

Bunting Advent



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Become a Bible a Month
Regular Giver

This Advent Bunting
is for everyone!

1. Find some string.
2. Hang up your bunting which contains 24 days of Advent activities.
3. Each day of Advent take down that day's piece of bunting. Read the Bible verses then do the activities together. You can colour in the picture too and hang it back up.

Happy Advent!



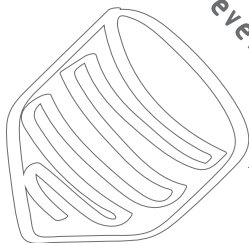
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"The people who are now living in darkness
will see a great light.
They are now living in a very dark land,
But a light will shine on them."

Isaiah 9:2

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Make the room
you are in as dark as you can.
Read the passage using just a
torch. Switch on all the lights.
Give a big cheer for Jesus
coming into the world,
the best light
ever!



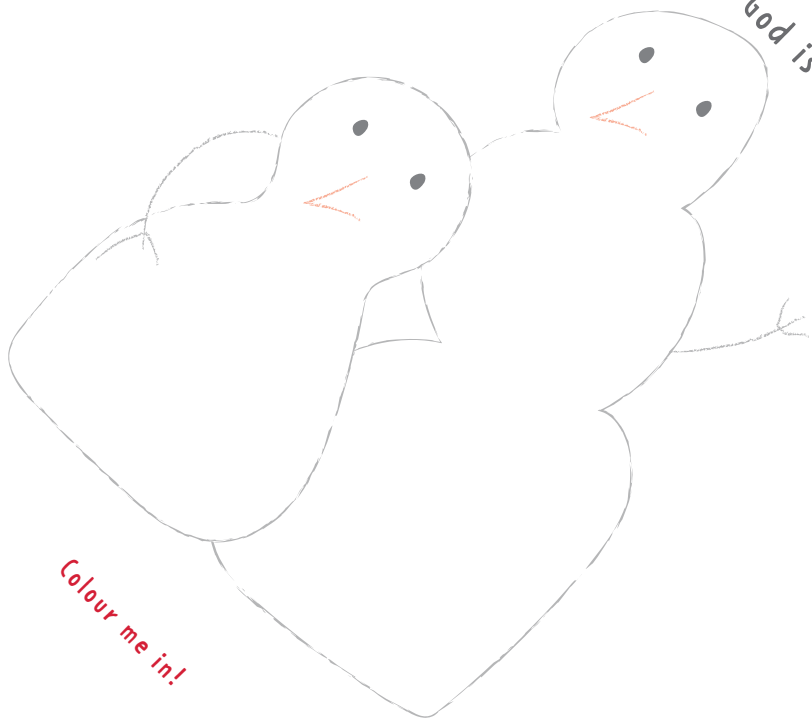
"The Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will be called Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14

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Immanuel
means "God with us."
Give yourself, or someone else, a
hug and remember that God is with you always.

