



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Amigos de Jesús y María

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Florida Center for Peace

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Miami, Florida

Dear Guides:

December 2nd starts the season of Advent when we prepare to receive Jesus in our hearts on Christmas. We want to communicate much joy in this time of preparation. We also want the children to understand that what Jesus most wants as a gift is our love as reflected to our families and friends and to those most in need.

**Important Feasts of the Month:**

December 3 St. Francis Javier  
December 6 St. Nicholas  
December 8 Immaculate Conception  
December 9 St. Juan Diego  
December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
December 14 St. John of the Cross  
December 25 Christmas  
December 27 Holy Family  
December 28 Holy Innocents

**Materials included in this Month:**

Sunday Gospels with meditations and activities  
Advent Wreath – activity, symbolisms, and prayers  
Immaculate Conception – explanation, activity, and coloring  
St. Nicholas – history, activity, and coloring  
Our Lady of Guadalupe – history and coloring  
Symbolism on tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Christmas Ornament – Baby Jesus, activity  
The Holy Family – activity and coloring

We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the interest and immense love that you've showed for the children in your countries and for your effort in continuing this beautiful ministry. On behalf of the Ministry Friends of Jesus and Mary we want to wish you a Merry Christmas with your families and that the New Year bring you abundant blessings and peace.

May God and the Virgen Mary always bless you,



**Committee Friends of Jesus and Mary.**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
 <p><b>Jesus is Born!</b> <b>Merry Christmas!</b> Isaiah 9:6</p>						<p>1 <b>St. Eloy</b> Ap 22, 1-7 Psalm 94 Lc 21, 34-36</p>	
<p>2 <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> <b>St. Barbara</b> Jr 33, 14-16 Psalm 25 1Ts 3, 12-4 Lc 21, 25-28, 34-36</p>	<p>3 <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>  Is 2, 1-5 Psalm 121 Mt 8, 5-11</p>	<p>4  Is 11, 1-10 Psalm 71 Lc 10, 21-24</p>	<p>5  Is 25, 6-10 Psalm 22 Mt 15, 29-37</p>	<p>6 <b>St. Nicholas</b>  Is 26, 1-6 Psalm 117 Mt 9, 27-31</p>	<p>7  Is 29, 17-24 Psalm 26 Mt 9, 27-31</p>	<p>8 <b>Immaculate Conception</b>  Gn 3, 9-15-20 Psalm 97 Ef 1, 3-6; 11-12 Lc 1, 26-38</p>	
<p>9 <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>  Baruc 5, 1-9 Psalm 126 Fp 1, 4-6, 8-11 Lc 3, 1-6</p>	<p>10  Is 35, 1-10 Psalm 84 Lc 5, 17-26</p>	<p>11  Is 40, 1-11 Psalm 95 Mt 18, 12-14</p>	<p>12 <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>  Ecl 24, 23-31 Psalm 66 Lc 1, 39-48</p>	<p>13 <b>St. Lucy</b>  Is, 13-20 Psalm 144 Mt 11, 11-15</p>	<p>14 <b>St. John of the Cross</b>  Is, 17-19 Psalm 1 Mt 11, 16-19</p>	<p>15  Ecl 48, 1-4, 9-11 Psalm 79 Mt 17, 10-13</p>	
<p>16 <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>  Zep 3, 14-18A Psalm/Is 12 Fp 4, 4-7 Lc 3, 10-18</p>	<p>17 <b>St. Lazarus</b>  Gn 49, 2-8-10 Psalm 71 Mt 1, 1-17</p>	<p>18  Jr 23, 5-8 Psalm 71 Mt 1, 18-24</p>	<p>19  Judges 13, 2-7 24-25/ Psalm 70 Lc 1, 5-25</p>	<p>20  Is 7, 10-14 Psalm 23 Lc 1, 26-38</p>	<p>21  Song of Songs 2, 8-14 Psalm 32 Lc 1, 39-45</p>	<p>22 <b>St. Clotilde</b>  1 Sam 1, 24-28 1 Sam 2, 1-8 Lc 1, 46-56</p>	
<p>23 <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>  Mi 5, 1-4; Psalm 80; Heb 10, 5-10; Luke 1, 39-45</p>	<p>24  2Sam 7 Luke 1, 67-69</p>	<p>25 <b>Birth of Jesus</b>  Is 52, 7-10 Psalm 97 John 1, 1-18</p>	<p>26 <b>St. Steven Martyr</b>  Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-60 Psalm 30 Mt 10, 17-22</p>	<p>27 <b>St. John Evangelist</b>  1 Juan 1, 1-4 Psalm 96 John 20, 2-8</p>	<p>28 <b>Holy Innocents</b>  1 Jn 1, 5; 2, 2 Psalm 96 Mt 2, 13-18</p>	<p>29 <b>Sto. Tomas Becket Becket</b>  1 Jn 2, 3-11 Psalm 95 Lc 2, 22-35</p>	
<p>30  Si 3, 3-7; 12-14 Psalm 127 Col 3, 12-21 Lc 2, 41-52</p>	<p>31  1John 2: 18-21 John 1, 1-18</p>	<p><b>NOTES:</b></p>					



