

Mother Rose Duchesne

(Rose Doo-shane')



ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE was born August 29, 1769, in Grenoble, France. She had six sisters and one brother. Rose Duchesne went to the Monastery of Sainte-Marie-den-haut, where she learned about her faith and first became interested in becoming a nun. Her family was not supportive of her becoming a nun, but even so, she became a nun at the convent of the Visitation at just 18 years old. A few years later, during the French Revolution's Reign of Terror, her monastery was shut down, so she returned home to spend her time nursing prisoners and helping people. Rose Duchesne met the foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Mother Barat, and was received into that society in 1804. In 1815, after the end of the Napoleonic Wars, Rose Duchesne started a Convent of the Sacred Heart in Paris, France, where she also opened a school. What a lot of turmoil and changes in the world this young nun witnessed!

A few years later in 1818, she sailed to America, landing in New Orleans. She traveled up the Mississippi River and eventually settled in St. Charles, which was part of the Missouri Territory. There, she and four of her sisters established a new Sacred Heart convent, the first house of the Society ever built outside of France.

Rose Duchesne is known for devotion to spreading the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In just 10 years in America, she had grown the Society to six houses and several schools. Rose Duchesne also had a passion for helping the Native Americans. She founded a school in Sugar Creek, Kansas for the Potawatomi children. She had trouble learning their language though, and was unable to teach them herself. Because she couldn't speak with the children, she prayed fervently for them, and was given the nick-name 'Quahkakanumad,' which means 'Woman who prays always.' At this point she was growing old and her health was failing. She was sent back to St. Charles, Missouri, where she died at the age of 83 in 1852.

Saint Rose Duchesne was declared venerable in 1909 by Pope Pius X, and was beatified by Pope Pius XII in 1940. She was canonized on July 3, 1988, by Pope John Paul II.

Language Arts

Find the prepositions, conjunctions and interjections

Week 10 - Draw a **RED** line under all the **prepositions** in the story on the page with the Rose Duchesne story.

Week 11 - Circle all the **conjunctions** in **BLUE** in the story on the page with the rose Duchesne story.

Write your own sentence about Rose Duchesne. Mark all your prepositions and conjunctions in the same way.

Read the poem below about Rose Duchesne. Draw a box around all the prepositions (Week 10), and underline all the conjunctions (Week 11), Circle all the interjections (Week 12).

Hey! Have you heard about Rose Duchesne?

On a ship to America, she came.

She traveled up the Mississippi

And helped the Potowatomi.

Oh No! She couldn't speak their way.

So, instead she started to pray.

Well, she prayed so much and so long,
they knew her love for God was strong.

Wow! On her knees all day,
and even through the night she'd stay.

They placed pebbles on her dress,
to see if at night she ever slept.

But, no! At dawn the pebbles were there,
Rose prayed all night, and didn't go anywhere.

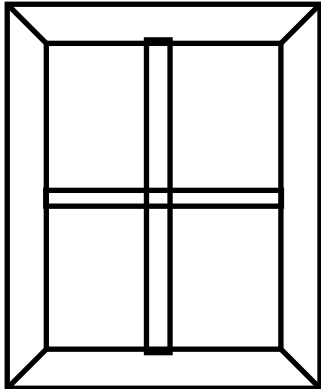
So, she got a nickname they say,
They called her "She who prays always."

Log Cabin Math

Did you know? The first Sacred Heart convent that Rose Duchesne established in America was in a Log cabin! Use a ruler and help build a log cabin for Rose Duchesne's convent!

Perimeter is the distance around a polygon;

area is the space contained within a polygon.

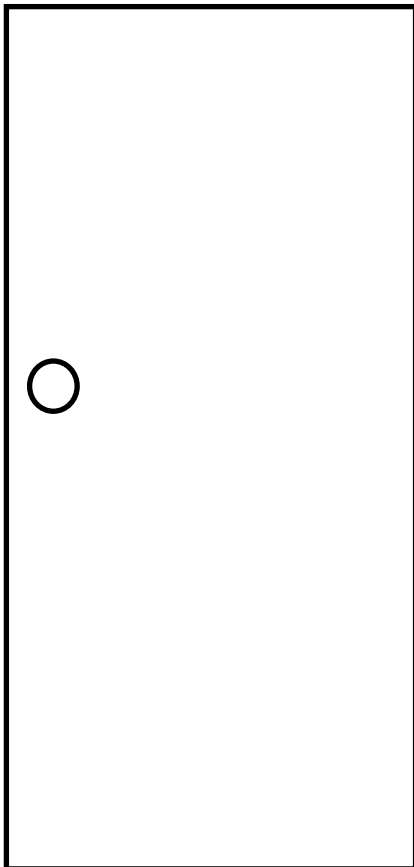


Week 10 - Using your ruler, measure the **perimeter** of the window for the Log Cabin:

The window's perimeter is _____ inches.

