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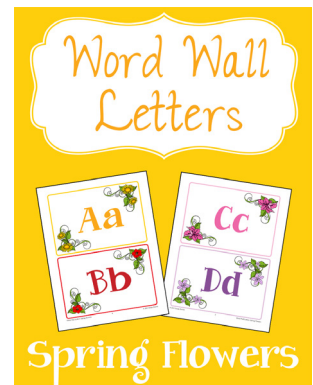
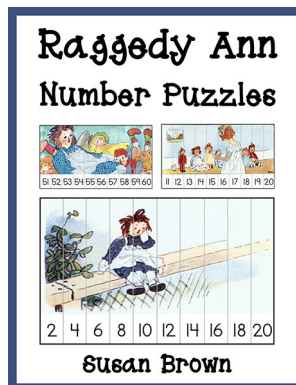
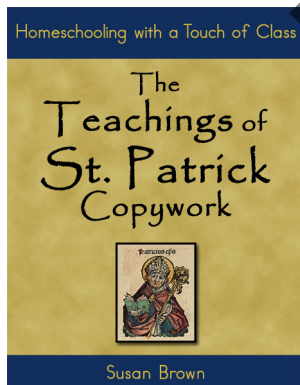
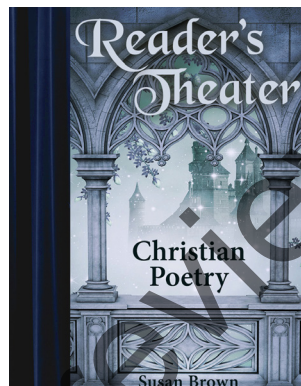
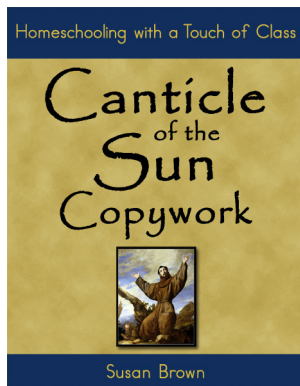
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Introduction

According to St. John Damascene, “Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.” Prayer is our connection to the the living God. It is an essential part of our Catholic faith.

It’s important to teach our children how to pray so that they, too, can communicate with our loving God. Teaching them to pray involves showing them both formal and informal prayers. The purpose of this book is to help you with the former.

The 21” x 28” posters in this book will provide your child with visual cues for learning some of the basic Catholic prayers. The artwork is intended to be an inspiration to them as well as a physical representation of certain biblical events and aspects of our faith. They can be hung up almost anywhere in your home (or classroom); however, I suggest that you hang them up in a place where your child can see them when he prays.

When helping your child learn the Catholic prayers, I suggest you focus on one at a time so that he won’t be too overwhelmed. There are twelve prayers in this book. You may want to do one per month starting with the shortest and easiest (The Sign of the Cross) and progressing to the longest and most difficult (Apostles’ Creed).

It is my sincere hope that you and your child enjoy these prayer posters. May they inspire you and your family to seek God and pray daily.

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Names of Artworks and Artists

<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Artwork</i>	<i>Artist</i>
The Sign of the Cross	<i>The Holy Trinity</i>	Jean Bourdichon
Our Father	<i>The Sistine Chapel</i>	Michelangelo
Hail Mary	<i>The Virgin in Prayer</i>	Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato
Glory Be	<i>Holy Trinity</i>	Jerónimo Ezquerro
Apostles' Creed	<i>The Last Supper</i>	Carl Bloch
Hail, Holy Queen	<i>The Virgin with Angels</i>	William-Adolphe Bouguereau
Anima Christi	<i>Communion of the Apostles</i>	Luca Giordano
Act of Contrition	<i>Appearance of Jesus Christ to Maria Magdalena</i>	Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov
Holy Spirit Prayer	<i>Holy Spirit</i>	Bartolomé Esteban Murillo
Prayer Before Meals	<i>Grace Before Meal</i>	Franz von Defregger
Prayer to St. Michael	<i>Michael</i>	Guido Reni
Guardian Angel Prayer (for boys)	<i>Guardian Angel Guards the Sleep of a Child</i>	Melchior Paul von Deschwanden
Guardian Angel Prayer (for girls)	<i>Guardian Angel by the Stream</i>	Joseph Karl Stieler

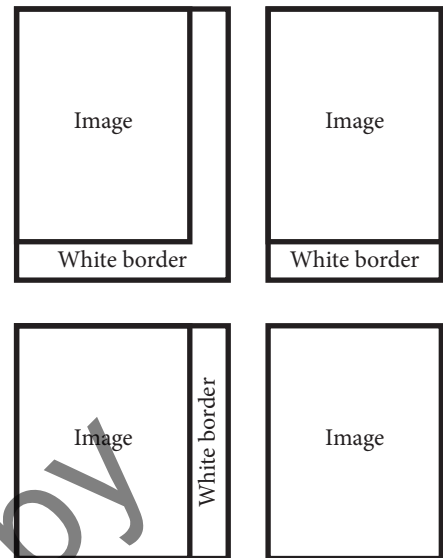
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Instructions for Assembly

As shown at right, there are four types of pieces that make up each poster: 1) one with the image and a white border on two sides, 2) one with the image and a border on the bottom, 3) one with the image and a border on one side, and 4) one with just the image.

