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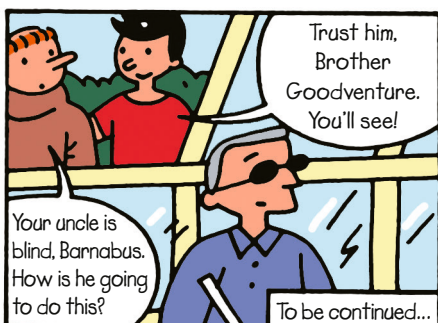
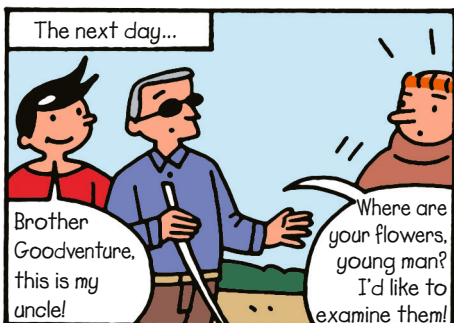
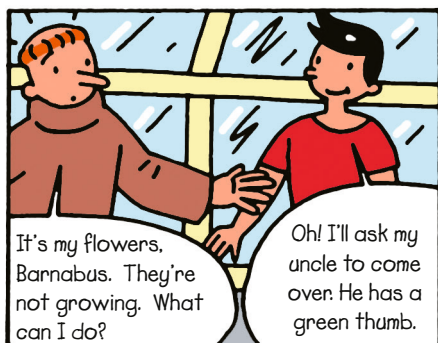
Fourth Sunday of Lent

MagnifiKid!®



“ I do believe, Lord! ”

brother Goodventure!



THIS WEEK...

► Turn toward the light

Think of the people who brighten your week with smiles and acts of kindness. Their joy and care remind you of God's love for you. Thus they help you to turn toward the light and to walk with Jesus. Pray for them and thank God for their love.

Live in the light

The blind man in the Gospel cannot see the light. He needs others to help him find his way. His need for help, however, has made his heart more open to the light of Christ. When he finally met Jesus, he was cured and was able to see truly for the first time! Meeting Jesus made the man's whole life change: the man was blind, but now he could see. There are times in our lives when we feel blind. We may be trying to make a decision, but we may sometimes feel confused about where to turn. That's when we need to open our hearts to Christ so that he can give us the help we need. Fortunately, we have already met Jesus and received his light in baptism. He will guide us safely along the way to God. He will open our eyes to the beauty of the world and to the needs of others. The light of Christ gives us new eyes so that we can live as children of light, as children of God!

Lisa Reno



► Live as a child of light

Count how many people smiled at you today. Tomorrow, try to give others two more smiles than you received today. For example, if you received thirteen smiles today, then give out fifteen smiles tomorrow. Some days will have more smiles than others, but don't worry: your smiles and joy help you show the light of the Lord!

Sunday, March 22nd

Fourth Sunday of Lent



→ When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest says:

Q **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

→ The people reply:

Q **Amen.**

Greeting

Q **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,/ and the love of God,/ and the communion of the Holy Spirit/ be with you all.**

Q **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Q **Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,/ and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.**

Q **I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,**

**that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done**

and in what I have failed to do,

→ *And, striking their breast, they say:*

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

→ *Then they continue:*

**therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Q **May almighty God have mercy on us,/ forgive us our sins,/ and bring us to everlasting life.**

Q **Amen.**

Kyrie, eleison

Q **Lord, have mercy.**

Q **Lord, have mercy.**

Q **Christ, have mercy.**

Q **Christ, have mercy.**

Q **Lord, have mercy.**

Q **Lord, have mercy.**



→ *The Gloria is omitted during Lent.*

THIS WEEK'S
SPOTLIGHT

The anointing of David

In the Bible, a person had to be anointed in order to become king. Anointing was a beautiful gesture in which a special oil was poured onto the person's head. In our first reading at Mass today, God sends Samuel to Jesse's home so that he can anoint his son David and make him the next king of Israel.

