

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #23

LORD, WHO SHALL WE GO TO?

(21st Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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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 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here. Help us to always choose You, and to be ready to follow You regardless the cost. Holy Spirit, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18, and John 6: 60-69. Then, as a family reflect on the commentary given below and share your responses to the questions with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

Time of reflection and response:

"Choose you this day whom you will serve," was a question that Joshua had to ask the Israelites in his farewell speech. He had just reminded them about the history of the nation, from the time God chose Abraham and led him to land of Canaan, and multiplied his descendants, to their conquest in the promised land.

Joshua knew that once the Israelites moved deeper into the Promised land, they would come across the "gods" of the people who were already living there. Compared to the God of Israel, these "foreign" gods will seem to offer more riches and other benefits to them. This is why Joshua asked the people to choose right now whether they will serve the God of Israel or the "foreign" gods.

1. Today, there are many "foreign gods" around us which seem to offer more attractive and tempting benefits to us when compared to the promises of God. What are some of these "foreign gods"? What steps do you take daily in choosing to serve the true God?

"What about you, do you want to go away too?" The teaching and miracles of Jesus left his hearers with a decision: to believe and follow Jesus or to follow the crowd and go their separate ways. Today is no different: many people do not truly believe in God or follow the commandments of God seriously when they have important decisions to make.

2. What would you say is the most difficult part of being a follower of Jesus? Regardless the challenges and difficulties, what makes you want to continue to follow Jesus?

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the second 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: Find the words.

Serving the Lord - Joshua 24:15

V Y D I V A C Z L R N D B S A O G
I M F A L I O T P H P Z E V M B E
W G T O O Q V E I S H P E A C Y V
U I G U R U D X S J H J M E N V O
W X L T D B X X R N O T I L W D L
E D S L J X B W A C O V E N A N T
X U U E V E K J E S O A T X Z Q P
L S Z N T A J J L B T G K E S W U
L M W E V I F E E E H C I V Q P X
Z O B P S Z L D S P H A B E B K I
B M L P C U I E F O U Y C I C C U
U R T J O E O H A P O U F L P U U
T S U G N Y G H J R D H V E N R E
N Y K C L C E Z Q K S V C B X V Z
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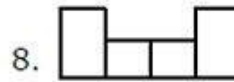
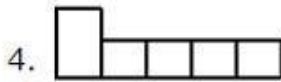
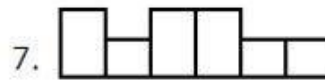
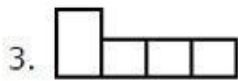
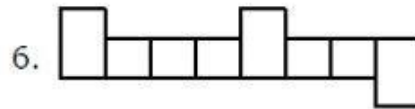
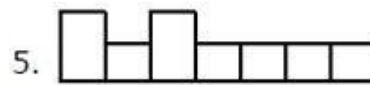
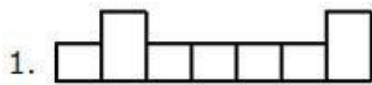
believe	choose	faithfulness	faith
Israelites	love	will	we
and	me	for	obedience
covenant	israel	as	my
house	lord	serve	Joshua

Activity #2: Enter the correct words.

No Turning Back

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:67-68

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



back	teaching	eternal	follow
turn	leave	life	believe

Activity #3: Find the words.

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The puzzle is based on John 6:60-69



M Y T D I C T T A V G G K L O
N F R K C N N U E W Y O S E I
O A G J E S U S R A K T K A A
H V B A C K F M J N C N D V H
N U B E N M G E D X N H O E X
J U E T A E V E A Y B E I W S
T Y T E C D M B W S F G K N N
V K R R R S K O S I J R C Y G
K O A N C H L E L P O U T T A
Z P Y A E L V I T L G M H G T
C U X L O I W U Q U A B G E W
X J R F G D G M F A Z L Y V M
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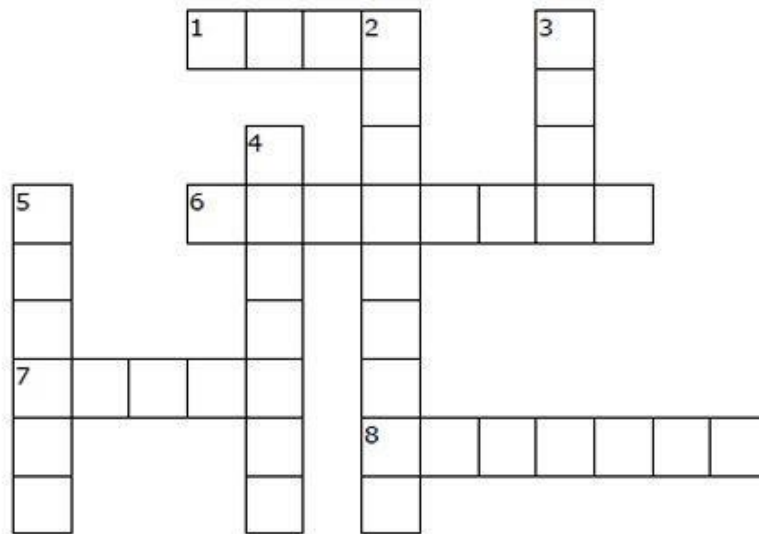
GIVES	GRUMBLING	BETRAY	LIFE	WORDS
ETERNAL	TURN	BACK	BELIEVE	JESUS
LEAVE	KNOW	TEACHING	FOLLOW	HARD

Activity #4: Solve the puzzle.

