

First Sunday after Christmas

Announcing Jesus Ministry

Nursery/Kindergarten/Younger Elementary Levels

Mary Teaches Jesus

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"Yes, Mother!" Jesus answered.

"How about our doves? Did you feed them already?" Mary checked.



"Of course, Mother!"
Jesus replied while smiling.

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obedient, Jesus," his
mother praised him.

Then, Mary invited Jesus,
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recite the Shema Israel
again like you did this
morning. Cover your eyes
with your right hand."

Together they recited,

"Hear, O Israel, the
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Lord is One.

Blessed be the
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forever and ever."

Jesus continued on the long recitation following as his
mother led him.

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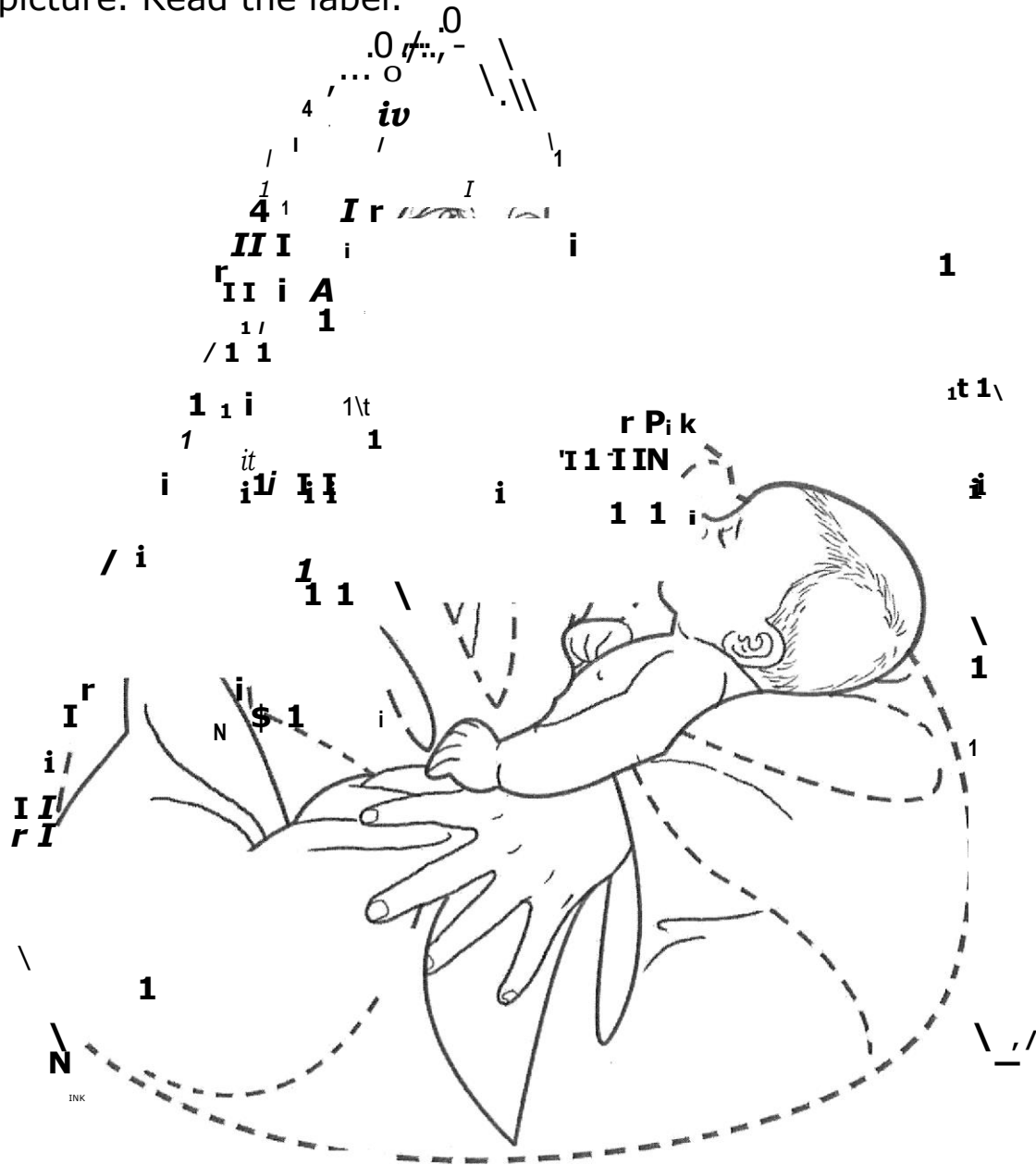
Describe how Jesus spent his day. Choose any of the given pictures. Then tell how you spend your day.