Note that some sides of each piece have a solid gray line and others have just the edge of the image. Look carefully for these when cutting out the pieces so that you don't accidentally cut off a section of the poster.

When assembling each poster, the image portion of one piece will be glued on top of the white border of another. All but one of the pieces are labeled with letters. Use these letters as a guide when assembling the game board as explained below.



Step 1: Print the poster pages on printer paper.

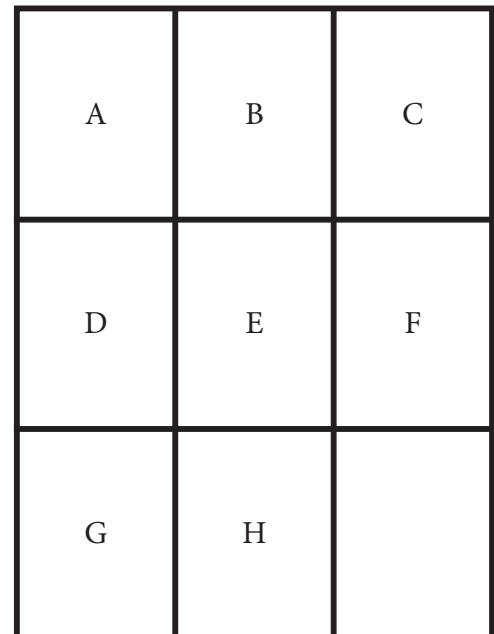
Step 2: Cut out the pieces.

Step 3: Using the figure at right as a guide, assemble the individual pieces in the following order:

1. Glue piece B on A.
2. Glue piece C on B.
3. Glue piece E on D.
4. Glue piece F on E.
5. Glue piece H on G.
6. Glue the unlabeled piece on H.

Step 4: Assemble the previously glued sets of pieces as follows:

1. Glue pieces D, E, & F on A, B, & C.
2. Glue pieces G, H, and the unlabeled piece on D, E, & F.



Step 5: When the glue is dry, laminate each poster for durability.

