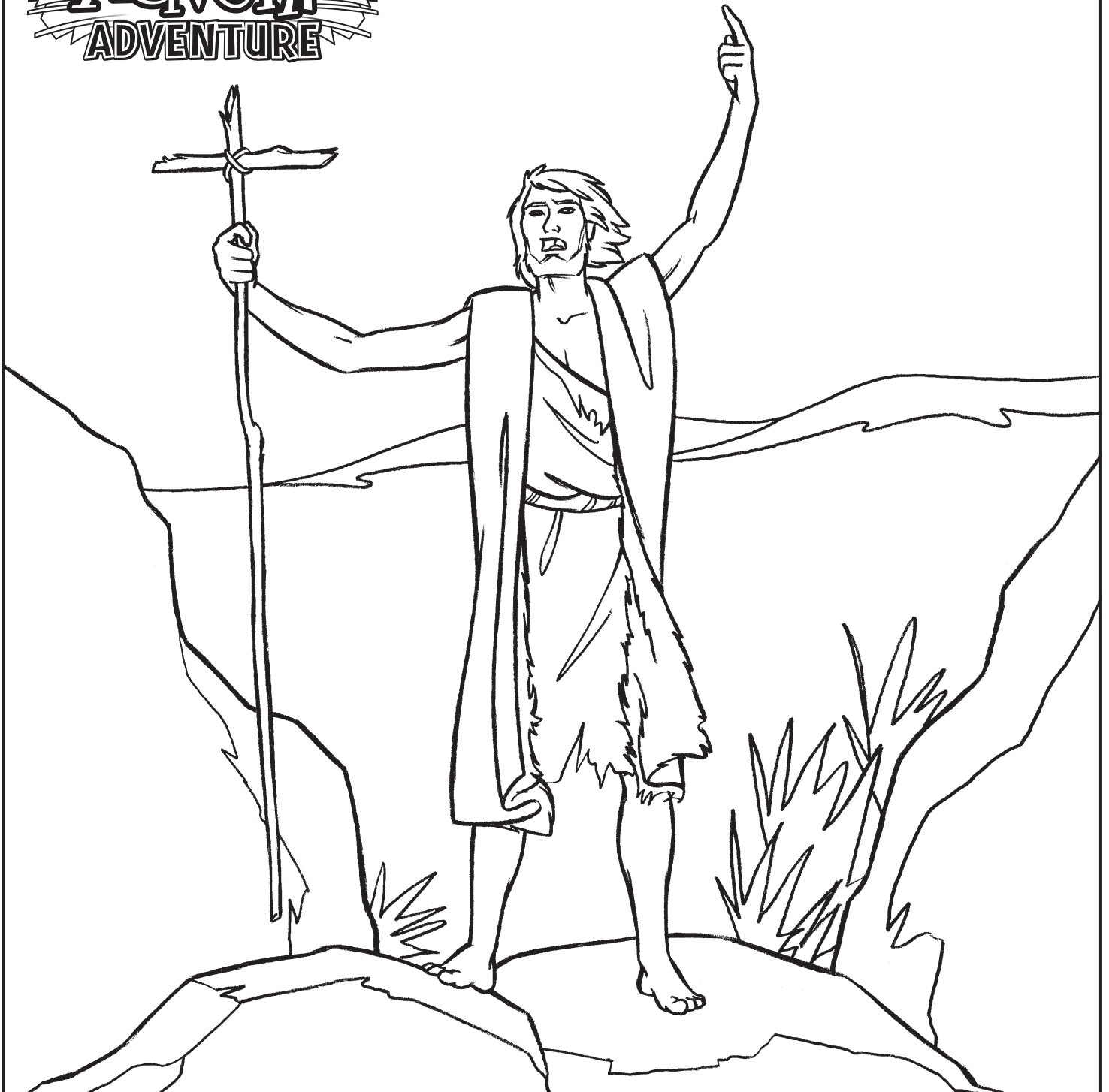


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In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken...

