



MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

PSALM 25:6, 7

Remember your compassion and your mercy, O LORD, for they are ages old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, OH LORD.

Kindness is expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs.

God is always kind and compassionate. He forgives us when we sin and always wants what is best for us.

Write down a time when someone was kind to you. How did it make you feel?

Write down a time when **you** were kind to someone. How did it make you feel?

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Draw a picture of yourself being kind to someone.



Today, find someone you don't normally talk to and say something kind to that person.



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LUKE 10:21

Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes Father, such has been your gracious will.

Humility is having an awareness that all our gifts come from God and appreciation of the gifts of others.

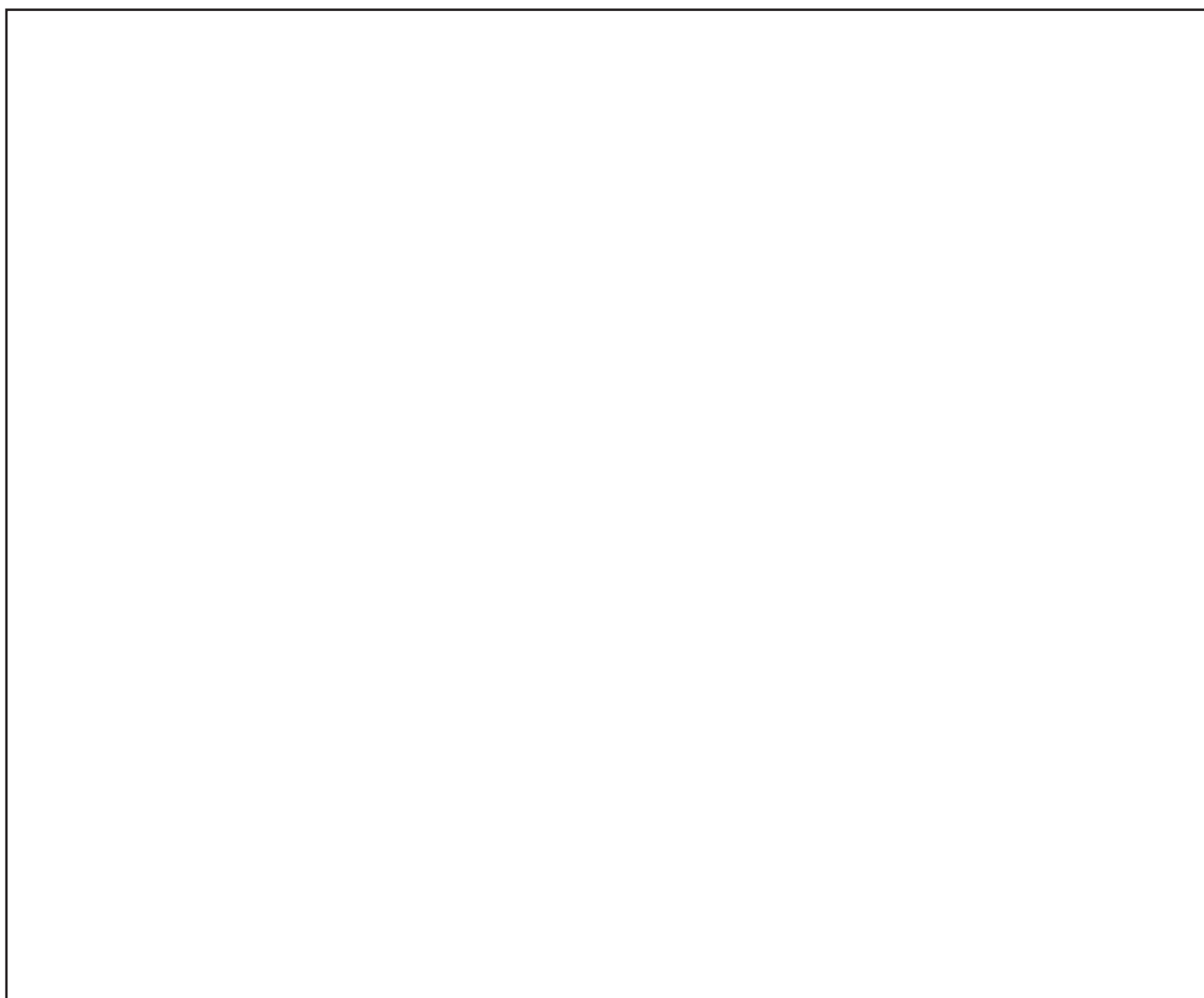
In the Gospel today Jesus is praising the Father for the gifts He has given to the childlike. What gifts has God given to you?

Do you remember to thank the Father for the gifts He has given you?

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What is one way that you can acknowledge the gift of another person today? (Examples: saying “good job” to a classmate, or allowing someone else to help you when you need it)

Draw a picture of you practicing the virtue of humility by acknowledging the gift of another you wrote about above.





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MATTHEW 15:32-37

Jesus summoned his disciples and said, “My heart is moved with pity for the crowd, for they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, for fear they may collapse on the way.” The disciples said to him, “Where could we ever get enough bread in this deserted place to satisfy such a crowd?” Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” “Seven,” they replied, “and a few fish.” He ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. They picked up the fragments left over—seven baskets full.

Magnificence is doing great things for God.

Jesus shows His compassion and love for the crowd by multiplying the seven loaves and few fish. This miracle shows how God loves us and cares for us.

Miracles continue to happen in our time. Can you think of a miracle that God does everyday through an ordained priest?

When we practice the virtue of magnificence we are saying “yes” to God’s grace and offering Him our gifts and talents. What is something you can offer to God?



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Draw a picture of yourself doing something great for God.

God in His magnificence does great things for us.
Draw a picture of our god's marvelous works.



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MATTHEW 7:21

Jesus said to his disciples: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

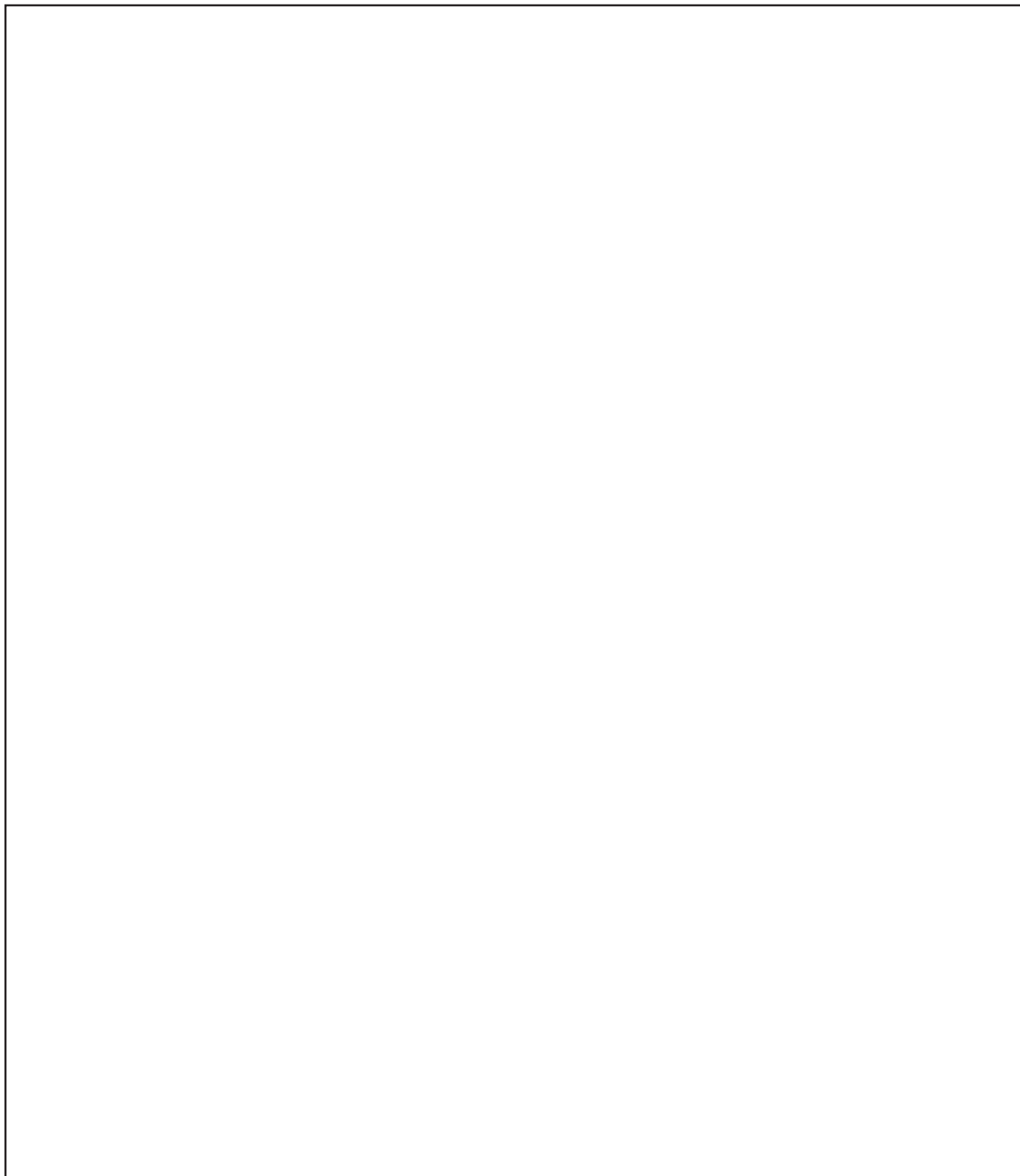
Magnanimity is seeking with confidence to do great things in God; literally “having a large soul”

In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus tells His disciples that to enter the Kingdom of Heaven a disciple must be faithful in words and actions.

What does it “sound like” to be a disciple? For example, the virtue of magnanimity sounds like: “You did a great job.”

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Draw a picture of what it “looks like” to be a disciple.





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MATTHEW 9:27-31

As Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying out, “Son of David, have pity on us!” When he entered the house, the blind men approached him and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I can do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they said to him. Then he touched their eyes and said, “Let it be done for you according to your faith.” And their eyes were opened.

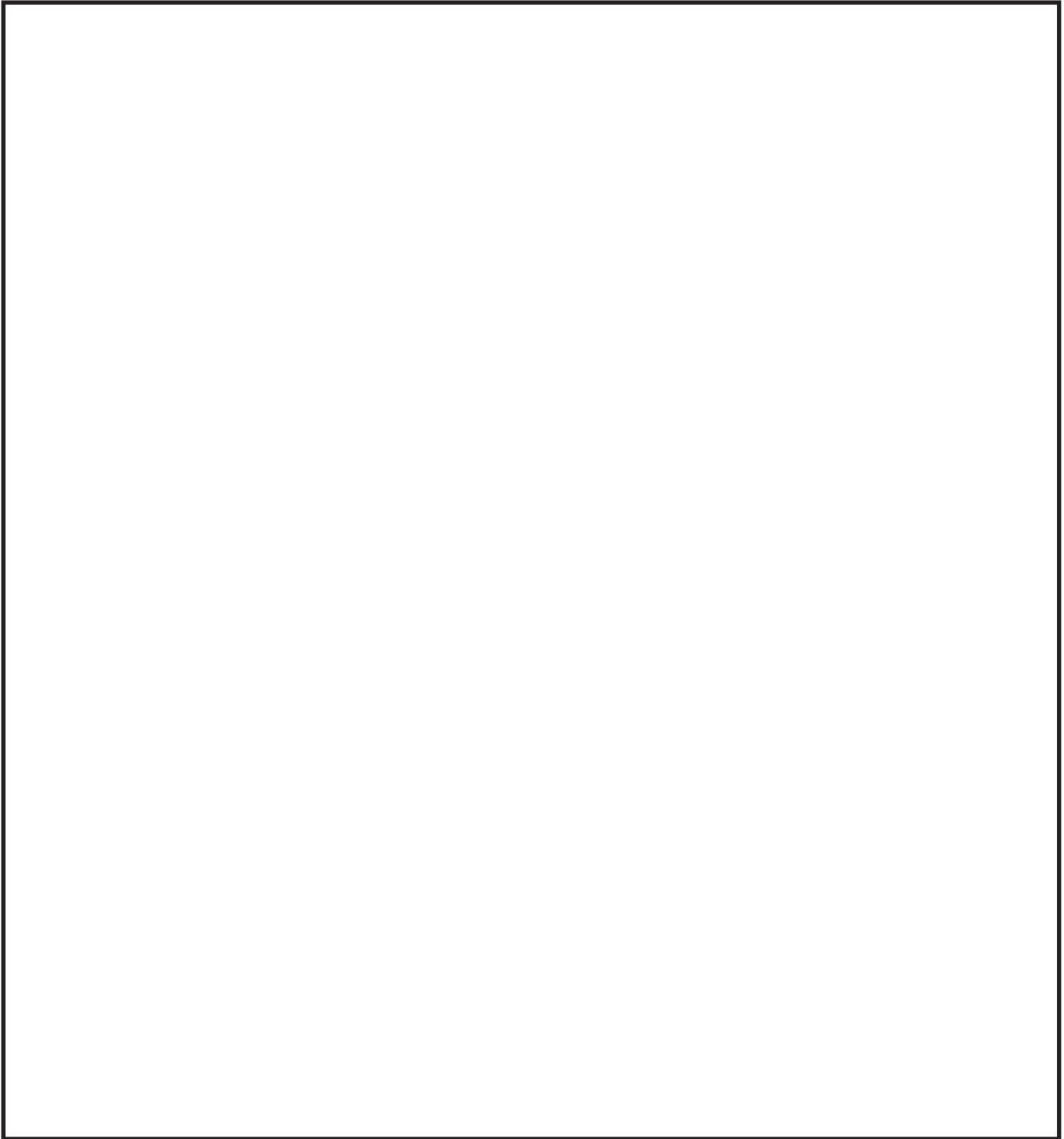
Faith enables you know God and all that He has revealed.

How were the blind men’s eyes opened?

What would you like Jesus to do for you?

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Draw a picture of Jesus doing something for you.





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LUKE 5:18-20; 24-25

And some men brought on a stretcher a man who was paralyzed; they were trying to bring him in and set him in his presence. But not finding a way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "As for you, your sins are forgiven." He said to the one who was paralyzed, "I say to you, rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." He stood up immediately before them, picked up what he had been lying on, and went home, glorifying God.

In this Gospel passage, the paralyzed man is taken to Jesus by men. They have faith in God and believe he can be healed.

Do you know of anyone who is sick or sad or lonely? Imagine yourself bringing this person to Jesus. Draw a picture of what this "looks like."



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MATTHEW 18:12-14

Jesus said to his disciples: “What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray. In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost.”

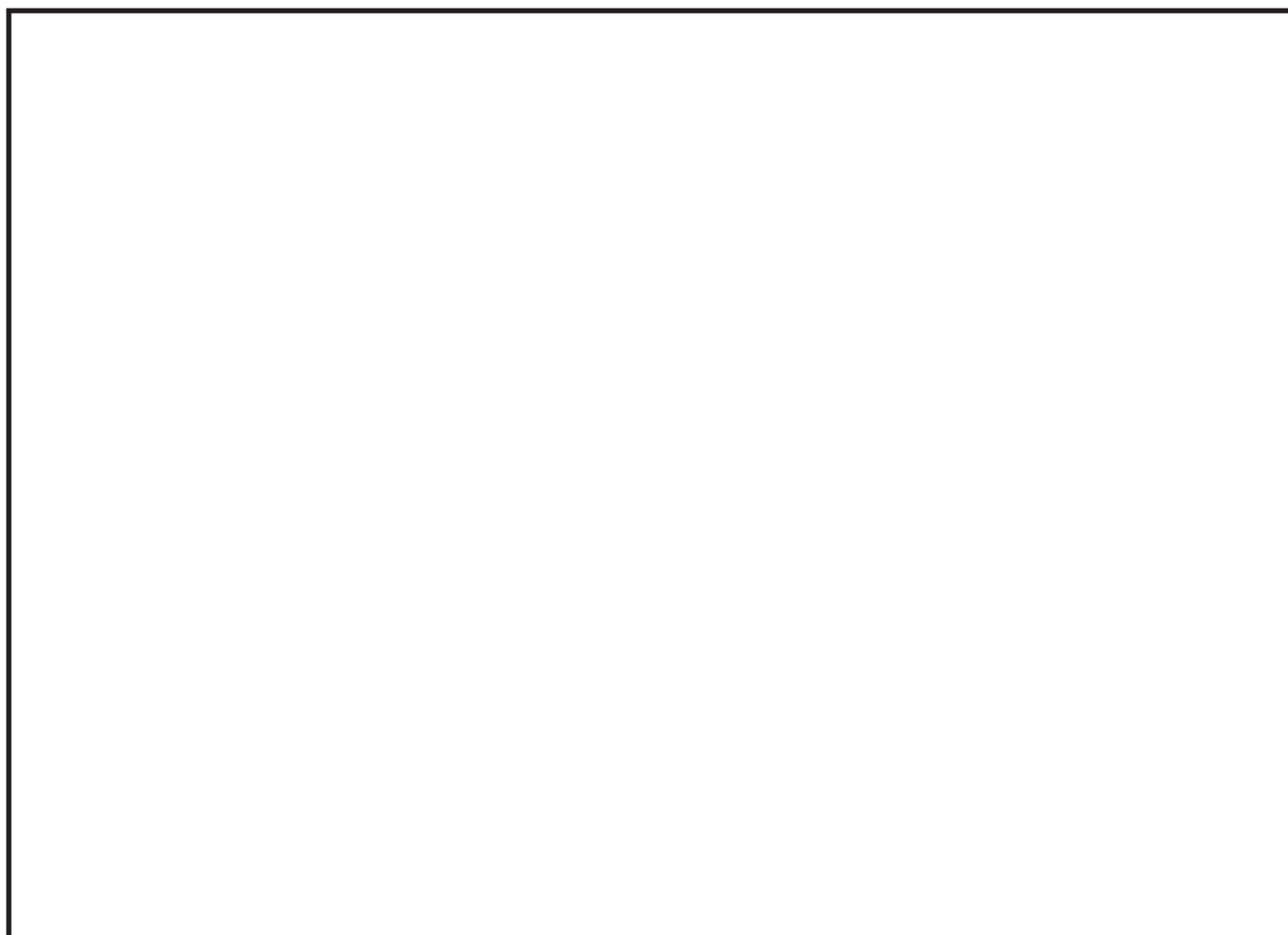
Gratitude means having a thankful disposition of mind and heart.

