



Third SUNDAY of December 17

Hooray—we are two weeks closer to the birthday of Jesus!

What color is the candle for this week? _____


COLOR the art below!



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. [John said], "I baptize with water; but there is One among you Whom you do not recognize, the One Who is coming after me, Whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (John 1:6-8, 26-27)

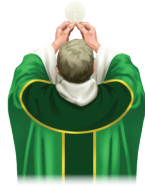
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◇ The color vestments the priest is wearing are...

 circle your answer!



RED



GREEN



VIOLET



ROSE



WHITE

PARENTS & EDUCATORS: *Print in color for best results!*

This worksheet is intended for ages approx. 4-6, those not yet reading or just learning. They may need simple instructions from you to complete the activities.

◇ The first reading is from the book of

Isaiah

"Light" three candles on the Advent Wreath this week!



◇ The Responsorial Psalm is:

My soul rejoices in my God.

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

◇ The second reading is from the First Letter to the

Thessalonians.

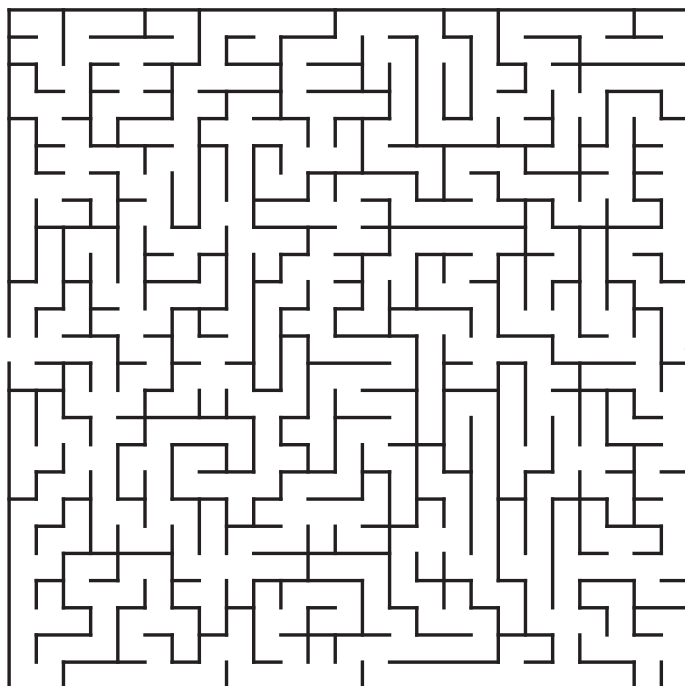
In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

◇ Today's Gospel is according to

John.



START



FINISH

Today is Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice." Saint Paul says to rejoice ALWAYS! Help Saint John the Baptist rejoice by showing him the way to the Jordan River.

SOLOMON, the son of David



If you want to know more about what was inside the Ark of the Covenant and why (*and what it means to us as Catholics today!*), you can get our VIDEO DVD **“Holy Heroes: Inside the Sacraments—The Holy Eucharist,”** which explains all about it in a way even children can understand!



You can **READ** 1 Kings chapter 3.

The Ark of the Covenant was inside the Holy of Holies in the Temple.

Inside the Ark was a golden pot of manna and what TWO other items?

Try to reach the Ark from each of the items at the top of the maze. Only the two correct answers can reach the Ark through the maze!



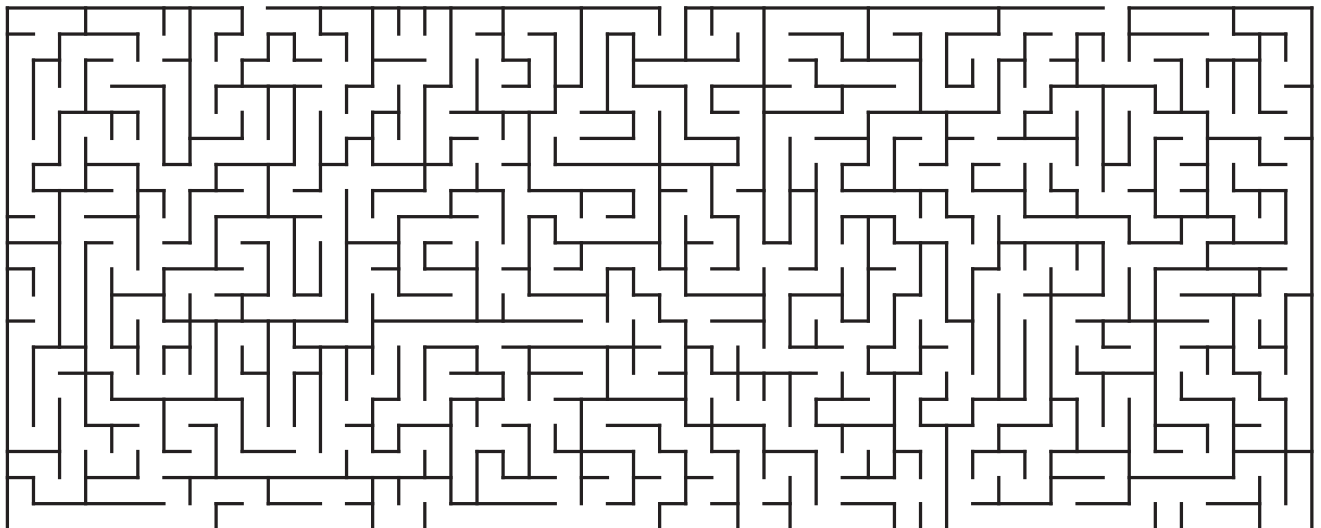
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Aaron's Staff ?



