

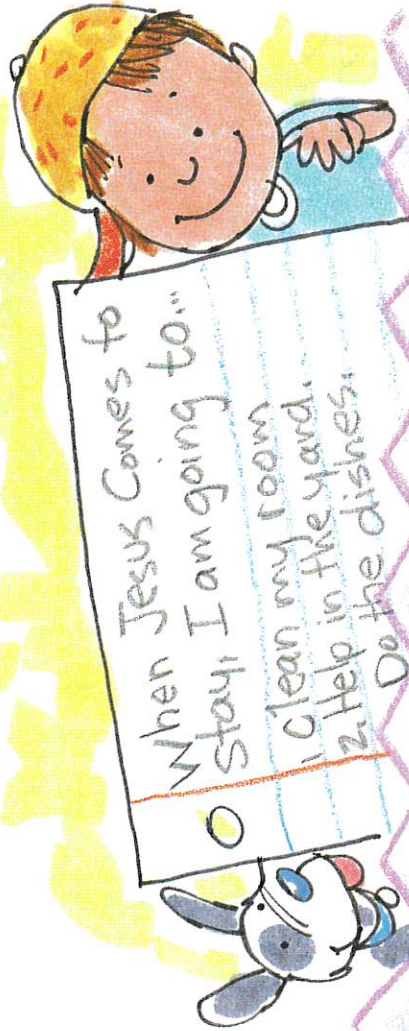
Family Page

If Jesus were your houseguest for a week, how would your life as a family change? To help you become more aware of Christ's presence in your everyday lives, try this little project.



- 1 Each member of the family write across the top of a piece of paper: "When Jesus comes to stay, I am going to..."
- 2 List all the things you would do to prepare for Jesus' coming and during his stay. Below are a few starter ideas:
 - "I will clean my room and make my bed every day."
 - "I will not be grouchy or stubborn when asked to do something."
 - "I will be better behaved at the dinner table."
 - "I will pay attention during family prayer time."

When all have finished their lists, hang them where they can be read and followed every day as a reminder that Jesus has already come and stays with us constantly.



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EXPLAINING GOD'S WORD

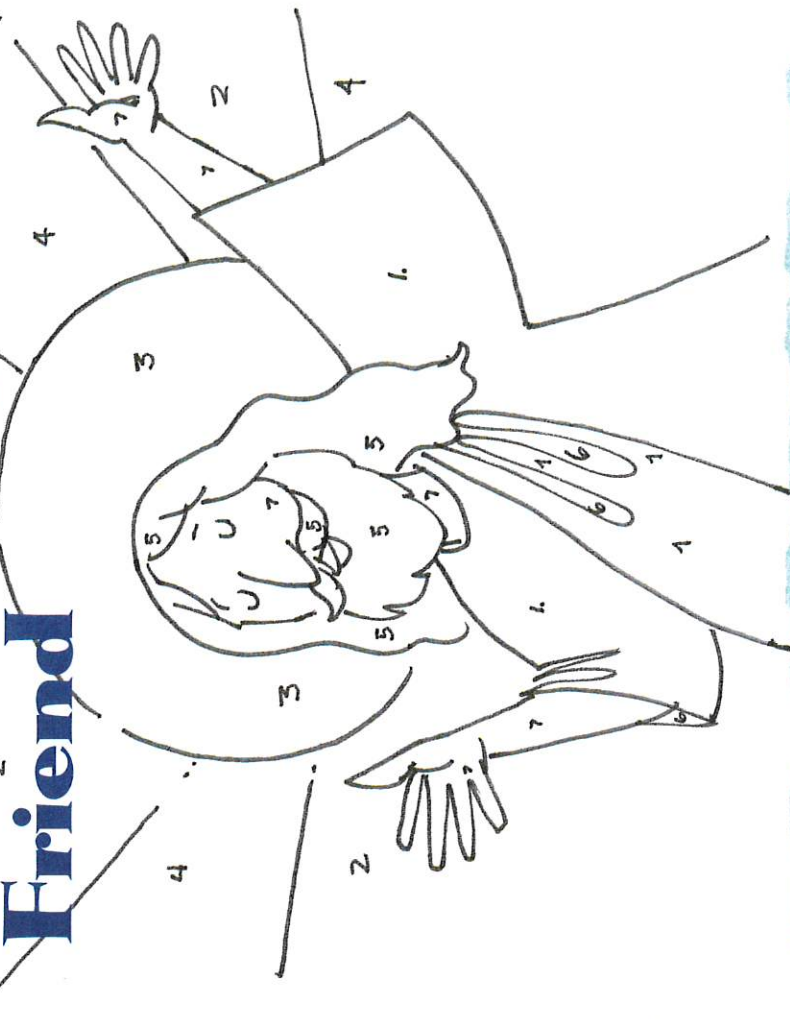
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John 1:35-42

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Invitation from a Friend



Jesus invites you to visit him every day. Using the key below, color this picture of Jesus.
 Color key: 1 = red; 2 = blue; 3 = yellow; 4 = green; 5 = brown; 6 = black; 7 = pink.

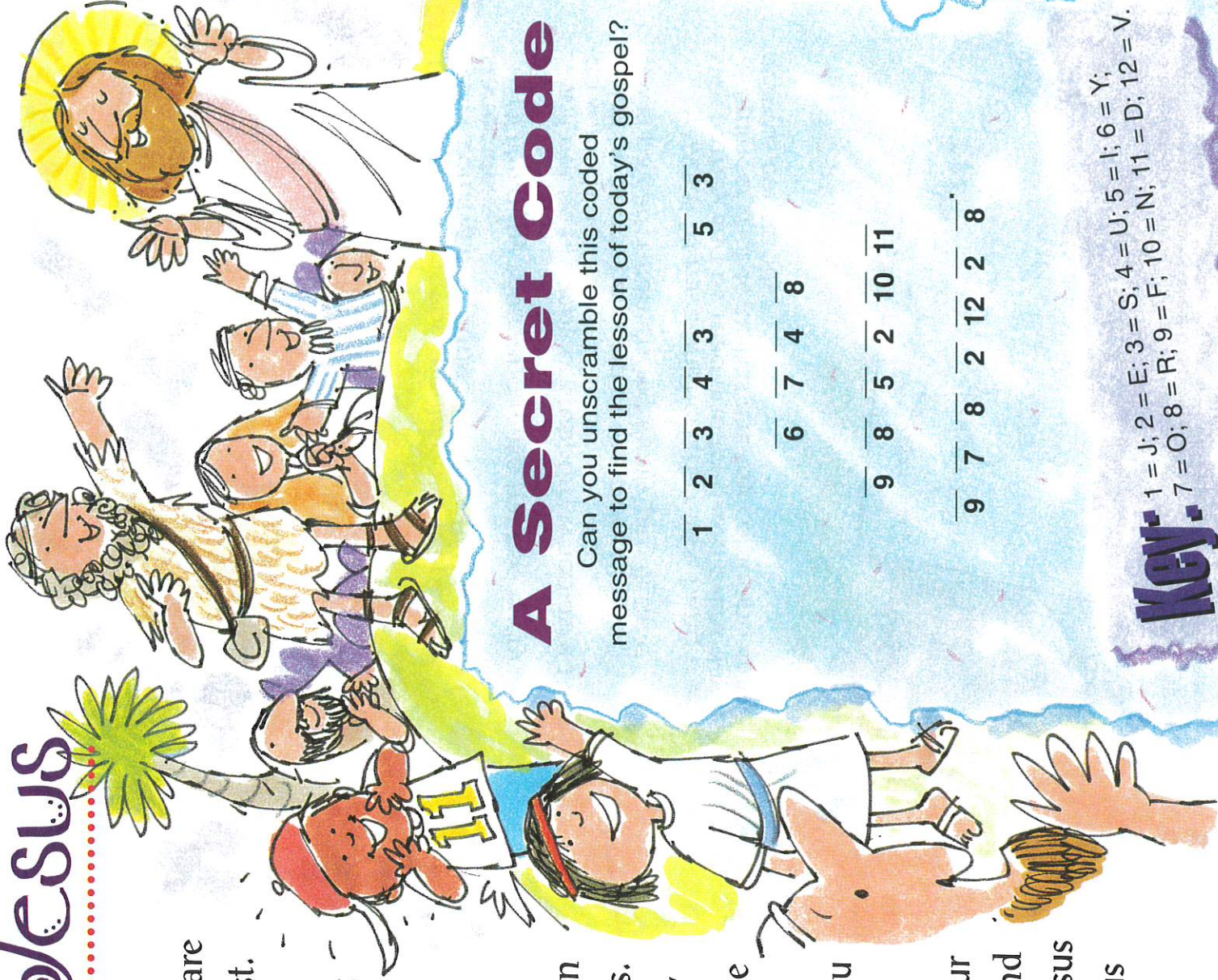
A Visit with Jesus

Make believe this week's gospel story is about you and your friend. You are in the crowd listening to John the Baptist. John tells you that Jesus is special, the Chosen One of God. You want to meet Jesus very much.

Suddenly John stops talking. He points out beyond the crowd at a young man walking by. "There he is now," John says. And you get your first look at Jesus.

You ask him, "Where do you live?" Then, what a surprise! Jesus says, "Come and see." Right then and there, at four o'clock in the afternoon, Jesus invites you to visit him!

You can visit Jesus every day of your life. You just have to think about him and he is right there listening. Being with Jesus is as easy as being with your friend. Jesus is your friend forever.



A Secret Code

Can you unscramble this coded message to find the lesson of today's gospel?

1 2 3 4 3 5 3

6 7 4 8

9 8 5 2 10 11

9 7 8 2 12 2 8

Key: 1 = J; 2 = E; 3 = S; 4 = U; 5 = I; 6 = Y;
7 = O; 8 = R; 9 = F; 10 = N; 11 = D; 12 = V.