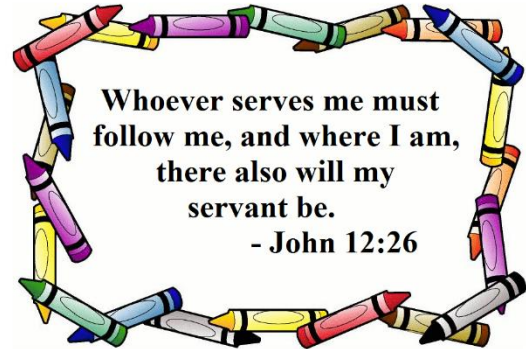


“Whoever serves me must follow me.”

Children’s liturgy activity March 21st , 2021



VERSE OF THE WEEK



Gospel: John 12:20-26

Last week in the gospel we saw that those who believe in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life. In the gospel today Jesus asks us to follow Jesus as we put trust in him; to reach where he is.

Jesus’ disciples Philip and Andrews came to Jesus to convey that few Greeks wish to see him. But Jesus replies to them that his hour has come that will glorify him and all will see him revealed as son of God. Jesus should suffer His passion and death and then enter into his glory through resurrection. In this hour, all including Greeks and Gentiles will be attracted to Him and they will see Him and know Him and will be saved.

Jesus gives an example of a wheat grain ,to make his mission clear for his disciples and to show how we should follow him. A wheat grain must allow itself to be buried and decayed to bring forth new plant and which in turn produce many fruits. Many grains are produced from a single wheat grain when it allowed itself to be buried, broken and decayed in ground. Jesus said to them that, like the wheat grain, He himself is going to be broken, crucified and buried. He is allowing himself to be broken so that many who believe in him will gain new life and bear many fruits by the power of salvation that Jesus is going to give the whole world by his passion crucifixion, death and resurrection.

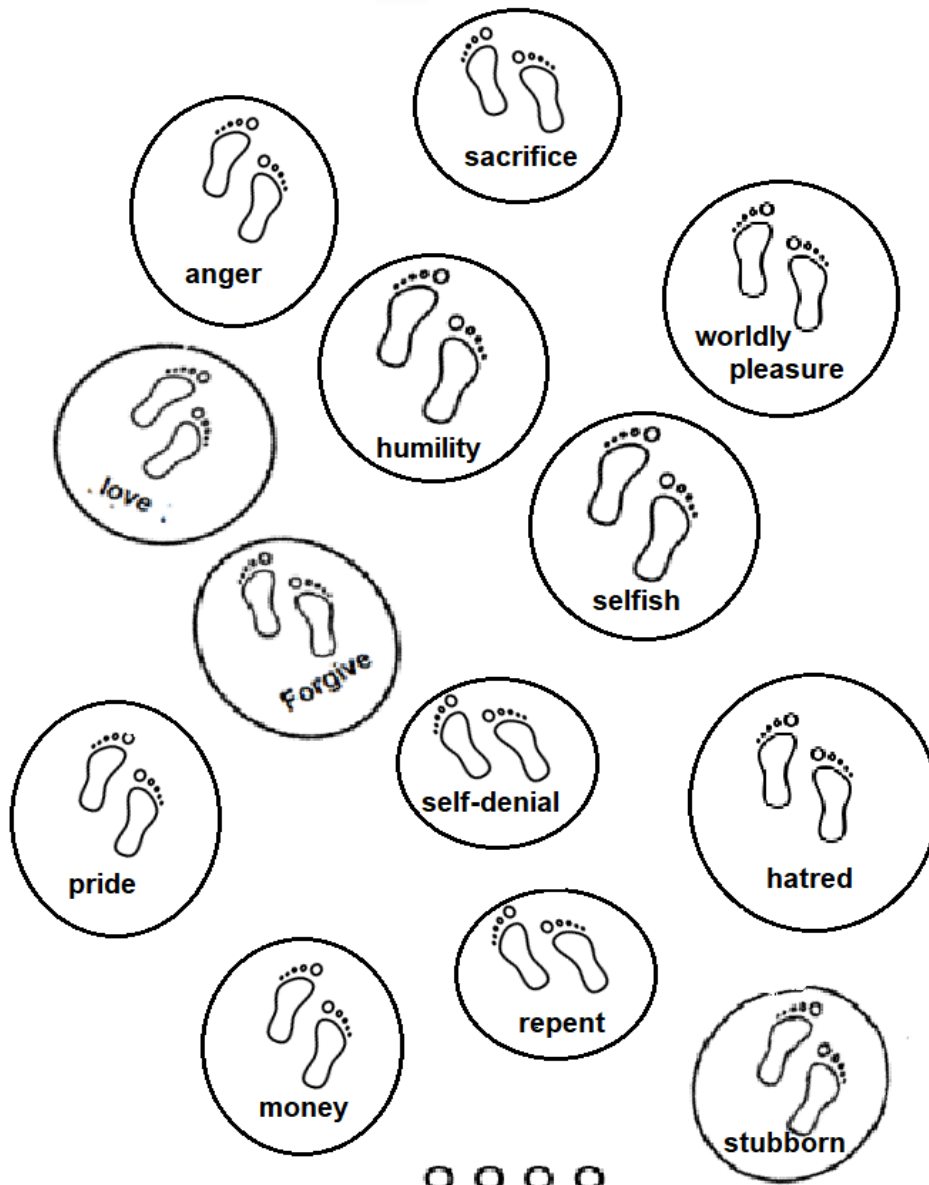
Jesus has given us the perfect example of how to live, by bearing fruits for the lord, doing good to others and gain eternal life. So, those who wish to follow Jesus, serve him and reach where he is must allow themselves to be broken, deny the self and to empty themselves for others by not being selfish, angry, bossy etc. But by sacrificing, loving, forgiving, caring ,sharing etc. The father in heaven honours all who serve Christ by following him and they will reach where Christ reached.

