
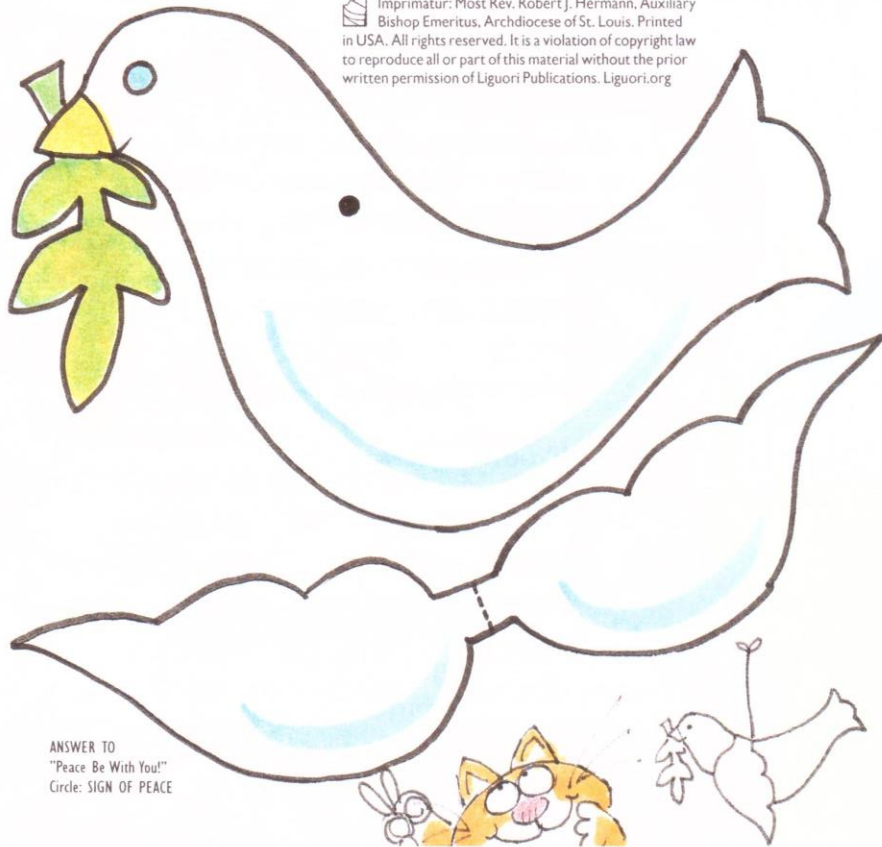


Family Page



“Blessed are the peacemakers” is an important Beatitude. You can be a peacemaker in your family, in school, with your friends. When someone disagrees with you, when an argument breaks out, or when someone has bad feelings about another person, YOU can be a peacemaker by showing others that fighting won’t solve a thing. Cut out the “bird of peace” below. Fold the wings on the dotted line and paste or tape them to the body at the dot. Your bird will remind you always to be a peacemaker for Jesus.

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ANSWER TO
 “Peace Be With You!”
 Circle: SIGN OF PEACE



explaining GOD’S WORD

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“ **P** eace Be With You!”

God gives you eight ways to be happy. They are called the Beatitudes. At Mass we pass on God’s secret of happiness. Read every other letter around the picture and see what part of the Mass that is.

God's Happiness Promise

Jesus makes a happiness promise in this week's gospel story. His promise has eight parts. Together they are called the Beatitudes.

Each of the Beatitudes is a special surprise! "Blessed (happy) are the poor," Jesus said, "and blessed are the sorrowing...and those who want to be holy...and those who show mercy...and the peacemakers...and those who are laughed at because they love God."

Jesus did not say happy are the rich or those who are good at football or get all A's in school or get their way all the time.

God's most special people, God's happiest people, are those who love God and love their friends and neighbors. They are people who always trust God to listen to their prayers.



If you trust God and love God, if you tell others about God's love, if you like peace better than arguing, you will be happy just as Jesus promised.

HAPPINESS MYSTERY

Here are ten ways to make Jesus' promise of happiness come true. They can really make you happy — and they make Jesus happy too.

- B**e a peacemaker — don't argue!
- E**njoy your friends and family.
- A**lways help your parents.
- T**rust God.
- I**mitate Jesus by forgiving others.
- T**reat others with a Jesus kind of love.
- U**nderstand when a friend needs you.
- D**on't worry — God is near!
- E**ach weekend, attend Mass.
- S**mile!

Hidden in this list of happy rules is the name of Jesus' happiness promise. Can you find it?
