



St. Timon

Patron Saint of Hauran

One of the Seventy Apostles and sent out by Lord Christ, and one of the Seven Deacons sent out by the Twelve, to preach to this land.

+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Remember, O Lord Jesus Christ, Our God, Thy mercies...and have mercy on us. Save, O Lord, and have mercy upon all the clergy and people of Hauran. And lastly, save, O Lord, and have mercy upon me, for Thou art a good God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee we give glory. Amen



THE HAURAN CONNECTION

Sharing with and praying for
a new sister
in a far-away land

(Pre-K - 2nd Grade)

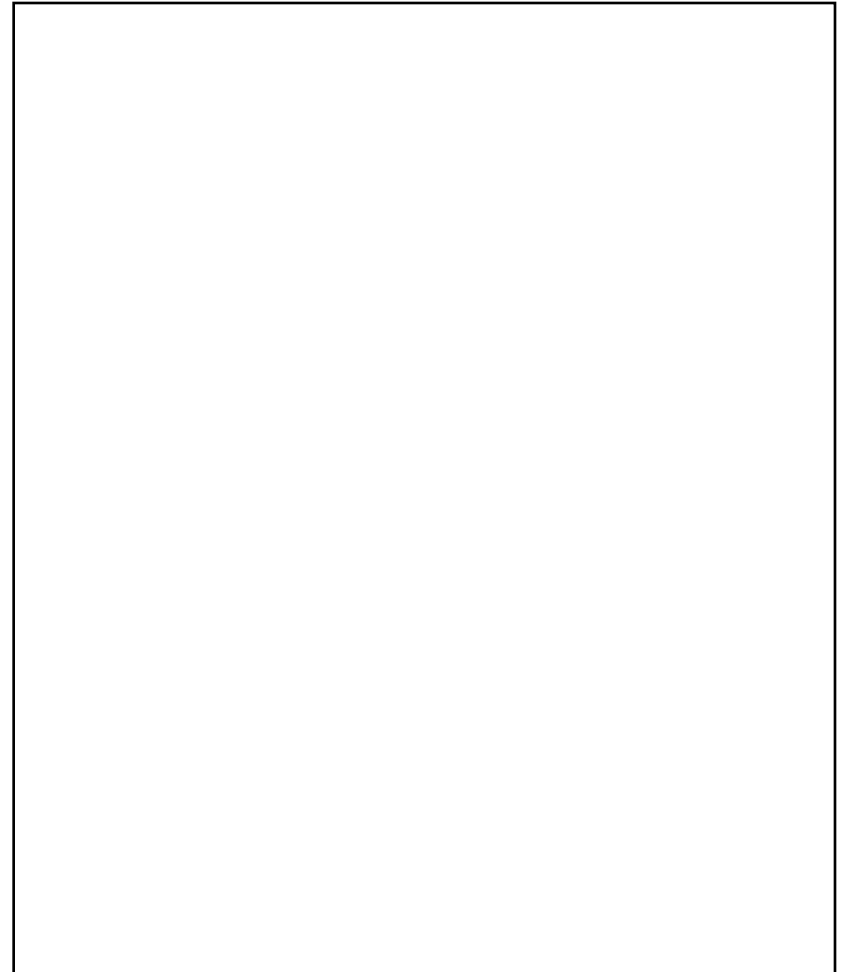
We hope you can understand now about the people of that far-away place, Hauran. Imagine that you live in that place with no trees, and not very much food or money!

When you talk to your family about Hauran, here are some things you can do:

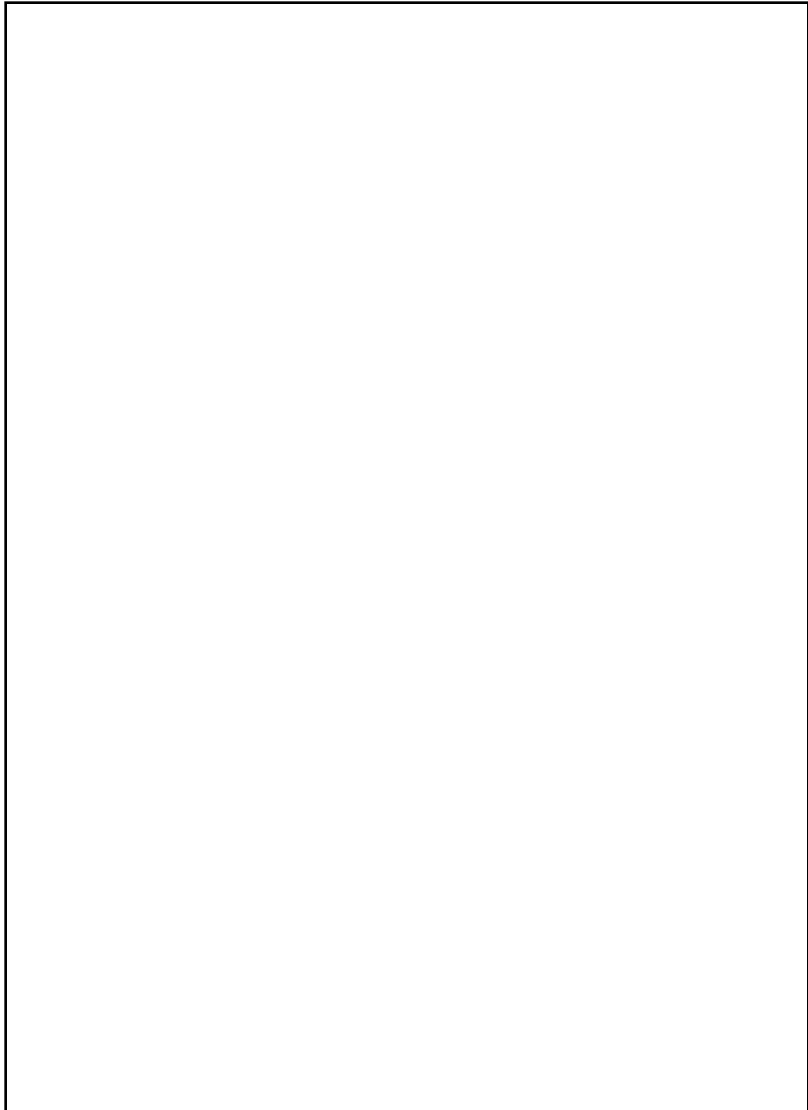
- Pray for the new “sister” families in Hauran every time you pray for your family.
- Talk to your family about helping to feed a poor family with a box of food, or about helping a Kindergarten child to be able to go to a nice, clean school.
- Draw some pictures and send them with a happy letter to a child in Hauran. Your Sunday school teacher will tell you where you can send it.
- Thank God for your family, for food to eat, for your Sunday School teacher and all of your other teachers.
- And don't forget to thank God for His wonderful love for all of us--here in the heartland of Kansas, or in the heartland called Hauran!!

Our beloved Bishop Basil has asked us to “adopt” a new sister in a far-away land. This “sister” is a big place full of people who need our help and our love and our prayers. It's called “Hauran.”

Can you draw a picture of where you live? Be sure to put a pretty tree in it--and you, of course!



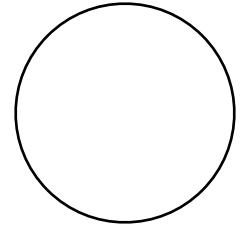
Can you draw a picture of some people in a land with old volcanoes and lots of rocks--and no trees? That's what Hauran looks like!



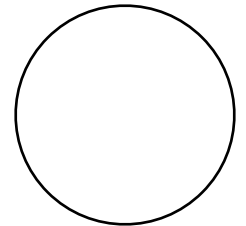
Hauran is a land that is not very friendly to Christians. But Metropolitan Saba is always friendly to everyone.

Could you draw faces in the circles that tell how you feel about these questions?

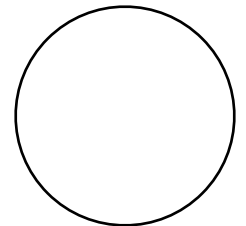
How do you feel when people are unfriendly to you?



How do you feel when you can help someone and be their friend?

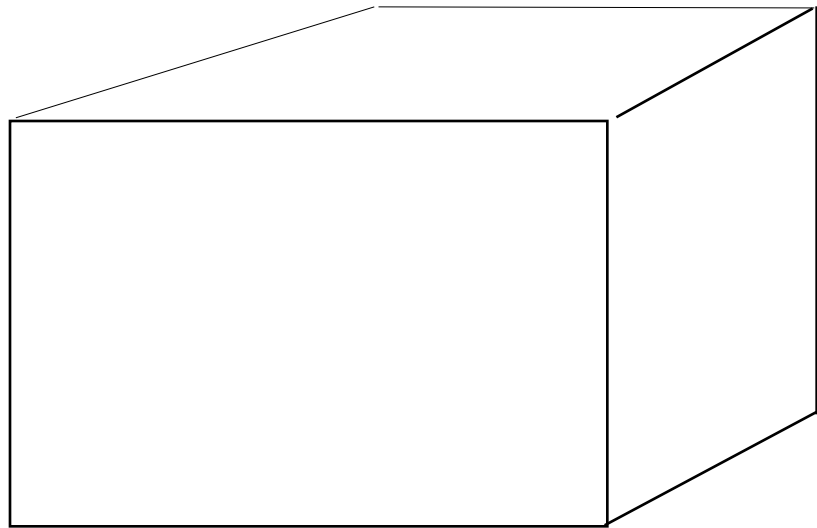


How do you think Jesus feels when He sees you being a good friend--even to someone who is not friendly to you?