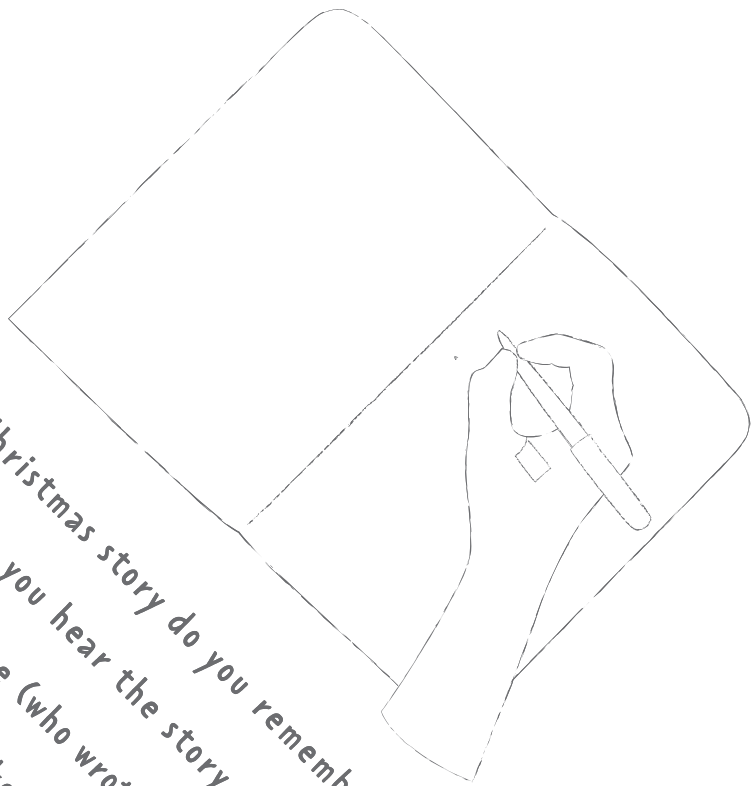


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“With this in mind, I myself have carefully looked into everything from the beginning. So I also decided to write down an orderly report of exactly what happened. I am doing this for you, most excellent Theophilus.”
Luke 1:3





What parts of the Christmas story do you remember? What is your favourite part? As you hear the story again this year remember that Luke (who wrote a lot of it) was very careful to make sure his story was accurate. He wanted us to know it was true.

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"But the angel said to him, 'Do not be afraid, Elizabeth
will have a child. It will be a boy,
And you must call
him John.'"
Luke 1:13





There is more than one baby in the Christmas story. John was probably Jesus' cousin. Often when an angel turns up in the Bible they say, "Don't be afraid." What are you afraid of? Ask God to help you not be afraid today.

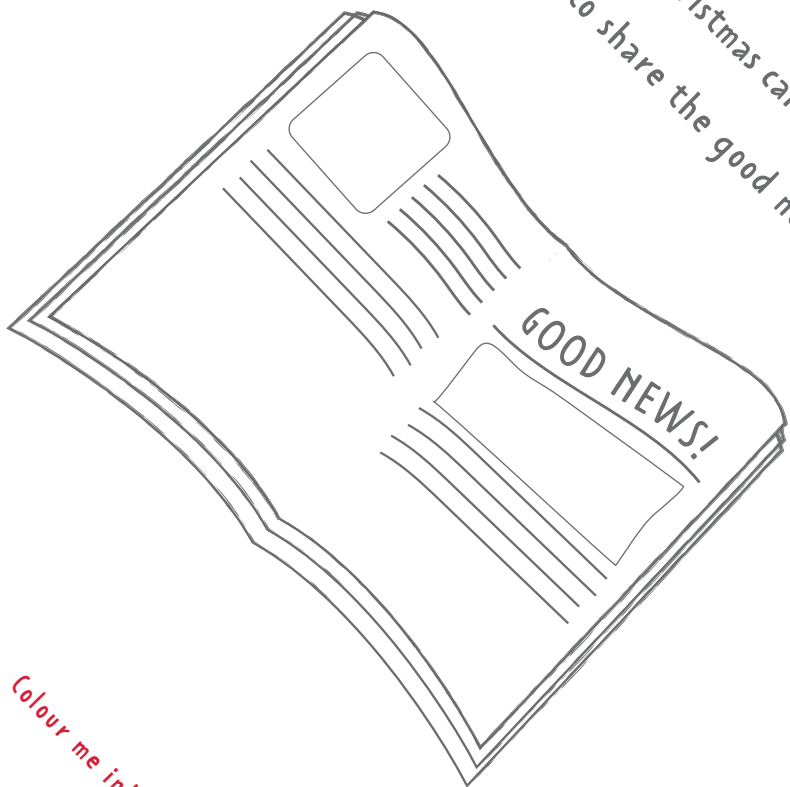
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“The angel said to him, ‘I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.’”
Luke 1:19

