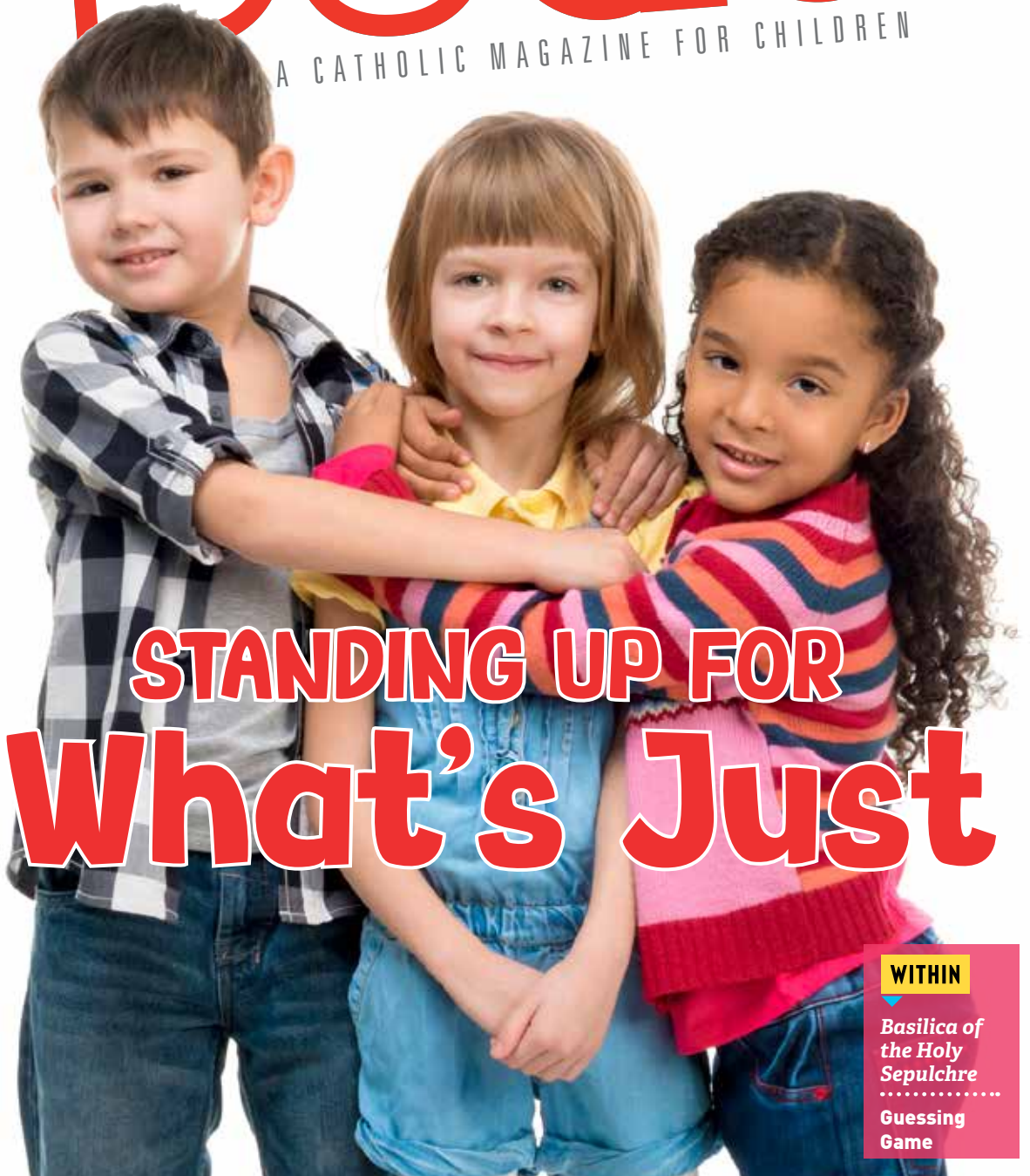


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EDITORIAL

St Teresa of Calcutta's Thirst for Righteousness

Mother Teresa. A beautiful name that is very familiar to us and close to our heart. Yes, I am talking about St Teresa of Calcutta. Recently a friend of mine visited Calcutta and had the privilege of spending a good amount of time in the Missionaries of Charity Mother House, which she described as spiritually nourishing. She shared a number of soul stirring pictures captured from this holy place which still had the spiritual presence of the saint.

I was touched by the photo of a sculpture of Mother Teresa in the corner of the chapel, sitting with her head bowed down. A note was written at the base of the sculpture 'This was Mother's place for confession, Holy Mass, Holy Hour, prayer and meditation. She always sat on the floor, never on a stool or a mat, even when she was sick. In her last days, she would come in a wheelchair.' Another photo showed the simplicity of the altar. There are no chairs, pews or kneelers. The sisters take their shoes off before entering the chapel and sit or kneel on the bare floor. No ornate pieces of religious art were seen. Just a gold tabernacle behind the altar, a statue of Our Lady in one corner and a statue of Sacred Heart Jesus in the other. The image that stands out most is a large crucifix behind the altar and the stark words painted in bold, black capital letters on the wall alongside it: 'I THIRST.'

'I Thirst' was Mother Teresa's rallying cry, inspired by Jesus' words in John 19:28. She saw it as a spiritual call to action, reminding us that Jesus longs for our love, attention, and service. By quenching Jesus' thirst, we also serve the poor, marginalised, and forgotten. The phrase was a constant reminder of her mission and has become an iconic symbol of her spirituality and dedication to serving others. She drew strength from Jesus and spent her entire life living for the poor, marginalised and those who suffered injustice. She literally lived out to the beatitude *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled* (Matthew 5:7).

As we read this edition of *Kairos Buds*, may St Teresa of Calcutta intercede for us. Happy reading.

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Did you know?

Every year in Jerusalem, a miraculous phenomenon occurs in the place where Jesus was laid in the tomb, the Holy Sepulchre. Before the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday, crowds gather to witness the wonder of the Holy Fire, an event that has taken place every year for more than a millennium. This fire is miraculously lit by a blueish light which emerges from the tomb of Christ.

Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem

- ELIZABETH SHELLY » 11 YRS

At the heart of the Old City of Jerusalem, is the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre, known by the locals as the 'Church of the Resurrection'. The basilica was originally built by the mother of Emperor Constantine, St Helena, in AD 330. The original basilica was destroyed twice.

The Crusaders rebuilt the church and much of what is standing today is from that time.

Inside the basilica, there is Calvary, the place of the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

The Tomb of Jesus where he was laid after his death, is also inside the basilica.

The tomb is the place from where Jesus arose on the third day, hence the name, the Church of Resurrection. These two places are considered very holy as both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ took place there.

The best piece of evidence that the

tomb of Jesus was in this area is the fact that other first-century tombs are still preserved inside the church. Combined with the evidence from tradition, this church is believed to be the true location of Christ's death and burial and is one of the holiest places for Christians.

Malala's Thirst for **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- CHRISTON JOSHY » 14 YRS

In the mountainous regions of Pakistan, there lived a courageous young girl named Malala Yousafzai who discovered her passion for education and righteousness. Despite facing opposition from the Taliban, who banned girls from attending school in her hometown of Swat Valley, Malala hungered and thirsted for righteousness. She believed that every child, regardless of gender,

deserved the opportunity to learn and fulfil their potential.

Malala's journey began when she started blogging for the BBC about life under Taliban rule and advocating for girls' education. Her courage and determination caught the world's attention, but it also made her a target. In 2012, Malala was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman while riding the bus home from school. Miraculously, she survived and continued her fight for education and human rights.

Despite the attempt on her life, Malala remained undeterred. She went on to become a global advocate for girls' education, speaking at the United Nations and receiving numerous awards,



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including the Nobel Peace Prize. Through her organisation, the Malala Fund, she continues to work tirelessly to ensure that every girl has access to quality education.

Malala's story is a powerful reminder of the importance of hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Despite the challenges and dangers she faced, she remained steadfast in her commitment to justice and equality. Her courage and determination have inspired millions of people around the world to stand up for what is right and to fight for a better future for all.

Imagine a world where everyone cared for each other, where people treated each other with respect and love. That's the kind of world God wants for us, a world filled with goodness and kindness. When we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we become more like Jesus. He showed us how to love others and do what's right, even when it's hard. Jesus taught us to help those in need, to forgive those who hurt us, and to stand up for what is fair and just.

And the best part? Jesus promises that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be satisfied. What does that mean? It means that when we seek to do what's right, we find true happiness and peace in our hearts. It's like getting that warm cookie but even better because it fills us up with joy that lasts forever.

For blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied

(Matthew 5:6). As we reflect on Malala's extraordinary journey, we are reminded that true satisfaction comes from living a life dedicated to doing what is right and just, even in the face of adversity. Malala's unwavering commitment to righteousness serves as an inspiration to us all, reminding us that even the smallest acts of courage and kindness can create a ripple effect of positive change in the world.





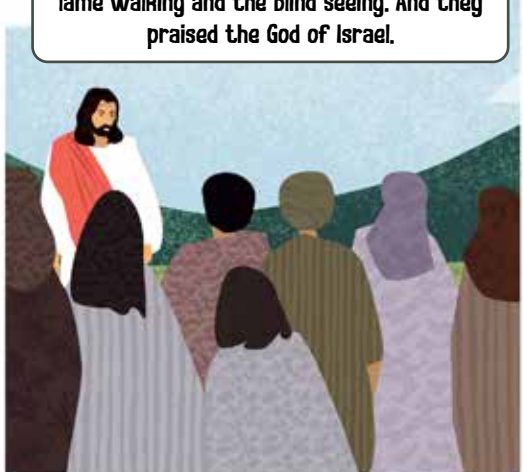
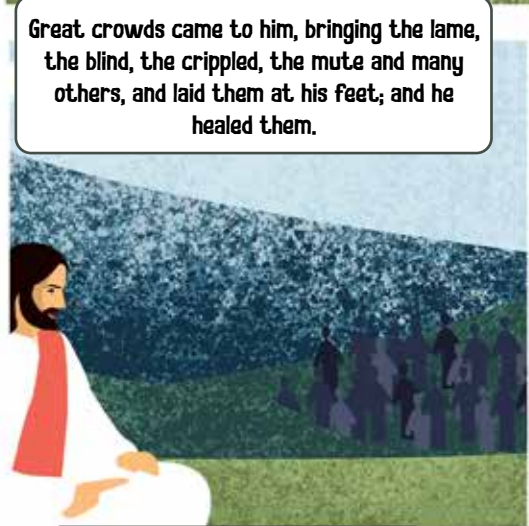
JESUS FEEDS THE FOUR THOUSAND (Mt 15: 32-39)

After Jesus left Tyre and Sidon, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and went up the mountain, where he sat down.



