
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

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

Our "Tiny Jesus" Advent Journey

Our journey continues with another amazing story about "Tiny Jesus" and "Tiny John." Inspired by the writings of Marigold Hunt and, of course, the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, let us press on ahead in our "Tiny Jesus" Advent Journey together!

Last week we learned about **the Incarnation**. The Incarnation, when **God became Man**, is the greatest thing that has ever happened in the history of the world! "Tiny Jesus" is now growing in Our Lady's womb! After the Annunciation, after the Archangel Gabriel left Our Lady, she wanted to go visit Elizabeth and help her get everything ready for when "Tiny John" would be born. So Our Lady set out on the long journey, up into the hills where Elizabeth, Zachary and "Tiny John" lived. When Mary finally arrived at their home and called out her greeting, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit as soon as she heard the sound of Mary's voice! Elizabeth exclaimed, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb!" - and those are some more words that Our Lady has heard many, many times since. The words mean: "You are **so** blessed, and so is the Baby you are carrying in your womb!" The Holy Spirit let Elizabeth know about "Tiny Jesus." Nobody else knew yet but God let Elizabeth know. Also at the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth felt "Tiny John" (St. John the Baptist) leap in her womb! John was also filled with the Holy Spirit and he leapt for joy because he was so happy to be with JESUS! How wonderful it was that Mary brought them Jesus. Boys and girls, Our Lady **always** brings us Jesus! Now use your imagination and picture Mary and Elizabeth standing face to face, looking at each other. Perhaps they are holding hands, with big smiles on their faces. "Tiny John" has jumped and his little heart is beating wildly with joy! And the tiny Sacred Heart of Jesus is beating with GREAT LOVE for Elizabeth and John... and for you and for me too!

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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.