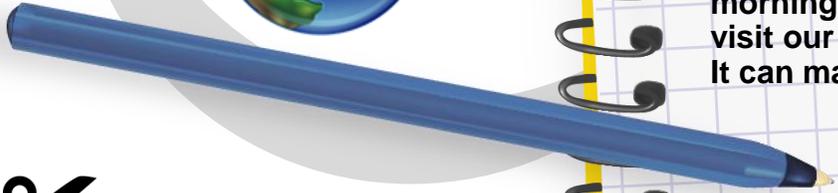


Let's live like this...

«For you, Jesus!»



We live close to a wall that has been built in my country to divide the Jews and the Arabs. I see it every day when I open the window of my room.

Along the street there are also roadblocks where the soldiers stop everyone who passes by because they want to check our IDs. This is what we have to do on our way to school in the morning or when we go to visit our relatives or friends. It can make life very difficult!

I get very agitated every time a soldier stops me, but then I remember that I can offer my fear to Jesus and that the soldier is a person like me, and so I have to love him.

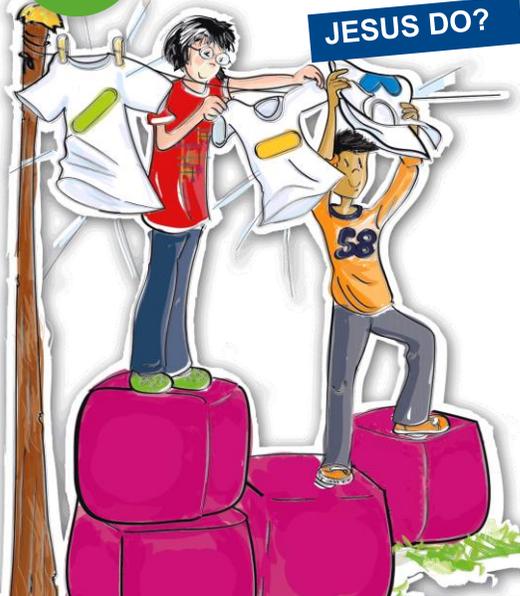
In this way I feel that Jesus becomes everything for me. He gives me the strength to start over again every day. He makes the burden of these difficulties feel light!

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WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?



«Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.» (Mk 1:3)

John the Baptist said these words to the Jewish people of his time. He asked them to confess their sins and change their ways. He knew the Messiah was coming and he wanted them to be ready. We have to be ready too!

How does Jesus come today?

When he was on earth, he was a carpenter, but now he comes to us in other people, especially those who are lonely, sad or in pain.

How can I welcome him?

First of all, by removing the obstacles to love, by not criticizing others or rejecting them. Go deep into your heart and hear what God tells you to do for them!

When?

Right now!

Prepare for the coming of Jesus by forgiving, being merciful, trusting others, being friends with everyone. Or you can put up with being treated unfairly and offer it to him as a gift.

During the day... I offer everything I do by saying, «This is for you, Jesus!»

Every time I remove an obstacle to love, and make room for Jesus in my heart, I will cross off one stone.

