

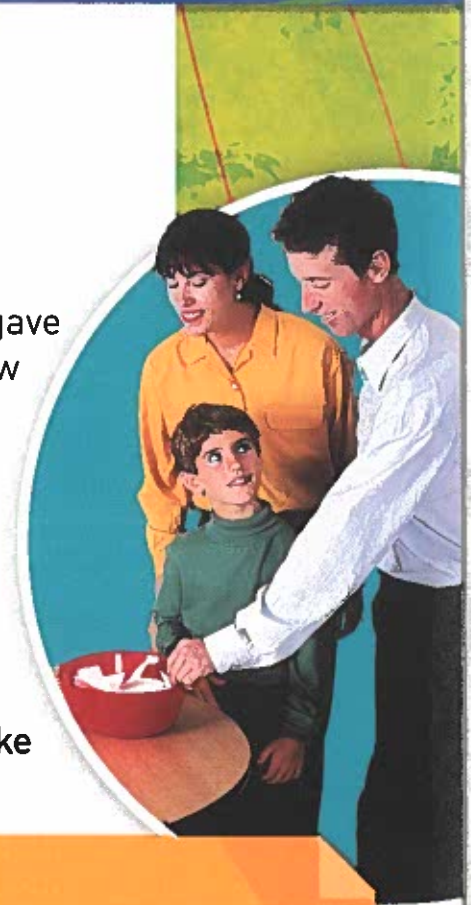
Take Home

We Carry On the Work of Jesus

Chapter 15 presents the New Commandment that Jesus gave us about loving one another. The children will discover how Jesus showed his love for people. They will also identify ways that they can show their love for others.

ACTIVITY Choose One Task

With your child's help, think of different tasks any family member could do, such as putting away toys or folding towels. Together, write the tasks on slips of paper, fold them, and place them in a bowl. Then have each person take one slip from the bowl each day and complete the task.



THROUGH THE WEEK

+ **A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK** Through her works, Lord, Saint Marianne shared your love with others. Help us carry on good works with acts of kindness, healing, and love. Amen.

ON SUNDAY

As you pray silently before the Prayer after Communion, reflect on how you will love others as Jesus loves you.

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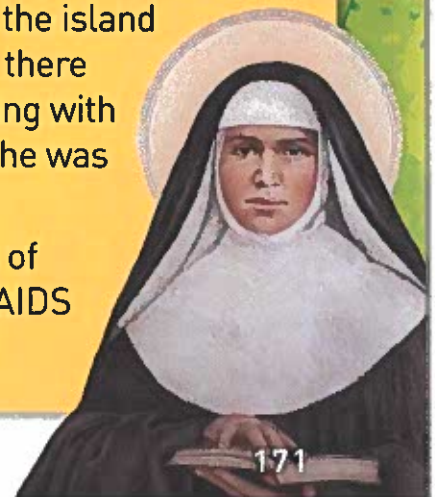
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Saint Marianne Cope of Molokai (1838–1918)

Marianne was born in Germany. She joined Father Damien on the island of Molokai and remained there for thirty-five years working with young leprosy patients. She was canonized in 2012.

Patron Saint of: victims of leprosy, those with HIV/AIDS

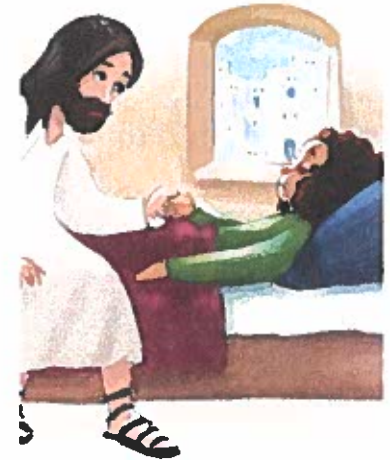
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Scripture Background In the Time of Jesus

Illness and Sin Even in the time of ancient Israel, people sensed that there was some sort of link between the sin and evil of the world and the illness and suffering they saw around them. Some incorrectly judged that their sin and suffering were a result of God's vengeance, just as some do today. But God, who is all-good, can never cause evil. All the sin, suffering, and hardship in the world exists as the effect of Original Sin and the continued sinfulness of ourselves and others. When Jesus healed those who were sick in body or in spirit, he did so to show them God's love, and to reveal that in Jesus himself sin and evil were being overcome. Today we are called to continue the work of Jesus by helping the power of good to overcome suffering in the world.



