



# **HEART OF JESUS: Faith in Jesus, Love for Others**

**JUNE 2023  
KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC**

## 2023 Kids Assembly Topic for June

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### OBJECTIVES

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- Learn about the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Appreciate the special love of Jesus to mankind especially to children themselves
- Share the love of Jesus to their family and friends

### MOTIVATION

**Activity: Video Watching (4:35 – 7:04)**

**Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvUaLEGRwHU>

### Processing:

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a very special picture of Jesus that people all over the world love and admire. Jesus promised that He would give lots of blessings and kindness to those who love and honor His Sacred Heart. In our Kids Assembly, let's learn about what the Sacred Heart means and how we, as MFC Kids, can have a heart like Jesus's. This will help us become stronger in our belief and love for Jesus.



## EXPANDED OUTLINE

### I. HEAD

Every year, the Catholic Church celebrates a special day called the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. It's a way to honor the amazing love that Jesus has for all of us. This year, it will be on June 16. And actually, we honor this special day for the whole month of June! It originated from a series of apparitions that Jesus made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the late 1600s and asked her to tell everyone about a special feast that would honor His Sacred Heart. By celebrating this special day and having devotion to the Sacred Heart, we, as MFC Kids, believe that it will help us grow stronger in our faith and our love for Jesus and the people around us. It's a wonderful way to show our love for Jesus and learn from His example.



### II. HEART

*In our world today, sometimes our hearts can feel angry, proud, or jealous. There are many things that can distract us and may affect our faith and love for Jesus. But this month, Jesus wants to remind us that His love is even stronger than all of those things. His love is bigger than anything we have or any mistakes we make. He loves us so much that He gave us His Most Sacred Heart as a special symbol of His love, especially for children like us. As MFC Kids, we want to have a heart just like Jesus. We want to be like Him and help build His Kingdom here on earth. So, how can we do that? How can we become Kingdom Builders for Jesus and have a heart like His?*




### **A. BUILD UP in prayer**

Jesus had a special way of praying. Every time He prays, He honors and praise God, and also cared about everyone else. He selflessly and sincerely talked to God and asked for good things for others. As MFC Kids, we want to pray like Jesus too. It's important for us to pray every day. We can set aside some time to talk to God, thanking Him for all the good things we have and the fun experiences we enjoy. We can also say sorry to God for the times we make mistakes or do things that are wrong. We can also ask God to help our family, friends, and even people we don't know personally. We can pray for their happiness and well-being. Praying like Jesus helps us show love and care for others through our words to God.

### **B. BUILD UP in forgiveness**

Jesus forgives. He had a kind and understanding heart. Even when someone did something to hurt Him, He still chose to forgive them. As kids, we can learn from Jesus and try to forgive too. Sometimes we might have arguments or disagreements with our brothers, sisters, classmates, or friends. And sometimes our parents might make mistakes or disappoint us, and we might do things that hurt them too. But every day, we can choose to forgive and ask for forgiveness.

When we forgive, it means we let go of the anger or hurt feelings we have towards someone. We give them another chance and try to understand them. And when we ask for forgiveness, we say sorry to the people we've hurt and promise to do better next time. Choosing to forgive and asking for forgiveness helps us have good relationships with others and makes our hearts feel lighter and happier.





### **C. BUILD UP in generosity**


Jesus loves to share! He loves to share and give blessings to people. He multiplies the good things for everyone. We can be like Him by giving what we can and sharing what we have. We can give our Time by spending it with our family, friends, and neighbors. We can help them and make them feel special. We can use our Talent by using our skills and abilities to bring joy to others. It could be drawing, singing, or playing sports. We can also share our Treasures by giving things we have to those who need them, like toys, clothes, or food.

When we have a generous heart, it means we're grateful for the good things in our lives. We appreciate what God has given us, and we want to share it with others. When we do this, our hearts become even bigger, and we can spread the love of Jesus to others.

### **D. BUILD UP in love**

Jesus loved everyone, even those who made mistakes, were sick, or felt left out. He made the choice to love every single day. If we want to be like Jesus and have a heart like His Sacred Heart, we need to make the same choice to love every day, even when it's not easy. We should show love and respect to God, our families, and our friends. We should also show love to our neighbors, even if we don't know them very well.

