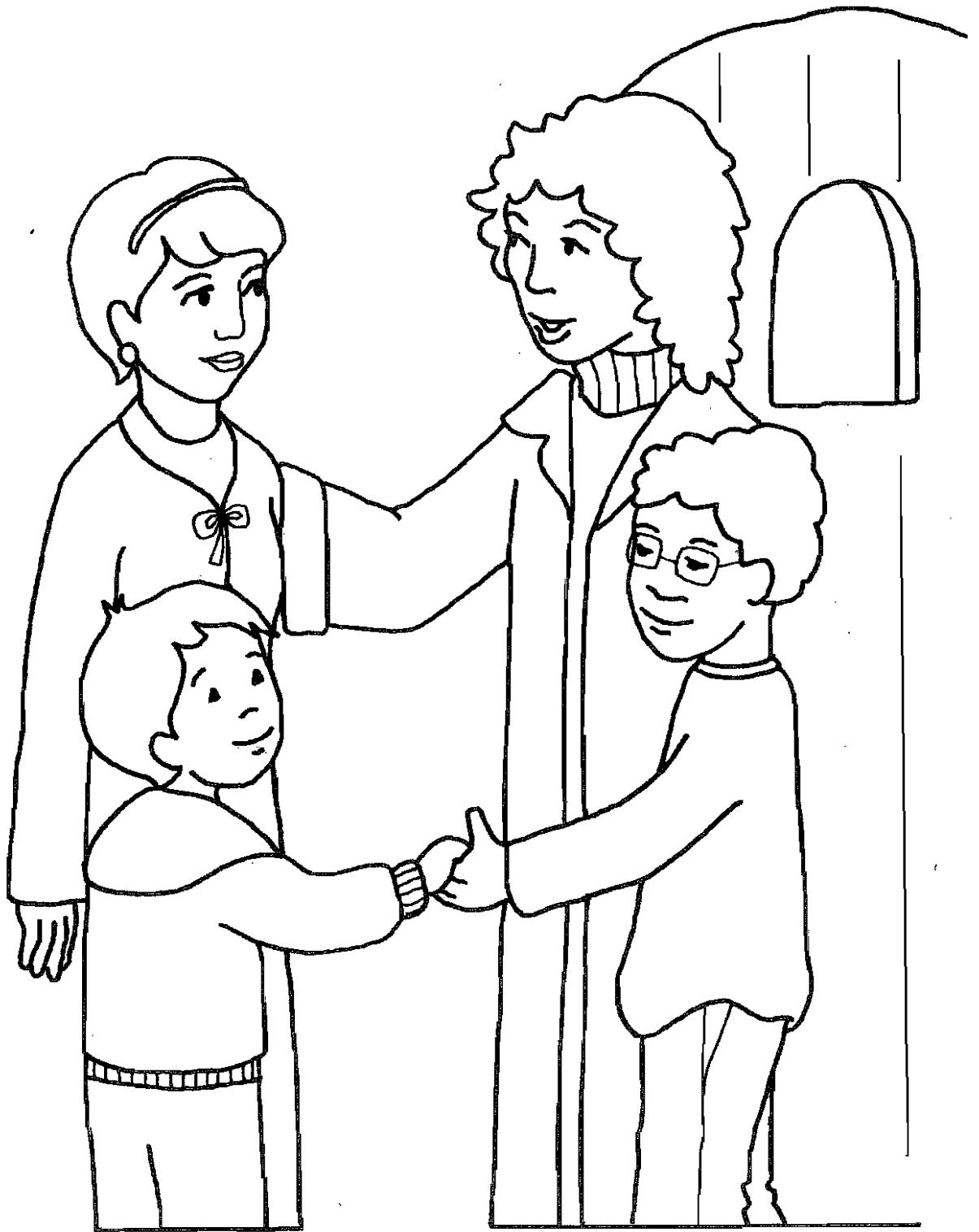


## **Let's Get Ready!**

Sunday is a special day when we celebrate God's greatest gift to us: Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that he died on the cross and rose from the dead for us. He is alive! On Sunday we go to church together.

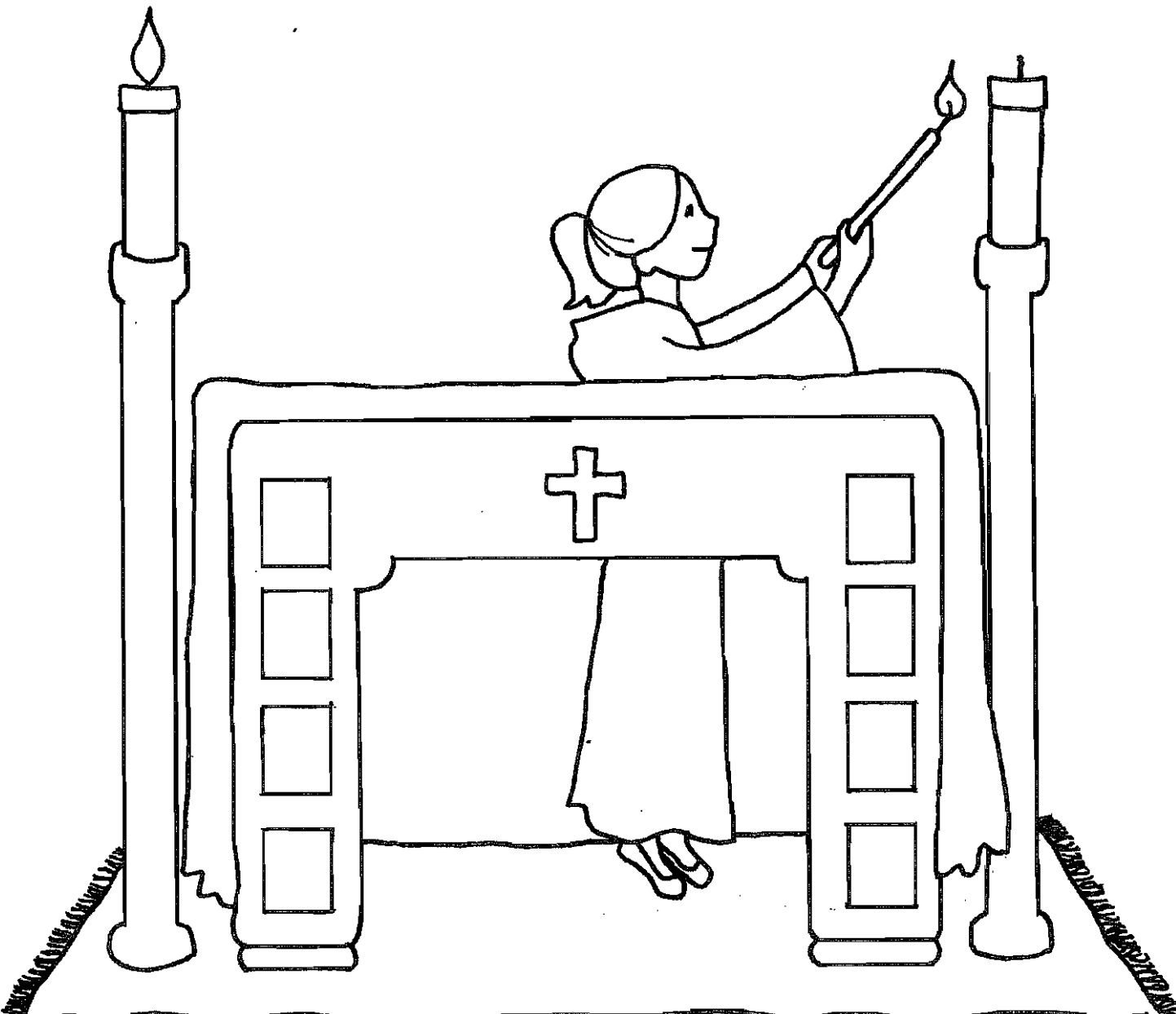
We thank God for all the gifts we receive every day.



## **Welcome!**

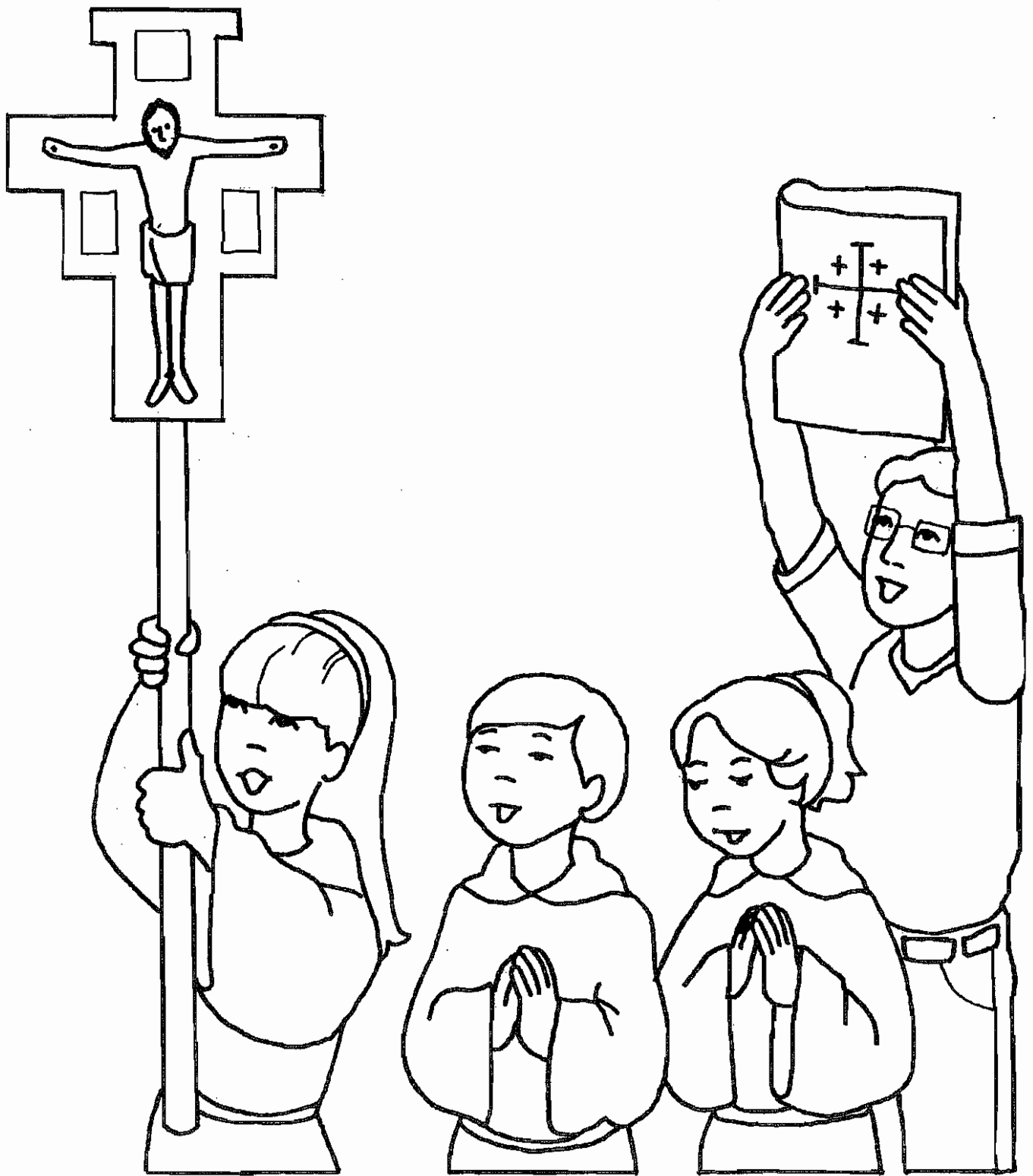
We come to church to celebrate because we are God's family.

Let us love one another! Let us also come to church to hear God's Word and to show our love and thanks and adoration to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit for his gifts to us.



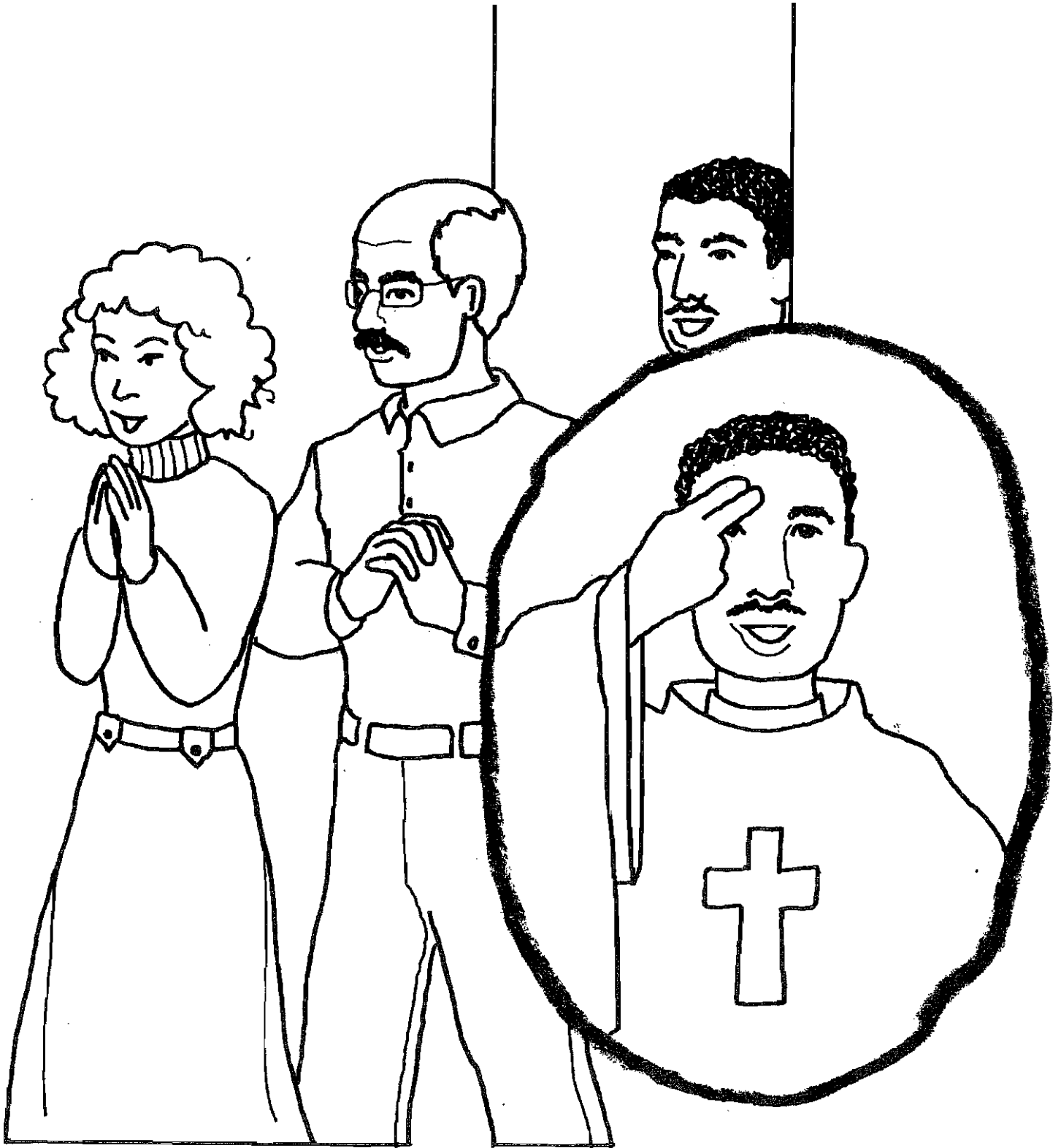
# Gathering Together at God's Table

We greet each other as we gather around the table of the Lord to celebrate all that Jesus does for us. We remember the meal Jesus shared with his apostles. We are ready to share this meal, too.



