

# Pre-Advent

## What's "Salvation History"?

It's the story of how God prepared the world for the birth of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus!



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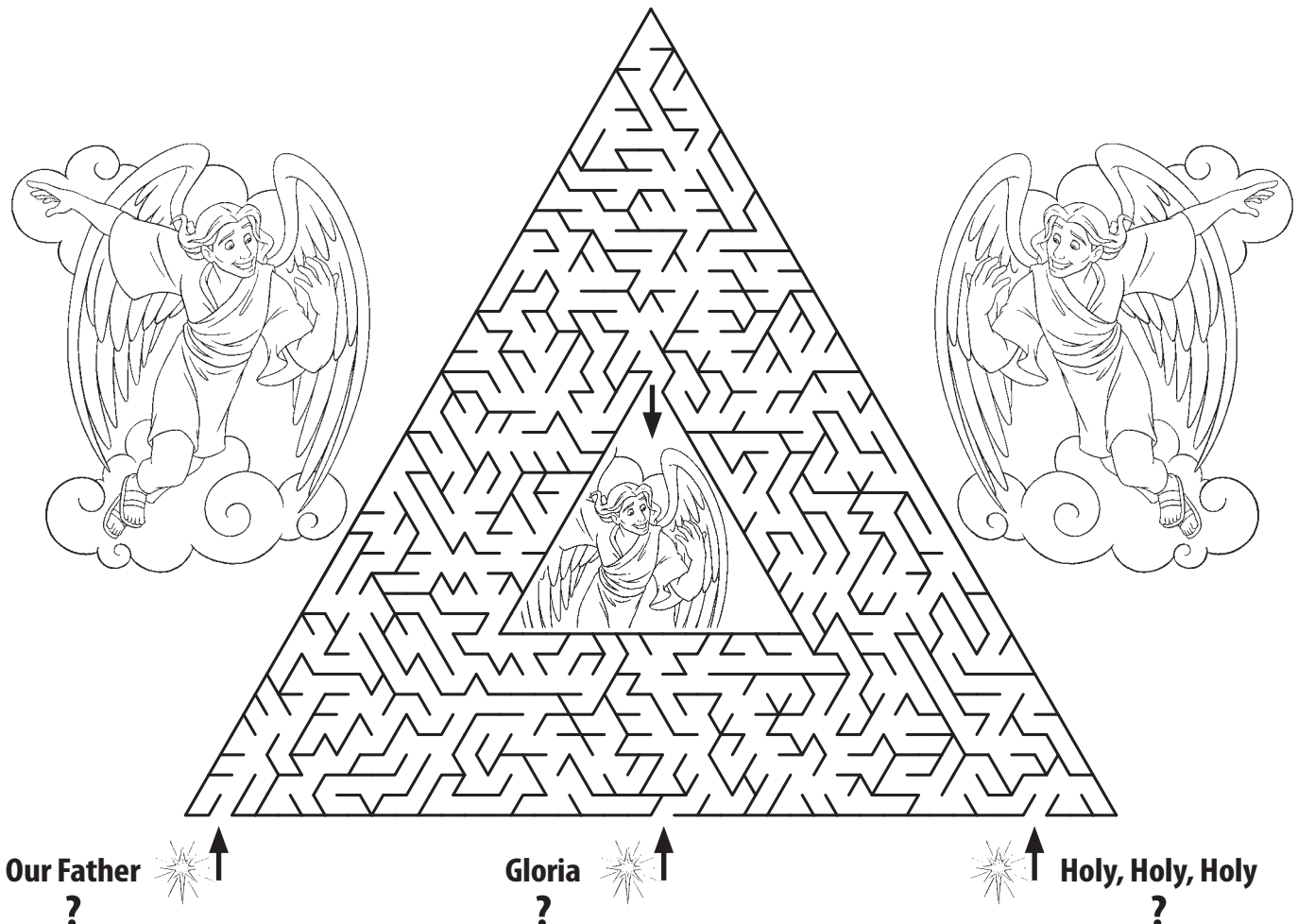
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The angels gave us a prayer of exaltation and joy that we usually say in Mass, except during Advent.

Find out what prayer this is by starting at the stars  and following the path that reaches the angel!



# A SACRIFICE MANGER

## Pre-Advent

This is a great way to prepare your home and heart for Baby Jesus!

During Advent, we should not only pray more, but also **act more like Jesus wants us to act.**

Jesus said we must **love God first**, and also **"love our neighbors as ourselves."**

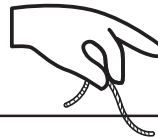
When we do this, we are obeying Jesus, which makes Him happy. It is like making Him a soft manger to sleep in!

**MAKE** a Sacrifice Manger to remind yourself to do these loving things!



**WATCH** our video in the first week of Advent Adventure to learn how to make your Sacrifice Manger!

**DURING ADVENT**, every time we help others, we can put a piece of "straw" in the sacrifice manger, because this is doing what God wants us to do!



**LIST** some things you are going **TO DO** especially during ADVENT to help others:

**What I will do ...**

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**Whom it will help ...**

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We can also put a "straw" in the manger every time we are obedient to our parents right away, because God wants us to be obedient.

**LIST** some ways in which you will try especially hard to be **obedient** during ADVENT:

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# What's an ADVENT WREATH?

## First SUNDAY of Advent December 1

An **Advent Wreath** is a fun way to focus on preparing our hearts for the celebration of the first coming of Jesus Christ into the world as a little baby on Christmas morning!



Go to today's **Advent Adventure** page for the  
1st Sunday of Advent Gospel video.



**Need Advent candles ... or an Advent Wreath?** It's not too  
late! We have them at **HolyHeroes.com/Advent**.



PRINT off a blessing for your family's Advent Wreath online at **Advent Adventure**.  
You will also learn more about "blessings" in a few days here on Advent Adventure —just wait!



**COLOR** in the **Advent Wreath** below and fill in the blanks with the **date** you'll first light each candle this year, too!  
But only color the candle flame to "light" the first candle—don't "light" the others until the correct Sundays!

1st SUNDAY of Advent

2nd SUNDAY of Advent

3rd SUNDAY of Advent

4th SUNDAY of Advent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Journey with the Holy Family to the stable in Bethlehem ...*

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# First SUNDAY of Advent / December 1



**Before you go to Mass today: WATCH the Sunday Gospel VIDEO.**

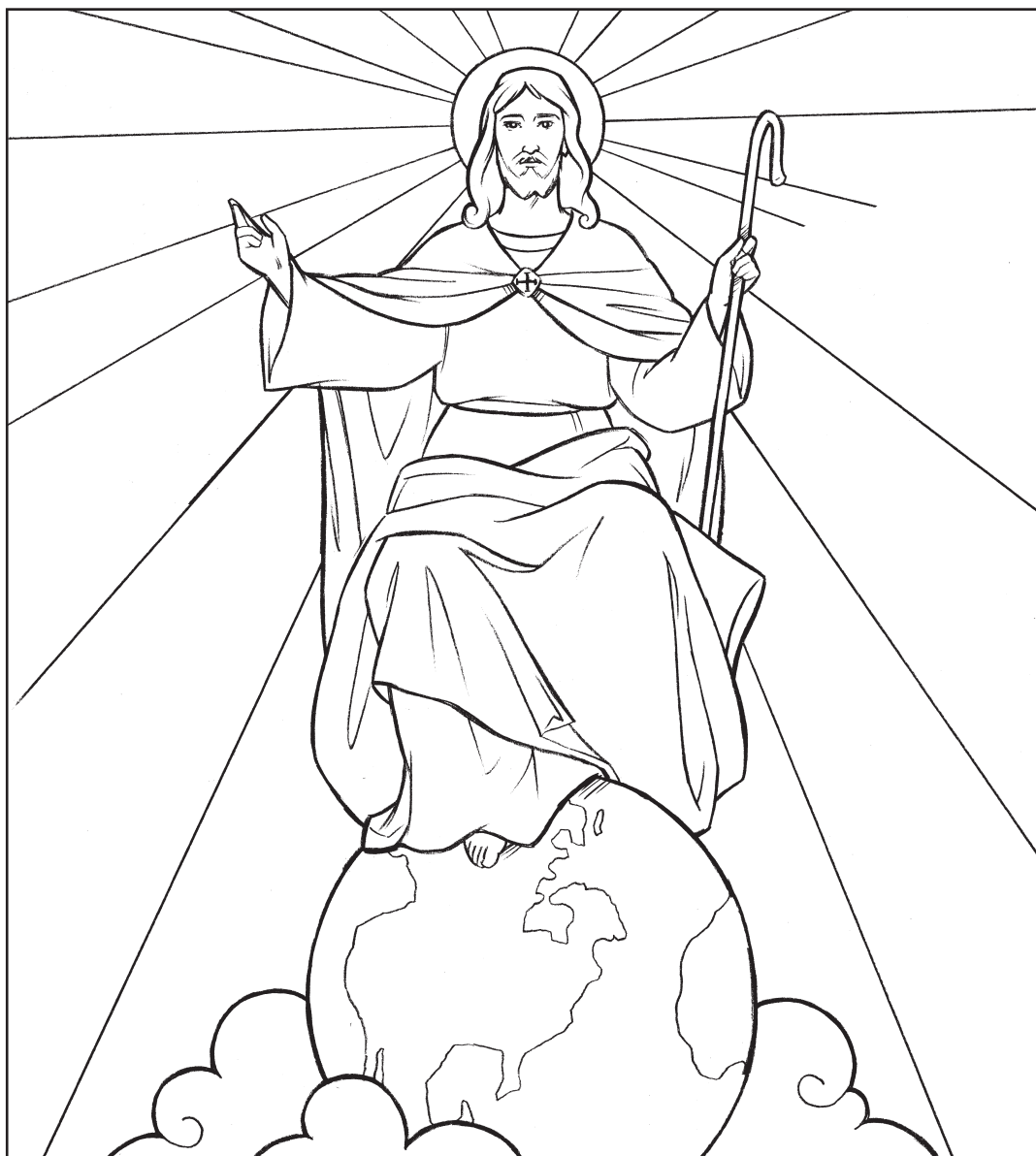
Didn't get today's web page? Then ask your mom and dad to register an email address to receive your MassPrep emails in your family's email box

**LOOK** at the Advent wreath in your church today:

How many candles are lit? \_\_\_\_\_

Which color candle is lit? \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOR** the lighted candle in the drawing then color the **Mass coloring page** below.




And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ...  
Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength ... to stand before the Son of Man." (Luke 21: 27, 36)

## First Sunday of Advent

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.

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

 circle your answer!



RED



GREEN



VIOLET



ROSE



WHITE

2. The first reading is from the book of ...

Jeremiah

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

How many are there?  Circle the correct number!

1 2 3 4



3. Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my

soul.

4. The second reading is from Saint Paul's \_\_\_\_ letter to the Thessalonians.

First

5. The Gospel according to

Luke

6. Fill in the missing letters in the words below:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the \_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_..."



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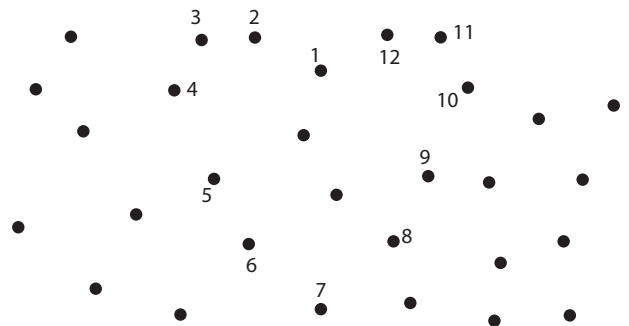


TARS

From the Second Reading:

"Strengthen your \_\_\_\_s"

[follow the dots for the answer!]



# First SUNDAY of Advent / December 1

## MASS QUIZ!

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

(Want to check your answers? It's free when you register online at [AdventAdventure.com](http://AdventAdventure.com))

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:** There is a prayer that we sing or say near the beginning of Mass on Sundays that is NOT said on Sundays during Advent. Did you notice? What prayer was NOT said? \_\_\_\_\_
5. The first reading is from the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In this reading, circle the correct underlined word and cross out the wrong one:  
"The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the (warning OR promise) I made to the house of Israel and Judah."
7. The Responsorial Psalm is, "'To you, O Lord, I lift up my \_\_\_\_\_."
8. The second reading is from St Paul's:
  - a. First Letter to Timothy
  - b. First Letter to Children
  - c. First Letter to the Thessalonians
9. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What is Jesus warning you to do?
  - a. Close the windows and doors—looks like bad weather coming
  - b. Pray always to be ready for the end of the world when He will come again
  - c. Store food



Want more Advent activities? It's FREE when you register online at [www.AdventAdventure.com](http://www.AdventAdventure.com)!

# First SUNDAY of Advent / December 1

## Mass coloring page

# candles lit at Mass: 1

Color of lit candle: Violet (purple)

## Mass Quiz

1. Violet
2. One
3. Violet (Purple)
4. (BONUS) Gloria (Glory to God in the highest)
5. Jeremiah
6. promise
7. soul
8. c
9. Luke
10. b

**MONDAY** / December 2

# Today we learn about CREATION!

Do you realize that God made everything in the universe...out of **NOTHING**!



**READ** about how God created everything  
in the book of **Genesis 1:1-23**.



**WATCH** the video about the first 5 Days  
of Creation online today in Advent Adventure.

In each block below, **DRAW** what God created.  
You can get some ideas from today's VIDEO!

Just do the **FIRST 5 DAYS** for now.  
We'll do the other days tomorrow!



	Day 7—The SABBATH	
Habitat	Day 3	Day 6
Space	Day 2	Day 5
Time	Day 1	Day 4



**Monday / December 2**

# CREATION for Beginners!

FILL IN the **BLANKS** below, using the pictures to help you. You can **COLOR** the pictures too!



You can always read **Genesis 1: 1-23** to refresh your memory.

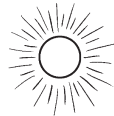


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**DAY 1:** God said, "Let there \_\_\_\_\_ . **DAY 2:** God created \_\_\_\_\_ and



\_\_\_\_\_ . **DAY 3:** God created \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

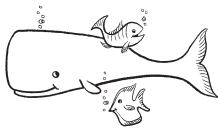


and \_\_\_\_\_. **DAY 4:** God created \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

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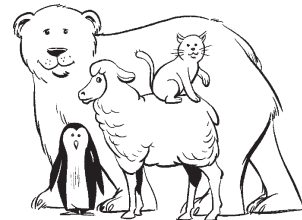
**DAY 5:** God filled the \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_



with \_\_\_\_\_ .

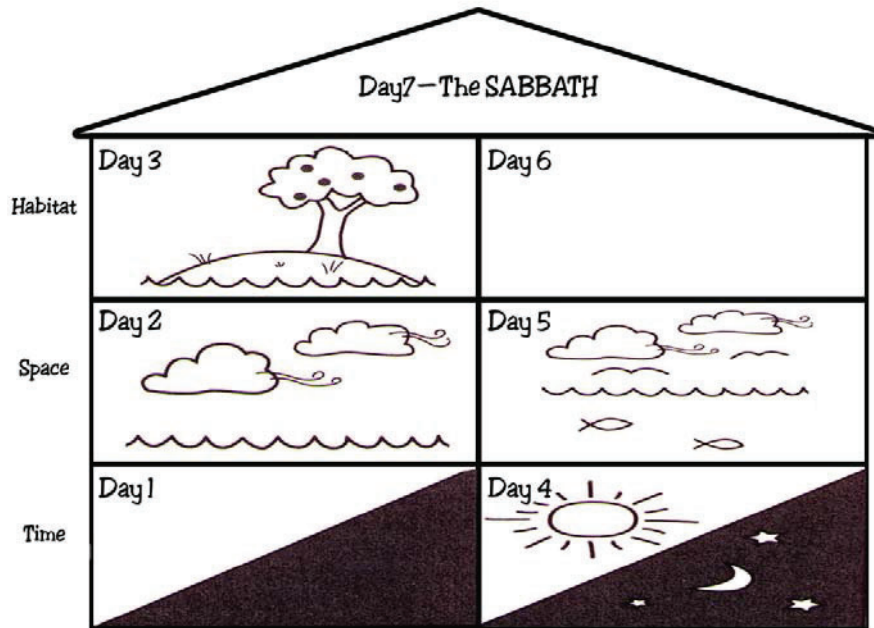
TRICKY BONUS QUESTION  
**What Day did God  
Create these?**

**DAY** \_\_\_\_\_



# MONDAY / December 2 – ANSWER KEY

## Creation



## Creation for Beginners

1. (Day 1) be, light
2. (Day 2) sky, water
3. (Day 3) earth, trees, plants, fruit
4. (Day 4) sun, moon, stars
5. (Day 5) sky, birds, water, fish
6. (Bonus Question) Day 6

# CREATION Part 2



**READ** Genesis 1:24-31 through Genesis 2:1-3. **Pay attention; this is very important!**



**READ** the **Picture Bible** pages 16-18.

You can now **FILL IN** Day 6 and Day 7 on the **previous page**. **What does it look like to you now?** (Hint: Put a cross on the top!)

God gave Adam and Eve a blessing and a commandment after He created them. Can you **DECODE** the Bible verse below to find out what God told them? Write the missing words on the lines provided. (Hint: The verse is from Genesis 1:28.)



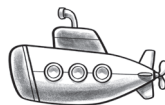
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$2 \times 3 =$

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God blessed them and said, " \_\_\_\_\_ ful and \_\_\_\_\_ ,



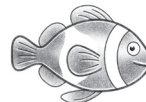
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over the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ , and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ ,



and over every living \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Creation Part 2

1. Be
2. fruit
3. multiply
4. earth
5. sub
6. have (“half”)
7. dom (“dome”)
8. birds
9. air
10. fish
11. sea
12. thing

## Learn to PRAY the ANGELUS!

We pray it before lunch every day. It is a beautiful and simple prayer, and it is a perfect prayer to contemplate during Advent.



**PRINT** off the prayers and

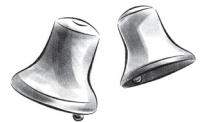


**CLICK** on the LEARN & PRAY VIDEO to pray along with us!

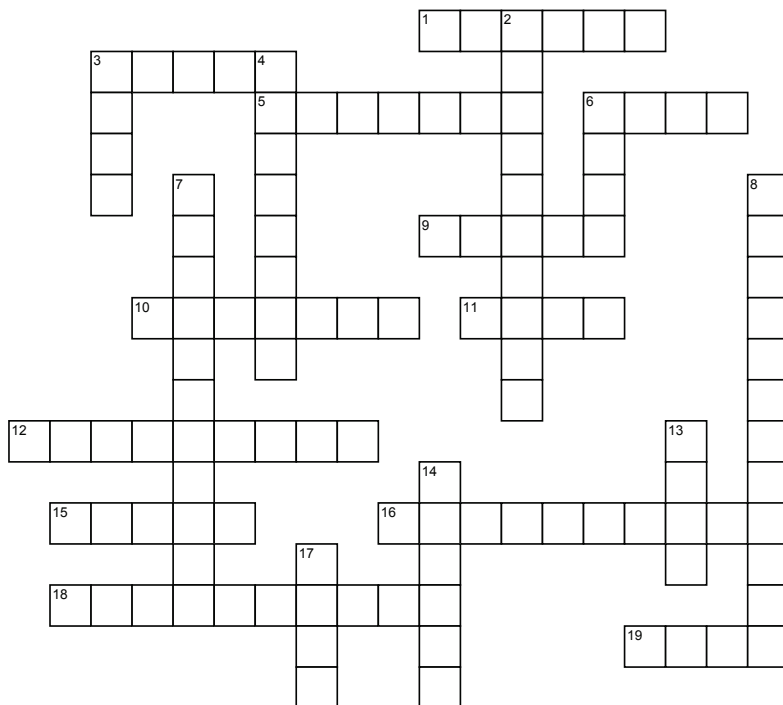


It is named for the visit of the **Archangel Gabriel** to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, as recorded in **Luke 1: 26-38**.

For hundreds of years Catholics all over Europe prayed this prayer three times a day, when the bells in the church tolled.



## DO this fun and challenging CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### DOWN

- 2 The Second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.
- 3 Number of candles on an Advent wreath.
- 4 We say this prayer three times when we pray the Angelus.
- 6 The Annunciation is in the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 When Jesus was created in Mary's womb is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 The Angelus and the First Joyful Mystery are both about the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13 We celebrate a Solemnity for this woman's conception.
- 14 Mary stayed with her cousin three \_\_\_\_\_.
- 17 How many Joyful Mysteries are there?

### WORDS TO FIND

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Advent       | Holy Spirit |
| Angelus      | Incarnation |
| Annunciation | John        |
| Elizabeth    | Latin       |
| Five         | Lord        |
| Flesh        | Magnificat  |
| Four         | Mary        |
| Gabriel      | Months      |
| Grace        | Pink        |
| Hail Mary    | Visitation  |



### ACROSS

- 1 Name of the liturgical season we are in right now.
- 3 Jesus is the "Word made \_\_\_\_\_."
- 5 Name of the prayer that Catholics prayed three times a day.
- 6 In the Angelus, we pray about the "Angel of the \_\_\_\_\_" and the "Handmaid of the \_\_\_\_\_."
- 9 In the Angelus, we pray for this to be poured "into our hearts."
- 10 The name of the Angel who spoke to Mary.
- 11 Color of just one of the candles on the Advent Wreath.
- 12 The name of Mary's cousin.
- 15 Fiat means "let it be done" in this language, which the Romans spoke.
- 16 In the Angelus, we are reminded that Mary conceived Jesus by the \_\_\_\_\_ (2 words).
- 18 Mary's response to Elizabeth.
- 19 The Gospel which begins by calling Jesus the "Word."

## The FALL of MAN

Today we learn about the first sin, which we call the Fall of Man. BUT: there is also something wonderful about the "Fall" which the video will teach you about.



Genesis Chapter 3, verse 3:15 contains the first time God tells us the "good news" that Jesus Christ will come to save us from the effects of Adam's sin!



READ the Picture Bible  
pages 19-21.

The sentences below reveal facts about the Fall of Man, but one word in each sentence is scrambled up. **UNSCRAMBLE** them and put the correct letters in the boxes to the right. Put a letter in each box. The letters in the gray boxes will help you answer the question at the very bottom!

