



Children's Activity Sheet



"If you have two shirts, give one to the poor"
(Luke 3:11)

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
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to Mass today.

Be The Real Thing

3rd Sunday of Advent. Year C.

When you go to a supermarket, have you noticed how tins of food have a picture on the outside to tell you what it on the inside? If you pick up a tin with a picture of peaches on the outside, you have every reason to expect that there will be peaches on the inside.

Sometimes we wear labels that show that we are followers of Jesus. Often people wear a cross around their necks, or perhaps they have a sticker on their car. When people see these Christian labels, they have every reason to expect us to be the "real thing". They expect us to live in such a way that it is easy to see we really do have the love of Jesus in our heart.

When John was preaching and baptising, many people were coming to be baptised because it was the popular thing to do. That made John very unhappy. "You are a bunch of snakes" he said. "Do you think that a little water will make you OK in God's eyes? The way you live should show that you have repented of your sins and turned to God." "What should we do then?" they asked John. "If you have two coats, give one to the poor" he answered. "If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

So as we approach Christmas, let us remind ourselves that Jesus is the reason for Christmas, and make sure that people can see Jesus in the way we live. How? Well, if God has blessed you, find ways to share it with those in need!

Decoder Puzzle

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

U	L	N	A	P	X	H	M	J	S	Z	O	C
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

V	K	Q	D	R	T	F	I	B	E	W	Y	G
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

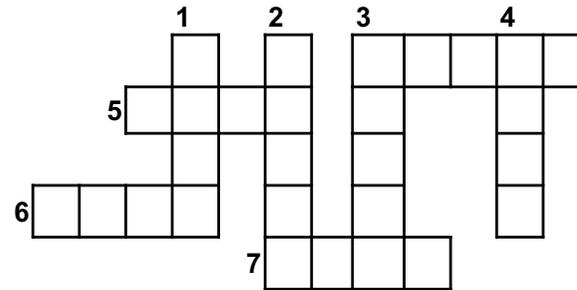
- 10-7-4-18-23 _____
- 19-18-23-23 _____
- 26-12-12-17 _____
- 26-21-14-23 _____
- 13-7-21-2-17-18-23-3 _____
- 20-12-12-17 _____
- 20-18-1-21-19 _____
- 13-12-4-19-10 _____

Children	Coats	Give	Fruit	Food
Tree	Share	Good		

John answered, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same". (Luke 3:11)



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- An item of clothing that is worn on the upper half of the body
- To have very little money or possessions
- The opposite of bad
- A tall plant that has a trunk, branches and leaves

DOWN

- What we eat
- The sweet food that grows on a tree
- To give part of what you have to someone else
- The part of a tree that grows under the ground

Root	Tree	Poor	Share
Food	Good	Fruit	Shirt

Children's Prayer

Dear Father. We confess that we don't always live the way we should. Help us to live in such a way that others will see that we have the love of Jesus inside. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

