



Children's Bulletin

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What Are We Doing Here?

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Luke 9:46-50, 57-62 (NIV)

⁴⁶ An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, "Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great."

⁴⁹ John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us." ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you."

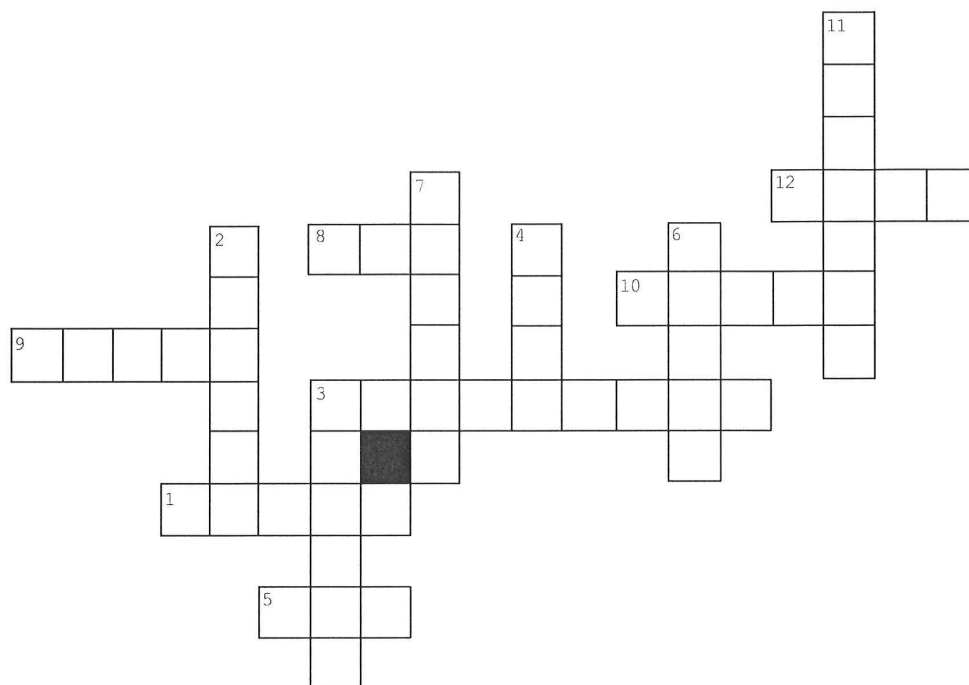
⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Take notes by drawing or writing
key words from the sermon.**



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Advent
Jesus
Joy
Wonderful
Star
Light
Father
Wisdom
Peace
Cross
Love
God
Matthew

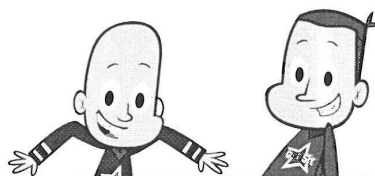


Across:

- Jesus obeyed God even to the point of death on a _____ (Phil 2:8)
- Another name for Jesus: _____ Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)
- The angel told the shepherds: I bring you good news of great _____! (Luke 2:10)
- Another name for Jesus: Mighty _____ (Isaiah 9:6)
- Jesus said I am the _____ of the world (John 8:12)
- Another name for Jesus: Prince of _____ (Isaiah 9:6)
- The Magi saw this in the sky when Jesus was born (Matthew 2:2)

Down:

- Another name for Jesus: Everlasting _____ (Isaiah 9:6)
- One of the gifts God gives to those who are humble and ask (James 1:5)
- Nothing can ever separate us from the _____ of God (Romans 8:39)
- Whose birthday do we celebrate at Christmas? (Matthew 1:18)
- Means "coming" or "arrival"
- Book of the Bible where we can read about Jesus' birth



Focus Verse

1 Peter 1:8 ESV

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory...

God always keeps His promises. When He promised to provide a way for mankind to be saved from their sins in Genesis, He followed through by sending His Son Jesus. Because of what Jesus did on the cross, we have the gifts of **Hope, Wisdom, Love** and **Joy**. When you turn to Jesus and trust in Him alone to save you, you can be sure that He will keep His promise and one day come back to be with you forever. Now that is something to be joyful about. Merry Christmas!

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