

A Family Together

A Group Activity for
the Family at Home
or Your Class Family

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Holy Days

People like to be with other people! The Church is people. We enjoy being together. On one special day each week, the Mass brings us together. Every Sunday, we rejoice in the greatest gift we have as Catholics—the Eucharist.

In addition to every Sunday, there are six other special days throughout the year when we come together for the Eucharist. They are called Holy Days of Obligation. When you complete this activity, you'll find another way to refer to these days.

Below are six clues. In the boxes next to the clues, write each letter of the name of the holy day. (Some have more than one word in the title.) When you have finished, read the shaded boxes vertically. Write those shaded letters in the blanks below to find another name for these days.

1. Jesus returns in glory to his Father.
Celebrated 40 days after Easter.

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2. Mary is the mother of
Jesus, the Son of God.
Celebrated on January 1.

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3. They are eternally in the presence of God.
Celebrated on November 1.

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4. Mary is without sin
from the first moment
her life began.
Celebrated on December 8.

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5. Jesus is born in Bethlehem.
Celebrated on December 25.

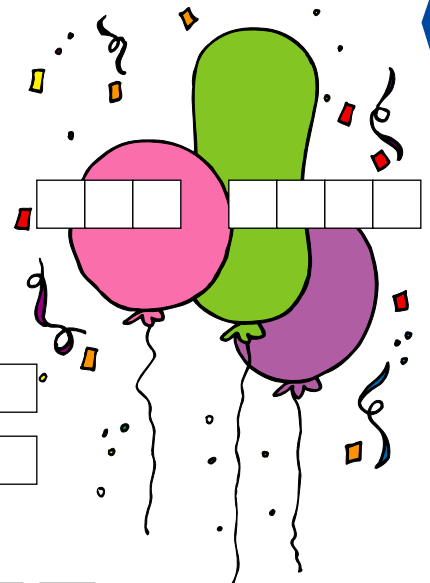
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6. Mary enters heaven in glory.
Celebrated on August 15.

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CORRECT ANSWERS: 1. Ascension 2. Mary Mother of God 3. All Saints
4. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 5. Nativity of the
Lord 6. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary