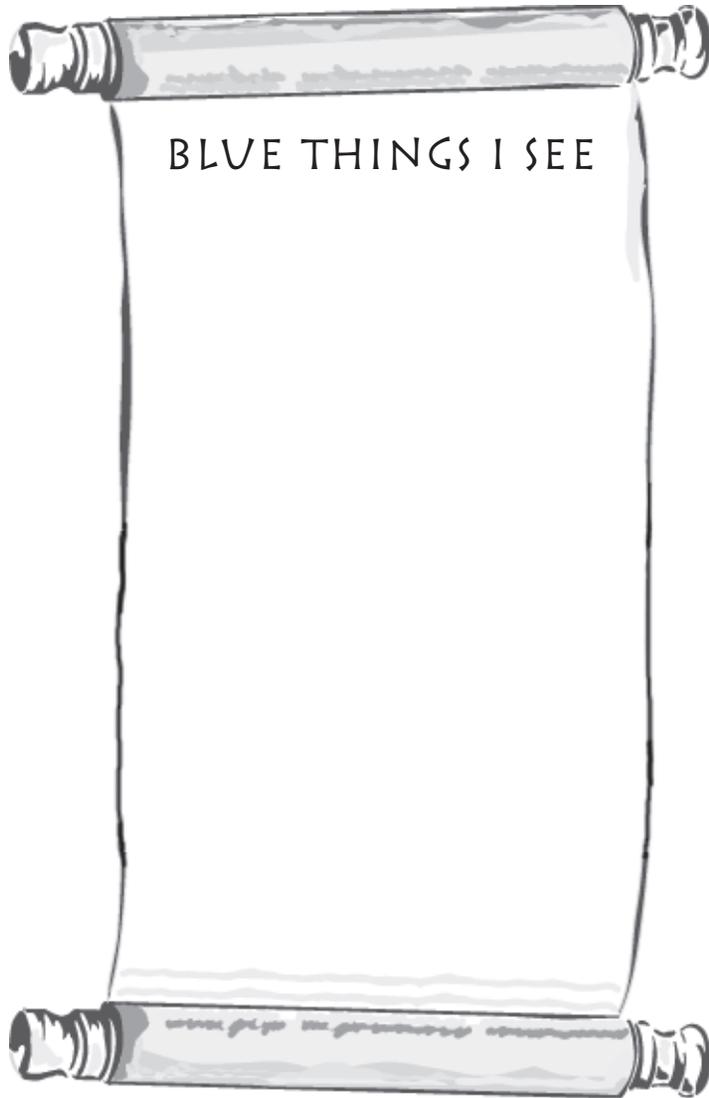


The color blue is used during the season of Advent.
Where do you see the color blue in your worship space?

Draw or list the blue things in your worship space.

