus is a (sacrament, commandment).
2. In Baptism we are dressed in a (white , yellow) robe showing that we are free from sin.
3. In Baptism (the Holy Spirit, Jesus) comes in us for the first time.
4. Baptism makes us to (face, disregard) the challenges that to lead a good life.
5. Jesus was baptized by (Peter, John the Baptist).

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When we do things without thinking, we will end up doing what we want and not what we should do.

Lord Jesus, _____

7.3. The baptism of Jesus and our baptism

When we receive Baptism we are born to a new life. With the help of those who take care of us we are taught how to live and how to love as Jesus did.

Activity 1

Fill in with the appropriate ones. To live our Baptism we have to.....



obey

consent to
the opinions
of others

bring peace

~~pray~~

forgive

arrogant

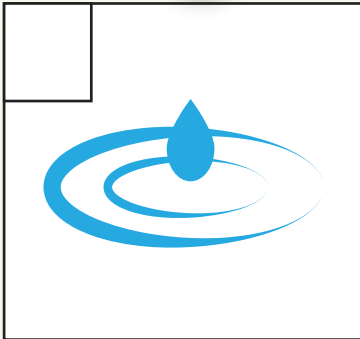
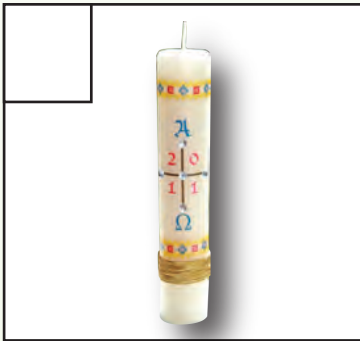
steal

confess

receive Holy
Communion

Match the symbol with the right phrase

Activity 2



1. Cleanliness is a symbol of life.

2. Shows a new beautiful life.

3. Shows that God is present.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



At times we do not even realise that the Holy Spirit is with us to help us live properly.

Holy Spirit, _____

7.4. Do you have values?

A value is something good that a person has. Because of values, a person can lead a good and better life in peace with himself, with others and with God.

Activity 1

Read, discuss and choose

Joseph and Mary were brother and sister. There were times when they fought, but used to patch up quickly. Their mother got sick, so they had to do everything by themselves. One morning Mary found the cereal packet practically empty. Although she wanted to have it all, she left some for her brother.

Maria showed..

Should I tell
Joseph to
have a
sandwich?

goodness

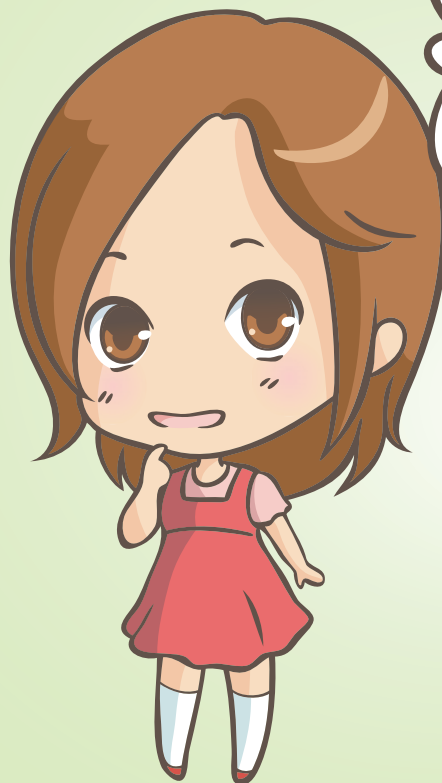
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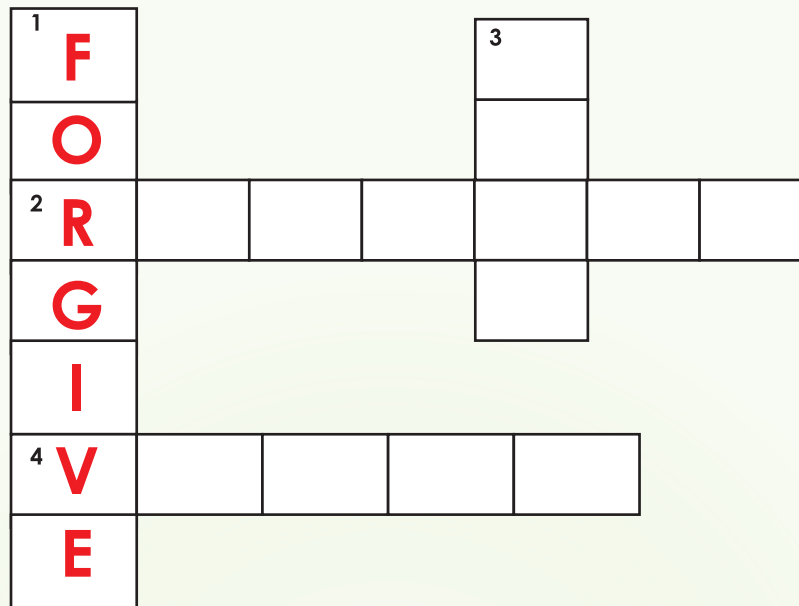
balance

