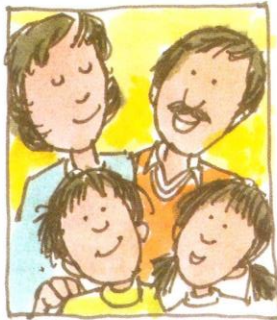


Family Page

In this week's gospel, Jesus talks about true happiness. A family project this week is to make a Happiness Mobile.



1 Each member of the family should decide on a symbol of true happiness.

2 Cut out the symbols from construction paper or form them out of pipe cleaners.

3 Put a thread or string through the top of each symbol.

4 Now hang the symbols on two or three rods and suspend them from the ceiling.

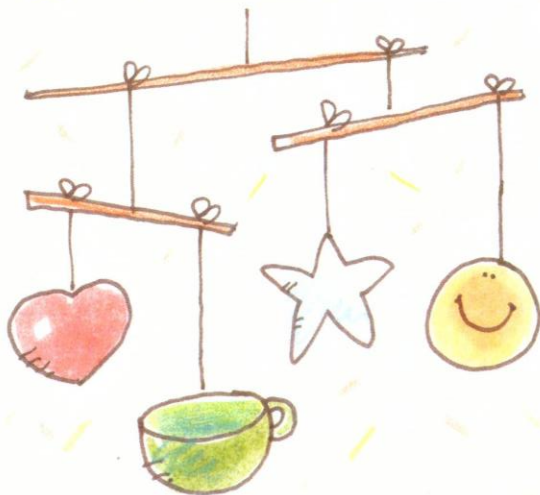
Here are some suggestions to get you started:

Cup: Symbol for helping do the dishes.

Heart: Symbol for love.

Smile Face: Symbol for being pleasant to others.

Star: Symbol for praising others.



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Holy Communion: Your Key to Happiness

Some of you are getting ready to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. No matter

how often you receive Jesus in the bread of Communion, each time should be like the first, exciting and wonderful and new. If you color in the places with dots in this picture, you will find your key to true happiness.



W hat will make YOU happy?

Today Jesus gives us a new (and surprising) idea about happiness. Think about his words: “Blest (happy) are you poor... you who hunger... you who are weeping...” Poor, hungry, weeping? WOW! Doesn't that turn your idea of happiness upside down and inside out? Jesus is telling you that all those things you want or need or get are just extras. He has saved the very best part for those who love him — his gift of himself: always watching over you, loving you, guiding you, protecting you, and leading you toward the final and greatest happiness of all — your place in heaven with him and the Father.

What will make you happy? Think about this question. A new bike? All A's on your report card? Lots and lots of friends? What? Now imagine that your wish comes true. Then imagine yourself ten years from today. How important will it be then? Actually, you will probably have a whole new list of things you need by then. If happiness only means getting what you want or need, then you will never ever really be happy. There will always be something new to want, something else to need.

In the sacrament of Holy Communion, you receive Jesus just as surely as if he came up to you, took your hand, and said, “I love you, my child.” And that's what his happiness secret is all about — being loved by God in this special way.



MAGIC SQUARE

These five pictures are important to the sacrament of Holy Communion. Name them and then circle their names in the “Magic Square.”



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