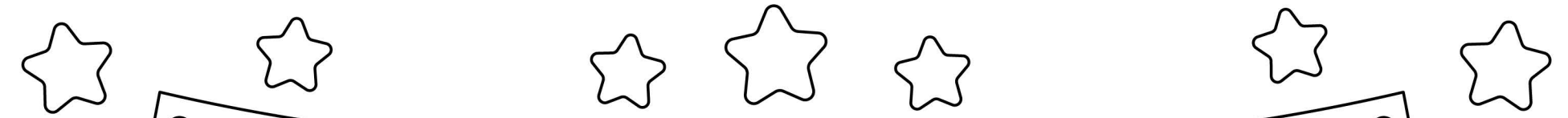


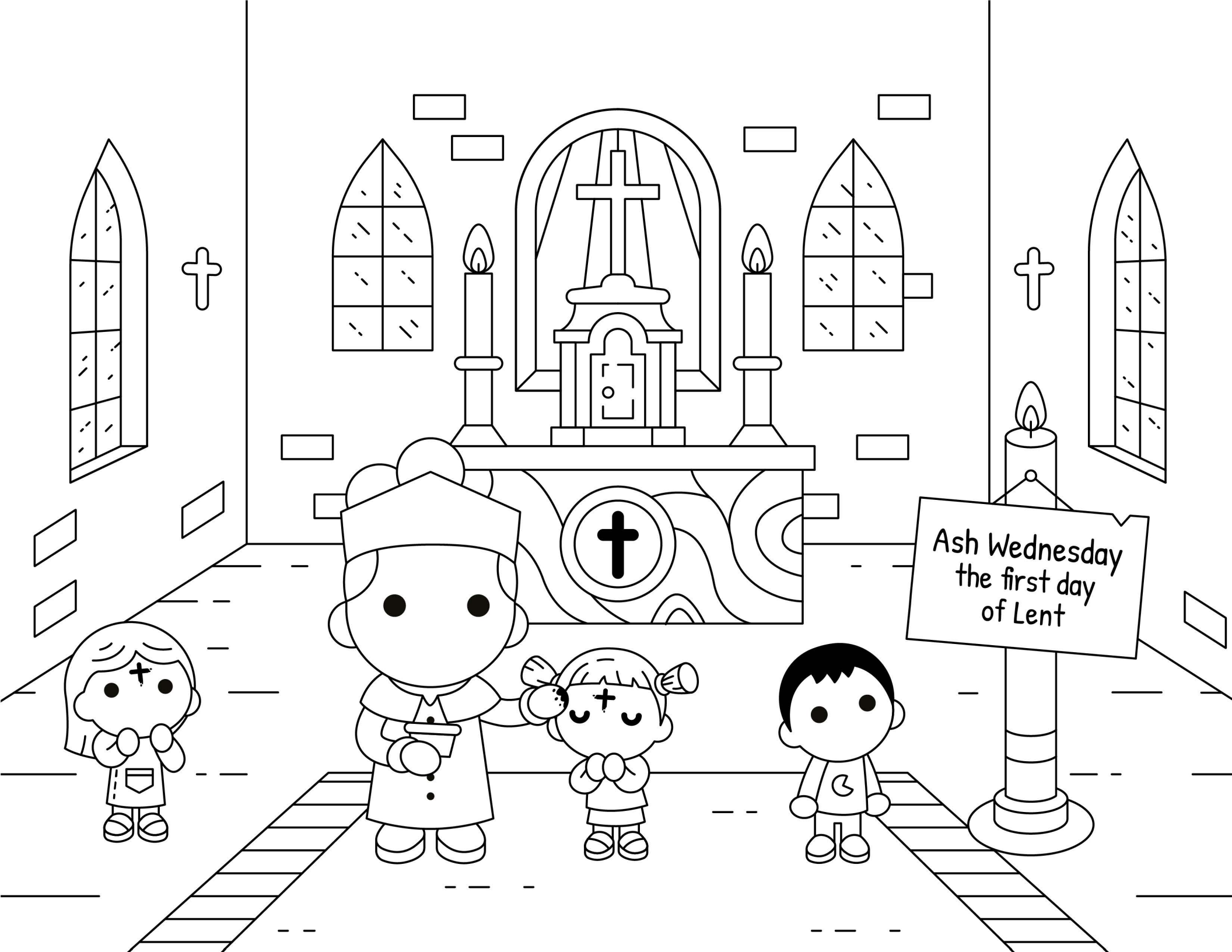
The Feast of Mary,
Mother of God
January 1



During the Christmas Season, we celebrate Mary too. Mary carried the baby Jesus in her womb, she nursed him and gave him food, she held him at night when it was cold. Because Mary is the mother of Jesus, the Church calls her the Mother of God. Jesus tells us she is also our Mother too. Can you tell Mary you love her and say "thank you" for loving each of us?

Fish Friday - Many Catholics gather on Fridays during Lent to eat fish and pray

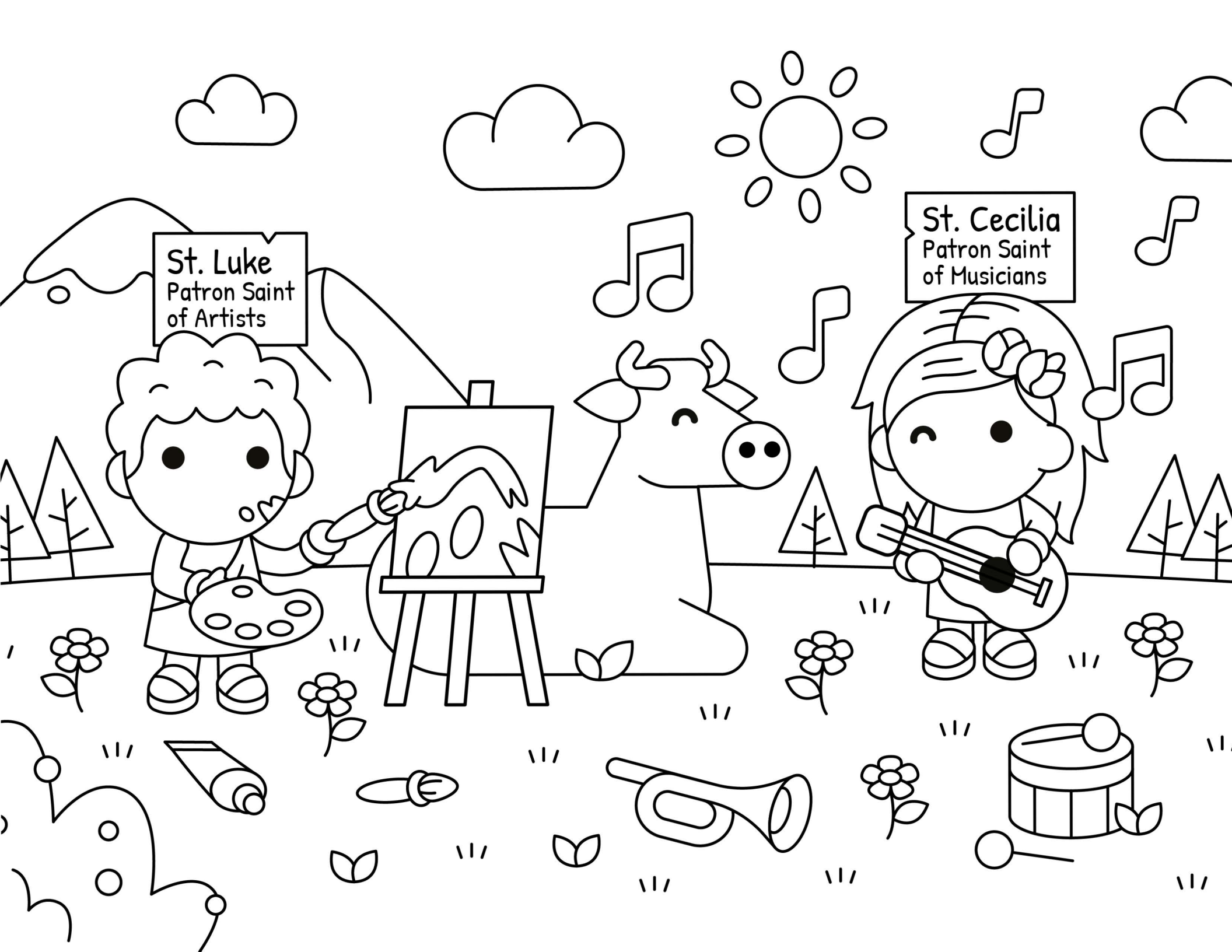




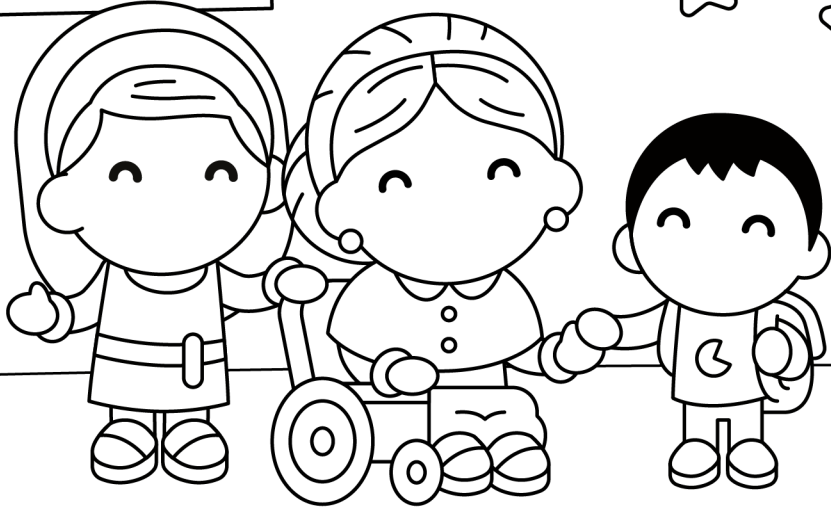
Ash Wednesday
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St. Luke
Patron Saint
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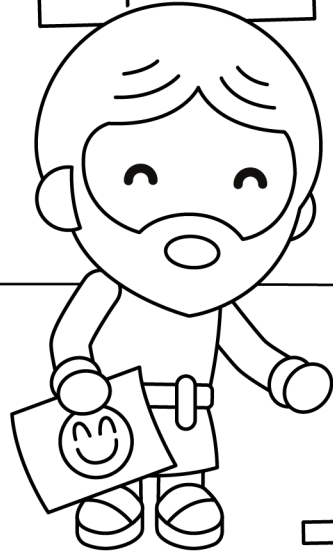
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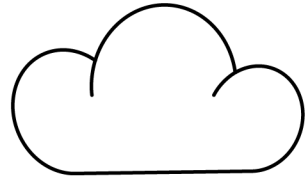
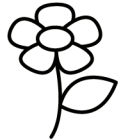
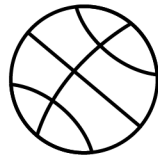
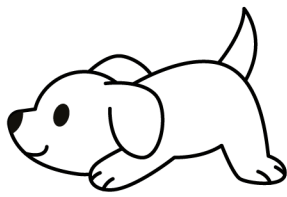
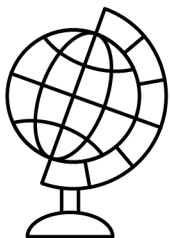
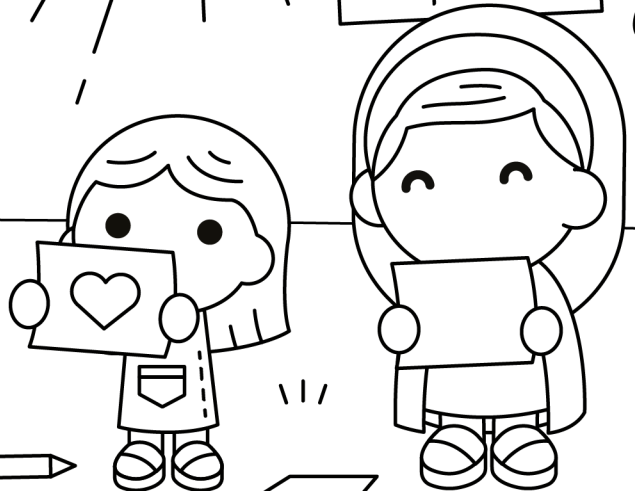
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Patron Saint
of Grandparents

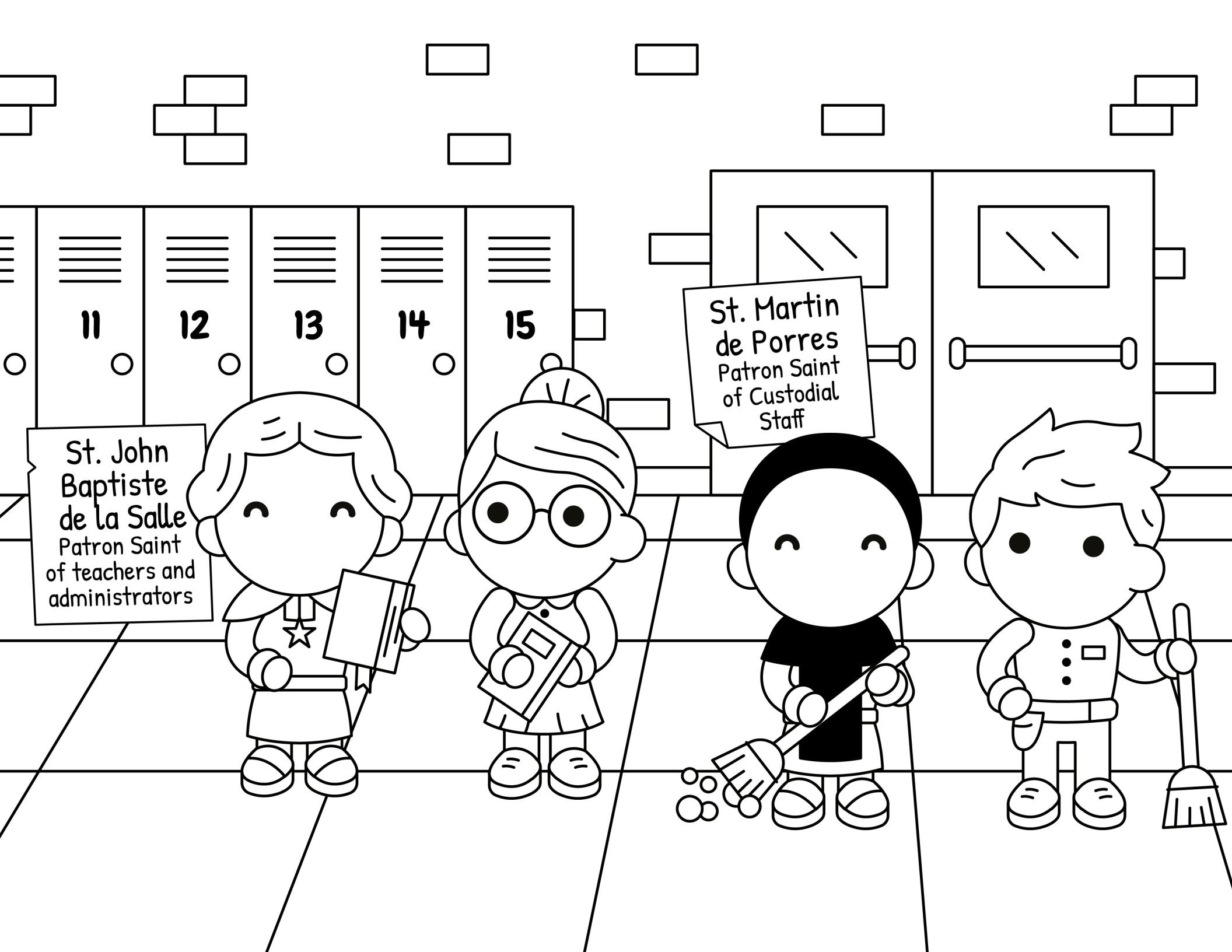


Joseph
Patron Saint
of parents



Mary
Patron Saint
of parents

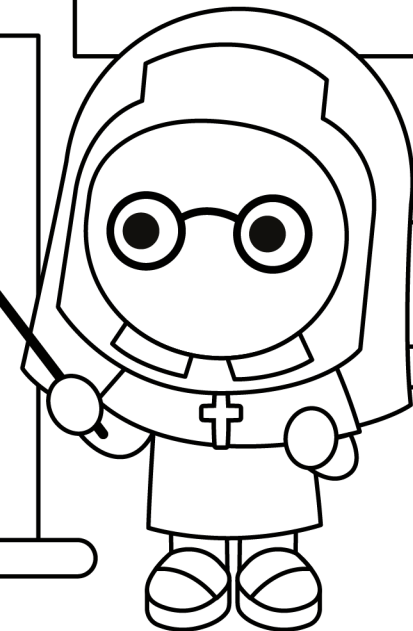
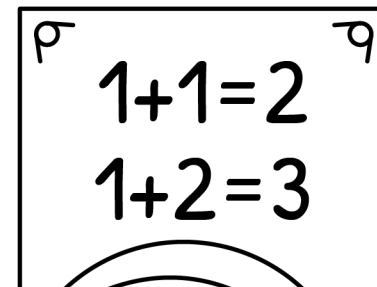
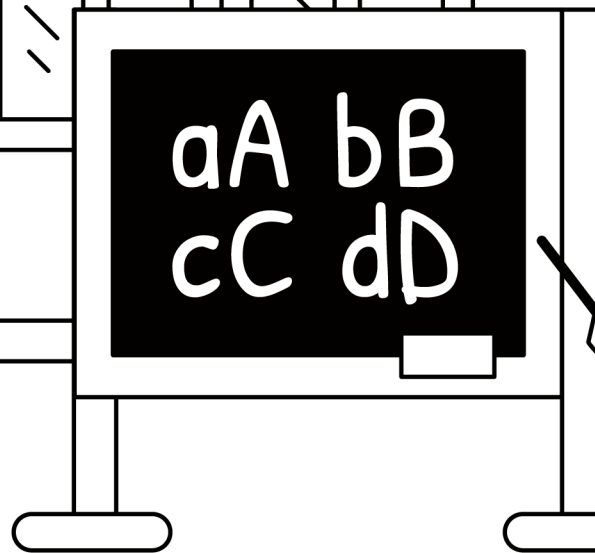
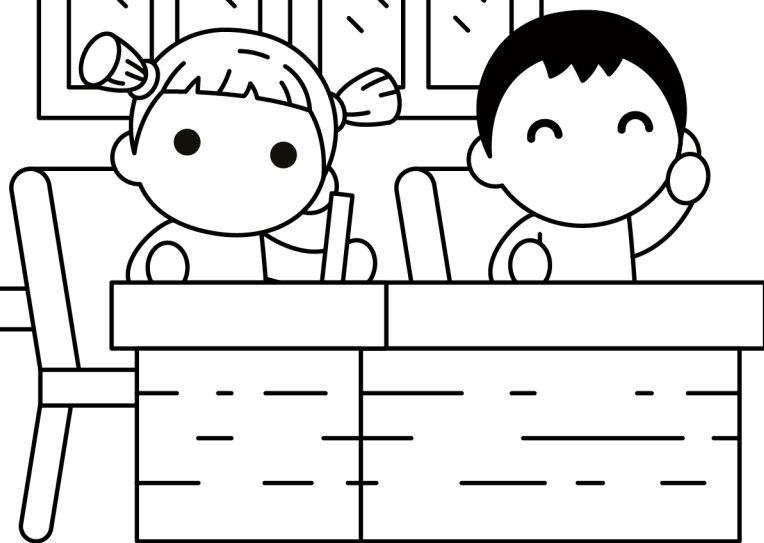




St. John
Baptiste
de la Salle
Patron Saint
of teachers and
administrators

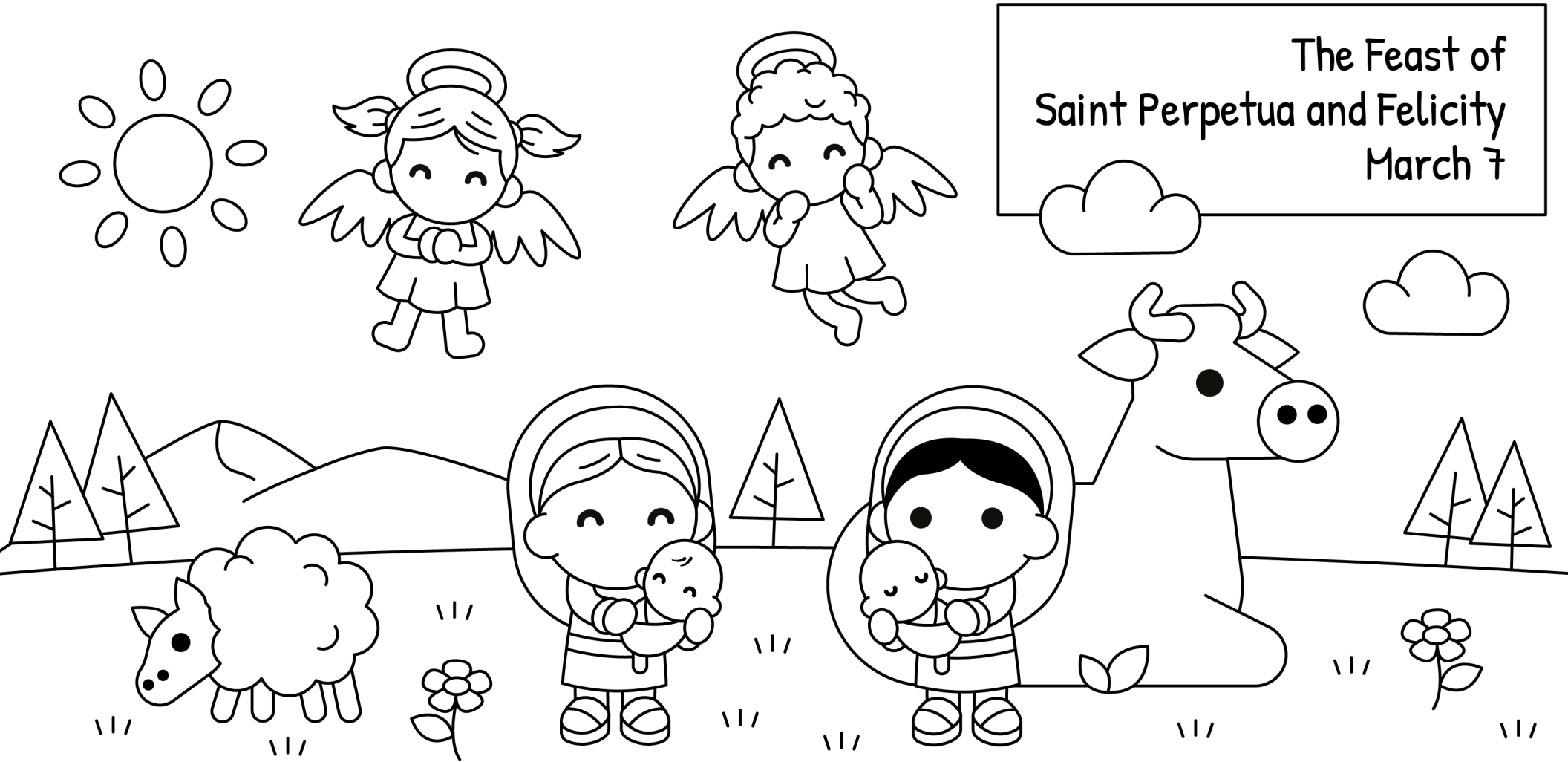
St. Martin
de Porres
Patron Saint
of Custodial
Staff

The Feast of
St. Katharine Drexel
March 3

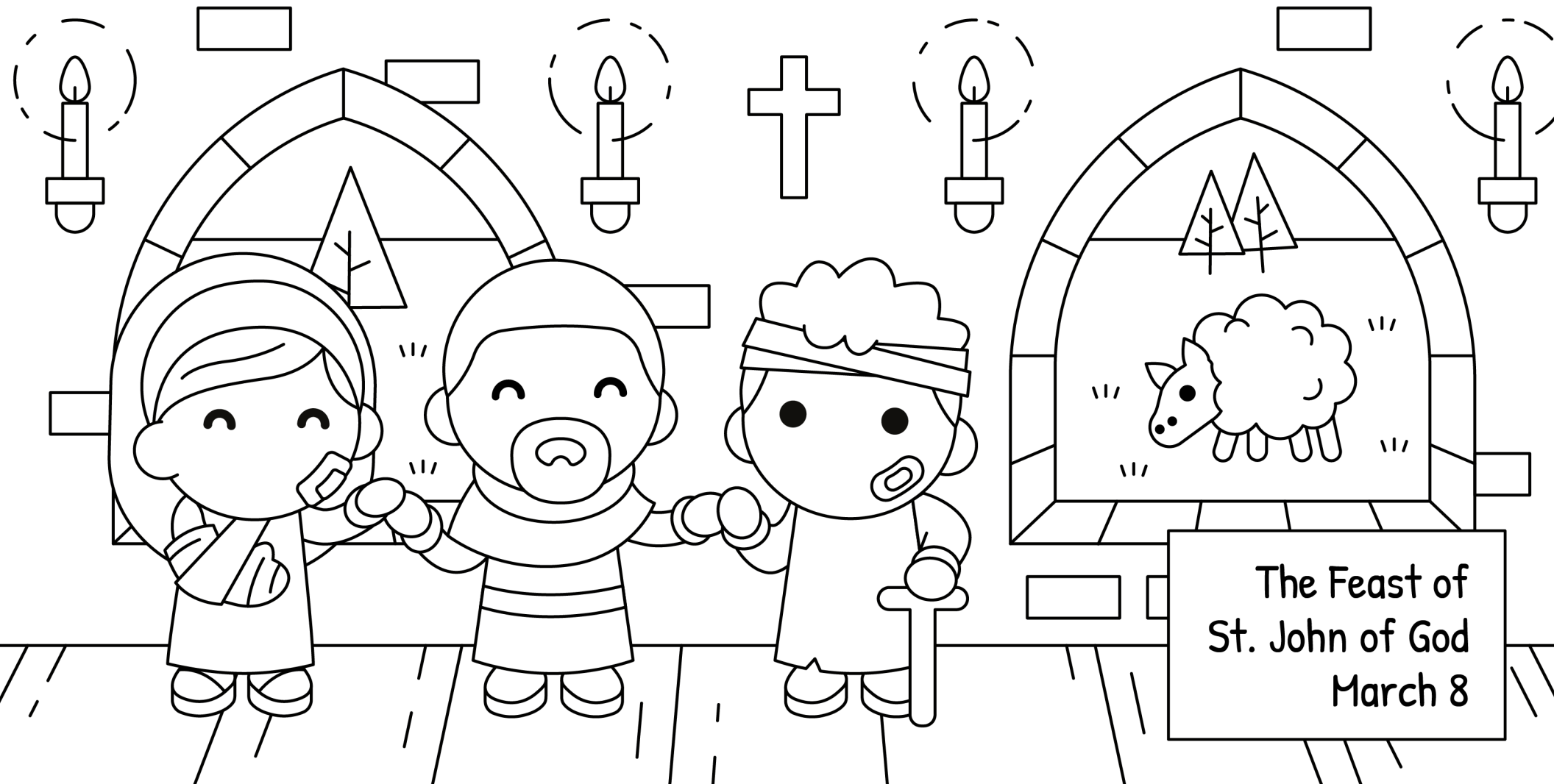


In 1891, Katharine gave everything she owned to the poor and started the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. They taught children in schools, missions and reservations throughout the U.S. and still do today. Let's be generous like St. Katharine.

The Feast of
Saint Perpetua and Felicity
March 7



A long time ago, two young Christian mothers named Felicity and Perpetua, were sent to jail with their babies because they loved Jesus. They helped take care of each other and prayed. The prison guards were mean and made them face a wild bull. But, they had courage. And, God's angels helped them. Have courage like St. Perpetua and St. Felicity.



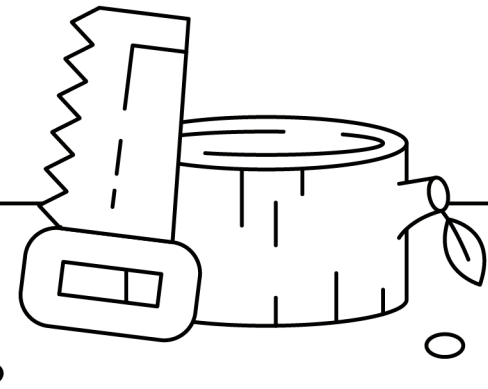
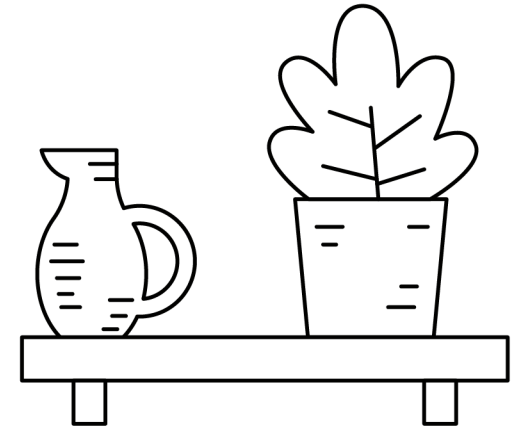
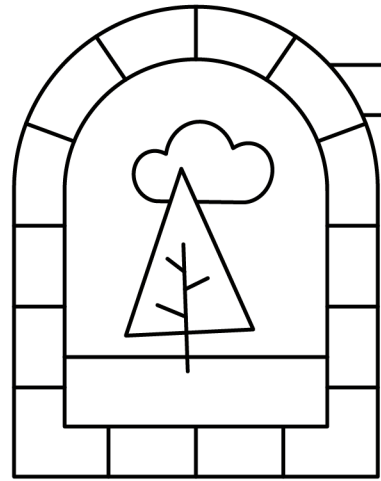
When he was young, John had many adventures as a shepherd and a soldier. He eventually started a hospital for poor people in Granada, Spain. He and his assistants started a religious community and gave their whole lives to God to help heal people.

The Feast of St. Patrick
March 17

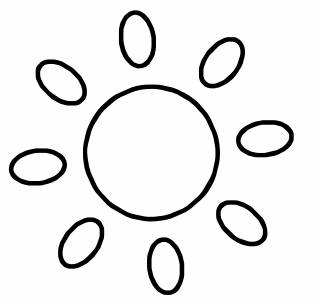


St. Patrick was taken as a little boy across the sea to Ireland.
One night he dreamed all the children of Ireland were reaching out to him for help.
He became their Bishop and taught them all about Jesus.

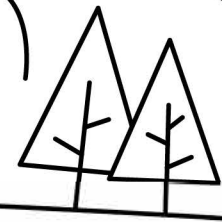
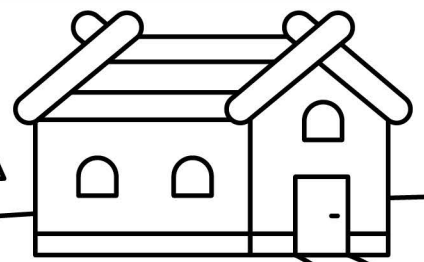
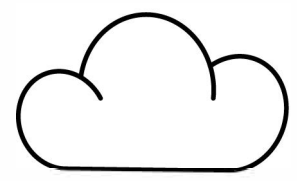
The Feast of St. Joseph
March 19



St. Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He protected Jesus and Mary and loved his family very much. Jesus loved him too.



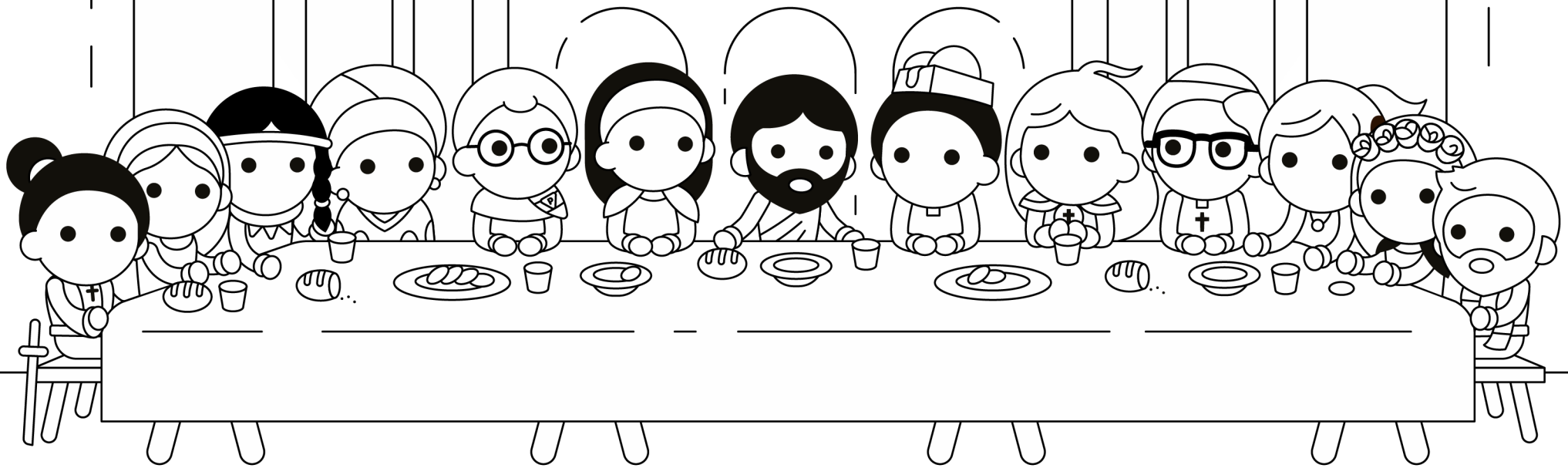
The Feast of
the Annunciation
March 25



Be it done unto me according to thy word.



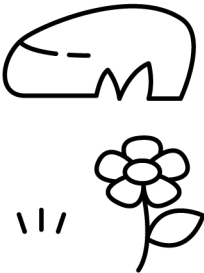
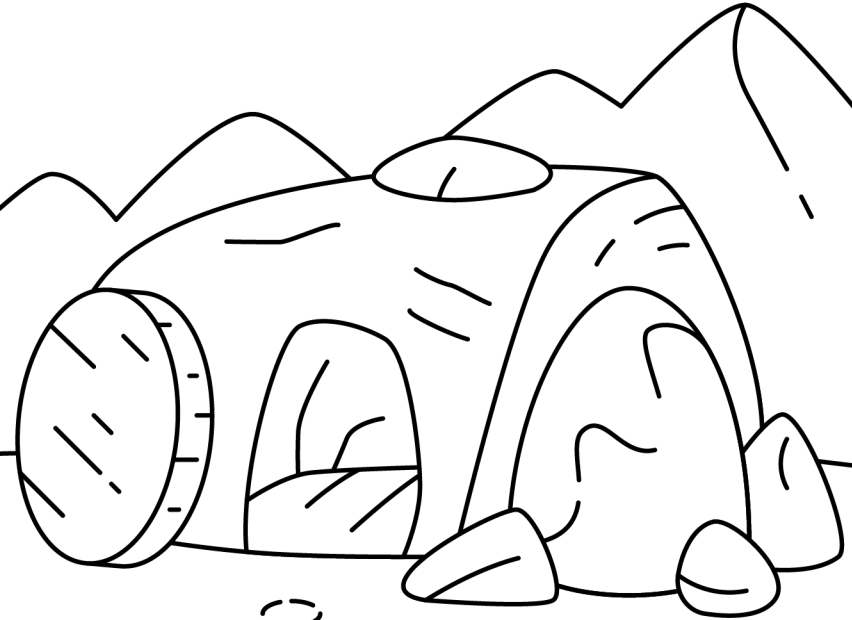
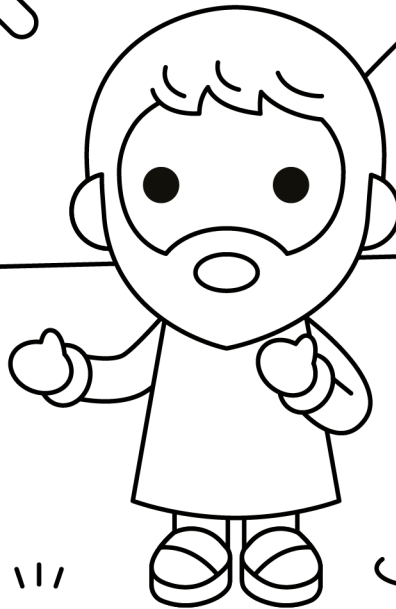
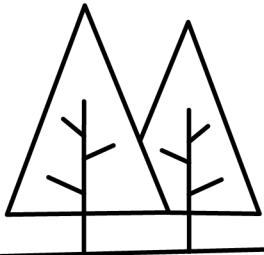
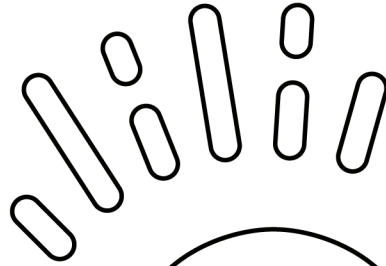
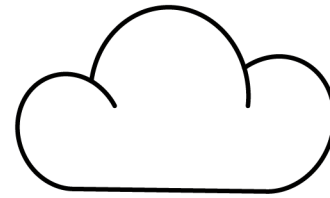
Holy Thursday



At the Last Supper Jesus establishes a new covenant or promise between God and his people. He gives us the Eucharist and the Mass. Every Sunday when we go to Church, we join Jesus and all the saints in Heaven at the Last Supper, at the cross and at his resurrection.



Easter Sunday

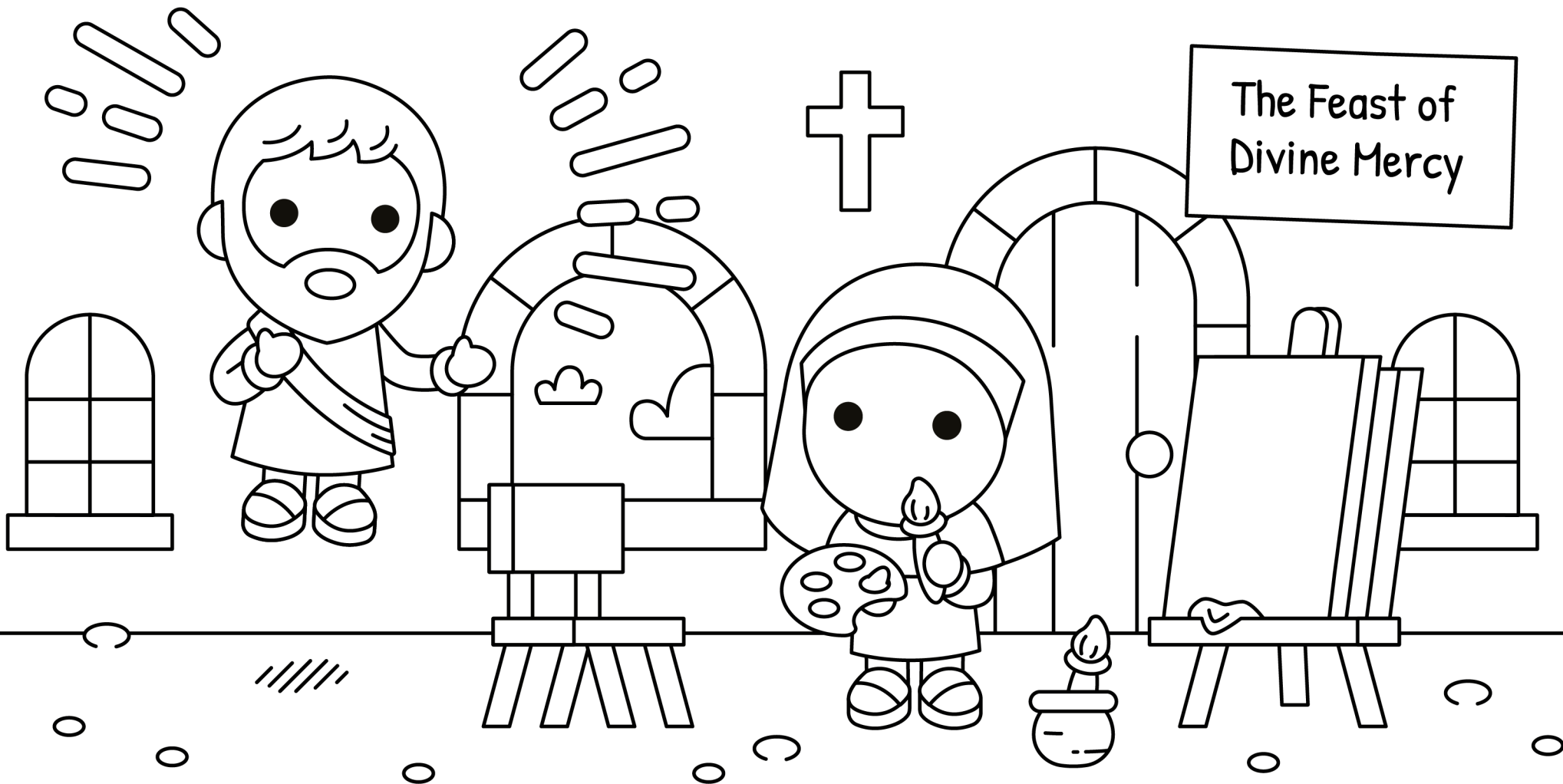


Mary Magdalene went to the tomb of Jesus to pray. She saw angels and then Jesus who rose from the dead. She went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"





On the cross, Jesus gave us his mom to be our mom. He said, "Behold your Mother." Mary is with us and wants to help us find God's special blessings.



In between two great wars, Jesus appeared to a special sister named St. Faustina. He told her to paint an image of him with red and blue rays of light coming from his heart. He said anyone who looks at the image and says, "Jesus I trust in you" will receive his help.



Marian
Consecration

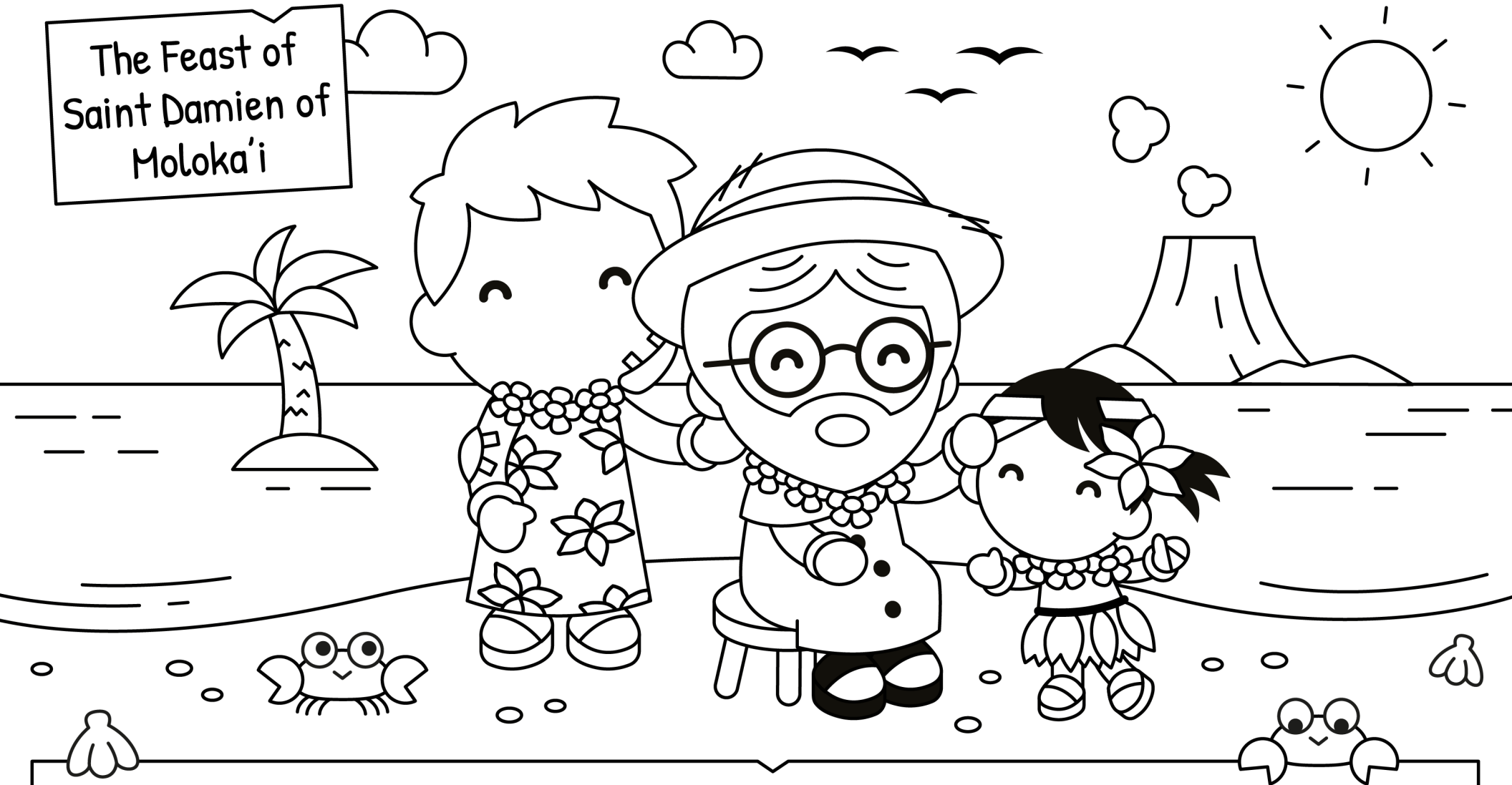
The month of May is known as the month of Mary. At the beginning of May, many Catholics give themselves to Mary so that she can lead them to her Son Jesus. This is known as Marian consecration. It's a promise we make to trust Mary. We let her be our Mom in Heaven and she helps us know Jesus

During the Month of May we honor our moms, especially Mary our mother in Heaven.
A special way we honor Mary is to give her a crown of flowers or to visit a statue of Mary and tell her we love her.

The Month
of Mary



The Feast of
Saint Damien of
Moloka'i



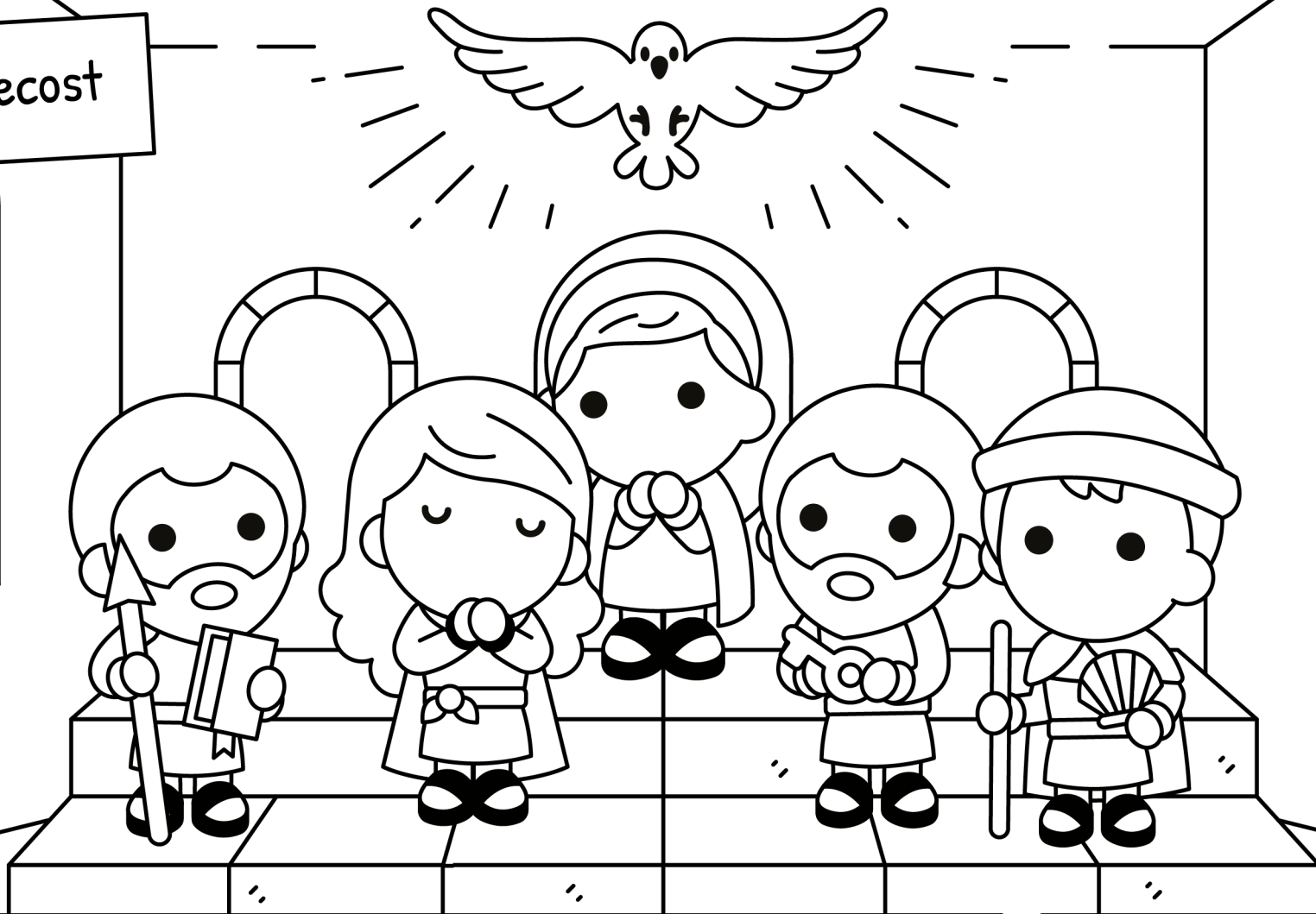
Saint Damien of Moloka'i's feast is May 9. Saint Damien traveled from Europe across two oceans to help sick people who were contagious and sent to live on an island alone. He lived with them, helped them and showed them the love of Jesus. Eventually he got sick too, but he had friends all around him. Today he is in Heaven surrounded by Jesus and the Saints. If you are ever sick or alone, you can ask Saint Damien for help.



The Feast of
the Ascension

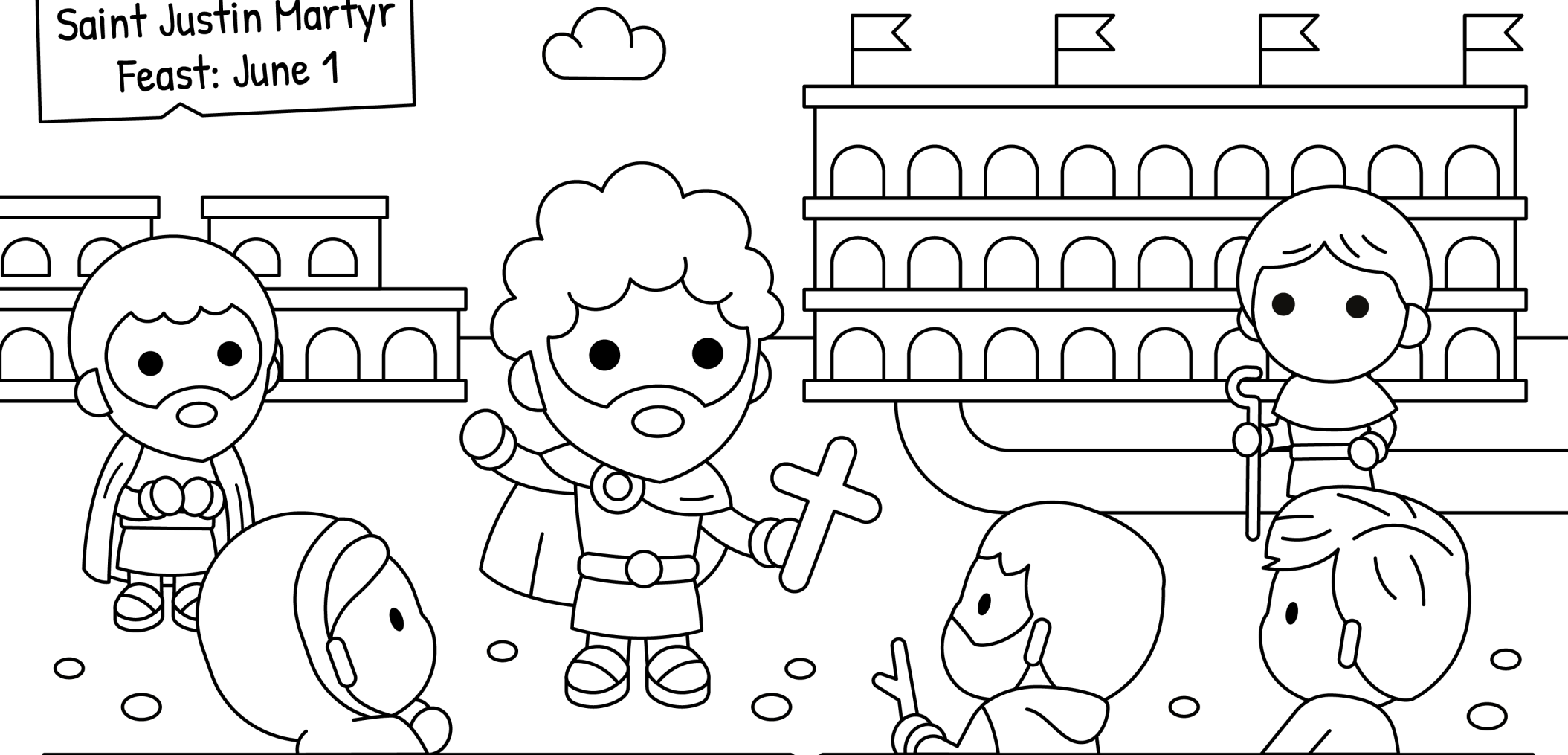
After Jesus resurrected he ascended into Heaven to show us the way. And it's easier than you think. Just love Jesus. If you keep Jesus in your heart and tell people how much you love him, you will find that you are on the path to Heaven too.

Pentecost



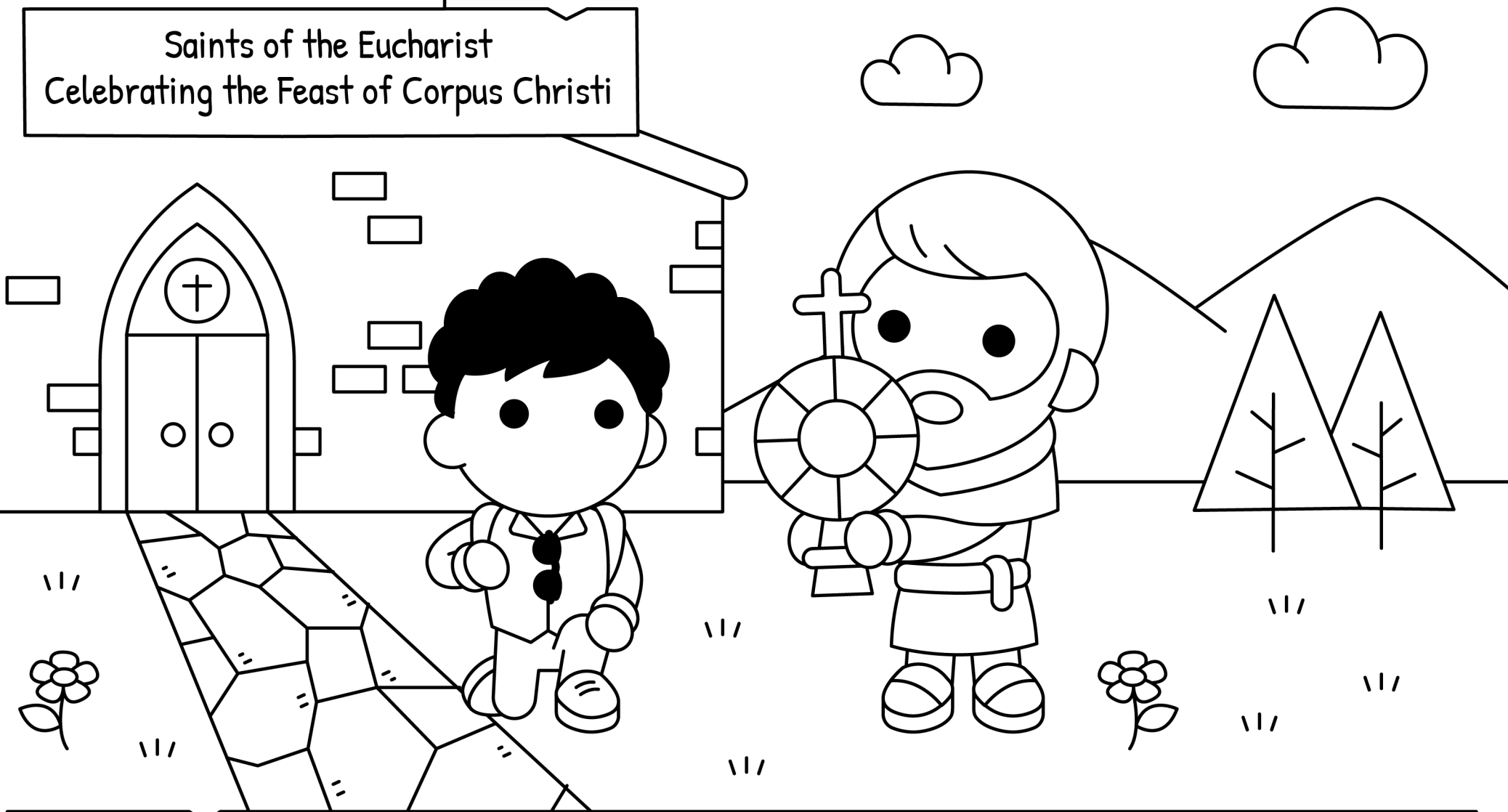
After Jesus went to Heaven, Mary, the Apostles and some of the disciples went into a room to pray. Nine days later the Holy Spirit came down and rested on each of them. The Holy Spirit gave them courage and special gifts to love and serve Jesus. You can pray for the Holy Spirit to come too!

Saint Justin Martyr
Feast: June 1




Born around the year 100, Justin wanted to live a good life. However, nothing Justin studied satisfied him. His heart was finally moved when he met a wise Christian who linked Jesus' love to everything he was studying. Justin started a school in Rome, and taught about Jesus. But like so many other Christians of the time, Justin was put to death by the Romans who were afraid to give their hearts to Jesus too.

Saints of the Eucharist
Celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi



On the Feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate Jesus in the Eucharist. Saint Padre Pio said he is so in love with the Eucharist that his heart bursts out of his chest. Saint Carlo Acutis said it is his highway to Heaven! Saint Teresa of Avila said the living, true Jesus is in the Eucharist with us!

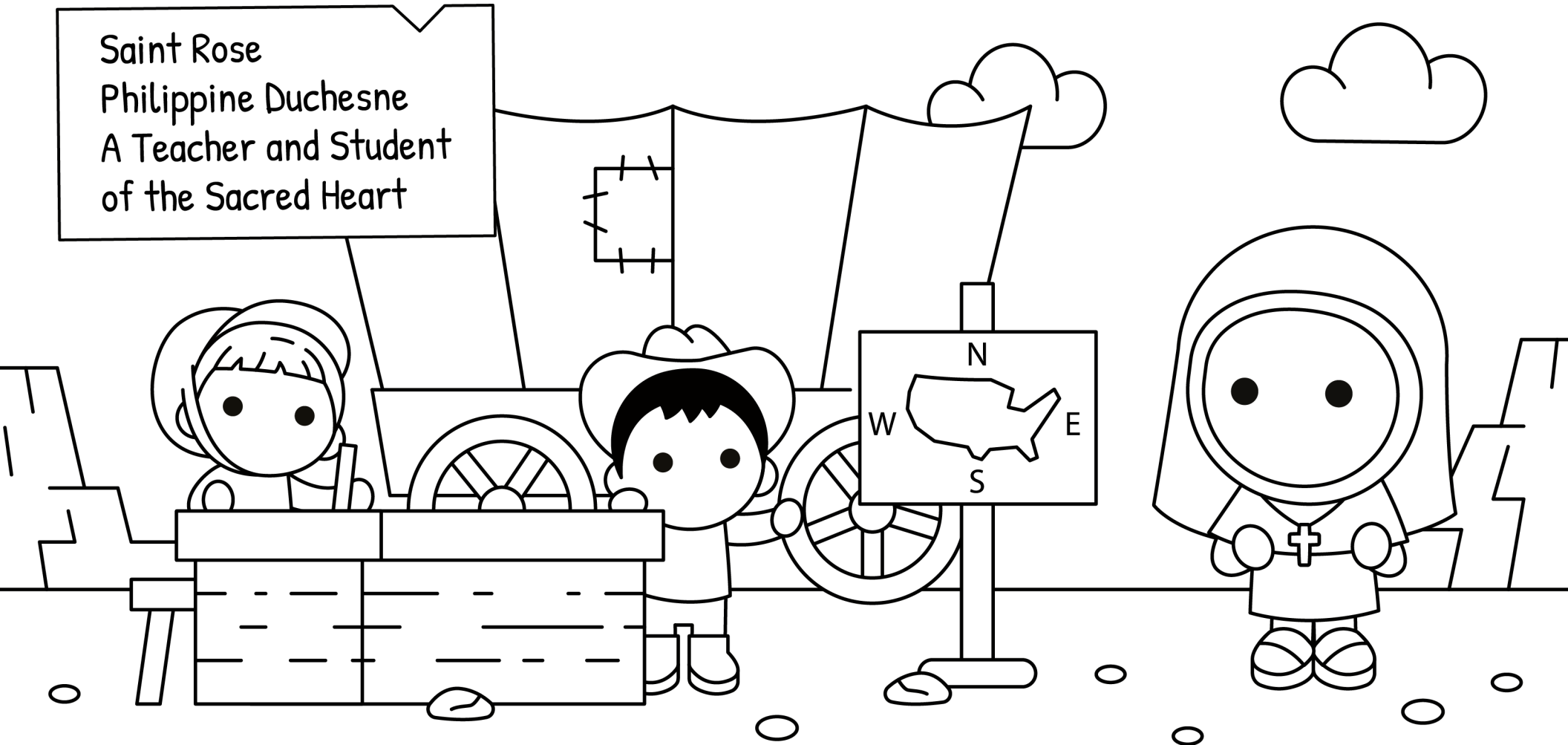


When Christianity first came to Uganda, Charles Lwanga, a royal servant, was baptized and became a catechist. When a new, anti-Christian king took the throne, Charles was appointed head page, and found himself defending the younger boys in the kingdom from the king's cruelty. Charles and the other Christian servants were then arrested. They marched bravely to Heaven cheerfully singing and professing their faith.



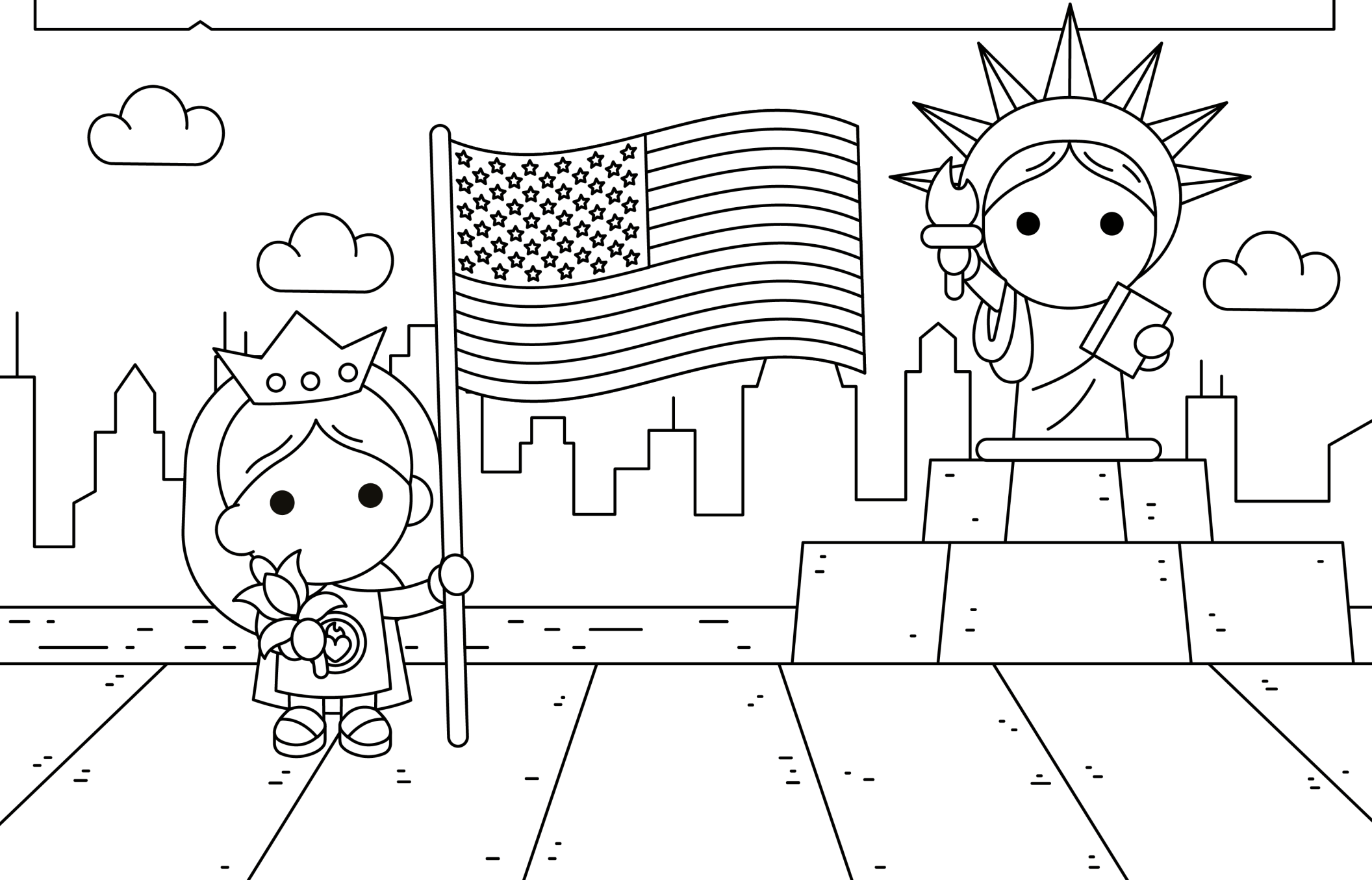
Saint Charles Lwanga
Feast: June 3

Saint Rose
Philippine Duchesne
A Teacher and Student
of the Sacred Heart

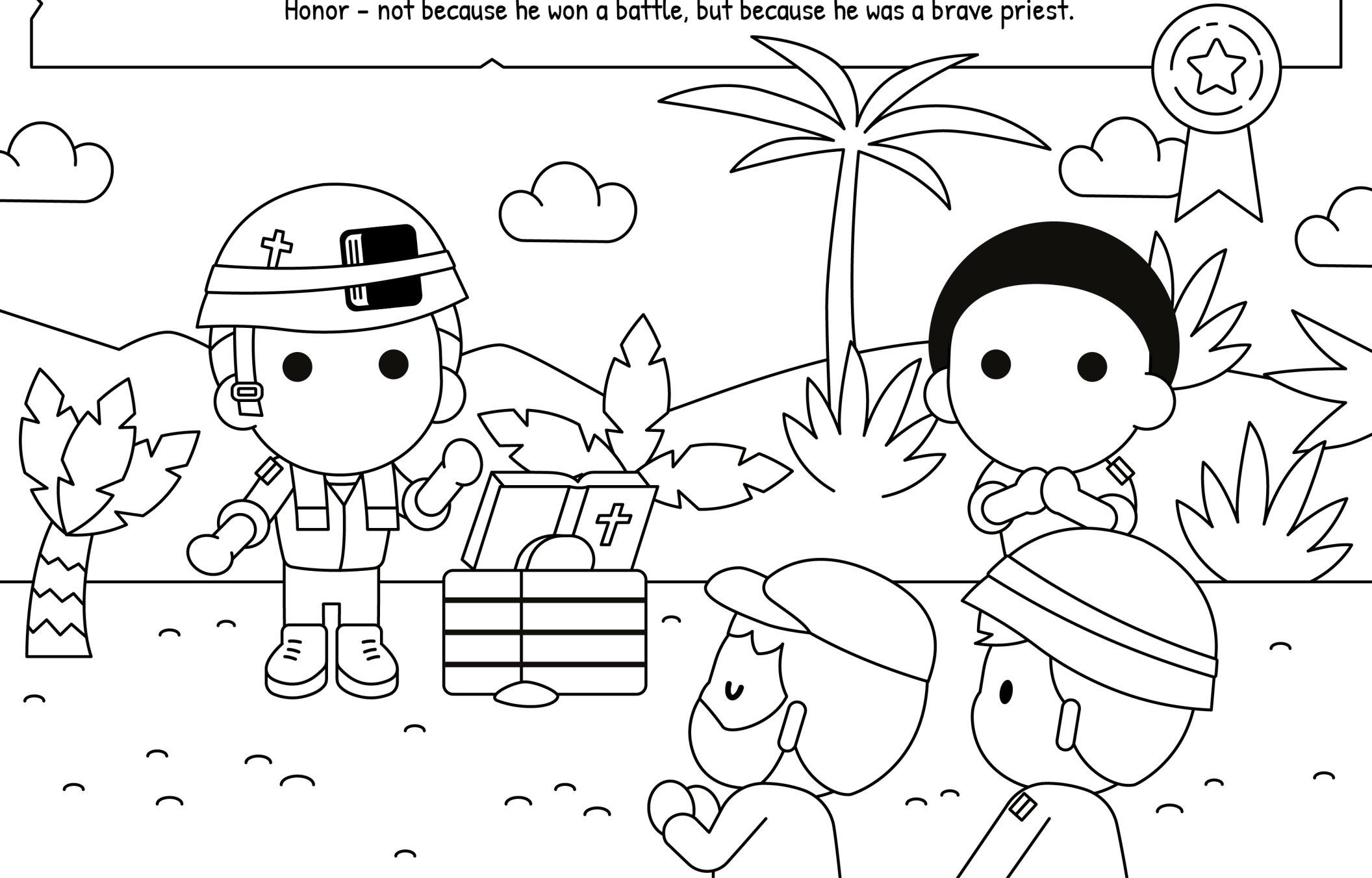


In June we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And sometimes the best way to get to know someone's heart is by getting to know the people they have impacted. Saint Rose Duchesne was a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart and a teacher who had great humility and great courage that helped thousands of children.