1. Adam and Eve ate the forbidden **TRUFI**.

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2. God said: "Do not eat the fruit of the knowledge of good and **LEVI**."

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3. Adam and Eve lived in the **NAGRED** of Eden.

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4. Eve said: "The **PRESENT** tricked me, and I ate."

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5. Eve took the first **ITEB**.

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6. The first book of the Bible is **SINEGES**.

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7. Adam said: "The **MOWAN** gave me the fruit, and I ate."

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8. God put a flaming **DROWS** by the tree of knowledge.

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9. Traditionally we think the forbidden fruit was a **PLEAP**.

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10. **MEBURICH** now guard Eden.

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11. The Fall of Man is in the first book of the **BELLI**.

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To answer the question below, you can read DOWN the letters you put into the gray boxes:

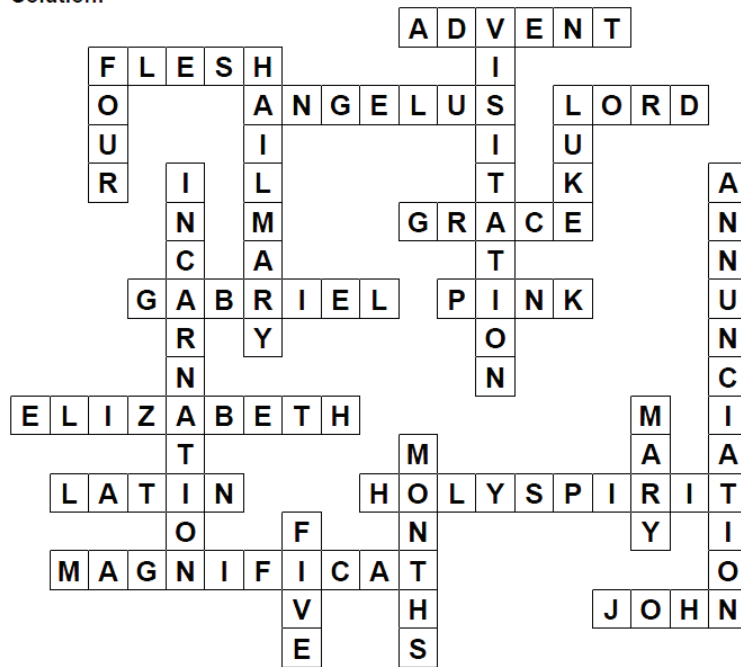
In Genesis 3:15, God promised to send a Savior to save us from the effects of Adam's sin.

This is called "**The Protoevangelium**," which is Latin for "\_\_\_\_\_."

# WEDNESDAY / December 4 – ANSWER KEY

## ANGELUS

Solution:



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## The Fall of Man

1. fruit
2. evil
3. garden
4. serpent
5. bite
6. Genesis
7. woman
8. sword
9. apple
10. cherubim
11. Bible

First gospel

# NOAH in Salvation History



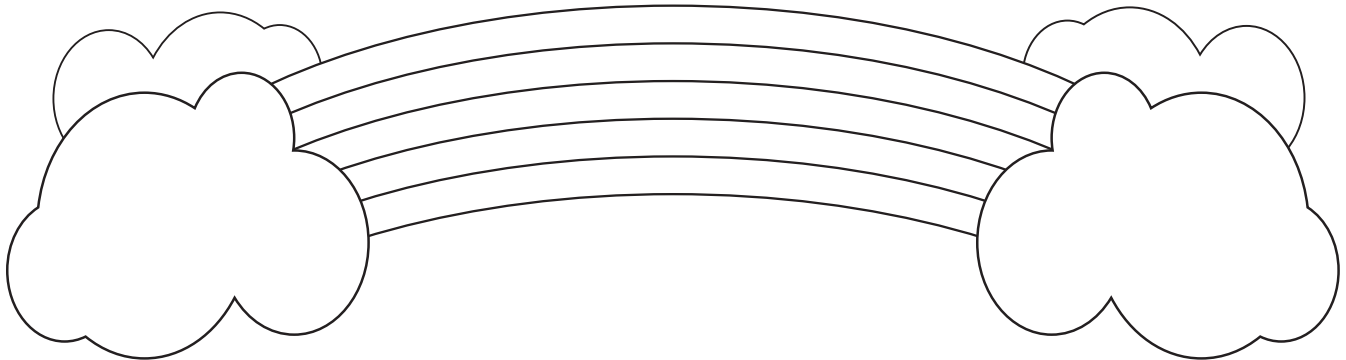
You can **READ** the story of Noah in  
Genesis 6:5-20, 7:1-23, 8:1-17, and 9:1-13.

Several things in the story of Noah will remind you of the story of Adam and Eve—some are the same, and some are different.

**CIRCLE** the “smiley face” in the following chart if it was a **good thing** that happened in the stories of Adam & Eve or of Noah & his family or circle the “sad face” if it was a **bad thing** that happened in the stories. If it did NOT happen to them—cross out both “faces”!

Event	Adam & Eve	Noah & His Family
God had them take care of the animals	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
God gave them a family to be with them and help them	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
God blessed them	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
God told them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
They obeyed God	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
They disobeyed God	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
They had to leave their home because of sinful actions	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
God promised a savior would come	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞
God gave them a new place to live	😊 ? 😞	😊 ? 😞

*A Helpful Hint: Some events happened to BOTH of them!*



God gave Noah and his family a new home and a **sign** of His covenant never again to send a flood to destroy the earth (Genesis 9:11). What was the sign of this covenant? \_\_\_\_\_



# THURSDAY / December 5 - ANSWER KEY

## Noah

Event	Adam & Eve	Noah & His Family
God had them take care of the animals	😊	😊
God gave them a family to be with them and help them	😊	😊
God blessed them	😊	😊
God told them to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth	😊	😊
They obeyed God		😊
They disobeyed God	😞	
They had to leave their home because of sinful actions	😞	😞 due to other people's sins, not their own
God promised a savior would come	😊	
God gave them a new place to live	😊	😊

Sign of the Covenant: The rainbow

# About Saint Nicholas Day!



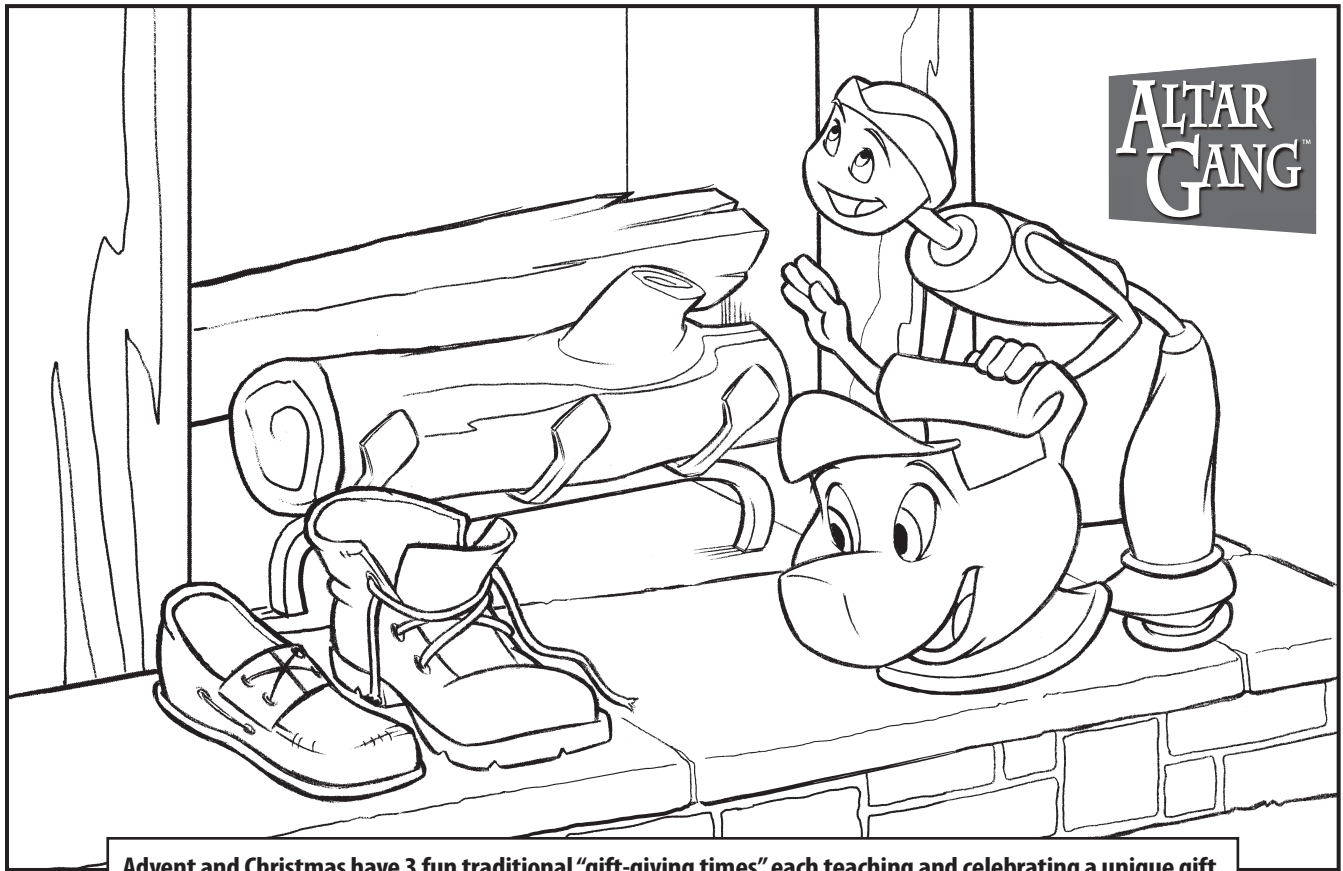
We'll tell you the **REAL STORY** of St Nicholas today! His feast day is December 6th.

Meanwhile, **Skiff and AJ of the Altar Gang** hope to find surprises in their "shoes" on St Nicholas Day. **Can you tell them why?**

**UNSCRAMBLE** the letters below to complete the answer!

Because \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ knows \_\_\_\_\_ love surprises!  
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 TASIN CHOLASNI NERDLICH

**COLOR** the Altar Gang characters, Skiff and AJ



Advent and Christmas have 3 fun traditional "gift-giving times" each teaching and celebrating a unique gift.



Stop by [HolyHeroes.com](http://HolyHeroes.com) to find gifts for each occasion:

- **Dec 6th** (St Nicholas Day)—celebrating the gift of children
- **Christmas Day**—remembering the gift of Jesus, the Jewish Messiah
- **Epiphany** (Jan 3, 2016)—extending the gift of Salvation to the Gentiles



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 38–50.

**THINK** about the Bible story, then **ANSWER** the following questions.

1. Who was Abraham's wife?
  - a. Hannah
  - b. Sarah
  - c. Mary
  - d. Rachel
2. Who was Abraham's son?
  - a. Isaac
  - b. David
  - c. Jacob
  - d. Israel
3. Who did God tell Abraham to sacrifice to him?
  - a. His wife
  - b. His brother
  - c. His son
  - d. His friend
4. What did God promise Abraham?
  - a. He would let him live a long time
  - b. He would send angels to help him
  - c. He would be the father of many descendants
  - d. He would have a happy marriage

**COLOR** the picture of Abraham and his beloved son, Isaac.



# FRIDAY / December 6 - ANSWER KEY

## Saint Nicholas Day scramble

The unscrambled words are the following in this order:

Saint, Nicholas, patron, saint, children, saint, Nicholas, children

### **Abraham quiz**

1. Who was Abraham's wife?
  - a. Hannah
  - b. Sarah ←
  - c. Mary
  - d. Rachel
2. Who was Abraham's son?
  - a. Isaac ←
  - b. David
  - c. Jacob
  - d. Israel
3. Who did God tell Abraham to sacrifice to him?
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  - c. His son ←
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  - c. He would be the father of many descendants←
  - d. He would have a happy marriage

**SATURDAY**

December 7

# ISAAC, Abraham's Son

Abraham and Sarah had just one son, Isaac, just as God had promised.



But God still had another test of faith for Abraham.

You can **LEARN** about it by **READING** Genesis 22:1-14.



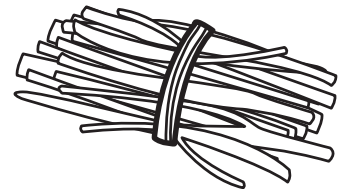
**READ** the **Picture Bible** pages 51-66.

Abraham is called **"Our Father in Faith"** because he had so much trust in God that he was obedient even when it was very hard—and even when he couldn't see what God's plan was!

**THINK** about the story, then **ANSWER** the following questions. We've put in pictures as hints!

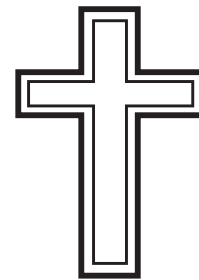
Abraham trusted God and obeyed Him. But—who else was obedient and trusting in this story?

(Hint: he carried the wood up the mountain!) \_\_\_\_\_



Who else in the story has only one son?

(Hint: Remember John 3:16) \_\_\_\_\_



What did God's only Son carry up a hill?

\_\_\_\_\_

Whom does God send to speak to Abraham?

\_\_\_\_\_



Abraham also taught his son to be obedient to God!

Who else in our "Jesse Tree" of Salvation History taught his family to be obedient?

\_\_\_\_\_



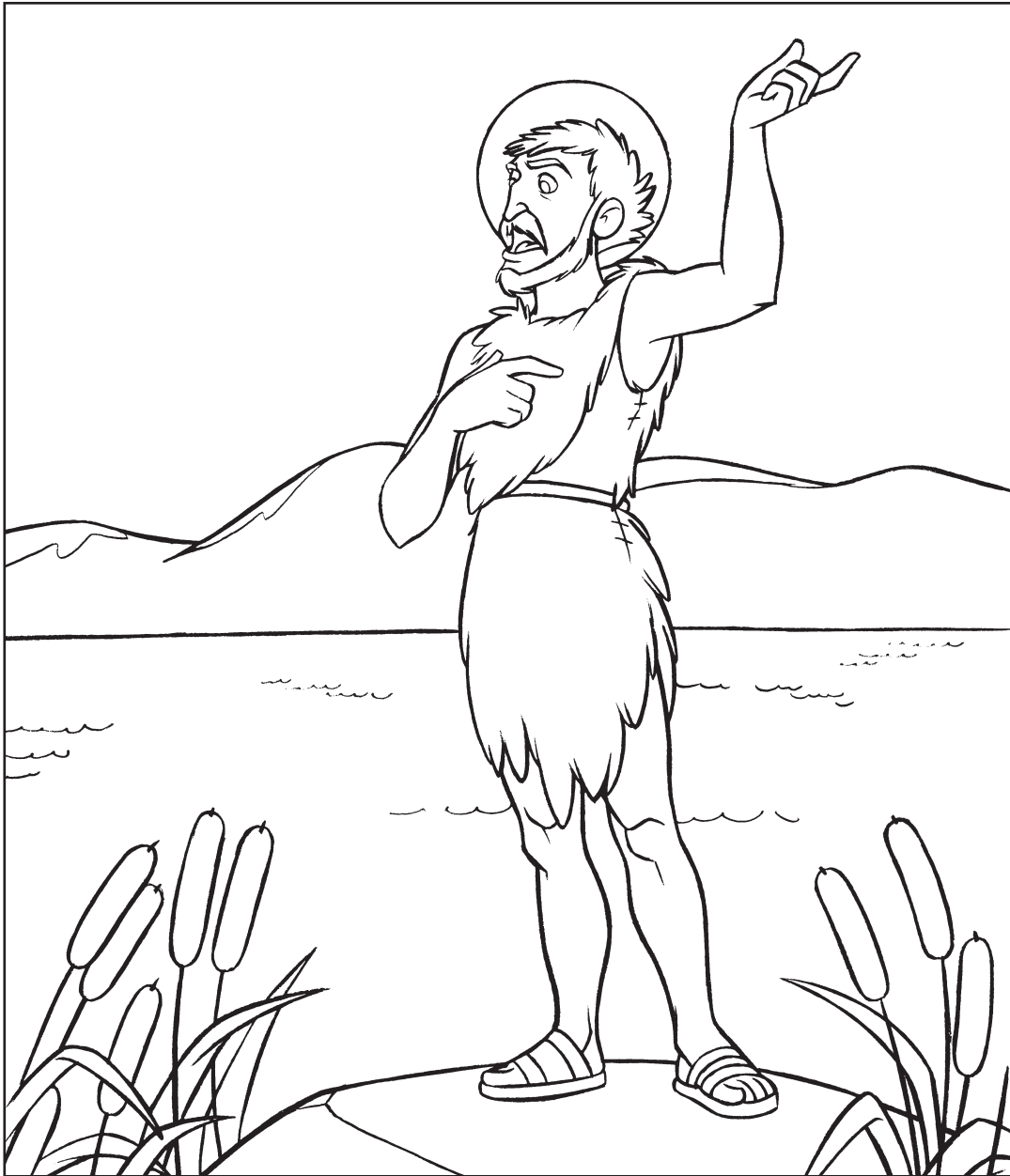
## Isaac

1. Isaac
2. God
3. The wood of the Cross
4. An angel
5. Noah

## Second SUNDAY of ADVENT

Hooray—We are one week closer to the birthday of Jesus!

COLOR the MASS Coloring Page below!




The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and John went into all region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: *"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. . . and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"* (Luke 3: 2-4, 6)

## Second Sunday of Advent

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

This worksheet is intended for children not yet reading or just learning.  
They may need simple instructions from you to complete the activities.

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

 circle your answer!



RED



GREEN



VIOLET



ROSE



WHITE

2. The first reading is from the book of ...

Baruch

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

How many are there?  Circle the correct number!

3. Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things  
for us; we are filled with joy.



4. The second reading is from Saint Paul's First letter to the \_\_\_\_.

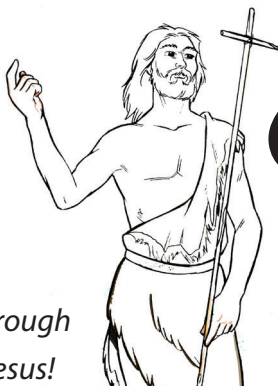
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5. The Gospel according to

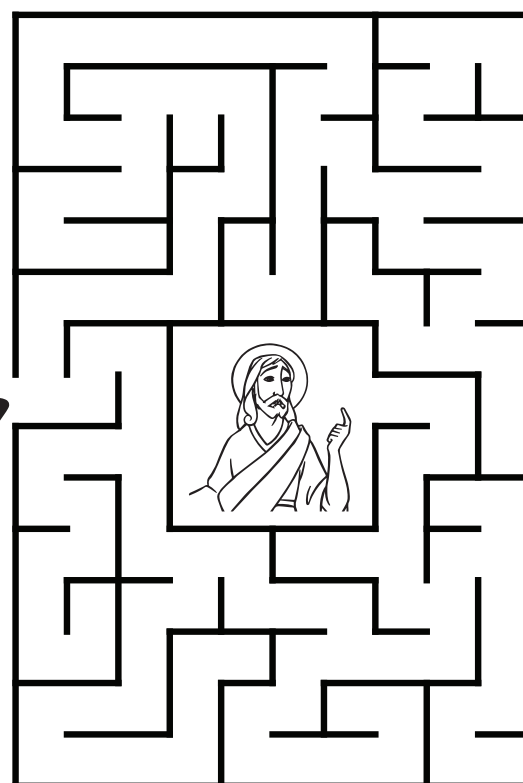
Luke

6. The Gospel speaks about John the Baptist proclaiming the coming of Jesus:

"Prepare the way  
of the Lord, make  
straight his paths."



Follow John through  
the maze to Jesus!





## Second SUNDAY of Advent / December 8

# MASS QUIZ!

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. The first reading is from the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In this reading, Jerusalem is told to put on "splendor," wrap itself in "the cloak of justice" —which come from whom?
  - a. All the moms in Israel
  - b. The Angels
  - c. God
6. The Responsorial Psalm is, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with \_\_\_\_\_."
7. The second reading is from Paul's letter to:
  - a. Peter
  - b. Titus
  - c. Philippians
8. St Paul says his prayer is "that your love may \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. Make straight the way of the Lord
  - b. Increase ever more and more
  - c. Shine like a beacon over all Israel
9. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What was John the Baptist doing in the desert?
  - a. Crying because he didn't want to be in the desert
  - b. Proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins
  - c. Complaining to Tiberius Caesar about Pontius Pilate and Herod



## Second SUNDAY of Advent / December 8

### Mass Quiz

1. Violet (purple)
2. Two
3. Violet (purple)
4. Baruch
5. c
6. Joy
7. c
8. b
9. Luke
10. b

## JACOB in Salvation History



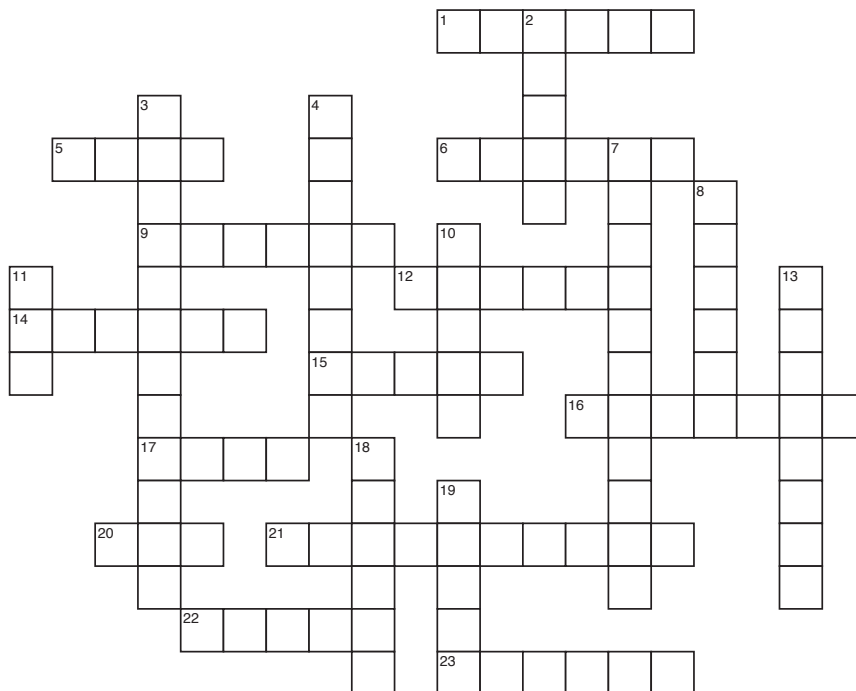
Isaac was an obedient son ... but his son, Jacob, was **not**! Jacob tricked his father to steal his brother's blessing, and that led to a lot of problems for his whole family. Jacob even had to run away so he wouldn't get killed!



You can **READ** about it in **Genesis 27 and 28**.

To help you with **TODAY'S PUZZLE**, we have provided a **WORD BANK**. You can find the answers that fit the crossword in the word bank.

*BE CAREFUL: some of the words in the bank will NOT be used in the puzzle—we didn't want to make it too easy!*



### DOWN

- 2 He became blind in his old age.
- 3 A blessing derives its meaning and effectiveness from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the word of God, the first part of a blessing.
- 4 By celebrating a blessing, we can \_\_\_\_\_ events in our lives.
- 7 A blessing is not a sacrament, but a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 When objects are blessed, we always have in mind the \_\_\_\_\_ who use them.
- 10 Stole his brother Esau's blessing.
- 11 A blessing has \_\_\_\_\_ parts.
- 13 The first blessing of God to Adam and Eve was to be \_\_\_\_\_ and multiply.
- 18 Jacob's \_\_\_\_\_, Rebecca, convinced him to trick his father.
- 19 In keeping with an ancient tradition, the tracing of the sign of the \_\_\_\_\_ often accompanies a blessing.

### ACROSS

- 1 In most circumstances, if a \_\_\_\_\_ is present, he should preside over the blessing.
- 5 First part of a blessing is the proclamation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- 6 Second part of a blessing is \_\_\_\_\_ of God's goodness and petition for His help.
- 9 The person presiding in a blessing represents the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12 There is a blessing for a Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ or Nativity Scene.
- 14 There is a blessing for an Advent \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 After the \_\_\_\_\_ God blessed Noah and his family.

- 16 The story of Jacob and Esau is in this book of the Bible.
- 17 There is a blessing for a Christmas \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20 The source from which every good gift comes-- including blessings!
- 21 A blessing is a \_\_\_\_\_ action of the Church. (Hint: we also talk about \_\_\_\_\_ colors!)
- 22 A sacramental prepares a person to receive \_\_\_\_\_ and to better cooperate with it.
- 23 Although a human being pronounces a blessing, it does not have a merely human \_\_\_\_\_.

### WORD BANK:

Church, cross, flood, fruitful, Genesis, God, grace, Isaac, Jacob, liturgical, manger, mother, people, praise, priest, proclamation, sacramental, sanctify, source, tree, two, word, wreath, Xavier, yarn, Zechariah

# SUNDAY / December 8



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 72–82 and 93.

**SOLVE** the **3 MAZES** to answer the **3 QUESTIONS** about Jacob below!

(Start at the **CENTER** of each maze and work outward to the correct answer!)

**1. Who does Jacob cheat out of his birthright?**

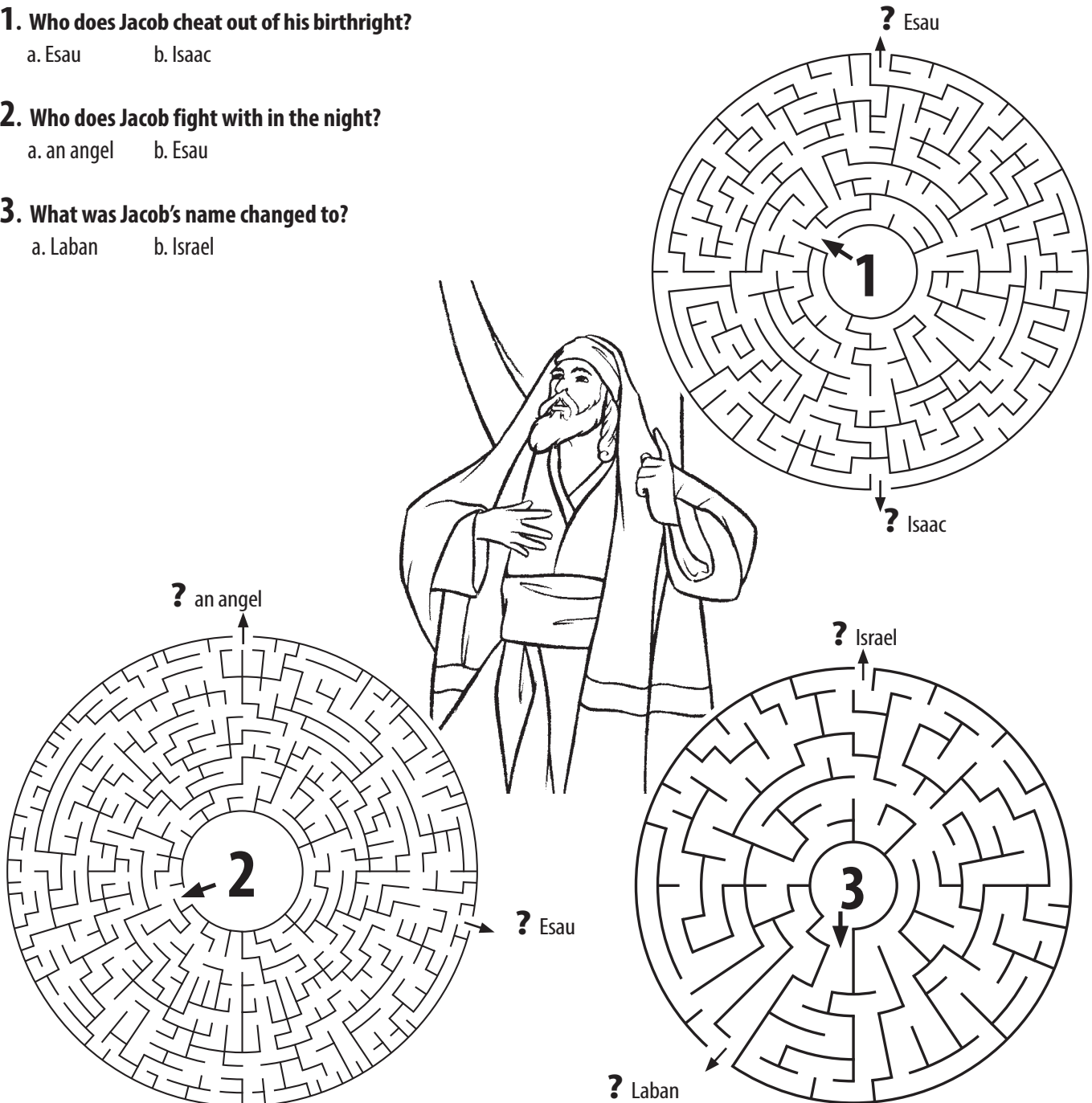
- a. Esau      b. Isaac

**2. Who does Jacob fight with in the night?**

- a. an angel      b. Esau

**3. What was Jacob's name changed to?**

- a. Laban      b. Israel

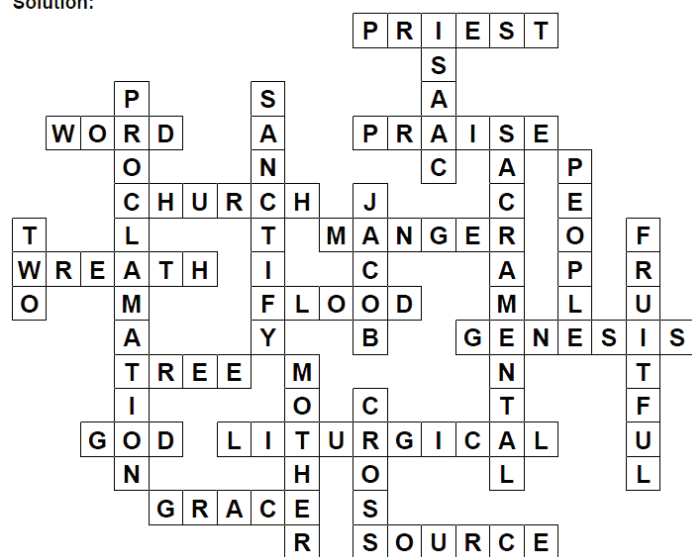


## ANSWER KEY

**Jacob**

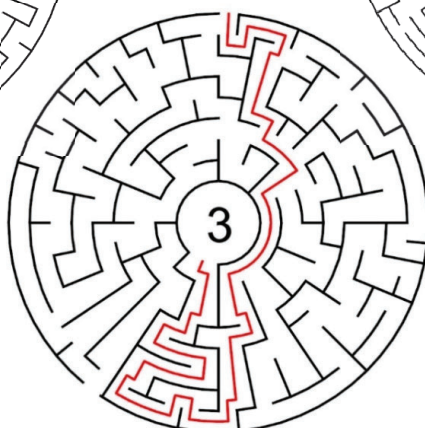
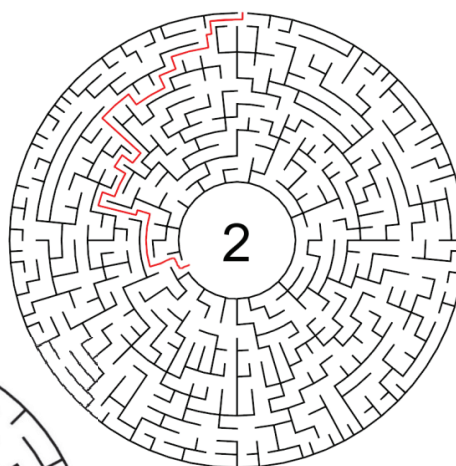
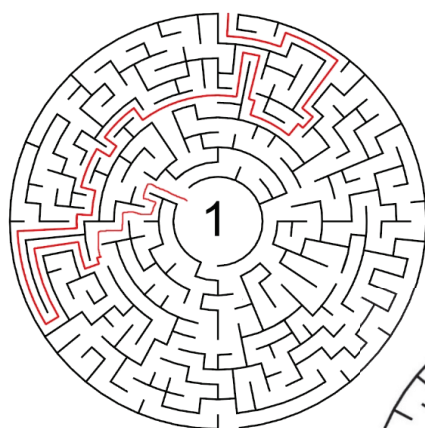
## Crossword

**Solution:**



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## Mazes



# The Immaculate Conception

**MONDAY**

December 9



**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

—The Holy Heroes Answer Kid explains what “Immaculate Conception” means to you!



Below is a coloring page from our friends at [CatholicLiving.com](http://CatholicLiving.com).



Below are some questions for you to **ANSWER** about the picture.

1. Who is the mommy shown with the baby in her womb? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who is the baby? \_\_\_\_\_

# Immaculate Conception

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We call the mother of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, by many different names —such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, and others. But all the names still refer to the same person. *Think about it: your own mother is sometimes called by her first name or a nickname or even just Mom!*

**Whom did the Blessed Virgin Mary tell Saint Bernadette in Lourdes, France, that she was?**

**SOLVE** the **WORD SEARCH** to find out what she said!

L	O	U	R	D	E	S	M	A	R	Y	S
A	I	L	A	B	A	N	N	E	U	X	B
D	S	A	N	S	I	S	I	R	A	P	E
M	O	S	N	Q	W	A	M	T	O	P	A
O	K	A	O	U	H	O	E	U	U	I	U
T	O	L	D	E	M	F	R	L	Y	M	R
H	T	E	A	E	A	L	A	R	C	U	A
E	O	T	M	N	A	D	A	T	O	L	I
R	E	T	A	D	A	S	T	E	I	S	N
C	H	E	Y	U	O	O	N	C	E	M	G
P	T	T	G	R	I	K	N	O	C	K	A
P	O	N	T	M	A	I	N	O	N	,	"

### WORD LIST

Banneux	Mother
Beauraing	Our Lady
Fatima	Paris
Guadalupe	Pontmain
Knock	Queen
La Salette	Rosary
Lourdes	Sorrows
Madonna	Theotokos

**There's a secret message in this word search!**

When you have found all the words in the WORD LIST above, circle the **UNUSED LETTERS** in the grid and put them in order into the blank spaces below to find out what the Blessed Virgin Mary told Saint Bernadette at Lourdes!

**Fill in the blank spaces below with the unused letters to find out what the Blessed Virgin Mary told Saint Bernadette!**

“ \_\_\_\_\_ , ”

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**MONDAY** / December 9

## JOSEPH, Son of Jacob, in Salvation History



**Jacob tricked his father to steal from his brother...** so

Jacob's sons also tricked him to steal from their brother! But

God's plans are never wrecked by the sins of people.

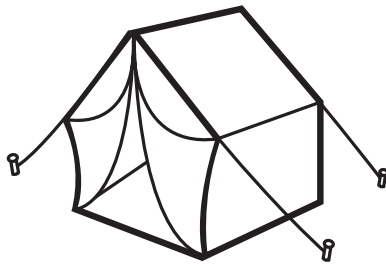
**Below are pictures that should REMIND YOU about characters in the Jesse Tree.**

Next to each picture, **WRITE** down the name of the person and **why** the picture reminds you of him.

*(If you need help from Mom, Dad, or a sibling—just **ask!**)*

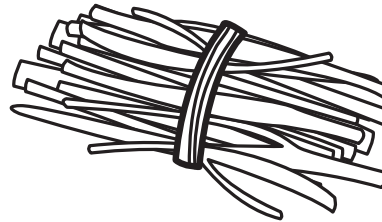
Tent reminds you of ...

Because he ...



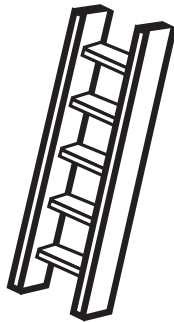
Sticks remind you of ...

Because he ...



Ladder reminds you of ...

Because he ...



Coat reminds you of ...

Because he ...





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READ the Picture Bible pages 94 and 97–122.

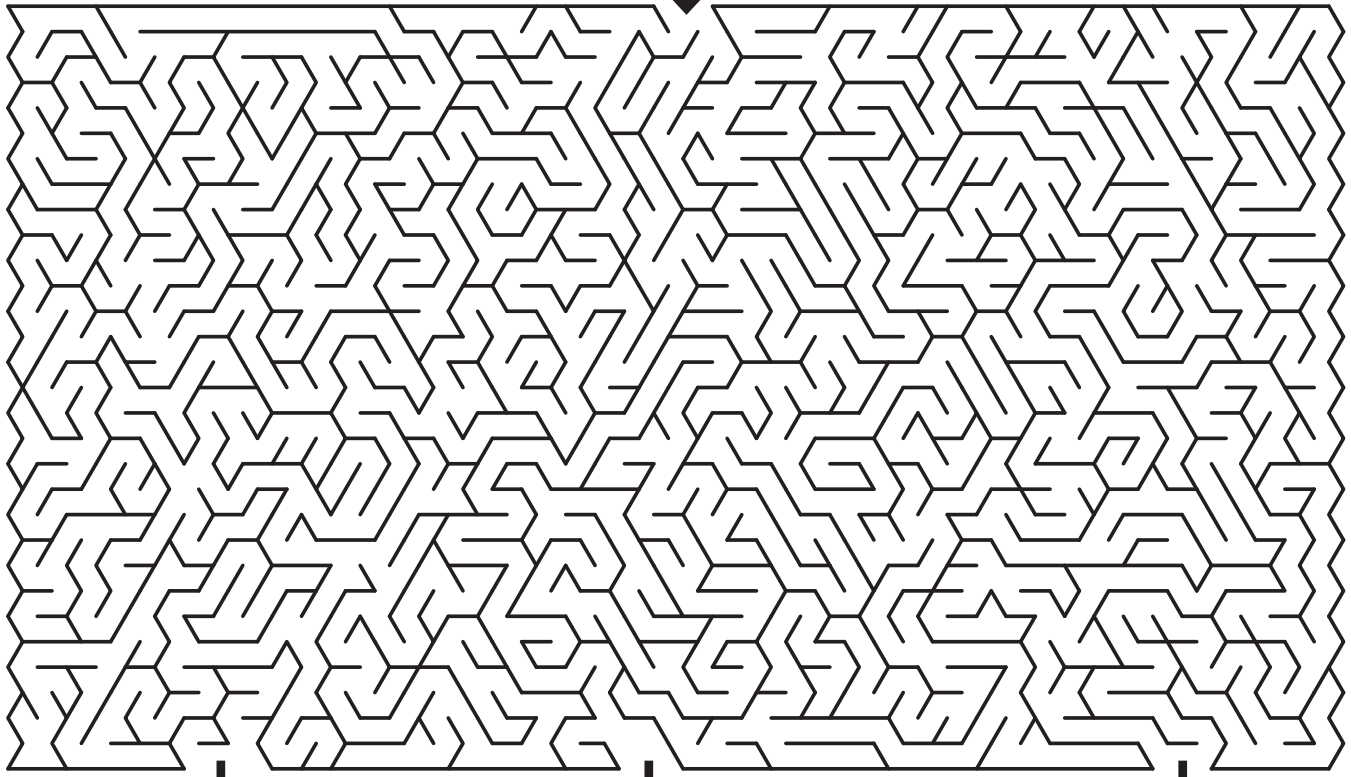
**What did Joseph's brothers do to him?** (Make your way through the MAZE below to find the right answer.)



START HERE



START at the ★ at the TOP and exit at the BOTTOM to find which is the CORRECT answer.



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Forgive him



Sold him into slavery



Complained to their father

**THINK** back on this week, and **WRITE** down what you will do to be even more obedient to your parents and God—just like Isaac!

**I will do these things:**

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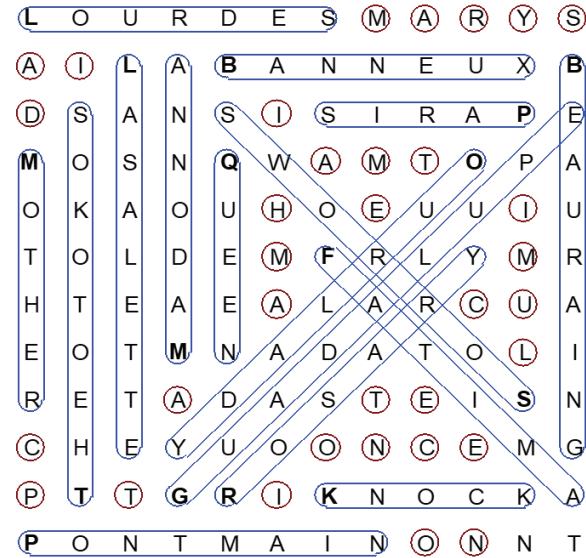
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## The Immaculate Conception

1. St. Anne
2. Mary



## Joseph

Picture reminds you of...

Tent reminds you of Abraham.

Sticks remind you of Isaac.

Ladder reminds you of Jacob.

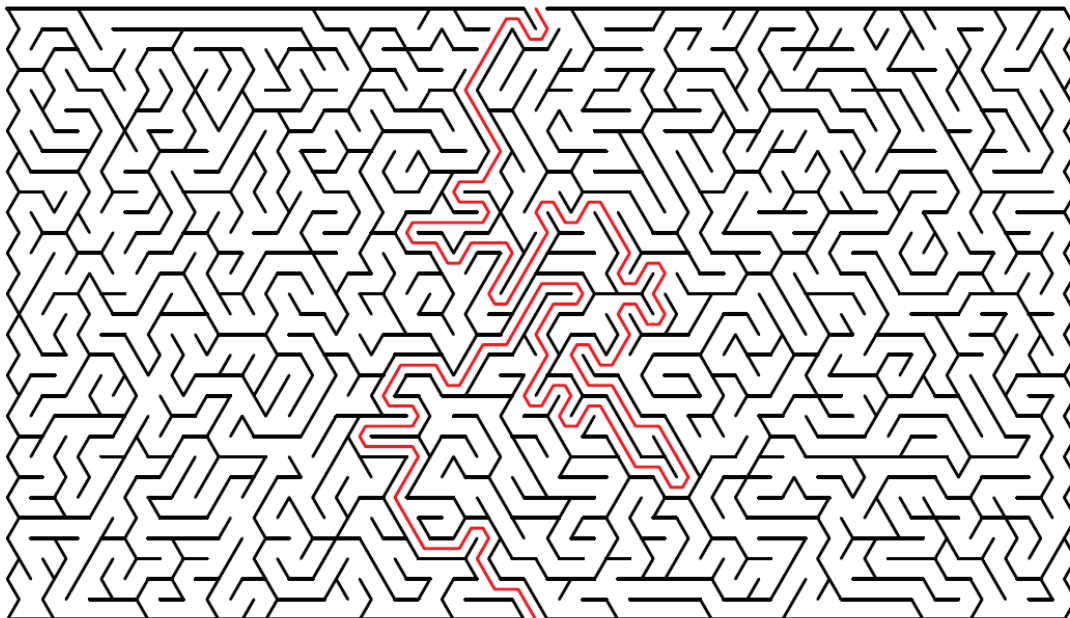
Coat reminds you of Joseph.

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## Immaculate Conception word search

Mary said, "I am the immaculate conception"

## Joseph maze



# Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe

**TUESDAY**

December 10

☞ 1531, Saint Juan Diego, a Mexican Indian, had his first meeting with a beautiful lady who appeared to him on Tepayac Hill. He would meet her several more times over the next 4 days —until **December 12**, which is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!**



To learn his story and hers, this week you can **LISTEN** to our exciting **Glory Stories Volume 1: "Fresh Flowers in Winter"** for FREE in today's **Advent Adventure**.

We'll play an episode each day so you can hear the whole exciting story!



You can also **PRINT OUT** Saint Juan Diego coloring pages!

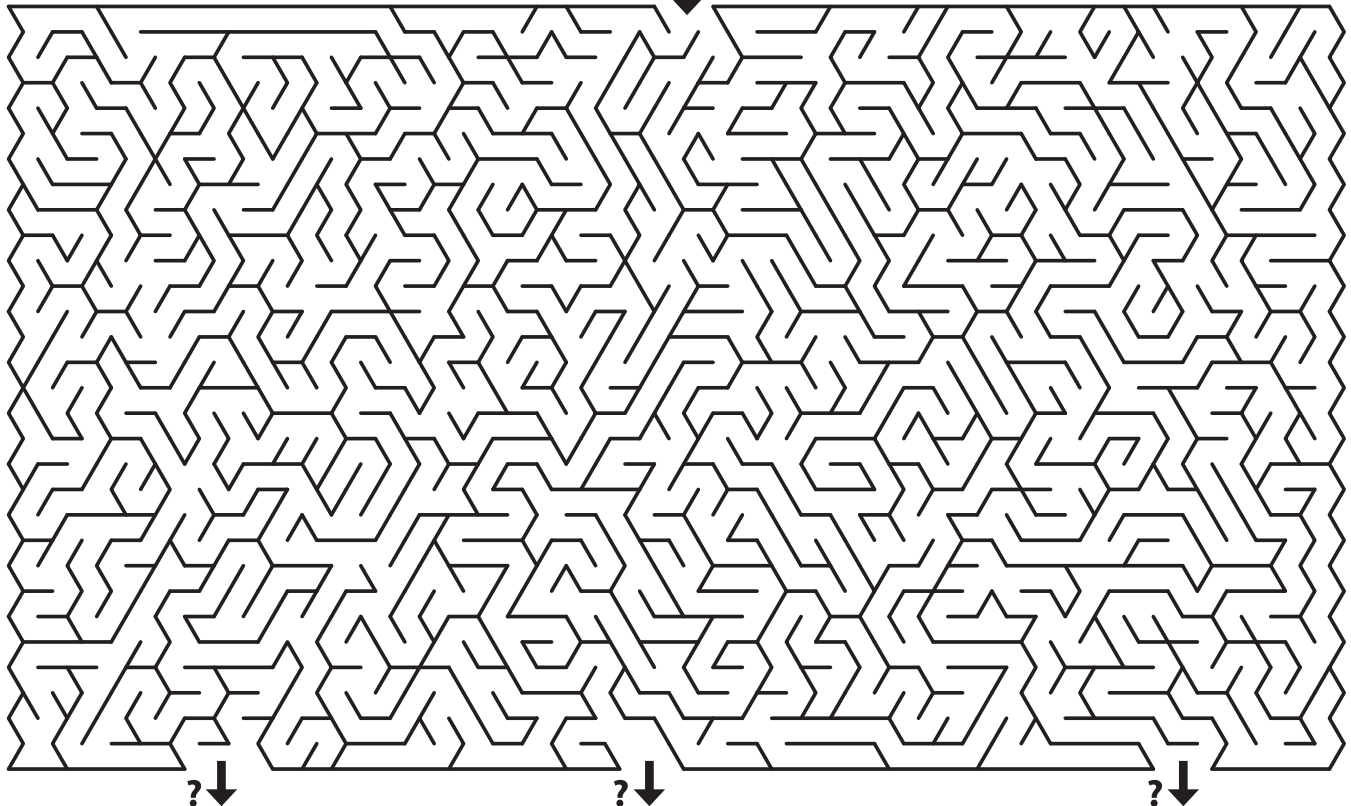
**HELP Saint Juan Diego! The correct trail through the maze will answer this question:**

What did the Bishop ask Juan Diego to get before he would believe that the Mother of God really wanted a chapel built on Tepayac Hill?

START at the ★ at the TOP and exit at the BOTTOM to find which is the CORRECT answer.



START HERE ★  
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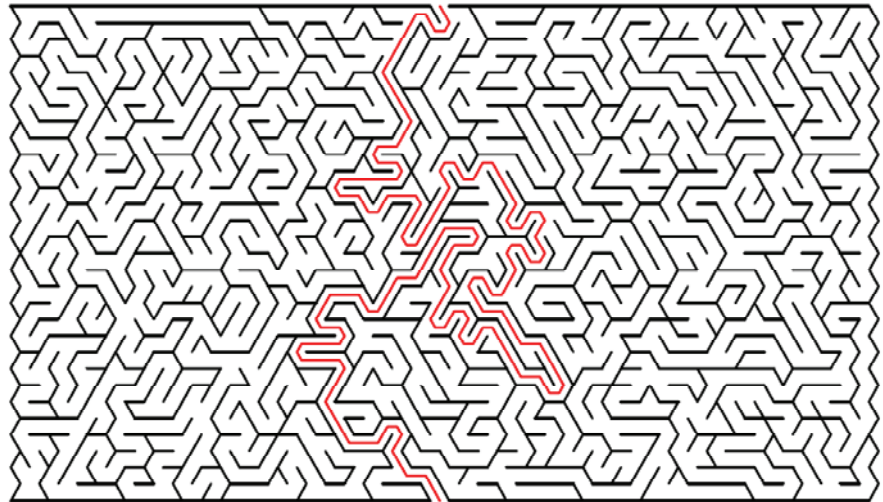


A signed note from Jesus

A sign to prove who she was

Money to pay the cost to build it

St. Juan Diego



To prove who she was

**WEDNESDAY** / December 11

## MOSES in Salvation History



Today we continue learning about **MOSES** and his part in the plan of Salvation History! God sent Moses to lead the Exodus of the slaves out of Egypt, then He gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.



You can **READ** about it in the book of **Exodus 7:14, 7:19, and 7:31.**

COLOR the picture of Moses with the Ten Commandments.



**UNSCRAMBLE** the letters to spell out the **Ten Commandments**.

### Behavior towards God

1. VEAH ON THOER DGOS EROFEB EM

2. OD TON ESUBA YM MEAN

3. PEEK HET BATHSAB LYOH

### Behavior towards others

4. NOHOR RUYO THERFA NAD THERMO

5. OD TON LIKL

6. OD TON MITCOM TERYADUL

7. OD TON LEAST

8. OD TON ELI

9. OD TON TECOV NOTAHERS ESUOPS

10. OD TON TECOV NOTAHERS DOGOS

## WEDNESDAY / December 11

Today's **WORD SEARCH** below is jam-packed with words that remind us about Moses.  
Can you **FIND** them all and **TELL** your Mom & Dad what all the words remind us about?



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 136–191.

M	Z	T	P	G	Y	E	L	I	A	H	R	S	W
C	O	M	M	A	N	D	M	E	N	T	S	E	D
S	J	I	K	X	J	S	P	N	M	L	A	S	R
T	N	F	S	S	F	H	L	O	Y	D	N	O	E
A	J	G	L	R	A	F	D	A	L	F	G	M	H
N	R	I	O	R	A	E	J	D	V	X	E	N	P
G	O	G	A	C	E	E	S	R	E	E	L	F	E
B	S	O	J	R	O	T	L	E	L	A	R	D	H
N	H	X	F	L	P	W	E	I	I	F	T	Y	S
A	P	L	A	G	U	E	S	K	T	L	T	H	T
A	S	S	E	N	K	R	A	D	S	E	F	R	G
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O	F	L	A	C	N	E	D	L	O	G	B	E	V
N	K	G	B	L	O	O	D	V	T	Y	T	M	N

### WORDS TO FIND

Aaron

Angel

Basket

Blood

Boils

Commandments

Cows

Darkness

Death

Egypt

Flies

Forty

years

Freedom

Frogs

Gnats

Golden

Calf

Hail

Israelite

Moses

Pharaoh

Plagues

Shepherd

Slavery

Ten

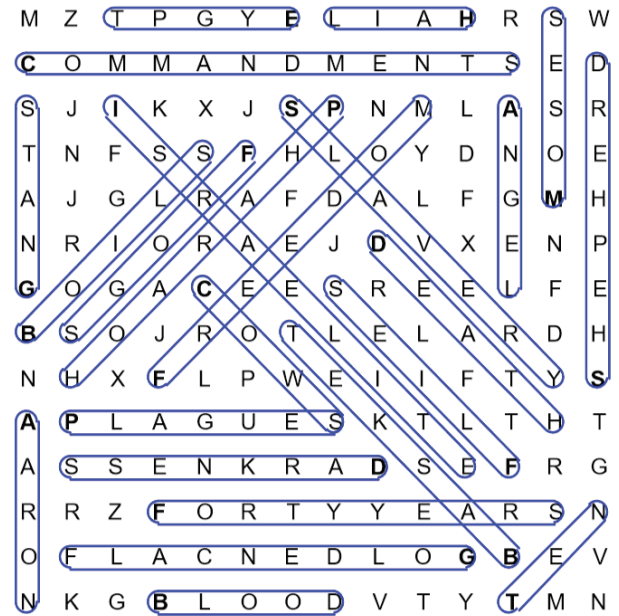
*Words can go horizontally, vertically  
and diagonally in all eight directions.*

# WEDNESDAY / December 11 ANSWER KEY

## Moses Word Scramble

1. HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME
2. DO NOT ABUSE MY NAME
3. KEEP THE SABBATH HOLY
4. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER
5. DO NOT KILL
6. DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
7. DO NOT STEAL
8. DO NOT LIE
9. DO NOT COVET ANOTHER'S SPOUSE
10. DO NOT COVER ANOTHER'S GOODS

## Word Search



## RUTH in Salvation History



**The Book of Ruth is one of the two books in the Bible named after a woman** (the other one is Esther).

This book is about the ties and the strength of family and how powerful it can be, even when you weren't born into the family, even when they are your in-laws. Ruth's story isn't about miracles and it isn't about deliverance; this story is about family, more specifically, the love of family. Ruth gave up everything to follow Naomi, her mother-in-law, even though she really didn't have to. She even said to Naomi, "Where you go I will go, and

where you lodge I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). It must have taken a lot of faith and love for her to say this. Because of Ruth's unconditional love for Naomi and her family, Ruth would become the great grandmother of David, from whom Jesus descended.



You can **READ** the whole story in the **Book of Ruth**. It's short!

**HELP RUTH!** Complete the **MAZE** below correctly so you can figure out the **TWO NAMES** needed below!

Ruth went to a town in Judah to get food.

Write the name of that town here:

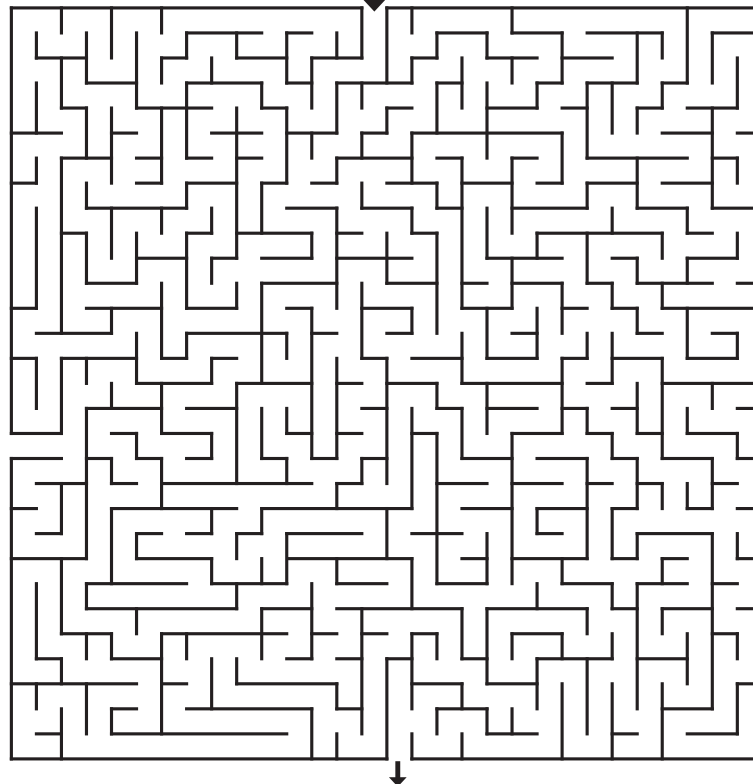
A very famous person was born in that town.

Write the name of that person here:

**Where should Ruth go?**



**Ruth starts here**



? Jerusalem ←

→ ? Nazareth

? Bethlehem

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## More about RUTH



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 247–252.

**UNSCRAMBLE** the words in **BOLD** below. These words describe how Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz behaved.  
God took care of them all, rewarding them for these acts of love.

**THILUFAT** = They were all \_\_\_\_\_ towards God and each other.

Write down how you can show this trait towards your family this Advent: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SENSKNID** = They all acted with \_\_\_\_\_ towards each other.

Write down how you can show this trait towards your family this Advent: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEGESOUR** = They all were \_\_\_\_\_ and shared what they had with each other.

Write down how you can show this trait towards your family this Advent: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THINK** back on this week, and **WRITE** down some other ways to show love to your family.

**I will do these things:**

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_____	_____
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**THURSDAY** / December 12

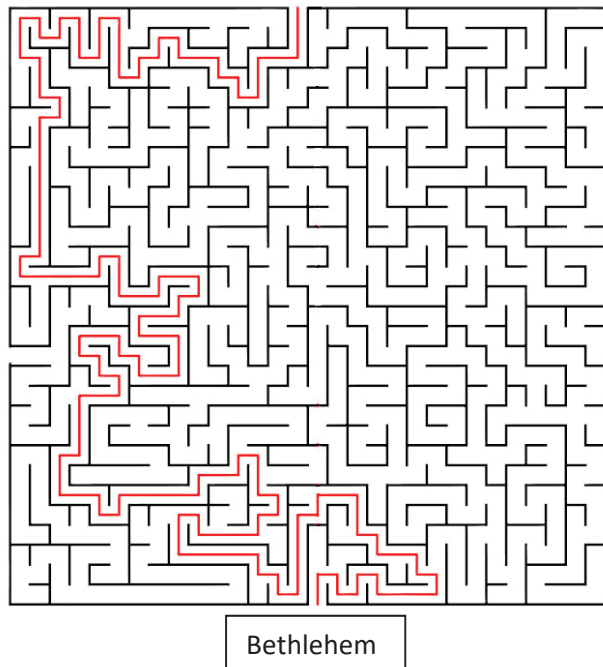
## RUTH'S Wedding

**COLOR** the picture below of Ruth and Boaz at their wedding!



## Ruth Maze

1. Bethlehem
2. Jesus!



## Ruth Word Scramble

Faithful

Kindness

Generous

**FRIDAY** / December 13

## It's Saint Lucy's Feast Day!

**Saint Lucy was a girl who lived in Syracuse (Italy) during the late fourth century.** She was killed during one of the Roman persecutions of Christians—but not before God miraculously protected her several times!



**WATCH** our **fun video** today about Saint Lucy and the tradition in Sweden to celebrate her day. Her name means “light,” and you’ll see how this plays a part in breakfast on her feast day there!



**PRINT** out a **FUN TRADITIONAL RECIPE** to celebrate her feast day.



**WOW!**

“I’m hungry  
just thinking about  
**the traditional recipe**  
you can print out!”



Don't forget to  
**COLOR** this beautiful  
picture of Saint Lucy.

**SATURDAY** / December 14

# Nativity Manger Scene

This activity is available as a download at  
**[www.holyheroes.com/nativity](http://www.holyheroes.com/nativity)**

Today Trey teaches us about the Nativity Manger scene!



Hi! Today we are going to learn about how the Nativity Manger scene or crèche became part of Catholic Tradition by **WATCHING** a special Advent Adventure **BONUS VIDEO** we made when Trey was just a little kid! In the video he is dressed as a saint. Can you guess who?

We've made it easy for you to make your **OWN** manger scene that you can color yourself! **Just follow the simple steps below**—and make sure to see the VIDEO your Adventure Guides made to show you how it works:



1. **Print off** colorable manger scene cutouts that you **download** at **[www.holyheroes.com/nativity](http://www.holyheroes.com/nativity)**.



2. **Color them, cut them out,** and **tape or glue** them onto some of **your own cardboard** so they are more sturdy (*paper plates work great in place of cardboard*).

3. **Cut out** a bunch of your own **cardboard “stands”** and **insert** them **on the bottoms** so the cutouts can **stand up**.

4. Put your “sacrifice manger” in **front of the stable background**—*that’s where Baby Jesus will go when He’s born*—and **put the animals** around the stable. Don’t forget to **color the little animals** that you will find hidden in the stable already!



**REMEMBER:** Some of the manger scene items are not to be used right now—save them for later when it gets closer to Christmas morning!

You can color them and get them ready now...but just wait a few more days before you use them. Okay?



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**SATURDAY** / December 14

# The Three Kings and Presents for Jesus

The first people to bring presents to Baby Jesus were—the Three Kings or Magi!



But they did NOT come on Christmas! **When did they come?** \_\_\_\_\_

The Adventure Guides explain it in a special video today.

**WATCH** this VIDEO at [www.AdventAdventure.com](http://www.AdventAdventure.com), then complete the rest of this page!



**How can you give presents to Jesus?** The Adventure Guides have some nifty ideas about this in another video you can **WATCH** today.

**Why don't you give some presents to Jesus, too?** After all, it is **His** birthday we're going to be celebrating.

**HERE'S HOW TO DO IT:**

**#1** On the lines below **WRITE** some ideas for “presents for Jesus” that you can still do before Christmas day:

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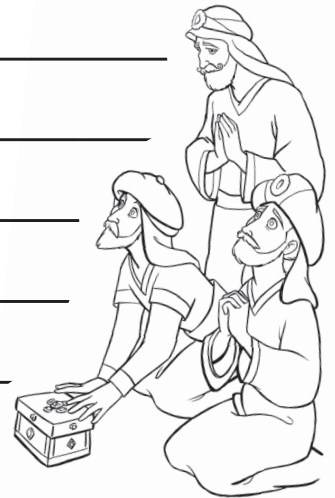
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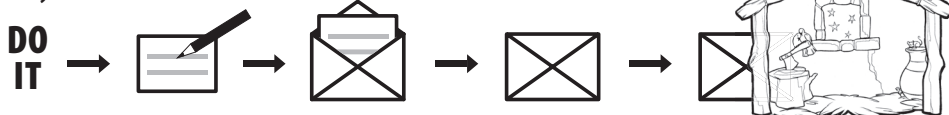
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**#2** Then, when you “**DO**” each present, **WRITE** it down on a slip of paper and **PUT** it in an **ENVELOPE**. Then, put the envelope behind the stable—and open it up when Christmas morning arrives to see what your family gave to Baby Jesus!



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# JESSE in Salvation History

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**What was the name of the son of Jesse whom Samuel anointed to be the next king?**



You can **READ** about it in **1 Samuel 16:1-13**.

**CRACK the CODE** to find out which son of Jesse God asked Samuel to anoint as the new King of Israel!

<b>Real letter:</b>	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
<b>Code letter:</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

<b>Real letter:</b>	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
<b>Code letter:</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26

God told Samuel to go to \_\_\_\_\_ to the home of \_\_\_\_\_  
**2-5-20-8-12-5-8-5-13** **10-5-19-19-5**

God said, "You shall \_\_\_\_\_ one of his sons which I name to you as the next King."  
**1-14-15-9-14-20**

Jesse brought out \_\_\_\_\_ of his sons, but God did not choose any of them.  
**19-5-22-5-14**

Jesse's youngest son was in the \_\_\_\_\_ tending the \_\_\_\_\_.  
**6-9-5-12-4**                      **19-8-5-5-16.**

“Fetch him,” said Samuel. When he appeared, God said, “\_\_\_\_\_ him, for this is he.”  
**1-14-15-9-14-20**

The boy's name was \_\_\_\_\_.

**4-1-22-9-4.**

Jesse was the great-great-great-great [24'greats'] grandfather of \_\_\_\_\_.



**SATURDAY** / December 14

# DAVID, the Shepherd and King

You've heard Jesus called the "Son of David," haven't you? Well, today, we learn about David!



**READ** 1 Samuel chapters 16-17.



**READ** the **Picture Bible** pages 281-362.

Why is a harp pictured near David?

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Why is a crown also pictured?

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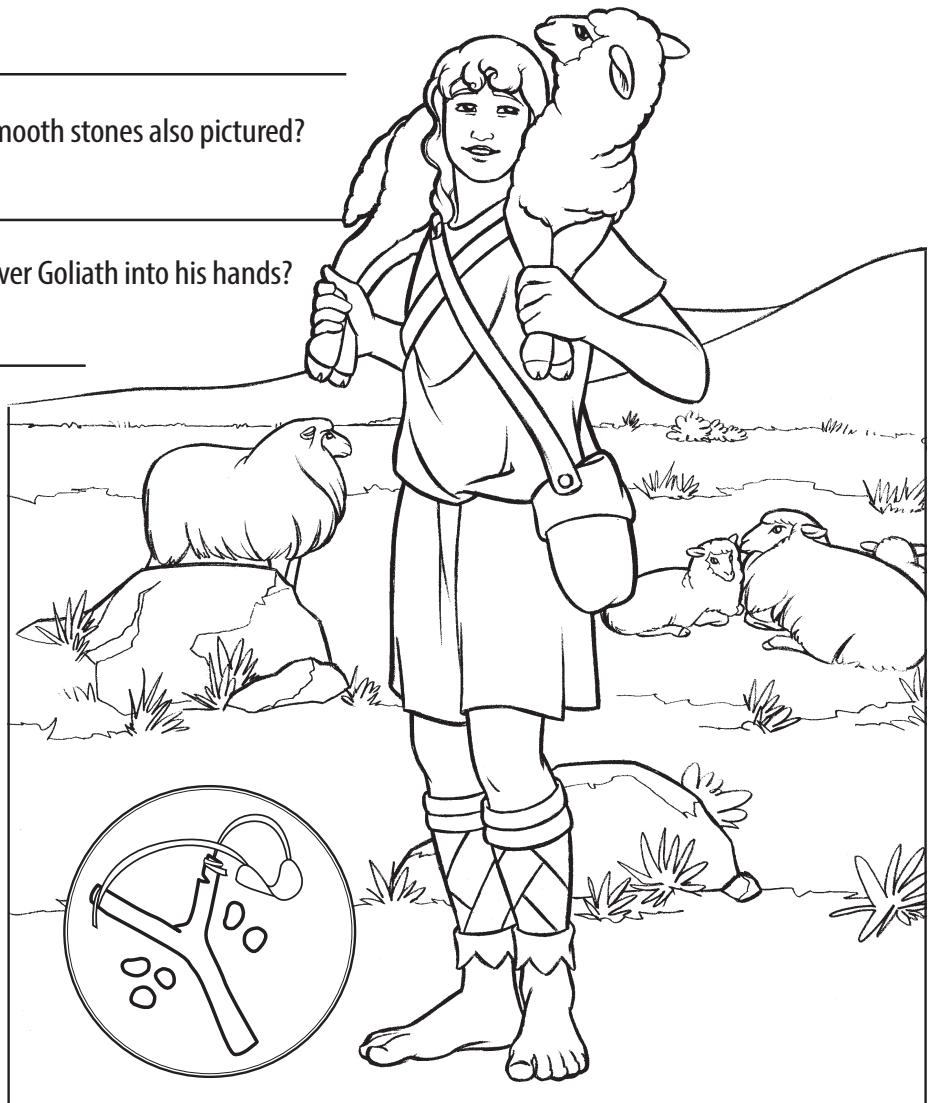
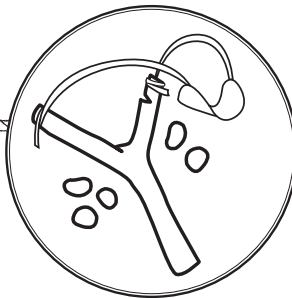
Why is a slingshot with five smooth stones also pictured?

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Who did David say would deliver Goliath into his hands?

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**COLOR** the picture of David as a shepherd, and the harp, the crown, and the slingshot with smooth stones.



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## SATURDAY/ December 14 – ANSWER KEY

**Jesse:** Crack the code

Bethlehem

Jesse

Anoint

Seven

Field

Sheep

Anoint

David

Jesus

**David**

1. David played the harp (and it helped calm King Saul).
2. David became the King of Israel.
3. David killed Goliath with a slingshot.
4. God!

## Third SUNDAY in Advent – "Gaudete Sunday"

Hooray—it's already the 3rd Sunday of Advent!

What color is the candle for today? \_\_\_\_\_

**COLOR** the MASS Coloring Page below!



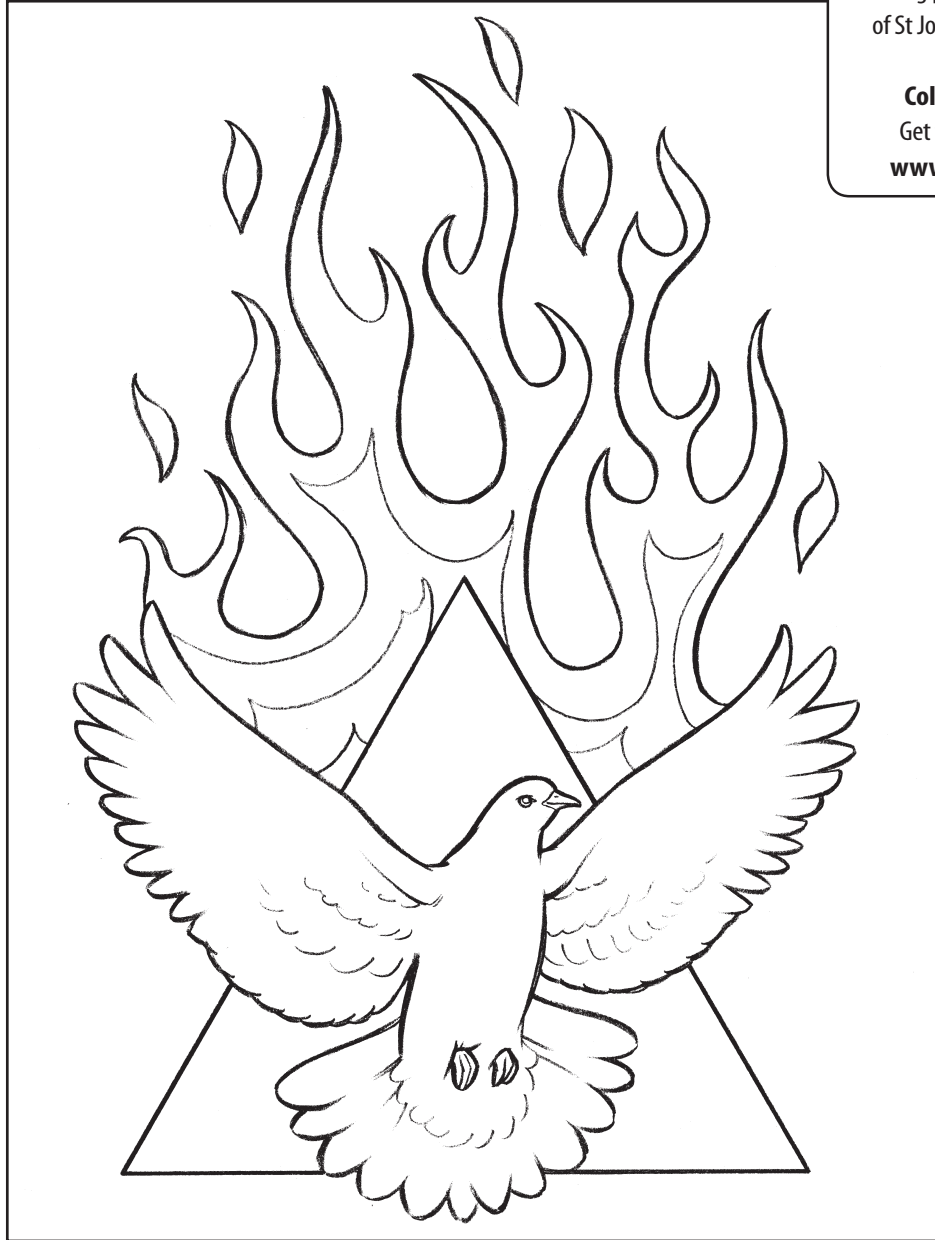
**Want to color even more?**

You can get some more coloring pages which tell the story of St John the Baptist from our "Life of Jesus"

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Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.


*I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."* (Luke 3:15-16)

## Third Sunday of Advent

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

This worksheet is intended for children not yet reading or just learning.  
They may need simple instructions from you to complete the activities.

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

 circle your answer!



RED



GREEN



VIOLET



ROSE



WHITE

2. The first reading is from the book of ...

Zephaniah

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

How many are there?  Circle the correct number!

3. Responsorial Psalm

Cry out with joy and gladness:  
for among you is the great and  
Holy One of

Israel.




4. The second reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians:

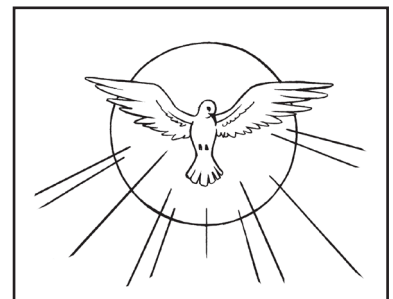
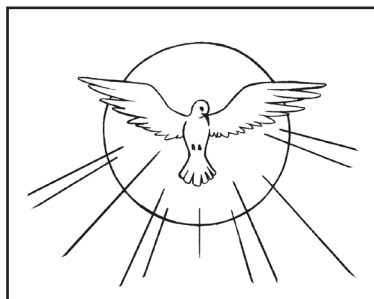
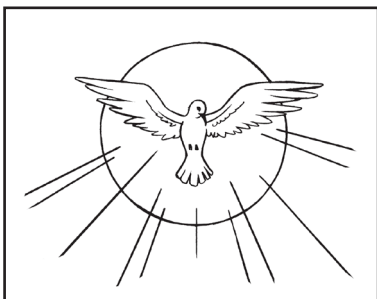
Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I shall say it again:

Rejoice!

5. In the Gospel this week, the crowds question John the

Baptist

 Circle the Holy Spirit dove that is DIFFERENT.



**SUNDAY** / December 15

## 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!



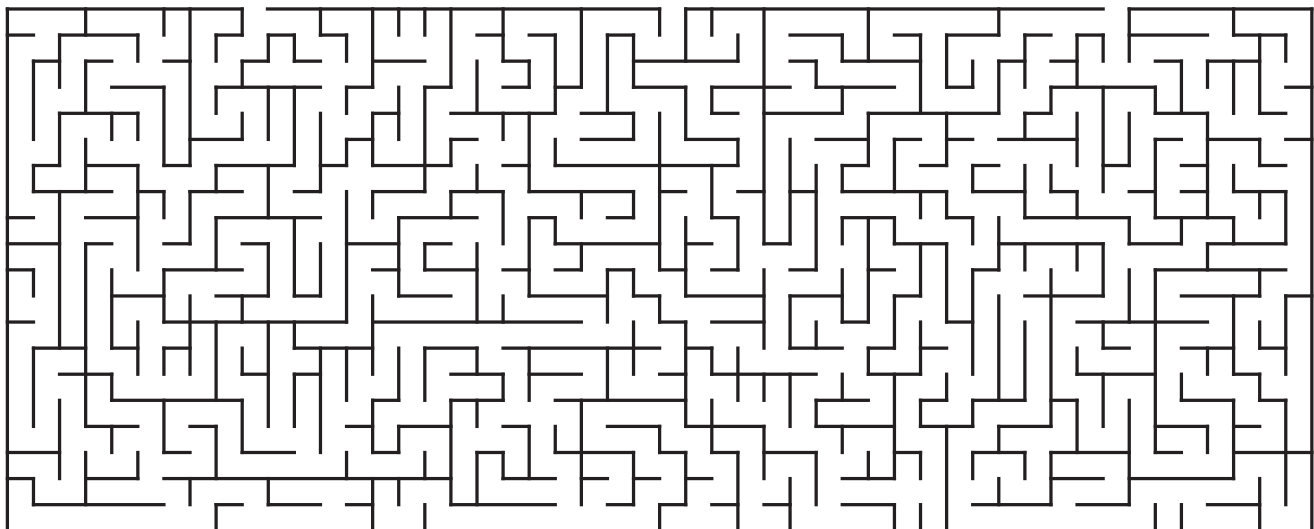
**The Ten Commandments ?**



**Aaron's Staff ?**



**Crown of David ?**



→ **The Ark of the Covenant**

# Third SUNDAY of Advent / December 15

## MASS QUIZ!

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:
  - a. Isaiah
  - b. Zephaniah
  - c. Genesis
6. In the 1st Reading the prophet is speaking to:
  - a. Jerusalem
  - b. Moses
  - c. Anyone who will listen
7. The Responsorial Psalm is, "Cry out with \_\_\_\_\_ and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of \_\_\_\_\_."
8. The 2nd Reading is from the St Paul's:
  - a. First Letter to Timothy
  - b. First Letter to the Corinthians
  - c. Letter to the Philippians
9. St Paul says which of the following? (*Hint: He says it twice*):
  - a. Rejoice!
  - b. Repent!
  - c. Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!
10. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Who is questioning John the Baptist? (*Listen carefully and select all that apply!*)
  - a. Crowds
  - b. Tax collectors
  - c. Soldiers
  - d. Jesus



# Third SUNDAY of Advent / December 15

## Mass Quiz

1. Rose (or some may wear violet)
2. Three
3. 2 purple, 1 rose
4. BONUS: Rejoice!
5. b
6. a
7. joy, Israel
8. c
9. a
10. Luke
11. All answers a, b, and c are correct



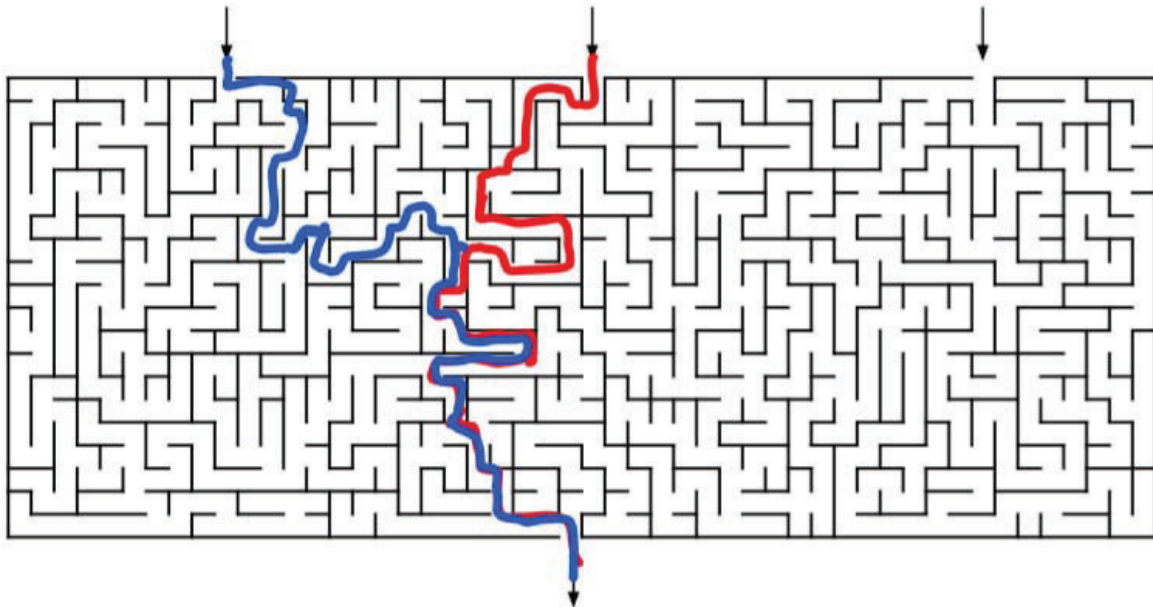
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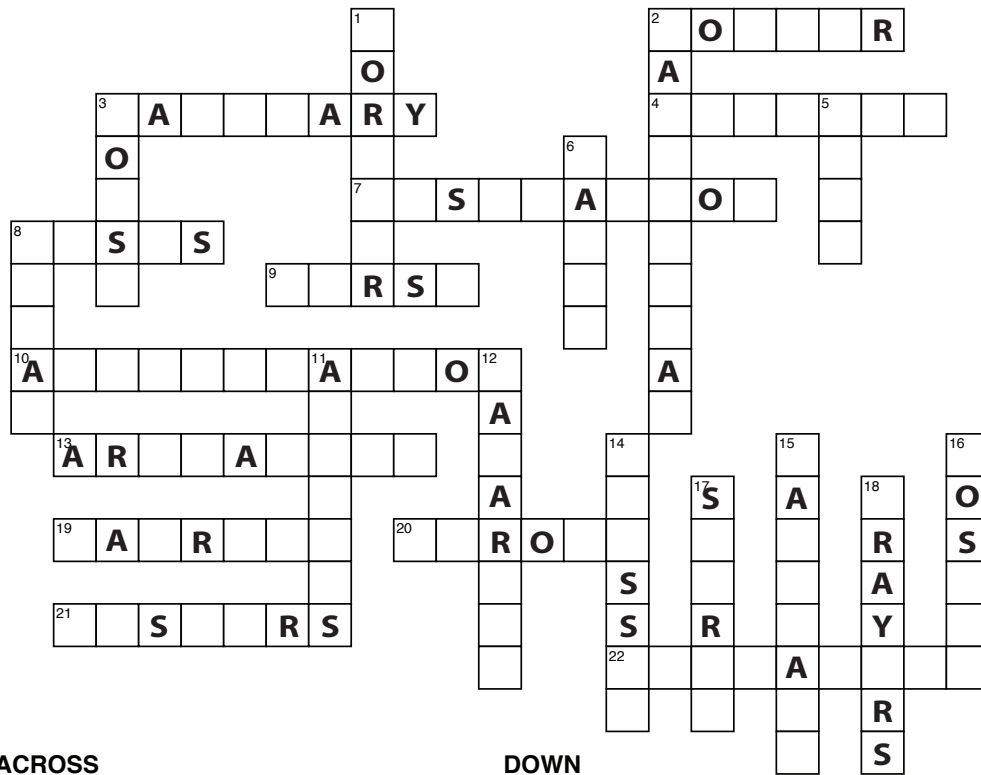
**The Ark of the Covenant**

## THE HOLY ROSARY

### The Second Joyful Mystery : The Visitation

Test your knowledge of the first two mysteries of the rosary in the **CROSSWORD** on this page.

We have already filled in all the letters from the word "rosary" wherever they appear in the crossword.



#### ACROSS

- 2 Elizabeth called Mary the "\_\_\_\_\_ of my Lord."
- 3 Prayed 10 times each rosary decade (2 words)
- 4 Nazareth is in this region
- 7 The 2nd Joyful Mystery
- 8 Gabriel told Mary to call her son this name
- 9 This Joyful Mystery mentions all 3 Persons of the Trinity
- 10 The 1st Joyful Mystery
- 13 Gabriel is this
- 19 The "Hail, Mary" has this Archangel's greeting
- 20 Mary's son will have the \_\_\_\_\_ of his father David
- 21 The Magnificat is prayed during this
- 22 Mother of John the Baptist

#### DOWN

- 1 Gabriel said Jesus' Kingdom would last this long
- 2 This prayer is said during Vespers
- 3 Mary's son will rule over the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jacob
- 5 Gospel records 1st & 2nd Joyful Mysteries
- 6 Joseph was of the "house of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 8 Elizabeth lived in this region
- 11 Reminds us of Jesus becoming a baby in Mary's womb
- 12 Gabriel appeared in this town to Mary
- 14 All generations will call Mary \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 "Behold, I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord"
- 16 Mary was betrothed to him
- 17 When she heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 We use beads to count our \_\_\_\_\_ in the rosary.

## O Antiphons!

Time to change our focus a bit, in preparation for Christmas Day!

After the 3rd Sunday of Advent, we change our focus from the “**Second Coming**” of Jesus into the world in the future to His “**First Coming**” — on Christmas Day as a baby in a stable long ago. Of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary was carrying Him around in her womb for 9 months before He was born, and some people already recognized Him then! Do you know who those people were? \_\_\_\_\_

With the beginning of the “**O Antiphons**,” which begin on Dec 17th each year, we really begin to turn our attention to the celebration of Christmas by contemplating the wonder of His Birth through the eyes of those who had been waiting all those years for the Messiah God had promised to send.

To get you ready for Dec 17, when we’ll begin the “O Antiphons,” try to **FIND** all the words in the **WORD SEARCH** below!

N	A	H	O	D	E	C	E	M	B	E	R	S	X	O
M	N	D	H	K	X	H	T	T	Y	M	D	R	K	B
H	A	F	V	T	E	Z	A	S	M	R	H	I	P	O
A	Q	G	W	E	H	Y	E	I	O	Q	N	W	R	R
I	B	N	N	R	N	H	O	L	S	G	T	K	O	A
A	M	K	P	I	P	T	F	F	O	S	W	R	M	D
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I	D	C	R	W	D	I	N	L	E	A	H	M	S	A
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N	W	L	R	I	V	E	P	X	T	K	B	M	D	D
T	O	Z	O	J	R	E	D	W	W	F	K	F	F	A
R	M	N	K	S	D	J	S	R	E	Y	A	R	P	W
T	S	Q	V	L	E	U	N	A	M	M	E	O	R	N
M	O	F	L	O	W	E	R	O	F	J	E	S	S	E

### WORDS & PHRASES TO FIND

Advent	Magnificat	O Flower of Jesse	O Radiant Dawn	Prayers	Seven
December	Messiah	O Key of David	O Wisdom	Promise	Vespers
Isaiah	O Emmanuel	O Lord of Lords	O King of Nations	Prophecy	



## ELIJAH in Salvation History



**Elijah was a great prophet during a time when many people were worshipping false gods.** The people simply did not have faith that the One True God would fulfill His promises to their ancestors and continue

to care for them. However, Elijah trusted God, so God sent him as a messenger and used him to perform many miracles.



**READ** about Elijah in **1 Kings chapters 17 and 18.**

God has done many wonderful things to take care of you, too. But sometimes we start thinking of the things we wish we had, instead of being grateful for what we have been given! It is especially difficult to be thankful when there are lots of bad things around us; it was the same during Elijah's time, when a long famine struck. Everyone was hungry, and many people thought they would die!

We should always be grateful and thank the people who help us to live and become holy. This pleases God very much. It is especially important during Christmas time that we tell God how thankful we are for what we have, instead of telling Him we'll only be thankful if we get certain Christmas presents!

**WRITE** down some things that you are **thankful for**—then thank the person who made it possible!

**This Advent, I am especially thankful to God for:**

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**I am thankful to my parents for:**

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**I am thankful to my friends and siblings for:**

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# MONDAY / December 16



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 384–409.

Elijah saw God perform many miracles to try to teach the people not to worship false gods, but instead to worship the One True God! God did many magnificent miracles to show them His Power. One time, God told Elijah to go to Mount Horeb and wait inside a cave. God said He would pass by the entrance of the cave, and when Elijah heard Him pass by, he was to go outside the cave to speak with God.

**Help Elijah know when he should leave the cave.**

Outside the cave, Elijah heard a strong wind, an earthquake, a fire, and a small voice. Which one signals that God is passing by?

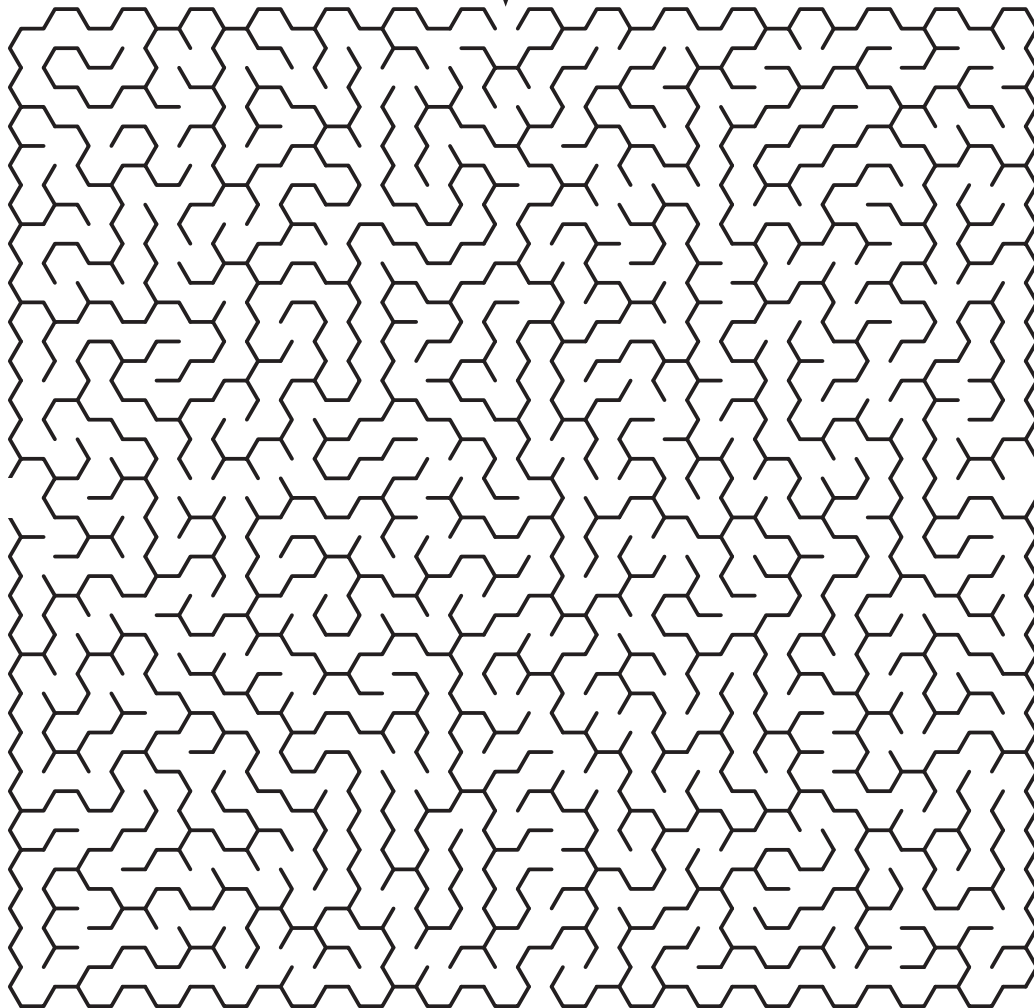
The **ANSWER** to the maze will tell you!