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1st Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018

*Jer 33, 14-16; Psalm 24; 1Thes 3:12-4, 2; Luke 21, 25-28,34-36*

## Be vigilant at all times and pray...

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

## Reflection

Luke relates the signs of the next coming of Jesus, not as a threat of upcoming catastrophes, but as a realization of the promise of liberation. What signs do we have that Christmas is coming? What do we celebrate on Christmas? How should we prepare for Jesus to be born in our hearts? Your prayers, good works, and small sacrifices are the gifts He most likes. What will you give Jesus this Advent?

## Activities

Make an advent wreath and explain its symbolism and significance. (see next pages) Light the first candle and say the 1<sup>st</sup> prayer. Motivate them to pray more, do good works, and make small sacrifices to prepare a comfortable crib for Jesus to be born in their hearts. (other page) Emphasize that their prayers, good works, and small sacrifices help to make a warm and comfortable crib for Jesus in our hearts.

## Prayer

Dear Jesus, true God and true Man, we thank you for having come to live amongst us. Show us how to share your peace and love with our family and friends. Help us to prepare well to receive you this Christmas. Amen.

**Song:** The King Is on the Way, David's Dynasty

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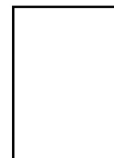
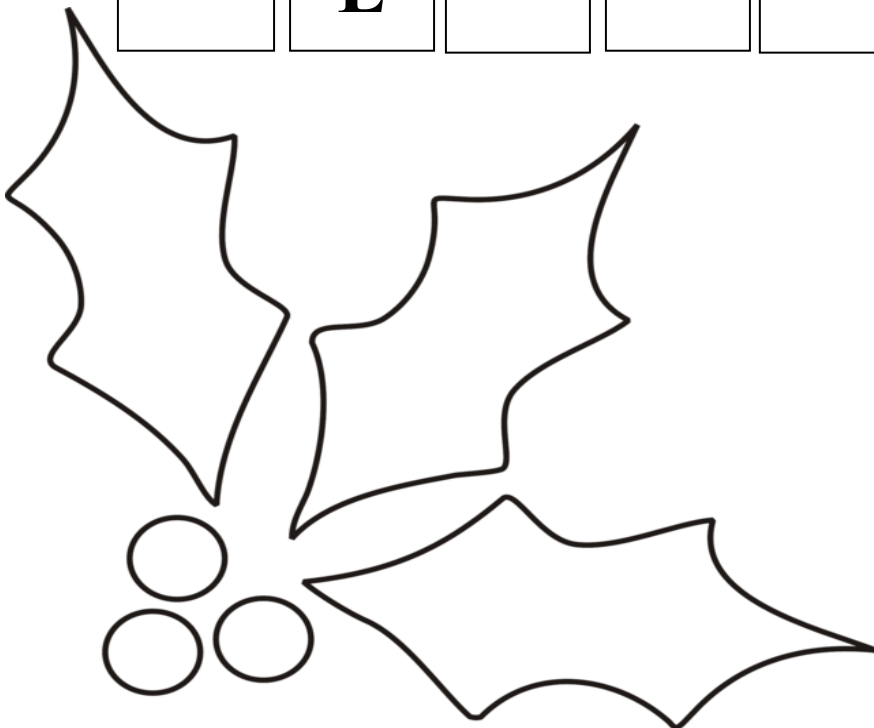
## ADVENT WREATH

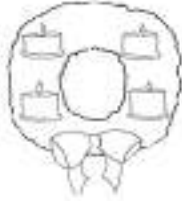
**JESUS  
IS THE  
LIGHT  
OF THE  
WORLD**

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### Instructions:

1. Cut leaves on different shades of green construction paper and fruits on red.
2. Cut cardboard into circles (6" diameter) and glue leaves and fruits starting from center.
3. Cut pink (1) and purple (3) paper into rectangles (4"x6"); glue or staple on small toilet paper rolls.
4. Cut paper towel roll to 6". Cover with White paper cut (6"x6"). Glue or staple.
5. Glue/staple signs 1,2,4 on purple cylinders; 3 on pink.
6. Glue/staple "Jesus is the Light of the World" on white cylinder towards the top.
7. Cut tissue paper in squares (4"x4").
8. Glue white cylinder in middle and others around it.
9. Crumple and fit tissue into #1, representing lighting the candle on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. Have them do same each Sunday. The white candle is lit on Christmas day.





