

#69 PreK-2nd and 3rd & up: Christmas Eve – Invited Home – Nativity

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Bible Text: Luke 2:1-7; 8-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors: When the angels had left them and gone into heaven the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Book: *The Very Special Baby* (A Christmas Story for the Very Young) by Carol Woodard, 1968

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky – looked down where He lay. The Little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing. The Baby awakes. But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky. And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay; Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care. And fit for us heaven, to live with Thee there.

Verses 1 and 2, author unknown. Verse 3 by John Thomas McFarland (1851-1913) Probably originated among German Lutherans in Pennsylvania in 1885.

Bible Verse:

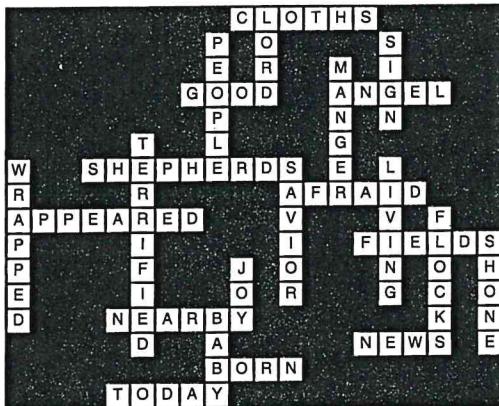
*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish
but may have eternal life.*
John 3:16

Activities:

PreK-2nd: *Follow the Path to Bethlehem *Count Angels *Trace the Letters *Circle the Picture

3rd and Up: *Good News! Crossword *Angel's News for Joseph Code Page

For Both Groups: *3 Coloring pages *Nativity Scene *Christmas tree verse



M	A	R	Y				
13	1	18	25				
H	U	S	B	A	N	D	
8	21	19	2	1	14	4	
B	A	B	Y				
2	1	2	25				
N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H
14	1	26	1	18	5	20	8
D	R	E	A	M			
4	18	5	1	13			

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

- Luke 2:8-12

Who did God send to Joseph with a message?

A	N	A	N	G	E	L
1	14	1	14	7	5	12

Children's Worship Bulletin

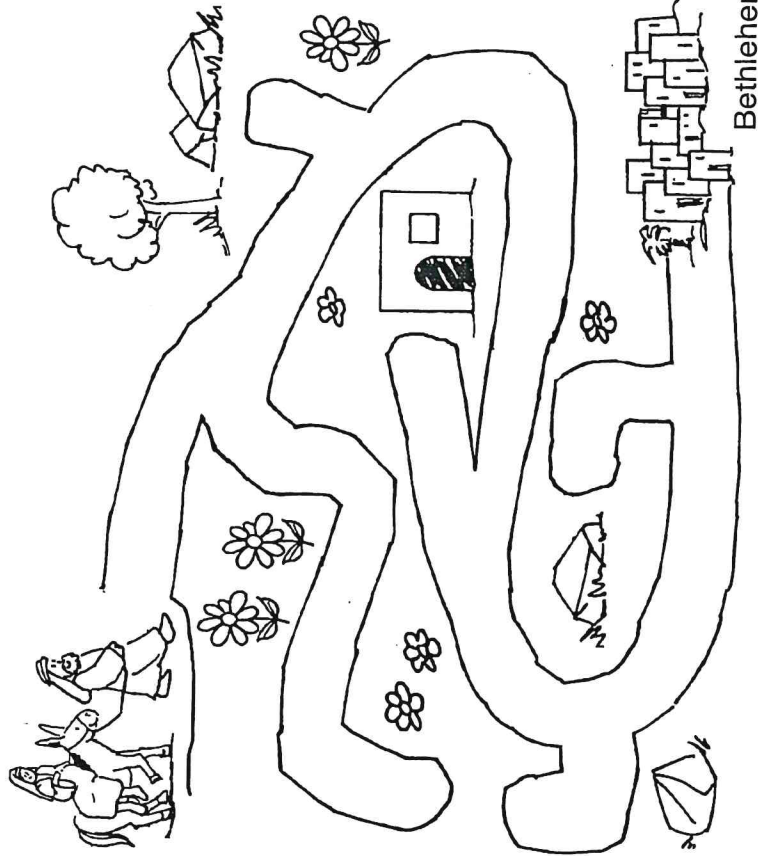
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Jesus Is Born!

