

# Colouring In



## Children's Activity Sheet

God  
with  
Us



“Mary will have a son and you must call him Jesus, for he has come to save his people from their sins”

**Matthew 1:18-24**

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The Cathedral Church of St Marie  
welcomes

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to Mass today.

### What's in a name?

#### **4th Sunday in Advent. Year A.**

Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? Do you know what your name means? When your Mum and Dad found out they were going to have a baby, they probably spent a lot of time choosing a name for you. If they were like me, they may have looked through a book that gives the meaning of names. I looked up a few names to see what they meant.

My daughter is called Molly, and her name is an old Hebrew name... It means 'By God's Grace'. 'Chinua' is an African name, and it means 'God's Blessings'. John is a very popular name for boys and Joan or Joanna for girls. Their name means "God's gracious gift." Have you ever known anyone named Daniel or Danielle? Their name means "God is my judge." I have known quite a few boys named Michael and girls named Michaela. That is a great name that means "one who is like God." One of the angels in the Bible was named Michael.

When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't have to go to the library and get a book to choose his name. In fact, they didn't choose his name at all. God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph, "You will have a son, and you will call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin." You see, the name Jesus means "the Lord saves." God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sin. The Bible tells us that there is no other name that can save us.

So, what's in a name? If the name is 'Jesus', there is salvation!

# Decoder Puzzle

Each number below represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the letters for numbers, to reveal the coded words!



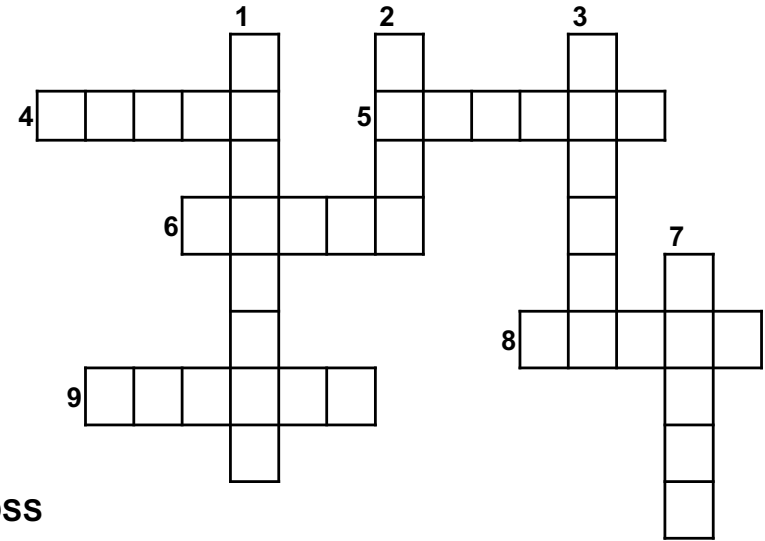
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- 15-3-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-9-12-25-9-1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-3-15-5-7-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-9-12-18-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-5-15-15-9-20-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-5-15-17-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-20-12-26 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-17-15-8-20-1-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20-1-25-5-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-9-4-5 \_\_\_\_\_

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| Jesus | Birth | Virgin | Angel   | Messiah |
| Wife  | Mary  | Son    | Husband | Joseph  |

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
- To be filled with fear
- To become husband and wife
- A heavenly being; a messenger for God
- The earthly father of Jesus

## DOWN

- A name that means "God is with us"
- The mother of Jesus
- A young unmarried woman
- The Son of God

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|--------|----------|--------|--------|
| Afraid | Mary     | Marry  | Dream  |
| Jesus  | Emmanuel | Joseph | Virgin |

# Children's Prayer

Heavenly Father. We think you that there is salvation in the name 'Jesus'. During this Christmas time, please help us to remember that is is Jesus' birthday that we are celebrating! In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