## **Come with Joy!**

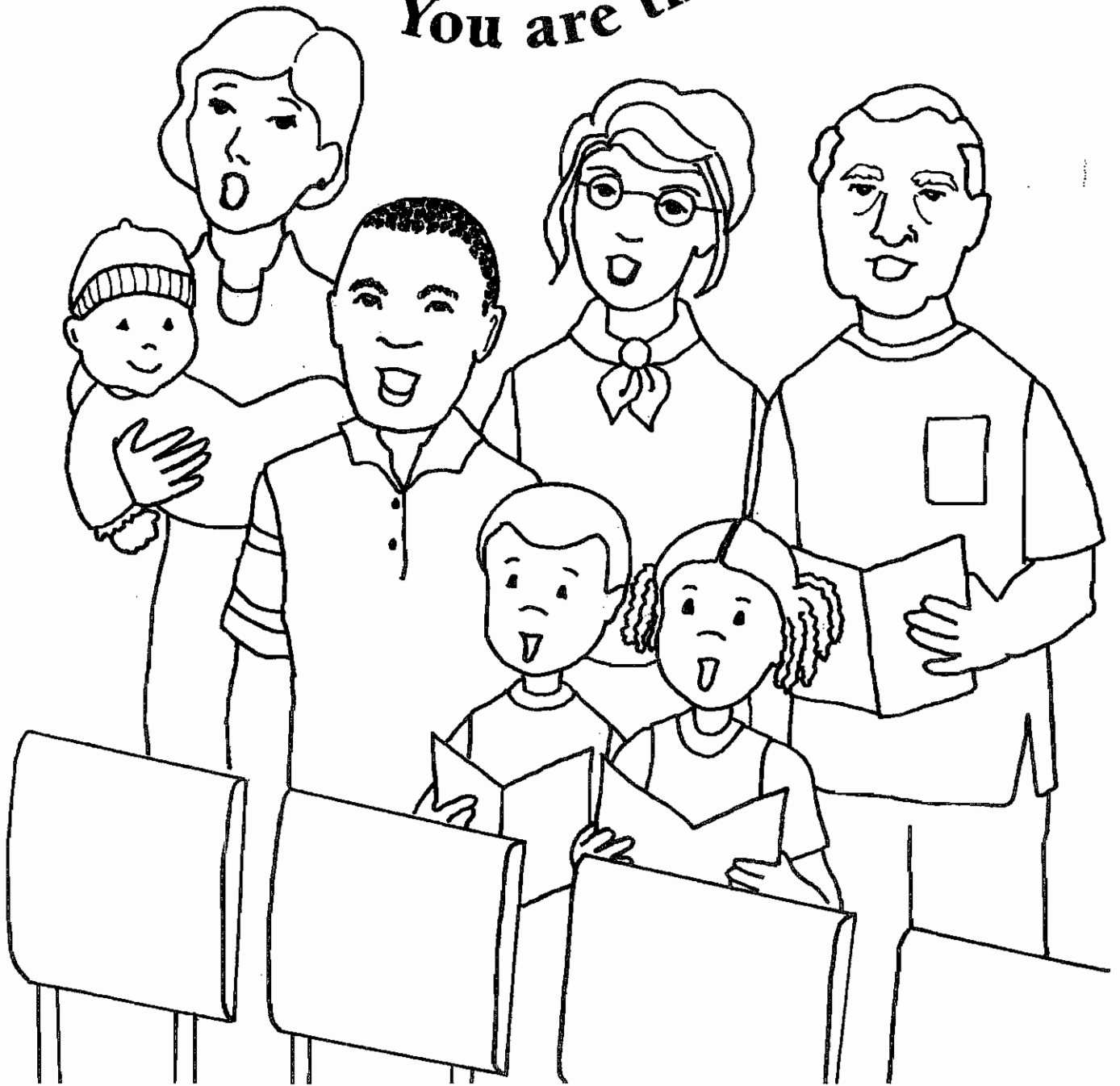
When we sing together we are all united as the Body of Christ.  
We rejoice to be in the house of God and to be God's family.  
We are ready to hear God's Word and celebrate the Eucharist.



## Let's Begin

Father invites us to pray: **“In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”** We pause to remember how God forgives us whenever we do not live according to God's ways. Lord, have mercy! We love you and want to live as you teach us!

**You are the most high!**



## **Glory to God!**

On Sundays and special days we sing a song the Church has sung for many, many years: **Glory to God!** Peace to everyone!

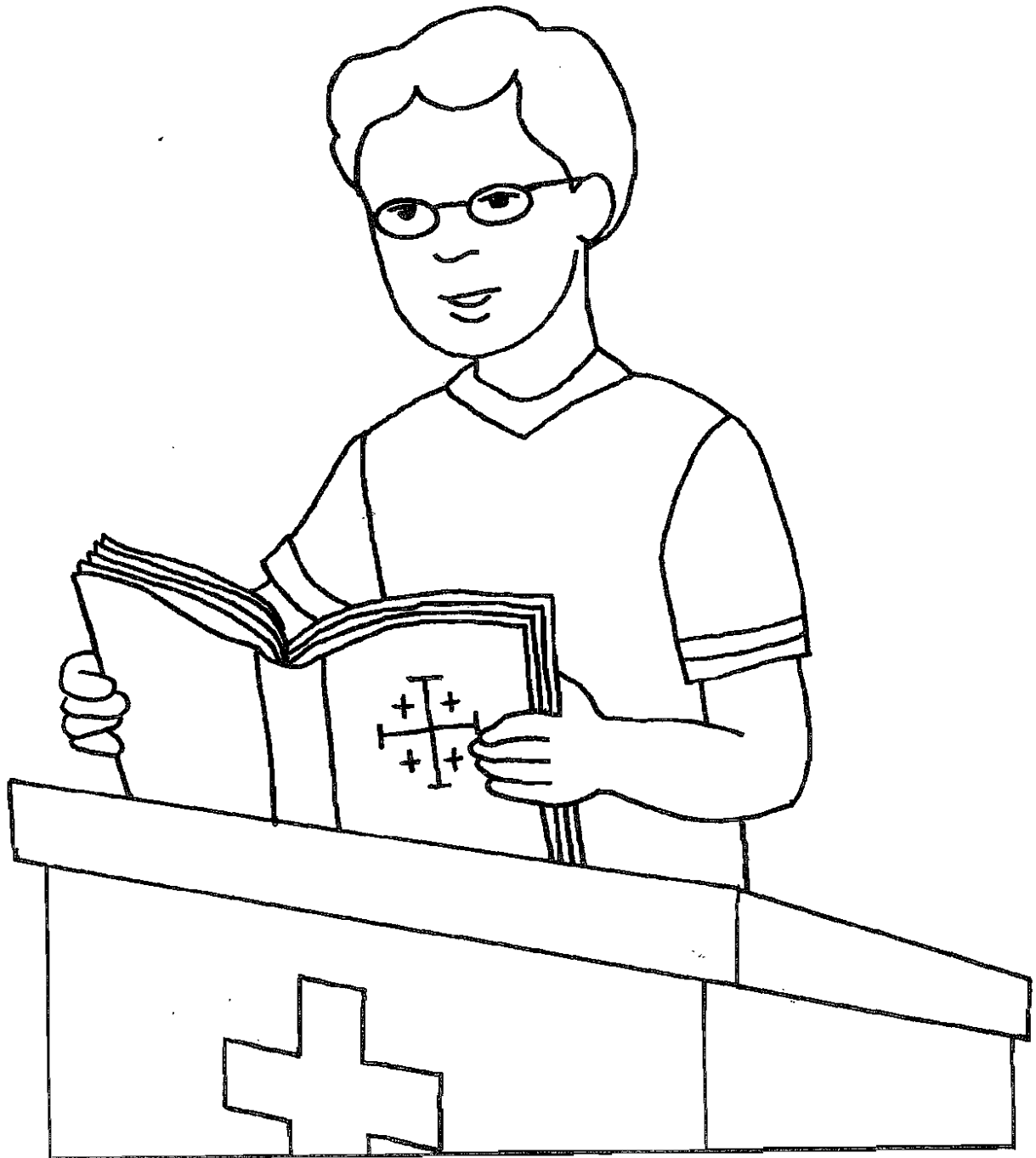
God, we want to honor you and love you always.