laziness

fortitude

respect





Mimdudin

1. I should forgive all those who wrong me.
3. I should _____ my parents and those who take care of me.

Weqfin

2. I should _____ those who think different from me.
4. I should _____ my grandparents as often as I can.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



We have to be really courageous to be just in what we do and say.

Lord Jesus, _____

7.5. Not words but deeds!

We won't be doing anything if we just talk without acting. Sometimes we do not act because we do not have enough courage to do what is required of us. This will not be good neither for us nor for others.

Activity 1

Match the pictures with the right sentences.



1. He did not have enough courage to say whom he really was and he betrayed Jesus.



2. Jesus talked prudently and still he was beaten.



3. He was not prudent and betrayed Jesus.

4. The mob was not acting justly and shouted that he should be crucified.



During the last Supper , Jesus tried to help the apostles to be prudent and courageous. Match and colour the same sentence with the same colour.

He washed

to be prudent

to repent for his sins.

He let Judas

everybody's feet

and pay attention to what he says.

He advised Peter

eat from the same plate

to say how to serve.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



It is difficult to always be careful of what you say or do. But when this is not done somebody is likely to get hurt.

Lord Jesus, _____

7.6. If I said the truth, why did you beat me?

There are times when telling the truth would make people suffer. This is what happened to Jesus in front of Caiaphas.

Activity 1

Choose the right word

1. Who was Caiaphas?
He was (a disciple of Jesus, the High Priest).
2. Why did Jesus find himself in front of him?
(To gather taxes, because he was arrested).
3. What did Caiaphas want to do?
He wanted (to release Jesus, condemn Jesus to death).



Activity 2

From Caiaphas, Jesus went to Pontius Pilate and after to Herold. Choose the ones that go with each of them.

Pilate



Govenor



Afraid of the Romans

☐

Wanted to release Jesus

☐

Laughed at Jesus

☐

Not Herold's friend

☐

Herold



King



Loved to feast

☐

Loved John the Baptist

☐

Loved to pray

☐

Not Pilate's friend

☐

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When we are not afraid to tell the truth, we will feel at peace with ourselves and happy.

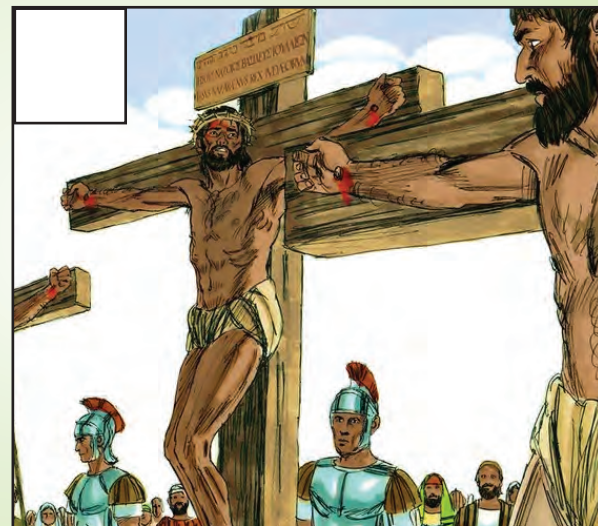
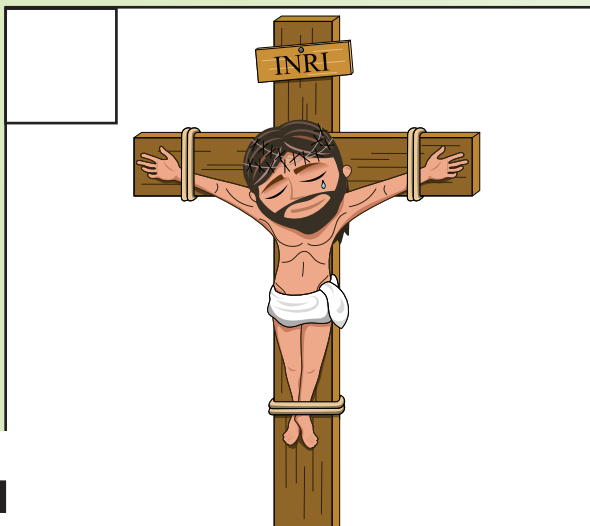
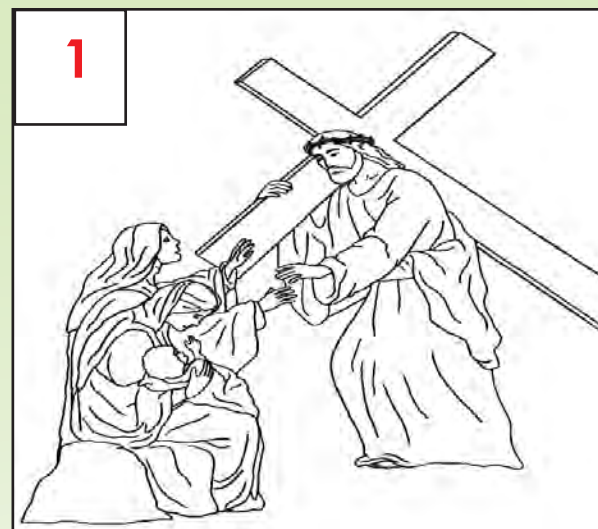
Lord Jesus, _____

