

CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #27

"INCREASE OUR FAITH"

(27th Sunday of Ordinary Time)



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INTRODUCTION

Dear parents and guardians. This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the gospel reading of 27th 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 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. Help us to have complete faith in You and to trust You. Holy Spirit, guide us during this lesson. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read Luke 17: 5-10. Later, reflect on the questions given together as a family, 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:

Jesus draws attention to the greatness hidden in something very small, that is a mustard seed. We may feel that we are "small", but God is always ready to empower those who truly follow him to do great things. God can work through us, beyond all our hopes and dreams, when we surrender our lives to Him and remain humble.

Let us join the apostles and pray constantly and say to Jesus daily, 'Lord, increase my faith'. Let us listen with the same openness and wonder to Jesus' encouraging reply: it's enough for my faith to be as small as a mustard seed and I can do great things for God!

How often do I think I am unable to do great things for God because I lack faith? What is Jesus telling me today?

Jesus also warns us against the seeking credit for our good deeds. The servant has to realise that his or her duty is to serve the master and not expect the master to show gratitude or praise him or her. In the same way, we have to pray for the grace to see ourselves as the servant who tries not to see him or herself as superior to his master.

After I have done a good action for others - how often do I feel proud or pleased with myself? How often do I say, "I am only a servant who serves God who is my Master?"

Say this prayer:

Lord, you fill me with your unlimited love, and you invite me to share that love with a needy world. Let it be my joy to do that. That is my greatness joy to serve in love. Amen.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. 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.

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The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



**Mustard Seed
Faith**

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

DRINK	SEA	DUTY	OBEY	APOSTLES
FAITH	EAT	INCREASE	PLANTED	SMALL
SERVANT	LORD	UPROOTED	MUSTARD	PREPARE
SEED	REPLIED	TREE	MULBERRY	SUPPER

Activity #2: Solve the puzzle.

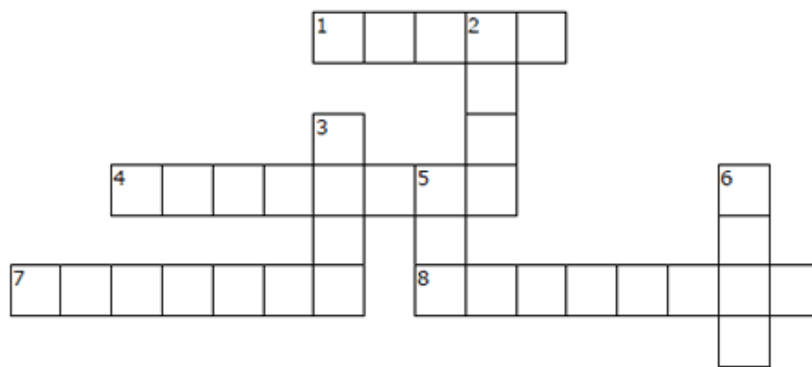
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4. To make greater or larger
7. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
8. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel

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2. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
3. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
5. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

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faith	increase	sea	apostles

Activity #3: Choose the right word.

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel
A. pharisees B. apostles C. angels D. troops
- ___ 2. To make greater or larger
A. obey B. shrink C. seed D. increase
- ___ 3. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea
A. obey B. deny C. hope D. faith
- ___ 4. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
A. leaf B. branch C. seed D. twig
- ___ 5. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
A. honey B. pickles C. jam D. mustard
- ___ 6. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
A. tree B. flower C. bush D. ivy
- ___ 7. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
A. river B. sea C. pond D. pool
- ___ 8. To do what you are told or expected to do
A. tattle B. gossip C. lie D. obey

Activity #4: Enter the correct word.

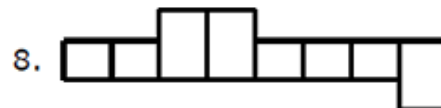
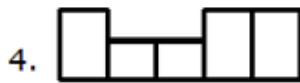
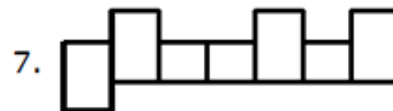
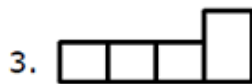
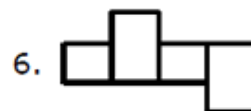
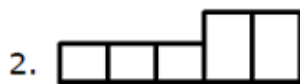
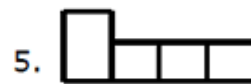
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Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



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seed	obey	planted	mustard
tree	small	mulberry	faith

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.



