

## **Matthew 28:9-10**

Suddenly, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings." The women came up to Jesus, took hold of His feet, and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go on to Galilee. They will see me there."

## **Matthew 28:16-18**

The followers went to Galilee. They went to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. On the mountain they saw Jesus and worshipped Him. But some of them did not believe that it was really Jesus. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me."

## Holy Virgin by God's Decree - lyrics

Holy Virgin, By God's Decree,  
You Were Called Eternally;  
That He Could Give His Son To Our Race.  
Mary, We Praise You, Hail, Full Of Grace.

*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.*

By Your Faith And Loving Accord,  
As The Handmaid Of The Lord,  
You Undertook God's Plan To Embrace.  
Mary We Thank You, Hail, Full Of Grace.

*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.*

Refuge For Your Children So Weak,  
Sure Protection All Can Seek.  
Problems Of Life You Help Us To Face.  
Mary, We Trust You, Hail, Full Of Grace.

*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.*

To Our Needy World Of Today  
Love And Beauty You Portray,  
Showing The Path To Christ We Must Trace.  
Mary, Our Mother, Hail, Full Of Grace.

*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.*

## Wedding Feast at Cana

Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his followers were also invited to the wedding. When all the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

Jesus answered, "Dear woman, why come to me? My time has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you to do."



In that place there were six stone water jars. The Jews used jars like these in their washing ceremony. Each jar held about 20 or 30 gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So, they filled the jars to the top. Then he said to them, "Now take some out and give it to the master of the feast."

So, the servants took the water to the master. When he tasted it, the water had become wine. He did not know where the wine came from. But the servants who brought the water knew. The master of the wedding called the bridegroom and said to him, "People always serve the best wine first. Later, after the guests have been drinking a lot, they serve the cheaper wine. But you have saved the best wine till now."

So, in Cana of Galilee, Jesus performed his first miracle. There he showed his glory, and his followers believed in him.

# The Wedding Feast at Cana

Read John 2:1-12 and think about the events in this Gospel reading.  
Answer the following questions in sentences.

What is the first thing Mary says in John 2:3?

What does Mary mean?

How does Jesus reply to Mary in John 2: 4?

What does Mary tell the servers to do in John 2: 5?

What is the main message in this Gospel reading?



Mary our Mother, please  
intercede for



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*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at  
the hour of our death. Amen.*

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## **The messages the Blessed Virgin Mary gave at Lourdes, France in 1858 are summarised as follows:**

1. It is an appreciation from heaven of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, declared four years prior (in 1854). At the same time, she presents herself as Mother and model of purity for the world in need of this virtue.
2. It is an exaltation to the virtues of poverty and humility accepted in a Christian way by having chosen Bernadette as an instrument of her messages.
3. An important message in Lourdes is the Cross. The Blessed Mother repeats that the most important thing is to be happy in the other life, even though it is necessary to accept the Cross to achieve happiness.
4. The importance of prayer, the rosary, penance, and humility (kissing the ground as a sign); a message of infinite mercy for sinners and for the care of the sick.

## **Important points for reflection about the visible signs in the first apparition which include great spiritual teachings:**

1. Surrounded by light: this is a symbol of the light of faith which we receive at Baptism. Faith is the light of life with which we should shine before the world. We should transmit the brilliance of faith by our sanctity of life.
2. The light was tranquil and profound: in our Christian faith we find repose for our souls.
3. Of incomparable beauty, there is nothing like it here on earth: work unceasingly to acquire the true beauty of soul so that it is pleasing for God to contemplate.
4. White dress, pure and delicate, never has anyone been able to imitate: our soul should be dressed in purity and be delicate before God; sin stains our white dress.
5. Bare feet, on top of which is a brilliant rose: bare feet preach to us about the evangelical poverty of the Gospels which is a beautiful and sublime virtue that to those who practice it Jesus has promised himself the Kingdom of Heaven. The luminous rose is a call to be the fragrance of Christ to all, the divine fragrance of the Gospels.
6. Her hands always together, with the Holy Rosary in fervent prayer, praying always without ceasing prayer is our constant nourishment, the breath of our soul, all the virtues are born in the soul that prays.

# Our Lady of Lourdes



# The Torchlight Marian Procession

The Torchlight Marian Procession takes place each evening at 9.00 pm as it has since 1872.

The welcoming of pilgrims and announcements begin at 20.45. The Evening Procession begins from the Priory and ends in the square in front of the Rosary Basilica. Between torches, pilgrims carry a statue of Our Lady (a copy of the Cabuchet statue of the Blessed Virgin).

During the Procession, the pilgrims walk in groups behind their pilgrimage banner. Everyone is invited to carry an illuminated candle in their hand - a reminder of Baptism.

At the end of the Procession, the Priests and Bishops present give the Blessing.



**Copy of the Cabuchet statue carried by pilgrims.**

The Rosary is not a prayer wheel, and it does not encourage the repetition with the lips of ready-made formulae. It is with the aid of these words that we enter into the life of Christ, remembering his birth, his childhood (Joyful Mysteries), his adult life, his death (Sorrowful Mysteries) and his resurrection (Glorious Mysteries). It is a means of coming closer to him.

## **The Mass at 11.00pm in the Grotto**

After the Procession, the pilgrims are invited to attend the last Mass of the day at the Grotto of the Apparition. The celebrant chooses his theme from the Masses in Honour of Our Lady or from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions. This Mass is to give thanks for all the graces received at the Sanctuary during the day.

This Mass at the Grotto is celebrated every day, including Sunday, from the beginning of the Pilgrimage Season. The Mass will be celebrated in French or Italian.



## Practical Information

- The procession lasts about 1½ hours.
- It is possible for pilgrims to recite the Rosary in different languages. They must present themselves in front of the Rosary Basilica 30 minutes before the Procession begins.
- To take part in the Choir it is necessary to present oneself in front of the Rosary Basilica no later than 8.30pm. It is open to pilgrims of all languages.
- Candles are bought in the town before entering the Sanctuary.



