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KIDS CORNER GROWING HEARTS OF FAITH

One Lord, One faith, One baptism (Ephesians 4:5)

Hi Kids!

So, we've almost made to end of another year and Christmas will soon be here!

At the end of the newsletter, there are Advent calendar cards (pages 2-4) for the 2- to 6-year-olds and "Names of Jesus Ornament Cards" (pages 5-15) for upper elementary/high school age.

For the 7- to 12-year-olds, there will be Advent calendar cards available at the church. (They are 15 pages per calendar which is too many pages to include in the newsletter).

Some of you may still have your "Counting to Christmas: Family Advent Devotions and Calendar" hard cover book that was

handed out to the Sunday School kids a few years ago. It might be fun to check it out again!

Whichever way you choose to count the days, remember how much God had to love us to send Jesus to live a perfect, sinless life and then die, so we could be forgiven for not living perfect lives! God is always ready to hear us apologize so He can forgive us and bless us. His love is amazing!

Pastor Cody Cooper's activity sheets from December 2021 are at the end of this kids newsletter (pages 16-20) or you can find the ones from December 2022 online

at lll.ca as they become available.

Jim Jacob from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ontario is still providing online Sunday school at 8:30 am CST. The families from our church who are taking part are really enjoying it! Please ask me for more info if you would like to take part also.

We are continuing to read Arch books for about 10 minutes after church in the library. Anyone is welcome to join!

Hope to see you again soon!

*Mrs. Denise Timm
For St. Paul's Sunday School*

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"God sent the angel Gabriel to a girl named Mary."

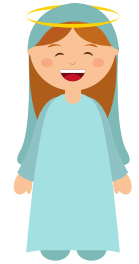
Luke 1:26



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The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, because God is very pleased with you."

Luke 1:30



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"Listen! You will become pregnant and will have a boy. You will name him Jesus."

Luke 1:31



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"He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God."

Luke 1:32



Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!"

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Luke 1:38

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"Caesar sent out an order... that everyone must be put on a list."

Luke 2:1



"Everyone travelled to their hometowns to have their name put on the list."

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Luke 2:3



So Joseph went to the town of David because he was from the family of David. He registered with Mary."

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Luke 2:4-5



"While Joseph and Mary **9**

were in Bethlehem
the time came for
Mary to give birth
to her first son."

Luke 2:6-7



"There was no room
left at the inn,
so Mary wrapped



10 the baby in cloths and
laid him in a manger.

Luke 2:7

"That night, some
shepherds were
watching their sheep
out in the fields."



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Luke 2:8



"An angel of the Lord
stood before them
and the glory of the
Lord shone all
around them."

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Luke 2:9

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"But the angel said
to them "Don't be
afraid, I bring you
good news!"



Luke 2:10

"Today your Saviour
has been born, he is
Christ the Lord."

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Luke 2:11



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"This is how you will
know him: you will
find a baby wrapped
in cloths lying in a
feeding box."



Luke 2:12

"Suddenly, lots of angels
appeared praising God,
saying "Glory to God and
peace to all those who
please God!"

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Luke 2:13-14



17 "So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary, Joseph and the baby."



Luke 2:16-17

"Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God for all they had seen and heard."

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Luke 2:20



"After Jesus was **19** born, some wise men came from the east."

Matthew 2:1



20 "When the wise men saw the star in the sky they were filled with joy."



Matthew 2:10

"When they saw the child they bowed down and worshipped him."

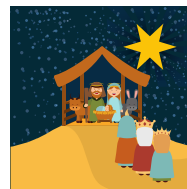


Matthew 2:11

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"They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."



Matthew 2:11

"A child will be born to us. He will be Wonderful **23** Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6



★ "For God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son. Whoever believes him shall have eternal life."

