



"If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him -- work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you've made a friend."

(Matthew 18:15)



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

Building Bridges

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

Once upon a time, there were two brothers. Their father had a large farm, and when he became too old to work, he called his sons to him and said "I will divide my farm in half and give each of you one half. I know that you will always work together and will be good friends." When the brothers first started farming on their adjoining farms, they were the best of friends and would share everything together. Then, one day they had an argument and stopped speaking. For many years, not a word was spoken between them.

One day, one of the brothers was at his house when a carpenter came to his door, asking for work. The brother thought for a moment and then replied, "I would like you to build a fence down near the stream there that separates my farm from my brother's. I don't want to see my brother any more, so make the fence high please". That evening, he was shocked to see that the carpenter had not followed his instructions. Instead of building a high fence, he had built a bridge over the stream. When the man walked down to take a look at the bridge, his brother walked towards him from the other side. His brother said, "After all the terrible things I've done to you over the years, I can't believe that you would build a bridge and welcome me back." He reached out to his brother and gave him a big hug. The brother asked the carpenter to stay, but he answered "I'm sorry but I can't. I have to go, for I have many other bridges to build."

When we have disagreements with others, Jesus doesn't want us to build fences. He wants us to build a bridge of love between us, for us to live in peace and harmony.

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words:

E	L	K	U	O	M	C	I	T	Q	A	B	X
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

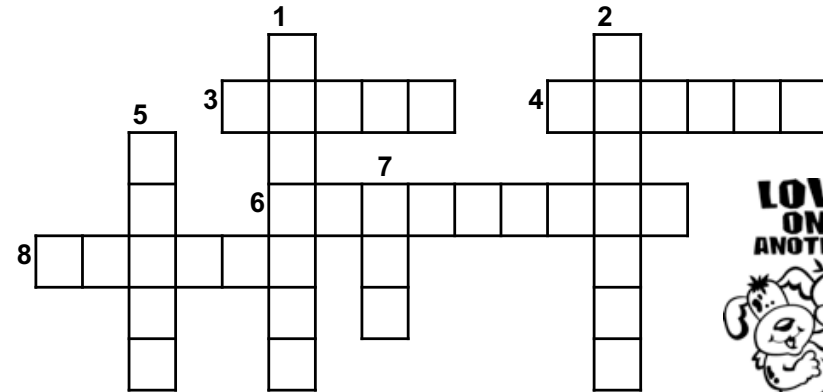
R	W	G	J	S	F	D	V	H	Y	P	N	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 12-5-4-25-20 _____
- 19-11-4-2-9 _____
- 18-8-25-18 _____
- 12-14-5-9-22-1-14 _____
- 22-1-11-21-1-25 _____
- 25-11-6-1 _____
- 9-1-18-9-8-6-5-25-23 _____
- 2-8-18-9-1-25 _____
- 1-11-14-9-22 _____
- 9-5-16-1-9-22-1-14 _____

Name	Testimony	Sins	Earth	Together
Heaven	Listen	Bound	Fault	Brother



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- A statement proven to be accurate
- To pay attention; to make an effort to hear something
- A spoken or written statement that something is true
- All followers of Christ as a group

DOWN

- A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organisation
- A person who sees an event happen
- A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
- Breaking a religious law

Brother	Testimony	Sin	Listen
Witness	Fault	Church	Truth

Children's Prayer

Hello Jesus. We know you want us to live together in peace and harmony. Please help us to love one another, and to make friends again when we fall out. Amen.

