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GETTING READY
FOR CHRISTMAS
2022 ★

For Primary Grades





First Thursday of Advent

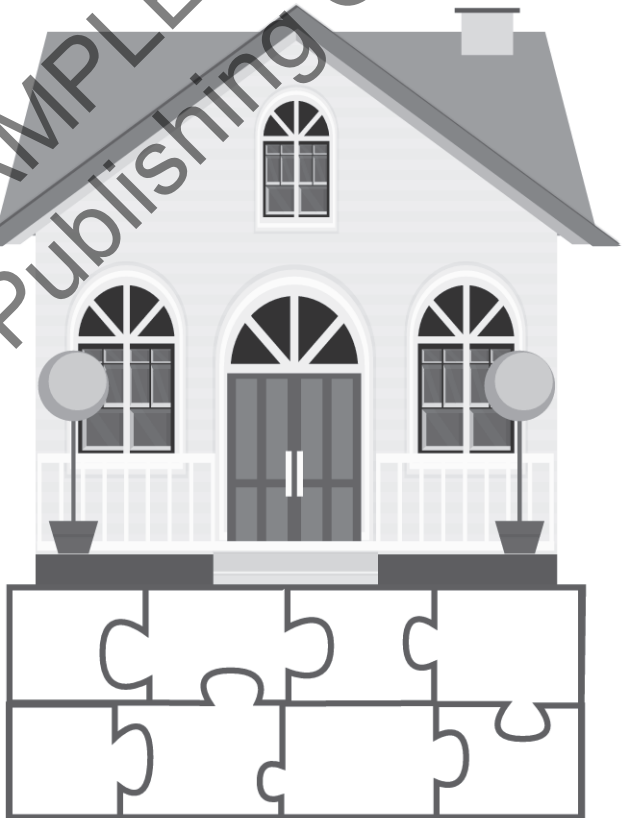
DECEMBER 1

★ Today's Gospel » Matthew 7:21, 24-27 ★

Jesus said, "The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock" (7:25).

Jesus told a story about a man who built his house on rock and a man who built his house on sand. When the rain and winds came, the house built on sand fell down! But the one built on rock did not.

Each rock stands for a way God wants you to live. **Write the words from these rock puzzle pieces in their correct spots under the house so your house stays strong.**





Second Wednesday of Advent

DECEMBER 7 ★ SAINT AMBROSE

★ Today's Gospel » Matthew 11:28-30 ★

Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls" (11:29).

Do you know what a yoke is? It is a kind of harness that goes over two animals at a time. Together they can pull heavy loads. If the yoke fits just right, it is very comfortable. If it doesn't fit right, it can hurt.

To see what else Jesus said about his yoke in today's Gospel, substitute the correct letter in the box above each number.

13	25

25	15	11	5

9	19

5	1	19	25

13	25

2	21	18	4	5	1

9	19

12	9	7	8	20



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



There's another word pronounced exactly like **YOKE**, but it means something different. It's a good thing Jesus didn't mean that yolk. We'd all have egg on our faces!





Third Monday of Advent

DECEMBER 12 ★ OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

★ Today's Gospel » Luke 1:26-38 ★

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" (1:30).

Almost 500 years ago, in Mexico, Mary appeared to an Aztec man named Juan Diego. Mary told Juan to tell his bishop to build a church on that spot. The bishop demanded proof that Mary had said this.

Mary told Juan to gather roses for the bishop. But it was December! No roses grew there in December. Still, when Juan went to the spot Mary had told him to, there were the roses!

Juan gathered the roses in his cloak and took them to the bishop. When he opened his cloak, out came the roses, and there was a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe right on the inside of his cloak!

PREPARE A BOUQUET FOR MARY. Look at these rows of flowers. Find the pattern in each row. At the end of each row, circle the flower that continues the pattern to make a nice bouquet.

Rows

End of Row

1



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OR



2



=



OR



3



=



OR



4



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OR

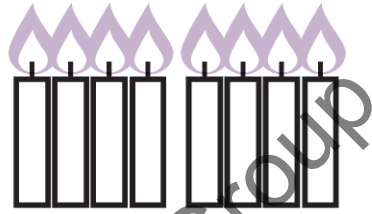


Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

Use this Advent prayer as part of your morning prayers or with your family or classmates. Before praying each day this week, “light” all four Advent candles. Color three of them violet and one of them rose.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, bring us your love,
So we may learn to love.

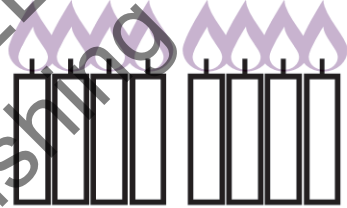


Sunday

Monday

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, bring us your kindness,
So we may learn to be kind.

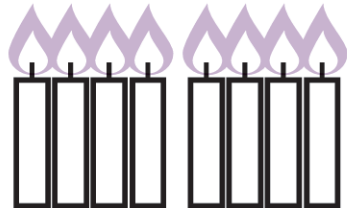


Tuesday

Wednesday

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, bring us your mercy,
So we may learn to be merciful.



Thursday

Friday

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Come, bring us your forgiveness,
So we may learn to forgive.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

We are so close, now, Lord—only a few days to wait. It is hard not to turn our thoughts to worldly goods. We prepare to give presents and to receive presents. Help us remember that the only Christmas present that matters is your presence among us.



Saturday

All: Amen.



Fourth Saturday of Advent

DECEMBER 24

★ Today's Gospel » Luke 1:67-79 ★

Zechariah said, "The Lord God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David" (1:69).

What answer would you give someone who asked you, "Who is God's Son?" There is only one correct answer—Jesus is God's Son.

There is only one correct word, too, that fills in each blank in this prayer-poem for Jesus. **When you see a blank, choose the correct homophone to complete the line.** (A homophone is a word that sounds like another word but is spelled differently and has a different meaning.)



Tonight's a very special _____.
one or **won**?

We await the birth of Mary's _____.
son or **sun**?

A tiny baby from above,
born to bring his Father's love.
Thank you for your
life so _____.
deer or **dear**?

Jesus, Jesus,
welcome _____.
hear or **here**?