

Joyful Catholic Families

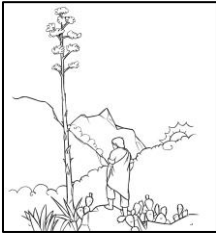
Lesson #3 – Juan Diego, Advent

Story about Juan Diego:

I use the "[St. Juan Diego & Our Lady of Guadalupe 20-Page Coloring Download](#)" from Holy Heroes.

I begin with the picture on page 6 – adding:

- Juan Diego is an Aztec Indian who lives in Mexico
- It was a 15 mile trip for Juan Diego to go to Mass.
- He often wore a "tilma" (Indian poncho) to keep warm.



To make the story a little shorter, I skipped pages 12-15 and 19 and eliminated some words when it was getting too wordy.

Make Tilma:

(Go to Domestic-Church.com for more information. Because of time constraints, we did not cut fringe or add tassels to the tilmas.)

- Juan Diego wore a tilma.
 - used as a way to stay warm when draped over his shoulders
 - used as an apron when hanging in front of him
 - also used to carry things
- You are each going to make a tilma today.
- Put a "tilma" (without the Our Lady of Guadalupe image on it) on one child so they can see what it looks like.
- What is missing from this tilma? What did Juan Diego have on his tilma that is not on this tilma? (picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe)
- Children color the Our Lady of Guadalupe picture.
- Cut out the picture
- Glue the picture onto the tilma

While the children are coloring the picture, someone scatters the flowers in a place that the children will not see them (perhaps the hallway).

Children pretend to be Juan Diego and act out the story:

Children put on their tilmas.

Tell the story of Juan Diego using the script.

(Works really good to have parents or older siblings play the parts of Mary and the bishop.)

Script for Mary

Mary appears to Juan Diego.

She says: "Go to the bishop and tell him I want a chapel built here."

Juan Diego goes to the bishop. (The children go to the bishop.)

The bishop says: "I will think about it."

Juan Diego returns to Mary. (The children return to Mary.) Juan Diego tells her he has failed and she should send someone else.

Mary says: "There are many I could send, but you are the one I have chosen."

Juan Diego goes back to the bishop. (The children return to the bishop.)

He says: "I need a sign."

Juan Diego goes back to Mary. (The children return to Mary.) She says to return the next day for the sign.

Juan Diego returns the next day and Mary says: "Go now to the top of the hill and cut the flowers that are growing there, then bring them to me."

Juan Diego goes and picks the roses. (Children pick up the flowers)

Juan Diego returns to Mary and she arranges the flowers in his tilma. (Children go to Mary and she arranges each child's flowers)

He then goes to the bishop and shows the flowers to the bishop. (Children return to the bishop and drop their tilmas down so the flowers fall onto the floor for the bishop to see.)

The bishop sees the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Juan Diego's tilma.

Script for Bishop

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Script for Narrator

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Make Advent Chain:

(Go to [this post](#) for PDF and more information.)

After Thanksgiving, we begin a special time in the church to prepare us for what holiday? (Christmas)

What do we celebrate at Christmas? (Jesus' birthday)

This time that we spend preparing for Christmas is called Advent.

We are going to make an Advent chain to help you be ready to celebrate Christmas. (Show chain.)

Each day of Advent you will take off one link from the chain and read it.

(Hand out Advent chain, stars, glue sticks)

- Cut apart the strips of paper.
- Glue the strip with the #1 into a loop.
- Put the #2 strip through loop number one and make a loop out of the #2 strip.
- Continue until all loops are used.
- Cut out the star.
- Staple the star to the last loop.

(Give children bags to put finished chains in.)

Stickers: Give each child a sticker as they leave.

Supplies:

Nametags & Permanent markers

Prayers for prayer rings

Home lessons

Snack

Plates, napkins, water & glasses

Stickers (for each child at the end of class)

- Brown paper to make tilmas – approximately 12” x 36” – or paper grocery bag
 - Cut a hole in it for the head to go through
- Our Lady of Guadalupe coloring page: Find picture at [Domestic Church](#). Scroll to the bottom of the page for the link.

- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks/tape

- Flowers: 5 flowers per child. (see next page for instructions on how to make the flowers.)

- The story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe printed on white cardstock.
- Stole for bishop – made from felt or material. Cut a 3” or 4” strip – long enough to go around the neck and hang down to waist or lower.
- Copies of the script for narrator, bishop and Mary

- Sample Advent chain
- Copies of Advent chain
- Copies of Star
- Glue sticks
- Bags to send home Advent chains in

FLOWERS: Once you get the hang of it, these flowers are easy and quick to make.

The tissue paper I used was approximately 20" x 26". I cut it into 6 pieces. If you have a different sized tissue paper, experiment with what will work for you.



Round the corners of the 6 pieces. You will use two pieces per flower. Offset two pieces of tissue paper.



Hold the middle of the tissue paper and twist until you have a flower.



Wrap the stem with packing tape.



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