## **Let us pray...**

We bow our heads and pray to God.

After a few moments of silence, Father offers a prayer in the name of all of us. We answer: **Amen!**



## **The Word of God**

We listen to God's Word in the First Reading. We respond to this Word with the Responsorial Psalm. Then we hear the Second Reading.

God is speaking to us in these readings from the Bible. We listen carefully. We let God's Word reach into our hearts.





## **The Gospel of the Lord**

We stand to listen to the very special words of the Gospel. We sing as the Gospel book is carried high. The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus. We want to hear Jesus' words to us. We pay attention.



## **The Homily**

Father explains God's Word to us. He helps us to understand the Readings and the Gospel. We learn how to live the way God wants us to.

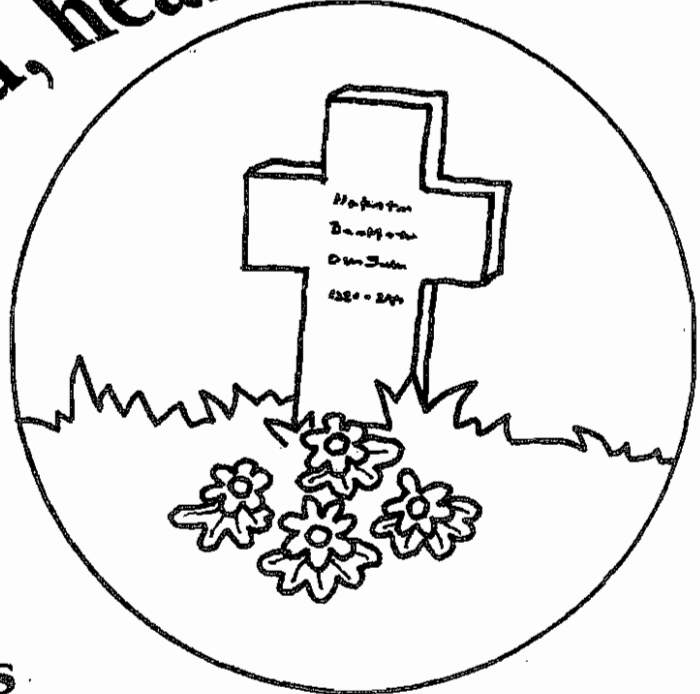
## The Profession of Faith

We believe! Together we declare what we believe about God when we pray the Nicene Creed. Many Christians were killed as martyrs because they believed these truths about God. We are grateful to believe in God and to share what we believe with other people.



