



FLOWERS SHALL BLOOM, WE SHALL REJOICE!

Isaiah 35:1–6a, 10 • James 5:7–10 • Matthew 11:2–11

Family Car Talk

In today's Second Reading, St. Paul says, "Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged." Talk with your family on the way home from Mass about this verse.



How can we do better as a family about complaining? What can we do instead?



Sometimes, the people we complain about the most are our family members. What are some ways we can commit to building each other up instead of tearing each other down?



One way to combat complaining is by practicing gratitude. Share three things about your family that you are most grateful for.



UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL

ONJH
OODG SNWE
EMGSENRES
EPREARP
OINKDMG
EVHANE
EDTSRE

Answers: John, good news, messenger, prepare, kingdom, heaven, desert



COUNTING FLOWERS IN THE SAND

Instructions: Today, on Gaudete Sunday, the First Reading says, "The desert ... will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song." Count the number of flowers and then color them using as many colors as you can!



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