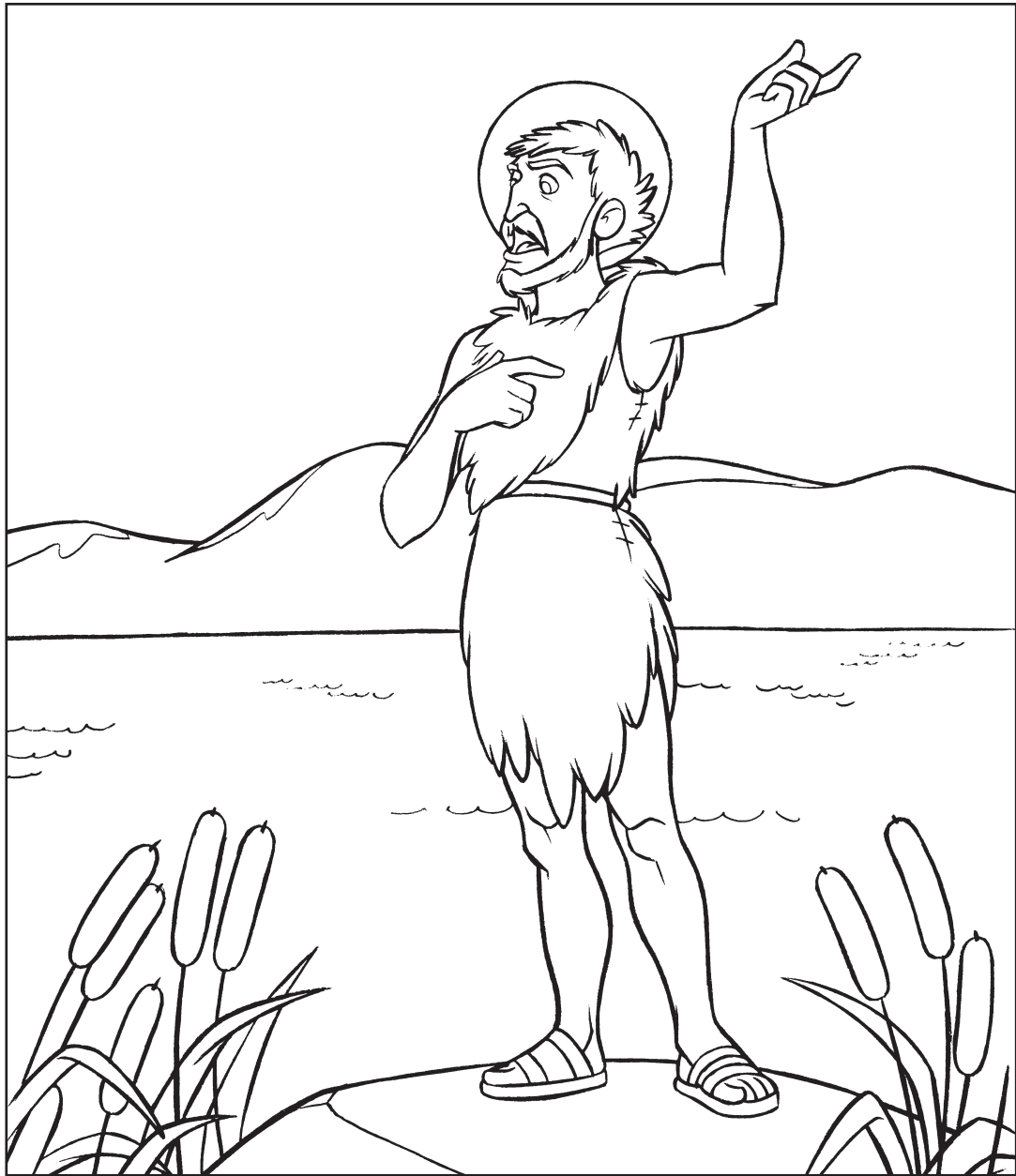


Second SUNDAY of ADVENT

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 ____.

