



Journey with Jesus

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From the Editor's Desk



"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."- Isaiah 41:10

These words have strengthened our belief in our living Lord and has helped us to sail through the dangerous second wave of Covid. Let us all continue to keep our faith in the Lord and His promises.

The Editorial Board thanks all the parents and teachers for instilling and reinforcing the faith in our Heavenly Father. We extend a big Thank you to our former Vicar Rev Fr. Sajeew Varghese for all the guidance and support through our previous editions. All his good words and timely inputs have been of great help to the Newsletter's growth journey so far.

We welcome our new Vicar Rev Fr. T. U. Thomas to the Editorial Board. Achen joined our church on June'21. May our Lord help the Newsletter reach greater heights under Achen's able guidance.



Newsletter Edition- 6 was inaugurated by Rev Fr. Sajeew Varghese, former Vicar of St. Mary's Orthodox Church, Pune on Feb 07, 2021.

Visit <https://www.stmarysoscpcpune.com/kid-s-voyage> for the previous editions of Newsletter.



I congratulate everyone who worked behind this edition of the Newsletter that is published by Sunday School of St. Mary's Orthodox Syrian church. I wish & pray that this attempt will be beneficial for all our students. I hope and pray that you continue to take this endeavour to greater heights. The Newsletter helps all the kids to express their artistic talents. This will surely help to attract them to Sunday School and later to MGOCSM. I once again appreciate all students, teachers and the Editorial Board for this unique initiative.- **FR. T.U. Thomas**

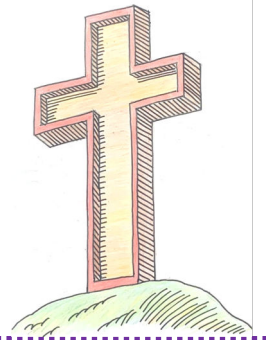
Drawing Corner



Fiona Mathew
(Class 4)



Shane Siby
(Class 6)



Mark Your Calendars Upcoming EVENTS



Onam Celebration	Aug 22
OVBS	Nov 4,5,6,7
Annual Exam- X, XII	Dec 05
Annual Exam- Others	Dec 12

Class of 2021 had a unique examination experience because of the Covid 19 pandemic. There were uncertainties in the beginning. However, with clear guidelines from the OKR and extra efforts to prepare the students for the new pattern, the exam was a memorable experience for the students. 8 Students appeared for the exam from our church and all of them graduated in flying colours. Our Church congratulates all and wishes them success in their future endeavours.



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Drawing Speaks...



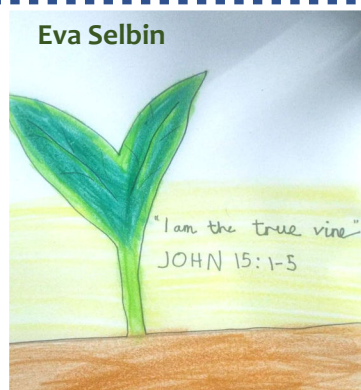
Joel Allen



I am the
Light Of The
World

JOHN 8:12, 9:5

Vivaan Robin Mathew



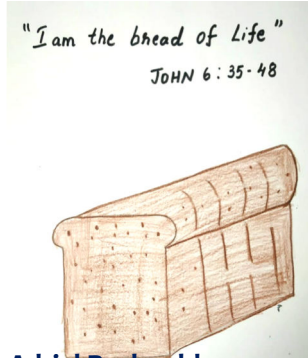
Eva Selbin

"I am the true vine"
JOHN 15:1-5

Jesus Said...



Depicted by- Class 1



Adriel Raybould

"I am the bread of Life"
JOHN 6: 35-48



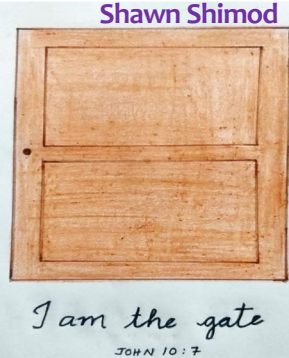
Jaimy Susan Daniel

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"
JOHN 10:11-14



Joann Binoj

"I am the resurrection and the life"
JOHN 11:25



Shawn Shimod

I am the gate
JOHN 10:7

My Hero - Class 10

All of us have heroes or role models whose life and vision inspires us. isn't it? They help us to shape our thoughts by instilling the values they stood for. Here the students of Class 10, talk about their heroes from the Holy Bible whose values are a guiding light to their path.

Paul's courage was exceptional, he had principles and beliefs for which he always stood firm. His strong commitment to the people and the Churches was one of the reasons why Christianity was able to flourish. Paul had a profound impact on the globe. He never met Jesus, but claimed to encounter him in his visions and immediately knew that he was the Saviour. Paul made it his objective to illuminate people about Jesus.



Reyhan

Moses was the first great Israelite prophet, who led the enslaved Hebrew people out of Egypt to the promised land, Canaan. In the 13th century BC, in the covenant ceremony of Mt Sinai he promulgated, the Ten Commandment and with that he founded the religious community known as 'Israel'. Moses was God's chosen leader, with a high sense of justice for people, a warrior who had great convincing and negotiating skills and who believed in God's call.



Alvin

Gideon was a military leader, prophet and judge known well for providing Israel the victory over Midianites. Gideon was the son of Josh in the tribe of Manasseh. He is well known for leading the Israelites to victory over a huge Midianite army with only 300 men.



Nathanael

One of Paul's shortest and the most explosive letters of just 25 verses, the book of Philemon demonstrates the Gospel through action. It is written to Philemon whose slave Onesimus ran away and became a Christian under Paul's teaching. This letter is a powerful example of **Paul** using every strategy he can to encourage Philemon to forgive and accept Onesimus back. Paul exhorts Philemon to manifest true Christian love and receive and reconcile with Onesimus as a 'brother'.



Joemon

Samson was a judge of Israel who performed herculean feats of strength against the Philistines until he was betrayed to them by his mistress Delilah. Samson is described in the Book of Judges (chapters 13-16). He derived prodigious powers from his uncut hair. He was a Nazarite dedicated to the special service of God.



Jonah

Arts Corner

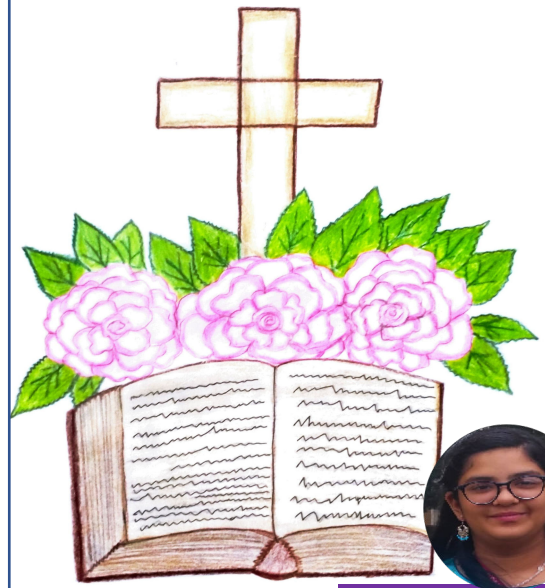


Joel Biju
(Class 6)

Life Around Us

Life around us is a journey, not a destination;
It is a journey of goodness;
It is a Journey of success and sometimes of failure;
It is a journey of great expectation!

Life around us is a simple process;
But we think it is very complex;
It is like an obstacle race;
The more we go through it, the more we learn from it.



Rhea Prashant
(Class 8)

Rebecca Stephen
(Class 8)



Humility

Humility is one of the qualities which contributes most to spiritual growth. It is a quality heavily stressed on in the Bible. Humble people don't lack pride in their accomplishments. Instead, it is knowing the time, place, and tone with which to share their accomplishments with the world. Humility is an asset for self-improvement. By living a humble life, you recognize the areas of your life that need work.

For Jesus said in the gospel of Luke chapters 14 verses 8-10:

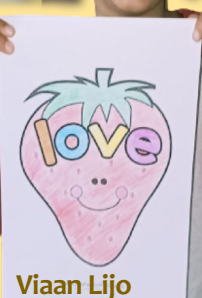
“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place. It could happen that someone more important than you has been invited, and your host who invited you would have to come and say to you, ‘let him have this place.’ Then you would be embarrassed and have to move to the lowest place. Instead, when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place. So that your host will come to you and say, ‘Come on up, my friend, to a better place.’ This will bring you honour in the presence of all the other guests.”

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

Ethan Subin

Harsh Sahin

Tisha Bin



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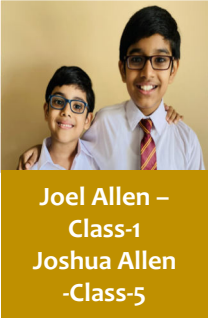
Aleena Reji

Liam Binu

Steffin Koshy

Presented by Class 2

Nonogram Puzzle

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Joel Allen –
Class-1
Joshua Allen
-Class-5

- * Using the numbers as guidelines, find the paint filled boxes and empty boxes to reveal the final picture.
- * Each number indicates the number of continuous colored squares on each run in that row/column.
 - * There will be atleast one blank space between two numbers mentioned.
 - * The black numbers indicate black boxes and the red numbers indicate red boxes.

Some of the squares are already done for you. Tip: Mark x in the empty squares to avoid confusion.

Refer Page 5 for the answer

Joanna Stephen
Class-4



Music: The Greatest Thing in My Life

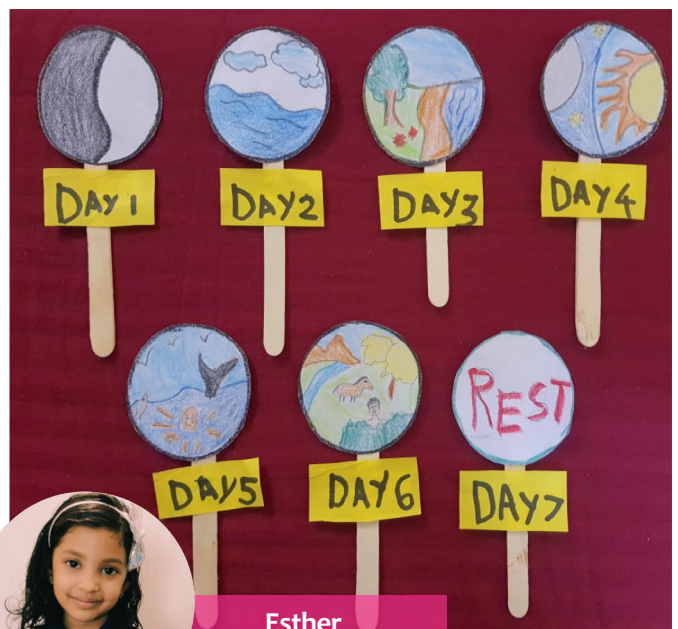
Music is a beautiful thing, no matter how hard you try to hate it or how you try to forget it will always come back to your memory.

I was six, when I started learning the violin. Everyone in my family had told me to learn the piano because my sister also learnt it. But I saw something unique about the violin and persuaded my parents to buy one and find a class for me. At first I was sure that I would be able to pick up in no time at all. "I may be young but I'm definitely going to take up the profession of being a soloist when I grow up".

I used to say in my mind every day. But oh no, I was wrong, because to learn an instrument and to be able to actually make a promise to practice it every day was a big task. In my first lesson my teacher showed me a few techniques on how to put your fingers on the strings and other basics. He encouraged me to work harder and months passed till it was my first exam (it's also called Initial exam). Everyone in the exam hall stared at me as I unpacked my violin thinking that my mother came for the exam. To be honest, I think my teacher was more nervous than I was when I got my results a few months later. I was shocked I had gotten a great 2 digit 89!

In short it meant I got a distinction in my FIRST EXAM ! I was amazed, shocked, astonished so many words I can't even describe and it went on from then Grade 1, (Grade 2 I skipped) and last year, 2020 I had given Grade 3. Today I'm nine years old in Grade 4 and I pray to God everyday to keep me motivated so that I can be a soloist when I grow up.

Craft Corner



Esther Class- Beginners



Joshua Peter
Class 11

THE

STORY

Twenty Pounds Worth

CONTINUES

..As James passed the Eastborough street, his eyes caught sight of an old man with white hairs on his almost bald head. The man wore tattered garments and sat on a tattered mat. Beside him was a thin willow staff. The man held a tin can with a few coppers in it.

As soon as James saw the beggar he suddenly felt drawn to the man. But one thing intrigued him: it had hardly been a few minutes since the time when he walked along the same path completely deserted at that time. How could he have missed the old man?

"Dear boy", said the old man in a thick accent, **"Spare a few pennies for the poor."**

James observes the old man. He was the ugliest beggar he had ever seen. His face was really, really wrinkled, and he didn't look friendly at all. He looked more closely and studied his physical features but in horror: the poor wretch hadn't any limbs.

"Sir", asked James in the voice of pity, **"how are you in this state?"**

"I don't want to talk about it", replied the man as he leaned his head against the wall.

"Dear Sir you look starved", continued the boy, **"Haven't you anything to eat?"**

"Nuttin'. I haven't eaten for days", replied the man.

"Have you a family?", asked James.

"Nay! I have no kinsman" said he.

"Then how are you in this state?"

The man shed a few tears. He looked as if he would have a nervous breakdown.

James, realising the sorry state of the beggar dug into his pocket to see if he had a few pennies. But no, all that he had was his £20 bill. He thought to himself, **"I earned this money with so much hard work to buy mum a gift, but this old man here is in such a sorry state and needs the money so that he can live to see another day. How can I refuse to give it to him?"**



James slowly handed over the money to the poor man. As he did it a smile appeared on the beggar's face and a twinkle was visible in his eye.

"Thank ye Sonny", said the man. **"Ye must have done a lot o' work to earn it. Why don't ye keep it?"**

"No, don't give that a thought", James replied. **"You need the money. At least I did my good turn for the day. Besides, I can earn it again by doing a few chores at home."**

However, the word 'home' had a sudden effect on James. He looked at his watch with the brown leather strap and cried out, **"I am late. Mum needs these eggs."** he then looked at the old beggar and wished him goodbye.

"Goodbye, lad", the beggar called out, **"and may the heavens bless ye for yer noble deed."**

James smiled, but something told him that the man's words had a special meaning.

He turned to go home. He took a few long strides and turned around at the corner, but he paused for a moment. He thought, **"Even after all that talking I forgot to introduce myself! How clumsy of me! That old beggar must have thought me to be very rude."**

With that, he ran over to the spot where the old beggar sat. however he did not foresee the surprise that awaited him: The old pauper had vanished. **"Vanished into thin air",** as James described the unusual happenings.

How could he have disappeared?

James walked over the spot he has seen the old man sit

"He couldn't have walked away because he was crippled. Even if he could crawl away, he would have taken ages to reach the next lane. All very mysterious, I must say!"

All that remained at the spot where the morning's mysterious individual sat was a white envelope. James cautiously opened it. There was nothing inside except for a clean white envelope. James opened the envelope but surprisingly found a letter addressed to him. It read:

Dear James,

By helping the poor and needy you have helped me. You have proven yourself worthy to receive more rewards. Keep up the good work!

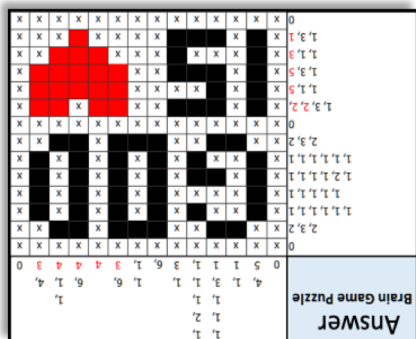
Love,

Your heavenly Father.

"I must be in a dream!", exclaimed James.

"By helping the poor, I have helped.....!"

END



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SUNDAY SCHOOL HOBBIES

VOYAGE Newsletter
Supplement



Jesus replied: "
'Love the Lord
your God with
all your heart
and with all your soul
and with all your mind.'
This is the first
and greatest
commandment.
And the second
is like it:
'Love your neighbor
as yourself.'"

Matthew 22:36-40

Last year we collected from the Sunday School Teens their Lockdown Hobby Activities remembering that **God is our Creator** & gives us creative abilities as we are made in His image.

