

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #31

"THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT"

(31st 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 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time. In today's reading, Jesus answers a question about the greatest commandment of all. We also celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day this week, which is a good time for us to remember the holy men and women who pray for us, as well as our family and friends who have gone before us and need our prayers.

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 31st 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 12: 28-34**. 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:

A teacher of the law came to Jesus and asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

What commandments do I remember and follow in my life?
Which of the commandments are most important to me?

Jesus answered that the most important commandment was to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. He also said that the second important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself.

What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?
What does it mean to love your neighbour as yourself?
What can I do to live out my love for God today?

Today, Jesus tells us that to love God with all that we have is the most important thing for us to do. Therefore, it is so important for us to learn more about God and understand Him better, so that we love Him more completely. We pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we may be able to follow the example of the saints in loving God and each other with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

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 Gospel passage as well as the All-Saints Day and All Souls Day celebrations. 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.

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



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

MIND	SOUL	YOURSELF	ANSWER	QUESTIONS
NEIGHBOR	IMPORTANT	STRENGTH	TEACHER	KINGDOM
GREATEST	LOVE	LAW	SECOND	HEART

Activity #2: Break the Code

The Greatest Commandment

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
10	2	8	13	19	26	14	5	17	16	18	6	20

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
11	23	1	21	4	9	7	12	25	22	3	24	15

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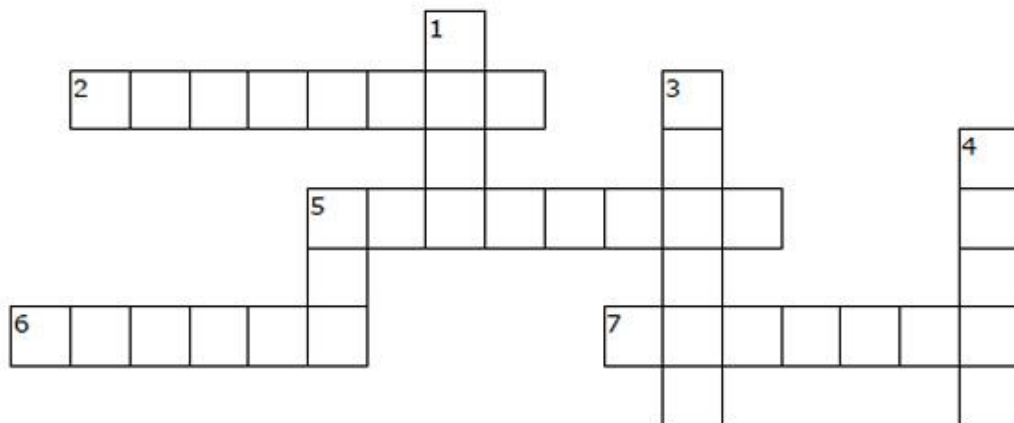
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Activity #3: Solve the Puzzle

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

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ACROSS

2. A person who lives near or next to another
5. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
6. Coming next in order after the first one
7. Someone who educates or trains others

DOWN

1. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
3. A spoken or written reply to a question
4. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
5. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

NEIGHBOR	TEACHER	SECOND	GOD
ANSWER	HEART	GREATEST	LOVE

Activity #4: Unscramble the Message.

Unscramble the words in the boxes. Complete the sentence below using the letters in the numbered boxes to find out what the greatest commandment is

AETCHRE

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LWA

4	21	29

IFRTS

12	28	13	25	

OVEL

16	5	23	24

EHRTA

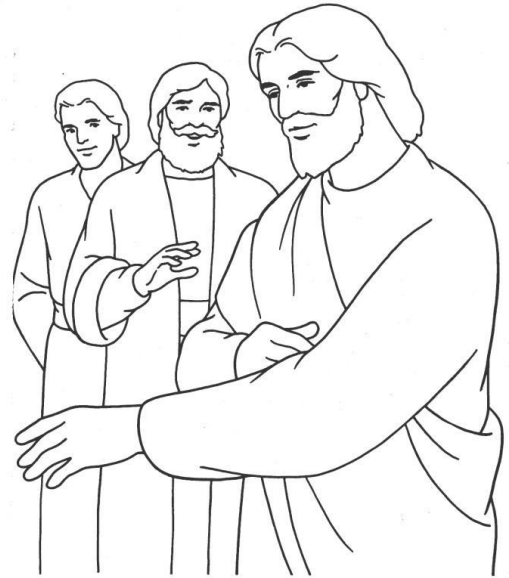
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USOL

19	7	8	22

ONRHEBIG

14	33	30	10	2	11	17	



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4	5	6		

7	8	9

			D	,
10	11			

12	13

5	14	15

			D	;
16	5	17		

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18	14	

Y		
5	8	8

19	20	21	22	4

22	5	23	24

25	26	27

			D	,
4	5	28		

Y			
5	8	9	

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10	11		

29	30	31	26

32	16	4

Y			
5	8	9	

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26	33	32	28	1	

29	30	1	20

18	22	22

Y			
7	8	17	

				,
13	5	8	22	

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7	8	6	

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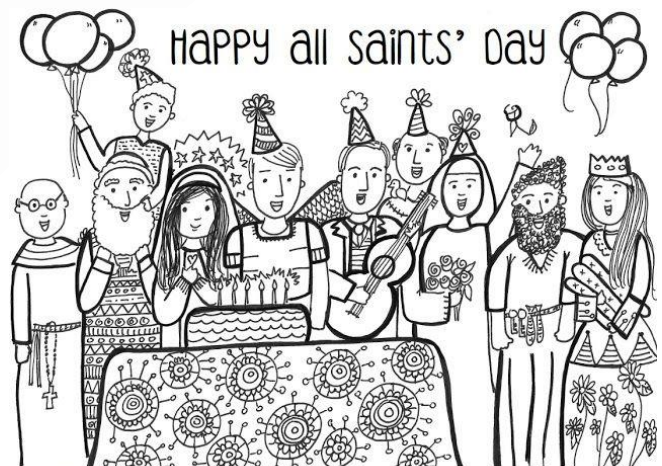
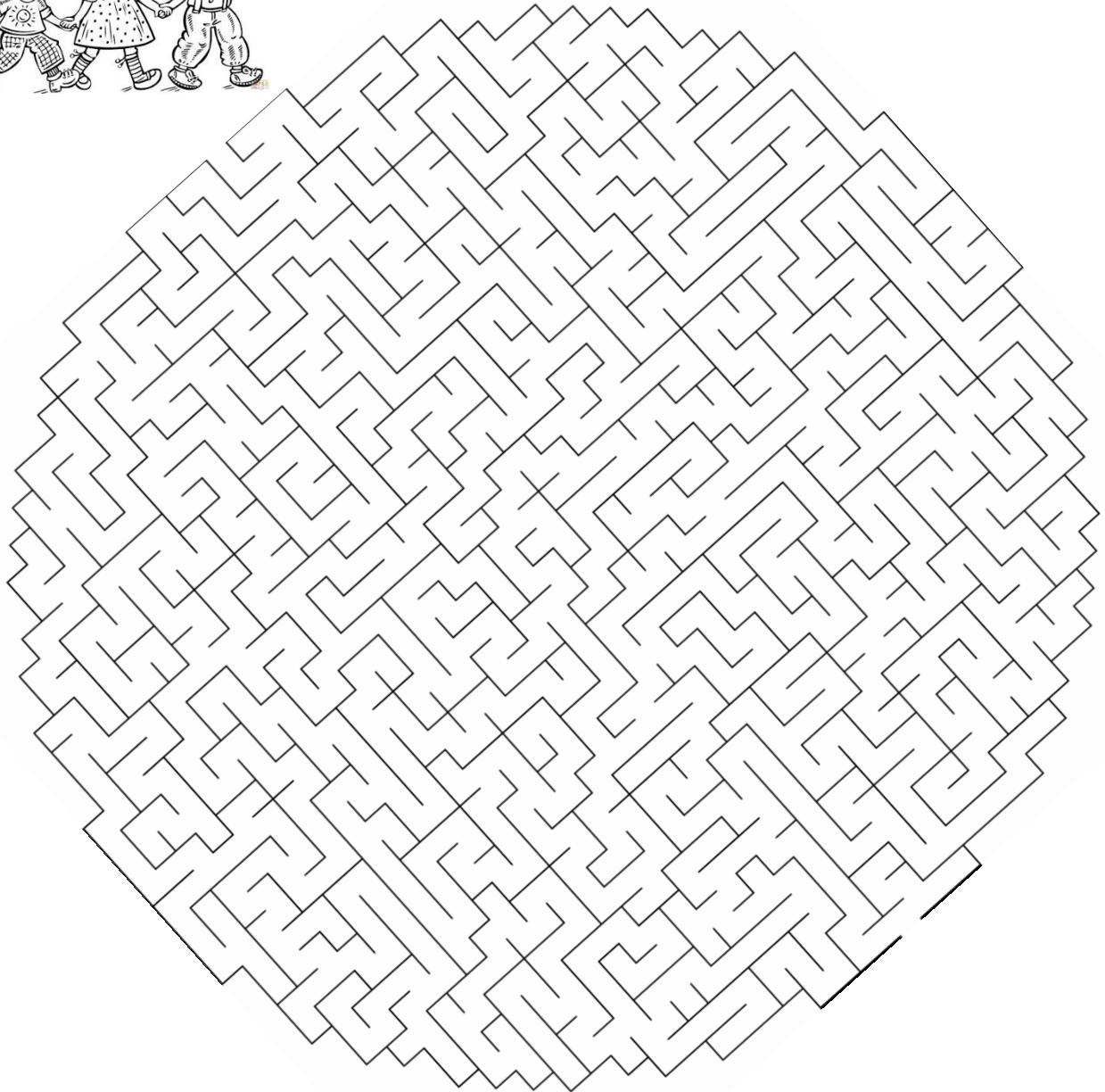
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5	8	6	

