



# Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
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to Mass today.

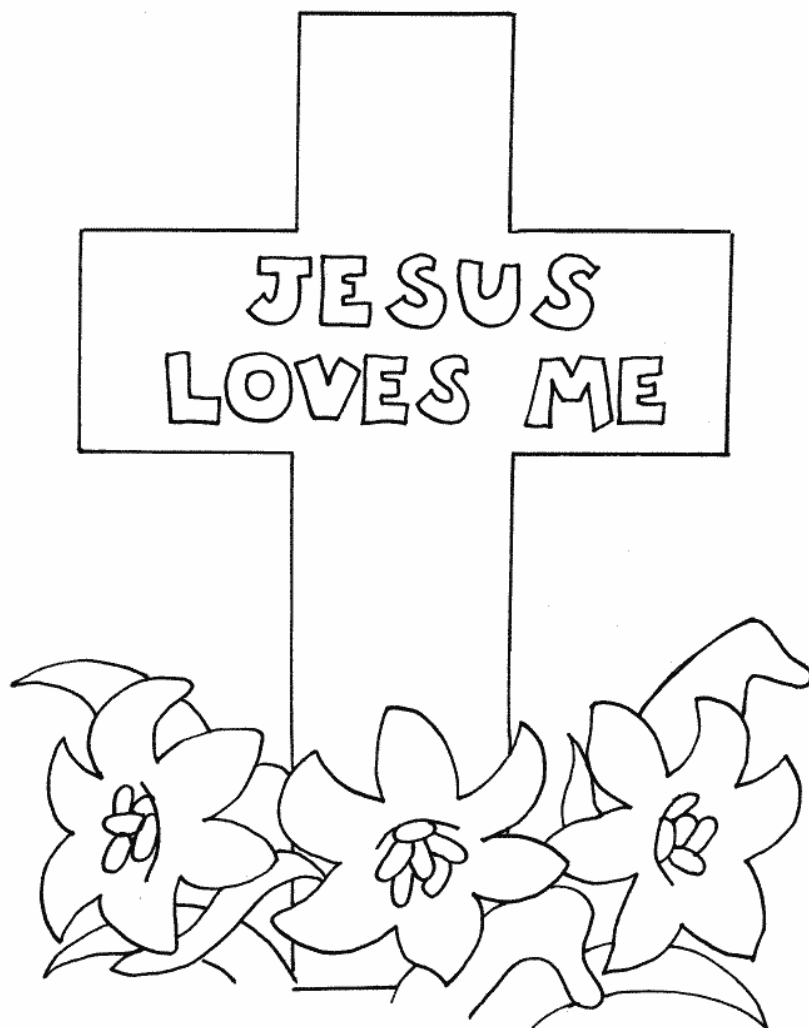
## “I Forgive You”

*Fifth Sunday of Lent. Year C.*

In today's Gospel, we hear how the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus. They brought a woman to him who had been caught doing something wrong. Many of the Jewish laws carried serious punishments for anyone who was caught breaking them, and one such punishment was to be stoned (or put to death by a crowd of people throwing rocks at them). This is what their law said should happen to the woman.

So how do you think Jesus answered them? Do you think he wanted anyone to throw stones at the woman? No! But if he released the woman, they were hoping they could accuse him of not obeying the law, for which *he* could also be punished. After a few moments of thought, Jesus suggested to them that the person to throw the first stone should be someone who had never done anything wrong. Now there had been a crowd of people around him at this point, and one by one, as you can imagine, the people left. Eventually, it was just the woman and Jesus who was left. “Has anyone thrown a stone at you?” he asked. “No, sir”, she replied. “Then I have forgiven you,” Jesus said. “Now go and sin no more”.

However hard we try, there are always times where we make bad choices, and do wrong - often hurting other people in the process. Not only did Jesus save the woman from her accusers with a few carefully chosen words, but his forgiveness gave her the chance to put her past behind her and start afresh. That compassion and forgiveness is for us too! So when you next make a bad choice, do your best to put it right, and make the most of that fresh start...



# Word Search

“Jesus said to her, ‘Has anyone thrown a stone at you?’.

‘No, sir,’ she answered.

‘Then I have forgiven you,’ he said. ‘Now go and sin no more’.”

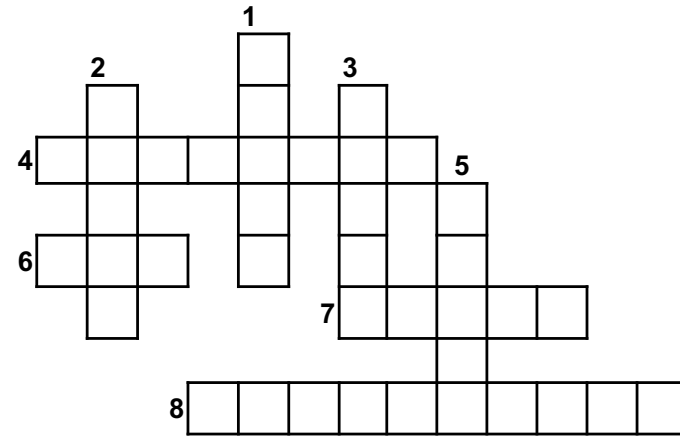


This week's word search is based on John 8: 1-11

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 A N Q T D F I T P W G O Q O A  
 T J R V L S M S R O M N U R U  
 H A U E T E A C H I N G A G G  
 E O S D E A C X K U C X X I H  
 R Y W O M A N C L E A K K V T  
 E O R J P E T H T H R O W E V  
 D X O R L T M J S H O W V N H  
 A W N L E F U E E M C R O W D  
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 S T O N E D W A I V I S G C G  
 R I I A O I M V V A L O N E E  
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 W F G B L I P H A R I S E E S

TEACHING	TEMPLE	THROW
WOMAN	CAUGHT	WRONGDOING
LAW	STONED	TRICK
PHARISEES	JESUS	CROWD
GATHERED	LEAVE	FORGIVEN
GO	SIN	ALONE

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

4. What Jesus told the woman in today's Gospel - that she was \_\_\_\_\_
6. A rule that all people are expected to follow
7. A small rock
8. A sin, being naughty etc are all examples of \_\_\_\_\_

## DOWN

1. To try and catch someone out is to \_\_\_\_\_ them
2. What a girl is called when she is grown up
3. God's Son
5. A big group of people

Crowd	Law	Trick	Jesus
Forgiven	Woman	Wrongdoing	Stone

# Children's Prayer

Loving Father, please fill us with compassion and love, and make us people of forgiveness, according to your commandments of love. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