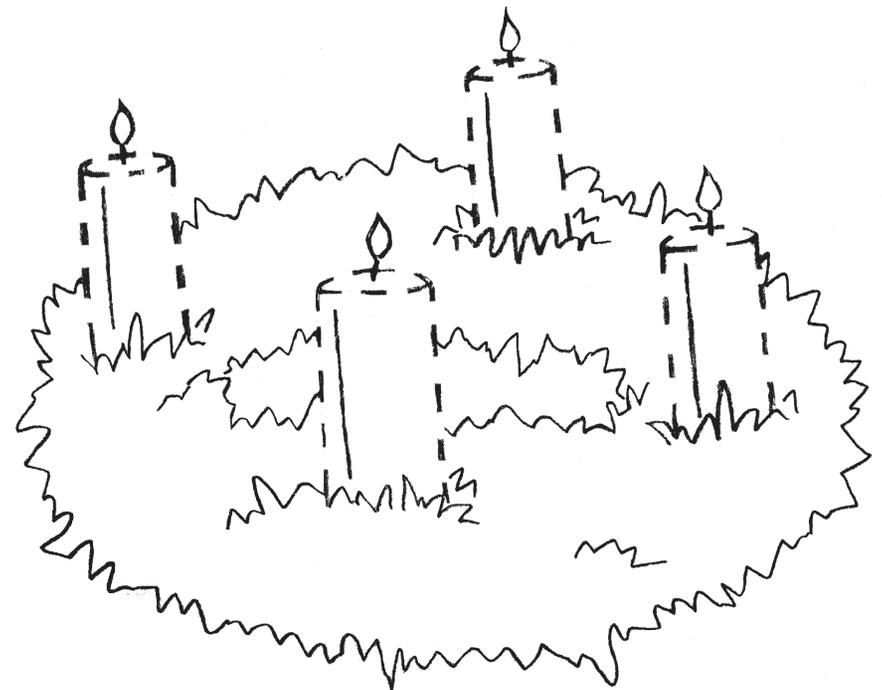


PRE-READER

Advent 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in **Advent**.
- The color we use for Advent is **blue**.
- The color blue means **hope**.

Connect the dotted lines to complete the Advent wreath. Color the candles blue. Color the wreath green.

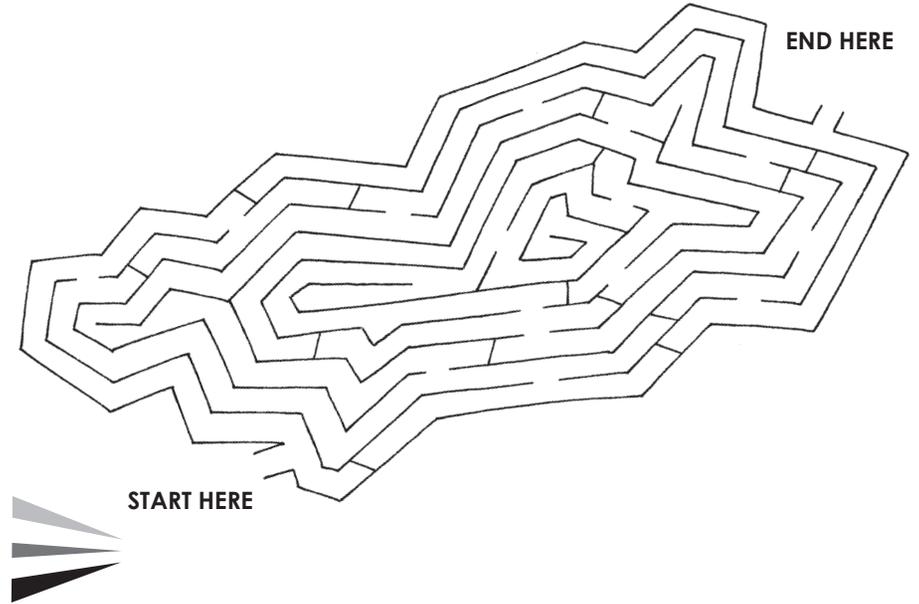




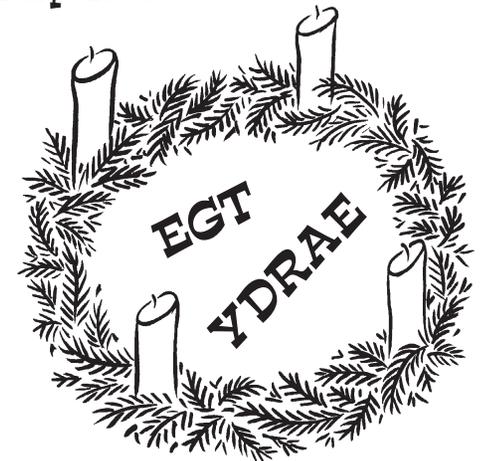
“Tell God you’re sorry for your sins! Turn your life around,” John said.

John the Baptist told the people to make their paths straight. We need to stay focused on God.

Find a path through the crooked maze.



Unscramble the letters inside the Advent wreath to learn John the Baptist’s message today.



Jesus is the light of the world. Do you see candles in your worship space? Each week, we light another candle on the Advent wreath as we wait for Jesus to come.

Which images provide light? Circle and color the things that give us light.



How can you tell people that Jesus is coming? Invite them to come to worship with you on Christmas Eve!

Decorate the invitation and give it to a friend or neighbor.



Jesus is Coming!
Come to worship with me...

Where: _____

When: Christmas Eve
What Time: _____

Let's get ready for the light!



