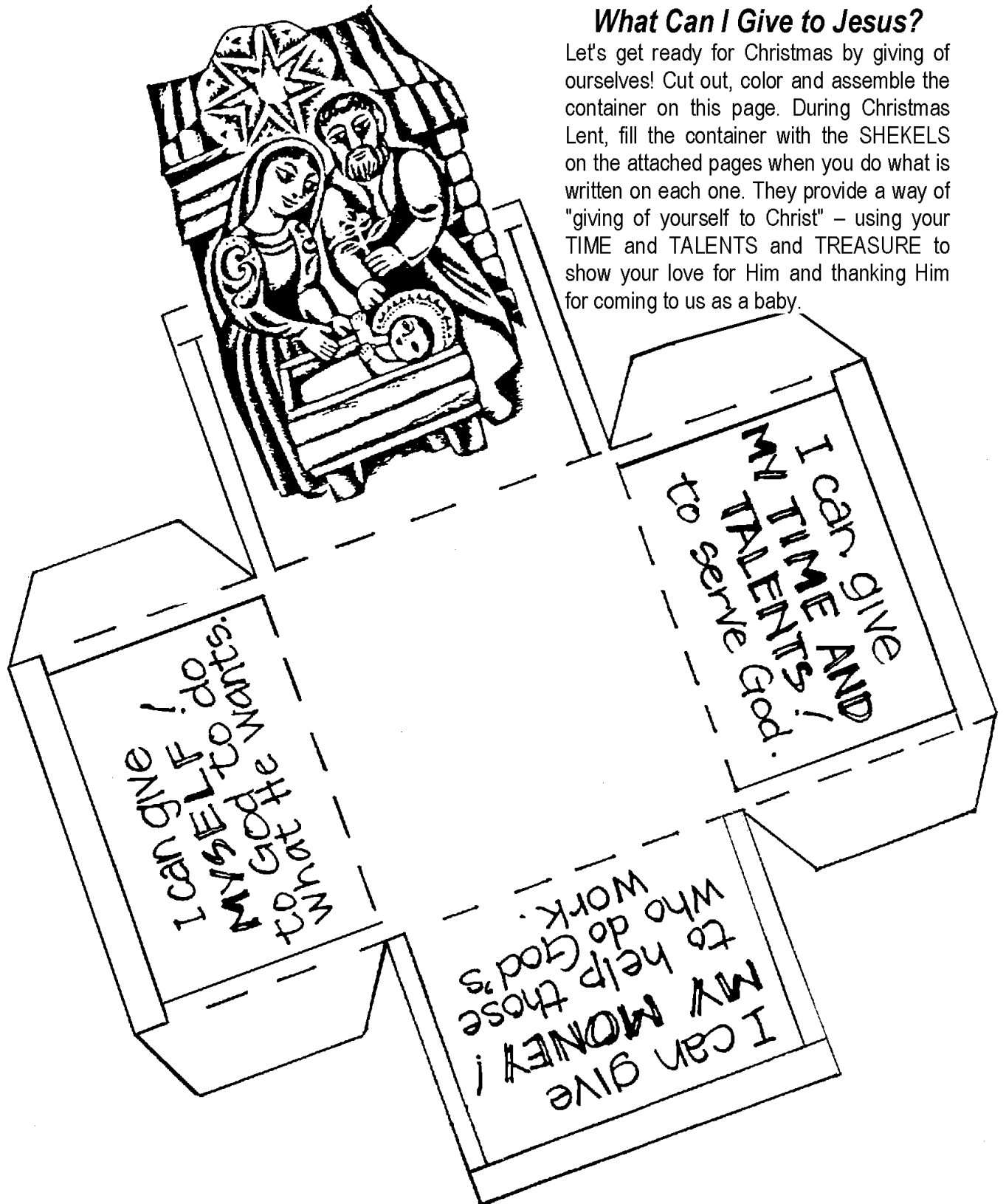


## What Can I Give to Jesus?

Let's get ready for Christmas by giving of ourselves! Cut out, color and assemble the container on this page. During Christmas Lent, fill the container with the SHEKELS on the attached pages when you do what is written on each one. They provide a way of "giving of yourself to Christ" – using your TIME and TALENTS and TREASURE to show your love for Him and thanking Him for coming to us as a baby.

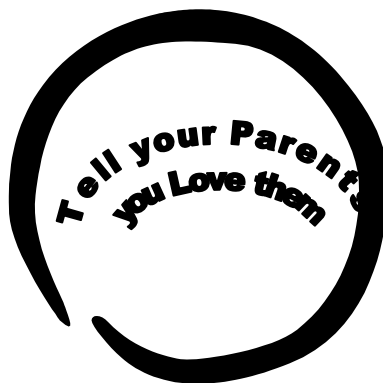
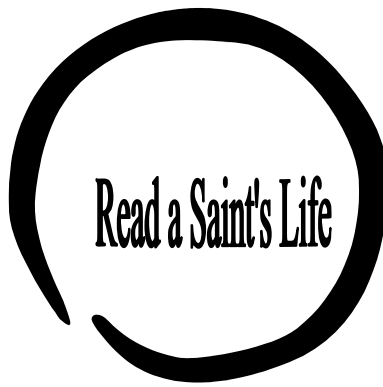


**DIRECTIONS:** (1) Color the line drawing of St. Joseph the Guardian, the Theotokos and Baby Jesus. (2) Fold each side along the dotted lines. (3) With the white square as the bottom of the manger, fold the 4 sides up to make the manger. (4) Tape or glue each folded tab onto the inside of the panel next to it. (5) Cut out the 48 Shekels/Coins and place them in an envelope. (6) Beginning on November 15, the first day of the Nativity Fast, select one Coin each day, do the task written on it, and then place

the Coin in the Manger. (7) On Christmas day, take out the Coins, read what is written on them, and you will see all the good things that you gave to Jesus.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE COPIER:** (1) Card stock works best. (2) Enlarge so that manger fills the page. (3) Consider copying the Shekels/Coins on grey paper to resemble coins. (4) Each student gets this page plus 4 pages of Shekels/Coins. Staple the 5 pages in the top left corner.

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Cut out each SHEKEL and place all 48 in an envelope. A task is written on each SHEKEL. Select one each day of the 40-day Christmas Lent/Advent and do the task. When Christmas comes, you should have 40 SHEKELS in your container representing the Gifts you have given Jesus during Christmas Lent.

FYI: The 30 pieces of silver that Judas received for betraying Jesus were probably SHEKELS.

**Be happy. Don't  
complain all day**

**Save you  
allowance  
for Missions  
or Needy**

*Pray for your  
grandparents*

**Read the  
Bible for  
15 minutes**

*Sit quietly & pray  
for 10 minutes*

**Be on time for  
Sunday Liturgy**

**Say only good  
things to others  
today**

**Thank God  
for as many  
things as you  
can think of**

**Ask someone  
forgiveness**

**Receive  
Communion**

**Say the  
Jesus Prayer:  
Lord Jesus Christ  
have mercy on me**

**Read or  
Memorize  
the Creed**

**Say your Prayers &  
Go to bed early tonight**

**Memorize  
a Bible Verse**

**Read the life  
of a Saint &  
share it with  
your Sunday  
school class**

**Pray for all  
the lonely  
people**

**Pray before  
& after  
every meal**

**Pray for those  
in the Military**

**Use one of  
your talents  
for someone**

**Help a  
Neighbor**

**Pray for  
your  
godparents**

**Try to smile  
at everyone  
today**

**Go to Confession  
or say the Lord's  
Prayer**

**Pray a  
blessing  
for an  
enemy**

Read the Bible for 15 minutes

Thank your Sunday School Teacher after class

Talk to someone who is alone at lunch

Read the Gospel for Sunday's Liturgy

Pray for Peace in the World

**GIVE OUR PRIEST A HUG**

Give a gift in secret to someone; maybe something you made

Pray for someone who's sick

Say the Lord's Prayer when you rise from bed

Memorize John 3:16

Attend Liturgy on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Do 3 acts of kindness today