7.7. I will arrive in a short while!

During his passion we find Jesus not losing heart. But courageously he carried on until he found himself on Mount Golgota.

Activity 1

Although in pain, Jesus found time to talk to the women on his way to Calvary. Colour where necessary and put the right number near the right picture





1. Talks to the women
2. Talks to his mother
3. Looks at Simon from Cirene
4. Prays
5. Pardons the Jews
6. Calms down the good thief.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Sometimes we need so much other people's sympathy, that we forget that others need this too!

Lord Jesus, Oh how I wish

7.8. Master!

After the hardships come the glory. Jesus after passing through all that pain and suffering, rose from the dead, after three days.

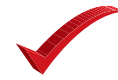


Activity 1

It was the first day of the week.....
Write 'True ' or 'false'

1 Mary Magdalene was going near the tomb.

True



False

2 With her there was Peter . On arriving they found the stone unturned and Jesus was not there.

3 She got out of the tomb crying.

4 Jesus was outside, but she thought he was the gardener.

5 Jesus called her by name and she recognized him. He told her to let him be but to go and tell the disciples that he was risen.



Activity 2

Jesus really rose from the dead.
Put the story in sequence.

1. She found them gathered all together because they were afraid of the Jews.

2. Mary Magdalene went to the apostles to tell them that Jesus was risen.

3. Peter and John came near the tomb. Yes Jesus was risen!

4. Peter went in first and found the clothes all wrapped up, but Jesus was not there.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Jesus rose from the dead so that we can go to heaven.

Jesus, you who rose from the dead help

8

EVERYBODY HAS A PLACE



8.1 I will sing you a song

The Psalms are songs written to God. King David was one of those who wrote a lot of these Psalms. Psalm 23 shows God as being the Good Shepherd.

