

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #7

"ANYONE WHO LOVES HIS LIFE LOSES IT"

(5th Sunday of Lent)



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INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 5th Sunday of Lent.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 5th Sunday of Lent.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. You call us to repentance as we journey through the Season of Lent. Thank you for calling us to serve you. Help us to follow you faithfully. Holy Spirit, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read Psalm 50, 3-4, 12-15* and John 12: 20-33. Then, as a family reflect on the points and questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

**The Responsorial psalm for this Sunday is from Psalm 50. For non-Catholics, they refer to it as Psalm 51.*

Time of reflection and response:

In the Bible, we read about King David. He committed adultery with a woman named Bathsheba and had arranged for her husband Uriah, to be killed in a battle. God sent the prophet Nathan to speak to David and to point out his sins. When he realised God knows his sins, David cried out to God for forgiveness and asks God to give him a clean heart. According to some Bible experts, David wrote Psalm 50 as a sign of his repentance and desire to change his ways.

Why it is important for someone to seek God's forgiveness if he or she has sinned against God? What do you think can happen to a person if he or she is always not aware of his or her sins or does not repent?

The apostle Philip is one of the Twelve chosen by Jesus. In the Gospel of John, we can read about Philip introducing Nathanael to Jesus (John 1: 43-51). In this Sunday's gospel, we see Philip introducing some Greeks to Jesus. It shows that Philip is a person who likes to bring people to Jesus and to make them known to him.

How have you have introduced or made Jesus known to other people? If you have never done this, why do you think this is so? Do you know anyone who is always trying to speak about Jesus or make him known to others? What do you think of such a person?

Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."

What do you think Jesus is telling us through this saying? In what way, can we relate this saying of Jesus to our lives during the Season of Lent?

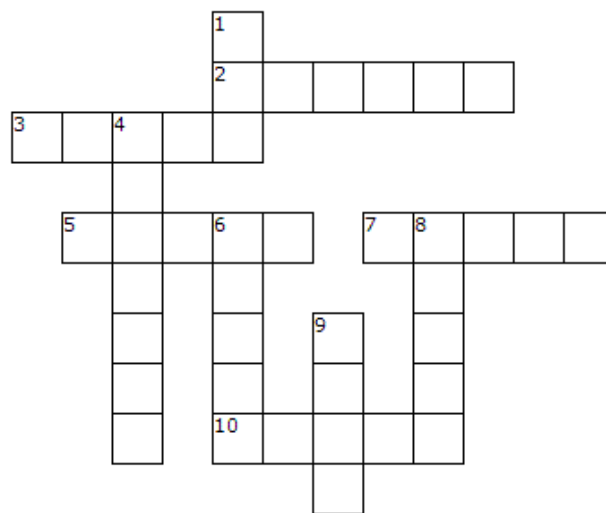
FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Solve the puzzle

The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32



ACROSS

2. To be raised up
3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
5. What we humans use to speak or sing
7. The Son of God
10. The end of life

DOWN

1. Everyone and everything
4. To bring praise and honor to God
6. A large group of people
8. The land surface of the world
9. To attract someone or something

DEATH	ANGEL	VOICE	EARTH	JESUS
ALL	DRAW	GLORIFY	LIFTED	CROWD

Activity 2: Find the words.

John 12:20-33

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

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|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| promise | worship | grain | teach |
| alive | care | dies | disciples |
| follow | fruit | glorify | ground |
| help | honor | Jesus | love |
| plant | seed | serve | |

Activity #3: Break the code.

A Psalm of David

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.



Complete the activity.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the numbers on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 19-1-12-22-1-20-9-15-14 _____
- 10-15-25 _____
- 18-5-19-20-15-18-5 _____
- 18-5-14-5-23 _____
- 16-21-18-5 _____
- 19-16-9-18-9-20 _____
- 8-5-1-18-20 _____
- 3-18-5-1-20-5 _____

SALVATION	JOY	RESTORE	RENEW
PURE	SPIRIT	HEART	CREATE

Activity #4: Find the words.

