



 LESSON


Priests Serve God Be A Missionary

Why did God make elephants with such BIG ears? An elephant flaps its BIG ears to cool off. Can *you* flap *your* ears? How many cups of water do you drink a day? Elephants drink 960 cups of water each day. Could you drink that much water? Touch your nose. Why did God put a nose on your face? You need a nose to breathe and smell. What do you do when your nose gets stuffy? You blow it. An elephant's nose is called a trunk. When an elephant blows its nose, it sounds like a horn or trumpet. (*Blow the horn, and invite a child to blow it.*) What does an elephant do with its trunk? It uses its trunk to smell, and also to drink water. It sucks up water from a river and blows the water into its mouth. You would look funny drinking a cup of water with *your* nose. (*Call on volunteers to pretend they are thirsty elephants, drinking water with their trunks.*)

You've learned some AMAZING facts about lions, giraffes, zebras, hippos, and elephants. You've discovered that animals can talk to each other, but can animals *talk* to God? NO! Can they teach *other* animals about God? NO! Some animals can learn tricks, obey commands, and learn to hunt. Only people can know, love, and serve God.

Who helps you learn about God? How do priests help? Priests make a promise to serve God and His Church. They serve God by helping you follow Jesus. Priests forgive all of *your* sins in the name of Jesus. Isn't that AMAZING! And...it is in the *hands* of a priest that bread changes into the body of Jesus.

A priest baptized each one of you into God's family. Now *you* are a member of the Church! Being a member of God's team is much more important than joining any soccer, basketball or gymnastics team. On God's team you are all CHAMPIONS! You are God's MVPs, MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS!

Why do we call priests "Father"? Calling your priest Father shows that you trust your priest to love and care for you. Just like a shepherd takes care of his sheep, your priest takes care of you. God, our Father in heaven gives us priests. They are holy men who are our *spiritual fathers* on earth.

Priests are PEOPLE too! Having fun is *not* JUST FOR KIDS! Some priests are on bowling leagues. Some swim, play basketball, and lift weights at the YMCA. Priests have been spotted jumping on trampolines and skating on roller blades. Just like you, they eat popcorn and watch movies. Pray and listen to God. He might be calling you to be a priest!

What can we do to thank our priests for everything they do for us? An easy thing to do is to smile and say "Hello" when you see them. You could give your priest a high-five or a handshake. How about drawing a picture for him? You can invite your priest to dinner and make him a chocolate cake. The best way to thank him is to pray for him. Ask God to keep him strong and safe.

(*Display the **Our Father Poster** and Say:*) This week we learned the *Our Father* prayer. This is the BEST prayer because Jesus is the BEST teacher. When we say "*Amen*," we tell God that we believe *everything* Jesus teaches. God wants us to share what we've learned this week with others. (*Pray the Our Father*)



FAMILY CORNER

**DAY FIVE
GRADE 1-2**

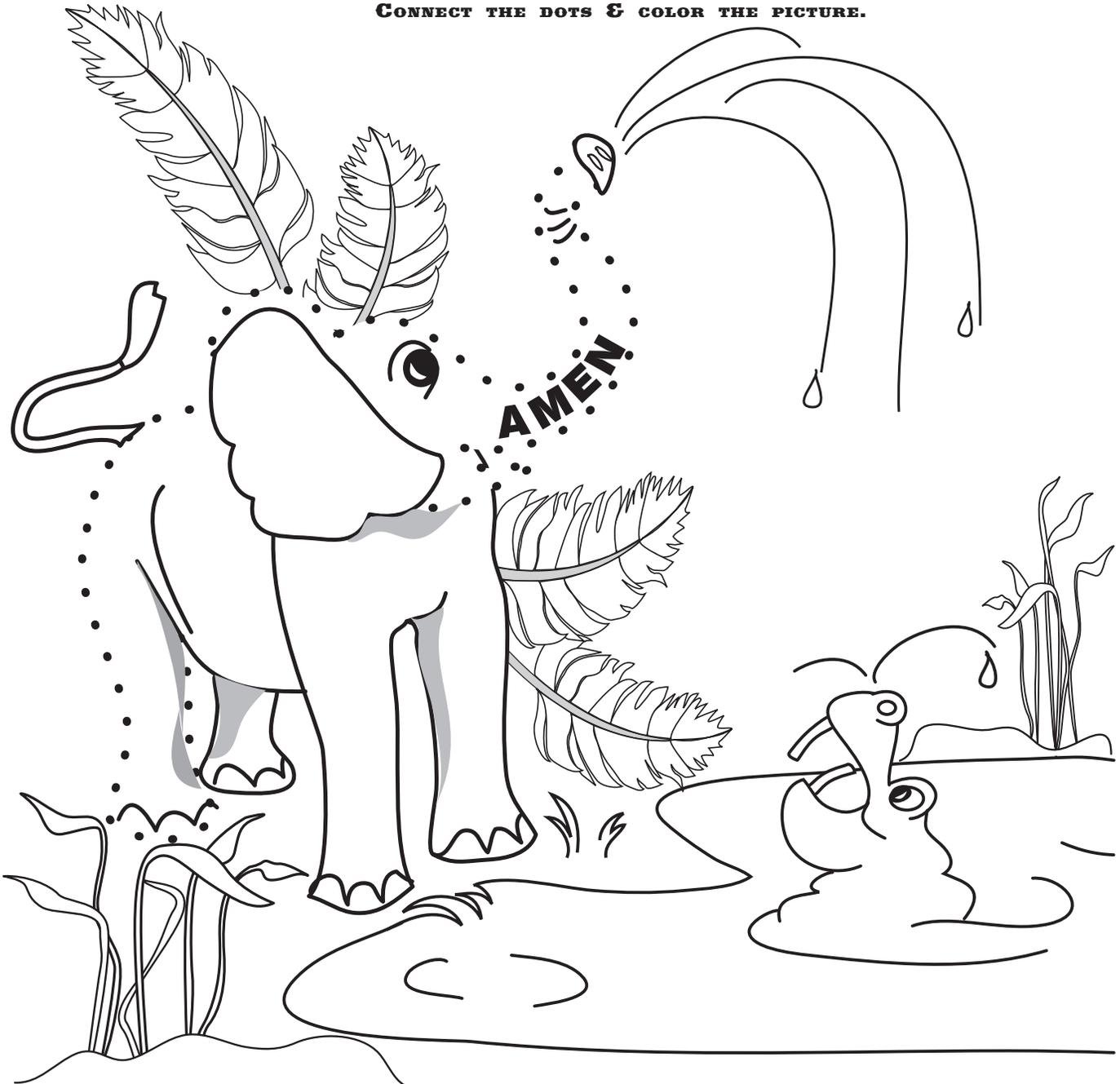


"Amen."
Adapted Mt 6:13

LESSON: PRIESTS SERVE GOD - BE A MISSIONARY

The *Our Father* is the perfect prayer. "Amen" means I believe! Priests help us learn about God. Through the Church they love, guide, & administer the sacraments. God wants us to share our faith.

**WHAT IS THE LARGEST AND MOST POWERFUL LAND ANIMAL?
WHAT DOES THE WORD ON THE TRUNK OF THE ANIMAL MEAN?
CONNECT THE DOTS & COLOR THE PICTURE.**



**GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ELEPHANT. HE MADE THE ELEPHANTS
AND HE MADE YOU! WHEN WE SAY AMEN, WE ARE TELLING GOD
THAT WE BELIEVE IN HIM AND ALL THE WORDS IN THE OUR FATHER PRAYER.**