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John 3:16



Names of Jesus Ornament Cards

Suggestions for Family Discussion/Activities

The chapter numbers (and not the exact verses) were deliberately included so that each specific Name of Jesus might be read in a greater context as applicable. If a chapter (or a smaller section) is read aloud, have your children listen closely for that day's Name of Jesus to be spoken aloud. Below are examples of discussion questions and/or activities that could be utilized for a greater understanding of each name. These discussions could be incorporated into mealtime discussions, homeschool activities, prayer time, or bedtime routines.

1. **Jesus:** Look up what the name Jesus means. Why was this a good name for Him? Look up the name meaning for each family member and share them. How does a person's name describe them? Why did your parents give you your name?

2. **Light of the World:** A light shines into dark places and helps us to see while we are in the darkness. How are each of us in darkness? How is the whole world in darkness? How does Jesus shine Himself into each one of us to drive out the darkness? How can we be a light like Jesus?

3. **Immanuel:** *Immanuel* (sometimes *Emmanuel*) is a Hebrew word that means "God is with us." Look up the original Hebrew to see how the language is written. Why is Immanuel an appropriate name for Jesus, especially during Christmas time?

4. **Christ:** *Christ* means "the anointed one." People who were specially designated by God for a holy mission were anointed with oil

and they were often kings, priests or prophets. Jesus is all three of those! What was Jesus' mission in the world? What is your mission in the world?

5. **I Am:** God always was, is, and always will be. What does *always* mean? What does the word *forever* mean?

6. **Lamb of God:** Research how and why lambs were used in sacrifices to God in the Old Testament. Why was it important to sacrifice the most perfect and spotless lamb in the flock? How is Jesus like the best lamb?

7. **Son of David:** This first chapter of Matthew's Gospel covers the lineage of Jesus, starting with King David. Who was David and why was he important? Do you recognize any other names from Jesus' lineage? Who is in your family tree?

8. **Judge:** What does a judge do? What qualities are important in a judge? What does it mean that Jesus is Judge? How will we be judged at the end of our earthly lives?

9. **King of the Jews:** When Jesus was born, the wise men called Him the King of the Jews and went to look for Him so that they could worship Him. They brought Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh as gifts. Research what these gifts might have looked like and what they were used for. Why do you think the Wise Men brought these gifts for the King of the Jews? How were they connected to Jesus' life?

10. **The Sacrifice:** What is a sacrifice? Jesus sacrificed Himself to take away the sins that keep us from Him, even though it was very

painful, scary and hard to do. What is a sacrifice you can make for Jesus or for another person today?

11. **Son of God:** Review the mystery of the Holy Trinity – God as the Father, Jesus as the Son and the Holy Spirit as three separate beings and yet one.

12. **The Last Adam:** Research the parallels between Adam and Jesus. Like Adam, Jesus was born without sin. However, Adam disobeyed God and turned mankind away from Him. Jesus came to undo what Adam did. Adam's disobedience to God's will brought death to mankind, but Jesus' obedience to God's will gave life to mankind. How did you obey God today?

13. **Rabbi:** The word Rabbi means "teacher." Jesus' apostles called Him Rabbi because He taught them how to love God and how to treat their fellow men and women. Who in your life has helped teach you how to love and serve God?

14. **Alpha and Omega:** Show your child the Greek letters that mean Alpha and Omega. Alpha is the beginning of the alphabet, and Omega is the end. What does it mean that Jesus is the beginning and the end of all things?

15. **High Priest:** Research the high priests and their duties in Judaism. In the Jewish religion during Jesus' time on earth, a high priest was a person who communicated between God and the people and who had to make a sacrifice for the people. How is Jesus a high priest? How is He different from an earthly high priest?

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Discussion, continued

16. **Saviour:** Discuss what it means to save someone. What danger are we in? How has Jesus saved us?

17. **Bread of Life:** Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life, he who comes to me shall not hunger." What does it mean to be hungry in a non-physical way? How have you been hungry lately? How does Jesus feed us?

18. **Wonderful Counsellor:** A counsellor offers direction and guidance to those who need it. Who is a counsellor for you? What guidance did Jesus offer to the world? How does Jesus continue to counsel you?

19. **King of Kings:** What is a king? What are other names for rulers (president, prime minister, sultan, chief, etc.)? Jesus is more powerful than all rulers, and all rulers on earth must obey Him. What is one way your country's rulers can obey Jesus?

20. **Redeemer:** Look up the definitions of the word "redeem." Why do we need to be redeemed? How has Jesus redeemed us?

21. **Son of Man:** Jesus was special because He was God in human form. Like all babies, He grew inside His mother Mary, was born, and lived on earth just like us. Why was it important that God became human?

22. **Mediator:** A mediator is someone who works between two people to help solve a conflict. Humans and God are in conflict when humans sin. How is Jesus the Mediator for humans? Who is a mediator in your home?

23. **Nazarene:** Find Nazareth on a map to show your children where Jesus grew up.

24. **Truth:** Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." What does true mean? How is Jesus the Truth?

245 **Good Shepherd:** What is a shepherd? From what dangers does he protect his sheep? How does Jesus the Good Shepherd protect us? Who else in your life acts as a shepherd for you?

26. **The Almighty:** To be almighty means to have complete power over everything. What are some of the almighty miracles that Jesus performed? What are some of the almighty creations that God has made?

27. **Our Peace:** What is peace? What makes you feel peaceful? How has Jesus brought peace to your heart/to your family? How can you share that peace with your family and friends?

28. **Bridegroom:** Just like a groom loves his bride and is excited to

be married to her forever, so does Jesus love us and want to be with us forever. When we are finally with Jesus, it will be like a wedding. How do you think Jesus will celebrate with us?

29. **The Resurrection and the Life:** Jesus died and resurrected, or came back to life, so He could conquer death and make a way for each of us to have a life with Him forever. It is the most important reason for which Jesus was born on Earth! Review the story of Easter together.

30. **The Cornerstone:** For a building made of stones, the most important stone was the cornerstone, because all the weight rested on this stone. If the cornerstone was weak or was taken away, it would cause the whole building to crumble. How is Jesus like a cornerstone? Why do you think people rejected Jesus? Use objects like blocks or Tupperware to build a pyramid-like structure to show how a strong, steady foundation is necessary to keep the structure from falling.



Names of Jesus Ornament Cards

Suggestions for Setup and Display

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Thank you for purchasing Names of Jesus Ornament Cards. Your purchase supports me and my family, and I hope that it will bring joy to your family and glory to God.

Suggestions for Printing and Cutting:

Print at home or at a printing center on heavy white cardstock.

IMPORTANT:

- For the 4x4in version (larger cards), print **landscape, head-to-head** and **double-sided**, in order to ensure that the Names of Jesus print directly behind the numbers. There will be four cards per piece of paper.
- For the 2.75x2.75in version (smaller cards), print **portrait, head-to-head** and **double-sided** in order to ensure that the Names of Jesus print directly behind the numbers. There will be eight cards per piece of paper.

When cutting, use a paper cutter/trimmer with the “Name” side face-up (number side face-down) in order to better see the vertical outlines of the square print for easy cutting.

Suggestions for Set-Up and Display:

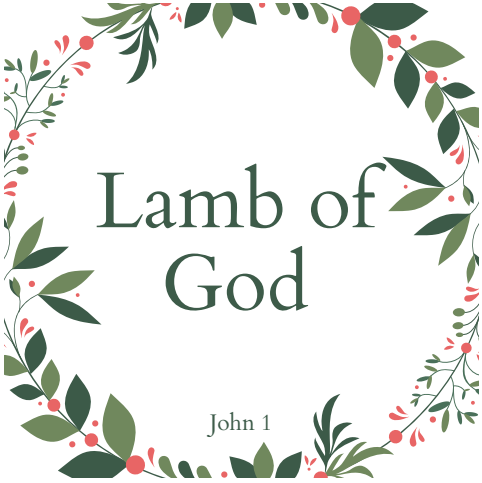
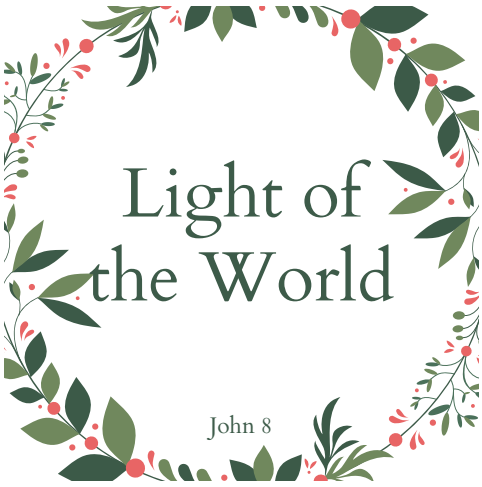
I suggest attaching them to a string with small clothespins or paperclips. You could make one long string to hang around a room, from a mantle, from door/window frames, or you could hang several rows of the cards on a smaller wall. Another suggestion is to clip them or string them onto your Christmas tree as ornaments or a garland. The smaller cards could be hole-punched and hung as ornaments. Have your children help you attach them onto the string or branches for a great fine motor activity!

There are 30 cards total, labeled numerically 1 through 30 with various Names/Titles of Jesus and each Bible chapter printed on the back. Here are some different ways to numerically order your Advent calendar (you will need to find out on which date Advent begins and how many days it lasts). You can...

- Begin with 1 as the first day of Advent. Find out how many days are in Advent and display that many days.
- Use the numbers as dates. For example, display (November) 29 as the first day of Advent, followed by 30, (December) 1, 2, 3, etc.
- Count backwards. Find out how many days are in Advent this year and display the numbers as a countdown (e.g., 29, 28, 27, 26...). Countdowns are fun for children and can keep them engaged!

Disclaimer: Most of these Names are based off the *Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition Bible*, although I'm sure they are fairly similar across different publications. I have done my best to choose the chapters with the verses that best put the Name in its intentional context; however, I am not a biblical scholar or an ancient Greek linguist. Different Bibles might use slightly differing phrasing or vocabulary. If you see any glaring mistakes or have suggestions, please send me a message!









The
Sacrifice

1 John 4



The Last
Adam

1 Cor 15



Alpha
and
Omega

Rev. 22



Savior

Luke 2



King of
the Jews

Luke 23



Son of
God

Mark 1



Rabbi

Matthew 23



High
Priest

Hebrews 4





Wonderful
Counselor

Isaiah 9



Redeemer

Job 19



Mediator

1 Tim. 2



Truth

John 14



Bread
of Life

John 6



King of
Kings

Rev. 17



Son of
Man

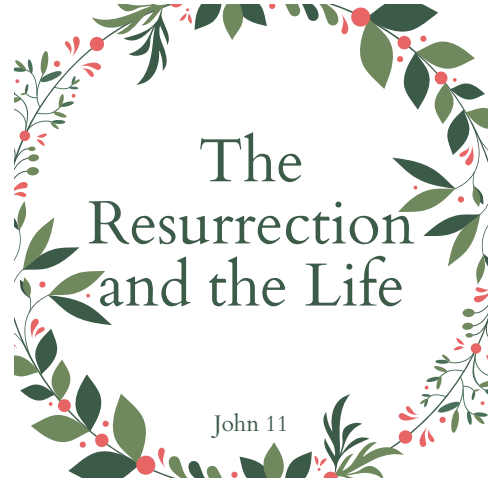
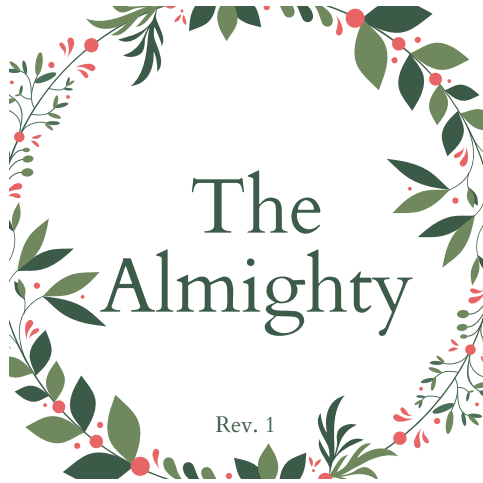
Mark 9



Nazarene

Matthew 2







Kids Lectionary Learning SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Bible Lessons

Malachi 3:1-7b
Philippians 1:2-11
Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)



'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'

- Luke 3:4

Using the letters below write out a word that starts with that letter and reminds you of God or Advent.

P _____
R _____
E verlasting _____
P _____
A _____
R _____
E _____

In Luke 3 we hear John the Baptist proclaim, "Bear fruits in keeping with repentance."

Can you draw apples or fruit on the tree, or decorate it with lights as we celebrate the season of Advent.



"Bear fruits in keeping with repentance."

- Luke 3:8



Kids Lectionary Learning SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



WORD SEARCH

Read Luke 3:1-14 and find the words from Luke 3 verse in the word search.

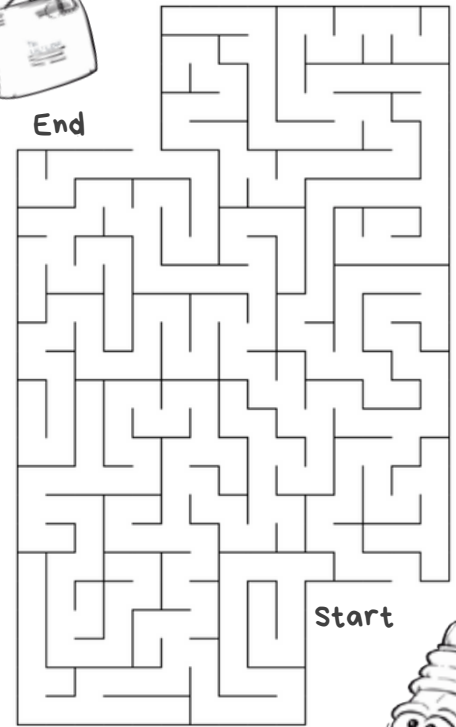


FRUITS	VOICE
GOD	PREPARE
BAPTISM	WAY
REPENTANCE	LORD
WORD	STRAIGHT

E I D C Q Y Y G R R
 L R I B V U K O V W
 F V O I C E N D F O
 U N Q M F L O R D R
 Q Y U F R U I T S D
 T K S T R A I G H T
 X Q B L F U Y L W P
 R L A P H R A K V R
 R E P E N T A N C E
 L M T T H W E Z J P
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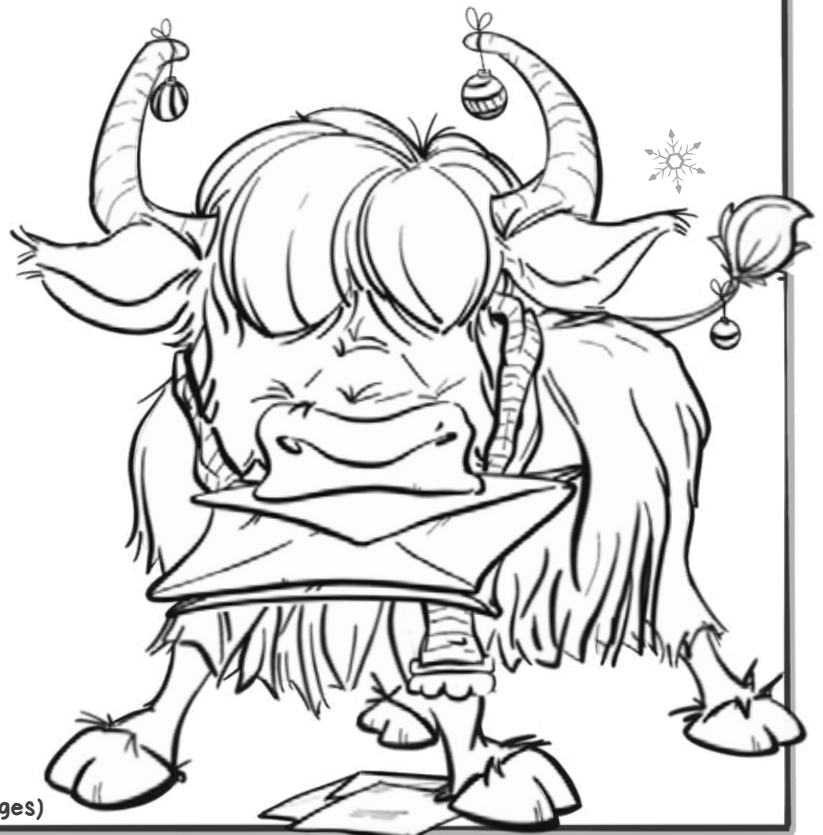


