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Catechism

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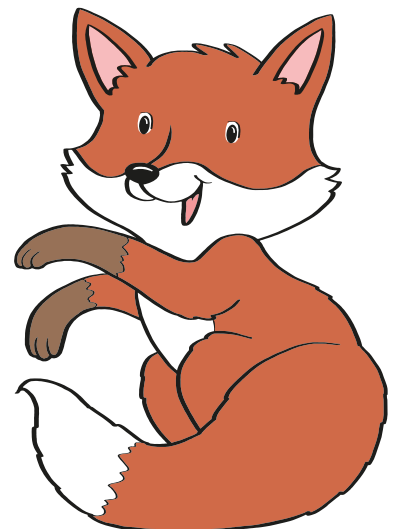
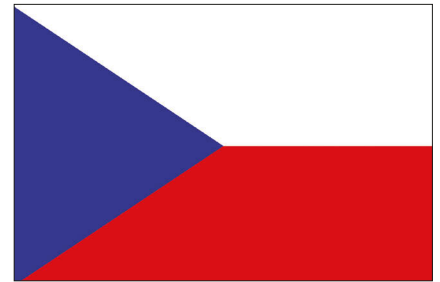
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How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Mission Moment

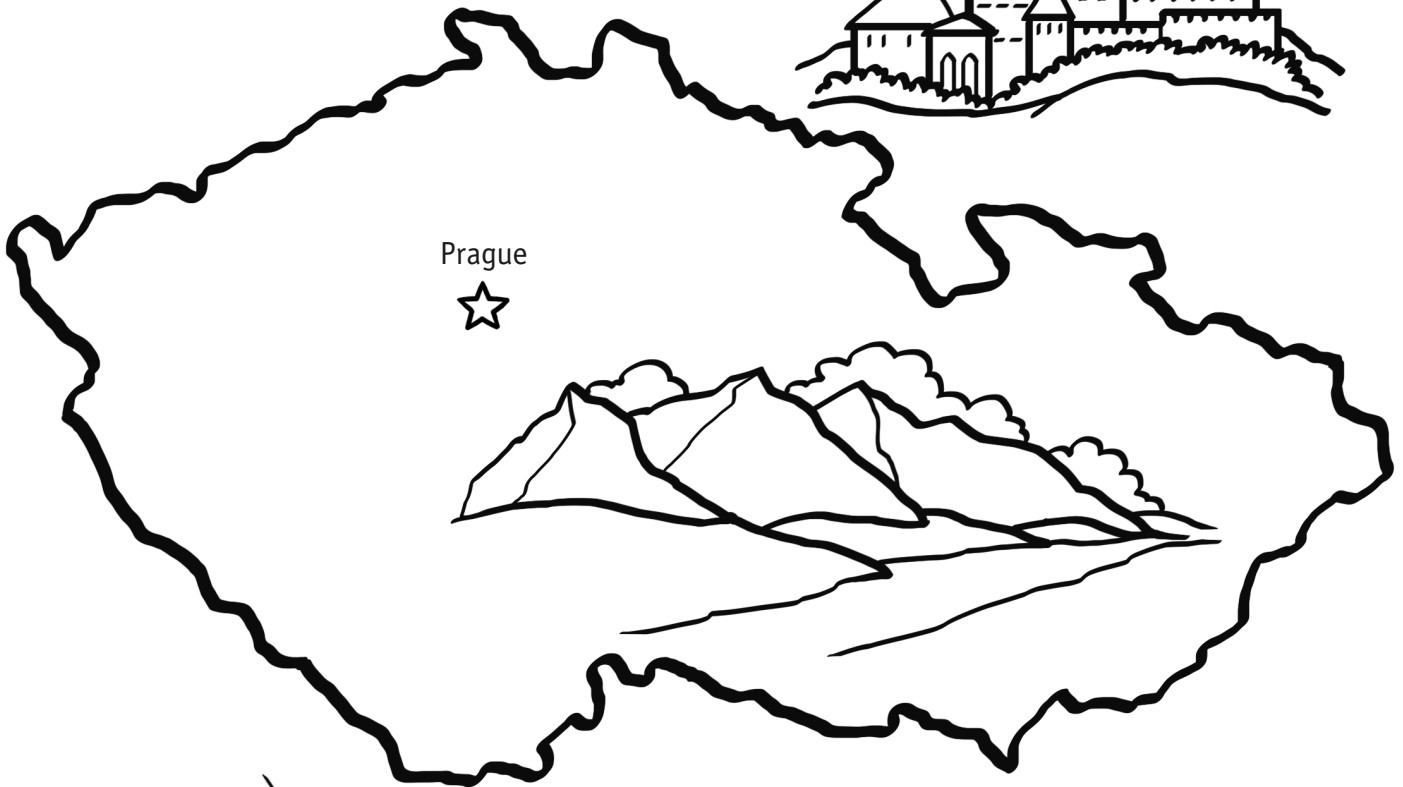
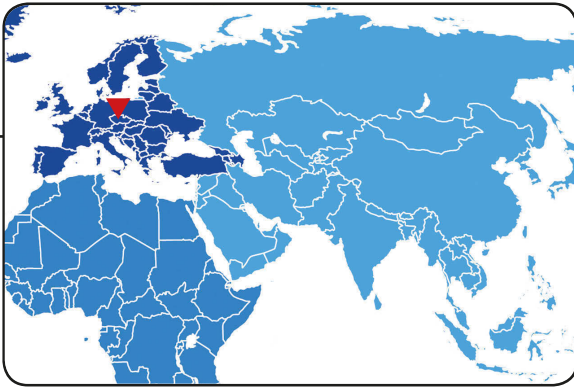
Jesus' disciples did not know how to pray. They didn't know what to say or what to ask of God. So they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray to God. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught them what to say and how to say it. In the Czech Republic, our missionaries are teaching boys and girls the English language. The students often struggle with what to say or how to say it, so our missionaries help. Our missionaries also help them understand so much more than just English. They share the Gospel of Jesus with these boys and girls. Through hearing and believing the Gospel, these children of the Czech Republic become children of God. With us, they also learn to pray the same Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught us through Holy Scripture.

