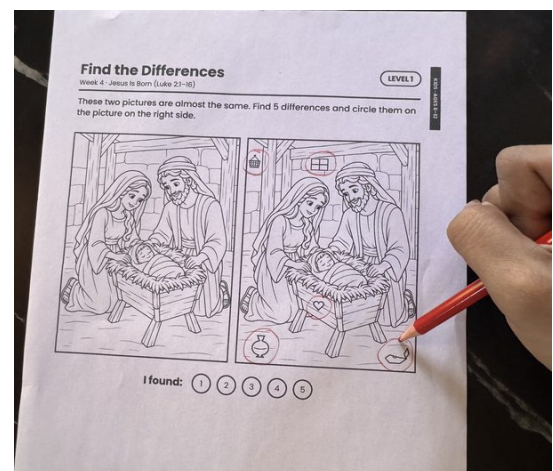
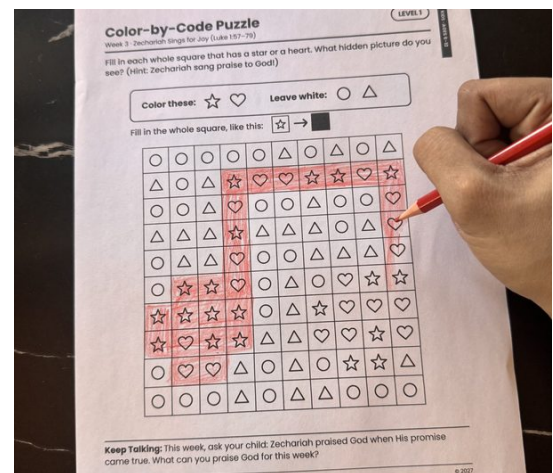
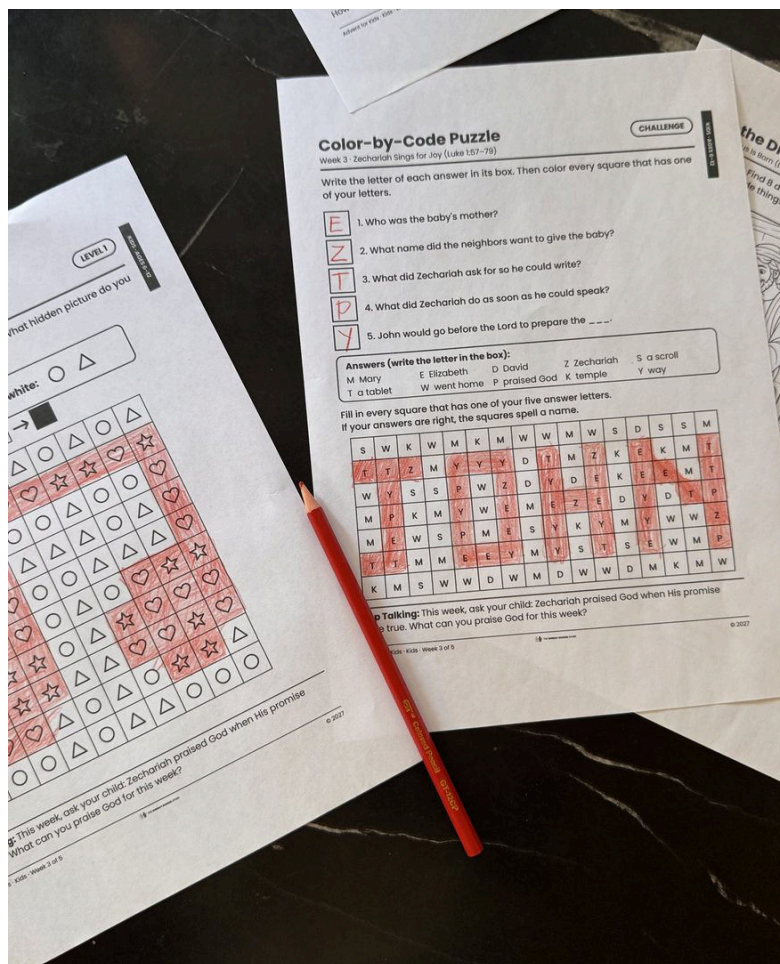


FREE PRINTABLE PACK · NOTHING TO SIGN UP FOR

Advent & Christmas Activity Pages for Kids

Puzzles, activity sheets and coloring pages from the Christmas story



Ages 3 to 12 · Sunday school · children's church · Christmas services · home

Connect the dots, crosswords, color by code, find the differences, mazes, word searches, tracing, matching, counting and Bible story coloring pages, with answer keys.

Welcome! Print and enjoy.



Dear friend,

December in children's ministry is a wonderful kind of busy. Kids are excited, schedules fill up, and you need something good to put in their hands.

These pages come straight from two of our Sunday school series: **Advent for Kids** and **Silent Night**. Every puzzle and coloring page points back to a Bible story, from Isaiah's promise of a great light to the wise men bowing before Jesus.

Print as many copies as your church, classroom or family needs. We just want to help you point kids to Jesus this Christmas.

Merry Christmas,

Tony Kummer

Founder & Editor, The Sunday School Store

Ways to use this pack

Sunday school and children's church. Use one Bible story a week through Advent. Each week has a coloring page and a puzzle at two levels, so younger and older kids can share a table.

Christmas Eve and Christmas services. Staple a few pages into a busy book for kids who sit with their parents in worship. Add a pencil and three crayons.

At home. Make it a family Advent countdown: read the Bible story, then do the page together. The Keep Talking question at the bottom of each Kids puzzle is for parents.

Midweek, homeschool and Christian school. The puzzles work as seatwork, early-finisher pages or a Christmas party table.

Mixed ages? Kids pages (ages 6 to 12) come at Level 1 and Challenge. Preschool pages (ages 3 to 5) need no reading.

Not sure what to print? Page 4 has three ready-made lists: one for the Sundays of Advent, one for a Christmas Eve busy bag and one for a family Advent countdown at home.

Printing tip: print single-sided on plain letter paper. The preschool activity sheets are in color; the rest print well in black and white. Answer keys for the Advent puzzles start on page 20.

Cover photos: Lily on our team, trying the puzzles with a red pencil before we shared them.

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What's inside

Print the whole pack, or just the pages you need. Every story page shows its Bible reference.

Advent puzzles and coloring pages for kids (ages 6 to 12)

page 5

From Advent for Kids. Each week: a Bible story coloring page and one puzzle at Level 1 and Challenge.

Week 1, Hope: Jesus is the promised Savior (Isaiah 9:2-7) · connect the dots

Week 2, Peace: Jesus brings peace with God (John 3:1-17) · crossword

Week 3, Joy: God keeps His promises (Luke 1:57-79) · color by code

Week 4, Love: God's greatest gift of love (Luke 2:1-16) · find the differences

Week 5, Christ candle: the Light for all nations (Matthew 2:1-12) · maze

Answer keys for the Kids puzzles

page 20

All five puzzles, both levels, answers marked in red

Advent coloring and activity pages for preschool (ages 3 to 5)

page 25

The same five stories, told simply. A coloring page and an activity sheet each week:

trace the lines, find the hearts, match the pictures, count the sheep, put the story in order.