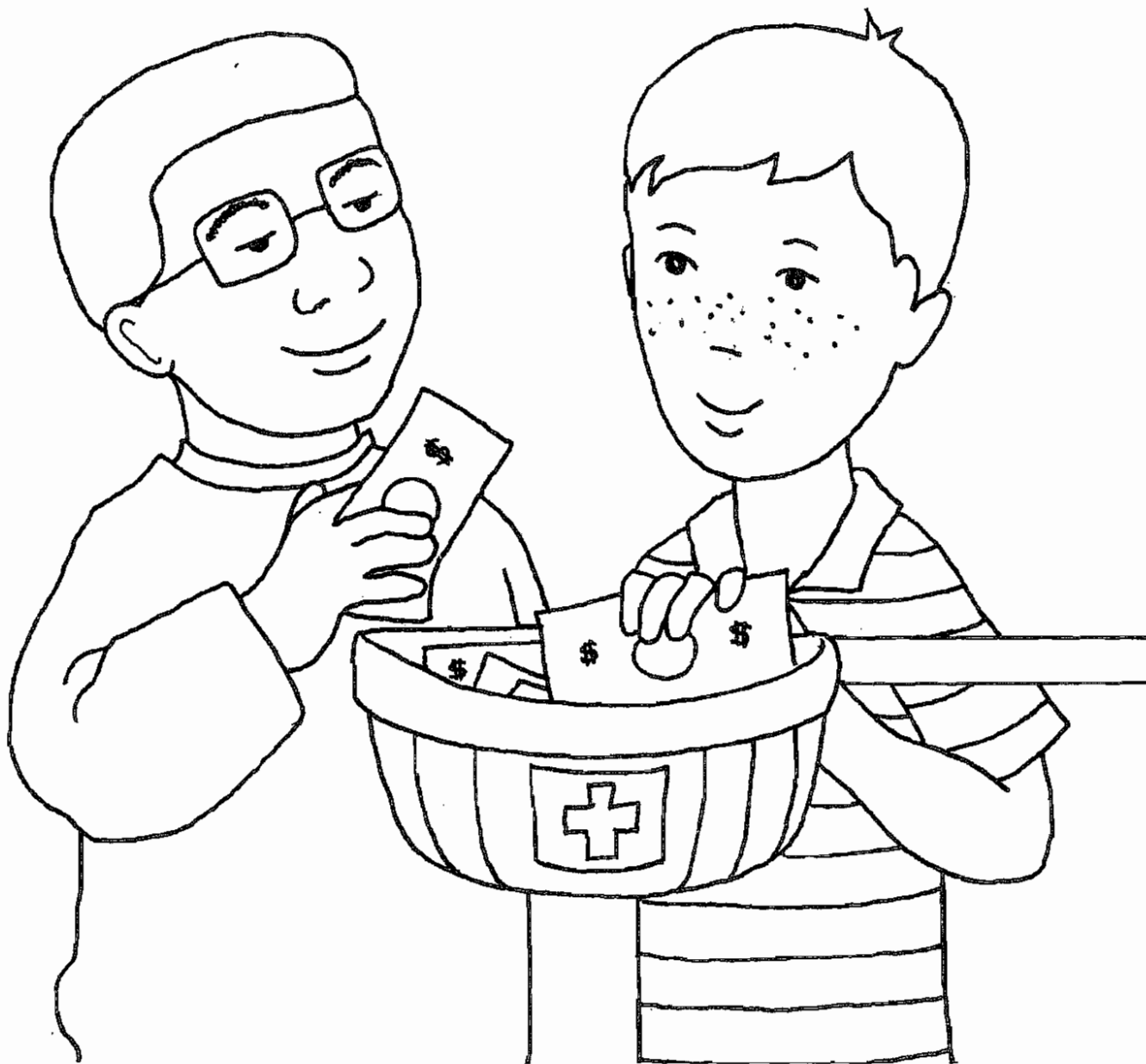


**Lord, hear our prayer.**



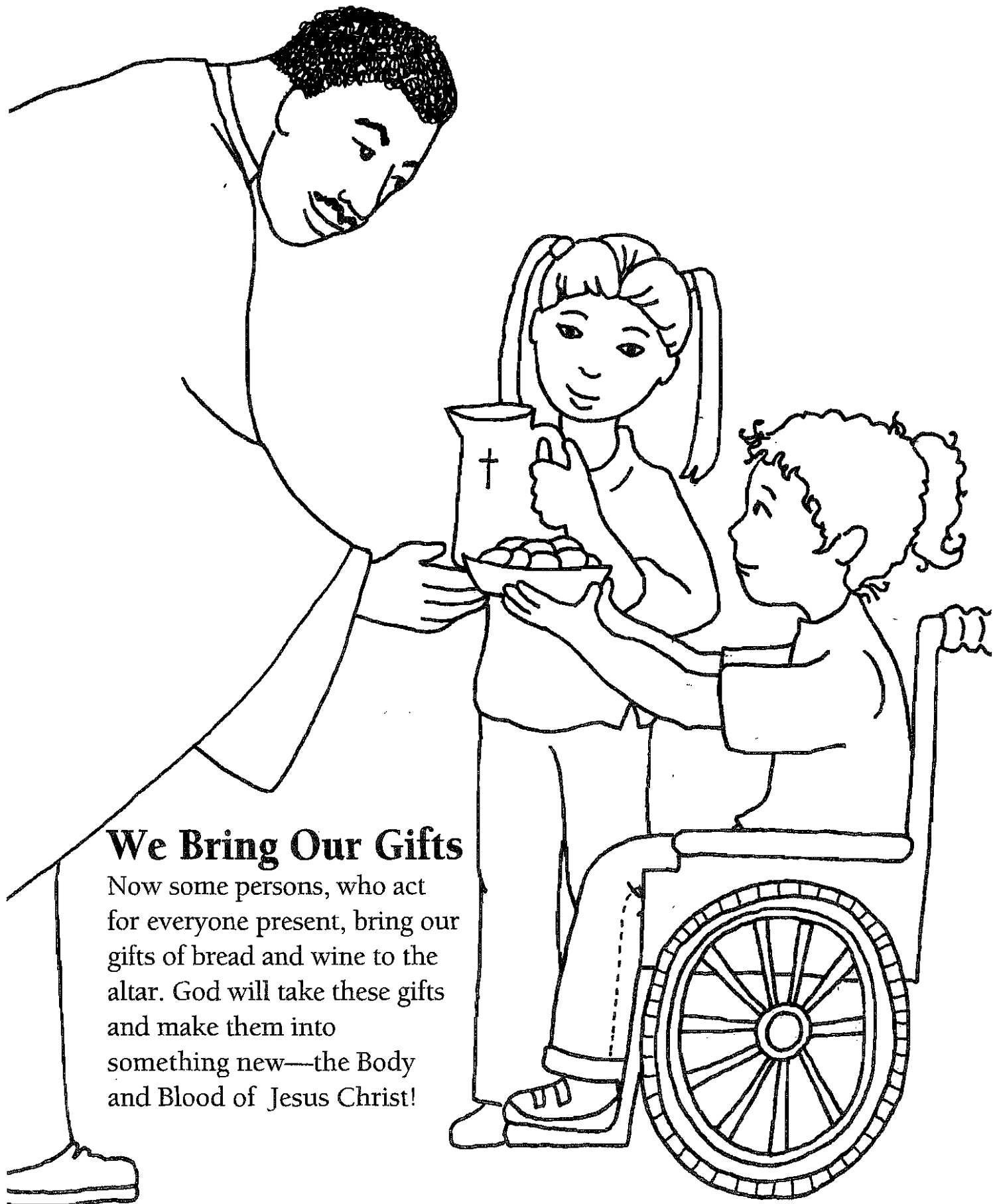
## **General Intercessions**

Let us pray for the Church, for leaders, for all people, for those who are suffering, for all who have died. Lord, hear our prayer! We know you will take care of our needs.



## **Our Gift for the Church and the Poor**

We want to share what we have and help people who have less than we do. We do this by giving some of our money as a gift. Our gift also supports the church, where we celebrate God's goodness to us. We put our gift in the basket.



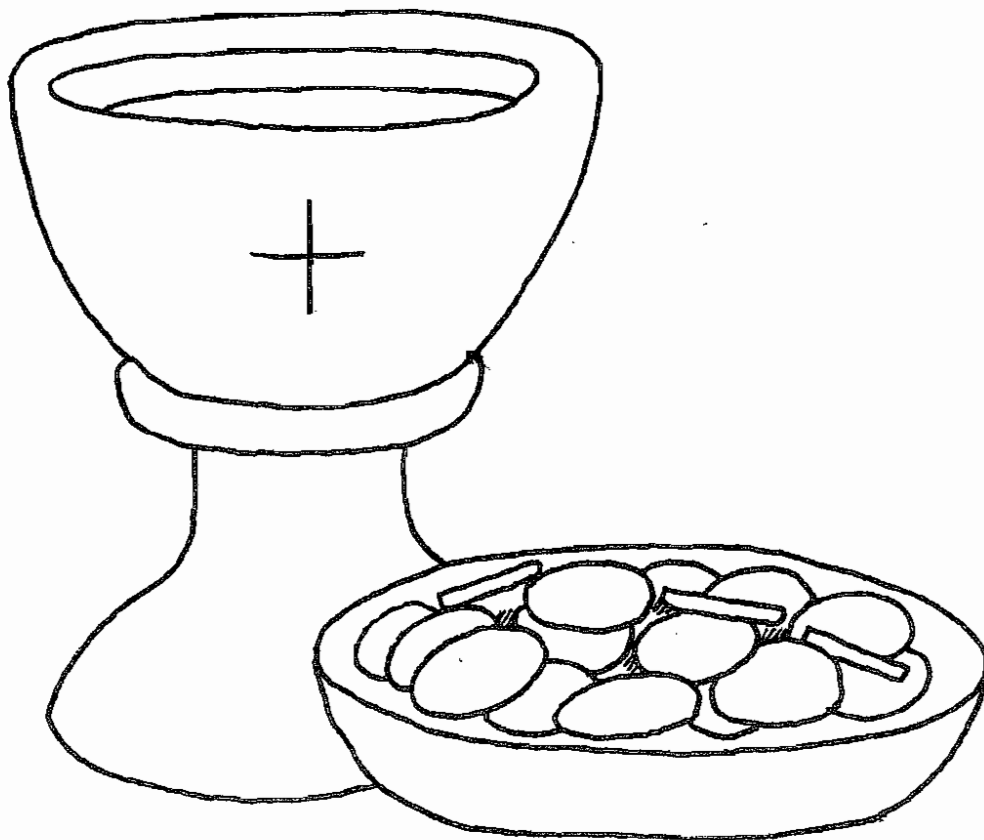
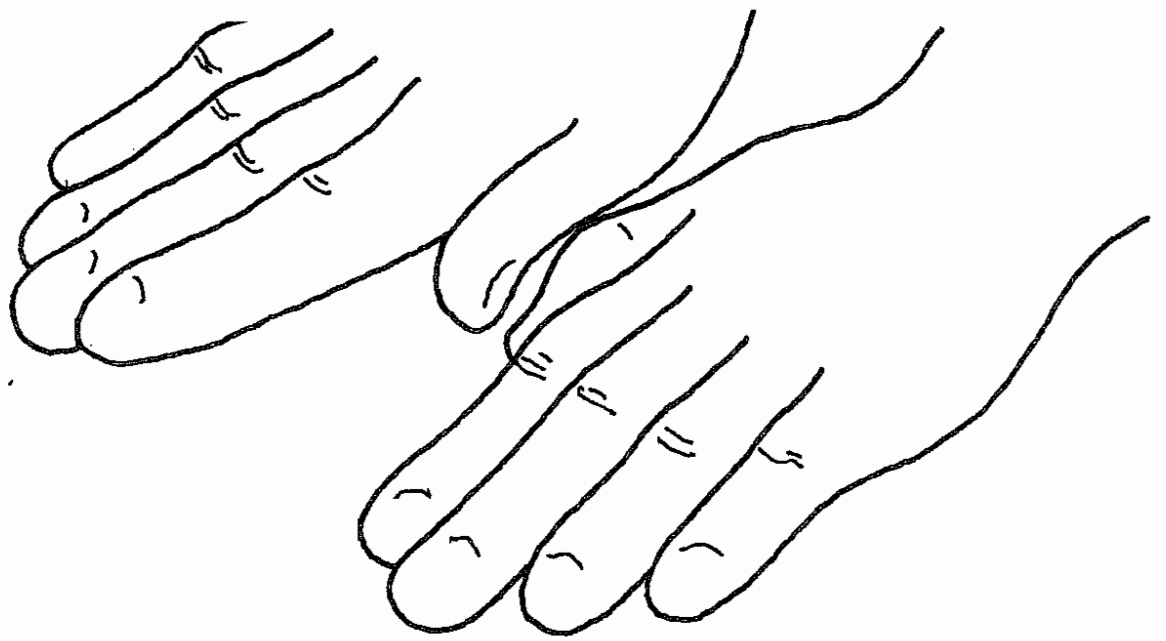
## **We Bring Our Gifts**

Now some persons, who act for everyone present, bring our gifts of bread and wine to the altar. God will take these gifts and make them into something new—the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ!



