

The Lantern of Saint Gudula

Activity Book



Gudula and Michael

Saint Gudula was born around the year 650 into a noble family from Hamme (near Aalst).

She was a pious and loving woman who devoted her life to prayer, the poor, and the sick. She prayed every day. According to legend, she carried a lantern, the candle of which was mockingly blown out by the devil. An angel then came to relight the candle. Her example encourages us to persevere in prayer!

Saint Gudula died on January 8, 712.

Saint Michael the Archangel is considered the conqueror of the devil. That is why he is often depicted with a lance with which he stabs the devil. He will be weighing the merits of souls on the day of the Last Judgment.

Saint Michael is the patron saint of Brussels.

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Hello. What's your name?

My name is

How old are you?

I am.....years old.

Good! Then you are old enough to help me! Make sure my lantern stays lit by answering the questions.



Come in, follow us, and look around you.

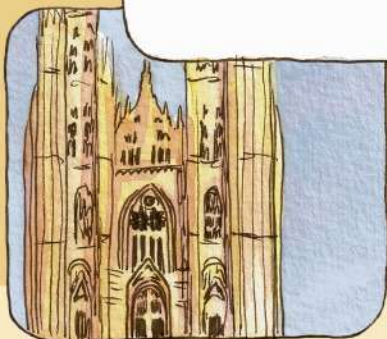
Colour the flame at the end of each page.



WELCOME TO OUR PLACE!

1. We are standing in front of...

- a.** the school
- b.** the castle
- c.** the cathedral



2. of...

- a.** Saint Michael and Saint Gudula.
- b.** Adam and Eve.
- c.** Joseph and Mary.



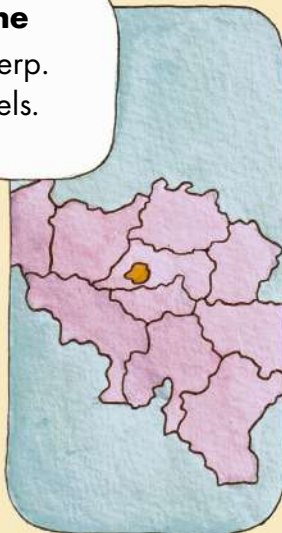
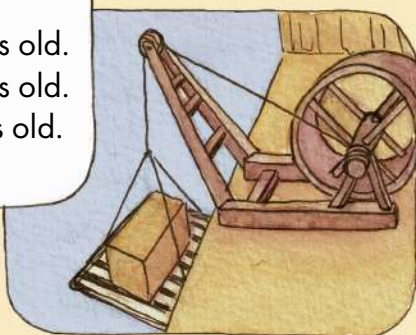
3. The cathedral was built in 1226.

So it is already ...

- a.** 800 years old.
- b.** 600 years old.
- c.** 400 years old.

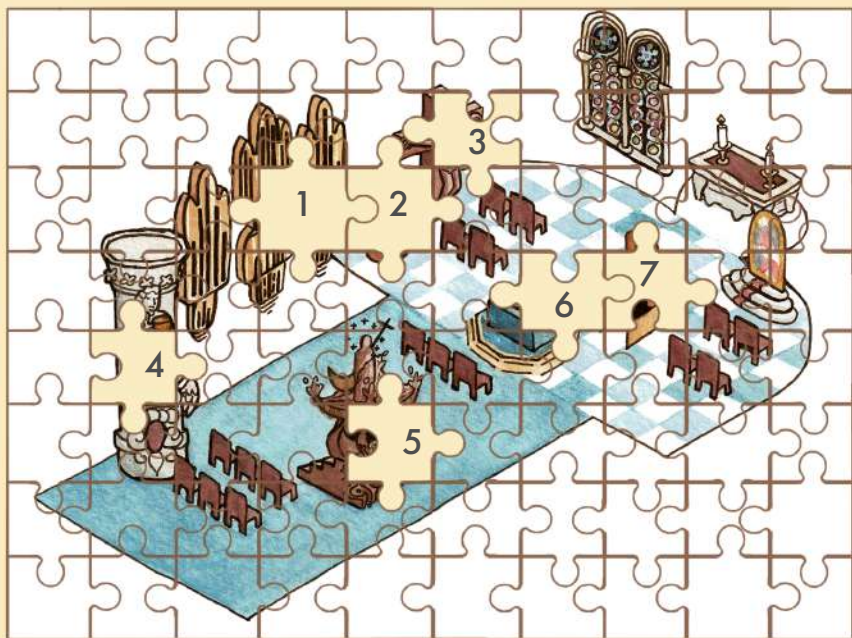
4. It is located in the city of...

- a.** Antwerp.
- b.** Brussels.
- c.** Paris.



Let's go on a journey of discovery!

Put the missing puzzle pieces in place.



a. St. John (statue in the nave)



e. The cathedra (=seat of the bishop)



b. The high altar (table for Mass)



f. The baptismal font (a basin for baptism)



c. The organ (large musical instrument)



g. The Cross



d. The pulpit (where the priest used to explain the Bible)



Which style?