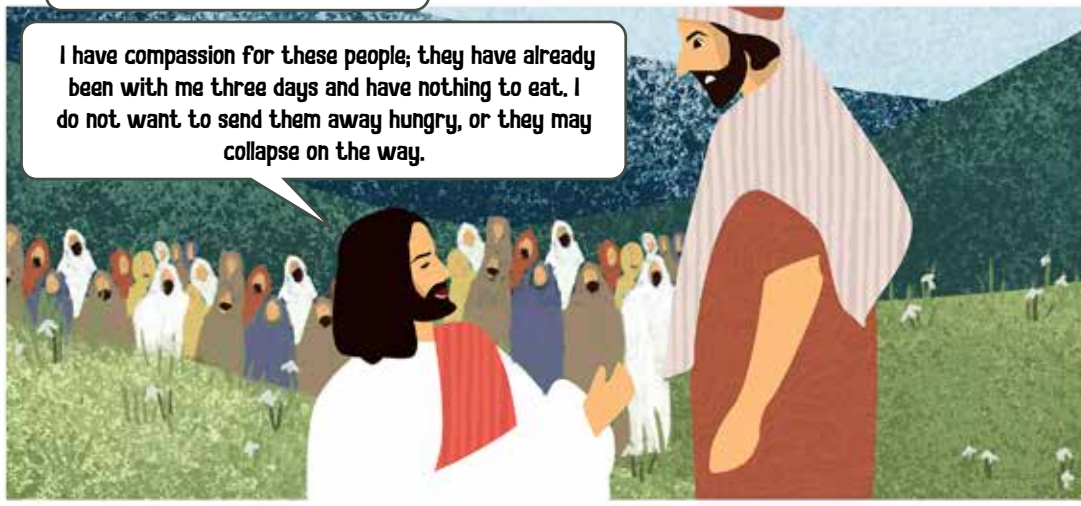
Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.

The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.



Jesus called his disciples to him.

I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.



The disciples answered him.

Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?

Seven, and a few small fish.

How many loaves do you have?



Jesus told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.



They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

The number of those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.



The Desire for what is Right



Think back to a time when you were extremely hungry and thirsty. You probably couldn't think about anything else but your next meal or your next drink of lemonade. These thoughts filled your mind, and everything you did was to find something to eat or drink. Hunger and thirst are experiences we all encounter at one point in our lives, and Jesus uses this imagery to teach us a very important lesson.

During Jesus' public ministry, he delivered a sermon that became one of the most famous speeches ever given—the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus gave radical commands like 'love your enemies' (Matthew 5:44) and 'if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also'

(Matthew 5:39). Since it was the first time God was directly teaching his people, they were very interested in his words. The sermon began with a list of eight statements on how we should live our lives. Today, I

'BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY WILL BE SATISFIED.'

want to focus on the fourth one: 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.'

The first important question is, what is righteousness? At its simplest, righteousness is doing the right thing. That means being nice and helping people. But most importantly, it means doing what God wants us to do. Nothing can be more right than listening to our all-knowing Creator and allowing him to guide us in his loving plan. Jesus doesn't simply tell us to be righteous; he goes further and tells us that we need to hunger and thirst for righteousness.

We obviously can't eat or drink righteousness, so how can we hunger and thirst for it? Jesus doesn't mean it this way. He is talking about how we should live our lives and have a desire for that which is righteous. Just as with physical food and drink, when we don't have it, we want it very badly. We strongly desire to eat and to drink, and we won't stop until we have been fed. This is exactly how we are told to pursue righteousness. When we see something wrong happening, when we see injustice, or when our lives are not what God wants for us, Jesus wants us to desire what is right as much, or even more than, we desire food.

In the final words of this statement, Jesus gives us a promise. He tells us that if we truly hunger and thirst for righteousness, we will be satisfied. Think back to that time when you were extremely thirsty or hungry. Now think of that moment when you finally had the meal or drink you were longing for. That, is the satisfaction Jesus is offering, but on an even greater scale. Jesus promises that if we desire righteousness



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with all our heart, he will give us all our desires. Something tells me that the satisfaction an all-powerful God wants to give us is going to be better than the satisfaction of a cheeseburger and soda.



ST. PHILIP NERI

PART 1

Philip Neri was born in Florence, Italy on July 21, 1515, to a noble family. From a young age, he was known for being cheerful and obedient and was nicknamed 'the good Pippo'. He had two sisters, Caterina and Elisabetta with whom he would recite the psalms which he liked.



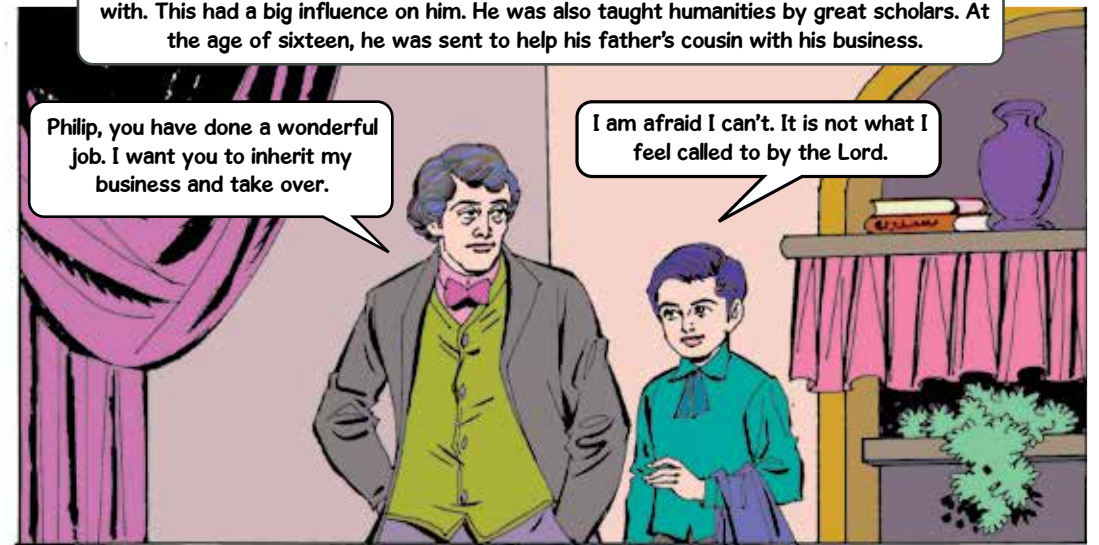
However, he was not always good. When he was eight, he was in the courtyard and saw a donkey carrying fruit. He jumped on its back but the animal bolted and they both fell into a deep cellar. Thankfully, his parents found him unharmed.