Christmas coloring pages and word searches (ages 6 to 12)

page 35

From Silent Night. A Bible story coloring page and a 13-word word search for each story:

Gabriel visits Mary · Mary visits Elizabeth · Joseph's dream · the shepherds visit Jesus

The whole Advent series, more free Christmas pages, and our team

page 43

What to print: three ready-made lists

Page numbers are the numbers at the bottom of each page.

1. Sundays of Advent (Sunday school or children's church)

Advent 1 (Nov 29): ages 6 to 12, pages 5 to 7 · ages 3 to 5, pages 25 and 26

Advent 2 (Dec 6): ages 6 to 12, pages 8 to 10 · ages 3 to 5, pages 27 and 28

Advent 3 (Dec 13): ages 6 to 12, pages 11 to 13 · ages 3 to 5, pages 29 and 30

Advent 4 (Dec 20): ages 6 to 12, pages 14 to 16 · ages 3 to 5, pages 31 and 32

Christmas Eve or Dec 27: ages 6 to 12, pages 17 to 19 · ages 3 to 5, pages 33 and 34

Extra Christmas pages for any Sunday: 35 to 42.

2. Christmas Eve busy bag (kids in the service with their parents)

Ages 3 to 5: pages 31, 32, 30, 33 and 26 (Nativity, counting, matching, wise men, tracing)

Ages 6 to 10: pages 14, 6, 15, 18, 41 and 42 (Nativity, candle dot-to-dot, find the differences, maze, shepherds coloring and word search)

No scissors or glue needed. Add a pencil, three crayons and a clipboard or a piece of cardboard to color on. The preschool activity sheets are in color but still work on a black-and-white copier.

3. Family Advent countdown (nine Bible stories)

The Christmas story in order, ending with why Jesus came. Read the passage from your Bible, then do the pages together. Younger children can color while older ones do the puzzle.

1. Isaiah's promise (Isaiah 9:2-7): pages 5 and 26

2. Gabriel visits Mary (Luke 1:26-38): pages 35 and 36

3. Mary visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56): pages 37 and 38

4. John is born (Luke 1:57-79): pages 11 and 12

5. Joseph's dream (Matthew 1:18-25): pages 39 and 40

6. Jesus is born (Luke 2:1-16): pages 14 and 15

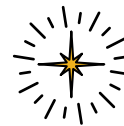
7. The shepherds (Luke 2:8-20): pages 41 and 42

8. The wise men (Matthew 2:1-12): pages 17 and 18

9. Why Jesus came (John 3:1-17): pages 8 and 9

Jesus is the promised Savior.

(Isaiah 9:2-7)



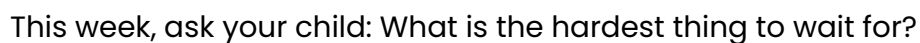
KIDS • AGES 6-12



LEVEL 1

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A scatter plot showing 20 numbered points (1-20) distributed across a 2D plane. Point 1 is the largest and labeled 'Start'. Points 2-20 are smaller. The points are roughly arranged in a circular pattern around point 1, with some points clustered together.



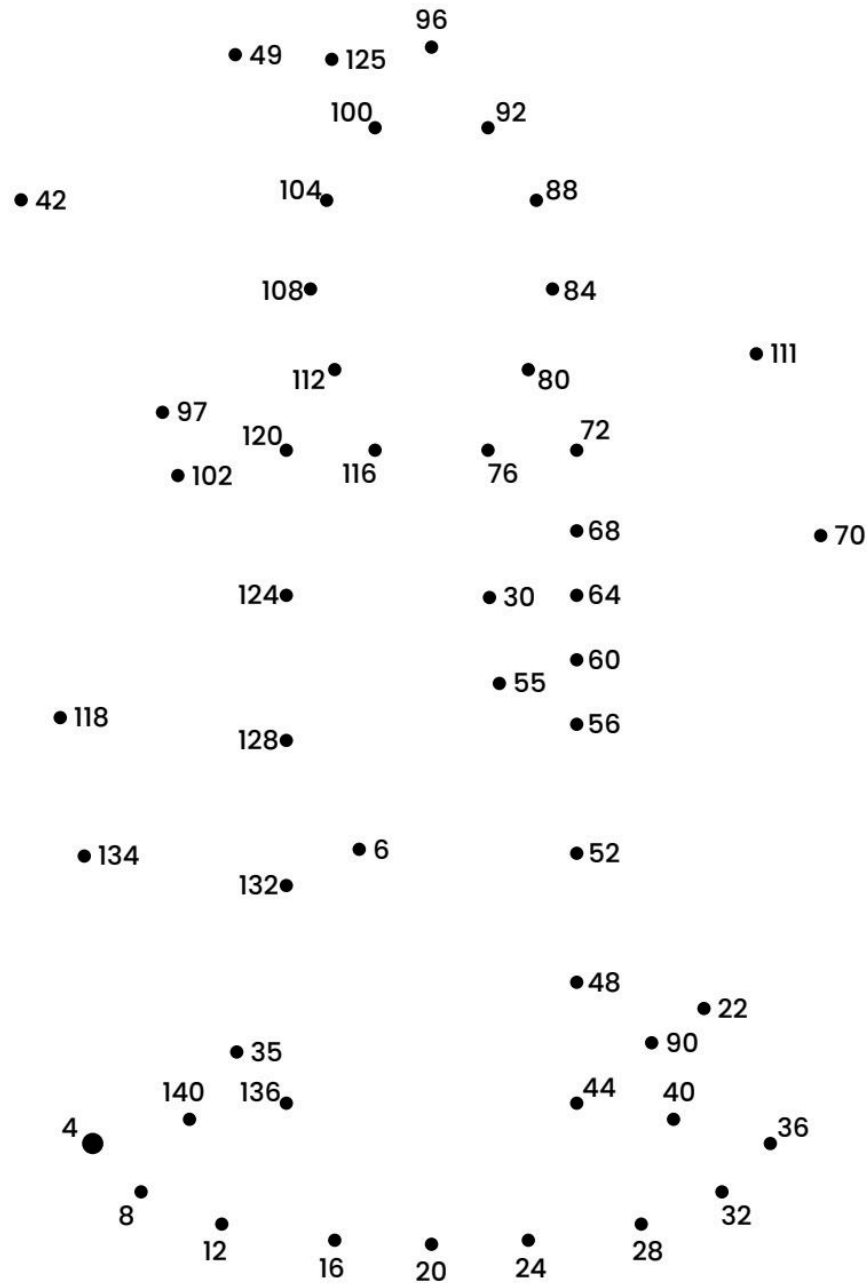
Connect the Dots

Week 1 · The Promise of a Great Light (Isaiah 9:2-7)

CHALLENGE

KIDS · AGES 6-12

Count by 4s from 4 to 140. Skip any number that is not a 4s number. Then join 140 back to 4 and draw light shining all around it!



KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: What is the hardest thing to wait for?

