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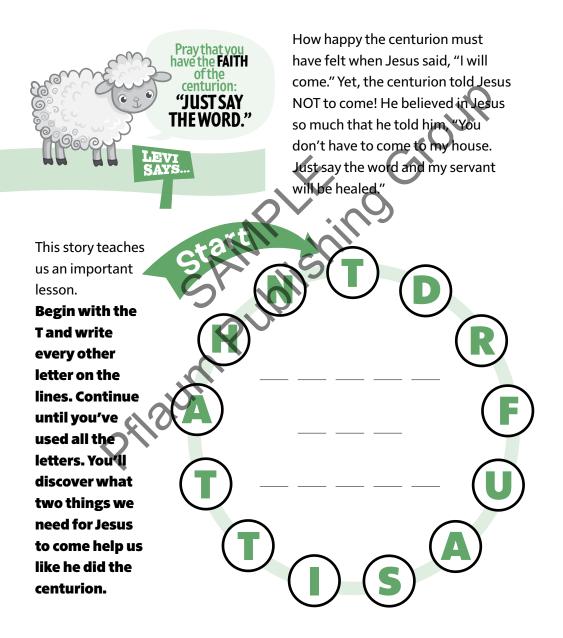
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For Primary Grades

# First Monday & Advent

#### Today's Gospel » Matthew 8:5-11 🌟

A centurion came to Jesus and said, "Lord, my servant is paralyzed and in terrible pain." Jesus said, "I will come and cure him" (8:5–7).



# Levi, the Nosy Lamb

[ PART 3 ]

"Who is it?" Levi wondered. "WHAT is it, in fact? I've never seen a creature as beautiful as that."

"It isn't any animal I've ever seen before. And it isn't man or woman, of that I'm pretty sure."

Then Levi heard the creature speak, and did he get an earful! "Hello, Mary," it began, "God thinks you're very special."

Mary looked a bit attaid and even quite confused. "Don't worry, Mary, God sent me to give you some good news."

"I am the angel Gabriel, and I hope that you'll agree to be the mother of God's Son, the Savior, as you'll see." "How can this be?" asked Mary "I am not married yet." "God will make this happen through the power of the Spirit."

Well, Levi couldn't even speak; this took his breath away. What would Mary do? What would Joseph say?







## Third Tuesday of Advent

DECEMBER 14 \star SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

#### Today's Gospel » Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus told the chief priests and elders in the temple, "John preached to you, but you did not believe him. But people you judge as bad people did believe him. They will get to heaven before you" (21:31–32).



Arrange the remaining words to find John's message.

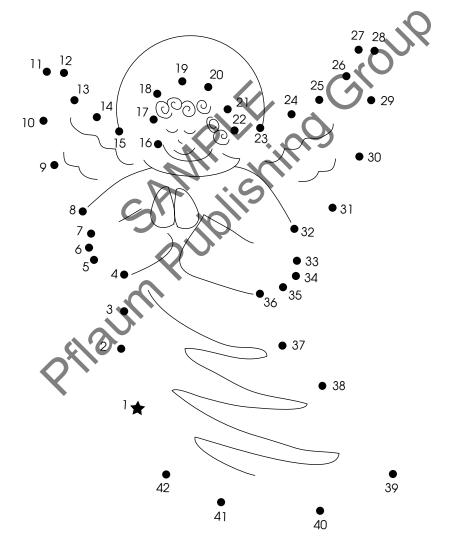


#### DECEMBER 20

Today's Gospel » Luke 1:26-38 🌟

"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you" (1:28).

**Connect the dots** to see who greeted Mary and told her she was favored. When you've finished connecting the dots, color the picture.





### Fourth Thursday of Advent

#### DECEMBER 23

#### Today's Gospel » Luke 1:57-66 📩

It was the day to name Elizabeth's baby. The priest was going to name the baby Zechariah, who was Elizabeth's husband. Zechariah had been unable to speak for months. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote the name he wanted for the baby. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God (1:63–64).

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and told him his wife would have a baby, Gabriel told Zechariah what name to give the baby. Zechariah couldn't believe that his wife, who was very old, could still have a baby. Gabriel then told him that because he doubted God's power, he would not be able to speak until after the baby was born.

Solve these rebus puzzles to discover eac letter in the name Zechariah wrote