Activity 1

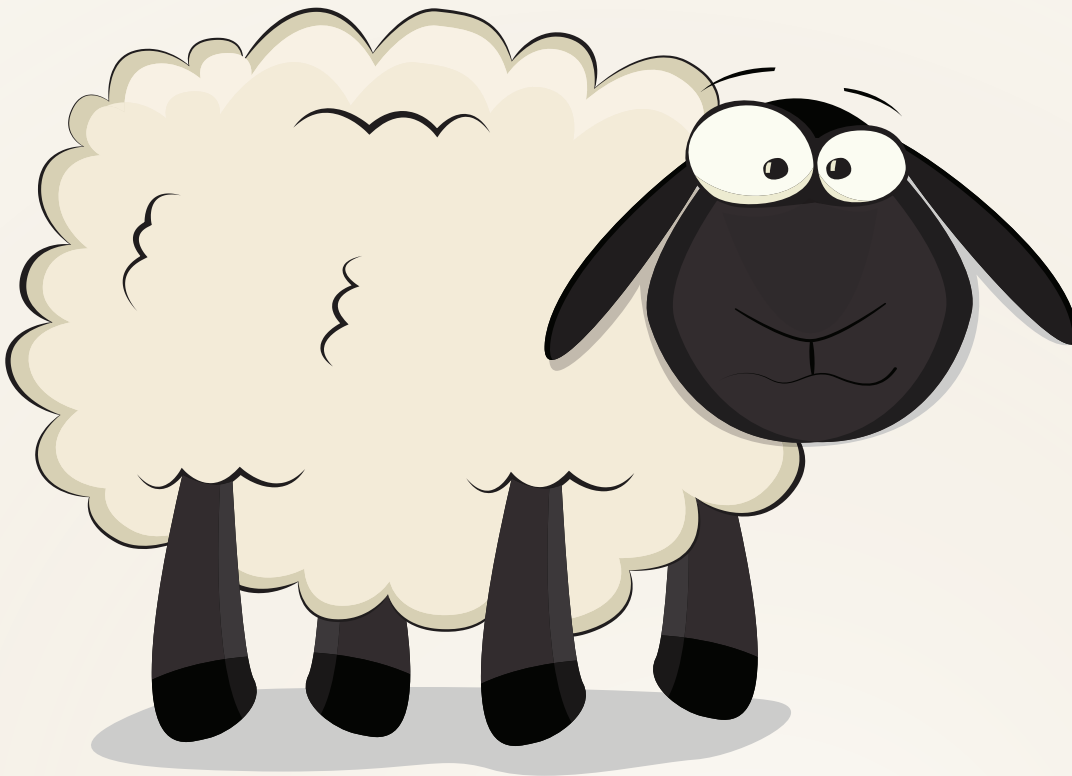
Discuss and choose

1. In the times of Jesus to be a shepherd was a (~~common~~, rare) job.
2. There were shepherds who were paid to do the work. These used to look after (their sheep, the sheep of others).
3. These used to spend a lot of time (with the sheep, at home) to look after them properly.
4. It was not the first time that they faced (peace, danger) because of the sheep.
5. Jesus is our (Shepherd, owner) and we are his (sheep, slaves).



Activity 2

Jesus takes care of us just as a shepherd takes care of his sheep. Find Psalm 23 . Discuss it with your classmates and on the picture write the qualities that are found in this Psalm



strong

kind

cares

idle

helps

busy

selfish

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



The Psalms are songs with which we can pray.

Lord Jesus, you are Our Shepherd

8.2 He still guides us

Jesus as a shepherd is no longer with us. He left us his Church.
Through it he still guides us.

Activity 1

Continue the sentences by looking at the pictures

Jesus is our shepherd and we are his sheep.



1. We still feel that we are His sheep because he left us his _____.



2. The Head of the church is the Pope and he lives in the _____.



3. The church has the power to teach and explain the _____.



4. We find a church build of stone in every town or village and it is run by an _____.

Activity 2

Discuss what is the work of these. Write the number under each picture.

Besides the Archpriest and the priests, there are other people who help so that in church everybody would receive the best service.

1. Choir • 2. Ministers who give communion
3. The Catechists • 4. The Sacristan



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



The church is the place where Jesus is really present.

Lord Jesus, _____

8.3 The Church's Leadership

When one gets baptized, one begins to form part of the Church which is called the Body of Christ. Christ is the head of the church and so He leads.

Activity 1

Put the right name under the right picture.

Jesus guides the church by means of the Pope and bishops.
Who are these?









Pope Francis • Archbishop Paul Cremona
Archbishop Charles Scicluna • Bishop Mario Grech

Mark the fruit of the Holy Spirit

Activity 2

The Holy Spirit lightens the mind of the Pope and the bishops so that they will lead us well.

Fortitude

Trouble

Sadness

Love

Courage



Light

Tranquility

Fighting

Egosim

Crying

Nervous

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



Sometimes we find it difficult to do what Jesus is telling us through his Church.

Holy Spirit _____

8.4 Our lives and the Church

The church is that big beautiful building that is found in every town and village. But the Church is everyone of us. We who are baptized and so have the same Heavenly Father, we are the Church.

Activity 1

Choose, discuss and fill in with the right word.

Eucharist • stone
mass • silence
Jesus • celebration

The church made of

_____ is the place where

God lives. It is the place where

_____ is present in the

_____.

Here we have to behave and in

_____ we have to pray

and take part in all that would be

going on. The best

_____ that is done

here is the _____.



Say whether it is good or bad.

Activity 2

When we become part of the church through Baptism, we received a gift.

1. This gift is the Holy Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit will come again in Confirmation.
3. The Holy Spirit will help us whether we like it or not.
4. The Holy Spirit will help us if we let Him.
5. In Confirmation we become adult members in the Church.