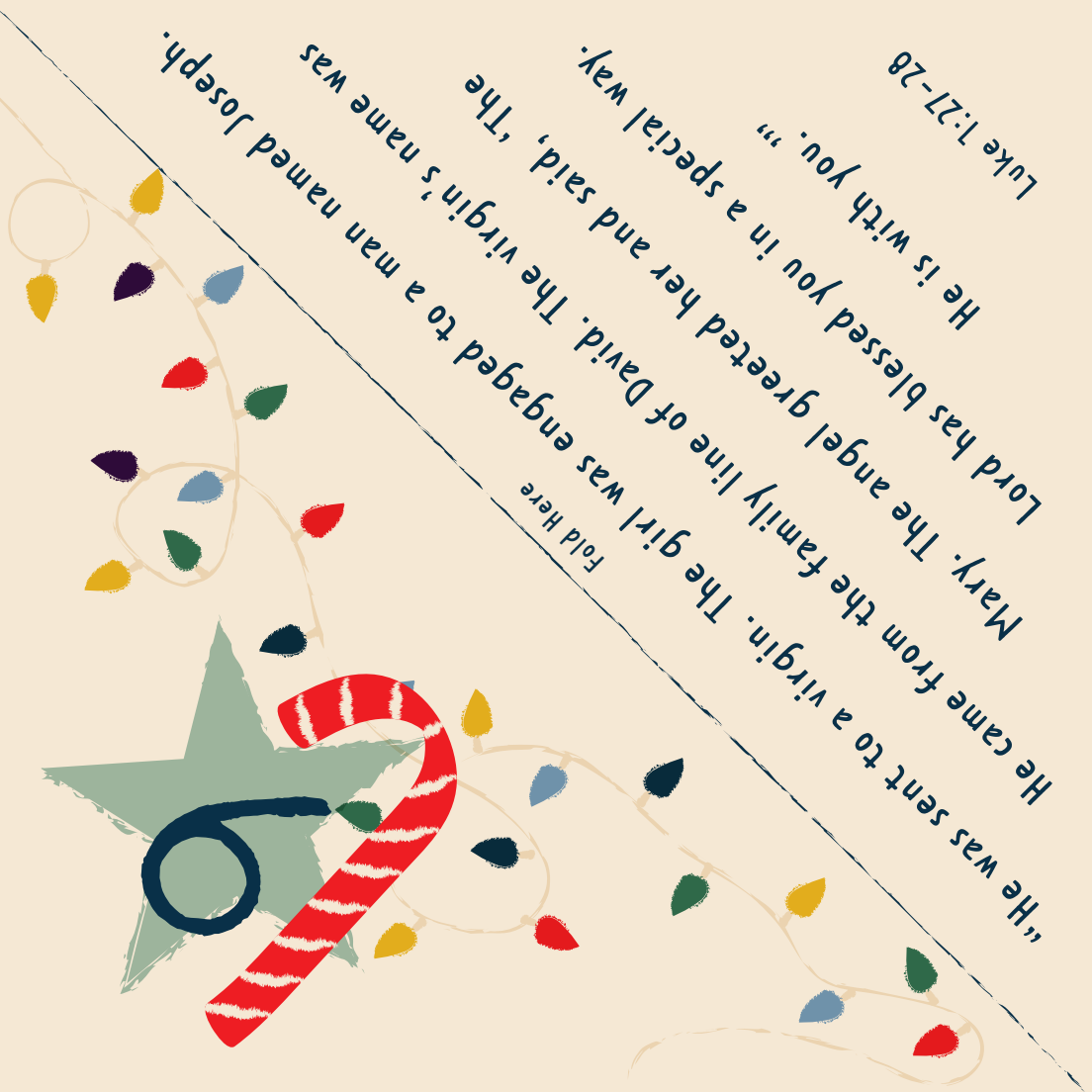
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Christmas is
all about the good news
that God has come and lived in our
world. Make a Christmas card for someone and
give it to them to share the good news of Christmas.