A Psalm of David

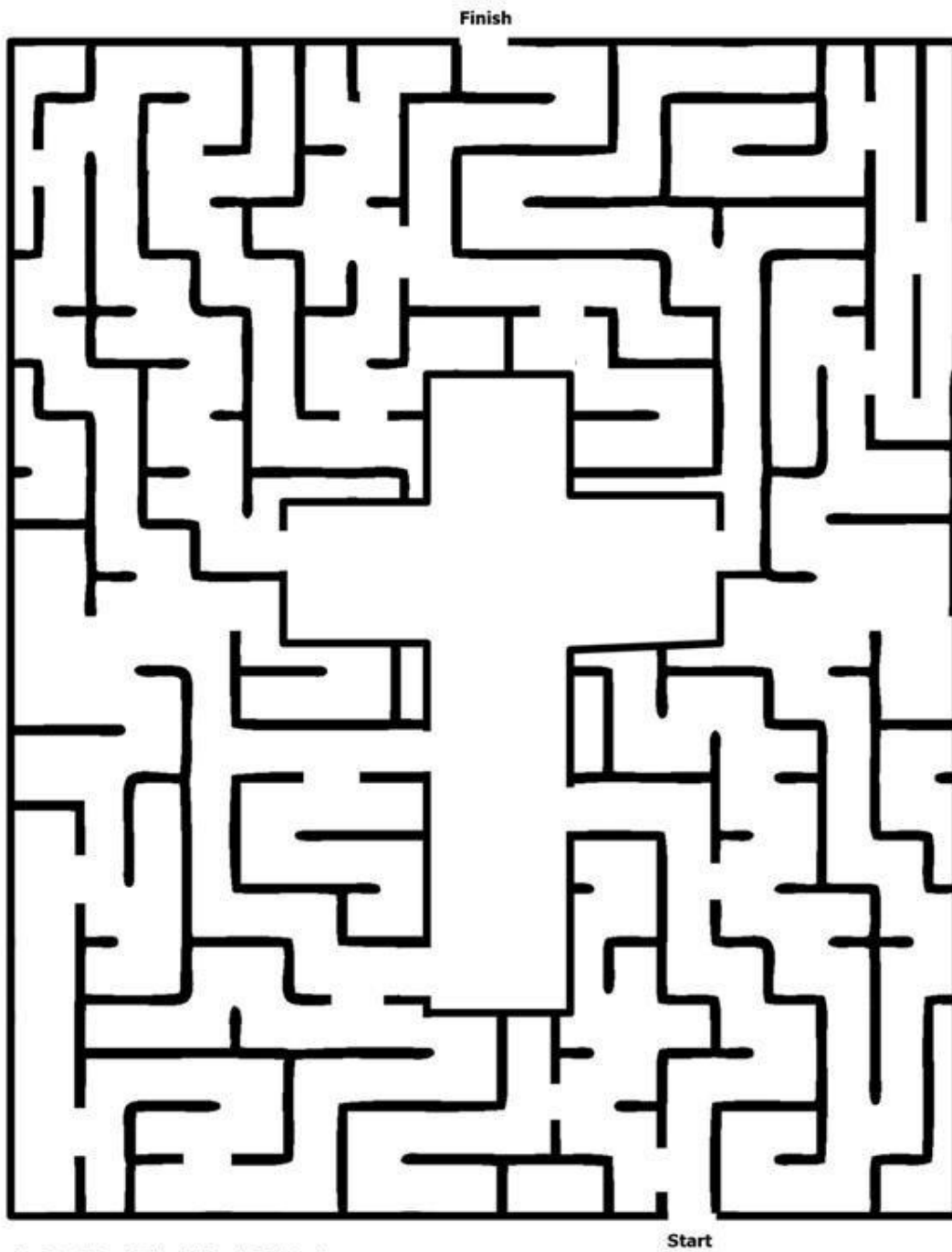
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G S A E F B U F X L N B M U U
L J D P Z H I P E A O I A E N
W I Z U G P Y T W U U B H I F
H C V R A U A M T N P N C A A
F A C E E E W E W A T O A E I
F Y S W R I C O V Q Y O T H L
K M M C D H D W H I T E R G I
O E D G B S M C W U L J W S N
Y R C C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

UNFAILING	WHITER	HIDE	SNOW	MERCY
WASH	CREATE	EVIL	SPIRIT	FACE
LOVE	CLEANSE	PURE	HEART	GREAT

Activity #5: Journey through the Season of Lent.



Activity #6: Find the words.

E	C	N	E	T	N	E	S	V	F	WORSHIP	FESTIVAL	WHEAT
L	A	V	I	T	S	E	F	E	T	BETHSAIDA	SINGLE	SOUL
G	E	D	S	D	E	A	T	H	R	VOICE	THUNDER	ANGEL
N	L	G	I	C	V	S	L	I	O	SENTENCE	PRINCE	DEATH
I	I	E	N	A	T	O	O	L	U			
S	S	I	G	A	S	H	I	U	B			
H	R	P	E	E	K	H	U	C	L			
P	I	H	S	R	O	W	T	N	E			
I	W	O	L	L	O	F	A	E	D			
R	E	D	N	U	H	T	S	E	B			



Activity #7: Find Philip activity.

