

CATECHESIS@HOME 2022 #22

"ENTER BY THE NARROW DOOR"

(21st Sunday of Ordinary Time and Memorial of the
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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INTRODUCTION

Dear parents and guardians. This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the gospel reading of 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary which falls on Monday, 22nd August 2022.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, and after having read the gospel passage of the memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. Like Mother Mary, may I always be ready to serve you. Holy Spirit, guide us during this lesson. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read Luke 13: 22-30 and Luke 1: 26-38. Later, reflect on the questions given together as a family, and share your responses with one another. (If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

Time for reflection and discussion:

1. What do you think Jesus is telling us when he asks us to try to enter by the narrow door?
2. Some Christians give the impression that they are better than other Christians because they pray more often or they are more active in church. What do you feel about this?
3. What can you learn from Mother Mary about "entering the narrow door"?

Knowing God and having a good relationship with Him is at the heart of our faith. Christianity is more than knowing about God and what He taught and did. Some people feel they entitled to a place in heaven or to a position of honour in the Church because they think they know all about God.

Jesus warns us off any false sense of entitlement: like some of the people during Jesus' time, we too can feel too comfortable that our belief in God will automatically make us privileged in the eyes of God. What counts is not our what we know or what we do, but being with the Master at all times.

The gospels make it clear that our destiny depends on the outcome of our encounter with Christ. He is the means by which we will be saved; that salvation depends on whether or not we 'know' Jesus. Simply claiming to have spent time with him does not count.

He also foretells we will be surprised by those who enter and those who don't. However hard we try we often find ourselves excluding persons or groups from salvation. Jesus invites us to be wary of judging others, and to believe that all can be open to God's loving offer of salvation.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the Sunday Gospel. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Find the words.

The Narrow Door

"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to." Luke 13:24 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:22-30



H I I E J Y K N D V F T F Q O
P L E A D I N G F R S O B Y W
X B N V Q S T A N D A E U M N
C N D E T Q D E Y Q S N I K E
D L A I D F F M J P F D K E R
O T O H Q R O H A T Y X G Y Z
O D Z S E P M M H N P Y E I H
R H Z W E R L G R P Y U K K D
R O S J O D U J B L Z L N F C
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A E L T T E P M T O V T C A R
E E N S S W X H O U S E K C Y
Q I A T Z I C S T D Q P I D A
A L S T E I D J Y X A T N Q O
V C N M E R V E I P Y F G Q E

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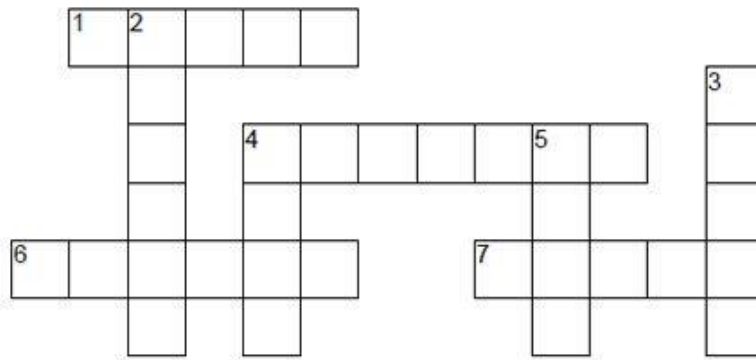
KNOCKING
OWNER
MANY

Activity #2: Solve the puzzle.

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ACROSS

- 1. To rap on a door with your knuckles
- 4. The opposite of inside
- 6. Not open
- 7. The place where a family lives

DOWN

- 2. Not wide
- 3. To go into
- 4. Not closed
- 5. An entrance to a room or building

NARROW	ENTER	OUTSIDE	CLOSED
OPEN	DOOR	KNOCK	HOUSE

Activity #3: Break the code.

The Narrow Door

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 8-15-21-19-5 _____
- 3-12-15-19-5-4 _____
- 5-14-20-5-18 _____
- 4-15-15-18 _____
- 15-21-20-19-9-4-5 _____
- 11-14-15-3-11-9-14-7 _____
- 19-20-1-14-4 _____
- 16-12-5-1-4-9-14-7 _____
- 15-16-5-14 _____
- 14-1-18-18-15-23 _____

CLOSED	KNOCKING	OUTSIDE	DOOR	STAND
PLEADING	ENTER	NARROW	OPEN	HOUSE

Activity #4: Find the words.