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Pete the Pencil and
Hughie the Highland Steer
love writing letters and cards.

John the Baptist was God's messenger
who came to prepare the way for Jesus.
"Thank You, Jesus for John the Baptist
and for Your gift of forgiveness"

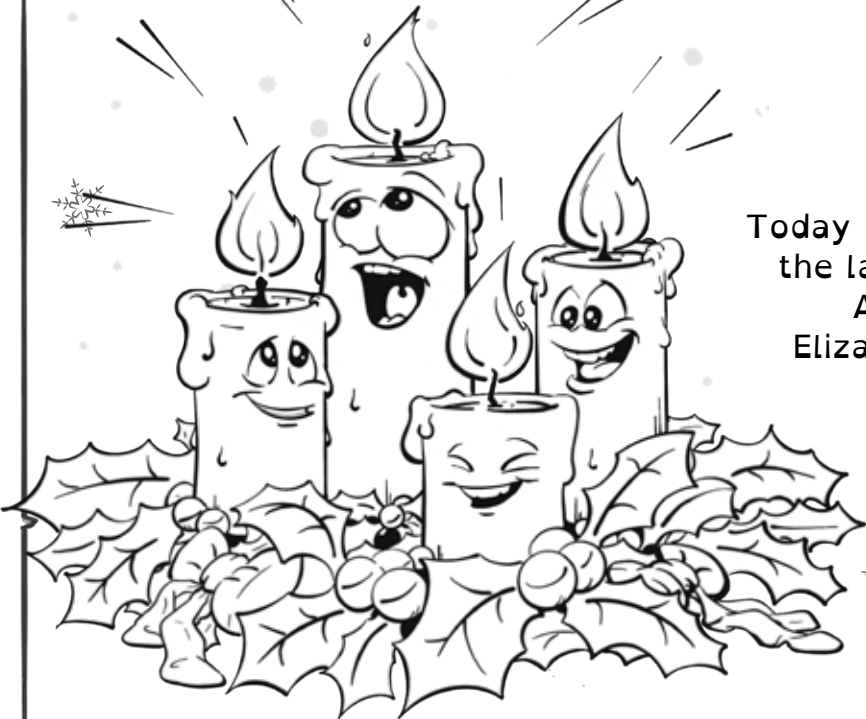


"Behold, I send my
messenger, and he will prepare
the way before me.
- Malachi 3:1

(How many snowflakes can you find hidden in these pages)



Kids Lectionary Learning FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent and the last Sunday in the season of Advent. And we are blessed to read of Mary, Elizabeth, John the Baptist leaping in his mother's womb, and Jesus the promised Messiah.

