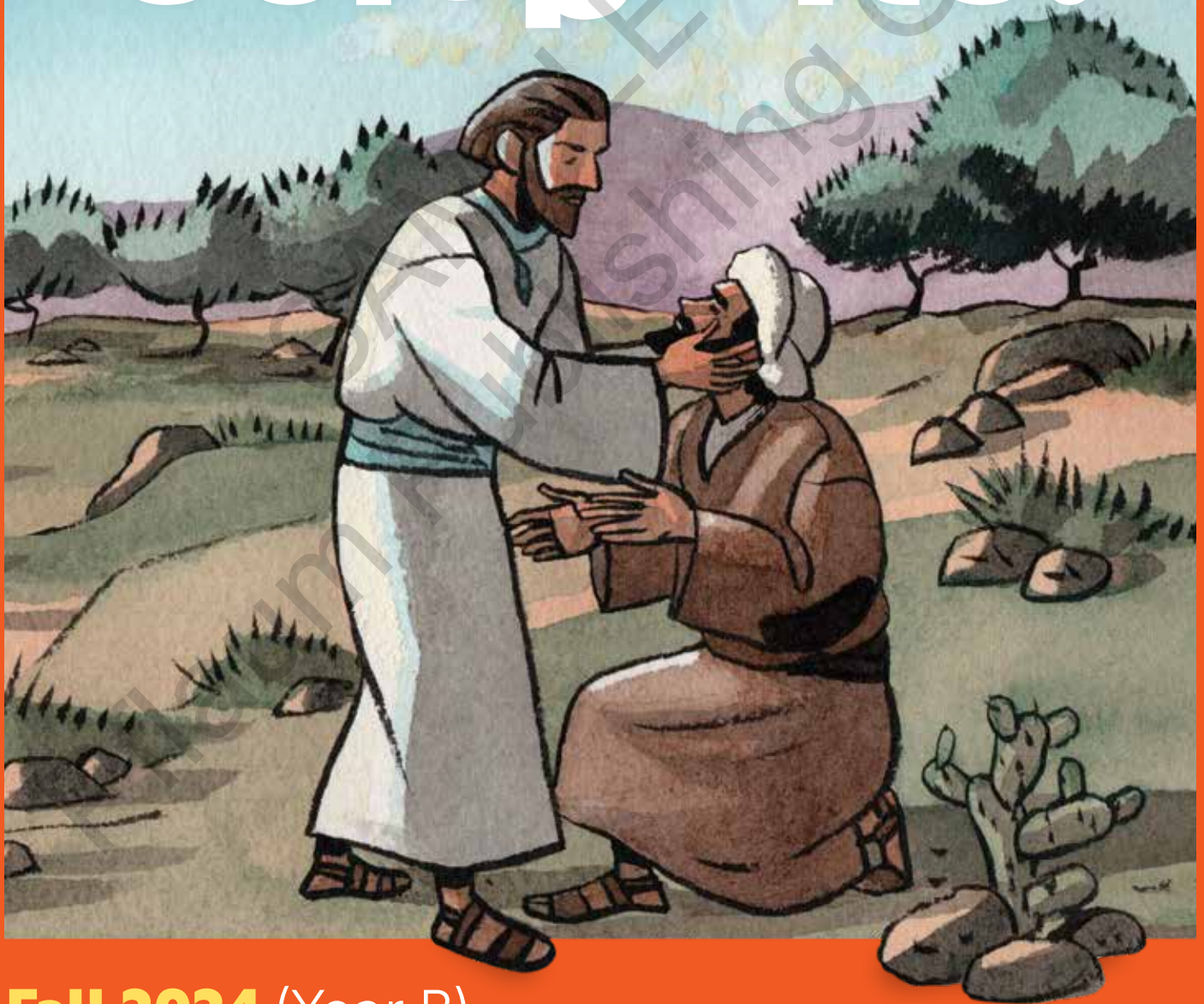


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## The Readings

The readings cited are the readings that the children heard that Sunday. These readings may differ at times from those heard by the adults. They may be shorter, there may be only one reading, plus the Psalm and the Gospel, or the First and Second Readings may be different altogether from those the adults hear. The Gospel most always is the same, but may be the shorter form. The *Directory for Masses With Children* allows for these differences to accommodate the children's level of comprehension.



