MATCH THE PICTURE WITH THE DESCRIPTION



NICHOLAS - a holy bishop who cared for others and inspired the tradition of giving gifts at Christmas.



JOSEPH - a humble and faithful man chosen by God to protect and guide Jesus and Mary.



DEMONSTRATION - a beautiful tradition started by Saint George Preca to spread the message that Jesus, our Lord, came to live among us and walk with us every day.



KINGS/MAĠI/WISE MEN - the scholars/eastern visitors who followed the star.

NATIVITY SCENE - St Francis of Assisi began this tradition in 1223. With this, he wanted to remind people that Jesus was born poor, in a manger in Betlehem



SHEPHERDS - the working men who were first to hear the Good News from the angels.



MARY - the mother of Jesus.



JESUS - the Son of God and Savior born in the manger.



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WELCOME

The theme this year is **FLIMKIEN/ TOGETHERNESS**. Why did we choose this theme? Together we can do so much more, then if we were alone. If I am not alone, I have someone with whom to speak, there is someone to listen to me, and I listen to others. There is someone to help me and there are those whom I can help. We are called to care for each other and to care for the environment we live in. Together we can achieve a great deal; everyone can help make the parish and our community a place which reflects the presence and love of Jesus.

Blessings,

The *Pastorali Tfal* **Team**

STORY

THE STONE SOUP

European Traditional Story

A group of hungry travellers arrive at a village hoping for food, but each villager hides what they have because they fear there won't be enough to share. The travellers smile and announce that they will make stone soup. Curious, the villagers gather around as the travellers place a large stone into a pot of boiling water.

As the soup begins to cook, the travellers casually remark, *"It would taste even better with a few carrots."* One villager brings carrots. Then they suggest onions, potatoes, herbs, and other ingredients. One by one, everyone contributes a little of what they have.

Soon, the once-empty pot is filled with delicious soup—far better than anything the travellers could have made alone. The villagers sit together, eat together, laugh together, and realise that when everyone shares a little, everyone has enough.



Discover more about this story by scanning this QR code

LET US THINK

- If the villagers ignored the travellers and did not use their listening ears, what would have happened?
- It will be Christmas soon. Everyone has in mind a present they would like to receive. This story reminds us how wonderful it is to give gifts to others. A gift is not necessarily something we buy, it can mean sharing our talents.
- What are your talents? How can you use them to help or cheer someone up?

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TOGETHER TOWARDS JESUS

Complete one Advent action each day, then colour its part in the nativity



1. **GIVE THANKS** - thank God for 3 good things in your life.
2. **LISTEN WELL** - listen to someone without interrupting.
3. **PRAY FOR OTHERS** - pray for someone wo is sick or lonely.
4. **SPEAK FACE TO FACE** - say one kind thing to someone in person.
5. **BE THANKFUL** - before dinner say a prayer to show for what you are grateful today.
6. **RESPECT EVERYONE** - before you speak or send something, ask: “Is this kind?”
7. **BE STILL** - spend one quiet minute in prayer with Jesus.
8. **MARY’S YES** - Read Luke 1:26-28 and notice Mary’s answer to God.
9. **APPRECIATE FRIENDSHIPS** - thank God for your friends.
10. **USE TECHNOLOGY FOR GOOD** - use technology for something useful or kind.
11. **BE PRESENT AT HOME** - help at home without being asked.
12. **NOTICE FEELINGS** - ask someone: “How are you feeling today?”
13. **PAUSE** - stop and think before you reply.
14. **BE CREATIVE** - draw, read, sing or play without a screen.
15. **USE KIND WORDS** - say or write something loving and kind to someone who cares for you.
16. **GOOD NEWS** - read Luke 2:8-14 and thank God for the gift of Jesus.
17. **PROTECT OTHERS** - do not share gossip or unkind messages.
18. **PRAY ANYWHERE** - say a short prayer while doing your daily chores.
19. **BE PATIENT** - while waiting in line at the supermarket, pray for the people in front of you.
20. **MAKE PEACE** - make peace with someone today.
21. **CHOOSE TRUTH** - if you do something wrong, be honest.
22. **GIVE ATTENTION** - give someone your full attention.
23. **BE TOGETHER** - enjoy screen-free family time.
24. **HIDDEN KINDNESS** - Prepare your heart for Jesus by doing one hidden act of kindness.

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