"And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,'"
- Luke 1:46-47

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words from Micah 5:2, which is written below.

- LEBETHMEH _____
- LRUER _____
- DLO _____
- TELTIL _____
- SYDA _____

"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."
- Micah 5:2



Can you colour the trees and the town of Bethlehem as we celebrate Jesus coming to us in love and grace?



Kids Lectionary Learning

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

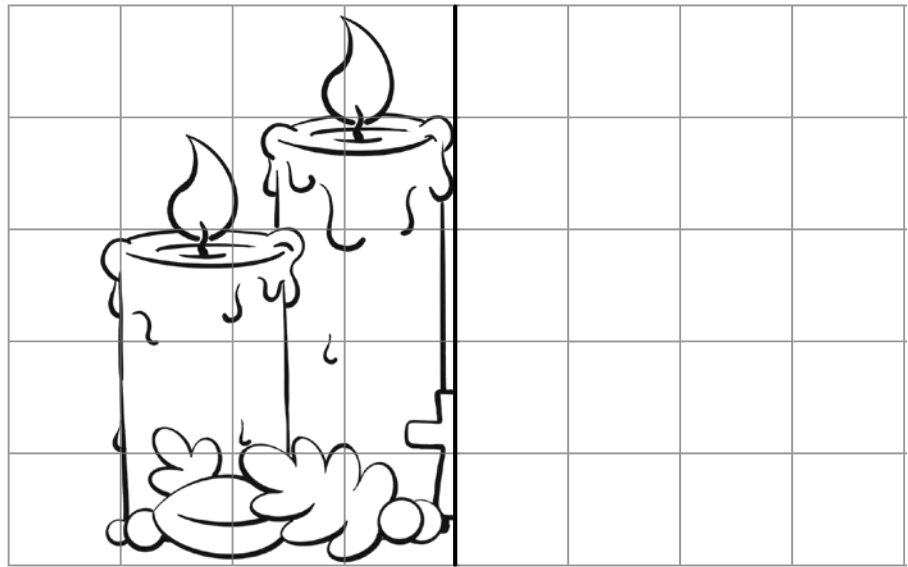


GRID DRAWING



Using the grid lines, can you draw the other half of this picture?

Once done you should have a picture of four, lit, Advent candles, and the cross.



Answers to Word Scramble: BETHLEHEM, RULER, OLD, LITTLE, DAYS

WORD SEARCH

Find these words from Luke 1:39-45.

- | | |
|-----------|---------|
| DAYS | LEAPED |
| MARY | WOMB |
| TOWN | BLESSED |
| HOUSE | WOMEN |
| ELIZABETH | LORD |
| BABY | JOY |

O G L O R D H J I L I W B J O
 J E M E B E L I Z A B E T H T
 B J Q A R L Y Y V V K J S R O
 A O V H R K E U S Q Y P Q K W
 B Y B C L Y V S B C V I I A N
 Y W Q M E H O U S E J A D I E
 Y O N P A Y L W G E V A A P S
 D M Z B P X N X O N D Q Y F N
 C E K C E D L Q I M N Z S I U
 K N M E D I E W P M B P V R H



"For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

- Luke 1:44

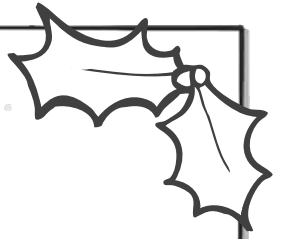
Ned the newborn chick just recently hatched. He is super excited to learn and see all God's creation and His great love for us.

In our gospel reading from Luke 1:39-45, we read about the baby John, still in his mother's womb, leaping for joy and the sound of Mary's voice and the presence of Jesus, inside Mary's womb.





Kids Lectionary Learning
CHRISTMAS EVE 2021



O come all ye faithful



Joyful &

Triumphant



*O
Come
ye*

*O come
ye*

To Bethlehem