## Candles at Lourdes



## The Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.  
Amen..



# The Mysteries of the Rosary

Your task:

- investigate one of the mysteries of the rosary.
- record your findings.
- explain your sources.



Your Mystery \_\_\_\_\_

We found our mystery in the Bible within in the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Verse/s \_\_\_\_\_.

Write about the mystery here.

Draw a picture of the mystery here.

# Holy Eucharist Craft



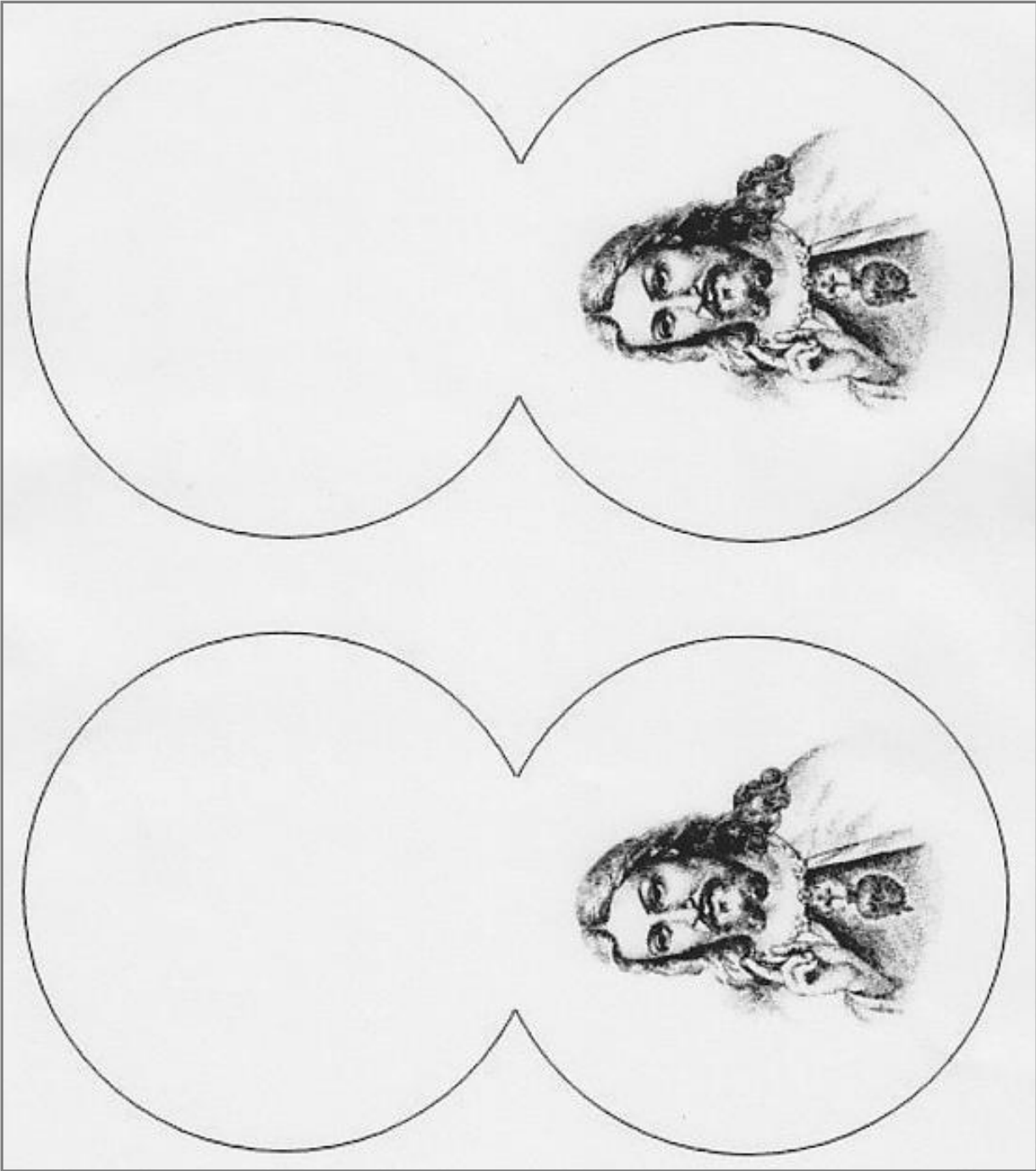
## You will need:

- Templates 1 and 2
- Scissors
- Glue
- Yellow cardboard
- Background paper
- Glitter/plastic jewels/sequins etc.