Joseph and Mary traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census.

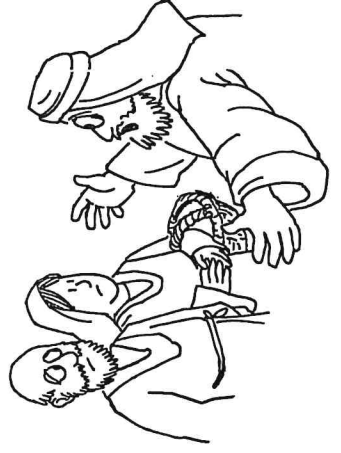
Follow the path to Bethlehem.



While Mary and Joseph were in Bethlehem, Jesus was born.
Why did Mary place Jesus in a manger?

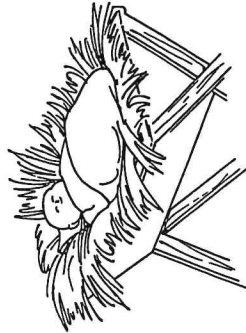
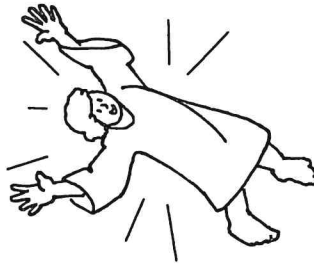
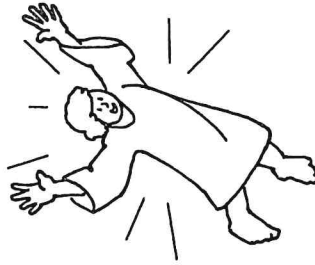
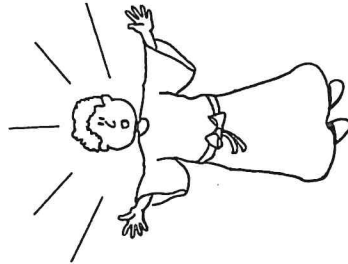
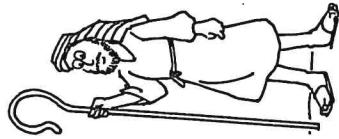
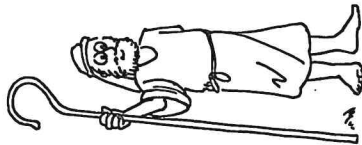
Trace the letters to complete the answer.

There was
no room
for them
in the inn.



