



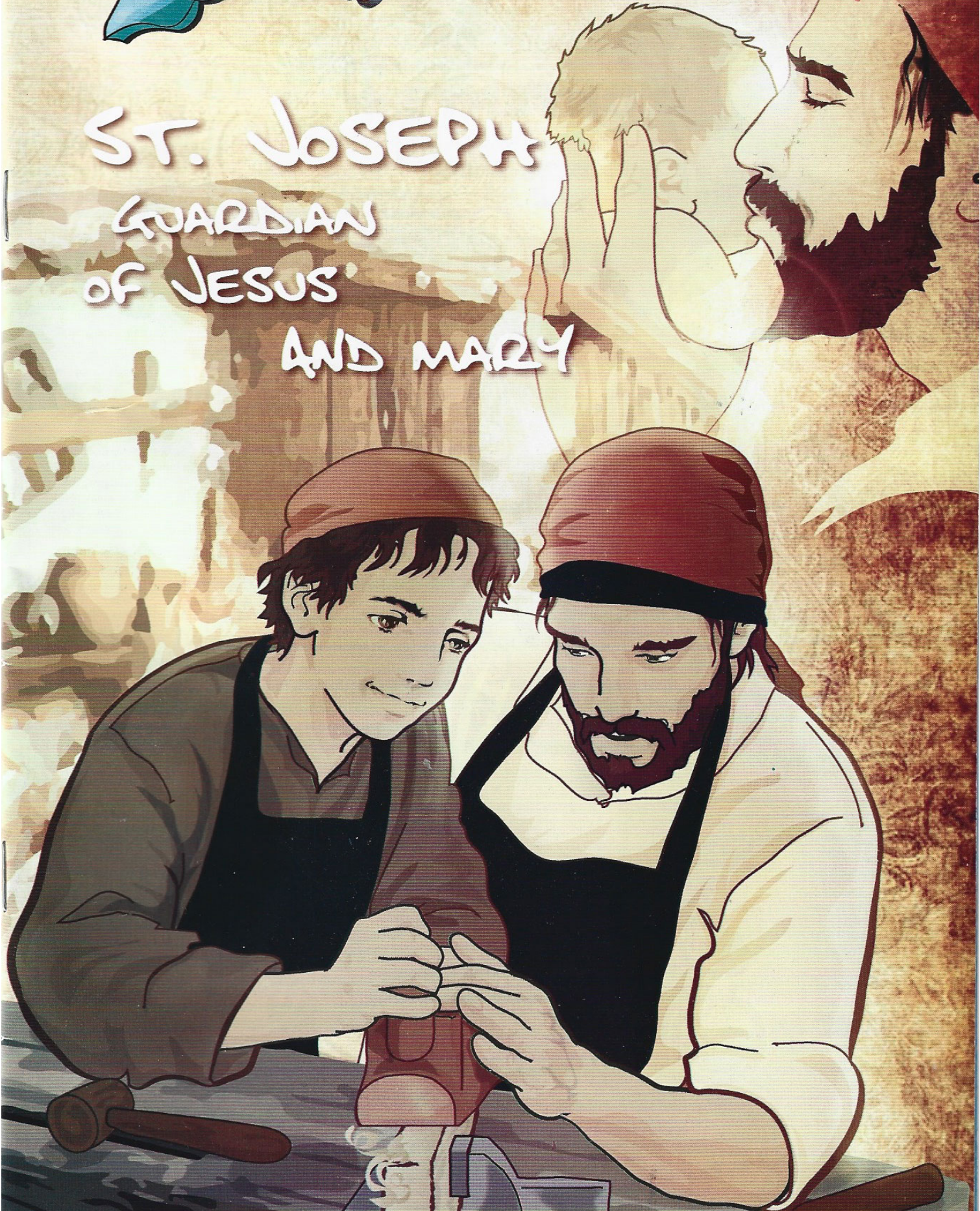
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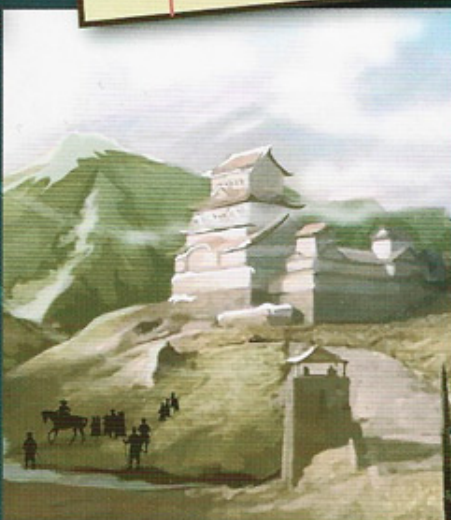
ST. THOMAS KOZAKI



- **NAME:** Thomas Kozaki
- **DATE OF BIRTH:** 1582 in Ise, Japan
- **DATE OF DEATH:** Crucified on February 5, 1597 in Nagasaki, Japan.
- **KNOWN FOR:** Bravely dying for love of Christ when he was only 15 years old.
- **FEAST DAY:** February 6

JAPAN 1596

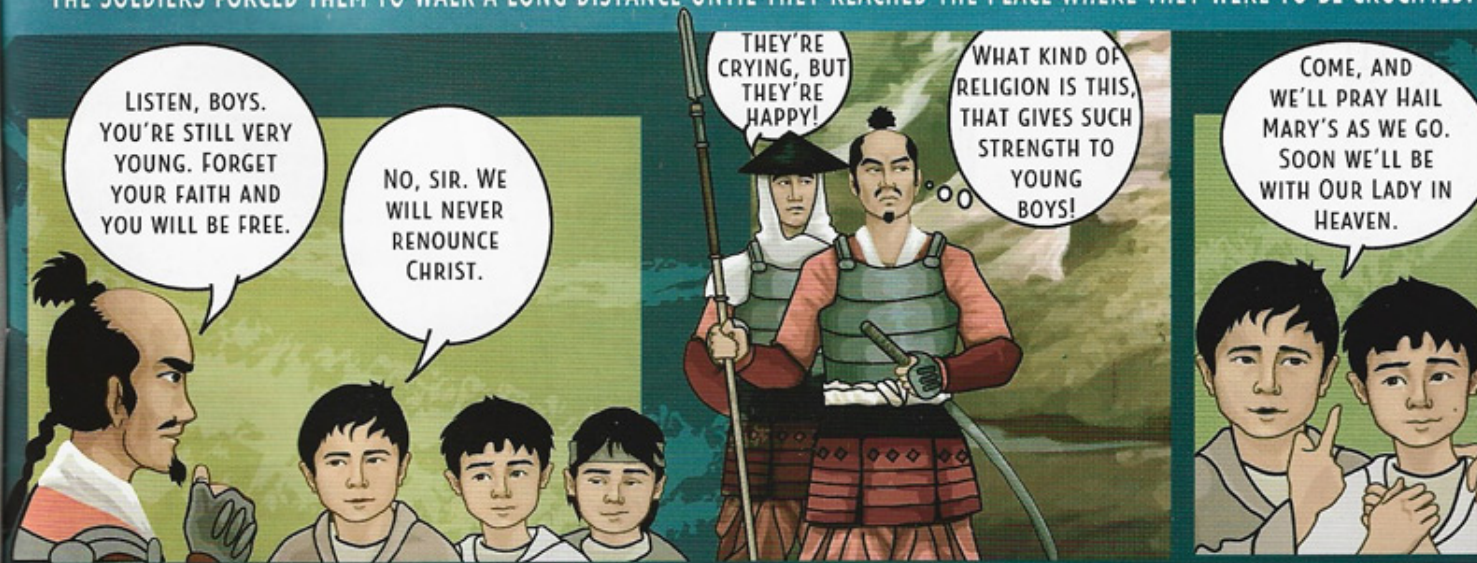
THOMAS WAS TAKEN PRISONER ALONG WITH 26 OTHER CHRISTIANS. AMONG THEM WERE HIS FATHER AND TWO OF HIS FRIENDS.



LOOK! SOME OF THE CHRISTIANS ARE VERY YOUNG.

YES! LET'S TALK WITH THEM.

THE SOLDIERS FORCED THEM TO WALK A LONG DISTANCE UNTIL THEY REACHED THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE TO BE CRUCIFIED.



LISTEN, BOYS. YOU'RE STILL VERY YOUNG. FORGET YOUR FAITH AND YOU WILL BE FREE.

NO, SIR. WE WILL NEVER RENOUNCE CHRIST.

THEY'RE CRYING, BUT THEY'RE HAPPY!

WHAT KIND OF RELIGION IS THIS, THAT GIVES SUCH STRENGTH TO YOUNG BOYS!

COME, AND WE'LL PRAY HAIL MARY'S AS WE GO. SOON WE'LL BE WITH OUR LADY IN HEAVEN.

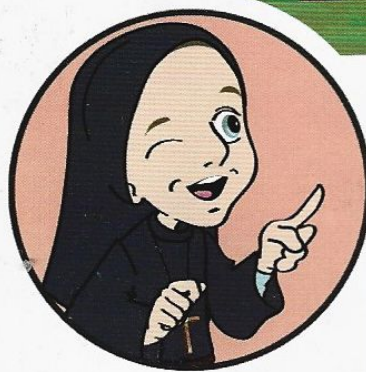
GREATER THAN THE RICHES OF THIS EARTH ARE THE RICHES OF HEAVEN, WHICH NO ONE CAN TAKE AWAY FROM US.

Sr. CLARE



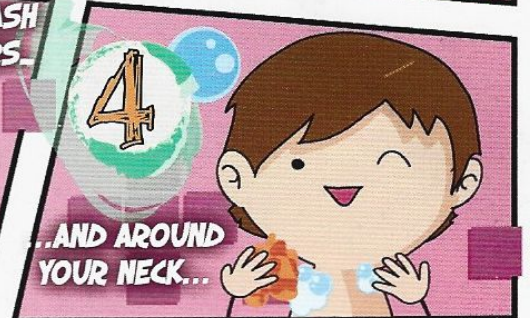
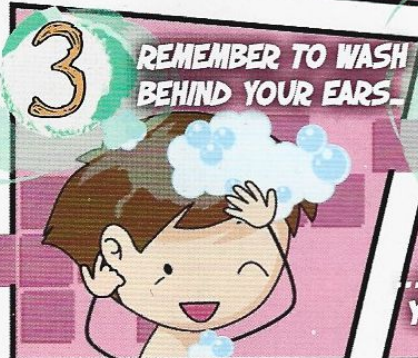
SR. CLARE TAUGHT ABOUT CLEANLINESS OF BODY AND SOUL

ONE DAY AT THE GIRLS' SUMMER CAMP, AFTER SAYING THEIR MORNING PRAYERS, THE SISTERS GAVE A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS.



SINCE SOME GIRLS WERE VERY LITTLE, AND OTHERS WERE JUST LAZY, SR. CLARE HAD TO GIVE THEM A GENERAL REMINDER ABOUT PERSONAL HYGIENE. SOME OF THE GIRLS DID NOT KNOW HOW TO WASH THEMSELVES PROPERLY IN THE MORNING.

WITH HER GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, SR. CLARE BEGAN TO EXPLAIN A FEW STEPS FOR CLEANLINESS:



SHIM





BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, YOUR FRIEND WILL COME UP TO YOU AND SAY, "I LIKE YOUR RING."

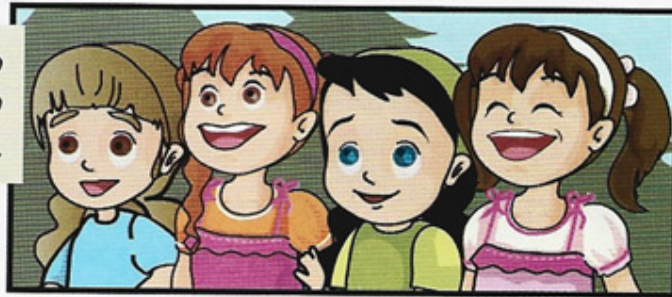
AND YOU, CONFUSED, WILL ASK HER, "WHAT RING?" AND SHE'LL SAY:



"THE RING [OF GRIME] AROUND YOUR NECK!"

NOOOO!!!

THE GIRLS LAUGHED AND UNDERSTOOD SR. CLARE'S MESSAGE.



SHE TOOK CARE OF BOTH THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL CLEANLINESS OF THE SOULS THAT WERE ENTRUSTED TO HER.



Don't ever forget how important it is to be **CLEAN IN BODY AND SOUL.**



DISCOVERING



Day Geckos

You might have seen a gecko climbing the walls of your house at night. Most geckos are nocturnal.

But did you know that some species are active during the day?

Most day geckos can be found living in forests of Africa and India, especially Madagascar.

**DON'T TRY
THIS AT HOME!**

THEY CAN'T CLOSE THEIR EYES?

Nope! Day geckos don't have eyelids! Instead, they have a clear covering over their eyes to protect them. And if their eyes get dirty, they clean them with their tongues!

GOD'S CREATION

What's for lunch?

Day geckos eat fruit and small insects such as fruit flies, crickets, and meal worms.

Is there anything that geckos can't climb?

Geckos have an amazing ability to climb any kind of surface. Their feet **can even grip onto glass!** As a matter of fact, the only kind of material that they can't grip onto is Teflon, a non-stick synthetic material used in pots and pans.

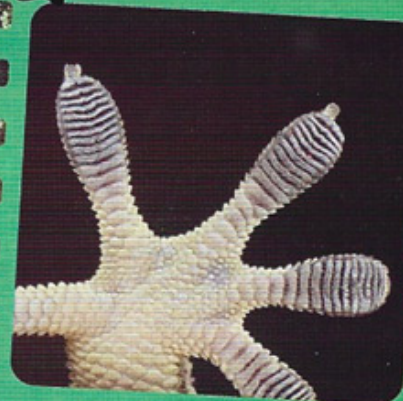
How do they do it?

Geckos have **microscopic hairs on their feet** (called setae) that increase the Van der Waals forces (the attraction between atoms) between their feet and the surface. Scientists have recently been trying to invent synthetic materials that mimic the characteristics of gecko feet.

Imagine tape that can be reused over and over again because it doesn't lose its stickiness! Or even better, a Spiderman costume that really does allow you to climb up walls! Although advances are being made, scientists have not been totally successful yet.

Look at that! Scientists study God's creation to invent amazing things!

DON'T FORGET
TO THANK GOD
FOR CREATING
DAY GECKOS!





HOW DO PLANES FLY?

Have you ever asked yourself how is it possible for a big chunk of metal weighing more than 170 tons—not counting the passengers—to glide through the air like a bird? It just needs wings and wind!



A BIT OF HISTORY

Men have always wanted to fly.

