

“Blessed is she who Believed”

Fourth Sunday of the advent.

Children’s Liturgy Activity December 19th , 2021



We light the candle of love

VERSE OF THE WEEK

‘blessed is she who believed
that there would be a
fulfillment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord’.
- Luke 1:45



Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

In today’s gospel, we see Mother Mary carrying Jesus in her womb visiting Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist. When Elizabeth heard her greetings, the child jumped in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with holy spirit and exclaimed in joy ‘Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.’ Elizabeth confirmed to Mother Mary that by her greetings, her child in womb jumped with joy. Elizabeth proclaimed that ‘blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

How did Mary’s visit give such an experience to Elizabeth? Because of the presence of living Jesus inside her. Mary’s faith and surrender with humility brought forth Jesus in flesh inside her. Mary’s faith in God and the presence of the living word inside her filled her and others whom she visited or who heard her greetings with Holy spirit and joy. Her faith accomplished lords’ word in her. She conceived Jesus by the power of Holy Spirit. Elizabeth reveals to us who are ‘the blessed.’ Blessed are the ones who believe that the word of the Lord spoken to them will be fulfilled.

How did Elizabeth come to know that Mary is the mother of the Lord? It is the Holy Spirit who filled in her, revealed this secret to her. Holy Spirit opens up heavenly wisdom. Holy Spirit is our helper. Holy spirit fills us with the Joy and love of God. Holy Spirit helps us to conceive the living word and fill us with the presence of Jesus by our faith.

Do we have faith that Jesus is inside us? Are we blessed? Our faith and surrender to the living word of God fills us with the living presence of Jesus, Holy Spirit and Joy. We will be able to bring joy and filling of Holy Spirit to all whom we meet. Holy Spirit reveals to us heavenly wisdom. Let us exclaim in joy the revelations of the Holy Spirit. Let us magnify our Lord Jesus by our lives through our faith. Let us believe that the word of God will be made flesh in us as we say amen to it. Let our faith in Jesus fill all whom we meet with Joy and Holy spirit.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Let us light the fourth candle of love. Let us remember the love of god ‘Jesus’ who came down for us and into us to make each of us like him by filling us with the power of holy spirit and with his love.

Colour the Picture and complete what Elizabeth said.

"Blessed are you among

-----,and -----

is the fruit of your womb"



LOVE CRAFT

Materials Needed: Paper (A4 size), pencil, scissors, hole punch, thread

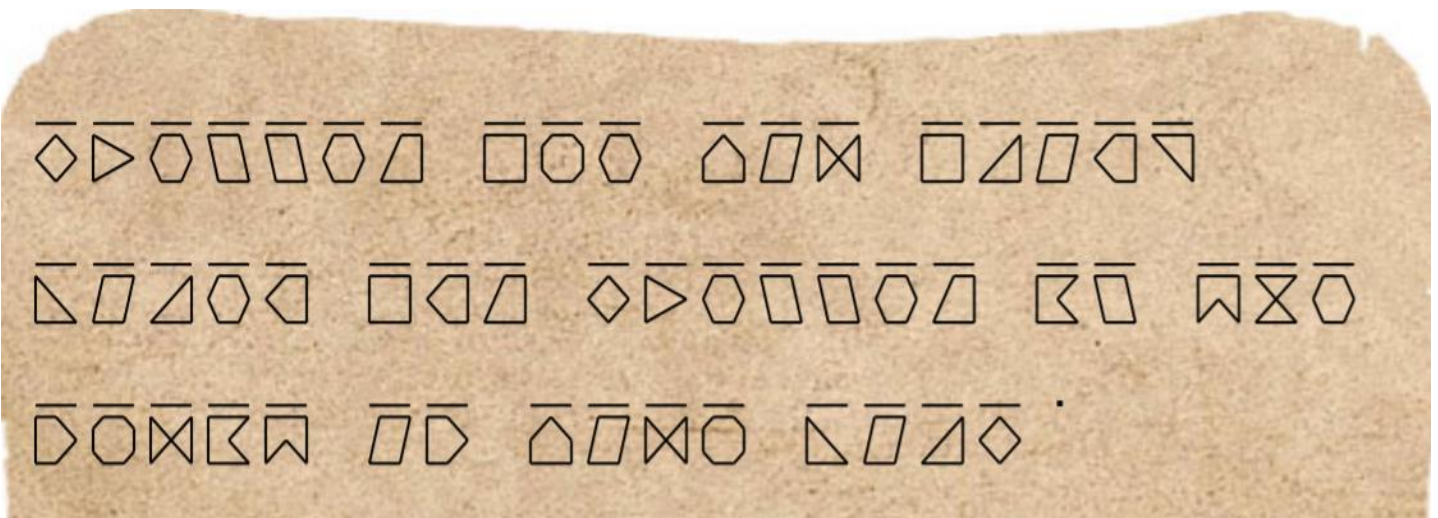
- Method:**
1. Take your paper and fold it in half
 2. Draw half of the heart shape from the fold outwards. Draw in such a way that the fold is in the centre of the heart shape.
 3. Carefully cut out the heart along the pencil line.
 4. Now cut out a small heart shape hole out of the centre of the larger one in the same way as you cut the larger heart shape.
 5. Carefully punch a hole on the top of the paper heart shape and thread into it the string to create a hanging loop.
 6. write the verses '**God is Love**'- **1 John 4:8** around your heart and hang it on your Christmas tree.



