

Christian Unity

Pray that all Christians may join together to teach others about Jesus.



Do you have a lot of rules that you follow at home? Rules are a very important part of staying healthy, safe, and happy. Sometimes, though, it's hard to follow all the rules, especially if different people are telling you different things. If your mom says that your bedtime is 7:30, and your dad says your bedtime is 8:00, whose rule do you follow?

Rules are in place for important reasons, even if people disagree on them. Your parents make rules because they love you, even if they disagree about what the rules should be.

This month Pope Benedict asks us to pray that Christians everywhere may join together. There are many kinds of Christians and this can be very confusing. Those who are not Christian don't know which group they should join because there are thousands of different groups of Christians around the world. Jesus wanted there to be one kind of Christian, one Church so that the world wouldn't get confused.

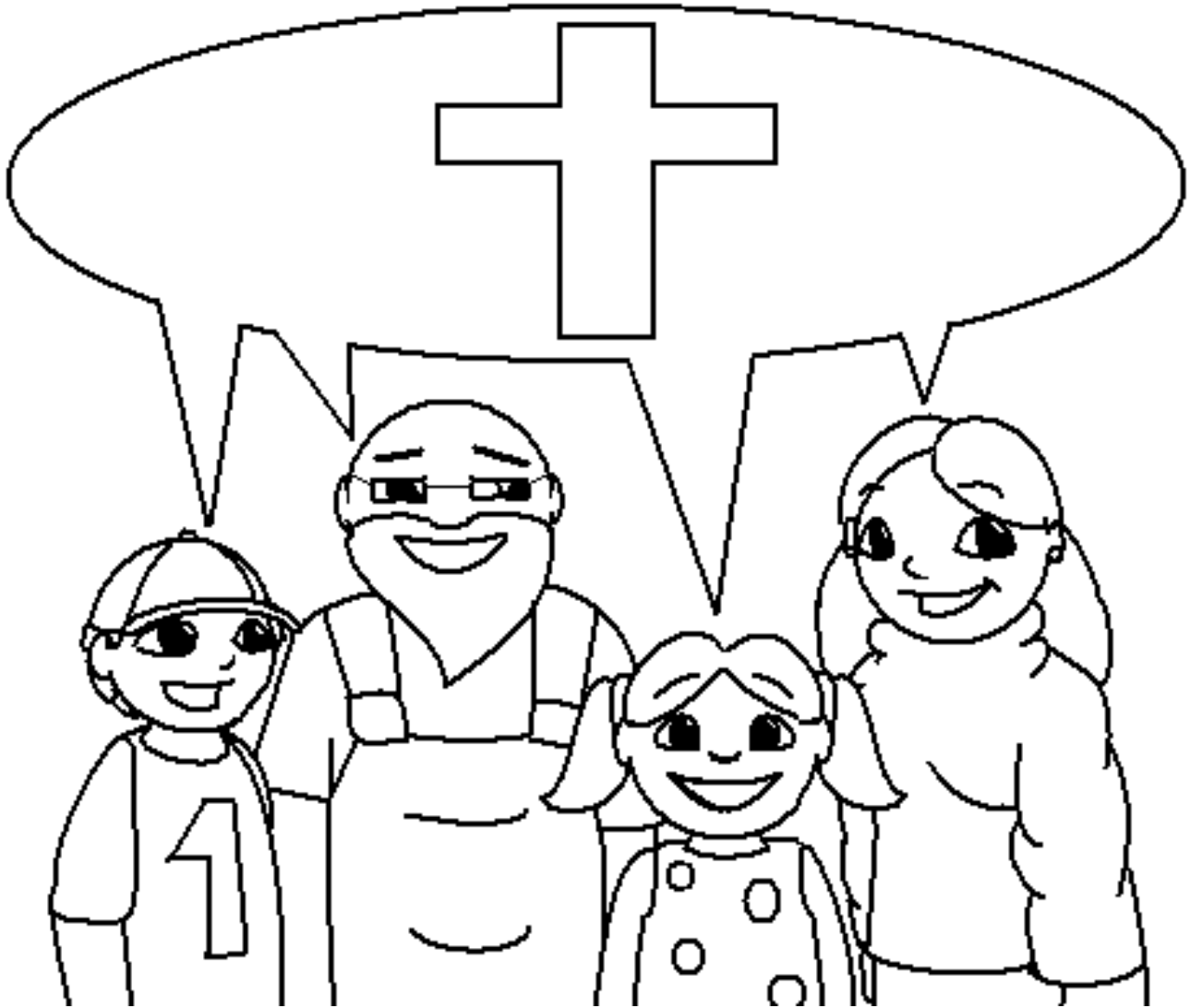
Even though there are many different groups of Christians we all share some things in common. We all believe in Jesus and we are all baptized. That's what makes us Christian. But sometimes our differences can lead to misunderstandings and even hatred. It's important that as we work and pray that all Christians may come together in the Catholic Church we don't hate others.

