

“Feast of the Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Children’s Liturgy Activity December 26th, 2021

The Most Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

"The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; A mother's authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother."
Sirach 3:2-6,12-14



VERSE OF THE WEEK

Happy is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways.
-Psalms 128:1

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

In today's gospel, we see the Holy Family going to the temple of Jerusalem for the festival of Passover. Jesus was 12 years old. Jesus' parents lost Jesus in the temple. They assumed that he was with the group of travelers. When they realized it, they started looking for him among their relatives. But they did not find him, and they returned back to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days, they found him in the temple sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Jesus' parents were astonished seeing him. Mother Mary said to Jesus why he treated them like this? And that they were searching him in anxiety. Jesus said to her, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my father's house?." Jesus' parents did not understand what he was telling. He went with them to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

Have you experienced incidents like having been lost or losing someone from the family? It is a time of anxiety, tension and pain. Can you imagine what Mother Mary and St Joseph experience when they lost Jesus? What did they do? When they didn't see Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. They took pains to return and get back Jesus. Does our family take efforts to be with Jesus always like the Holy Family? Once they found him they were amazed. Mother Mary poured out all her anxiety and pains to Jesus. Let us pour out our prayers to Jesus just as mother did. For everything in our family, Jesus is sufficient. Let us always be careful not to lose Jesus from our family.

Jesus was found in the father's house. Jesus was busy doing father's will. Jesus reveals to them the mission through him- 'to do father's will'. He reveals the same to each of our family especially for the children. Mother Mary and St Joseph didn't understand what Jesus was telling them. But they trusted and mother treasured and meditated every single word from God. Sometimes we might not understand God's plans but let us treasure His words in our heart in faith. Let us Build our family on the Living Word of God in Faith and accomplishing Father's will.

Jesus the son of God emptied himself and went with them to Nazareth. He remained obedient to his parents. Jesus is ready to come down and live with us. Are we ready to be obedient like Jesus? Is our family reflecting the mission of God- Jesus?

How can our family be with Jesus always? Family Prayer, Family Bible reading, Reception of Sacraments regularly as a family, Family Praise, worship and Thanksgiving to lord, Family missions and serving the church, Making Jesus as the lord and authority of our family. Let our families be led by the living word of God and be the reflection of heaven, like the Holy Family.

Colour the picture of the Holy Family, stick it on a card, punch a hole on top and insert a string to make a wall hanger for you.

The Holy Family



Loving God

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray, Amen

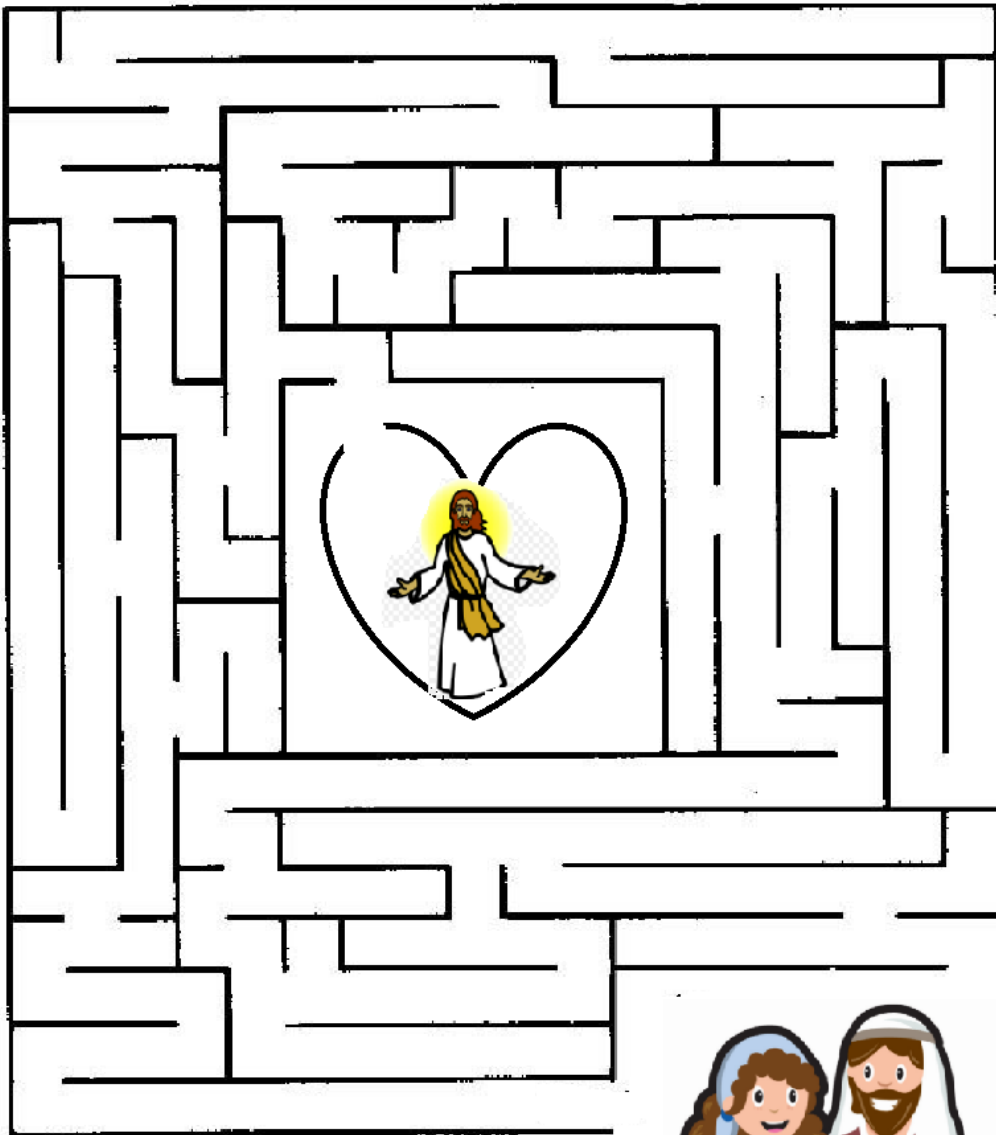
Draw and colour the Picture of your family and pray 1Our Father and 1 Hail Mary as you draw.

**Boy Jesus Found at the Temple of Jerusalem.
Colour in the picture and complete the verses given.**



Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was -----
to them. And Jesus increased in ----- and in years, and in -----
and human -----.

Can you help Joseph and Mary find their way to Jesus?



Let us pray, 🙏

Thank you Jesus for our families. Jesus we come in search of you in the fathers house. We offer all our prayers unto you. Come down and live with us in our family. let each of us be obedient like you to our parents and increase in wisdom and favor of God and human. Make our family as holy family. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.