

Adventure at the Space Studies Center



Saint Mark Festival 2014

1st and 2nd Grade

Under the guidance of  
His Holiness  
Pope Tawadrous II



## WELCOME TO COOL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Rules

1. In order to identify participants of the program, each child will be given a wrist band that they will be required to wear every day they are attending the program.
2. It is required that every child in the program bring their Activity Books every day they attend the program. Everyone is responsible for the care of their book and must have it completed at the end of the summer for handing in.
3. At the end of the summer, each child will be rewarded for the care and responsibility of their books. They will be graded on completion of the activities, on the condition of the book (not ripped or scribbled on), etc.
4. Books and wristbands are mandatory—as such, the children that bring in their wrist bands and Activity Books each day they attend will be rewarded at the end of the summer.
5. Encourage your children to open the Bible and look up the references used in the activities.
6. Also try to encourage your children to only do the assignment for that day and not go ahead in the book.
7. If you are traveling out of the state, let us know so that we can give you the assignment for the time you will be away so your children can continue to work on the program while not here.
8. It is best for the benefit of the children if they come on time so they can take advantage of all the activities.
9. Please be respectful of the servants sacrificing their time for the program and be very strict in picking up your children on time at night.
10. Children are not allowed to leave the church grounds and must be obedient and respectful of the rules of the church and her servants. In order for the program to be successful, discipline and respect will be taken very seriously.
11. The essence of the Olympics League is Christian respect and behavior, therefore children who do not consistently practice this Christian behavior will not be allowed to continue with the program to the Olympics competition day. If any child cannot follow the rules, does not respect his/her brothers and sisters in Christ, does not obey the rules of the program and the servants responsible for them, or causes disruption in the program, they will not be allowed to continue.

- ✠ للتعرف على المشتركين في البرنامج كل طفل سيعطى له Wristband لا بد من ارتدائها كل يوم للسماح له بالإشتراك في البرنامج.
- ✠ كل طفل مشترك في البرنامج مطالب بإحضار كتب النشاط كل يوم يشترك فيه. وكل طفل مسئول عن العناية بالكتاب وحل جميع النشاطات وتسليم الكتاب فى نهاية الصيف.
- ✠ فى نهاية الصيف كل طفل سيمنح هدية مناسبة حسب عنايته ومسئوليته بالكتاب. وسيتم تقييم الأطفال حسب الإجابات وحسب حالة الكتاب (ليس مقطوع أو مشخبط) .... الخ.
- ✠ إحضار الكتاب و Wristband إجبارى كل يوم. والطفل الذى سيلتزم سيمنح جائزة فى نهاية الصيف.
- ✠ شجعوا أطفالكم على فتح الكتاب المقدس والإستشهاد به فى حل النشاطات.
- ✠ وأيضاً شجعوا أطفالكم على الإلتزام بحل المطلوب يوم بيوم فقط وليس أكثر من المطلوب فى اليوم.
- ✠ برجاء إخبارنا فى حالة السفر والغياب عن البرنامج، لنعطى الطفل النشاطات المطلوبة منه فى فترة غيابه حتى يستطيع المواصلة والإستفادة.
- ✠ برجاء الحضور فى الميعاد لضمان الإستفادة الكاملة.
- ✠ برجاء احترام الخدام اللذين يمنحون وقتهم من أجل إنجاح هذا البرنامج والإلتزام بميعاد الإنصراف وعدم التأخير فى استلام الأطفال مساءً.
- ✠ لمساعدتنا لإنجاح البرنامج غير مسموح للأطفال أن يتركوا الكنيسة نهائياً فى أثناء اليوم والإحترام الكامل للخدام ولقوانين الكنيسة وأخذها بجدية تامة.
- ✠ الغرض من هذا البرنامج هو احترام السلوك المسيحى، ولذلك أى طفل لا يتبع السلوك المسيحى لن يسمح له بالإستمرار فى البرنامج لنهايته (Day Competition). والطفل الذى لا يحترم القوانين ولا يحترم أخوته وأخواته فى الرب ويسبب أى إخلال بالبرنامج لن يسمح له بالإستمرار.



## UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE TAWADROUS II



In this book, Cathy, Ruby and John tell their friends from year one and two about their adventures in the Space Studies Centre. All this is presented through beautiful and colourful pictures which describes their adventures through the following topics:

- 1- I am a bright star (a personal witness of our Lord). This topic discusses how every one of us can personally be a witness for the Lord. This will be though a lesson about St Stephen the Archdeacon and first martyr.
- 2- I am always useful, in my family (A witness for my Lord within my family). This topic explains how to witness to the Lord within our families. This will be presented in a lesson about Abram saving Lot.
- 3- I know my Church's faith (A witness of my Lord within my society). This topic explains how to be honest witnesses of our God within our Church. This will be presented in a lesson about Baptism.
- 4- I am successful in my community, (A witness of my Lord in my society). This topic explains how to be an honest witness to our Lord within our society. This will be presented in a lesson about Daniel and his 3 friends.
- 5- I defend my country (A witness of my Lord in my country). This topic explains how to be witnesses of our Lord in our country. This will be shown in a lesson about Pope Peter VII (Pope Botrous Elgawly).

We sincerely thank the parents and servants for their great role with their children.



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*I am a bright star*

**Cathy:** How are you my friends? I hope you still remember me. I am Cathy your friend from last year. I was with you at last year's St Mark's festival and this is Ruby, my brother. Do you remember him?

**Ruby:** Cathy, Cathy, where are you?

**Ruby:** Come see my new astronaut suit

**Cathy:** Here Ruby!

**Cathy:** Astronaut suit AGAIN?!

**Ruby:** I told you I want to be an astronaut when I grow up. That's why mom thought of taking us to the Space Studies Center. It is a new center for kids who are interested in astronauts.

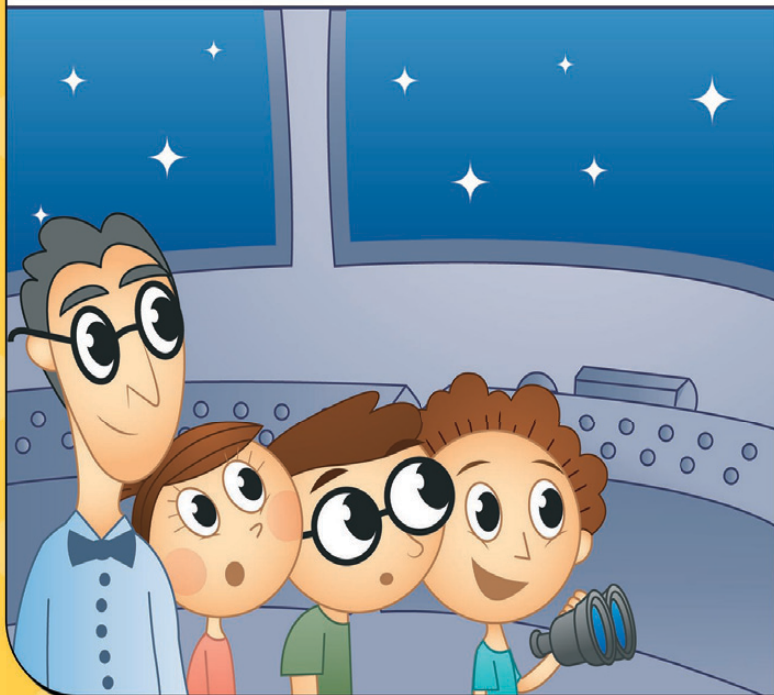
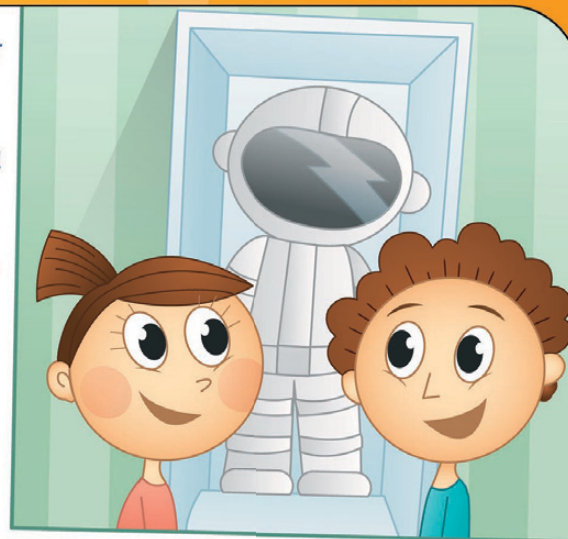
**Cathy:** I don't know why I should go with you to this center.

**Ruby:** Don't come if you don't want to. I am going because I want to learn how to be an astronaut

**Mom:** Come on kids let's go. When we arrive there you will understand the benefits of this center and why you have to go. Now let's go or else we will be late

**Ruby:** I am ready my lovely mom, but can we pass by my cousin John on the way to take him with us ?

**Mom:** Of course we will



**Cathy:** We all went out and we passed by John to take him with us. The whole way there, Ruby and John were imagining what the center would be like. When we arrived there mom kissed us goodbye and said she will come back to pick us up at the end of the day. Then we went in and met Dr Gino the Owner of the center. Dr Gino told us that he is very interested in teaching kids about space and that is why he built the center and is managing it himself. Next, we went for a tour around the center with Dr Gino. We saw some very strange machines and equipment. There was also a very big screen where we watched the stars. They looked wonderful

**Dr Gino:** You can use the magnifying glass to see the stars on the screen more clearly.

**Cathy:** We used the magnifying glass and the stars looked very beautiful. But there was a star that was shining brighter than any other star. It looked unique in the sky.

**Ruby:** Do you notice that very bright star up there

**Cathy:** Yes, it is very bright. You know Ruby, I wish I could be shining as bright as that star

**Ruby:** What are you saying Cathy?, Have you ever heard of a shining person?

**Dr Gino:** Actually, yes there was a shining person

**Cathy & Ruby:** Who is he? Can you tell us his story?

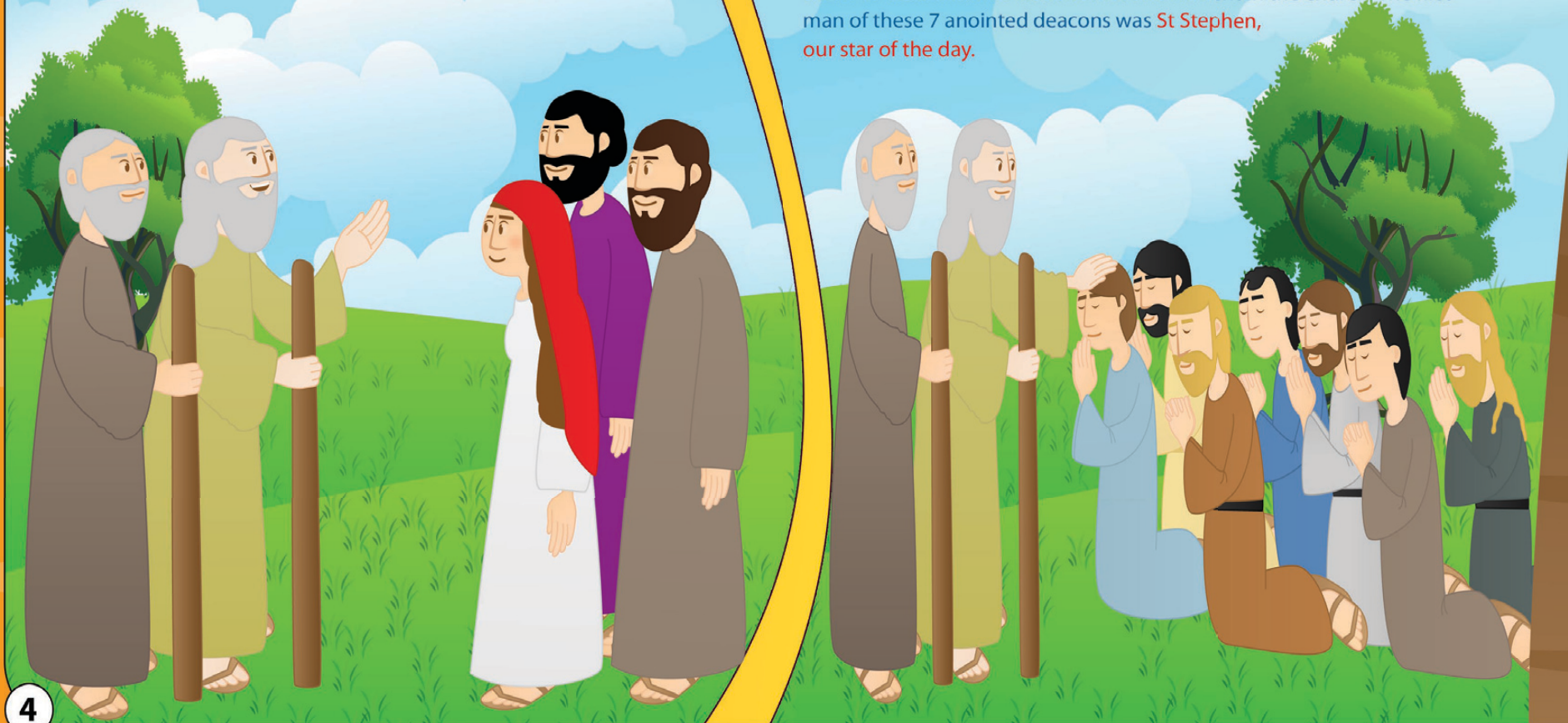


## St Stephen the Archdeacon

**Dr Gino:** After our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into the heavens the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and apostles. They started telling people about Jesus & preaching His word, His life, and what He had done because He loved us so much. Many people already believed in Jesus and started turning to Christianity.

## & First Martyr (Acts 6 – 7)

With the increasing number of believers, it became necessary to have more servants to look after them and their needs. That is why the apostles and disciples asked the people to choose 7 wise people who were filled with the Holy Spirit, and known for their faith and good conduct to help in serving the needy believers. The people chose 7 men. The apostles prayed and laid hands on them and anointed them as deacons. This was the first anointment in the church. The first man of these 7 anointed deacons was **St Stephen**, our star of the day.





**St. Stephen** was very unique in his service because of his faith and love to God. He performed many miracles and was always telling people about Jesus Christ. Many people believed in God through him.

**Ruby:** Could that really happen? A person with a shining face?

**Cathy:** See Ruby? Next time don't make fun of me when I say I want to shine brightly like a star

**Dr Gino:** Mind you that God has made his face shine like that to prove to people that St Stephen was right in what he said.

**Cathy:** And of course everybody believed in God when they saw that, right?

Because of his faith and his wisdom, he was always able to answer questions from Jews and non-believers with very logical and convincing answers, making them unable to reply to him. This made them very angry, so they went to some evil people and asked them to falsely claim that St Stephen was saying wrong things about God. When these false claims were heard by the people, everyone was so angry that they kidnapped our saint and brought him to court, where other evil people came with false accusations. Despite this, **St. Stephen** answered all of their questions very calmly and everyone saw his angelic, shining face.







**Dr Gino:** Unfortunately not Cathy, although he explained to them the whole story of redemption and how God loved us starting from Abraham up until when Jesus himself was incarnate, and born from St Mary, and was crucified on the cross for our sins, and then He was resurrected on the third day conquering death itself. He also told them about all of the prophets who prophesied about Jesus and how the prophecies proved that He is God, even though the Jews did not believe in him and crucified him.

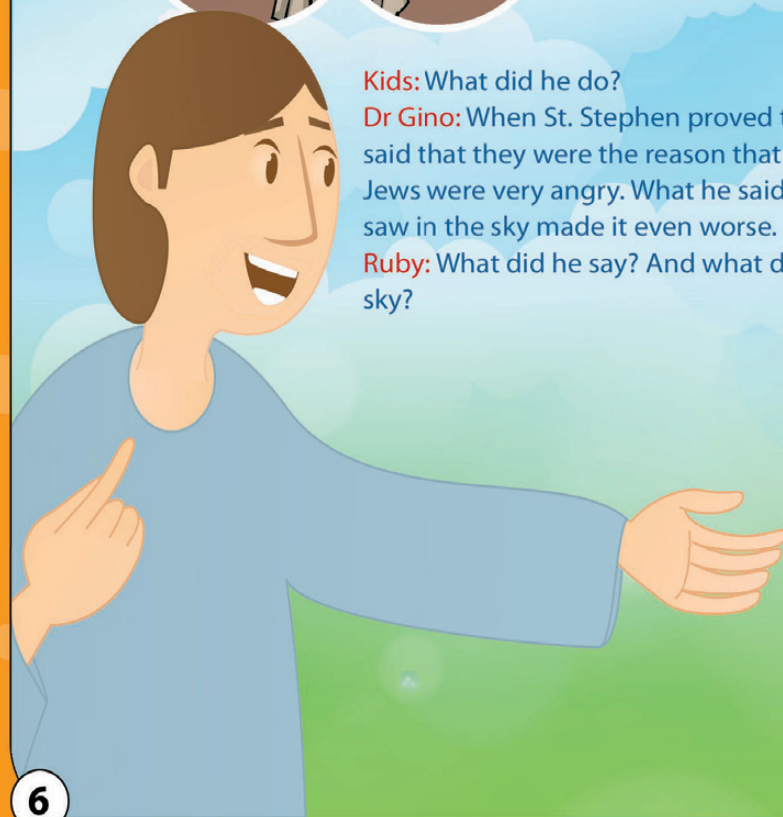
**John:** But this is a very powerful and brave thing to say. Wasn't St. Stephen afraid of the Jews when he said all of that?

**Dr Gino:** St. Stephen thought it was a very good opportunity to testify for the Lord Jesus Christ, and because God had filled his heart with peace and love, he wasn't afraid. What he did next proves this.

**Kids:** What did he do?

**Dr Gino:** When St. Stephen proved the Jews wrong and said that they were the reason that Jesus was crucified, the Jews were very angry. What he said he saw in the sky made it even worse.

**Ruby:** What did he say? And what did he see in the sky?





**Dr Gino:** Our saint saw the heavens open and saw Jesus in all His glory. He told everyone about what he saw, but this made them so angry that they covered their ears so they couldn't hear what St. Stephen was saying. Then they dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.



Despite what the Jews did and because of St Stephen's love to God, while they were stoning him, St Stephen forgave them and prayed saying,

Verse to  
memorise



"Lord, do not charge them  
with this sin" Acts 7:60



**John:** What? Was he praying for the people who were killing him?

**Dr Gino:** Yes he did like our Lord Jesus when He was on the cross and forgave the people who crucified Him. This is why **St. Stephen** deserved to see heaven and God in His glory. He also became the first deacon and the first martyr, earning the crown of martyrdom. Our church celebrates his life and martyrdom on the **1st of Tuba**



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**Cathy:** After Dr Gino told us the story of St. Stephen, he took us on the rest of the tour. While walking, we saw a room that looked very weird.