13	1	9	33	14	10	25	20

Activity #5: Help the children get to the celebration.



Activity #6: Find the Words



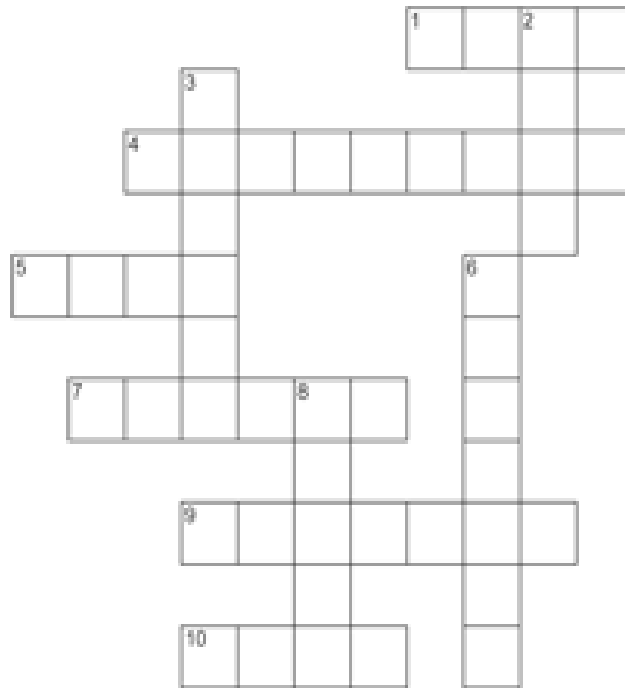
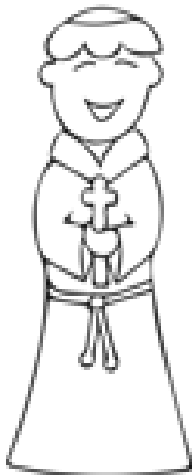
Saint Search