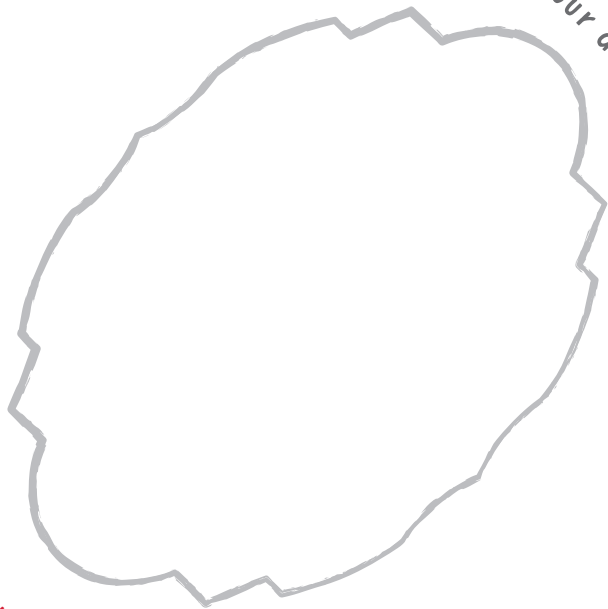
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“He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph.
Mary. The angel greeted her and said, ‘The virgin’s name was
Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you.’”
Luke 1:27-28

Draw a
picture of yourself.
God knew Mary, he knew all
about her and the special job he had for
her to do. God knows you. He is with you.
Write that under your drawing of yourself.

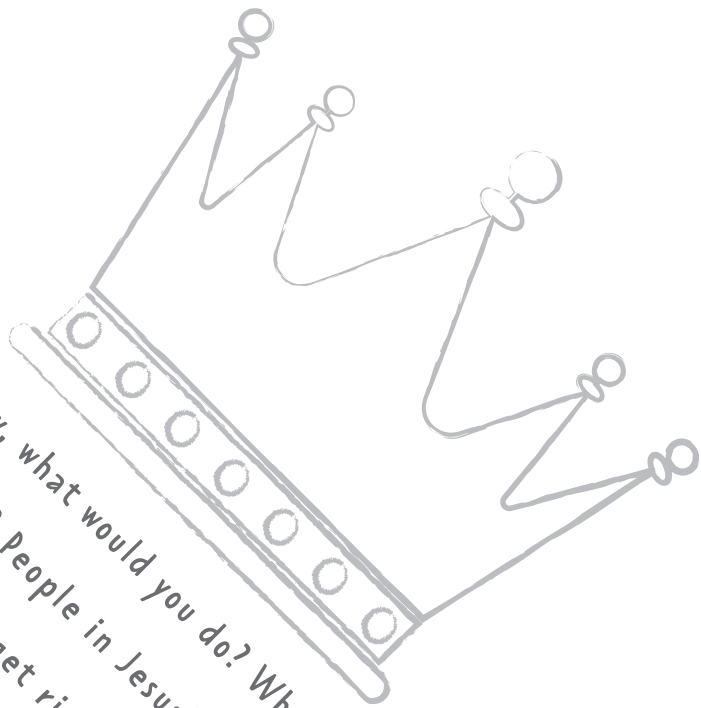


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"You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call
him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son
of the Most High God. The Lord God will make
him a king like his father David
of long ago."
Luke 1:31-32

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If you were King for a day, what would you do? What rules would you make?
What would you change? People in Jesus' time were waiting for
a new King who would get rid of the Romans. Jesus
was going to be a very different kind of
King. What kind of King do
you think Jesus is?

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"At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in Judea's hill country. There she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby inside her jumped. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."
Luke 1:39-41



