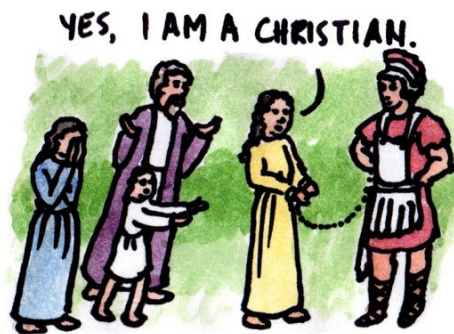


Family and Friends or God?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even

his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

Answer to Word-Find:
We ask God for His mercy.



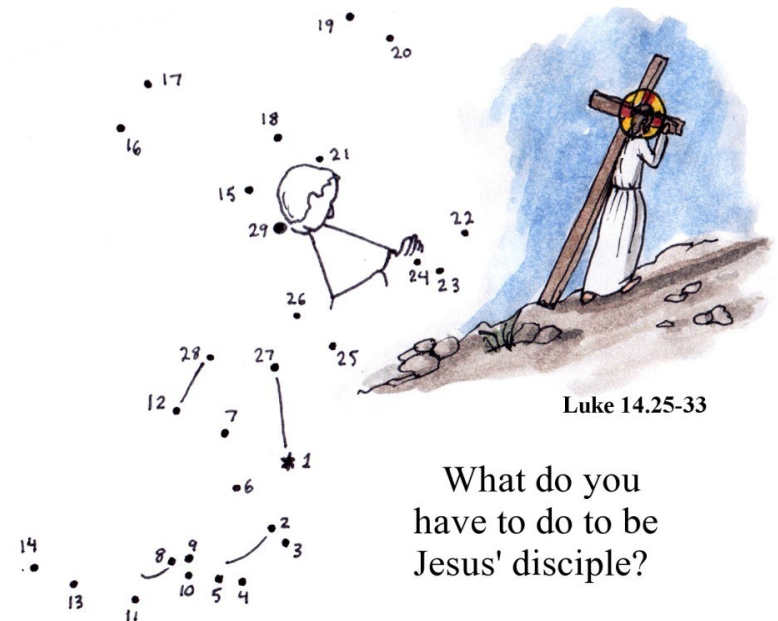
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Luke 14.25-33

What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1. Then you can colour the picture in.

*Tomorrow is Our Lady's Birthday!
What can your family do to
celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

Psalm 90 Word-Find

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

*See if you can find all
the words from today's
Psalm that are written
in CAPITALS.*

*The leftover letters tell
what we are doing when
we pray this Psalm.*



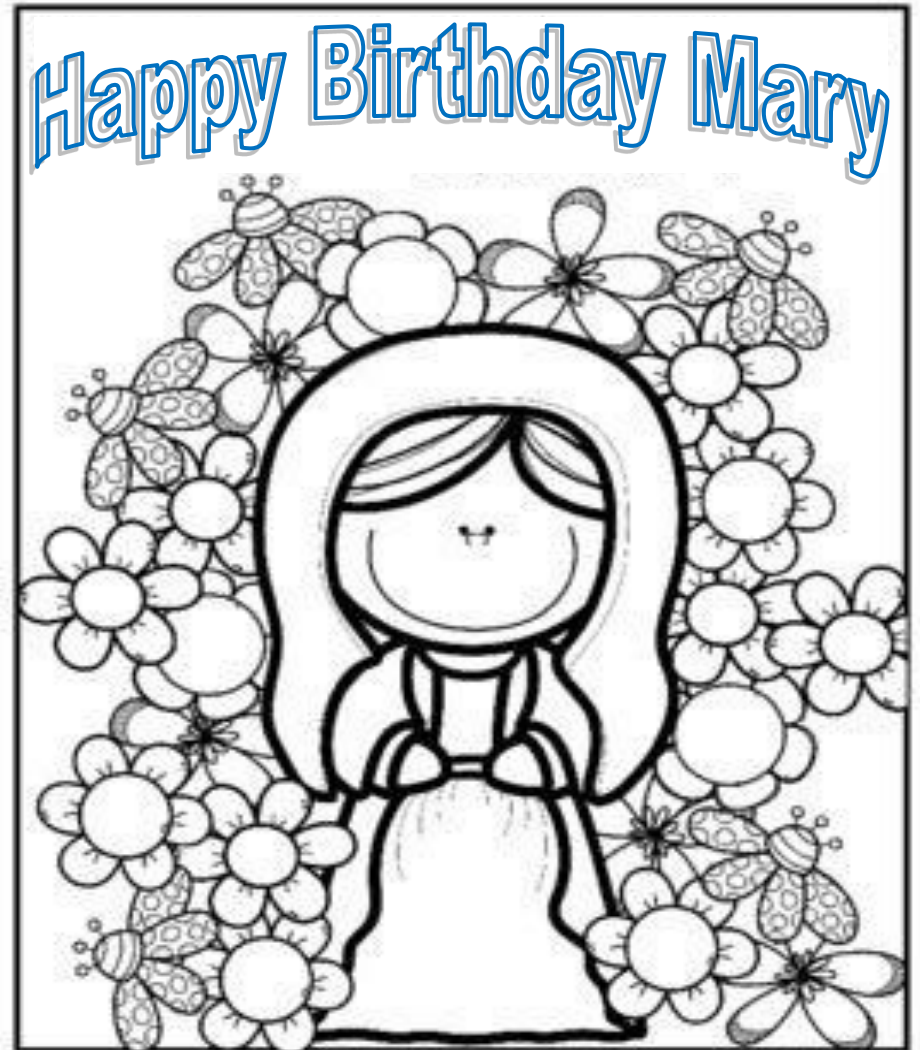
A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight
are but as YESTERDAY when it is past,
or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM,
like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning;
in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed;
in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS
that we may get a HEART of WISDOM.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE,
that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

Did you know that tomorrow, Monday, is the
Birthday of the Virgin Mary, the mother of
Jesus? Can you colour in the picture of Mary and
all the beautiful flowers?



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