

Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is less than a week left until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2. Sheol 6. Immanuel 7. deep 8. the 10. Virgin 12. child. Down: 1. name 3. house 4. man 5. Heaven 7. David 9. high 11. God

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Joseph, son of David,
do not fear to take
Mary as your wife,
for that which is
conceived in her is
of the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son,
and you shall call
his name Jesus.

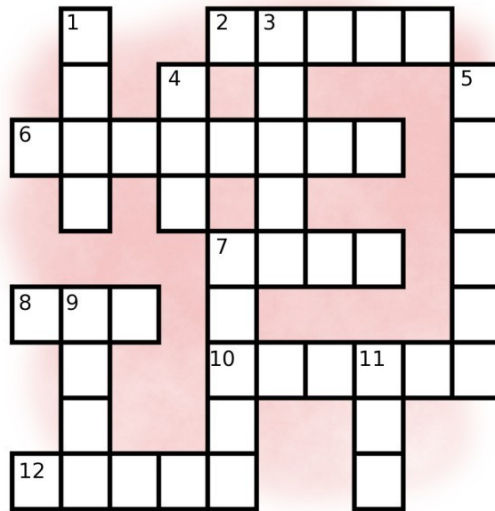


An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say? Look in a mirror to find out!

Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

HOUSE
VIRGIN
HIGH
SHEOL
CHILD
THE
DAVID
HEAVEN
NAME
DEEP
IMMANUEL
GOD
MAN



___ 8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your ___ 11D; let it be ___ 7A as ___ 2A or ___ 9D as ___ 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O ___ 3D of ___ 7D! Is it too little for you to weary ___ 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the ___ 10A shall be with ___ 12A, and bear a son, and shall ___ 1D him ___ 6A.



It is nearly Christmas. Can you colour in the stable and manger and make it ready for Jesus? Try to do your best work, this is for Baby Jesus.



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