Can you imagine what if the wheat thinks that he want to keep himself safe and not to decay? It won't be of use for anybody, soon it will decay and rot.This is the state for all who love themselves, trying to save themselves and not ready to leave comforts.

Jesus asks us to be like the wheat grain that allows itself to be broken to bear fruits for the good of many. Just like Jesus who though he was son of God, emptied himself, came down in human form, humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death on a cross, bore all our sins, forgiving us and giving us new life in Him. Let us follow Jesus’ way and be fruitful for many, bearing fruits of Holy spirit in Jesus name.

**“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.”
(John 12:26)**

Can you colour the footsteps that you must go if you follow Jesus!



We follow Jesus!

Word Scramble

Can you unscramble the following words from the Gospel?

EVALSTIF _____

UESSJ _____

FTERAH _____

EEDS _____

IFURT _____

TLREANE _____

KSERGE _____

TAEWH _____

ESRTANV _____

LIEF _____

Complete the following verses from the Bible.

“-----, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but ----- himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he ----- himself and became ----- to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly ----- him and gave him the name that is above every name.” (Philippians 2:6-9)

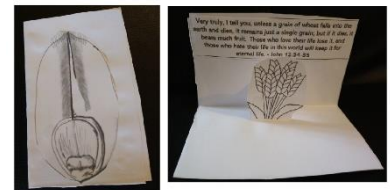
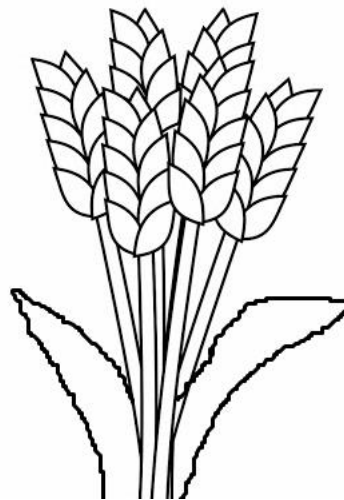
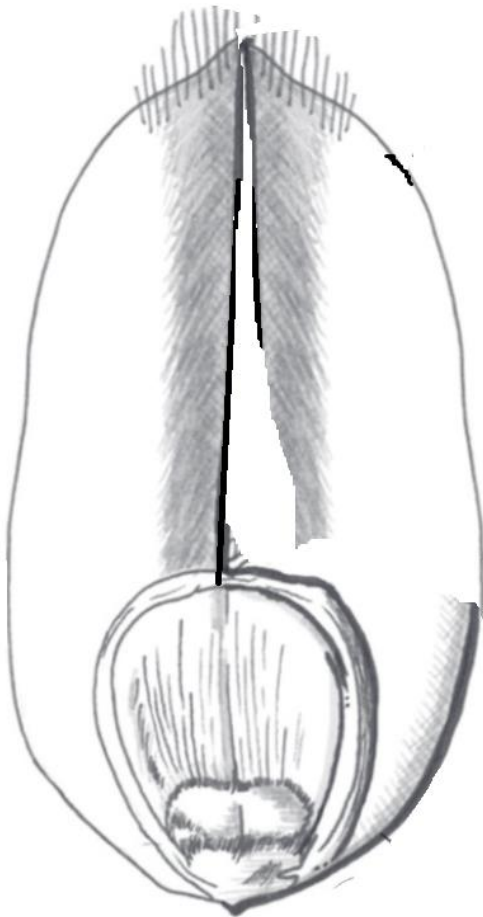
Pop-up wheat grain card craft.

Materials Required:

Wheat grain and wheat plant template cut out, 2 card/hard paper, Colours, Scissors, Glue

Instructions:

1. Begin by folding your card /hard paper in half lengthwise to create your card. Make two of such cards.
2. Cut out, colour and stick the wheat grain template on one of the card (first card).
3. In the second card, use scissors to cut two slits in the middle of the folded side of the card 1-inch apart from each other. Make each of the slits about 2-inches in length.
4. Fold down and crease the section in the middle of the second card that was created by cutting the slits.
5. Now, fold in the section of paper you just slitted out down to the inside of the card and close your card again along the crease. When you open up the card, the inverted section should stand upright in the inside of the card making the pop out for your wheat plant.
6. Cut out the wheat plant template. Colour and stick it at the top of the pop out section in your card.
7. stick the second card inside of the first card with wheat grain template on its front.
8. Stick the given verses in the inside of your card. List down the fruits of spirit that you must bear. Your wheat grain pop-out card is ready.



Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. - John 12:34-35



Let us Pray,

Dear Jesus, you loved us so much that you bore all our sins and allowed yourself to be broken and buried to save us and gave us new life in you. Help us by your grace to follow your example and reject all kind of selfishness and self-love, to bear good fruits in our lives and lead our fellow beings to your salvation. In Jesus name we pray, amen.