

November 4, 2018

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Long ago, people offered sacrifices to God for the forgiveness of sins.

But when Jesus died, he was the perfect sacrifice for all time.

Now he intercedes for us forever! The puzzle below contains "all our sin."

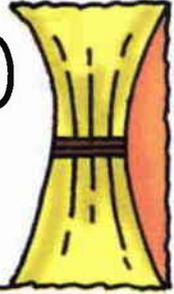
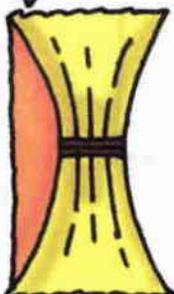
There are eight points around the puzzle, each with a word or phrase next to it.

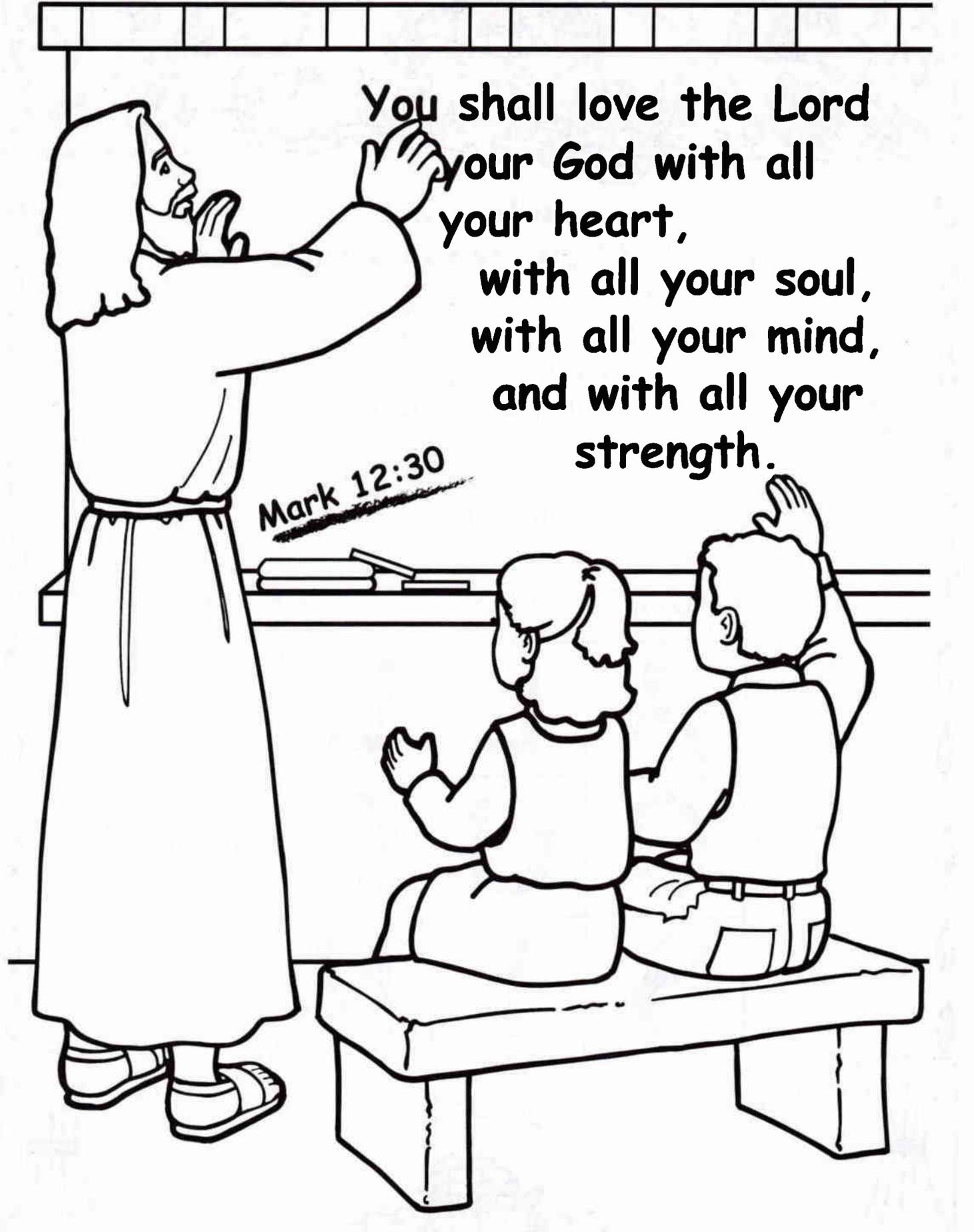
As you connect the points in the following order, say the words for that point.

Then go and tell someone this wonderful truth!

Connect points **1 to 5**, **3 to 7**, **2 to 6**, and **8 to 4**.

	1 (Jesus)	2 (us)	3 (himself)	
	A	L	L	
8 (and)	O	U	R	4 (for all)
	S	I	N	
	7 (for)	6 (once)	5 (sacrificed)	





**You shall love the Lord
your God with all
your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your
strength.**

Mark 12:30



IN GRATITUDE FOR CATECHISTS

Today is a day to thank a catechist. If you are part of a religious education program you can thank St. Charles Borromeo, whose memorial we celebrate today. Born in 1538 in his family's castle in Italy, St. Charles was the nephew of Pope Pius IV, who appointed him cardinal archbishop of Milan.

At that time, almost no opportunities for religious education existed except for priests. Charles believed that it was important that everyone, especially children, learn about and understand their faith. But this work needed knowledgeable teachers, so he founded the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, often referred to as CCD, to train them. (A confraternity is a group of people who work together toward a common purpose, usually religious or charitable.) These new teachers were called catechists. Their purpose was to instruct, or catechize, others in the ways of faith. Before long he had trained enough catechists to provide religious education for forty thousand students.

Charles Borromeo died in 1584 at the age of 46. He is honored as the patron saint of catechists and catechumens (people who are preparing to be baptized).

How many catechists serve your parish? Think of one special religion teacher who taught you in your parish or Catholic school religious education sessions. What was the most important thing you learned from that teacher? What qualities of that teacher were an example for you of how to be a good Catholic Christian?

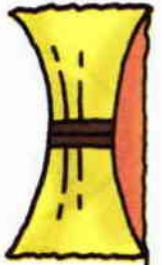
Create a card thanking that teacher for sharing their faith with you. Send it or give it to your favorite catechist.

Dear Catechist:

Thank you for sharing your faith
with young people.

You have planted seeds
that continue to grow.





Moses told the people how they must love God (Deuteronomy 6:5).

Circle the correct instructions and draw a line through the incorrect instructions. Copy the circled ones into Moses' speech balloon.



With all your heart!
With half your heart!
With bits of your heart!

With part of your soul!
With none of your soul!
With all your soul!

With some of your strength!
With all your strength!
With a pinch of your strength!

