Christ is born!

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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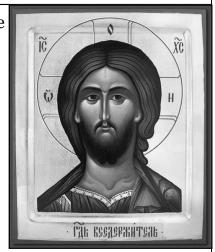


God reveals His Son to us!

Have you ever found a word in the

Bible that you don't understand? Sometimes grown-ups even have to find out what a word means.

In the epistle reading today, Saint Paul tells us where the gospel, the good news, came from. "For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." Do you know what the word "revelation" means? A revelation means something that is revealed, something that is shown.



Saint Paul means that God showed him something. God showed him the way with Jesus Christ.

Later on, Saint Paul says that God "was pleased to reveal his Son to me." God showed Jesus to him. God showed him the way to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Did you know that God can reveal His Son to us too? God shows us His Son, Jesus Christ, when we read the Bible. He shows us His Son when we go to church and receive Holy Communion. He shows us His Son when we pray to Him, together with our friends at church, or when we pray alone. Let's ask God to reveal His Son to us, so we can be more like our Lord, Jesus Christ!

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

In most icons, you see King David with a crown and a scroll with words from the book of Psalms.

But here, you see him with a lyre (like a harp) instrument. That's because he played it for King Saul!



HOLY PROPHET DAVID WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM?



Have you ever read a biogra-

phy? Let's say you learned about a president. You might find out where he went to school, what he did before he became president, and then what he did as president. Biographies are interesting because we like to find out how somebody grew to be a great person.

But today we celebrate a saint who has one of the most interesting biographies of all! David was a shepherd. He sang and played the harp too. He killed the great Goliath

with his slingshot. He worked for King Saul and became his friend. Then David even became king himself! He didn't always do the right thing, but he asked God to forgive him and he became close again with God.

We can read about King David in the Bible, and we can pray with the beautiful psalms (songs) that he wrote in the Bible. We hear these words in our church services too! We call David a prophet, because the psalms tell us things that God wanted His people to hear.

We celebrate David today because he was a relative of Christ, and of course we celebrated His birth just a few days ago!

We celebrate St. David today, the Sunday after Christmas.