## Bonus Activities

All three bonus activities could be used at any time, but here are some suggestions: The first bonus activity is related to the First Reading for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct. 6), where God asks Adam to name all the birds and animals. The second bonus activity teaches the importance of recognizing God's gifts to us. This can especially be used for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct. 13). The third bonus activity is ideal for the Gospel on the Twenty-seventh Sunday (Oct. 6) or the Thirtieth Sunday (Oct. 30).

## Weekly Gospel Reflection Videos

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## Today's Readings

Joshua 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Psalms 34:1–2, 17–18, 19–20

Ephesians 6:1–4

John 6:60–69

## We Pray

Dear Jesus, like Simon Peter, we want to say, “We have faith in you.” Give us the courage to follow you. Amen.

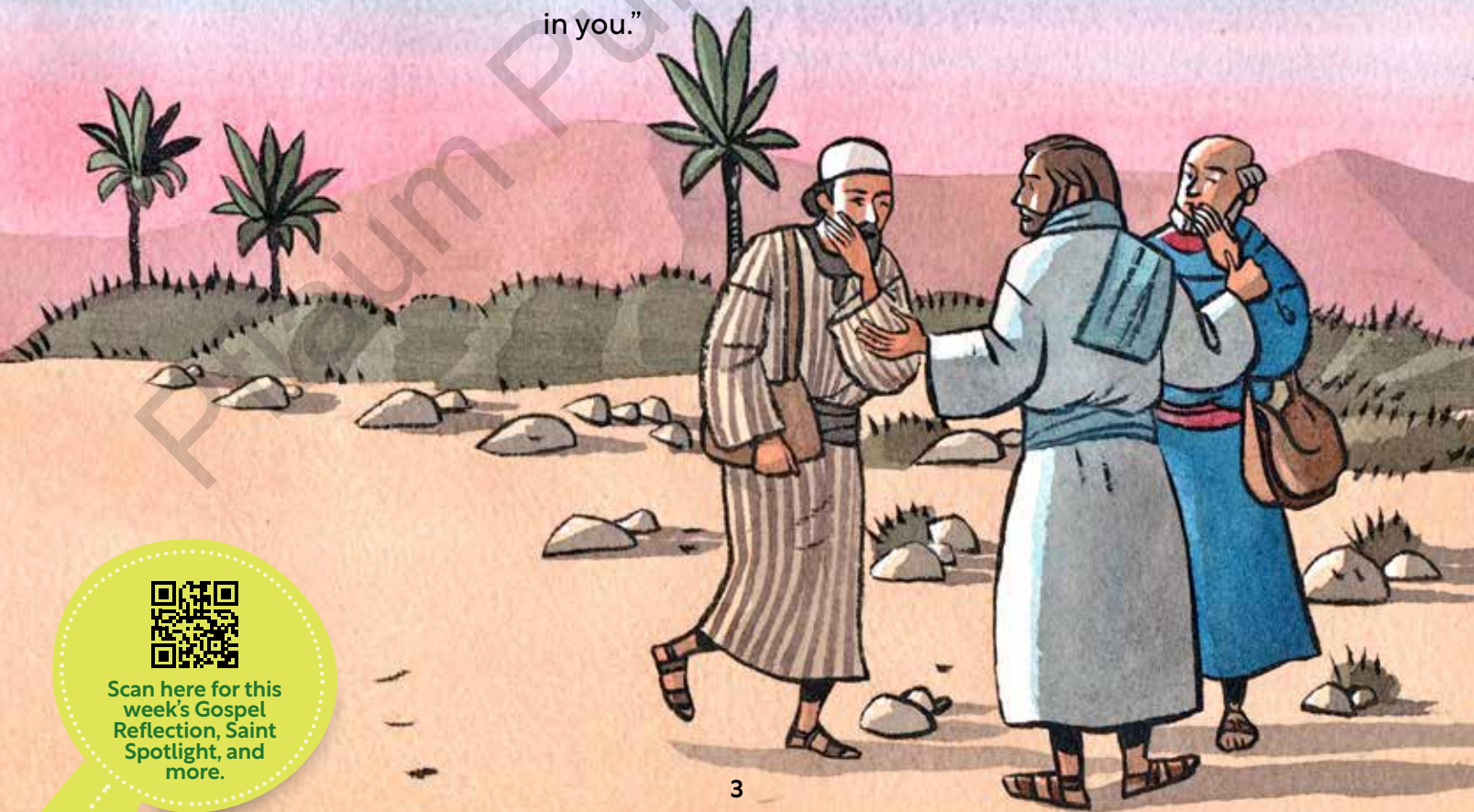
## The Word of God This Week



### Jesus Is the Way to the Father

When Jesus spoke about the bread of life, many of his disciples said, “This is too hard to understand.”

So Jesus said, “The Spirit gives life. The words I have spoken are from the Spirit.” Then Jesus said, “You cannot come to me, unless the Father makes you want to come.” Many people stopped following Jesus. He then asked the Twelve Apostles if they were going to leave him. Simon Peter answered, “Lord, your words give eternal life. We have faith in you.”



Scan here for this week's Gospel Reflection, Saint Spotlight, and more.



# Activity

Some of Jesus' disciples did not understand what he taught them. They turned away. Simon Peter knew that it was important to listen to Jesus. **Find out what Simon Peter said by using the words in the stars to write a sentence. Color in the stars when you are done.**



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## Family Corner

### FAITH FOCUS

Our readings today give us beautiful examples of loyalty and faithfulness to God. We need to look for times when we've stayed loyal and faithful to God and those around us.

Ask yourself: Have I kept a family member's secret? Have I continued to patronize a small business that has given me good service even though a discount store would give me a better price? Have I consistently attended Mass on Sundays and holy days?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY

Gather your family for the following reflection.

- Begin with the Sign of the Cross.
- Write your responses to the following questions: When have we not been loyal to God? When have we not been loyal to one another? When have we not been loyal to our friends, or classmates?
- Choose an area in which you will work at being more loyal this week.
- Close with the Lord's Prayer.