Crown of David ?



→ The Ark of the Covenant

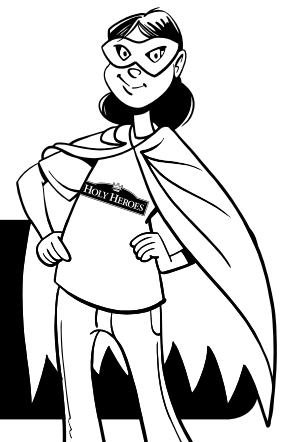
MASS QUIZ!

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Take this to Mass with you, then listen carefully! You'll hear all the answers during Mass!

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are _____.
2. How many candles on the Advent Wreath are lit (either before or during Mass)? _____
3. What color candle(s) are lit? _____
4. **BONUS:** This is Gaudete Sunday—named after the first word of the Entrance Antiphon!
That word is _____ (listen carefully—the priest will repeat it: “Again I say, _____”)
5. The first reading is from the book of _____.
6. Isaiah prophesies that “the LORD has anointed me” to do what (*select all that apply*):
 - a. Bring glad tidings to the poor
 - b. Heal the brokenhearted
 - c. Proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners
 - d. To announce a year of favor from the LORD
7. The *Responsorial Psalm* is, “My soul rejoices in _____.”
8. **BONUS 2:** The verses for today's *Responsorial Psalm* are in the Gospel of Luke from a prayer that was first spoken to John the Baptist's mother when John was still a tiny baby inside her womb. Who said this prayer first? _____
9. **BONUS 3:** What is the name of this prayer? _____
10. The second reading is from Saint Paul's:
 - a. First Letter to Timothy
 - b. First Letter to the Corinthians
 - c. First Letter to the Thessalonians
11. Saint Paul says which of the following? (*Select all that apply*):
 - a. Rejoice always
 - b. Pray without ceasing
 - c. Refrain from every kind of evil
12. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of _____.
13. Who is questioning John the Baptist? (*Listen carefully and select all that apply*)
 - a. Priests and Levites
 - b. Elijah
 - c. Pharisees
 - d. Bethany



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Mass Quiz

1. Rose (or some may wear violet)
2. Three
3. 2 purples (violets), 1 rose
4. BONUS: Rejoice!
5. Isaiah
6. A, B, C, & D are all correct
7. My God
8. Mary
9. The Magnificat
10. C
11. A, B, & C are all correct
12. John
13. A & C



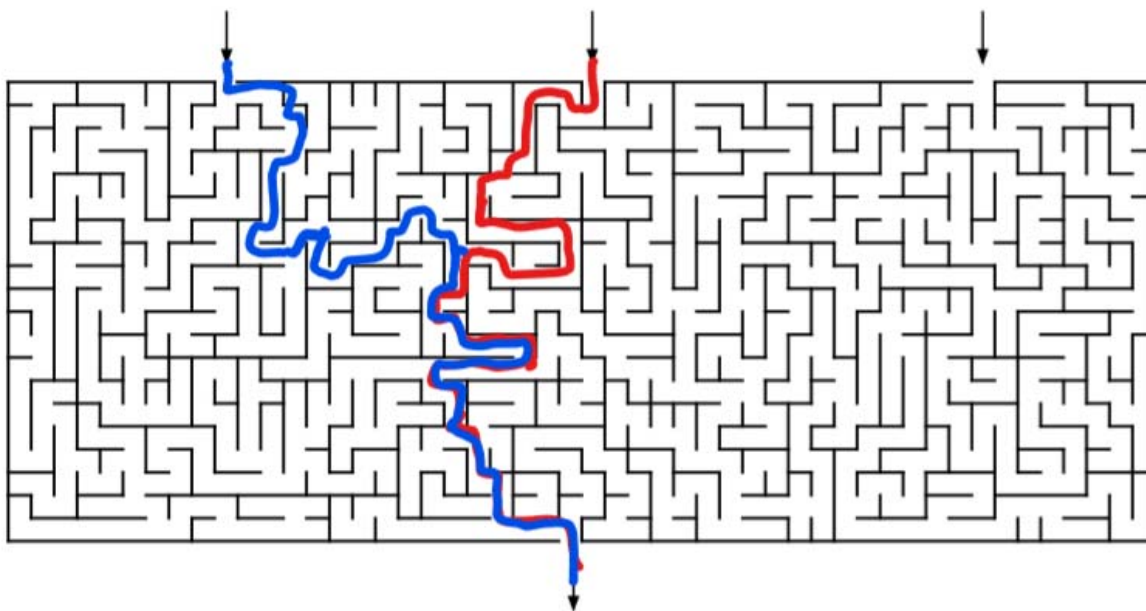
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