PRE-READER

Advent 3

- Today is the 3rd Sunday in Advent.
- Jesus is the **light** of the **world**.
- The **candles** in the **Advent wreath** give us light.

A wreath's circular shape shows God's never-ending love for us. Find and color all the circles below.





“This is important! Jesus is coming!”

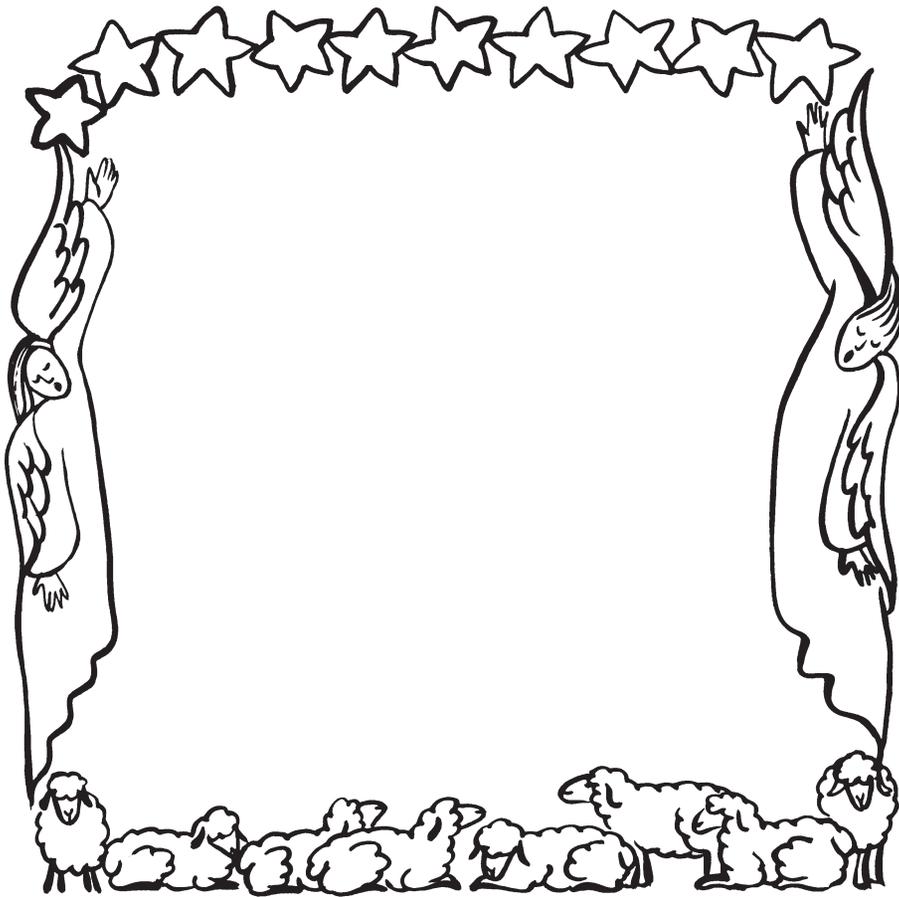
Jesus is coming! John the Baptist needs your help.

Share the message of Jesus with the people you meet. Don't forget to draw yourself!



Jesus' birthday is almost here! All 4 candles in the Advent wreath are lit.

In this frame, draw or write what your family does on Christmas Eve to celebrate.

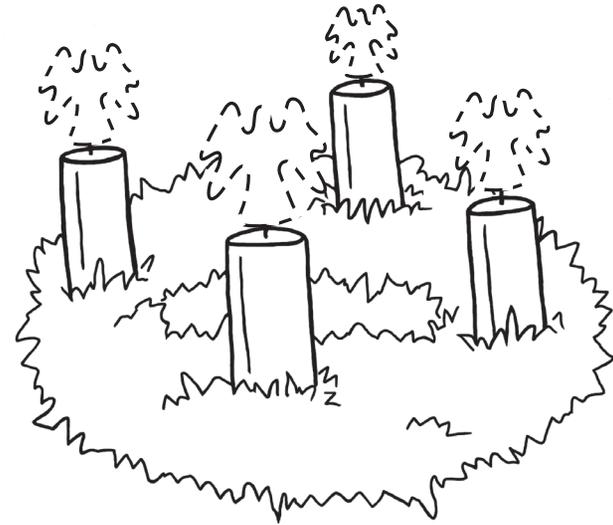


PRE-READER

Advent 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in **Advent**.
- During Advent we hear the **good news**—Jesus is coming!
- **Angels** visited **Mary** and **Joseph** to tell them the good news.

Find and trace the angels near the Advent wreath. Then trace the dotted lines to write today's Gospel message.

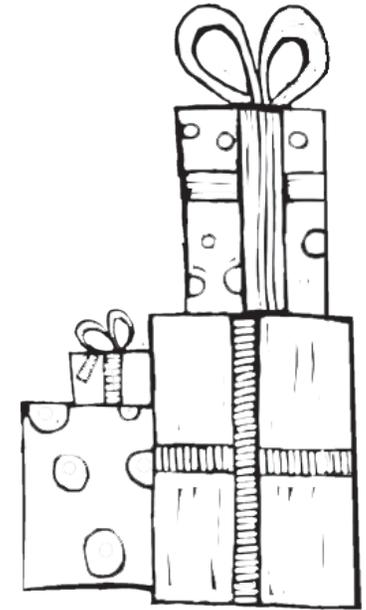


You will have a son
named Jesus.



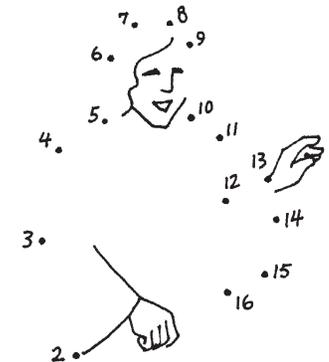
Angels surprised Mary and Joseph with this message: they would be Jesus' parents! What surprising news have you heard recently?

Draw or write about those surprises.



The angel Gabriel came to share the good news.

Connect the dots and meet Gabriel for yourself!



“Don't be afraid... You are going to have a son, who you'll name Jesus... He will be God's son.”



The Christmas season brings lots of new decorations to the worship space. Do you see anything new in the worship space this week?

Draw or write about what you see in the box.

NEW DECORATIONS

What do you see in the worship space every week?

Draw or write about what you see in the box.

WEEKLY DECORATIONS



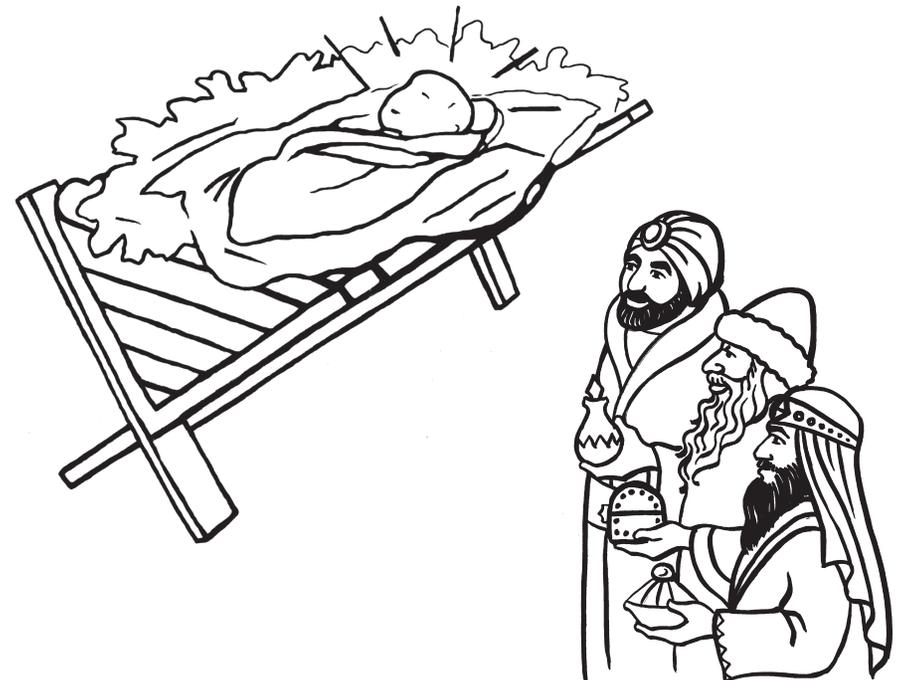
PRE-READER

Christmas 1

- Today is the **1st Sunday** after Christmas.
- During Christmas, we thank God for **keeping promises**.
- Jesus shares God's message of **love and grace** with the world.