**Dr. Gino:** Now my friends we have reached the most important place in this center, the global room.

**Kids:** Global room?!!!! What does that mean?

**Dr. Gino:** In this room we get to discover everything about space, such as how it looks, what it is made up of, and more.

**Ruby:** Can we please visit space Dr. Gino? I mean can we enter this room?

**Dr Gino:** Of course Ruby! We will all go in for a half hour tour,. During this tour you will get to know

many things about space. Such as the shapes of the planets and stars.

**Cathy:** But how can we find our way inside the room

**Dr Gino:** When you get in, you will find your guide who will help you during your trip. But before you get in you will have to wear a suit that will allow you to move in space.

**Ruby:** You mean an astronaut suit, right?

**Dr Gino:** Yes exactly Ruby. Come on, put your suits on and go in the room,.I will meet you after your trip. I am sorry I have to leave you now

to go and check the results of the international competition for the best Children's Educational Center that I recently participated in. Have fun and I will see you soon!

**Cathy:** We all put our suits on and went into the room.

**Ruby:** Look Cathy! How strange,.There is no ground under us but we are not falling.

**Cathy:** Of course Ruby. Remember we are in space.

**Ruby:** Yes you are right. Wow look at that shining thing out there!

**Cathy:** Yes it is so bright! It is waving to us. Come let's approach it,. This must be our guide for the trip.

**Photonic:** How are you kids? Let me introduce myself,. My name is Photonic and I am from the Photons family. I will be your guide during your trip and will illuminate your way.

**Ruby:** What does Photons mean?

**Photonic:** Photons are illuminating bodies by nature and when we come together we form the light that you see in the sky when you look up from Earth, like the light of the sun and stars,.

*I am always useful  
in my family*





**Ruby:** Oh wow, I am so happy! Finally one of my dreams will come true to see space and everything in it. I am so excited! Come on Photonic, let's start our trip.

**Cathy:** But where is John? I can't find him. He was walking behind us.

**Ruby:** Oh not again, he really has to stop this

**Cathy:** Stop what?

**Ruby:** Exploring new places. Every time we go to a new place, he leaves me and goes alone to explore.

**Cathy:** How could he do that in such a strange place? It's so dark. I am so worried about him. We have to go and look for him.

**Photonic:** Space is so big that it would take us forever to find him. Our tour is only half an hour long. You might not be able to see everything.

**Ruby:** I agree with Photonic. It is John's fault that he left us. I think we should continue with our tour

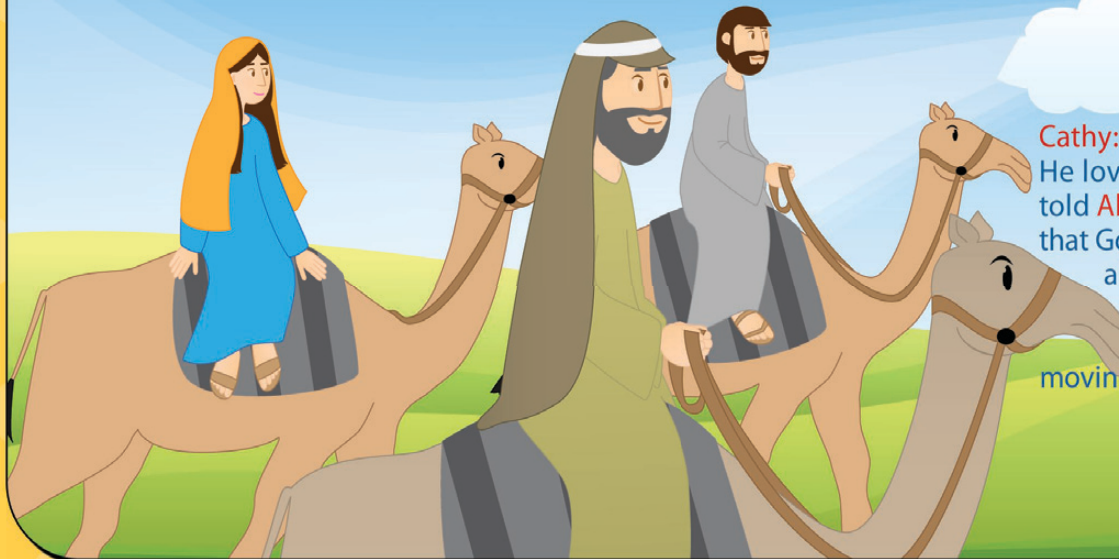
**Cathy:** I agree that John has made a mistake, but we cannot leave him alone. Have you forgotten about when Lot left Abram and went away, but Abram did not let him alone but went to help him?

**Photonic:** Abram? Lot? Who are they?

**Cathy:** I can tell you their story quickly.



## Abram saves Lot (Genesis 12-14)



**Cathy:** Long ago there was a good man called Abram. He loved God so much and believed in him. One day God told Abram to leave his home country and go to the place that God has chosen for him. Abram obeyed God and took all his belongings, his wife Sara and his nephew Lot to live in the city of Canaan. God blessed Abram and his family and Abram kept moving from one place to another as per God's orders.



Since Abram loved his family so much, they all lived together. Abram and Lot were very rich and had lots and lots of sheep with many shepherds to look after them. However, fights started between the shepherds of Abram and those of Lot over who feeds the sheep because the land was not big enough for all of them. Abram was the older and therefore had the right to choose his land. However because he was a man of God who demonstrated His love in everything he did, he went to Lot and said,

"please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdersmen your herdsman, for we are bretheren." (Genesis 13:8)



Verse to  
memorise

Abram then asked Lot to choose where he wanted to live. Lot chose the better land and took his sheep, his shepherds and his family and went towards the east to a city called Sodom, while Abram stayed in Canaan. The people living in Sodom were very evil.



One day, a big fight erupted between the king of Sodom and four other kings against

King **Chedorlaomer** and three other kings. **Chedorlaomer** won the battle and entered Sodom victoriously and took all their money, sheep & food. He also took **Lot** and his family as captives.

One of the people of Sodom ran and told **Abram** about what happened to his nephew, and went to save **Lot**.

**Photonic:** Has he forgotten that Lot has left him and chose to live in a different place? And the fights between his shepherds and Lot's shepherds?

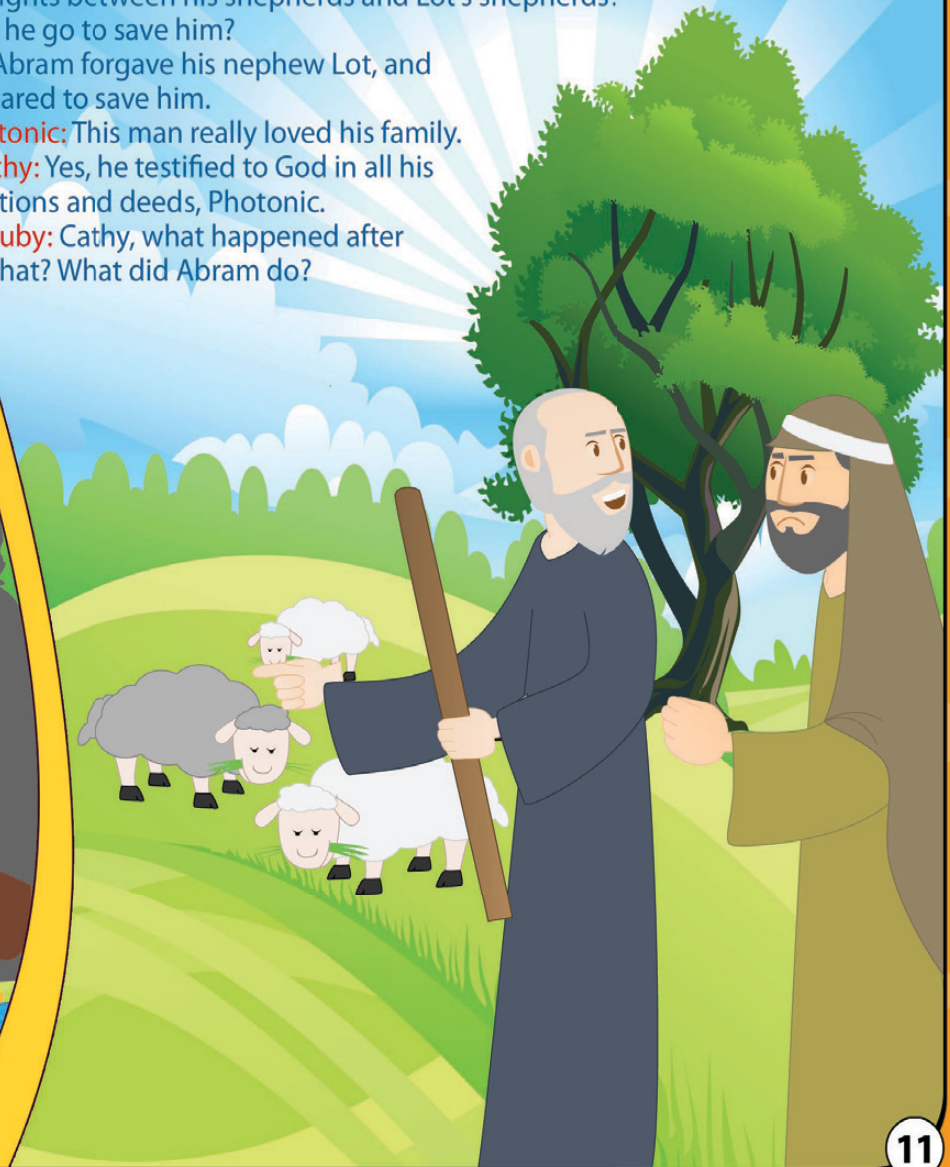
Why did he go to save him?