E	W	O	R	R	A	N	O	O	D
S	G	N	I	P	E	E	W	O	E
U	R	N	V	A	R	R	O	W	E
C	I	R	I	N	A	R	R	S	C
C	N	E	L	H	T	E	E	T	U
E	D	T	L	E	C	A	S	E	S
E	I	S	A	T	S	A	E	E	T
D	N	A	G	R	O	D	E	R	R
E	G	M	E	S	U	O	H	T	E
D	O	O	S	C	E	E	D	S	T

VILLAGES TEACHING NARROW
 DOOR SUCCEED MASTER
 HOUSE STREETS WEeping
 GRINDING TEETH EAST



Activity #5: Find the words.

G	A	B	R	H	E	S	U	O	H
A	J	O	S	T	N	O	S	T	A
B	A	R	R	E	N	N	E	M	N
R	C	E	E	R	D	B	D	A	D
I	O	C	J	A	A	I	A	Y	M
E	B	H	O	Z	S	L	V	R	A
L	N	I	I	A	E	U	I	A	I
O	S	L	C	N	G	O	S	M	D
R	E	D	E	N	A	N	G	E	L
D	A	V	I	H	P	E	S	O	J

ANGEL GABRIEL JOSEPH
 MARY REJOICE SON
 LORD JESUS CHILD
 ELIZABETH BARREN HANDMAID



Activity #6: Connect the dots.



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Activity #7: Choose the correct words.

A Visit from an Angel

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. Luke 1:30-31

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)



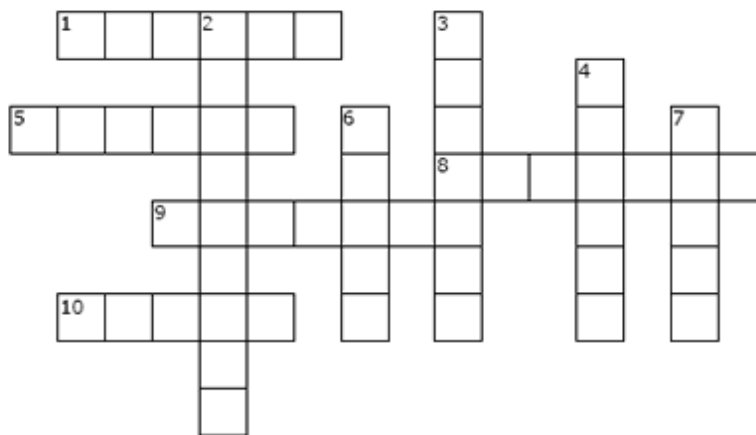
- ___ 1. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
A. Gabriel B. Elizabeth C. Joseph D. Michael
- ___ 2. To be filled with fear
A. married B. happy C. afraid D. virgin
- ___ 3. Relative of Mary who was the mother of John the Baptist
A. Sara B. Josephine C. Gabriela D. Elizabeth
- ___ 4. A heavenly being; a messenger for God
A. star B. elf C. angel D. king
- ___ 5. To be joined together as husband and wife
A. engaged B. married C. virgin D. afraid
- ___ 6. The man to whom Mary was engaged to be marry
A. David B. Joseph C. Gabriel D. Jacob
- ___ 7. A very young person especially between infancy and youth
A. teenager B. child C. man D. woman
- ___ 8. A nation or territory ruled by a king or queen
A. kingdom B. city C. village D. county
- ___ 9. A pure or unmarried woman; a maiden
A. angel B. virgin C. holy D. child
- ___ 10. The son who was born to Mary
A. Gabriel B. Jacob C. Joseph D. Jesus

Activity #8: Solve the puzzle.

