

Family Page

As Christmas comes closer, it seems like everyone in the world believes in Jesus. Christmas trees, cards with holy verses, carols, manger scenes — these things remind us of Jesus, but the proof that Jesus is in our hearts is found in the things we do and the things we say, in the love we show to others. You can make a Christmas wreath and fill it with signs of Jesus' love. Just follow the instructions below.



- 1 Begin with a paper plate. Cut a large hole in the center of the plate.
- 2 Using the pattern on this page, cut out leaves from green construction paper (or use plain paper and color your leaves green). You will need enough leaves to fully cover your plate.
- 3 Place the leaves and the empty wreath where everyone in the family can add to it.
- 4 Each time you see a sign of love, glue a leaf to your wreath. Every sign of love is another sign that Jesus is really the Son of God and the miracle of his love is still alive in the world.
- 5 When all the leaves are in place, decorate your wreath with a red bow or tiny Christmas ornaments and hang it on the wall as a reminder of what Christmas is all about.



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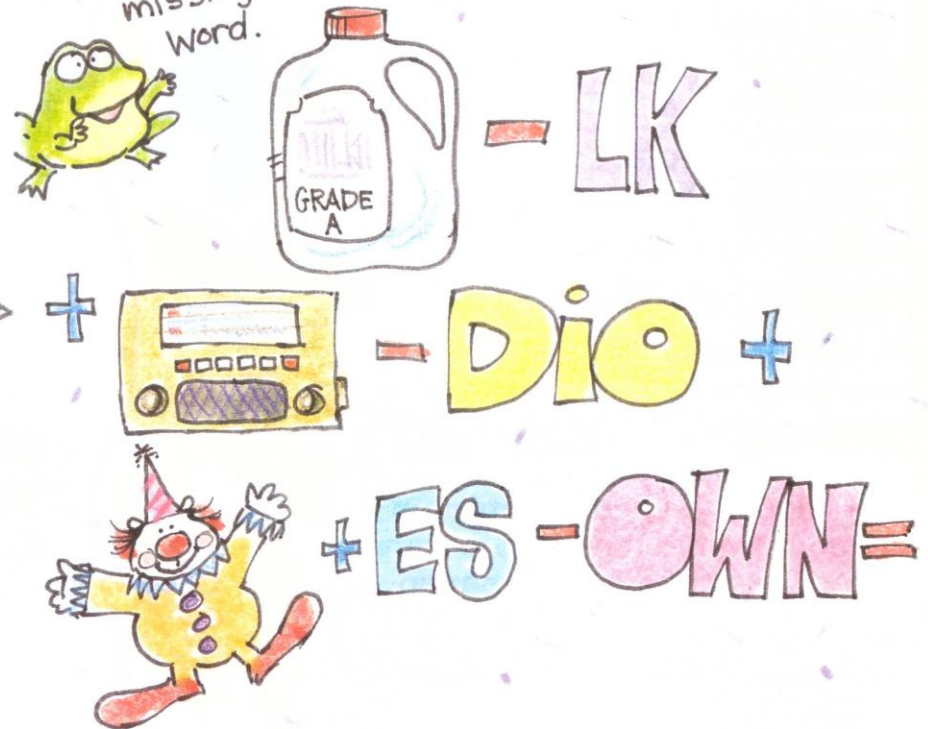


explaining GOD'S WORD

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THE PEOPLE KNEW THAT JESUS WAS THE SON OF GOD BY HIS

Solve this rebus puzzle to fill in the missing word.



Answer to Rebus: MILK - LK = RADIO - DIO = CLOWN + ES - OWN = MIRACLES

Everyday Miracles

Don't you love stories about Jesus? Don't you love to hear about the loving things he did on earth? Isn't it exciting to know that Jesus rose from the dead, that he is really the Son of God?

But all those many years ago how did people really know? How could they be sure that Jesus was God's Son?

In today's gospel story, even John the Baptist wondered about these things. He asks Jesus: "Are you 'He who is to come?'" Jesus tells John of the miracles he did. He said, "The blind recover their sight, cripples walk, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life." Who could do such miracles except the Son of God?

And what about today? How do you know that Jesus loves you now?

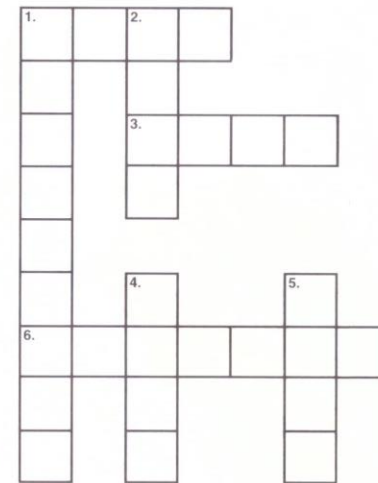
Just think about the miracles that happen every day. Babies are born, winter turns into spring, great trees grow from tiny acorns, and tiny birds fly right up to the clouds.



Think about the people who love Jesus — the priests, the nuns, your parents. They have taught you about Jesus and they live their whole lives loving him. THAT'S how you know that God and Jesus are very true and wonderful!

Miracle Crossword

Here are some pictures of miracles that can remind you of Jesus today. Write the names in the right spaces on the puzzle.



Across:



Down:

