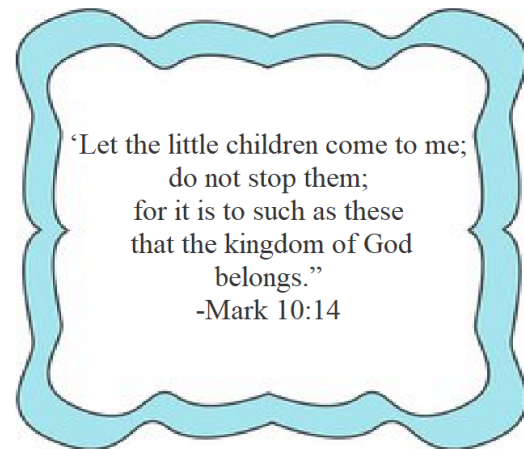
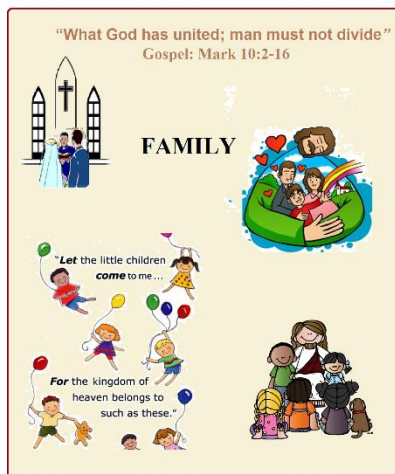


“What God has united; man must not divide”

Children’s Liturgy Activity October 3rd , 2021



Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

In the gospel today, we see the Pharisees asking Jesus about a law affecting marriage and family. They were trying to test Jesus. But Jesus said to them that it is because of their “hard hearts” that this law was given by Moses. The selfish desires made the peoples heart hardened and they failed to understand the real purpose of the law thus disobeying the lord’s teachings. Do we sometimes twist good advice or justify ourselves to satisfy our own needs?

Jesus explains to them about the marriage and family. Jesus made them remember the creation of God. When he made man (Adam), he was alone and so God made woman (Eve) out of man’s rib. He made her out of Adam to be one with him. They are no longer two, but one body. God chose the woman for man and joined them to be one, to share and experience the Love of God on Earth.

Family is the reflection of heaven and God’s love on Earth. It is God who forms the family through the Sacrament of Marriage. Our father and mother are joined to be one by God in his presence through Sacrament of Marriage. Family is a communion of love with God. In family God wants to share , care and to be felt belonged. In family we are joined to body of Christ. Jesus is the authority of our family. Jesus says, ‘What God has united, man must not divide’

Jesus is the model of our family. He gave his life for saving God’s family, in obedience to God’s plans. In the same way family must commit themselves to God and seek God’s directions, fill in God’s love and sacrifice for each other to accomplish God’s purposes through our family. Let us offer our families for God’s providence and guidance. Without God we cannot do anything.

When the disciples turned away the children who were brought to Jesus by parents, Jesus welcomes them to come to him. Jesus says we must be child-like to enter the kingdom of God. We must have a child-like trust, simplicity, and humility to come to Jesus. Children are important part of the family. Jesus says, Let the little children come to me; do not stop them. We must let children to go near to Jesus and get blessings from Jesus. All children in the family must be allowed to grow in Jesus by letting them come closer to him. Hey Children! Are you ready to come near Jesus?

How can we get closer to Jesus as a family? Acknowledge Jesus as the lord and authority of family. Family prayer, Reading of Word of God together as family, thanking and praising god together as family, surrendering family to be led by Holy Spirit, going to church and receiving Jesus together, Receiving Blessings from parents everyday. As a family, let us be united together in love with Jesus as our foundation. What God has united; man must not divide.

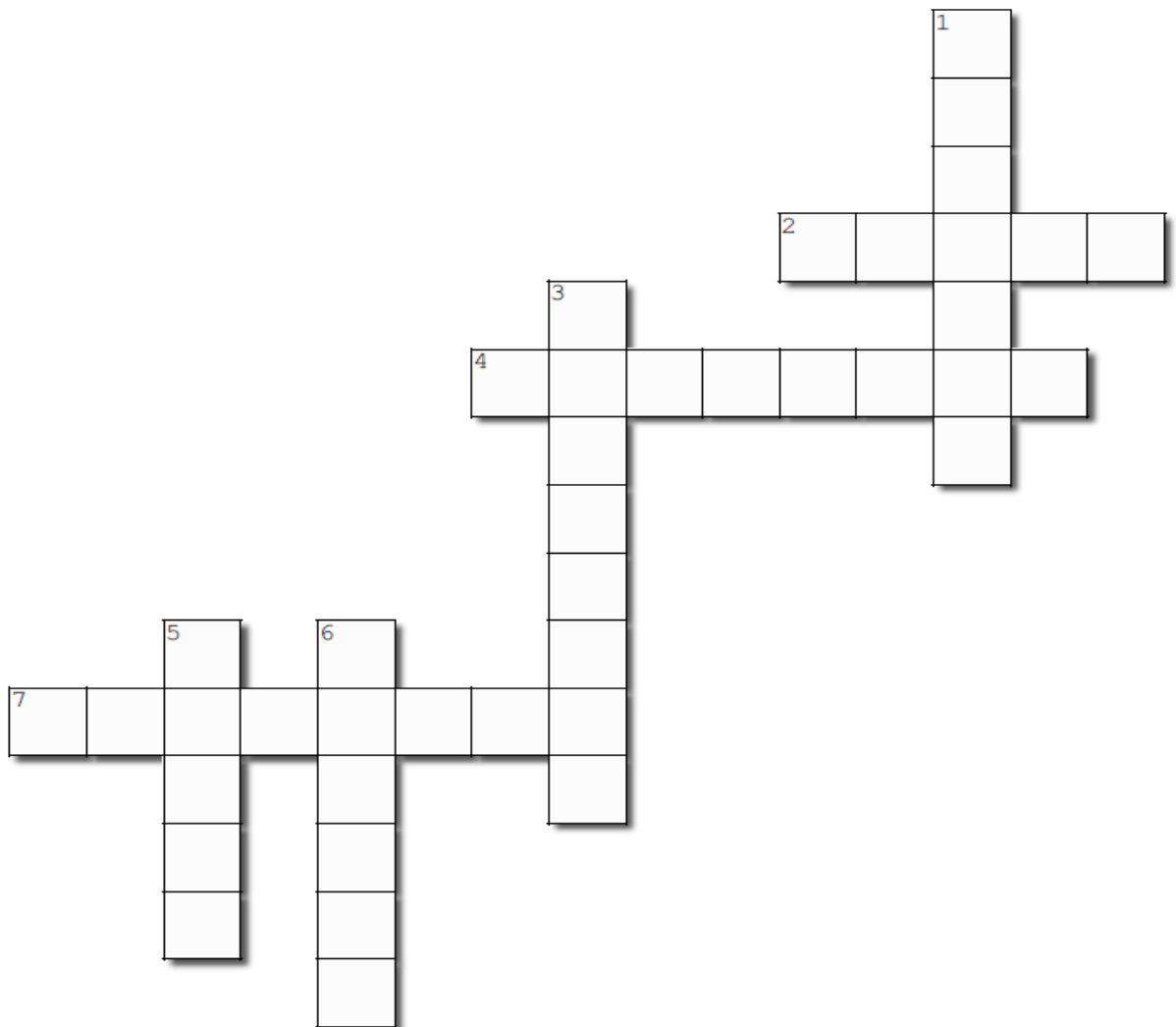
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‘Let the ----- come to me; do not stop them;
for it is to such as these that the ----- of God belongs.’

- Mark 10:14

Read the Gospel and Complete the Crossword puzzle using the clues given below.



Across

- 2. Important prophet in Christianity
- 4. A group of young boys and girls
- 7. Man and woman uniting in the presence of the lord in Church.

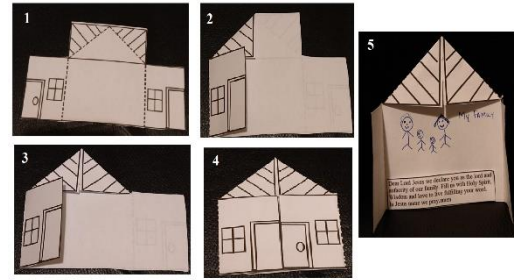
Down

- 1. Jesus laid his hands on children and ----- them.
- 3. A teacher of the law
- 5. A statement accepted as a fact
- 6. Small in size

