

Nativity Manger Scene

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Today Trey teaches us about the Nativity Manger scene!



Hi! Today we are going to learn about how the Nativity Manger scene or crèche became part of Catholic Tradition by **WATCHING** a special Advent Adventure **BONUS VIDEO** we made when Trey was just a little kid! In the video he is dressed as a saint. Can you guess who?

We've made it easy for you to make your **OWN manger scene** that you can color yourself! **Just follow the simple steps below**—and make sure to see the VIDEO your Adventure Guides made to show you how it works:



1. **Print off** colorable manger scene cutouts that you **download** at www.holyheroes.com/nativity.



2. **Color them, cut them out,** and **tape or glue** them onto some of **your own cardboard** so they are more sturdy (*paper plates work great in place of cardboard*).

3. **Cut out** a bunch of your own **cardboard "stands"** and **insert** them **on the bottoms** so the cutouts can **stand up**.

4. Put your "sacrifice manger" in **front of the stable background**—*that's where Baby Jesus will go when He's born*—and **put the animals around** the stable. Don't forget to **color the little animals** that you will find hidden in the stable already!



REMEMBER: Some of the manger scene items are not to be used right now—save them for later when it gets closer to Christmas morning!

You can color them and get them ready now...but just wait a few more days before you use them. Okay?

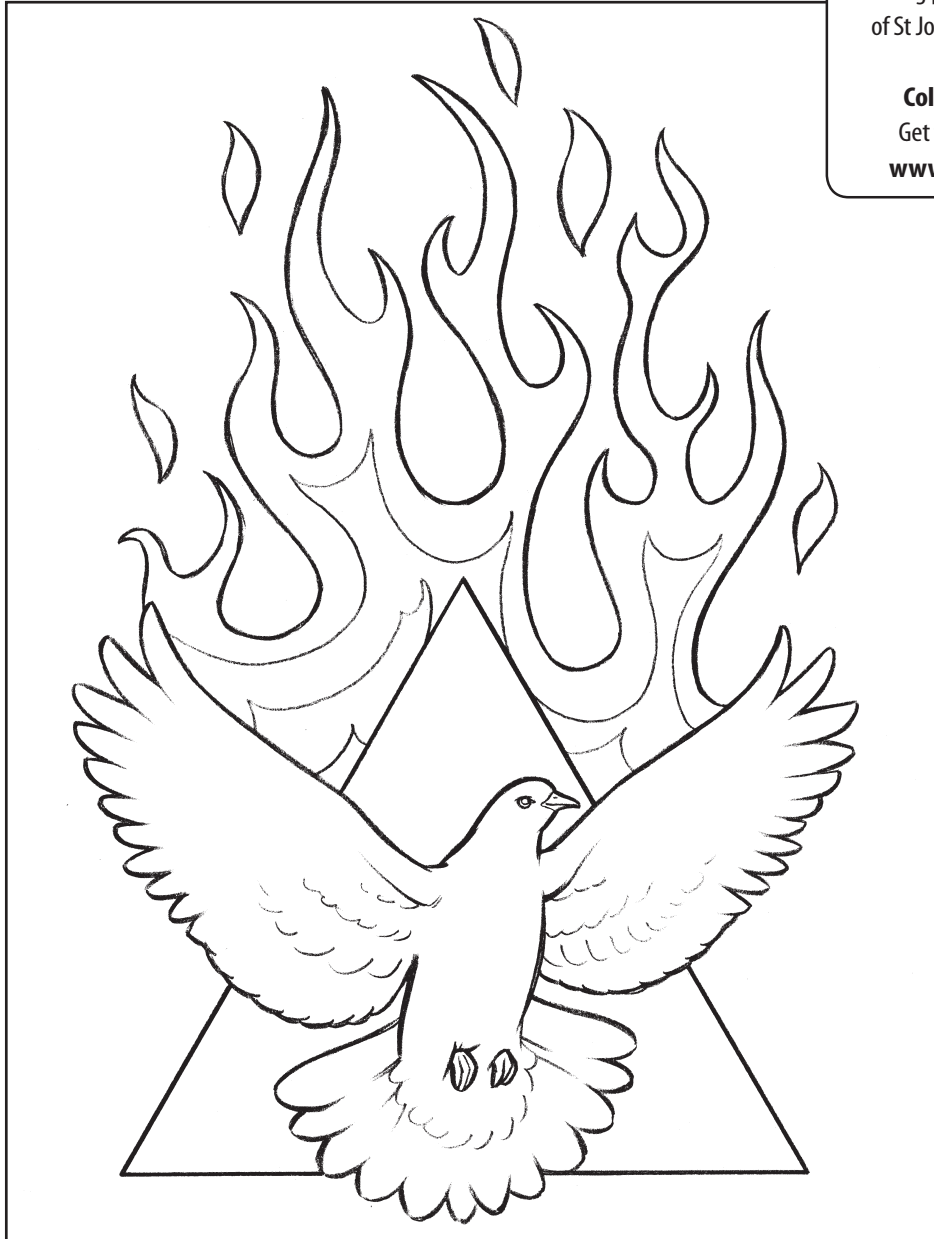


Third SUNDAY in Advent – "Gaudete Sunday"

Hooray—it's already the 3rd Sunday of Advent!

What color is the candle for today? _____

COLOR the MASS Coloring Page below!



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Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:15-16)

MASS QUIZ!

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. **BONUS:** This is Gaudete Sunday—named after the first word of the Entrance Antiphon!
That word is _____ (*listen carefully—the priest will repeat it, "Again I say, _____"*)
5. The first reading is from the book of _____.
6. Isaiah prophesies that when the Messiah comes, which of the following will happen (select all that apply):
 - a. The blind will be able to see
 - b. The deaf will be able to hear
 - c. The lame will be able to walk
 - d. The dead will be raised to life
7. The second reading is from the book of _____.
8. Circle the correct answer: In this reading, we are told to be (anxious about) OR (overjoyed at) OR (patient until) the coming of the Lord.
9. The Gospel reading is from the Gospel of _____.
10. Who is in prison? _____.
11. Who is questioning Jesus?
 - a. The scribes and the Pharisees
 - b. The disciples of John the Baptist
 - c. The Apostles
 - d. The crowds on the hillside
12. Jesus says "blessed is the one who takes no offense at _____."



SUNDAY / December 15 -ANSWER KEY

Mass Quiz

1. Rose (or some may wear violet)
2. Three
3. 2 purple, 1 pink (or rose)
4. BONUS: Rejoice!
5. Isaiah
6. a, b, c are all correct
7. James
8. patient until
9. Matthew
10. John the Baptist
11. b
12. Me