

WALK WITH GOD AND DON'T WORRY

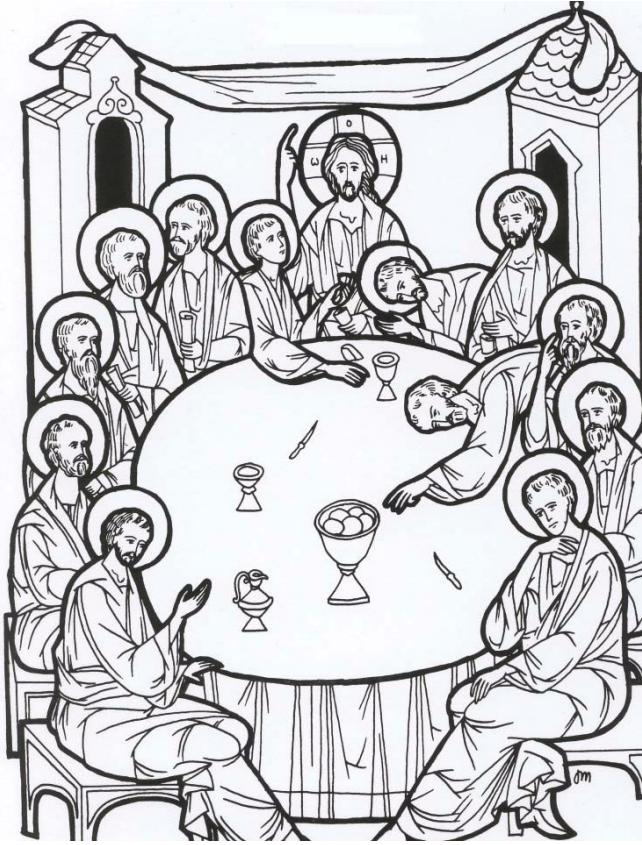
The Lord said, "If you think about God first, you will see clearly. Keep your thoughts good, and focused on doing what God wants."

You can't want something, like a toy, or a new bike, so much that you'll do anything to get it. God knows what you need. He takes care of every creature, like the lilies of the field and the birds of the air. He does not want you to think about what you need. He knows what you need. What he wants is for you to trust Him, and to walk with Him.

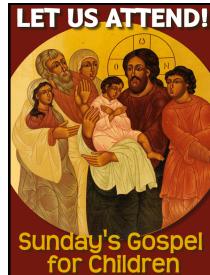
Seek, or look, first to find the kingdom of God. Stay close to God. Pray always. Do what is good and right at all times. One day, in heaven, you will have all that is good.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. God wants us to see clearly. He will help us know what is good and what is not. We can ask God to help us at any time.
2. When do you pray? Have you ever asked God to help you?
3. When we are at church, we learn what God wants when the priest reads from the gospel. How do you know when the priest is reading from the gospel?



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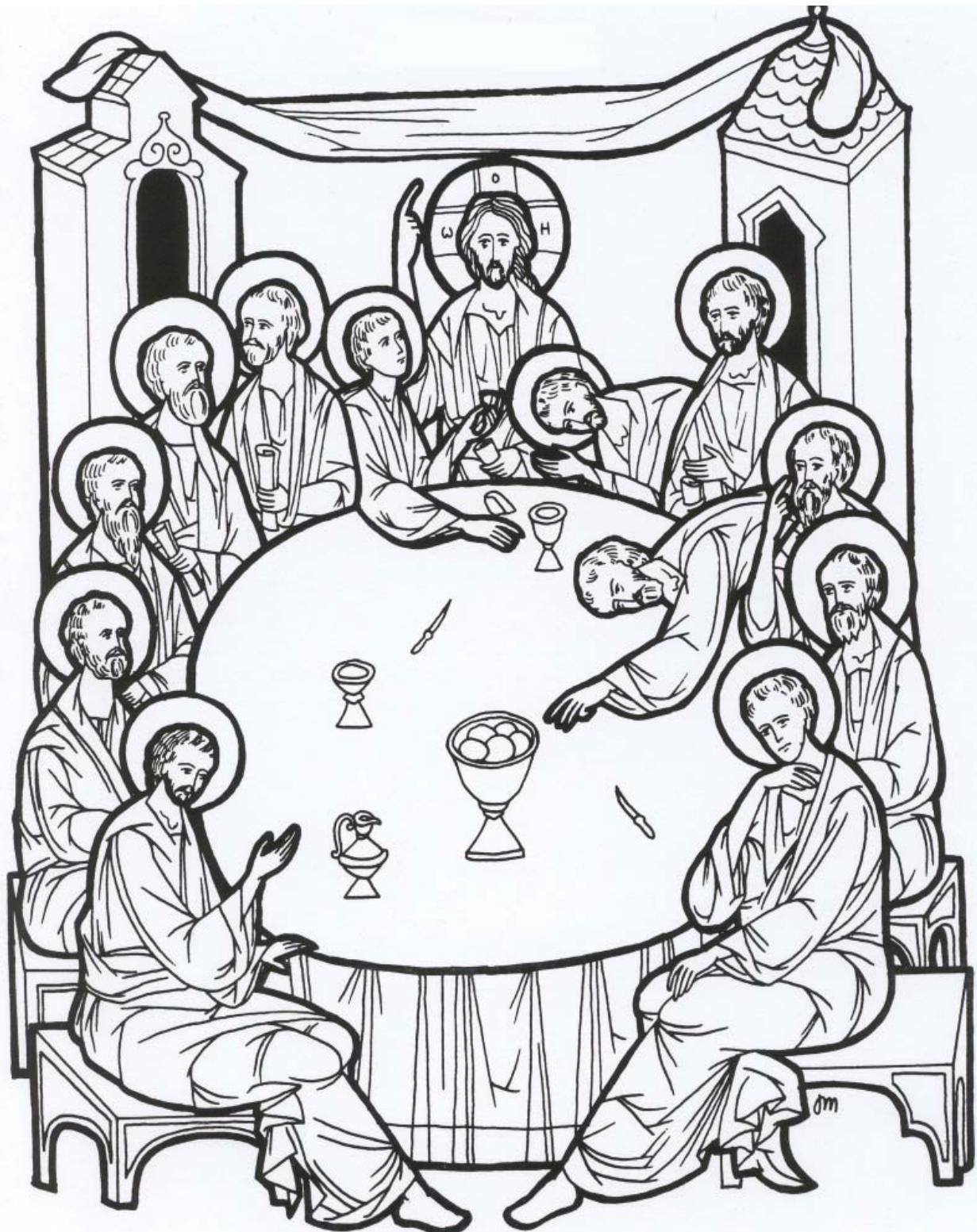
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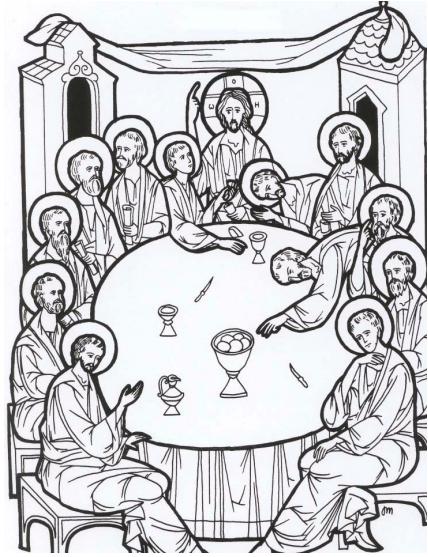
One day, our Lord Jesus Christ was teaching about what is really important.

He said, "Your eyes are like a light for your body. If you look at bad things, your whole body can be bad. But if you look at things that are good, your whole body is bright and light."

"No one can serve God and money. People will either love God best or love money and earthly things best. It is better to love God most of all."

"I tell you, don't worry about what you eat, drink, or wear. Think about birds—they don't store up food! But God provides for them, doesn't He? Think about flowers—they don't sew or shop, but God dresses them in their beautiful clothes. If God takes care of little things like grass, won't He take even better care of you?"

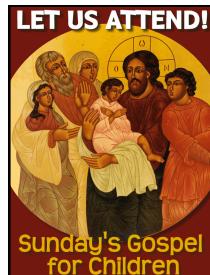
"So don't worry about your food, drink, or clothes. Your Father in Heaven already knows that you need them. He will provide them for you if you pray and come to church and do what is right. That is what is most important."



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4. God wants us to walk with him. What does that mean? It means God wants us to pray every day. He wants us to serve him by doing good in all we think, say, and do.
5. God wants us to pray, and to live united with Him. Do you remember the Last Supper. We still celebrate the Last Supper when we receive Holy Communion. We are united with God at Holy Communion more than at any other time.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What does this gospel say about the “birds of the air?”
2. How do birds get their food? Where do they get that food from? Who gives it to them?
3. What does this gospel say about the “lilies of the field?”
4. Do flowers have to go get anything in order to grow? Who provides the things they need so that they can grow?
5. Who does the gospel say will clothe you and feed you?
6. What does that tell you about God? About what you should or should not do?

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Sunday's Gospel for Children

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Characters: Narrator, Jesus, Listeners

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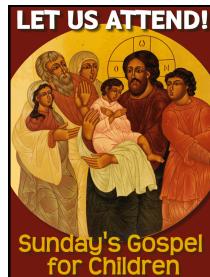
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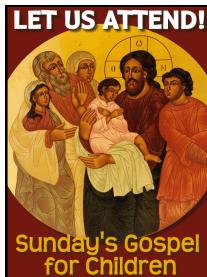
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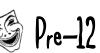
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Solomon was a king of Israel. What does this gospel say about Solomon?
2. What do you think a king looks like when clothed in all his glory?
3. What does this gospel say is clothed more beautifully than that? Pick one of your favorite flowers to think about. How is that flower clothed?
4. How does this gospel say God will clothe you?
5. Do you ever worry about what you are going to wear? What are you thinking about when you worry about that? What are you afraid might happen if you stopped thinking about that?
6. What does this gospel say will happen?
7. Do you think that is true? Will God clothe you more beautifully than the flowers? Why is this hard to believe? What is scary about trusting that God will do this?



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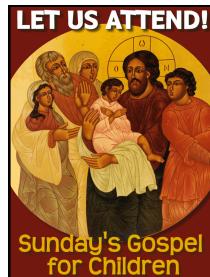


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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Have you ever dreamed of what your life would be like if you were wealthy? What do you dream of being able to do and have?
2. In this dream do you think of yourself as serving wealth or wealthy serving you? What do you think wealth could do for you?
3. What worries does this gospel list as most of us having? How does our worrying about these things serve wealth?
4. What services does this gospel say God provides for us?
5. Have you ever thought of God as serving you? What is strange about thinking this?
6. When does God serve us according to this gospel? Why?
7. How do we serve God according to this gospel? What is scary about this? Why is it scary?



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