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Activity 3

Discuss and pray



The Holy Spirit is always there to help us if we give him the chance.

Holy Spirit _____

8.5. What can we do for the Church?

As a Church, together with the Pope and the bishops we need to pray so that we will always be nearer to Jesus.

Activity 1

Prayer is not always easy. Try this. Make sure that there is silence and try to be part of what is going on in the scene.

Close your eyes....take a deep breath and in a low voice utter the name of 'Jesus'....Find a comfortable position and imagine that you are walking on a sandy beach. The water because of the ripples is washing your feet. You are smelling the scent of the sea....see the fishermen preparing the boats and their nets to go out to sea. While you are walking you can feel the sand between your toes.....stop and feel the sand. Look out to sea... there is a boat coming in ...the fisherman is waving ..is waving to you... It is Jesusrun to him to meet him...Jesus is happy to see you. Jesus is smiling and is calling you. Look at him and tell him what you really want to tell him.



1. How are you feeling?
2. Were you able to be part of the experience?
3. Can you describe Jesus' face?
4. What did he tell you?

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



What do you think you should pray so that the Church would always lead us to meet Jesus?



Lord Jesus , _____

8.6 Nothing matters if you do not love.

Since we are part of the Church we have to live, help and love as Jesus did.

Activity 1

Tick the right box

		
1. Forgive those that wrong me.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I would not help refugees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I help as much as I can at home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I stare and don't pay attention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I talk politely.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I pray so that Jesus would help me everyday.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



John used to say that he prays everyday by reciting a prayer before eating and a Hail Mary before he goes to bed. But then nobody could look at him twice because he gets angry. His friends were getting irritated because he was never going to change his ways.

1. Was John praying well?
2. How will someone who pray well behave?
3. How should John be behaving?
4. The Sign of the Cross reminds us of _____.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When we do not change our bad habits we are not really growing.

