

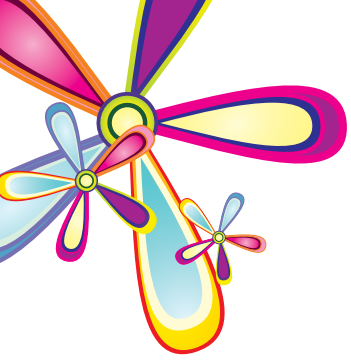


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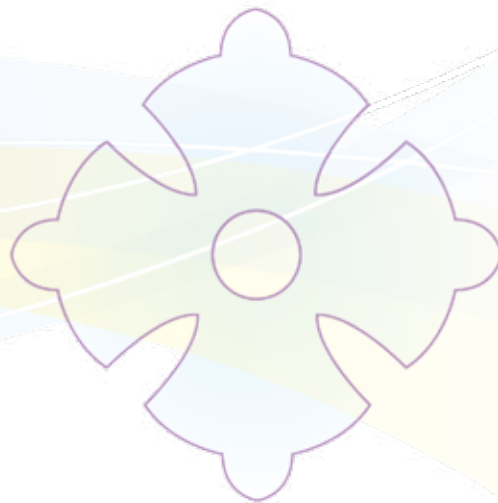
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INTRODUCTION

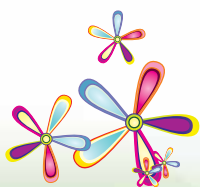
Mahragan Alkeraza 2011

It is with great pleasure that we welcome another year of the Mahragan competitions. Last year was a great success with so many churches participating in Egypt, North America, Europe, Australia and elsewhere around the globe. Last year, there were over 119,000 participants in the finals who represented around 10% of the total participants. With the blessings of His Holiness Pope Shenouda and under the continued care of His Grace Bishop Moses, we are expecting this year to attract a much wider audience and be the source of blessing for many of our children and servants everywhere.

The theme this year "Christ is our Life" reflects the true essence of our Christian faith. It's very important for our youth and kids to experience Christ in all aspects of their life, whether it's in absorbing the rich material offered in the Mahragan, in the diverse activities offered to them or in the sports competitions that are made available to them throughout the Mahragan.

The material emphasizes the following three areas

- 1- Who is Christ**
- 2- Christ is our life**
- 3- Christ is our role model**





We hope all of you will participate in the Mahragan activities this year, and encourage everyone you know to join us in one of the greatest annual events, presented by our mother church, the Coptic Orthodox Church.

God bless the efforts of all who participated in the coordination of the Mahragan activities and all the participants.

✙
My best wishes for a happy
Festival
✙ Bishop Mousa





THROUGH THE CROSS JESUS GAVE ME A NEW LIFE



It was a bright sunny day and everyone was walking out of school together. It was a beautiful day! It was the last day of school for John (Grade 1) and Mary (Grade 2). Their mom was at home in the kitchen preparing a cake to celebrate the beginning of John and Mary's summer vacation.

John & Mary: Three cheers for summer vacation!
Hip hip hurray! Hip hip hurray! Hip hip hurray!

John hugged his mom and ran up to his room to take out his toy box.

Mom: Are you going to play right away? Aren't you going to taste my cake first?

John: I have been waiting for this day for so long. The day when I can finally play with my toy box because I miss my toys so much.

Mary: What toy box? It's full of old things. I really don't understand what you like about it. Why don't you come with me to play on the computer?

John: My toy box is full of nice adventures. Why don't you play with me first and then I will play with you on the computer?

Mary: Deal, but promise me that you won't be here for long because I miss my computer too.

John opened his toy box and suddenly...

Mary: What's this? Do you see what I see? The crayons are running!



The crayons ran inside one of the books in the toy box. John tried to grab one of them before they all left but he was only able to get the last one, Bambino the red crayon.





Bambino: Let go John, I don't have time because I have an appointment but we can play later.

Mary: What is this? The crayons know you and are talking to you too! Now I understand why you like to play with your toy box all of the time.

John: Bambino wait! Don't go. It's clear that you have a big problem. Tell me what it is before you leave.

Bambino: What do you want me to tell you? It's a long story.

All I can tell you is that you might not see me or any of my friends again. Bambino ran quickly into the same book like his friends.



Mary: Oh no, he left! What are you going to do? Are you going to leave him?

John quickly took Mary's hand and ran after Bambino. They went inside the same book. Suddenly, Mary found herself in a very strange place surrounded with many crayons boxes

shaped like houses. The streets were very colourful with nice designs all around. She was trying to have a closer look, but John pulled her to catch up to Bambino who was running very fast ahead of them.

John: Bambino wait! Tell me where you're going!

Bambino: You again? Why are you coming after me? Aren't you afraid to get lost?

John: I have to understand what is going on. Why are you scared? Why are you running like this?



Bambino: Good, I made it before the meeting. Look John, all I can tell you is that Crayon City can disappear any minute now.





John: What? How?

Mary: Do you mean this beautiful city will disappear?

Bambino: Yes!

While Bambino was talking, he heard someone calling him.

Voice: Bambino... Help! I have been waiting for you for a long time.

Bambino: Who is calling? Wait, it sounds like Brushy the brush. Where is she?

Mary: The voice is coming from there. Let's go see her.

John: Yes, it is coming from this black box, over there. They ran quickly toward the black box.

Bambino: Brushy, what happened to you? Who did that to you? You're so messy and your colour is changed.

Brushy: The colours dried on me, I can't paint and I can't even move like before. I want to run with you to save our beautiful city.

Bambino: Just wait, I will try to help you.

Bambino tried to help Brushy but he couldn't.

Bambino: I can't do anything.

John: You know Bambino, the only one who can help Brushy go back to the way she was is the one who made her.