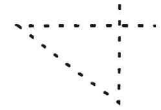
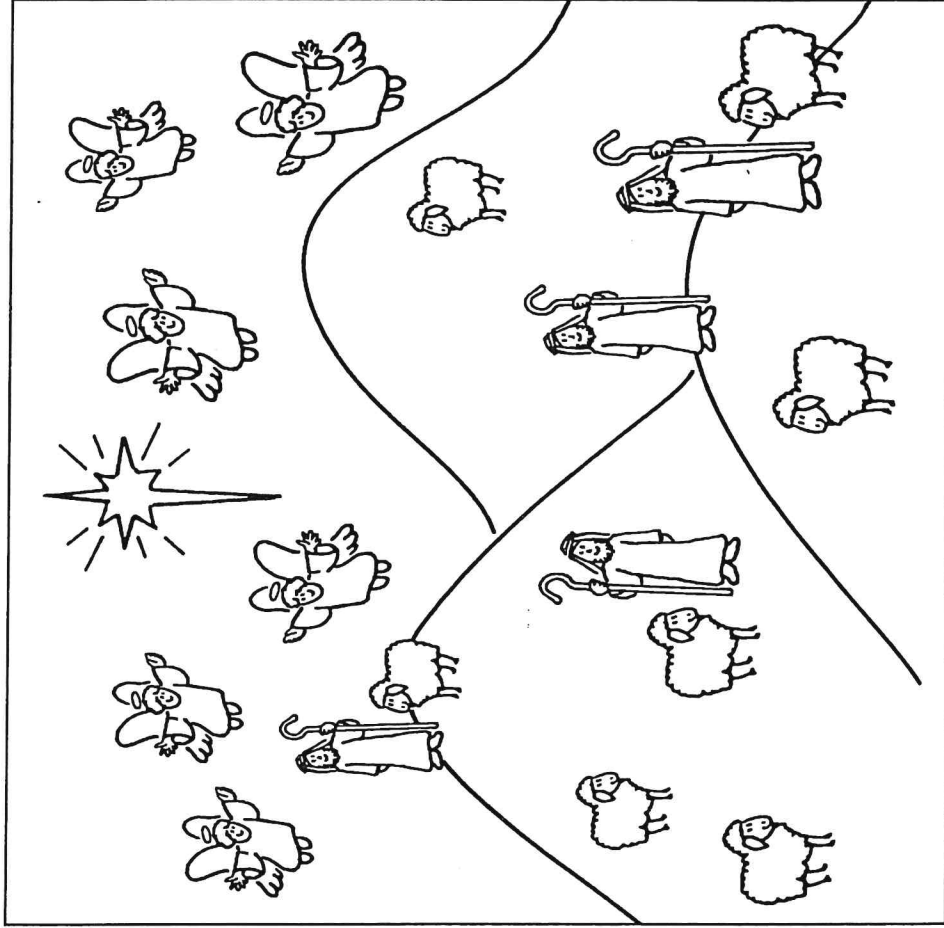
An angel appeared to shepherds.
The angel told them the good news that a
Savior had been born for them!