## ADVENT WREATH

### **SYMBOLISM**

The whole family can participate in the presentation of the Advent Wreath. The first time the family gathers, someone should explain the symbolism of the wreath.

#### **The Circular Shape**

The wreath is circular because a circle has no beginning or end. It reminds us that Jesus came so we could have eternal life with God in Heaven.

#### **Hojas de Acebo o Ramas de Pino**

These evergreen plants do not change color in the winter. This reminds us how God never changes. He has always loved us and always will love us.

#### **The Candles**

There are 4 small candles for the 4 Sundays in Advent. (3 purple and 1 pink) The preparation over 4 weeks reminds us of the long time that God's people waited for the coming of the Savior. The lit candles remind us that Jesus, the light of the world, lights the darkness that surrounds us. We light a candle each week showing that the more Jesus illuminates us the brighter our lives will be.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Dear God, please bless this Advent Wreath. We pray that it may help us prepare to welcome Jesus, your son, in our lives, allowing the light of His love to shine in us.

#### **First Week- (light a purple candle)**

Come to us, Lord Jesus. Fill our hearts with Your love. Help us to prepare for your coming. Help us to do the good works that we can do. Help us to see the good in others. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (silent prayer)

#### **Second Week- (light 2 purple candle)**

We believe in you, Lord Jesus. We know you can help us love each other more. You are our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (silent prayer)

#### **Third Week-(light 2 purple & 1 pink candle)**

Jesus, we want your coming to make a difference in the way we live and love. Open our hearts so we may hear you say how we can bring peace and happiness to others. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (silent prayer)

#### **Fourth Week- (light 3 purple & 1 pink candle)**

Lord, calm the worries and anxieties in our heart. Give us Your peace. Thank you for sharing Your life with us. Help us to share Your life with others. Come, Lord Jesus, come. (silent prayer)