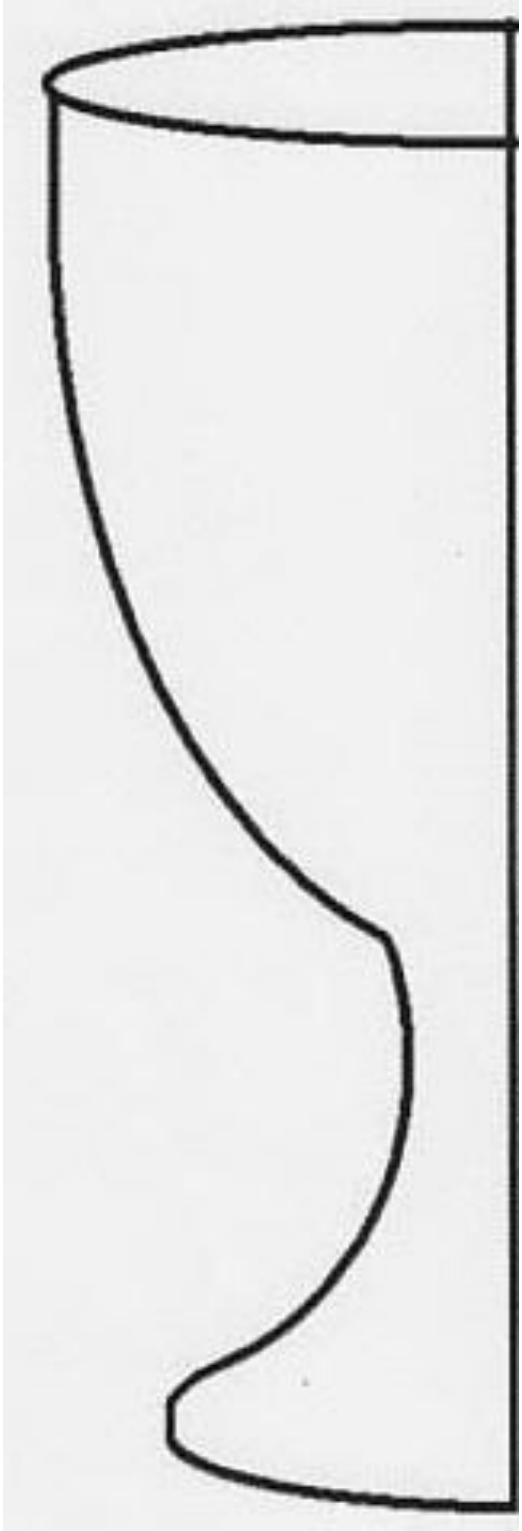
## Instructions:

1. Cut out host template and fold host so that it opens like a door with the picture of Jesus inside.
2. Fold yellow cardboard in half and put the flat side of the chalice template on the folded edge. Draw around template and cut out. When you open it, you will have a complete chalice.
3. Glue the chalice to your background paper and decorate it with crayons, markers, glitter, plastic jewels, sequins, etc.
4. Glue the host above the chalice making sure the door opens the correct way. Draw a cross on the outside of the host.

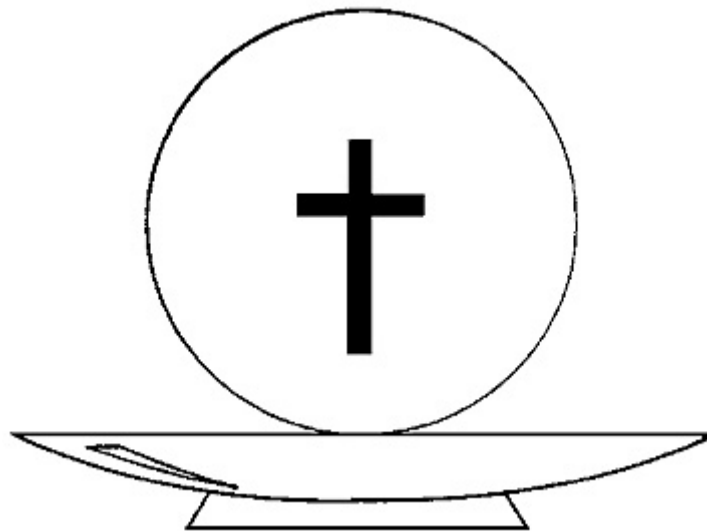
Template 1 for Holy Eucharist Craft



Template 2 for Holy Eucharist Craft



## Breaking of the Bread



During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest breaks the bread. The Holy Eucharist is the special sacrament of union with



## Eucharistic Prayer II

P: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin.

Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness.

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,

by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, He took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.*

In a similar way, when supper was ended, He took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, He gave it to his disciples, saying:

*TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,*

FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.  
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

### **The Mystery of Faith**

C: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

P: Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop and all the clergy.

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*In Masses for the Dead, the following may be added:*

Remember your servant N., whom you have called (today) from this world to yourself. Grant that he (she) who was united with your Son in a death like his, may also be one with him in his Resurrection.

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Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to

eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

## Gospel Values

Use a dictionary to find the meaning of each Gospel value. Remember to choose a meaning that is relevant to how Jesus lived His life as written in the Gospels.

<b>Gospel Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Love/Charity	
Unity	
Peace	
Service	
Holiness	
Justice	

# Living the Gospel Values

The Gospel Value of \_\_\_\_\_

I can show the Gospel value of \_\_\_\_\_ in school by

I can show the Gospel value of \_\_\_\_\_ at home by

I can show the Gospel value of \_\_\_\_\_ in the wider community by

# The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father  
before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

***[At the words that follow up to and including 'and became man,' all bow.]***

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried,  
And rose again on the third day, in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no  
end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## My Creed - My beliefs

I believe...

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

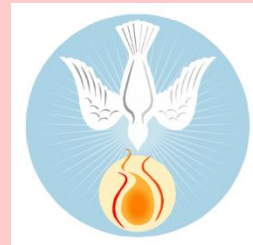
Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them,  
the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord,

Amen.





# The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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## Instructions

Below each tongue of fire, you will see a line is drawn.  
On the top of the line write the name of a gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Below the line write a word or words which describe the meaning  
of the gift.

# Decisions

Think about some of the decisions you have had to make recently. Choose one of them and complete the table below.

What decision did you have to make?

Was it small or was it a big, important decision?

How would it affect you or others or both?

What helped you to come to a decision?

# Ninth Commandment Discussion Sheet

*Ninth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.*

Discuss each statement below and come to a group decision about its faithfulness to the ninth commandment.

1. Spreading rumours about others is fine if it is true.
2. The truth is very important because we need to trust each other.
3. It is permitted to lie to get out of trouble.
4. It is okay to gossip.
5. Not telling the truth affects my relationship with God.
6. Telling stories about yourself to make you look better than you are, is okay.
7. It is okay to tell a lie to keep peace in a family.
8. Telling the truth makes you feel better about yourself.