In the Gospel today, the shepherd who lost his sheep rejoices when he finds it. His joy is a type of gratitude to God for helping him find what was lost. Have you ever lost something and then found it? Describe how you felt.

Did you remember to thank God in prayer for helping you find what you had lost? If not, how will you remember to always thank God?

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Draw a picture of yourself practicing gratitude by thanking God for helping you.



Pray the following prayer to thank God for His many gifts.

Dear Jesus,
Please give me a thankful heart,
realizing that all I have comes from You.
Thank You for everything You have given me.
Amen.



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MATTHEW 11:28-30

Jesus said to the crowds: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

Humility means being aware that all your gifts come from God and appreciating other’s gifts.

Draw a picture of what it “looks like” practicing the virtue of humility.

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What does humility “sound like?”

How can you practice the virtue of humility today?



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PSALM 145:1, 3

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD and worthy of much praise, whose grandeur is beyond understanding.

Gratitude means having a thankful disposition of mind and heart.

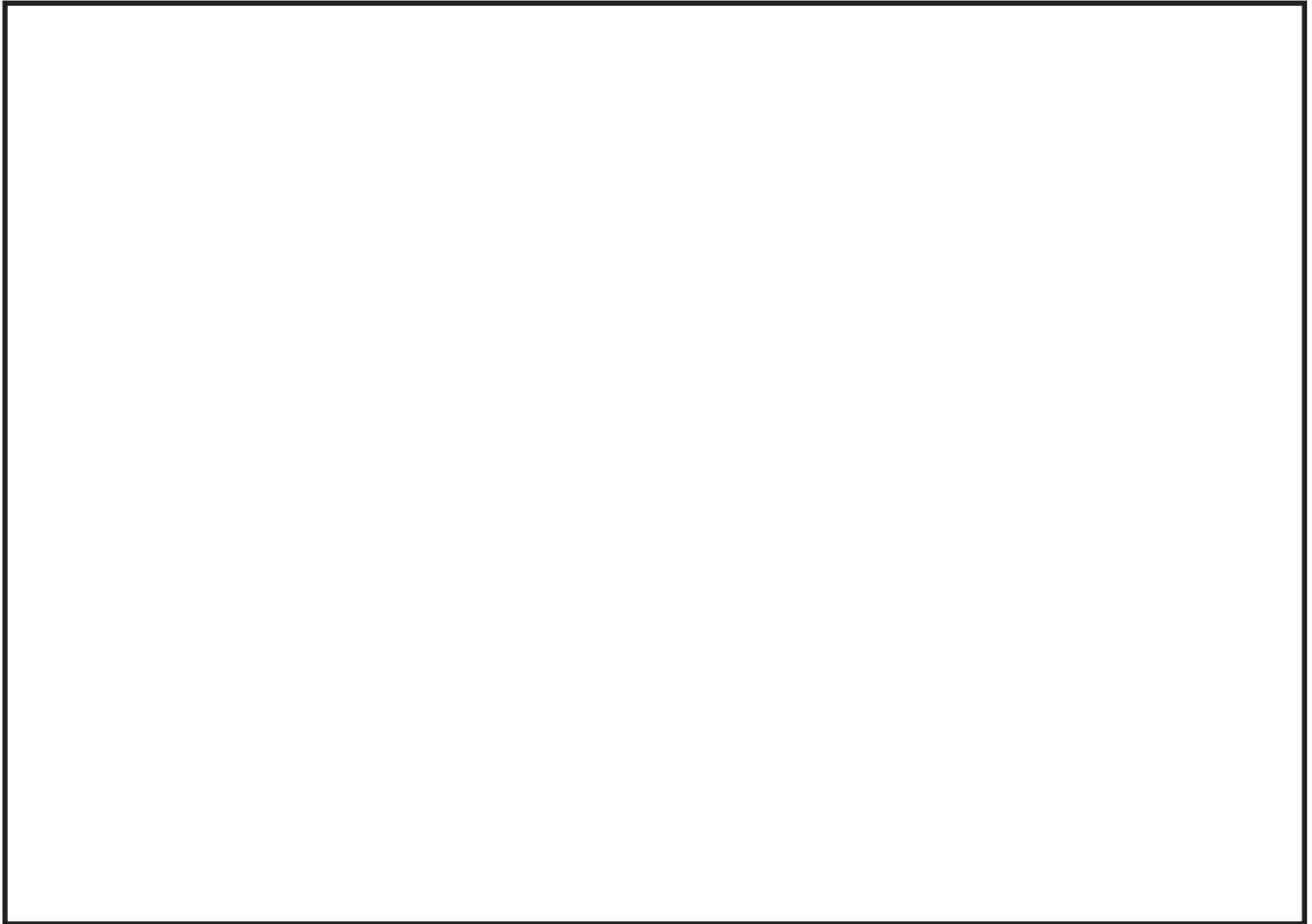
Psalm 145 is a song of praise and thanksgiving to God for all the gifts He has given to us.

What gifts has God given to you?

It is good to acknowledge the gift of another person. How can you acknowledge someone's gift today? (Example saying "good job" or "great dinner.")

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Draw a picture below of the best gift God has given to you.



Write a prayer to God thanking Him for this gift.



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ISAIAH 48:17

Thus says the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go.

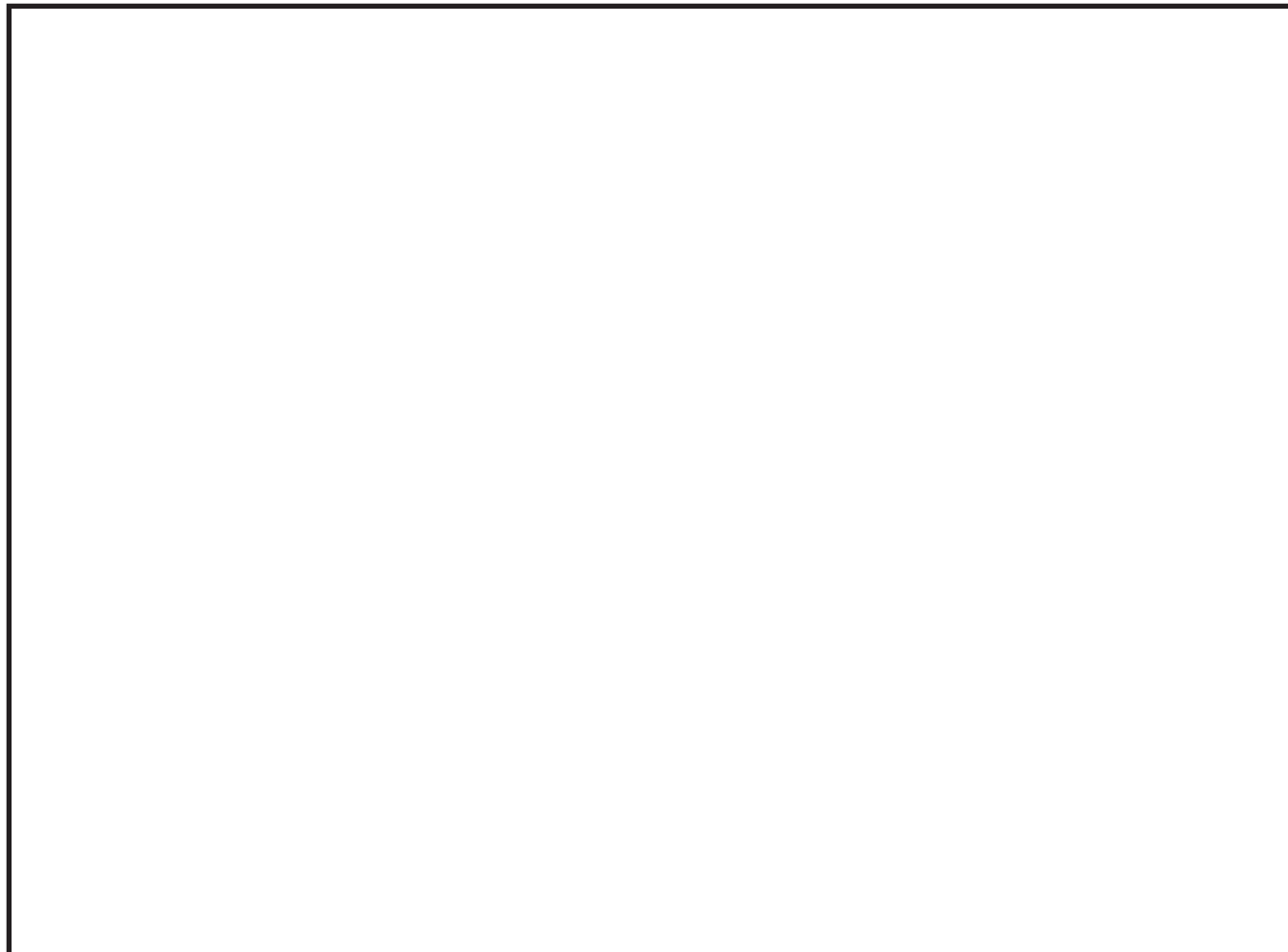
Prayerfulness is being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend

In order for God to be able to teach you His ways, you need to be prayerful and talk to Him as a friend.

In prayer, ask Jesus what He wants to teach you today. Write it down.

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Draw a picture of yourself listening to Jesus and talking with Him.



Pray this prayer to Jesus:

Dear Jesus,

I desire to have You as my best friend. Give me a desire to spend time with You each day, as I do with my friends. Help me always to put You first in my life, even when I am busy.



MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

REVELATIONS 12:5; 12:10

She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed.”

In the first sentence of the passage, who is the woman and who is the son?

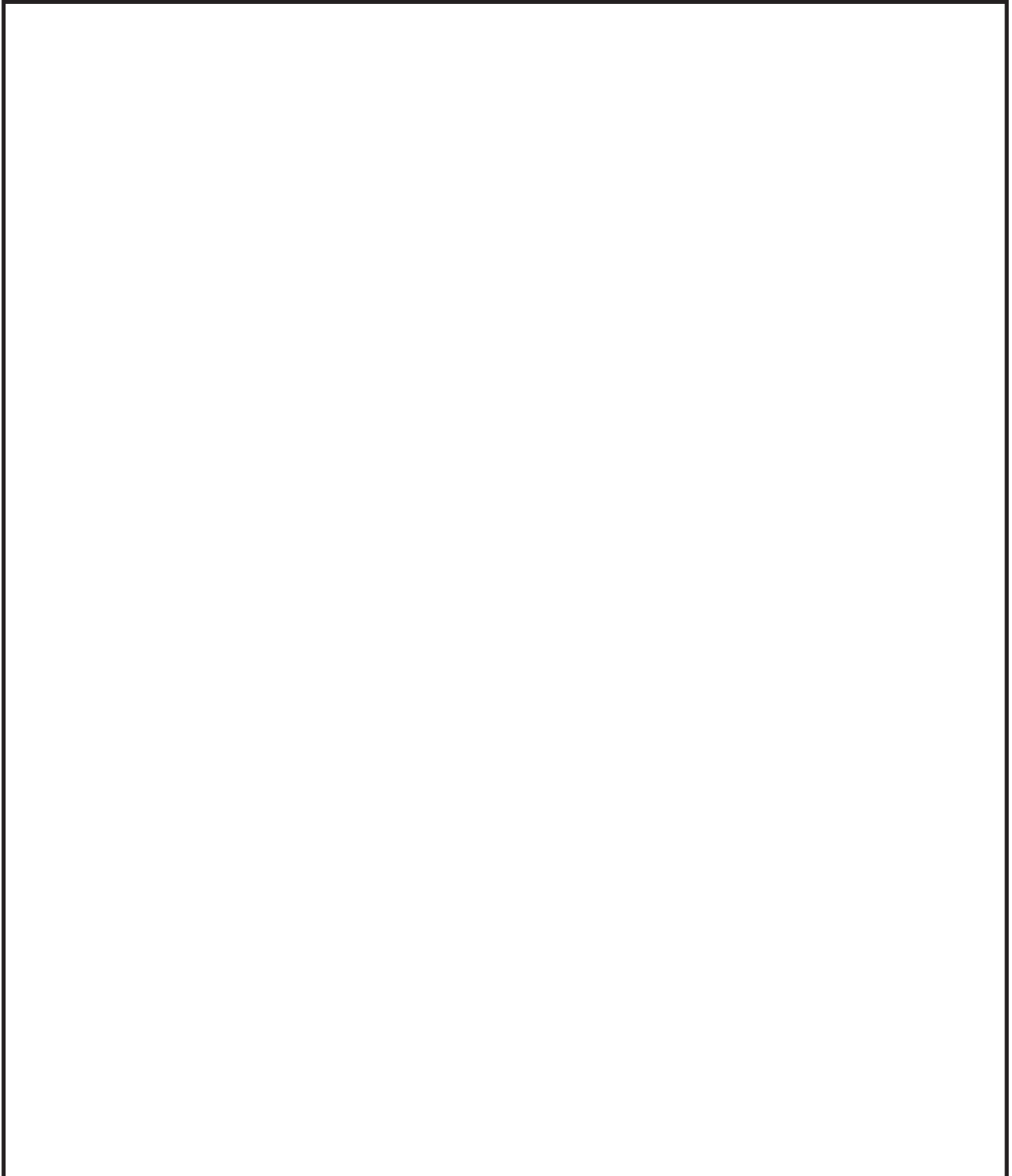
Who is the loud voice speaking from heaven?

Yesterday we celebrated the third Sunday in Advent. Color three of the candles below. Two candles need to be purple and one candle should be pink.



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Draw a picture of Jesus ruling over the world.





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MATTHEW 21:28-32

“Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ The son said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards he changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.”

Obedience means assenting to rightful authority without hesitation or resistance.

Draw a picture of the father asking his two sons to work in the vineyard and how they responded.

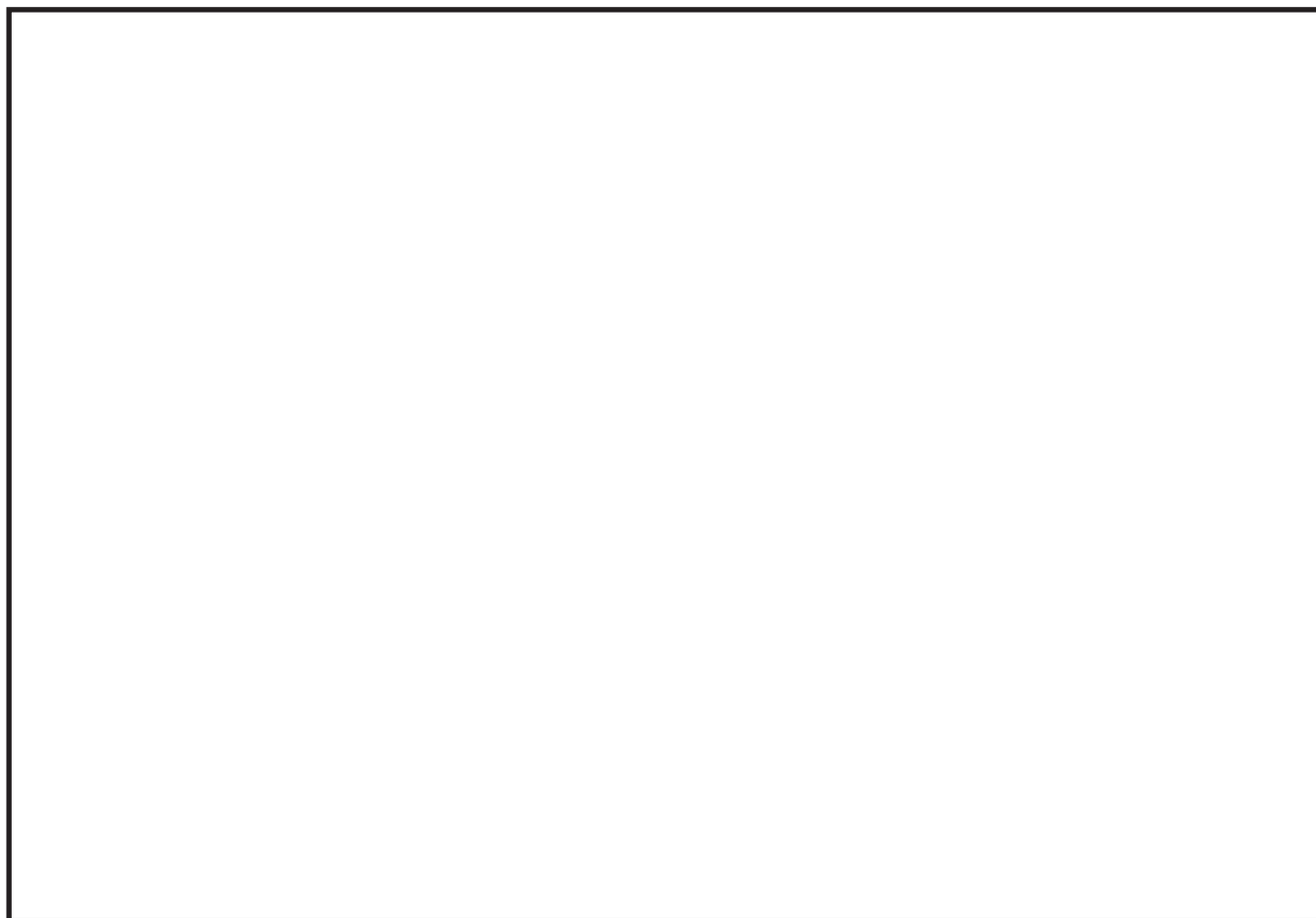
Son #1	Son #2

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Which son practiced the virtue of obedience?