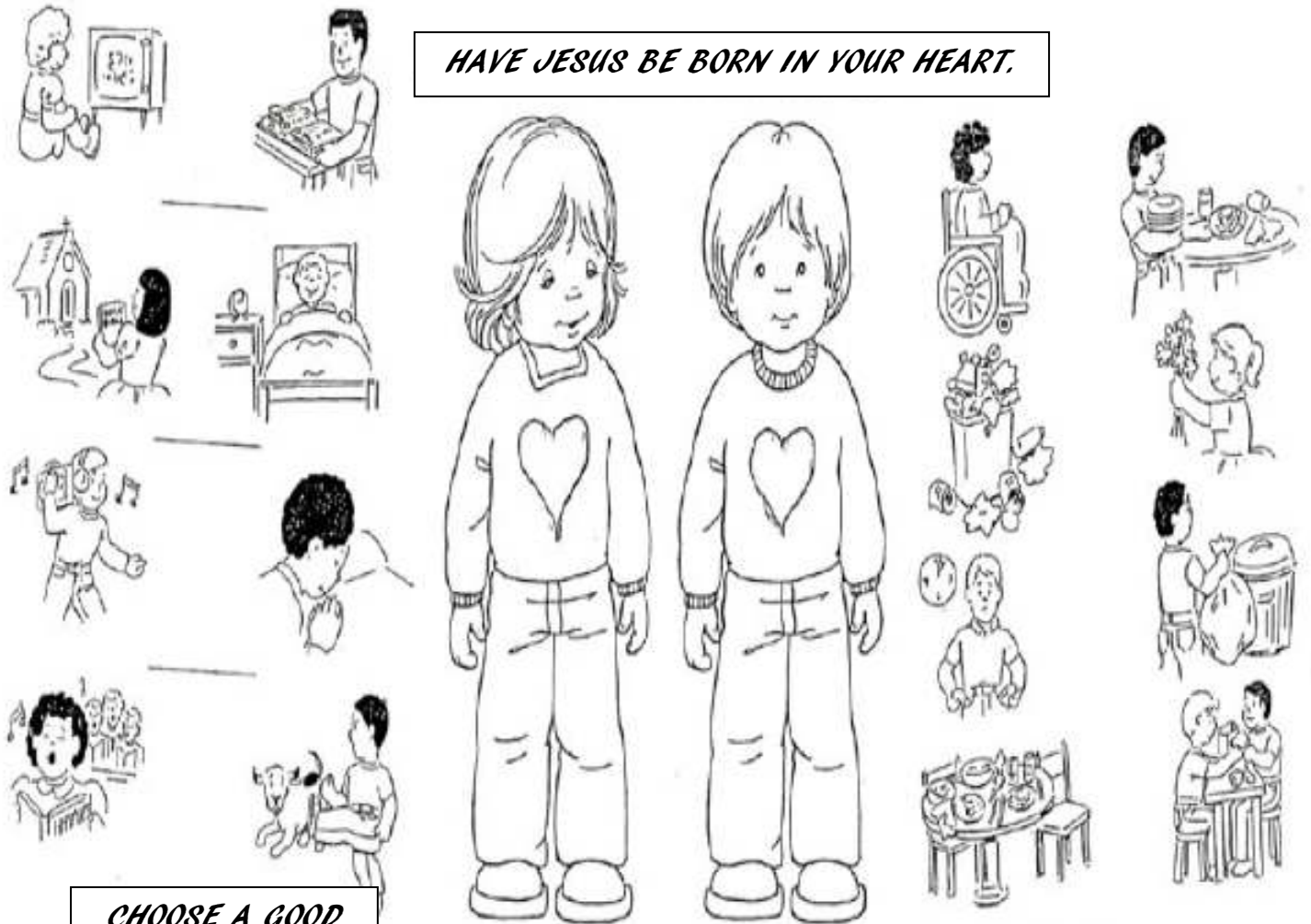
**ADVENT**

**WE PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS.**

**HE WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM AND HE CONTINUES TO BE BORN  
AND LIVE IN US WHEN WE DO THE THINGS HE WOULD HAVE DONE.**

**CHOOSE TO DO SOMETHING THAT REFLECTS JESUS.**

**HAVE JESUS BE BORN IN YOUR HEART.**



**CHOOSE A GOOD  
WORK AND PLAN  
TO DO DURING  
ADVENT.**

**THIS ADVENT, I PLAN TO:**

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2nd Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018

*Bar 5, 1-9; Psalm 125; Phil 1, 4-6.8-11; Luke 3, 1-6*

## John the Baptist in the Desert: prepare the way of the Lord...

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

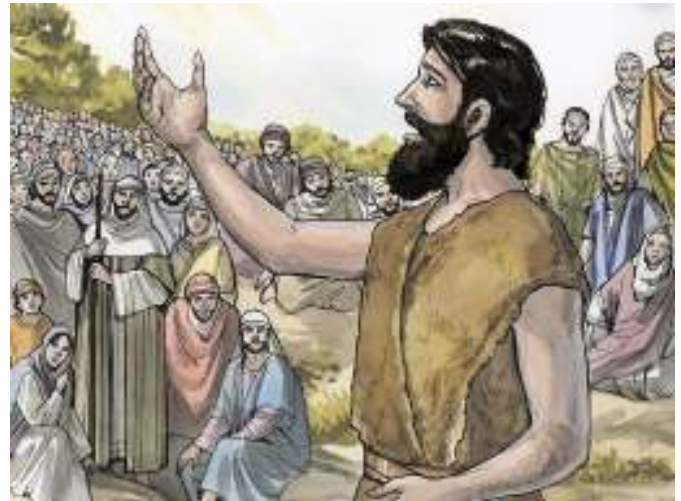
### Reflection

John calls us to change our lives to prepare for the coming of Jesus. What changes does he demand? Is there something you need to change? Is there something you need to do? Is there something in your home, family, or with friends that needs to change? What can you do to help change it.

### Activity

"Light" the 2nd candle on the Advent Wreath. Say the 2nd prayer. Share what everyone is doing to prepare for Jesus' birth. Bring a small basket with a baby Jesus. Write their good works, sacrifices, and prayers on square colored paper. Make a blanket by taping the papers together and cover baby Jesus.

Emphasize how their good works, prayers, and sacrifices make a warm comfortable crib for baby Jesus to be born in their hearts.



### Prayer

Lord, we are waiting for you. Help us so that, when you arrive this Christmas, you may find an increase in love and respect in our family, and us walking in honesty, sincerity and affection for each other. Amen.

**Song: A Voice Cries in the Wilderness, Richard Cootes**

(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/TqaHeAk JZs>



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3rd Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2018

*Zeph 3, 14-18; Psalm-Isaiah 12, 3.4bcd 5-6; Phil 4, 4-7; Luke 3, 10-18*

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." 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. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

### Reflection

The coming of Jesus calls us to a change of life. John came to announce the coming of the Light of the World and how to prepare. (Jesus saves us from our sins and opened the gates of Heaven for us, to eternal happiness. He lights the way with the example of His life. The fire of His love purifies us from our sins and transforms us into a light for others.) What life examples did Jesus give us? (He



helped those in need: he fed the hungry, cured the sick, invited sinners to change. He also prayed a lot and always did the will of God) We are called to reflect His light by imitating Him.

