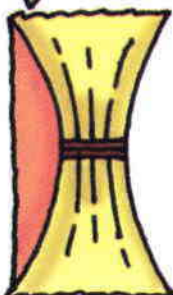
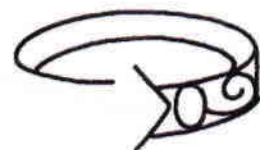
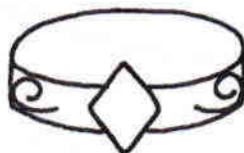
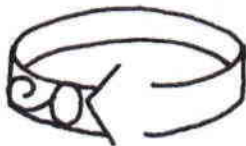
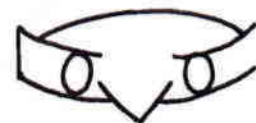
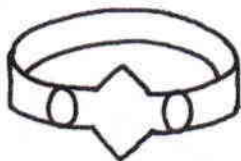
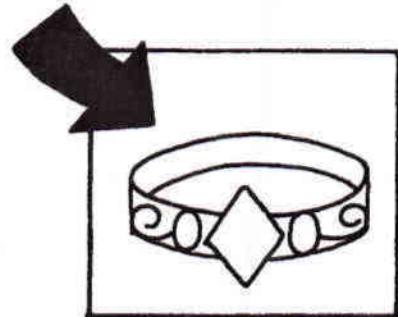
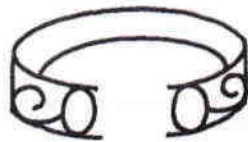
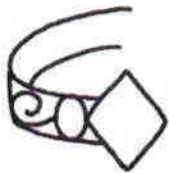


**September 9, 2018**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

James wanted people to treat everyone the same.  
It wasn't right to show more attention to a  
nicely dressed person with gold rings  
than to one who looked poor.

Remember, God wants us to show the love of God equally to everyone!  
See how fast you can finish drawing these rings  
so they look like the one in the box.





" Be opened!"

Mark 7 : 34



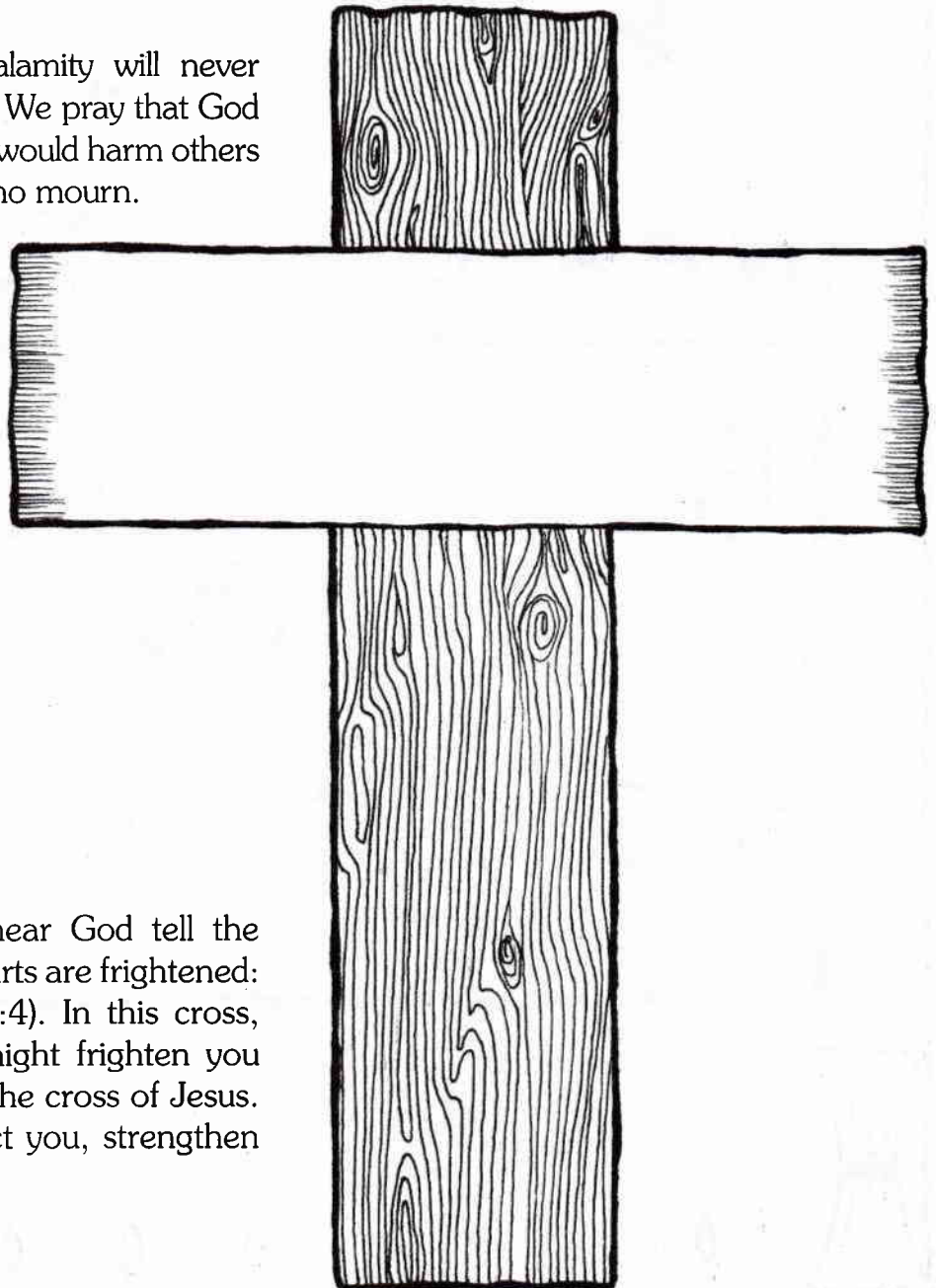
## BE STRONG, FEAR NOT

Seventeen years ago, on September 11, 2001, a great tragedy struck our nation. Hundreds of people died, many others were injured, and parts of our country were destroyed. Each year on the anniversary of this event, we remember those who lost their lives and pray for their families and friends. With Christian generosity we also pray for the people who took over the planes and created the disaster.

We pray that this sort of calamity will never happen again. We pray for peace. We pray that God will soften the hearts of those who would harm others and comfort the hearts of those who mourn.

On September 14, the Church celebrates an important feast, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The cross, a symbol of the suffering and death of Jesus, is also a sign of hope. The cross that seems to be a tragedy is also a sign of victory. Death is overcome by new life for those who believe. We pray that victims of all tragedies find peace in the new life promised them by God.

In today's first reading we hear God tell the prophet, "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!" (Isaiah 35:4). In this cross, write some of the things that might frighten you or make you sad. Place them in the cross of Jesus. Ask Jesus to comfort and protect you, strengthen you, and calm your fears.





God told the prophet Isaiah what to say to us  
when we feel afraid (Isaiah 35:4).

To find what that is, use the star code to fill in the circles.  
Then tell a friend what you have learned.

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