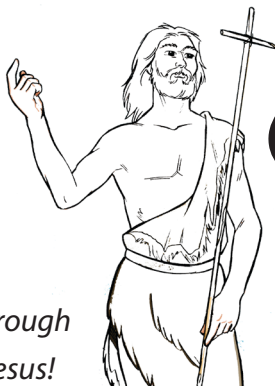
Philippians

5. The Gospel according to

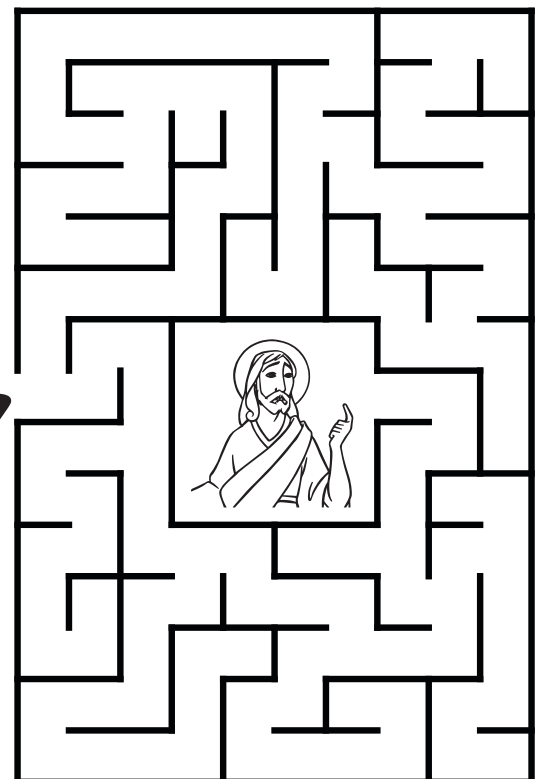
Luke

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!



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



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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



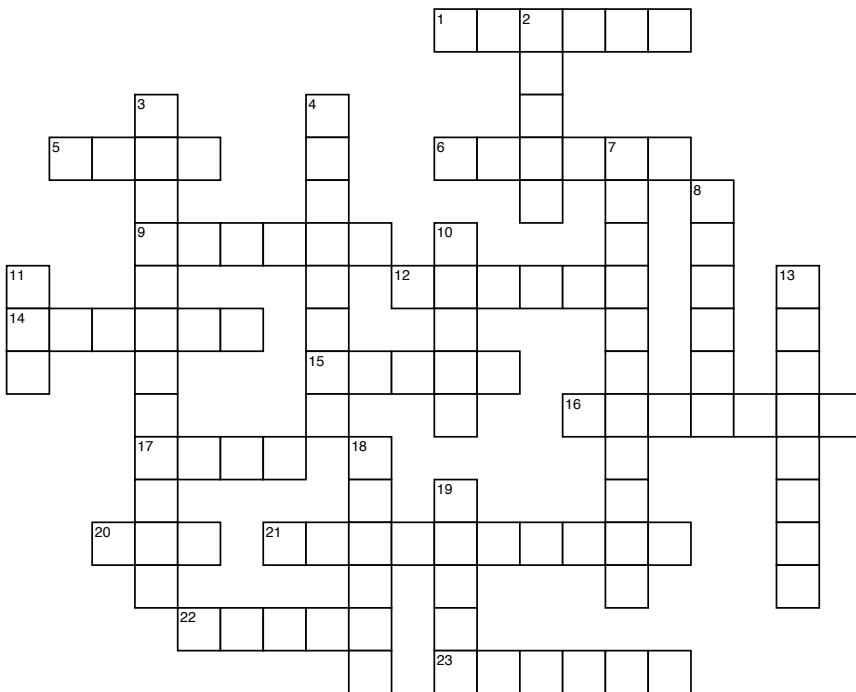
Isaac was an obedient son . . . but his son, Jacob, was not! Jacob tricked his father to steal his brother's blessing, and that led to a lot of problems for his whole family. Jacob even had to run away so he wouldn't get killed!



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

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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?

