
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

Our "Tiny Jesus" Advent Journey

Our "Tiny Jesus" Advent Journey begins with the story of another tiny boy named John. Inspired by the writings of Marigold Hunt and, of course, the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, let us begin!

Zachary was one of the priests of the Temple in Jerusalem. He had a wife named Elizabeth, and they were both as good as gold and quite happy - except for one thing. They never had a baby even though they had both prayed and prayed for one. Now they were both so old that they had given up all hope that their prayer would be answered. On this particular day, Zachary was anticipating it would be his turn to offer incense in the Temple. It was such a special thing to do that each priest was only allowed to offer incense one time in his life. They drew lots for it and Zachary was chosen! He was so pleased and happy when he went into the sanctuary to offer the incense. Everyone else stayed outside and said their prayers, waiting for him to come out and tell them the incense was offered. As Zachary stood by the altar, he suddenly saw an Angel standing beside the altar! He was frightened, but the Angel said, "Do not be afraid, Zachary. Your prayers have been heard. Elizabeth is to have a baby and you are to name him John. He will bring great joy to you and to many other people as well, for he is to prepare for the coming of the Lord, making His people ready to receive Him." Poor Zachary! He doubted. He said, "Give me a sign that this is true. We are old, Elizabeth and I." Then the Angel said, "I am Gabriel, one of the Angels who stand in the presence of God. He sent me to bring you this good news. Because you have not believed me, you will not be able to speak until after the child is born." Then Gabriel vanished, and Zachary found he couldn't say a word! Zachary went home to Elizabeth, and sure enough, she found out she was pregnant. Tiny John was now growing in Elizabeth's womb for nothing is impossible with God!

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The Tiny Jesus Chaplet

Let's pray "The Tiny Jesus Chaplet" each day of our Advent Journey! You can also pray it with the help of "The Tiny Jesus Chaplet" video found on the home page of Catholic Kids 101. By doing this we are honoring the nine months Jesus grew in Mary's womb!

Begin with the Sign of the Cross and then say: **"Heavenly Father, I offer this chaplet for every baby growing in his or her mother's womb, that they will be born safely, and come to love Jesus, just like I do!"**

Then say 9 times: **"Heavenly Father, I offer You Your beloved Son Jesus 1 MONTH OLD, growing in the womb of the Virgin Mary. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. Hail Mary, full of grace...etc."** Each time you repeat this, say the next month - 2 MONTHS OLD, 3 MONTHS OLD, until you get to 9 MONTHS OLD! End with the Sign of the Cross.