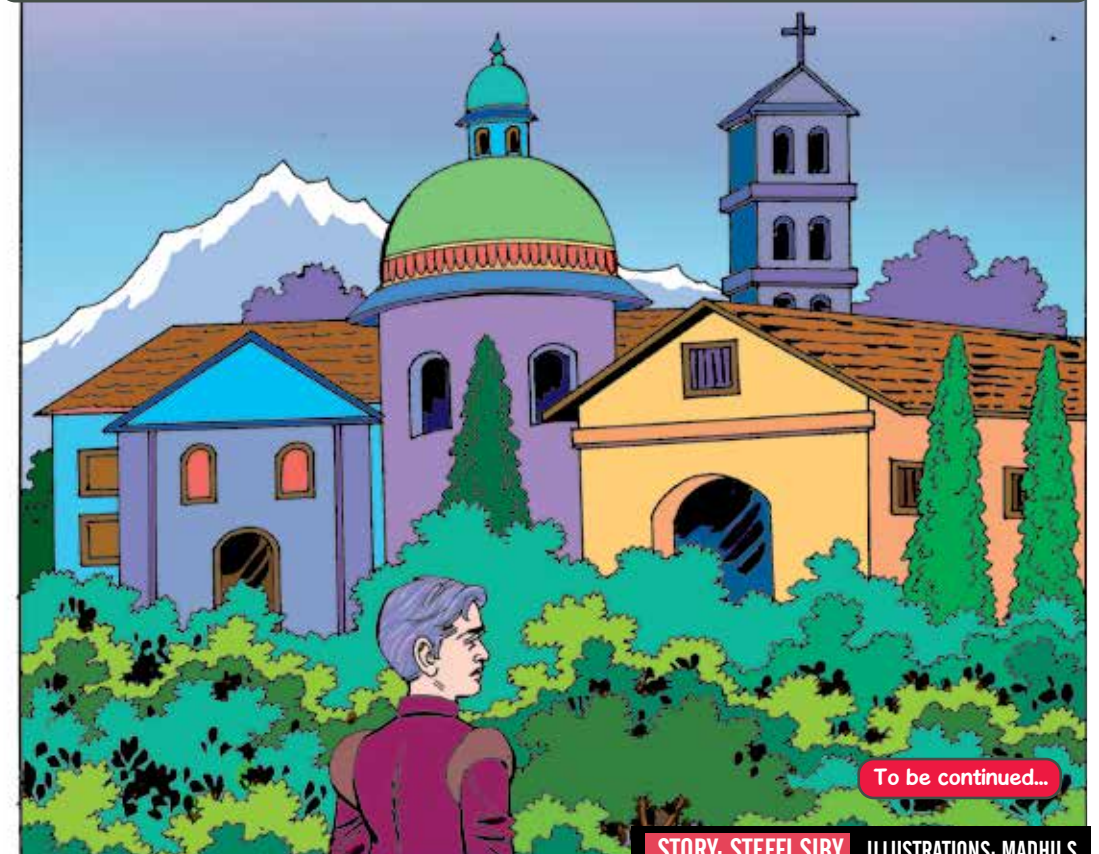
As a child, Philip received instruction from the Dominicans who his father was friends with. This had a big influence on him. He was also taught humanities by great scholars. At the age of sixteen, he was sent to help his father's cousin with his business.

Philip, you have done a wonderful job. I want you to inherit my business and take over.

I am afraid I can't. It is not what I feel called to by the Lord.



Philip would often retreat for prayer to a little mountain chapel. Here, he felt a calling to be the 'Apostle of Rome'. In 1533, he arrived in Rome without any money. He had not told his father and he knew he would be cut off from his inheritance. But he also knew he was doing God's will.



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OUR LADY'S WARDROBE

- SINU EMMANUEL

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Transparent plastic cups - 2
- Pencil
- Black sketch/marker pen (pointed tip)
- Coloring pencils/ crayons
- White paper
- Scissors
- Glue

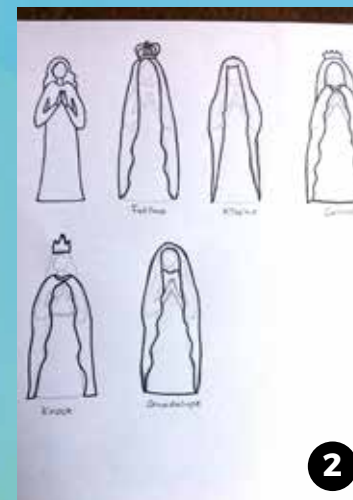


METHOD

Step 1: Draw the image of our Lady on a white paper as shown in Image 1. The size of the image will depend on the size of the transparent cup.

Step 2: Trace Image 1 five more times lightly using a pencil. Draw the clothing as shown in Image 2 using a black sketch pen. You can include your favourite apparitions of Mary.

Step 3: Colour the images as shown in Image 3.



Step 4: Carefully cut the images.

Step 5: Stick the first image to the outer part of a transparent cup.

Step 6: Stack another transparent cup on the cup with the image. Stick the other five images to the second cup. Make sure to leave extra space on the second cup for showing the image stuck on the first cup.



Step 7: Rotate the second cup to view different apparitions of our Lady.

Colour. Arrange. Frame (Part 3)

In this section, a picture is divided into 4 parts, one for each issue. Children can colour each part, and when the picture is complete it can be glued together and framed.