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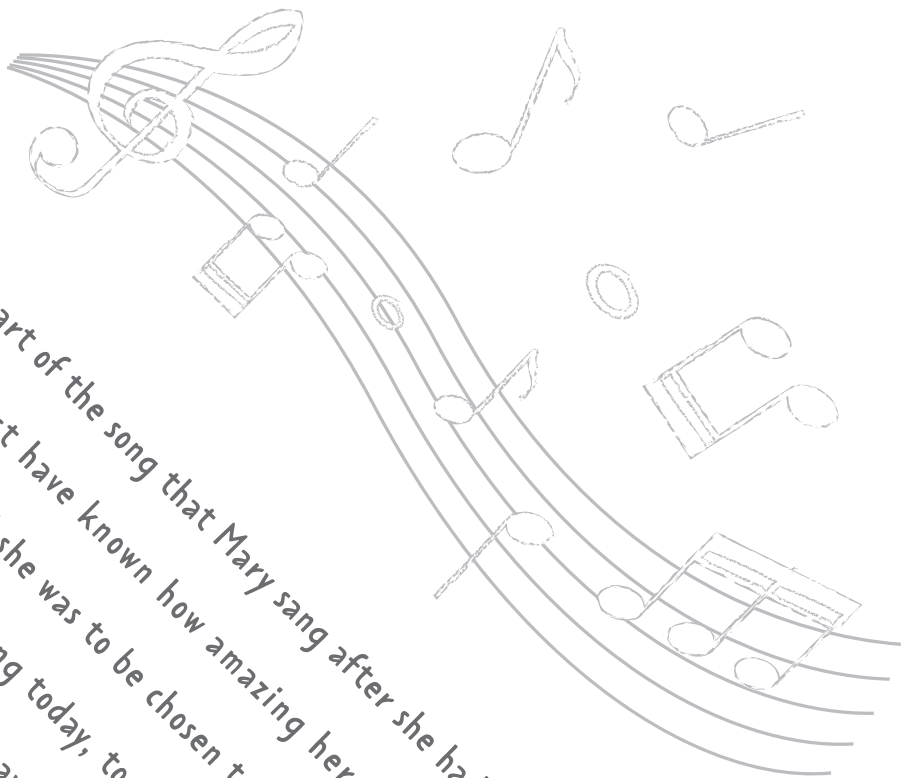


Do some jumping. How far can you jump? How high can you jump?
How long can you jump on one foot? What makes you
jump for joy? Jesus' cousin, John, is jumping
for joy and he isn't even born yet.
Jesus must be very
special.



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"My spirit delights in God my Saviour. He has taken note of
me even though I am not considered important.
From now on all people will call
me blessed."
Luke 1:47-48



This is part of the song that Mary sang after she had met with Elizabeth.
She must have known how amazing her baby was, and how
special she was to be chosen to be his Mum. Make
up a song today, to a well-known tune, that says what you think
about God and you.

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"The time came for Elizabeth to have her baby. She gave birth to a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that they shared her joy."
Luke 1:57-58



Ho!

Jesus' cousin John has been born; everyone is very happy.
Take something nice to a neighbour today, buy
them a cake or some flowers. Share the
joy of Christmas with them.

Colour me in!

"John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit;
He prophesied, 'Give praise to the Lord, the God
of Israel! He has come to his people and
purchased their freedom.'"
Luke 1:67-68

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PRAISE!

Say "Praise the Lord" quietly.
Say "Praise the Lord" in a normal voice.
Say "Praise the Lord" in a very loud voice.
What would you like to praise the Lord for today?

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"All of that will happen because our God is tender and caring. His kindness will bring the rising sun to us from heaven. It will shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death. It will guide our feet on the path of peace."

Luke 1:78-79



Draw round one
of your feet. Write a prayer
in your foot shape for peace in our
world today. Put your prayer somewhere
that you will see it for the rest of Advent.

PEACE!

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Matthew 1:16
"Jacob was the father of Joseph. Joseph was the husband
of Mary. And Mary was the mother of Jesus,
who is called the Messiah."

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Jesus was
part of a family. Joseph
was his stepdad. He grew up with
him and Mary, his mum. Have some hot
chocolate (maybe with cream and marshmallows) and
enjoy being with the people you live with.



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"The angel said, 'Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins.'"

Matthew 1:20-21

My name means...

Write your name here...

Find out the meaning of your name. Do you like what it means? The meaning of Jesus' name described what he was going to do. Draw a picture of a cross and colour it in. The cross reminds us that Jesus saves. There are bad and evil things in the world, but Jesus brings love, forgiveness and a new relationship with God.



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"While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay."

Luke 2:6-7

Colour me in!



Wrap yourself, or someone else, up in toilet paper.
How does it feel being wrapped up? Newborn babies like being wrapped up, it makes them feel safe. Jesus was safe with Mary and Joseph; it didn't matter that his first bed was the place where the animals ate their dinner. Jesus can make us feel safe, he is always with us.



"There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified, but the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

Luke 2:8-11



Put on some music and have a dance party.
Celebrate because Jesus the
Saviour is born.

Colour me in!



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"So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The
seen him, they told everyone. After the shepherds had
this child." Luke 2:16-17
what the angel had said about
departed

Imagine
you are one of the
shepherds. What would you
have told everyone after you had met
Mary, Joseph and the baby? Draw a picture of
what the shepherds saw and stick it up somewhere
so lots of people will see it.



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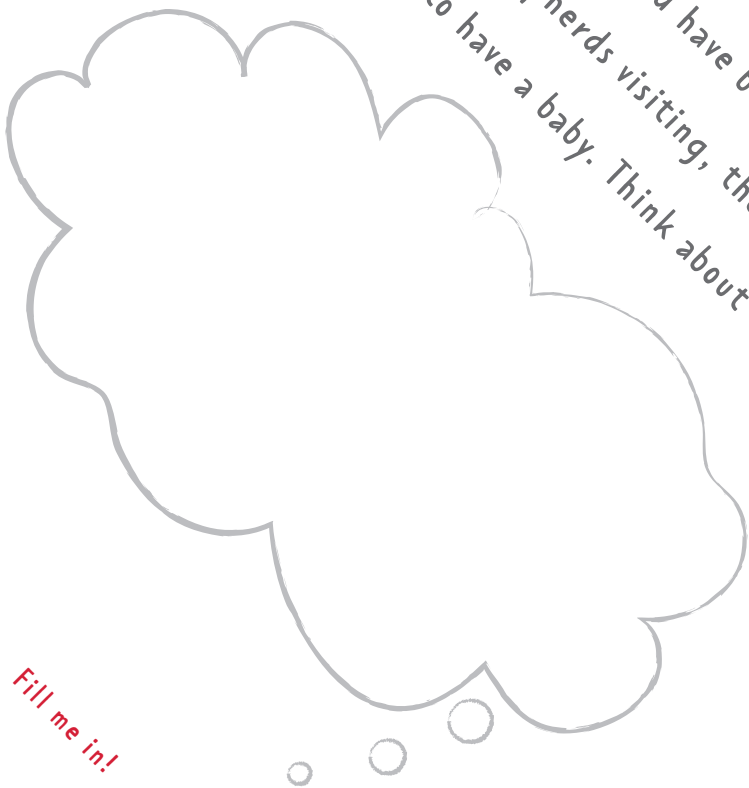


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"But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over. The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything as they had seen and heard was just as they had been told."

Luke 2:19-20

Set a timer for 60 seconds. Use that 60 seconds to be quiet and to think about all the things Mary would have been thinking about - a new baby, shepherds visiting, the angel who told her she was going to have a baby. Think about them over and over.



Fill me in!

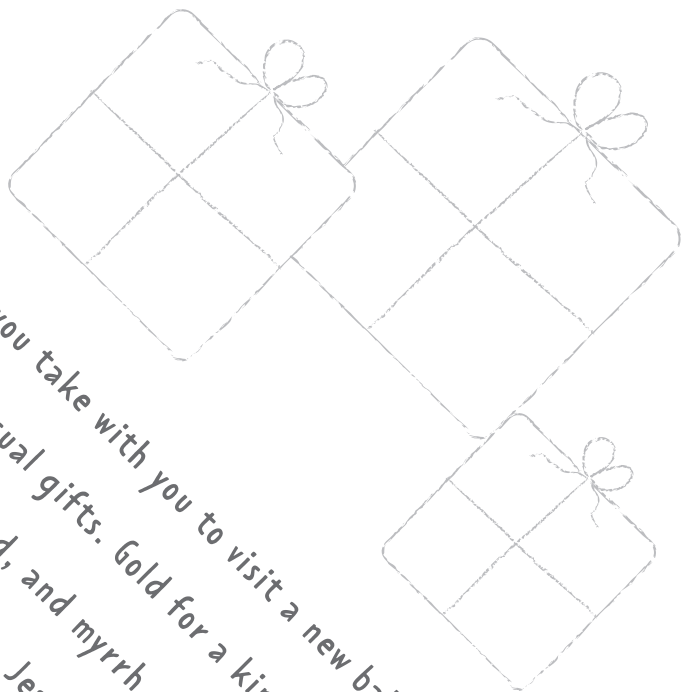


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"The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with
his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him.
Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense
and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11



Colour me in!



