

Together @ Home

November 7, 2021

All Saint's Day



Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be learning about All Saints Day as well as about the Feast of Isaiah.

You can find it in your Bible in

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the saints in our lives who have taught us about You and who have shown us what it means to love and follow Jesus.

Help us to learn from their good examples, so that we might become Your saints as we choose to trust in and follow Jesus with our whole lives.

May all that we do and say be a blessing to those around us and bring glory and honor to You.

Amen.

Discussion

Questions for everyone to discuss:

What promises does God make in this passage?

God will prepare a big feast for everyone and will destroy death forever.

How do the people react to God's promises (vs.9)?

They rejoice!

How does it make you feel to know that one day God will destroy death, wipe away everyone's tears, and take away all sadness and shame?

Family Activity 1

All Saints Day is a good time to think about the blessings we have, and to think about the people who have been a blessing in our lives. When we share God's blessing with others, we are part of the whole community of saints.

What are some ways your family can be a blessing to others this week? Why not talk and pray together about who God would want to bless in your community.

Here are some ideas of ways you can bless others:

- Bake or cook something to share with a neighbor or friends.
- Write, draw, or film an encouraging message for somebody you cannot visit at the moment.
- Look through your wardrobes for something you could donate that you have outgrown or no longer wear.





A verse to remember

1 Corinthians 1:2b

You were called to be God's holy people - saints - with all people everywhere who call upon and trust in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.

We sometimes think of saints as people who have a special holiness--who live perfectly and never make mistakes. But the Bible teaches us that anyone and everyone who calls upon Jesus and trusts (believes and follows) Him can be called saints.

Active Prayer

As we try to follow God's way and live Jesus' teachings, we need to take time and be apart to think and pray about such teachings.

One way to do this is to walk the path of a labyrinth to meditate and pray. Labyrinths are usually found outdoors, but some people like to use a finger labyrinth.

Using the labyrinth on the next page, begin at the opening near the bottom and move your finger along the path tracing into the middle of the labyrinth and then back out to where you began.

As you follow the path, think about the saints in your life, and ask God to show you ways that you can be a saint of God by following Jesus, too.