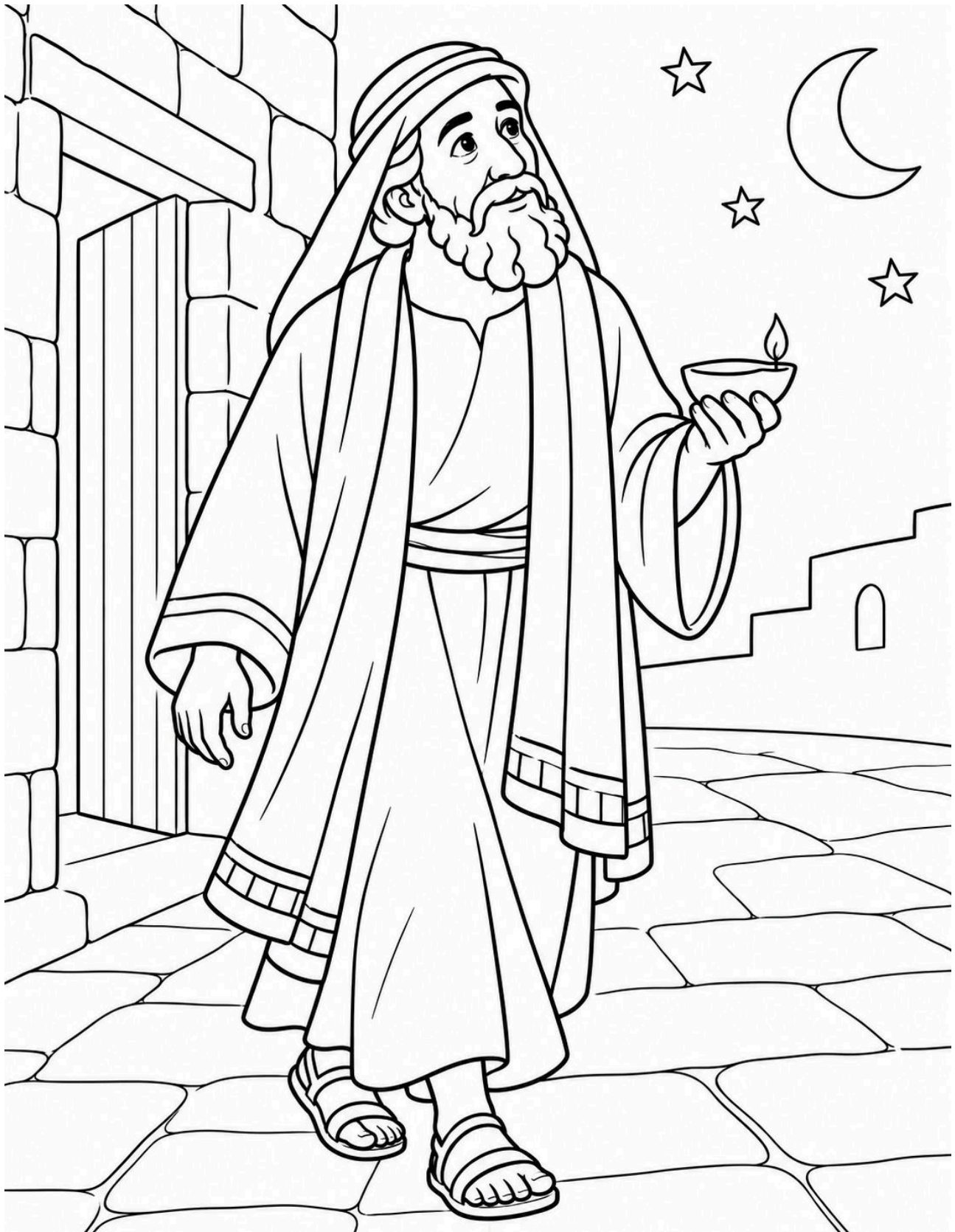


Jesus brings peace with God.

(John 3:1-17)



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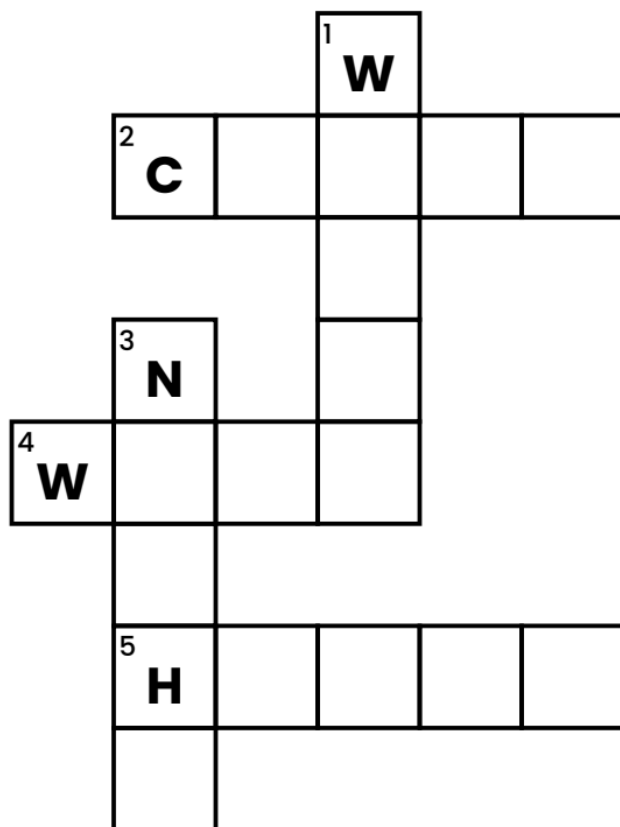
Crossword Puzzle

Week 2 · Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1–17)

LEVEL 1

KIDS · AGES 6–12

Look at each picture. Find the same picture in the word bank and copy its word into the boxes. The arrow shows which way it goes. Some boxes are shared by two words.



Across

2 →  5 letters

4 →  4 letters

5 →  5 letters

Down

1 ↓  5 letters

3 ↓  5 letters

Word bank: find the same picture, then copy the word.



CROSS



HEART



NIGHT



WIND



WORLD

KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: Who is someone you trust, and why?



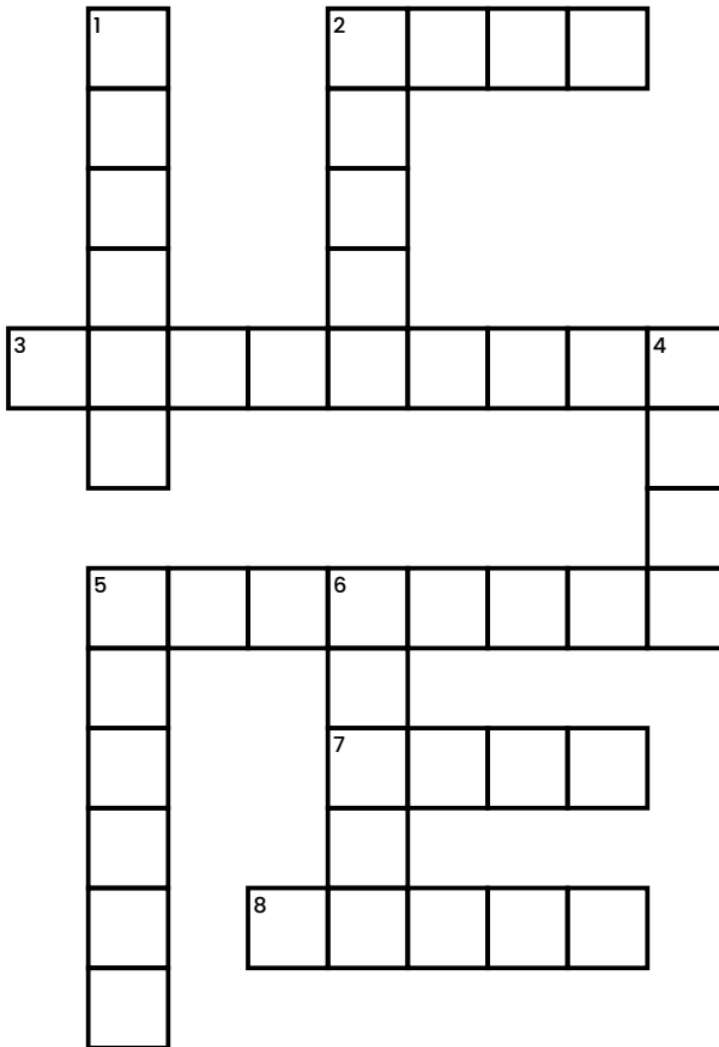
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CHALLENGE

KIDS · AGES 6-12

Read each clue. Write the answer in the boxes. No word bank this time!



Across

2. You hear its sound, but you can't see it.
3. The leader who came to talk with Jesus
5. Nicodemus was a ___ (John 3:1).
7. "You must be ___ again."
8. When Nicodemus came to Jesus

Down

1. God's ___ gives new life.
2. What God loved so much that He gave His Son
4. God sent His Son to ___ the world, not to condemn it.
5. Whoever believes in Him shall not ___ (John 3:16).
6. Nicodemus called Jesus this. It means teacher.

KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: Who is someone you trust, and why?



God keeps His promises, and His people rejoice.

(Luke 1:57-79)



KIDS · AGES 6-12



Color-by-Code Puzzle

Week 3 · Zechariah Sings for Joy (Luke 1:57-79)

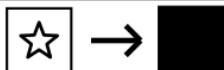
LEVEL 1

KIDS · AGES 6-12

Fill in each whole square that has a star or a heart. What hidden picture do you see? (Hint: Zechariah sang praise to God!)

Color these: ☆ ♥ Leave white: ○ △

Fill in the whole square, like this:



○	○	○	○	○	△	○	△	○	△
△	○	△	☆	♥	♥	☆	☆	♥	☆
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KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: What news made you so happy you wanted to tell everyone?



Color-by-Code Puzzle

Week 3 · Zechariah Sings for Joy (Luke 1:57–79)

CHALLENGE

KIDS · AGES 6–12

Write the letter of each answer in its box. Then color every square that has one of your letters.

1. Who was the baby's mother?

2. What name did the neighbors want to give the baby?

3. What did Zechariah ask for so he could write?

4. What did Zechariah do as soon as he could speak?

5. John would go before the Lord to prepare the ____.

Answers (write the letter in the box):

M Mary

E Elizabeth

D David

Z Zechariah

S a scroll

T a tablet

W went home

P praised God

K temple

Y way

Fill in every square that has one of your five answer letters.

If your answers are right, the squares spell a name.

S	W	K	W	M	K	M	W	W	M	W	S	D	S	S	M
T	T	Z	M	Y	Y	Y	D	T	M	Z	K	E	K	M	T
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M	P	K	M	Y	W	E	M	E	Z	E	D	Y	D	T	P
M	E	W	S	P	M	E	S	Y	K	Y	M	Y	W	W	Z
T	T	M	M	E	E	Y	M	Y	S	T	S	E	W	M	P
K	M	S	W	W	D	W	M	D	W	W	D	M	K	M	W

KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: What news made you so happy you wanted to tell everyone?



Christmas is God's greatest gift of love.

(Luke 2:1-16)



KIDS · AGES 6-12



Find the Differences

Week 4 · Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-16)

LEVEL 1

KIDS · AGES 6-12

These two pictures are almost the same. Find 5 differences and circle them on the picture on the right side.



I found:

1

2

3

4

5

KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: What is the best gift anyone ever gave you?



Find the Differences

Week 4 · Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-16)

CHALLENGE

KIDS · AGES 6-12

Look closely! Find 8 differences and circle them on the picture on the right side. Some are inside things already in the picture.



I found:

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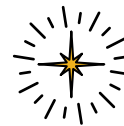
KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: What is the best gift anyone ever gave you?



Jesus is the Light for all nations.

(Matthew 2:1-12)



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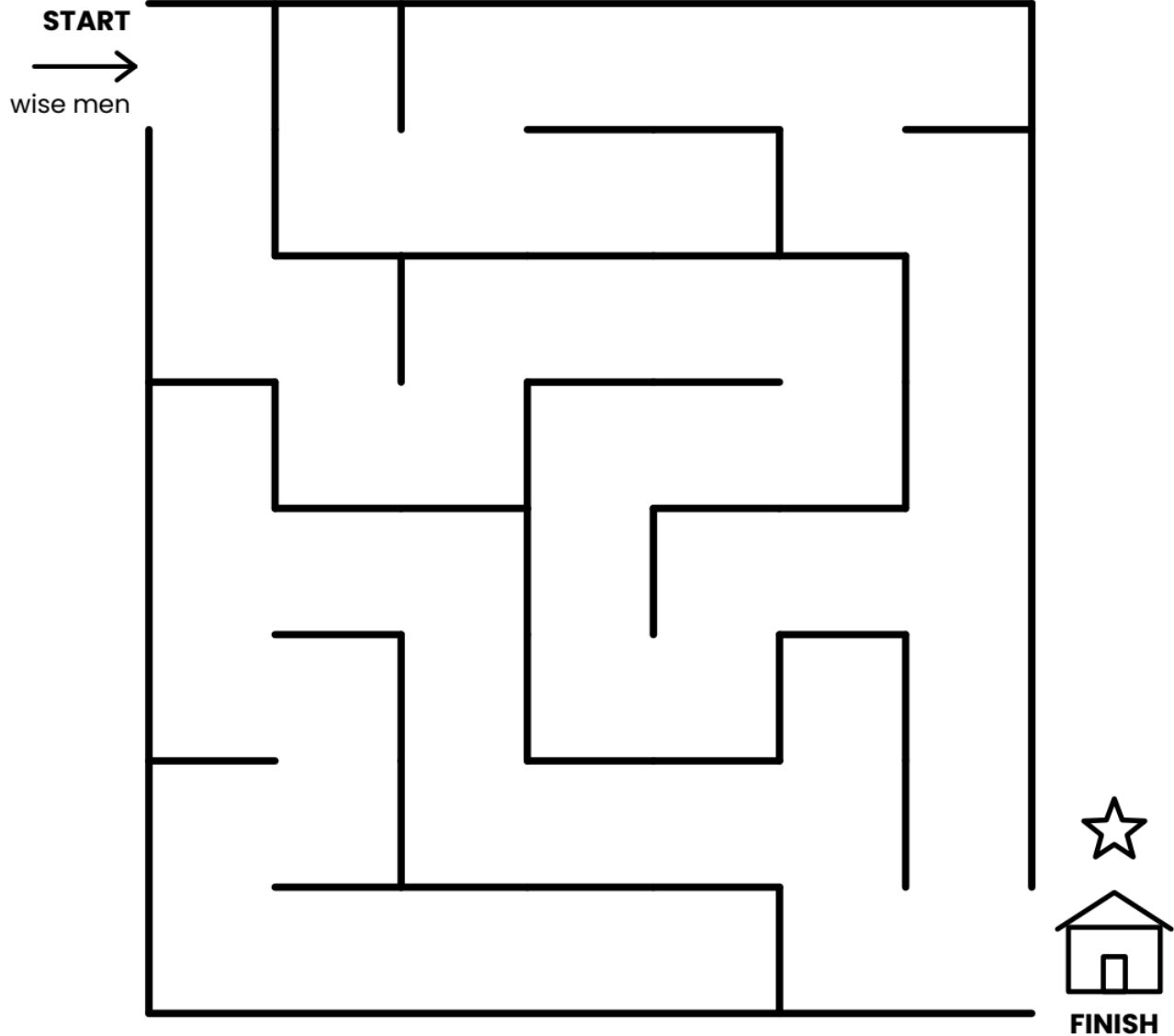
Maze

Week 5 · The Wise Men Worship Jesus (Matthew 2:1–12)

LEVEL 1

KIDS : AGES 6-12

Help the wise men follow the star to the house where Jesus was.



This week, ask your child: What is something you treasure?

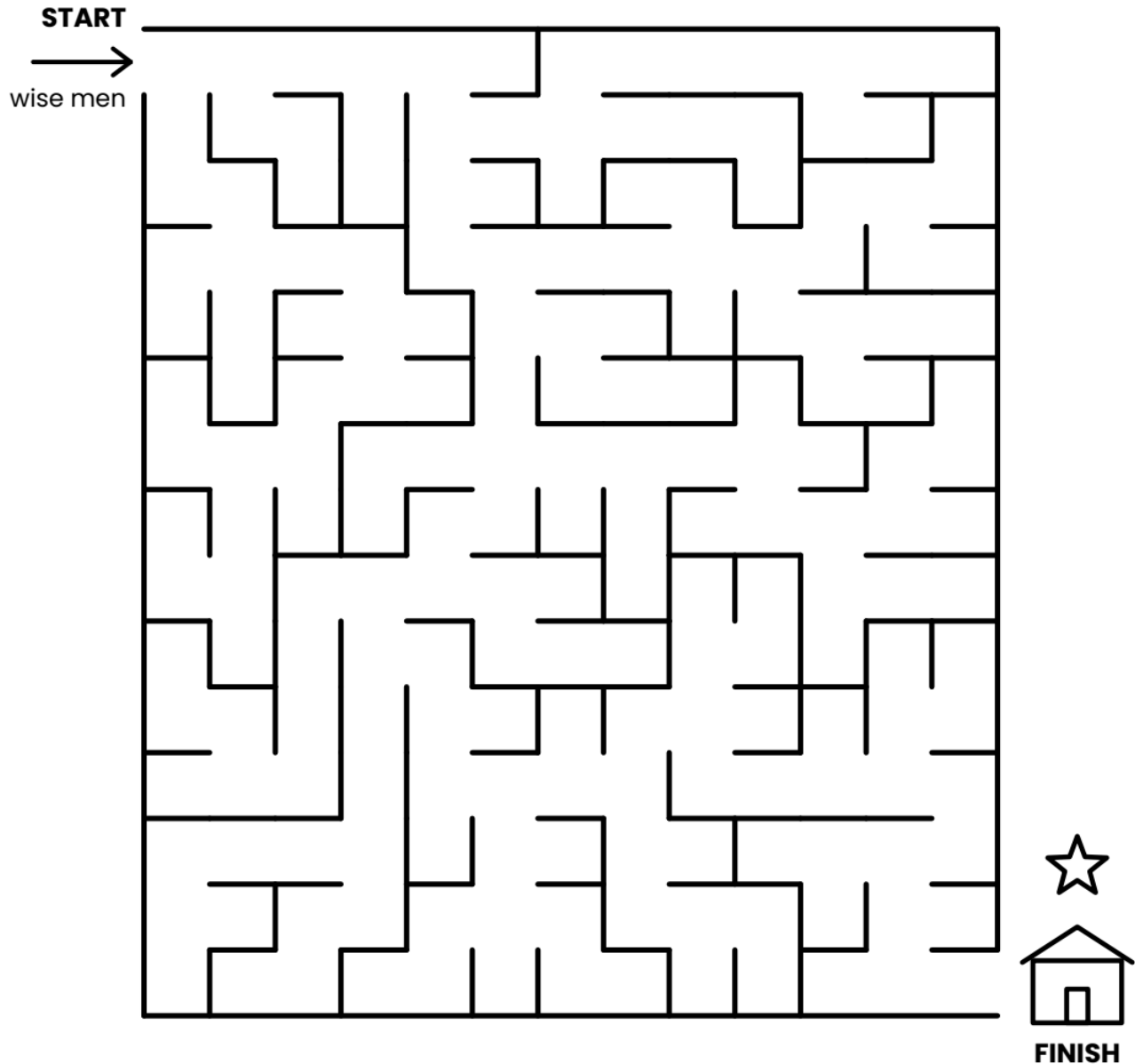
Maze

Week 5 · The Wise Men Worship Jesus (Matthew 2:1–12)

CHALLENGE

KIDS · AGES 6–12

Help the wise men follow the star to the house where Jesus was. Watch out: this maze has lots of wrong turns!



KEEP TALKING

This week, ask your child: What is something you treasure?





Level 1 for children who can count to 20; Challenge for children who can count by 4s.
Check with the key.

Answer Key: Connect the Dots

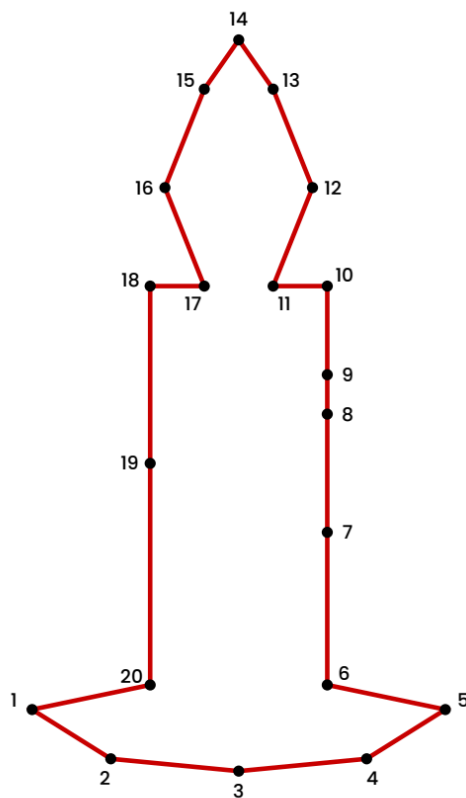
Week 1 · The Promise of a Great Light (Isaiah 9:2–7)