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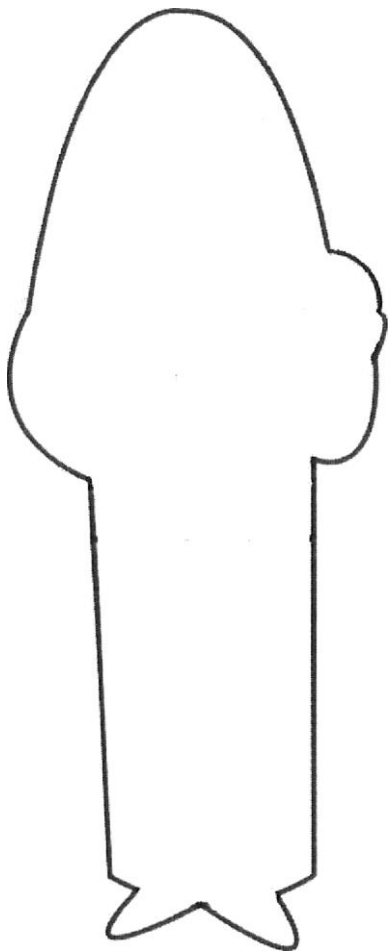
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Connect the broken lines to complete the picture. Color the picture. Read the label.

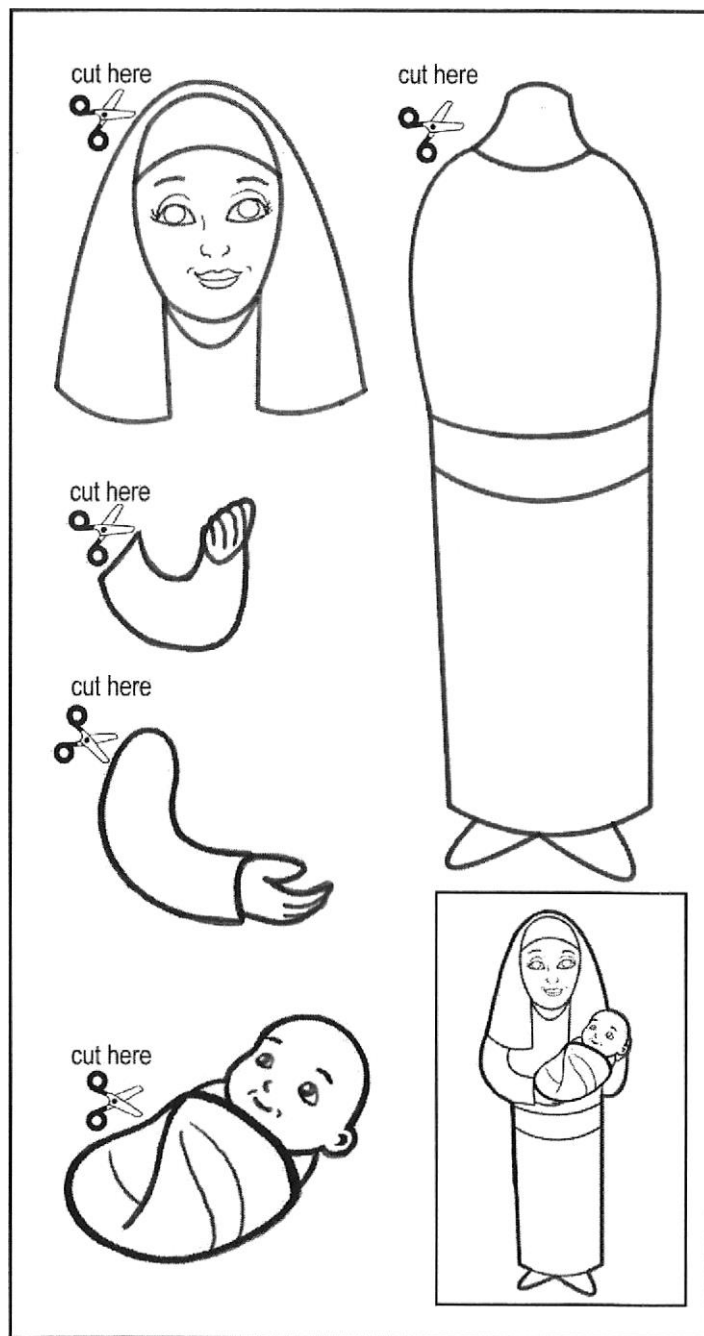


Mary and Jesus

Cut the different parts. Paste them in the correct place using the given pattern. Decorate your artwork.



**Mother and
Child**



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him.

"Remember, when we pray we
are talking to God. We must
avoid giggles for God is listening to us. Do as I say." Mary explained
further.

Before Jesus prayed the Shemoneh Esrei, he and Mary stood, took
three steps forward and three steps backward. They stood and prayed
praises, petitions, and thanks to God.

Jesus was happy doing what his mother showed him. They sang
psalms to God. He remembered all the lessons he learned for today.

Soon, his eyes felt heavy and he fell asleep on Mary's lap. And
Mary hushed, "Sleep tight, my child. You had a long day."

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Talk about each picture that shows the activities of Jesus. Then compare Jesus' activities with the activities that you do. Answer the questions.



What similar activity do you do at home?



When do you pray? Who prays with you?

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Do you remember singing
with your family? Share that
experience.



What do you do when
you get tired?

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Youth Level

Read Hannah's prayer (1 Samuel 2:1-10). Find another version of the Bible and copy Hannah's prayer. Then compare the texts.



Hannah prayed and said, 'My heart exults in the LORD: my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and on them he has set the world. 'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he **will** give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.'

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Read Mary's prayer (Luke 1:46-53) and write the song and prayer in your own words.

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

all generations will call me blessed;

for he has looked with favor on the

lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessend,

for the Mighty One has done great things
for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from
generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.