COLOUR ME



ALL ABOUT

St Mariam Thresia Chiramel



PATRON SAINT OF

Congregation of the Holy Family

ST MARIAM THRESIA CHIRAMEL

BORN:

26th April 1876

PARENTS' NAMES:

Thoma and Thanda

LIVED IN:

Thrissur, India

DIED:

8 June 1926

CANONISED:

13 October 2019 by Pope Francis

FEAST DAY:

8 June

Prayer

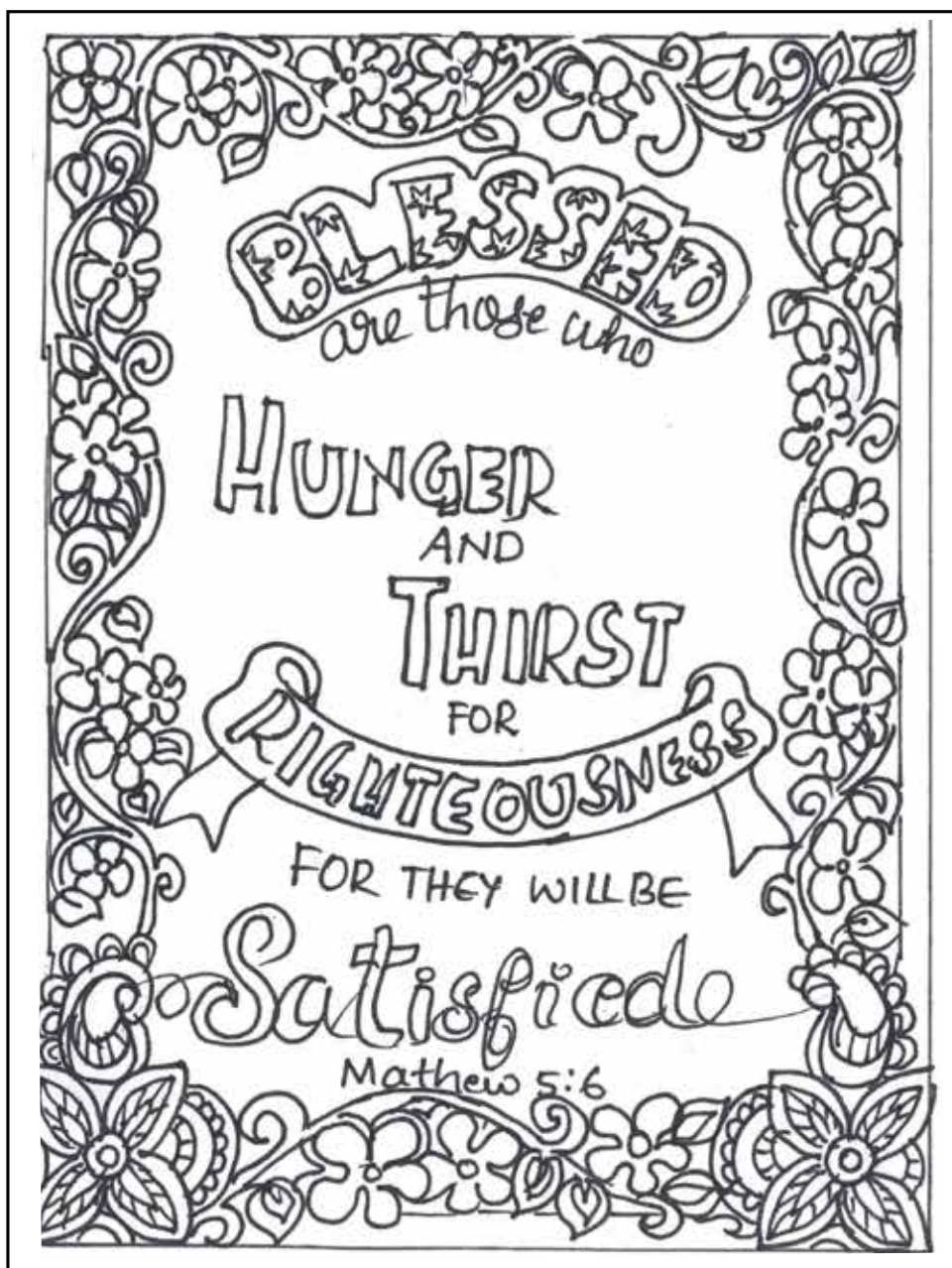
O God, by whose gift St Mariam Thresia persevered in imitating Christ, poor and lowly, grant us through her intercession that, faithfully walking in our own vocation, we may reach the perfection you have set before us in your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FACTS ABOUT ST MARIAM THRESIA

- Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan was raised in the Syro-Malabar rite of the Catholic Church. Her parents named her in honour of St Teresa of Avila.
- She was deeply devout even as a young child, would fast many times a week and hold night vigils.
- Her life at home was not easy. The family fell into poverty, her father and brother turned to alcoholism to deal with the situation.
- After her mother died when she was twelve, Thresia left her school education and began to discern her vocation to religious life.
- In her twenties, she was heavily involved in charitable work, nursing the sick, comforting the lonely and selflessly serving the people of her village along with three other companions. They even broke cultural norm by venturing out without a man to accompany them, which brought ire from the villagers.
- From 1904, she began to call herself 'Mariam' Thresia, after a vision she had of the Virgin Mary.
- In 1903, she approached the Archbishop for a place of prayer but was instead directed to join a congregation. Twice Thresia joined two different communities but did not feel her calling there.
- Finally in 1913, the Archbishop gave permission to build a house of prayer where Thresia and her three companions could live like hermits while continuing their mission to serve the poor and sick. This was the beginning of her new Congregation of the Holy Family.
- Mariam Thresia was said to have received the stigmata in 1905, which became more visible by 1909.
- In 1926, she was wounded on her leg by a falling object. Due to her diabetes, the wound did not heal. She died on 8 June 1926 after her condition became fatal.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Matthew 5: 6



MY CANVAS

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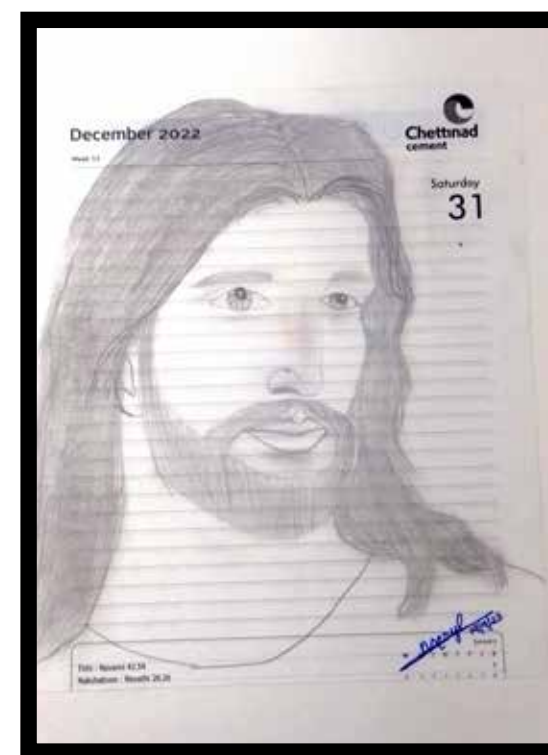
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For God is the king of all earth;
sing praises with a psalm. (Psalm 47:7)

Knit Together with Love

- JOAN JERO D'CRUZ » 16 YRS

Dear Diary,
Sometimes I wonder if Jesus does indeed love me. Because when there are seven billion people on this planet, why would Jesus even like me?

There would be so many people better than me. This thought made me sad. So I went to Mumma. She was knitting. For a while I simply watched her... paying attention as she carefully pulled the thread through. She did the same thing over and over again... first put the needle under a loop, looped the thread around the needle, pulled the needle back under the other one, and transferred it onto the other needle.

But suddenly, when my mum pulled a thread that looked like it was sticking out, the whole thing came apart! She looked frustrated.

'What happened Mumma? Why did it come out?' I asked.

She sighed, 'I missed a loop, I need to redo the whole thing because I didn't go under one loop.'

Suddenly, remembering something, I went up to my room. I was looking through the draw filled with crafts I made at the camp. There! I found it! It was a piece of paper with a Bible verse written on it.

It read: *For it was you who created my innermost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

If God really spent so much time and effort on me... then I should have no doubt he loves me.



VERSE-IVE WRITING

For it was you who created my innermost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

- Psalm 139: 15

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Called to be the Salt & Light

- DR JOSEPH SEBASTIAN

Have we ever truly experienced hunger and thirst? Most of us, as teens, may have rarely encountered these sensations. Sure, we might feel a pang of thirst after a game or a strenuous workout, but true hunger? It's become a foreign concept in our world of instant food and relative affluence. But what if we looked beyond the physical hunger and thirst? What if we considered a hunger and thirst for something deeper, something more profound?

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks directly about this hunger and thirst, saying, *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied* (Matthew 5:6). At first glance, these words might seem puzzling. What exactly does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness? And how does one find satisfaction in it?

Imagine hungering and thirsting for righteousness in the same way we hunger for our favourite food or thirst for water after a hot day. It's a deep, soul-level craving for what is good, just, and true in the eyes of God. It's a longing to live in alignment with his will, to pursue justice, mercy, and compassion in all aspects of our lives.

But why does Jesus say those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed? Isn't it easier to pursue comfort and pleasure in this world? The truth is true satisfaction doesn't come from material wealth or transitory pleasures. It comes from living a life of purpose and meaning, rooted in God's WILL.

Think about that story of the prodigal son from the Bible (Luke 15:11-32). The younger bro blew

all his cash on partying, ended up broke and starving in some random place. But when he hit rock bottom (literally among PIGS), he realised he needed to go back home to his dad. Same deal with us—when we feel spiritually empty, it's like a sign we gotta reconnect with God – the LIVING WATER, the one who fills us up.

So, how do we actually get that hunger and thirst for doing the right thing? Well, start by putting God first (Matthew 6:33). Dive into his teachings, let them shape how you think and act. Be real and honest, even when it's tough or not cool. That's where it all begins.

But hungering and thirsting for righteousness isn't enough as just a feeling or thought—it's a call to action. Jesus calls us to be salt and light in a world that desperately needs it (Matthew 5:13-16). It means standing up for justice, speaking out against injustice, and extending grace and mercy to those in need.

In the end, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be abundantly satisfied—not merely with momentary and fleeting pleasures that vanish like mist, but with the rich and fulfilling life that unfolds when we walk hand in hand with God. As we navigate the twists and turns of life's journey, let's cultivate an insatiable appetite for righteousness. For in doing so, we not only find satisfaction in the here and now but also lay the groundwork for an eternity filled with joy and fulfilment. May our deepest spiritual longings find their fulfilment as we pursue righteousness with unwavering passion and dedication.

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ARCHBISHOP

An archbishop is a bishop who, in addition to his diocesan duties, is also in charge of the churches in a particular large jurisdiction. It was introduced in the Eastern churches in the fourth century as an honorary title. In the ninth century, the Western churches started adapting the title. The Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches use it most frequently in the modern day.



ARK

Ark is used in the Bible to denote two important covenants. The first is the Ark of Noah, the ship that Noah built under God's direction, to protect the chosen few from the flood of God's wrath. At the end of the flood, as Noah comes out of the ark, God makes a covenant to never destroy the earth by flood again. The rainbow becomes a sign for this covenant. The second is the Ark of the Covenant, a gold-plated wooden chest that held the two tablets of the Law that God had given to Israel through Moses.



ASCENSION

Ascension is the elevation of Jesus Christ into Heaven. This is recorded in all gospels but the Gospel of John, and also in the Acts of the Apostles. In the presence of his disciples, forty days after his Resurrection, Jesus ascends to Heaven, with a promise to come back again. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that Ascension 'marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain.'



Life in Akanyo

We're going to Africa!!! To Uganda

This is us waiting at the airport for our flight to be called. When Dad told us last week where we'd be spending our holidays, we were both excited and nervous. We're going on mission!



Akanyo - Our New Home!

We will be staying in the village of Akanyo in Northern Uganda. Dad and Mom have volunteered to teach in the school here. Kevin and I will be helping them out!