Son #1 or **Son #2**

Draw a picture of yourself practicing the virtue of obedience. (An example might be cleaning your room when your Mom asks you to.)



Pray the following prayer to thank God for His many gifts.

Dear Jesus,
You are God, and yet You were obedient to Mary and Joseph. Help me to do all that my parents and teachers ask of me—promptly, joyfully, and completely. This virtue pleases you more than all other sacrifices!
Amen.



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ISAIAH 45:6-7

I am the LORD, there is no other; I form the light, and create the darkness, I make well-being; I, the LORD, do all these things.

Orderliness means keeping yourself physically clean and neat and your belongings in good order.

What are some ways you can practice the virtue of orderliness? For example: making your bed, cleaning up your toys, keeping your locker clean.



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Draw a picture of yourself practicing the virtue of orderliness.

Oh Infinite Beauty,
In Your wisdom, You created all things with perfect order. Orderliness brings peace, beauty, harmony, and joy! Please help me to keep order in my own life so that I may respect those things You have entrusted to me. In particular, please assist me in keeping my appearance, room/locker, and workspace clean and neat.



THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

ISAIAH 54:9-10

So I have sworn not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you. Though the mountains leave their place and the hills be shaken, My love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken, says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

Patience means being calm in difficulties.

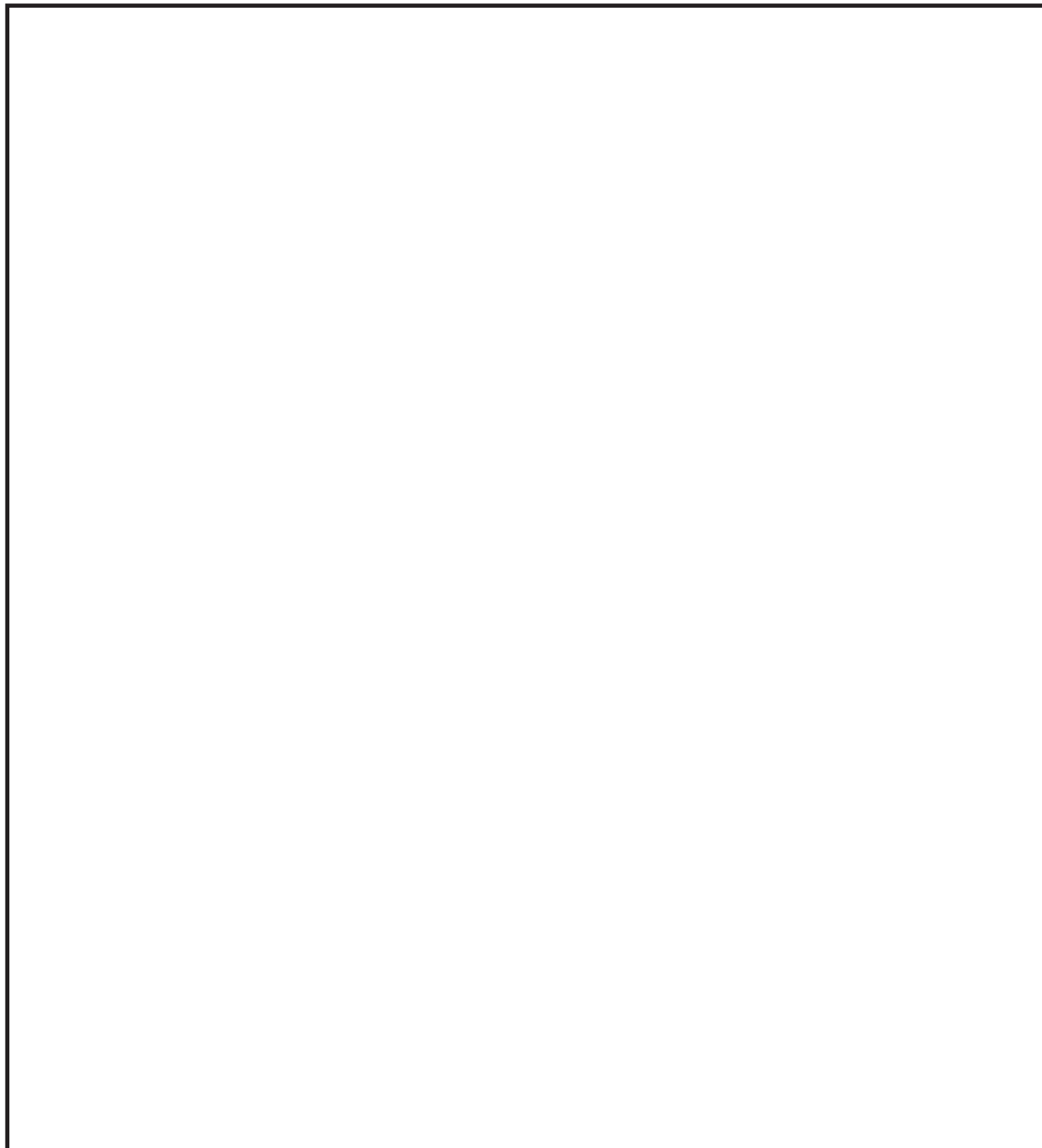
God is always patient with us. He never gets angry with us and is always willing to forgive us. He is merciful.