## 'The Tenth Commandment' drama scenarios

1. Your friend wins a prize for the best dancing at the school disco.
2. Your sister gets a more expensive present for Christmas.
3. Your brother wins a prize in a painting competition.
4. The boy who sits next to you in class gets more marks than you in the spelling test.
5. Your best friend is invited to another child's house to play.
6. Someone in your class gets the trainers you really want.
7. Your grandparents are always saying how beautiful your sister is.
8. You fell in a race which you thought you would win.
9. All your friends are going on holiday abroad and you are staying at home.
10. You are not picked to be in the school football team.

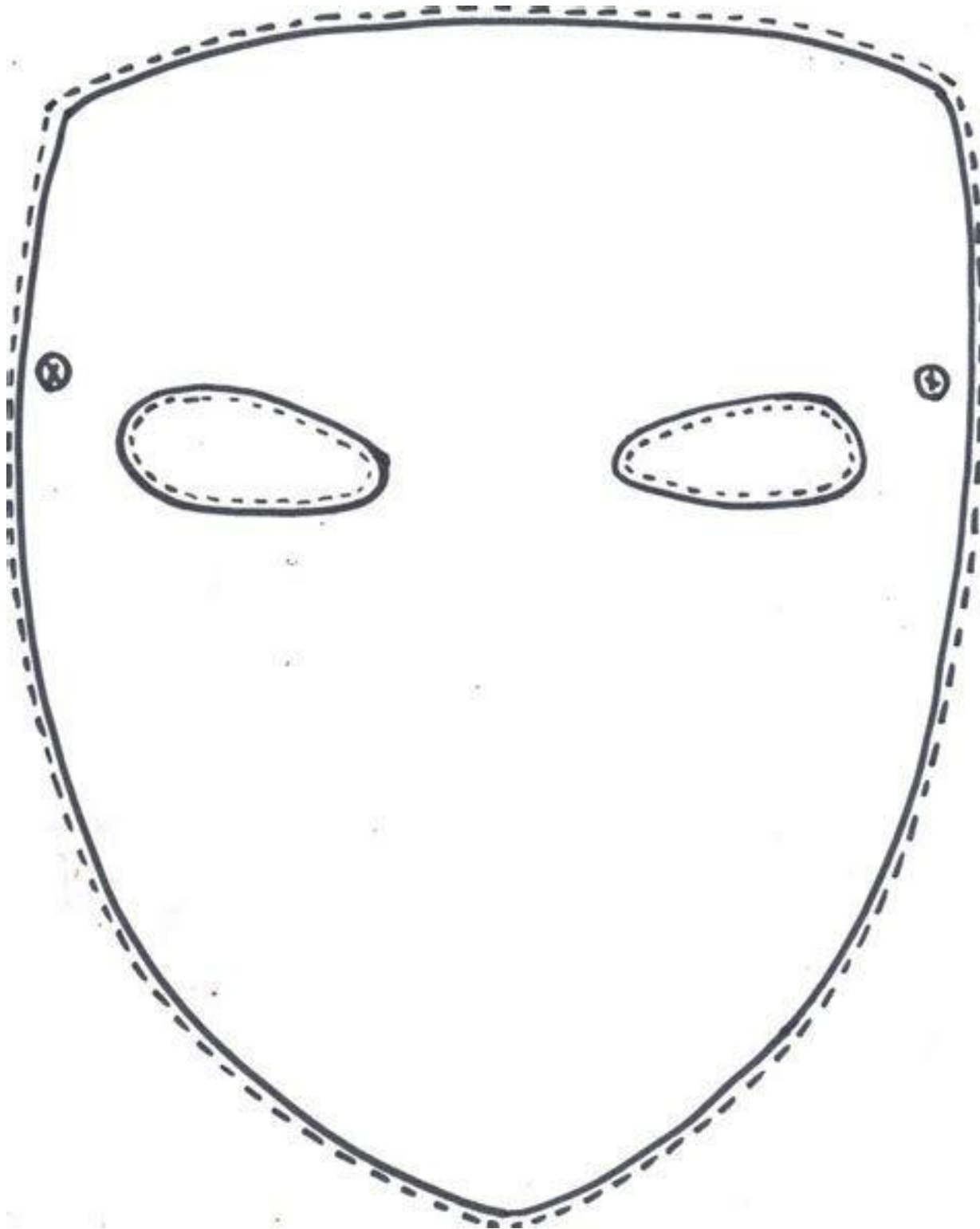
## Envy/Proud mask

### Instructions

Cut out the mask.

On one side of this mask draw and colour a face that shows **jealousy**.

On the other side draw and colour a face that shows **pride**.



## Matthew 17:1-8 - The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

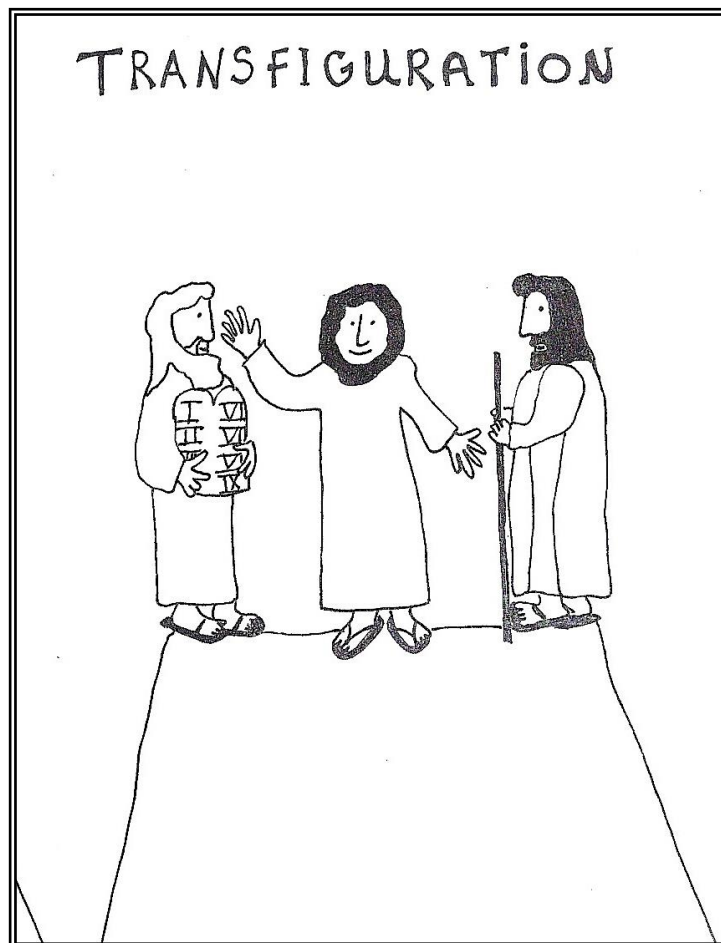


# The Transfiguration

L.I. We are learning how through the Transfiguration, Jesus taught His disciples that as well as human, He was also divine.

Cut out the image of the transfiguration below. Around the image write as many adjectives as you can to describe the scene *i.e. glorious, bright etc.*

Under the image, write a short summary of the story.



## Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Active Lesson (1)

You will need to print out one sheet per child. These boxes should be precut to be placed into the gift bags.



**AHA!**





## • Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Active Lesson (2)

- Knowledge is the gift that helps us to know ourselves and the world around us. It helps us to know where our faith is leading us and what our church is about. "Knowledge" is the gift that makes us smart about ourselves. [**smarties**]
- The gift of Understanding helps us to untie the knots, to straighten out our lives, to deal with our problems. "Understanding" is letting the Word of God have room in our lives. [**pretzels**]
- Wisdom is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to see and understand God's plan in our lives and in the world. It helps us to say, "Aha, I finally understand." [**AHA card**]
- Fortitude is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us walk out into the world and feel prepared. It gives us the stick-to-it-iveness to stand up for what we believe. [**gum**]
- Piety is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to see God in everything around us. It teaches us to treat our fragile world gently. [**flower petal**]
- Fear of the Lord is the gift of the Holy Spirit that keeps us awestruck by the power and beauty of God in our lives. "Wonder" and awe explode like a starburst when we let the Holy Spirit into our lives.
- Counsel is the gift of the Holy Spirit that encourages us to talk things over so that we can make choices that let us feel comfortable with ourselves afterwards. "Right Judgment" keeps us from feeling like suckers. [**suckers**]

# Growing with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

At times it seems difficult, if not impossible to follow Christ and his commandments. We are attracted to his goodness and love, and we want to grow strong in virtue, but we are weak and tempted to sin. How can we do what God asks of us?

Certainly, we cannot do it on our own strength, and, fortunately, God does not expect us to. One of the ways he helps us is through what the Church calls the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit". The very nature of a gift is that it is free and unearthed; so it is with these seven gifts. They came to you at your Baptism and will be strengthened in you when you receive the sacrament of Confirmation. These gifts help us primarily by preparing our hearts to obey God.

For each gift listed, look up the scripture reference given. Write the best definition you can find for it in the dictionary. Then, write down a made-up situation that a young person like yourself might face in which the gift could be of help.

1. **Wisdom (Job 28:20-28)**

Definition -  
Situation -

2. **Understanding (1 Kings 3:4-14)**

Definition -  
Situation -

3. **Right Judgement (Psalm 16:7-11)**

Definition -  
Situation -

4. **Courage (Psalm 18:2-4, 32-35)**

Definition -  
Situation -

5. **Knowledge (Colossians 1:9-13)**

Definition -  
Situation -

6. **Reverence (1 Timothy 6:11-16)**

Definition -  
Situation -

7. **Wonder (Proverbs 8:13, 9:10)**

Definition -  
Situation -



# God is the Perfect Father

God our Father is perfect: He is all-powerful, all-knowing and all-good. He made us out of love. One way we can learn about God and His love is through the teaching and example of our human father and mother. Our parents are not perfect, as God is; but they love us, and they try to do what is right.

The sentences below describe the actions of parents. For each sentence, write in an attribute (characteristic or quality) of God the Father that the action can reflect.

There are some words in the bank below to help you.

Parent's Actions	Attribute of God the Father
Parents work hard to give their families food, clothing and shelter.	
Parents take special care of their children when they are sick.	
Parents give much of their time and attention to their children.	
Parents try to do what is right by obeying rules and laws.	
Fathers and mothers, joined together with God, bring children into the world.	
Parents know and can teach us many things about God and His world.	
Parents comfort their children when they are hurt or afraid.	
Parents make rules for their children so that they will do what is right.	
Parents forgive us when we have done something wrong.	
Parents pray and try to follow Jesus' example.	

## Attributes of God the Father

**Life-giving    Just            Holy**  
**Merciful            Kind**  
**Wise            Generous**



# Understanding the "Our Father"

It has been called the most perfect of prayers (Saint Thomas Aquinas). The Our Father, also known as the 'Lord's Prayer' because it was given to us by Jesus, holds a special place in the life of the Church. We find the 'Lord's Prayer' in the Sunday Mass and in the rites of Baptism and Confirmation.

For all its frequent use and familiarity, the 'Our Father' was never intended by our Lord to be a mere recitation. When you pray, you should direct your minds and hearts to God so that think about the meaning.

To increase your understanding of the 'Our Father' look up the Bible verses, discuss them in group and write the answers in your jotter. *Remember to answer in full sentences.*

## "Our Father" - Galatians 3:26, 4:6

1. Why do we call the God of the universe 'Our Father'?
2. If God is our Father, who are we to each other?

## "Who art in heaven" - Revelations 7:9-17

3. Using Saint John's vision as a guide, how do you imagine heaven?

## "Hallowed be thy name" - John 12:27, 28

4. This part of the "Our Father" is the first of seven petitions, or prayerful requests, that make up the rest of the prayer. If we understand this phrase not as praise but as a petition, what are we asking of God?

