

Family Page



On a slip of paper, each of you write your name. Then place all the names in a bowl and mix them up. Take turns drawing names. (If you draw your own, put it back and try for another.) The name you draw becomes your "secret friend" for the next week. Don't let anyone know who your secret friend is.

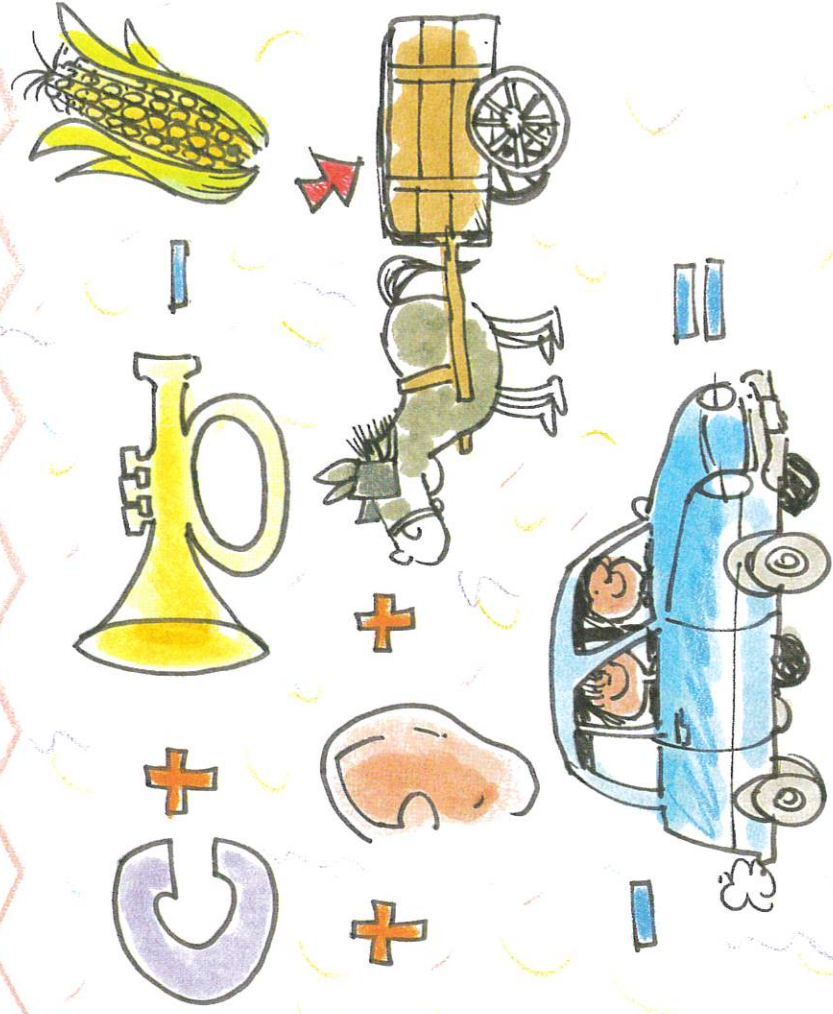
Look for ways to be nice to your secret friend. Here are some things you could do for your secret friend.

- 1** Do a chore your secret friend is supposed to do.
- 2** Write a note to your secret friend telling him or her about the qualities or talents he or she has that you really like. Don't sign the note!
- 3** Leave small gifts on your friend's pillow in the morning (prayer cards, medals, something you made yourself...). Don't get caught!
- 4** Pray every night for your secret friend.



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JESUS CAN SEE THE BEAUTY IN EVERYONE'S

JESUS AND THE LEPER

The saddest people in Jesus' day were the lepers. Leprosy was a terrible sickness. Lepers had sores all over them, on their faces and hands and legs. People were afraid of the lepers.

Instead of taking care of them, people made them stay in the country, all alone. People would throw stones at them whenever they got too close.

In this week's gospel story, a leper came right up to Jesus, knelt before him, and begged to be healed.

Jesus didn't turn away from the man. He didn't scold the leper for speaking, or throw stones to get him away.



He could see the kindness and beauty hidden deep in the leper's heart.

Jesus ignored the sores and the sickness. He touched the man lovingly, and healed him.

Magic Square

Hidden in this magic square are some of the things sometimes hidden in people's hearts. How many can you find?

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PRAISE; PRAYER; FAITH; KINDNESS; LOVE; HAPPINESS