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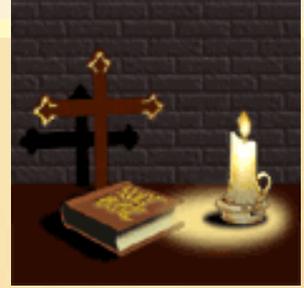
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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



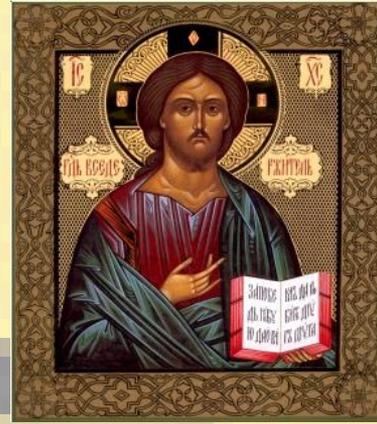
Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
Glory. Forever, Amen.



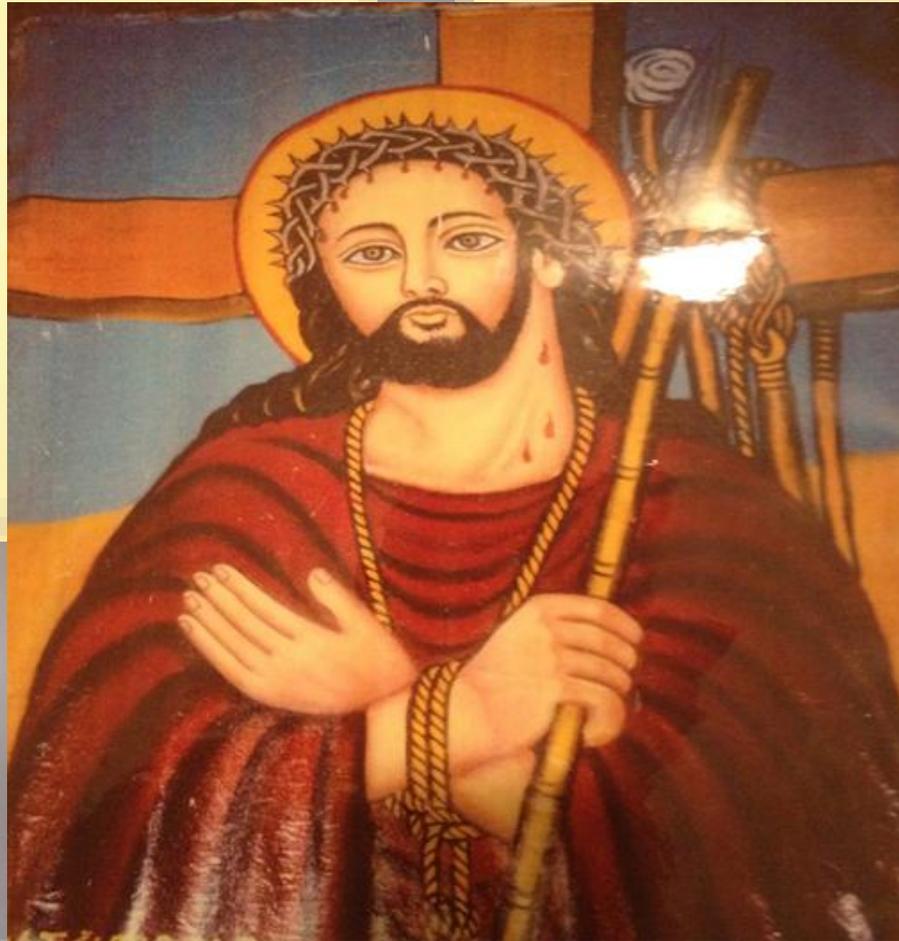
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

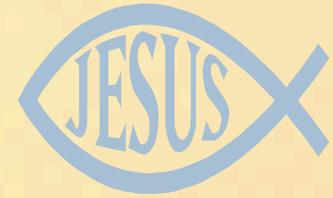
Recite Last week's memory verse

**“Jesus called his twelve disciples and
gave them power.”**

Matthew 10:1



Review



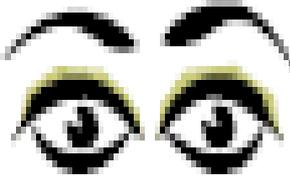
- 1. How many disciples did Jesus choose? (12)**
- 2. What is a disciple?**
 - (Help children understand that a disciple is a follower and a learner. Jesus' disciples were called to follow Jesus and learn from him—the greatest Teacher of all; they were called to trust and obey him.)**

Review



- **3. What special job did Jesus give his 12 disciples to do? (Jesus told the men to go out and tell people about the Savior and the coming of God's kingdom. He told them to heal the sick, even raise the dead to life again.)**
- **4. Who gave the disciples power to serve God? (Jesus, God's Son)**
- **5. Who gave them everything they needed for the journey?**
 - **(Jesus, God's Son)**

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Miracle At Cana (Intercession)



March 09, 2014

Memorize today's Verse

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much”.

