

## ACTIVITIES BASED ON THE STORY AND THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA

Points for discussion, for writing, and for drawing :

1. Why do you think Our Lady chose to appear to simple children?
2. Can you think of other occasions in Scripture when we hear of an Angel appearing?
3. Why do you think Our Lady asked the Children not to be afraid.?
4. Study the Angel's prayer. ("My God I believe.....") Look at each idea in the prayer and identify each thing we are being asked to do. For example, "I believe... this is an act of Faith. Do you know a longer prayer called, "An Act of Faith?".
5. Why would it be important to remember this prayer for a quiet visit to Church or in thanksgiving after Holy Communion?
6. Our Lady asked for Reparation which is atonement for our sins and for other people's sins. Can you think of little acts of Sacrifice that you could make in Reparation?
7. Our Lady came six times to Fatima. Read the story again and list what Our Lady asked for each time she came.
8. Take any one of the Apparitions and do a drama script for it. Don't be afraid to put in your own ideas of what else MIGHT have been said. Include ideas for stage setting and scenery. You may wish to include bystanders in the dialogue.
9. Take any one of the apparitions of the Angel and of Our Lady . Draw and colour a picture of it. Write underneath it a small explanation of what is happening in your picture .
10. Imagine you are a Reporter in 1917. Write articles for the local Newspaper in your town or city, describing:
  - The First Apparition (what is being said about strange happenings in Fatima; where is this?; who are involved?; what are they claiming?; what are the authorities saying?)
  - The August Apparition ( why it did not occur on the 13<sup>th</sup>; what had happened to the children; why the authorities were angry; the crowds.)
  - The time before the final Apparition ( the promise of a miracle; the crowds; the attitude of Reporters etc.)
  - The event of the Miracle of the Sun. (what exactly happened; did people believe; quote some of their comments....)
11. You have read the story. You have heard the messageWhich parts of the Story will you remember always?
  - Why did Our Lady come from Heaven to Fatima?
  - What is her Message for all of us to-day?
12. What will you do as a result of reading the story and hearing the Message?