Bambino: The one who made her? Let's go to Dr. Colour quickly so we can come back on time for our meeting.

Bambino, Mary and John carried Brushy and took her to Crayon City Hospital. After some time with Dr. Colour...

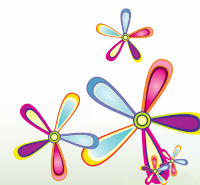
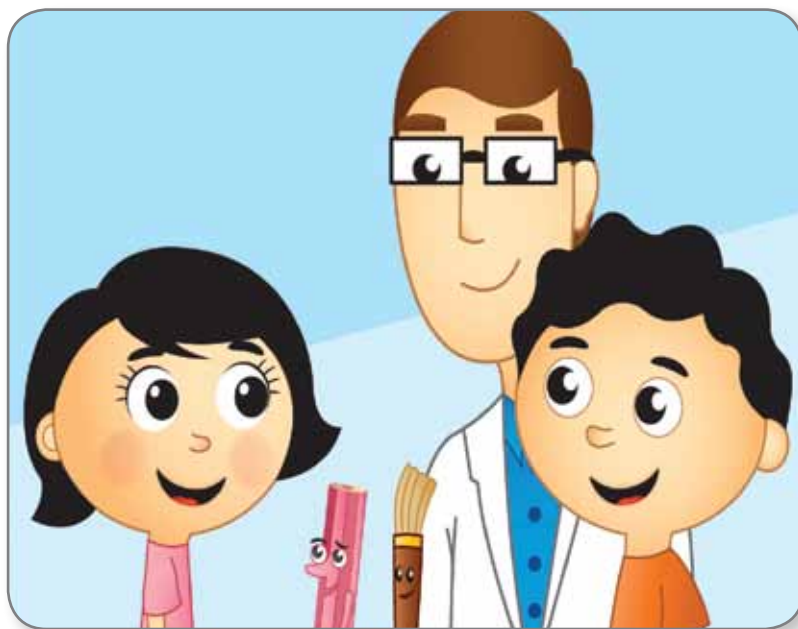
Brushy: Wow! I feel as good as new. Thank you so much Dr. Colour, thank you Bambino and John for your great idea.

Mary: I have never seen someone fix something after it was so ruined.

Dr. Colour: How can you say that? This is exactly what happened to us.

Mary: I don't understand anything. Can you please explain?

Dr. Colour: For you to understand what I am saying, I have to start from the beginning.





When God created Adam and Eve, He created them in the best image and He made them live with Him. They were very happy with all what God made for them. But Adam and Eve listened to the devil, so their image was changed.



Because of their sin, God's judgment came upon them and their children. They could not be with Him anymore.
Mary: Do you mean that man will remain separated from God?



Dr. Colour: No Mary, God is just but He is also a loving God. He loves man so much. God chose to take man's judgment on Himself. That's why He came down from heaven, took flesh and became a man like us. He was born of St. Mary, was crucified and died on the cross instead of us.



Mary: Our Lord Jesus was crucified and died on the cross even though He didn't do anything wrong?

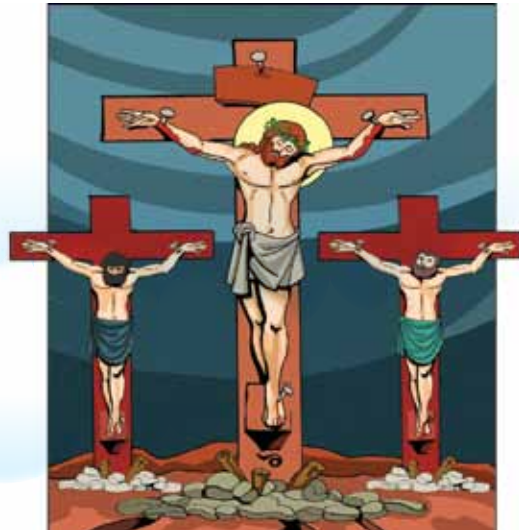
Dr. Colour: That's right. Our Lord Jesus was crucified instead of us. Because He loves us, He redeemed us on the cross. That's why the cross will always remind us of the love of God to all men.





MEMORY VERSE

"You have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth."
Psalm 31:5



John: Who crucified Him? And why was He crucified?

Dr. Colour: The bad people crucified Him. They didn't like Him for many reasons, but mostly because of His love for all people. When they found the opportunity, they arrested Him and asked Pilate, the governor, to crucify Him.

Mary: But He did not do anything wrong.

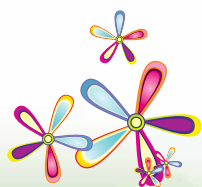
Dr. Colour: That's right. He did not do anything wrong. That's what Pilate said too.

He said that Our Lord Jesus was innocent, but he

wanted to make the people happy. Pilate ordered that Jesus be crucified. They put a crown of thorns on His head and crucified Him between two thieves.

Mary: What happened next?

Dr. Colour: Our Lord Jesus died on the cross to redeem each one of us. When He died, there was darkness everywhere, the earth shook and the rocks split.





But the story did not end here because He overcame death and rose on the third day. Very early Sunday morning, He rose from the dead by His own power because He is God. He showed His power over death. Not only that, but He rose while the stone was still on the door of the tomb.

After His resurrection, Archangel Michael came down from heaven and rolled the stone from the door of the tomb to let everyone know that He has risen and that the tomb was empty.

We are sure of His resurrection not only because of the empty tomb and the stripes of linen that were left behind, but also because afterwards, Jesus appeared to the disciples and the believers many times and in many different places.

The Lord appeared to them for forty days. By His crucifixion and resurrection, we returned to our original image. He opened the door of heaven for us and gave us a new life.



MEMORY VERSE

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" John 11:25





Jesus Is Alive!

