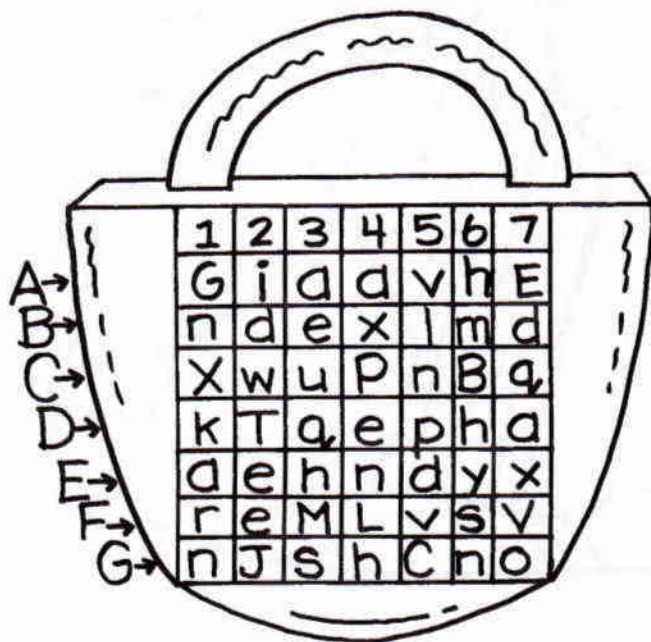




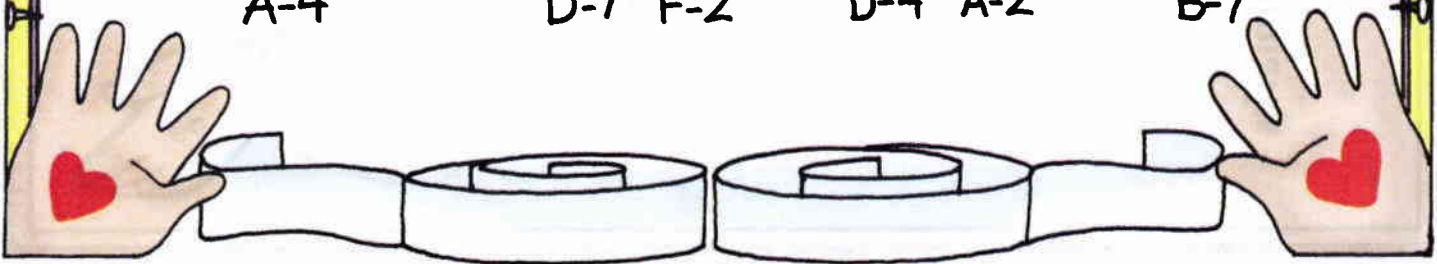
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After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples twice behind locked doors (John 20:19-31).

Use this padlock and the coordinates to fill in the blanks. Then you'll find what Jesus told Thomas during one of his visits.



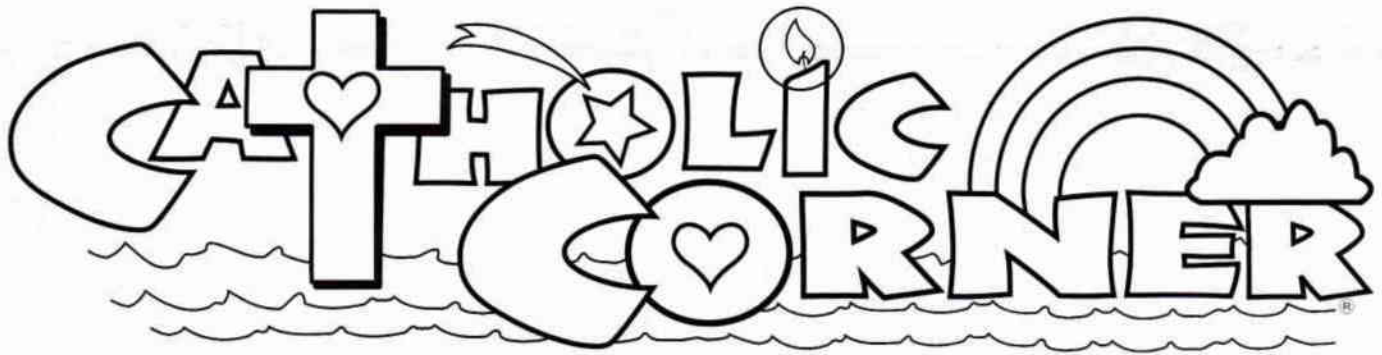
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**" Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks  
and put my hand into his side, I will not believe. "**

