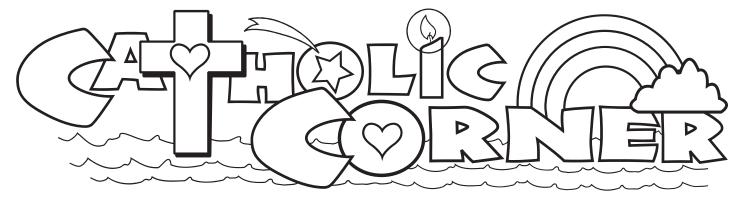


"The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Genesis 5:13



St. Anthony

This Thursday, June 13, is the feast of St. Anthony of Padua. He lived in the early 13th century; the same time St. Francis of Assisi was gathering his followers. Anthony became one of them. One of Athony's great gifts became recognized by his follow Franciscans. He was a very effective preacher, and that became his life's work. He preached throughout Italy and France.

His fame as a preacher became known everywhere, and when he preached churches overflowed with the people who came to hear him. So many people came that he had to begin preaching in open spaces in towns and in the marketplaces! Not only did people come to listen to Anthony preach, his words really changed their lives. There are stories about families who reconciled their differences, thieves who returned stolen goods, and people who told lies publicly admitting them and telling the truth after hearing Anthony

preach. His good work helped save many people who had lost their way and made bad choices. That might be the reason that today he is known as the patron saint of lost things.

Anthony spent his last three years in Padua, where he died at the early age of 36. (1195–1231) He affected so many people's lives in important ways that people called him the "wonder worker." Today, people still look to Anthony for help when they try to find something that is lost. This poem/prayer is often said when they hunt for their things:

Good St. Anthony come around, something's lost that must be found

Take some time to think about what in your life needs to be changed so you can be a better follower of Jesus. You can ask for St. Anthony's help with that, too.

When Adam and Eve lived in God's garden, the devil took the form of a serpent.

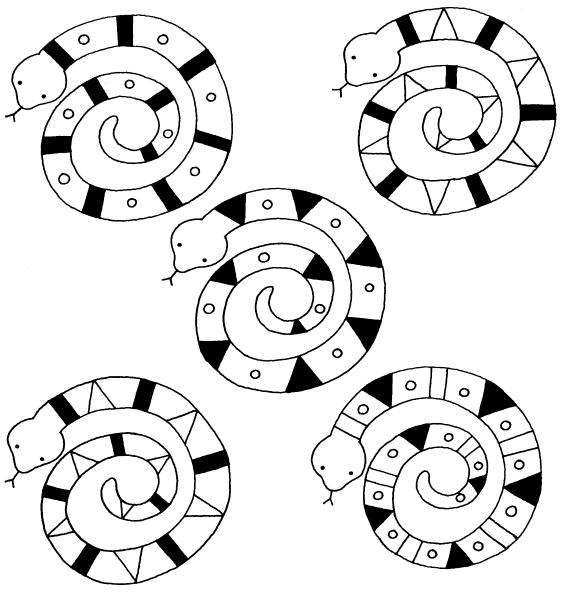
The serpent tricked Eve into eating forbidden fruit.

Later Adam ate the fruit, too.

Let's be on guard so the devil doesn't trick us!

Look at the snakes.

Draw a line to connect the two that are the same.





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