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Read Luke 24:1-8. Jesus died on a cross and took our sin on Himself. But that's not all! Three days later, He rose from the grave. He overcame death with God's miraculous power. Now, even though you have sinned, you can go to heaven. All you have to do is believe that Jesus died for your sins. **Ask Jesus to be the Lord of your life, and live for Him. If you haven't already, do it now!**

Why did Jesus die on the cross and take your sin on Himself? On each line, write the letter that corresponds to the number in the grid.

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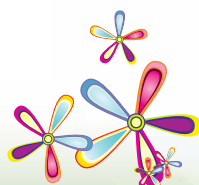
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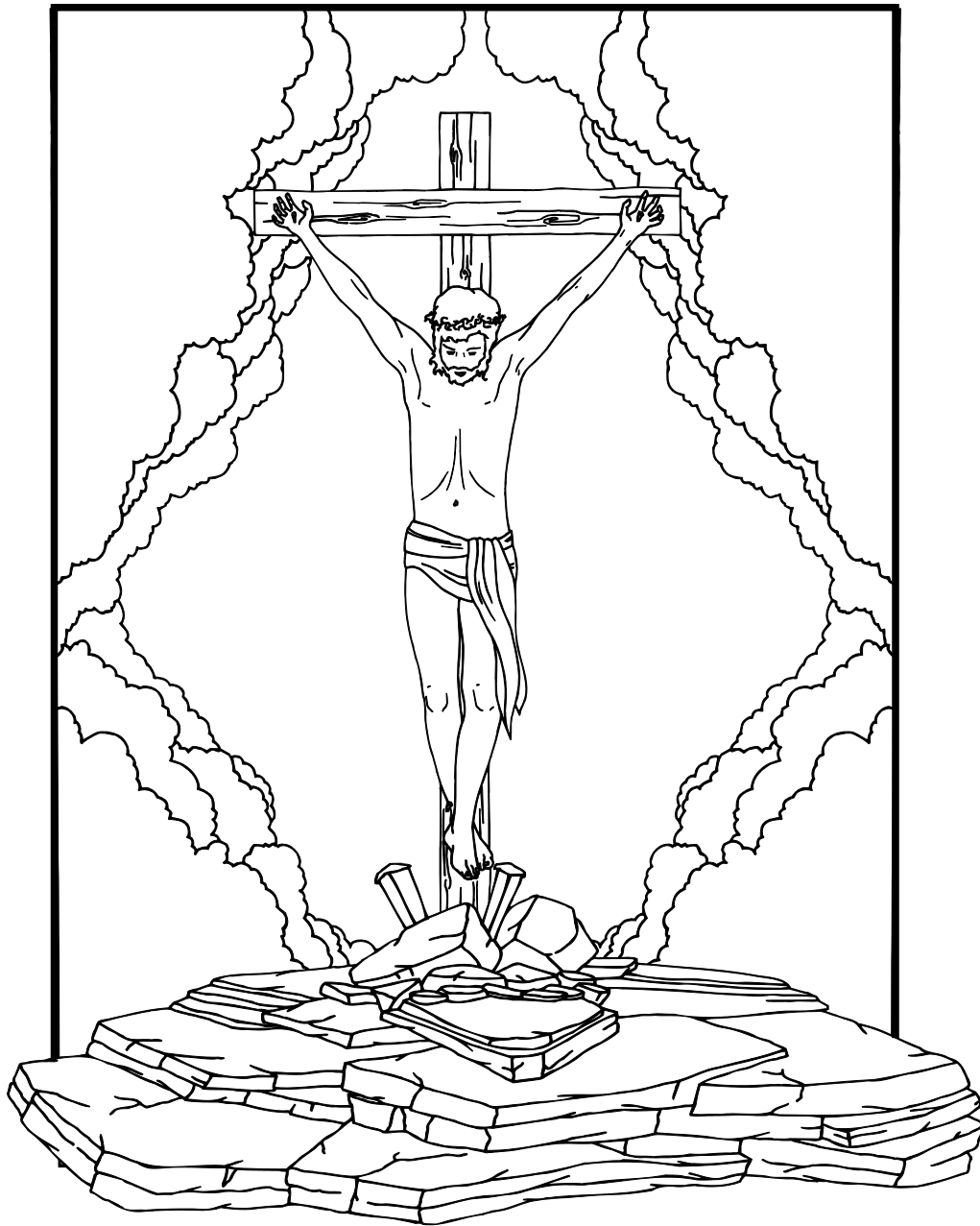
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"Jesus is not here. He has risen!" Luke 24:6



Jesus on The Cross



Jesus died on the cross for our sins

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)



JESUS TEACHES ME TO REJOICE AND BE KIND

When Dr. Colour finished the story about the redemption...:

Dr. Colour: Because our Lord Jesus loves us, He died for us and that's why we have to love one another. Love is not only through words but it's how we act towards each other.

Brushy: Wow! That's exactly the love you showed for me. If it wasn't for you, I would have never returned to my original image. From now on, I will do like you. I will love and help everyone.



Mary: Loving people, helping them and being kind to them, can change many things. John, do you remember the play that we did last year in Mahragan Al Keraza and won 3rd place?

John: Of course, its was called "Be kind". I will never forget it.

Dr. Colour: That sounds like a good play.

Brushy: Can we watch this play?

Mary: Brushy, you can't watch it now, but John and I can tell you the story.

St. Pachomius, the Father of the Communal life (Cenobitic life)

Mary: Before he became a monk, St. Pachomius was a soldier in the army. One day, he went out with a group of soldiers to fight the people who rebelled against the king. After a long trip, they reached a city named Esna where they stopped to rest. There in Esna, something really amazing happened.