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DOWN

2. Relative of Mary who was the mother of John the Baptist
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7. The son who was born to Mary

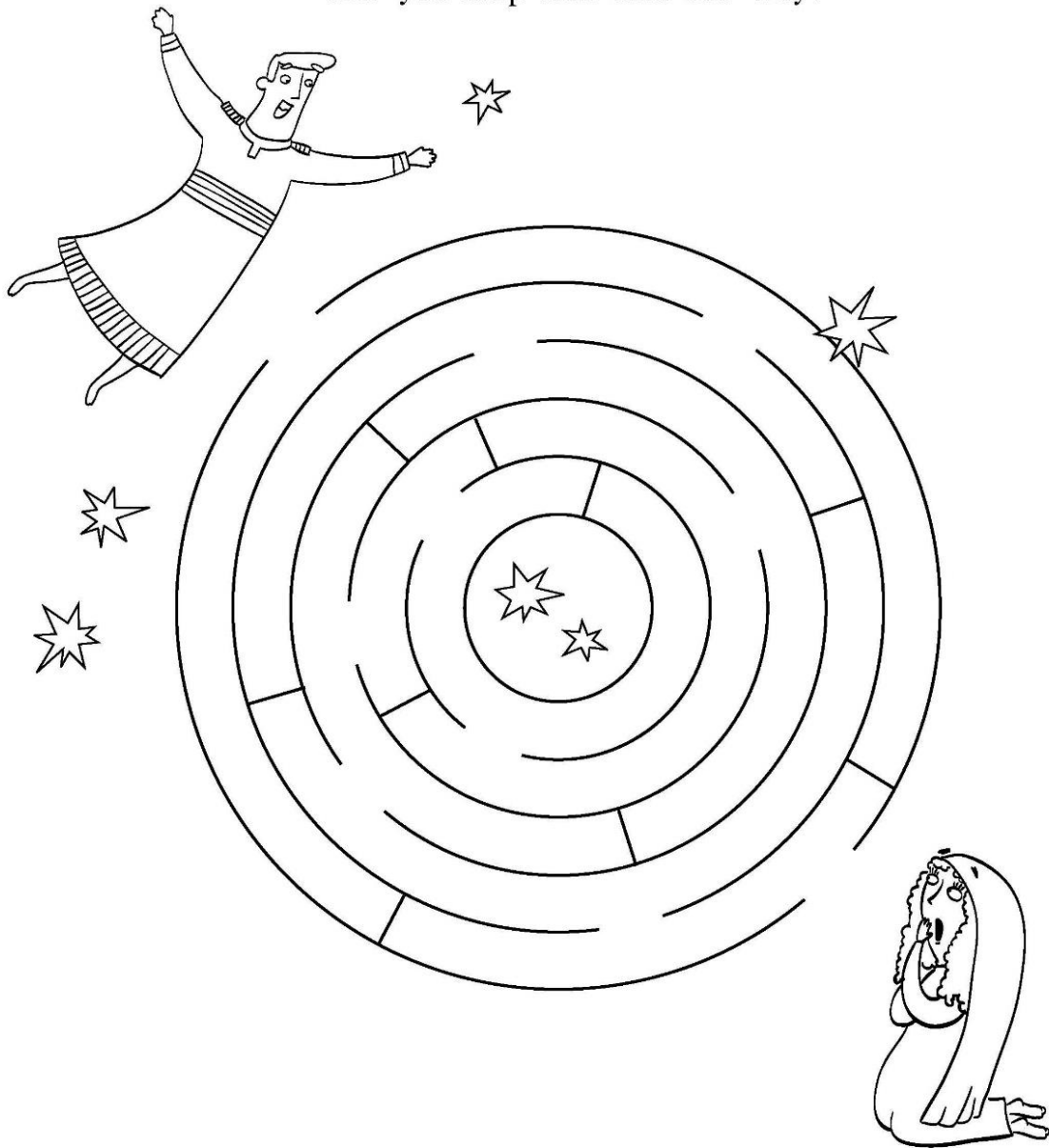
ELIZABETH	GABRIEL	VIRGIN	KINGDOM	JESUS
MARRIED	AFRAID	CHILD	JOSEPH	ANGEL

Activity #9: Help angel Gabriel find the way to Mary.

Gabriel's maze

The Christmas story starts with an angel.
WHOOSH! He came from God to see Mary.

Can you help him find his way?



Activity #10: Colour the picture and tell the story.

