



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.



I follow Jesus, God's Son

Count The Cost

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Year C.

We had building work done to our house recently, and there were lots of decisions we needed to make. For instance, we needed to choose a new bath for our bathroom. We want to make the right decision, because we will be living with our decision for a very long time. So we looked in a brochure and came up with three baths we liked, with one as our clear favourite. But when we found out how much our favourite cost, we didn't like it so much; it would cost us too much money, and we didn't like it enough for that. So we chose another bath, which was at the right price.

We all face important decisions in life. The most important decision we face is whether we will follow Jesus or not. Perhaps you might say, "Oh, that is an easy decision. Of course I will follow Jesus," but Jesus warned that it isn't always easy to follow him. He said that we should sit down and count the cost, and make sure that we are up to the challenge and can finish what we start. As a follower of Jesus, we must be prepared to forgive as we are forgiven, serve as Jesus served, and love as Jesus loved. We need to put our love for God and our neighbour before everything else in our lives, and this demands total unselfishness and dedication.

Jesus said, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." And Jesus carried his cross to Calvary. It was on that cross that Jesus gave his life so that you and I could have everlasting life. When we choose to carry our cross, it means that we are willing to give up everything to follow Jesus. It is a choice we have to make.

Word Search

This word search is based on
Luke 14: 25-33

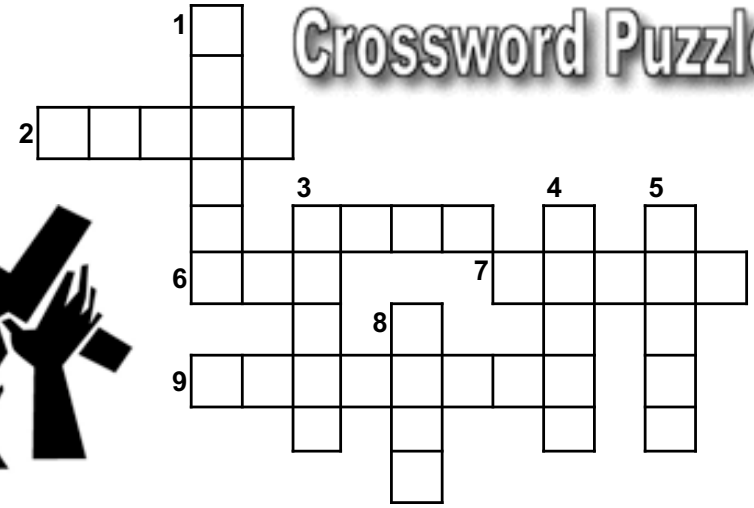


AND FOLLOW ME

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

PEACE	ENOUGH	TOWER
LARGE	ESTIMATE	CROWDS
CROSS	MONEY	JESUS
DISCIPLE	BUILD	KING
CARRY	COST	FOLLOW

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- To form something by combining materials or parts; to construct
- The amount paid for something; the price
- Fighting between two or more countries
- Coins or currency used to buy things
- A follower of Jesus

DOWN

- To do as a leader does; to imitate a leader
- A wooden structure consisting of an upright with a horizontal beam
- A very tall, narrow building, or part of a building
- A male ruler in some countries

Cost	King	Tower	Cross	Money
Follow	War	Peace	Disciple	Build

Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. We thank you for being willing to carry your cross to Calvary. Help us to make the choice to take our cross and follow you. Amen.