## **The Preparation of the Gifts**

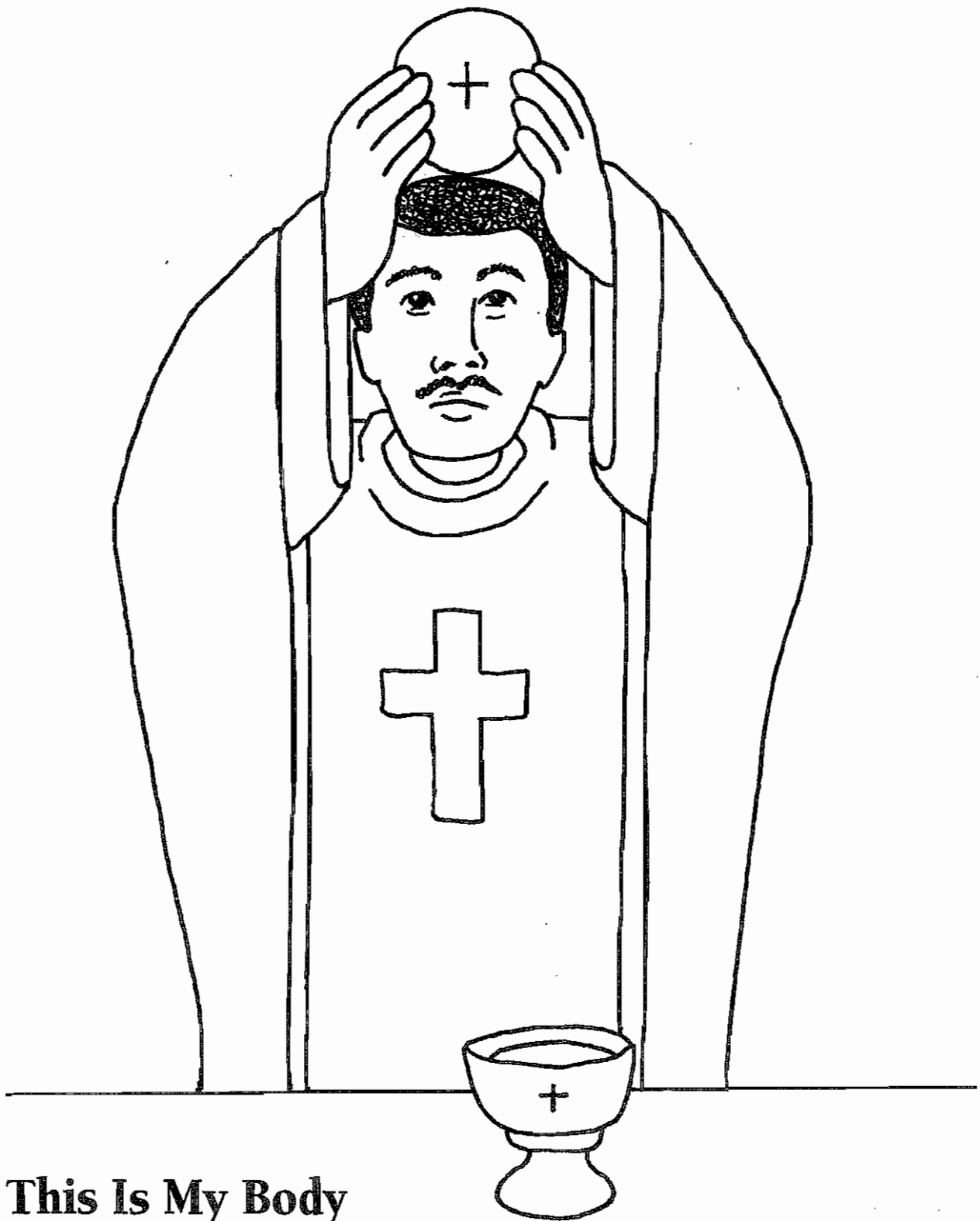
We offer our gifts to God: Blessed be God forever! We join the angels and saints to sing: **“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory!”**



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

Father prays in the name of the whole Church, asking God's Spirit to come upon our gifts. We silently listen and pray: God our Father, accept this bread and wine as our offering. Accept us as an offering, too!





## **This Is My Body**

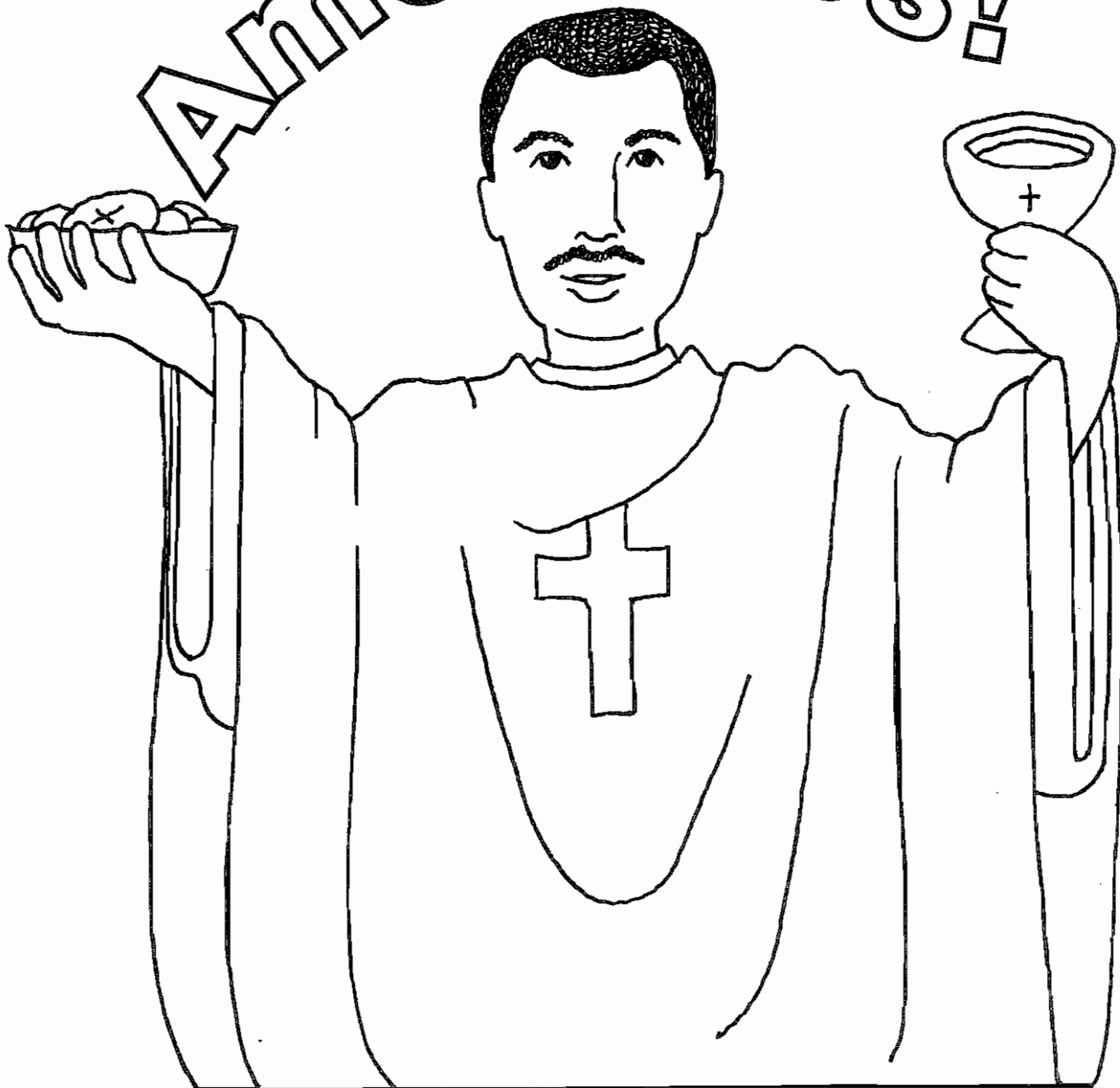
Father prays the words Jesus prayed at the Last Supper: “**This is my body.**” He lifts the bread so we can all see. Even though it still looks and tastes like bread, the bread is now the Body of Jesus! What a great gift! Jesus gave his body to death as a sacrifice on the cross so that all our sins could be forgiven.



