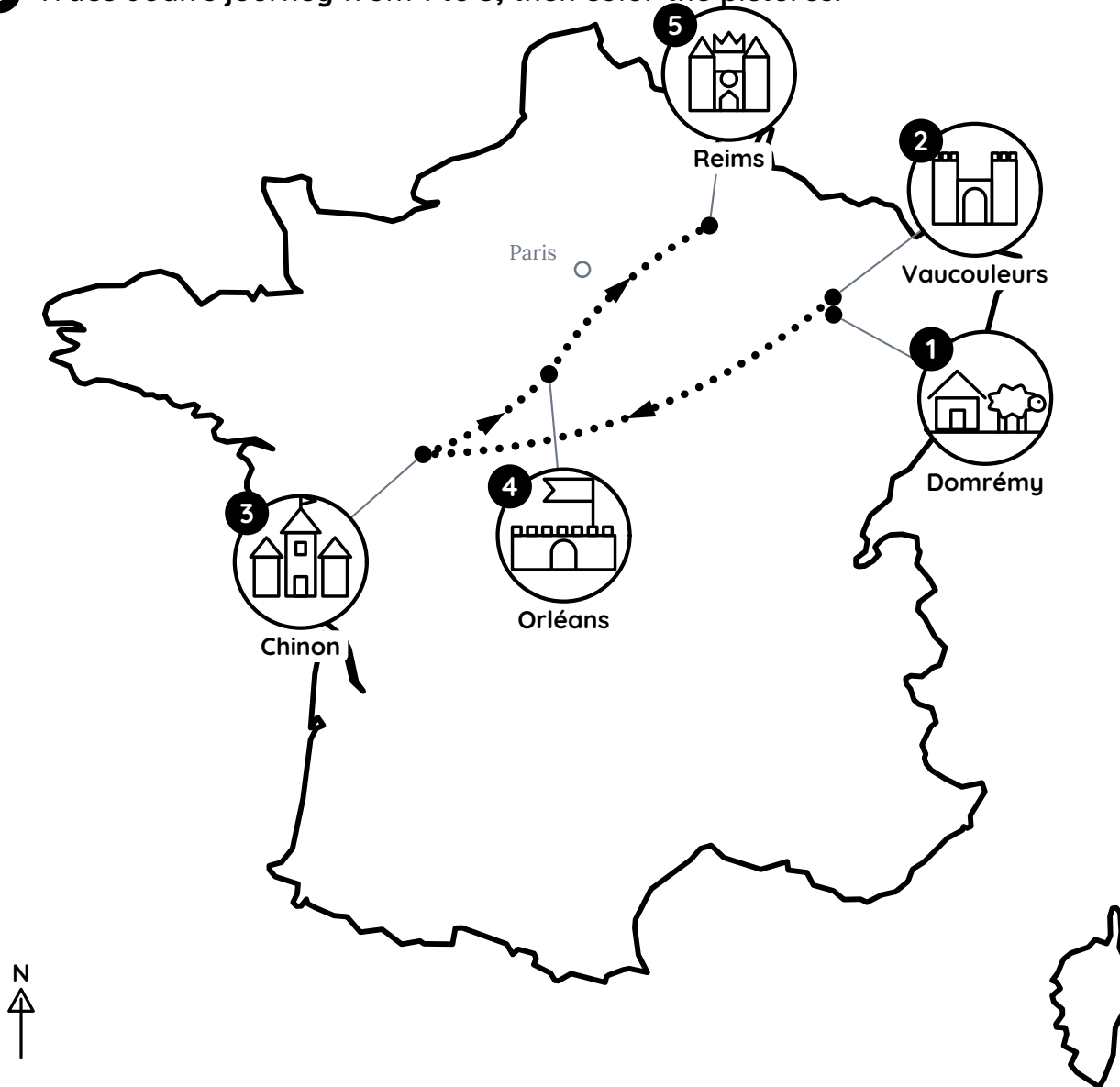


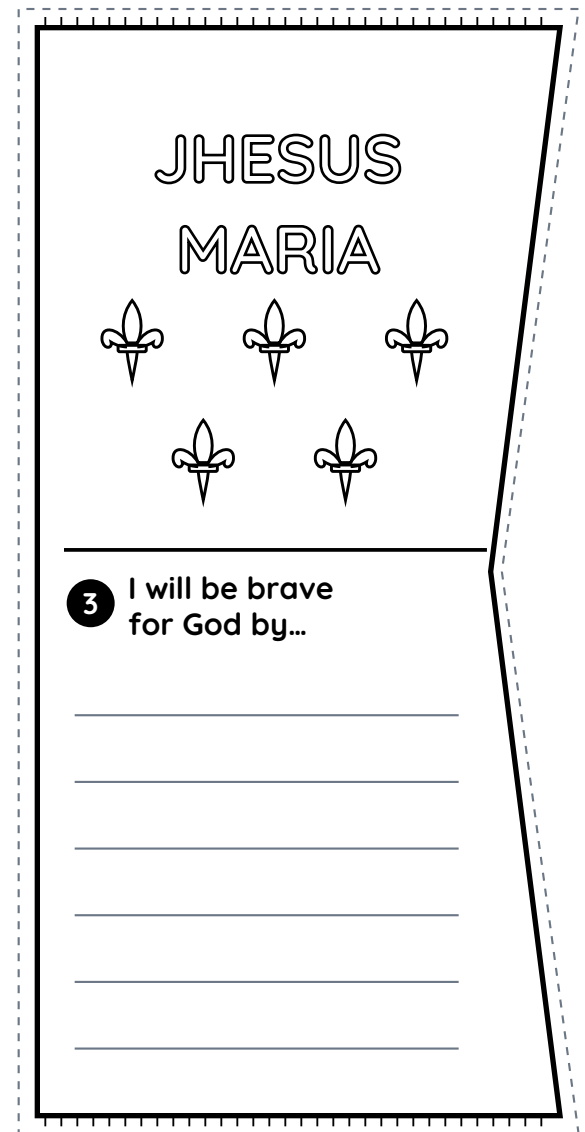
Follow Saint Joan's Journey

Name: _____

1 Trace Joan's journey from 1 to 5, then color the pictures.



2 Color Joan's banner.



Cut along the dotted line and tape a straw to the left edge to carry your banner.

Dear God, make me brave. When I am afraid to do what is right, help me to say yes to you, with a big, brave heart, the way Saint Joan did. Amen.

Saint Joan's Journey: leader's guide

A ready-to-use activity for children aged 4 to 9: they follow Joan's journey across France, color her banner, and decide how they will be brave for God. Print the children's page for each child.

You'll need

A copy of the children's page for each child, crayons or colored pencils, and, for the banner, scissors, tape and a straw or pencil for each child.

Session plan (about 30 minutes)

5 minutes. Introduce Joan: a farm girl in France about 600 years ago, who said yes to God with a brave heart. If you have the book, read it aloud now.

10 minutes. Tell the story stop by stop (below) while the children trace the dotted line from 1 to 5.

10 minutes. The children color the banner and fill in box 3: "I will be brave for God by..."

5 minutes. Invite a few children to share their brave idea, then pray the prayer at the bottom of the page together.

Tell the story stop by stop

1. Domrémy. Joan grew up in this little village. She looked after the sheep, spun wool with her mother and loved to pray. When she was about thirteen, she heard God's call in her father's garden. The first time, she was very afraid. Ask: *Have you ever felt scared to do something good?*

