

# Children's Newsletter

## St Margaret Mary's

**Luke 14: 25-33**

**23rd Sunday of the Year**

Jesus doesn't promise that everything in life will be easy if we follow him. Instead he says that sometimes it will be hard.

But we are sure that it will be worth it. Just like when we work hard at school especially if we find something hard. In the end it is worth it.

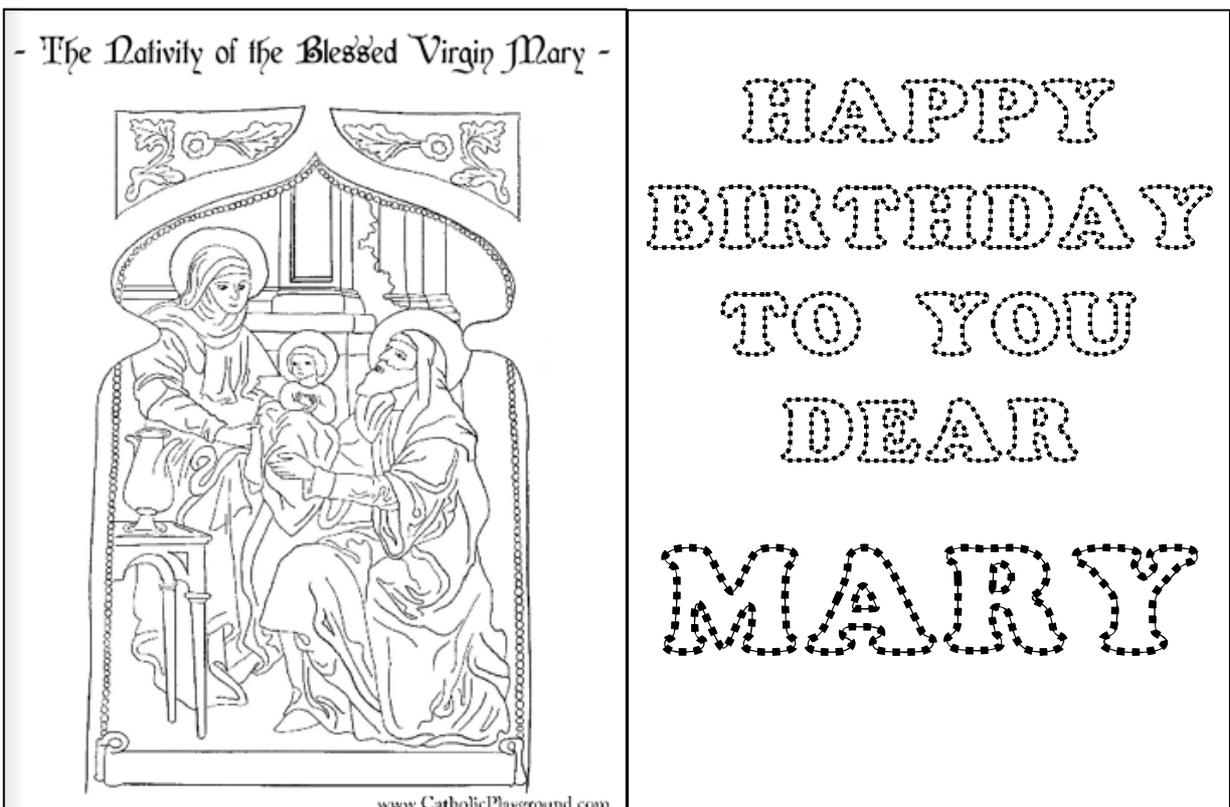
Perhaps what we need to remember is that we should never give up.

### Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Aren't birthdays great? It's always exciting when it is your birthday and on September 8th we celebrate a very special birthday. It is the birthday of Mary, who would later become the mother of Jesus.

This birthday has been celebrated in the Church for more than 1400 years and shows how important we believe Mary is. Her parents were called Joachim and Anna and they were quite old when they had Mary so she must have been very special to them as well.

Colour in the birthday card for Mary.



## Season of Creation

As the season continues, it is good to keep thinking of what we can do to protect the world. There used to be a pop song a while ago and it started like this;

*From a distance the world looks blue and green  
And the snow capped mountains white.  
From a distance the ocean meets the stream  
And the eagle takes to flight.  
From a distance there is harmony,  
And it echoes through the land,  
It's the voice of hope,  
It's the voice of peace.  
It's the voice of every man*

From a distance, like space, the world must look wonderful. Pope Francis reminds us that the Earth is home to all of us, all the people, all the animals, insects and plants and we must do everything we can do to look after it.

Now is a good time to make a bug hotel for your garden. There are lots of ways to make them and you can look on-line. A very simple one is below;

Take a plastic 2l bottle, wash and dry it.

Get an adult to cut the bottle into 2 cylinder shapes.

Now fill each cylinder with a variety of twigs, fir cones, short bamboo sticks, leaves even straw if you have it.

Pack everything in tightly but without squashing it too much.

Tie some string around the cylinder and tie it on branch of a tree, or place on the a pile of stones in a sheltered place.

Children can't make a difference? Do you think this is true? Some children certainly don't.



### Turning Jeans into Insulation

Erek—9 years old

When Erek was nine years old, he read that denim jeans could be recycled. They were made into insulation for keeping houses warm. Some of this kind of insulation was donated to places where homes needed to be repaired after natural disasters.

Erek liked this idea and his family agreed he could hold a denim drive in their driveway. Many people brought old jeans. It was a big success and Erek has been organizing these drives ever since. Many more people are involved now, through schools, churches and companies.

In the first 3 years, Erek's organization kept 9,758 pairs of jeans out of landfill. That number adds up to 10 tons of cotton, and enough insulation for about 20 homes! Two years after the first denim drive, Erek added shoes to his collecting. Shoes that were still wearable are sent to people who need them. Worn out shoes are ground up and made into footpaths, running treads, carpet pads or playground mulch. **That's amazing, isn't it?**

**JESUS TEACHES HOW TO PRAY**

Follow the path to Jesus.

### Books of the Bible

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