



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

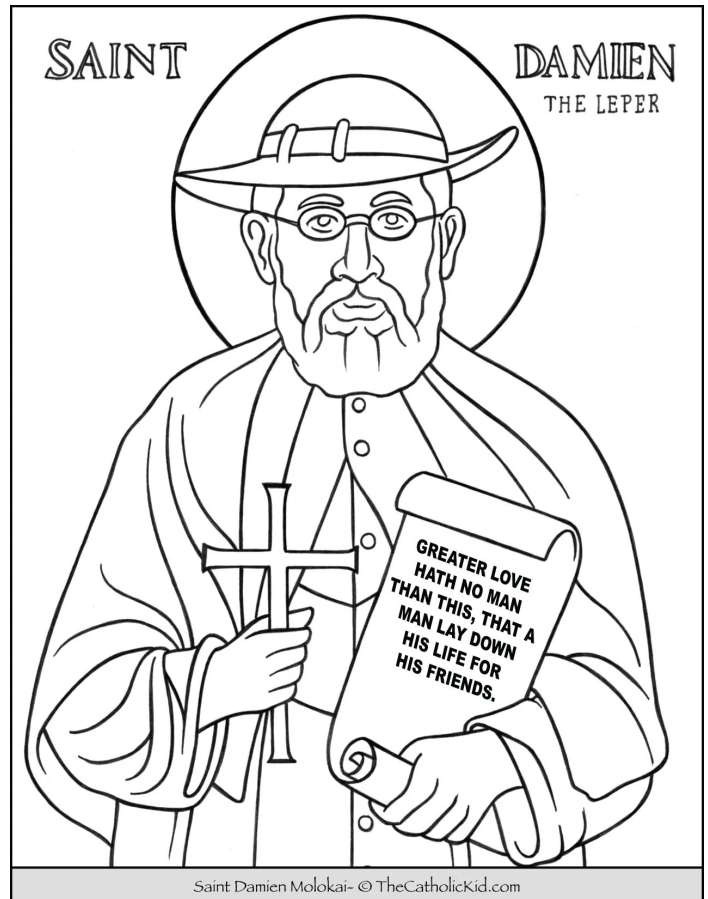
Sunday, May 7, 2023

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Saint Damien Molokai was a heroic Belgian missionary priest. He was sent to Hawaii in the mid 1800s during an outbreak of leprosy, which was highly contagious and, at the time, fatal disease. The lepers were exiled to the island of Molokai, away from friends and family. There were poor living conditions and no laws or order on the island until Father Damien arrived. He was told not to touch or eat with the lepers, but he ignored this and treated the islanders as Jesus would have. He was their shepherd and they were his sheep; he took care of all of their needs - teaching them about farming, nursing their wounds, providing for their spiritual needs, and even helping them find ways to celebrate, sing, and engage in recreation. Eventually, he contracted leprosy and died at the age of 49. We celebrate the feast of Saint on May 10. Saint, pray for us!

***“Turn all your thoughts and aspirations to heaven. Work hard to secure for yourself a place there forever.”***

- Saint Damien of Molokai



Saint Damien Molokai- © TheCatholicKid.com

## FAMILY TIME

*At the dinner table,  
in the car,  
we talk about our faith,  
wherever we are!*



In this week's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He also tells them that he and God the Father are one, and those who believe in him will do great works for the glory of God.

**LITTLE ONES:** Think about times it's hard to choose to do the right thing. How might knowing that Jesus is the way help you make the right choice?

**BIGGER ONES:** Jesus promises that whoever believes in him will do great works. Imagine for a moment what great works you might do? What would you like to do to serve the Lord now? When you're an adult?

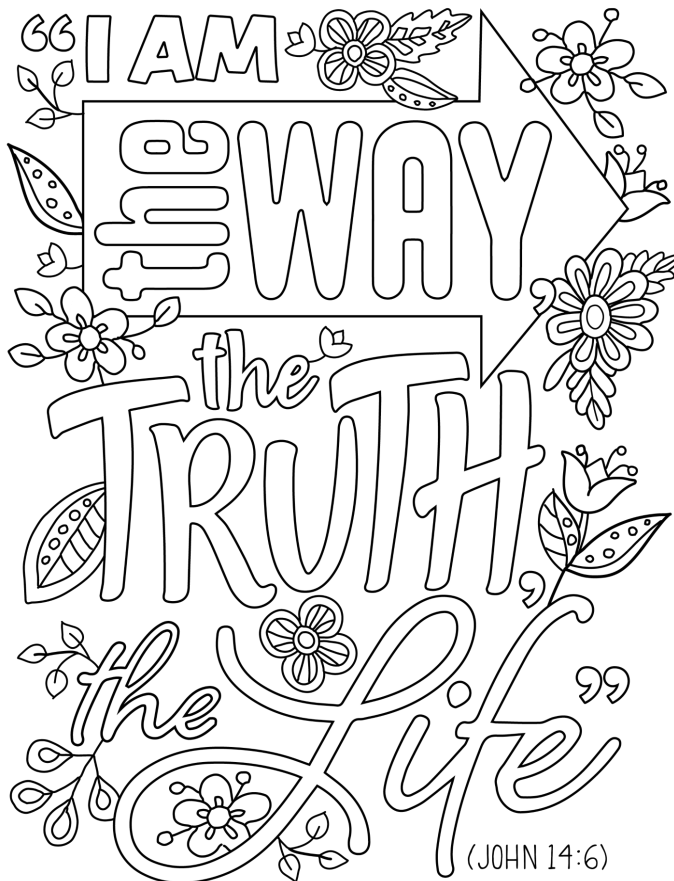
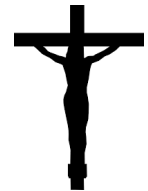
**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** We grow in holiness and are able to do the greatest works for the Lord when we honor our 'State in Life'. Watch this video together to learn about vocations, or the puzzle pieces in God's great puzzle!



Psalm 33: "Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you."



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PRESERVE  
RIGHT  
THANKS  
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