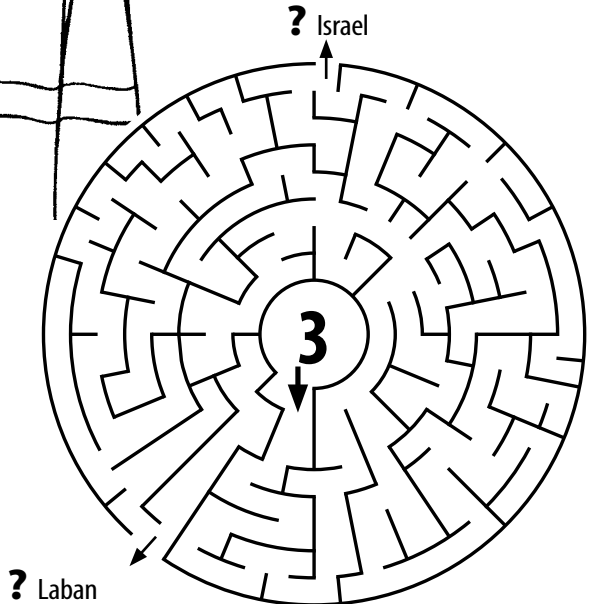
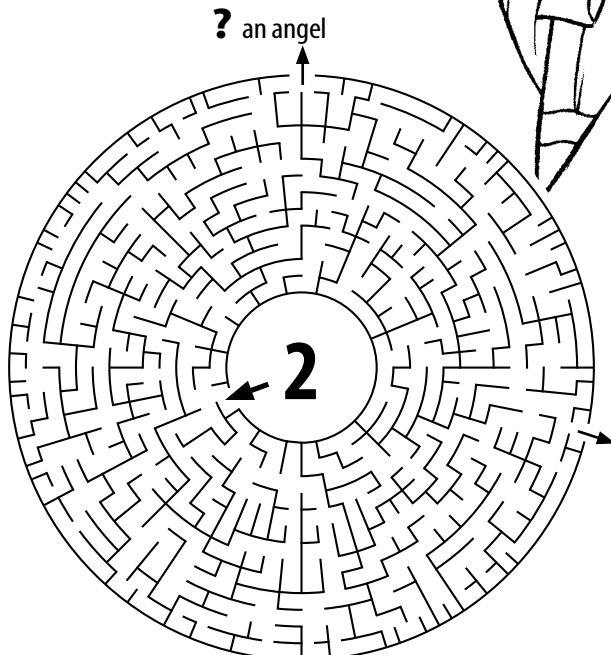
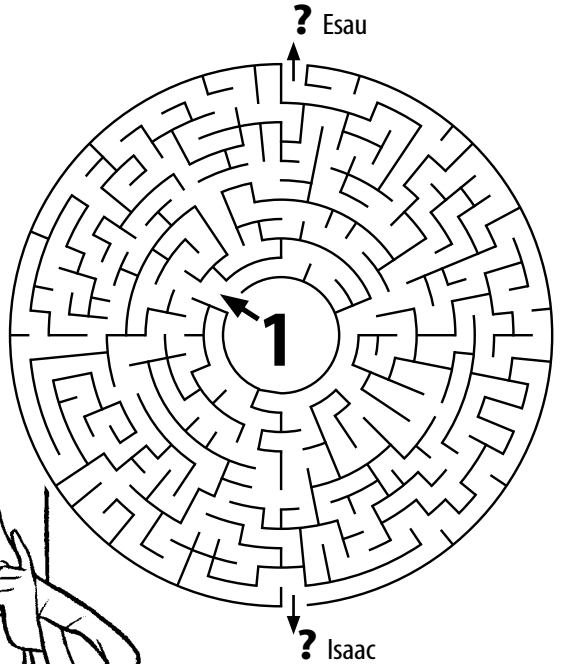
- a. Esau
- b. Isaac

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

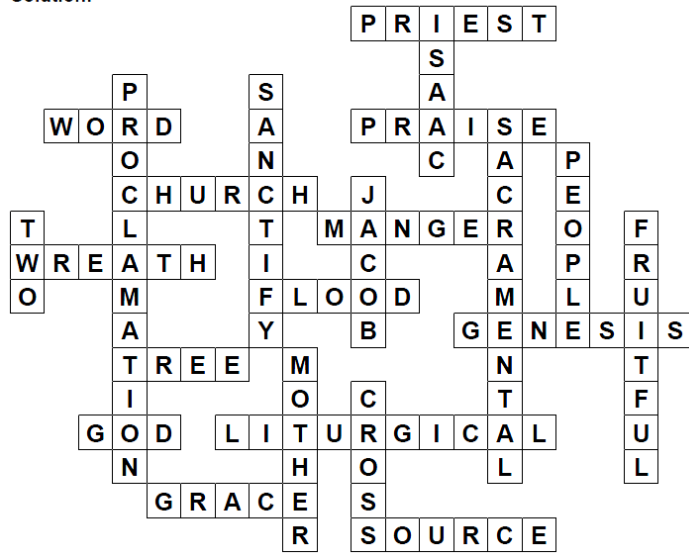


ANSWER KEY

Jacob

Crossword

Solution:



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Mazes