### Activity

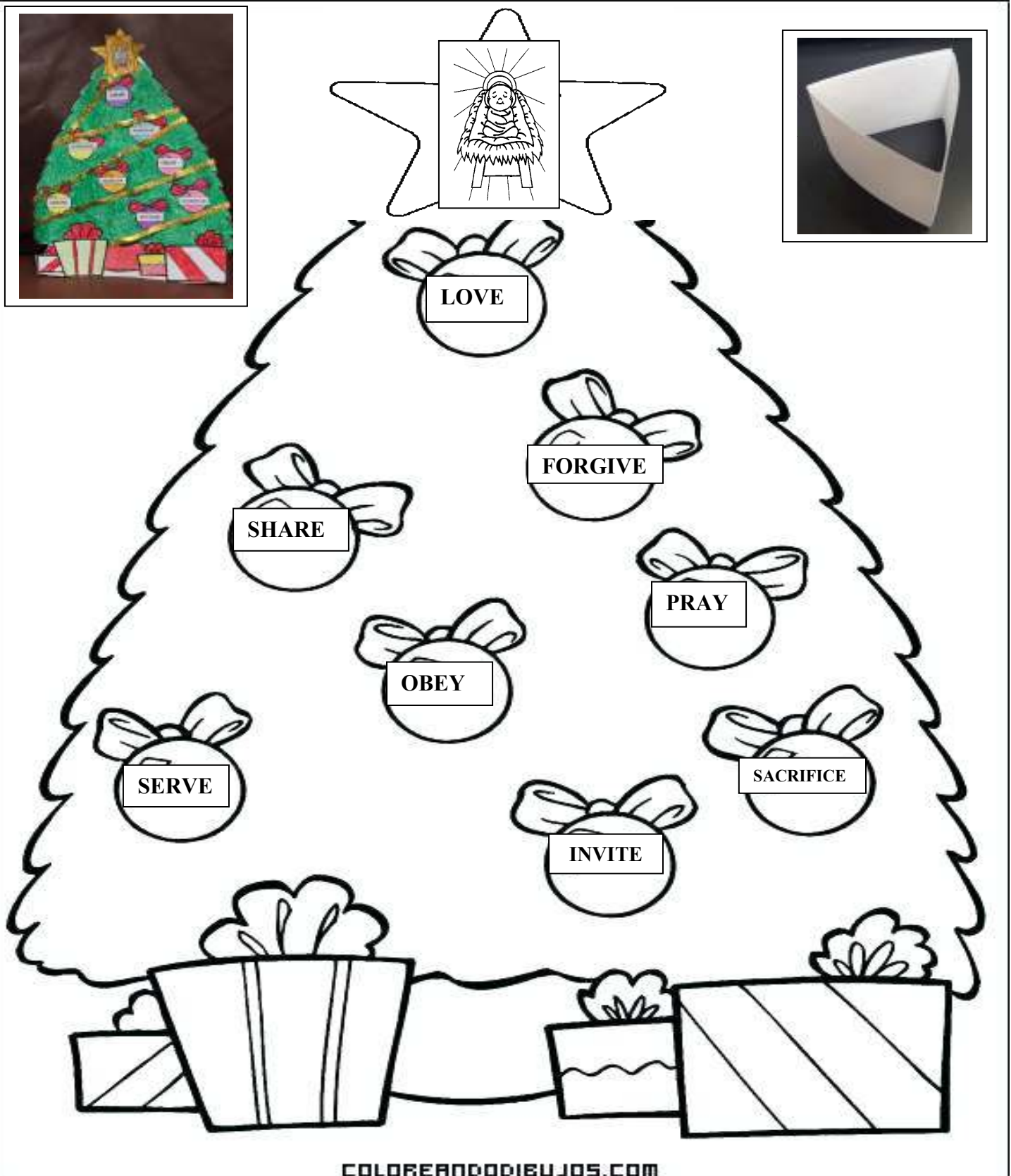
Light the pink candle which signifies the joy that Jesus' birth is soon. Say the 3<sup>rd</sup> prayer. On the following page, color the Christmas tree where Jesus is the star and the words on how to reflect Jesus' light are written on the decorations. Add glitter to the star and a gold ribbon connecting Jesus' star with the decorations which represent us reflecting His light. Glue to triangle shaped poster paper and stand up by gluing/stapling to lower back of tree a strip of poster paper (2"x11") folded into a triangular shape.

**Prayer** Lord, you are now close, and this fills us with joy. You are the Light of the World. Fill us with Your light so we may transmit it to our friends and family and whomever you put in our life. **Amen.**

**Song: Shine Jesus Shine, vbttyree**

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4th Sunday of Advent, December 23, 2018

*Mic 5, 1-4; Psalm 79; Hebrews 10, 5-10; Luke 1, 39-45*

## Mary Visits Elizabeth

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

### Reflection

The angel Gabriel had told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth, who could never have children, was pregnant. It was a miracle, a sign that all the angel said was true. Mary does not think of herself, but in how she can offer her help. She immediately leaves to help her cousin. When the two women meet, they recognize the gifts and favors God had given them. Do you recognize the gifts and favors God has given you? Do you go quickly to help someone in need? John the Baptist jumped in Elizabeth's womb when Jesus approached in Mary's womb. Do you feel happy when something good reminds you of Jesus?

### Activity

Light the 4th candle of the Advent Wreath and say the prayer. In the following page are drawings of the Annunciation and the Visitation. Underneath are phrases of God's miracles. Read the phrases and place an X next to the miracles that occurred on these two occasions. Share the favors and gifts God gives us daily and write a few. Do we realize that these are from God?



### Prayer

Kind Jesus, true God and true man, we thank you for coming to live amongst us, for becoming one of us. Show us how to be humble and helpful like the Virgen Mary, always giving you the glory for all you do in our lives daily. Amen.

**Song: A Gift to You, KWSCM**

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**God's Miracles**



**I am the hand servant of the Lord;  
be it done to me according to your**

**He who is mighty has done great things for**

Which are God's miracles during the Annunciation and the Visitation? (Write X if it happened in these instances.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus multiplied the bread.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth knows that Mary has the Savior in her womb.                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The angel Gabriel appears to the Virgen Mary. | <input type="checkbox"/> The angel Gabriel appears to Joseph in a dream.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The star of God guides the Wise men.          | <input type="checkbox"/> God becomes man, incarnate in baby Jesus.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Virgen conceives by the power of God.     | <input type="checkbox"/> The Wise men find baby Jesus.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The angels appear to the shepherds.           | <input type="checkbox"/> St. John the Baptist jumps in Elizabeth's womb at the presence of Jesus in Mary's womb. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth conceives although she was barren.  |  |

What are some of the gifts and favors God has given you? Do you recognize it is a gift from Him?

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**December 8**  
*The Immaculate Conception of Mary*  
**Luke 1: 26-38**

**The Immaculate Conception of Mary is the dogma of faith that declares that, by God’s grace, Mary was preserved from all sin, since her conception.**

**What does conception mean?**

**Conception is the moment in which God creates a soul, infusing it into the organic matter from the parents. It is the moment human life starts. When we speak of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, we are not referring to the conception of Jesus, who was also conceived without sin. The dogma declares that Mary is “full of grace” since her conception.**

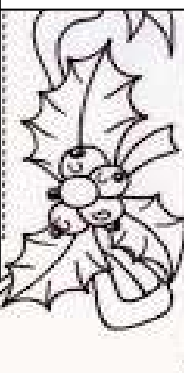


**In Luke 1:28, the angel Gabriel, sent by God, tells the Holy Virgen Mary...**

In Luke 1:28, what did the angel Gabriel, sent by God, say to the Holiest Virgen Mary?  
(unscramble words)

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a l h i    y r a m, l u f l   f o   a e g c r ;  
  
h e t   o d l r   s i   h w t i   o y u.

**Interesting Fact:**  
The words “Full of Grace” in the Greek text is “kecharitomene” and means an insurmountable abundance of grace, a supernatural state of the soul in union with God.



**Did you know?**  
Dogmas are doctrines or truths of faith that the Church requires to be believed as formally revealed by God.

**What other dogmas do you know?**

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Fuente-adaptación: corazones.org

Answer key: Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with you.



**St. Nicholas was Bishop of Myra, in southeastern Turkey. He died in the year 350 and his body was transferred to Bari in 1087 (reason for name).**

**St. Nicholas was credited with many miracles, all of them curiously associated with the number 3 (the Trinity). He delivered 3 bags of gold to 3 poor, young women for their dowry so they could get married. Through prayer, he brought 3 young children back to life who had been killed by a butcher. He saved 3 men who were unjustly condemned to death. He saved 3 sailors on the coast of Turkey.**

**The legend of St. Nicholas is interpreted by some myths as a wise man who travelled from Lapponia in a flying sleigh to the bedside of sick children, not to bring presents, but to cure them of their sickness.**

**His feast day, December 6, celebrated with presents just like Three Kings Day, became popular in the Netherlands and spread to the United States.**

**PRAYER**

God of joy and cheer,  
we thank you for your servant,  
the good bishop Nicholas.  
In loving the poor,  
he showed us your kindness;  
in caring for your children,  
he revealed your love.  
Make us thoughtful  
without need of reward  
so that we, too, may be good  
followers of Jesus.