When you get angry, what can you do to stay calm? For example, count to ten, say a prayer.

Say a pray to God and thank Him for always being patient with you.

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Draw a picture of what it “looks like” to stay calm when you get angry.





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ISAIAH 56:7

Then I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer.

Prayerfulness means being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend.

A chapel or church is a house of prayer where you gather with other people to pray. Another place to pray is your home and especially your bedroom. Do you have a prayer corner or place in your house or bedroom? If so, draw a picture of this special place. If not, ask your mom or dad to help you create a place and draw a picture of how you would like it to look.



MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

PSALM 71:5-6

For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O God, from my youth.
On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are
my strength.

Hope helps us to know God and all He has told us. Hope also helps us to trust in God's help.

Do you think Jesus trusted God, His Father?

Yes or **No**

Jesus trusted God even when He was handed over to death. Are there times when you are afraid but you still trust God?

Yes or **No**

Write about a time when you were afraid but you trusted God would take care of you.



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ISAIAH 7:14

The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.


Magnificence means doing great things for God.

The virgin in the Gospel above is Mary and she is the Mother of Jesus. Draw a picture of Mary and Jesus.

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The Word “Emmanuel” means “God with us”. How is “God with us” in Church?

Draw a picture of you praying before the Tabernacle in the Church. Jesus is always with us in the Tabernacle!





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LUKE 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Who is the infant in Elizabeth's womb?

Why do you think the baby leaped in Elizabeth's womb when she heard Mary's voice?



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Draw a picture of John, the Baptist, in his mother's womb.



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LUKE 1:46

Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

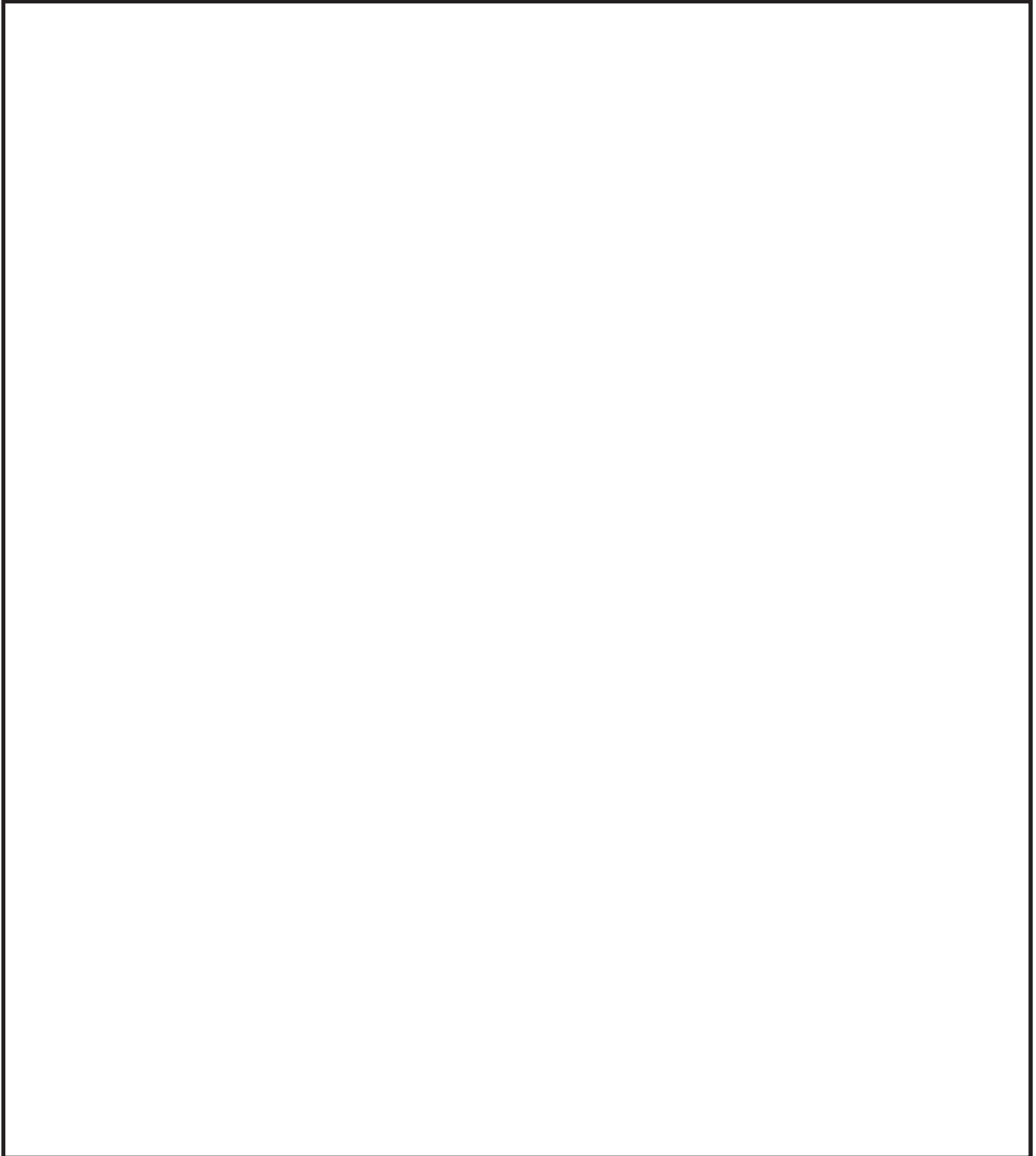
Magnanimity means seeking to do great things in God, literally having a “large soul.”

Mary had a large soul and did whatever God asked of her. She loved the Lord with all her heart and always sought to please Him.

How can you do something great for God? Write it down.

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Draw a picture of you doing something great for God.





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PSALM 25:4-5

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

Docility is a willingness to be taught.

Think about one thing you have learned during this advent that has helped you prepare for Christmas.

Who taught you?

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Draw a picture of what you learned.