Did you know, the Patroness of the United States is Mary under the title Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception? Mary is the true symbol of freedom for this country because she prays for all of us and she leads us to Jesus.
Mary, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for the United States.

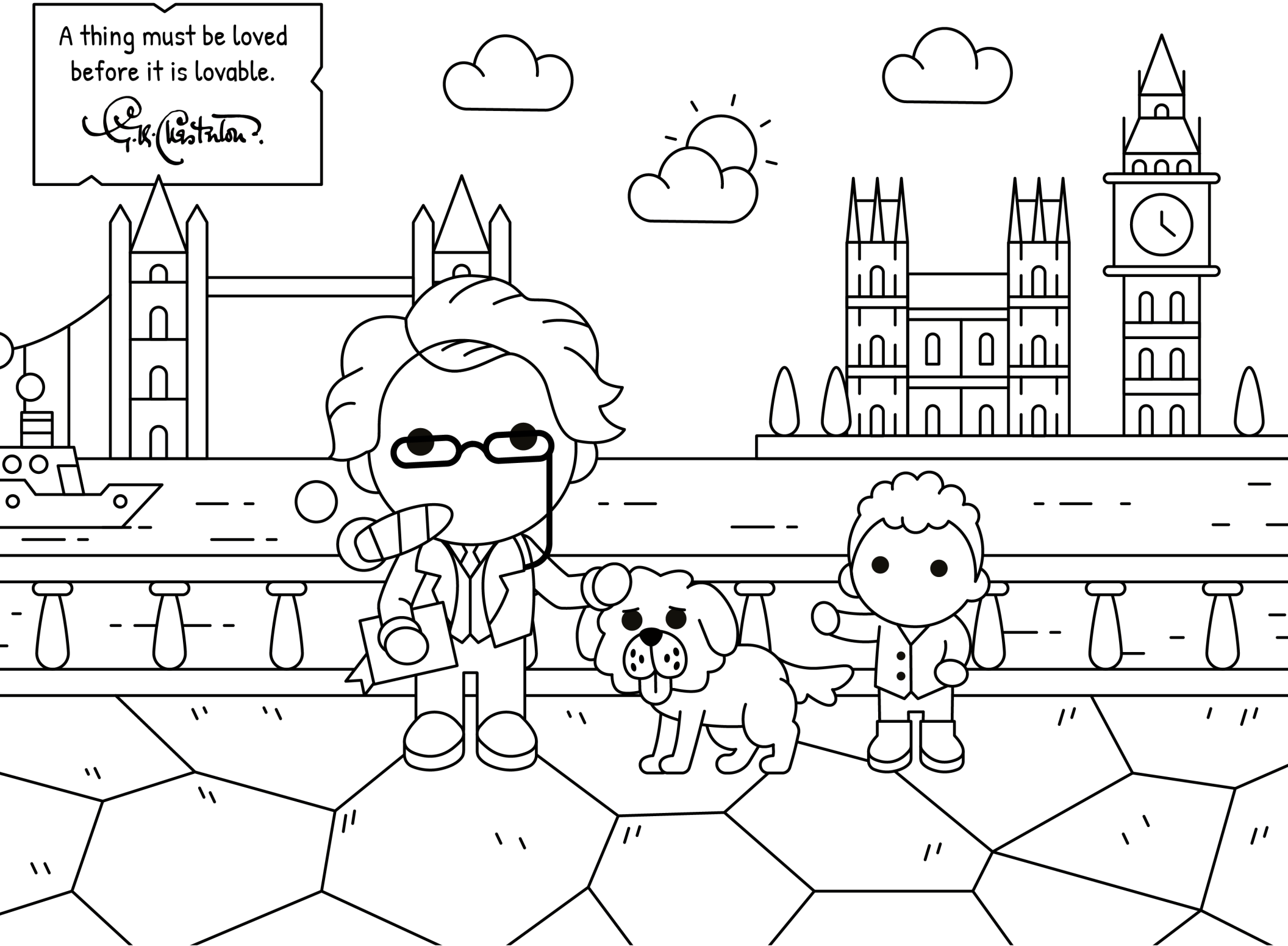


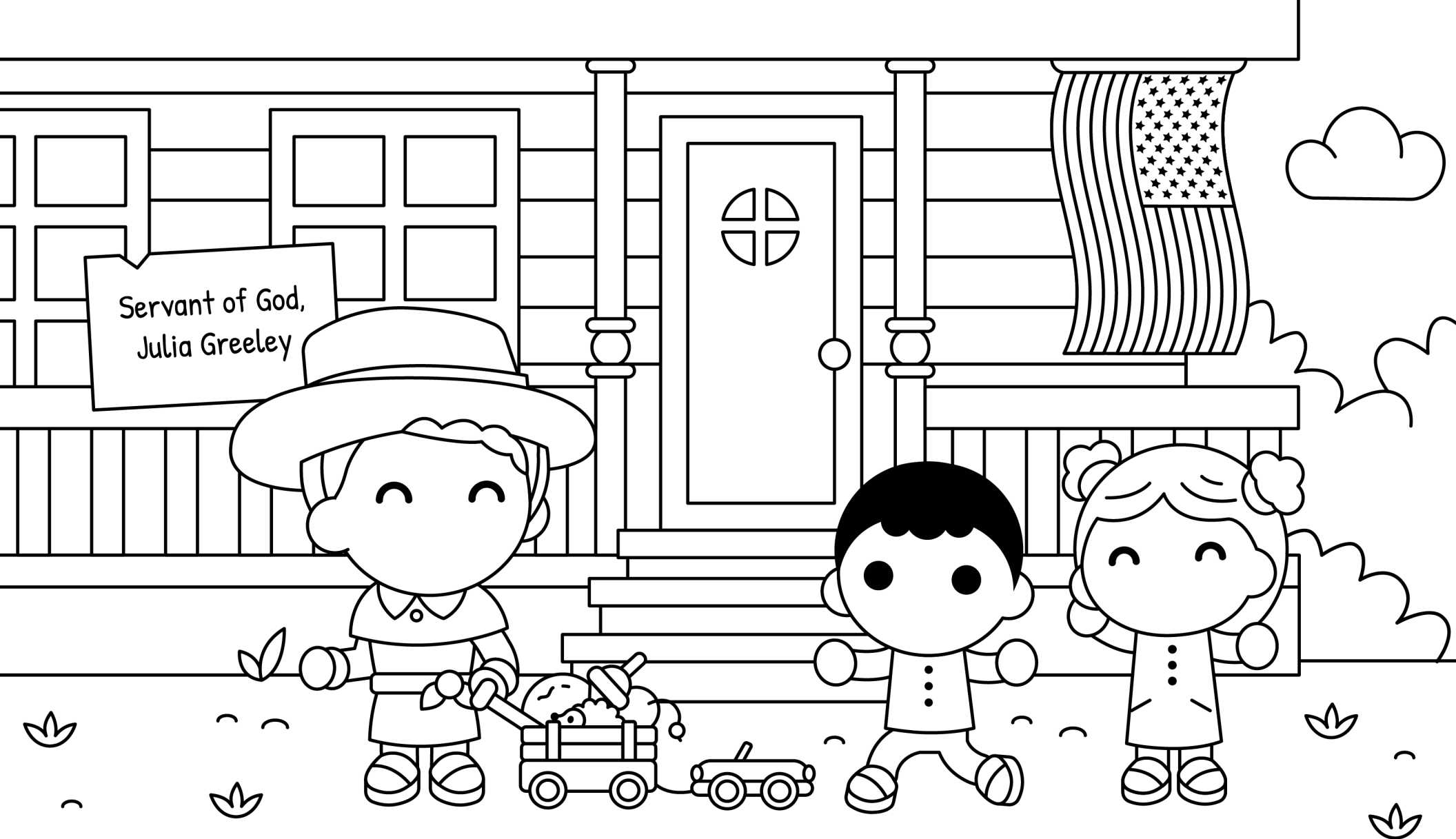
Fr. Vincent Capodanno was a priest who died for his people. Despite being injured, he prayed with them, heard their confessions and anointed them in battle. He received the highest honor an American can receive - the Medal of Honor - not because he won a battle, but because he was a brave priest.



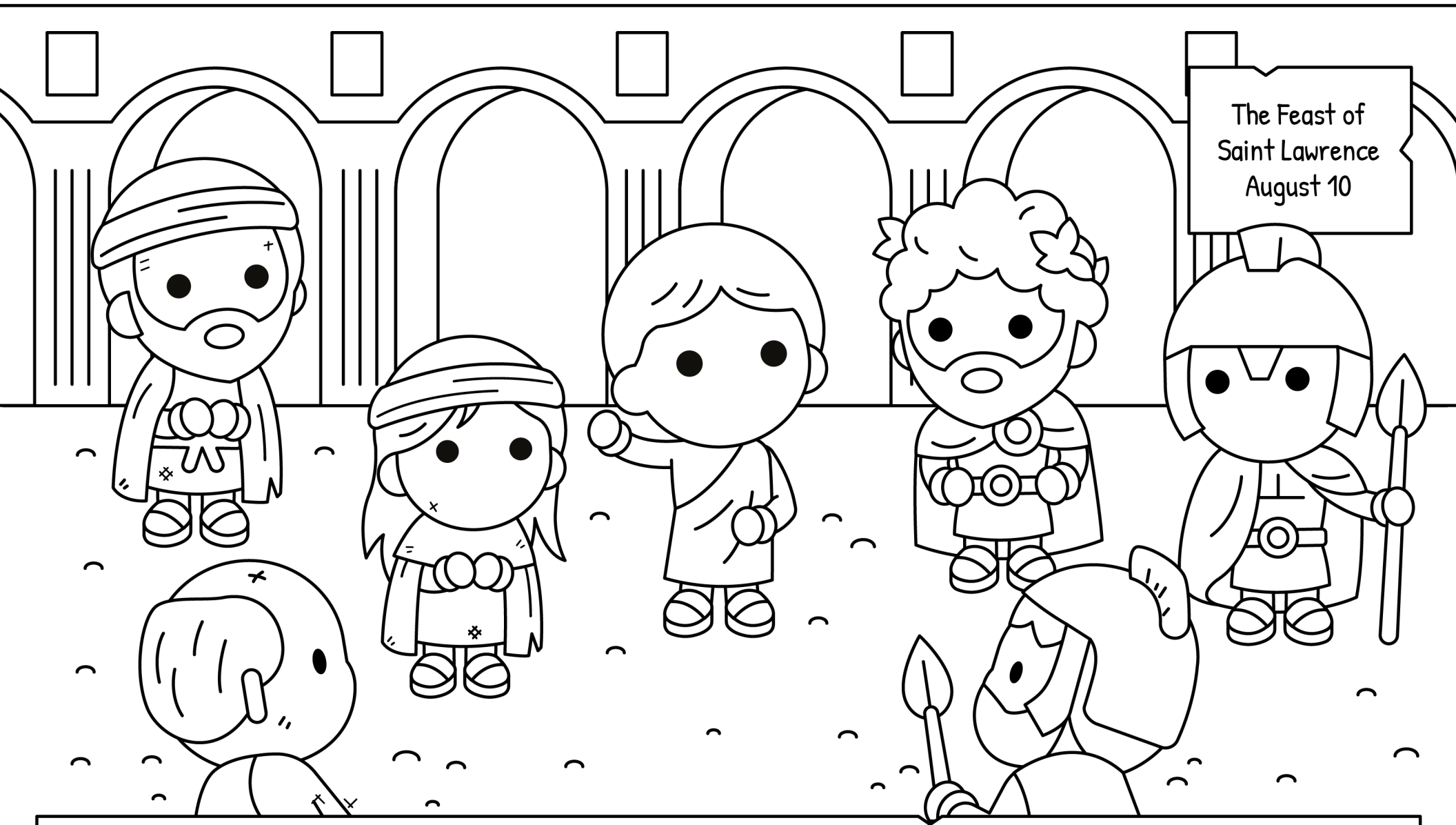
A thing must be loved
before it is lovable.

E.K. Kastalon?





Julia Greeley was born into slavery and suffered a lot as a little girl. She was eventually freed and moved to Colorado, became Catholic and made sure never to miss daily Mass. She loved the Sacred Heart and would tell everyone she knew about it - including all the Firemen of Denver. She prayed for everyone and would find ways to help people with the little she had - carrying gifts in her little wagon.



The Feast of
Saint Lawrence
August 10

Lawrence, a deacon in third-century Rome, was asked to gather the Church's treasures so the Roman Emperor could steal them. Quick-witted Lawrence brought forward the poor; the true treasure of the Church. For this, Lawrence was put to death by the Emperor. As he died he yelled out a joke - helping everyone see that the only serious concern we should have is how much we love Jesus and serve his people. When we do that, even death isn't scary. Today Saint Lawrence is celebrated as the Patron saint of comedians, joyfully laughing and praying for us from Heaven with Jesus, Mary and all the Saints.