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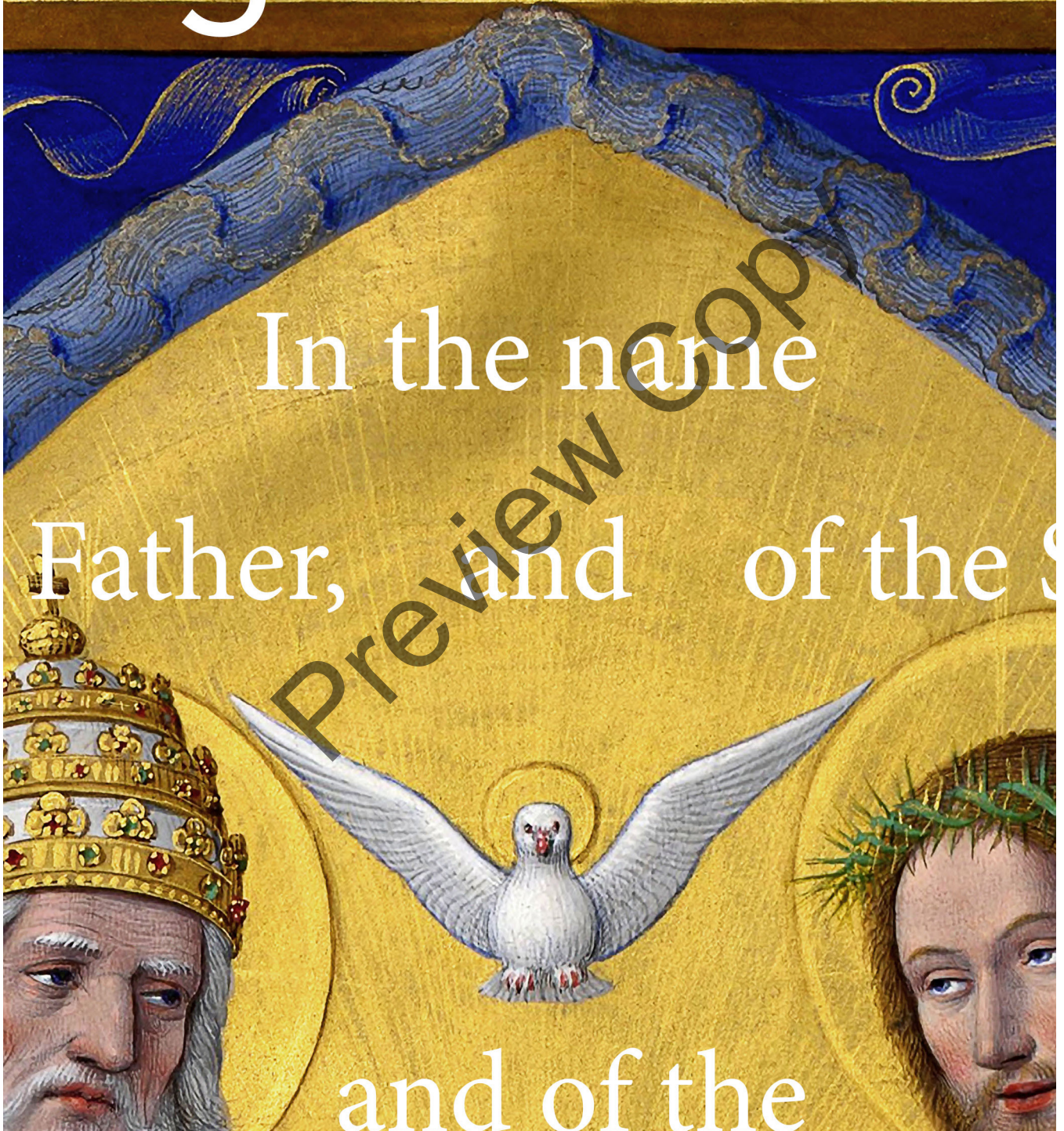
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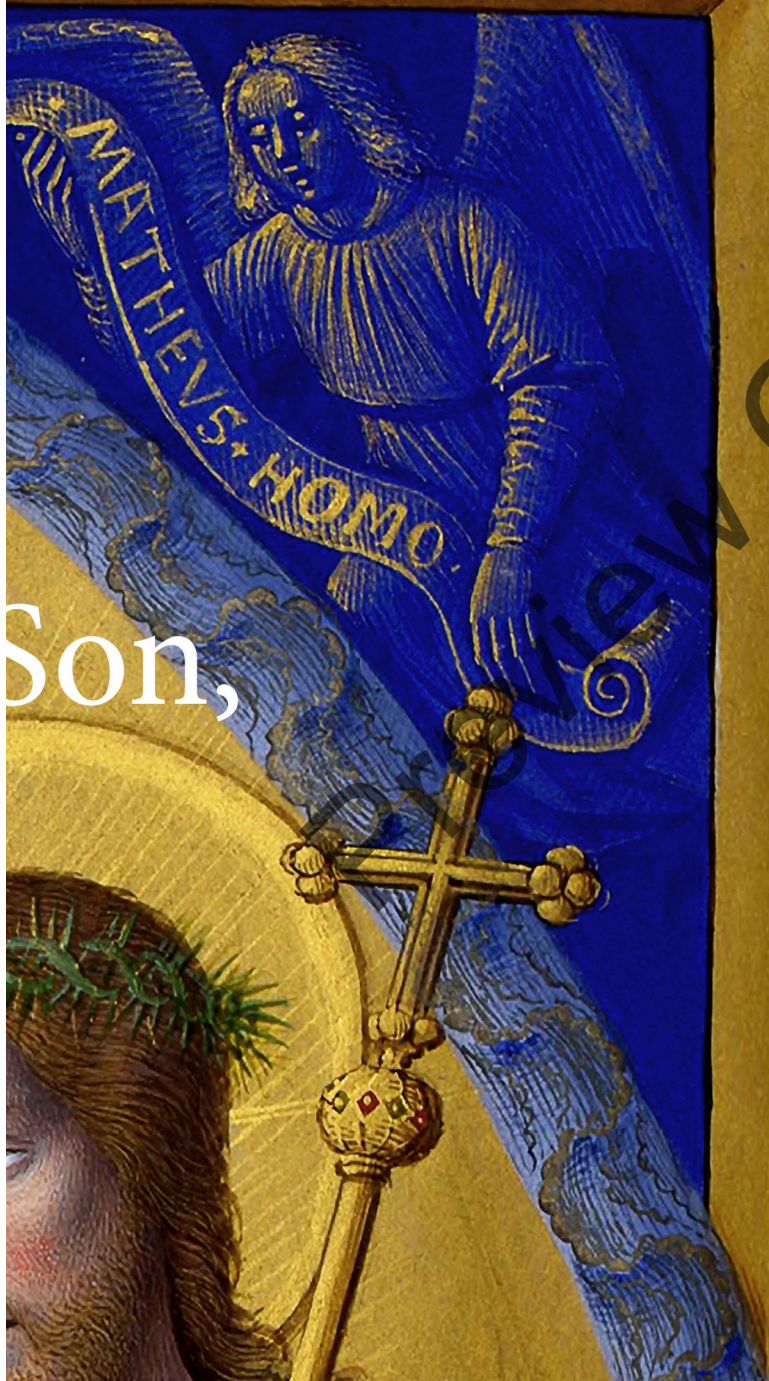
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