When we do these things, we can truly love God and others, and our hearts will become more like Jesus' Sacred Heart. It's important for us to want to be like Jesus every single day. That way, our hearts can be full of trust, forgiveness, generosity, and love—just like Jesus' Heart. Jesus always chooses to love everyone, no matter what. When we have a heart like the Sacred Heart of Jesus', we can help build His Kingdom on Earth. We can make the world a better place by loving and caring for others just like Jesus does.





### III. HANDS

#### A. Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity: **Sacred Heart of Jesus Coloring Page** (see *Appendix A*)

**Materials:** Coloring Materials

**Instructions:**

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page.
- Note to the facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

#### B. First Steps (5-7 years old), Footsteps (8-10 years old) and Step Up (10-12 years old)

Activity: **Sacred Heart Prayer Card** (see *Appendix B*)

**Materials:**

- Colored Paper / Bond Paper
- Coloring Materials/Pens
- Glue
- Scissors

**Instructions:**

1. Create a Prayer Card inspired by the Sacred Heart of Jesus
2. You may cut the colored paper and the bond paper into a rectangle and stick it to each other
3. Choose and write verse/prayer/phrase on the bond paper
4. Decorate / draw the card (do not forget to put the Sacred Heart image)

*Sample Verses / Prayer:*

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you."

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." (Isaiah 12:3)

### **C. STEP UP (11-12 years old)**

Activity: **Household Discussion** (See Appendix C)

Jesus shows us His heart in a way that helps us to know how He loves us and how we can love Him in return. Reflect on each element of the Sacred Heart, shown in Appendix C.

Question:

Why does Jesus choose these symbols? If you will draw your own heart, what will you make it look like as you prepare to give it to Jesus?

### **IV. TAKE AWAY**

This month of June, we remember and celebrate how much Jesus loves all of us. We see His Sacred Heart as a special symbol of His love for us. As MFC Kids, we want to have a heart just like Jesus' so that we can welcome more people and love them like our own brothers and sisters. This year, the whole MFC Community has a special theme: "Firm in Faith, Founded on Love." It reminds us to always stay strong in our belief in Jesus and to show love to everyone around us. Let's never forget how much Jesus loves us! When we have faith in Jesus and love others, we show the world that we are proud to be MFC Kids. We become young Kingdom Builders of Jesus, helping to make the world a better place with our love and kindness.

## **CONVICTION**

Hello Coordinators and Heart Champs!

Kindly instruct our MFC Kids members attending the assembly to write this conviction statement on their 2023 Conviction Statement Card after finishing their activity. The card will be their attendance tracker as they attend our Kids Assemblies every month.

**JUNE:**

# **I WILL BE FIRM IN FAITH AND BE FOUNDED ON LOVE LIKE THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS!**

## **RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE**

- 1. I will imitate Jesus.**
  - I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
  - I will make Jesus my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.
  
- 2. I will be a good family member.**
  - I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
  - I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.