Collect

**Q O God, who through your Word/
reconcile the human race to yourself
in a wonderful way,/ grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager
faith/ the Christian people may hasten/
toward the solemn celebrations to
come./ Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,/ who lives and reigns with
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/
one God, for ever and ever.**

Q Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD



A reading from the first Book of Samuel

David is anointed as king of Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your **horn (1)** with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his **lofty stature (2)**, because I have **rejected (3)** him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance

but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was **ruddy (4)**, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

(1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a)

Q The word of the Lord.

Q Thanks be to God.



Psalm 23

**R The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want (5).**

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant (6) pastures he gives me
 repose (7);
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. R**

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

- (1) **Horns** of cattle were used to make strong containers for carrying things on a journey.
- (2) To have **lofty stature** means to be tall.
- (3) **To reject** really means “to throw back.” It is to refuse to choose or accept some person, thing, or idea.
- (4) **Ruddy** means having healthy rose-colored skin.
- (5) **To want** is to be in need of something.
- (6) **Verdant** means green with plants.
- (7) **Repose** is rest.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. **R**

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my **foes** (8);
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R**

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. **R**



**A reading from
the Letter of Saint Paul
to the Ephesians**

Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless **works of darkness** (9); rather expose them, for it is shameful even to men-

tion the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:/ "Awake, O sleeper;/ and arise from the dead;/ and Christ will give you light."

(Ephesians 5:8-14)

Q The word of the Lord.

Q Thanks be to God.



Verse before the Gospel

**Q Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

**Q I am the light of the world, says
the Lord;/ whoever follows me will
have the light of life.**

**Q Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory!**

Gospel

Q The Lord be with you.

Q And with your spirit.

**Q A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.**

Q Glory to you, O Lord.

THE DIFFICULT WORDS



- (8) **Foes** are enemies.
- (9) **works of darkness** are sins.
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A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

→ *The Priest can choose to read a longer form of this text. Here is the shorter one.*

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”—which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the **Pharisees (10)**. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a **sabbath (11)**. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such **signs (12)?**” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about

him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the **Son of Man (13)?**” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

(John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

🗨️ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

🗨️ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;

THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(10) The **Pharisees** are Jews who try to remain faithful to Moses’ law, even in the smallest acts of daily life. Jesus criticizes them for too severely judging those who don’t live like they do.

(11) In the Jewish religion, the **sabbath** is the seventh day of the week, or Saturday. No work was allowed on the sabbath.

(12) **Signs** are miracles.

(13) The **Son of Man** is another name for the Messiah, Jesus.

through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

→ *All bow until the words: "and became man."*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to

the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

→ *If the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud:*

🗨 **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the bread we offer you:/ fruit of the earth and work of human hands,/ it will become for us the bread of life.**

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

🗨 **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the wine we offer you:/ fruit of the vine and work of human hands,/ it will become our spiritual drink.**

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

Invitation to Prayer

🗨 **Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),/ that my sacrifice and yours/**

Sunday of joy

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we are halfway down the path that takes us to Easter. Just as if we were on a hike in the mountains, we take a break at the halfway point and look back with satisfaction at how far we have traveled already. The readings at Mass today invite us to stop and look with joy at the wonders that the Lord does for us. This Sunday is called Laetere Sunday, or the Sunday of joy. So let's be joyful! Let us all

may be acceptable to God,/ the almighty Father.

Q **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**



Prayer over the Offerings

Q **We place before you with joy these offerings,/ which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,/ praying that we may both faithfully revere them/ and present them to you, as is fitting,/ for the salvation of all the world./ Through Christ our Lord.**

Q **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Q **The Lord be with you.**

Q **And with your spirit.**

Q **Lift up your hearts.**

Q **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Q **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

Q **It is right and just.**

Preface: The Man Born Blind

Is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,/ always and everywhere to give you thanks,/ Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,/ through Christ our Lord./ By the mystery of the Incarnation,/ he has led the human race that walked in darkness/ into the radiance of the faith/ and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin/ through the waters of regeneration/ to make them your adopted children./ Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth/ sing a new song in adoration,/ and we, with all the host of Angels,/ cry out, and without end acclaim:

Q **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

→ *The Priest has over ten different texts to choose from. During this prayer, he asks the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Priest then says the words of Jesus:*

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT

take delight that we are on the road toward Easter, where we will meet our risen Lord!



