

# YOUNG FAMILY ADVENT DEVOTIONS



2023

# Week 1: Waiting

## Color:

Color the 1st advent candle for **Hope**

## Read:

Mark 1: 1-3

Who is coming?

What should we do about it?



## Discuss:

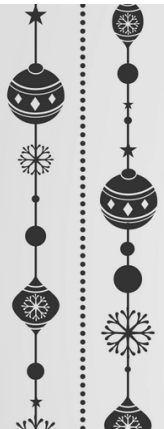
The Israelites waited a LOOOOONNN-  
NGGGG time for the Promised Savior!!

When was a time you had to wait for something?

How do you feel waiting to celebrate Jesus' birthday on Christmas?

What can we do now to get ready for Jesus' birthday?

PREPARE  
ROOM IN  
YOUR  
HEART  
FOR THE  
BIRTH  
OF BABY  
JESUS



## Pray:

Dear Jesus,

Please help us wait patiently for You. Help us to stay focused on  
You during advent. Thank You for Your great love for us.

Come Lord Jesus.

Amen

# Week 2: Gifts

## Color:

Color the 1st advent candle for **Hope**

Color the 2nd advent candle for **Peace**

## Read:

Luke 1: 26-38

Who spoke to Mary?

God used Mary to send a special gift into the world! What is God's special gift?

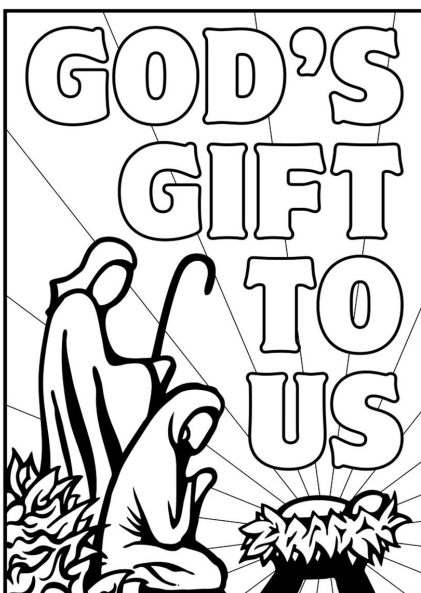


## Discuss:

What was the best gift you have ever received?

Why was that gift so special?

Jesus is the BEST GIFT we could ever ask for! His love for us goes on FOREVER and never fails!



## Pray:

Dear Jesus,

Help us remember that You are the most special gift of Christmas. Thank You for coming into the world to teach us how to follow You and to save us from our sins.

Come Lord Jesus.

Amen

# Week 3: Joy

## Color:

Color the 1st advent candle for **Hope**

Color the 2nd advent candle for **Peace**

Color the 3rd advent candle for **Joy**



## Read:

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Isaiah tells us about the beautiful and **JOY**-filled things that happened when Jesus was on earth.

On a separate piece of paper can you, as a family, draw a picture of the **JOY**-filled things that Isaiah told us about in the passage?

- \* People sang for joy
- \* Flowers bloomed
- \* **A special path for Jesus and his followers**
- \* People leapt for joy and danced
- \* Waterfall and streams in the wilderness
- \* Lame people started walking

## Discuss:

When do you feel joyful?

How can you spread joy to others?

## Pray:

Dear Jesus,

Help us leap for joy and sing Your praises when we learn and tell others about Your great love! Come Lord Jesus.

Amen

# Week 4: Safety

## Color:

Color the 1st advent candle for **Hope**

Color the 2nd advent candle for **Peace**

Color the 3rd advent candle for **Joy**

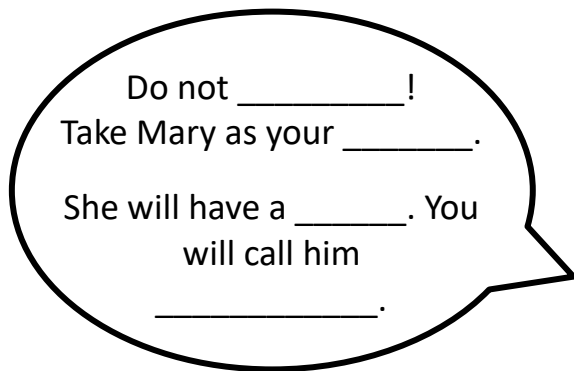
Color the 4th advent candle for **Love**



## Read:

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was worried that Mary was going to have a baby! What did the angel tell Joseph while he was sleeping?



## Discuss:

Have you ever been worried or afraid about something?

How did God care for you and keep you safe?

## Pray:

Dear God,

Help us to trust in You when we are afraid. You will watch over us, just like Mary and Joseph. Come Lord Jesus.

Amen

# Week 5: Happy Birthday Jesus!

## Color:

Color the 1st advent candle for **Hope**

Color the 2nd advent candle for **Peace**

Color the 3rd advent candle for **Joy**

Color the 4th advent candle for **Love**

Color the 5th candle for **Jesus!**



## Read:

Luke 2: 1-20

## Discuss:

Who can you share the story of Jesus with today?