Find the 7 differences.



The Romanesque:

- A rounded arch
- Simple decoration
- Smaller windows and less light

The Gothic:

- Pointed arch
- More elaborate decoration
- Larger windows and more light



So what is the style of this cathedral...

- a.** Romanesque
- b.** Gothic



Who lives here?

Match the description with the correct person.



a. I am St. Gudula. I am holding the Bible and the cathedral in my hand.

b. Here you see St. Peter. He is holding keys in his hand to open the gates of Paradise.

c. My name is Mary. I am the mother of Jesus.

d. Here you see Jesus, who died on the cross.

e. And I am St. Michael, who defeats the devil. I have wings because I am an archangel.



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Where does the light come from?

In addition to the electric lighting, light enters through beautiful large colourful windows. They are...

- a. tapestries.
- b. stained glass windows.
- c. paintings.



Connect the questions with the correct answers.

1. What do you see?

A. Emperor Charles V and his wife Isabella of Portugal.

2. Who are the kneeling figures?

B. God.

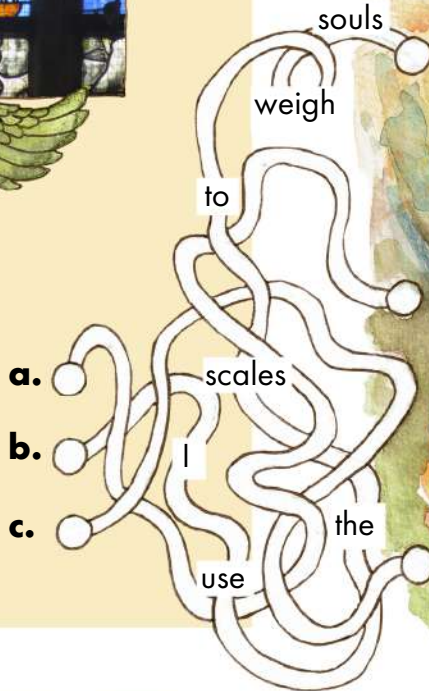
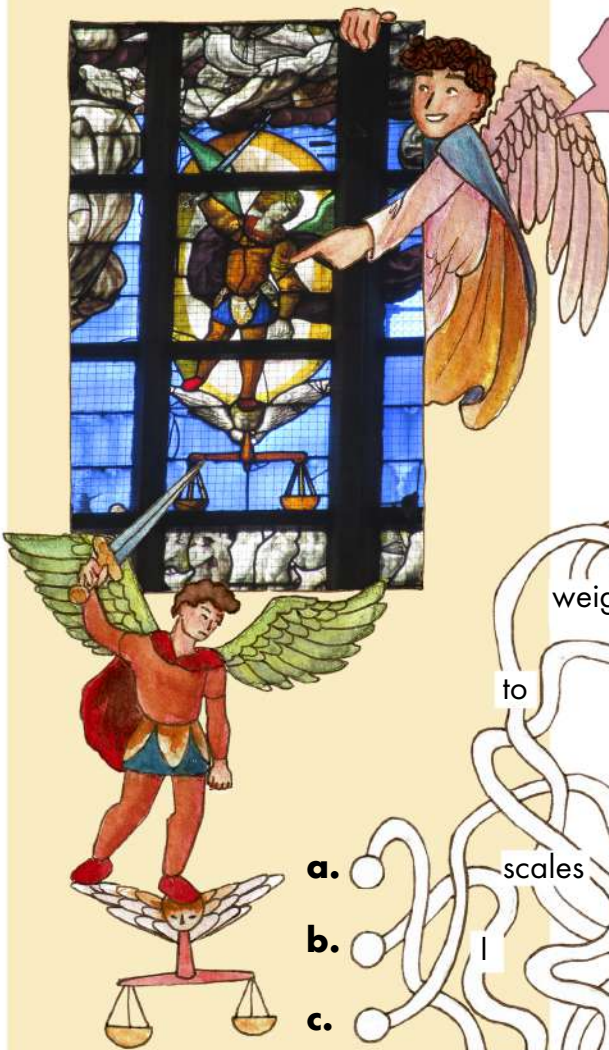
3. Whom are they kneeling before?

C. A window depicting an emperor with his wife.



Discover me in the large window above the entrance.

Follow the right path to Paradise (and find the hidden message).



What is the hidden message?

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What is all this beautiful furniture for?

Do the word puzzle to complete the sentences.



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V	L	F	E	A	C	V	S	U	J	E	V	A	B	E	T
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K	M	F	O	F	B	V	L	X	Y	I	J	M	C	M	Z

a. The baptismal font is used for the sacrament of

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b. This large "table" is used to celebrate Mass. It is an

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c. The confessionals are for confessing to a

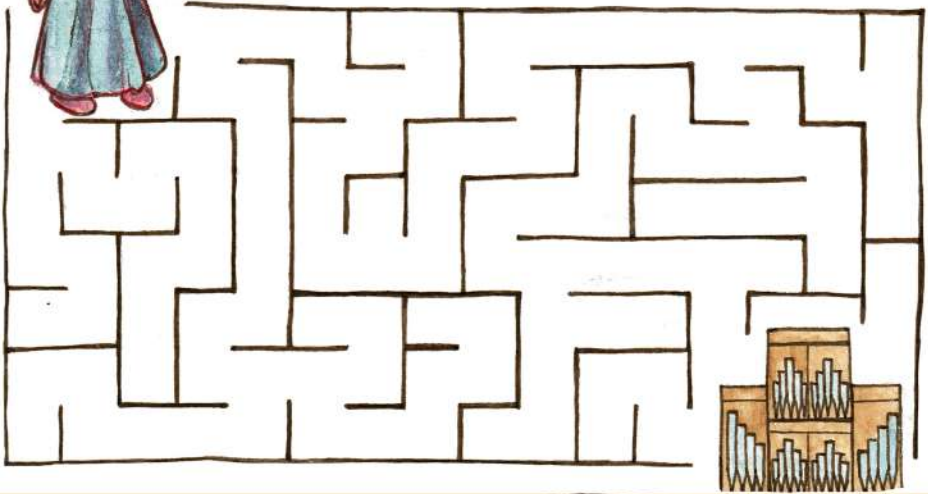
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d. This pulpit was used to proclaim the
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of God.



Where does the music come from?



b. In the cathedral, you can also hear concerts, hymns, and choirs.

true false



a. You play on keyboards with your elbows.

true false

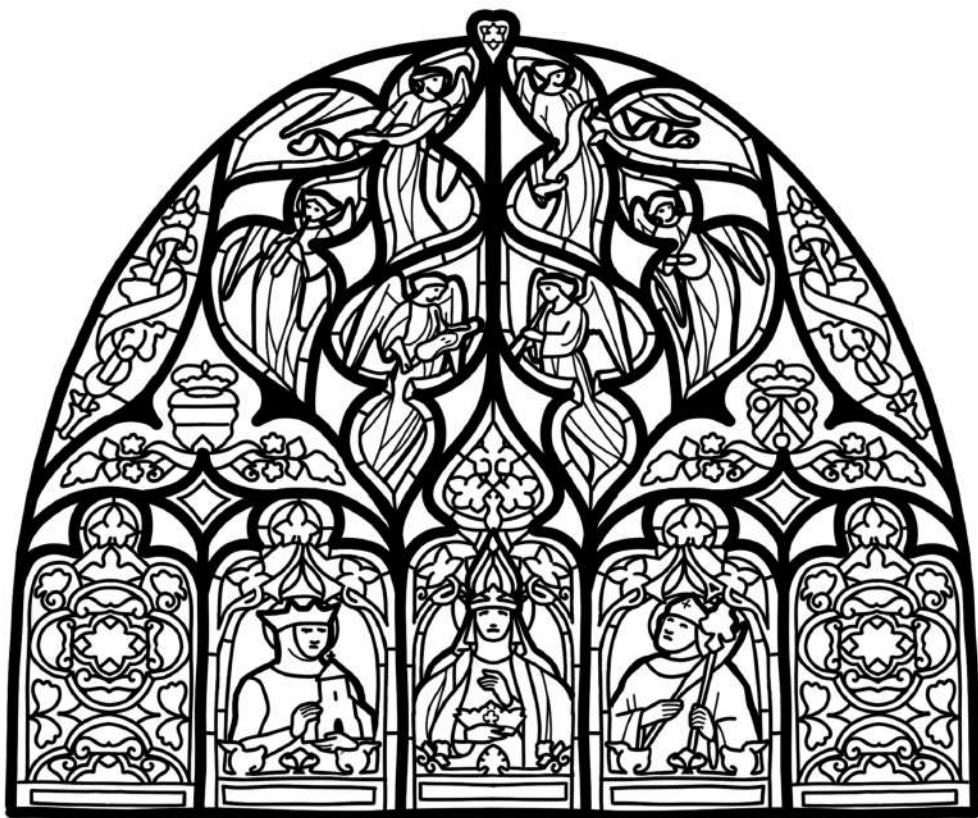
c. The large musical instrument above with many metal pipes is called an organ.

true false



Now it's your turn:

Give the stained glass window beautiful colours!



Answers:

P2: 1-C, 2-A,
3-A, 4-B

P3: 1-C, 2-F, 3-G, 4-A, 5-D,
6-B, 7-E

P4: B.

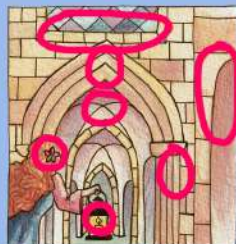
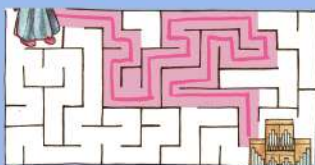
P5: 1-E, 2-D, 3-A,
4-C, 5-B

P6: B. 1-C, 2-A, 3-B

P7: I use the scales to
weigh souls.

P8: A-baptism B-altar
C-priest D-word

P9:



P9: A-False, B-True,
C-True