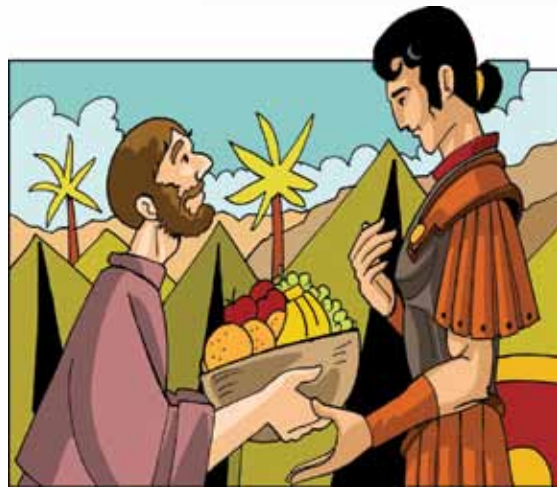
Brushy: What happened?



Mary: The people in the city of Esna offered them food to eat and water to drink. This act of kindness made the soldiers amazed. St. Pachomius asked them:

"Why are you doing this for us?" One of them answered him and said: "We did this because our Lord Jesus taught us to love, help and show kindness to others."

Bambino: Wow! The people of Esna had great love towards others.



John: You know Bambino, because of the kindness of those people, St Pachomius decided to become a Christian. He decided that if he comes back from war, he would learn about Christianity. He wanted to be like the people of Esna, who loved God so much.

Mary: What happened next was quite surprising. The revolution against the king ended without war, and St. Pachomius returned home safely.



John: He was baptized and became a Christian just like he had decided to do. He stayed in Esna for 2 years, serving everyone with love.

Mary: St. Pachomius heard about a saint monk named Abba Palamoun. He went to him to become a monk. St. Pachomius loved God more and more every day. He always prayed, fasted and read the Holy Bible. He loved all the monks.





One day, while he was collecting some logs, an angel appeared to him. The angel had a tablet with a set of rules written on it. These were the new rules for how monks should live together in the monastery. These rules are the reason the church called him the father of communal life.

Brushy: What does “Father of communal life” mean?

Mary: Before St. Pachomius, each monk used to stay in his own cell by himself to pray. But when

the angel gave the new rules to him, the monks would gather to pray, eat, work and live together. This is the communal rule that St. Pachomius established in the monastery. Did you see how the kindness of the people of Esna led St. Pachomius to Christianity? This is the story of our play.

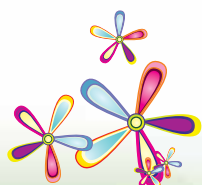
John: That’s why we called our play “Be Kind” and at the end of our play we shared the verse about kindness from the Holy Bible which says:



MEMORY VERSE

“Be kind to one another, tender hearted”

Ephesians 4: 32



Activity

David is Kind to Mephibosheth



"Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house."

2 SAMUEL 9 : 9



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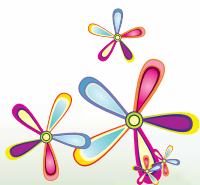


Showing Love

Love is more than just words. Love means sharing, and being kind to everyone around us.



"Love your neighbor as yourself."
Galatians 5:14





JESUS TEACHES ME TO THINK IN THE RIGHT WAY

When they went back to the place of the meeting, they found Rado, the red crayon.

Rado: Finally Bambino, you made it!

Bambino: I am sorry for being late Rado, but I couldn't leave Brushy without helping her. She couldn't move, and she wanted to come with us to save Crayon City.

Mary: Bambino, you never told us why you're worried and in a hurry.

Bambino: I forgot to introduce you guys. Rado, this is Mary, John's sister.

Rado: Welcome everybody. Mary, I will tell you what happened. There are heavy floods coming over the city, do you know what this means?

Mary: Oh No! This means that there will be no more Crayon City!

John: Does that mean that I won't be able to colour anymore?

Bambino: Yes, now do you understand why I was in a hurry?



Mary: What are we going to do?
Suddenly, they heard a voice.

Wise Crayon: Think carefully, what should we do to save the city?

Rado, Bambino and Brushy: Wise Crayon is here!

Mary: Who is that?

John: He is the elder of the city.

Wise Crayon: We have to figure out how to solve this problem?

Brushy: But how? Can't you see we are not that many, even if we call all our friends? No matter how hard we try, we won't be able to do anything.

Mary: Brushy, I don't agree with you. I

remember the story of Gideon from the Old Testament. He only had 300 people with him and they were still able to conquer the huge army of the Midianites.

Brushy: Who's Gideon?

Bambino: Who are the Midianites?

Rado: How could they win with such a small army?

Mary: I will tell you the story.





Gideon (Judges 6 – 7)

A long time ago, God chose the people of Israel to be His people. He wanted them to teach others about His law. He called them “God’s chosen people”.



God was always with them. He protected them from their enemies. All what God wanted from them was to follow His commandments and obey His law.



But the people were stubborn. They always disobeyed God’s law and were driven far away from Him.

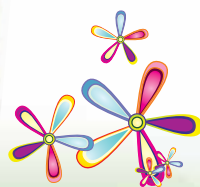


God was not happy with them because they were far from Him. He was also not happy with all their sins. Because of that, their enemies attacked them and made them slaves.



The Israelites were very sad because of their slavery and they cried out to God to deliver them from their enemies, the Midianites.

John: What did Gideon do to conquer them?





Mary: The Midianites were a lot more than the Israelites. At first, God asked Gideon to tell the people who were afraid to go back and many of them left.

