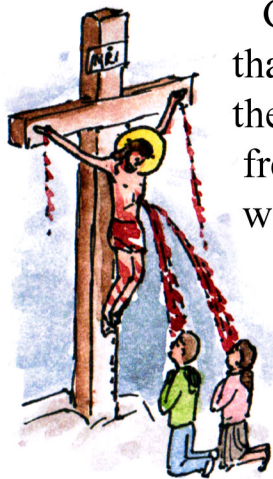


# God Washes Away our Sins

In the time of Noah, the people had forgotten about God. They only cared about themselves. They didn't care if they sinned against God or against each other. Only Noah and his family still remembered God and tried to do what was right.



God let a flood destroy all the people other than Noah's family. He wanted to wipe out the sins of the world and give people a fresh start at living in peace with Him. He washed the sins away with the great flood.

But the people still sinned, just like we do even after we have been baptized. So Jesus did something that would have the power to take away all the sins that are ever committed. He died on the cross, letting His blood wash away our sins. Now all we have to do is be sorry and turn to God and accept the forgiveness that He is waiting to give us in Confession.



Answers: Front page: Noah's ark  
Inside: He was tempted by the devil.

# The Kids' Bulletin

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*What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people?*

*Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!*

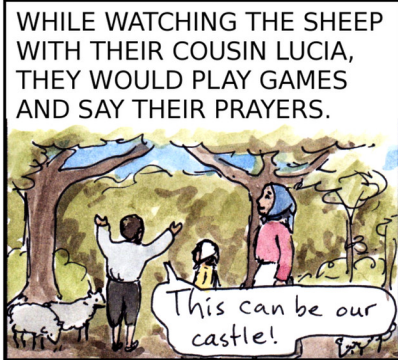
# Saints Francisco and Jacinta

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FRANCISCO AND JACINTA MARTO WERE THE YOUNGEST OF SEVEN CHILDREN OF A CATHOLIC FAMILY IN A SMALL VILLAGE IN PORTUGAL.



WHILE WATCHING THE SHEEP WITH THEIR COUSIN LUCIA, THEY WOULD PLAY GAMES AND SAY THEIR PRAYERS.



BUT ONE DAY AN ANGEL APPEARED AND TAUGHT THEM A SPECIAL PRAYER.



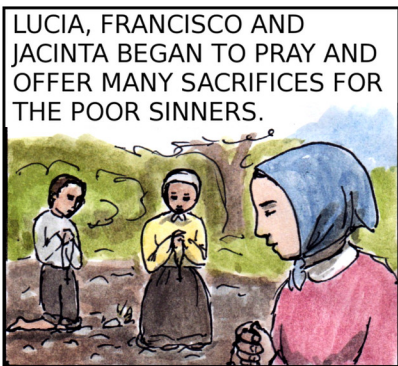
SOON OUR LADY APPEARED TO THEM AND ASKED THEM TO PRAY AND SACRIFICE.



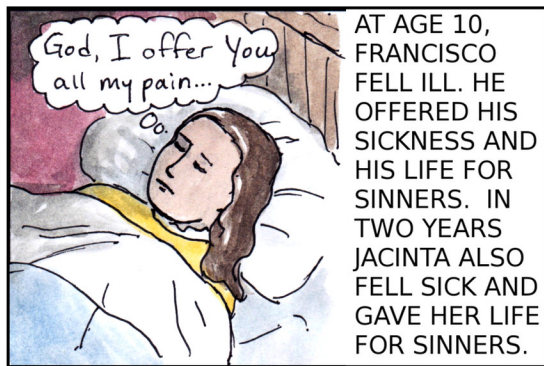
SHE SHOWED THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE DID NOT REPENT OF THEIR SINS AND WENT TO HELL.



LUCIA, FRANCISCO AND JACINTA BEGAN TO PRAY AND OFFER MANY SACRIFICES FOR THE POOR SINNERS.



AT AGE 10, FRANCISCO FELL ILL. HE OFFERED HIS SICKNESS AND HIS LIFE FOR SINNERS. IN TWO YEARS JACINTA ALSO FELL SICK AND GAVE HER LIFE FOR SINNERS.



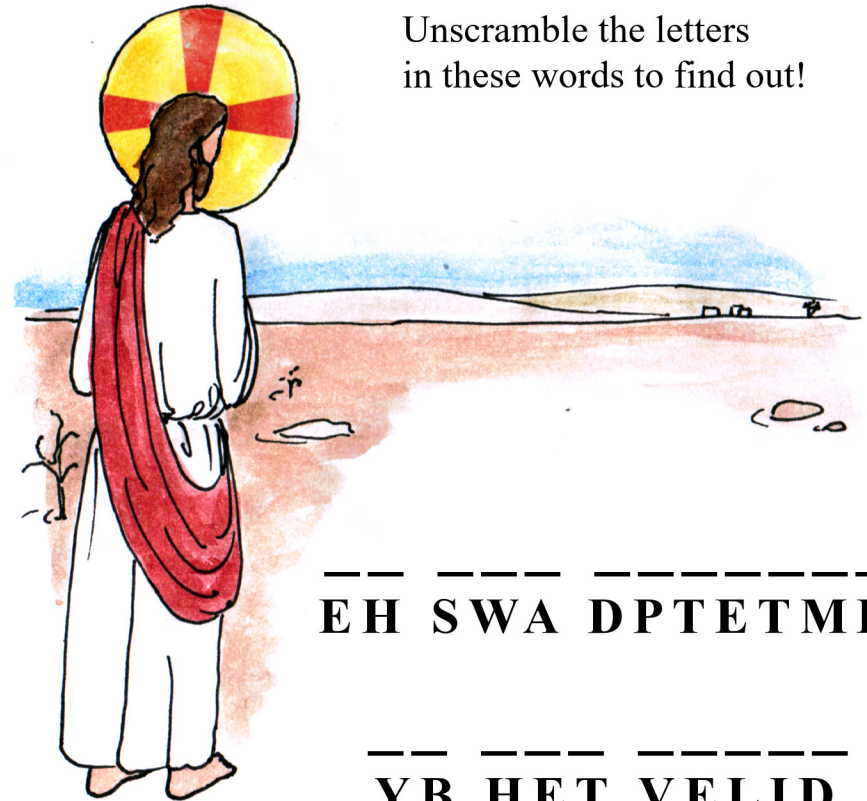
SAINT FRANCISCO AND SAINT JACINTA KNEW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PRAY AND DO SACRIFICES TO SAVE PEOPLE FROM HELL. THEY WOULD GIVE UP THEIR LUNCHES AND WEAR KNOTTED ROPE AROUND THEIR WAISTS TO SUFFER FOR SINNERS. WHAT IS A LITTLE SACRIFICE THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP SINNERS?

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# JESUS IN THE DESERT

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus was fasting in the desert for forty days. He was preparing Himself for His special work.

We know that Jesus was a real person. He was like us except that He never sinned. There was something that happened when He was in the desert that shows us that He had to decide between right and wrong just like we do. What was it?



Unscramble the letters in these words to find out!

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YB HET VELID