Jesus said that the greatest rule or commandment was to love God and to love our neighbor. Even though there are different groups of Christians with different rules, we should all try to follow the rule of love.

Think about it!

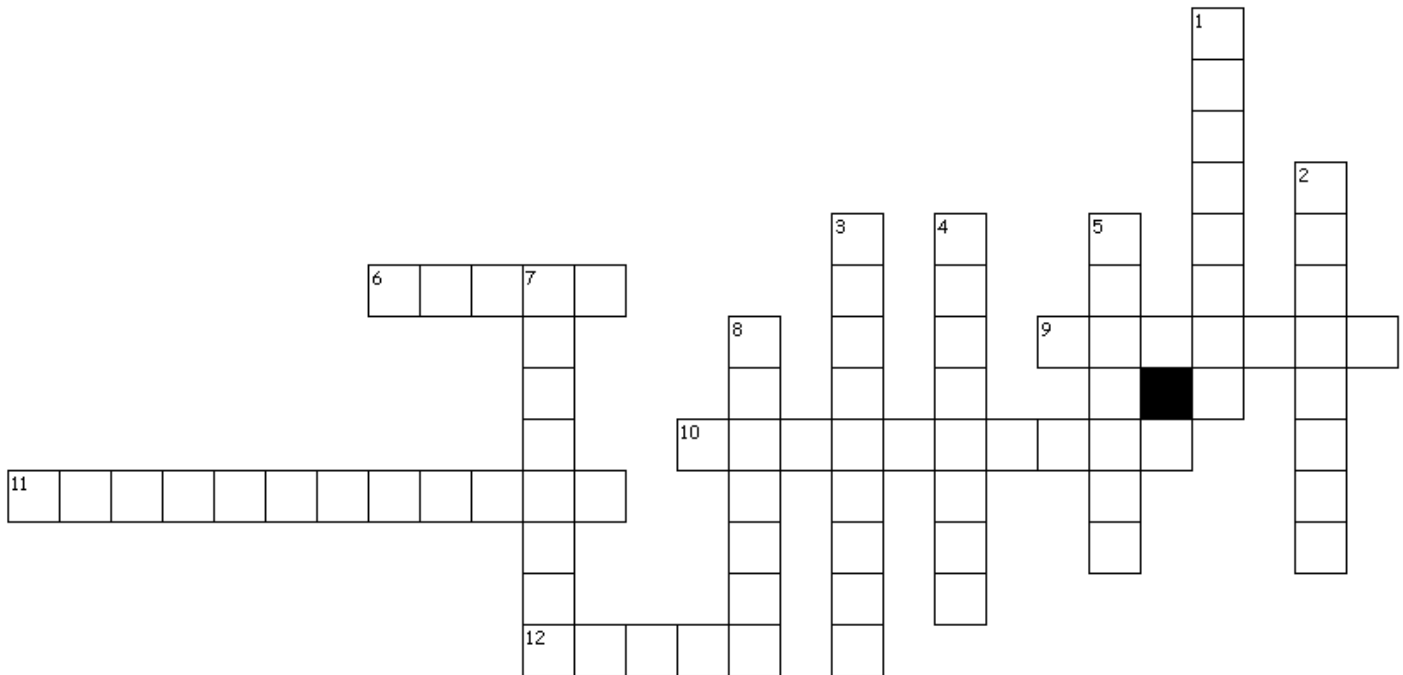
- Do you have a relationship with Jesus? How can you make your friendship with Him better?
- Why is it important for everyone to have the same rules?
- How can you join with someone who is not Catholic to teach others about Jesus?

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Across

6. Togetherness
9. The country where the Pope lives
10. The relationship between friends
11. The religion that follows Jesus Christ
12. The laws and instructions that tell us what to do in life

Down

1. The largest group of Christians
2. When people have different ideas about the same thing
3. When things are not the same, they are _____
4. The name of our current Pope
5. When we talk to God, we are _____
7. When you are not apart, you are _____
8. Your mom and dad are your _____