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

- 17-25-15-4-2-23-16 _____
- 19-18-25-13-23-21-21-6 _____
- 3-23-23-16 _____
- 10-4-11-21-23-15-3-23 _____
- 3-19-15-25-25 _____
- 5-13-23-6 _____
- 12-15-10-2-20 _____
- 3-23-15 _____
- 19-18-3-2-15-21-16 _____
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OBEY	INCREASE	SMALL	SEED	TREE
MUSTARD	FAITH	MULBERRY	PLANTED	SEA

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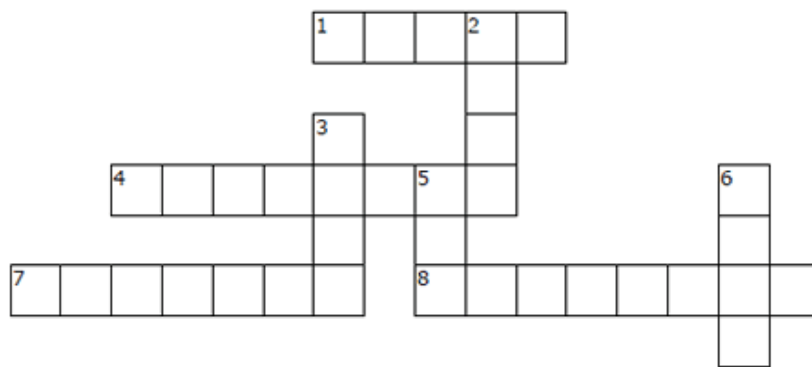
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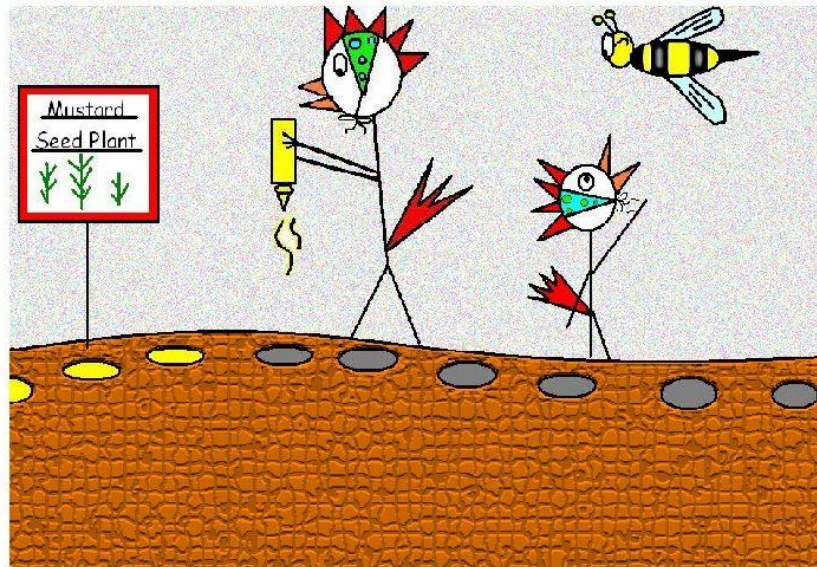
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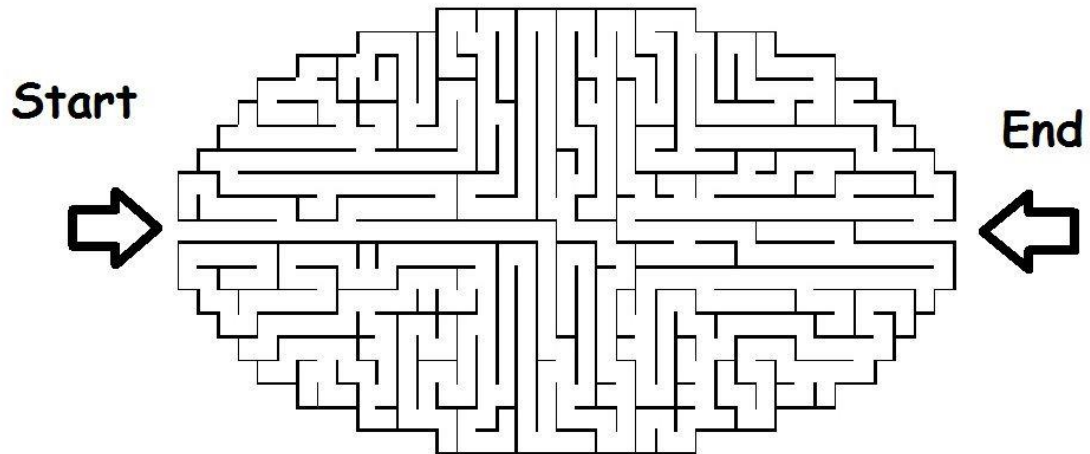
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Activity #7: Find your way through the mustard seed maze.



