

Ages 7-10: Jesus in the Temple Diorama

Materials Needed
for Each Student

Temple Scene, Roadway Scene, 1 Mary and Joseph figure (there are 4 per page), scissors, crayons or markers, tape

Prepare in Advance

Print copies of the *Temple Scene, Roadway Scene* and *Mary and Joseph* pages. Cut apart the 4 *Mary and Joseph* figures. Collect other supplies.

New Church Concept Teacher Background

"That the Divine is in the Lord's Human as the soul is in the body the Word teaches and testifies in Matthew and in Luke...."

This makes clear that the Divine was in the Lord from conception, and that the Divine was His life from the Father, which life is the soul." *Apocalypse Explained* 1104:5

"The one God, who is invisible, came into the world, and took on a human form, not only so that He might redeem humankind, but also so that He might become visible, and thereby conjunction with people might become possible...." *True Christian Religion* 786:2

For three days, Mary and Joseph frantically searched for Jesus before finding Him in the temple. Students will create a diorama to depict the events, moving figures of Mary and Joseph along the road as they look for Jesus, and then discover Him talking with the elders in the temple.

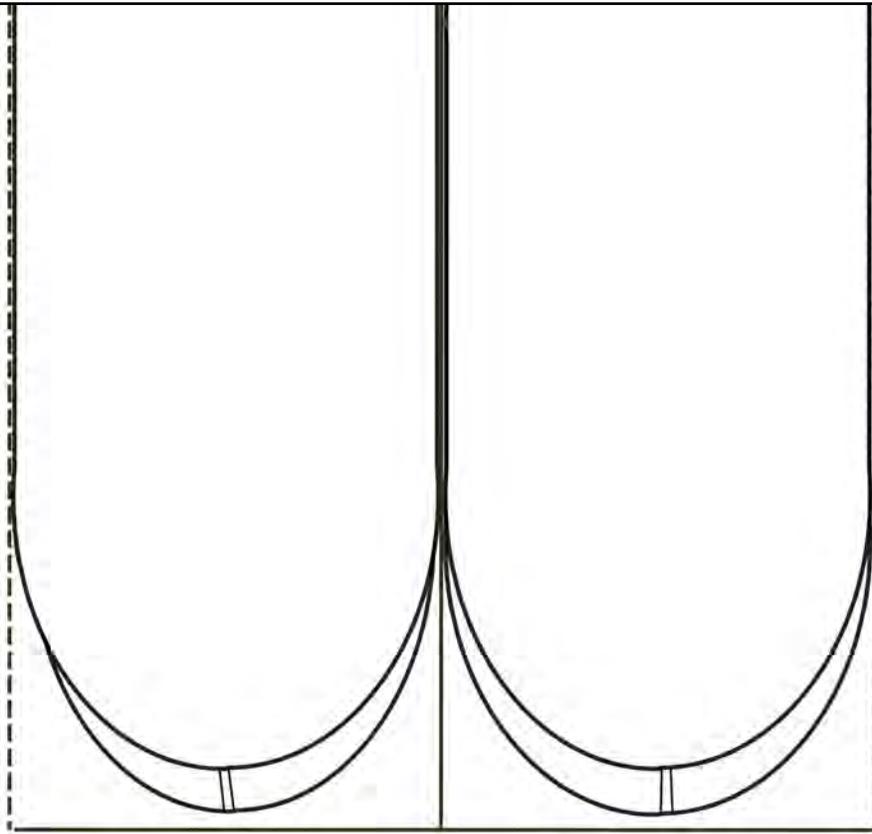


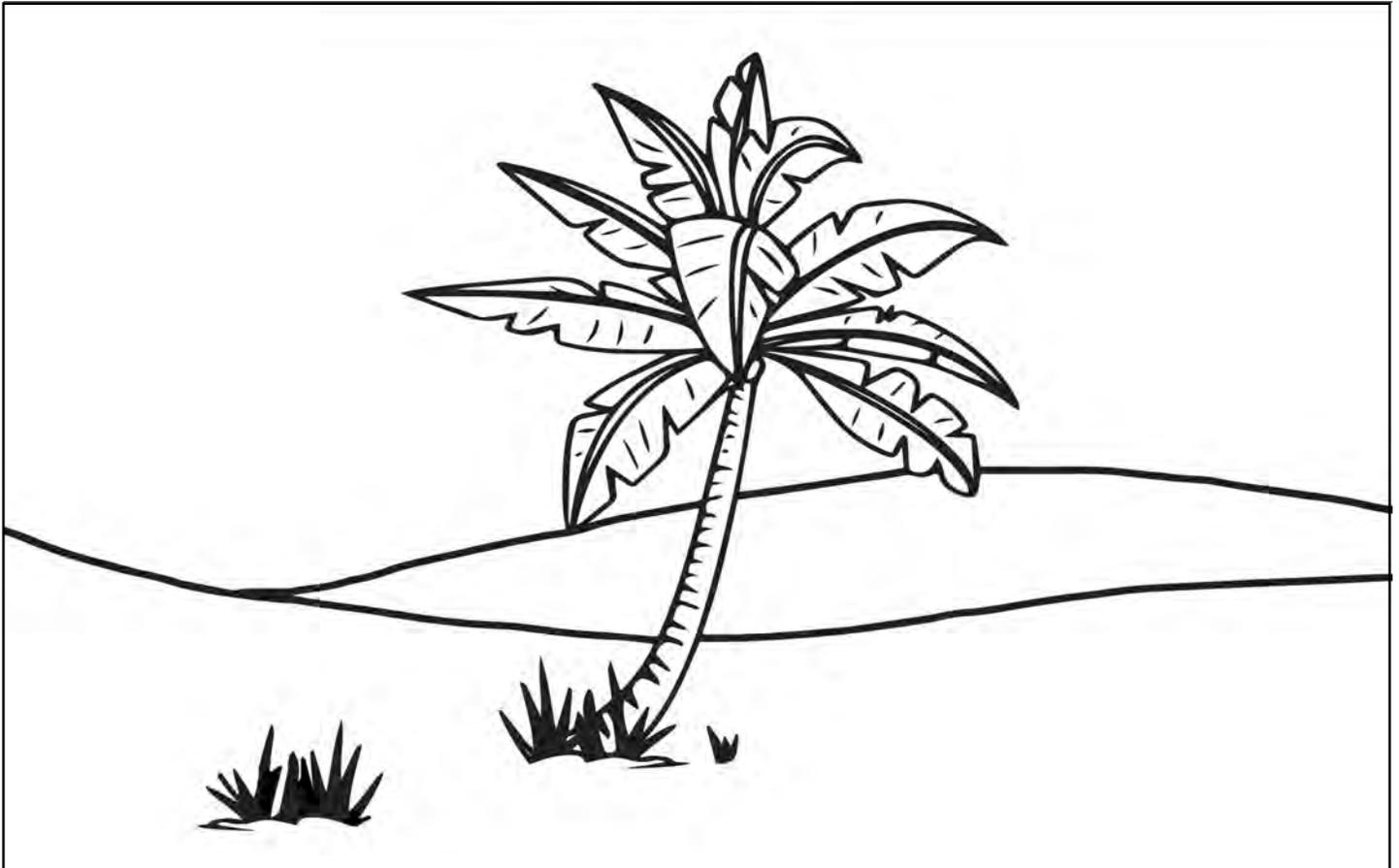
1. Provide each child with a *Temple Scene, Roadway Scene* and a *Mary and Joseph*. Hand out markers or crayons. Color the doors of the temple, Jesus speaking with the elders, Mary and Joseph, and the tree.
2. Using scissors, Cut out the rectangles on each page along the solid lines. Then, separate the doors of the temple by cutting a T-shape along the straight black lines. Start at the bottom of the doors and cut up and out, towards each side.
3. Fold temple page in half along the dashed line so the pictures face each other. Open the two sides of the T-shape you cut, folding on the dotted lines, to reveal Jesus in the temple.
4. Tape the palm tree picture to the back of the temple so the tops line up. Tape only along the top.
5. Fold the page with the palm up along the central dotted line. Then fold the page back along the lower dotted line to make a stand. That part of the page should slide under the temple page to form a base. (See pictures above.)
6. Fold Mary and Joseph on the two dotted lines to make a triangle. Tape the bottom of the triangle together so it will stand. Students are now ready to set up their dioramas.



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Among the ancients, journeys meant advancement on an inner level. This is where the Lord's advances into knowledge begin. Like any other person, the Lord learned by instruction. Luke demonstrates this: 'The child grew and became strong in spirit.' (Luke 1:80) Also, 'And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and in favor with God and men.' (Luke 2:52) See *Arcana Coelestia* 1457





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