Prayer
“The angel said to the shepherds, ‘Do not be afraid... I proclaim good news of great joy... a Savior has been born for you who is Christ the Lord.’” (Gospel of St. Luke 2:10-11)

Dear God,
Help me to remember, especially when I am afraid,
the “good news of great joy” of the angels that first Christmas;
the news that Jesus was born for us, for me! Amen.

Missionary Witness: Saint Nicholas
The real St. Nicholas, who was a Bishop, lived a long time ago in a place called Asia Minor (now called Turkey). A very kind and generous man, he learned of a father who had lost all his money and couldn’t care for his three daughters. One night, after the daughters had washed out their stockings and hung them by the fireplace to dry, St. Nicholas dropped some money from his own savings down the chimney. The money fell into the stocking of the oldest daughter. It was enough to help take care of the family! We celebrate St. Nicholas’ Feast Day on December 6.

Numbers and Art Lesson: Draw St. Nicholas
Using the picture of St. Nicholas above as a guide, draw him in the frame to the right. Your teacher will pass around a single die, and each in your group will take turns rolling the die. The number tells you what to draw (see information to the left). The winner is the first to finish!
Meet the Missionaries…

Sister Jancy Selvaraj helps children whose families have come from Myanmar (Burma) to the northern part of Thailand.

Children are able to go to school, and given lunch of rice, vegetables and meat which helps them grow and stay healthy.

Missionary Help: Just Like St. Nicholas…

What do you need for a day at school? Clothing, maybe even a uniform. Books, pencils, paper and other school supplies. Breakfast, definitely lunch – maybe a snack. This Advent, let’s fill a stocking so children in the Missions can get all they need for a day at school! Using construction paper – you pick the color! – cut out the image of the stocking (left) twice. Tape them together, all around except for the top. Ask family and friends to drop donations into your stocking, just like St. Nicholas did those many years ago. You may even have a few coins to put in there yourself. Maybe the cost of your snack one day a week – or more! And don’t forget to say a prayer for children in need around the world and for missionaries who help them!