**Cathy:** Abram forgave his nephew Lot, and only cared to save him.

**Photonic:** This man really loved his family.

**Cathy:** Yes, he testified to God in all his actions and deeds, Photonic.

**Ruby:** Cathy, what happened after that? What did Abram do?





**Cathy:** Abram then gathered all the men who could fight which they were only about 318 men. He divided them into groups, and attacked Chedorlaomer at night from different directions.

**Abram** then won the battle and restored all that was stolen by Chedorlaomer. He also freed Lot and his family. Upon their return, the king of Sodom met him and thanked him for all that he did.

**Photonic:** Abram has really proved his love to God and showed us how to love our family.

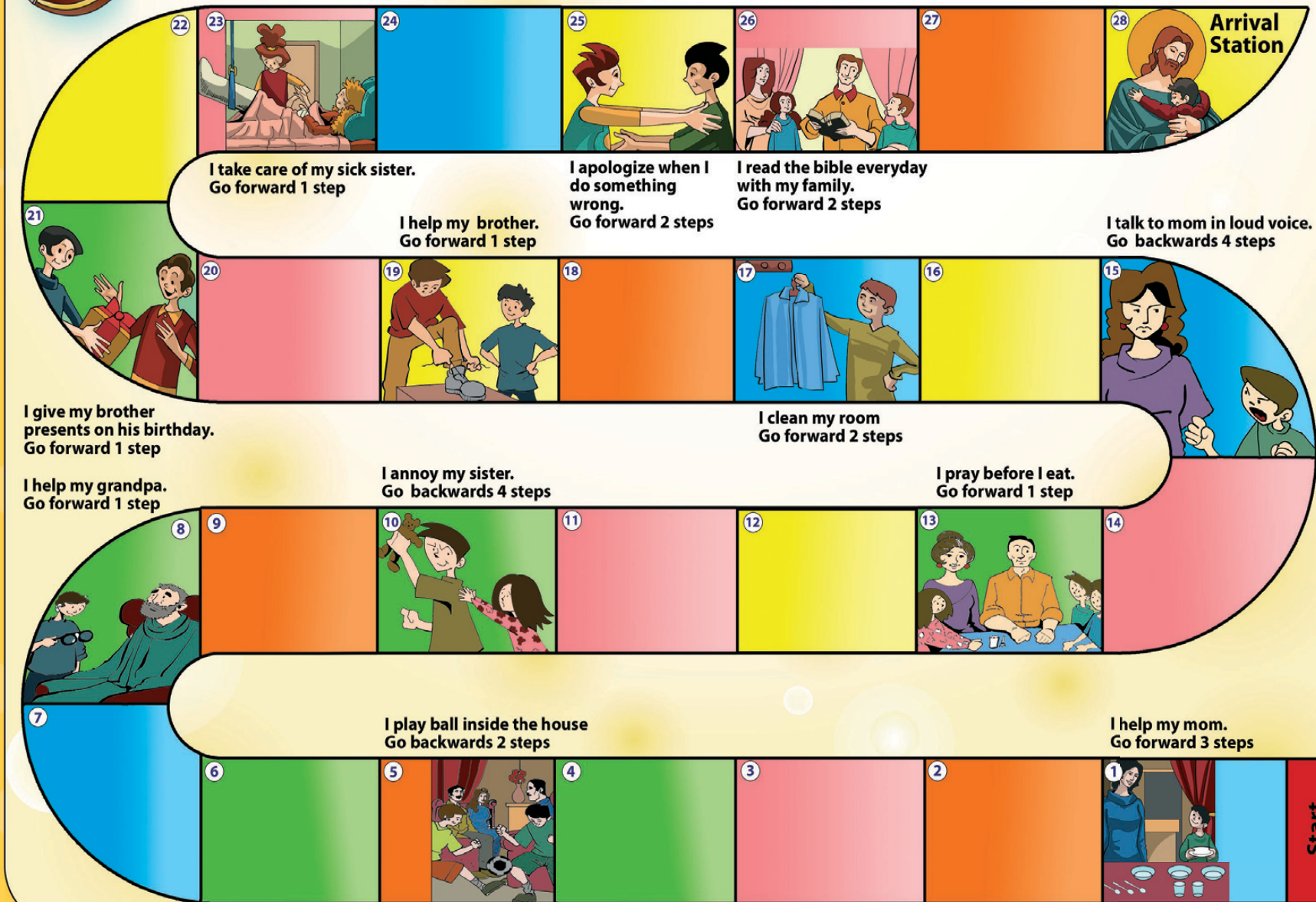
**Ruby:** Right Photonic, I now understand what Cathy meant and we should go and look for John. Yes he made a mistake but we must help him like Abram helped Lot.

**Photonic:** And I will come with you, but where do you think John went?



### Application

Play with your family using dice and buttons. The winner is the one who learns how to be a bright star at home, passes each step successfully, and manages to reach the picture of Jesus Christ first.





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**Cathy:** We kept wondering where John could be.

**Ruby:** He must have found a place with light since he does not like the dark.

**Photonic:** I can help with that. The nearest lit place is the moon, Mooney. Maybe he went there.

**Cathy:** You are probably right, Photonic. Can you take us to Mooney the moon, to see John before he goes to another place?

**Photonic:** Ok follow me. Mooney is that way.

**Cathy:** When we were almost there, we saw the moon and it looked very pretty.

**Mooney:** Hello Photonic. What brings you here? Does this mean you have changed your tour path? And why?

**Photonic:** Hello Mooney. Yes you are right, we changed our path because our friends Cathy & Ruby were accompanied by their cousin John who has left us. We are looking for him now.

**Cathy:** Yes and we decided to leave the tour to look for him. Have you seen our cousin John, Uncle Mooney?

**Mooney:** Is he kind of short and wears glasses?

**Mooney:** Yes, he was here a while ago.



**Cathy:** Yes

**Cathy:** Perfect, so could you please tell us where he is

**Mooney:** He left a little while ago to look at Saturn the planet. He went that way from the right

**Cathy:** Ok then let's hurry up to catch him before he leaves to somewhere else.

**Ruby:** Thank you very much Mr Mooney. I am so glad I met you. I always watch you at night when you are shining up in the sky.

**Mooney:** I am so glad I met you too Ruby. But by the way, the light you see is not mine. I am basically a dark body, and the light you see is the light of the sun changing me.

**Photonic:** Shouldn't we leave now Ruby? We are very late now. Good bye Mooney.

**Mooney:** Good bye all.

**Cathy:** We all left, but Ruby was so occupied with what Uncle Mooney had said.

**Ruby:** The moon changes from dark to light, from dark to light.

**Cathy:** What is wrong Ruby? Why do you keep repeating uncle Mooney's words and why do you look that surprised? Have you forgotten that we have also changed from dark to light??