**Elijah**



**Strong  
Wind**

**Fire**



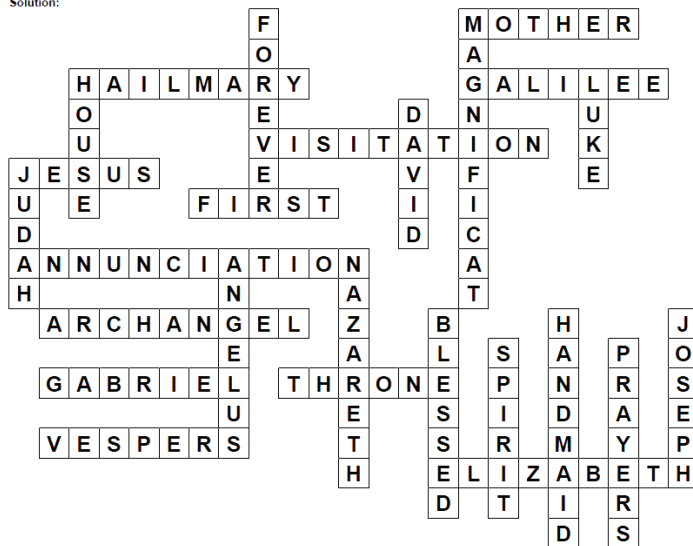
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**Small Voice**

# MONDAY / December 16 – ANSWER KEY

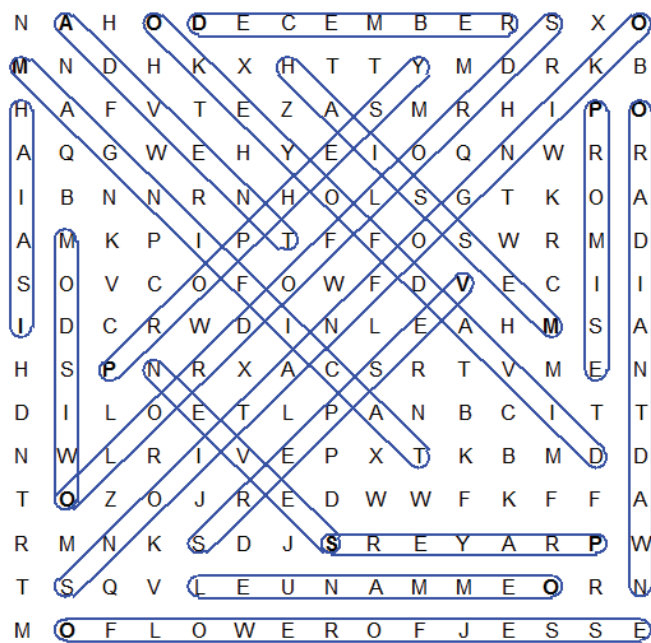
## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mysteries Crossword

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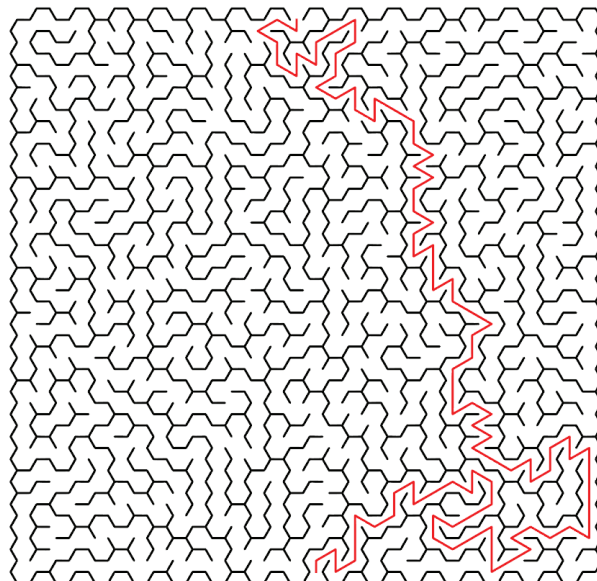


## O Antiphons

Who recognized Jesus before He was born: John the Baptist (in his mother's womb), Elizabeth, and Saint Joseph



## Elijah maze



## ELISHA in Salvation History



**Elisha was a disciple of Elijah** (don't get their names confused!), and he became a great prophet after him. Just like Elijah, God performed many miracles through Elisha. Today's Jesse Tree VIDEO tells about one of them!



**READ** about Elisha in **2 Kings chapter 5**.

**WRITE** the name of the person that each illustration reminds you of and why on the lines below. **COLOR** the illustrations then draw a line from each illustration to the name of the person it reminds you of. Explain to your Mom & Dad what they all mean!

The Slingshot reminds me of ...

Because he ...



The Crown reminds me of ...

Because he ...

The Temple reminds me of ...

Because he ...

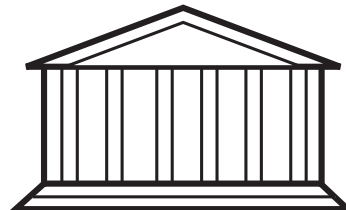
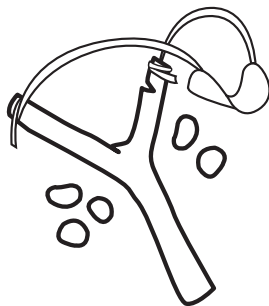


Stone Tablets remind me of ...

Because he ...

The Stump reminds me of ...

Because he ...



The Wheat reminds me of ...

Because she ...

## TUESDAY / December 17 – ANSWER KEY

### Elisha

The slingshot reminds me of David.

The Temple reminds me of Solomon.

The stump reminds me of Jesse.

The crown reminds me of Saul.

The stone tablets remind me of Moses.

The wheat reminds me of Ruth.

# ISAIAH, the Prophet of the Messiah

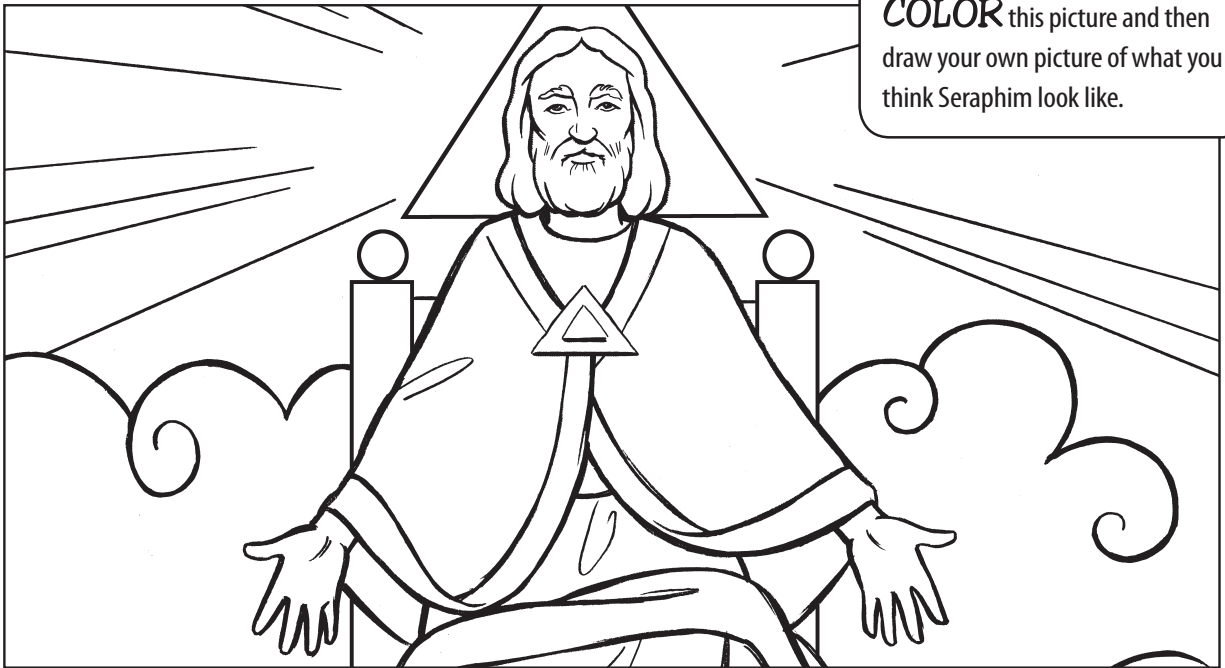
God sent many prophets to Israel to tell them to stop sinning, to tell them to repent, and to warn them. Then, God sent Isaiah, the prophet who told them what the promised Messiah would be like. Once, Isaiah saw a vision of God sitting on His throne and six-winged seraphim were with Him.



You can **READ** Isaiah chapter 6.



**READ** the Picture Bible pages 491-492.



**SOLVE** the **cryptogram** below to reveal what Isaiah heard the seraphim saying. Isaiah gave us the "O Antiphons," which told us about God, so we've filled in each "O" and the words referring to God for you already! (If you're stumped, go to Isaiah 6:3.)

Real letter:	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Code letter:		R						Z	B		M		K		H	Q										

\_O\_, \_O\_, \_O\_, \_ \_ \_ \_ LORD O\_ \_O\_;  
ZKMG, ZKMG, ZKMG, BQ JZF MKHR KN ZKQJQ;

\_ \_ \_ O\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ O\_ HIS \_O\_.  
JZF SZKMF FIHJZ BQ NDMM KN ZBQ CMKHG.

Where have you heard something very much like this? \_\_\_\_\_

## WEDNESDAY / December 18 – ANSWER KEY

### Isaiah

Cryptogram solutions:

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.

Plain: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Cipher: I W L R F N C Z B U T M X E K O A H Q J D P S Y G H

Where have you heard this? At Mass (just before we kneel down during the Eucharistic Prayer)



**THURSDAY** / December 19

## DANIEL in Salvation History



**The prophet Daniel lived during a time when the Jews were not allowed to live in Israel.** He became an adviser to the Persian king, but the other advisers to the king became very jealous of him—and they plotted against him.

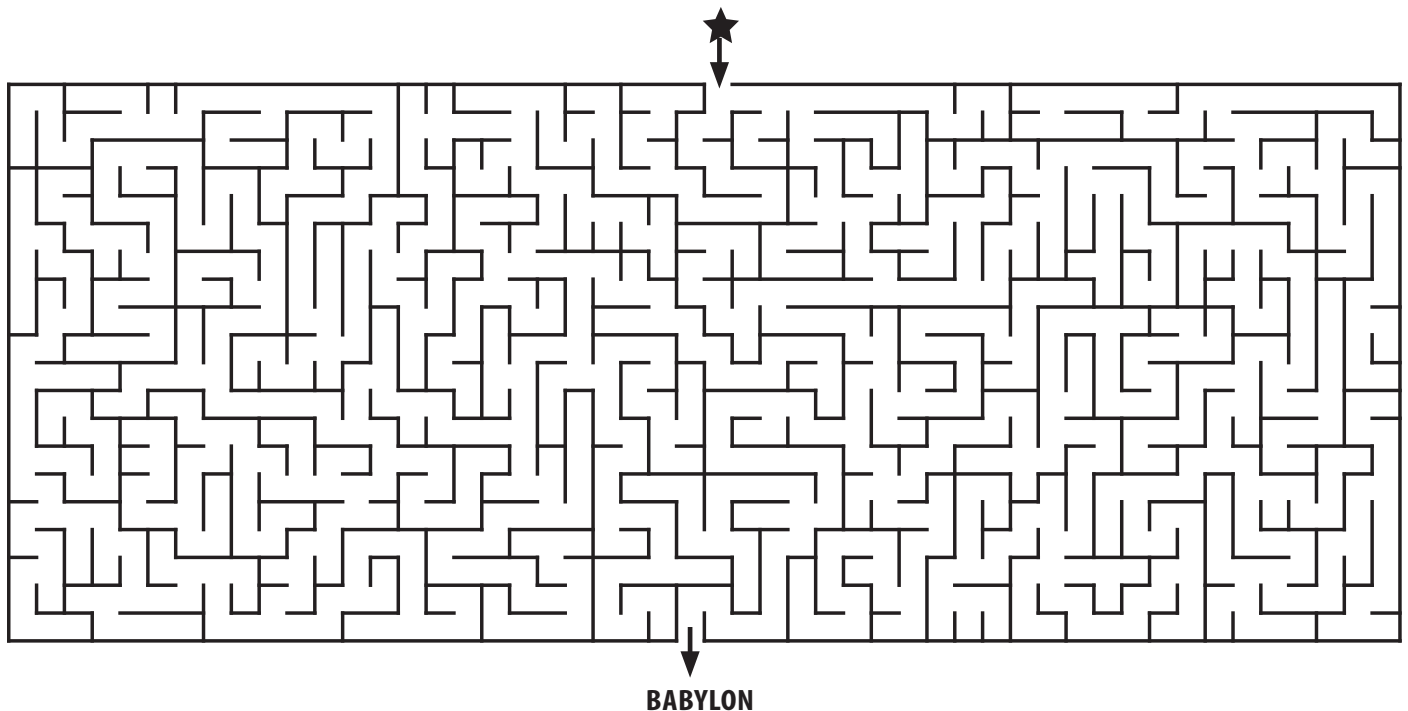


**READ** about it in the **Book of Daniel, chapter 6.**

**WATCH** the video and then **ANSWER** the questions below.

- Where did Daniel live?
  - Persia
  - Israel
  - Asia
  - Babylon
- The names of Daniel's three friends were . . .
  - Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, and Saul
  - Lucy, Susan, and Peter
  - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
  - Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli
- Daniel could interpret what?
  - Stories
  - Messages
  - Dreams
  - Visions
- Why was Daniel thrown in the lions' den?
  - He was mean
  - The king didn't like him
  - The wise men were jealous
  - The lions were hungry

**HELP** Daniel and his friends get safely to Babylon ... **START** at the **STAR** and exit at the bottom.



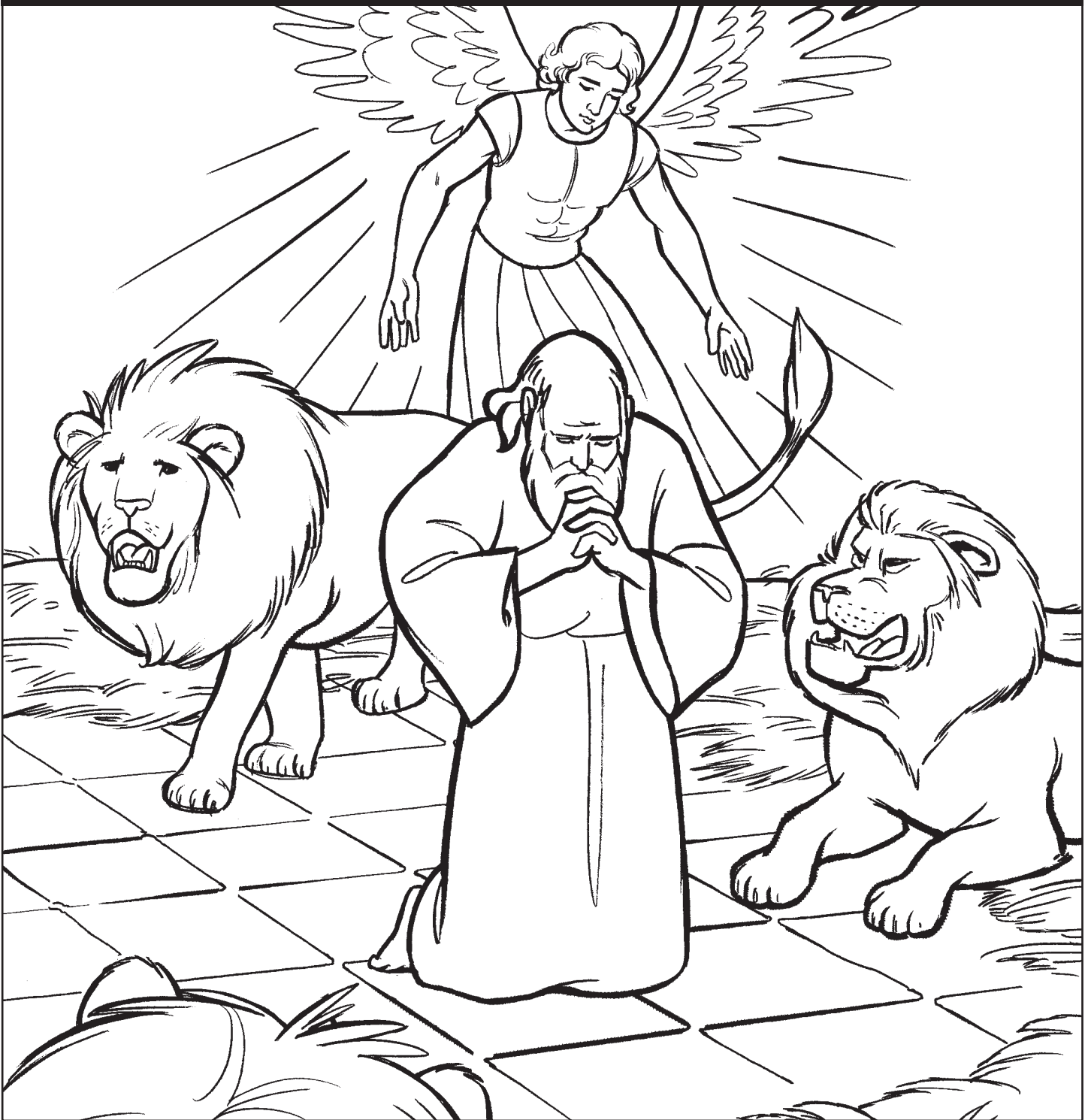


## THURSDAY / December 19



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 515–533.

**COLOR** this picture of Daniel in the lions' den. Notice that he is praying and that God sent an angel to protect him!





**THURSDAY** / December 19

## JEREMIAH in Salvation History



**Jeremiah was a prophet who tried to get the people to repent and stop sinning...** but the people wouldn't listen to him. So, God allowed the Babylonians to invade and conquer them. **WATCH** the Jesse Tree VIDEO—it shows a lot of kids acting out the Babylonian invasion. It was fun for the Adventure Guides, but in real life, it was not fun for the Jews! We

have only a few more days of Advent left, so Jeremiah's message to repent is a good one for us.



**READ** about it in the book of **Jeremiah chapter 31**.

After you've watched the video, take this **QUIZ** about Jeremiah and the Israelites!

1. Why did Jeremiah warn the Israelites to repent?
  - a. They were worshipping false gods and not obeying God's laws
  - b. They wasted their money on foolish things
  - c. They didn't obey the Babylonians well enough
2. What important building did the Babylonians destroy when they captured the Israelites?
  - a. Jeremiah's house
  - b. The Temple
  - c. The White House
3. What did Jeremiah say that God had promised to do for the Israelites?
  - a. Make a new covenant with them
  - b. Send them manna when they were hungry
  - c. Repair the Temple for them

Now is also a good time to look back at your Advent so far and to plan for the remaining days until Christmas. **LIST** some things you are going to DO —especially during these last days of Advent—to help others:

**What I will do...**

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**Whom I will help...**

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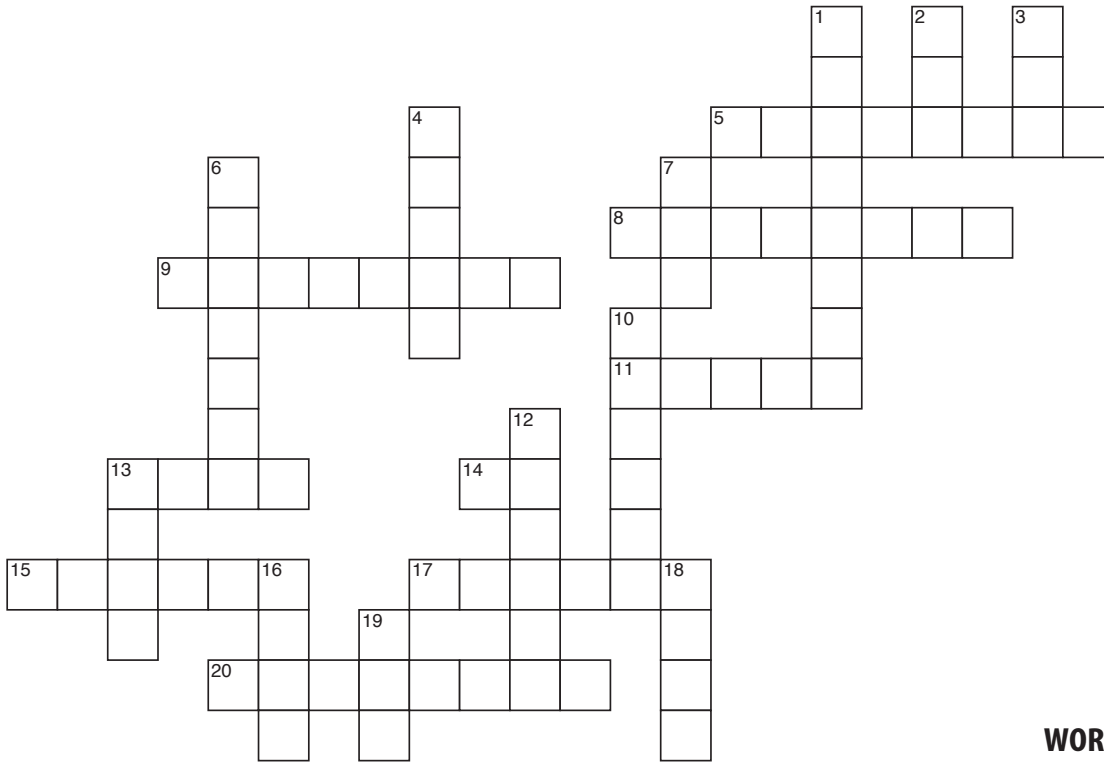
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READ the **Picture Bible** pages 493–508.

