

# Kids' Chronicle

## Bible Accent

In order for us to have guidance in our Christian lives and as we read the Bible, Catholic scholars have written the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The catechism is divided into four parts: The Profession of Faith; The Celebration of the Christian Mystery; Life in Christ; and Christian Prayer. It includes explanations of the church's teachings on topics like the Ten Commandments, the resurrection of Jesus, the liturgy and the sacraments.

Pope John Paul II, who authorized the catechism, considers the book "a catechesis renewed at the living sources of the faith!" He also declared it to be "a statement of the Church's faith and of catholic doctrine."

The catechism is an important reference book for us as we continue to learn more about what God wants us to know and do.

## St. Robert Bellarmine

St. Robert Bellarmine joined the Jesuit order in 1560 when he was 18, and became a scholar in many subjects. He became a teacher of literature, theology and music. He put all of his learning into a document he called "Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith."

He also became a theological adviser to Pope Clement VIII in 1597. Two years later he was named a cardinal and later an archbishop. In order to defend the church against criticism from the Protestants, Pope Paul V appointed him as a spokesman of the church. Because St. Robert was an expert on both Protestant and Catholic philosophy, he proved to be an excellent speaker and debater of religious issues.

St. Robert continued to write on Catholic doctrine until his death. We remember him on Sept. 17.

## Jesus' enemies try to trick him

By Joe Sarnicola

Jesus often taught about the kingdom of God when he was near the temple. One time, some of the elders and chief priests who were listening interrupted him and asked, "Who gave you the authority to teach here?"

Jesus knew they were trying to trick him because they wanted to accuse him of doing something wrong. So he said, "If you answer the question I ask you, I will answer the question you have asked me."

One of the priests stepped forward and said, "You may ask."

"Was John's baptism from heaven or from man?" Jesus replied.

The priests murmured among themselves. "If we say it was 'from heaven,' he will ask why we didn't believe his words. If we say 'from man,' the people may stone us. They believe John was a prophet."

"We do not know," they finally answered.

"Then I cannot tell you who gave me the authority to teach," Jesus said.

Jesus turned away from the priests and continued to teach the people who had come to hear him.

"There once was a man who owned a

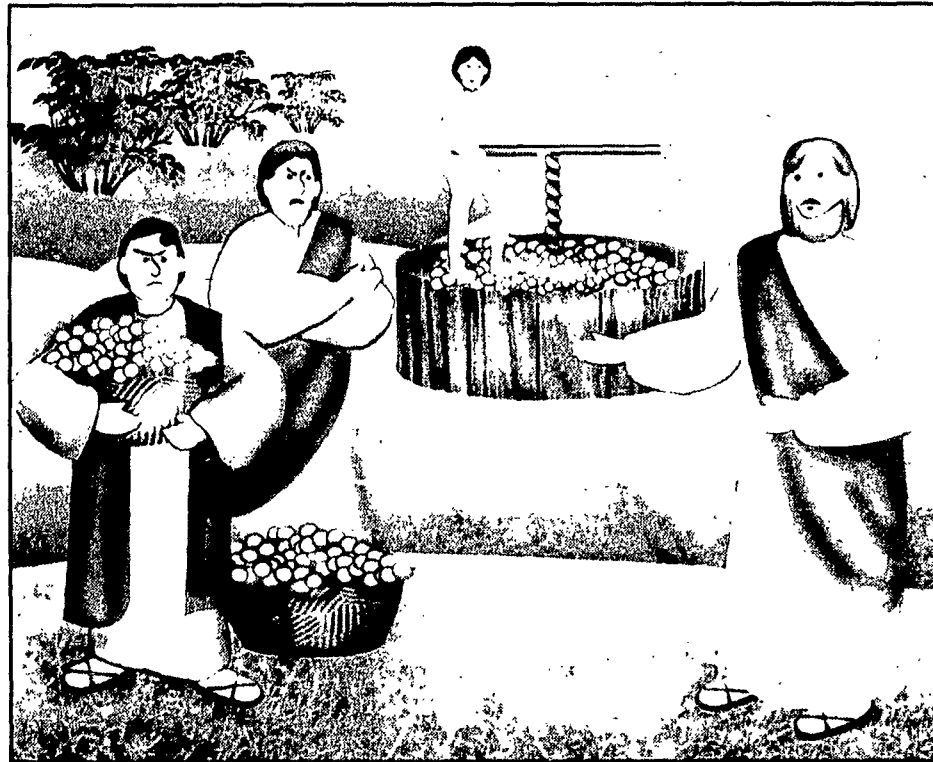


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large vineyard," he said. "He built a winepress for it and then he leased the land to tenant farmers, while he travelled on business. When it was time for the grapes to be harvested, the landowner sent some of his servants to pick up the produce from the tenants. But the tenants did not give the grapes or wine to the servants. Instead, they beat them, stoned them, and even killed one of them.

"When the landowner heard what happened, he sent in more of his servants. They, too, were mistreated by the tenants. So the man said to himself, 'I will send my son. I know that the tenants would not hurt him.' So the man's son went to the vineyard.

"When the tenants realized who had come to see them, they said, 'If we kill the man's son, we can claim his inheri-

tance, which is the entire vineyard.' So they killed him."

Then Jesus looked at the people and asked them: "What do you think the landowner should do to the tenants when he, himself goes to the vineyard? The kingdom of God will not be given to those who rejected his son, but only to those who will produce its fruit."

## READ MORE ABOUT IT:

Matthew 21

## Q&A

1. Who questioned Jesus about his authority?
2. What did the tenants do to the landowner's son?

## Bible Trivia

The three main readings during Mass are from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and one of the four

Send Answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name, address and school name.

All entries must be received by Oct. 7, 1999. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted.

No correct entries were submitted for last month's question. Can you name the three Old Testament prophets whose names start with the letter "J"? The correct answers were Jeremiah, Joel and Jonah.

## Puzzle

Fill in the blanks to answer the questions. Answers on page 7.

1. \_ \_ V \_ \_ He killed Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
2. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ I Last book of the Old Testament
3. N \_ \_ \_ He built a big boat (Genesis 6)
4. \_ E \_ \_ \_ He was also called Simon (Matthew 10)
5. \_ \_ \_ Y Mother of Jesus (Luke 1)
6. \_ \_ A \_ First man (Genesis 5)
7. \_ \_ R \_ \_ Brother of Moses (Exodus 4)
8. \_ \_ D \_ \_ He betrayed Jesus (John 18)

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