



*Christmas
is almost
here!*



Christmas is almost here! Isn't it exciting? It's like when it's getting really close to your birthday, except that people all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can!

I CAN WASH
THE SINK
FOR
MOM!



If your family has an Advent wreath, today all four of the candles will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming

closer and getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus.

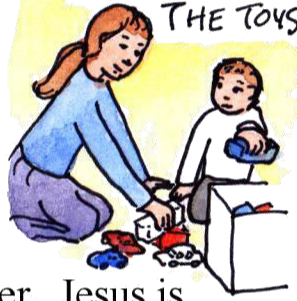
HI DAD! I
VACUUMED
UNDER
YOUR DESK!



Does your family have a Christmas tree? Are there lights on it? Do you have Christmas lights on your house? All the little lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to brighten up other

people's lives! Think of some things you can do this week to love God and bring His love to your family and your friends and neighbours.

HERE. I'LL HELP
YOU PICK UP
THE TOYS.



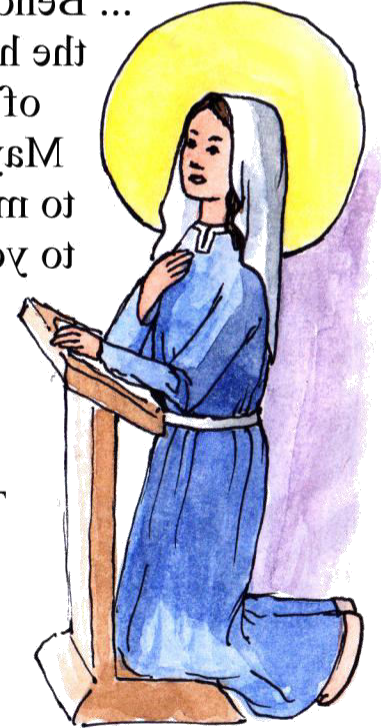
The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20th, 2020

Hail, full of grace!
Behold, you will conceive in your
womb and bear a son, and you shall
name him Jesus. He will be great
and will be called Son of the
Most High...



... Behold, I am
the handmaid
of the Lord.
May it be done
to me according
to your word.



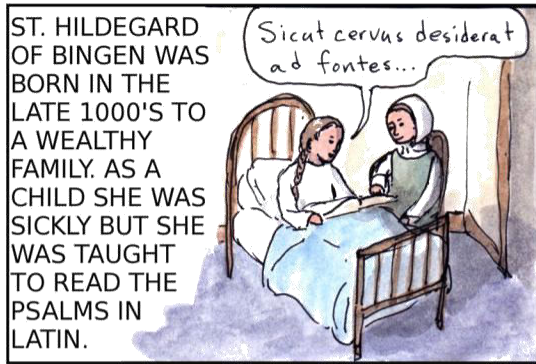
Then the angel
departed
from her.

*What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary?
What did she reply to him?
Look in the mirror to find out!*

Answers to True or False: 1. false. (Gabriel) 2. false. 3. true. 4. true. 5. false. 6. true. 7. true. (the baby was John the Baptist!)

SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

DECEMBER 17



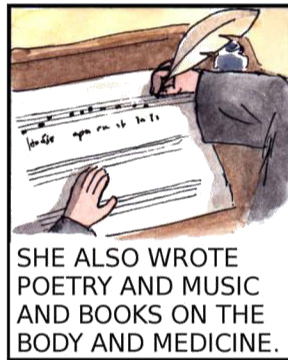
ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN WAS BORN IN THE LATE 1000'S TO A WEALTHY FAMILY. AS A CHILD SHE WAS SICKLY BUT SHE WAS TAUGHT TO READ THE PSALMS IN LATIN.



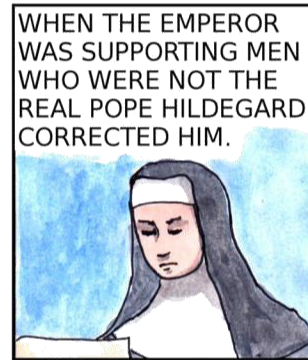
AT THE AGE OF 18 HILDEGARD ENTERED A BENEDICTINE CONVENT, AND SOON BECAME SUPERIOR.



HER CONFESSOR TOLD HER TO WRITE DOWN THE VISIONS SHE HAD SEEN.



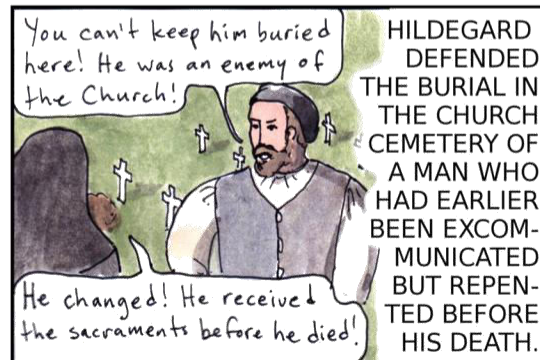
SHE ALSO WROTE POETRY AND MUSIC AND BOOKS ON THE BODY AND MEDICINE.



WHEN THE EMPEROR WAS SUPPORTING MEN WHO WERE NOT THE REAL POPE HILDEGARD CORRECTED HIM.



PEOPLE NEARBY AND FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SOUGHT HER ADVICE.



HILDEGARD DEFENDED THE BURIAL IN THE CHURCH CEMETERY OF A MAN WHO HAD EARLIER BEEN EXCOMMUNICATED BUT REPENTED BEFORE HIS DEATH. He changed! He received the sacraments before he died!

SAINT HILDEGARD KNEW A LOT ABOUT GOD FROM THE VISIONS HE HAD GIVEN HER, BUT SHE DID NOT BRAG OR TELL PEOPLE ABOUT IT. SHE JUST USED HER TALENTS TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH MUSIC AND SCIENCE. SHE WAS VERY WISE AND USED HER INTELLIGENCE TO HELP SOULS TOO.

True or False?

Today's Gospel Reading: The Angel Visits Mary

*How well do you know the story of the Annunciation?
See if you know which are true and which are false:*

1. God sent the angel Michael to bring His message to Our Lady. True or false?
2. When Mary saw the angel, she covered her eyes. True or false?
3. The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid." True or false?
4. The angel told Our Lady that she would have a Son that she would name 'Jesus.' True or false?
5. Mary just said okay and the angel left right away. True or false?
6. When Mary said she didn't understand, Gabriel told her that the baby would be the Son of God. True or false?
7. Before he left, the angel told Mary that her old cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby too. True or false?