In each row, circle the picture that is different.



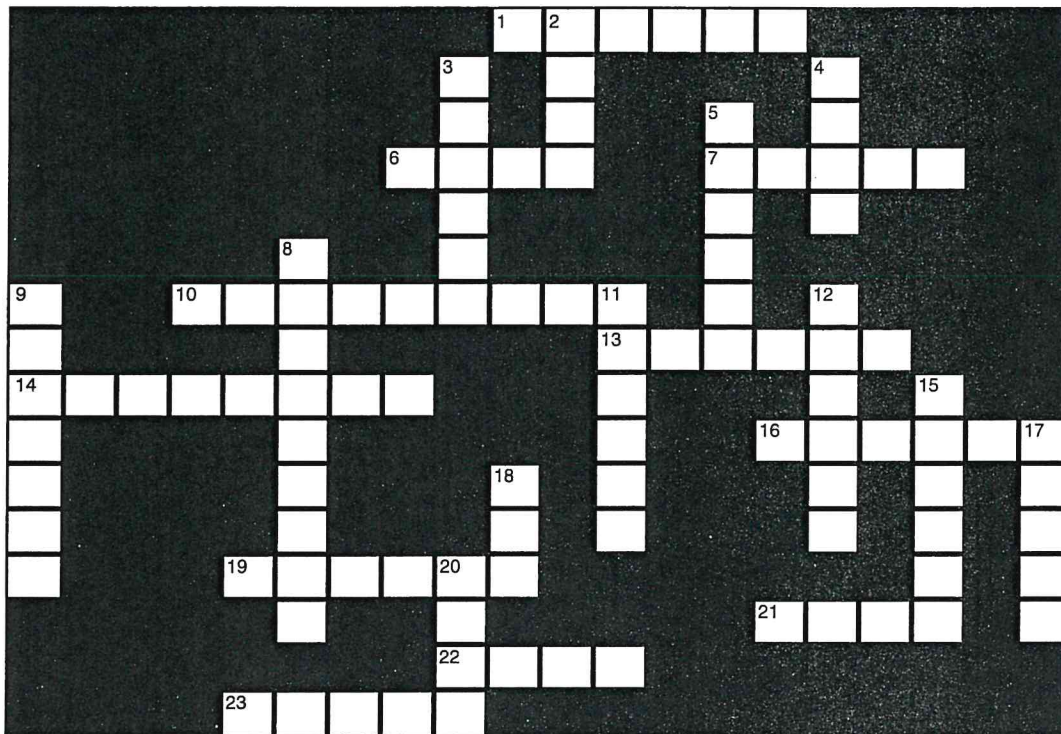
Suddenly, many angels appeared
with the first angel, praising God and
saying, "Glory to God in the highest!"

