

Looking for Jesus

Edition #1

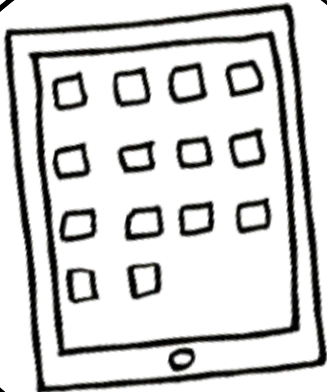
Look Closely: Words

How many ways do you use words during the day? You say good morning to your family, ask your friends how their soccer game went, and answer your teacher's question in history class. We also read words in textbooks, novels, and homework papers. Words, both spoken and written, surround us.

Words are used for communication. They help us to connect with others. We speak and listen. We might read a note or message. Words are also tools for learning information. Words can be used for entertainment, too! We need words to read comic books, watch movies, and play video games.

Words are an integral part of our lives. It shouldn't surprise us that one name of Jesus is "The Word."

God also seeks to communicate with us in every moment. How do you think he does this? How can we listen for him each day?



Peek Inside the Mass

One way that God communicates with us is through the Readings at Mass. During the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass, we usually hear one Reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, one Reading from the New Testament, and a Reading from the Gospel.

All of these words are meant to tell us a story. As you grow more familiar with the Bible, you realize that all the event, images, and accounts fit together to tell one epic story. The Bible, the Word of God, tells us of his wonderful plan to save us. The words of Scripture are powerful and important, which is why we listen to them at Mass.

Did you know that the Readings chosen for a particular Mass are connected? You can challenge yourself to listen for the similarities between all the Readings. Sometimes the Old Testament Reading will predict something the Messiah will do in the future. Sometimes Jesus will use the words of the Old Testament to teach. The Readings always help us to better understand God and his plan for us.

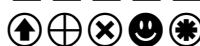
Listen closely to the words of the Readings next time you are at Mass!

Crack the Code

Use the key to find the missing words in this verse. Then use your Bible to check!

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
☆	⊕	☺	☹	⊗	⬆	⬇	⊗	★	△	☹	⊕	⊗	⬇	○	⊗	☆	⊕	☺	☹	⬇	⊗	⊗	⬆	●	⊗

"The _ _ _ _ that I will give is my _ _ _ _ for the life of the _ _ _ _."



~John 6:51

Saintly Superstars

Do you or your friends enjoy soccer or making funny videos of your dogs? Do any of your classmates play Pokémon or Nintendo? Have any of your friends ever dressed up as Spider-Man for Halloween? Do you ever like to wear jeans and sneakers?

If so, you and your friends might have some things in common with Blessed Carlo Acutis! Carlo was born in 1991 in England, but grew up in Italy. He enjoyed many things that his peers also enjoyed, including playing video games and learning computer programming. But Carlo's life was also one of heroic virtue. He was a thoughtful friend, supporting those going through hard times, like the divorce of their parents. He was dedicated to prayer and encouraged his family to go to Mass.

Carlo wanted to connect his love for Jesus in the Eucharist to his computer skills, so he created a website cataloging Eucharistic miracles. He thought that if people could see and read about these miraculous events, they would come to believe that Jesus is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. You can still view his website at miracolieucaristici.org!



I Spy: The Monstrance

A monstrance is a special stand that often looks like a golden sunburst. It holds the Eucharist up high so everyone can see Jesus. We use a monstrance at Eucharistic adoration.

Adoration is when we spend time in prayer with Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. At adoration, we can pray quietly alone or we might pray together as a group.

The beautiful radiant design of a monstrance is meant to catch our gaze and draw our eyes to the center, which holds the Eucharist. During our prayer we can talk to Jesus, the Word made flesh (John 1:14), while we look at him in the monstrance.

Seek & You Will Find

Can you find these ten words in the word search?

They might be across, up and down, or diagonal.

Circle or highlight the words inside the word search, and then cross them off the list as you find them!

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

WORDS
ENTERTAINMENT
READINGS
MONSTRANCE
ACUTIS
BIBLE
LISTEN
HOMILY
LECTIONARY
COMMUNICATE