Lord Jesus, _____

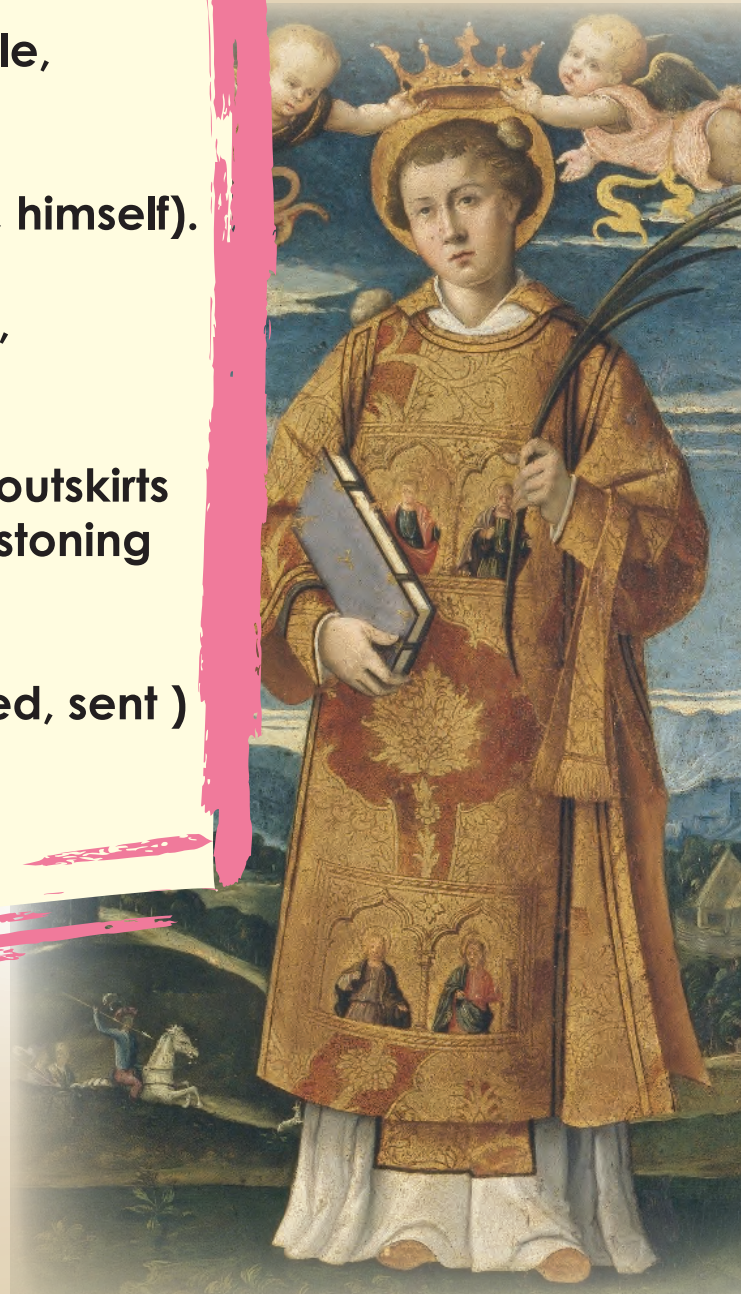
8.7 Saint Stephen teaches us to love

Saint Stephen was taught by the Apostles. He showed that he loved Jesus, when what he learned he put into practice.

Activity 1

Choose the correct answer.

1. Saint Stephen was (an apostle, a deacon).
2. He was taught to love (Jesus, himself).
3. He did not want (to renounce, speak about) Jesus.
4. The mob dragged him to the outskirts of the city and killed him by (stoning him, crucified him).
5. When he was dying he (prayed, sent) for his enemies.



St Stephen learned about Jesus

I have to leave play to go to mass even if I have to do sacrifices.

St Stephen used to help those in need

I go to catechism lesson to become a better person.

St Stephen suffered to remain faithful to Jesus

I forgive as much as I can.

St Stephen forgave those that wronged him.

I help grandma.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



It is not easy to smile at those who wrong you.

Saint Stephen , _____

8.8 Our good life

Being part of the Church means that we have the responsibility towards everybody especially those who form part of our life.

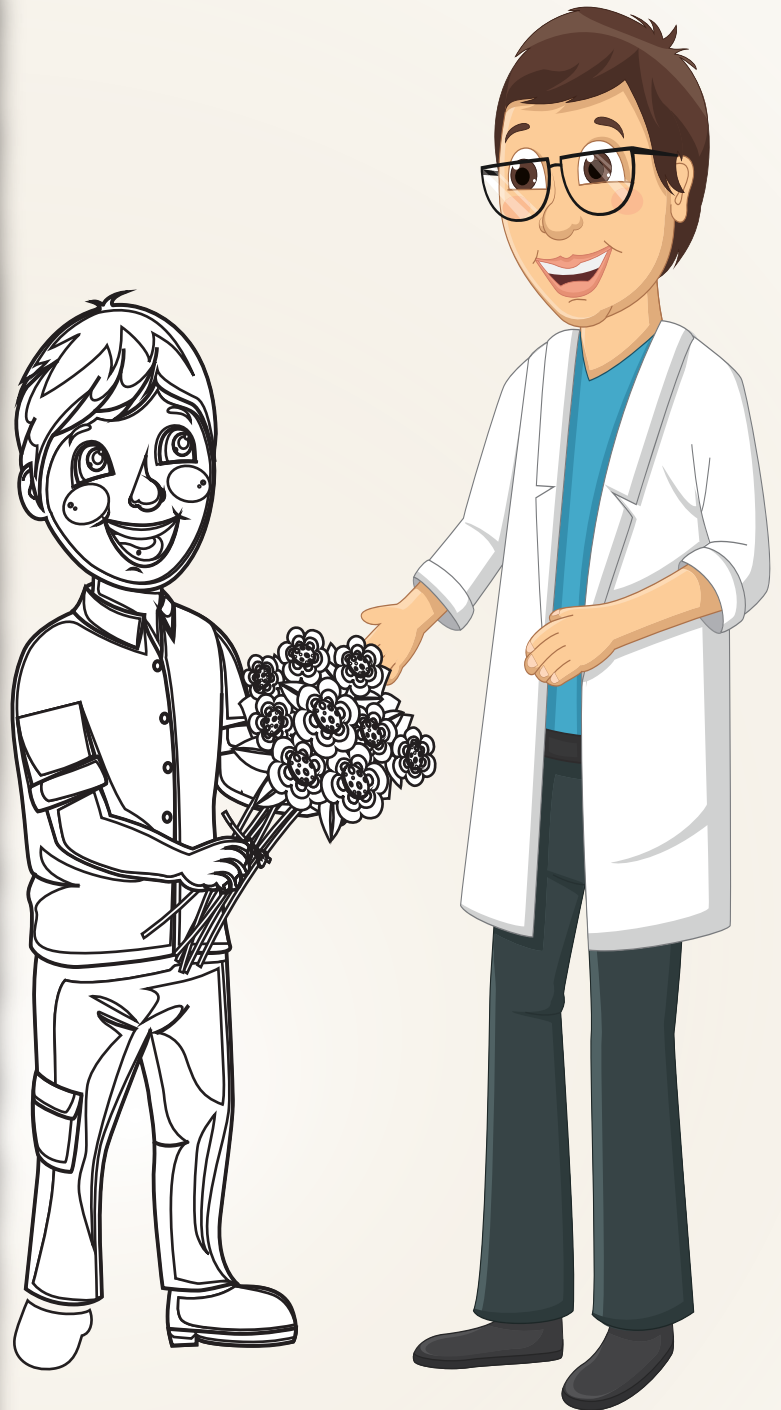


Activity 1

Discuss and colour where necessary.

