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To our boys

James, Paul, Andrew, Luke, and Charlie.

You are our inspiration, always.



How to Play

Catholic Funny Fill-Ins is easy, fun, and can be played by one or more people.

Multiplayer

1. *Choose a story.* Will you take a wild ride on Noah's Ark? Give advice to a groom? Brush up on trivia about the saints? You decide. Just remember to keep the title and topic of your chosen story secret from the other players!
2. *Fill in the word list.* Read aloud the parts of speech listed on the page before your story. After each part of speech (or other category), pause until a player gives you a word that matches it (example: if you read "noun," a player might respond with "table"). Use a pencil to write the words you hear on the blanks.
3. *Read, laugh, and repeat.* Once you have filled in all the blanks, read the story aloud using the words your players came up with. Get ready for stories that might be funny, strange, or whacky—but always unique and always something you created! End your story by sharing the "Did You Know?" at the bottom of the page. Then, pass the book to the next player for another round of *Catholic Funny Fill-Ins* fun.

Single Player

By yourself? Follow the same instructions above—just be extra careful to cover the story when you fill out the word list.

Did You Know . . . ?

Catholic Funny Fill-Ins are meant to be silly and hilarious. But they also tell you something about our Catholic faith. Don't miss the "Did You Know?" section at the end of each story. It has saintly profiles, fascinating trivia, and creative ways to help you grow in your faith and in your relationship with Christ and his Church.

Parts of Speech

To create your *Catholic Funny Fill-Ins* stories, you need to know the parts of speech. Here is a short list you can refer to while playing:

NOUN: a person, place, or thing (examples: cat, sandwich, trampoline, Vatican City, nun)

PLURAL NOUN: more than one person, place, or thing (examples: cats, sandwiches, cities, saints)

ADJECTIVE: a word that describes a noun (examples: smart, stinky, gooey, delicious, fast)

VERB: an action or state of being (examples: run, jump, swing, eat, chew, cry, think, imagine)

VERB PAST TENSE: an action that happened in the past (examples: ran, jumped, swung, ate, chewed, cried, thought, imagined)

VERB ENDING IN "ING": an ongoing action (examples: running, jumping, sewing, crying)

ADVERB: a word that describes a verb and answers the questions *When?* or *How?* Adverbs often end in "ly" (examples: quickly, happily, slowly)

EXCLAMATION: something you might suddenly call out (examples: ah-ha, ouch, wow, yikes)

When a blank asks for something that is not a part of speech (examples: number, animal, type of food, or part of the body), use any word that fits in that category (examples: one million, dog, pizza, or ear lobe).



ADVERB _____

VERB PAST TENSE _____

NAME OF PERSON IN ROOM _____

VERB _____

ARTICLE OF CLOTHING _____

VERB PAST TENSE _____

VERB _____

EXCLAMATION _____

FAMILY MEMBER _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

AMOUNT OF TIME _____

PLACE _____

VERB _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

FOOD _____

LIQUID _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLACE _____

My Sister's Baptism

The day of my sister's baptism had _____ arrived! We
ADVERB
were all so excited as we _____ into the church. All of our
VERB PAST TENSE
aunts, uncles, and cousins came to celebrate. Even _____
NAME OF PERSON IN ROOM
was there to _____ !
VERB

My sister wore a white dress and a special _____ in her
ARTICLE OF CLOTHING
hair. The priest prayed and _____ holy water on her head. My
VERB PAST TENSE
sister immediately started to _____ and we all said
VERB
" _____ !" My _____ said, "Our baptism is like
EXCLAMATION FAMILY MEMBER
another birthday because it is the day that God purifies us and comes to
live in us!" We took a/an _____ picture with our
ADJECTIVE
_____ to remember this day for _____ to come.
NOUN AMOUNT OF TIME

After the baptism, we went to _____ to _____ .
PLACE VERB
My sister got a few presents like a/an _____
ADJECTIVE
_____ and a/an _____ . We even
NOUN ADJECTIVE NOUN
had _____ to eat and _____ to drink. What a/an
FOOD LIQUID
_____ day!
ADJECTIVE

Did you know ... ?

It is customary for people—whether babies, children, or adults—to wear white garments on the day of their Baptism. The priest or deacon pours water on the top of the head three times while saying: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." On the day of your Baptism, God adopted you as a true brother or sister of Jesus. You received a white garment and a candle as signs of your new life in Christ. How do you live and love like Jesus at/in _____ ?

PLACE



PLURAL NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB PAST TENSE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NAME OF PERSON IN ROOM _____

PLACE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

FOOD _____

VERB PAST TENSE _____

NOUN _____

PLACE _____

SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU _____

The Saint and the Wolf

Saint Francis is famous for his love of _____ . But have you
ever heard of the _____ legend of Francis and the
_____ wolf?

PLURAL NOUN

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE

One day, Francis _____ to the _____ town of
Gubbio. A/an _____ wolf was terrorizing the townspeople.

VERB PAST TENSE

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE

“ _____ for your lives!” yelled people whenever they saw the
wolf. They wanted to kill the _____ wolf. When Francis heard
this, he asked Mayor _____ for permission to talk to the
wolf instead.

VERB

ADJECTIVE

NAME OF PERSON IN ROOM

Francis found the wolf in (the) _____ . He spoke to the
wolf about God’s love for all creatures and the importance of being
_____. After that, the _____ wolf was not a threat
to the people of Gubbio anymore. In fact, the people cared for the wolf
by feeding him _____. Over time, the wolf and the
townspeople became friends and sometimes they even

PLACE

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE

FOOD

_____ together! When the wolf died, the people built a/an
_____ of him in the _____ .

VERB PAST TENSE

NOUN

PLACE

Did you know . . . ?

As a young man Saint Francis chose not to become a wealthy silk merchant like his father. Francis refused his father’s money and chose to be poor like Jesus. He taught the importance of loving everyone and caring for all of God’s creation like Jesus did. Today, people often put statues of Saint Francis in their gardens, which usually depict him surrounded by animals. He is the patron saint of ecology, animals, and merchants! Like birds rely on God for food and shelter (see Matthew 11), Francis depended on the Lord for everything. How has God provided for you when you needed _____ ?

SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO YOU

LIVE



NEW POPE ELECTED!

NUMBER _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

FAMOUS PERSON _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NAME OF PERSON IN ROOM _____

SAME PERSON IN ROOM _____

SAME FAMOUS PERSON _____

MALE SAINT _____

EXCLAMATION _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

NOUN _____

PLURAL NOUN _____

VERB ENDING IN "ING" _____

PLURAL BODY PART _____

ADJECTIVE _____

VERB _____

NAME OF MALE IN ROOM _____

NAME OF PARISH PRIEST _____

Electing the New Pope

News Anchor: This is the Kid-News Network, channel _____ :
your source for Catholic _____ . I'm your host

NUMBER

PLURAL NOUN

_____. Tonight, we'll be taking a/an _____ look at
the papal election. Our reporter, _____ , is in Vatican City
to tell us more. _____ , what's the latest?

FAMOUS PERSON

ADJECTIVE

NAME OF PERSON IN ROOM

SAME PERSON IN ROOM

Reporter: Thanks, _____. The College of Cardinals is
preparing to elect the successor to Pope _____ .

SAME FAMOUS PERSON

MALE SAINT

Anchor: _____ ! What's the mood like there?

EXCLAMATION

Reporter: Several _____ have gathered. You can feel the
excitement and _____. People are lighting _____ ,
saying prayers, and even _____ songs.

PLURAL NOUN

NOUN

PLURAL NOUN

VERB ENDING IN "ING"

Anchor: When will the new pope be elected?

Reporter: The Cardinals vote using secret ballots up to four times a day
until they have a two-thirds majority. After each vote, they burn the
ballots. Like everyone here, I have my _____ focused on the
_____ chimney, waiting for white smoke to _____
out. I'll be here until Cardinal _____ announces "*Habemus
Papam,*" which means "We have a Pope!"

PLURAL BODY PART

ADJECTIVE

VERB

NAME OF MALE IN ROOM

Anchor: Stay tuned for all the latest news on this exciting election!



Did you know . . . ?

When the cardinals elect a new pope, they pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Only the cardinals younger than eighty years old are eligible to vote. After the nominee accepts, white smoke is seen from the top of St. Peter's Basilica, the pope emerges on the balcony, and the verbal announcement is made! If _____ were to become the pope, what name would you choose for him?

NAME OF PARISH PRIEST



NAME OF PERSON IN ROOM _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NUMBER _____

ADJECTIVE _____

FOOD _____

COLOR _____

FOOD _____

TYPE OF CONTAINER _____

LIQUID _____

NAME OF MALE IN ROOM _____

VERB PAST TENSE _____

NUMBER _____

ADJECTIVE _____

BODY PART _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NUMBER _____

SPORT _____

ADJECTIVE _____

NOUN _____

ADJECTIVE _____

ADJECTIVE _____

PLURAL ANIMAL _____

PLURAL ANIMAL _____

NAME OF YOUR PARISH _____