**Photonic:** What are you talking Cathy? How could you change from dark to light?

**Cathy:** By baptism.

**Ruby:** Good Cathy, that is exactly what I was trying to remember. **Baptism changes us from dark to light.**

**Photonic:** Hold on, hold on. What are you saying? I don't understand anything. What is baptism? What does it mean?

**Ruby:** Baptism is the second birth for us all

**Photonic:** Second birth? Does that mean you go back to your mother's tummy and be born again?

**Cathy:** Of course not Photonic.

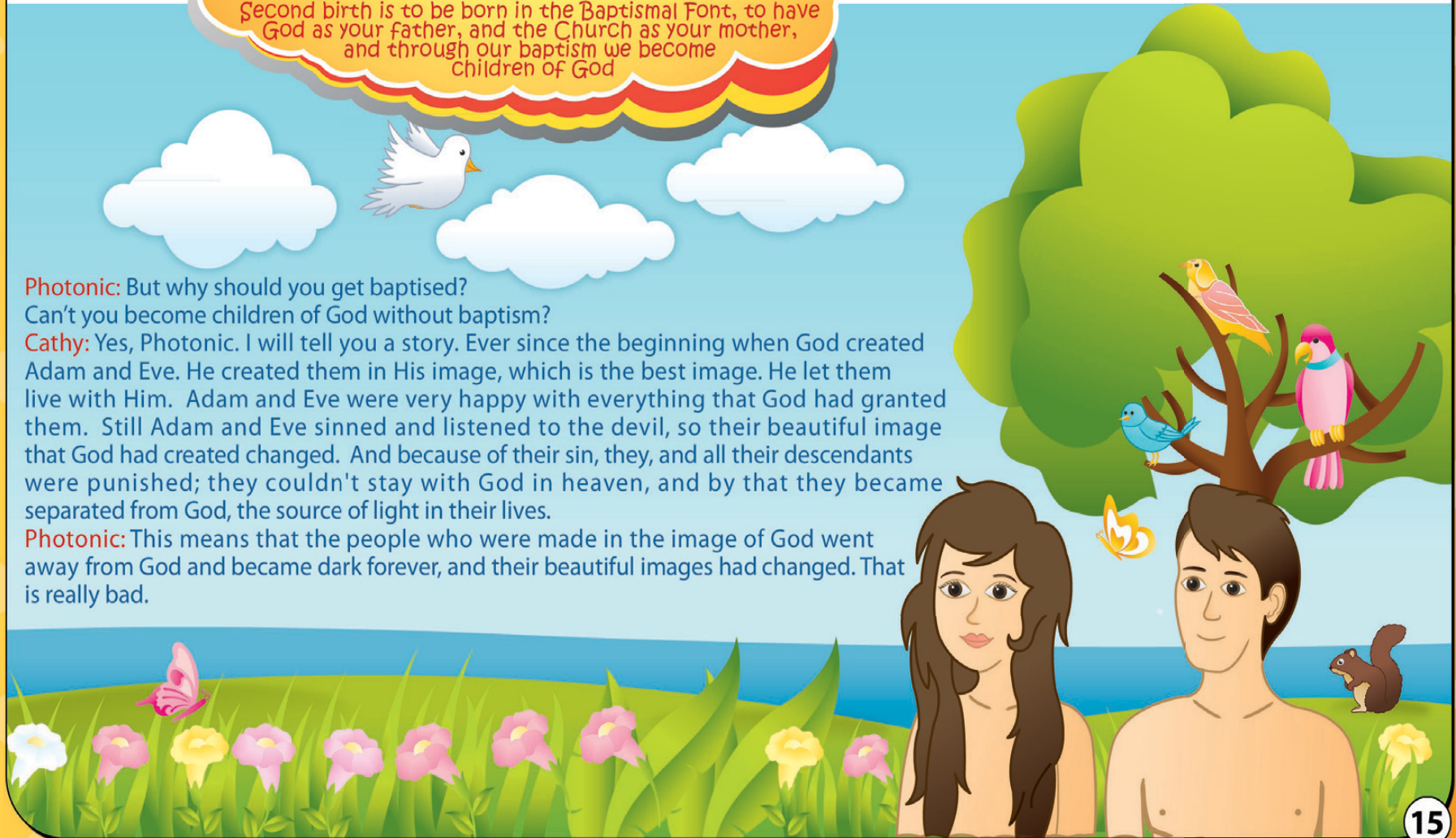
Second birth is to be born in the Baptismal Font, to have God as your father, and the Church as your mother, and through our baptism we become children of God

**Photonic:** But why should you get baptised?

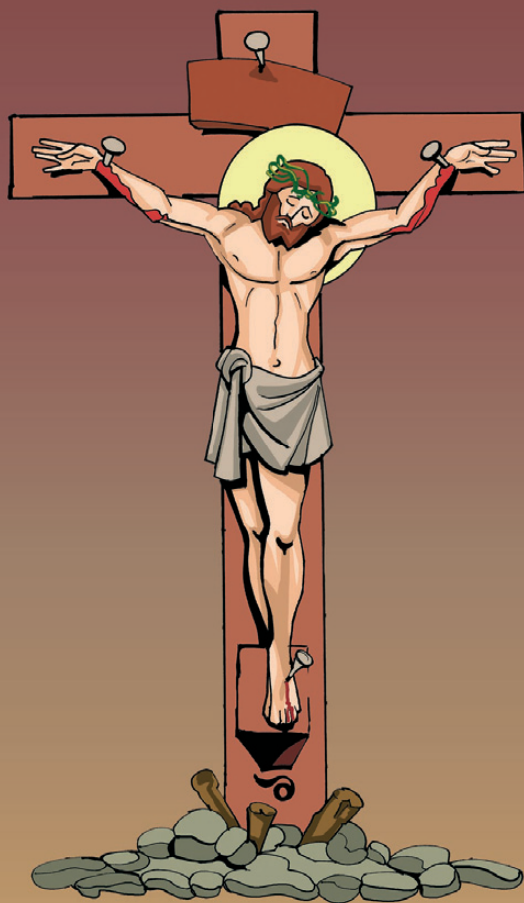
Can't you become children of God without baptism?

**Cathy:** Yes, Photonic. I will tell you a story. Ever since the beginning when God created Adam and Eve. He created them in His image, which is the best image. He let them live with Him. Adam and Eve were very happy with everything that God had granted them. Still Adam and Eve sinned and listened to the devil, so their beautiful image that God had created changed. And because of their sin, they, and all their descendants were punished; they couldn't stay with God in heaven, and by that they became separated from God, the source of light in their lives.

**Photonic:** This means that the people who were made in the image of God went away from God and became dark forever, and their beautiful images had changed. That is really bad.







**Ruby:** Don't be sad Photonic. God loves the people whom he created. He chose to come and be punished instead of them, and that is why He came down from heaven, was incarnated and was born from our blessed Virgin Mary, then was crucified and died instead of us and saved us all.

**Cathy:** And to show that everyone of us deserved God saving us, we must get baptised and by this we can regain our beautiful image and reflect God's light that we have gained through baptism.



**Photonic:** Wow, so by Baptism you regain your beautiful image and light? This Baptism is great but who started it?

**Cathy:** Baptism is one of our church's seven holy sacraments.

**Photonic:** It was started by our Lord Jesus Christ himself when he was baptised in the Jordan River by the hands of John the Baptist. He did not need to be baptised but he wanted to teach us that we all need to be baptised.

Verse to  
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"He who believes and is  
baptized will be saved"  
Mark 16:16



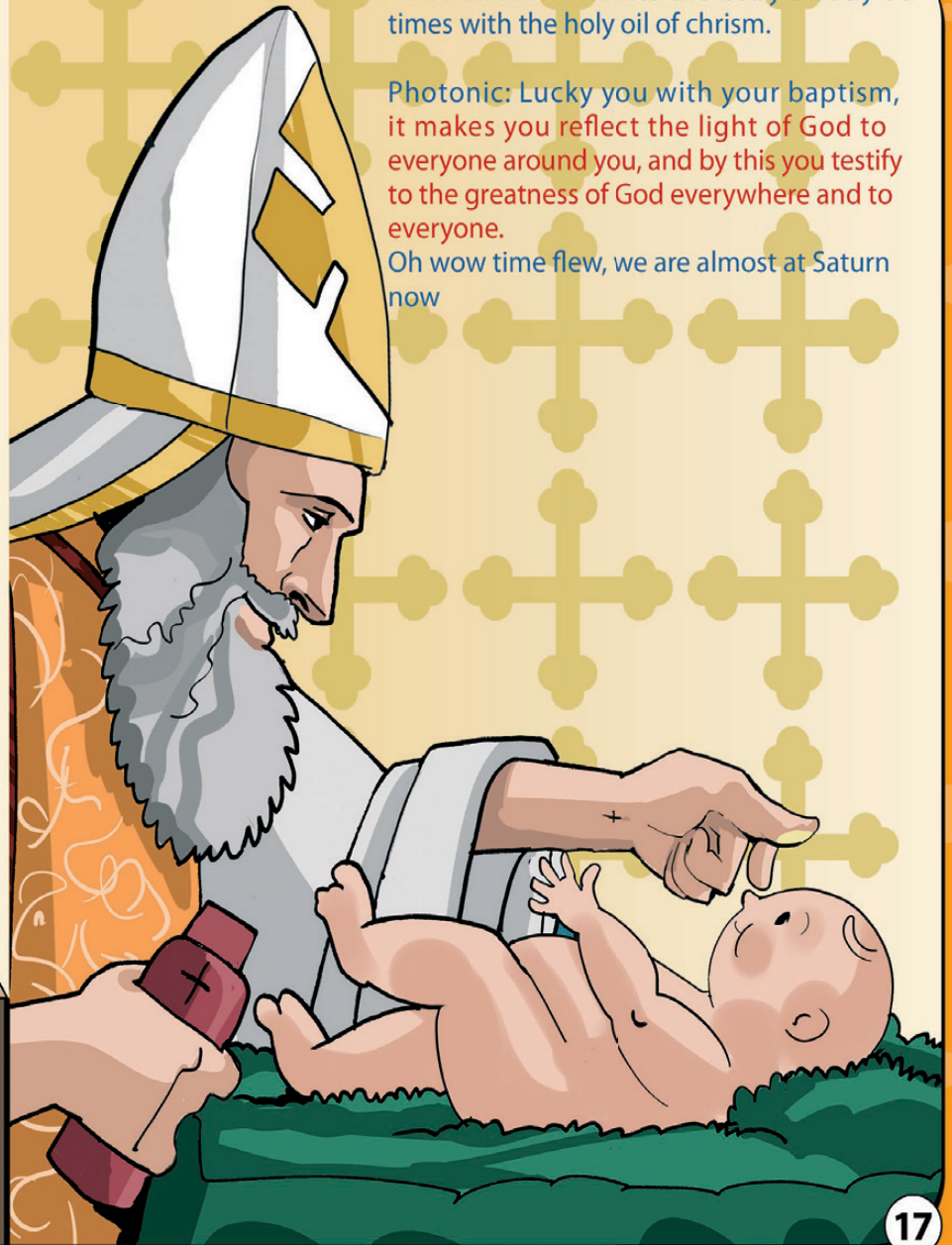
That is why when a baby boy is 40 days old and a baby girl is 80 days old their parents bring them to church to be baptised. and Abouna puts the baby in the water 3 times in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Abouna then anoints the baby's body 36 times with the holy oil of chrisam.

Photonic: Lucky you with your baptism, it makes you reflect the light of God to everyone around you, and by this you testify to the greatness of God everywhere and to everyone.