TEACHER PAGE

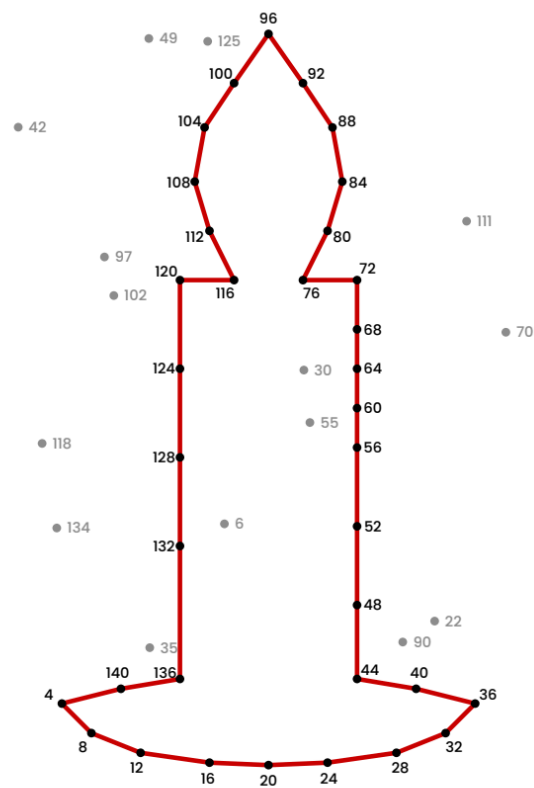
Which page for which child

Level 1: children who can count to 20. Challenge: children who can count by 4s; the extra numbers are decoys to skip. Early finishers: draw the light and write "Jesus is the Light" under the candle.

Level 1 (1 to 20)



Challenge (count by 4s, 4 to 140)



The finished picture is a candle with its flame: a great light (Isaiah 9:2). On the Challenge, the gray numbers are decoys to skip.



Level 1 for children who know their letters (they copy words by pictures; the youngest may need a helper or older buddy). Challenge for children who know the story and can spell. Check with the key.

Answer Key: Crossword Puzzle

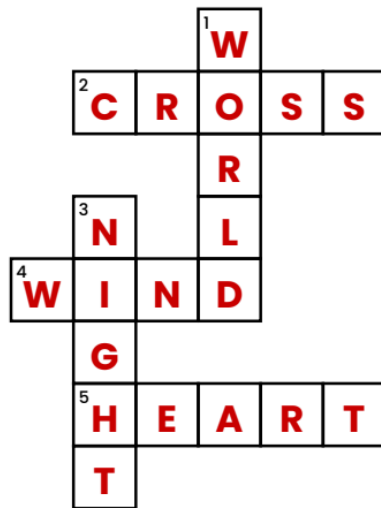
TEACHER PAGE

Week 2 · Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3:1-17)

Which page for which child

Level 1: children who know their letters; they copy each word by its picture (first letters printed; some boxes are shared by two words). The youngest may need a helper or an older buddy. Challenge: readers who know the story and can spell. CROSS connects to Jesus being "lifted up" (John 3:14). Early finishers: find John 3:16 in a Bible.

Level 1



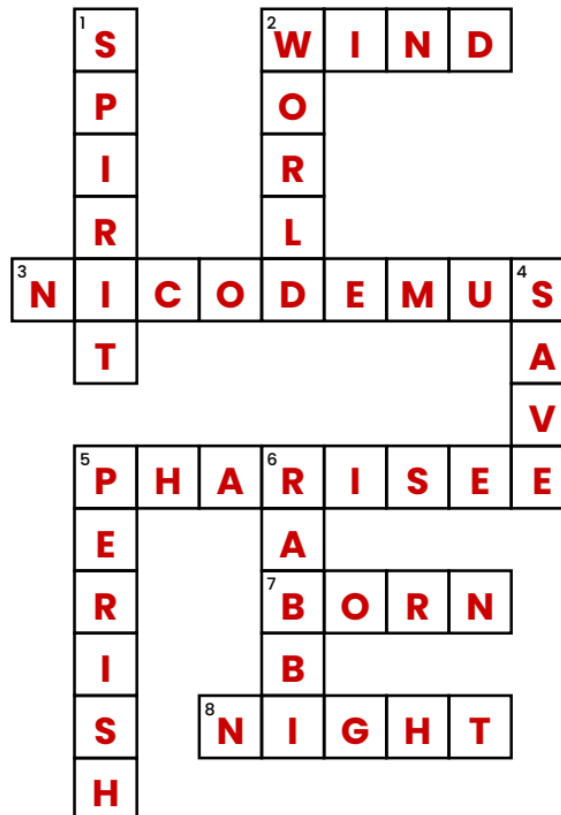
Across

2. CROSS 4. WIND 5. HEART

Down

1. WORLD 3. NIGHT

Challenge



Across

2. WIND 3. NICODEMUS 5. PHARISEE 7. BORN 8. NIGHT

Down

1. SPIRIT 2. WORLD 4. SAVE 5. PERISH 6. RABBI





Level 1 for any child; no reading needed. Challenge for children who can read and answer five story questions. Check with the key.

Answer Key: Color-by-Code Puzzle

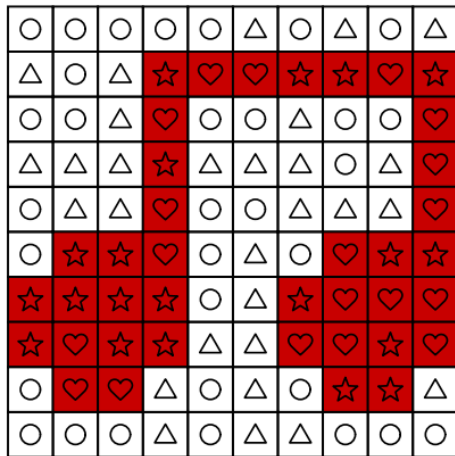
TEACHER PAGE

Week 3 · Zechariah Sings for Joy (Luke 1:57-79)

Which page for which child

Level 1: no reading needed, about 40 squares. Challenge: confident readers; five questions, and the picture checks itself. Early finishers: draw Zechariah's tablet with a name on it.

Level 1



The picture is a pair of music notes: Zechariah praised God.

Challenge answers

1. E: Elizabeth

2. Z: Zechariah

3. T: a tablet

4. P: praised God

5. Y: way

Color E, Z, T, P and Y. The squares spell JOHN, the name Zechariah wrote on his tablet. A wrong answer shows up as stray squares.

Challenge

S	W	K	W	M	K	M	W	W	M	W	S	D	S	S	M
T	T	Z	M	Y	Y	Y	D	T	M	Z	K	E	K	M	T
W	Y	S	S	P	W	Z	D	Y	D	E	K	E	E	M	T
M	P	K	M	Y	W	E	M	E	Z	E	D	Y	D	T	P
M	E	W	S	P	M	E	S	Y	K	Y	M	Y	W	W	Z
T	T	M	M	E	E	Y	M	Y	S	T	S	E	W	M	P
K	M	S	W	W	D	W	M	D	W	W	D	M	K	M	W





Puzzle Page Answers

Find the Differences

TEACHER'S ANSWER KEY

Level 1 for any child; Challenge for sharp-eyed children, whatever their reading level.
Check with the key.

