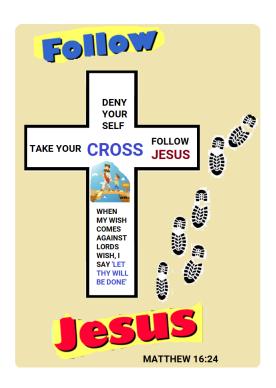
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS

Children's liturgy activity August 30th, 2020



VERSES OF THE WEEK

"IF ANY WANT TO BECOME MY FOLLOWERS, LET THEM DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME."

- MATTHEW 16:24

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

In today's gospel, Jesus made his friends understand, WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS.'

Jesus revealed that He must suffer persecution, rejection and that He would be killed - but would rise again on the third day.

On hearing this Peter begun to rebuke Jesus saying, 'let God never allow this to happen'.

Jesus turned to Peter and said that his thoughts were not from God but from human desires and that he was a stumbling block in God's way.

Jesus then made it clear to his disciples that following him is not for human desires and comforts, but it is denying self and taking up pain - the cross of sacrifice.

Jesus said that, 'For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit you if you gain the whole world but loose our life?

To gain life for eternity, we must surrender our lives to Christ, the giver of life. The life in this world is only limited, the real life is yet to come, and it is only in Jesus. Those who believe in Jesus will have eternal life. When Jesus comes with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then He will repay everyone for what has been done. So, let us think of our actions and the way of our living, 'are we allowing God's ways or our ways to be done in our life?'

So, IN ALL THINGS WE DO let us DENY OUR SELF, TAKE UP OUR DAILY CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS' WAY.

WHY JESUS' WAY? BECAUSE JESUS WALKED THIS WAY AND REACHED HEAVEN. THIS IS WHERE WE MUST REACH TOO.

Let us ask Jesus to give us the grace to offer the pain or struggles that we have while we deny our 'self', for salvation of souls and to do what Jesus has shown us.

FIND AND JOIN THE LETTERS OF THE VERSES BELOW, TO FIND THE WAY TO HEAVEN 'deny yourself, take your cross and follow Jesus'

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COLOUR THE RIGHT FOOT TO FOLLOW JESUS' WAY



DEPOSIT YOUR CROSSES FOR HEAVEN

IN THE TABLE BELOW, LIST DOWN THE CROSSES YOU DISCOVER EACH DAY AND OFFER IT FOR SAVING SOULS FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS' PASSION

DAY	CROSS	PRAYER OF OFFERING
SUNDAY		
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING VERSES						
1. Offer your as a						
to God,						
your spiritual (CLUE: ROMANS 12:1)						
2. Do not yourselves to this age but be transformed by the of your mind, that you may what is the of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.						
(CLUE: ROMANS 12:2)						
3. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the eyes of our hearts,						
that we may know what is the						
that belongs to our call. (clue: EPHESIANS 1:17-18)						

