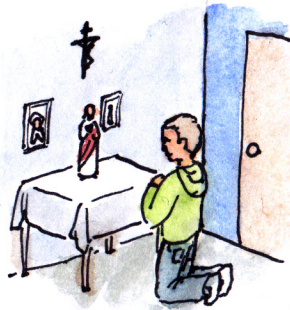# Spending Time with God

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord went to Simon and Andrew's house, where He spent the evening healing the sick and casting out demons. But early the next morning before the sun came up He went away into the wilderness to pray.

At first we wonder why Jesus would have to pray- He is God, after all! But He was also human so He needed to take some time to be with His Heavenly Father. And that is what real praying is- it's being with God and talking to Him and listening to Him.

Like Jesus, we also need to spend time with God. Even if we are always doing His work, like helping people or studying His truths, we still need to take some time to talk with Our Father in Heaven. Starting today, take a few minutes every day to go to a quiet place and talk with God.

Answers to picture puzzle: top:5, 2. middle: 4, 6. bottom:1, 3.

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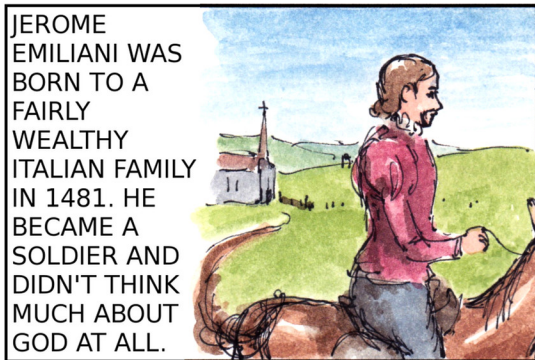**February 4th, 2024**

At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells Simon that they will go to the nearby villages to preach. Can you find your way through the maze to the nearby village?
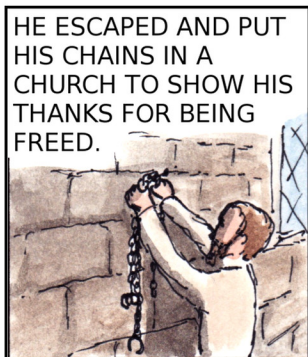
Saint Jerome Emiliani
February 8

JEROME EMILIANI WAS BORN TO A FAIRLY WEALTHY ITALIAN FAMILY IN 1481. HE BECAME A SOLDIER AND DIDN'T THINK MUCH ABOUT GOD AT ALL.
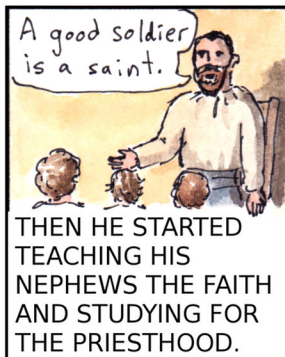
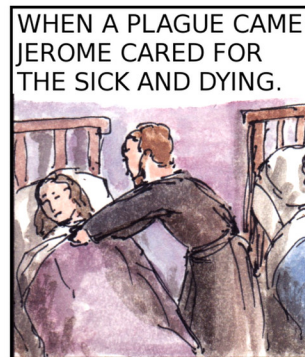BUT WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED AND THROWN IN A DUNGEON HE TURNED TO GOD.

Why am I here?

HE ESCAPED AND PUT HIS CHAINS IN A CHURCH TO SHOW HIS THANKS FOR BEING FREED.

A good soldier is a saint.

THEN HE STARTED TEACHING HIS NEPHEWS THE FAITH AND STUDYING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD.
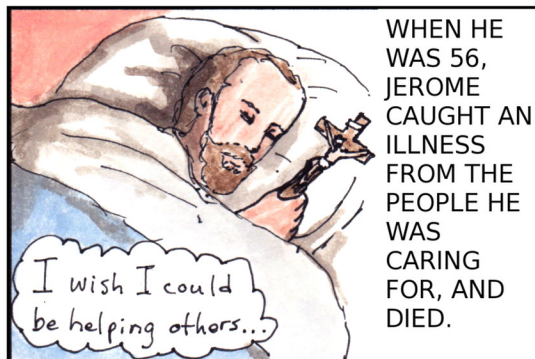
WHEN A PLAGUE CAME JEROME CARED FOR THE SICK AND DYING.

HE BEGAN A RELIGIOUS ORDER THAT HELPED THE ORPHANS, AND HE STARTED HOSPITALS AS WELL.

We can use this house for a new hospital.

WHEN HE WAS 56, JEROME CAUGHT AN ILLNESS FROM THE PEOPLE HE WAS CARING FOR, AND DIED.

I wish I could be helping others...

AT FIRST SAINT JEROME ONLY FOUGHT FOR HIS OWN GLORY. THEN HE CAME TO SEE THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER, BIGGER FIGHT: TO CONQUER HIS OWN WILL AND TO LOVE OTHERS. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE TO OVERCOME OUR SELFISHNESS AND CARE FOR THE PEOPLE AROUND US WHO ARE SUFFERING.

Sort-out-the-Pictures:
An Evening and Morning with Jesus

*What happened in today's Gospel reading?
See if you can sort out the order of these pictures
by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.*

Everyone is looking for You!

Be healed.

Let us go on to the nearby villages...

My mother-in-law is ill.

Next morning...