



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matt 10:29–31 (full reading: Matthew 10:26–33)

“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

Some things to think about...

- What does Jesus tell us about God’s care for even the smallest birds?
- What do you think Jesus means when He says God knows the number of hairs on your head?
- When you feel worried or afraid, how might remembering this passage help you?
- How does this bible passage help members of the SVP, including the Mini Vinnies, live out their mission?

Activity

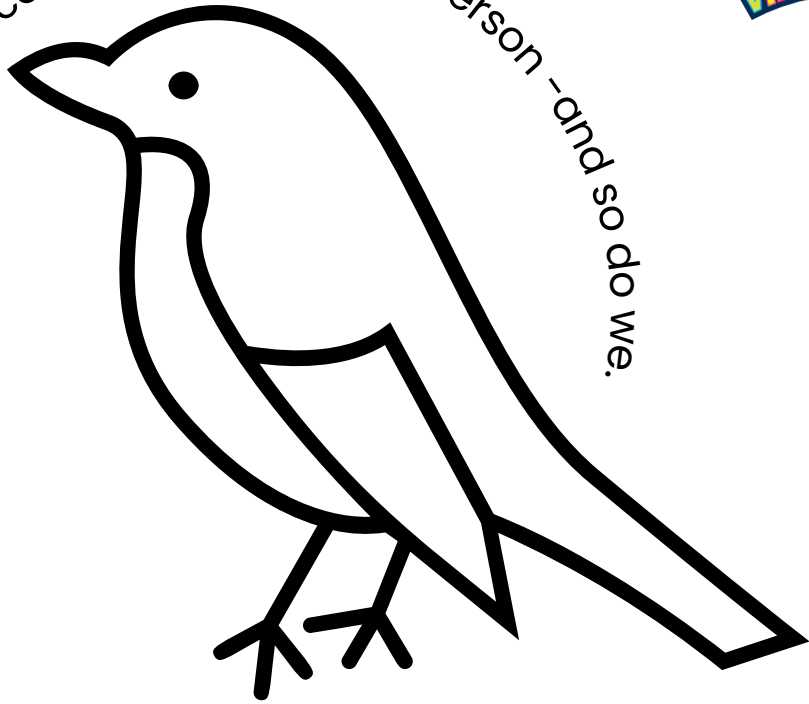
- As a group, think of some people in your school, parish, or community that you could share with them how much they are valued in the community. Decorate the picture of the sparrow to brighten up the letters and then get your Vincentian Coordinator to pass them on to the people they are for.

Teacher’s Notes

In this passage, Jesus uses a very small bird, a sparrow, to show how much God cares for us. Sparrows were cheap and considered unimportant, yet Jesus says God does not forget even one of them. Jesus then goes even further: God knows even the number of hairs on your head. This is a way of saying that God notices every detail of your life. Nothing about you is too small or unimportant for Him. Because God cares for us in this way, Jesus says: “Do not be afraid.” You are valuable to God.

Notes:

God notices and values every person – and so do we.



Dear _____,

Thank you for _____.

It makes me feel _____.

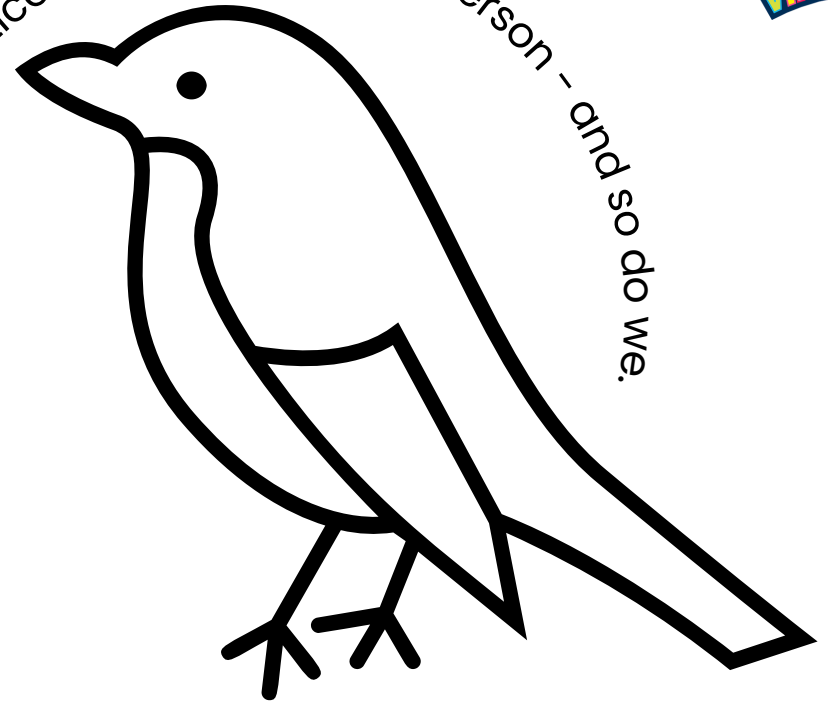
I notice that you _____.

This is important because

_____.

From, _____.

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It makes me feel _____.

I notice that you _____.

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From, _____.