Answer Key: Find the Differences

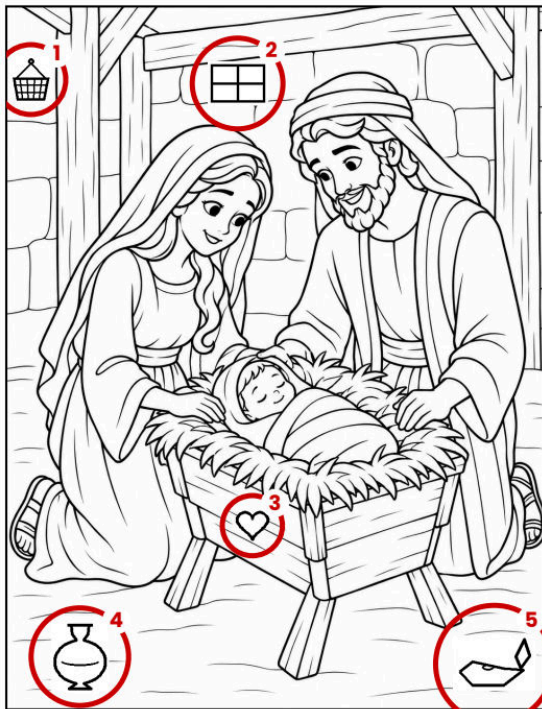
TEACHER PAGE

Week 4 · Jesus Is Born (Luke 2:1-16)

Which page for which child

Level 1: any child; five big added objects. Challenge: sharp-eyed children; eight changes, three of them stripes inside things already drawn (hint by area: Joseph, walls, beam, post, manger, floor). Early finishers: color the picture.

Level 1 (5 differences)



1. Basket hanging on the left wall
2. Window on the wall above Mary
3. Heart on the front of the manger
4. Jar on the floor, bottom left
5. Oil lamp on the floor, bottom right

Challenge (8 differences)



1. Bird sitting on the top beam
2. Lantern hanging from the beam between Mary and Joseph
3. Stripes on Joseph's headband
4. Striped brick right of Joseph's head
5. Rope tied around the right post
6. Stripes on the end of the manger
7. Clay pot on the floor under the manger
8. Shepherd's staff lying on the floor





Level 1 for younger children; Challenge for older children who can handle many wrong turns. Give them a pencil and eraser. Check with the key.

Answer Key: Maze

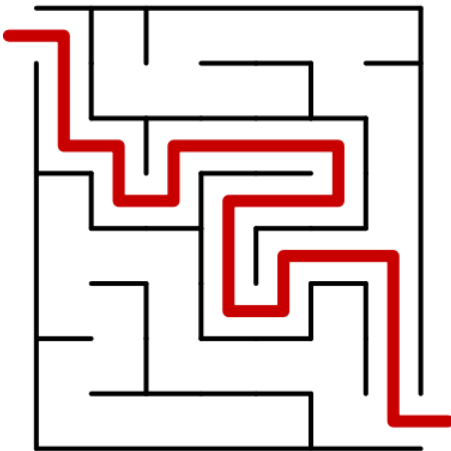
TEACHER PAGE

Week 5 · The Wise Men Worship Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)

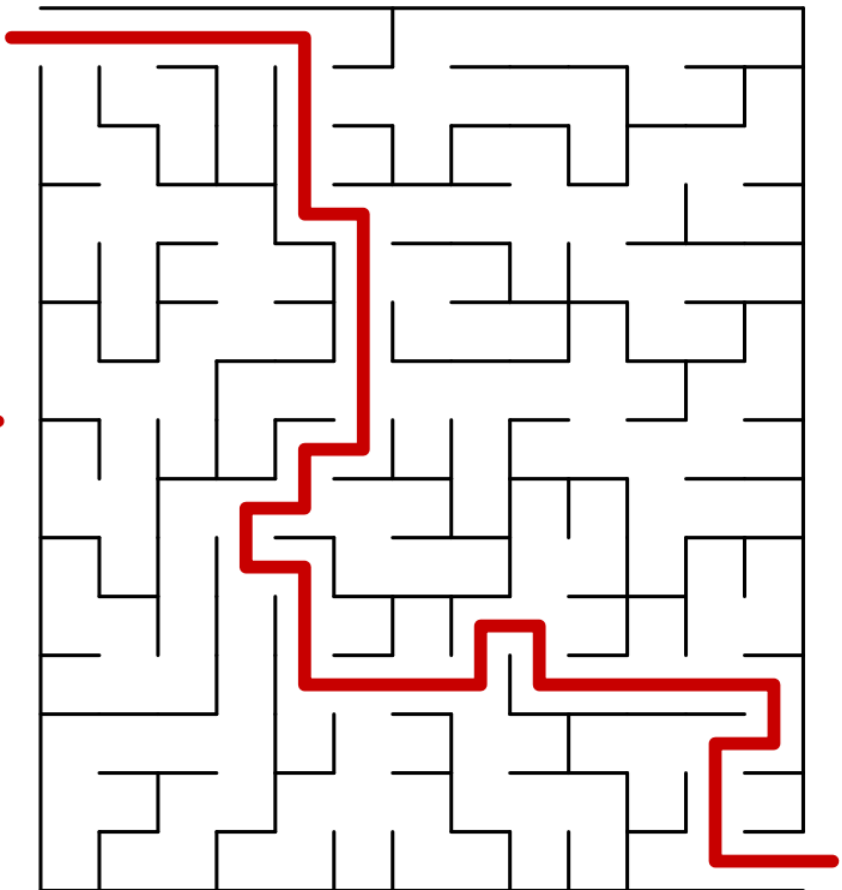
Which page for which child

Level 1: younger children; wide paths. Challenge: older children; many wrong turns, so a pencil and eraser help. Early finishers: draw the three gifts by the house.

Level 1

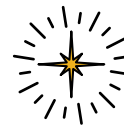


Challenge



I Can Trust God's Promise!

(Isaiah 9:2-7)

