

A Kids Christmas Devotional Celebrating the Good News of Jesus

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Joy is distinctly a Christian word and a Christian thing. It is the reverse of happiness. Happiness is the result of what happens of an agreeable sort. Joy has its springs deep down inside. And that spring never runs dry, no matter what happens. Only Jesus gives that joy. He had joy, singing its music within, even under the shadow of the cross.

~S.D. Gordon

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This past year, 2020, has been one of the hardest years I have ever been through. I am sure others of you would say the same thing. If there was ever a time that we needed joy, it is now. While we do have many things to be concerned about, we have more reasons to be joyful than worried:

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ!

All things work together for good!

We are pilgrims through this land, just passing through.

We have a home prepared for us in heaven!

Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning!

Each of these devotions has been carefully and prayerfully prepared by WMU NC staff and officers, missionaries all over the world, and friends and family of WMU. Each of us is writing with all the love we have in our hearts to bring you a word of hope and joy in this Christmas season. You can read one a day or several a day. You can read your booklet online, or print it off and read a hard copy. It has a lovely front and back cover that would make it a special Christmas present for a loved one. We hope you enjoy the recipes and coloring pages too! Many of them were drawn by local artist Elaine Sloan LeTrent. We are thankful for her beautiful work.

We are so blessed at this time of year that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords came to earth and was the incarnate Messiah. He felt our pain, thirst, hunger and rejection. He shed His precious blood that we might know eternal life and joy. Though some of us have heard this all our lives, may we never stop thanking Him with sincere hearts for the greatest gift of all. The world is desperate for this type of everlasting joy. Be a vessel of love and joy this Christmas.

We thank God for each of you and pray this book of reflections on joy will minister to your heart and soul now and in the coming months.

Choose joy today!

Amy Boone

Executive Director-Treasurer of WMU NC

A Note for Kids:

You may notice some of the missionaries only have their initials listed or that their names have been changed altogether. It is for their protection and because they may serve in a country where it is not safe for them to publish their name as a missionary. Remember this as you read their stories and continue to pray for them!

Christmas in Botswana

By: Brent and Amanda Turner, Botswana

A missionary testimony

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:1-2

Our first Christmas in Botswana, we had mixed emotions. We were still getting used to our new life and surroundings. As Christmas got closer, we realized that now we had to make our own traditions and that family was an ocean away.

As we awoke to our first Christmas morning overseas, we started off by reading the Christmas story and creating a scavenger hunt for the few presents we had for our two-year-old. And we decided to start a new tradition of swimming on Christmas day. Yes, swimming! In Botswana it was the hottest part of the year with temperatures above 100 degrees every day.

Every Christmas since our first arrival in Botswana over 11 years ago, we have made it a tradition to swim on Christmas Day. Although we miss our families in America, we look forward to the simplicity of Christmas in Botswana, focusing on the true meaning of Christmas and of course...swimming.

As you think about what you like to do at Christmas, take some time to pray for missionaries who are serving away from their families. Pray that they can create their own traditions and will feel the love and prayers of everyone back in the United States.

Be Intentional this Christmas

By: Andrew Bedford, Central Asia

A missionary testimony

No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God – his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. But the rulers of this world have not understood it; if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” 1 Corinthians 2:6-9

Many parts of the world do not experience Christmas the way most Americans do. Many do not have parades, parties, family gatherings, or decorations. Some do not even celebrate the season at all. In the country where we live, New Year’s is the most important holiday, and Christmas is generally not celebrated at all. There are Santa-like characters and things that may resemble what we would associate with Christmas, but it is not Christmas-based.

That may make some of us sad, but let’s take a minute to think about Christmas in America. Is everyone focusing on Jesus’s birth? Christmas without Christ is not Christmas at all. While the lights, songs, decorations, and celebrations are amazing, the truth is, any Christmas celebration that does not focus on Christ is no different than a regular day in a country that doesn’t celebrate Christmas at all.

How are you and your family celebrating Christmas? Are you celebrating Jesus’ birth and telling others about Him?

Take time to pray for believers who live and serve all around the world. Pray for them to lead others to Christ and to be a light in the world.

Echoes of Joy

By: Rebecca Autry, Vermont

A missionary testimony

When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." Luke 2:15 (CSB)

In the beautiful German carol, "How Great our Joy," we find shepherds taking care of their sheep. Shepherds were men who would feed their sheep, bandage any wounds, and protect them. This night would have been normal, but an angel of the Lord appears (Luke 2:8-9). The men listened as the angel told them the good news that Jesus had been born.

In the chorus of that German carol, there is an echo that keeps getting louder.

How great our joy! (great our joy!)

Joy! Joy! Joy! (Joy Joy Joy)

Praise we the Lord in heaven on high,

(Praise we the Lord in heaven on high)

If we keep reading in Luke 2, we see the shepherds sharing their joy all around. They go quickly to tell others about the news they heard. They carried the news to those they met as they went to the stable to see Jesus and as they returned to their fields.

When you hear the chorus repeating, take this as a reminder of the shepherds as they shared the news of Jesus again and again. Watch for the Lord every day and be ready to share about Him with others.

Pray that as you get closer to Christmas, your joy, smile, and excitement will get bigger and louder, just like the shepherds did.

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LUKE 2:14

Christmas in Thailand

By: EAM, Thailand

A missionary testimony

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Luke 11:9-10

In Thailand, people don't celebrate Christmas. Our team works with those who have never heard of Jesus who came to Thailand from another country. We decided that we would have a Christmas party with them where we would give everyone in the village a gift bag. We decided to make the party a story time. We made costumes (Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, animals, the entire nativity scene), and had many of the adults (all volunteers and non-believers) ready to help act out the story of Jesus' birth.