You can read of Jesus' healing acts in Mark 5:21–42.

Our Catholic Tradition in Religious Life

Saint Damien de Veuster Damien de Veuster, also known as Damien of Molokai, was a holy person who risked his life caring for others. Born Joseph de Veuster in Belgium in 1840, he joined the Sacred Heart Fathers as a young man, taking the name Damien. After ordination to the priesthood, he served in the Hawaiian missions. In 1866, a sickness known as leprosy spread across the Hawaiian Islands. Lepers were exiled to the island of Molokai. Father Damien volunteered to minister to them. He took care of them and built houses, hospitals, and churches for them. He contracted leprosy in 1885 and died in 1889. Pope Benedict XVI named Father Damien a saint of the Church in 2009.



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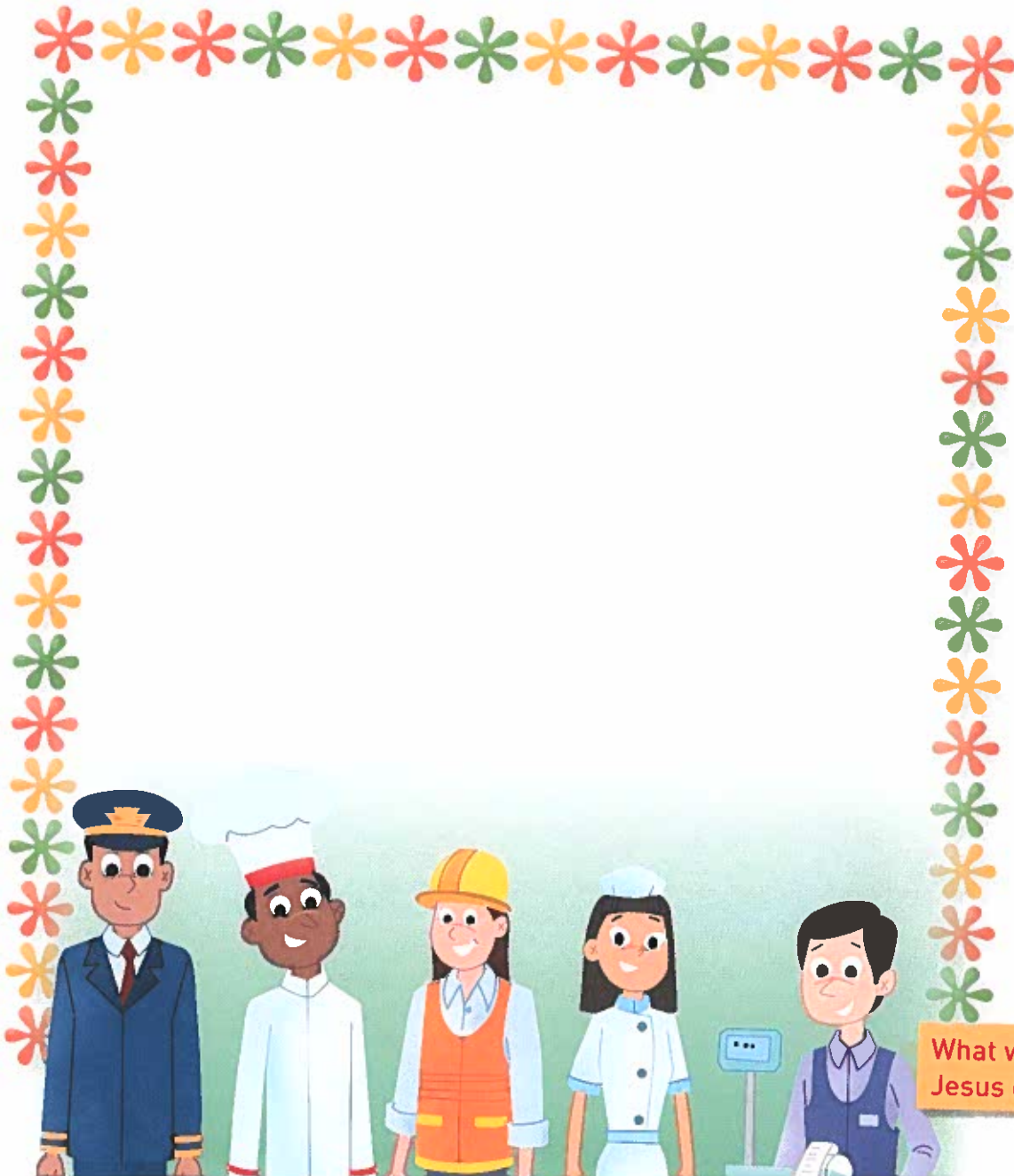
Love one another as I have loved you.

