

The Holy Family

When we talk about the Holy Family we are talking about Jesus and his mother Mary and his foster-father, Saint Joseph. Mary became the mother of Jesus when she was betrothed (formally engaged) to St. Joseph, and Jesus' real father was God the Father Himself. So Saint Joseph acted as the Father of Jesus on earth.



Saint Joseph was a carpenter and worked hard to provide for his family. Mary loved Jesus and Joseph and cooked and cleaned for them. When Jesus was old enough Saint Joseph trained Him to be a carpenter as well. Because they all loved each other with generosity and selflessness they were really the happiest and holiest family that ever lived.

We can imitate the Holy Family by loving our parents and siblings and putting others before ourselves. What can you do today to make your family happier and holier?



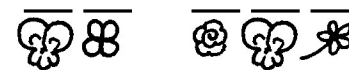
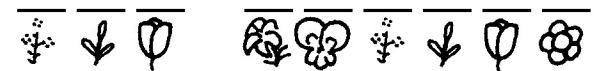
Answer to puzzle on front: the Mother of God.
Answers to Word Find: Love each other!

The Kids' Bulletin

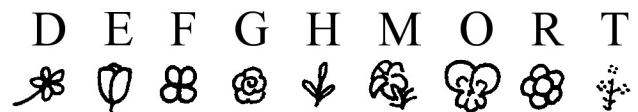
December 31st, 2023: Feast of the Holy Family
January 1st, 2024: Feast of Mary the Mother of God



Mary,



Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?
Use the code to find out!



Saint Gregory Nazianzen

January 2

Holy Family Word-Find



See if you can find all these words about the Holy Family in the puzzle!

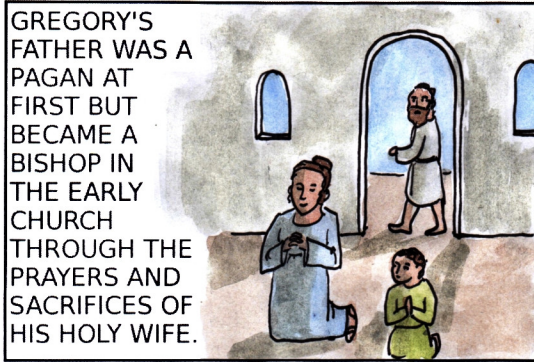
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

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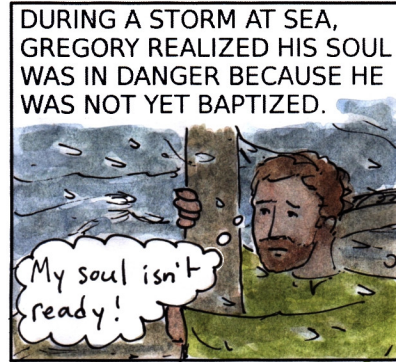
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CARPENTER	HAPPY	MOTHER
CHILD	HELP	MARY
COOPERATION	HOLY	PEACE
FAITH	HOME	PERFECT
FAMILY	JESUS	POOR
FATHER	JOSEPH	SELFLESS
FOSTER	JOY	SHARE
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The best way to be like the Holy Family:

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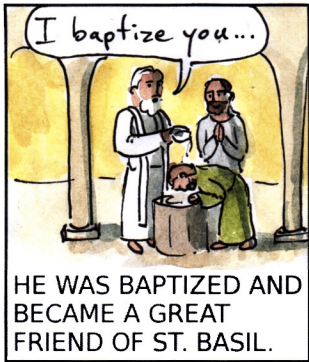


GREGORY'S FATHER WAS A PAGAN AT FIRST BUT BECAME A BISHOP IN THE EARLY CHURCH THROUGH THE PRAYERS AND SACRIFICES OF HIS HOLY WIFE.



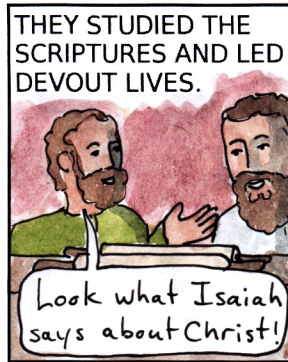
DURING A STORM AT SEA, GREGORY REALIZED HIS SOUL WAS IN DANGER BECAUSE HE WAS NOT YET BAPTIZED.

My soul isn't ready!



I baptize you...

HE WAS BAPTIZED AND BECAME A GREAT FRIEND OF ST. BASIL.



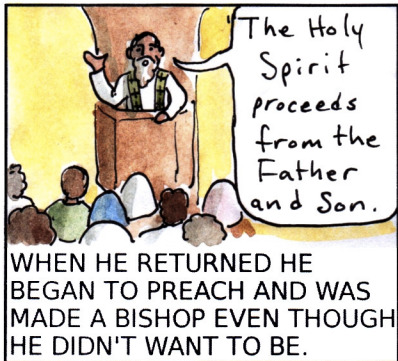
THEY STUDIED THE SCRIPTURES AND LED DEVOUT LIVES.

Look what Isaiah says about Christ!



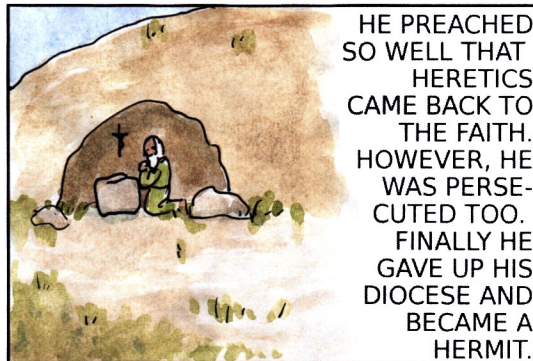
I need to pray about this...

WHEN HIS FATHER FORCED HIM TO BE ORDAINED, GREGORY RAN AWAY TO THE DESERT FOR A WHILE.



The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and Son.

WHEN HE RETURNED HE BEGAN TO PREACH AND WAS MADE A BISHOP EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE.



HE PREACHED SO WELL THAT HERETICS CAME BACK TO THE FAITH. HOWEVER, HE WAS PERSECUTED TOO. FINALLY HE GAVE UP HIS DIOCESE AND BECAME A HERMIT.

SAINT GREGORY LIVED A LIFE OF SACRIFICE AND PENANCE, AND THOUGHT NOTHING OF ALL WORLDLY RICHES AND PLEASURES. HE WROTE AND TAUGHT ABOUT THE FAITH SO ELOQUENTLY THAT MANY WERE BROUGHT BACK TO THE FAITH. BECAUSE OF ALL HE DID TO TEACH THE FAITH HE IS CALLED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.