Crack the Code

The secret message is written in symbol language. With the help of the code key given at the bottom, you can find what each symbols means.

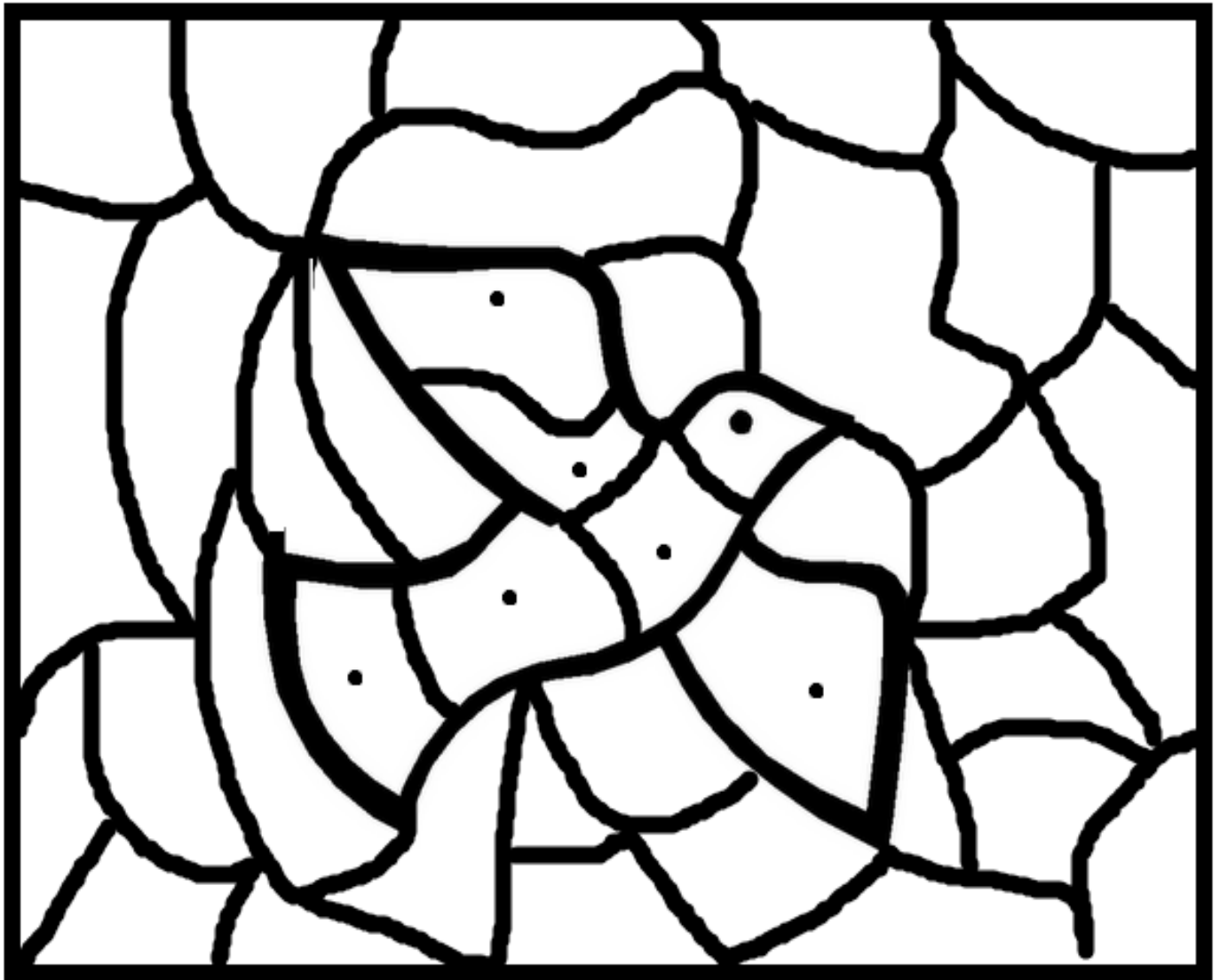
Clue: Write the letter above the symbol and you can read the secret message.



| Code Key: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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**'When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she was filled
with the -----'**

**Find the answer from the below picture puzzle by
colouring the boxes with dots.**



Let us pray, 🙏

Dear Lord Jesus, the living word, we thank you for giving yourself for us and dwelling in us. Help us in your grace to say 'Yes' to the living word, in complete faith, in the transforming power of holy spirit; like Mother Mary. Give us grace for the obedience in faith. Increase our faith so that we be the carriers of your living presence bringing joy to all whom we meet and filling them with holy spirit. We pray, 'Let it be done in me according to thy word.'

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.