



Build your own monastery!

You've been selected by the archbishop to be the abbot/abbess (head monk or nun) of a new monastery! It is up to you to choose where to build your monastery. There are some things to consider before you decide.

Monks and nuns lived apart from the rest of society. However, they served very important roles in society. In addition to praying for everyone daily, they produced goods such as medicine, wine, and books. They needed many things to keep the monastery running! They needed...

- A **chapel** to pray in
- **Dormitories** to sleep in
- **Farms** and **herb gardens** to feed themselves and produce goods and medicines for people in the nearby town
- A **library** to study religious texts
- A place to write manuscripts, called a **scriptorium**
- **Cloisters** (an enclosed square garden surrounded by columns) where they could go outside to meditate and enjoy nature but still remain separated from the rest of the world

Print out both pages. Cut out the images on the right and glue them onto the landscape wherever you think is best for your new monastery!

