

MASS*Explained*



THERE ARE SEVERAL OBJECTS, FURNISHINGS AND VESSELS THAT ARE EXCLUSIVELY USED AT MASS. SINCE THEY ARE SEEN INFREQUENTLY AND OFTEN AT A DISTANCE, MANY MAY BE UNFAMILIAR TO CHILDREN. THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON MASS VOCABULARY WORDS SO YOUR LITTLE ONES CAN RECOGNIZE AND NAME MANY OF THESE OBJECTS. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS TO PRINT OUT THE CARDS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES. AS YOU DESCRIBE THE MASS OBJECTS, SHOW THE CHILD THE CORRESPONDING CARD. HAVE THEM REPEAT THE NAME AFTER YOU.

Narrator: A few days after you were born, you could open your eyes enough to see people. They would talk to you, but you didn't know what they were saying because their words were unfamiliar. You didn't know what a ball, truck or doll was because you had never seen them before and no one had taught you their names yet. Now that you are older, you can name those objects and many more!

The same things happens at Mass. There are things used at Mass that you've never seen before—objects that may be unfamiliar. You must learn the names of those new objects just like you did with the ball, truck and doll. Let's learn some words related to the Mass that may make the celebration more meaningful:

- Altar: The special table in the church where the bread and wine are blessed. They used to be made of wood, but now, most altars are made of stone which lasts longer.
- Altar Candles: These are the candles that are placed on or next to the altar during Mass. At every Mass there are at least two, but more candles can be used especially on Sundays, Holy days of obligation or if the bishop is the celebrant.
- Host: The name given to the altar bread before consecration and after it has become the Body of Christ.
- Tabernacle: A box, which is often made of gold, that has the Eucharist inside.
- Sanctuary Lamp: A lamp that is next to the tabernacle. Sometimes it hangs from the ceiling, from a bracket on the wall or is placed on a floor stand. When the light is on, it tells us that the Eucharist is inside the tabernacle. When it is off, the tabernacle is empty. The sanctuary lamp has a red glass around it to remind us of the presence of Jesus and our love for him.

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- Ambo:** The place from where the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass. Most have a microphone so the readings can be easily heard throughout the church.
- Cruets:** Small containers that hold the wine and water used at Mass. They are made of glass so it's easy to clean and transparent, so you can tell which cruet has water and which has wine.
- Ciborium:** The round container that holds the Eucharist during Holy Communion. The inside of it is gold.
- Chalice:** The beautiful cup used to hold the wine at Mass. Chalices are often made of gold and are sometimes decorated with jewels and precious stones. If it is not made entirely of gold, the inside of the cup must be gilded in gold.
- Baptismal Font:** An reservoir in the church, and sometimes outside the church, where water is kept for baptizing children and adults. Some baptismal fonts look like a very large basin on a stand and others look like a small pool.
- Paschal Candle:** The Paschal candle is the tall, thick, white candle that represents Jesus, the Light of the World. The candle has several designs on it including a cross; two Greek letters, Alpha and Omega; the number of the current year and other Easter symbols. The Easter candle is lighted each day during Mass throughout the Easter season until Ascension Thursday.
- Thurible:** A metal container that is swung at the end of a chain. Inside a censer is burning incense which releases a sweet smelling smoke. The rising smoke symbolizes prayer rising up to God.
- When you go to Mass, see how many of these names you can remember!

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CRAFT PROJECT: MASS MEMORY MATCH GAME

MATERIALS:

1. Printed game card pages
2. Spray adhesive or glue stick
3. Scissors
4. Tape



Creating the Cards:

1. Print out two copies of each of the 3 card pages. You will have a total of 6 pages.
2. Fold the paper in half along the dotted "fold" line.
3. Use a glue stick or spray glue to stick the two halves together. This is to thicken the card and prevent the drawn Mass object from being seen when the card is face down.
4. Cut out all cards so you have a matching pair of each of the 12 Mass objects. 24 total cards.
5. Cut out the strip and wrap around the deck of cards. Tape the two ends of the strip to create a band that will keep the cards together when not in use.

Setting Up the Game:

1. Remove the band and shuffle the cards.
2. Lay out the cards face down in four rows of six cards per row to form a large rectangle on the table or floor. Make sure the cards are not touching each other. They need to be able to be flipped over without moving any cards around them.
3. Decide who will go first. Perhaps the youngest player.

Playing the Game:

1. The first player chooses a card and carefully turns it over making sure not to move the surrounding cards.
2. The player then selects another card and turns it over. If the two cards are a matching pair (for example two "Tabernacles") then they take the two cards. The player is awarded another turn for making a match and goes again.
3. If the cards do not match, they are turned back over and it is the next player's turn.
4. Play continues in this fashion until all cards are played.
5. The player with the most matching pairs wins.



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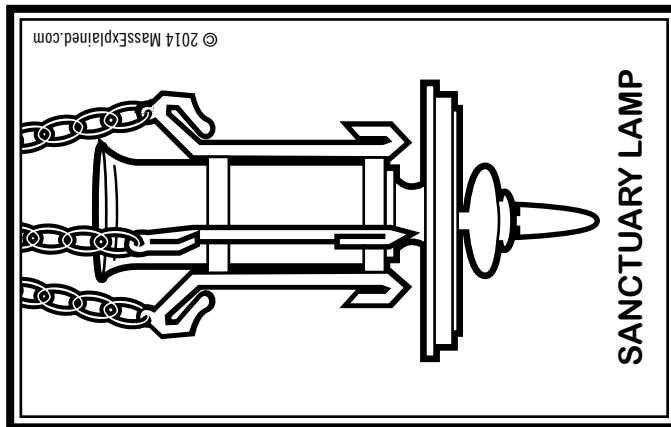
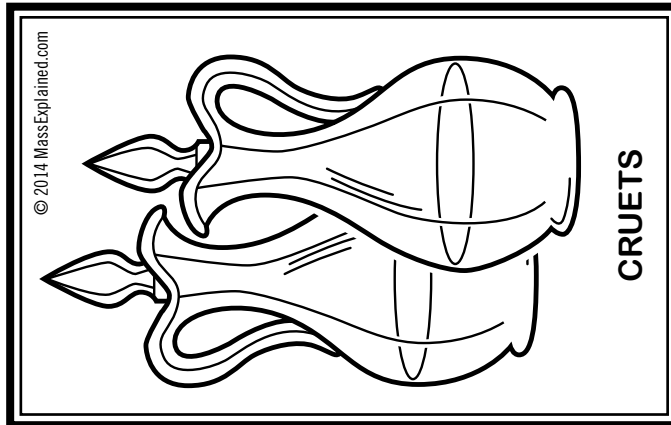
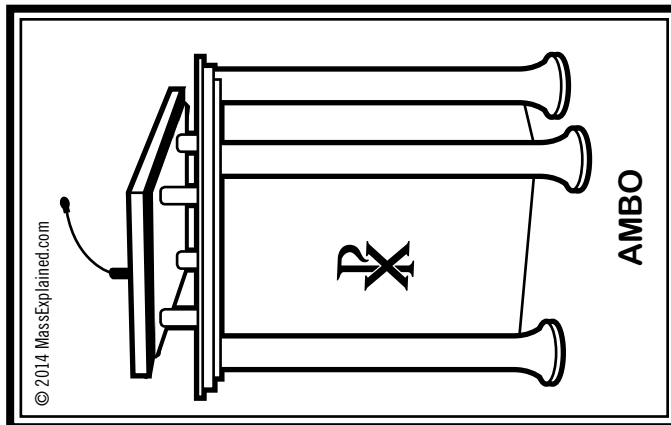
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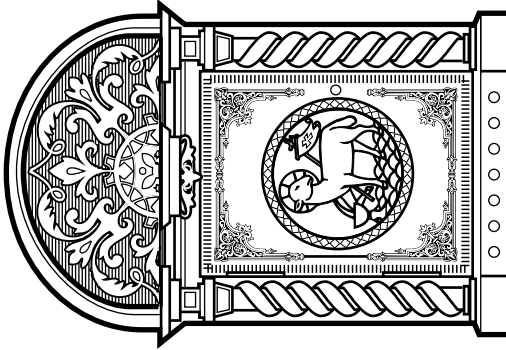
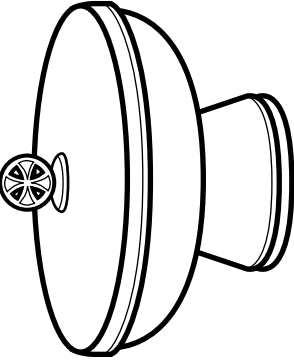
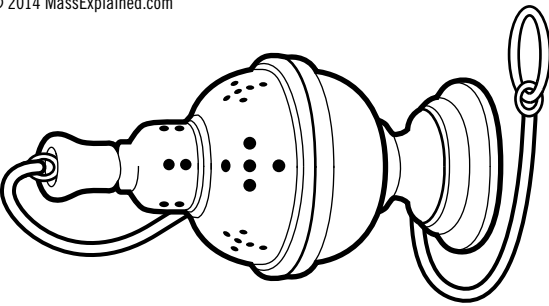