Based on John 13:34

Share

What kinds of workers do you see?

What kind of work would you like to do when you grow up? Show it in a drawing.



What work did Jesus do?

Jesus and the Little Girl

Storyteller: One day Jesus was speaking to a crowd of people. A man named Jairus was there.

Jairus: *(kneels in front of Jesus)*
Lord, please come to my home.
Please help my sick daughter.

Jesus: Show me the way. I will help her.

Jairus: *(gets up)* Thank you, Jesus. Let's go!

Storyteller: They started walking. A servant from the house of Jairus ran up to them.

Servant: Sir, your daughter just died.

Storyteller: Jairus was very sad.

Jesus: Do not worry, Jairus. Just have faith.

Storyteller: When they got to the house, Jesus went in. The dead girl was lying on the bed.

Jesus: *(taking her hand)* Little girl, get up!

Storyteller: The little girl got up at once. They were amazed!

Based on Mark 5:21-24, 35-42

Scripture Verse

... "Do not be afraid;
just have faith."

Mark 5:36



The Work of Jesus

In this Bible story, Jesus showed his love for Jairus and his daughter. Jesus taught people about God's love for everyone. He did this in many ways. He told stories. He shared food. He forgave sinners. He comforted sad people. Jesus healed the sick. He even brought dead people back to life.

Our Church Teaches

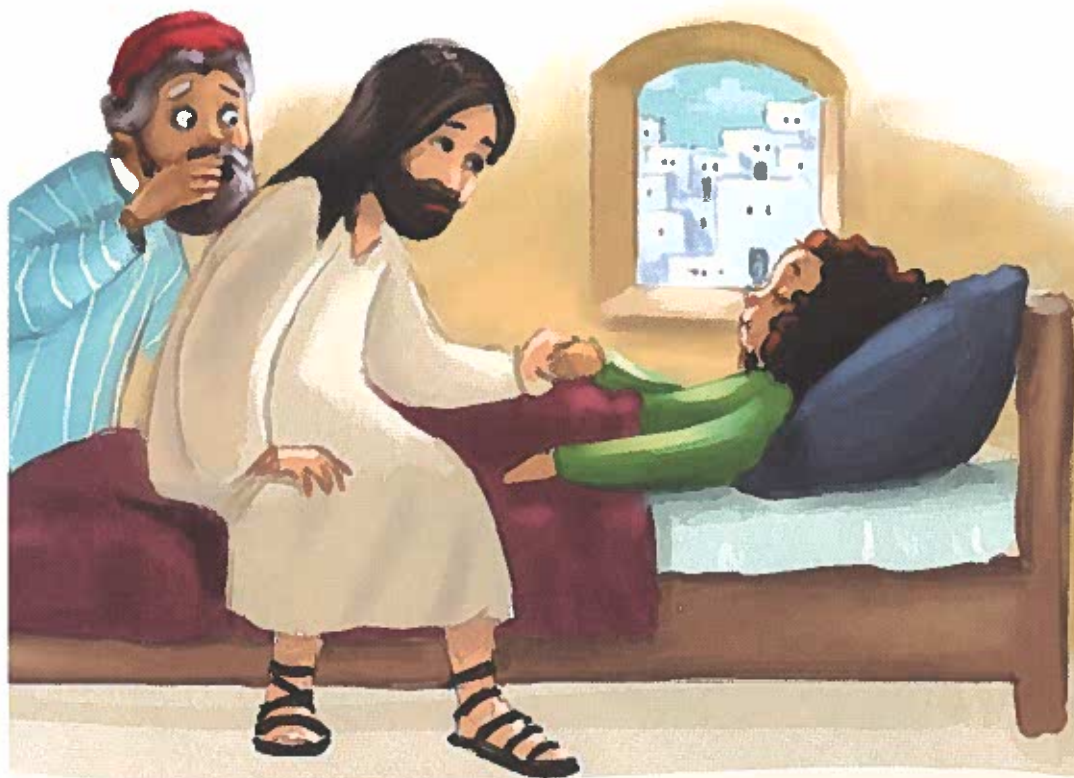
In the **New Commandment** Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." This is the law of love. We are called to love others the way God loves us. When we show our love for others we also show our love for God.