**COMPLETE** the Bible quotes **CROSSWORD** below. (All the quotes are from Jeremiah chapter 31.)



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## ACROSS

- 5 "Not like the \_\_\_\_\_ which I made with their fathers..."
- 8 "My \_\_\_\_\_ which they broke,"
- 9 "But this is the \_\_\_\_\_"
- 11 "When I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of \_\_\_\_\_,"
- 13 "Though I was their husband, says the \_\_\_\_\_."
- 14 "For they shall all know \_\_\_\_\_,"
- 15 "With the House of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 17 "Which I will make with the House of \_\_\_\_\_"
- 20 "From the least of them to the \_\_\_\_\_,"

## DOWN

- 1 "I will make a new \_\_\_\_\_"
- 2 "And no longer shall each \_\_\_\_\_ teach his neighbor..."
- 3 "and I will remember their \_\_\_\_\_ no more."
- 4 "And the House of \_\_\_\_\_,"
- 6 "And each his \_\_\_\_\_,"
- 7 "And I will be their \_\_\_\_\_,"
- 10 "And they shall be my \_\_\_\_\_."
- 12 "And I will write it upon their \_\_\_\_\_,"
- 13 "After those days, says the \_\_\_\_\_:"
- 16 "Saying, 'know the \_\_\_\_\_' "
- 18 "Says the \_\_\_\_\_; for I will forgive their iniquity,"
- 19 "I will put my \_\_\_\_\_ within them,"

## WORD BANK:

*You will use some words more than once.*

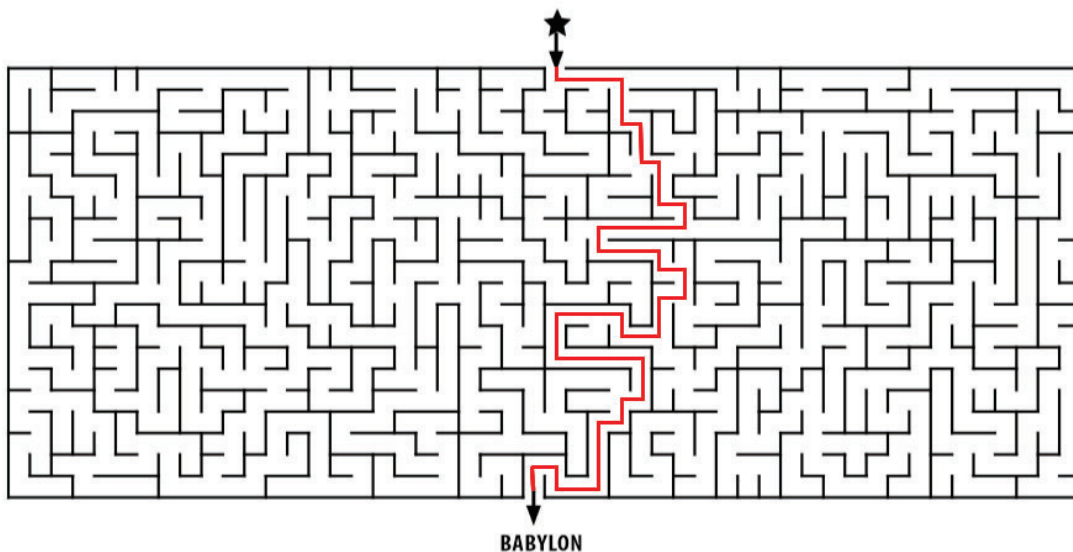
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covenant  
Egypt  
God  
greatest  
hearts  
Israel  
Judah  
law  
Lord  
man  
me  
people  
sin

**THURSDAY** / December 19

## ANSWER KEY

### Daniel

1. Where did Daniel live?
  - a. Persia
  - b. Israel
  - c. Asia
  - d. Babylon ←
  
2. The names of Daniel's three friends were...
  - a. Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, and Saul
  - b. Lucy, Susan, and Peter
  - c. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ←
  - d. Aragorn, Legolas, and Gimli
  
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**THURSDAY** / December 19

## ANSWER KEY

### Jeremiah

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### Crossword

**Solution:**



**FRIDAY** / December 20

## Angels, Angels Everywhere!



Have you noticed how many times in the Bible God sends angels as messengers? God sends angels to speak to you, too—and you have a special Guardian Angel whom God has sent to protect you during your entire life. Ask your guardian angel to help you every day. **WATCH** the **SPECIAL** Jesse Tree today about angels.

Everyone who was present on the night Jesus was born had been invited by angels! **COLOR** the picture of Jesus and His family and the angel!





READ the **Picture Bible** pages 88, 511, and 556–557

## HELP the ANGELS!

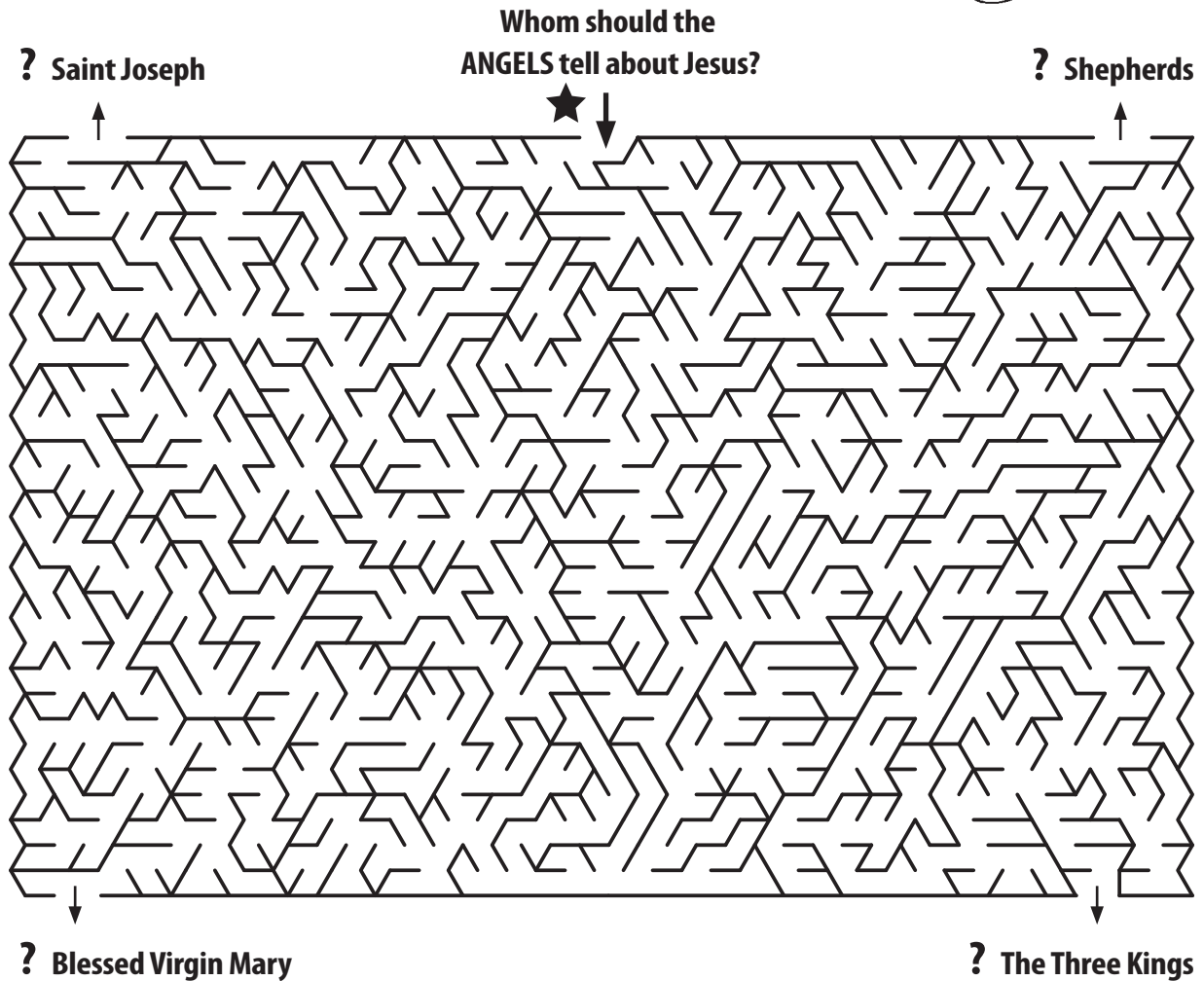
God sent angels to tell several different people about Jesus.

**Do you know remember whom?**

**Solve the maze** below to find out!

Connect the ANGELS to the people.

*(It's tricky—more than one path works!)*



## Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist

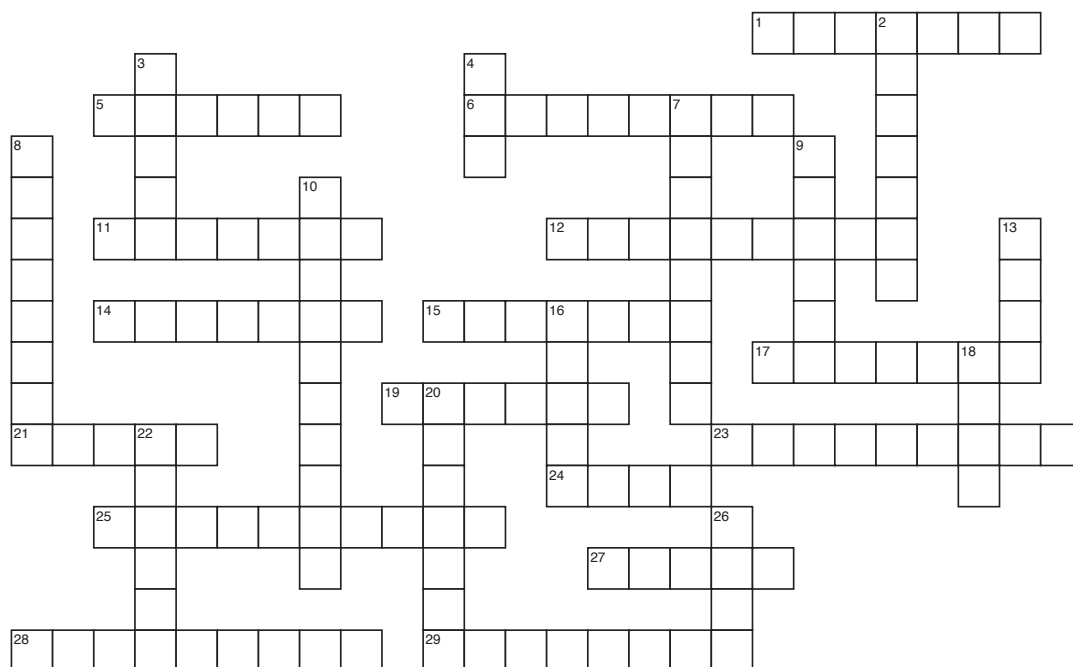


**WATCH today's video** about Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist. Zechariah was a priest during Jesus's time and Elizabeth was his wife. They were old and could not have any children, which made them very sad. One day, the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and said his wife would soon be pregnant and they were to name the baby John. Zechariah wouldn't believe the angel and asked for proof. Gabriel punished Zechariah by

saying he wouldn't be able to speak until all the promises came true. Zechariah and Elizabeth did have the baby, and we know him now as John the Baptist!



**READ** about it in **Luke chapter 1**.



**COMPLETE** this **CROSSWORD**—it contains many of the things we've learned this Advent!

### WORD LIST

antiphon	red
Christian	roses
coal	serpent
Elijah	seven
Elisha	Solomon
Elizabeth	temple
Epiphany	tree
Gabriel	unclean
Gaudete	Visitation
Goliath	Zechariah
Isaac	
Isaiah	
Jesus	
Lucy	
Magnificat	
Melchior	
Nativity	
radiant	
raven	

### ACROSS

- 1 Archangel who appeared to Zechariah.
- 5 Where the 12-year old Jesus was found.
- 6 What do we call the day we celebrate the visit of the Three Kings?
- 11 Isaiah said that he had \_\_\_\_\_ lips.
- 12 Decorate your Christmas tree with \_\_\_\_\_, not pagan, ornaments.
- 14 A \_\_\_\_\_ tempted Adam and Eve.
- 15 The name of the giant David killed.
- 17 The third Sunday of Advent is called \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.
- 19 Who was the prophet who foretold the birth of Jesus?
- 21 This bird brought food to Elijah.
- 23 Cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 24 An angel touched Isaiah's mouth with a burning \_\_\_\_\_.

- 25 The Second Joyful Mystery.
- 27 Christmas is the birthday of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 28 The father of John the Baptist.
- 29 The Third Joyful Mystery.

### DOWN

- 2 The O Antiphon for Dec 21 is, "O \_\_\_\_\_ Dawn."
- 3 How many "O Antiphons" are there?
- 4 What color does the priest wear on martyrs' feast days?
- 7 This is a short verse said before the Magnificat during Vespers.
- 8 One of the Magi.
- 9 This prophet came right after Elijah.
- 10 This is the prayer Mary said when she went to visit Elizabeth in the Second Joyful Mystery.

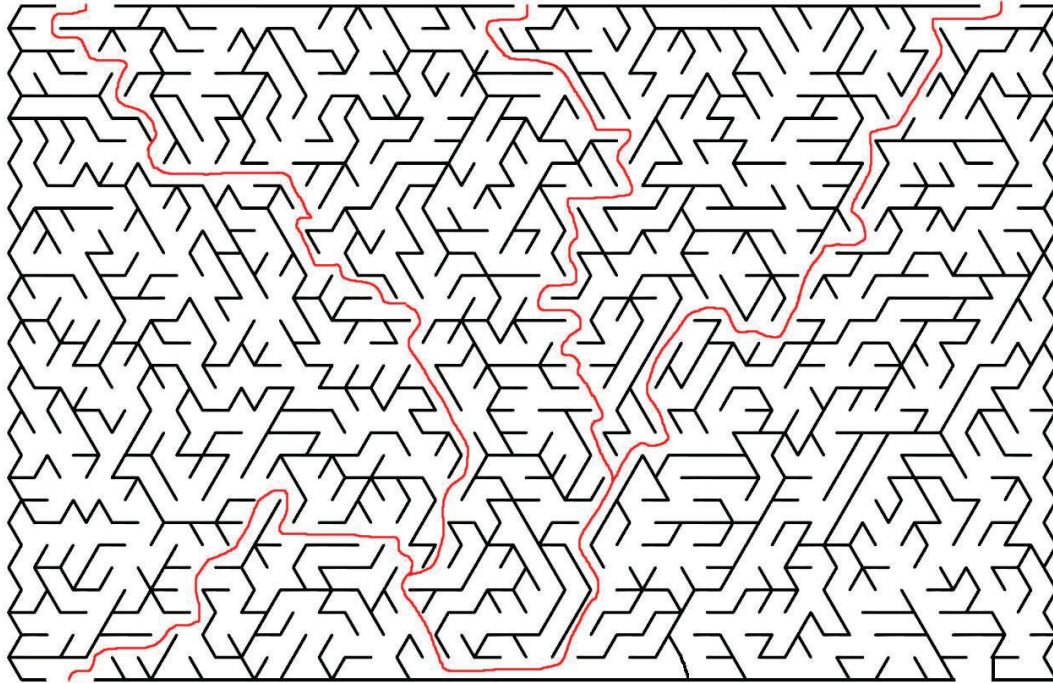
- 13 This color of vestments is worn only twice per year.
- 16 Who was the son of Abraham and the father of Jacob?
- 18 The Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ is a symbol of the Tree of Life.
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ built the Temple in Jerusalem.
- 22 \_\_\_\_\_ told the Israelites to stop worshipping Ba'al.
- 26 Saint \_\_\_\_\_ was a virgin martyred by the Romans for being a Christian.



## Angels

Saint Joseph

Shepherds



Blessed Virgin Mary
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## The Three Kings

## Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John the Baptist

**Solution:**



## The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY in Salvation History

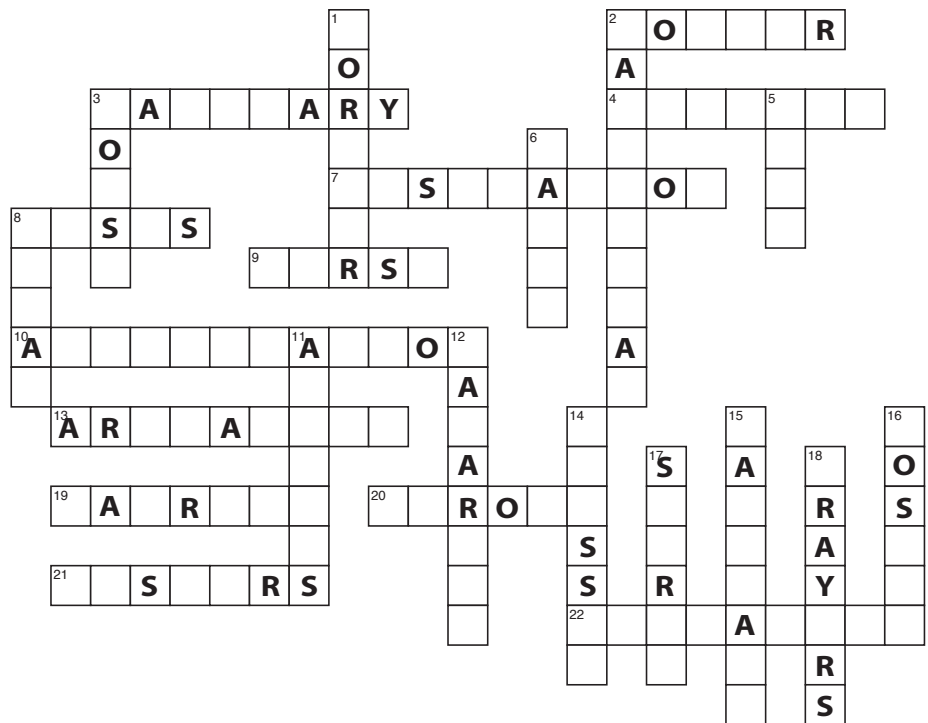


**WATCH** today's "Jesse Tree" video—it tells the story of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, the person closest to Jesus Christ from the moment of His conception until His death on the Cross!

Think about what it must have been like for Mary and St. Joseph as it got closer and closer to the time for Baby Jesus to be born! They were the parents of the King of the Universe!

The **Blessed Virgin Mary** wants to help you... and one way to do it is by helping you pray the **Rosary**!

We want to help you, too. That's why we have already filled in all the letters from the word "rosary" wherever they appear in the crossword.



### ACROSS

- 2 Elizabeth called Mary the "\_\_\_\_ of my Lord."
- 3 Prayed 10 times each rosary decade (2 words)
- 4 Nazareth is in this region
- 7 The 2nd Joyful Mystery
- 8 Gabriel told Mary to call her son this name
- 9 This Joyful Mystery mentions all 3 Persons of the Trinity
- 10 The 1st Joyful Mystery
- 13 Gabriel is this
- 19 The "Hail, Mary" has this Archangel's greeting
- 20 Mary's son will have the \_\_\_\_ of his father David
- 21 The Magnificat is prayed during this
- 22 Mother of John the Baptist

### DOWN

- 1 Gabriel said Jesus' Kingdom would last this long
- 2 This prayer is said during Vespers
- 3 Mary's son will rule over the \_\_\_\_ of Jacob
- 5 Gospel records 1st & 2nd Joyful Mysteries
- 6 Joseph was of the "house of \_\_\_\_"
- 8 Elizabeth lived in this region
- 11 Reminds us of Jesus becoming a baby in Mary's womb
- 12 Gabriel appeared in this town to Mary
- 14 All generations will call Mary \_\_\_\_
- 15 "Behold, I am the \_\_\_\_ of the Lord"
- 16 Mary was betrothed to him
- 17 When she heard Mary's greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_
- 18 We use beads to count our \_\_\_\_ in the rosary.

## SATURDAY / December 21



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 554–561.

**It is getting very close to Christmas!** Think about the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph. They did not know what it would be like to have a baby in their family—and this would be not just any baby, but the Son of God, whom they had to protect and care for.

Your parents had to protect and care for you when you were a baby, too. **ASK** them to tell you what they did to prepare for the day you were born—they were loving you and taking care of you before they could even see you!

**COLOR** the picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph below.



An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son. And you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:20-21)

SATURDAY / December 21 – ANSWER KEY

Blessed Virgin Mary

Crossword

Solution:

The crossword puzzle grid is filled with the following words:

- Across: 1. HAIL MARY, 3. VISITATION, 4. FIRST, 5. ANNUNCIATION, 6. ARCHANGEL, 7. GABRIEL, 8. VESPER, 9. THRONES, 10. ELIZABETH, 11. MOTHER, 12. GALILEE, 13. K, 14. U, 15. E, 16. D, 17. F, 18. A, 19. G, 20. A, 21. L, 22. I, 23. L, 24. E, 25. E, 26. U, 27. K, 28. E, 29. F, 30. I, 31. C, 32. A, 33. T, 34. B, 35. L, 36. S, 37. P, 38. A, 39. N, 40. D, 41. R, 42. A, 43. S, 44. E, 45. P, 46. H, 47. J, 48. O, 49. S, 50. E, 51. P, 52. H, 53. D, 54. T, 55. I, 56. R, 57. S.
- Down: 1. F, 2. O, 3. E, 4. V, 5. I, 6. S, 7. I, 8. T, 9. A, 10. T, 11. I, 12. O, 13. N, 14. K, 15. E, 16. D, 17. F, 18. A, 19. G, 20. A, 21. L, 22. I, 23. L, 24. E, 25. E, 26. U, 27. K, 28. E, 29. F, 30. I, 31. C, 32. A, 33. T, 34. B, 35. L, 36. S, 37. P, 38. A, 39. N, 40. D, 41. R, 42. A, 43. S, 44. E, 45. P, 46. H, 47. J, 48. O, 49. S, 50. E, 51. P, 52. H, 53. D, 54. T, 55. I, 56. R, 57. S.

