

Children's Newsletter

St Margaret Mary's

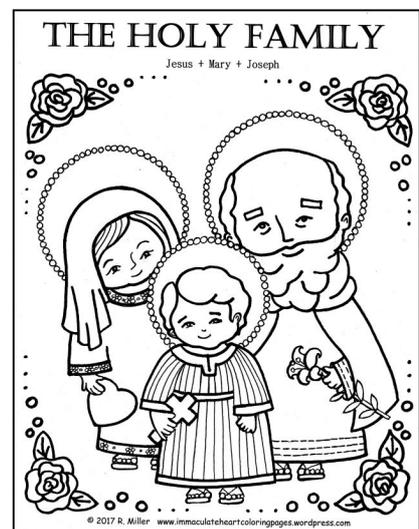
Mark 3:20-35

Jesus is back at his home and there is a crowd waiting for him. Not everyone is sure that he is wonderful and comes from God. They probably remember him when he was a little boy and it can be difficult to see him as he is now.

10th
Sunday of
the Year

Jesus belonged to a family. He had parents and relatives just like us.

Draw all the members of your family. Around each picture, draw some of the things you think they like. Then ask them and see if you are right. Do you know your family well?



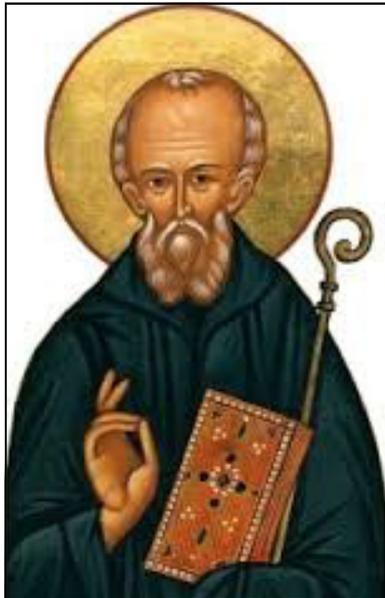
St Columba

St. Columba was born in 521AD, probably in Donegal, Ireland. He studied at Moville under St. Finnian then in Leinster at the monastery of Clonard under another St. Finnian. He was ordained before he was twenty-five and spent the next fifteen years preaching and setting up monasteries at Derry, Durrow, and Kells.

He went to Scotland and founded a famous monastery. He and his monks preached to the native Scots, called the Picts.

He died on Iona and is also known as Colm, Colum and Columcille. His feast day is June 9.

He is the patron saint of Derry, bookbinders, floods and poets.



Forgiveness

In the first reading we hear about how Adam and Eve did not do as god had asked. They ate the fruit from the forbidden tree and that meant that God sent them out of the Garden of Eden.

However, God also promised that he would send his son to save everyone.

We all do things we shouldn't do. We might argue with family and friends. We might lie to stay out of trouble. We might say we will do something then not do it.

Nobody is perfect.

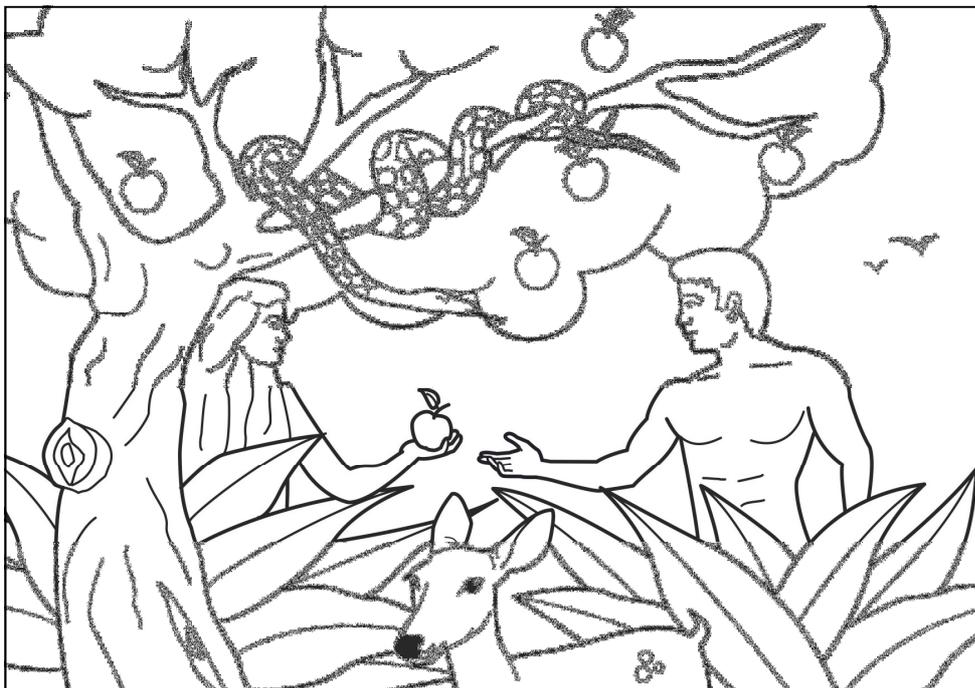
But god loves us no matter what we do and if we say sorry and mean it, then he will always forgive us.

That is wonderful to know. And as we grow up, we should try to remember that this is true.

It isn't enough to just say sorry. We have to mean it and we have to try to be better and not do the same thing again.

Here is a prayer to ask God to forgive you;

O my God, I am sorry for my sins because I have offended you. I know I should love you above all things. Help me to do penance, to do better, and to avoid anything that might lead me to sin. Amen.



Perhaps you could write your own prayer here?