**John 20 : 25**

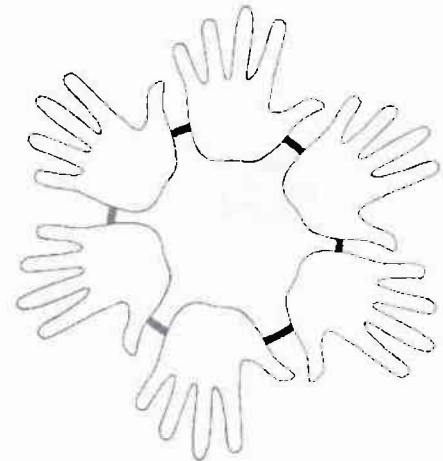
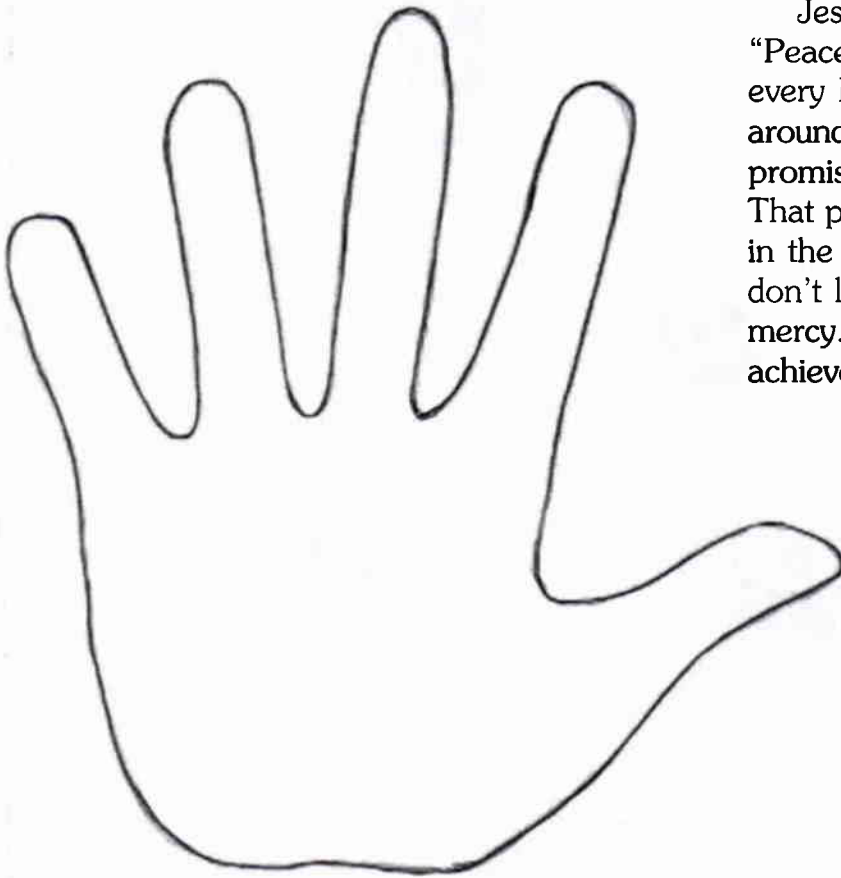


## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, not *after* Easter. We continue to celebrate this great feast for fifty days. The last day of the Easter season will be the feast of Pentecost, June 9. You will probably be starting your summer vacation then.

Today is also known as Sunday of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy Sunday was first celebrated in the year 2000, when Pope John Paul II announced the feast at the Mass declaring Sister Faustina Kowalska a saint. Her feast day is October 5. You might want to find out more about this holy woman and her connection to the devotion to the Divine Mercy by researching her life story. She shared with us what Jesus revealed to her in visions: that everyone who trusts in God shares in God's loving mercy. No one is excluded. On this day you can pray Sister Faustina's prayer: "Jesus, I trust in you."

Jesus' first words in today's Gospel are "Peace be with you." We say these words at every Mass. We reach out our hands to those around us. We repeat the words of Jesus and promise to make peace a reality in our lives. That peace must then be shared with everyone in the world, even to those we don't know or don't like and who don't like us. This requires mercy. This peace of Jesus is not easy to achieve, but he promises to be with us and help.



Look at the hand on this page or trace your own hand on another piece of paper. Inside each finger, write one way you can bring peace and forgiveness to others. In the palm of your hand write the names of some of the people you know who need peace and mercy. Ask the people in your family to do the same. Cut out the hands and put them together to form a wreath. Remember to include those who might not be so easy to love and forgive.



After Jesus rose from the dead,  
his apostles often did miraculous things!  
Sometimes sick people lay on cots or mats in the street  
before Peter arrived.

They hoped that when he walked by,  
his shadow would fall over them and they would be healed.

Draw a line to match each letter to its shadow.  
Then use the letters to help spell "Made well" on the mat below.