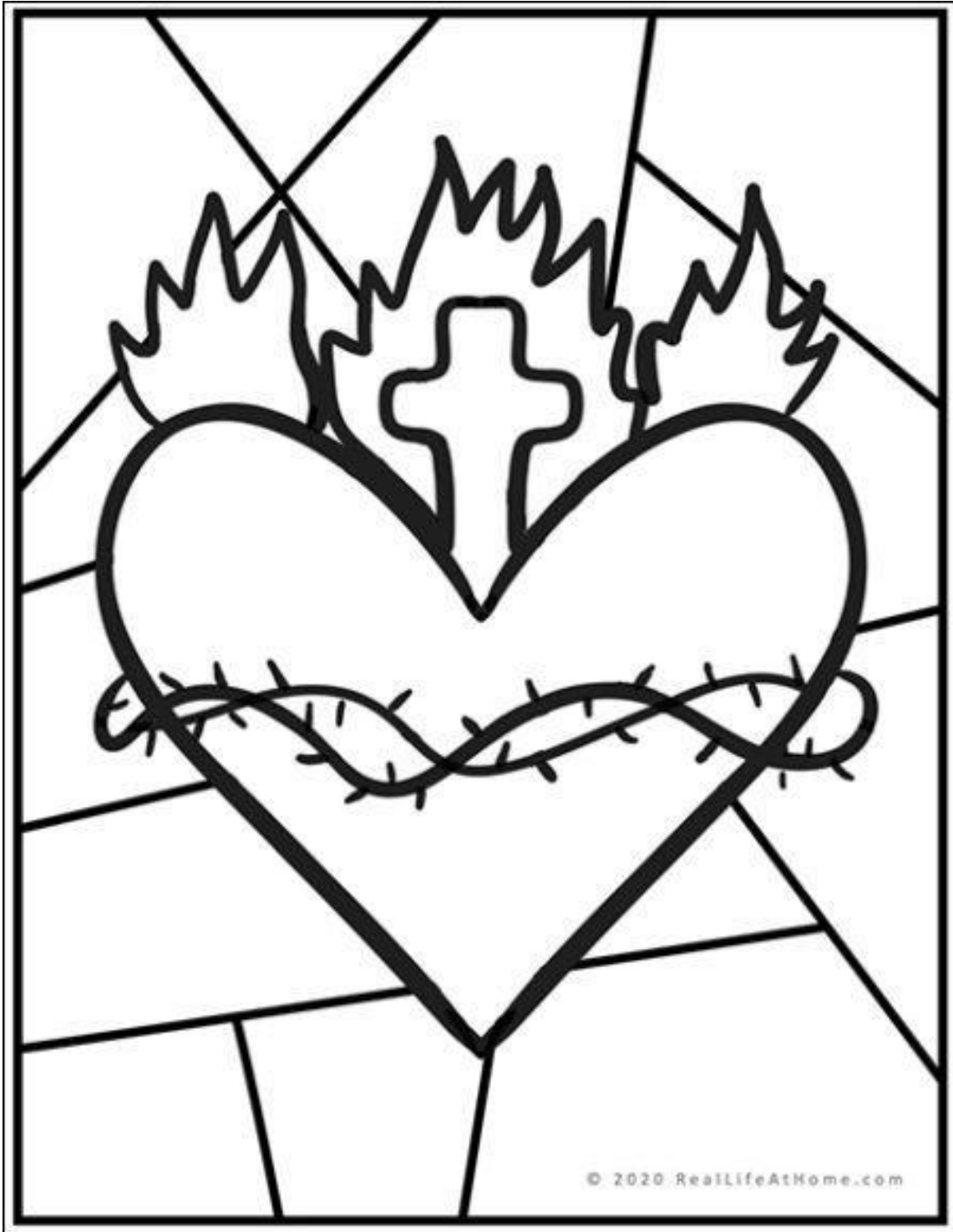
**3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids**

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents, and treasures with others, especially with my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

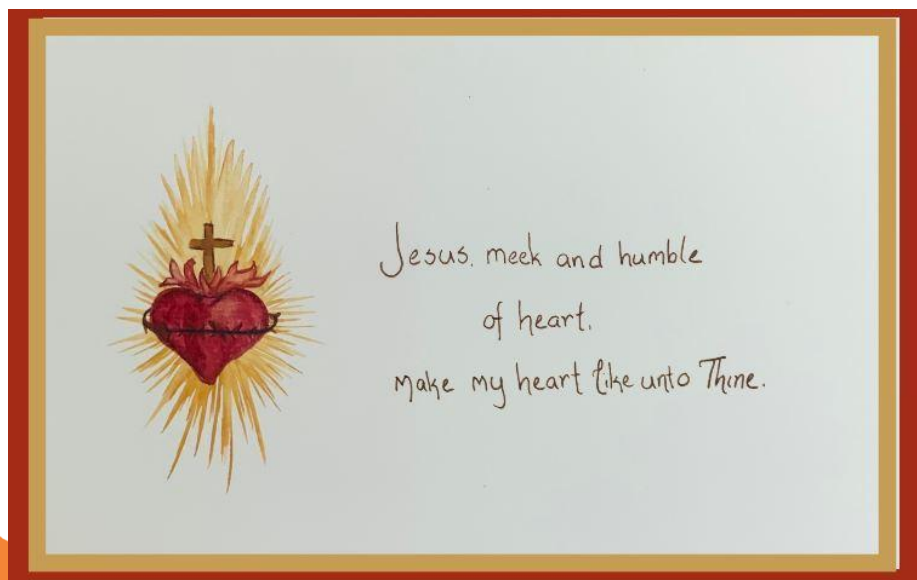
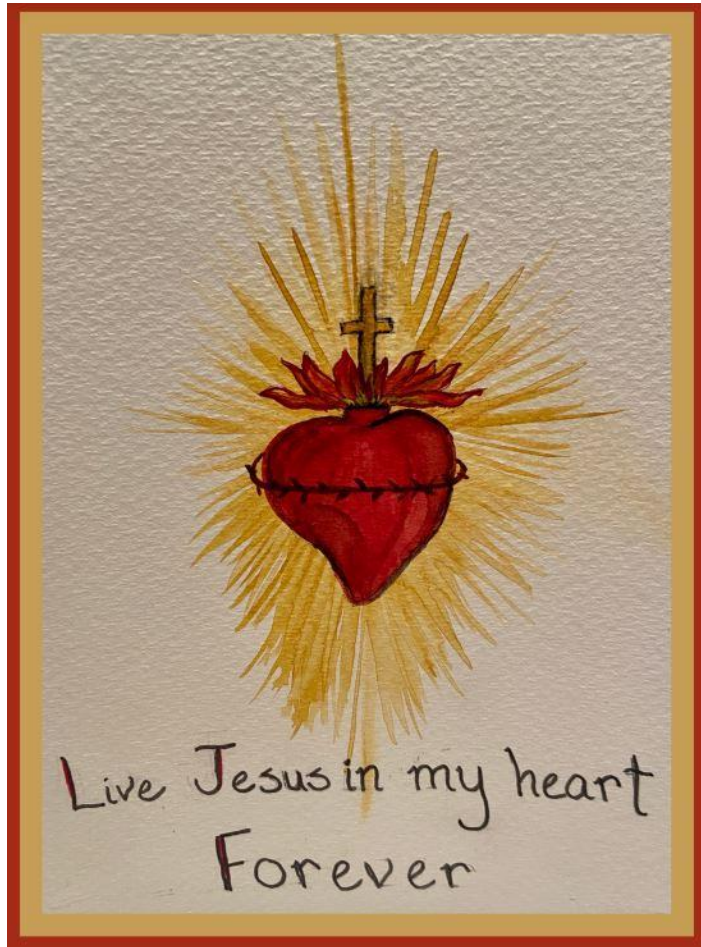
**4. I will tell others about Jesus.**

