

Family Age

Jesus made it quite clear to the money changers and sellers in the Temple that his Father's house is a house of prayer. It should be like "coming home to God" every time you enter the church. Here are some suggestions for making Mass more meaningful for the whole family.

- 1** Buy a children's Mass book. Show the little ones pictures of what they will see at Mass. Let them take the book to church with them.
- 2** Get to Mass early and sit where the children can see everything that is going on. It is difficult to maintain interest when you can see nothing but the backs of people's heads.
- 3** Later in the day (or week), discuss the gospel message again, fitting this message into your lives. Perhaps you can decide on a "gospel response" each week, a family activity that flows from the message.



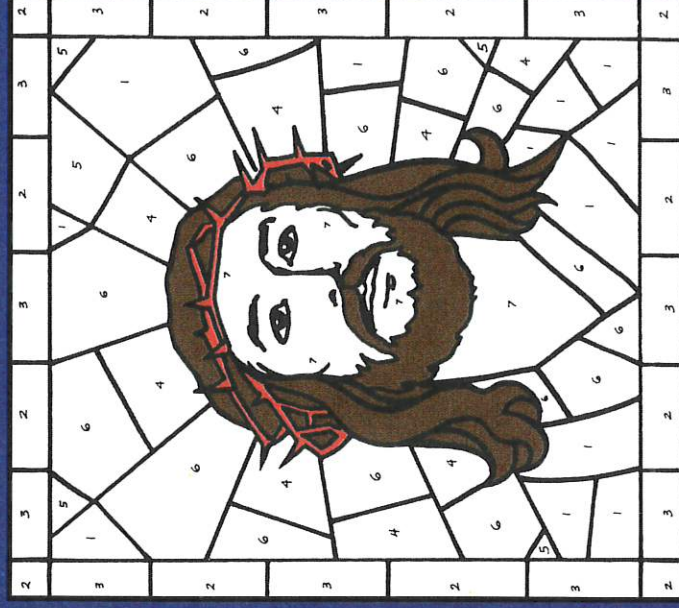
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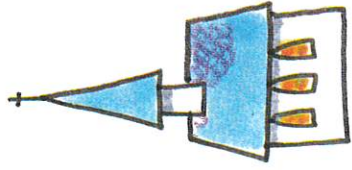
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Make a Stained-glass Window



Many churches have beautiful stained-glass windows. Using the color key below, you can make this window as bright and beautiful as the windows in the church.

COLOR KEY: 1=Red, 2=Blue, 3=Green, 4=Yellow, 5=Purple, 6=Orange, 7=Pink



GOOD'S HOUSE

God's house — a place for celebration and for prayer, a place to “come home” to God.

One day, Jesus went to Jerusalem for a special holiday called Passover. People came from miles around to celebrate this feast and praise their wonderful God in the Temple in Jerusalem.

But Jesus noticed that some people were not there to worship God. They were charging unfair prices so they could make more money.

THIS made Jesus angry! He wanted the people to respect the Temple because it was

YOUR church, like the Temple of long ago, is God's house too. At Mass you come together with your whole parish family to celebrate and to pray — to be with God.

You can thank God for loving you. You can tell God about your friends and what makes you happy. You can ask God for help if you have a problem.

The church is God's house — a perfectly wonderful place!