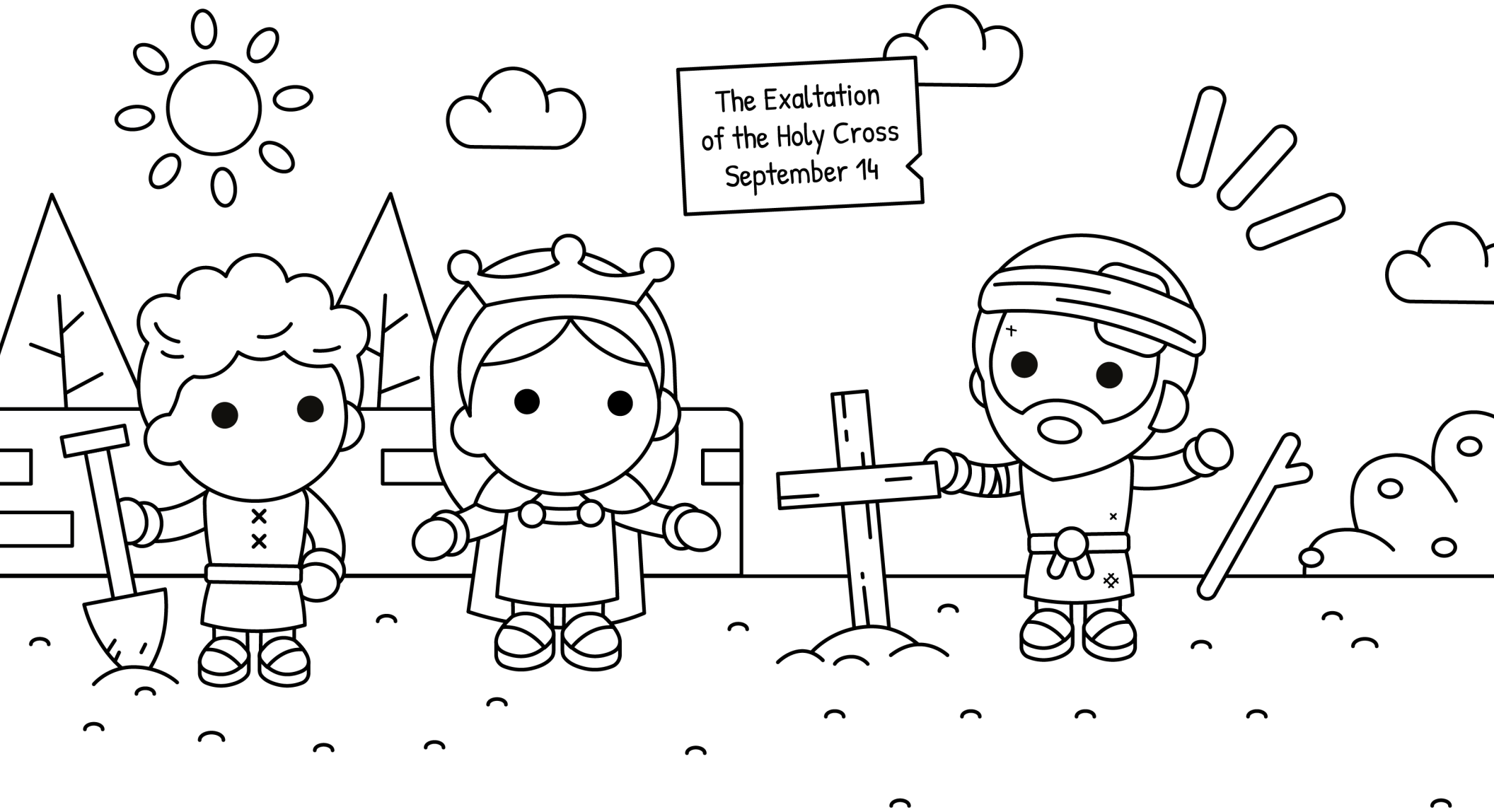


Pray for the

United States

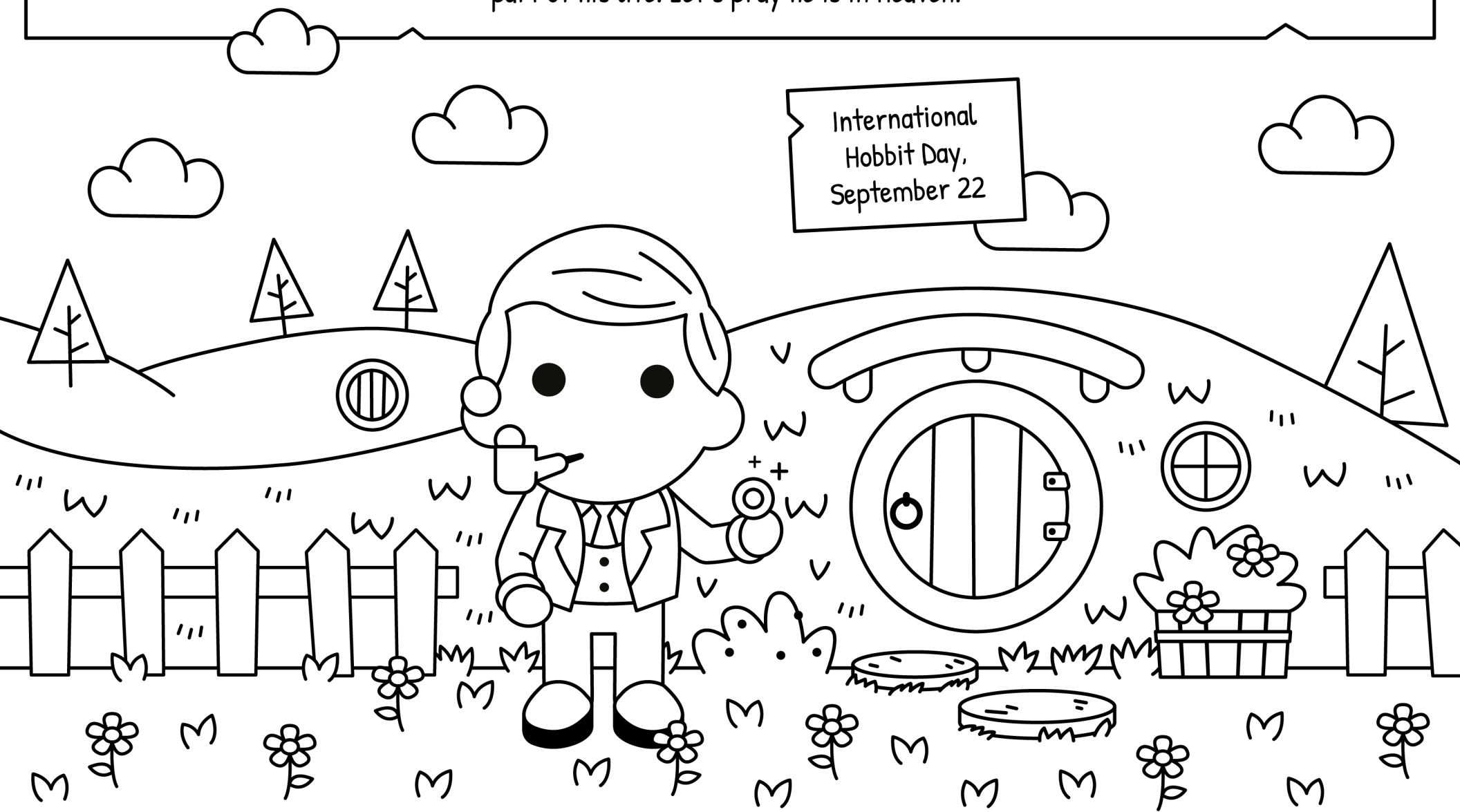
When we pray the Rosary, we think about the life of Jesus and Mary and we ask Jesus to be our King. We also think about the people we love and places we care about. We ask Jesus to be the King over those people and places too. It's important to pray for our homes, our towns and our country so that Jesus can be King everywhere.

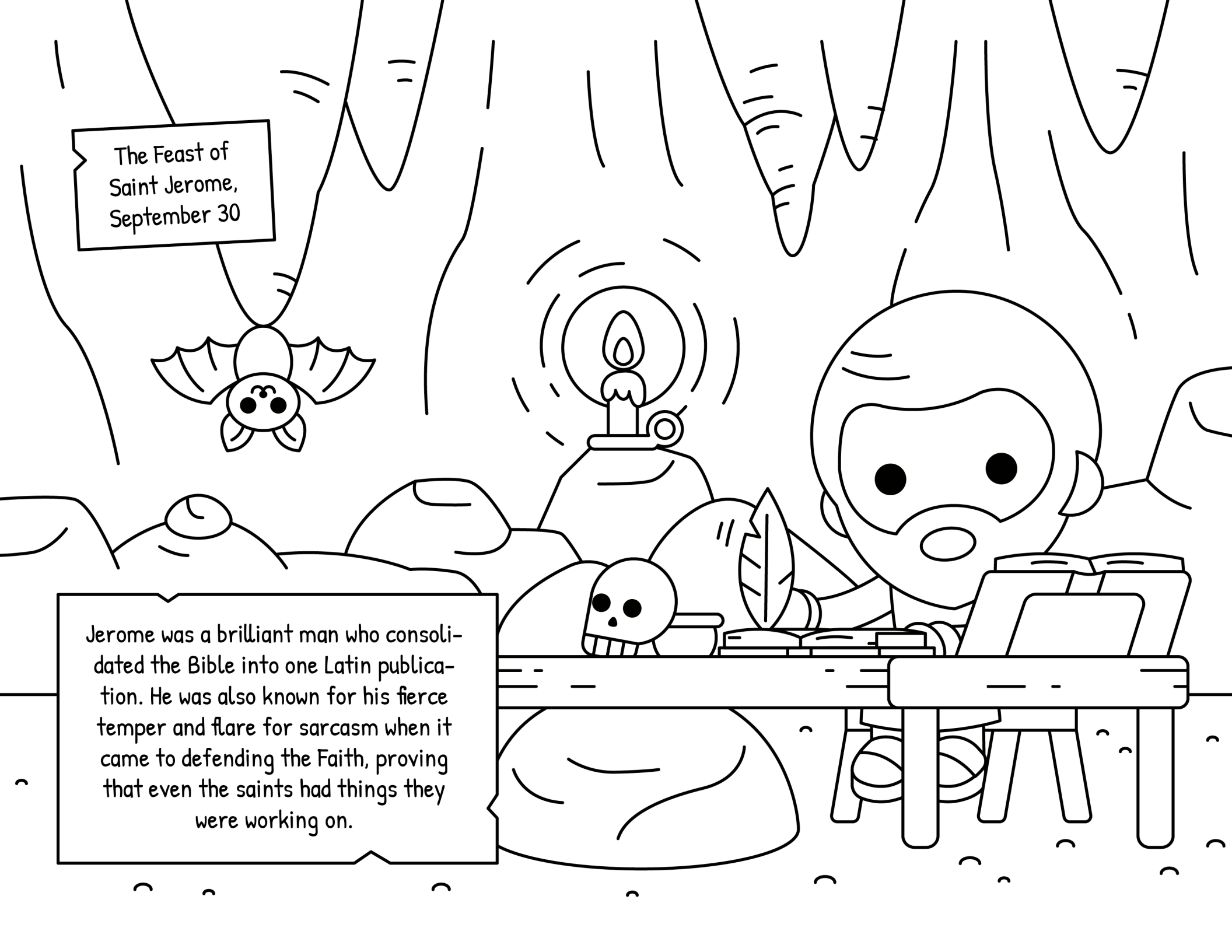
Saint Helena was the mother of a very powerful emperor. She traveled to the Holy Land to find the relics of our faith. Eventually she uncovered the true cross that Jesus died on buried underground. To prove it was the true cross a leper came up and touched it and was instantly healed. Now churches and Cathedrals around the world have fragments of this true cross for the faithful to pray before. Jesus teaches us that we must love our crosses. That is to say, we must love the things that cause us to suffer because when we carry them with love, we can find healing - just like the leper with Saint Helena.



JRR Tolkien created the Hobbit, the Lord of the Rings and other wonderful literature. While suffering as a soldier in World War I, he prayed and came up with his life's work, the creation of Middle Earth and all its wonderful creatures and characters - including hobbits, elves and wizards. He isn't a saint yet, but he was a devoted Catholic who sought God in every part of his life. Let's pray he is in Heaven.

International
Hobbit Day,
September 22

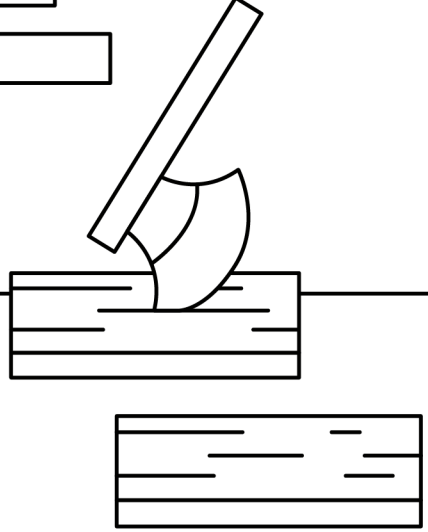
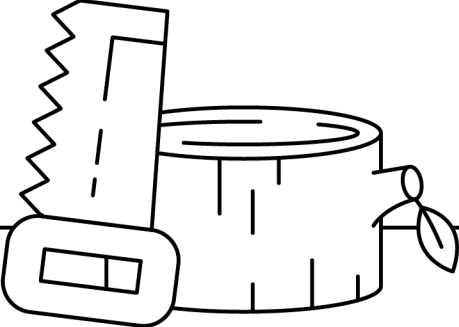
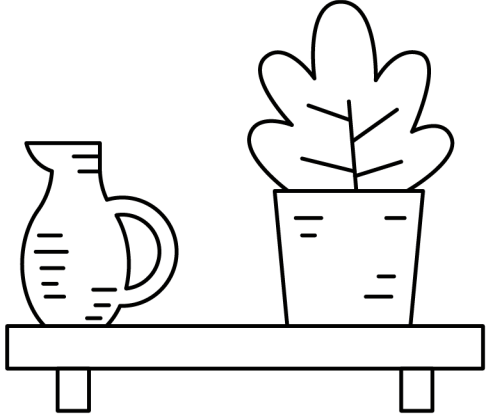
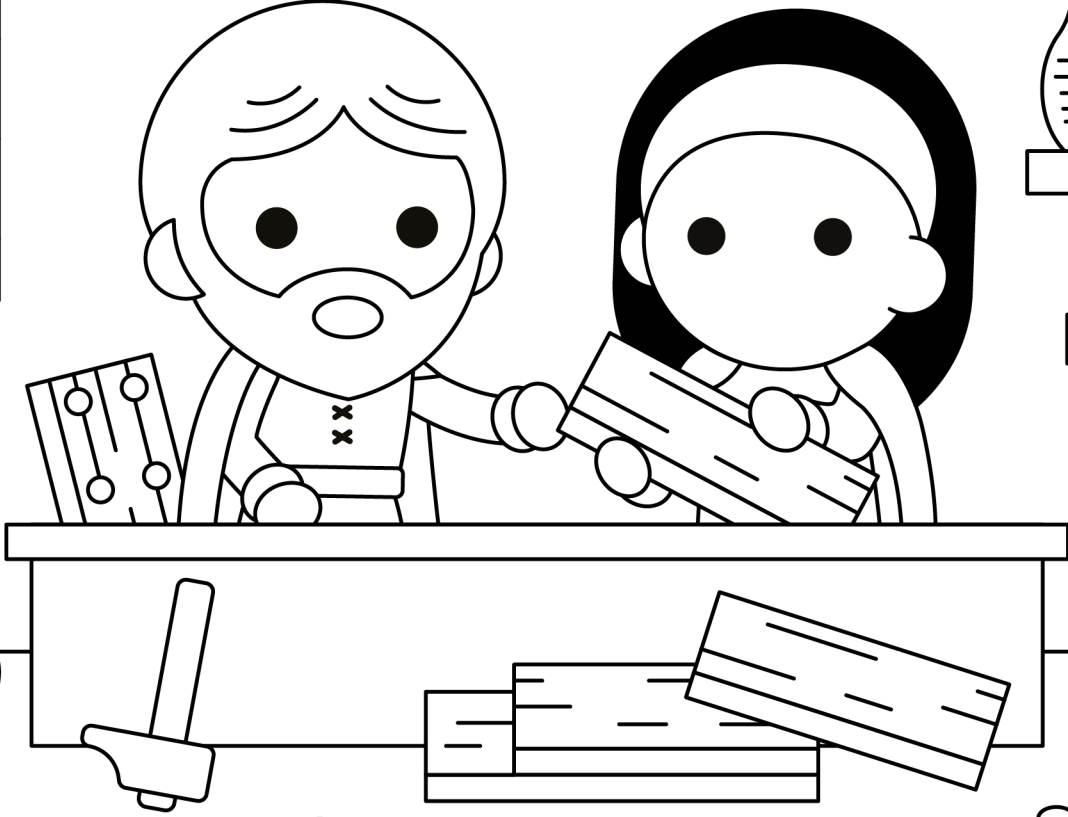
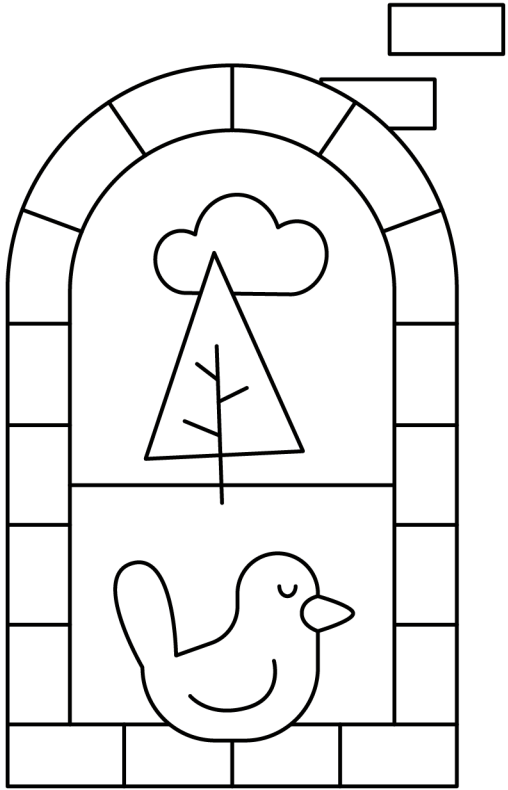




The Feast of
Saint Jerome,
September 30

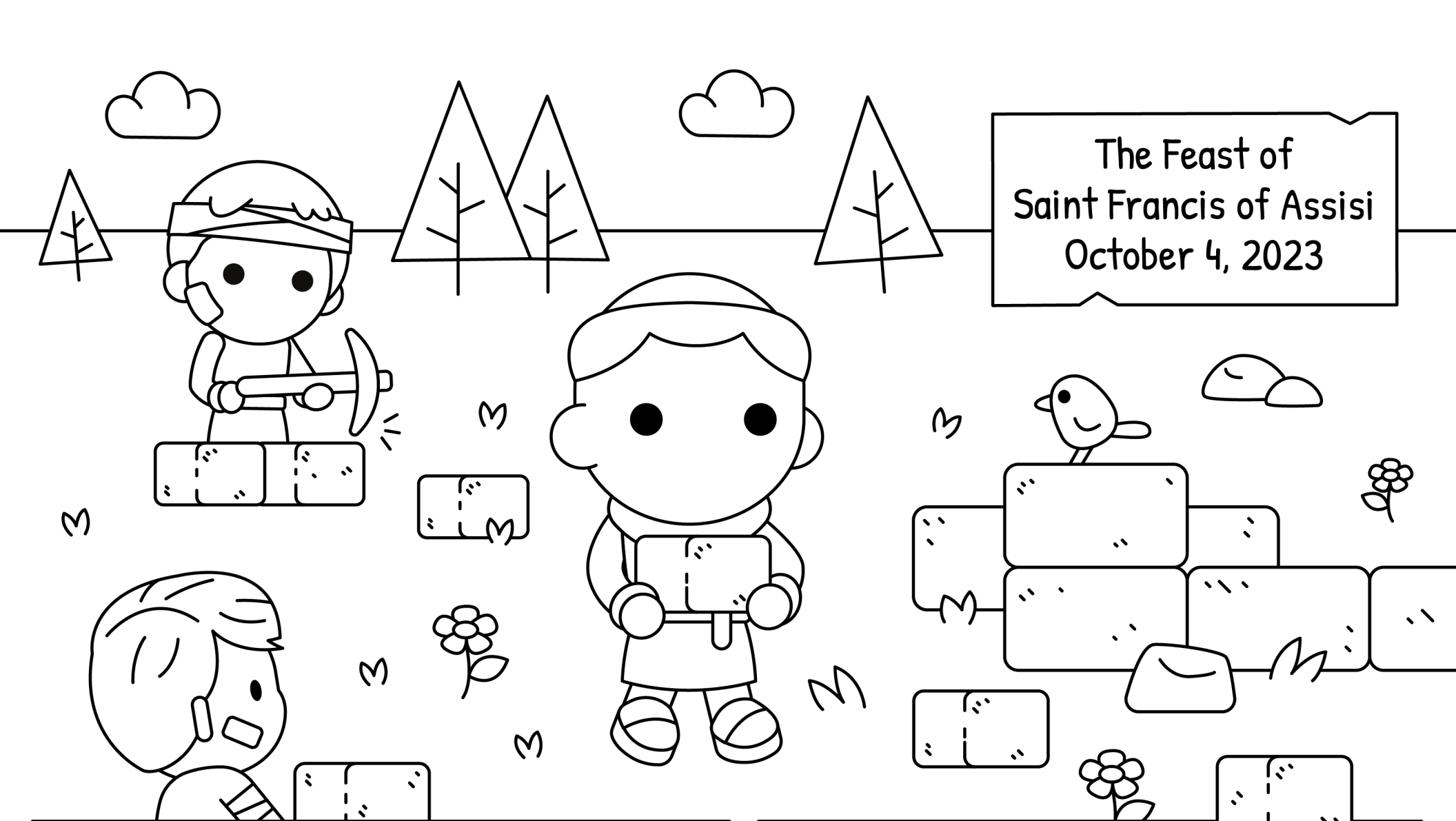
Jerome was a brilliant man who consolidated the Bible into one Latin publication. He was also known for his fierce temper and flare for sarcasm when it came to defending the Faith, proving that even the saints had things they were working on.

Though you have recourse to many saints as your intercessors,
go especially to St. Joseph, for he has great power with God.





shining always, and seen only
when God wills it

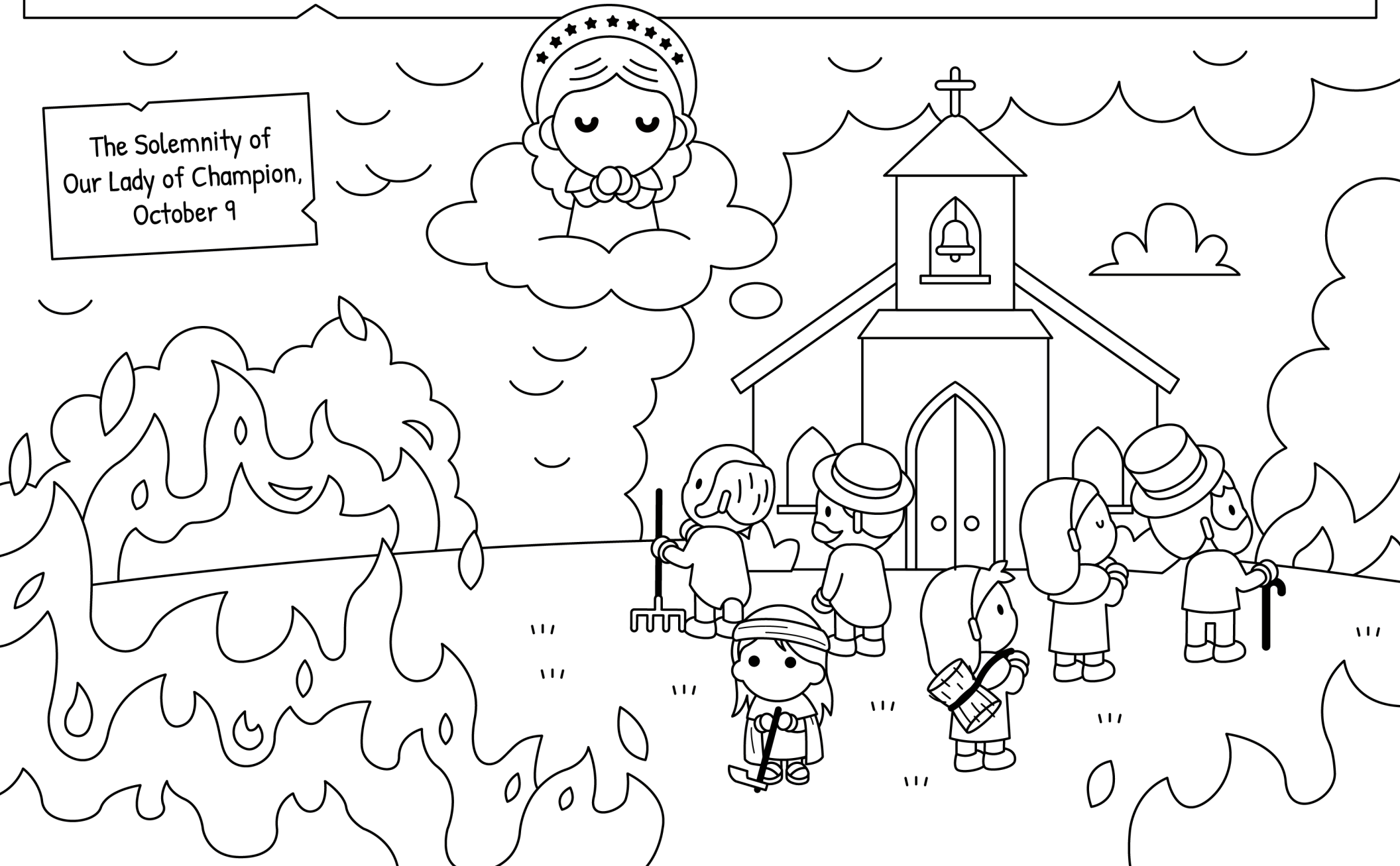


The Feast of
Saint Francis of Assisi
October 4, 2023

St. Francis was born very wealthy. He joined the military but soon became a prisoner of war. When he finally returned home, Francis felt drawn to serve the poor. While praying before a crucifix, Francis heard Jesus tell him, "Rebuild my Church." Francis' radical poverty and simplicity soon attracted many followers. Today, the Franciscan Order remains one of the most beloved religious institutions worldwide.

Did you know in 1871, a wildfire broke out in Wisconsin destroying entire towns? Only one little area remained untouched by the fire - a tiny chapel in Champion Wisconsin. And this is because Mary appeared and protected the people who gathered at the Church. Mary protects you too.

The Solemnity of
Our Lady of Champion,
October 9

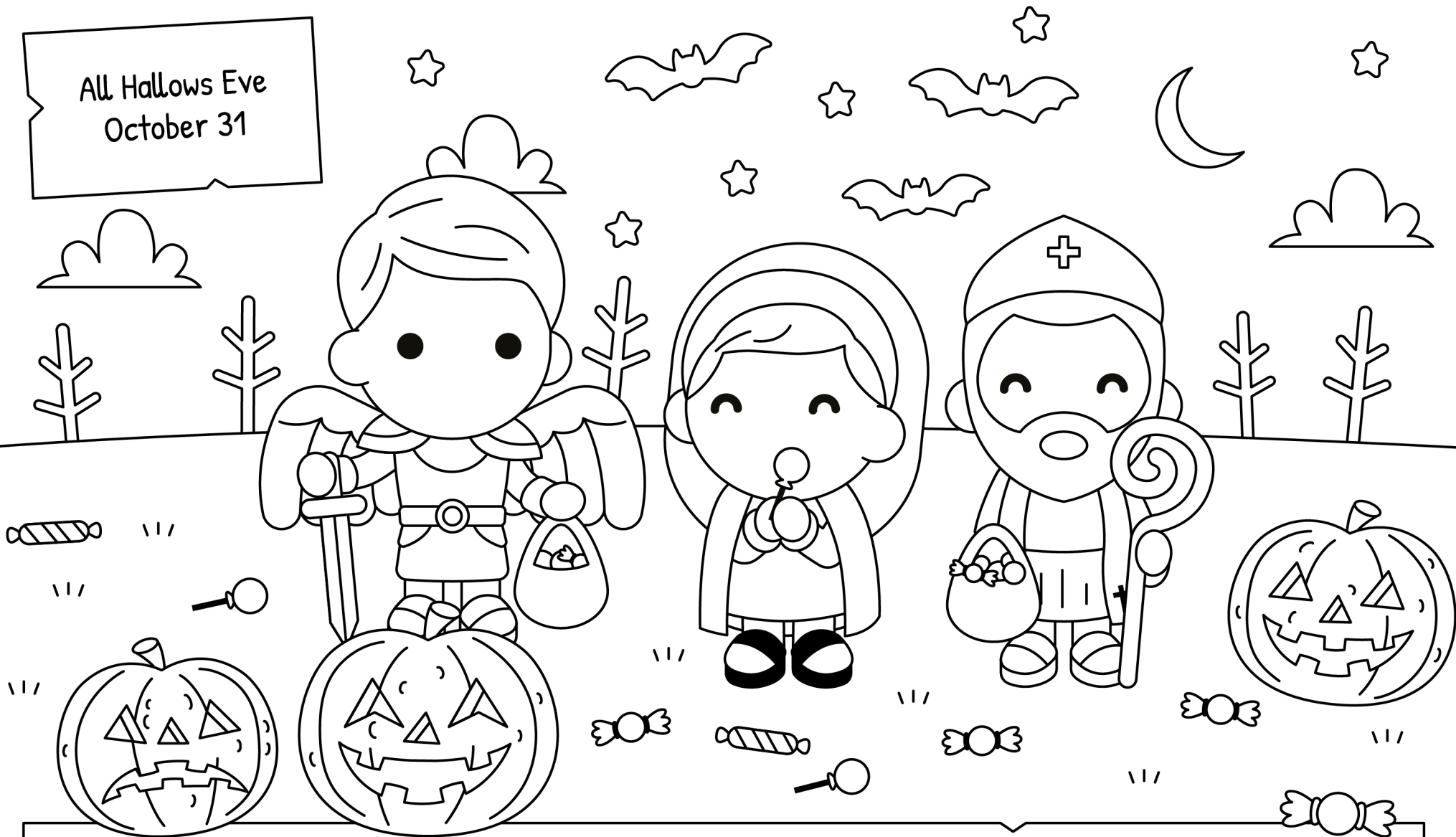


The Feast of
Saint John Paul II
October 22



Saint John Paul II was one of our most active Popes. He traveled more than any other Pope, enjoyed skiing, hiking in the mountains, fishing and praying with friends. His favorite prayer was the rosary because he loved Mary very much. Everyday he would say "I am all yours, Virgin Mary!"

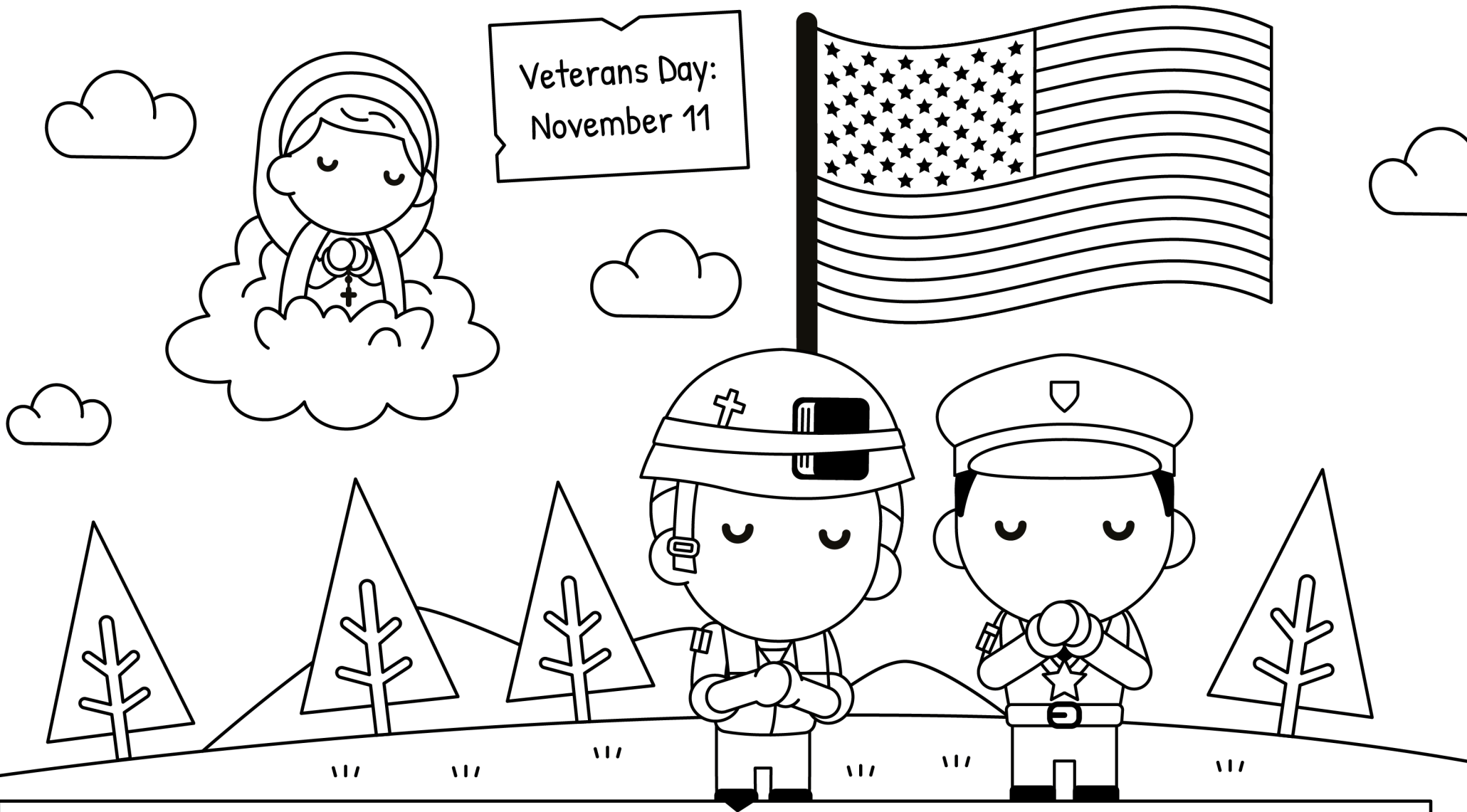
All Hallows Eve
October 31



Did you know Halloween was originally a Catholic celebration honoring all the saints in Heaven?
On Halloween, many Catholics like to dress up as their favorite saint. Who is your favorite saint?
Who would you dress up as?