Count the angels. Trace the correct number below.



Good News!

The Messiah was born! How would the news be shared? God sent His angels to spread the message. They visited shepherds in the fields. The shepherds knew they had to go see this new child for themselves. Use the clues to fill in the crossword puzzle, then use the words from the puzzle to fill in the spaces in the Scripture that proclaims this Good News!



Down

2. God
3. Body of persons
4. For-sale house has this in front
5. Feeding trough for horses and cattle
8. Filled with terror
9. Covered
11. One who saves
12. Residing
15. Groups of sheep
17. Past tense of shine
18. Delight; happiness
20. Infant

Across

1. Fabrics
6. Opposite of bad
7. God's messenger
10. Those who tend sheep
13. Filled with fear
14. Became visible
16. Wide open land
19. Close
21. Report of recent events
22. Birthed
23. This day

And there were _____ out in the _____, keeping watch over their _____ at
 night. An _____ of the _____ to them, and the glory of the Lord _____ around them, and they
 were _____. But the angel said to them, "Do not be _____. I bring you _____ of great
 _____ that will be for all the _____. _____ in the town of David a _____ has been _____
 to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a _____ to you: You will find a _____ _____ in _____
 and lying in a _____." - Luke 2:8-12

An Angel's News for Joseph

Coded Words

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

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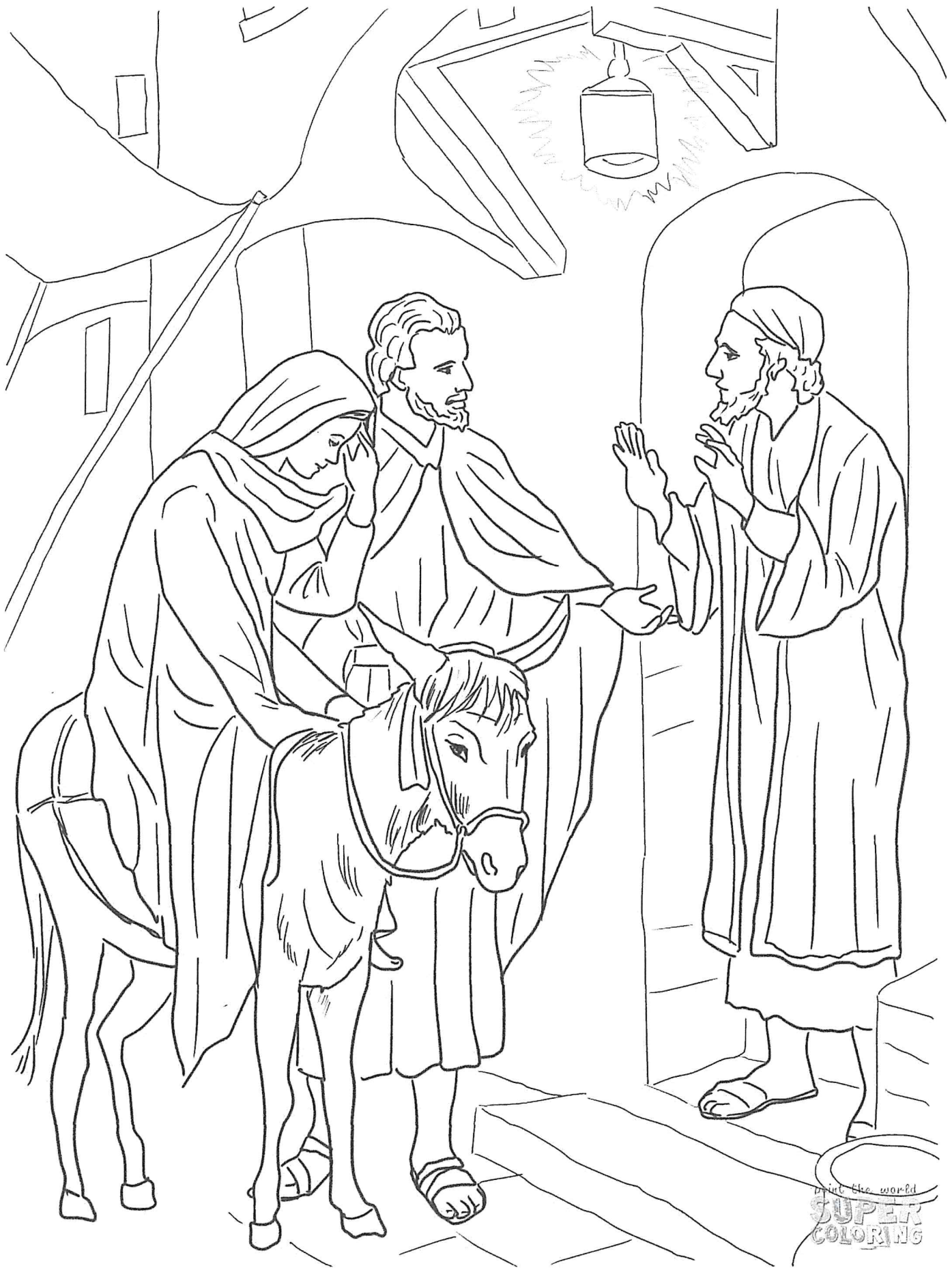
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1 14

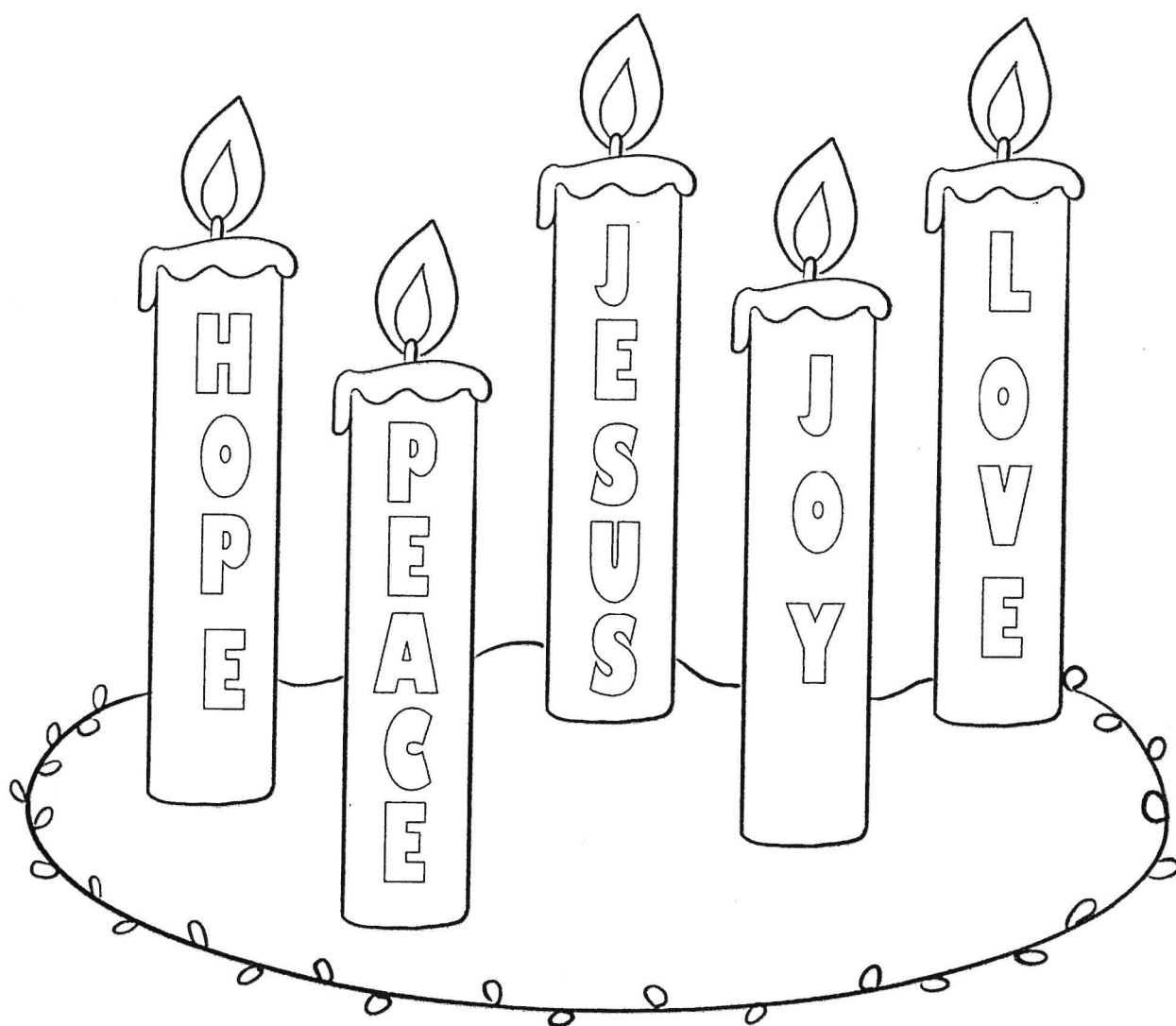
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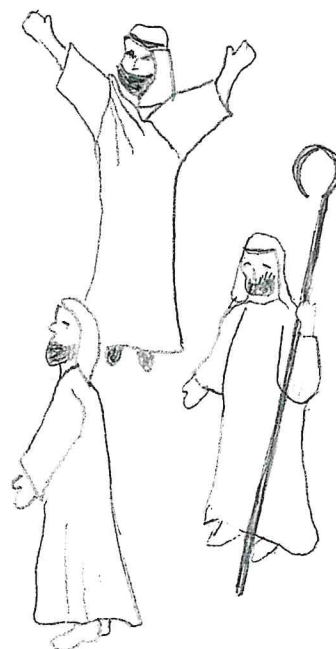
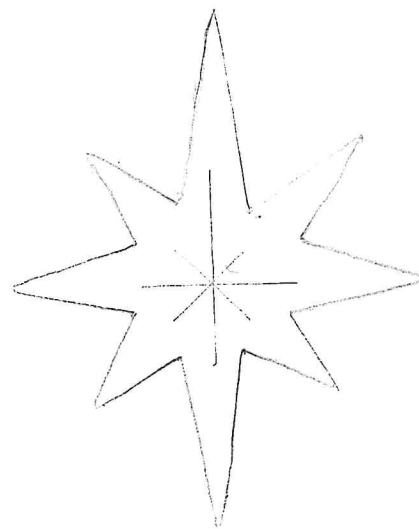