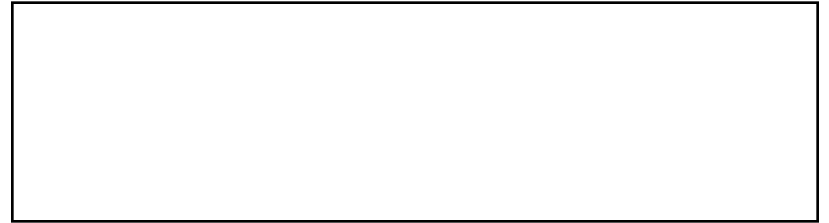
Many people in Hauran besides the Orthodox Christians don't have enough food to eat. Metropolitan Saba gives food boxes to anyone who is hungry--no matter what they believe about God. He says it's not enough to just tell people about the good news of Jesus. He says we have to BE the good news of Jesus to people by using our hands and feet to love and care for them.

Can you draw some foods in the box that you wish you could share with the poor people of Hauran?

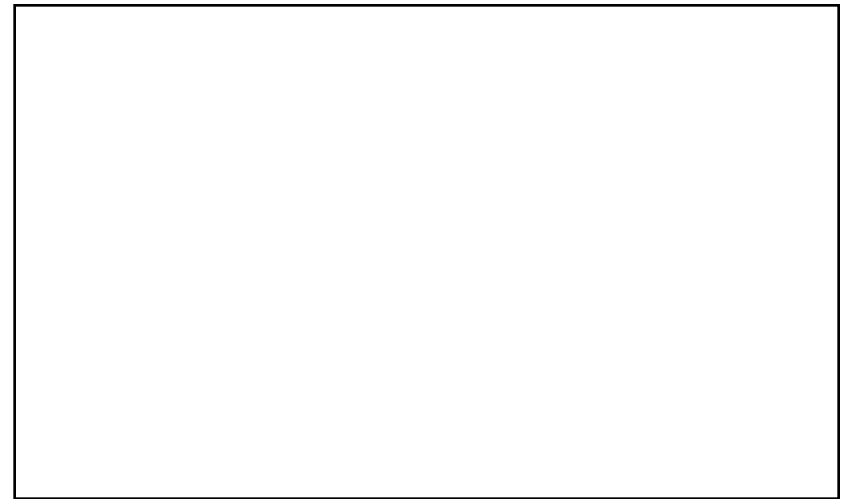


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Hauran used to be like our part of America. They used to grow wheat just like we do. Long ago, they helped to feed the whole world. What do we make from wheat? Can you draw it here?

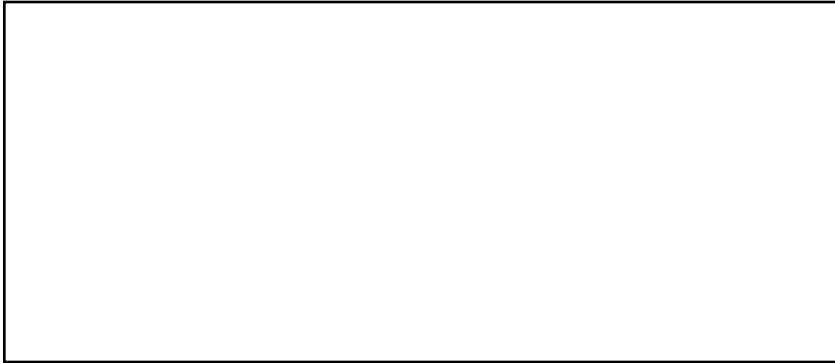


Today it's very dry in Hauran, and it's hard to grow food. Their bishop, Metropolitan Saba, is helping to feed them now, and some day he hopes to help them plant fruit trees and gardens so they can grow their own food, and then sell some of it to buy the other things they need. Can you draw a fruit tree and a little garden here?

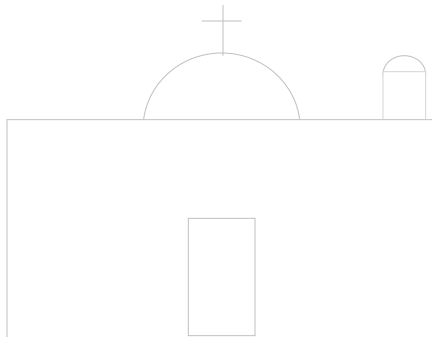


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There used to be many churches in Hauran. One famous church is called St. George. Do you know another church with that name? This church was the place where the bones of the real St. George rested for many years. There is a story that St. George killed a dragon one day to protect a village. In his icon we see him with the dragon. Can you draw a dragon here?



In our country of America *the people help the church* and give money to it. In Hauran, *the church has to help the people*. Here is a church like one in Hauran. Their churches are very old and sometimes need to be fixed up. Can you trace these lines and color this church so it looks “fixed up”?



Do you like to go to school? The children of Hauran are just like you. Some days they don't want to go to school, and some days they want to go and they wish they could see their friends.

But they don't always have nice, clean schools with nice teachers in them. So, Metropolitan Saba has started two kindergartens. The families must pay for their children to go to these nice schools. We can help a family pay for their child to go one of these schools. Your teacher has some papers that tell you how you can do this.

Can you draw something that you really like to do with your school friends?