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 E Y L B X B E N E D I C T M K
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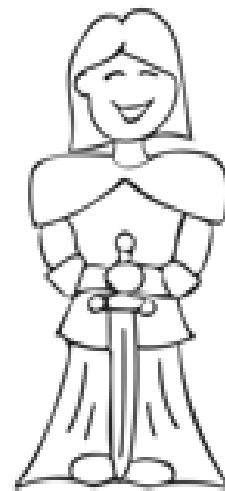
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 PAUL
 THERESE
 AUGUSTINE
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 PERPETUA
 MONICA
 STEPHEN
 AMBROSE
 JOSEPH
 JUDE
 AGNES
 BOSCO
 BENEDICT

Activity #7: Solve the Puzzle

Saints Crossword Puzzle



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ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Saint _____ Diego saw Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 4 On this saint's feast day, you might give cards to your friends
- 5 Saint _____ of Arc
- 7 This saint was the earthly father of Jesus
- 9 This saint taught people about the Holy Trinity using a three leaf clover
- 10 The mother of Jesus

- 2 This saint was Saint Mary's mother
- 3 We believe people who go to Heaven become _____
- 6 Saint _____ of Assisi
- 8 This saint was the first pope



Activity #8: Break the Code

Feast of All Saints

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
6	7	11	23	10	24	19	13	17	21	16	3	5

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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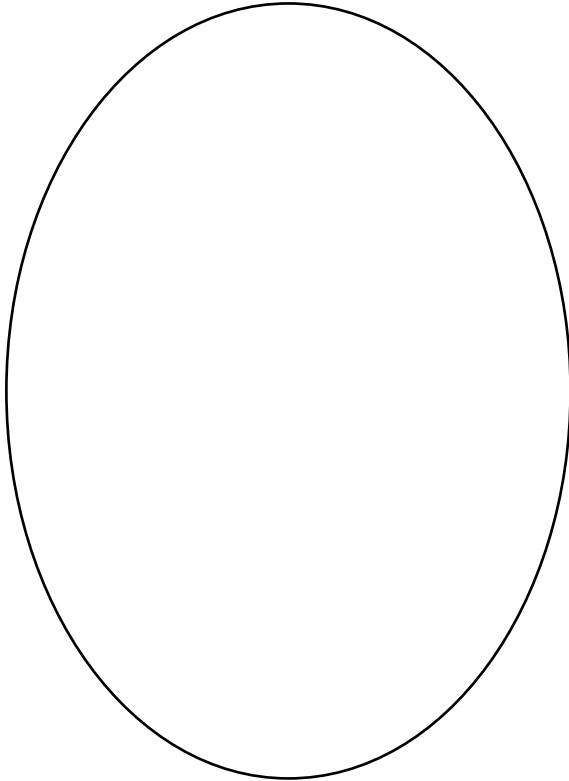
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Activity #9: Who is your favourite Saint?

ALL ABOUT MY FAVORITE SAINT



I AM THE PATRON SAINT OF...

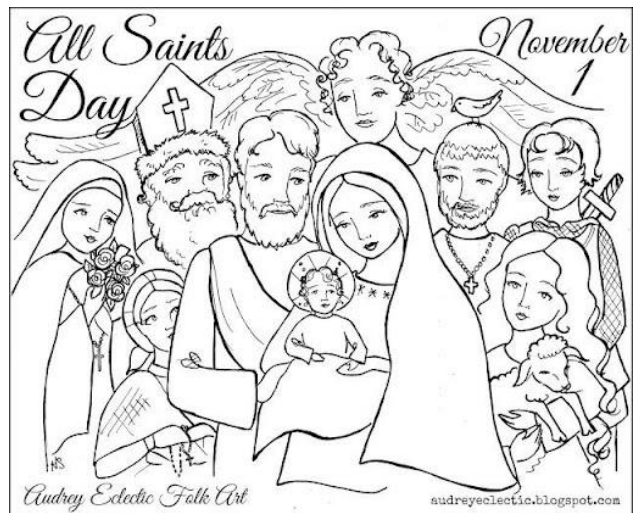
MY FEAST DAY IS...

BORN ON:

COUNTRY OF BIRTH:

DIED ON:

SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT ME:



Activity #10: Colouring Page.