(James 5:16)



**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**

Objective

The children should realize that the great saints don't die. They just move from our world to join the heavenly host. Thus, they have more freedom (like the angels) to communicate with us and, more importantly, support our weak prayers with their strong ones.

References:

- Revelation 5:8; 8:3-4 John 2:1-10

Tell the children the story of the wedding of Cana of Galilee and how St. Mary's intercession saved the people of the wedding from embarrassment and resulted in the first miracle by Jesus Christ when He listened to His mother's request. (John 2:1-10).

- On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother, Virgin Mary was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Saint Mary said to him, "They have no more wine."

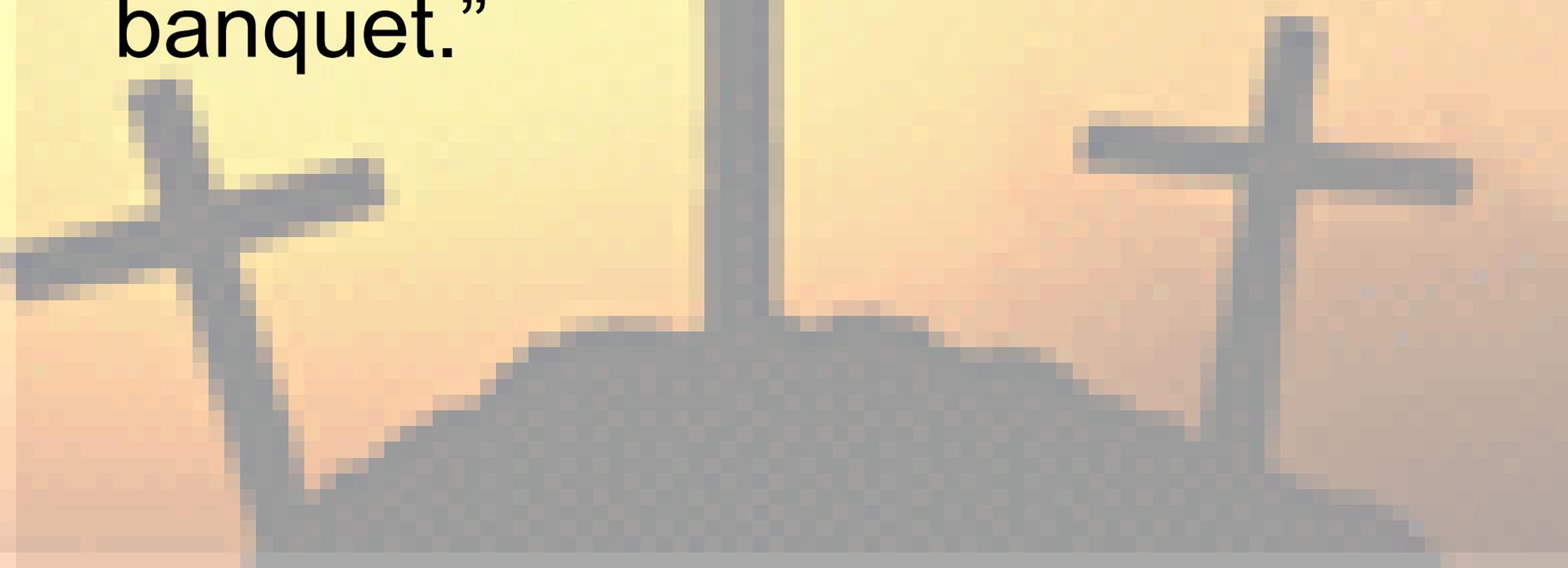
“Woman, why do you involve me?”
Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet
come.”

**Some people say that Jesus
disrespected his mother by
calling her ‘woman’.**

**Jesus is without any sin. And we
all know that “Honor your father
and mother’ is a commandment
of God.**

Then Saint Mary said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

- ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”



They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. [\(H\)](#) He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.

After we die our body will lose life but our spirit would go to paradise. So the spirits of the good Christians like the saints go to paradise but they don't lose touch with us who are still alive.

