Catholic Mom
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

Name: _____
Sunday, December 13, 2026
Worksheet for ages 7 to 10 years old

1. Today is the _____ Sunday of _____.

Today is also called Gaudete or _____Sunday. (Choose one: Sad, Joy, Silly)

2. What color is Father wearing today?

purple rose/pink black blue green

3. Is there an Advent wreath in the church, today? Yes No Not sure

If so, how many candles are lit? 0 1 2 3 4 5

What colors are the lit candles? purple blue red white pink/rose

4. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?

Baruch Ezekiel Jeremiah Isaiah Lamentations Daniel Tobit

5. Last week, we learned a little about the Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, when Mary visits Elizabeth after conceiving Jesus. What is the Third Joyful Mystery? (We'll be celebrating this event in a few weeks).

(a) The Birth of Jesus (b) The Death of Jesus (c) The Resurrection

Do you remember the name of the town where Jesus was born?

Rome Nazareth Jerusalem Bethlehem Canaan Samaria

6. We have only one and a half more weeks of Advent! What will you do, this week, to grow closer

to Jesus?

Pray every morning. Make Christmas cards and give them to people.

Watch a Christmas movie about Jesus. Remind others it's Jesus' birthday.

Pray in front of a nativity scene or creche. Write a Christmas/birthday card to Jesus.

Talk to Mary. Make gifts to give to friends or family.

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1. What day is it, today, in the Church's calendar? (Today also has a special name which means "joy". Do you know it?)
2. What color is Father wearing today? Why?
3. Is there an Advent wreath in the church, today? If so, how many candles are lit?
What colors are the lit candles?
4. From which book of the Bible is today's first reading?
5. From which book of the Bible is today's Responsorial?
This is one of the most beloved passages in the Scriptures. It is called the Magnificat. Who first said these words?
6. Last week, we learned a little about the Second Joyful Mystery, the Visitation, when Mary visits Elizabeth after conceiving Jesus. What is the Third Joyful Mystery? (We'll be celebrating this event in a few weeks).
What is the name of the town where Jesus was born?
7. From which book of the Bible is today's Gospel taken? Who is this passage about?
8. We have only one and a half more weeks of Advent! What will you do, this week, to grow closer to Jesus?

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Answer Key

Today is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. It is ***Gaudete*** Sunday which means joy!
Color is pink/rose for vestments and wreath candle
3 candles of the Advent wreath are lit; 2 purple and 1 pink

Readings	Book	Answer to Question
First Reading	Isiah	
Psalm	Luke (a Gospel)	
Second Reading	Romans	
Gospel	John	John the Baptist coming before Jesus, who is the Light of the world.

The 3rd Joyful mystery of the rosary is the Birth of Jesus
Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in a stable.