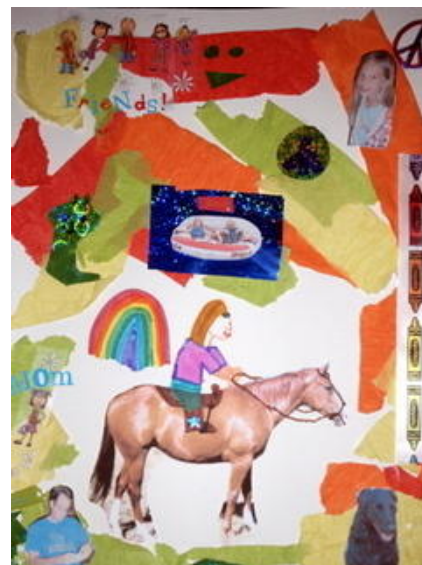


Family Activity 2

Create a Blessings and Beauty Collage

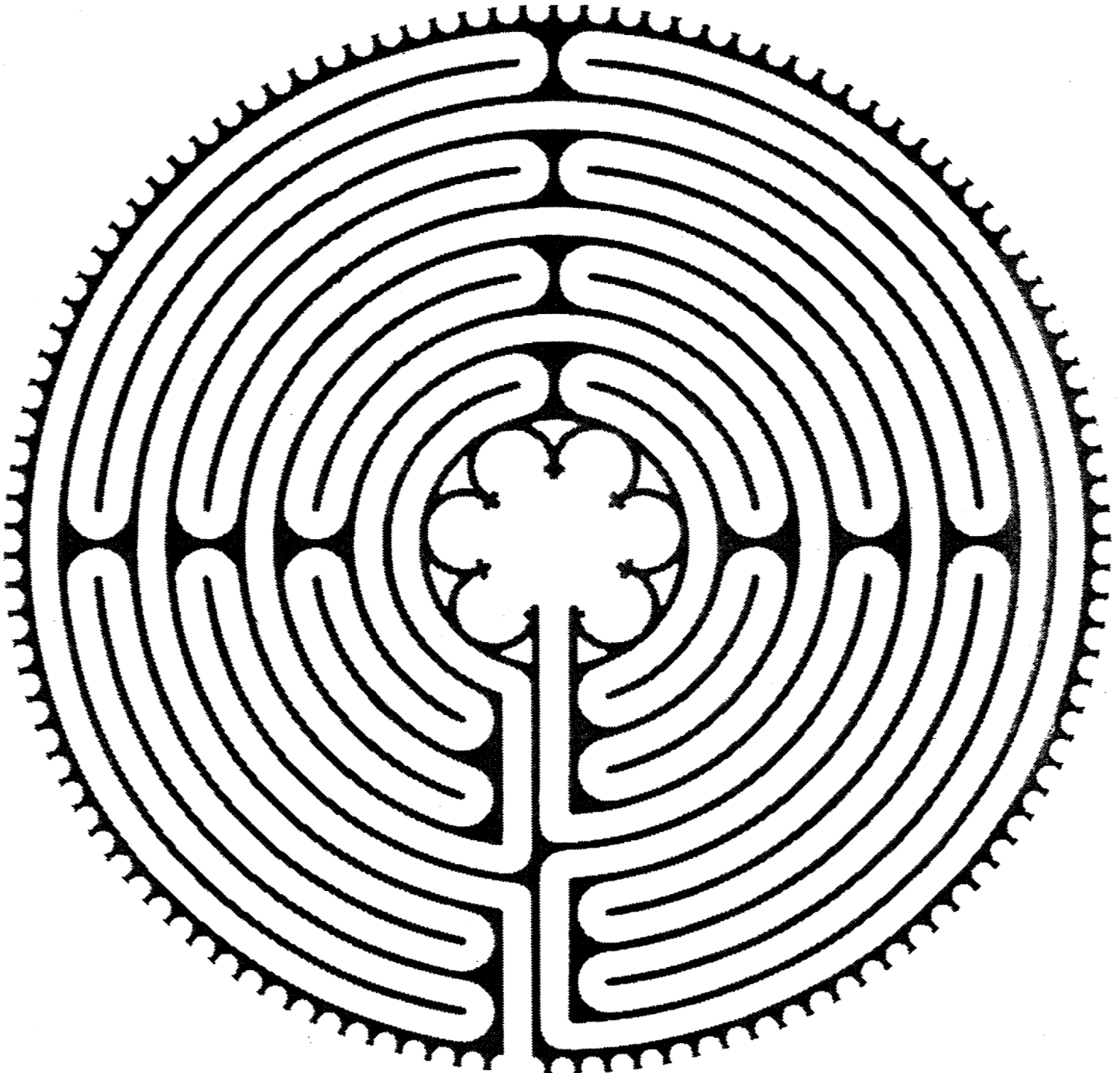
You will need: paper, old magazines, other craft materials (markers, crayons, etc.), scissors, glue/glue-stick or tape

Using paper, decorations, and old magazines, find or create pictures of things that make you unique and beautiful in God's eyes. Try to stay away from typical ads and images of "perfection" as the world sees, and instead chose things that remind you of what you can do for God and how you want to be remembered as a follower of Christ.





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Isaiah's Feast

Can you find these 12 words from Isaiah 25:6-10?

T N S H T K C D W O B U H Y L
W C K R G X A E T E A R S P F
C W I Y Q Z C A J J N F D X T
N W C E H I U T J U Q Q X R A
B W N D O J B H N X U F X I N
V U F J O Z M U M M E Q W S A
F W E T K M B M H W T G Y A R
D R R I K W V W G X L O R D Y
N J F F S Y J E M J R X G L N
K M O U N T A I N T M Z L P P
M X U M M Q F K S R H Z A J U
B Q X A V A H E Z C K K D G K
T R U S T E D T P R W K E V I
S A L V A T I O N C F E A S T
C U Y G O D J N J Z S S A N U

BANQUET
DEATH
DESTROY
FEAST
GLAD
GOD
LORD
MOUNTAIN
REJOICE
SALVATION
TEARS
TRUSTED



A Saint of God

Saints are people who teach us about God and show us what it means to love and follow Jesus.

Who are the "saints" in your life? Write their names on the figure to the left and remember to thank God for them this week.

