



*Christmas is almost here!*



Christmas is almost here! Isn't it exciting? It's like when it's getting really close to your birthday, except that people all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can!

I CAN WASH THE SINK FOR MOM!



If your family has an Advent wreath, today all four of the candles will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming

closer and getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus.

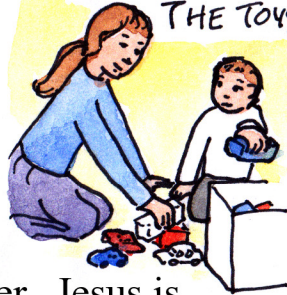
HI DAD! I VACUUMED UNDER YOUR DESK!



Does your family have a Christmas tree? Are there lights on it? Do you have Christmas lights on your house? All the little lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to brighten up other

people's lives! Think of some things you can do to love God and bring His love to your family and your friends and neighbours this Christmas!

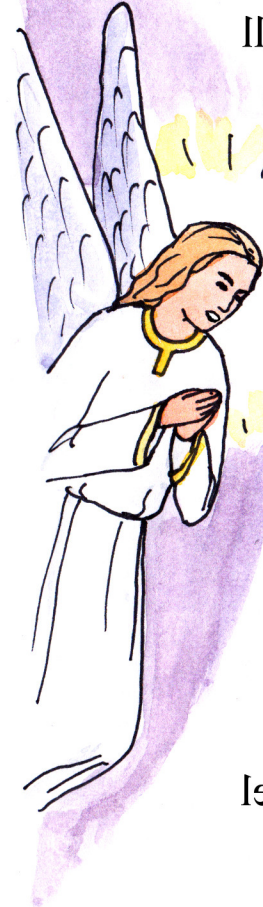
HERE. I'LL HELP YOU PICK UP THE TOYS.



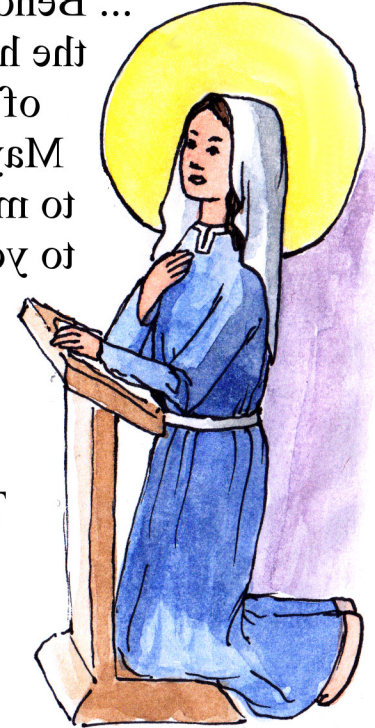
# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24th, 2023

Hail, full of grace!  
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High...



... Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.



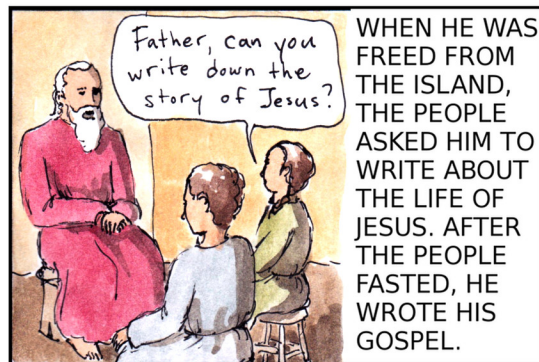
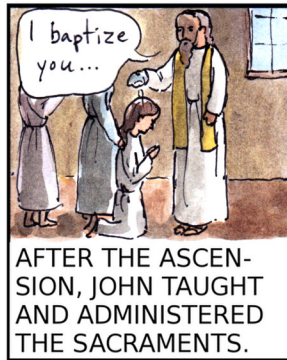
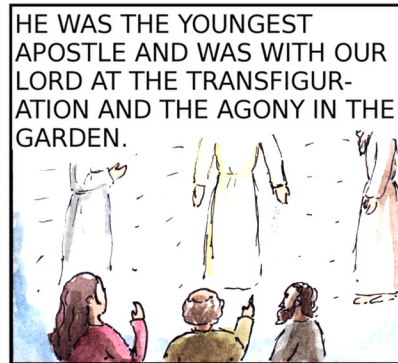
Then the angel departed from her.

*What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary?  
What did she reply to him?  
Look in the mirror to find out!*

Answers to True or False: 1. false. (Gabriel) 2. false. 3. true. 4. true. 5. false. 6. true. 7. true. (the baby was John the Baptist!)

# Saint John the Evangelist

December 27



IN HIS GOSPEL SAINT JOHN CALLS HIMSELF "THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED." HIS HEART WAS PURE AND DEDICATED TO JESUS, SO HE WAS OPEN TO RECEIVING JESUS' LOVE. WHEN HE GREW TOO OLD TO GO OUT AND PREACH, SAINT JOHN JUST TOLD THE PEOPLE, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

True or False?

## Today's Gospel Reading: The Angel Visits Mary

*How well do you know the story of the Annunciation?  
See if you know which are true and which are false:*

1. God sent the angel Michael to bring His message to Our Lady. True or false?
2. When Mary saw the angel, she covered her eyes. True or false?
3. The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid." True or false?
4. The angel told Our Lady that she would have a Son that she would name 'Jesus.' True or false?
5. Mary just said okay and the angel left right away. True or false?
6. When Mary said she didn't understand, Gabriel told her that the baby would be the Son of God. True or false?
7. Before he left, the angel told Mary that her old cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby too. True or false?

