



beginner



intermediate



advanced



IT IS THE ADVENT OF THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Isaiah 2:1–5 • Romans 13:11–14 • Matthew 24:37–44

Family Car Talk

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "*So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*" This verse can seem a little scary—what if we're not ready when Jesus comes back? Talk through the following questions with your family on the way home from Mass today.



Should we start getting ready for Jesus at the end of our lives or right now?



How can we live our lives like followers of Jesus every day?

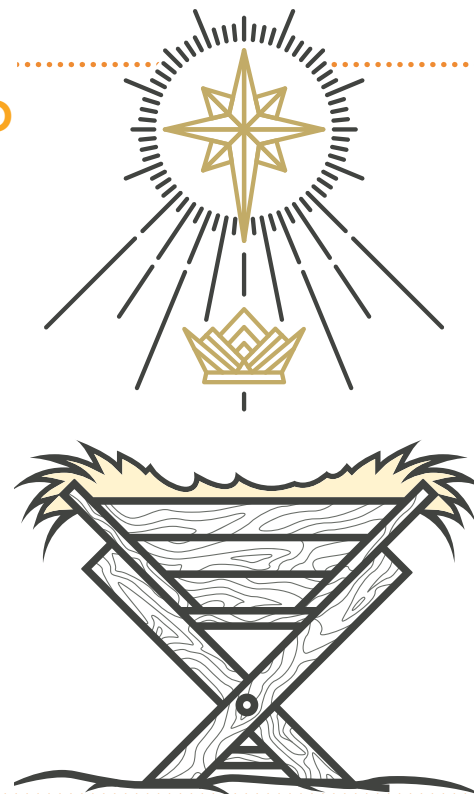


How can we create a home that is welcoming for Jesus? How can we create a heart that's always ready to receive him?



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Instructions: On this First Sunday of Advent, the last words of our First Reading are "*O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!*" Advent is when we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus, the Light of the World, at his birth. Color the image on the right.

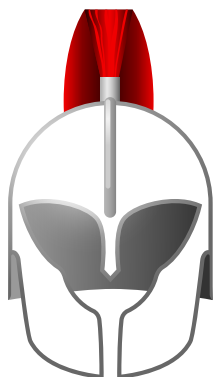




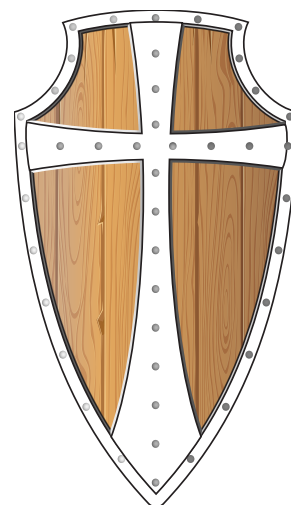
MATCHING ACTIVITY

Instructions: Today's Second Reading says, *"Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."* In the family of God, we don't need the armor required for violence; we only need the gifts of God. In the activity below, match the description to the piece of armor.

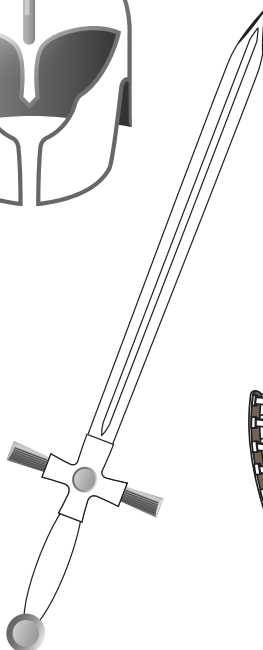
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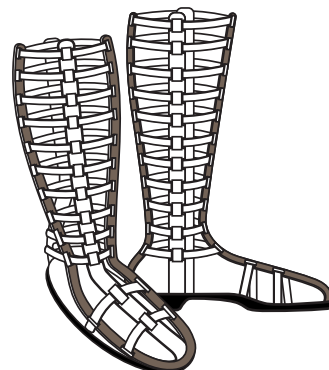
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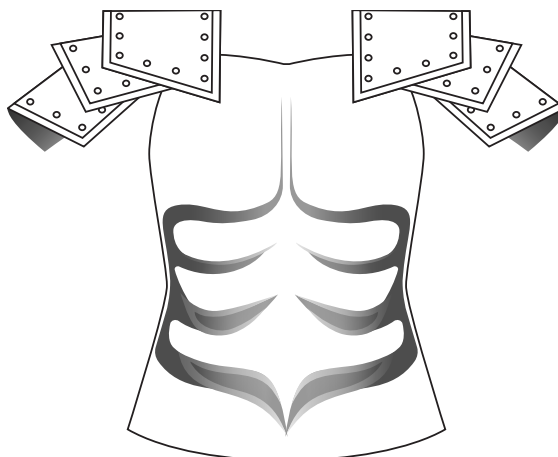
Shoes of the gospel of peace



Shield of faith



Helmet of salvation



Sword of the Spirit

