

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 1. Welcome and Alleluia

2. Gospel: Today Jesus tells us that the way of love is not always going to be easy. Listen.  
(Now read the gospel.)

## 3. Dialogue Homily

- Who tells us and shows us how to be good?
- What sometimes happens when we try to be good and are good to others? (*Sometimes we are laughed at, teased, called names.*) Jesus told us we'll have our troubles.
- Can you think of a time when you were laughed at. Quietly in your heart ask Jesus to help you forgive the person who hurt you.
- Have you ever hurt anyone? Quietly in your heart tell Jesus you are sorry, and ask Jesus to bless the person you hurt. Jesus gives us so many chances each day. We need courage.
- What is courage? (*It is that which helps us to do what is right even if others make fun of us or laugh at us.*)
- (*To this litany, ask the children to respond: Takes love and courage.*)
  - To tell the truth, takes ....
  - To do what is right, takes ....
  - To help others: the lonely, the handicapped, the elderly, takes ....
  - To say "No" to bullying others, takes ....
  - To say "No" to shoplifting, takes ....
- Often we are afraid of what others might say or think. Right? When it is hard, let's try to remember what Jesus said, "Look to me for the love and courage you need."  
(*Memorize this sentence.*)

## 4. Intercessions

Let's remember that Jesus knows how hard it can be to do what is right especially if others make fun of us.

- For courage to do what is right, we pray ....
- For the poor people in the world, we pray ....
- (*Children's intentions*)

Let us pray:

God, our loving Father,  
Thank you for the many chances you give us each day.  
Amen.

## 5. Activity

Sing "A New Beginning" (*Yr. 1, Born of the Spirit Series*) and/or "Yes, Lord, Yes" (*Hi God 2*) as the children color the handout. Help the children to discover that the flames marked with an R form a cross.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke (12:49-53)

Glory to you, Lord!

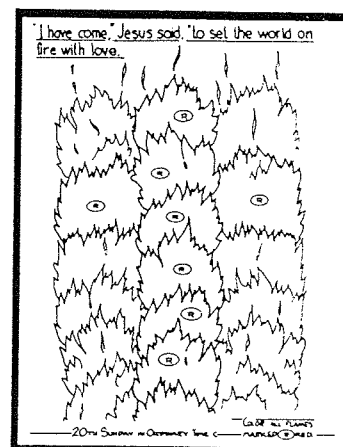
"I have come," Jesus said, "to set the world on fire with love and I wish it were already blazing up. Look to me for the love and courage you need.

"My death on the cross will be my baptism and I am eager for it, to share my love and peace with you.

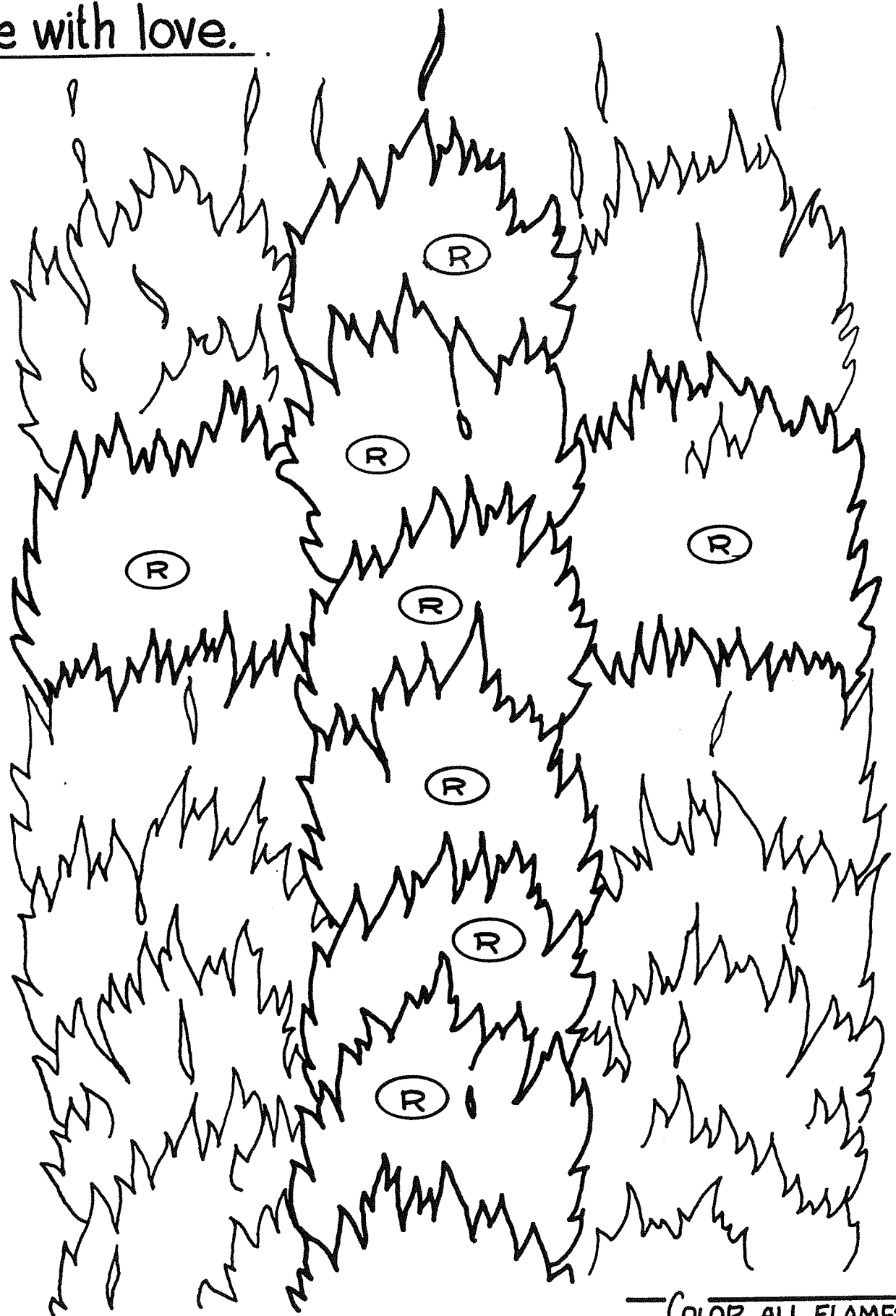
"But following me may give rise to troubles between parents and children and between relatives."

This is from the gospel of the Lord. (Adapted)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



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— COLOR ALL FLAMES  
MARKED (R) RED. —