Leonardo Da Vinci's plans



14-BIS

FIRST PLANE

IN 1906, ALBERTO SANTOS DUMONT FLEW THE 14-BIS FOR 21 SECONDS AT APPROXIMATELY 20 FEET, AT THE SPEED OF 25 MILES PER HOUR.

There is a sustained debate as to who really was the first to fly: Alberto Santos Dumont or the Wright Brothers. Here's a good article to find out more: <https://aviationoiloutlet.com/blog/who-really-invented-airplane/>



HOW DO PLANES FLY?

WHEN A PLANE IS AT THE AIRPORT, IT REMAINS ON THE GROUND THANKS TO THE FORCE OF GRAVITY. IN ORDER TO FLY, IT NEEDS A FORCE THAT IS GREATER THAN GRAVITY TO PUSH IT UPWARDS. THIS FORCE IS CALLED "LIFT" AND IS PRODUCED THANKS TO THE FLOW OF AIR THAT PASSES UNDER THE WINGS OF THE PLANE WHEN IT ACCELERATES.



TRICKS AND EXPERIMENTS WITH ERNEST

THE AERODYNAMIC FORM OF THE WINGS DIRECTS THE WIND TOWARDS THE GROUND AND PRODUCES A DIFFERENCE IN PRESSURE BETWEEN THE FLOW OF AIR ABOVE AND BELOW THE WINGS. WHEN THERE IS MORE PRESSURE BELOW AND LESS PRESSURE ABOVE, THE FORCE CALLED LIFT IS PRODUCED AND THE PLANE BEGINS TO RISE!

If you've ever stuck your hand out the car window while the car is in motion, you've surely noticed that the wind forced your hand to go upwards. This is lift.



DO YOU REALIZE HOW GREAT GOD IS, HE WHO CREATED BIRDS THAT FLY SO MAJESTICALLY?

EXPERIMENT

MATERIAL NEEDED:

- Craft Foam Ball (polystyrene) about 1.5 inches
- 1 piece of paper
- Tape
- 1 Wooden Skewer
- String or thread
- Hairdryer

Cut from paper a rectangle about 4 inches wide. Wrap it around the circumference of the foam ball and tape it, forming a cylinder.

Put the round wooden skewer inside the paper cylinder and stick it in the middle of the foam ball. Tie one end of the string to the end of the wooden skewer. Leave the string about 8-12 inches long and tape the other end of the string to a table.

While you hold the wooden stick in a vertical position, put the hairdryer on high at a slightly inclined angle, pointing upwards. Make sure it's cool air!

1°



2°



3°

THE CYLINDER FLOATS IN THE AIR!

4°



Don't get discouraged if your cylinder doesn't float the first time. Try varying the distance and angle of the air current.

What happens?



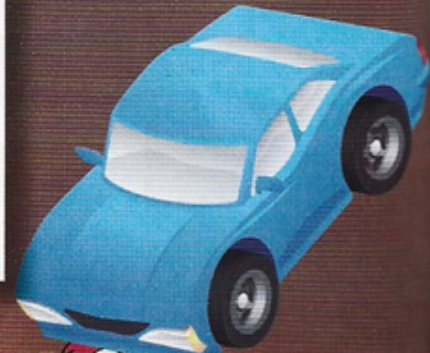


HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?

AIR IS A FLUID THAT EXERTS PRESSURE ON EVERY OBJECT THAT IS SUBMERGED IN IT—INCLUDING OURSELVES!



IN FACT, WE HAVE ALMOST A TON OF AIR ABOVE OUR HEADS AND SHOULDERS.



IF WE DON'T FEEL LIKE WE'RE SUPPORTING THE WEIGHT OF A CAR ON TOP OF US, IT'S BECAUSE AIR EXERTS A SIMILAR PRESSURE IN ALL DIRECTIONS AROUND OUR BODIES. THE SAME THING HAPPENS WITH THE CYLINDER. WHEN THE AIR TOUCHES THE ROUND SURFACE OF THE OBJECT, THIS MAKES THE AIR CURRENTS COMPRESS.

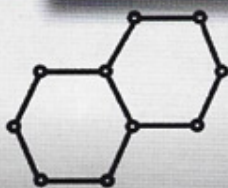


WHEN AIR IS COMPRESSED, IT TRAVELS FASTER—LIKE WHEN YOU WANT TO BLOW AIR MORE FORCEFULLY WITH YOUR MOUTH, YOU MAKE THE OPENING OF YOUR MOUTH SMALLER.



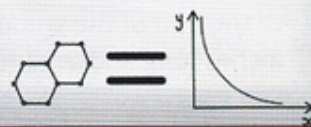
NOW, THERE IS LESS PRESSURE ABOVE THE CYLINDER THAN BELOW. THAT'S WHY IT FLOATS.

AIR IS COMPOSED OF PARTICLES.

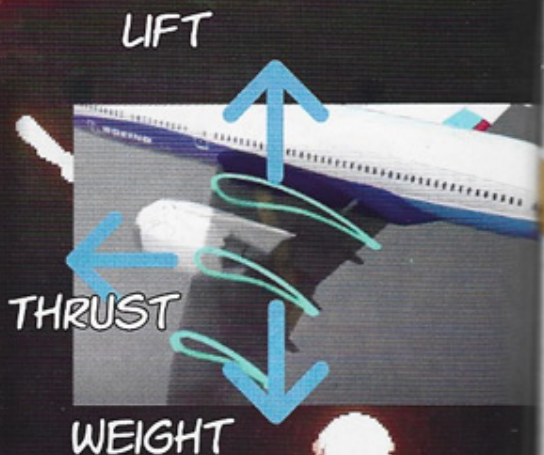


PARTICLES HAVE SPEED AND PRESSURE.

A FAMOUS PHYSICIST NAMED **BERNOULLI** DISCOVERED THAT THE SUM OF THESE PARTICLES IS ALWAYS CONSTANT. THIS DISCOVERY IS VERY IMPORTANT! **WHY?** BECAUSE IF THE SPEED INCREASES, THE PRESSURE DECREASES.



A FAMOUS PHYSICIST NAMED **VENTURI** MADE ANOTHER DISCOVERY: WHEN THE AIR PARTICLES PASS THROUGH A TIGHT SPACE, THEIR PRESSURE DECREASES AND THEREFORE THEIR SPEED INCREASES. **AND WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH PLANES?** SINCE A PLANE'S WINGS ARE AERODYNAMIC, THIS CREATES THE FORCE OF LIFT WHICH PERMITS THE AIRPLANE TO FLY.



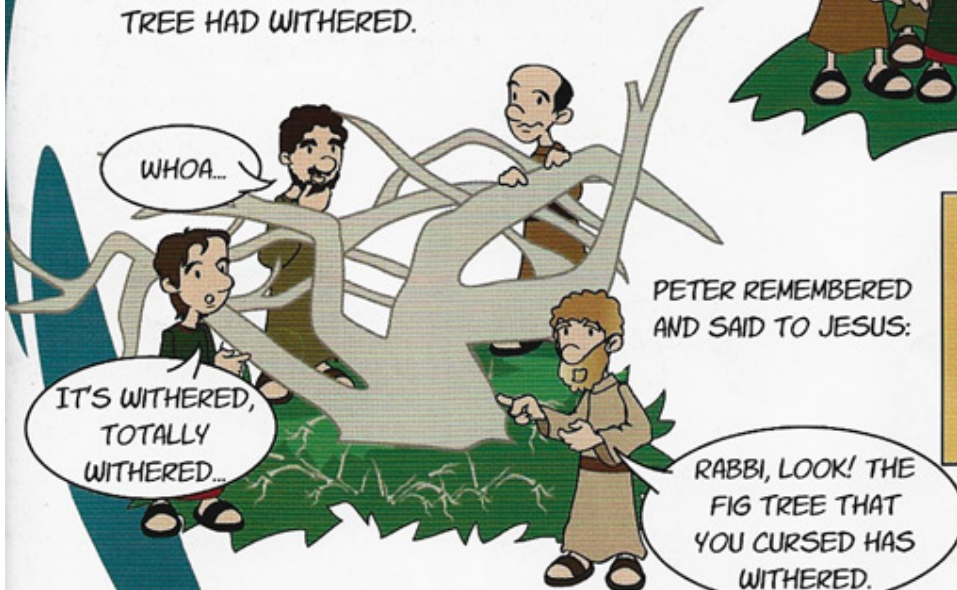
THE BARREN FIG TREE

(MATTHEW 21:18-22 AND MARK 11:12-23)

JESUS LEFT THE CITY OF BETHANY WITH HIS APOSTLES. THEY WERE HUNGRY. WHEN JESUS SAW A FIG TREE CLOSE TO THE ROAD, HE WENT OVER TO IT.

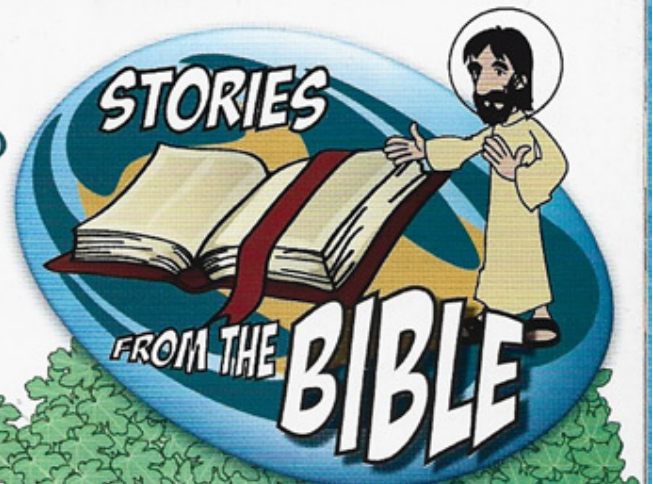


THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN THEY PASSED BY THE SAME SPOT, THEY SAW THAT THE FIG TREE HAD WITHERED.



AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER SAYS TO THIS MOUNTAIN, "BE LIFTED UP AND THROWN INTO THE SEA," AND DOES NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART BUT BELIEVES THAT WHAT HE SAYS WILL HAPPEN, IT SHALL BE DONE FOR HIM.

Don't forget the promise of Jesus: "Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours." Jesus is God and if He has the power to dry up fig trees and raise people from the dead, He has the power to give us all that we need in order to get to Heaven. We just need to have faith.

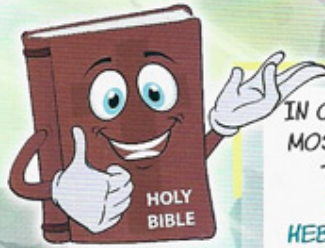


ALL THE APOSTLES WERE AMAZED. THE FIG TREE THAT DID NOT GIVE FRUIT NOW WOULD NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO. ONE OF THEM THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THOSE WHO DID NOT WANT TO LISTEN TO JESUS.

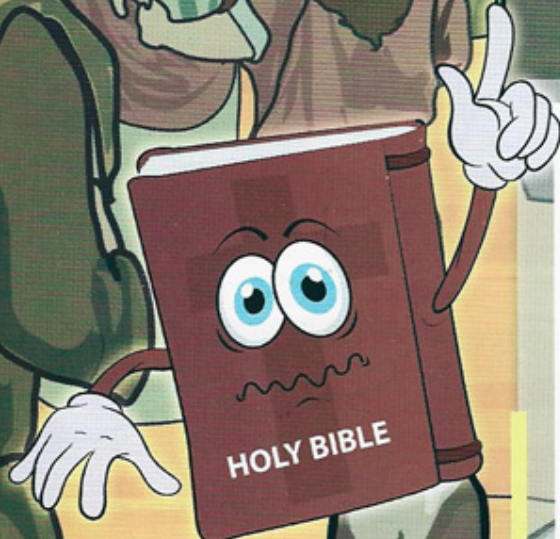




MOSES, GOD'S FRIEND (III)



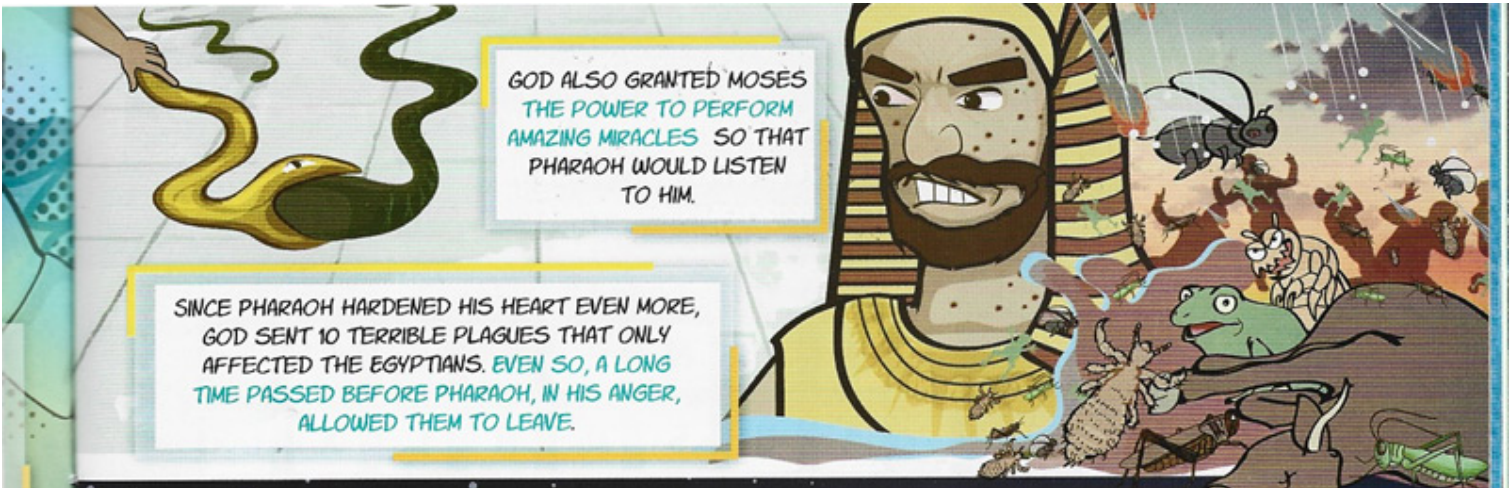
IN OUR LAST CATECHISM LESSON, WE LEFT OFF WITH MOSES, AARON, AND THEIR FAMILIES ON THEIR RETURN TO EGYPT WITH A DOUBLY DANGEROUS MISSION: FIRST, MOSES WOULD HAVE TO CONVINCE THE HEBREWS TO TRUST AND FOLLOW HIM JUST AS THEY WOULD GOD. THEN, HE WOULD HAVE TO PRESENT HIMSELF BEFORE PHARAOH AND ASK HIM FOR SOMETHING UNREASONABLE: TO ALLOW THE HEBREWS TO LEAVE EGYPT, WHERE THEY HAD BEEN WORKING AS SLAVES IN THE BUILDING OF CITIES.



IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GOD'S SPECIAL HELP.

HOWEVER, SINCE IT WAS GOD'S WILL, THAT SPECIAL HELP CAME:

GOD CAUSED MOSES TO WIN OVER THE TRUST OF THE HEBREWS. THEY BELIEVED HIM AND FOLLOWED HIM IN HIS PLAN TO ESCAPE.

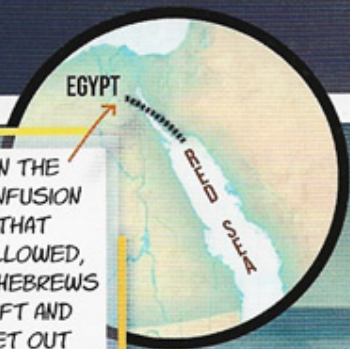


GOD ALSO GRANTED MOSES THE POWER TO PERFORM AMAZING MIRACLES SO THAT PHARAOH WOULD LISTEN TO HIM.

SINCE PHARAOH HARDENED HIS HEART EVEN MORE, GOD SENT 10 TERRIBLE PLAGUES THAT ONLY AFFECTED THE EGYPTIANS. EVEN SO, A LONG TIME PASSED BEFORE PHARAOH, IN HIS ANGER, ALLOWED THEM TO LEAVE.



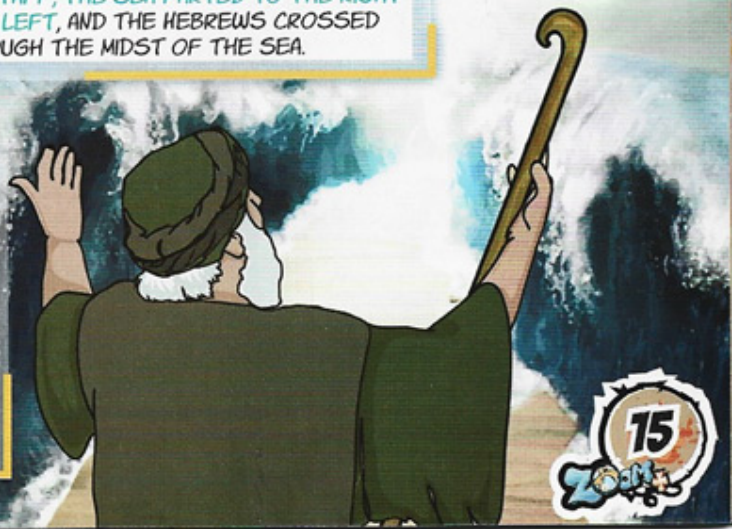
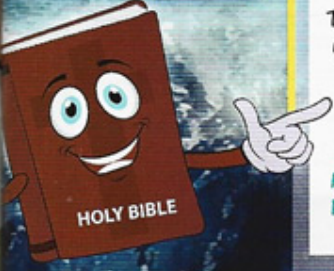
AND SO THE UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT CHOSEN BY GOD FINALLY ARRIVED. EACH HEBREW FAMILY GATHERED FOR A SPECIAL MEAL: THE PASSOVER MEAL, IN WHICH A LAMB OFFERED TO GOD WAS EATEN. ON THAT NIGHT, AN ANGEL PASSED OVER AND SLEW ALL THE FIRST-BORN IN THE COUNTRY - EXCEPT THE HEBREWS, WHOSE HOUSES HAD BEEN MARKED WITH THE BLOOD OF THE PASSOVER LAMB.



IN THE CONFUSION THAT FOLLOWED, THE HEBREWS LEFT AND SET OUT TOWARDS THE RED SEA.

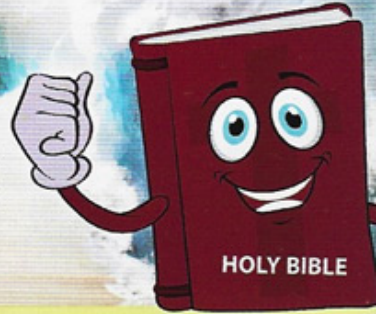
BUT THE EGYPTIANS PURSUED THEM. WHAT COULD THEY DO? MOSES STRUCK THE WATER WITH HIS MIRACULOUS STAFF, THE SEA PARTED TO THE RIGHT AND TO THE LEFT, AND THE HEBREWS CROSSED THROUGH THE MIDST OF THE SEA.

THEY COULD NEVER FORGET THE WAY GOD HAD SAVED THEM AND SET THEM FREE, NOR THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB THAT DELIVERED THEM, NOR THE WATERS OF THE SEA THAT OPENED UP FOR THEM. THEY FOREVER COMMEMORATED THE PASSOVER, THE SALVATION OF GOD.



IT'S YOUR TURN

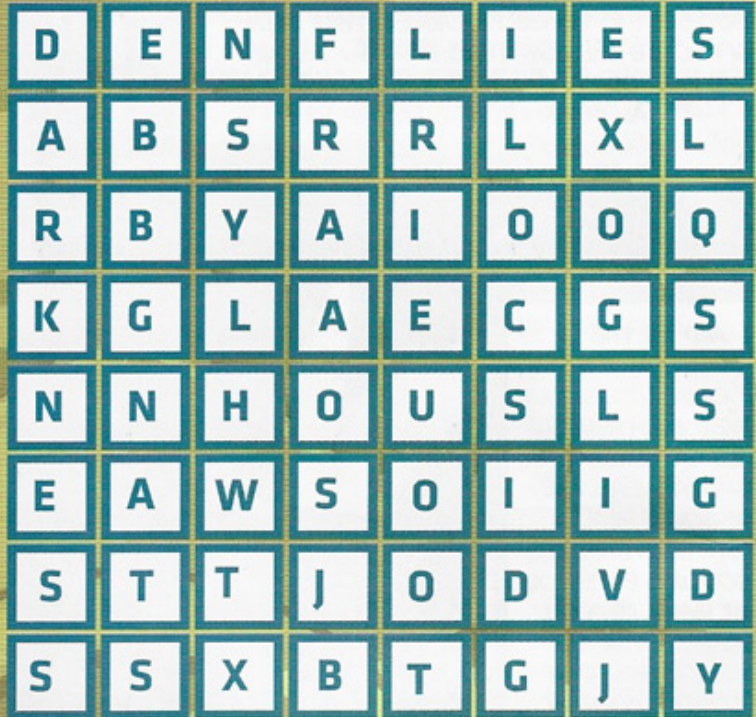
IF YOU READ CHAPTERS 7-10 OF THE BOOK OF EXODUS, YOU'LL SEE ALL THE PLAGUES PHARAOH RESISTED WITHOUT WANTING TO CONVERT. PEOPLE CAN BE SO STUBBORN SOMETIMES!



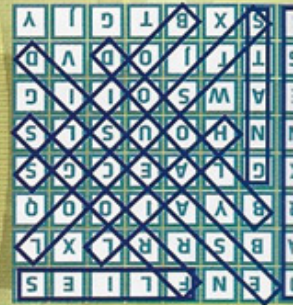
1. Now find the names of the plagues in this Word Search.

CLUES:

1. Water turned into...
2. There was an invasion of...
3. The land was infested with...
4. Day and night the... swarmed them.
5. ...fell on the livestock.
6. On their bodies... appeared.
7. There was a storm of...
8. The crops were destroyed by...
9. For three days, there was...in the land.



ANSWER:



2. God continues to warn us with things so that we do not forget His Commandments. Can you think of any examples?

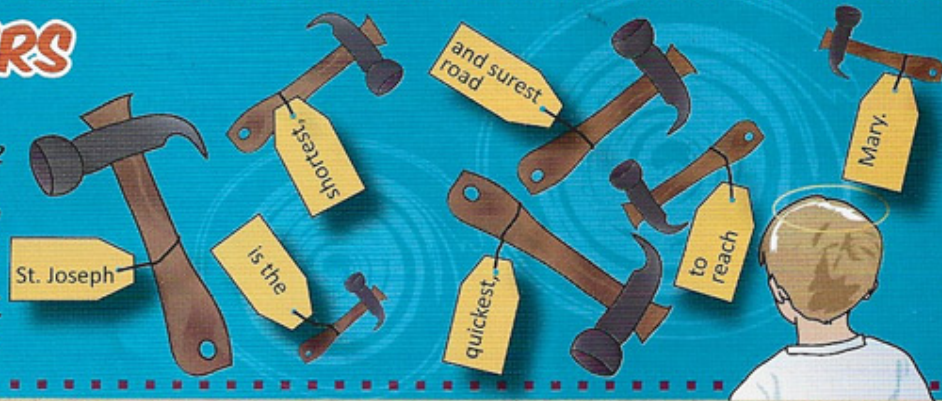
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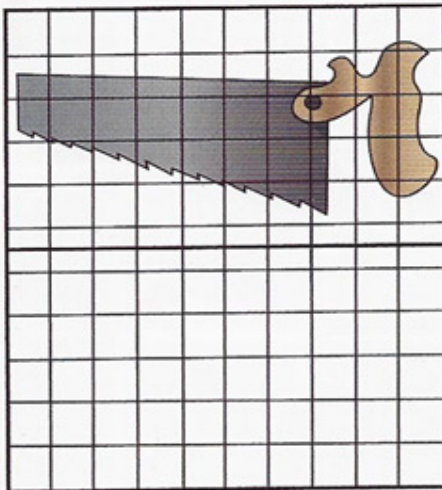
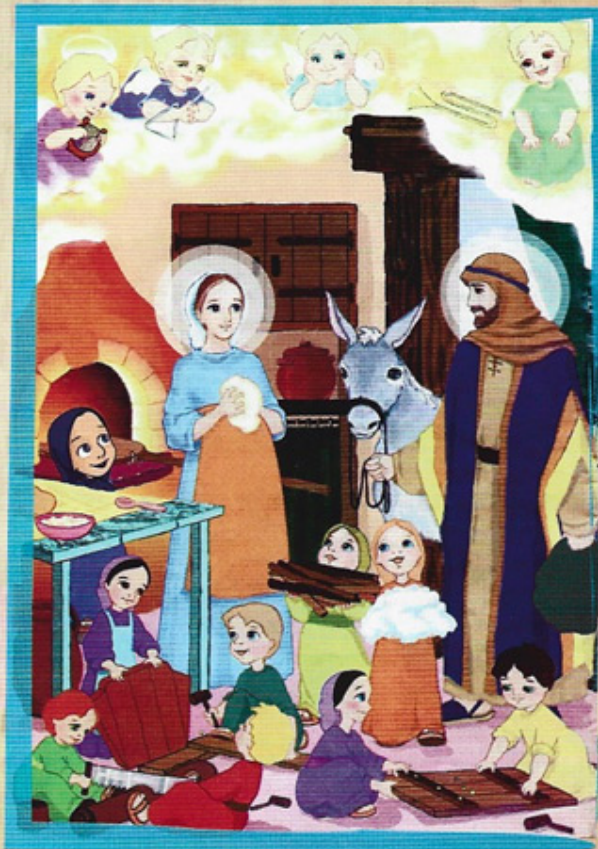
HAMMERS

PUT THESE HAMMERS IN ORDER FROM BIGGEST TO SMALLEST AND YOU'LL DISCOVER A QUOTE ABOUT ST. JOSEPH BY ST. JOHN DAMASCENE.



THE HOME AT NAZARETH

AFTER WORK, ST. JOSEPH CAME HOME AND FOUND MARY MAKING BREAD, AND A GROUP OF FRIENDS PREPARING A SURPRISE FOR HIM. DISCOVER 8 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PICTURES.



THE CARPENTER'S MEASURING TAPE

THESE MEASURING TAPES ALL SEEM THE SAME, BUT THEY'RE NOT. ST. JOSEPH'S MEASURING TAPE IS DIFFERENT. WHICH ONE IS IT?



THE SAW

ARE YOU ABLE TO DRAW ST. JOSEPH'S SAW BY LOOKING AT THE ONE ON THE GRAPH?

Answers:



The Home at Nazareth :
Hammers : St. Joseph is the shortest, quickest, and surest road to reach Mary.
The Carpenter's Measuring Tape: S

PLAY

WITH

TEO



In this edition of HM Zoom+ I wanted to give you some MEMOS!

- You need a dice and a number goes first.
- Each time you land matches the picture the dice twice in a row

PLAYER 1

USE YOUR CELL PHONE ONLY WHEN IT'S NECESSARY. DON'T BE A SLAVE TO IT.

God created our **HEART** and only He can fill it.

Remember that your guardian **ANGEL** is always by your side. Obey him.

Jesus died for you on the **CROSS**, to save you from your sin.

DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SEE ON TELEVISION.

If you want to know God, read the **BIBLE** every day.

Look at the **VIRGIN MARY** a lot! She's always looking at you!

We have to **EAT** to live, not live to eat.

JESUS IS THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE THAT YOU NEED TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Life is a **GIFT** that God gives us.

An **ALTAR SERVER** should be a good friend of Jesus.

If we don't **PRAY**, we can't know God.

LOOK AT THE **SKY!** GOD IS THE **GREATEST PAINTER** THERE IS!

As Christians we are the **SALT** of the earth.

WITH **BAPTISM** OUR ORIGINAL SIN IS WIPED AWAY AND WE BECOME MEMBERS OF THE **CHURCH**.

ANIMALS are created by God like us, but they cannot know and love Him like we can.

The **ROSARY** is the solution for having peace, unity in the family, and the conversion of the world.

THE **EUCHARIST** is Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

If you don't correct your defects now, later you'll be a cranky and grumpy **ELDERLY PERSON** who complains.

A **PRIEST** is the only one who can forgive sins.

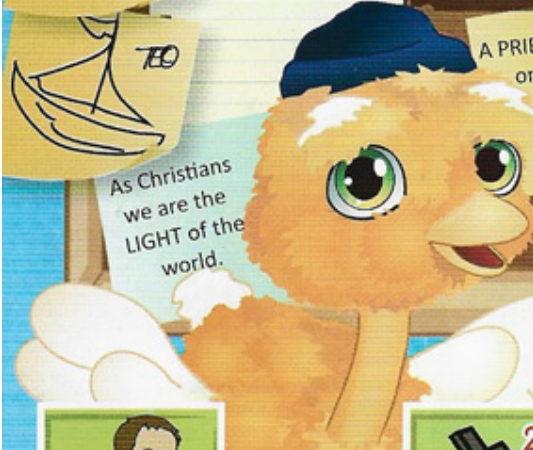
As Christians we are the **LIGHT** of the world.

