



8 JESSE TREE of Salvation History

SATURDAY

December 9

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LEVEL 2

JACOB, the son of Isaac



You can **READ** about it in **Genesis chapters 27-28**.

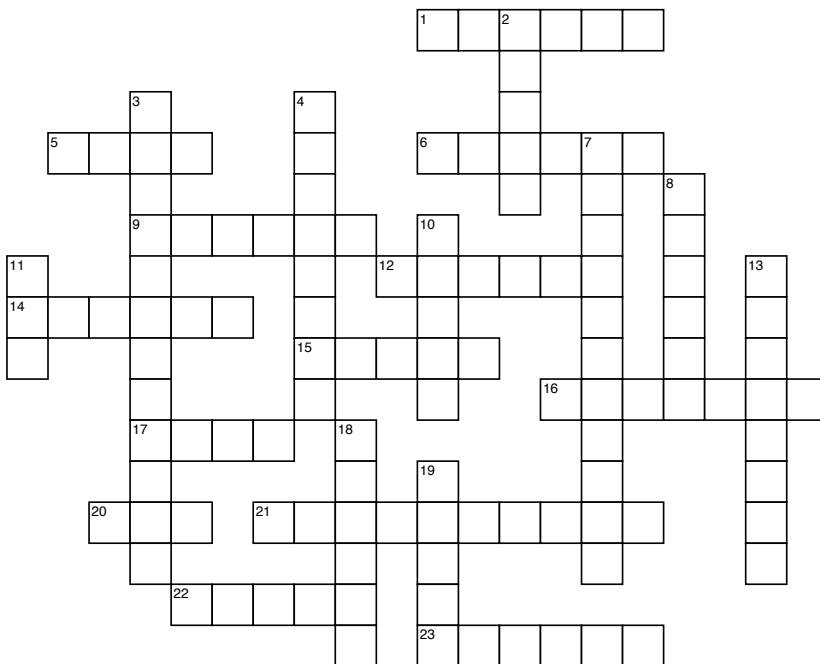


READ the **Picture Bible** pages 72-82 and 93.



PRINT BLESSINGS for your **manger scene, Christmas tree**, and more, today.

To help you with **TODAY'S PUZZLE**, we have provided a **WORD BANK** of words from which to choose. You can find the answers that fit the crossword in the word bank. *BE CAREFUL: some of the words in the list will NOT be used in the puzzle—we didn't want to make it too easy!*



DOWN

- 2 He became blind in his old age.
- 3 A blessing derives its meaning and effectiveness from the _____ of the word of God, the first part of a blessing.
- 4 By celebrating a blessing, we can _____ events in our lives.
- 7 A blessing is not a sacrament, but a _____.
- 8 When objects are blessed, we always have in mind the _____ who use them.
- 10 Stole his brother Esau's blessing.
- 11 A blessing has _____ parts.
- 13 The first blessing of God to Adam and Eve was to be _____ and multiply.
- 18 Jacob's _____, Rebecca, convinced him to trick his father.
- 19 In keeping with an ancient tradition, the tracing of the sign of the _____ often accompanies a blessing.

ACROSS

- 1 In most circumstances, if a _____ is present, he should preside over the blessing.
- 5 First part of a blessing is the proclamation of the _____ of God.
- 6 Second part of a blessing is _____ of God's goodness and petition for His help.
- 9 The person presiding in a blessing represents the _____.
- 12 There is a blessing for a Christmas _____ or Nativity Scene.
- 14 There is a blessing for an Advent _____.
- 15 After the _____ God blessed Noah and his family.

- 16 The story of Jacob and Esau is in this book of the Bible.
- 17 There is a blessing for a Christmas _____.
- 20 The source from which every good gift comes-- including blessings!
- 21 A blessing is a _____ action of the Church. (Hint: we also talk about _____ colors!)
- 22 A sacramental prepares a person to receive _____ and to better cooperate with it.
- 23 Although a human being pronounces a blessing, it does not have a merely human _____.

WORD BANK:

Church, cross, flood, fruitful, Genesis, God, grace, Isaac, Jacob, liturgical, manger, mother, people, praise, priest, proclamation, sacramental, sanctify, source, tree, two, word, wreath, Xavier, yarn, Zechariah

Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe

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Their story BEGINS TODAY! On this date in 1531, Saint Juan Diego, a Mexican Indian, had his first meeting with a beautiful lady who appeared to him on Tepayac Hill. He would meet her several more times over the next 4 days —until **December 12**, which is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!**



To learn his story and hers, for the next **FOUR DAYS** you can **LISTEN** to a little bit of our exciting **Glory Stories Volume 1: "Fresh Flowers in Winter"** for **FREE** at www.AdventAdventure.com. We'll play an episode each day so you can hear the whole exciting story!



You can also **PRINT OUT** Saint Juan Diego coloring pages day-by-day!

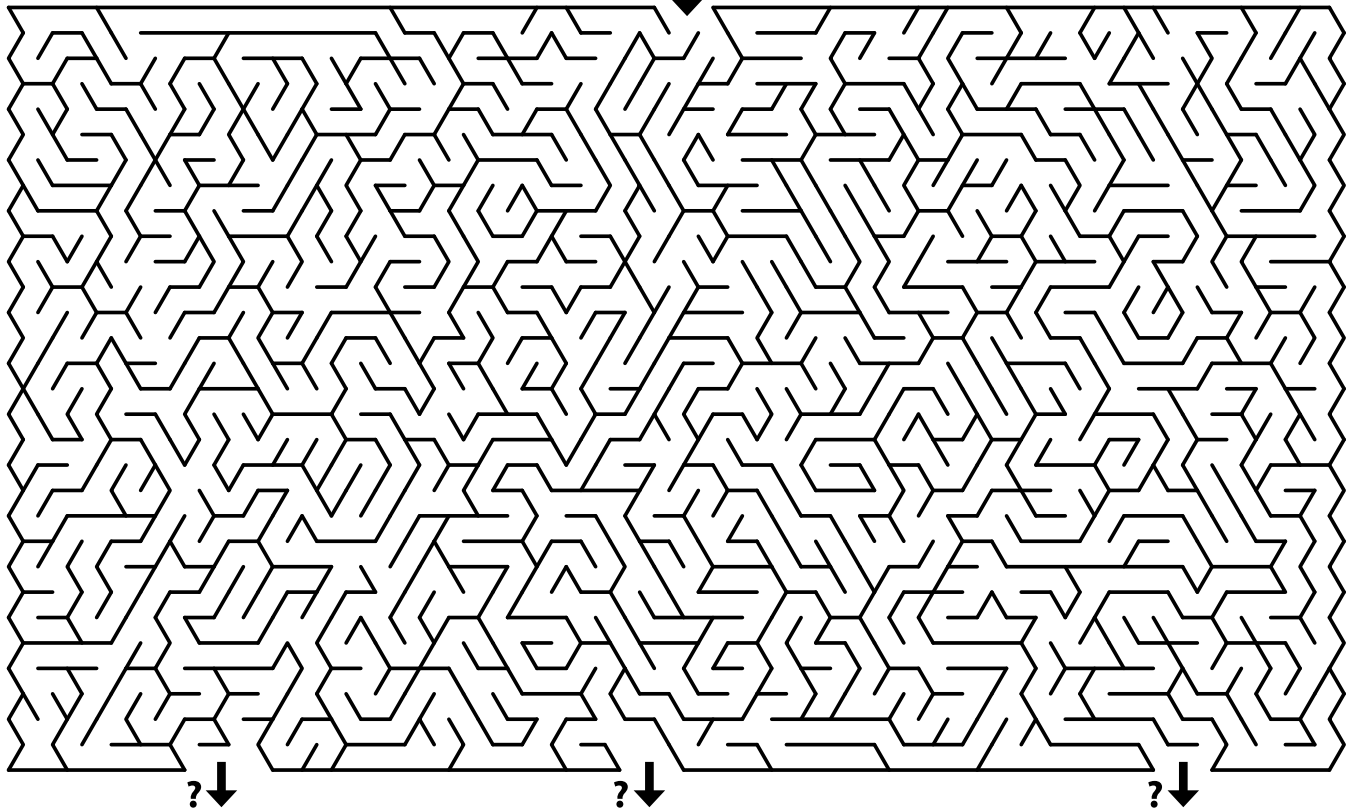
HELP Saint Juan Diego! The correct trail through the maze will answer this question:

What did the Bishop ask Juan Diego to get before he would believe that the Mother of God really wanted a chapel built on Tepayac Hill?

START at the ★ at the TOP and exit at the BOTTOM to find which is the CORRECT answer.



START HERE ★



A signed note from Jesus

A sign to prove who she was

Money to pay the cost to build it



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Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 10

LEVEL 1

JOSEPH, Son of Jacob



You can **READ** about him in **Genesis 37:3-4, 17-28.**

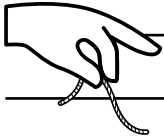


READ the **Picture Bible** pages 94 and 97-122.

How is your Advent of preparation and sacrifice coming along? How much straw is in your Sacrifice Manger?

THINK back on this week, and **WRITE** down what you will do to be even more obedient to your parents and God—just like Isaac!

What I will do:

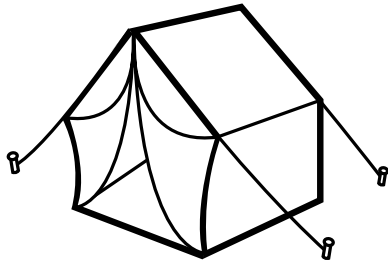


Put a "straw" in the sacrifice manger every time you are obedient to your parents. God wants us to be obedient, just like Isaac and Abraham.

Below are pictures that should **REMIND YOU** about characters in the Jesse Tree. Next to each picture, **WRITE** down the name of the person and **why** the picture reminds you of him. (If you need help from Mom, Dad, or a sibling—just **ask!** When they help you, **they** can put a **straw** in the **manger**, too!)

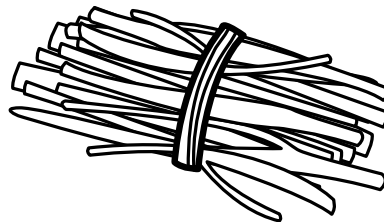
Tent reminds you of ...

Because he ...



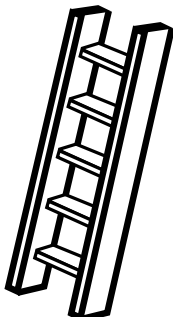
Sticks remind you of ...

Because he ...



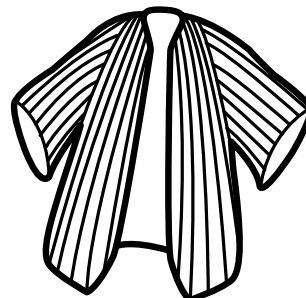
Ladder reminds you of ...

Because he ...



Coat reminds you of ...

Because he ...





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GO BACK to page 6 and **COLOR** in the next candle in the Advent Wreath, and don't forget to "light it" by coloring in the flame!

COLOR the MASS Coloring Page below!



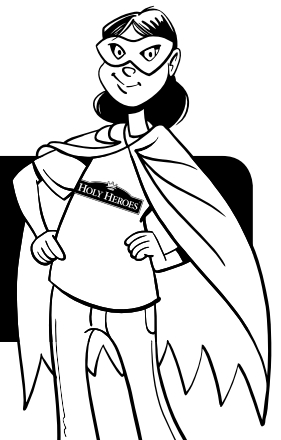
The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mark 1: 1-4)

Take this to Mass with you, then listen carefully! You'll hear all the answers during Mass!

1. The color vestments the priest is wearing are _____.
2. How many candles on the Advent Wreath are lit (either before or during Mass)? _____
3. What color candle(s) are lit? _____
4. The first reading is from the book of
 - a. Isaiah
 - b. Sirach
 - c. Jeremiah
5. In this reading, we hear "a voice cries out in the _____: prepare the way of the LORD!"
 - a. Castle
 - b. The land of milk and honey
 - c. Desert
6. **BONUS:** Who will be this "voice in the desert" that Isaiah is prophesying about? _____ (Hint: listen to the Gospel!)
7. Responsorial Psalm is, "Lord, let us see your _____, and grant us your _____."
8. The second reading is from:
 - a. First Letter of Peter
 - b. Second Letter of Peter
 - c. Acts
9. Saint Peter is writing about:
 - a. The end of the world when God will create a new heaven and a new earth!
 - b. How hot it is in the desert, like fire
 - c. How he first met Jesus
10. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of _____.
11. What was John the Baptist doing in the desert?
 - a. Crying because he didn't want to be in the desert
 - b. Baptizing people in the Jordan River for the forgiveness of their sins
 - c. Selling locusts, wild honey, and sandals

Want to check your answers?

The answers are **FREE** when you register using your email. Visit us at www.AdventAdventure.com!



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LEVEL 1



BONUS—a video about Saint Therese and her “sacrifice beads” today!



Get our Holy Heroes **SACRIFICE BEADS** with a handy carabiner hook so you can carry them around all day!



One day, Saint Therese’s older sister, Marie, gave Therese a set of sacrifice beads. “Each time you make a sacrifice, say a little prayer, and pull a bead,” Marie told Therese. Therese loved the beads. She did many sacrifices and thought, “I can do little sacrifices for Jesus.” She called this her “Little Way,” because it was going to be her little way to Heaven.