Czech
Republic





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- Wheat, potatoes, sugar beets, and hops (used to make beer) are major agricultural products.
- On January 1, 1993, the country of Czechoslovakia became two independent countries: the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- There are over two thousand castles, keeps, and castle ruins in the Czech Republic.
- Hills and mountains cover about 95 percent of the country.



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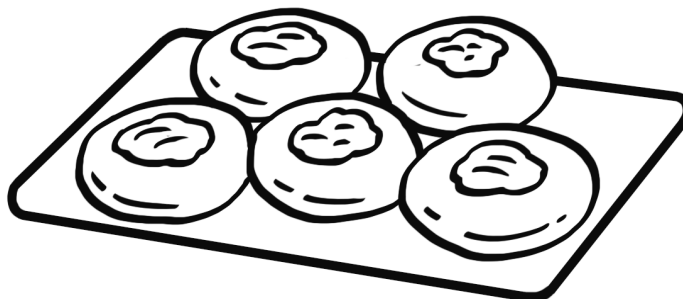
Yield: 4 dozen

Ingredients:

Dough:

- ½ cup warm water
- 2 packages active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm milk (110°F)
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shortening, melted
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 5½ cups all-purpose flour, divided

Filling: Canned fruit or fruit jam



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 425°F.
- Add yeast into ½ cup of warm water. Set aside.
- In a separate bowl, mix together milk, sugar, and salt.
- Add shortening and 2 cups flour. Beat well. Add eggs and yeast; mix well. Set aside to rest until bubbly.
- Mix in remaining 3½ cups of flour. Set aside to rise for an hour. Punch down and let rise again for another hour.
- Pinch off 1-inch balls of dough. Press an indentation in the center of each; put filling in. Let rise 15 minutes. Bake 12–18 minutes.



RECIPE

Czech Easter Eggs

Materials:

- Nylons, cut into pieces
- Weeds, delicate flowers, or parsley
- Rubber bands
- Vinegar
- Onion skins
- Olive oil
- Paper towels

Instructions:

1. To make the dye, boil the onion skins of 12 large onions in 4½ cups water with 3 tablespoons vinegar. Simmer for at least 30 minutes. Store in a sealed container until needed.
2. Place egg on the piece of nylon.
3. Arrange leaves from plants.
4. Wrap the nylon tight around the egg. Secure with a rubber band.
5. Place eggs in the container with the onion-skin dye. Let soak at least 30 minutes.
6. Remove eggs; allow to completely dry before unwrapping the nylon.
7. Polish the egg with a few drops of olive oil and a paper towel.



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Devotion and Prayers

Read Luke 11:1–4.

Have you ever prayed for a new bike? Or maybe you have prayed for a family vacation to Disneyland? It is just fine to pray for things like these. Our heavenly Father invites us to pray for all our needs and wants. But sometimes knowing what to pray for is difficult. Jesus’ disciples struggled to know what to pray for too, so they said to Jesus: “Lord, teach us to pray.” And Jesus did just that.

Jesus gave His prayer to His disciples, to us, and to all Christians. This is why we call it the Lord’s Prayer; it belongs to Jesus and He gives it to us. In this prayer we ask for everything: the ability to love and honor God, to respect His will, for our daily needs, for forgiveness and protection against evil, and for the ability to forgive others. It even includes a petition for Jesus to return to take us home to live with Him forever. This prayer—the Lord’s Prayer—is all we really need.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BEDTIME PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



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