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist.

His food was locusts and wild honey. (Matthew 3:1-4)


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## Second 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

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

How many are there?

 Circle the correct number!

2. The first reading is from the book of

Isaiah

3. Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of

peace for ever.

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

Romans

5. The Gospel according to

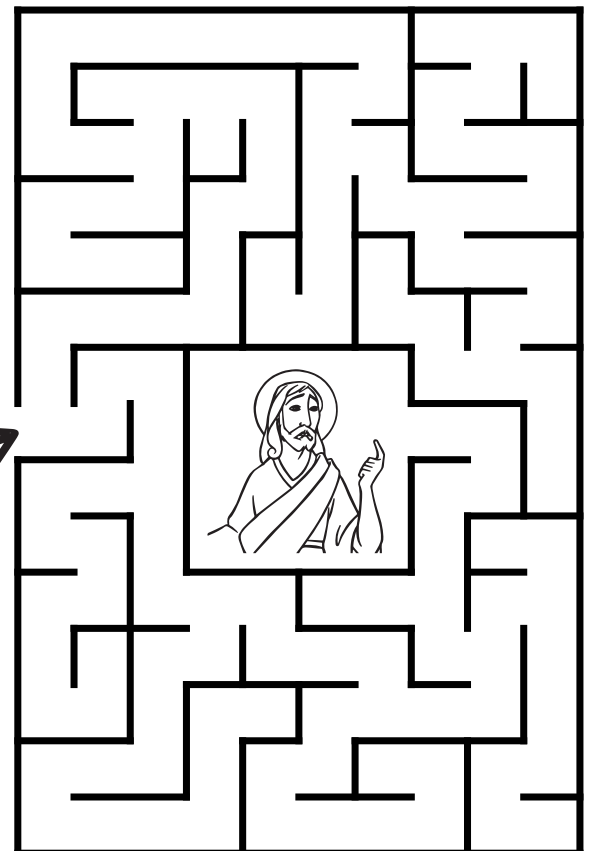
Matthew

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!*



2nd Sunday of Advent

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How many candles on the Advent Wreath were lit (either before or during Mass)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What color candle(s) were lit? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The first reading is from the book of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In this reading, we hear “a shoot shall sprout from the stump of \_\_\_\_\_”:
  - a. The cypresses of Lebanon
  - b. The land of milk and honey
  - c. Jesse
6. Isaiah is prophesying about whom? \_\_\_\_\_
7. BONUS: This prophecy of Isaiah is the basis for the \_\_\_\_\_ Tree, which traces the family tree of Jesus (and usually a bit more!).
8. Responsorial Psalm: “\_\_\_\_\_ shall flourish in his time, and fullness of \_\_\_\_\_ for ever.”
9. The second reading is from the letter to the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Where was everyone going?
  - a. Jerusalem
  - b. The Jordan River
  - c. To find wild honey
12. John the Baptist tells the Pharisees and the Sadducees they must:
  - a. Catch a brood of vipers
  - b. Flee from the coming wrath
  - c. Produce good fruit as evidence of their repentance
13. Who is John talking about, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What does the baptism of John represent? \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWER KEY – 2nd Sunday of Advent

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are violet (purple).
2. How many candles on the Advent Wreath were lit (either before or during Mass)? Two
3. What color candle(s) were lit? Purple
4. The first reading is from the book of Isaiah.
5. In this reading, we hear “a shoot shall sprout from the stump of \_\_\_\_\_”:
  - a. The cypresses of Lebanon
  - b. The land of milk and honey
  - c. Jesse ←Correct
6. Isaiah is prophesying about whom? The Messiah/Jesus
7. BONUS: This prophecy of Isaiah is the basis for the Jesse Tree, which traces the family tree of Jesus (and usually a bit more!).
8. Responsorial Psalm: “Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.”
9. The second reading is from the letter to the Romans.
10. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of Matthew.
11. Where was everyone going?
  - a. Jerusalem
  - b. The Jordan River ←Correct
  - c. To find wild honey
12. John the Baptist tells the Pharisees and the Sadducees they must:
  - a. Catch a brood of vipers
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13. Who is John talking about, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit? The Messiah/Jesus
14. What does the baptism of John represent? Repentance for one’s sins

# JACOB in Salvation History



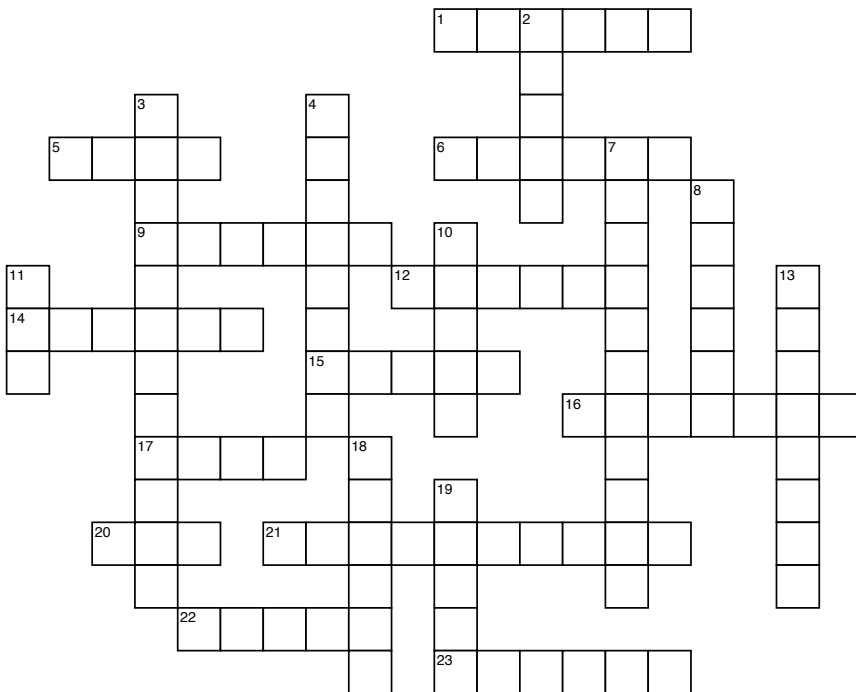
Isaac was an obedient son . . . but his son, Jacob, was not! Jacob tricked his father to steal his brother's blessing, and that led to a lot of problems for his whole family. Jacob even had to run away so he wouldn't get killed!