“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,/ FOR THIS IS MY BODY,/ WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.”

“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,/ FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,/ THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,/ WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY/ FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS./ DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”

→ After the Body and Blood of Christ are raised, we say or sing an acclamation. This is the most common one:

🗨 **The mystery of faith.**

🗨 **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

→ During the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray for the whole Church. At the end, the Priest says:

🗨 **Through him, and with him, and in him,/ O God, almighty Father,/ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ all glory and honor is yours,/ for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

Communion Rite

🗨 **At the Savior’s command/ and formed by divine teaching,/ we dare to say:**

🗨 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

🗨 **Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,/ graciously grant peace in our days,/ that, by the help of your mercy,/ we may be always free from sin/ and safe from all distress,/ as we await the blessed hope/ and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

🗨 **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

🗨 **Lord Jesus Christ,/ who said to your Apostles:/ Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,/ look not on our sins,/ but on the faith of your Church,/ and graciously grant her peace and unity/ in accordance with your will./ Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

🗨 **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

🗨 **And with your spirit.**

🗨 **Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**

→ Then the Priest takes the host, breaks it over

Your prayer after Communion

After receiving Holy Communion, you can say this prayer silently to yourself. If you have not yet received your First Communion, you can still say this prayer because of your desire to receive Jesus.

● Father, through Jesus Christ, in union with
● the whole Church, I thank you for coming
● into my heart. Thank you for sending us
● Jesus, the light of the world.

the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice.
Meanwhile, the following is sung or said:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world,
grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

→ While holding up the consecrated host, the Priest says:

☞ **Behold the Lamb of God, / behold him who takes away the sins of the world. / Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

☞ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Prayer after Communion

☞ **O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, / illuminate our hearts, we pray, / with the splendor of your grace, / that we may always ponder / what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty / and love you in all sincerity. / Through**

Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

Brief announcements

Prayer over the People and Final Blessing

☞ **The Lord be with you.**

☞ **And with your spirit.**

☞ **Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, / and sustain the weak; / give life by your unfailing light / to those who walk in the shadow of death, / and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil / to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.**

☞ **Amen.**

☞ **And may the blessing of almighty God, / the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, / come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

☞ **Amen.**

Dismissal

→ In these or similar words the Priest or Deacon dismisses the people:

☞ **Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.**

☞ **Thanks be to God.**



May this Communion in his Body and Blood open the eyes of my heart to see your beauty in the world, and to notice the needs of others.

Now, listen attentively to the prayer that the Priest is going to say in the name of the entire congregation. It is your prayer, too. You can follow along in *MagnifiKid!* It is the Prayer after Communion.

Bringing It All Together

On the day of your baptism, your parents, your godfather, or your godmother lit a candle from the big Easter candle. The Priest told them:



“Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. He/she (*meaning you*) is to walk always as a child of the light. May he/she keep the flame of faith alive in his/her heart...”



Through your baptism,
you glow with the light
of Christ.

Today, to continue along your path toward Easter, look for all the important times of your life as a baptized child which were signs of the light of Christ: your First Communion, a baptism you witnessed, a particular moment of prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a pilgrimage...

Open your Lenten notebook to page 5 and write down all these important moments around the flame. Also write the names of the people who lit up the days of your week with their kindness, their words, and their smiles.



Make a nice sign of the cross and say this prayer to the Lord:

“Thank you, Lord. Your light shines through the true, good, and beautiful moments in my life.”



In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.

*Let us follow Christ, for he is the light of
the world!*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

*Lord, help us to follow you closely, so
that we may be a reflection of your light
for everyone to see. Amen.*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.