Week 11 - Using your ruler and the equation for area ($A=w \times L$), find the area of the window for the Log Cabin:

The window's area is _____ square inches.



Week 10 - Using your ruler, measure the **perimeter** of the door for the Log Cabin:

The door's perimeter is _____ inches.

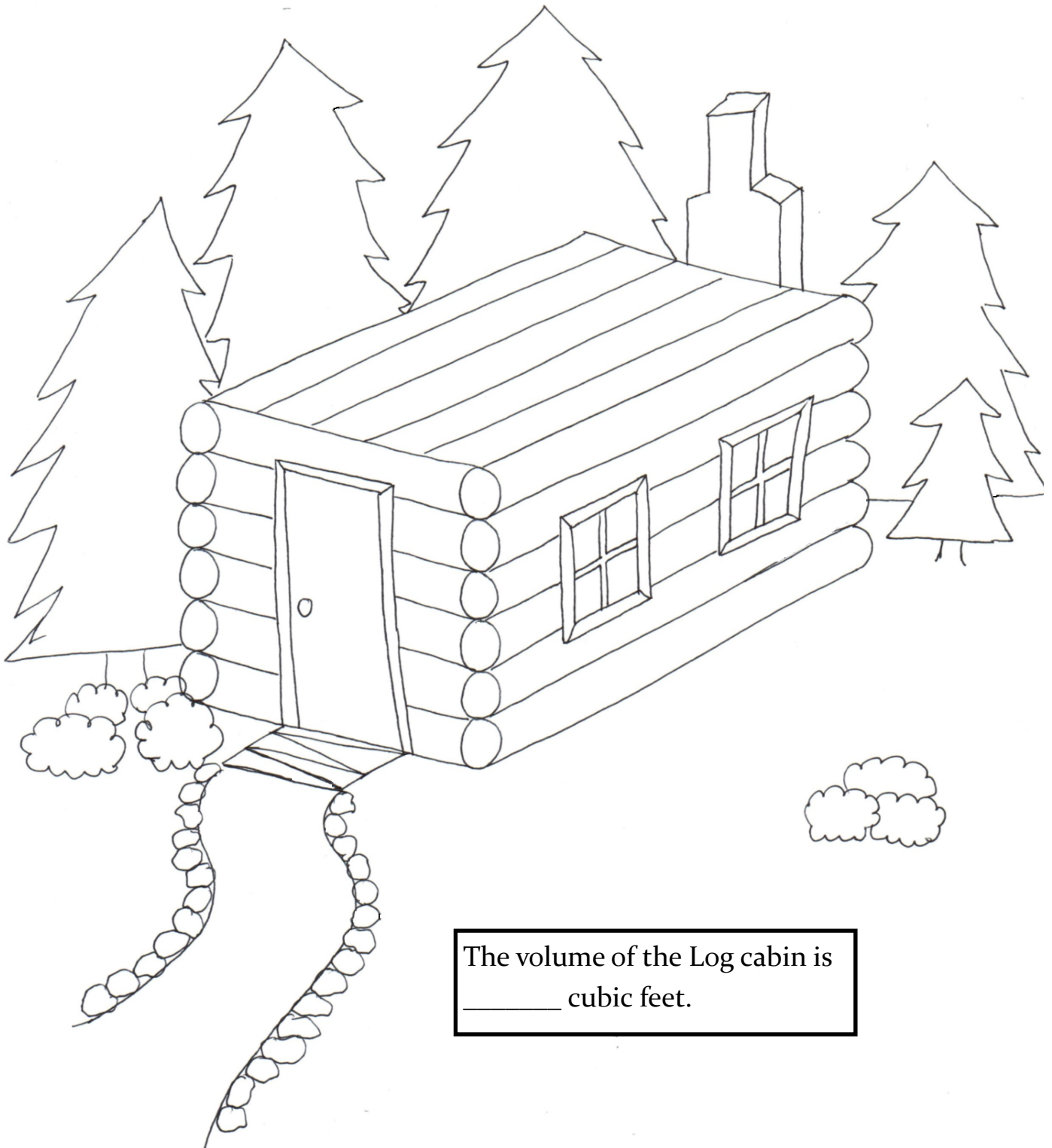
Week 11 - Using your ruler and the equation for area ($A=w \times L$), find the area of the door for the Log Cabin:

The door's area is _____ square inches.