We Believe

When we love others, we are following Jesus. We are also showing our love for God.

Faith Words

New Commandment
The New Commandment from Jesus is, "Love one another as I have loved you."



What are some everyday ways we can love others?

Taking Care of Others

“Mrs. Nye wasn’t at Mass Sunday,” said Mattie. “She is home, sick and alone. She can’t even cook!”

“Everybody wanted to help. Dr. Ray stopped in to see Mrs. Nye. Joey Garcia brought her a nice lunch. He stayed and visited for a while. The Grant family prepared her dinner.”

“So that took care of Sunday. What about the rest of the week?” asked Kim.

Mattie answered, “Parish members will take meals to Mrs. Nye every day.”

“Let’s ask everybody in the parish to pray for her, too,” added Kim.

“You know, Jesus taught us to love one another as he loved us. When we care for Mrs. Nye, we show our love for God!”

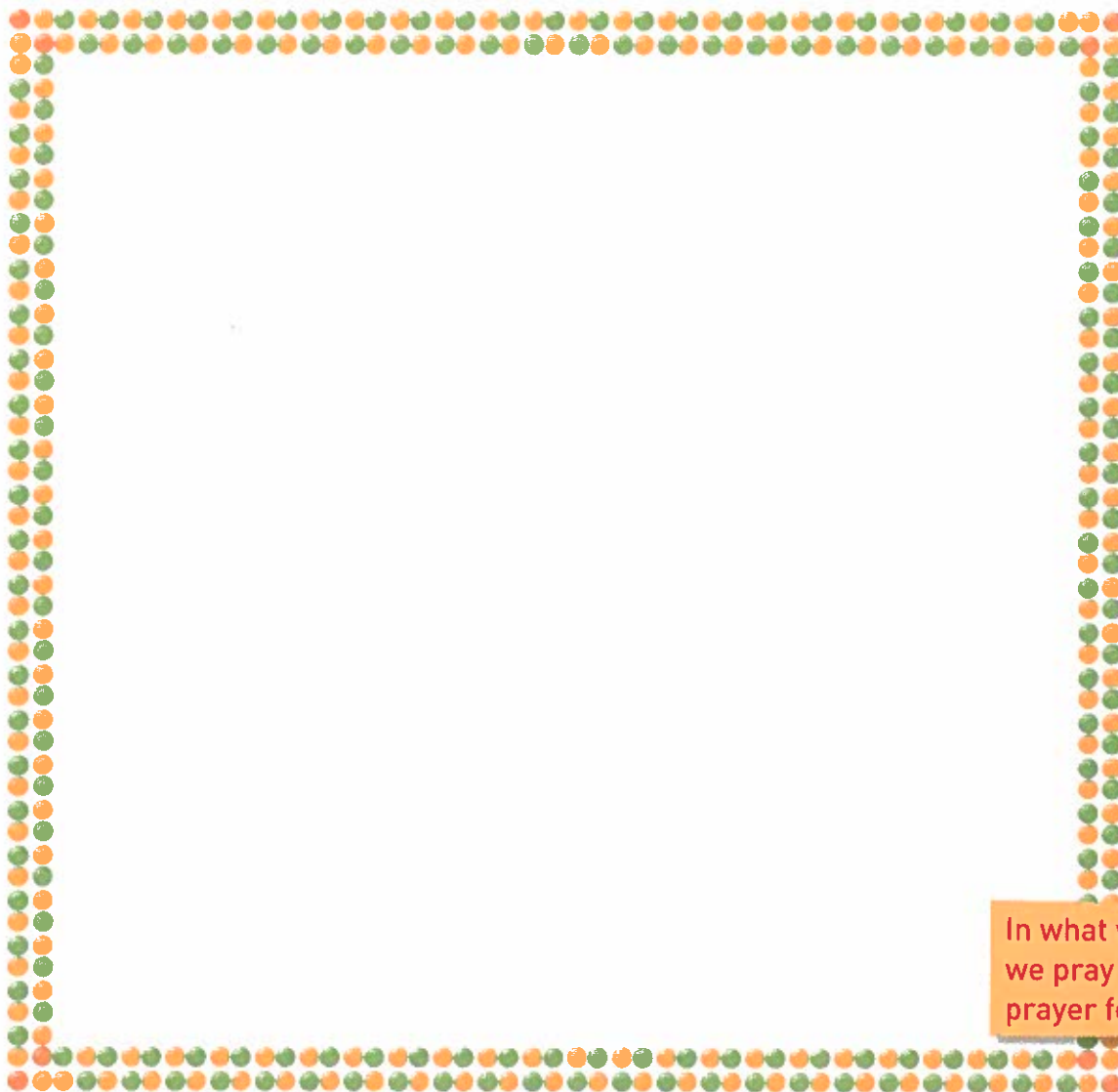


ACTIVITIES

Show how you can carry on the work of Jesus.

1. Write something you might say to someone who is sad.

2. Draw a picture that shows how you can help a sick person.



In what way can we pray a simple prayer for others?

A Thumb Prayer for Others

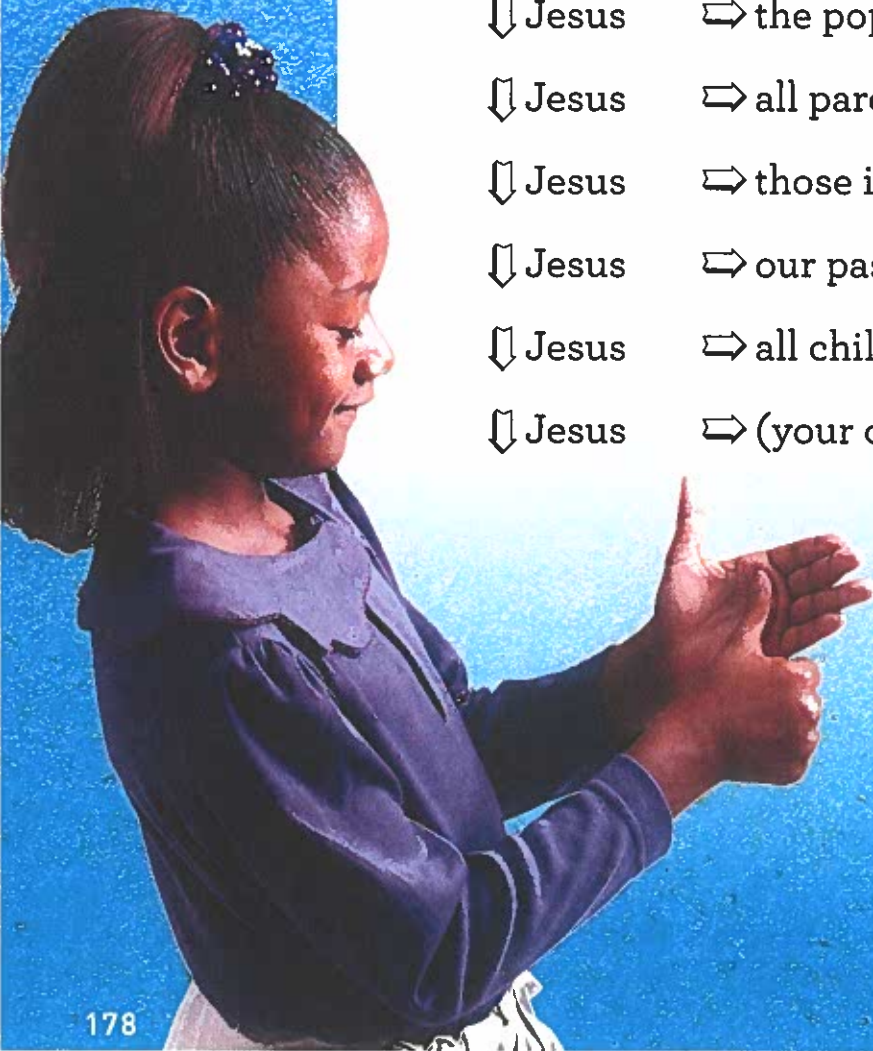
You can pray for others by using a thumb prayer. Trace a small sign of a cross with your thumb. On the downward stroke of the cross, think “Jesus.” On the sideways stroke, think the name of someone you are praying for.

You might pray ↵ “Jesus,” then ⇨ “Uncle Jim.” Trace your thumb cross in the palm of your hand, on a book, or anywhere.

Choose one of the thumb prayers below. Say your prayer over and over.

- ↵ Jesus ⇨ the pope
- ↵ Jesus ⇨ all parents
- ↵ Jesus ⇨ those in need
- ↵ Jesus ⇨ our pastor
- ↵ Jesus ⇨ all children
- ↵ Jesus ⇨ (your own prayer)

“Thumb Prayer” adapted from Catechist magazine.
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A Circle the best answer.

1. How can we follow Jesus?

We can fight.

We can sin.

We can show love.

2. "Love one another as I have loved you."

What do we call this law?

Ten Commandments

Creed

New Commandment

3. Who did Jesus forgive?

all people

sad people

sinful people

4. In the Thumb Prayer, what sign do you make?

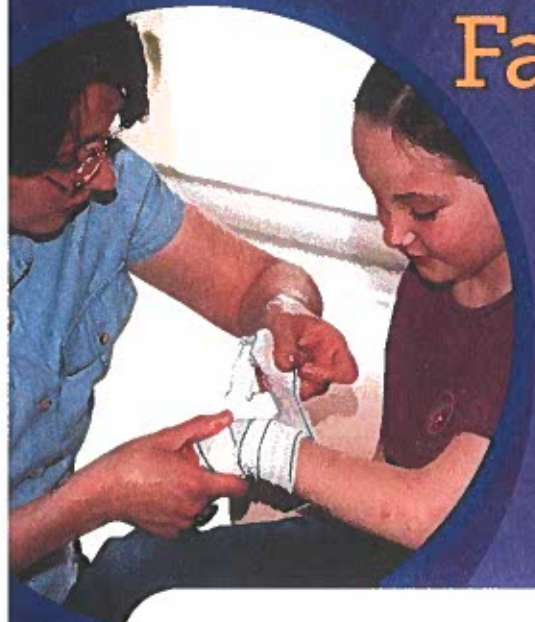
sign of a cross

sign of peace

stop sign

B Draw or write about ways to love others as Jesus did.

Faith in *Action*



Parish Nurse Many parishes have a parish nurse. This person serves the whole parish community. The nurse helps people find health services. This nurse visits the sick to help them heal. Some parish nurses teach classes on health care.

In Your Parish

ACTIVITY Use the code to write the missing letters.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	L	N	O	R	S	T
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

A parish nurse helps people with

H _____ **H**
8 5 1 10 15 8

and **H** _____ **G**
8 5 1 10 9 11 7

In Everyday Life

ACTIVITY Think about a nurse in your parish and how he or she has helped those who are sick. Draw a picture that shows how you or someone you know can care for someone who is ill.