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 7



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?**

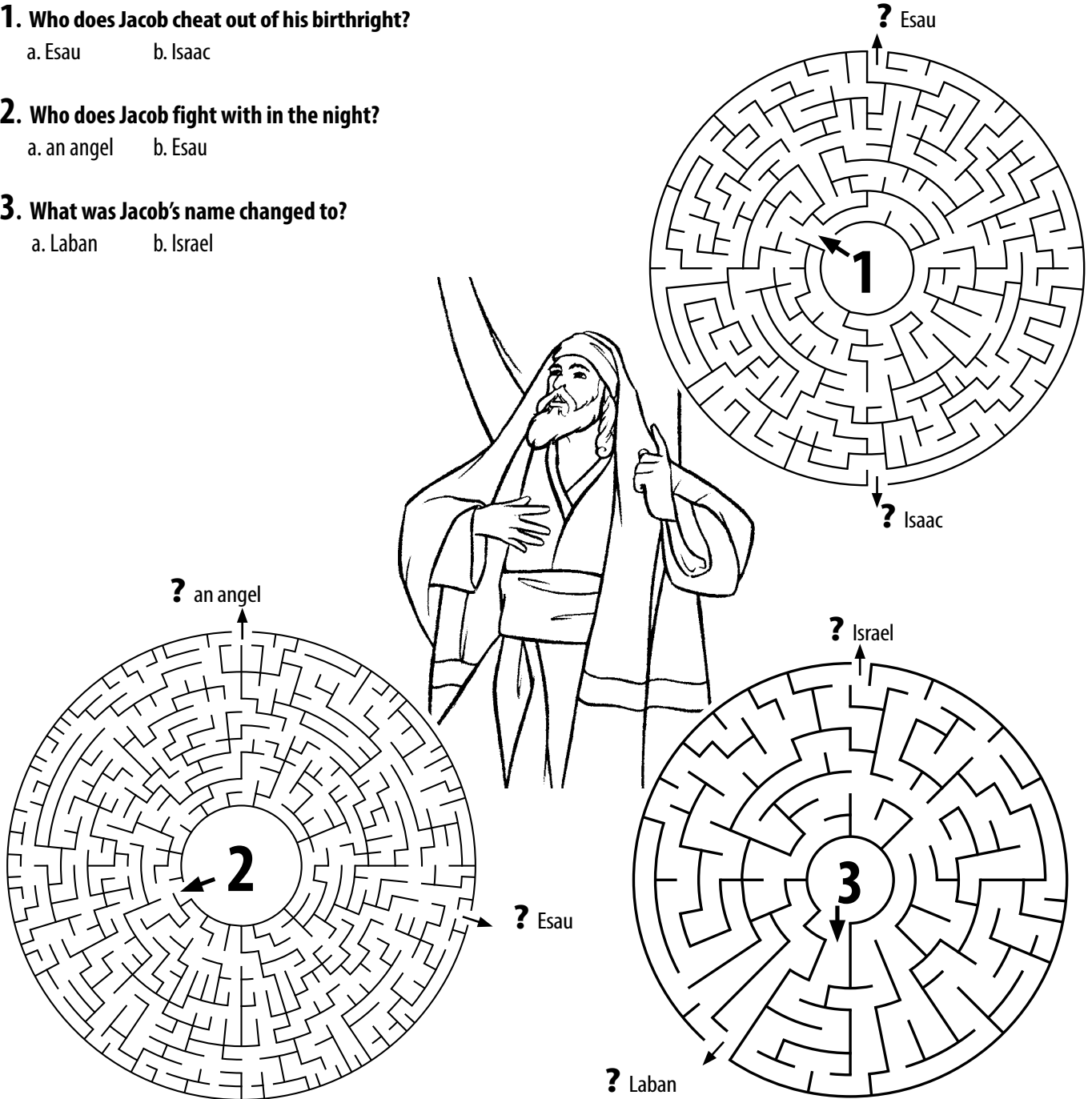
- a. Esau
- b. Isaac

**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

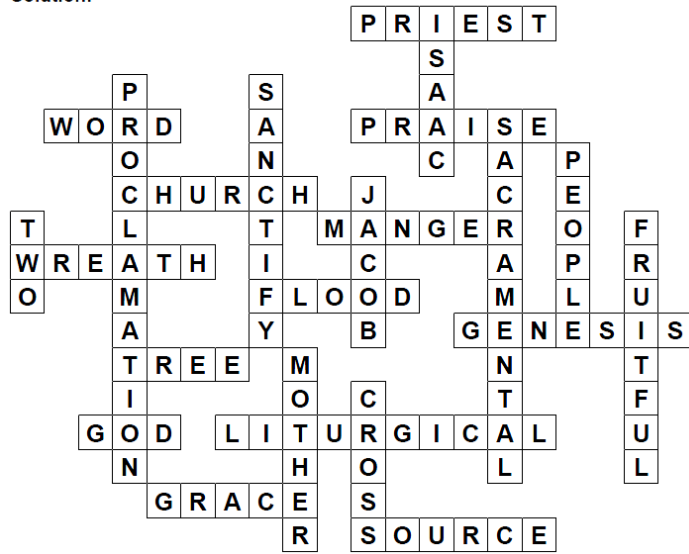


# ANSWER KEY

## Jacob

### Crossword

Solution:



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### Mazes