## "Thy Kingdom Come" - Matthew 25:31-34

5. When we pray this petition, what are we asking for?

## "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" John 13:34

6. What is God's will?

## "Give us this day our daily bread" John 6:5-14, 22-27

7. God satisfies what two types of hunger?
8. What is the "food which endures to eternal life" which Jesus feeds us?
9. This petition also implies responsibilities for Christians. What are they?

## "And for give us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" Matthew 18:23-35

## "and lead us not into temptation" - 1 Corinthians 10:13

12. How does God Help us in times of temptation?

## "but deliver us from evil." - John 17:15

13. In this petition, from whom do we ask to be delivered?

*Cut out the copy of the prayer card below. Colour, cut and paste it into your jotter below your work.*

*Next time you say the Our Father in school, at home or in church try to think more carefully about the words and their meaning.*



*Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy  
name  
Thy kingdom come, they will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil.*

10. This petition is remarkable in that it does not stand alone and comes with a condition, linked by the word "as". Write this statement in your own words.
11. Who dwells within us to enable us to forgive one another as God has forgiven us?

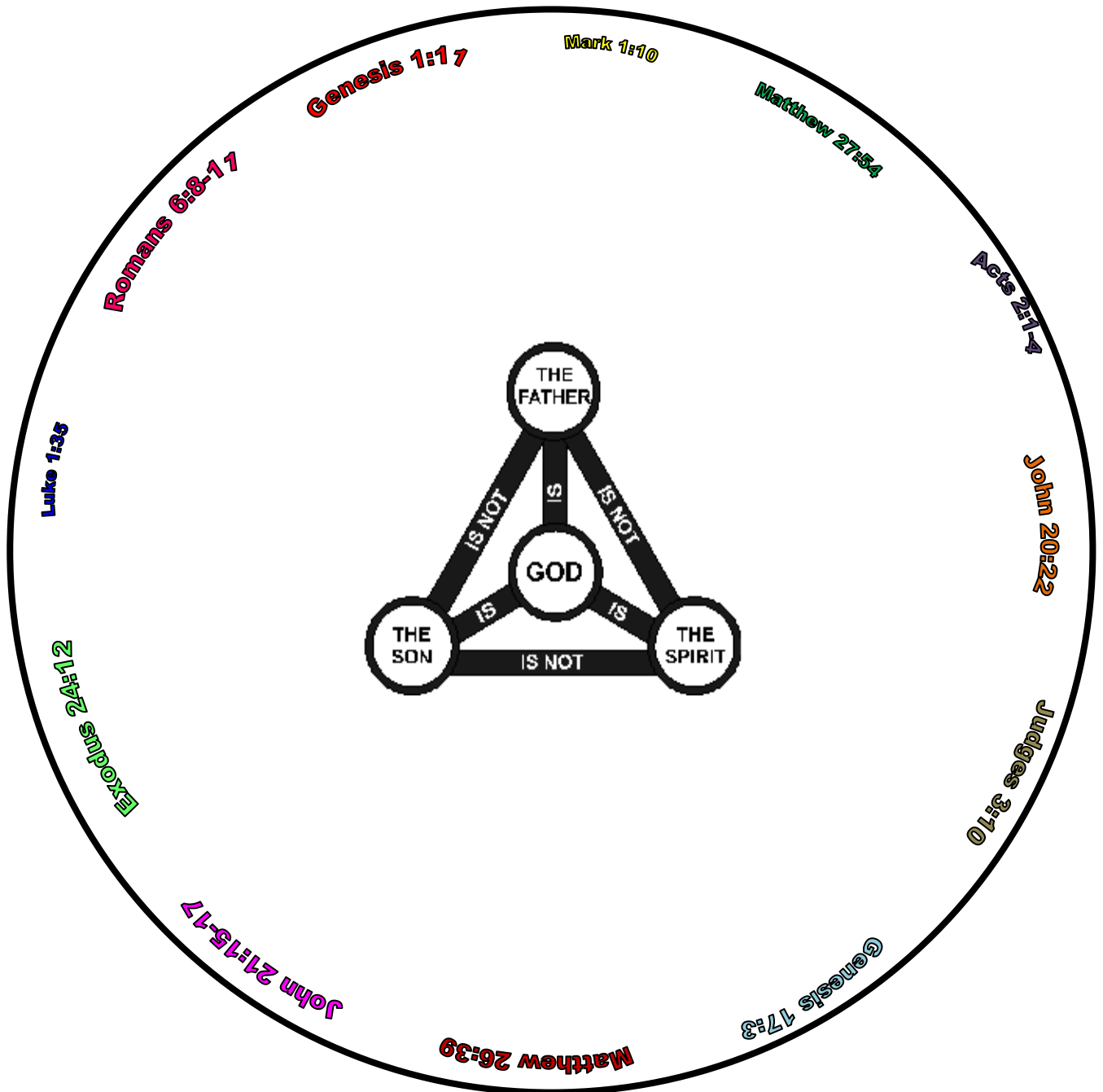
## Teachers Answers to 'Understanding the Our Father' worksheet.

1. Through Christ we are God's children
2. Christians are brothers and sisters in Christ.
3. Accept any reasonable answer.
4. That he makes his name holy or that he glorify his name.
5. For Jesus Christ to return to glory and judge the world.
6. That we love one another as he has loved us.
7. Physical and spiritual.
8. The Eucharist.
9. To share our bread with the hungry: to receive Holy Communion: to bring communion to those unable to attend mass.
10. Accept any reasonable answer that relates the forgiveness we ask of God to the forgiveness we grant others, even enemies.
11. The Holy Spirit.
12. He keeps us from being tempted beyond our strength and gives us a way out to avoid sin.
13. Satan.