## Fourth SUNDAY in Advent / December 22

### "You shall name Him Jesus!"

Hooray—it's finally the 4th (and last!) Sunday of Advent!

Here's a **COLORING PAGE** about the Gospel Reading in today's Mass. **Do you recognize it?** It is The \_\_\_\_\_



When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry,


*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."* (Luke 1:41-42)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

This worksheet is intended for children not yet reading or just learning.  
They may need simple instructions from you to complete the activities.

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

 circle your answer!



RED



GREEN



VIOLET



ROSE



WHITE

2. The first reading is from the book of ...

Micah

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

How many are there?  Circle the correct number!

1 2 3 4



How many sheep are there?  
Count each one and write the number (or make tick marks)!



\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your  
and we shall be saved.

face

4. The second reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the

Hebrews

5. In the Gospel according to Luke this week, Mary goes to visit

Elizabeth

Trace Mary's path to visit her cousin!



# Fourth SUNDAY of Advent / December 22

## MASS QUIZ!

Take this to Mass with you, then listen carefully! You'll see and 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. The first reading is from:
  - a. Micah
  - b. Exodus
  - c. Leviticus
5. In this reading, the LORD says a ruler for Israel will come from where?
  - a. Egypt
  - b. Nazareth
  - c. Bethlehem
6. The Responsorial Psalm includes, "Lord, make us turn to You; Let us see Your \_\_\_\_\_ and we shall be saved."
7. The 2nd Reading is from the Letter to the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In the 2nd Reading, Christ says (twice!), "Behold, I come to do \_\_\_\_\_."
9. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Who speaks in this Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_
11. **BONUS:** What Mystery of the Rosary is this reading about? \_\_\_\_\_
12. **BONUS 2:** We hear some of the words from this Gospel in what prayer?  
(Hint: think of the Rosary!) \_\_\_\_\_



# Fourth SUNDAY of Advent / December 22

## Mass coloring page

Question at top: The Visitation

## Mass Quiz

1. Violet (purple)
2. Four
3. 3 violet, 1 rose
4. a
5. c
6. face
7. Hebrews
8. Your will
9. Luke
10. Elizabeth
11. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Joyful Mystery
12. The Hail Mary



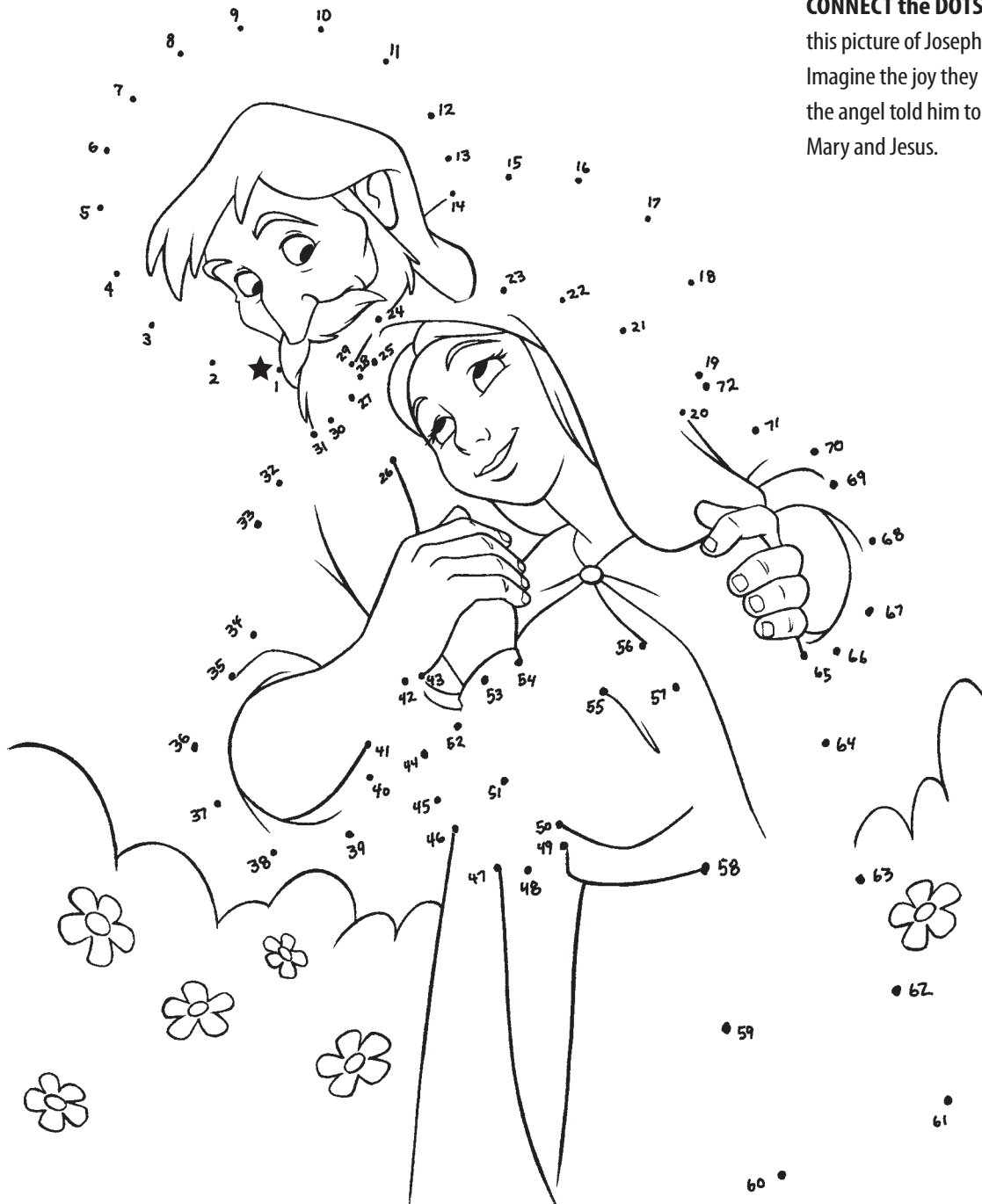
**MONDAY** / December 23

## JOSEPH, Mary's Husband and Foster Father of Jesus



**Saint Joseph** was the man God chose to be the foster father of His Son on earth. Joseph was a caring husband to Mary, a loving father to Jesus, a hard-working craftsman, and the protector of the Holy Family.

**CONNECT the DOTS** to complete this picture of Joseph and Mary. Imagine the joy they felt after the angel told him to take care of Mary and Jesus.



# MONDAY / December 23



READ the **Picture Bible** pages 563–565.

After you have **WATCHED the VIDEO**, take this **QUIZ** below about Saint Joseph!

1. When is St. Joseph's (the Husband of Mary) feast day?
  - a. March 19
  - b. October 1
  - c. January 2
  - d. May 1
2. What is St. Joseph the patron saint of?
  - a. Grandparents
  - b. Fathers and husbands
  - c. Good in-laws
  - d. Charities and orphanages
3. The Bible does NOT tell us about St Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. Visions of angels
  - b. Spoken words
  - c. Obedience to God's Will
  - d. Marriage to Mary
4. St. Joseph's ancestors were who?  
(Hint: there is more than one!)
  - a. David
  - b. Ruth
  - c. Saul
  - d. Daniel

You can get a **BIG 17-page coloring download** of the **Life of Saint Joseph** now at **HolyHeroes.com!**

You will find the pictures are a great summary of what we've learned this Advent about the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary!

## The Life of Saint Joseph

The Foster-Father of Jesus and Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary



We hope you enjoy these bonus coloring pages about the life of Saint Joseph.

The Solemnity honoring Saint Joseph as the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is often celebrated during Lent—and we even pray the Gloria at Mass on that day!

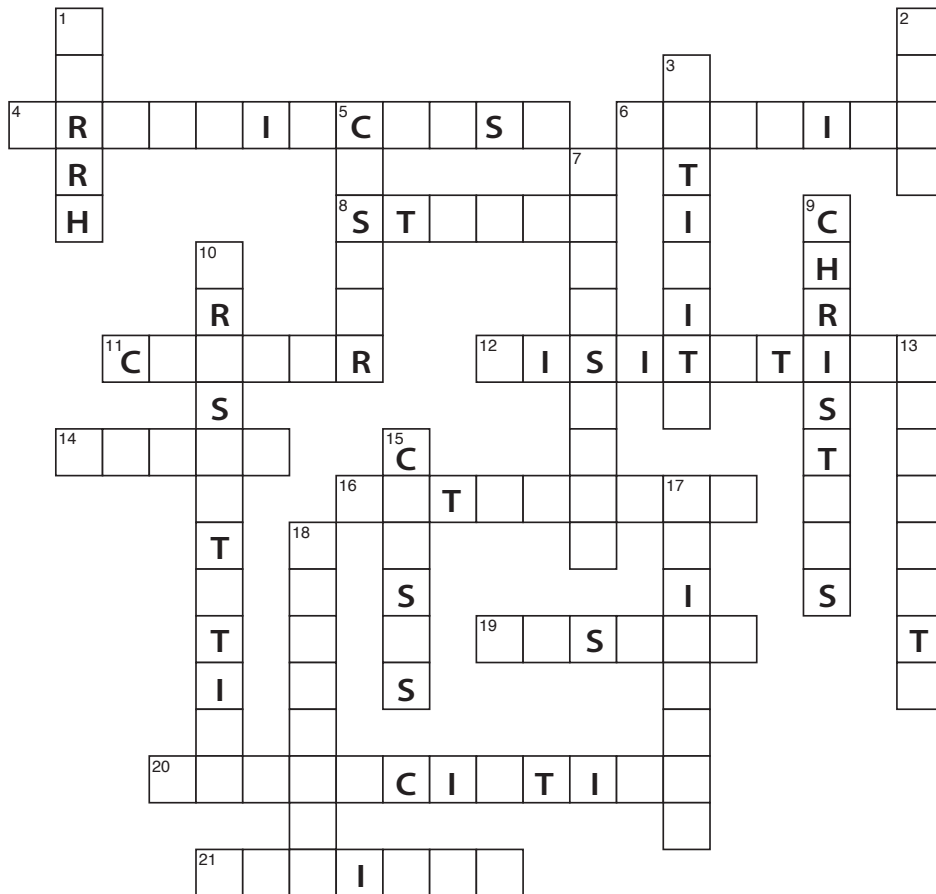
Do you know what date it usually is? Write it here: \_\_\_\_\_

Get this big 17-page  
St Joseph coloring  
DOWNLOAD today!



## Feasts of the Christmas Season!

**SOLVE** this **CROSSWORD PUZZLE** below!



Your Adventure Guides have helped you by filling in all the boxes that contain the letters that are found in the word "C-H-R-I-S-T"—you fill in the rest!



### ACROSS

- 4 The gift the 3 Kings gave to Jesus because He is God.
- 6 The angel who appeared to Zechariah.
- 8 Where Jesus was born
- 11 \_\_\_\_ Augustus decreed a census.
- 12 2nd Joyful Mystery
- 14 Bethlehem is in this region.
- 16 The "City of David."
- 19 He was of the house of David.
- 20 1st Joyful Mystery
- 21 Nazareth is in this region.

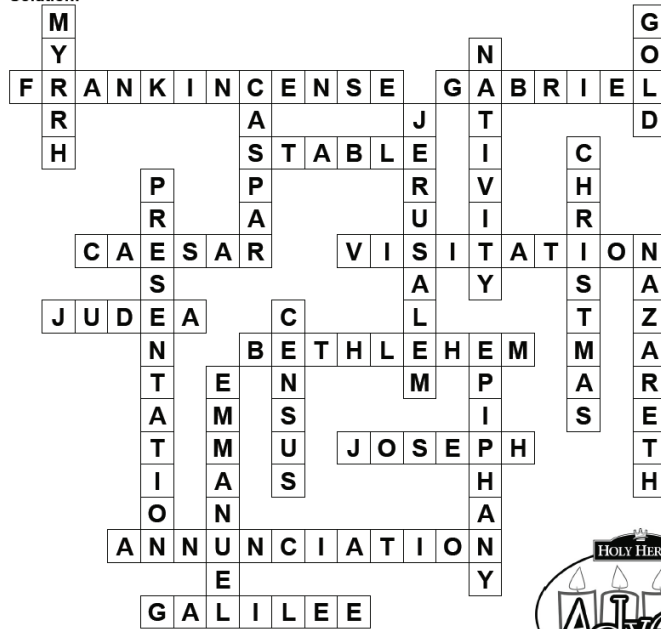
### DOWN

- 1 The gift the 3 Kings gave to Jesus because He would die for our sins.
- 2 The gift the 3 Kings gave to Jesus because He is King.
- 3 3rd Joyful Mystery
- 5 The 3 Kings were named \_\_\_\_, Melchior, and Balthasar.
- 7 Where was Jesus found in the 5th Joyful Mystery?
- 9 The first Solemnity we celebrate during the Christmas Season is \_\_\_\_ Day!
- 10 4th Joyful Mystery
- 13 Mary and Joseph traveled from here to Bethlehem
- 15 Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the \_\_\_\_.
- 17 The last Solemnity we celebrate during the Christmas Season.
- 18 This means "God with us."

# MONDAY / December 23 – ANSWER KEY

## Feasts of the Christmas Season

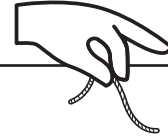
Solution:



**TUESDAY** / December 24

## Christmas Eve!

It's finally Christmas Eve! Have you put a lot of straw in the "Sacrifice Manger" for Baby Jesus? You still have one more day to get ready!



It's time to **COLOR** in your Baby Jesus—so you can put Him in your Sacrifice Manger on Christmas Day!

When you are done coloring, carefully **CUT** Him out along the dotted line.

On Christmas Day, **PLACE** Baby Jesus in the Sacrifice Manger on top of all that nice soft "straw" that you have put there during the Advent Season!



*A SUGGESTION:*  
*Tape a piece of cardboard to the back to make Him more sturdy in the manger.*

**TUESDAY** / December 24

# Christmas Eve! All the Adventure Guides are so excited for Christmas Morning to arrive!

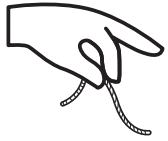


You can **READ** Luke chapter 2.



**READ** the Picture Bible pages 554-558.

**SACRIFICE MANGER:** It's time to finish up your **Manger Scene** and prepare your **Sacrifice Manger** for Baby Jesus. Put everyone around the manger, waiting for Jesus, just like the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph did two thousand years ago. We hope you've made a lot of sacrifices and acts of love so there is a lot of "straw" in the manger!



The **Adventure Guides** want you to **COMPLETE** the **WORD SEARCH** below to reveal a **special message** that we have for you and your family!

M A E Y L E I N A D Y H O  
 U V A H P E S O J J I A J  
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 U T M L R F C M I S A R R  
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## WORD LIST

Abraham	Eve	Joseph
Adam	Isaac	Mary
Daniel	Isaiah	Moses
David	Jacob	Noah
Elijah	Jeremiah	Samuel
Elisha	Jesse	Solomon
Elizabeth	Jesus	Zechariah

## There's a secret message in this word search!

When you have found all the words in the WORD LIST above, circle the **UNUSED LETTERS** in the grid and put them in order into the blank spaces below to find the special message to you and your family from the **Adventure Guides**!



Caroline



Lillian



Therese



Anna



Trey



Margaret



Clara



Virginia

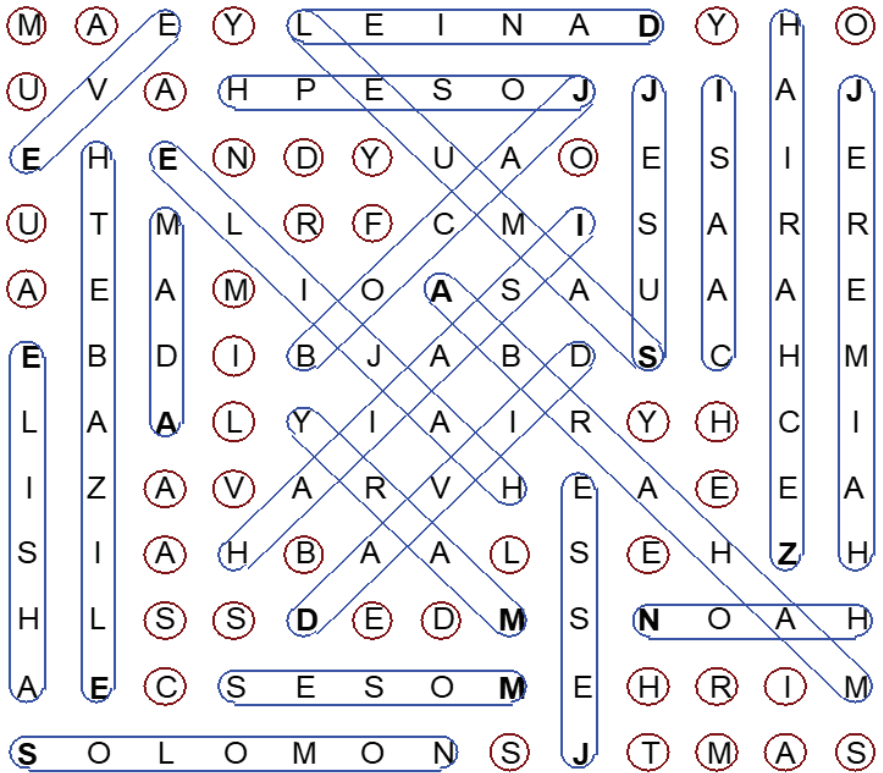
Fill in the blank spaces below to read a special Christmas Season to you and your family from all of us!

\_\_\_\_\_ !

# TUESDAY / December 24 – ANSWER KEY

## Christmas Eve

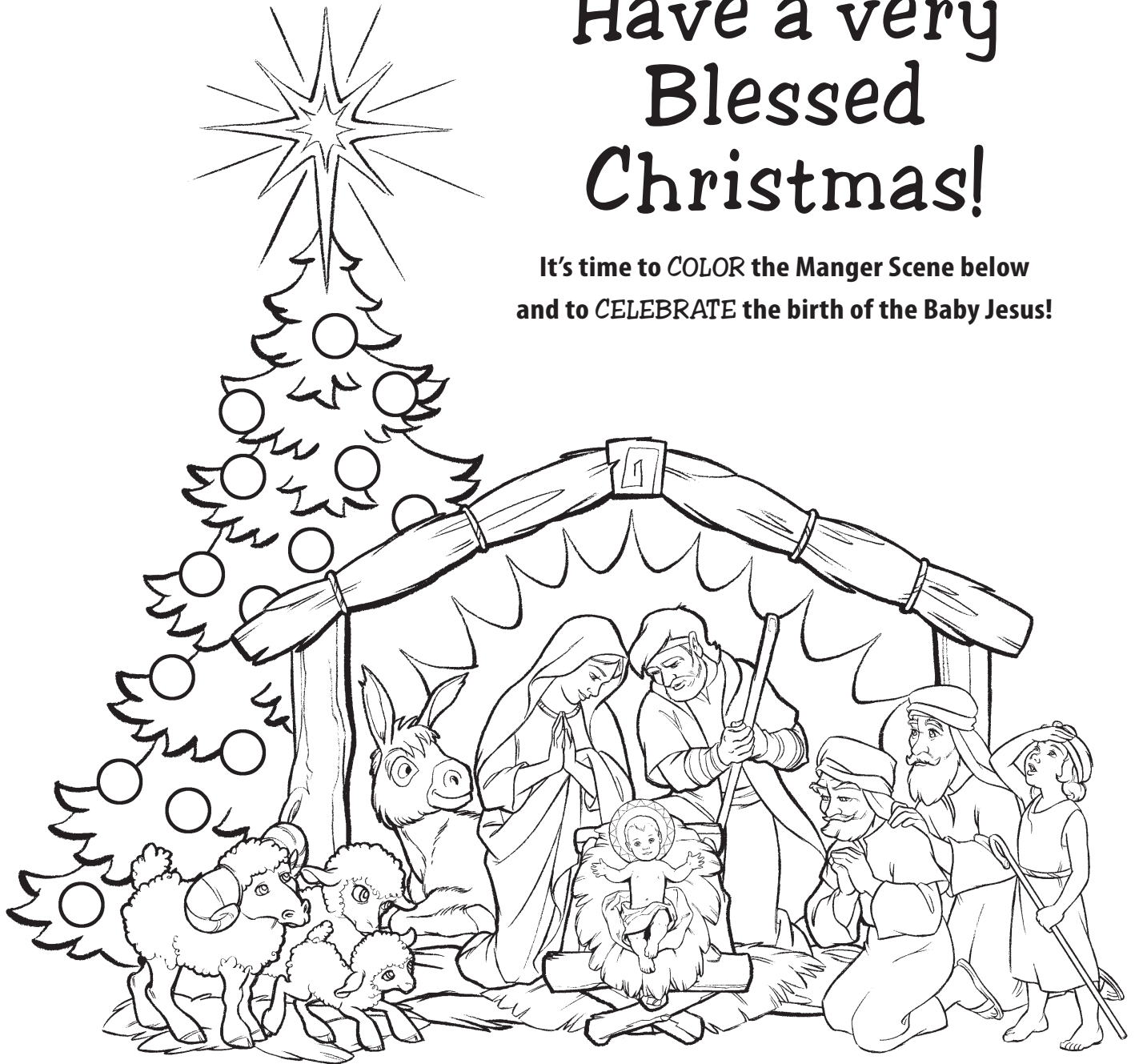
May you and your family have  
a blessed Christmas!



# Christmas Day

## Have a very Blessed Christmas!

It's time to *COLOR* the Manger Scene below  
and to *CELEBRATE* the birth of the Baby Jesus!



*REMINDER: Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025...*

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