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



Appendix B





### **The Heart**

If someone gave you a card with a heart on it, what would it say to you?

The heart is a symbol of love.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a symbol of divine love. It is hidden but it never rests. "As it beats, moment by moment, day by day, year by year, it keeps us alive."



### **The Cross**

On top of the Sacred Heart is a cross. The cross is Jesus' sign. Jesus gave you His Heart when He gave up His life on the cross.

Blood and water flowed from His pierced side.

When Jesus rose from the dead, His heart beat with a new life that was stronger than death.  
A life that He shares with you!



### **The Crown**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is encircled by a crown of thorns. This crown hurts. This crown is not easy to wear. If we accept the heart that Jesus offers us, if we say "yes" to His Heart and give Him ours in return, we will have a heart that is strong enough to carry our crown of thorns!

We will be able to love as Jesus loves. We will be able to love even when it is hard to do so!



### **The Flames**

The Sacred Heart of Jesus is surrounded by flames. How beautiful it looks! How glorious!

What does fire give us? ...*warmth* and *light* when the world is cold and dark.

Jesus wants you to know that His Heart burns with love for you. How warm and bright, how strong His love must be!

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you so much for allowing your kids to join our Kids Assembly this month. We truly appreciate your love and support in helping your children learn more about Jesus. Our topic for this month is the Sacred Heart of Jesus and how we can have a heart like His. The children have discovered that Jesus loves us so much that He wants us to see His human heart as a reminder of His endless love for us.

We encourage you and your children to engage in some fun activities together that will help them practice what they have learned this month:

**Pray and attend Mass together** - Spending time in prayer and going to Mass as a family will help the young ones (and the whole family) grow in love for Jesus and deepen their connection with God through prayer and the sacrament.

**Watch movies or videos about Jesus** - Watching visual stories about Jesus will help your children better understand and appreciate His love for them. It can inspire and uplift them.

**Visit the Adoration Chapel together** - Going to the adoration chapel as a family allows your children to listen to God's voice in a peaceful setting. It helps them experience the presence of Jesus in a special way.

**Donate toys or clothes to those in need** - Encourage your children to share the love of Jesus by donating toys or clothes to those who are less fortunate. This will help them see, feel, and experience the joy of sharing Jesus' love with others.

After participating in these activities, we would love for you to share your experiences on social media using the hashtags: #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter. By sharing, you can inspire other parents and families to spend quality time with their children and grow in faith together.

Thank you for your incredible support, and we look forward to seeing your kids again next month!

**MFC Kids Team**