The spirits and us is one church, they are in paradise and we are still on earth waiting for the moment to join them. Because they are good and full of love for us, they try to help us with their prayer to God. But first we have to ask for their help when we pray.

Do they hear us? Indeed, they do. Just as if we can hear the voice of a man we don't even know talking to us on a cellular phone from a far away place, it should be very easy for them to hear us when we stand up for prayer.

Imagine prayer as our spiritual cell phone that connects you with the saint if you just say his or her name. Our prayers would be much stronger when you say the name of St. Mary or your beloved angel or saint in your spiritual cell phone (prayer).

Which is more powerful: if you alone ask your dad for something or if your mother, brothers and sisters have helped you by asking your dad with you? Sure, if they have helped you. The same goes for our Heavenly Father. If we get all the help from the saints, we share their love; He will answer our prayer. If we are asking for something good.

Because St. Mary, the angels and saints are surrounding the throne of God in heaven, they are always praising and praying to Him on our behalf. When we ask for their intercession, they immediately take our prayer, add their prayer to it, and offer it to God.

Just like St. Mary did in the wedding of Cana of Galilee. And, if we ask in our prayer for something that is not good for us, they correct it and ask our God only for what is good and profitable for us.

When the priest starts raising incense on the altar with our prayers, we start asking the prayers of the invisible church of saints and angels who are watching us but we can't see them. We don't pray to them, we pray to God and at the same time we ask them to join us.

Jesus Christ and His angles are always present during the divine Liturgy (Kidasse). We need to be quiet and show the proper respect especially when we are about to take the bread and wine that represent the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Conclusion

- When I pray, I will ask for the intercession of the Mother of God, the angels, St. John and all the saints for me.
- I should listen to the good advice of my guardian angel and follow the good examples these great saints left for me.
- I will have my own saint friend in heaven that will help my prayer.

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz

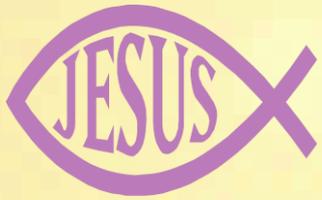


- 1. Where were Jesus Christ, the Virgin Mary and His disciples invited to?**
- 2. What problem did the wedding hosts have?**
- 3. Who told Jesus Christ about the problem they had?**
- 4. What did Jesus Christ do to solve their problem?**
- 5. Do the angels hear us?**
- 6. Where the spirits of the saints go after their bodies die?**
- 7. Do the saints hear us after their death?**
- 8. If the saints are in heaven and we are on earth how can they hear us? (By the Power of the Holy Spirit)**
- 9. Are we praying to the saints or do we ask them to join our prayers to God?**
- 10. Who is closer to God, St. Mary or the angels?**
- 11. Who's prayer is stronger, my prayer or St. Mary's?**

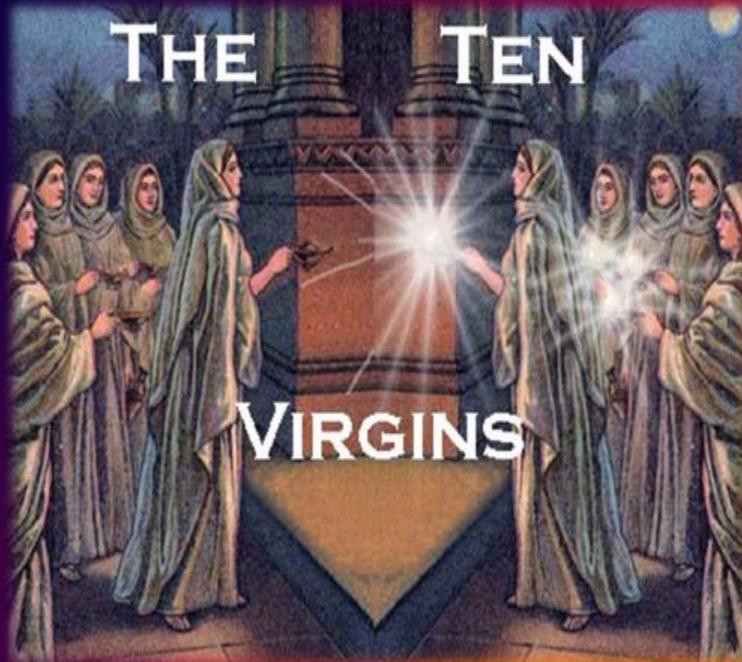
The End

Next Week

We will learn about The Parable of the 10 Virgins.



The Parable of the 10 Virgins





May the love of God the **Father** and the
grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the
fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers,
Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy
on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

