

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time, October 25th

Hello families! I hope you are all doing well! We are still in Ordinary Time for this thirtieth Sunday of the year. This weekend, we hear the gospel from St. Matthew 22:34-40. You can find this gospel reading in the Catholic Children's Bible on pp. 1503-1504 and in the Catholic Family Connections Bible on p. 1353. In our gospel reading today, we hear the religious leaders testing Jesus again. They ask him about the Ten Commandments and want to know which is the most important. Jesus replies and reminds us of how important love is in our lives, not just love for God, but for ourselves and others as well. Read the gospel reading and then continue on to today's other activities!

Video:

Here is a video from IMB! This is a fantastic video that not only explains today's gospel, but also reminds us what our job is as good Christians.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xb7qIjEwaE>

Summary:

People were often testing Jesus to find out if he was really God's son. Today's Gospel reading is just another example of one of the times Jesus was tested. The religious leaders asked Jesus which of the commandments is most important. Jesus' reply was simple, he said "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." He then goes on to say that every other commandment, even everything in the bible, is founded on this idea. God is love! So in turn, we must love him back with everything that we have. We must give him our hearts, give him our time, give him our lives. God loves each and every one of us so much. He always has and always will. So in turn, we must love him back! He then tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Questions:

1. What can we do to show God how much we love him?
2. Who is your neighbor? (hint-not just the person next door)
3. How can we show God's love to our neighbor?

Activity:

Can you believe Halloween is right around the corner? Time sure does fly. For your activity this weekend I have some fun religious Halloween crafts and activities you can do with your family. Find on the pages below, a few coloring pages, a prayer to use while carving your pumpkins, and a colorable pumpkin prayer book! Have a blessed week everyone!



A Pumpkin Prayer



We will open our minds so we can receive God's message.
(carve the top opening of the pumpkin)



We will clear our thoughts of any mean thoughts and prejudices.
(clean out the innards)



We will open our eyes so we can see all the good in God's world.
(carve the eyes)



We will awaken ALL of our senses so we can be aware of all the goodness around us.
(carve a nose)



We will share God's message with our friends and family.
(carve a mouth)

We will let our light shine for all to see.
(put a light inside the pumpkin)

Sing "This Little Light of Mine."



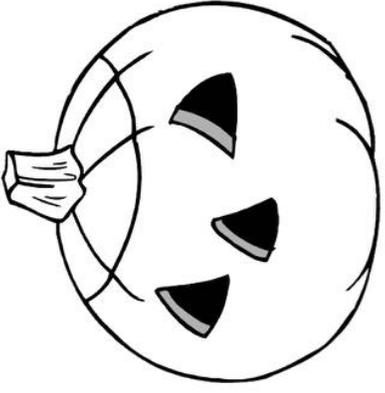
Shine with
His Light





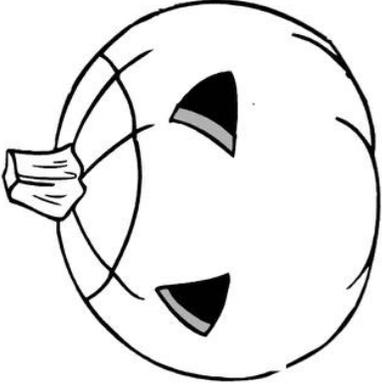
● This little light of mine... I'm gonna let it shine!
● Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine! ●

Lord, help me to
be a sweet, sweet
fragrance for You.



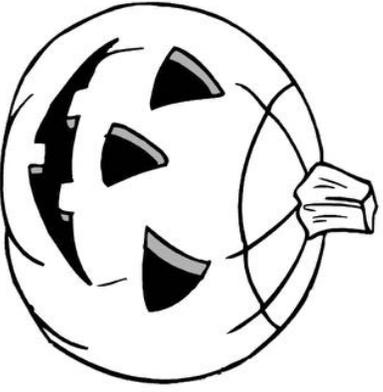
Carve Out The Nose:

Lord, open my eyes to
see all of the beautiful
things You have made.



Carve Out The Eyes:

Carve Out The
Mouth:



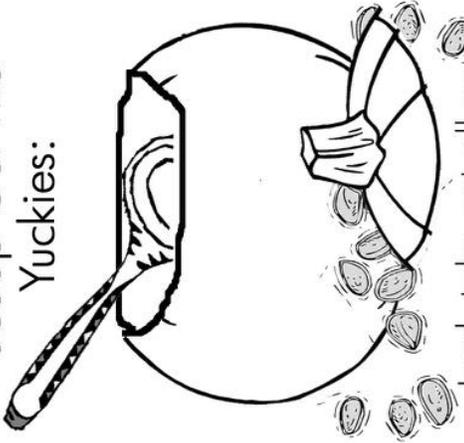
Lord, help me always
speak Your words of
love and kindness.

Place in A Candle:



Lord, let me be a light
to others For You have
filled me with Your Light.
-Author Unknown

Lord, take out all my
fussies and frownies and
fill me with your love.



Scoop Out The
Yuckies:

The Pumpkin Prayer

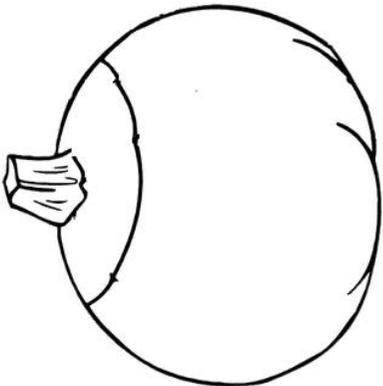
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Lord, open my mind and
fill me with Your wisdom
and guidance.



Cut Off The Top: