

The logo for 'Kids' LITURGY' is centered in a white rectangular box. The word 'Kids' is in a playful, rounded font where the 'i' is red with a white heart inside. 'Kids' is colored blue, red, yellow, and purple. Below it, the word 'LITURGY' is in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The entire graphic is set against a yellow background with a blue wavy border and vertical blue lines.

Kids' **LITURGY**

Dear Parents,

**Here are weekly activities,
centered around the Sunday liturgy,
that children can engage in during
our time of remote services. Just
click on this page and scroll down to
the current Sunday.**

**May God continue to guide and
bless us.**

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Family Page

Jesus knows all about the gift of love. He loves you even when you are not thinking about him. He loves you even when you forget his commandments. He loves you with a perfect love. You can learn to love this way too.

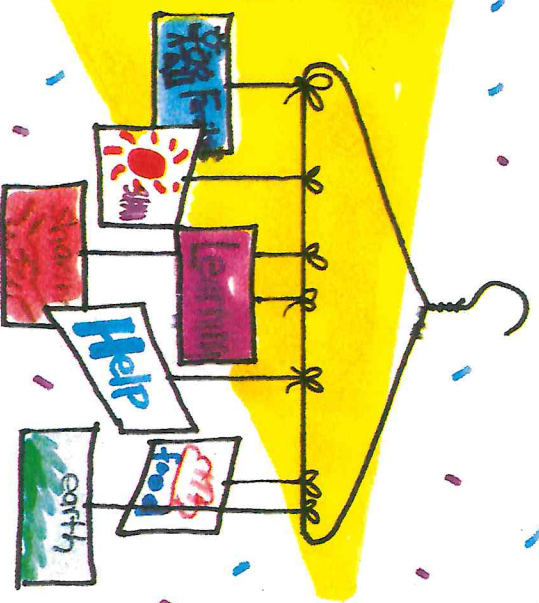


Now make about six or eight cards, putting gift names on one side and drawings on the other.

Punch small holes in the top of the cards and hang them from different lengths of string on a coat hanger (see illustration).

Let your mobile be your reminder of Jesus' message of love.

This week, make a "Love Mobile" to hang in a room where the whole family can see it. On small index cards or pieces of paper, write your gifts and God's gifts (for example, sunshine, family, love, food, help, learning, sharing). Cut out pictures from magazines to represent your love gifts — or you can draw and color your own.

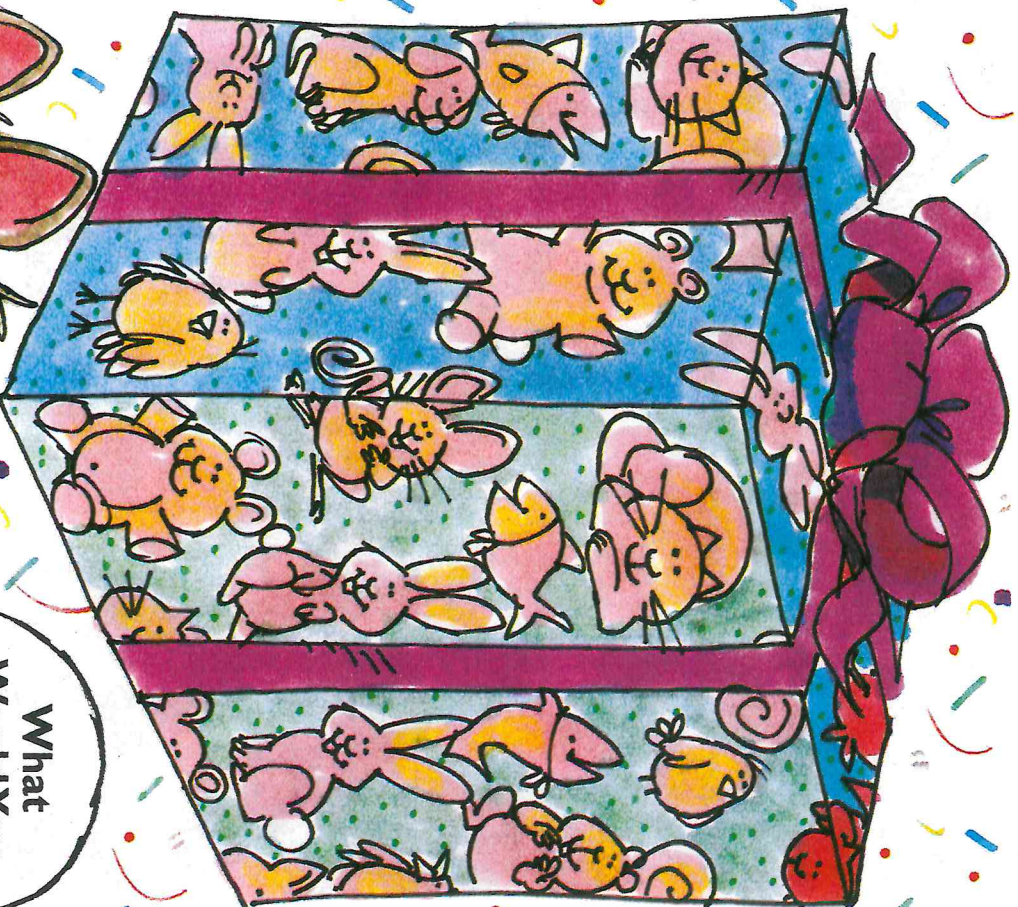


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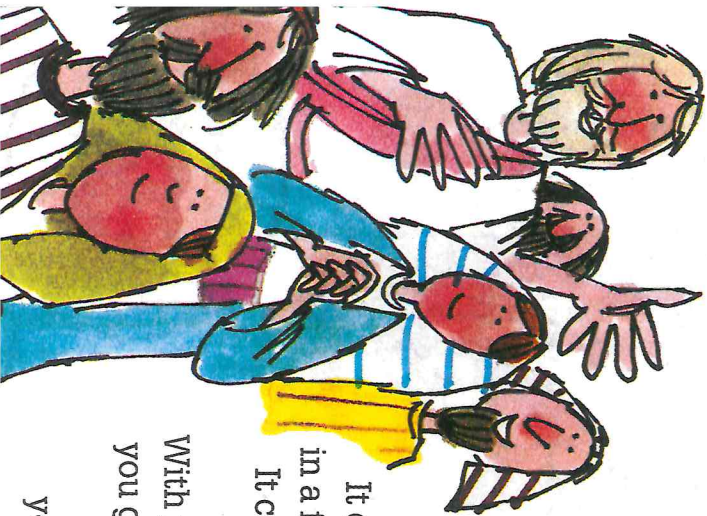
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 12:28b-34 • October 31, 2021





Gift You Can Give and Get

If you received a birthday present all wrapped up in fancy paper, what would you do first?
Would you put it on a shelf to look at every day?
Would you hide it in a drawer?
Of course not!
You would tear off the paper and open it right away.
What good is a gift if you don't open it?

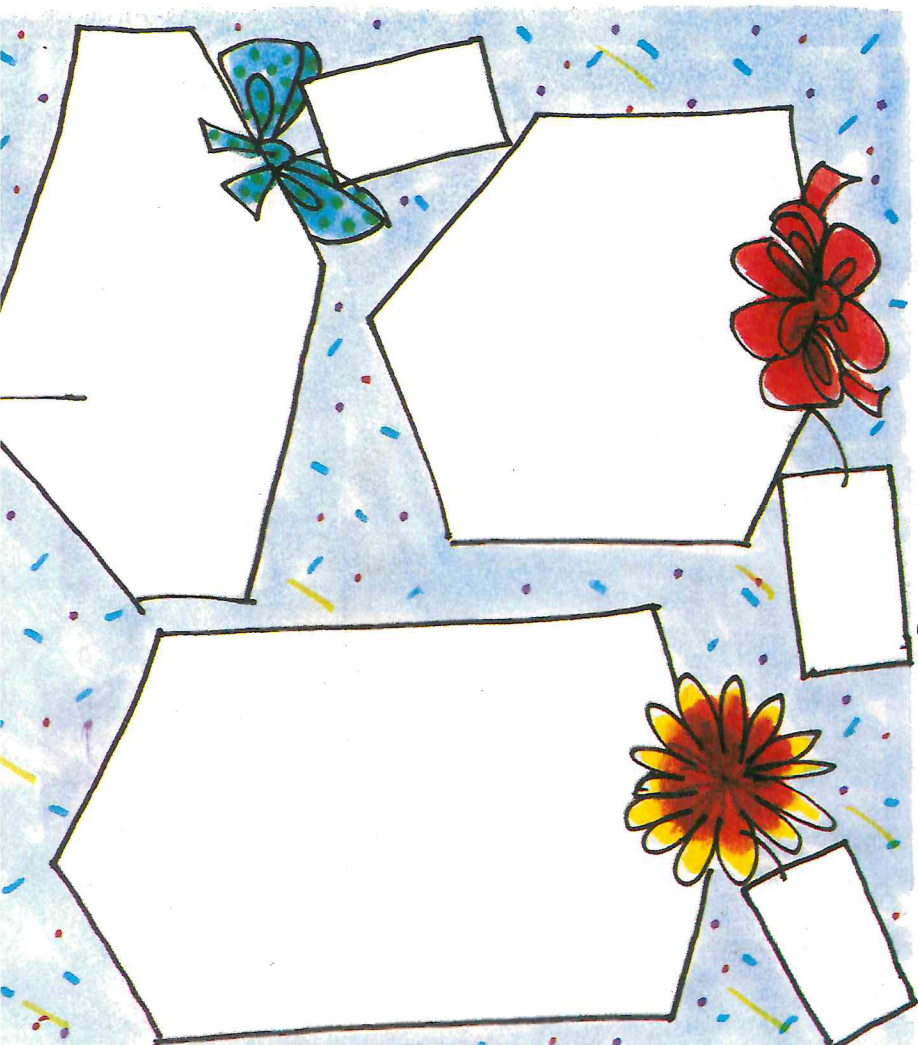


Jesus tells you about a gift.
It is the greatest gift of all.
It is LOVE!
He said to love the Lord
with all your heart
and to love your neighbor
as you love yourself.
Love is a special kind of gift.
It doesn't come all wrapped up
in a fancy box with a bow on top.
It comes from inside your heart.
You can open it any time.
With just a smile or friendly word,
you give a friend your gift of love.
With just a little prayer,
you give God your gift of love.

Other people give you gifts of love.
When Mom plays a game with you,
when Dad takes you skating,
when you and a friend share a toy,
you are receiving gifts of their love.
How many gifts of love
can you give this week?

Wrap Up Your Love

Inside each gift below, draw a picture or write a few words about a special love-thing you will do this week. On the tags, write the names of people who will receive each gift.



Family Page

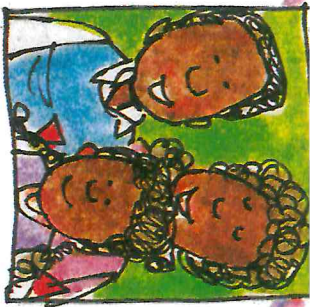
This week's gospel puts gift-giving in its proper perspective. Isn't it true that many times you give gifts just because you are expected to give them?

Jesus says a gift without love is a gift given from your "surplus" (this means it's something you will never miss). It takes away the joy of planning and giving something special.

This week, why not give a "just because I love you" gift? It can be a family gift or individual gifts from each member. It will be more special because the gift will be given for no reason other than love.

Your "just because I love you" gift should be a love surprise. It can be a

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simple thing like a child's drawing of a picture for Grandma or a difficult thing like a cake the children bake for Dad.

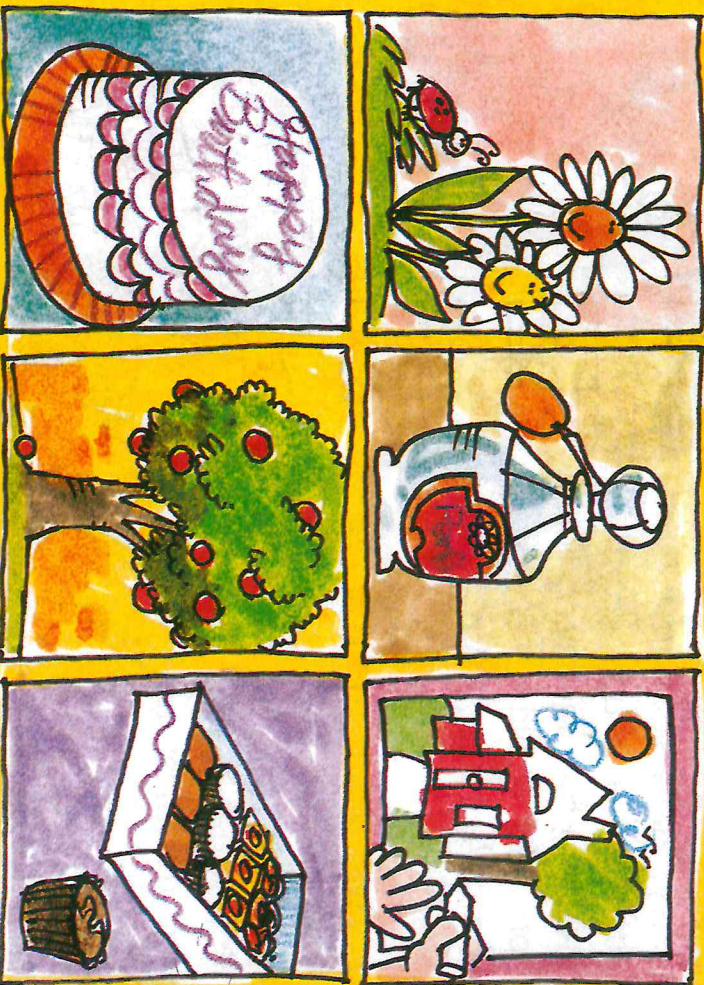
Have the children write a note to go with their gift, telling the person how much they love him or her — and why.

And, as you plan your Christmas gift-giving ideas, remember today's message — the more love you put into a gift, the more special it is going to be!



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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 • November 7, 2021



Which Gifts Cost Nothing?



There are all kinds of gifts. In the pictures above, there are gifts you can buy, gifts you can make yourself, and gifts you can go out in the yard and pick. Put an X over the gifts you must have money to buy and think about why the others are the better kind.



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The Right Kind of Giving




In this week's gospel story, a woman put two small coins in the box for the poor. It wasn't very much money, but it was all that she had. Some others gave lots of money. These were very rich people. It made them feel important to give money to the poor. They would never even miss the money that they gave.







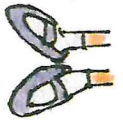





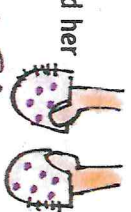







Jesus asked his disciples which of the people had given the most. Then he explained to them that the poor woman gave the most because she gave her all. She gave it because she loved God and she loved people. The rich people gave the money to show others how rich and generous they were. Giving should be a way to show love, *never* a way to show off.



TO MOM WITH LOVE

This is a rebus story. To read it you have to read the pictures as well as the words.

Once there was a little  . She wanted to buy a birthday  for her mother. She went to the  and looked at lots of things.

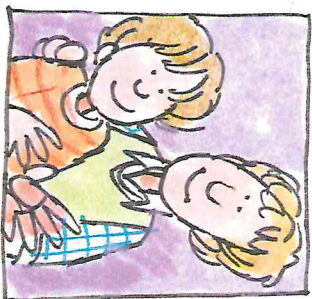
She looked at the  and the  and the  . But she did not have enough  for any of these things. The little  was very sad. On the way home she sat down on a  . All around her  were dancing  . She leaned against an  tree and tried to think. Suddenly she knew just what she would give her  for a  . She filled her arms with  and her  with  and ran to her  . She put the  in a  and fixed the  in a  . It was the very best  that her mother ever got.

Family Page

Young children develop the concept of gratitude very slowly. At first they are so accustomed to having their needs fulfilled by adults, they don't recognize these services as gifts. The same is true of the gifts of God. This week, to help the family focus on God's gifts, plan a praise-walk with them.

♥ Take a walk together as a family. Pay special attention to the many God-gifts that you see on your way. Point out things the children may miss.

♥ When you get home from your



walk, make a poster using a large grocery bag or a piece of poster paper. Write "Give Thanks to the Lord" across the top of your poster and "His Love Lasts Forever" across the bottom.

♥ Cut out pictures from magazines or draw your own pictures of the things you saw for which you are thankful. Paste these on your poster. Plan a celebration of thanksgiving for God's gifts, using the poster as your point of prayer.

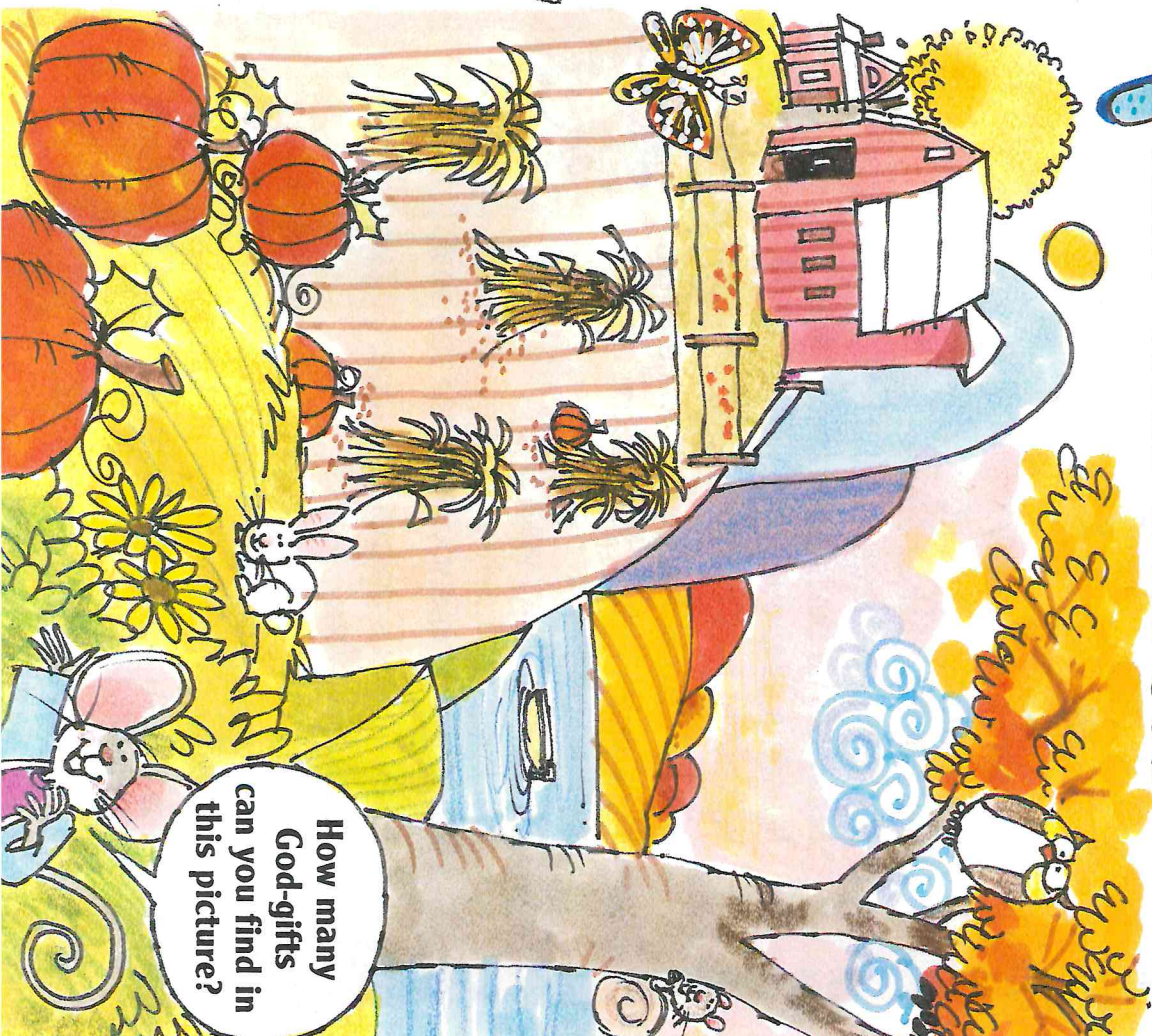
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WORD

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) • Mark 13:24-32 • November 14, 2021

Praise-Walk With God



Jesus tells you the special way
that God the Father loves you.
Remember every single day
the wonderful things he gives you,
and thank him for these things.

Good-Gifts Crossword

Can you fill in this crossword with the words below?
All are gifts — from God, from others, or from you.

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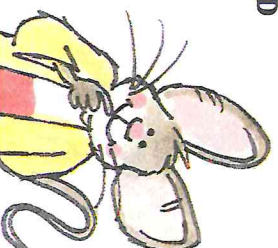
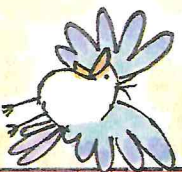
Good-Gifts Crossword

Can you fill in this crossword with the words below? All are gifts — from God, from others, or from you.

[illegible]

3. LOVE
4. THANKS
7. RAIN
8. SUN
10. LAUGHTER
11. HAPPINESS
12. DAD

1. MOM
2. HELPING HAND
5. HUGS
6. SMILES
9. PLEASE



Family Page

When you hear the story of Jesus' suffering and trial, doesn't it make you angry that the soldiers and the people would treat God's son so cruelly? Doesn't it make you want to cry when they make fun of him and laugh at him?

But there are people today who act just like the Roman soldiers. They make fun of Jesus and laugh at him. They use his holy name in anger or make jokes about him. Some people do it on purpose — others just don't know any better. Taking the name of our King of kings in vain is so common, we can almost become immune to it.

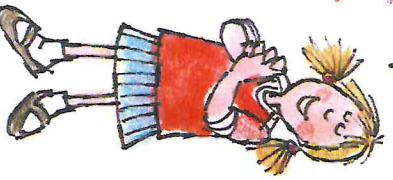
Jesus promised that "whatever you ask in my name, the Father will do." This promise shows the power present in the very name of Jesus. If you or someone you know uses Jesus' name in any way but love and prayer, maybe this would be a good week to work on breaking that habit. And the best way to break one habit is to form a better one. Here's how to do it. When you are tempted to use the name of Jesus Christ or



the name of God in the wrong way, silently say this little prayer:

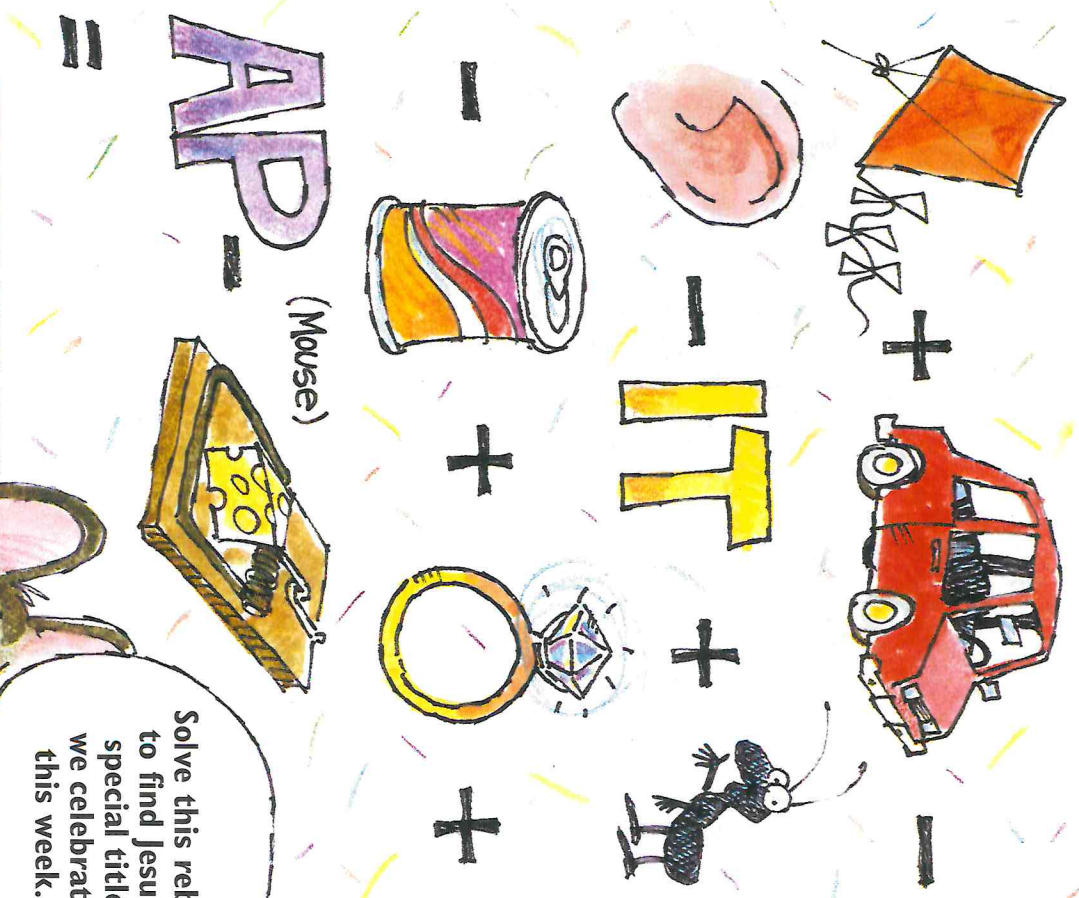
"Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings, forgive me. I know you are my King and I love you and honor your holy name always."

You will find, if you say this little prayer often enough, it will become a habit! And isn't that the best way of all to use the name of your King?



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (B) • John 18:33b-37 • November 21, 2021



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 KING = AP - AP + RING + CAN - ANT + IT - CAR - CAR + TIT = answers to rebuses

Solve this rebus to find Jesus' special title we celebrate this week.

Your Very Own King

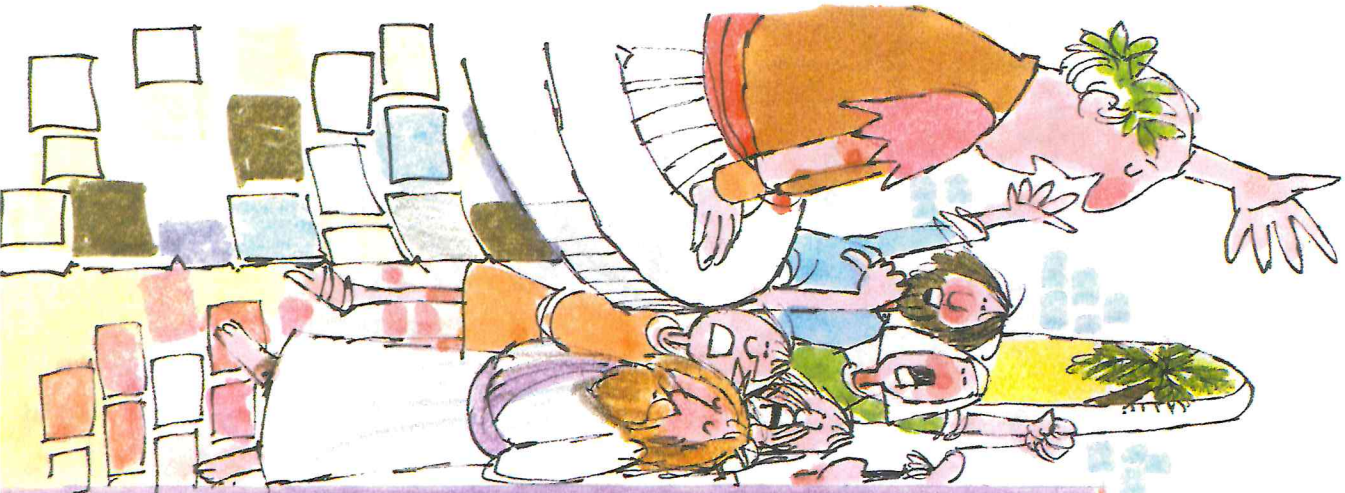


In some countries, the people have a king. The king watches over his people. The people follow his rules and give him honor.

This week we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. On this day we remember that Jesus is our very own king. This week's gospel tells the story.

"Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate had asked Jesus. "My kingdom is not of this world," was Jesus' answer. The soldiers made fun of Jesus. They crowned him with thorns. They laughed at him and spit on him.

They didn't know that Jesus would rise from the dead. They didn't know that thousands of years later people would follow Jesus and know him as their only true king. They didn't know — so they laughed.



But YOU know! Jesus RULES you with his LOVE. He LEADS you by his teachings. He GUIDES you with his commandments. He PROTECTS you from evil things. He LISTENS to your prayers and ANSWERS you in love. Who has a king more wonderful than Jesus, your very own king?



Word Search

In the text, we have underlined those things that identify Jesus as a good king. See if you can find and circle them in the box below.

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

FAMILY PAGE

During this Advent season, there are many things your family can do to get ready for Jesus' birthday. You can begin by making an Advent wreath like the one on the front of this bulletin. Use three purple candles and one pink (or four white candles with pink and purple bows). Your wreath can be made of real pine or cedar branches or imitation ones. The frame is made from an old coat hanger shaped into a circle.

Each week of Advent, light another candle to burn throughout your prayer time. The family can write their own prayers or you can use the readings from the daily Mass.

By the last week, all four candles

will be burning at once. The pink candle or bow is for the third week of Advent, to show your happiness that Christmas is so near. The light of the candles, burning brightly while you pray, reminds you that Jesus is the Light of the World.



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First Sunday of Advent (C) • Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 • November 28, 2021

COME,
LORD JESUS!



The Advent wreath is used during this time of the year to remind you that people waited a long, long time for Jesus to come. If you do not have an Advent wreath in your home, this week's FAMILY PAGE will give you and your family suggestions on how to make one.

Answer to
Prayer for Patience:

FATHER, I AM WAITING TO CELEBRATE
THE BIRTHDAY OF YOUR SON. HELP
ME TO GET READY.



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It's So Hard to Wait!

Don't you just hate to wait?
Think of all the special things
that you have waited for this year:
your summer vacation,
the first day of school,
your class picnic.

Remember how much fun you had
when that special day arrived?

This week you will begin
the long wait for Christmas.
The whole world is waiting
for Christmas to come.

The Church has a special way
to get ready for Christmas.

This special way is called Advent.

Remember the story of the angel
who came to ask Mary
to be the mother of Jesus?
Mary said YES right away.
But she had to wait nine months
for Jesus to come.

Mary used her waiting time
to get ready for her special baby.
The Church uses Advent
to get ready for Christmas —
the birthday of Mary's special Son.



Prayer for

Patience

Using the
key below,
can you decode
this little
prayer for
patience?

P Z M L R Q J Z B
G Z J M J Y N M W

V R D R X Q Z M R M L R

X J Q M L T Z C W P C W K Q

O W Y L R D U

B R M W N R M Q R Z T C

HERE'S
THE
KEY.



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
G S F R E Q D P C O B N A



Family Page

A good way to "make ready the way of the Lord" is to make a Jesse tree (see picture on front of bulletin). The whole family can work together. The Jesse tree can be a learning experience for all. Use a real tree branch or draw a tree on poster paper. Your symbols can be made from construction paper.



Begin your tree by reading chapter 11 of the Book of Isaiah, explaining God's call to Jesse, the chosen ancestor of Jesus.

The **apple** or a **serpent** can represent the fall of Adam and Eve from God's grace (read Genesis 1 and 2).

The **altar** upon which Abraham was going to sacrifice Isaac would be a good symbol for the Father of our faith (read Genesis 21 and 22).

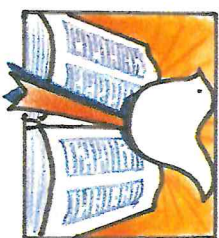
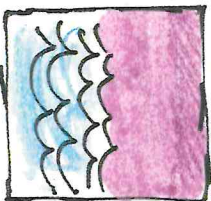
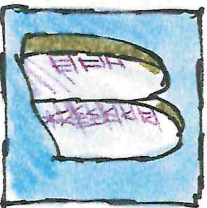
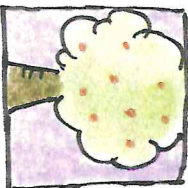
The **Ten Commandments** can represent Moses' call from God (read Exodus 20:1-17). David, son of Jesse and head of the family of Jesus, is represented by the **Star of David** or a **crown** (read 1 Samuel 16:1-13).

John the Baptist can be represented by water, symbolizing the baptizing of Jesus in the Jordan (read Mark 1:1-8).

A **picture of Mary** or a **single rose** can represent the Mother of Jesus. For her call from God, read Luke 1:26-38.