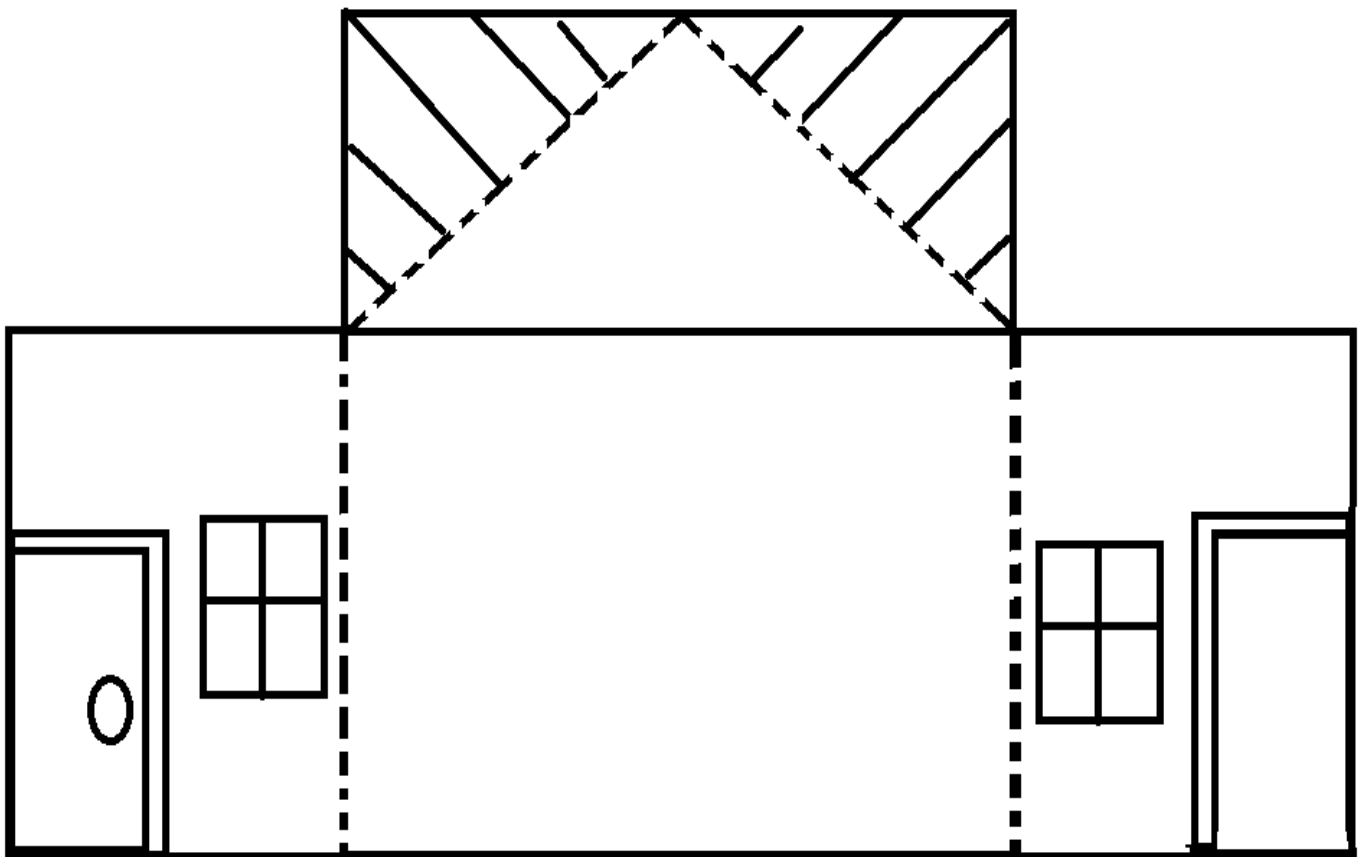
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My Family- Prayer card table topper

1. Cut out the below template.
 2. Colour it.
 3. Fold along the dotted lines so that the printed side appears in the front.
 4. Stick on the roof to be in place.
 5. Draw/place the picture of your family inside the house.
 6. Stick the prayer template inside the house.
- Your Family prayer table topper is ready. Open the house and see your family inside. Say the prayer for your family each time you open the house.



Dear Lord Jesus we declare you as the lord and authority of our family. Fill us with Holy Spirit, Wisdom and love to live fulfilling your word. In Jesus name we pray, amen



Let us pray, 🙏

Dear loving God, we thank you for our family through which you pour out your love upon us while on earth. Help us to stay united by growing closer to you day by day as we surrender our family unto you. As children , help us to use all the ways you give us to come closer to you and receive blessings from you . Jesus you are the lord and authority of our families. We pray for all families to be filled in your love and to be one with you.

In Jesus' name we pray ,Amen