

FAMILY PAGE



The gospel message this week makes it clear that we all need to look beyond our own personal anticipations to minister to those who may be lonely, sick, or suffering in some way. Make this week **SHARE WEEK**. As a family, check around to see what you can find to give to someone else.

- Search your closets for good clothing that someone else might need.

- Maybe you have small appliances or toys that need to be repaired. As a family, make a project out of fixing these things and making them like new.

- Games, puzzles, and books that your children have enjoyed might be appreciated by a child who has none.

- Decide on some special act of love you will do for some family or group. You could work through an agency or your parish, or you could work on your own to help someone you know.

- Learn the little prayer below and say it every day between now and Christmas.

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DEAREST GOD, HEAVENLY FATHER, THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF YOUR SON. HELP US TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY WITH LOVE AND KINDNESS. SHOW US WAYS TO REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO MAY BE POOR OR SUFFERING IN SOME WAY DURING THIS HOLY SEASON. WE ASK THIS, FATHER, IN THE NAME OF YOUR SON, JESUS, WHO COMES TO US AS A CHILD TO SHOW US HOW TO LOVE.

AMEN

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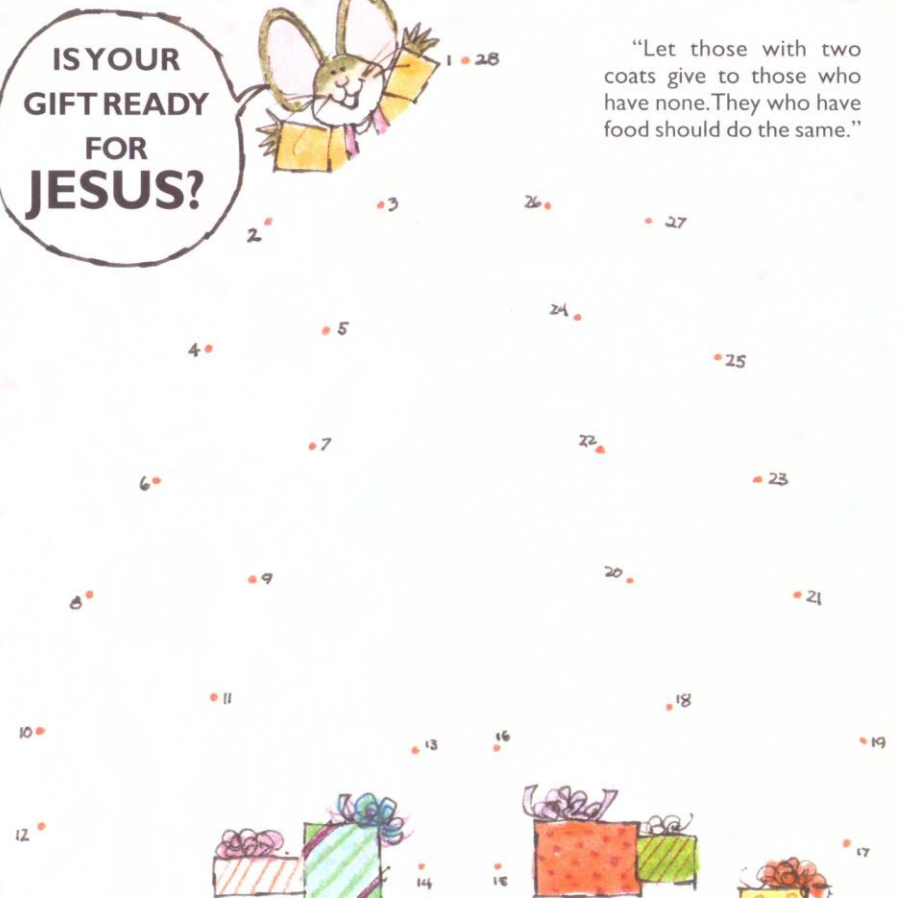
explaining GOD'S WORD

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IS YOUR GIFT READY FOR JESUS?



"Let those with two coats give to those who have none. They who have food should do the same."



As you go from dot to dot, think of things that you can share with others to help them celebrate Jesus' birthday with joy and happiness.





What Can You Do?

The time of waiting grows shorter. Christmas is almost here. You are probably thinking about the gifts you will give and the gifts you'd like to get. This is a good time to think about another gift—the greatest gift of all! That's the gift the Father gave—Jesus.

In this week's gospel story, some people asked John the Baptist what they can do to get ready for Jesus to come. John tells them to share their clothing and food with people who have none. This should remind you about the people in the world who do not have warm clothes to wear or good healthy food to eat. Can you share some of what you have with people who have so little? John the Baptist tells you how to put LOVE into your Christmas!



Just before Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph had to make a long trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They were very tired and hungry by the time they arrived. Can you help them find their way?