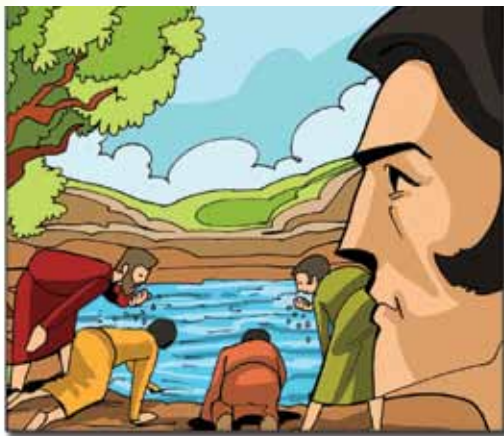
Rado: How can they fight when so many people left? They will lose!

Mary: No, they didn't lose. You will be surprised to know that their army became even smaller.

Bambino: Their number dropped again, why?

Mary: Well, these men went to get a drink of water.

Some got down on their knees and this was a sign that they did not care about the battle. Others showed that they really cared because they took water in their hands and drank while they were standing.

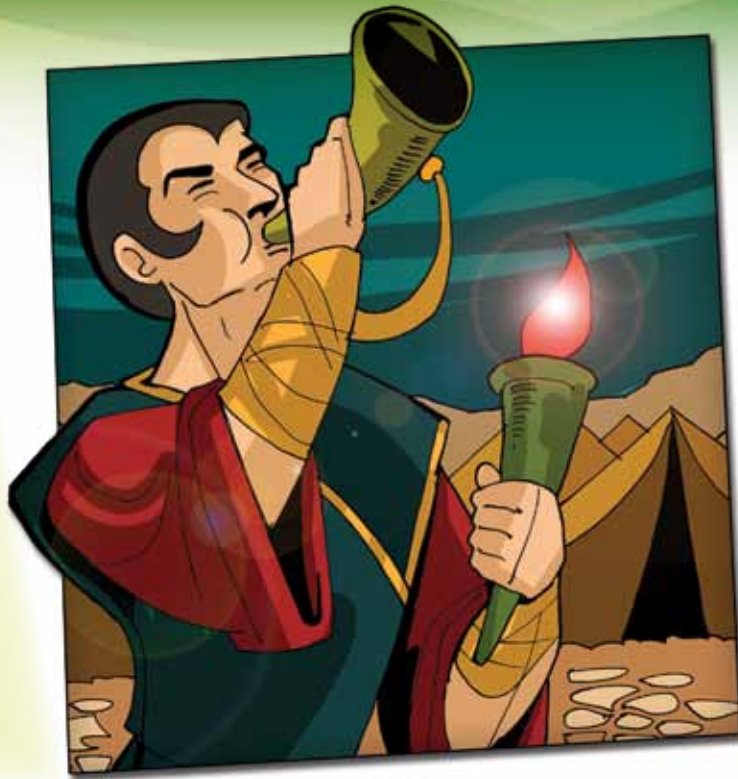


Those were the ones chosen. There were only 300 of them, but Gideon trusted in God's words and he knew that they would win.

Wise Crayon: What did Gideon do next, Mary?

Mary: Gideon divided the 300 soldiers into three groups. Each man had a trumpet in his right hand and a pitcher with a lit torch in his left hand. These were their weapons.





John: How did they fight with these funny weapons?

Mary: At night, while their enemy's army was sleeping, God's people surrounded them. When Gideon gave them a signal, each man blew the trumpet, broke the pitcher to let the torch shine, and shouted "The sword of the Lord and Gideon". The Midianites thought that a huge army surrounded them. They ran away, crying out as they fled. Gideon, with God's help, won the battle with only 300 men and very unusual weapons.
Wise Crayon: Very good, they knew how to think right.

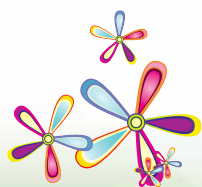
John: We too, we have to do like them and think in the right way.

Mary: Surely, God will be with us and will never leave us if we trust in Him and think in the right way.



MEMORY VERSE

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted"
Ephesians 4: 32



Activity

Gideon!



Gideon

Judges 6 & 7 (NIV)

The Israelites once again turned to God for help. The Midianites were oppressing them. In answer to their prayers, God raised up Gideon as a Judge. He sent his angel to speak with Gideon and also gave Him signs to assure Gideon. The story of Gideon tells of his faith and of God's great power in defeating the enemies of Israel.

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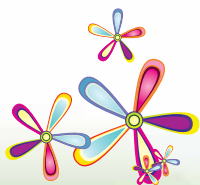


Gideon's Army of 300



"And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers,
and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right
hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon."

JUDGES 7:20





JESUS TEACHES ME TO TRUST HIM

When John, Mary and all their friends heard the story of Gideon, they had hope and started to think about a solution for their problem.

John: I have an idea! What if we build a high wall to stop the water from coming into the city?

Wise Crayon: Did you say a high wall? Excellent, John!

Mary: But how can we build it?

Wise Crayon: That's easy. We can call our neighbours in "Brick City" and ask them to send us enough bricks to build the high wall.

Rado: This won't work. We took our share of bricks for the year when we were renovating the city. We won't be able to take more bricks.

John: Why not? I have some money saved and I can give it to you so you can buy more bricks.

Wise Crayon: Thank you John, but we don't buy bricks with money. We trade with crayons. For example, we give the city some red crayons and we take bricks.

Bambino: See, I was right! There's no way. We will definitely be destroyed.

John: There is no way that we can take bricks without giving away crayons?

Brushy: Not any crayons, only the red ones.

Mary: What are you going to do now? Where can we get red crayons?

Rado: I got it! I will go!

Bambino: What are you talking about? How?

Brushy: Does that mean that we will run out of red crayons and there will be no more Rado?

Rado: What do you think? No more Rado or no more Crayon City? The city is more important. We don't have much time to talk. I have to save the city. Good bye friends, I will miss you.

Everyone watched as Rado ran away. They were very amazed at what he did.





Bambino: I can't believe what happened.

I will never see Rado again. How can one sacrifice himself like that?