Log Cabin Math

Week 12 - Rose Duchesne's cabin is **5ft wide, 8ft long, and 6ft high**. Can you find the volume of the log cabin? (Hint: Use $V = l \times w \times h$) Color the cabin when you're done!

The volume of a rectangular solid equals length times width times height.



The volume of the Log cabin is
_____ cubic feet.

Religion and Rail Fence - Week 10

Did you know that God consists of three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit? **Three** Persons, but **One** God! We can never truly understand this concept since it is a mystery.

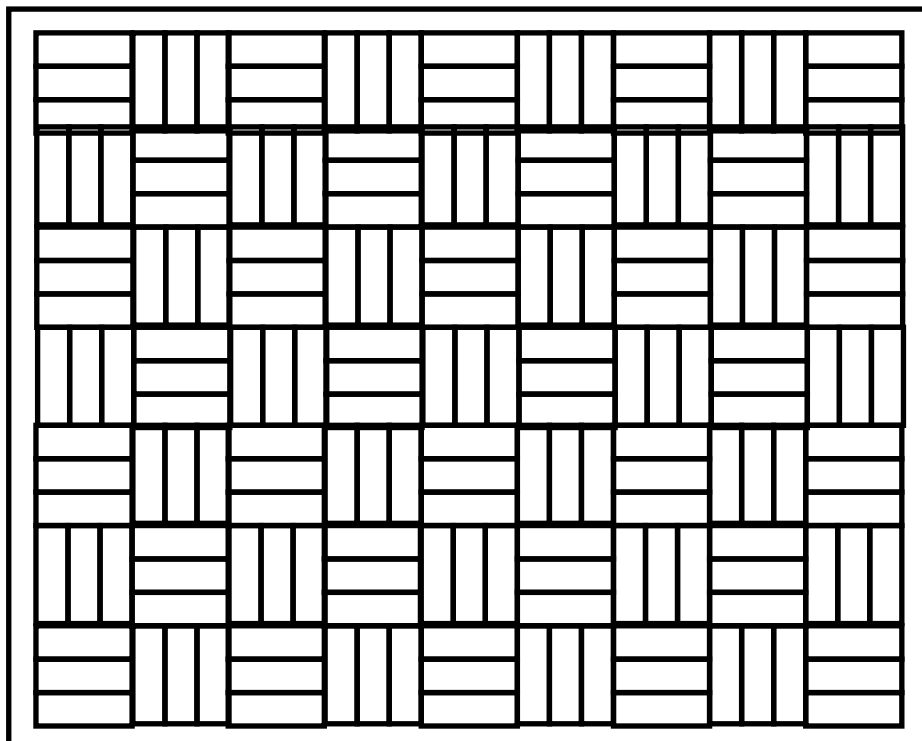
The pioneers made quilts using scraps of fabric— one type of quilt was called a rail fence. These quilts were made of blocks of three strips of fabric. This one quilt block has three parts. Hmm, does that remind you of something? It is not exactly like the Trinity, because God cannot be separated, but it is still fun to think about. Color them three different colors and patterns, and then take a look at your one quilt block!



"TRINITY: The mystery of one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The revealed truth of the Holy Trinity is at the very root of the Church's living faith as expressed in the Creed. The mystery of the Trinity in itself is inaccessible to the human mind and is the object of faith only because it was revealed by Jesus Christ, the divine Son of the eternal Father."

-from the Glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Have fun coloring your 'full-sized' rail fence quilt!



Five Forms of Prayer – Week 12

The Catechism teaches that there are **five forms of prayer**. Can you find them in the word bank below and circle them? Write one in each finger of the praying hands below.

Adoration	Complaining	Petition	Whining
Grumble	Intercession	Swinging	
Sleeping	Thinking	Jumping	Thanksgiving
Praise	Eating	Forgetting	