This year, our blossoming Sunday school kids aged 6 to 12 have also contributed to the 'Hobby Supplement' as the COVID situation continues with kids mostly confined in their homes.

The theme this year is

**How we use our time, talents & treasures
in this time of sheltering to:**

- 1) *Love God &*
- 2) *Love others just as we love ourselves*

Evelyn Sujith

Lockdown taught me that all things in this world - from creation to us, to the things we make & do, are God's gifts. They can be our means of recognizing & drawing closer to God.

Flowers, butterflies, birds and fish bring a special opportunity to see God through nature. Adding these small details through art brings me joy, as we connect with God through nature.



Sowing tomato seeds in my grandma's garden & watering them taught me wonderful lessons on hope, patience & God's intelligence. I am grateful to God for giving us plants that can grow into food.

I could express my love towards my parents and grandparents by serving them a **"Trifle Pudding"** last Christmas.



Johan Thomas Selbin

During this period, my parents brought me to our native place Kerala, and its the best time we have got. My sister Eva and I get to run around in nature, watch the rains, clear skies & trees falling due to heavy rains. We get to help our grandparents in farming and rest of the time play with our cousin



Out of all, we love the beauty of the flowers and the butterflies around us.



It is as if God sends a new butterfly for us to watch each day.



How beautiful is the pattern and colour on their wings! We got to learn a few names and its habitats. My sister calls it 'caterpillar with colourful wings'!



We always will be thankful to God for the time he has given us, especially with our grandparents and cousins. Making the best use of each day, we must continue to pray for the blessings and protection God can give us.



Rachel Anna Anil

Like how God sheltered Noah in the storm, like how He cared for Joseph in the well, our God is protecting and caring for all of us during this difficult time. He gifted each one of us with talents; given to us for a reason, for us to be unique and to spread the joy and love.

Give whatever little talent you have to God so that he can bless and multiply them, thus being the reason for bringing cheer to the world.

I show my love to God through my artwork



I share my gratitude with my cooking

Cooking calms me. This is my way of giving back to the family for all the love that they have given me.

Be like the boy who donated 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to Jesus so that the Lord could feed 5000 men

I give my thanks to Lord through this poem

*Shining through the darkness
That is what life is about
And I know God will help me throughout
This lockdown has made me stronger
Bolder than I was
Let's help each other fight this Covid
Cause. God told me...
"I see your monsters
I see your pain
Tell me your problems,
We will chase them away
Through prayer and will power*

Thank you, God, for helping me to use my talents and thus overcoming the demons of darkness by keeping the mind in cheer.

Joel Peter

One of the most fun things God inspires us to do when we can't go to school and meet friends is to have a hobby. Our hobbies need not be for our own satisfaction, surely it can be used to bless others as well.

'God has made us what we are. He has created us in Christ Jesus to live lives filled with good works that he has prepared for us to do.' Ephesians 2:10



A refreshing glass of lemon juice

is my treat to the whole family nearly every day in this pandemic time. I've even come up with my own secret lemonade recipe.

Playing outdoor games really helps.

If we follow the safety rules, it's ok to go out and play games with family members. This helps all of us have fun at the same time be fit and healthy to all the things God wants us to do.

Making comics

has taught me a lot about the characters I get to sketch. I keep training myself through online classes on how to bring out their expressions, emotions and let their story come alive to the reader.



Puppeteering is one hobby I learned recently which has enabled me to cheer up some of my younger cousins through video calls.





How to make the LOVE Cross (in our hearts)

Believe that:

- **GOD is LOVE** (1 John 4:16)
- **GOD's LOVE is so wonderful** (1 John 3:1)
- **GOD so LOVED the world that He sent His only Son** (John 3:16)

Did you know that?

- ✓ **GOD LOVED us first** (1 John 4:19)
- ✓ **LOVE is from GOD** (1 John 4:7)
- ✓ **GOD pours out His LOVE into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.** (Romans 5:5)

That's how we can

- **LOVE GOD** (Matt 22:37)
- **LOVE our neighbour as ourselves** (Matt 22:39)
- **LOVE one another as GOD has LOVED us** (John 13:34)