Mary: Don't be upset Bambino. I am sure that God will not leave him.

Bambino: Why are you so sure?

Mary: God loves us. He always helps us and provides for our needs. We have to ask Him and trust that He will listen to us as long as we ask for His will. This is what the Holy Bible teaches us



MEMORY VERSE

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us"

1 John 5:14

John: That's right Mary. God is able to bring light from darkness. See how Brushy was fixed? That's why we have to trust God. Let's stand to pray and ask God to solve our problem.



Bambino: I have no hope. There will be no more Rado. I am so sad.

John: Bambino, what you said reminded me of God's people a long time ago. They were just like you. They did not have hope and did not trust God.

Mary: What do you mean? When was that?

John: It was the time when Moses sent people to explore the Promise Land.

Wise Crayon: Can you please tell us the story?



The twelve spies (Numbers 13-14)

John: As we said before, God's people did not always trust in God and they always doubted His words. One year, after they left Egypt, God told Moses to send men to spy on the land of Canaan (the land that God promised to give them).

Twelve men were sent, one from each tribe. They were to find out about the land and make sure it was a good land (*Deuteronomy 1:22-25*).



Moses asked them to find out if the people were strong or weak, many or few, and He wanted to know what the fruit of the land was like. He asked them to bring back some of the fruit that was ripe. He told them to be courageous and to trust God.

Mary: That's right. The twelve men went to the land of Canaan. They returned after 40 days. They brought a cluster of grapes. The cluster was so big that it took two men to carry it on a pole between them.

They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs as Moses told them. They stood in front of Moses and all the people to tell them what they saw.





John: Ten of them said that the land was really good. But they were afraid because the people there were strong men of war (the descendants of Anak). The cities were fortified. So, like you Bambino, they did not have any hope to win and take the Promised Land and this scared the Israelites.

Bambino: What about the other two men? What did they say?



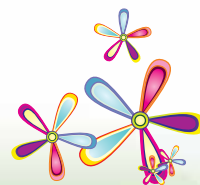
Mary: The other two, Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, trusted in God's promises. Caleb told the people, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it" Numbers 13:30.

John: Caleb and Joshua trusted in God's promises. They were confident that God will help them no matter how hard or impossible the situation might be. That's why God was very pleased with them, and told Moses that only Joshua and Caleb will go into the Promised Land.

Bambino: All this because they trusted God!!!

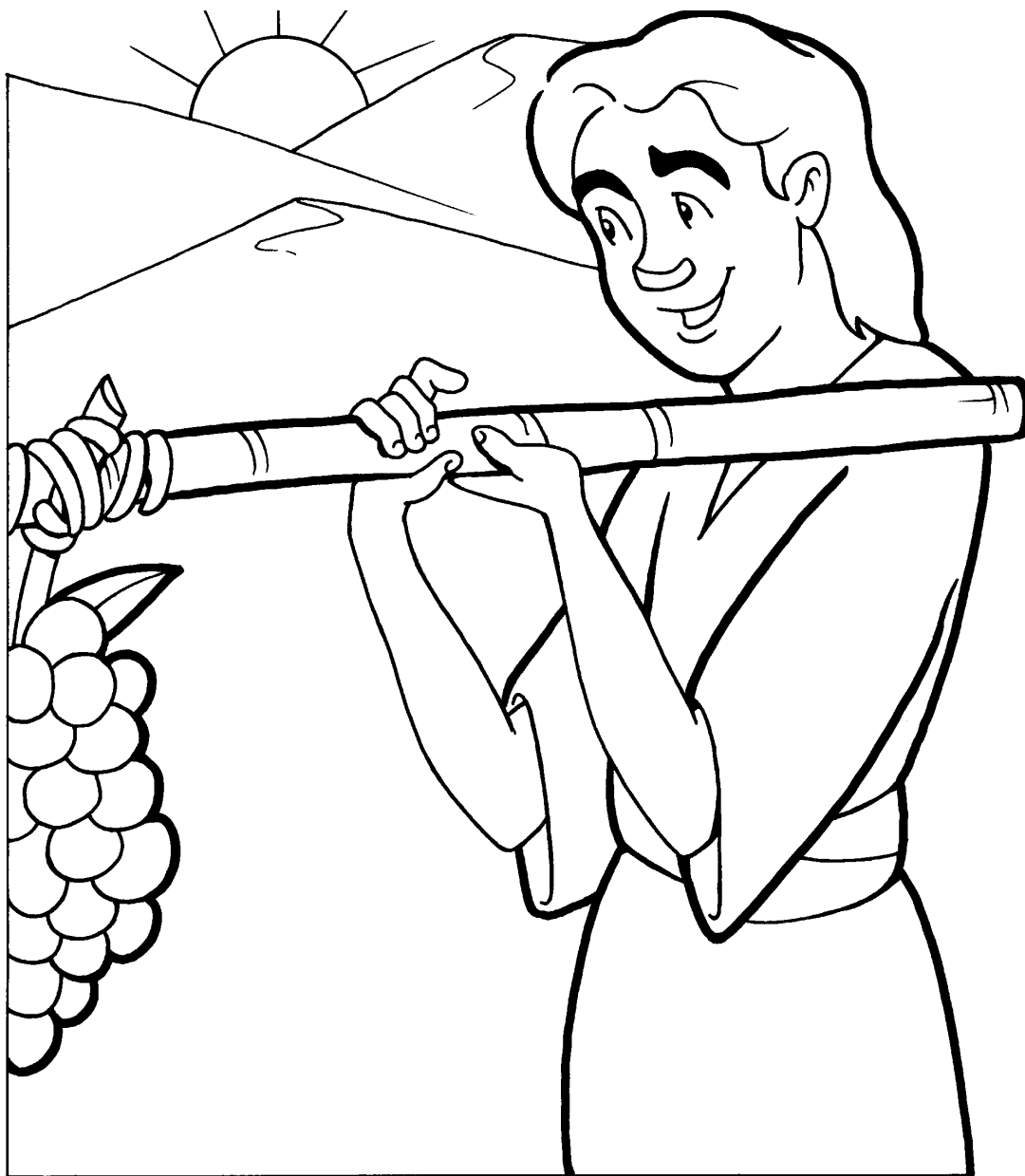
Wise Crayon: Of course Bambino, we all must be sure that God will never leave us and that He will find solutions for all our problems.

