

Family Liturgy

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18th December, 2022



PREPARATION

Set up your sacred space. Place a violet cloth, cross, bible and candle.

Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Light the candle or use a battery operated candle for safety.



GATHER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COLLECT

God, Mary and Joseph said yes to your plans for them. Help us to trust and follow your plans for us. Amen.

GOSPEL

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ was born.

A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit.

Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding.

While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream.

The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her.

Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

So God's promise came true, just as the prophet had said,

"A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord's angel told him to do.

The gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Catholic Kids Media - Advent 4A



Watch: Reflection from this week's Mass readings

REFLECT

I wonder why God chose Mary...

I wonder how Mary was feeling knowing she was going to have the baby...

I wonder how Joseph was feeling...

I wonder what Mary and Joseph were thinking...

I wonder in what ways I can be more like Mary and Joseph in saying 'yes' to God...

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Bring to mind any special intentions that you would like to pray for today.

Pray **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

DISMISSAL

May God bless us and protect us,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ENDING SONG

Mary, Did You Know? - Pentatonix



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ACTIVITIES

Pray: Write a prayer to Jesus in your journal

Colouring page: Joseph & Mary

Craft: Mary & Joseph characters