**St. Nicholas de Bari – Feast Day December 6**



Connect numbers 1 – 24 to see the figure associated with St. Nicholas on Christmas Day.





### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF MEXICO

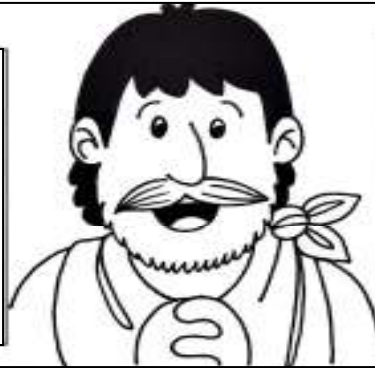
A Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, an Indian, Juan Diego, recently converted to Catholicism, was on his way to Mass. At the foot of a small hill called Tepeyac, he saw a glowing, white cloud and heard a voice call his name.



He saw a beautiful lady who said she was the “always Virgen Mary Mother of God”. She asked him to go to the Bishop and ask him to build a church on this spot.

Juan Diego went to the Bishop Fray Juan de Zumarraga and told him all that had happened. He listened and asked many questions but did not believe him.

On his way home, Juan Diego saw the Virgen Mary again and explained what had happened. She asked him to go back to the Bishop and repeat her message.



This time the Bishop, after listening intently, asked him to go to the Lady and ask for a sign proving she is the Mother of God.

He saw her again and relayed the message. She told him to return the next day and she would give him a sign.

The next day, Juan Diego could not return to the Tepeyac hill because his uncle, Juan Bernardino, was very sick. At dawn on December 12, Juan Diego rushed to find a priest because his uncle was dying. Upon approaching the place he was to see the Virgen Mary, he chose another route to avoid seeing her. She suddenly appeared to him and asked him where he was going. Embarrassed, he explained what had happened to his uncle. She told him not to worry; he would not die and in fact was already cured.

So Juan Diego asked for the sign he was to take to the Bishop. She told him at the top of the hill, he would find roses that never grew this time of year. He filled his tilma with the roses and took them to the Bishop.



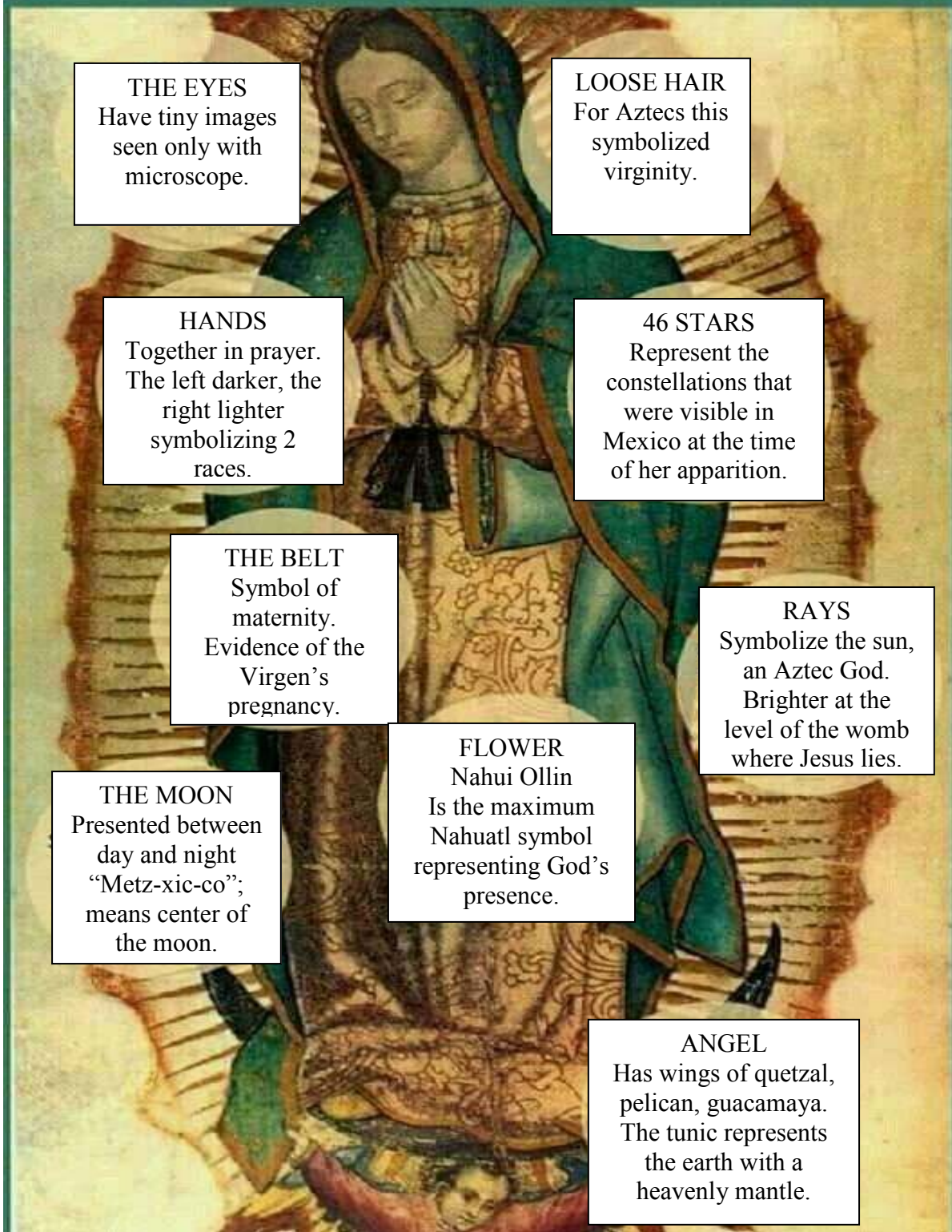
Before Monsignor Zumarraga, Juan Diego opened his tilma and the roses fell to the floor. On the tilma was an image which is now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Bishop believed him now and built the Cathedral where she said and there hung her image on the tilma for all to

**Feast Day – December 12**

*Adaptacion- Fuente: www.aciprensa.com*



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



**THE EYES**  
Have tiny images  
seen only with  
microscope.

**LOOSE HAIR**  
For Aztecs this  
symbolized  
virginity.

**HANDS**  
Together in prayer.  
The left darker, the  
right lighter  
symbolizing 2  
races.

**46 STARS**  
Represent the  
constellations that  
were visible in  
Mexico at the time  
of her apparition.

**THE BELT**  
Symbol of  
maternity.  
Evidence of the  
Virgin's  
pregnancy.

**RAYS**  
Symbolize the sun,  
an Aztec God.  
Brighter at the  
level of the womb  
where Jesus lies.

**THE MOON**  
Presented between  
day and night  
"Metz-xic-co";  
means center of  
the moon.

**FLOWER**  
Nahui Ollin  
Is the maximum  
Nahuatl symbol  
representing God's  
presence.

**ANGEL**  
Has wings of quetzal,  
pelican, guacamaya.  
The tunic represents  
the earth with a  
heavenly mantle.



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

DECEMBER 25th

Song: Carol Medley

(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/McQ6ewm36i0>



Baby Jesus, born under a star, be born  
in my heart and those near and far.

*Isaiah 7:14 " Therefore  
the Lord himself shall give  
you a sign; Behold, a  
virgin shall conceive, and  
bear a son, and shall call  
his name Immanuel."*

**Instructions:** Cut and color picture. Glue on piece of cardboard ½ inch wider/taller. Glue sticks on borders. Glue rafia or yarn on manger's hay. Glue star on top. Glue rope/ribbon to back. Cut and glue prophecy to back.





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**Feast of the Holy Family, December 30, 2018**

*1Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28; Psalm 83; Col 3, 12-21; Luke 2, 41-52*

### **The Child Jesus in the Temple**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

### **Reflection**

How did Joseph and Mary feel when they couldn't find Jesus? Where did they find Him? What did Jesus say after they found Him, Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" For the first time, Jesus calls God "Father", divulging that He is the Son of God. We also see how Joseph and Mary understand that their son does not belong to them, but to God. Why did Jesus go to the Temple? (Jesus felt at home there because God, His Father was there) Do we know that we can find God in Church? Do we talk to Him when we are there? After they returned to Nazareth, Jesus "was obedient to them." Are we obedient to our parents?



### **Activity**

On the following page, do the activity of the Holy Family puzzle. Talk about the qualities that each person has. Emphasize that they are our family also that love us very much and take care of us from Heaven.

### **Prayer**

Jesus, help us to love you more and to seek you in Church where you are present in the Eucharist and in our Church family. Thank you for sending your Son and for calling me your son(daughter). Thank you for my family here and in Heaven. Help me to obey. Amen.

**Song:** Come and Go with me to my Father's House, Ms Malone

(Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/yeilvKrnMXM>



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- 1. Cut the puzzle around the frame.**
- 2. Cut the pieces of the puzzle.**
- 3. Mix up and put in envelope for each child.**
- 4. Have them color and make the puzzle.**



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