TO BE **HAPPY**, WE HAVE TO FOLLOW THE **10 COMMANDMENTS**.

TO HAVE **ETERNAL LIFE**, WE NEED TO RECEIVE **COMMUNION**.

WE NEED TO **PRAY** FOR OUR **BISHOPS** SO THEY CAN BE BRAVE AND DEFEND THE **FAITH**.

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17	18
20	19
23	24
25	21



ce and one playing piece for each player. Both roll the dice once and the player who has the highest
rst.

land on a square, you only have 10 seconds to look at Teo's bulletin board and find the message that
cture in the square. If you can't find it in 10 seconds you lose a turn, and the other player gets to throw
n a row. Whoever is the fastest and reaches the end first, wins.

PLAYER 2

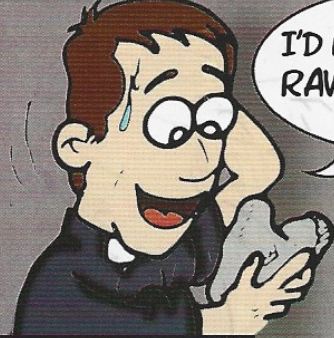
1 	2 	<p>The CHURCH is more than just a building. It's also the assembly of all the faithful.</p> <p>If I do the will of God, He will make my life a beautiful SONG.</p> <p>CONFIRMATION transforms me into a soldier of Christ.</p> <p>The BIBLE tells us how much God Loves us.</p> <p>TIME flies and in the end the only things that last are our good works done with love.</p>	<p>A CHRISTIAN CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT THE HOLY MASS.</p> <p>God forgives us when we go to CONFESSION if we are truly sorry.</p> <p>Each time my mom makes me a delicious EGG to eat, I say, "Thank you, Lord!"</p> <p>YOU SEE LIFE IN A BETTER WAY WITH THE BINOCULARS OF FAITH.</p> <p>Your defects weigh your soul down like ROCKS! Get rid of them as soon as possible.</p> <p>GRAPES are used to make wine needed to celebrate Mass.</p> <p>Use your time wisely and don't spend more time on the COMPUTER than necessary.</p> <p>For the first Christians, the FISH was a symbol for Christ.</p> <p>Think of others and stop going in circles about yourself like a WHEEL.</p>		
4 	3 			<p>Prayer is the KEY that opens our heart to God.</p> <p>GET RID OF YOUR PACIFIER AND START BEING A MATURE CHRISTIAN!</p> <p>Christ, KING of the universe, has to reign in my heart.</p>	<p>Put on the SHOES of Trusting in God so you can walk along the good path.</p> <p>You can do everything with MARY'S help. Keep your thoughts on her and she'll lead you to Heaven.</p>
5 	6 			<p>CONFIRMATION transforms me into a soldier of Christ.</p> <p>We learn lots of things at SCHOOL, but the saints enrich us with greater wisdom.</p>	<p>ORIGINAL SIN WAS COMMITTED BY ADAM AND EVE.</p>
8 	7 			<p>Use your time wisely and don't spend more time on the COMPUTER than necessary.</p>	<p>With the fruit of our good works, God wants to make a great spiritual JAM.</p>
9 	10 			<p>ONE DAY THE WORLD WILL END, BUT HEAVEN IS FOREVER.</p>	<p>If you have JESUS, you have everything.</p>
12 	11 			<p>ONE DAY THE WORLD WILL END, BUT HEAVEN IS FOREVER.</p>	<p>You know that TEO is always a good friend.</p>
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"I AM ON FIRE!"

FR. HENRY OF THE IMMACULATE
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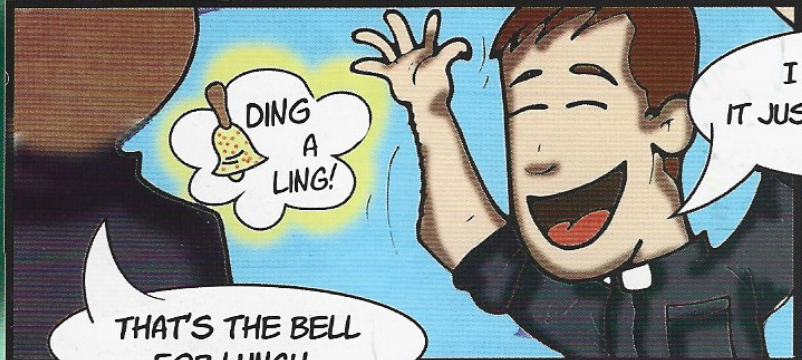
ONE DAY, FR. FÉLIX AND FR. HENRY WERE DOING CONSTRUCTION WORK ON ONE OF THE HOME OF THE MOTHER HOUSES WHEN...



I'D LOVE TO EAT RAVIOLI TODAY.



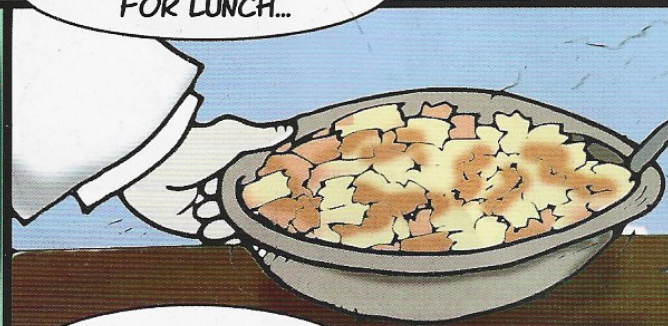
RAVIOLI? WE ALMOST NEVER EAT RAVIOLI!



DING A LING!

I KNOW, BUT IT JUST CAME TO ME!

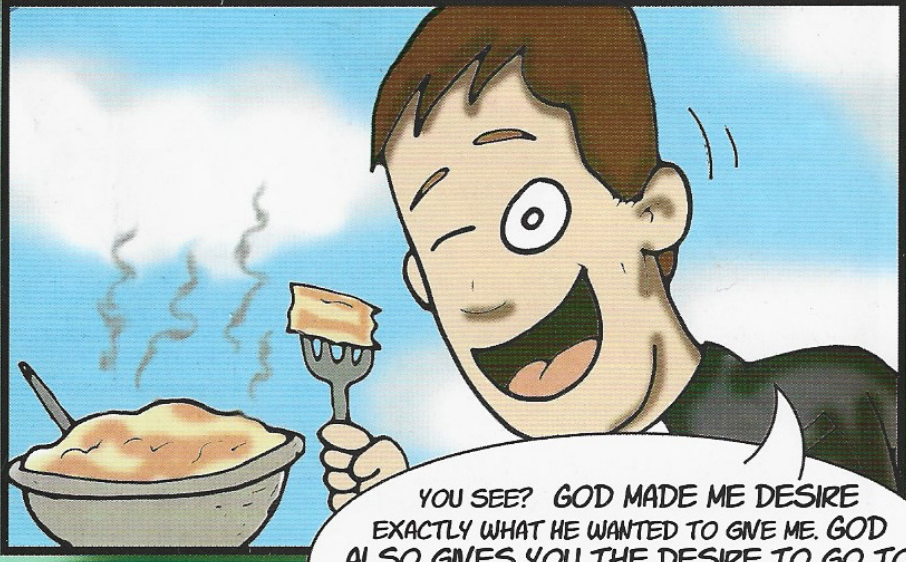
THAT'S THE BELL FOR LUNCH...



RAVIOLI!!!