We are generous when

1. Keep everything to ourselves
2. Shun those who do not agree with us.
3. Respect those who are different from us.
4. We give time to our families..
5. Do what we want.



The Church is one when we help everyone

The Church is one when we see how we are going to be comfortable.



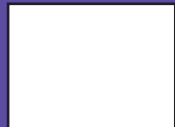
The Church is one when we respect only those that are family.

The Church is one when we help those that are refugees.



The Church is holy when Christians do away with fighting because they believe that Jesus is found in everyone.

The Church is holy when Christians engage only in merry making.



Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When I give from what I have to others, I would be loving and helping the Church.

Lord Jesus, _____

9

MY BIG FAMILY



9.1 My good behavior

The Church is One and Holy. It will remain so if we are be united and work to become saints.

Activity 1

Find these words in the word search.

What should I do so that the Church will remain One and Holy?

p	e	a	c	e	v	k	j	v	k
c	o	m	m	i	t	m	e	n	t
l	o	v	e	v	b	n	m	o	z
s	v	b	e	l	i	e	f	v	t
x	v	k	o	p	h	e	l	p	o
l	o	y	a	l	t	y	b	n	f


I found:

- 1 _____ 4 _____
- 2 _____ 5 _____
- 3 _____ 6 _____



Choose. We know there is participation when:

Activity 2

- 
1. I listen only and say nothing.
 2. I take part during mass.
 3. I give my support to whoever needs it.
 4. I won't pay attention during mass.
 5. I go to learn and pay attention.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray

Participation is a way of showing unity.

Lord Jesus, _____



9.2 I have.....I haven't

When we do not accept our situation, we create trouble for ourselves because we won't be happy. We will also leave lack of peace and tranquility in our surroundings.

Activity 1




Discuss amongst yourselves the good things that you have.
Thank God for them. Write them down in the petals.



Discuss and mark the right face.

Activity 2

Frances was always nagging. "I need a mobile! Everybody has a mobile, except me!" But his parents told him to calm down and to wait for a while longer.

		
1. We must realize that not all that others have, we have to have as well.		<input type="radio"/>
2. A mobile is not a necessity.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. The parents are not being fair when they told him to wait.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I should wait as need be.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. I accept and be happy with what I have.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. Jesus obeyed and accepted all that Mary and Joseph told him.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When you accept all that you have and be happy you will be at peace with yourself.

Lord Jesus, _____

9.3 I want to be like those

In life we meet people who leave an impact on us to the extent that we want to be like them and imitate them. For us they would serve as role models.

Activity 1

Discuss and choose the right word about Mother Theresa.

- a. Her proper name was (Agnes, Angela).
- b. She was from (India, Albania).
- c. When she was young she entered with the Loreto Sisters and worked as a (doctor, teacher).
- d. While on a train trip she felt Jesus calling her to dedicate her life (to the poor, to teach catechism).
- e. She set up a community of sisters known as Missionaries (of Charity, of the Poor).
- f. In 1999 Mother Theresa was awarded the Nobel Prize for (her work, peace).
- g. She dedicated her life to help the (outcasts, famous).

Match the person with her work.

Activity 2

He found the cure for Malta Fever.

Rev. Michael Xerri.

Taught as much as he could and opened catechism centres.

Rev. Karm Psaila.

He was killed because he wanted to free Malta from the French.

Adelaide Cini.

Wrote a lot of poems dedicated to God.

Sir Temi Zammit.

Took care of orphan girls.

Saint George Preca.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



I help others because I love Jesus

Lord Jesus, _____

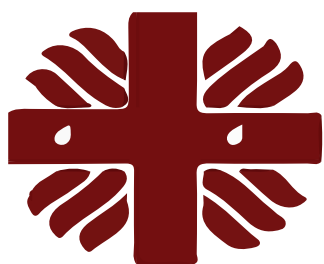
9.4 Organisations that help out

Our big family keeps going because we have organisations that help all those in need.