Mary: The most important thing is to ask Him and He will hear us.



Activity

The Twelve Spies



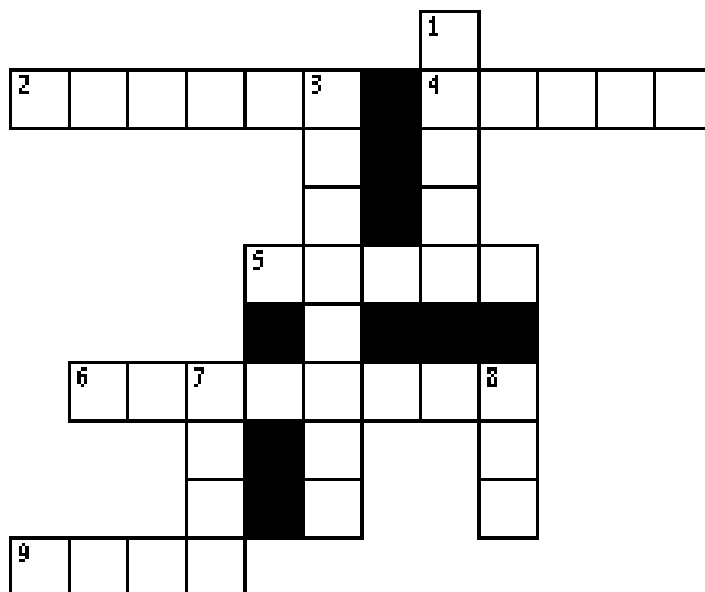
"And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs."

NUMBERS 13:23

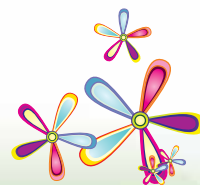


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- 6 ACROSS "If the LORD ____ in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'" **NUMBERS 14:8**
- 8 DOWN "Send men to ____ out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." **NUMBERS 13:2**
- 7 DOWN "So Moses sent them up from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the ____." **NUMBERS 13:3**
- 9 ACROSS "So they went up and spied out the ____ from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath." **NUMBERS 13:21**
- 2 ACROSS "Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of ____ they carried it between the two of them on a pole. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs." **NUMBERS 13:23**
- 5 ACROSS "And they returned from spying out the land after ____ days." **NUMBERS 13:25**
- 1 DOWN Joshua and Caleb told Moses, "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its _____. Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large." **NUMBERS 13:27-28**
- 3 DOWN "But the men who had gone up with him said, 'We are not able to go up against the people, for they are _____ than we.' " **NUMBERS 13:31**
- 4 ACROSS Joshua and Caleb said to the people, "Do not _____ against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." **NUMBERS 14:9**



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JESUS TEACHES ME TO THANK HIM

Our friends kept on thinking about how Caleb and Joshua trusted God. They remembered many situations where God was on their side. They started to share their experiences with each other. Then they decided to stand and pray together and ask God to solve their problem and make Rado come back to them. They were all hopeful, except Bambino who was sad and thought he would never see Rado again. But he still listened to his friends and prayed with them. While they were still praying, they heard a sound.

Brushy: Do you hear what I hear? It sound like Rado's bike.

Suddenly, Rado came in.

Rado: I am here!

They all ran to Rado and were very happy.

Bambino: I can't believe my eyes. Is this possible? Rado is here with us!

Brushy: I'm so happy!

Mary: I told you God always listens to our prayers if they are according to His will. Can you tell us what happened?

Rado: When I went to Brick City, they told me that they have lots of bricks left over from last year. They told me they can give me the bricks for free.

Bambino: Wow! I can't believe it. We have to trust in God's word that He will never leave us.

Wise Crayon: Don't forget the power of prayer.

Bambino:

Let's all start the work.





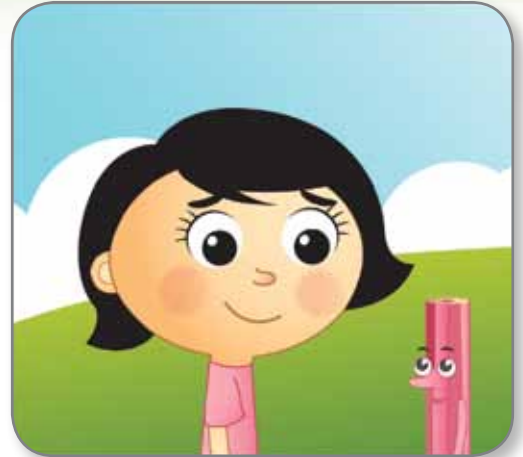
Mary: Bambino, wait! Before we start working, there is something really important that we should do.

Bambino: What is it?

Mary: Isn't it God who solved our problem? We have to thank Him for what He did. When someone does something for you or give you something you have to thank him. Remember, God who gave us everything we need, solved our problem and brought Rado back to us too. You don't want to be like the people who forgot to thank Jesus after He healed them.

John: Mary, who are they?

Mary: You don't know them? I will tell you their story.



The ten lepers (Luke 17: 11-19)



When our Lord Jesus was on earth, He was always teaching the people about the kingdom of heaven, where they will live with Him. One day, on His way to Jerusalem, He entered a certain village. There He heard people calling Him saying: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Bambino: Who were they?