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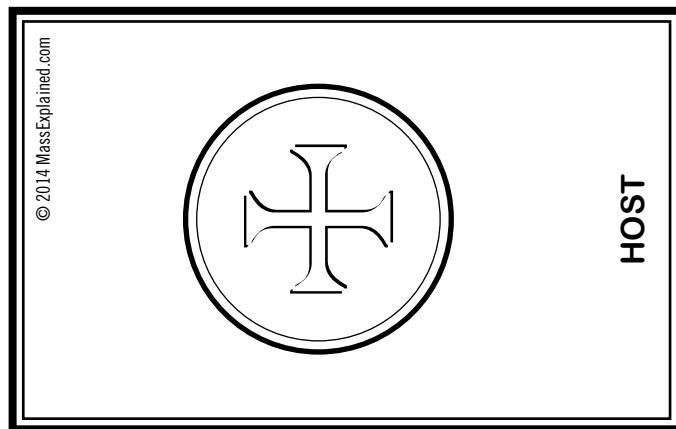
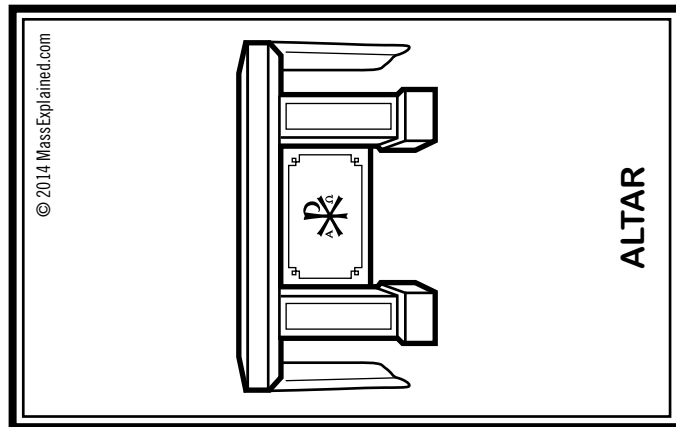
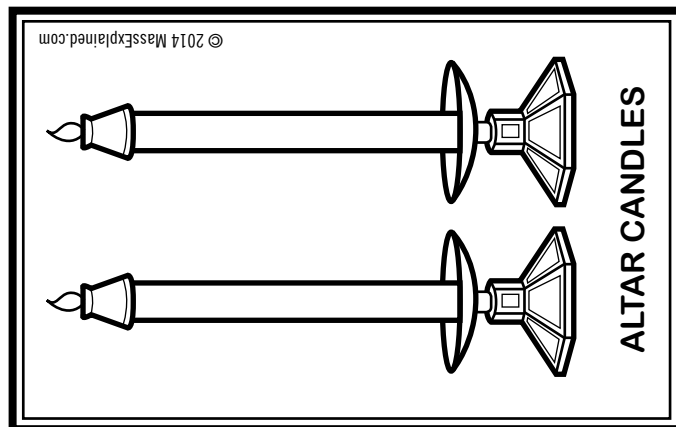
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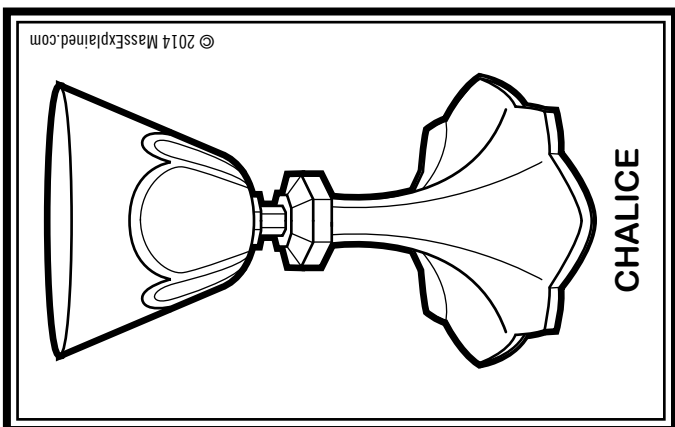
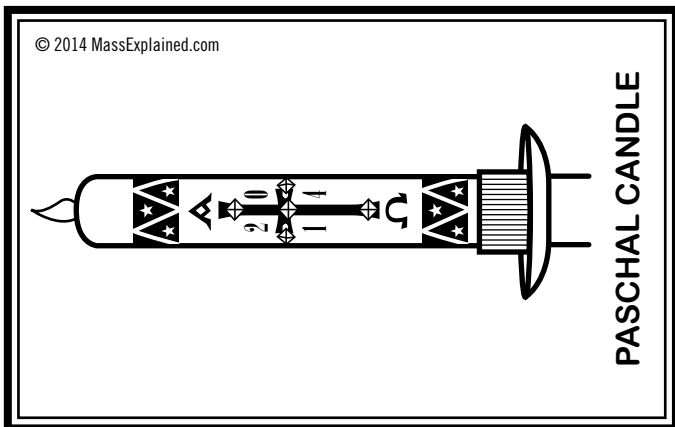
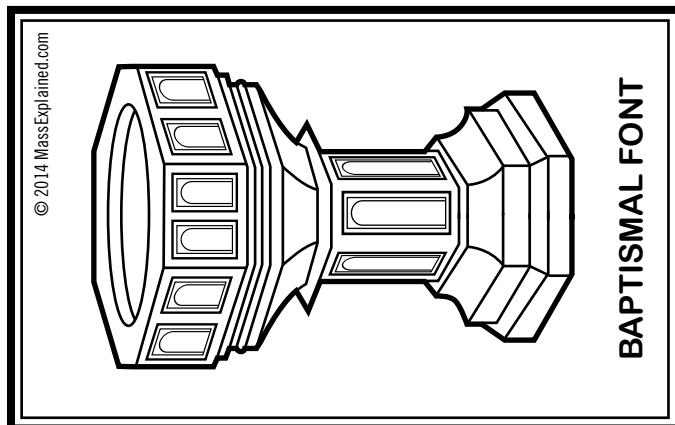
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