2. Vaucouleurs. Joan went to the captain of this town and asked for help to reach the prince. At first he said no! But Joan kept asking, and at last he sent men to ride with her. Ask: *Joan didn't give up. When is it hard to keep trying?*

3. Chinon. After a long, dangerous ride, Joan met the prince, Charles, at his castle. She told him plainly that God had sent her. He believed her, and gave her armor, a horse and a white banner. Ask: *Joan spoke up even though she was only a farm girl. When could you speak up for what is right?*

4. Orléans. This city was surrounded by enemies. Joan rode in carrying her banner, and her courage gave the soldiers courage. The city was set free. Joan said she loved her banner forty times more than her sword. Ask: *How can one brave person help others be brave too?*

5. Reims. Joan led the prince to the great cathedral of Reims, and there he was crowned King of France, with Joan beside him. God had done something wonderful through an ordinary girl. Ask: *What good thing might God want to do through you?*

For younger and older children

Ages 4 to 5: trace the path with a finger first, then with a crayon. Let them draw their brave idea, or write their words for them.

Ages 7 to 9: ask them to read the town names, find Paris on the map, and write a full sentence in box 3. The names on the banner, "Jhesus Maria", are how Joan wrote Jesus and Mary on her real banner.

Make it a banner parade

Let the children cut out their banners, tape a straw to the left edge, and carry them in a short procession, perhaps to a statue of Mary, since Joan's banner carried Mary's name.

The map shows France as it is today. Saint Joan's feast day is May 30. More ideas for her feast day, and the book *Joan and the Brave Heart*, are at littlesaintsbighearts.com/saint-joan-of-arc-feast-day

