God's Word for Children

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As you work your way through this maze, write the first letter of each picture inside the circles. Then write the letters in order onto the blanks. They'll spell what God is and what God wants us to be, too!
ALL SOULS

Next Monday, November 2, is All Souls Day, a time to remember all people who have died. Around the year 1030, St. Odilo, abbot of the monastery of Cluny, chose this date for the monks of his community to say prayers, make sacrifices, and give alms in memory of the dead.

A long time ago in England, people went from door to door on this day singing, “Soul, a soul, a soul cake! Please, good missus, a soul cake!” This custom was known as “going a-souling.” Some people think this is how the custom of trick-or-treat probably started. The person who answered the door handed the singers a small cake, sometimes with a list of the names of family members who had died, asking for prayers in exchange for the cakes.

Ask an adult to help you check the Internet for a soul cake recipe. You might decide to bake or buy some soul cakes (or you can use doughnuts instead) to share on All Hallows Eve (Halloween) or on All Souls Day (November 2). As you eat your soul cakes, you can share stories of the people you know who have died. Remember to say a prayer thanking God for those people and for all the love they shared with you.

Folk once went from door to door and begged for one sweet cake; in turn a prayer would offer for a soul the Lord did take.
You turned to God from idols
1 Thessalonians 1:9
GOD’S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Jesus said, “You are to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the First Commandment.”

Ex 22:20-26  Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
1 Thes 1:5-10  Mt 22:34-40

Directions: Use the letters in heart, soul, and mind to spell 10 new words.

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The Ten Commandments

Directions:
1. On a large piece of paper write the Ten Commandments as listed below.
2. Alternate the color of marker you use so each line stands out.
3. Decorate your poster and hang it in your room to recite each morning when you wake up.

The Ten Commandments
1. I, the Lord, am your God; you shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Jesus also said, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two Commandments.”

Directions: Find and circle the following words in the seek and find puzzle.

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<th>COMMANDMENT</th>
<th>HEART</th>
<th>LORD</th>
<th>MIND</th>
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<th>YOURSELF</th>
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Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

When Jesus was asked, which is the greatest commandment, he said, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and ...

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Answer: with all your mind.

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For you, Jesus. If you want it, I want it, too.

Bl. Chiara Badano

Italian teenager with a great love for her faith. She died of a painful bone cancer in 1990, having fully accepted her sufferings.
Jesus said that the first commandment was the greatest (see Matthew 22:37).

Color and cut out the puzzle pieces at the bottom. Tape or paste them to match inside the heart shape. Then read what we should always do!

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