YES! A TRUCK JUST ARRIVED WITH A LOT OF RAVIOLI! GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES!



YOU SEE? GOD MADE ME DESIRE EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTED TO GIVE ME. GOD ALSO GIVES YOU THE DESIRE TO GO TO HEAVEN, AND HE WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU BECOME HOLY IF YOU ALSO DO

DID YOU KNOW THAT

ST. TERESA OF AVILA RAN AWAY FROM HOME WITH HER BROTHER BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO BECOME MARTYRS SO THAT THEY COULD GO STRAIGHT TO HEAVEN?

THEY HAD NOT GONE VERY FAR WHEN THEIR UNCLE FOUND THEM...



THE WORD MARTYR MEANS: WITNESS.

A MARTYR IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS SOMEONE WHO GIVES HIS OR HER LIFE TO DEFEND THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL.

JESUS TAUGHT US: "EVERYONE WHO ACKNOWLEDGES ME BEFORE OTHERS I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE MY HEAVENLY FATHER" (MT 10:32).

MARTYRDOM:

1 HAS THE EFFECT OF BAPTISM FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT YET BAPTIZED.

2 ERASES ALL OF THE MORTAL AND VENIAL SINS YOU HAVE COMMITTED, LEAVING YOUR SOUL CLEAN.

3 ALSO ERASES THE TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT DUE FOR OUR SINS. THIS MEANS THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO PASS THROUGH PURGATORY. A MARTYR FLIES STRAIGHT TO HEAVEN!

THIS IS CALLED "BAPTISM OF BLOOD" AND ERASES ORIGINAL SIN JUST LIKE A NORMAL BAPTISM.

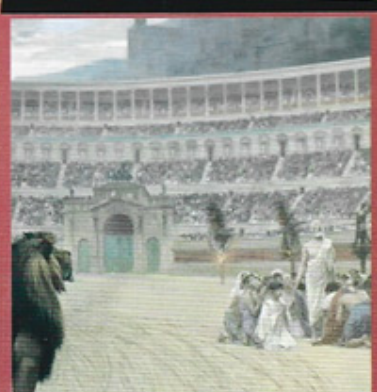


IN ORDER TO BE A MARTYR:

A YOU MUST NOT LOSE YOUR TRUST IN GOD AND HOPE FOR HEAVEN.

B YOU MUST FORGIVE EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY YOUR ASSASSINS.

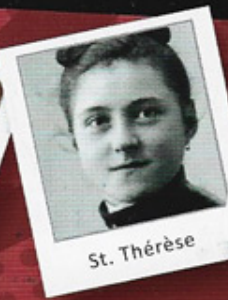
C YOU MUST DIE DEFENDING YOUR FAITH IN GOD.



MANY SAINTS DREAMED OF BECOMING MARTYRS. THEY KNEW THAT THE LIFE OF THE SOUL IS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE LIFE OF THE BODY!



St. Teresa of Avila



St. Thérèse



St. Maximilian Kolbe

THROUGHOUT HISTORY THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PREFERRED TO DIE RATHER THAN BETRAY JESUS.



Saints Justus and Pastor



St. Maria Goretti



Blessed Alojz Grodže



St. Joan of Arc



Blessed Miguel Pro

DO YOU WANT TO READ A LETTER FROM ONE OF THEM? HIS NAME WAS **SAINT THOMAS KOZAKI**. HE WROTE THIS LETTER A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE DIED WITH HIS FATHER.

You can learn more about him on pg. 5 of this magazine.



Dear Mother,

Do not be worried, but rather rejoice. Do not despair if Dad and I have the grace of dying for Christ. Know that in Heaven I will never forget you. I will beg the Lord to help you in all your needs and fill you with His gifts.

May it be a consolation to you that at the hour of your death you can pray to your husband and your son, who from Heaven will listen to your prayer and on account of the blood we shed, Jesus will invite you to participate in eternal happiness. Repent of your sins and give thanks to God for all the gifts you have received during your life. Rejoice in being poor and despised by men. Greater than the riches of this earth are the riches of Heaven, which no one can take away from us. Bear with patience any tribulation. Humbly ask the Lord for forgiveness of your sins.

Mom, take good care of my brothers Mancio and Philip. Make sure they do not associate with pagans, so they can be sure of gaining the eternal reward. I have prayed and will continue to pray very much for this. Unite your prayers to mine for their good. Goodbye Mom. May the Lord be your consolation in this life and reunite us all in paradise.

Thomas, your son, prisoner for Jesus Christ

MARTYRDOM IS SO GREAT THAT IT'S ENOUGH TO PROVE THAT ONE HAS BEEN A MARTYR TO BE CALLED A SAINT, WITHOUT ANY NEED FOR A MIRACLE.

THE GREATEST PROOF THAT WE TRULY LOVE JESUS IS IF WE ARE CAPABLE OF GIVING OUR LIVES FOR HIM.



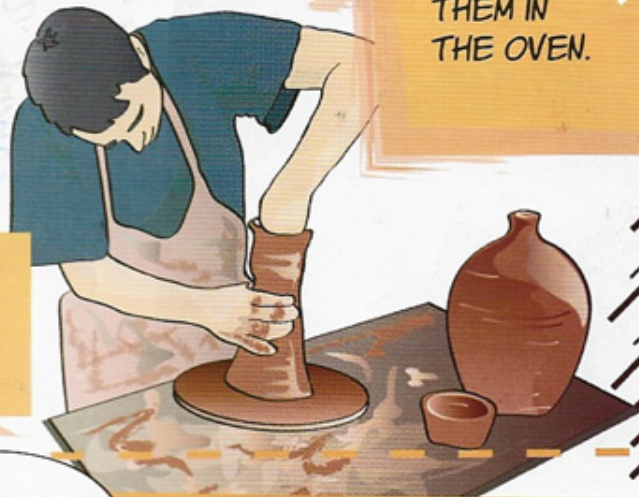
FR. RAFAEL'S

ADVICE



THE LORD TOLD THE PROPHET JEREMIAH TO GO TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE. HE SAW HOW THE POTTER WAS WORKING AT THE WHEEL AND SHAPING A POT FROM THE CLAY WITH HIS HANDS.

A POTTER MAKES DIFFERENT OBJECTS AND THEN PUTS THEM IN THE OVEN.



THE POTTER IS THE ONE WHO SHAPES THE OBJECTS. THE CLAY HAS TO LET ITSELF BE MOLDED, WITHOUT PUTTING UP RESISTANCE.

OH...THAT TICKLES!

I'M GOING TO BE BEAUTIFUL!

AS HUMANS, WE HAVE BEEN CREATED BY THE LORD, AND THE LORD ALSO WANTS TO SHAPE US. BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM: SINCE WE HAVE FREE WILL, WE CAN USE IT BADLY AND REJECT THE "SHAPE" THAT THE LORD WANTS TO MOLD US INTO.

WHAT AN AMAZING THING! INSTEAD OF BEING DOCILE TO GOD, WE CAN RESIST AND HARDEN OUR HEARTS.

NO! LEAVE ME ALONE!

LET THE LORD "SHAPE" YOUR LIFE. HE ALWAYS WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU.



ST. JOSEPH

MOST CHASTE
FATHER
OF JESUS

GOD
ENTRUSTED
TO HIM
THE CARE
OF HIS
MOST PRECIOUS
TREASURES.

ST. JOHN PAUL II

MOST CHASTE
SPOUSE
OF MARY