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# Pray by the Crib as One of the Characters in the Scene

Saint Josemaria encouraged us, with his childlike piety and daring, to put ourselves into the scene of the Gospel, in order to draw closer to our Lord.

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"My advice is that, in your prayer, you actually take part in the different scenes of the Gospel, as one more among the people present. First of

all, imagine the scene or mystery you have chosen to help you recollect your thoughts and meditate. Next apply your mind, concentrating on the particular aspect of the Master's life you are considering—his merciful Heart, his humility, his purity, the way he fulfils his Father's Will" (from *Friends of God*, no. 253).

Make use of the resources provided here to draw closer to the Child Jesus in Bethlehem.

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