## **This Is My Blood**

Now Father prays the words of Jesus over the wine: **“This is the chalice of my blood.”** Even though it still looks and tastes like wine, the wine is now the Blood of Jesus! Jesus poured out his blood as a sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins because he loved us. We pray: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Lord Jesus, come in glory!

**Amen! Yes!**



## **The Great Amen**

At the end of this special prayer, Father holds the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus, above the altar. He prays in words like these:

**“Through Christ, in him, with him—all glory and honor to God!”**

We join our hearts to the whole prayer and sing: “Amen!” Yes!

# Our Father



## **The Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven...."

Together we pray as God's children.



## The Sign of Peace

Before we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we want to be at peace with one another. We forgive those who have hurt us. We want to love as Jesus loves us. Peace be with everyone!



## The Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the Bread of the Eucharist so that we can all receive the Body of Christ. **Lamb of God, you take away our sins.**

**Have mercy on us.** Give us your peace and prepare our hearts to welcome you.



## The Body of Christ

We receive Jesus in Holy Communion. We know this is the Body of Christ. Dear God, help us to become more like Jesus. Help us to be the Body of Christ.

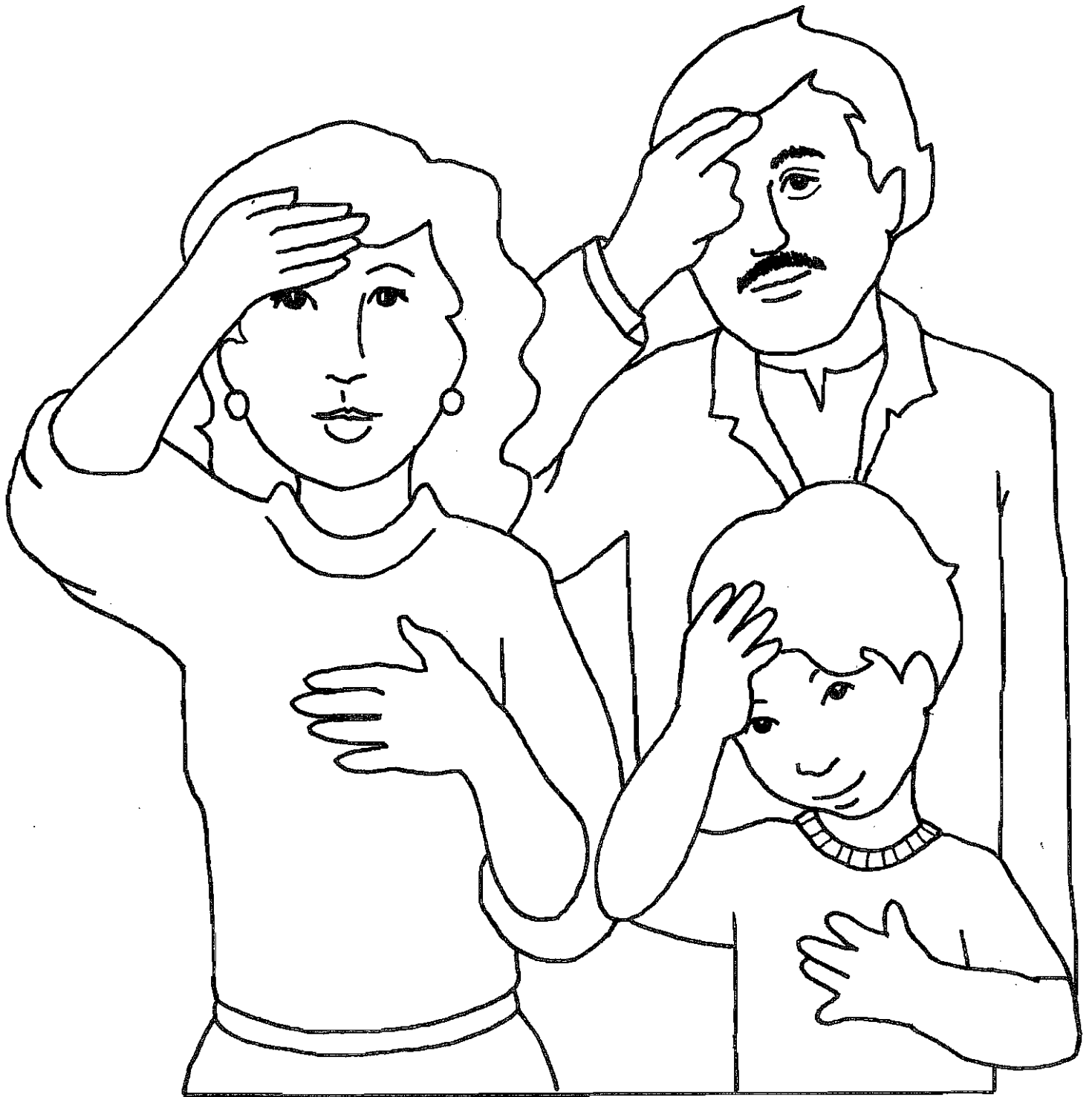
# The Blood of Christ



## The Blood of Christ

We may also receive the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus loves us so much that he was willing to give his blood for us on the cross. Jesus, help us to do our best and to be generous with all people, just like you.





## **The Blessing**

We pray for God's blessing on all of us and on the whole world. God, help us to live the joy that we have celebrated as your family. Send us into the world to witness to your love. We go out in peace to love and serve our God. **Thanks be to God!**

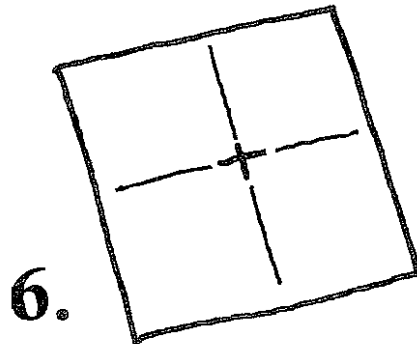
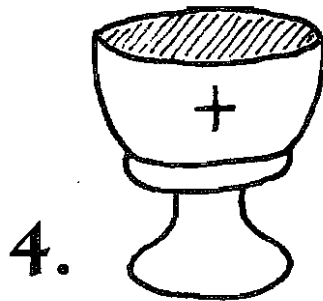
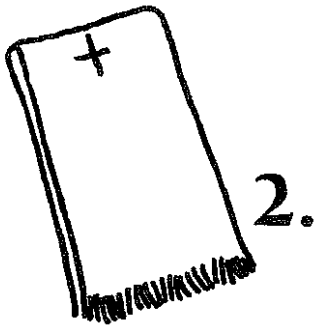
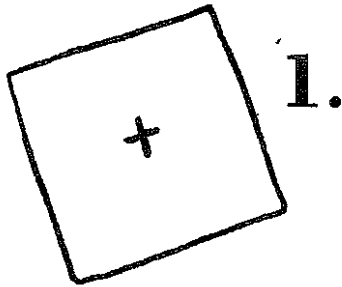


## **Living the Eucharist**

When we celebrate the Eucharist or Mass together, we are made strong and are able to bring the love of God into our home, our school and our world. Let's love and serve each other as Jesus loves and serves us. Now we are the living Body of Christ. How can I be more loving?

# Special Things Used at Mass

Draw a line from the words to each picture. Then color the pictures.



**a.** The cup used for the wine is called a **chalice**. This cup is very special. We only use it at the Eucharist for the Blood of Jesus.

**b.** The **flagon** is a special pitcher used to hold more wine so that everyone will be able to receive the Blood of Jesus.

**c.** The **pall** is a small linen square that is made out of stiff material. It is used to cover the chalice.

**d.** The **purificator** is the linen cloth that is used to clean and dry the chalice.

**e.** The special plate for the bread is called a **paten**. This plate is used only to hold the Body of Jesus.

**f.** The **corporal** is a square piece of material that is laid on the altar under the chalice and paten.

answers:

1. c  
2. d  
3. b  
4. a  
5. e  
6. f

# What the Priest Wears at Mass

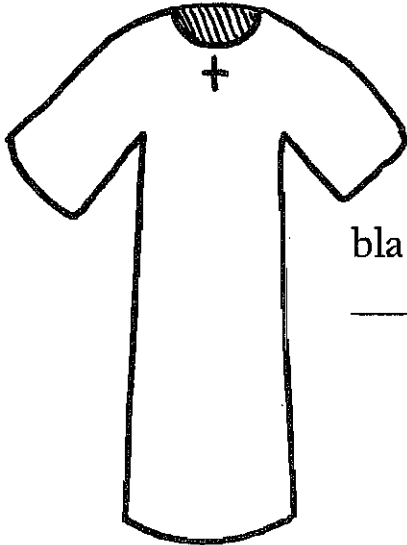
Word Box:

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Unscramble the words beside each picture. The new words you learn are also in the **Word Box**.

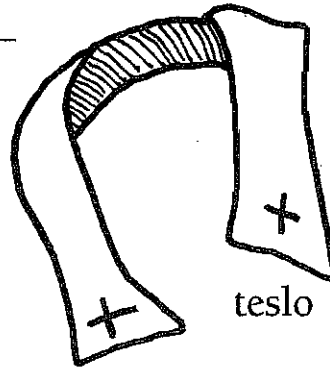
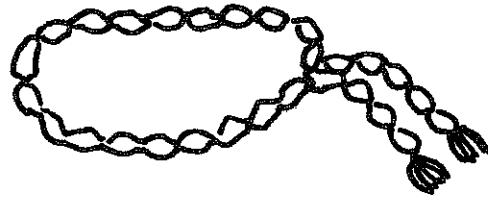
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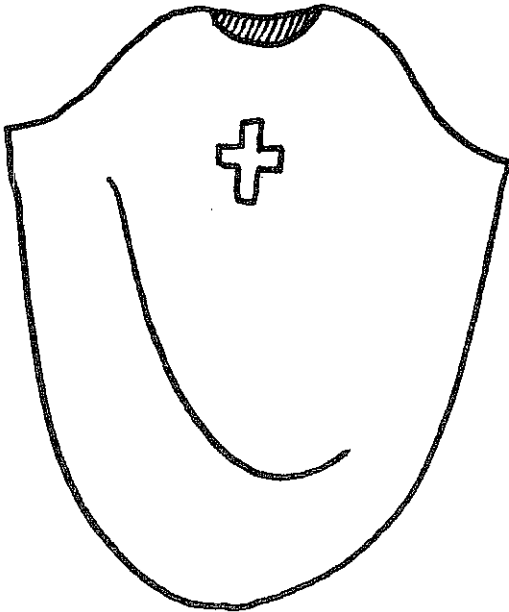
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Father wears a different colored chasuble and stole at different times of the year. Each color has a special meaning:

**Green** is for Ordinary Time. Green stands for hope, growth and life.

**White** is for Easter and Christmas. It is also used at funerals. White stands for Jesus' resurrection and victory over sin.

**Gold** is for the most special days of the year—Easter Sunday, Christmas, and other very big feast days.

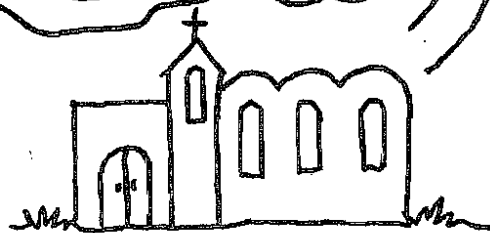
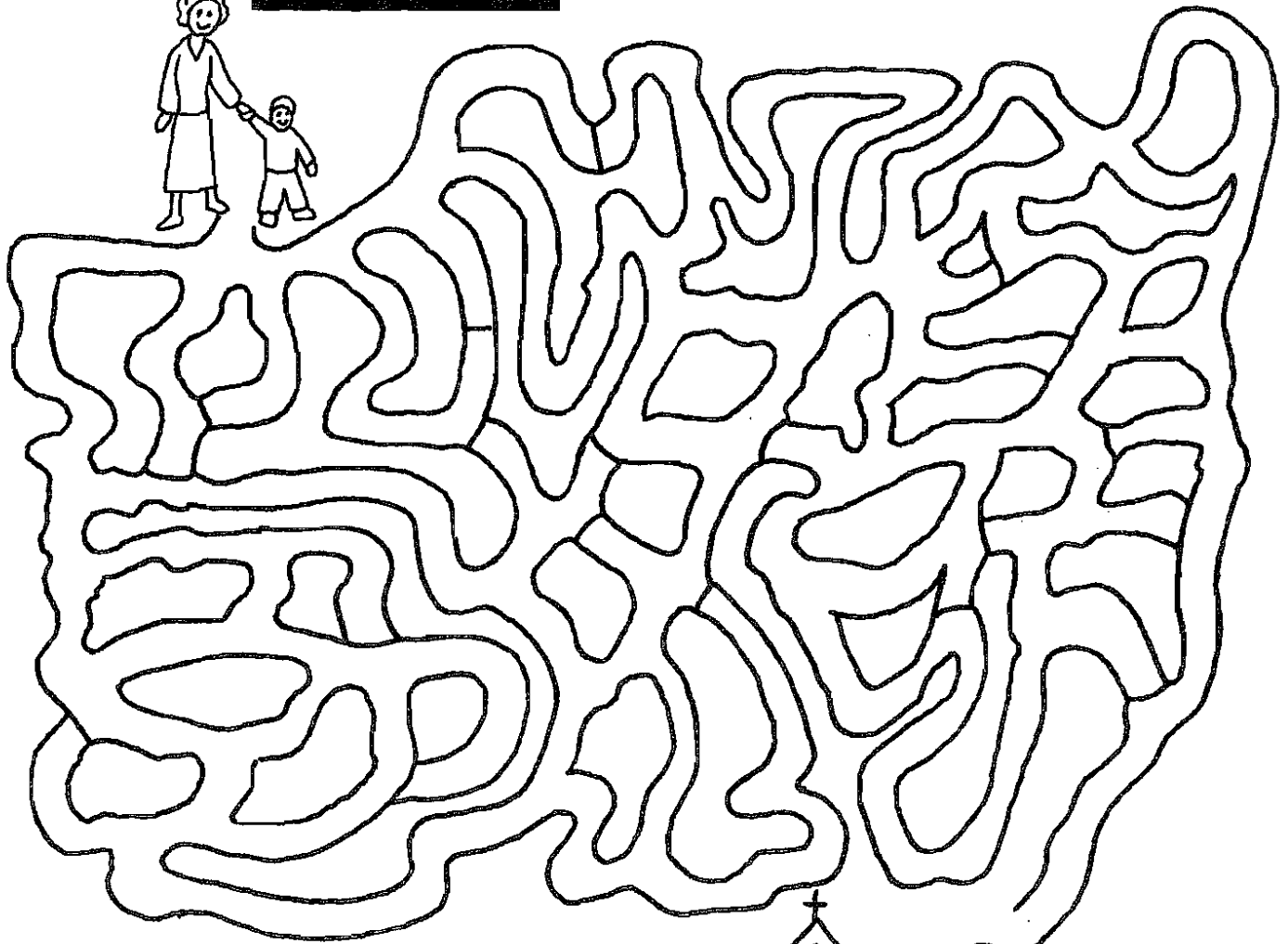
**Purple** is for Advent and Lent. This color shows that we are sorry for our sins.

**Red** stands for the Holy Spirit, the blood of Jesus, and the blood of the martyrs. It's used on Pentecost and feasts that have to do with the cross of Jesus and the martyrs who died for Jesus.

# It's Sunday!

Help Eric and his Mom find their way to the church for Mass.

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