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## Today's Readings

Wisdom 7:7–11  
Psalm 90:12 and 14,  
16–17abc  
Hebrews 4:12–13  
Mark 10:17–27

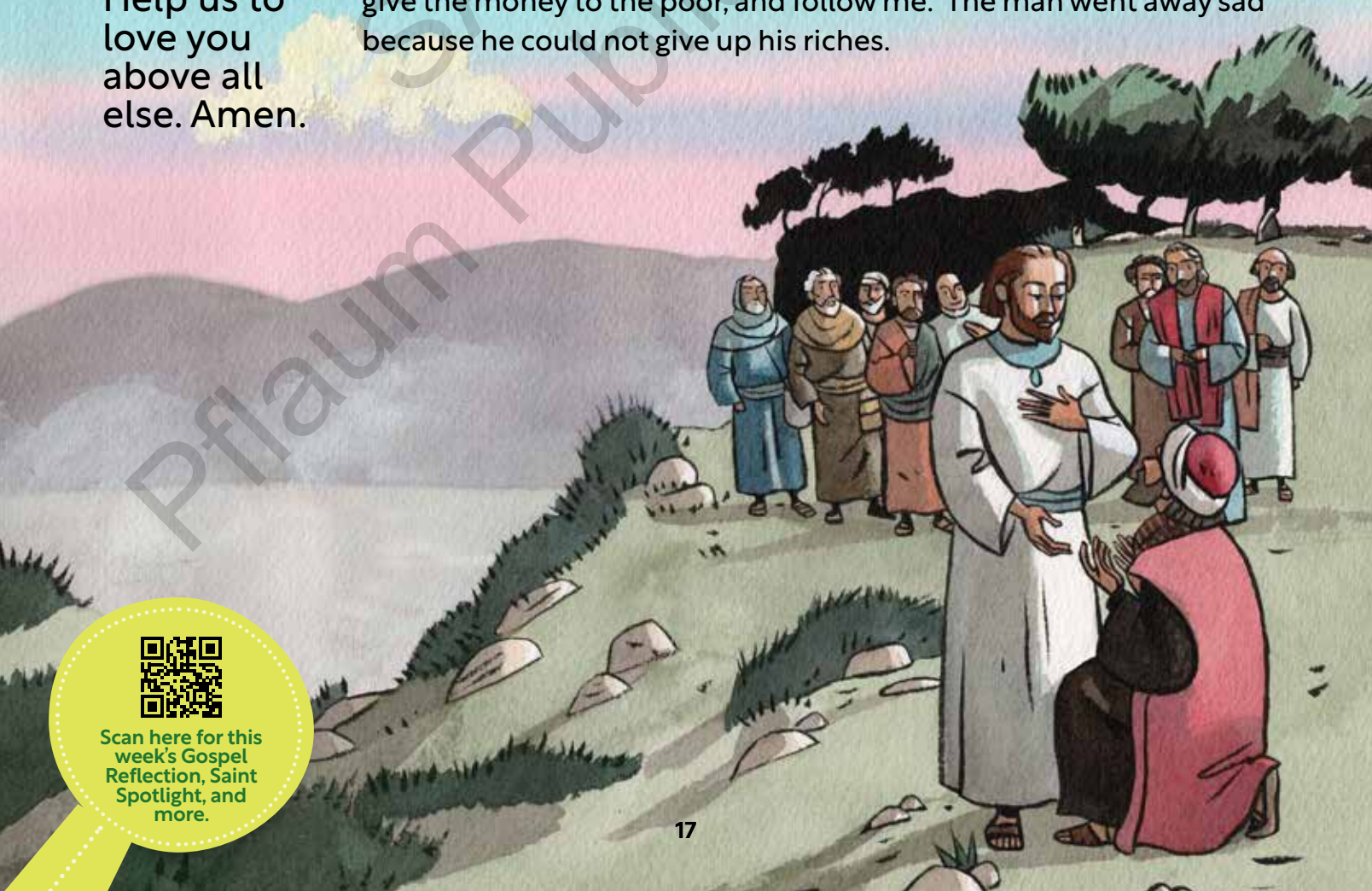
### We Pray

Lord, help us to know that our belongings are a gift from you. Help us to love you above all else. Amen.

### The Word of God This Week

#### The Rich Man and His Possessions

A rich man asked Jesus, "What can I do to have eternal life?" Jesus replied, "You know the commandments. 'Do not murder or steal. Be faithful to your spouse. Do not lie or cheat. Respect your parents.'" The man said he already obeyed those commandments. "Then do one more thing," Jesus said. "Sell everything you own, give the money to the poor, and follow me." The man went away sad because he could not give up his riches.



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# Activity

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us why following the commandments is important. **Color the heart next to each way of following the commandments.**



**I Listen to my teacher.**



**I am kind to other children.**



**I don't share my toys.**



**I tell the truth.**



**I help my mom or dad with chores.**



## Family Corner

### FAITH FOCUS

In this week's First Reading, King Solomon asks the Lord to give him wisdom so that he might lead the people of Israel. God grants him this special gift. The Gospel reminds us of the commandments given to Moses and our responsibility to follow them.

It is important to talk about making good choices. Children learn by what they experience personally and by listening to how others have handled different situations.

### FAMILY ACTIVITY

Play "What Would Jesus Do?." Write a few situations on a sheet of paper. Present the situations and discuss possible solutions. Focus on how Jesus would respond. Two ideas for situations are:

- Someone steps on your toe by accident, and it really hurt.
- You find a \$5 bill on the pew in front of you in church.

Close with a prayer: "God of Love, help us to follow in the ways of true love. Amen."

**Connect  
the dots**  
to draw a picture  
of Jesus who loves  
and cares  
for us.



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