Mary: They were ten lepers. Leprosy is a skin disease.

Rado: Is this why they stood far when they called the Lord Jesus?





Mary: That's right Rado. When our Lord Jesus saw them, He had mercy on them and said to them **"Go, show yourselves to the priests."** You see, whoever was healed had to show himself to the priest to make sure that they were really healed.

The ten people believed in Jesus' words and they went to show themselves to the priests.

Bambino: They were not even healed? What are they going to show?

Mary: These people were sure that they will be healed because they trusted Jesus' word.



As they went on their way, they were cleansed and their skin went back to normal as if they did not have any leprosy.

Brushy: Just like what happened with me! They were healthy again! They must have been very happy.

Mary: That's right Brushy. They were very happy. But unfortunately they did not do the most important thing. You know what?





John: They did not thank God for what He did for them.

Mary: Exactly! Nine men went their way without thanking God.

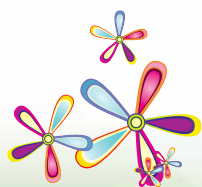
Bambino: What about the tenth?

Mary: Only one came back, knelt at Jesus' feet, and said thank you. This man was a Samaritan and the other nine were Jews (the Jews and the Samaritans were enemies). Jesus was very happy with this man because he was the only one who returned to give thanks to God. Jesus asked about the other nine and was sad because they did not thank God. He rewarded the one who thanked him and said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."



John: This Samaritan must have been very happy because God healed him and forgave his sins too.

Mary: Of course, whoever thanks God will enjoy God's love and rejoice even more. That's why the church teaches us to start all our prayers with the Prayer of Thanksgiving. It reminds us to thank God for all what He has done for us just like the Holy Bible teaches us saying:





MEMORY VERSE

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,” Philippians 4:6

Bambino: I was really wrong when I forgot to thank God for all He has done for us. Let’s thank God for all what happened with us.

They all prayed and thanked God for all He had given them. The next day, trucks full of bricks arrived to Crayon City and they started to build the high wall. They were all happy, praising and thanking God for their love to each other. When the flood came the city was saved. They drew their story on the high wall they built so they can remember what happened and tell their kids.





Remeber to Say Thanks!



Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem when He met ten men who all had a harmful skin disease. The men called to Him, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"

Jesus sent the men to go show themselves to the priests, and while they were on their way, they discovered that they had all been healed.

Everyone had something to say then. Use the code to discover the messages of the ten men and of Jesus.

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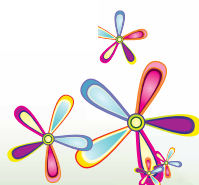
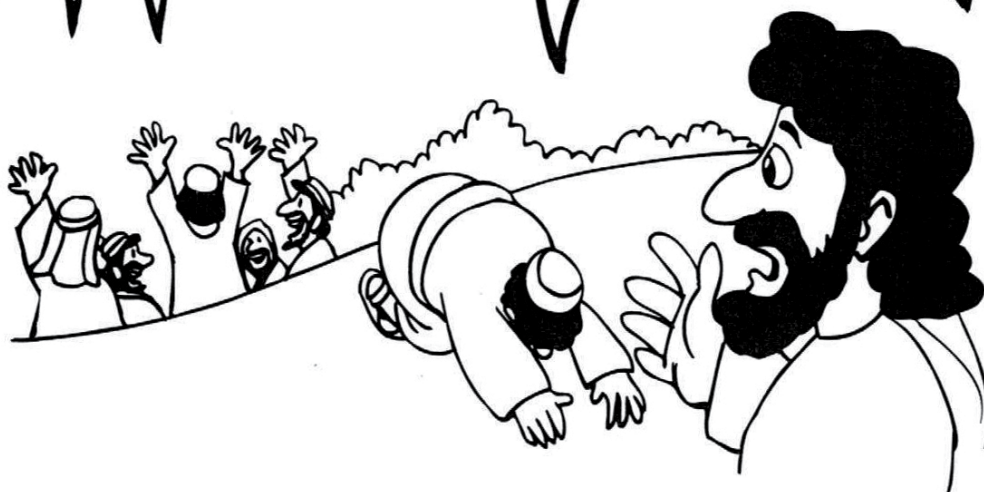
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Activity

The Thankful leper!

Color the picture according to the number code given.
1-red 2-orange 3-yellow 4-green 5-blue 6-purple 7-brown



"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him." Luke 17:15-16a



Memorization

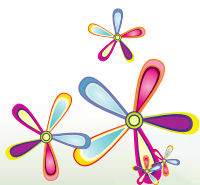
Prime Prayer

The Prime prayer reminds us of the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray it every morning to thank God for the new day He is giving us and to honor His glorious resurrection.

PSALM 8

O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
who have set Your glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,
because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
what is man that You are mindful of him,
and the son of man that You visit him?
For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
and You have crowned him with glory and honor.
You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.
O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth! Alleluia.

In this Psalm we praise God for all what he has done for us.





Vespers Prayer

The vespers prayer reminds us of the taking down of the Jesus' body from the cross and wrapping it with stripes of linen and anointing it with spices.

PSALM 121 (120 in the Agpeya)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD watches over you the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now
and forevermore. Alleluia.

This Psalm shows us how much God cares about us.





Verses supporting the sacrament of the Unction of the Sick

*Our church prays for the sick and anoints them
with oil as the Bible teaches us:*

“Is anyone among you sick?
Let him call for the elders of the church,
and let them pray over him,
anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
And the prayer of faith will save the sick,
and the Lord will raise him up.
And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven”.
James 5:14-15

The disciples anointed the sick with oil.

“And they cast out many demons,
and anointed with oil many who were sick,
and healed them”.
Mark 6:13



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