Pray Morning Evening

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Thank you, Lord, for lighting our path throughout
this day.*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Jesus, though it is now dark, your light burns within
me. Please give me the rest I need to live tomorrow
more fully as a child of the light. Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven...

*In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*If you want to, before
falling asleep, you can also
say the Hail Mary.*



Quiz

Are you someone who brings light?

▶ To find out, take this quiz, count the number of ●, of ■, and of ▲, and look at the results at the bottom of the page.

1. Your friend Lyle is very sad because his goldfish has just died.

- You don't understand why he is so sad: it's only a goldfish.
- You suggest playing his favorite game to cheer him up and get his mind off of the fish.
- ▲ You are silent because you don't really know what to say.



2. Today it's cold and rainy. It's impossible to go outside and play.

- It doesn't matter! You invent a game with your brothers and sisters or you invite a friend over.
- ▲ You take advantage of the time and get ahead in your homework.
- You are bored and wander around like a lion in a cage.



3. When you get into an argument with your brother,

- ▲ you pout somewhere by yourself.
- every time you walk by him, you give him a kick. He deserves it!
- you are very unhappy and you quickly go and tell him you're sorry.



4. At school, your best friend is helping others with their spelling homework, but you notice she makes a mistake on one of the words.

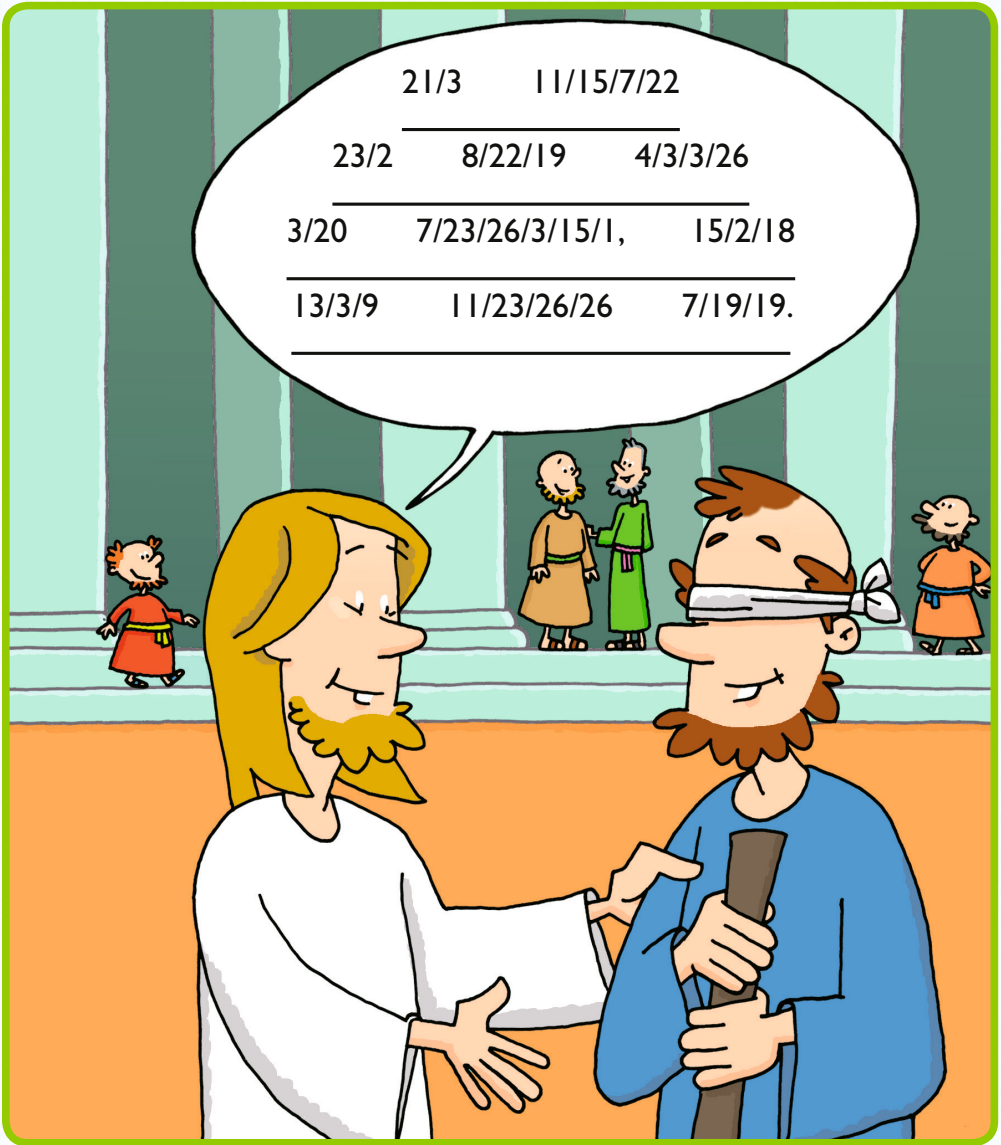
- You don't dare say anything. It's not a big deal if everyone believes what she says.
- ▲ You don't say anything for the moment, but later you will tell her that she was mistaken.
- Being very careful not to hurt her feelings, you tell her that she is possibly wrong.