The Mustard Seed



Activity #8: Find the words.

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

apostles	increase	faith
mustard	seed	mulberry
uprooted	planted	obey
servant	plowing	sheep
table	apron	drink
grateful	commanded	unprofitable

Activity #9: Find your way through the Shield of Faith.

**FIND YOUR WAY
SHIELD OF FAITH**

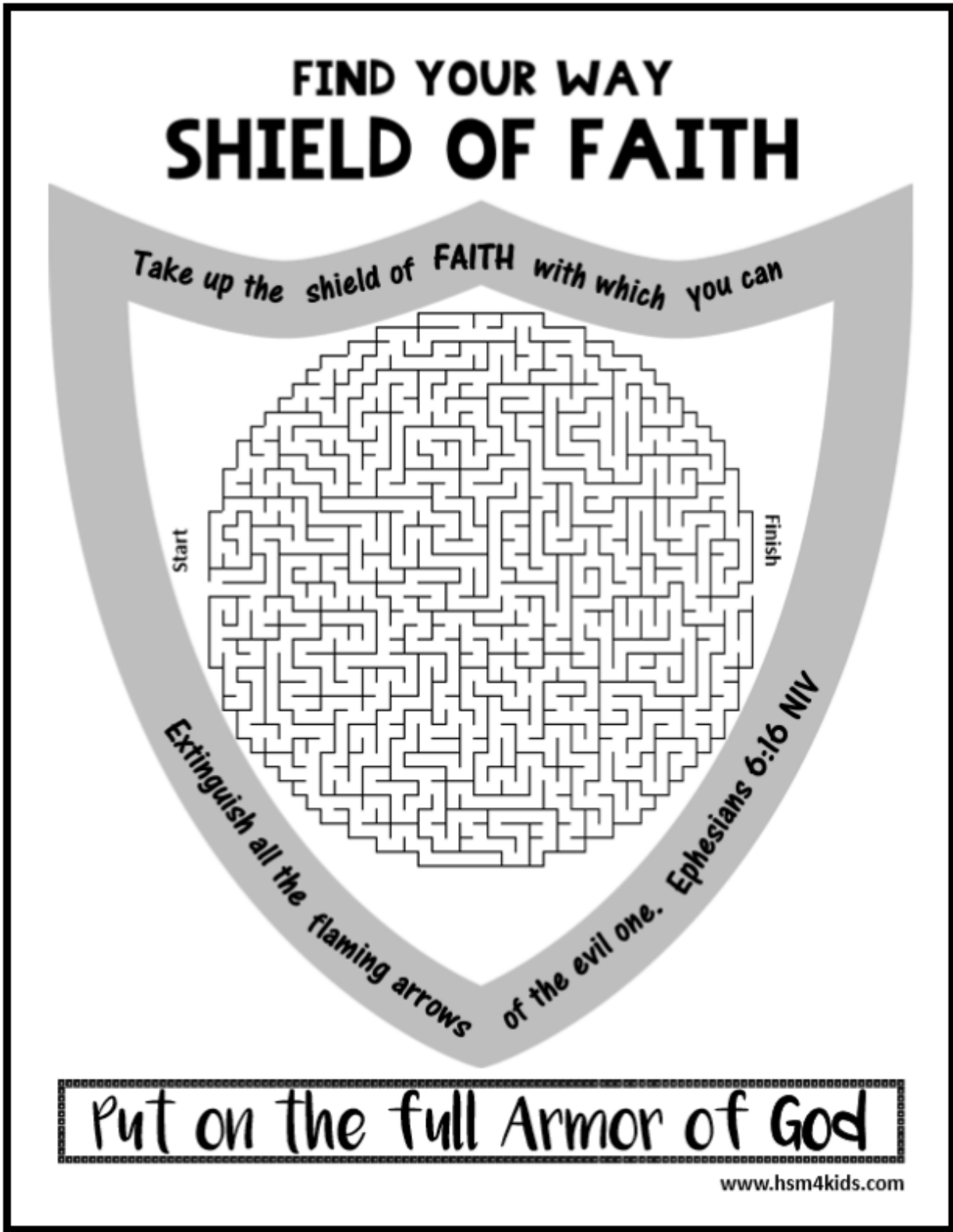
Take up the shield of **FAITH** with which you can