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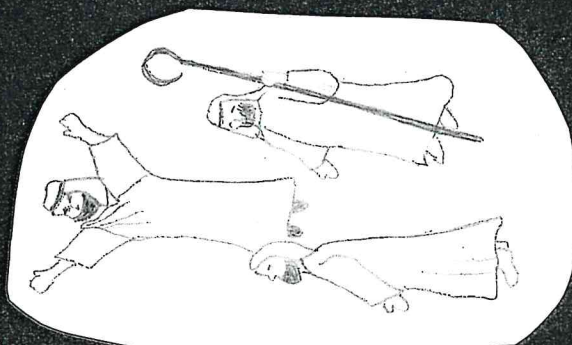
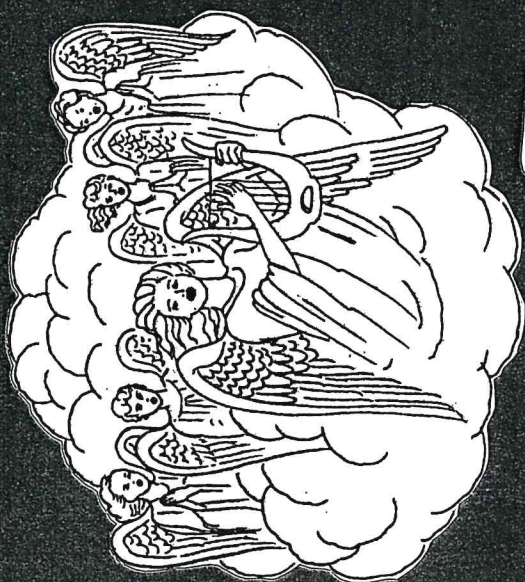
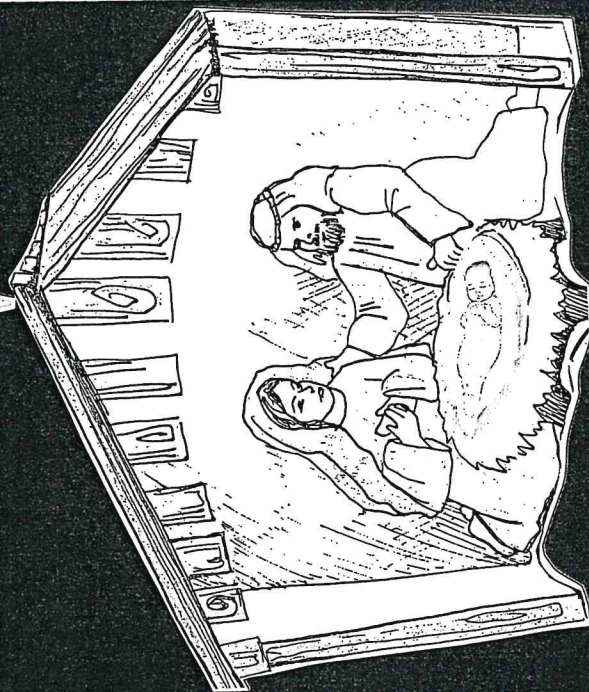
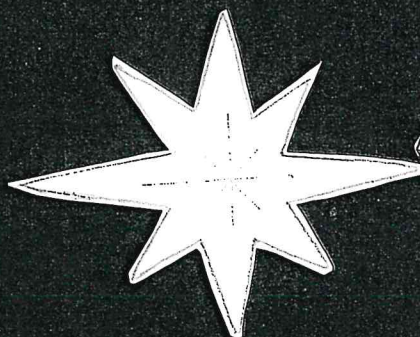


*Coloring picture for Advent Candles. If a child would like to make a 3D version of the candles, that child could roll paper to make 5 candles (there are usually 3 purple, 1 pink and a white Christ candle [for the middle]) and tape them to a paper plate. Make paper flames to tape to the top of each candle.



*Nativity Scene Page: Patterns are provided to make a Nativity Scene on a black? piece of paper OR children could draw their own Nativity Scene. Stick on stars could be added to the sky and cotton ball pieces glued to the sheep and toothpick pieces to the stable wood and ??





*Christmas Tree Instructions: See my idea for a Christmas Tree verse

OR have children come up with their own ideas for a tree and ornaments. Please just have them use the verse provided. Also, they could make presents to go under the tree and write their favorite verses on them or draw a picture or write the name of a gift they would like to give to someone or ??

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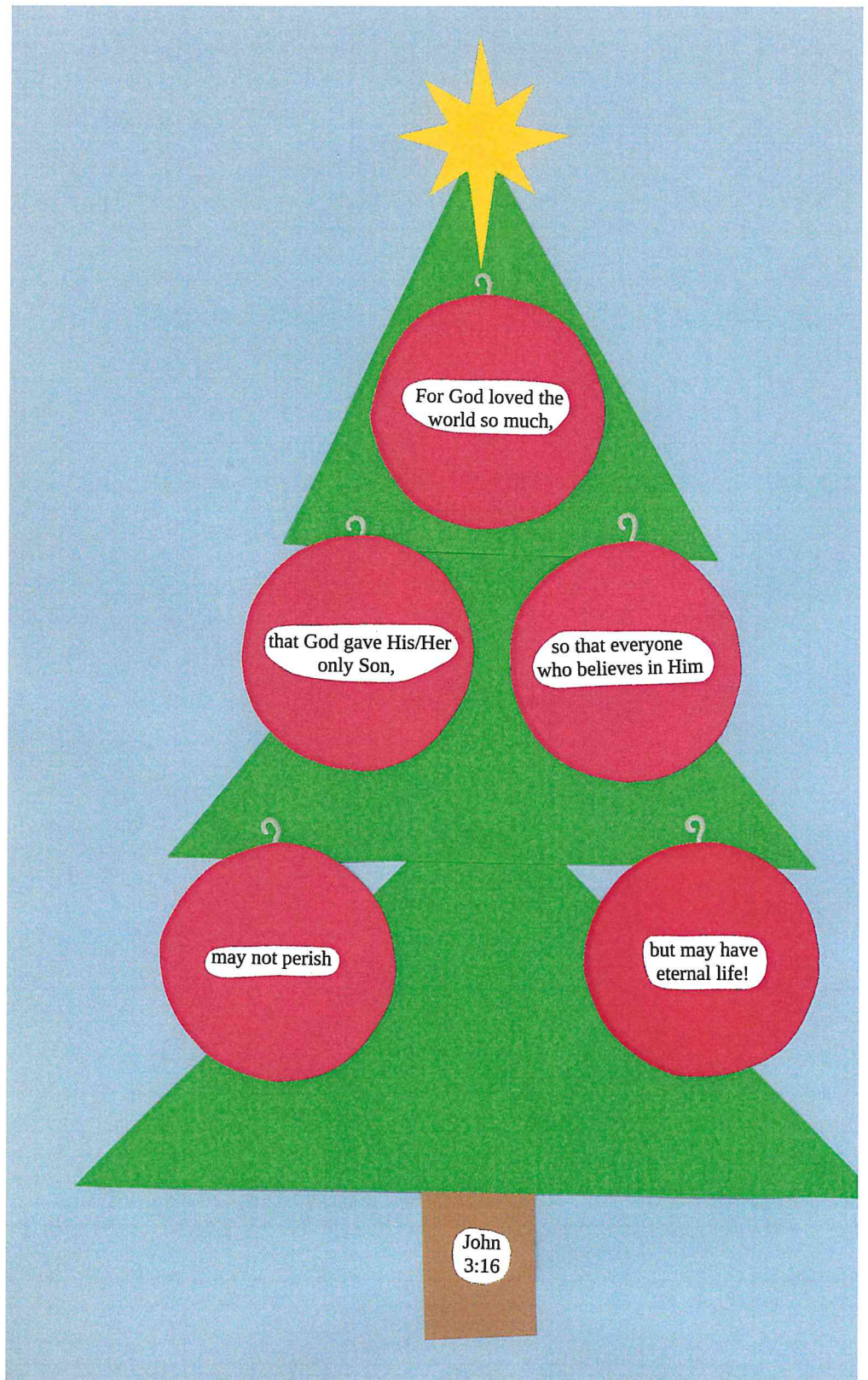
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