

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #26

"FOR US OR AGAINST US"

(26th 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 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time. We are also encouraged to spend some time praying for children and families who have been torn apart by wars, disasters and poverty this Sunday, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In addition, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael this Wednesday, 29th September.

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 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of each one gathered here in your presence today. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for bringing us the gift of life and faith. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read **Mark 9: 38-41**. Then, as a family reflect on the 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.

Time of reflection and response:

John, one of the disciples, told Jesus that they had seen someone drive out demons in his name and tried to stop him, because he was not one of them.

How do I feel about the good works done by others? Am I jealous and doubtful of their intentions, or willing to support their efforts for the good of all people?

Jesus told them not to stop others from working miracles in his name. "For whoever is not against us is for us."

What did Jesus mean when he said this? Was it important for Jesus that he and his disciples were the best and only miracle workers around?

He also told them that anyone who gives them even a drink of water just because they belong to him would be rewarded.

What does it mean to belong to Christ? How will I recognize those who belong to him?

Today, Jesus invites us to see people in a different way. He reminds us that there are no divisions in the kingdom of God, no 'us against them', and shows us that what is truly important is not fame or prestige, but the building of God's Kingdom on earth. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we may be able to open our hearts to others with understanding and respect.

Say together as a family:

"Lord Jesus, you came down from heaven that we might have life in your name. You ask us to believe and to put our hope in you. We know that you love us and watch over us always. May we continue to grow in our faith and follow you, especially in times of trouble."

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: Find the Words.

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

Against
Water
Drink
Reward

Disciple
Belong
Name

Miracle
Christ
Kingdom



Activity #2: Break the Code

For Us or Against Us

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
10	18	26	5	12	15	25	2	14	4	20	7	19

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
22	6	8	13	1	3	9	24	21	17	23	11	16

10 22 11 6 22 12 17 2 6

25 14 21 12 3 11 6 24

10 5 1 14 22 20 6 15

17 10 9 12 1 18 12 26 10 24 3 12

11 6 24 18 12 7 6 22 25

9 6 19 12 17 14 7 7

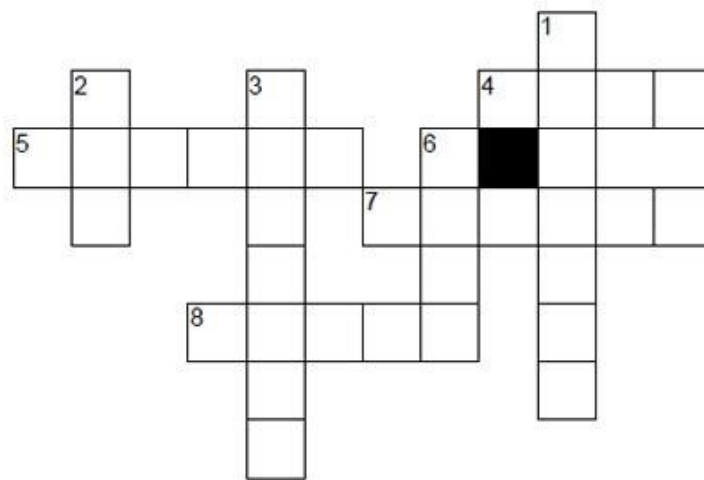
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Activity #3: Solve the Puzzle

Go in Jesus' Name

"However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:20

Puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-10, 16-20



ACROSS

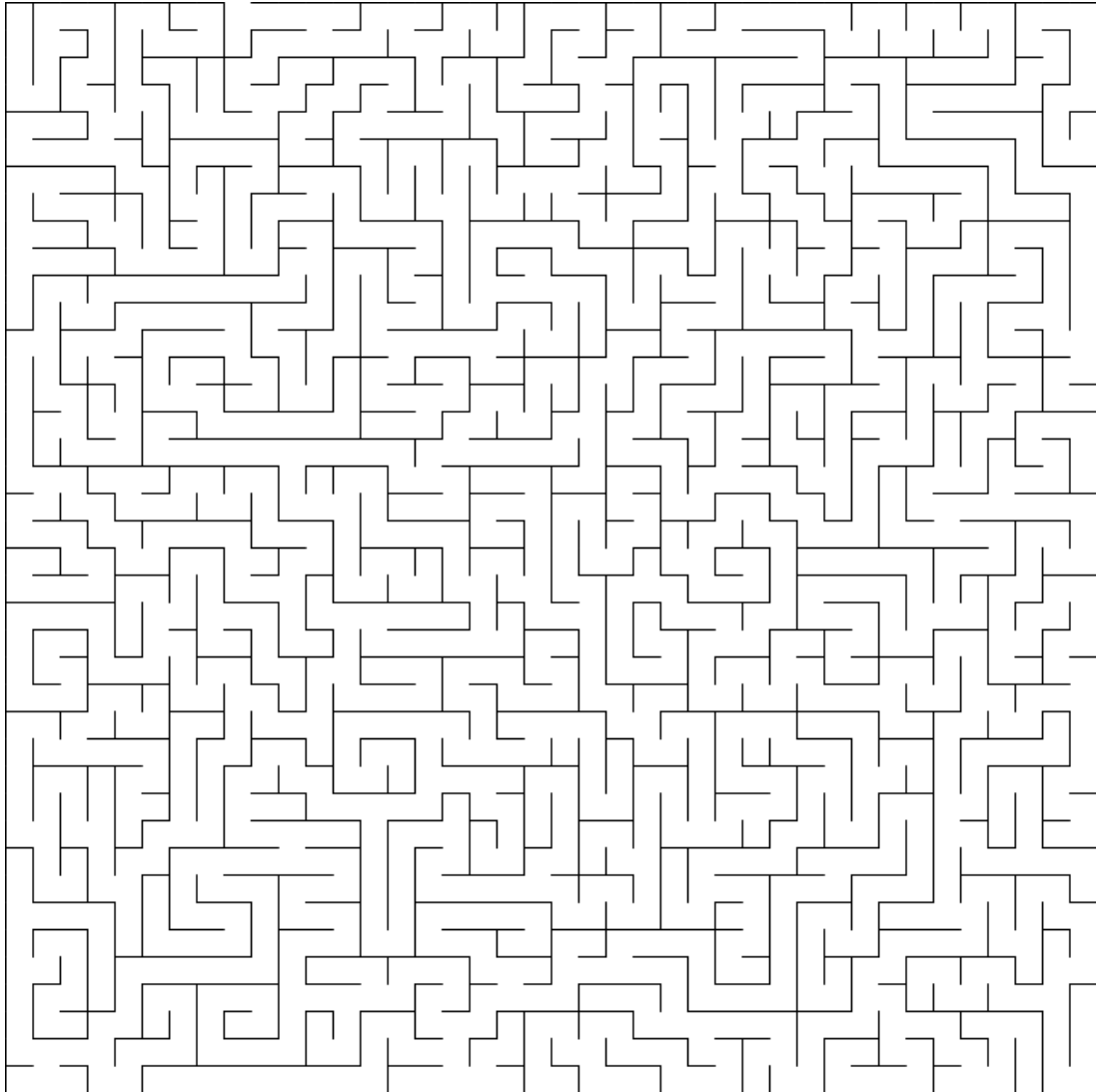
- 4. A word or phrase by which a person or thing is known
- 5. Someone who performs a particular job
- 7. The home of God and the angels
- 8. The area of land where a crop is planted

DOWN

- 1. The process of gathering a crop
- 2. A feeling of happiness or pleasure
- 3. Express happiness or joy
- 6. To cause to go to another place

HEAVEN	JOY	SEND	REJOICE
WORKER	FIELD	NAME	HARVEST

Activity #5: Help the disciples find their way to Jesus.



Activity #6: Find the Words

Angels Watching Over Me

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." Matthew 2:13



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:13-23

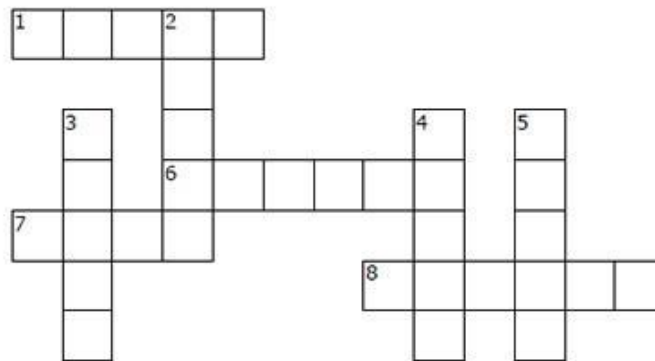
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R R R E D V N O E G Y P T P R
O O Q O S K X P R E S V L W E
L D R H A I H M S O N R U Q T
Y E Z N Y L E Q D E A T H N U
H Y F A B L A P P E A R S T R
B Q U Z O E H K F O M R P W N
T I L A O N T O Y T A C C P S
A S L R N Y A H J E G I X H D
D Y F E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

LORD	FULLFILL	KILL	MOTHER	ESCAPE
EGYPT	RETURN	SEARCH	HEROD	ANGEL
MAGI	ISRAEL	BETHLEHEM	NIGHT	NAZARETH
JOSEPH	APPEAR	DEATH	SON	CHILD

Activity #7: Solve the Puzzle

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ACROSS

1. To see images and hear voices in your mind while sleeping
6. To run away from someone or something; break loose; get free
7. To cause someone to die
8. A female parent

DOWN

2. A heavenly servant of God
3. A person from the time of birth until he or she is fully grown
4. The king of Judea who tried to kill baby Jesus
5. The part of every twenty-four hour period when it is dark

HEROD	NIGHT	CHILD	KILL
DREAM	ESCAPE	ANGEL	MOTHER

Activity #8: 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.

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

- 15-6-2-12-23 _____
- 18-8-7-10-24 _____
- 23-11-24-10-2-6 _____
- 10-2-6-11-15 _____
- 21-10-8-3-15 _____
- 4-8-3-3 _____
- 12-18-7-2-3 _____
- 2-13-21-12-22-2 _____

KILL NIGHT	DREAM HEROD	ESCAPE ANGEL	CHILD MOTHER
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Activity #9: Solve the Puzzle

First find all the words in the list.

Words can go in any direction and share letters as well as cross over each other.

Once you find all the words. Copy the unused letters starting in the top left corner into the blanks to reveal the hidden message.

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

Blessed
Gabriel
Heaven
Messenger
Servant

Faithful
Grace
Host
Michael
Spirit

Activity #10: Coloring Page.



St. Michael