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ACROSS

1. Difficult to understand, accomplish, or finish
6. Sharing knowledge with others
7. To go away from; depart; abandon or forsake
8. Continuing forever

DOWN

2. The original followers of Jesus
3. To reverse directions
4. To accept as true or real
5. To come after; to go behind someone

BELIEVE	HARD	DISCIPLES	TEACHING
ETERNAL	TURN	LEAVE	FOLLOW

Activity #5: Break the code.

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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

- 13-9-22-24-11-20-21-2 _____
- 1-20-23-9 _____
- 23-14-1-1-14-6 _____
- 13-25-7-21 _____
- 15-22-24-19 _____
- 1-9-22-16-9 _____
- 9-13-9-7-21-22-1 _____
- 15-9-1-20-9-16-9 _____

TEACHING	LIFE	BACK	BELIEVE
LEAVE	TURN	FOLLOW	ETERNAL

Activity #6: Find the words.

To Whom Shall We Go?

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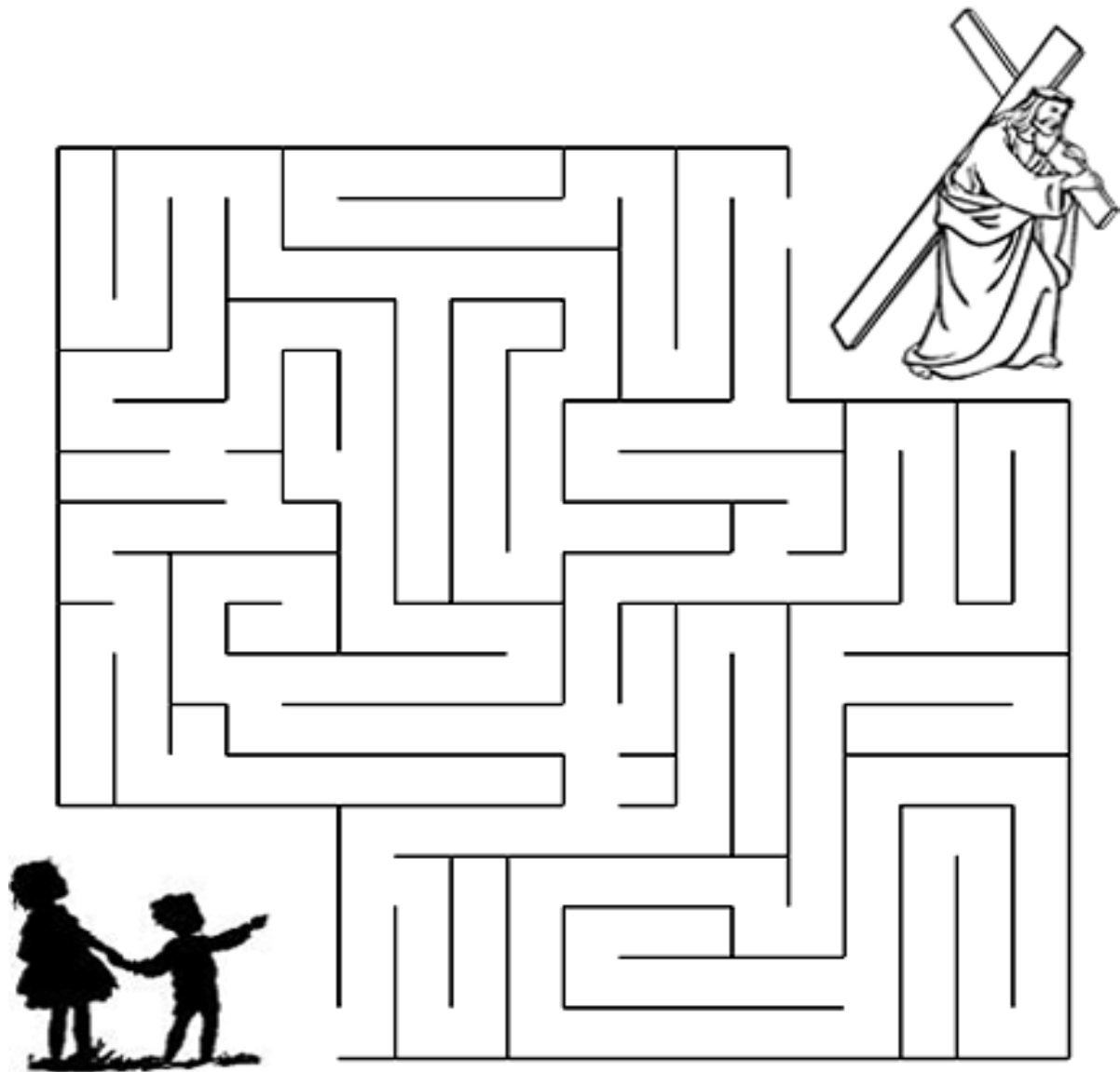
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O A G J E S U S R A K T K A A
H V B A C K F M J N C N D V H
N U B E N M G E D X N H O E X
J U E T A E V E A Y B E I W S
T Y T E C D M B W S F G K N N
V K R R R S K O S I J R C Y G
K O A N C H L E L P O U T T A
Z P Y A E L V I T L G M H G T
C U X L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