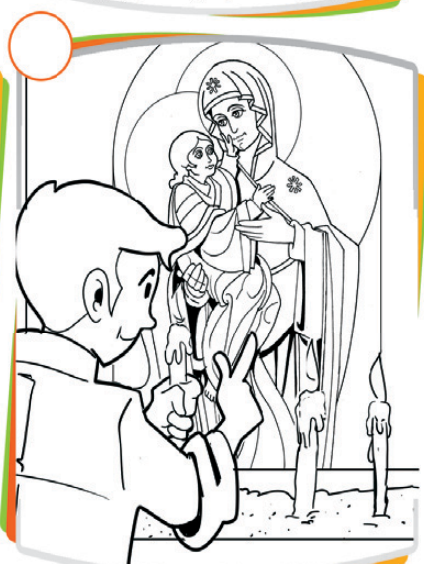
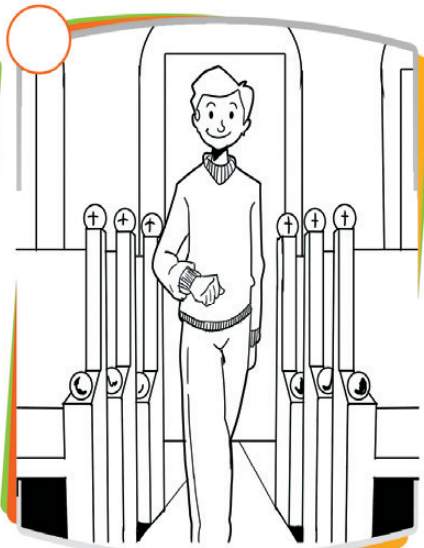
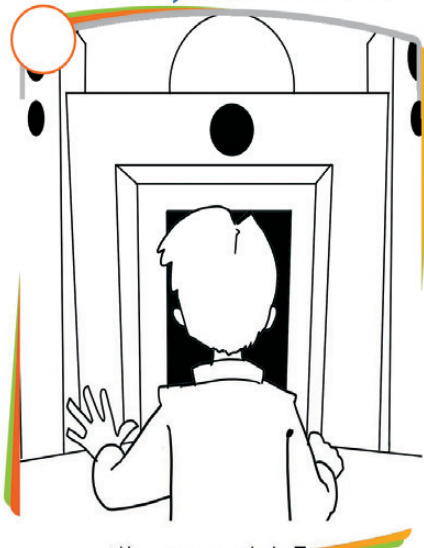
Oh wow time flew, we are almost at Saturn now





### Application

Arrange the photos of our friend Ruby starting from when he wakes up, until he goes out to church to attend the liturgy. Through this you will get to know how our friend was a shining star in his church, testifying to God through his actions. If you want to be like him try to learn from him.





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**Cathy:** We kept walking and walking till we arrived to Saturn the planet. Hello Uncle Saturn! We have walked a long way to come visit you and we are very tired. Can we please ask you about our cousin John? Has he come to you?

**Saturn:** Yes he came to me.

**Cathy:** Could you please tell us where is he now?

**Saturn:** I can tell you but under one condition.

**All:** What condition?

**Saturn:** Do not tell Dr Gino that you lost John in the room. Otherwise, he may rearrange everything to avoid this happening again.

**Ruby:** But this would mean that we will not tell the truth and we were taught in our church that we should always tell the truth.

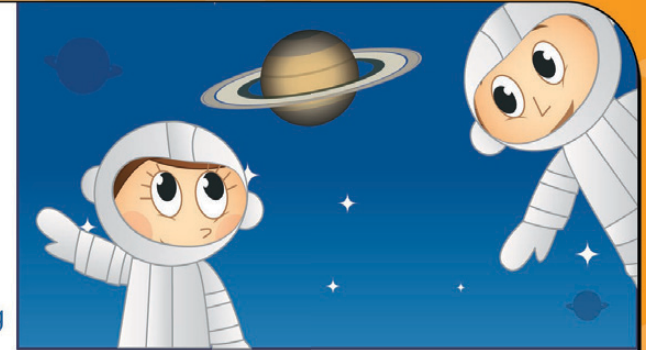
**Saturn:** In that case, I will not tell you where John is.

**Cathy:** The fact that we need to know where John is does not mean that we will change everything that we have learned in our church and our home. Uncle Saturn, I will tell you a story to show you that the children of God always stick to God's commands no matter what.

**Saturn:** Story about who?

**Cathy:** The story of

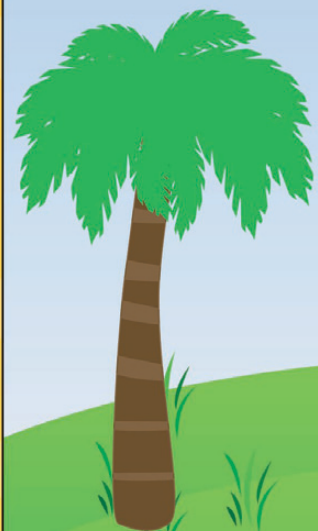
*I am successful  
in my community*



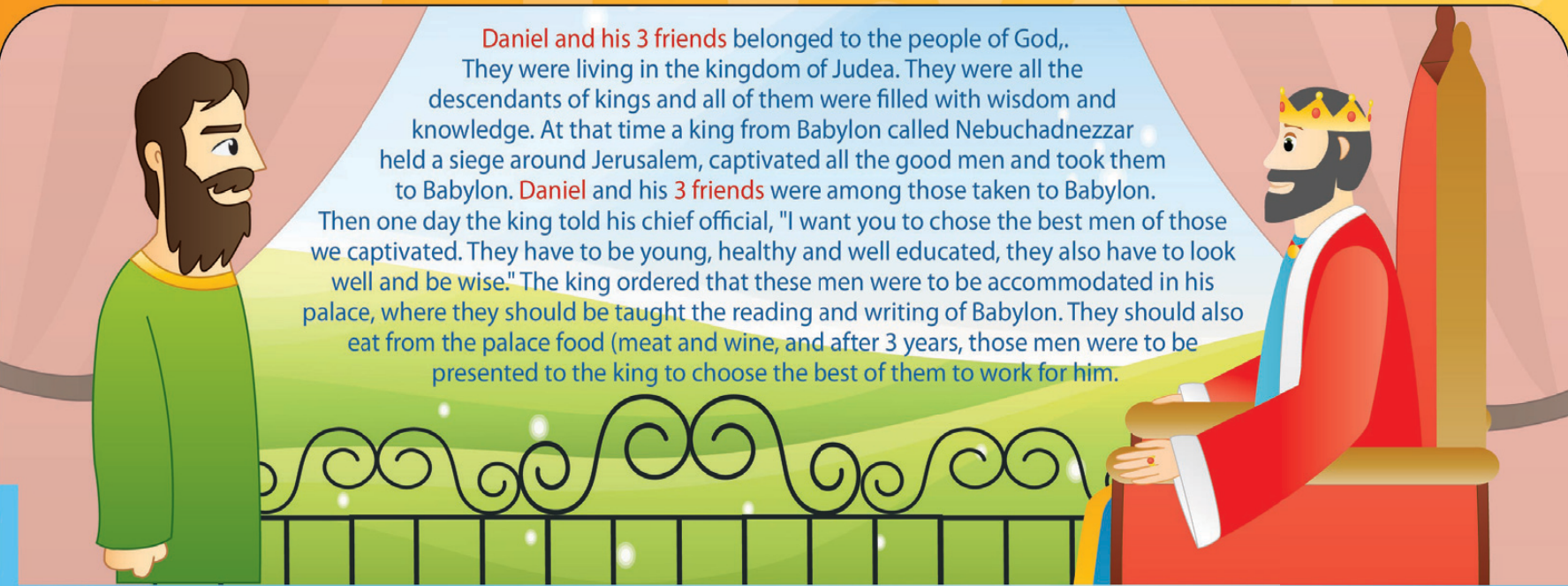
## Daniel and his 3 friends (Daniel 1:1-21)

**Ruby:** Yes I know this story quite well, Daniel and his friends Anania, Azaria and Misael, testified to God for everyone around them, although they were living in a different country where no one knew about God.

**Cathy:** That is right Ruby and to tell you more about the story, I will start from the beginning.







**Daniel and his 3 friends** belonged to the people of God,. They were living in the kingdom of Judea. They were all the descendants of kings and all of them were filled with wisdom and knowledge. At that time a king from Babylon called Nebuchadnezzar held a siege around Jerusalem, captivated all the good men and took them to Babylon. **Daniel** and his **3 friends** were among those taken to Babylon. Then one day the king told his chief official, "I want you to chose the best men of those we captivated. They have to be young, healthy and well educated, they also have to look well and be wise." The king ordered that these men were to be accommodated in his palace, where they should be taught the reading and writing of Babylon. They should also eat from the palace food (meat and wine, and after 3 years, those men were to be presented to the king to choose the best of them to work for him.

Of course the chief official started immediately with the King's orders and chose the men among whom were **Daniel** and **his friends**.

**Ruby:** The first thing he did was to change their names. Then he started teaching them the language and laws of Babylon. He also offered them the palace food (meat and wine) that was served to the idols.

**Cathy:** And because **Daniel** and **his friends** testified to God in all their actions, they refused to eat from the King's luxurious food, as it was against their believes. The Gospel tells us about Daniel:



Verse to  
memorise

"But **Daniel** purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank" **"Daniel 1:8"**



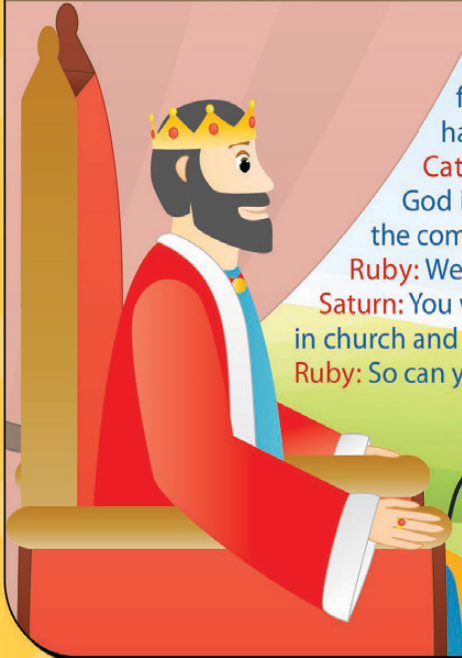




**Ruby:** So **Daniel** went to the guard assigned to give them food and drink and requested that they only be given grains and water fasting food for 10 days and see how they looked after that. God had compassion for **Daniel** and **his friends**, and the guard agreed to try them for 10 days

**Photonic:** And what happened after those 10 days?

**Cathy:** They looked healthier and stronger than all the other men around them so the chief official agreed on giving them grains and water instead of the king's meat and wine. God had also given them wisdom and knowledge and granted **Daniel** the ability to translate dreams.



**Ruby:** After three years, all the men were presented to the king and he spoke to them all and found that Daniel and his three friends were better than all the priests, magicians and ministers he had in his kingdom.

**Cathy:** By that, **Daniel** and his **3 friends** had managed to testify to God in their community because they were honest and they followed the commandments and rules set by God honestly.

**Ruby:** We too will follow the commandment and will always say the truth.

**Saturn:** You were right in everything you said. You have to do what you learned in church and at home, I am really sorry that I didn't want you to say the truth.

**Ruby:** So can you please tell us where John is?





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Cathy: After we finished our story Uncle Saturn told us where to find John.

Saturn: You will find John standing near the exit gate, here on the right, I told him to wait for you there, till you finish your tour.

Photonic: Great, let's go my friends. Hurry up we don't have much time!

Cathy: We then all went to the exit gate where we found John there, upset and crying.

John: I am really sorry. I didn't mean this. I was just looking around, when I discovered I lost you. I tried to go back but could not. I will never do this again. Please forgive me. Once we get out of here, I will tell Dr. Gino about everything and apologize for what I did.

Ruby: Although you caused me to lose my dream tour, I'm glad you are OK and nothing bad has happened to you.

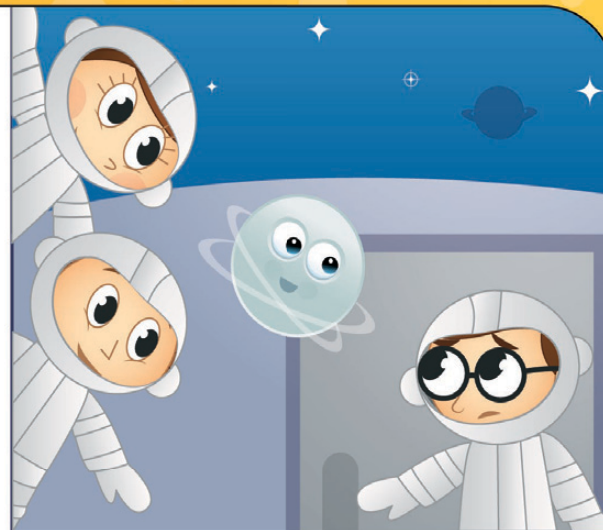
Cathy: Don't worry, we have enjoyed our time with Photonic while we were looking for you. Thank God you are safe. While we were talking, we heard a bell ringing.

Photonic: The tour has ended.

Ruby: Time has flown, I wish we could stay more.

Photonic: You are right, time passed very quickly. Can I tell you a secret my friends? This is the best tour I ever did, because I have learned a lot of new things. I will never forget you or the things you taught me today.

*I defend my country*



Cathy: We too enjoyed our tour very much, Photonic.

Ruby: I am so glad that I got to know you, Uncle Mooney and Uncle Saturn and was able to see that space.

Photonic: Promise me you'll come again, to see all the things that you have not seen yet. Good bye my dear friends, I will miss you.

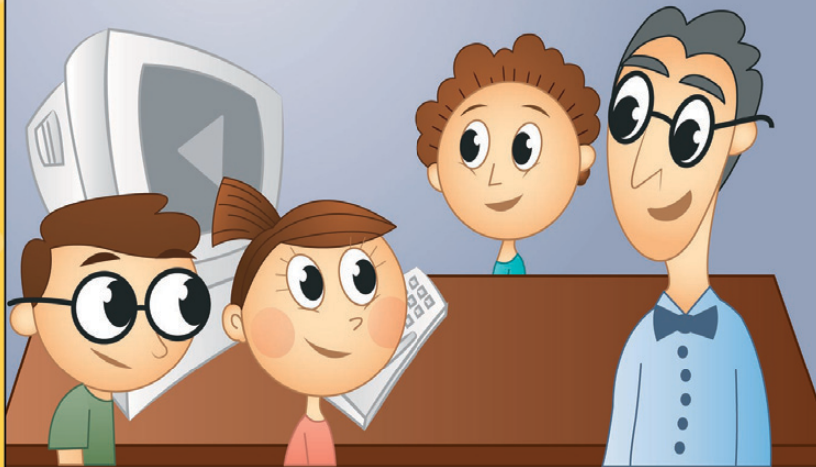
All: We promise you Photonic, and we will miss you too. Good bye.

Cathy: Then we came out and took our space suits off. We saw Dr. Gino waving to us from his office, so we quickly went to him. John immediately went to Dr. Gino, told him everything he did on the tour and apologized for his mistake, promising never to do it again.

Dr. Gino forgave John. He was sitting on his computer and it was clear he was waiting for something important.







**Ruby:** Are we keeping you Dr. Gino?

**Cathy:** Yes you look busy.

**Ruby:** Yes we can leave now and come to you later.

**Dr Gino:** No you are not keeping me, I am just waiting for the competition results. It will be announced on the competition official website in minutes, that is why I look preoccupied.

**Cathy:** It was a really difficult time. We all stood around Dr. Gino waiting for the results. The Judge then appeared and started announcing the winners, beginning with the third place, then second, then the first winner from all over the world.

**Computer's Voice:** Now it is time to announce the first place winner who deserves the title of Generation maker from the Arab Republic of Egypt. The winner is Dr Gino, who presented the idea of making a Space Studies Center for kids. What has helped him win is that he has already established a center and managed it himself for kids to learn and enjoy.

**Kids:** Yay congratulations Dr. Gino!

**Dr Gino:** Oh I can't believe it, my life dream has come true! Finally I managed to give back to my country. My country is number one in the world, I am so happy!

**Cathy:** All this happiness is for our country? I thought you would be happy because you are now famous.

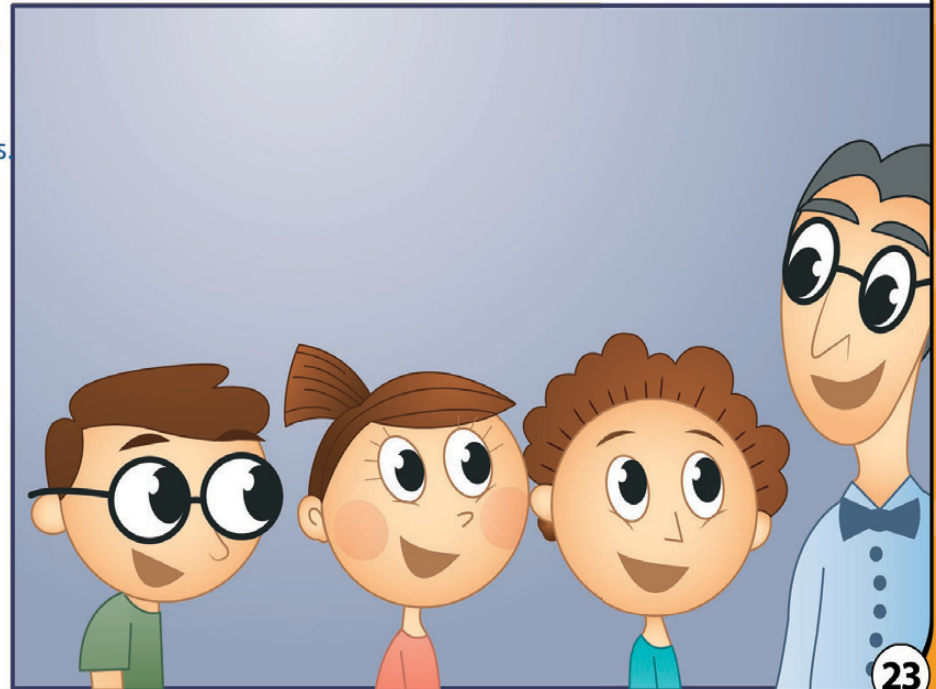
**Dr Gino:** No Cathy, I am happier for my country, because I grew up on its land, eaten from its food and learned in its schools. Everything I have: my language, my features, my friends, I have enjoyed it all in my country. I will always be indebted to it. My whole history and ancestors are all about it, that is why my country is very precious to me.