Results

● If you have more understanding another person's unhappiness or sorrow is difficult if you are not feeling the same thing. In order to bring light to others, begin by paying attention to what makes people happy. Little by little, you will find ideas which bring joy and spread light to those around you.

▲ If you have more know how to express your feelings when you want to comfort or reassure someone. Try to put yourself in the other person's place in order to feel what he or she must be going through. Then you can better bring this person joy and support. You will be spreading light all around you.

■ If you have more Bravo! You are attentive to others and you especially know how not to put yourself first. You are inventive in bringing fun into life during times which are not so joyful. You reconcile with others quickly because you don't like arguments to last very long. You are truly someone who brings light to your family and to your friends.



Help the blind man understand what Jesus is saying to him by solving this puzzle. Clue: A=15.

Dear parents,

Remind your children to do the activities suggested in the Lenten notebook provided by MagnifiKid! Lent is a time of prayer and conversion. Each year the Church gives us this season of grace to look at our lives and make the changes we know we should be making. We are Catholics, and we want to live as Catholics, not just on Sundays, but every day in every way. Make Lent special by choosing some practices as a family. For example, you could do away with desserts, say the family prayer (see further) each night, cut back on TV and other media, or spend time together helping an elderly person. Don't focus merely on the external practices, but on choosing to put God first in your family life. May this Lent bring new joy and love to your family!

■ Pray as a family

During March, MagnifiKid! suggests that you pray for the grace to trust in God's will for your family. We cling to all sorts of things hoping for some sense of security and self-confidence. Lent invites us to let go of our worries and to trust in God alone. Fasting (in whatever form that takes) helps us to let go and to feel our hunger for the Lord. Almsgiving reminds us that what we have is a gift to be shared. Prayer turns us toward God in trust. Use the Lenten notebook (found in the Ash Wednesday issue) and the prayer below to help you pray as a family.

■ Thy will be done

The parent who is leading the prayer says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All make the sign of the cross. The parent continues with:

Father, this month, we enter the holy season of Lent. During these holy days, we want to grow in our trust and love of you. May your will be done in our family.

All continue with the Lord's Prayer:

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Next, the parent invites each family member to mention some worry that he or she wants to entrust to the Lord, or some event that strengthened his or her faith that God never forgets us. After each person finishes speaking, all respond with:

Father, not my will but yours be done.

(Luke 22:42)

Or: Jesus, I trust in you.

The parent who is leading the prayer concludes with:

Lord our God, you know what makes us worry, and you know all our needs. We

entrust our lives to you, and the concerns of those we love. Take care of us, and help us to trust in your loving care. Amen.

All make the sign of the cross.

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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