

ABSOLUTELY ADVENT!

GETTING READY
FOR CHRISTMAS
2019

For Primary Grades





FIRST SUNDAY *of* ADVENT

December 1

★ Today's Gospel » MATTHEW 24:37-44 ★

"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming" (24:42).



★ Choose your own word to fill in the blank in each sentence.

Oh, no! I fell asleep and missed the _____.

John's party was yesterday? I thought it was _____.

I was late to the drawing. Sara won a _____.

I was playing _____ and forgot all about the show.

Wouldn't you hate to miss a big event because you fell asleep or forgot about it or weren't ready in time?

Jesus told us to **ALWAYS** be ready for him to come. He wasn't talking about being dressed up or having a clean room. He meant that we should always behave like one of his followers. Then, we will always be close to him, and will not have to worry about being ready.

Jesus didn't mean you should never go to sleep. He meant always keep yourself ready to meet him. **SO, SLEEP TIGHT TONIGHT!**

LEVI SAYS...





FIRST FRIDAY *of* ADVENT

December 6

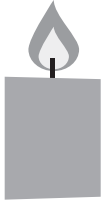
ST. NICHOLAS

★ Today's Gospel » MATTHEW 9:27-31 ★

As Jesus went along the road, two blind men followed him and called out loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" (9:27)

When the two men called Jesus "Son of David," they were showing that they believed in Jesus. Son of David is one of the titles Jesus is known by because his ancestors went all the way back to King David.

WE HAVE MANY TITLES FOR JESUS. See if you can match each of these to the symbol that represents it.



Lamb
of God



Savior



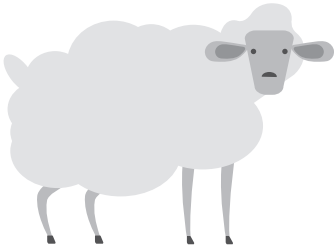
Light of
the World

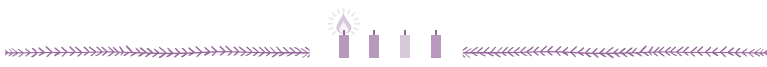


King
of Kings



Good
Shepherd





FIRST SATURDAY *of* ADVENT

December 7

ST. AMBROSE

★ Today's Gospel » MATTHEW 9:35–10:1, 5A, 6-8 ★

Jesus went to every town and village. He taught the people and healed every kind of disease. When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them. They were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (9:35-36).

Many people needed help, but Jesus couldn't be everywhere at once. So, he chose twelve men to help him. He gave them special powers to heal the sick and to help people.

Today, you are one of the people Jesus chooses to help the sick. You may not be able to heal illnesses or broken bones, but there are other ways you can help the sick.

The man who lives next door to you had to go into the hospital. Fill in the missing words of these sentences to reveal a few ways you can help him while he is away from home.

WORD LIST

mail * newspapers * packages
pets * prayer * trashcans

- 1 Pick up _____ from his front yard or door.
- 2 Feed his _____ .
- 3 Take his _____ to the curb.
- 4 Say a _____ everyday for him.
- 5 Bring _____ inside that are left on his porch.
- 6 Collect and save his _____ for him.



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SECOND SATURDAY *of* ADVENT

December 14

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

★ **Today's Gospel** » **MATTHEW 17:9A, 10-13** ★

Jesus told his disciples, "Elijah has already come, and the scribes did not know him. Instead they did whatever they pleased" (17:12).

Elijah was a prophet who lived long before Jesus. He preached and preached to sinful people and got them to change their lives. But in today's Gospel, Jesus was talking about a new prophet, one who also preached and preached to sinful people about changing their lives. Do you remember who that was?

**Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.
Write it on the lines**

- 1 ○ — — — — was baptized by the new prophet.
[Moses * Jesus * Peter]

- 2 The new prophet baptized Jesus in the ○ — — — — River.
[Amazon * Jericho * Jordan]

- 3 The new prophet preached, "Repent, the kingdom of ○ — — — — is near!" [Heaven * Savior * Pilot]

- 4 The new prophet ate locusts and wild — — ○ — — .
[Sheep * Honey * Manna]

To complete this puzzle, write each circled letter in order on these lines

The new prophet's name was — — — — .