What would you take with you to visit a new baby? The wise men brought unusual gifts. Gold for a king, frankincense to worship God, and myrrh an ointment used at funerals. Jesus is God, he is King, and he died to save us.

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"Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,
'Lord, you are the King over all.
Now let me, your servant, go in peace.
That is what you promised.'
Luke 2:28-29



Colour me in!

PROMISES

Play a game of snap. It is exciting when you get a match in snap!
Simeon had been waiting a very long time to see the new
King Jesus, it must have felt like a snap when
he met him. He wasn't waiting any
more. God's promise
had arrived.

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"Anna came up to Jesus' family at that moment. She gave thanks to God. And she spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the time
set free."
Luke 2:38



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Have a game of football or another sport that you enjoy. Every time you score a goal give a big cheer. Anna must have been cheering on the inside. After your game give a cheer that Jesus has come to set us free.



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"So Joseph got up. During the night, he left for Egypt with the child and his mother Mary. They stayed there until King Herod died. So the words the Lord had spoken through the prophet came true. He had said, 'I brought my son out of Egypt.'"
Matthew 2:14-15



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Jesus was a refugee. He had to run away with his family to be safe. Find some countries on a map where people are having to run away just now to be safe. Pray for them.

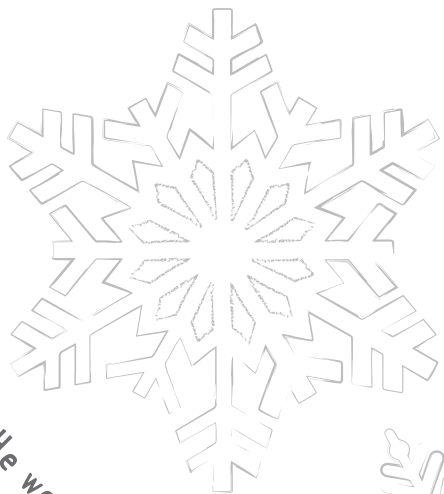
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"After Herod died, Joseph had a dream while he was still in Egypt. In the dream an angel of the Lord appeared to him. The angel said, 'Get up! Take the child and his mother. Go to the land of Israel. The people who were trying to kill the child are dead.'"

Matthew 2:19-20



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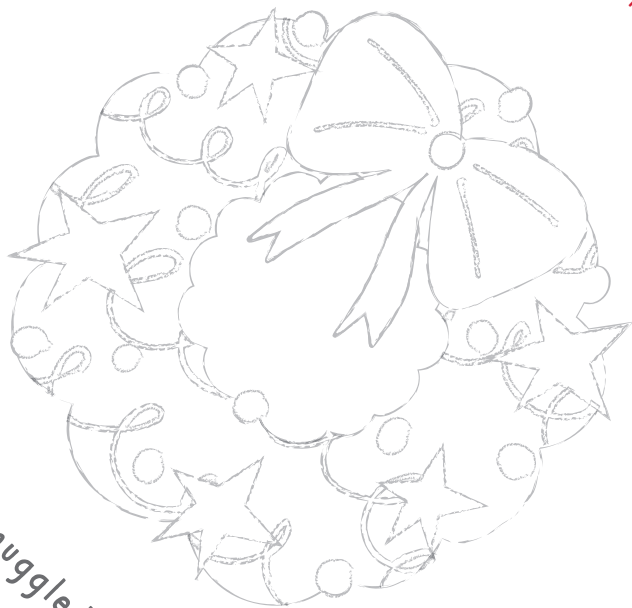
Jesus was safe again. He went back to the country where he came from,
where he would grow up, go to school and play with his friends,
just like us. Jesus was human but he was also God's
son. This means he knows what it is like
to be us. Talk to him about
what it is like
being you.

"The Word became a human being. He made his home with us.
We have seen his glory. It is the glory of the One
and Only, who came from the Father.
And the Word was full of grace
and truth."
John 1:14

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It is Christmas Eve. Get snuggled up and do something you love doing at home – watch a movie, read a book, play a game. Say thank you to Jesus that he makes his home with us. He is with us, and he loves us.