Activity 1

Choose the right organization for the service offered.

1. An agency that offers help to drug addicts and alcholics.
2. An Agency that offers support to children and families that need protection.
3. A Church organization that offers help to those who abuse with drugs and help also their families.



Caritas
MALTA



sedqa




APPOĠĠ

Għat-Tfal, Familji u l-Kommunità

We see Jesus in a sick person and in a healthy one. These organisations offer professional help to those who want to find again the right path,



1. When you hurt someone you are like a..
2. When you encourage someone you are like a ...
3. When you seek help because you are bullied you are like a....
4. When you seek help because there is chaos in your family you are like a ...
5. When you always follow in your friends' footsteps you are like a

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



When you know that somebody needs professional help you have to do something.

Lord Jesus, _____

9.5 Today's parables

Jesus always used to relate stories called parables to be able to teach the people. Through these stories, Jesus always used to deliver an important message.

Activity 1

Discuss and choose the right word.

These are parables of our times.

James was a boy who was not that intelligent. He never understood all that was delivered during a lesson. There were times when his friends used to laugh at him. The other day when he arrived home, he told his mother "today somebody started to call me names, but I pretended nothing was being said and I walked on".

1. James was a (stupid, intelligent) boy.
2. It (means, does not mean) that those who do not get on very well at school are stupid.
3. I have to realize that (not all, all) of us are good for the same things.
4. When he walked on as if nothing happened, it does not mean that he did not care, it means that he decided to (forgive, get angry).



Grandpa was sitting near Manuel. The boy asked, : Grandpa does God exist?. Because I have never seen him. Did you ever see him?”. Grandpa replied.....” I never saw him, but I believe that he exists. I have never seen the wind, but I know it is there because I see the leaves moving or falling. I see the dust whirling up in the sky. I have never seen God, but I feel the affect of what he has created.

sea • Father • flowers • ~~believing~~ • around us

1. Believing means accepting what another person is telling you.
2. We see God all _____ .
3. We see him in the _____ environment , in the fish and in all that dwell at the bottom of it.
4. The beauty in each _____ shows us that there is Somebody taking care of everything.
5. Jesus told us that God is the _____ of everybody.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



God gave us all that we see around us.

Lord Jesus, Our Father _____

9.6 He did not do anything with what he had

In the time of Jesus a talent was a precious coin. In the parable of the talents we learn the importance of making use of all that we have. This will show that we are grateful to God for all that he gave us.

Activity 1

Discuss the story of the talents and colour the picture.



Activity 2

We would be like those that used all their talents when.....

I will do what I have to do today.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



We all have talents. We should appreciate each other.

Lord Jesus , _____

9.7 Deeds of mercy related to the body

Jesus teaches us that we should help and show mercy to all those in need. We can do this by helping them in those things that are related to the body.

Activity 1

Match the columns to form sentences by putting in the right letter.

a	We should share with other		who are sick or who are in hospital
b	Help those who need		who are new to the group.
c	Visit those		who would be in need of help.
d	Play with those who		clothing and toys.
e	Help the old	a	the food and drink that we have.
f	Make friends with those		are alone or sad.

little • me • recieve

Blessed • mercy • do

a) All that you _____ with a _____
one You would be doing it with _____.

b) _____ are those that show
_____ for they will _____
mercy.

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



To be merciful is really a good deed.

Help me Jesus to _____

9.8 Deeds of mercy related to the soul

Jesus teaches us to show mercy towards others not only in feeding and being with the person, but also in giving advice, in forgiving and in being patient.



Activity 1

Choose the right word

1. I should speak to whoever has done wrong in a (calm, angry) voice.
2. (Pay back, Forgive) those who wronged me.
3. (Shout, Calm down) when I can't stand someone.
4. Pray God for (everyone, those whom I like).
5. I give good example (when I like, always).



Activity 2

What can these children do in these situations.
Look at the example.

a) John's grandmother is sick at home.

John has to visit her and see if she needs anything.

b) Maya's friend is sad because her pet died.

Maya has to _____

c) James lied about Peter.

Peter has to _____

d) Mark's neighbor got a puppy which is barking all the time and so nobody can sleep.

Mark has to _____

Activity 3

Discuss and pray



If we treat each other and talk to each other politely we will be better off.

Jesus please give



The title of this fourth book - Getting there together - shows that we are all coming from different environments and having different experiences. These experiences are all beautiful and good. If we live these different experiences well we grow well and learn to care better for the environment.



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