

ABSOLUTELY ADVENT!

For Primary Grades

GETTING READY
FOR CHRISTMAS
2024 ★



Levi, the Nosy Lamb

[PART 1]



The little town of Nazareth
was hardly known at all.
Folks there lived in humble homes,
some big but mostly small.

A man named Ira tended sheep
out in the fields nearby.
His smallest lamb was Levi,
a lively scamp, oh my!

The children of the little town
thought Levi was such fun.
They played their games of hide and seek,
and Levi always won!

But when the children were in school,
Levi liked to roam.
He'd sneak into the little town
and peek inside each home.

He told himself this was okay,
he wasn't causing harm.
He was always home again
before Ira got alarmed.

Although he used this sneaky way
to hear the news in town,
Levi was the one to ask
about what was going on.

So as these Advent weeks unfold,
let Levi lead the way,
and you'll find out why Nazareth
is a famous place today.



First Thursday of Advent

DECEMBER 5

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

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (7:21).

Just saying you believe in God will not get you into Heaven. You must live your life the way God wants you to. **Here are some ways you can do God's will. Find and circle them in the Word Search.**

LORD JESUS,
help us to do the
WILL OF OUR
FATHER IN
HEAVEN.



SHARE
BELIEVE
RESPECT
BE KIND
TELL TRUTH
DON'T STEAL
FEED HUNGRY
PLAY FAIR
HELP POOR
PRAY

R	Z	R	I	A	F	Y	A	L	P
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Second Wednesday of Advent

DECEMBER 11 ★ SAINT DAMASUS I

★ 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.

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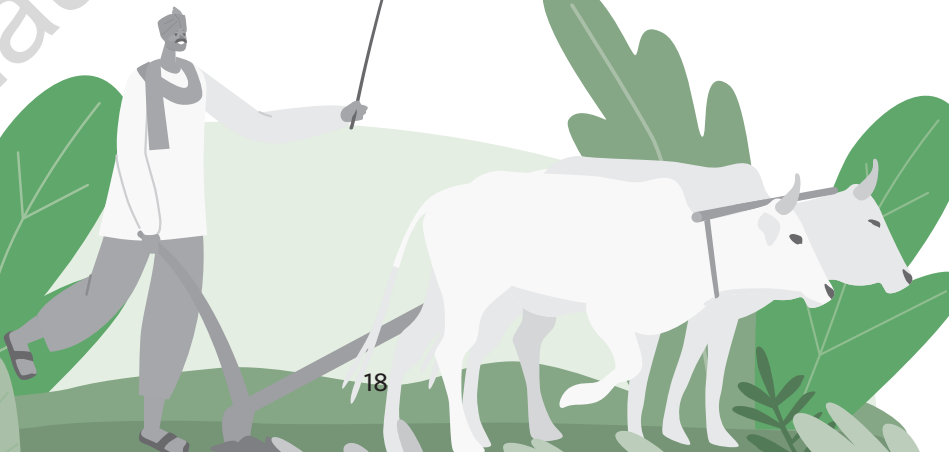
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Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 15

★ Today's Gospel » Luke 3:10-18 ★





John told the people, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise" (3:11).

As you read this story, say the word in place of the picture, number, or letter clue.

Your  is getting ready **4** . The  **R**

bringing  and  **2**  **2** give **2**  who need them. **U** **R** looking at the

 that **U** have. **U** find that **U** have

1  and **3** pairs of  that **R** **2** small for **U**. **U** take your  and 

2 , **4** the  who need them.

 some other things **U** can do for needy .

Today you'll see the priest wear **ROSE-COLORED VESTMENTS** because the big event is near!





Fourth Monday of Advent

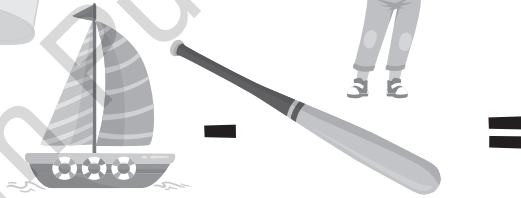
DECEMBER 23 ★ SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

★ 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 each letter in the name Zechariah wrote.



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