## Pray:

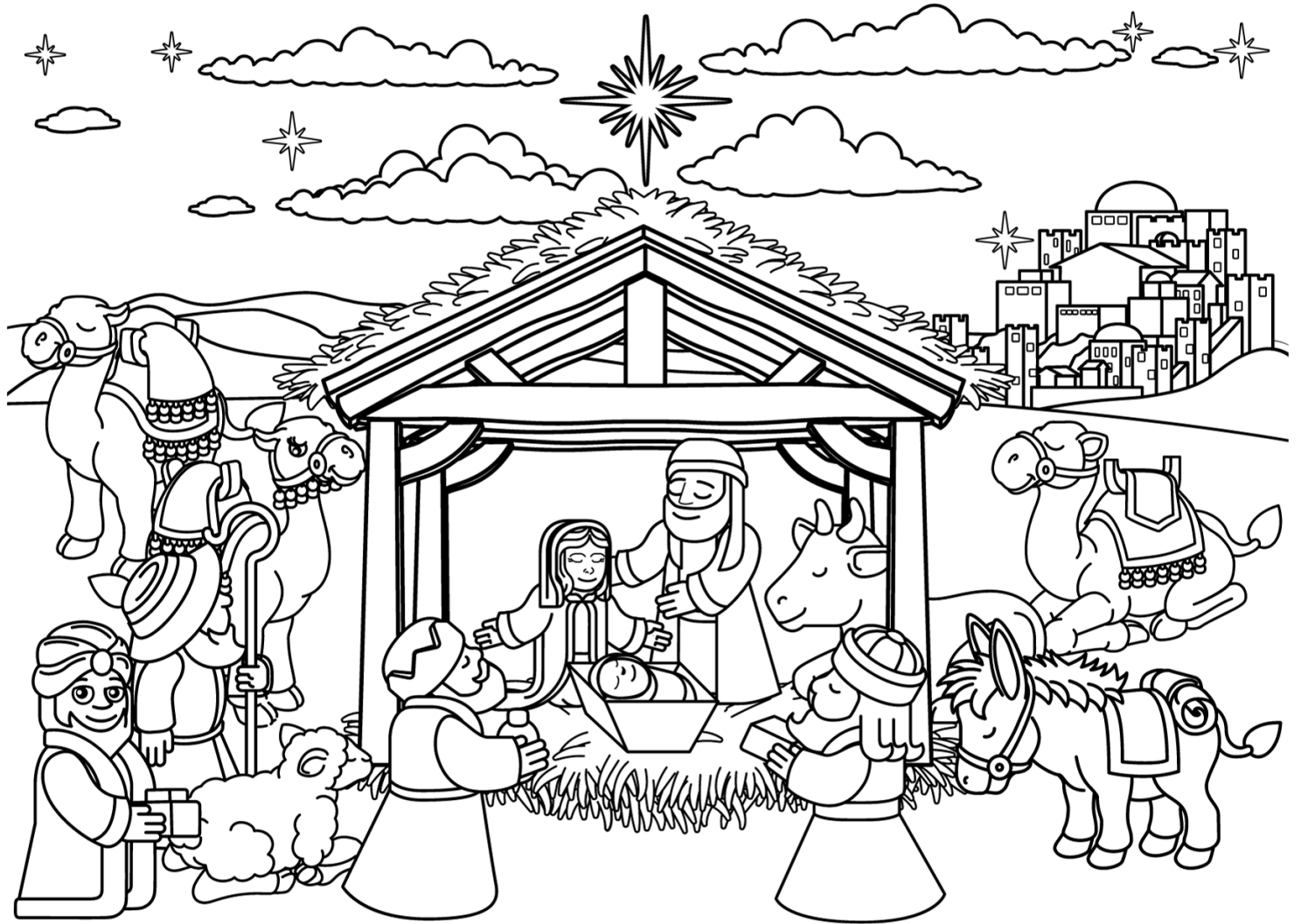
Dear God,

Thank You for the best gift of all,

JESUS! Help us let our Jesus light shine  
bright today and always.

Amen



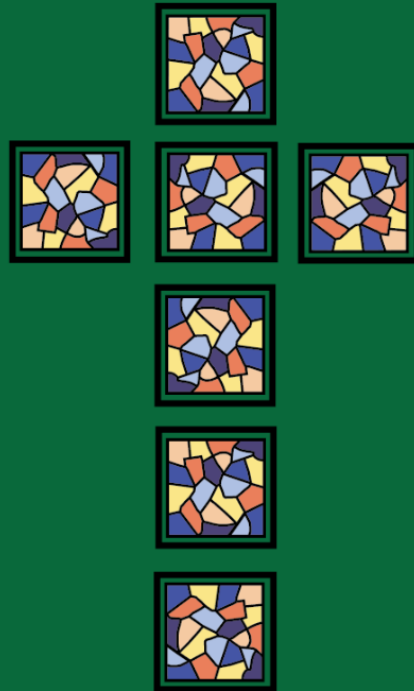


Christmas Eve  
**CONNECT** Worship Service  
Sunday, December 24 @ 10am

in the School Commons

Join us for our special Christmas Eve Connect service! We will have Christmas cookies, a Christmas celebration, and a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Join us at 10 am on Christmas Eve in the School Commons for singing, worship, and praise to our Lord and Savior!





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