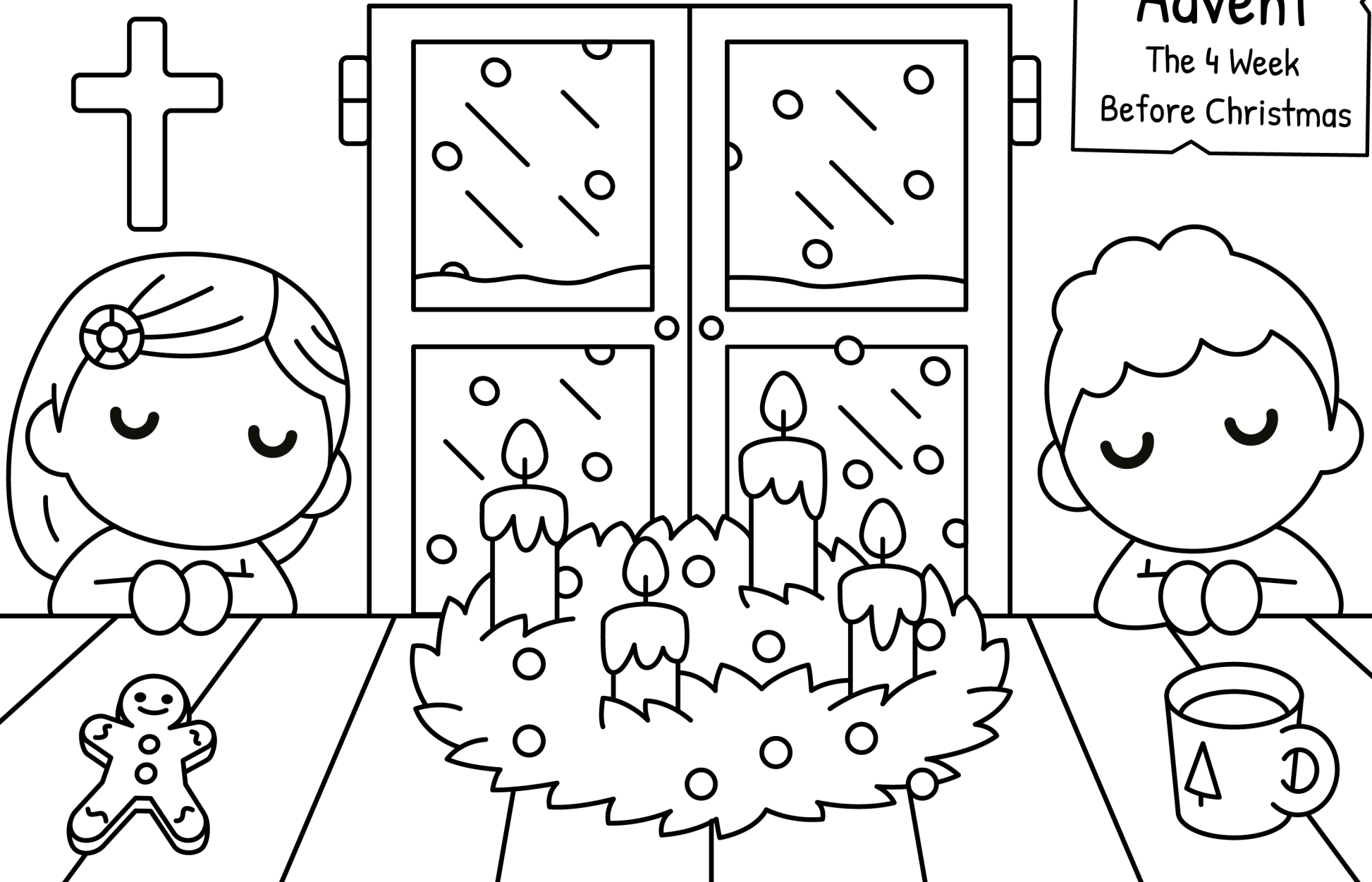
Did you know Heaven is like a big party? Jesus calls it a wedding feast and he has already sent you an invitation. On November 1st, we have a special holiday to celebrate all the saints who have made it to Heaven and are waiting for us. Do you want to go?



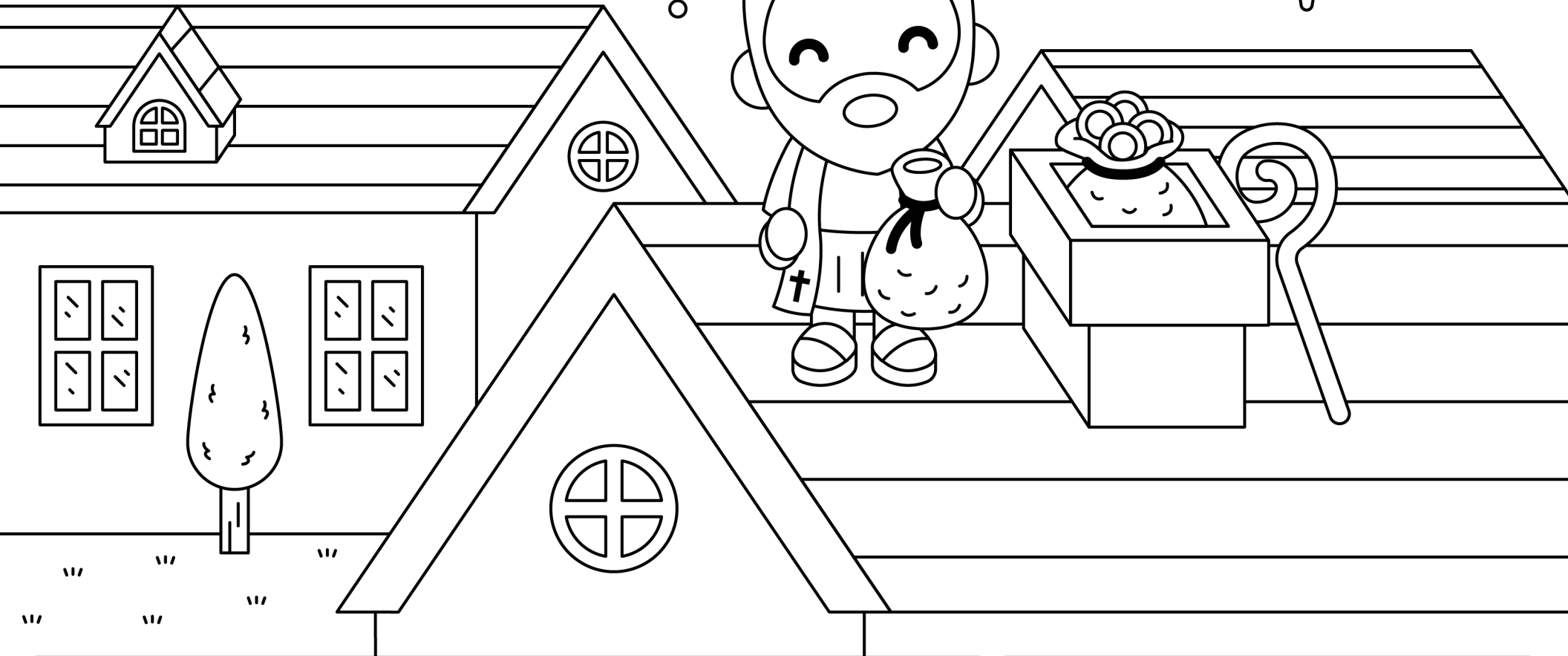
On Veterans Day we remember the men and women who have sacrificed to serve our country. Did you know we have two American heroes who are on the way to being saints? Fr. Emil Kapaun and Fr. Vincent Capodanno gave their lives to help American soldiers in war. Did you know that the greatest heroes are saints? Do you want to be a saint?

Advent is a very special time. During Advent we prepare for the baby Jesus to join us on Christmas morning as our King. And, there is a lot to do! We make our houses beautiful, we prepare delicious food, we buy and make presents. But more importantly, we prepare our hearts. To see the baby Jesus we have to have a clean heart. "Blessed are the pure of heart for they will see God." Do you want to see the baby Jesus?

Advent
The 4 Week
Before Christmas



The Feast of
Saint Nicholas
December 06

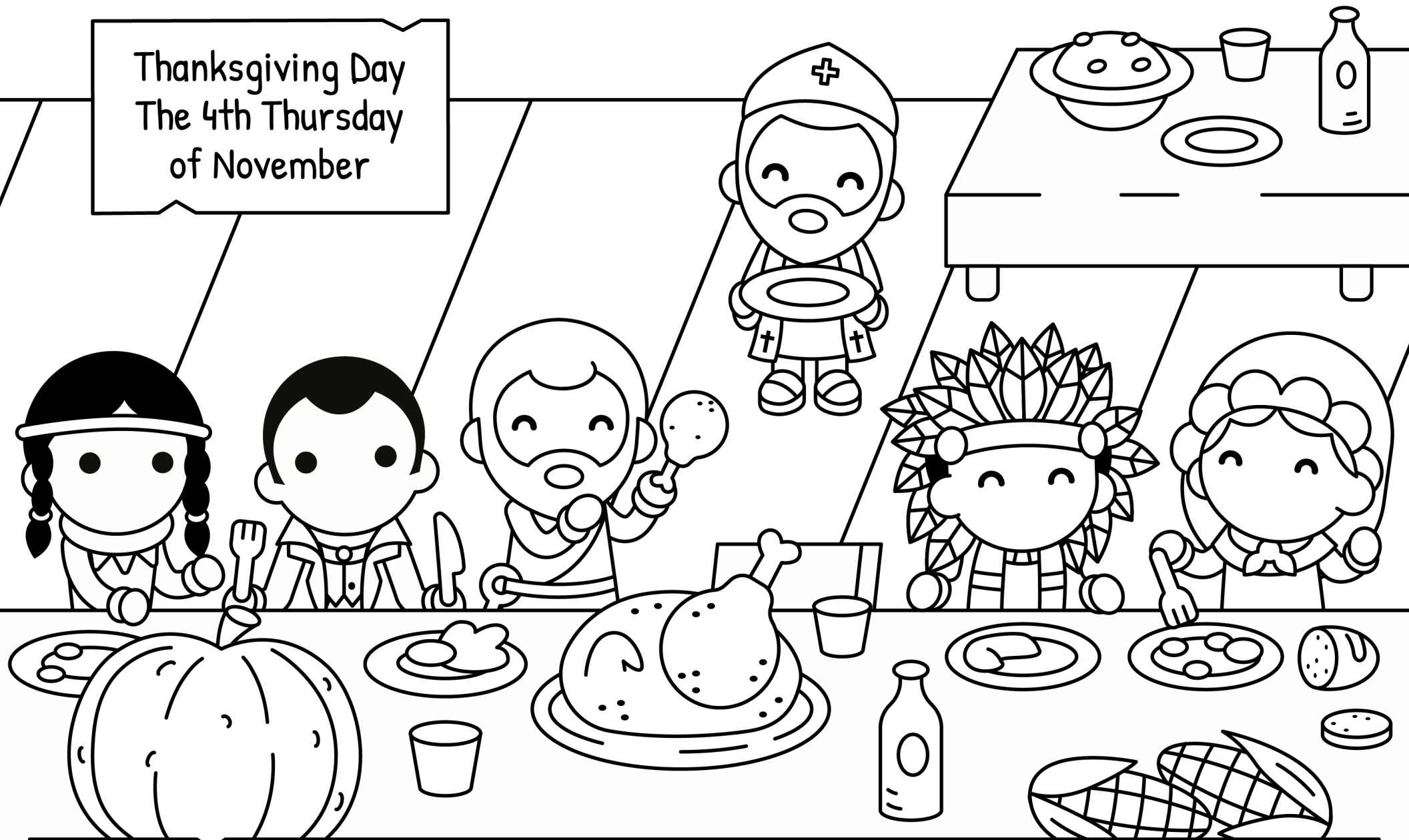


Did you know Santa Claus is really a Catholic Saint! Saint Nicholas gave gold coins to a family that was very poor and struggling. He would often help the poor without anyone knowing.

Did you know that he wants to help your family too - and not just at Christmas time!

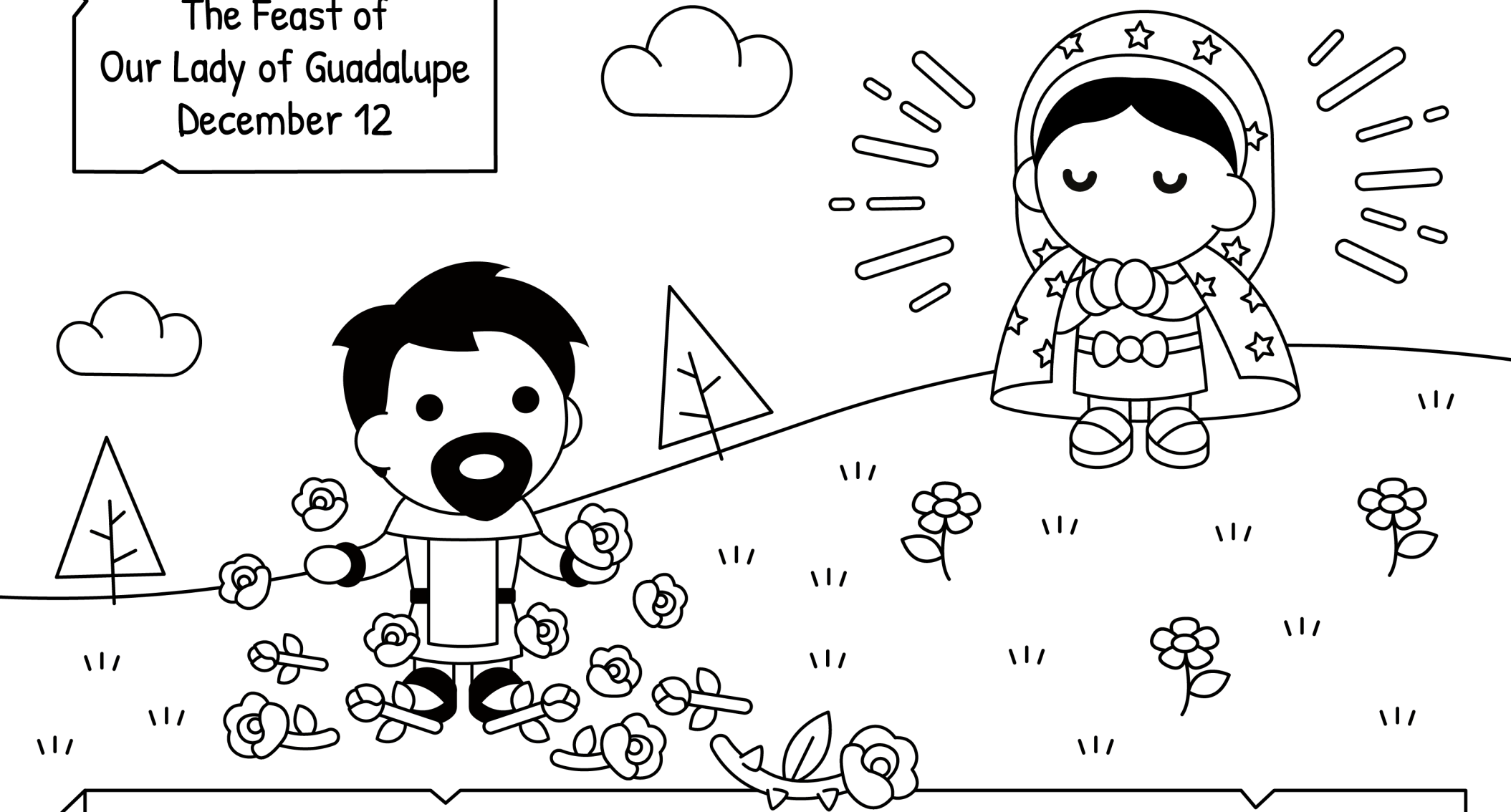
You can pray to Saint Nicholas and ask him for help.

Thanksgiving Day
The 4th Thursday
of November



While Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, many people don't know it is based on our Catholic faith. In Greek, the word Eucharist means 'Thanksgiving'. For Catholics, Thanksgiving doesn't just come once a year but every time we go to Mass. What are you thankful for?

The Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12

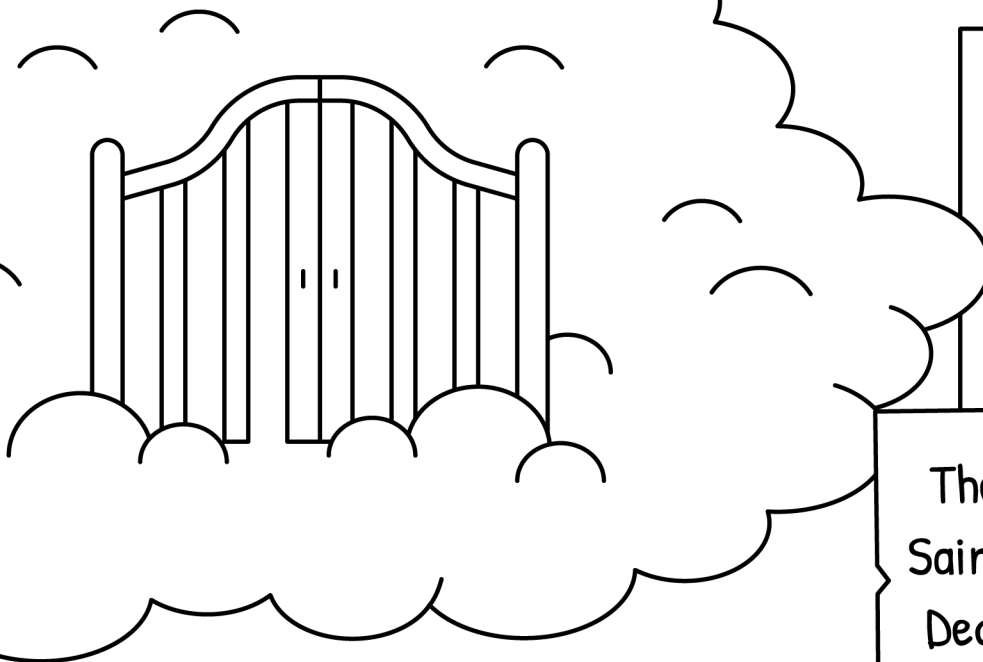


Did you know that 500 years ago in 1531, Mary appeared to a poor Indian named Juan Diego and asked him to be her messenger? She said she was his Mother. And, she told him to go to the Bishop and that she wanted him to build a Church. It seemed too hard for one man but with God everything is possible. God has plans for you too. If you want to know what they are, just ask Mary.

Christmas
December 25



Did you know that on Christmas we don't just celebrate Jesus' Birthday, we celebrate the birth of our King! Armies of angels, wisemen from far off lands and even little shepherds travel to show him love. The angels give their voices in song, wisemen give gifts, the shepherds give their time. What can you give baby Jesus?



Saint Stephen was the first martyr of our Faith. That means that he was the first to bravely give his life for Jesus. Saint Stephen turned his life and his death into a prayer. He offered his life for the people who hurt him, asking God to forgive them. God heard his prayer and brought Stephen to Heaven. He also helped the people who hurt him find peace by becoming Christians.

The Feast of
Saint Stephen
December 26