Many people visited baby Jesus. Look at some of the gifts he received. What kinds of gifts do you receive on your birthday?

Draw your favorite toys around the manger to share them with Jesus.

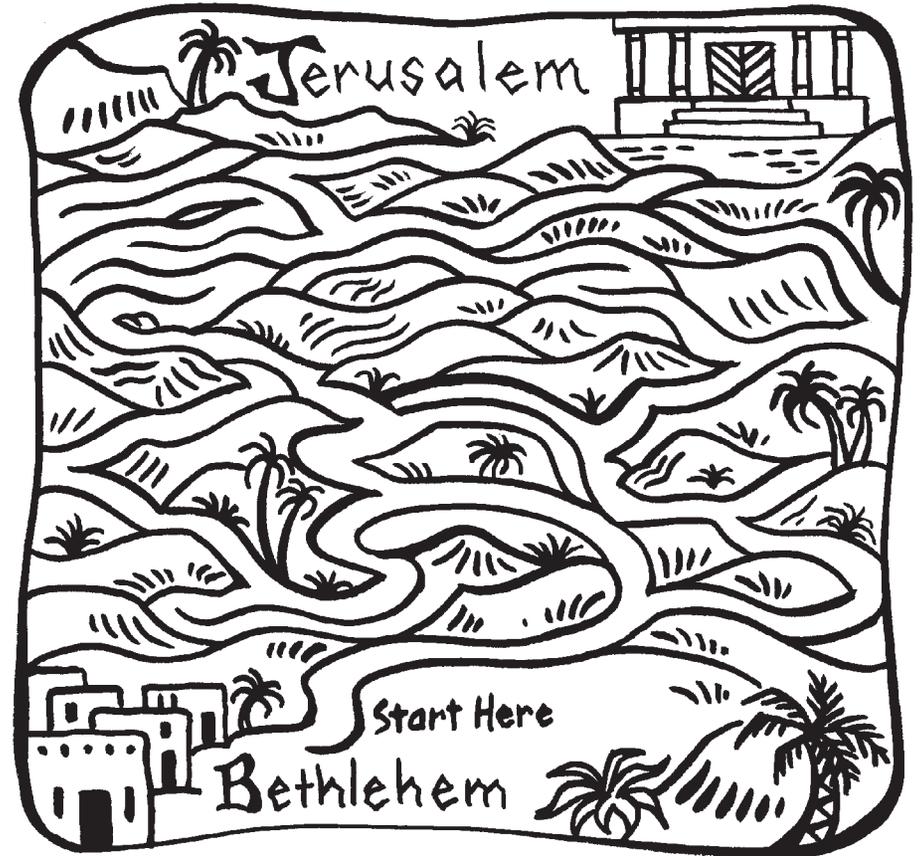




“Jesus is the one God promised to send. Jesus will save the world!” said Anna.

When Jesus was only eight days old, Mary and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem. There was a special ceremony for Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem. In the temple, they met Simeon and Anna.

Help Mary and Joseph find their way among the hills from Bethlehem to Jerusalem.



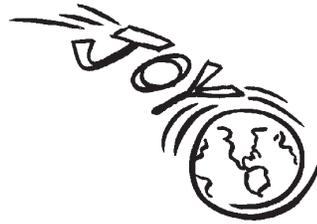
On Christmas, we hear new hymns. Which ones do you hear in your worship space?

Match the title of the hymn on the left with the illustration on the right. Be sure to include your favorites!

