

# Children Celebrate!

Liturgy of the Word with Children

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 9:2–4, 6–7  
Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3,  
11–12a  
Titus 3:4–6  
Luke 2:1–14

## We Pray

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to us.  
You are our Savior. Guide us in sharing this  
Good News as the shepherds did. Amen.

## The Word of God This Week



### Our Savior Is Born

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem,  
Mary gave birth to her baby. She wrapped  
him warmly and laid him in a manger.  
There was no room for them in the inn.  
That night in the fields near  
Bethlehem, shepherds were  
guarding their sheep. An angel came  
down and told them, “I have good  
news. Today, in Bethlehem, your Savior  
was born! You will find him wrapped  
warmly and lying in a manger.”  
Then other angels came and sang,  
“Peace on earth to all who please God.”



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week's Gospel  
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Spotlight, and  
more.

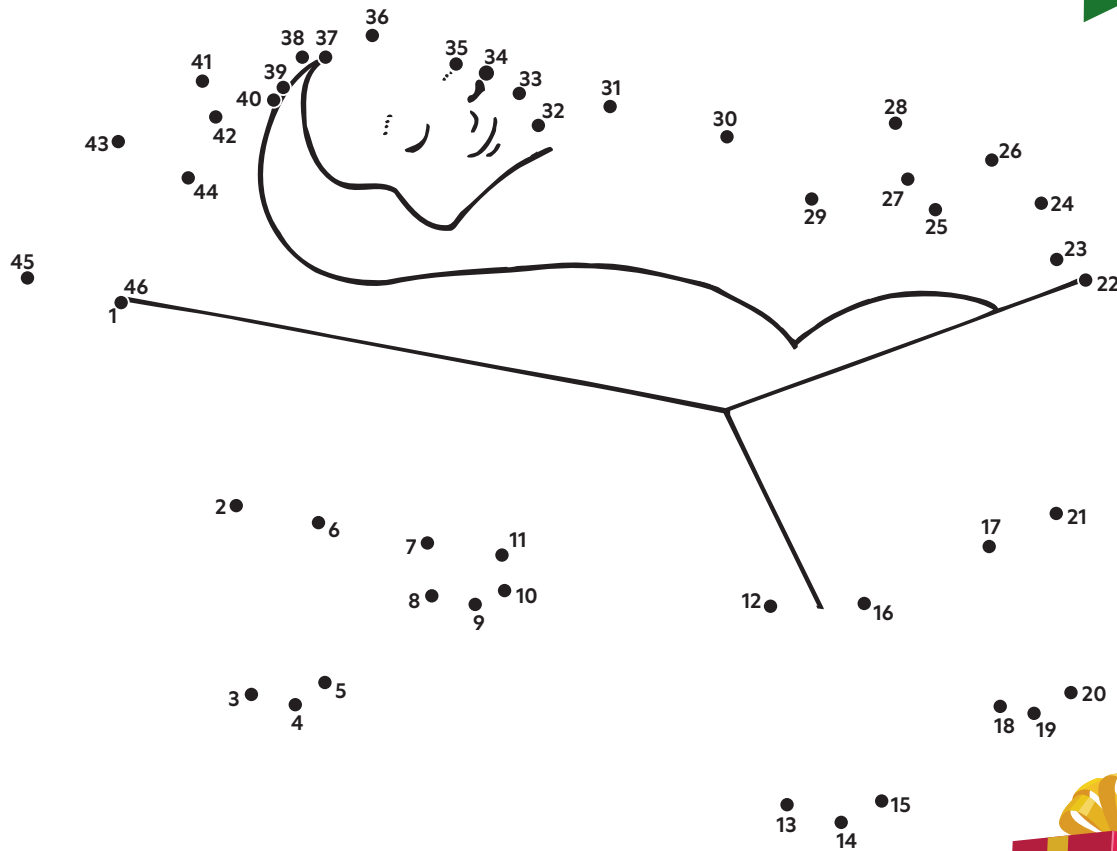




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# Activity

Complete this dot-to-dot puzzle, and you will have a reminder of what today is all about.



## Family Corner

### FAITH FOCUS

It's a challenge to keep the family focused on the true meaning of Christmas. Trees, tinsel, trains, and toys are hard to compete with!

During Advent, you may have participated in an outreach program to help needy families enjoy a few gifts and a nice holiday meal. Try to remain involved in these activities year round. Show your children that Christmas is the birth, or "beginning," of a year of helping others, as Jesus did throughout his life.

### FAMILY ACTIVITY

On Christmas, before the gifts are opened, set aside an empty box. Ask each family member to save a piece of wrapping paper from one gift. After all gifts are opened, tape or glue each piece of paper to the outside of the box. You'll have a box decorated with a colorful Christmas collage. Attach a tag or sign that says, "Jesus Is Our Best Gift." Keep the box under the tree throughout the Christmas season.