# Three in One!

God is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Read each scripture passage shown here, then decide which person of the Trinity each passage refers to and draw a line to the corresponding symbols. Use a ruler.

*Complete, cut and stick into your jotter.*



# Holy Trinity Craft Suggestions

The children will use three lollipop sticks to create a triangle. On each corner they will cut and stick symbols of the Trinity.



For those who are more adventurous the other example below could be used in conjunction with a numeracy shape lesson.

1. Measure and draw three interlinking circles using a compass. The circle should be made deep enough to colour comfortably.
2. An equilateral triangle should then be drawn over the top. This is completed in pencil and the outlines (not those which cross internally) should be gone over in pen.
3. The background could be completed in cold colours and the trinity in hot colours.

Below is an example by Mark Jennings.







## St. Margaret of Scotland

*Patron Saint of: widows and large families*

*Symbol: Black Cross*

*Feast Day: November 16*

*Born: 1046 :: Died: 1093*

Margaret was an English princess who was born in Hungary and was the great-niece of St. Stephen of Hungary. She and her mother sailed to Scotland to escape from the king who had conquered their land.

They were shipwrecked on the Scottish coast and King Malcolm of Scotland welcomed them. He fell in love with the beautiful princess and Margaret and Malcolm were soon married. They had eight children, six sons and two daughters and they loved their children very much.

Margaret changed her husband and the country for the better. Malcolm was good, but he and his court were very rough. When he saw how wise his wife was, he willingly listened to her good advice.

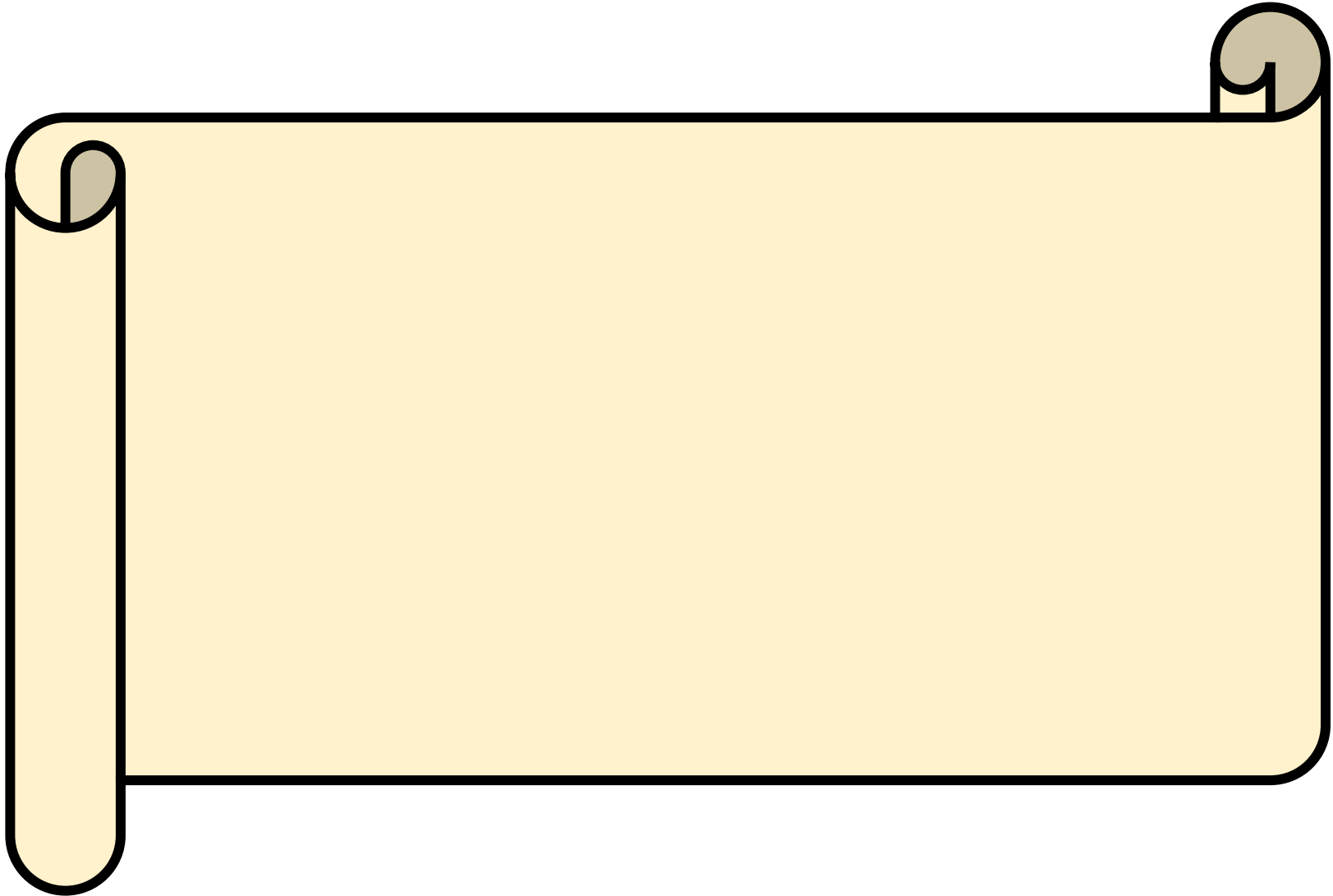
Margaret helped him control his temper and practice the Christian virtues. She made the court beautiful and civilized. The king and queen were wonderful examples because of the way they prayed together and treated each other. They fed crowds of poor people. They tried very hard to imitate Jesus in their own lives. Margaret was a blessing for all the people of Scotland. Many people had bad habits that kept them from growing closer to God. Margaret worked hard to find good teachers to help the people correct their evil ways.

She and Malcolm had new churches built. She loved to make the churches beautiful to honour God. In fact, Queen Margaret embroidered some of the priests' robes herself.