**Cathy:** You love our country so much Dr. Gino. I also love this country so much but don't know what to do to serve it, especially since I am still young and I cannot invent such great inventions like you.

**Dr Gino:** Cathy, you do not have to invent things to serve your country. Do you remember what Pope Peter Elgawly did?

**Cathy:** Who is Pope Peter Elgawly?

**Dr Gino:** I will tell you his story, then after this I will tell you how you can serve your country while you are young.



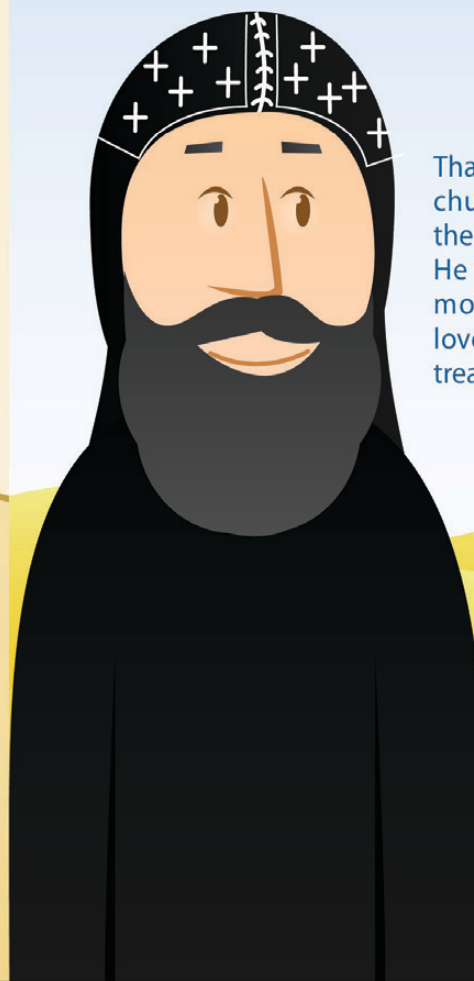
Pope Peter VII (Botrous El Gawly)  
Synaxarium 28 Baramhat



**Dr Gino:** He is the 109th Pope of our Coptic church. He was born in a small village called Gawlia in Assuit.

**Ruby:** Is that why he is called Pope Botrous ElGawly?

**Dr Gino:** That is right, Ruby. He was named Mankarious when he was born, ever since he was a little kid, he loved God so much and prayed a lot. Because he loved God so much, he wanted to be with Him all the time.



That is why he went to St. Antony's church and became a monk with the name of Markorious. He was loved by everyone in the monastery. All his fellow monks loved him because he has always treated everyone nicely.



Due to his kind way of treating everyone, he soon became a priest, then a pastor, then a General Bishop helping the pope in his service.

**John:** He must have been a very good servant to be chosen to be a general Bishop.

**Dr Gino:** Not only was he chosen as a general Bishop, but also people chose him to be the Pope after Pope Morcous the 108th went to the heavens.

**Ruby:** Could you please tell us how Pope Peter served his country?

**Dr Gino:** He served Egypt in many ways. One time he served Egypt while they were having a very large problem.

**Kids:** What problem?



**Dr Gino:** The water of the Nile was getting lower and lower everyday, and you surely know what this means

**Ruby:** It means that there will not be enough food or water for people to drink or grow plants and animals and may cause a big famine and people could starve to death

**Dr Gino:** You are right Ruby, and that is what happened there was a big famine in Egypt at that time, and everyone was afraid and sick and did not know what to do, but the church was praying as the gospel said

"you also helping together in prayer for us" 2 Corinthians 1:11"



**Verse to memorise**

That is why our Church always prays for God to bless the plants and waters of the rivers and grant our country peace. Then when the governor asked everyone to pray to God to give them water, Pope Botrous gathered all the bishops and priests and all the Christian people and went to pray on the bank of the river Nile

**Ruby:** They prayed on the riverbank

**Dr Gino:** Yes Pope Botrous actually held the liturgy there, then after the mass he did a very strange thing.

**All:** What did he do?

**Dr Gino:** He washed the holy Liturgical Utensils and then spread the water he used in the washing in the river, do you know what happened after that

**All:** What

**Dr Gino:** Suddenly the water of the river started increasing and getting higher and higher that it almost turned into a flood and the famine that was terrifying everyone has stopped and everyone became happy again, and the governor was so happy too

**Cathy:** What a beautiful miracle that Pope Peter has done, he has caused everyone to be happy again





**Dr Gino:** See Cathy, how Pope Peter managed to serve his country without inventing anything. He served his country with what he can do, and because he loved his country God has helped him to be of use.

**Cathy:** So can you tell me how to serve my country when I am young

**Dr Gino:** You and the rest of my friends here are all young but you can still do a lot of things to serve your country

To get to know your capabilities and use it to serve your country



To work hard and honestly at school, so you can use what you have learned to serve your country when you are older

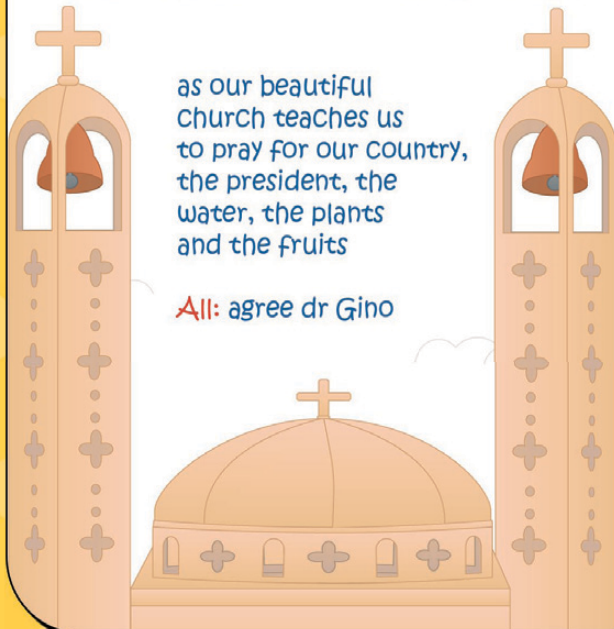


To pray that our country be the best country ever,



as our beautiful Church teaches us to pray for our country, the president, the water, the plants and the fruits

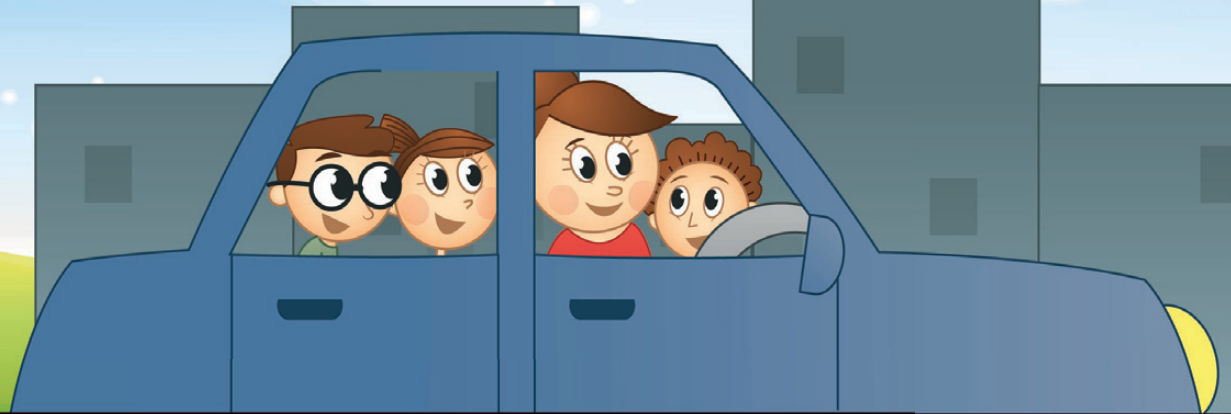
**All:** agree dr Gino





**Dr Gino:** Thank you all very much. I am so glad that I met you. I wish to see you again. Good bye my friends, I will wait for you again.

**Cathy:** We all thanked Dr Gino and went out. We found mom waiting for us. We got in the car and told her all about our day and she promised to bring us back again.



We hope you enjoyed our tour and are looking forward to meeting you next year.



## Memorization

# The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks unto the Beneficent and Merciful God, the Father of our Lord, and God and Savior, Jesus Christ. For He has covered us, succored us, preserved us, accepted us unto Him, had compassion on us, sustained us, and brought us unto this hour. Let us then ask Him, the Almighty Lord our God, that He may keep us in all peace this holy day and all the days of our life. O Master, Lord, God Almighty, Father of our Lord, and God and Savior Jesus Christ, we thank You upon every condition, for any condition, and in whatever condition. For You have covered us, succored us, preserved us, accepted us unto You, had compassion on us, sustained us, and brought us unto this hour. Therefore, we pray and entreat Your goodness, O Lover of mankind, grant us to complete this holy day, and all the days of our life in all peace with Your fear. All envy, all temptation, all the working of Satan, the intrigue of wicked people, the rising up of enemies, hidden or manifest, take away from us, and from all Your people, and from this, Your holy place. Whereas of the things that are suitable and useful to us give us provision. For You are He who gave us the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and every power of the enemy. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one, through the grace, mercy and love of mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, and God and Savior, Jesus Christ; through whom glory, honor, dominion and worship befit You, with Him and the Holy Spirit, the Life-giver who is of one essence with You, both now and ever, and unto the ages of all ages, Amen.



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