Our Friends in Akanyo

Kevin and I made friends with Matthias and Marceline kato. How wonderful that these siblings are our ages! And they are teaching us Luganda, the language spoken here.



Our Beloved Father Timothy Kayanda

Father Timothy is the parish priest of St. Daniele Comboni Catholic Church in Akanyo. He is the most kind, gentle and loving person I have ever met. We love to go with Mom and Dad when they accompany Father Timothy to visit the sick and take the Holy Eucharist to them.



To be continued...

START

1

Who is known as the 'Little Flower of Jesus'?

2

Where was St Teresa of Calcutta born?

3

Who was Pope Francis' predecessor?

4

Where will you see the Sistine Chapel?

5

What work did Jesus' earthly father do?

9

Who was John the Baptist's father?

8

Which was Jesus' first miracle?

7

Where did St Bernadette see Our Lady?

6

Who is known as the 'Saint of lost things'?

10

How many loaves and fish fed the five thousand?

11

Who climbed a tree to have a better view of Jesus?

12

Who was the first king of Israel?

13

What did Matthew do before becoming Jesus' disciple?

17

How many are the fruits of the Spirit?

16

What instrument did David play?

15

Who were Miriam's brothers?

14

What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

18

Who was Peter's brother?

19

Which angel led Tobias?

20

What was Paul's occupation?



FINISH

GUESSING GAME

You will need tokens and dice (exclude 5 & 6). Wrong answer loses turn.

Q. WILL WE BE UNITED WITH OUR LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN?

ANS:

The prayers of the Rites of Christian Burial often refer to awaiting the day we are reunited with the deceased through Jesus Christ. As the Final Commendation prayers say: 'May we comfort one another with our faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and (name) forever. Through Christ our Lord.'

In the story of Abraham, Lazarus, and the Rich Man (Luke 16), they were all able to recognise each other. Moses and Elijah were recognised by the disciples (Matthew 17). And, of course, the disciples were able to recognise Jesus after the Resurrection. We also implore the saints to pray for us; so clearly tradition teaches that those in heaven know who we are.

There will be knowledge of others. We will know who is there, we will communicate with them by the graces and the power that God gives us, and we will have our glorified bodies where we will see each other, including our Blessed Lord, the Blessed Mother, recognising each other and from that intimate knowledge and communion with other saints in heaven, we will remember them from our relationships here in this life.

The *Catechism* states in CCC 1026: 'Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.' It did not say 'some'. It says 'all'. 'All' includes your loved ones who have died in him. In CCC 1029, this relationship is asserted: 'In the glory of heaven the blessed continue joyfully to fulfil God's will in relation to other men and to all creation.'

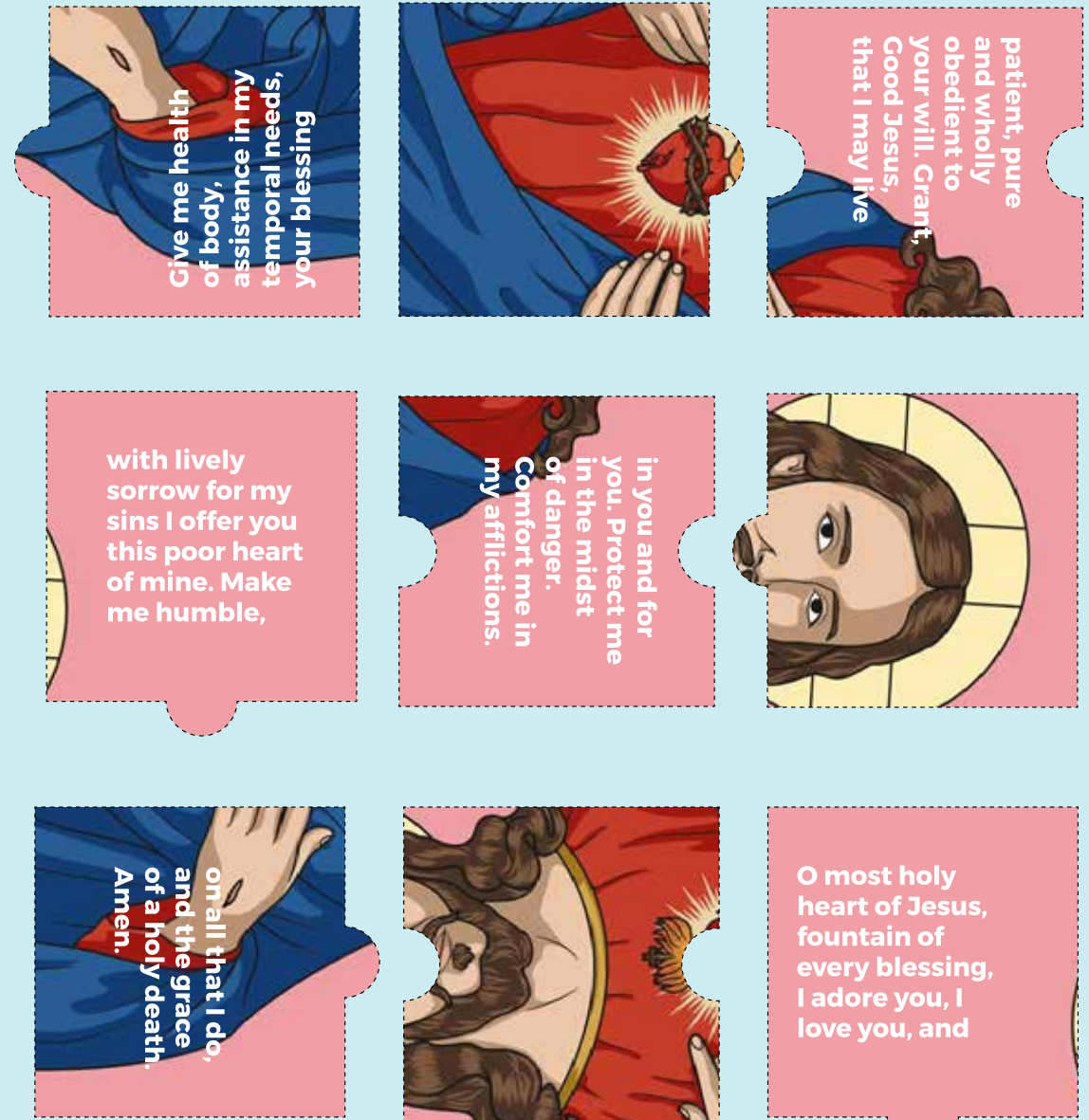
So it does appear that we will be able to remember and recognise each other in heaven. However, we will not be exactly the same as we were in this world since our primary virtue and fulfilment lies in our union with God, the satisfaction of all relationships and we will be purified from all sin and will be consumed with the presence of the Beatific Vision.



Our young readers can email their questions on faith/life to kairosbuds@jycairosmedia.org or WhatsApp it to us on +1 346 339 4500

Sacred Heart of Jesus Jigsaw Puzzle

Can you solve this jigsaw puzzle? Cut out and assemble. Then pray the prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



**Find 15 Hidden
Objects in the
Picture**



spot 8 difference



BIBLE SEARCH

Identify the words from the Bible verses given and find them in the grid below.

- Mark 11:30 (7 letters)
- Mark 14:16 (8 letters)
- Luke 2:51 (8 letters)
- Matthew 5:9 (11 letters)
- Matthew 6:21 (8 letters)
- Mark 4:38 (7 letters)
- Luke 1:14 (3 letters)

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

One Sunday, a priest decided to tell the people a joke.

Priest: Did you hear about the contractor who diluted the paint three times before applying a coat to the church's steeple?

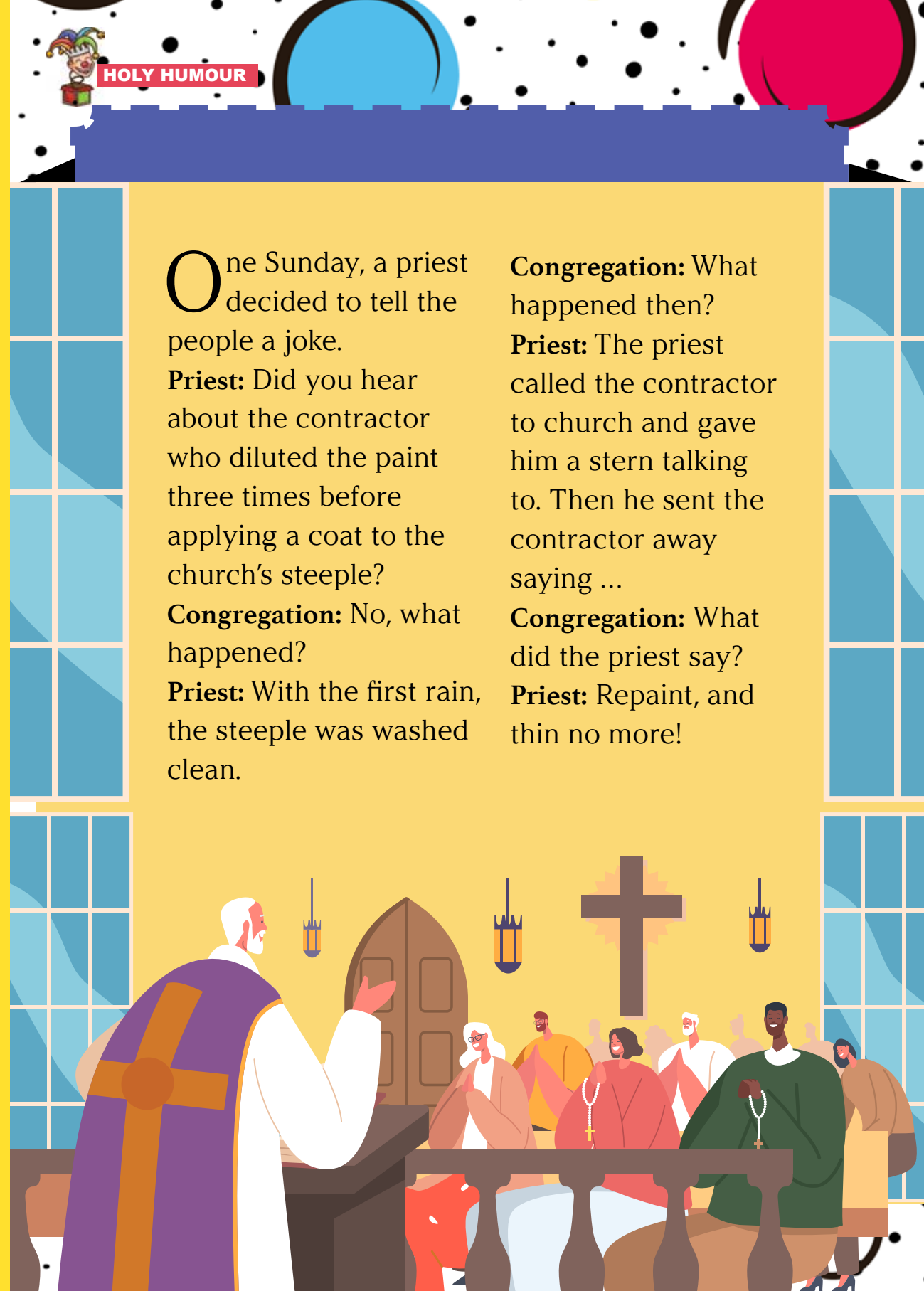
Congregation: No, what happened?
Priest: With the first rain, the steeple was washed clean.

Congregation: What happened then?

Priest: The priest called the contractor to church and gave him a stern talking to. Then he sent the contractor away saying ...

Congregation: What did the priest say?

Priest: Repaint, and thin no more!





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