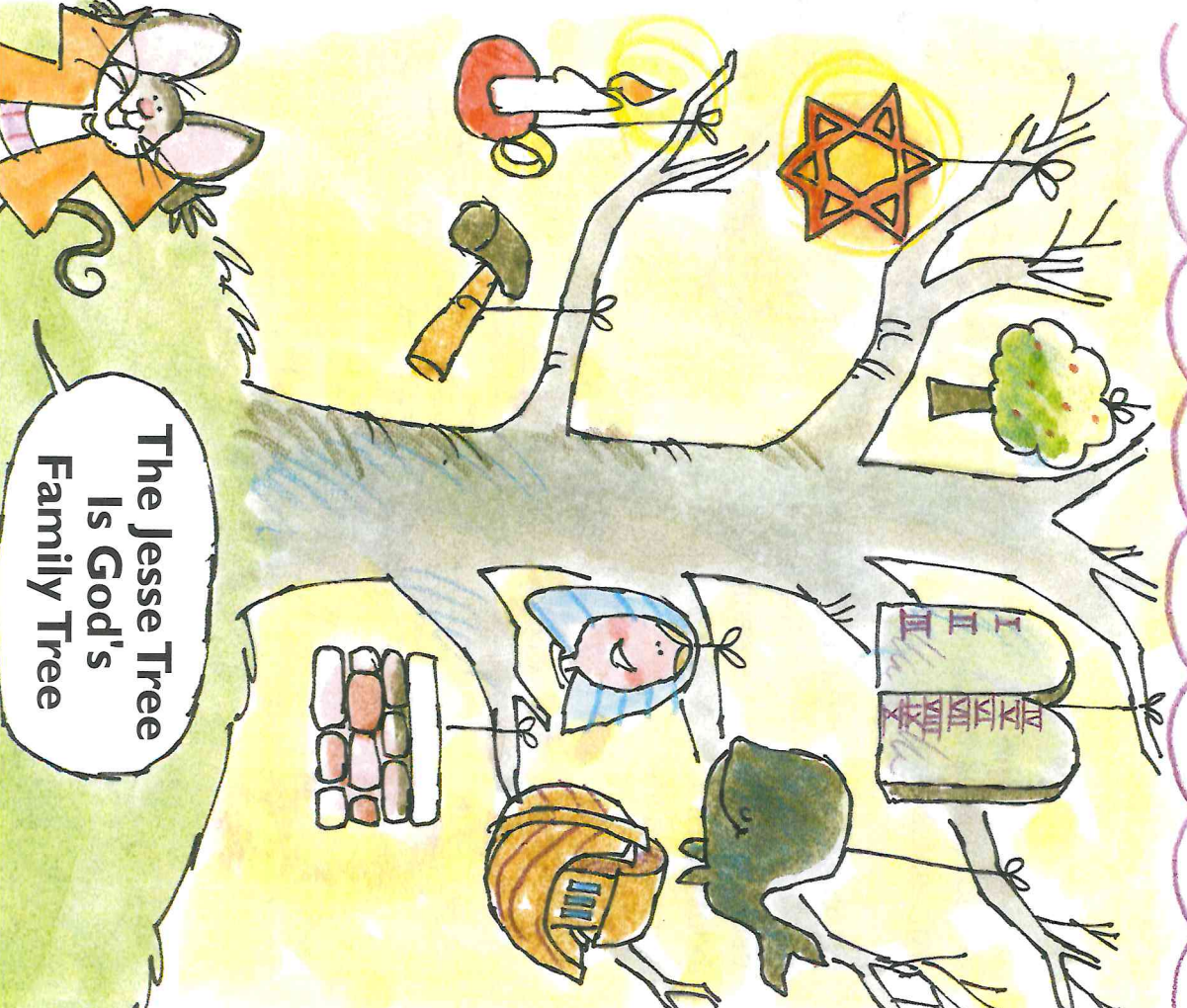
Any **carpenter's tool** can symbolize Joseph, chosen to care for Mary and Jesus on earth (read Matthew 1:18-25).

Other symbols that could be included are the **ark** for Noah, a **coat of many colors** for Jacob's son Joseph, or a **manger** for the Christ Child. Add cutout people, one for each member of your own family, and you and your Jesse tree are ready for the Christmas celebration.



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Second Sunday of Advent (C) • Luke 3:1-6 • December 5, 2021



Get Ready for Jesus

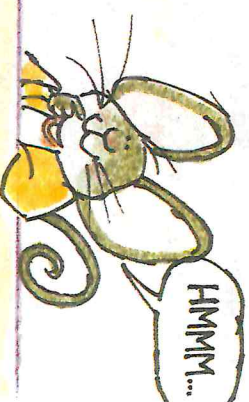
In this week's gospel story, John the Baptist has something to say, something very important for all God's people.

What did John want them to do? He told them to ask God's forgiveness for all their past sins.

He told them to begin right now to live their lives for God. He said that Jesus was coming to teach them about God's love and about everlasting life.



John has a message for you too. Listen as he tells you about getting ready for Jesus — way down inside your heart. John wants you to find new ways to do loving things for others. He wants you to begin right now to live your life for God. Maybe you can say an extra prayer each day from now until Christmas. Maybe you can do extra work to help your parents every day. Whatever you decide to do, do it for God and for love. Christmas is coming very soon. Start getting ready today!



A STRAIGHT PATH

In this week's gospel, a man preached about making a straight path for the Lord. If you color in all the spaces marked with a dot, you will find out who this preacher is.