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Activity #7: Help the children follow Jesus.



Activity #8: Spot the differences.

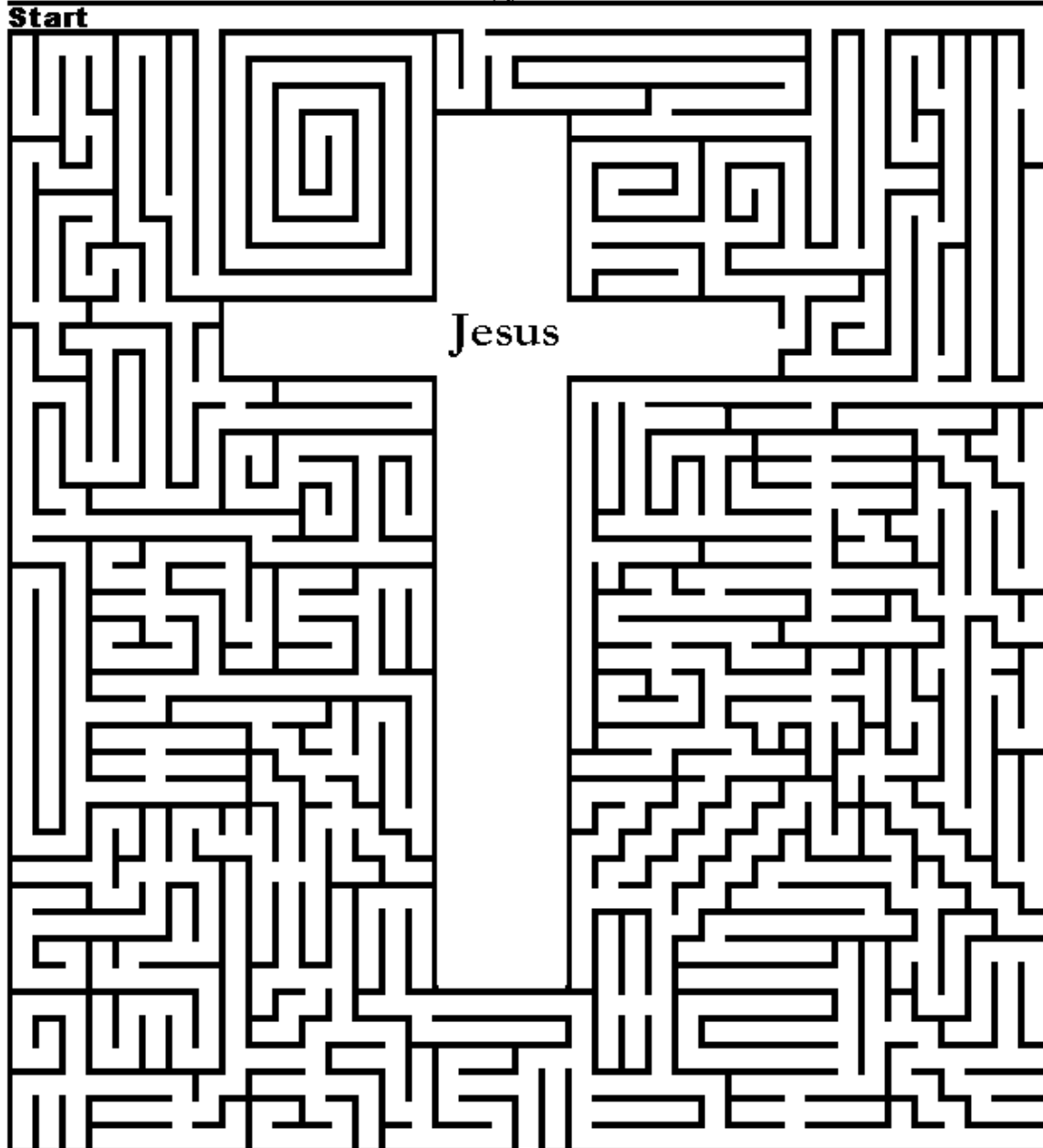
Spot the Differences for Jesus and the Children

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 10 things that are different.



Activity #9: Make Jesus your choice!

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.



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Activity #10: Colour the picture and share how you would follow Jesus every day.



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