



# explaining GOD'S WORD

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) • Luke 9:51-62 • June 30, 2019

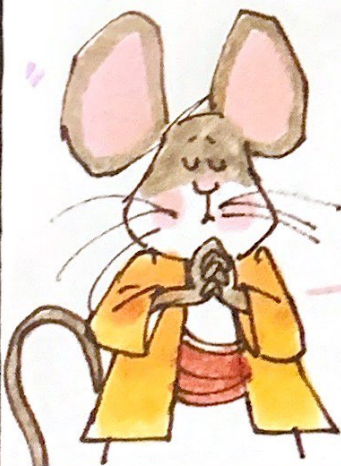


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# Home for Mary



Mary had no home. She had come across the ocean on a boat filled with people who had no homes. She was to have a new home in America and live with a family named Robertson.

Mary did not think she could have a home without her own family. Yet no one in her family was living now, and Mary was very sad and frightened.

When Mary's ship landed in America, the Robertsons were there to meet her. They hugged and kissed her and were so glad to see her.

Mr. Robertson said, "I am your new father." Tamara Robertson said, "I'm so happy to have a new sister." Mrs. Robertson said, "We will take very good care of you."

Mary could not understand English, so she didn't understand a word they said. But she could tell they were a very loving family. At last she understood that home is where love is. And the Robertsons were full of love.

In this week's gospel story, Jesus said, "The foxes have lairs, the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

Jesus meant that he has no home on earth. But this isn't really sad. You see, if you love him and pray to him often, Jesus will come and make his home in your heart.



For Jesus, as for Mary, home is where love is. Can you make your heart a home for Jesus?

## Find the Right Home

These animals seem to be lost. Match them with their proper homes by drawing a line from each animal to its home.





# Family Page

Every Christian home must be modeled on the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Can you think of ways to make your home a more loving place for Jesus to live? Here's a family project that will help you identify both the loving and unloving things your family does.



**1** Across the top of a large piece of paper, write the words HOME SWEET HOME. Make the letters big and bright. Divide your paper into two columns, a LOVING column and an UNLOVING column.

**2** In the first column, list all the loving things your family does (play games together, help one another with chores, and so forth). In the second column, list all the unloving things your family does (for instance, arguing or being selfish). You can do your lists by drawing your

examples, by using pictures cut from magazines, or by explaining in writing.

**3** As the week progresses, see if you can get rid of everything on the unloving side and add a whole lot of new things to the loving side. You can paste some of your loving pictures right over your unloving list.

**4** Hang your HOME SWEET HOME paper where everyone, including Jesus, will see it. And remember to always give Jesus a home in your heart...where your love is.

## HOME SWEET HOME

LOVING

UNLOVING



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