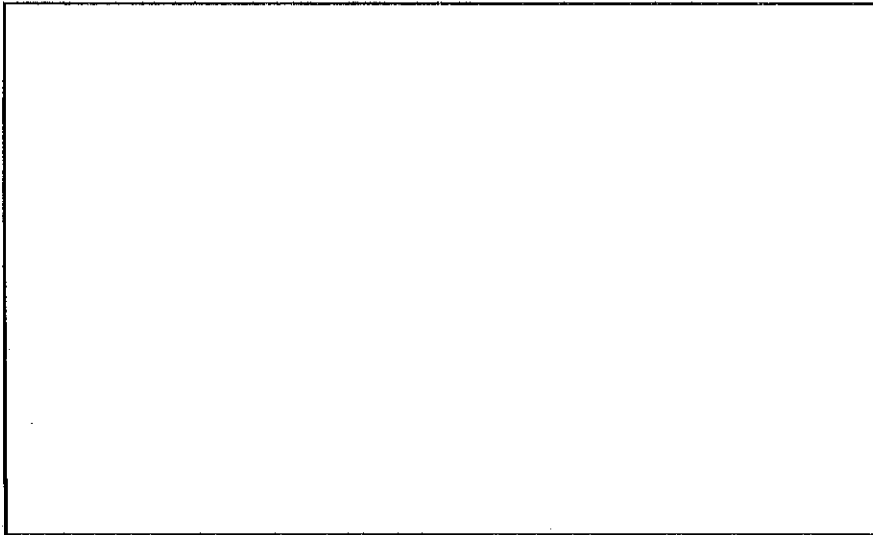


Word Scramble

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Draw a picture of Joseph in his special coat



LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE FOURTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Fourth Week after Trinity is green.



What to listen for during the service?

Though many people judge our behavior during our life, there is really only one true Judge that matters: God. God has had mercy on us because of His Son, Jesus Christ, who died to forgive our sins. Listen during the service for when we ask God to have mercy on us. (Hint: There are several places we do this.)

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Gospel Reading: Luke 6:36-42

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

36 [Jesus said,] "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

37 "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; 38 give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

39 He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. 41 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? 42 How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) How does Jesus tell us to treat others?
- 2) What does He tell us about judging the behavior of other people? What should we do first?
- 3) What should we give other people a lot of?
- 4) What happens when a blind person leads a blind person? Why is important for one person to teach another person?
- 5) Who is the teacher that we should listen to in learning about the faith?
- 6) Who gives us the strength to be merciful to others in faith and not judge them?

People of the Bible: Joseph

In the Old Testament reading today we hear about Joseph. But who was Joseph? Joseph was the eleventh son of Jacob. Jacob favored his son Joseph and gave him a special gift, a "coat of many colors." When Joseph got this gift, his older brothers became jealous. Joseph also had a special talent of

explaining the meaning of dreams, but his brothers were angry when Joseph had a dream suggesting his brothers would someday be his servants. His brothers were mad and wanted to get rid of Joseph. One day they took his coat and then sold him to some people as a slave for Egypt. The brothers told their father, Jacob, that a wild animal killed Joseph. Even though Joseph was a slave, God was with him and blessed him. Joseph was trusted by the Egyptians who made him supervisor over many things, and also found out he was good at explaining dreams. Eventually, Pharaoh, the leader of the Egyptian people, asked Joseph to explain his dream. God gave Joseph the ability to explain Pharaoh's dream, and he said it meant that the land of Egypt would have 7 years of good food harvest followed by 7 years of famine (a time when food won't grow). Pharaoh trusted Joseph and put him in charge of storing food so they could eat during the famine. During the famine Joseph's brothers traveled to Egypt to get food, but they didn't recognize Joseph as the man in charge. After playing some tricks on his brothers, Joseph finally told his brothers who he was and they were afraid that Joseph would be mad at them because of what they did to him. However, Joseph was a man of faith and forgave his brothers for what they did. He welcomed them to his home and was glad to have his family again. So though Joseph's brothers did a very bad thing to him, God used it for good.

Catechism Corner – The Sacrament of Holy Baptism **3. The power of Baptism**

How can water do such great things? Answer:

It is not the water indeed that does them, but the Word of God that is in and with the water, and faith, which trusts the Word of God that is in the water. For without the Word of God, the water is simple water only, and no Baptism. But with the Word of God, it is a Baptism, that is a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost, as St. Paul says, Titus chapter third: *[According to his great mercy he saved us] By the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, that, being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying.*