Their youngest son became St. David and one of their daughters St. Maud. But Margaret had sorrows, too. She was very ill, and she learned that both her husband and her son, Edward, had been killed in battle. They died just four days before Margaret's death. She died on November 16, 1093. She was buried alongside her husband in Dunfermline Abbey.

## St Margaret of Scotland

Saint Margaret helped each member of her family to grow spiritually. In the space below write a prayer to Saint Margaret asking her to help your family to grow closer to God.

A large, blank, yellow scroll with black outlines, intended for writing a prayer. The scroll is unrolled, showing a wide, empty space for text. It has a vertical strip on the left side and a small, curled-up section on the right side, suggesting it's a scroll that has been partially unrolled.

## Islam - Key facts

- Islam is the second most popular religion in the world with over a thousand million followers. It is more often thought of as a complete way of life rather than a religion.
- Islam began in Arabia and was revealed to humanity by the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). Those who follow Islam are called Muslims. Muslims believe that there is only one God, called **Allah**.
- The prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), who was born in A.D. 570 at Mecca, in Saudi Arabia, is often regarded as the founder of Islam. He was the last prophet to be sent by Allah. However, the first prophet was Adam.
- **peace be upon him** - Muhammad is so revered that it is usual to make this statement every time his name is mentioned.
- **Muslims believe** - Allah had a plan for you before you were born, and He still has a plan for you. Allah's plan for you is necessary and glorious. His plan is vital to your success and important to the world.

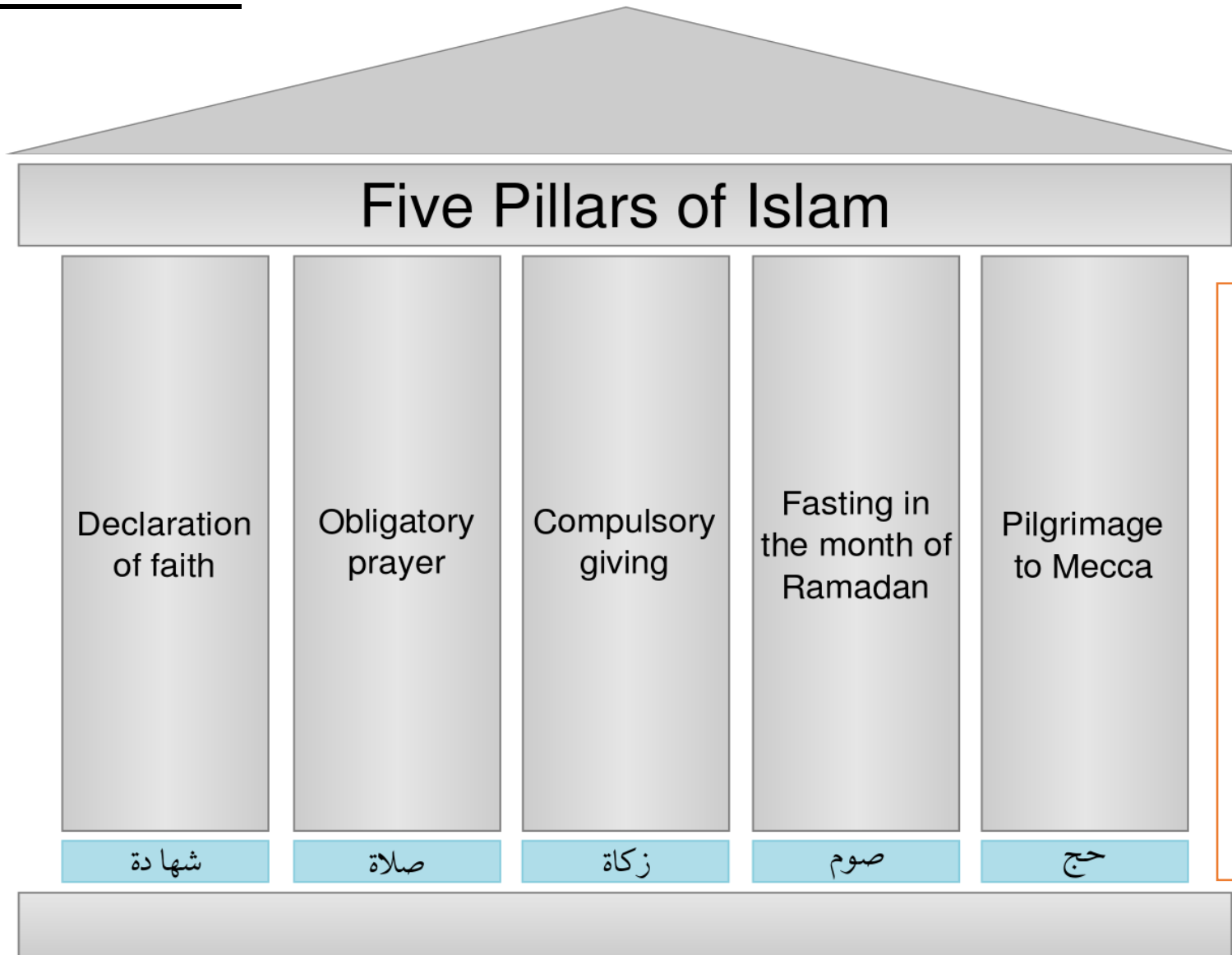
**Muslims believe** - Allah has a flexible plan for each human being: a plan that allows that person to benefit the world with his/her unique talents.

When people go into the mosque, they take off their shoes. This is to keep it clean for prayer.

There is often a fountain or pool, or at least an area with water where people can wash (wudu). Muslim wash their hands, mouth, throat, nose, ears, arms up to the elbow and feet. This is a sacred wash that symbolises spiritual cleansing and purity in readiness for coming before God.



# Five Pillars



In each Pillar:  
Draw how a Muslim could carry out their duty.  
Write what that duty means.