Go Tell It on the Mountain



Away in a Manger



Joy to the World



Angels We Have Heard on High

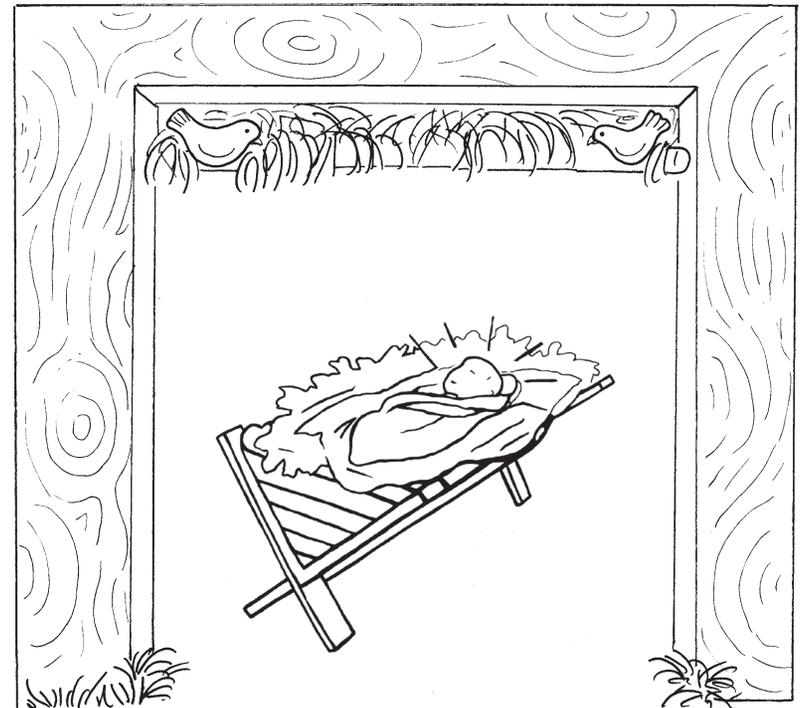


PRE-READER

Christmas Eve

- Today is **Christmas Eve**. We celebrate **Jesus' birth!**
- One **symbol** we see at Christmas is the **manger**.
- A manger is a place where animals eat. It was also **Jesus' first bed!**

Jesus was born in a stable, but he was not alone. Listen to the Christmas story. Then draw the animals you think were with Jesus. Don't forget Mary and Joseph!

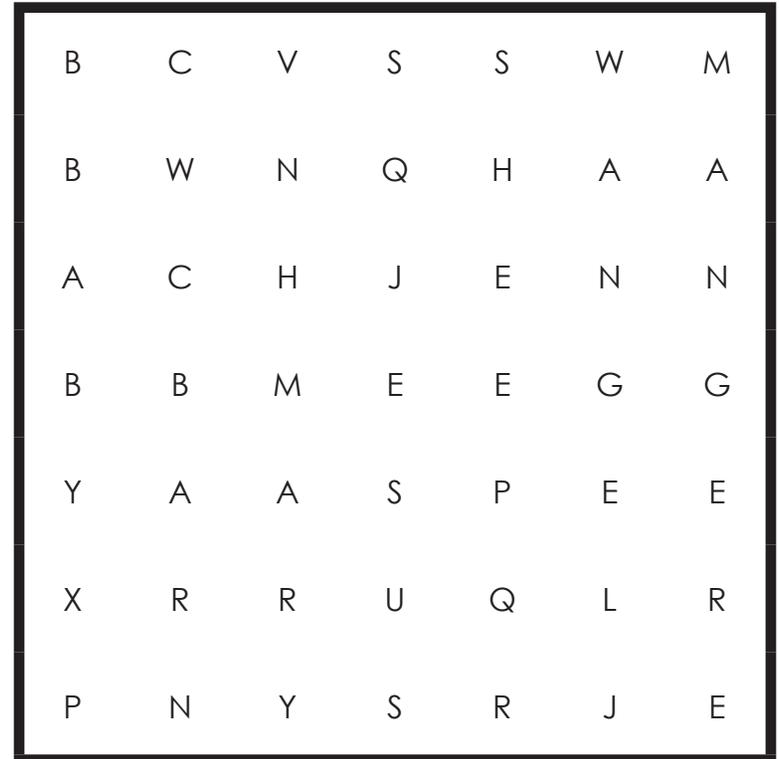




“I bring wonderful news. The child God promised was born tonight.”

Mary and Joseph had to find a place to sleep when they arrived in Bethlehem.

Find pieces of their story in the word search below.



**baby
angel
manger
sheep**

**Mary
barn
Jesus**