



Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.

Losing Jesus

The Holy Family. Year C.

When Jesus was a young boy, his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. After the feast was over, as Mary and Joseph were traveling back to their home, they began to look for Jesus, but he was nowhere to be found. When they could not find him, they turned around and went back to Jerusalem to look for him.

Do you know where they found Jesus? He was in the temple. Do you think Jesus was worried or frightened? No! When his parents found him, he said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Sometimes you and I lose Jesus. We get so busy in our daily routine that we never give him a thought. Then, one day we wake up and realise that he is gone out of our lives. Do you know what we need to do when that happens? We need to go back to the place we left him. That is where we will find him, right there waiting for us!



After searching for 3 days, they finally found Jesus in the Temple. (Luke 2:41-52)

Decoder Puzzle

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

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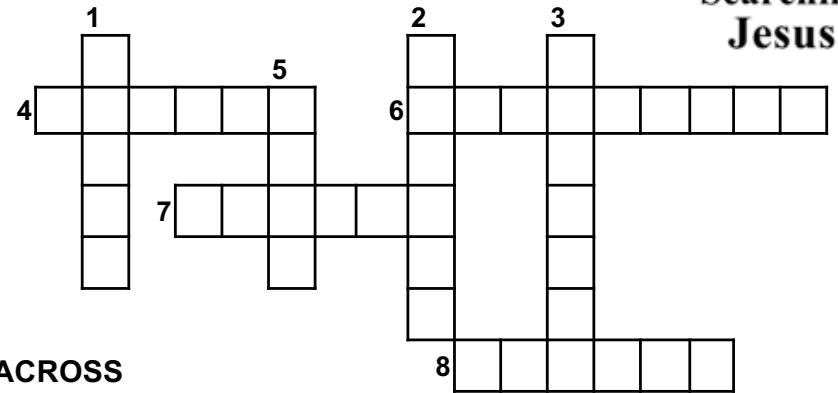
- 21-26-6-4-6 _____
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- 14-25-12-3 _____
- 22-25-14-17-23-3 _____
- 18-4-26-6-19-17-10-7-6 _____
- 19-26-14-20-23-26 _____
- 20-25-6-6-10-1-26-12 _____
- 21-26-12-4-6-25-23-26-14 _____

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| Mary | Jerusalem | Questions | Family | Jesus |
| Temple | Joseph | Passover | | |

Just like Jesus, we can remember that Church is a good place to be for children. What do you like the most about coming to Church?



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Deliverance from the penalty of sin
- Something you said that you would do
- The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
- A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
- The town where Mary, Joseph and Jesus lived

DOWN

- The mother of Jesus
- The homeland of the Jewish people
- A person who is not Jewish
- The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
- The earthly father of Jesus

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| Friend | Parents | Temple | Relatives |
| Home | Wisdom | Search | Feast |

Children's Prayer

Dear Jesus. When we have lost your presence in our daily life, help us to remember that you are still there...waiting for us to come back to you! Amen.