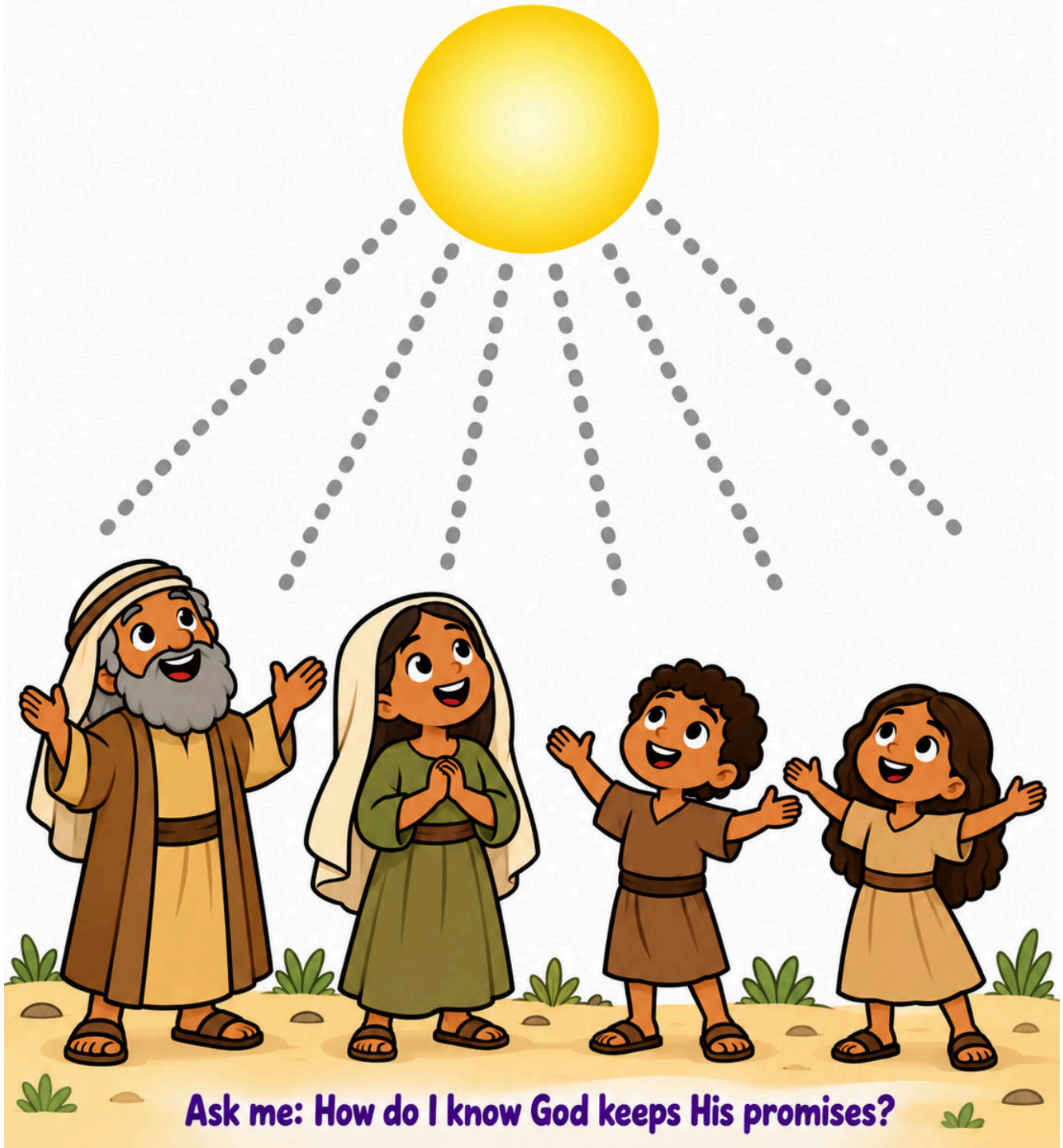


PRESCHOOL · AGES 3-5



Advent for Kids, Week 1: I Can Trust God's Promise!

Trace the lines to make the great light shine.



Jesus Brings Me Peace!

(John 3:1-17)



PRESCHOOL · AGES 3-5



Advent for Kids, Week 2: Jesus Brings Me Peace!



Find 5 hearts. Circle each one.

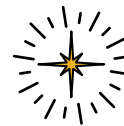


Ask me: How much does God love me?



I Can Praise God with Joy!

(Luke 1:57-79)

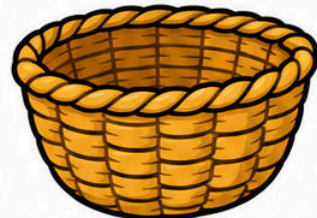


PRESCHOOL · AGES 3-5



Advent for Kids, Week 3: I Can Praise God with Joy!

Draw a line to match the pictures that are the same.



Ask me: What can I praise God for?



God Loves Me So Much!

(Luke 2:1-16)

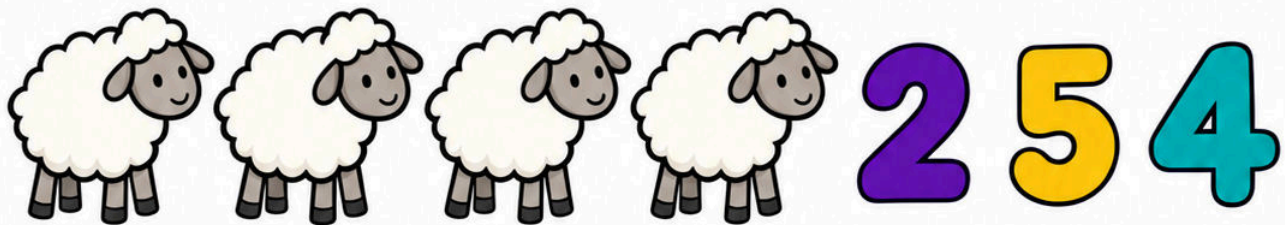
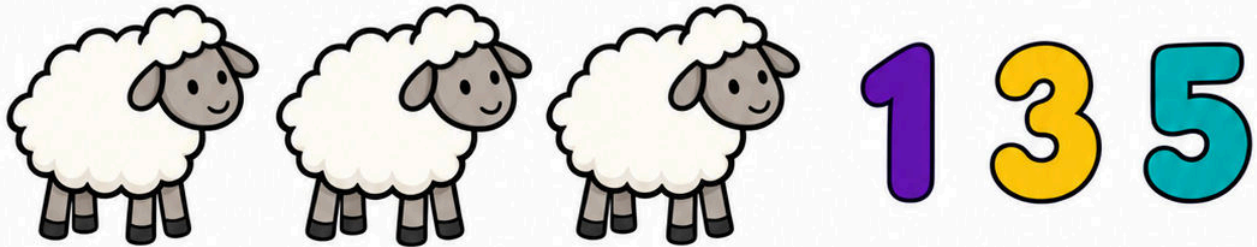


PRESCHOOL · AGES 3-5



Advent for Kids, Week 4: God Loves Me So Much!

Count the sheep in each row. Circle the correct number.



Ask me: What gift did God give me?



I Can Worship Jesus!

(Matthew 2:1-12)



PRESCHOOL · AGES 3-5



Advent for Kids, Week 5: I Can Worship Jesus!

These pictures are mixed up! Point to what happened first, next, and last.



Ask me: How can I worship Jesus?

Gabriel Visits Mary



Word Search Puzzle

ANGEL - CHOSEN - COURAGE - GABRIEL - HEART - JESUS

JOSEPH - MARY - NAZARETH - ORDINARY - PROMISE - SAVIOR - YES

G	N	Q	C	Y	F	W	S	R	X	V
F	A	E	O	H	N	M	K	S	V	O
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Mary Visits Elizabeth



Word Search Puzzle

BLESSED - ELIZABETH - HURRIED - JESUS - JOY - LEAPED - MARY

MIRACLE - PRAISE - PROMISE - SAVIOR - SILENCE - WAITING

I	Z	C	C	H	L	L	K	H	U	S
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B	L	E	S	S	E	D	Z	R	T	M
L	E	A	P	E	D	H	J	P	H	E

Joseph's Dream



Word Search Puzzle

ANGEL - BRAVE - CONFUSED - COURAGE - DREAM - IMMANUEL

JESUS - JOSEPH - LISTEN - MARY - OBEY - RIGHT - SAVES

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The Shepherds Visit Jesus



Word Search Puzzle

ANGEL - BABY - BETHLEHEM - GLORY - JESUS - JOY

MANGER - PEACE - PRAISE - SAVIOR - SHEPHERDS - SIGN - WORSHIP

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