"Find Philip" Search and Find Activity Sheet



DaniellesPlace.com

Activity #8: Find the saints and feast days

March Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in **bold print.*

St. Katharine Drexel

St. Felicity

St. Joseph

St. Casimir

St. John of God

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

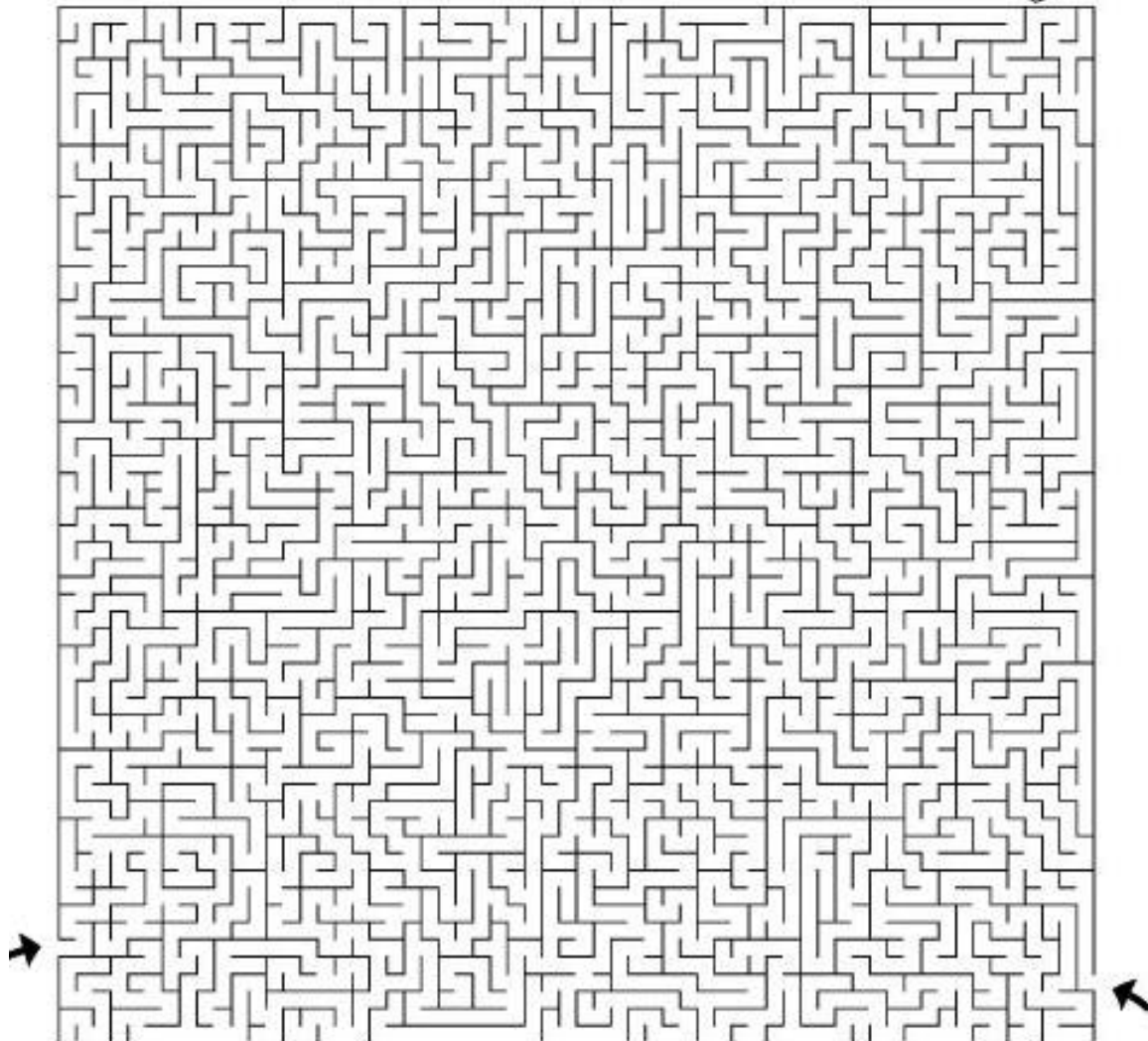
St. Perpetua

St. Patrick

**The Annunciation of
the Lord**

Activity #9: *“If a man serves me, he must follow me”*: Take up the challenge and follow Jesus.

FOLLOW JESUS!



Activity #10: Colour the wheat plants.

