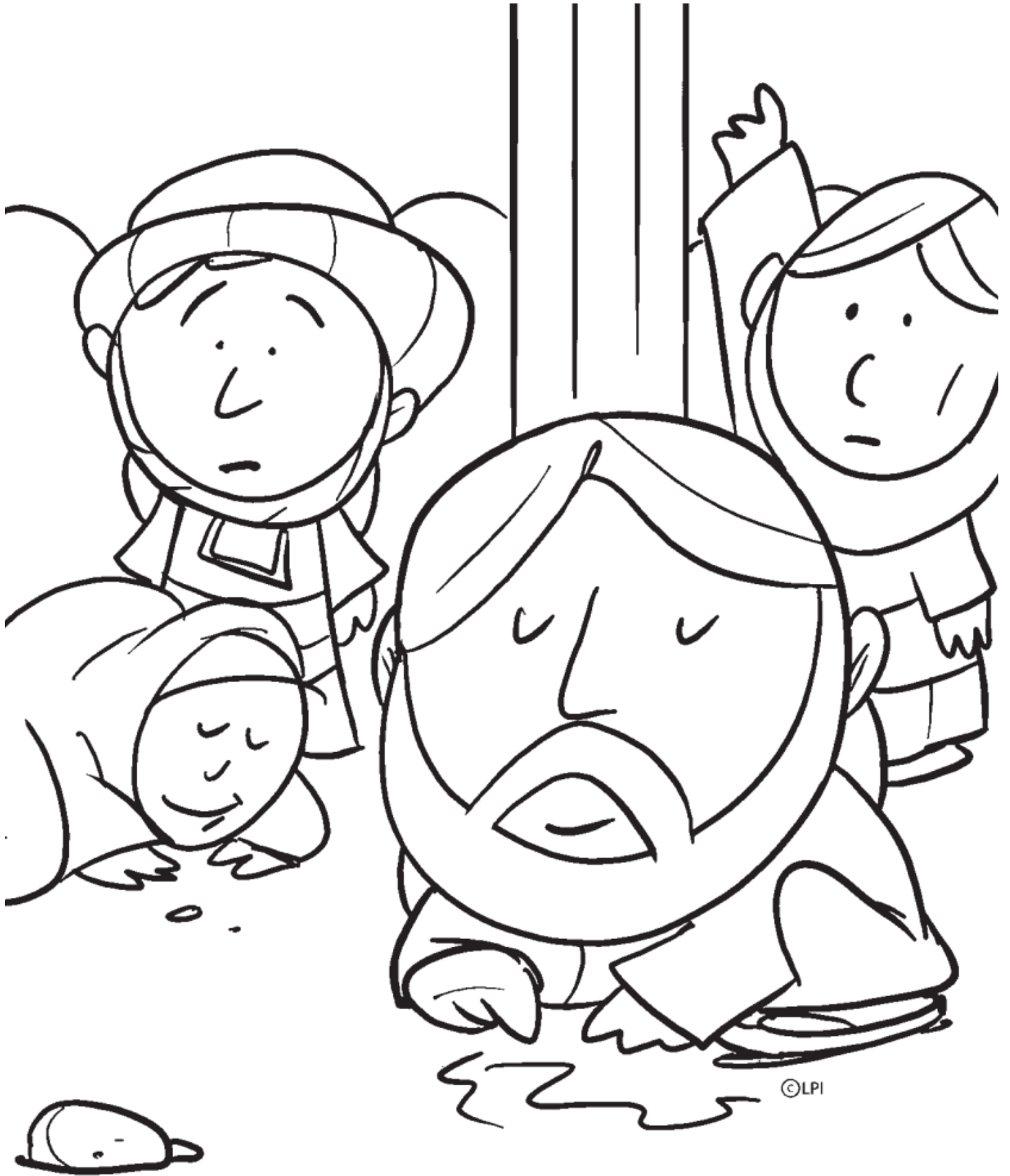


SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 8:1-11

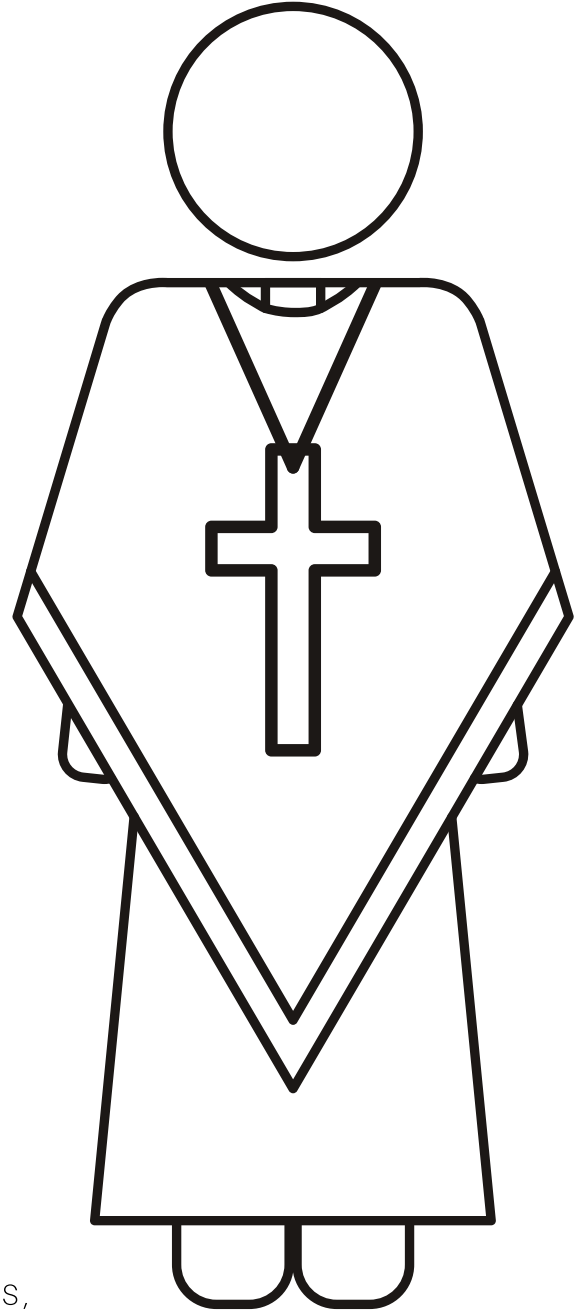
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In today's Gospel, a crowd gathered around a woman found to be a sinner and is sentenced to be stoned to death. The Pharisees (the high priests) know that Jesus preaches a message of love and forgiveness and challenge him with this predicament. They are determined to trick Jesus to get him to say something in conflict with the laws of the time. Instead of answering them, he hunches over and draws a line in the sand. He says whoever is without sin can be the first to throw the stone. No one crosses the line.

Jesus time and again urges us by his words and life to not harshly judge others, but rather love them as our heavenly Father loves us. He forgives the woman for her sin, and urges her to "sin no more."



Color the priest's vestments to match the Lenten season.

FAITH IN ACTION

- ★ Read this gospel passage with your parents, and imagine that you are there. How do you think the women felt being the center of this controversy? How did she feel at the end when Jesus sent her on her way?
- ★ How can we spread the message of the Gospel this week? What can you do in your family or classroom to make someone feel loved and forgiven?