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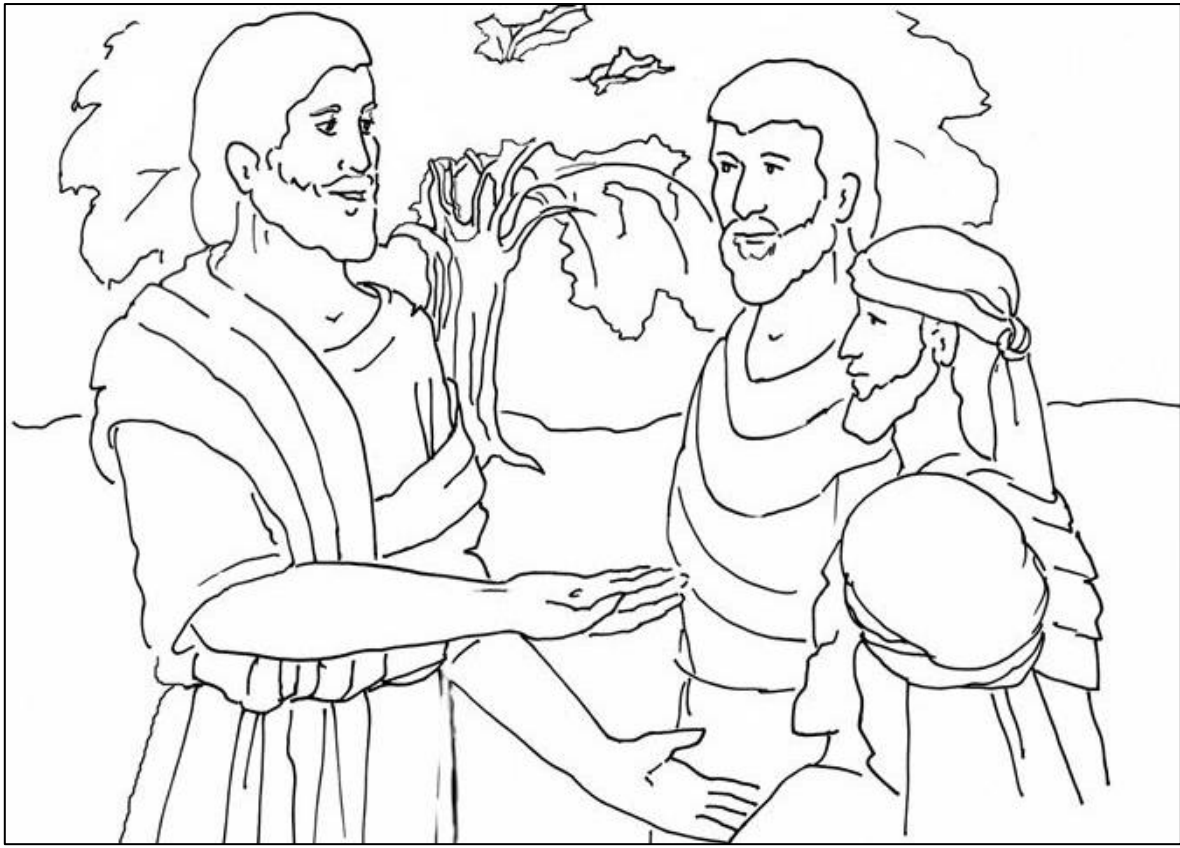
Extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Ephesians 6:16 NIV

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Activity #10: Colour the pictures and tell the story.



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