We were shocked when the entire village showed up! As we told the Christmas Story, the folks were shocked that this holiday was about the birth of Jesus!

We were able to share about Jesus with the entire village of 278 people – a group we had not been able to get all together before. We saw many homes open to us after that night and we were able to continue talking about Jesus with them.

Take some time to pray for this ministry and the missionaries serving in Thailand. Pray for doors to be opened and for the chance to share the Gospel with their village and others nearby.

The Unknown Good News

By: Jack and Liz, South Asia

A missionary testimony

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. 1 Corinthians 2:10-12

A few Christmases ago, God was working in the heart of a teenager in South Asia. She did not know why, but she knew that she wanted to learn about this strange holiday that a small number in her country celebrated. Not knowing how to find out more, she started searching the city to find someone who could tell her what or who is celebrated on Christmas. After a full day of searching, she gave up. Despite wanting to know more, she lived in a city that did not know about the birth of Jesus.

Years later, someone finally came and told her about Jesus, whose birth is celebrated every December. She and others in South Asia have started to hear and believe that Jesus came for the whole Earth – even South Asia where He is not known by many.

Please pray that the news of Jesus and His life will reach all on Earth. That the men, women, and children of South Asia will hear that He came to bring peace between God and people.

Choose Joy

By Mary Brogen, East Asia

A missionary testimony

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory. 1 Peter 1:8

At my children's school, they picked the theme "Choose Joy" for the 2019-2020 school year. We all got t-shirts that said "Choose Joy."

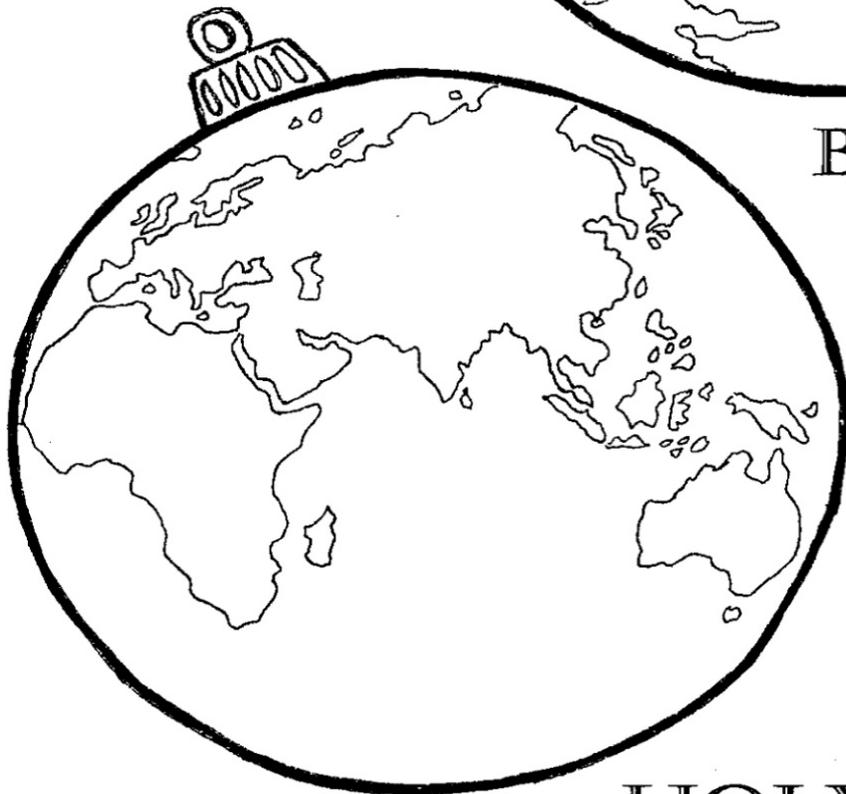
By the end of January 2020, we received the news that our family needed to come back to the States because of COVID-19. We packed up our home in three days, flew to the States, and had a two-week quarantine. During our time isolated in a small apartment, our family *chose joy* – but it was not easy. Oh, how we wanted to go to church to worship and hug friends!

I still wear my colorful "Choose Joy" shirt, but to be honest, it has been difficult to choose joy on some days! We are tired. We are sad. We are in our "homeland," but our hearts are in the country we serve.

But what is joy? It's being okay no matter what happens because we know God is in control. So I CHOOSE JOY!

Pray that we choose joy this Christmas and put Jesus first.

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MATTHEW 28:19

New Life at Christmas

By: Clara Brincefield Huff, retired IMB, Chile

A missionary testimony

*For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Romans 6:23*

I arrived in South Chile in late November. Much to my surprise, it was warm weather. Summer was on the way. After attending church on Christmas Eve, it was time to go home for a meal. No presents. No Christmas tree. A few people had some decorations for Christmas, but very little.

The next morning everyone was excited to get up – not to see what presents they might have – but to get ready to go on a church picnic to the river or the Pacific Ocean. Before the meal, the church would celebrate baptisms. Some people preferred to be baptized on Christmas Day or New Year's.

I can still hear the people standing on the riverbank singing as new believers walked out of the river and into the arms of loved ones waiting to celebrate.

In America we ask children, "What did you get for Christmas?" But you rarely heard that question among the people of Chile. The focus was on following Jesus and not on gifts.

Please pray that on Christmas people will learn to celebrate Jesus and not gifts.

God's Great, Glorious Get-together

By: Caleb Waller, Bulgaria

A missionary testimony

For the Son of Man has come to see and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

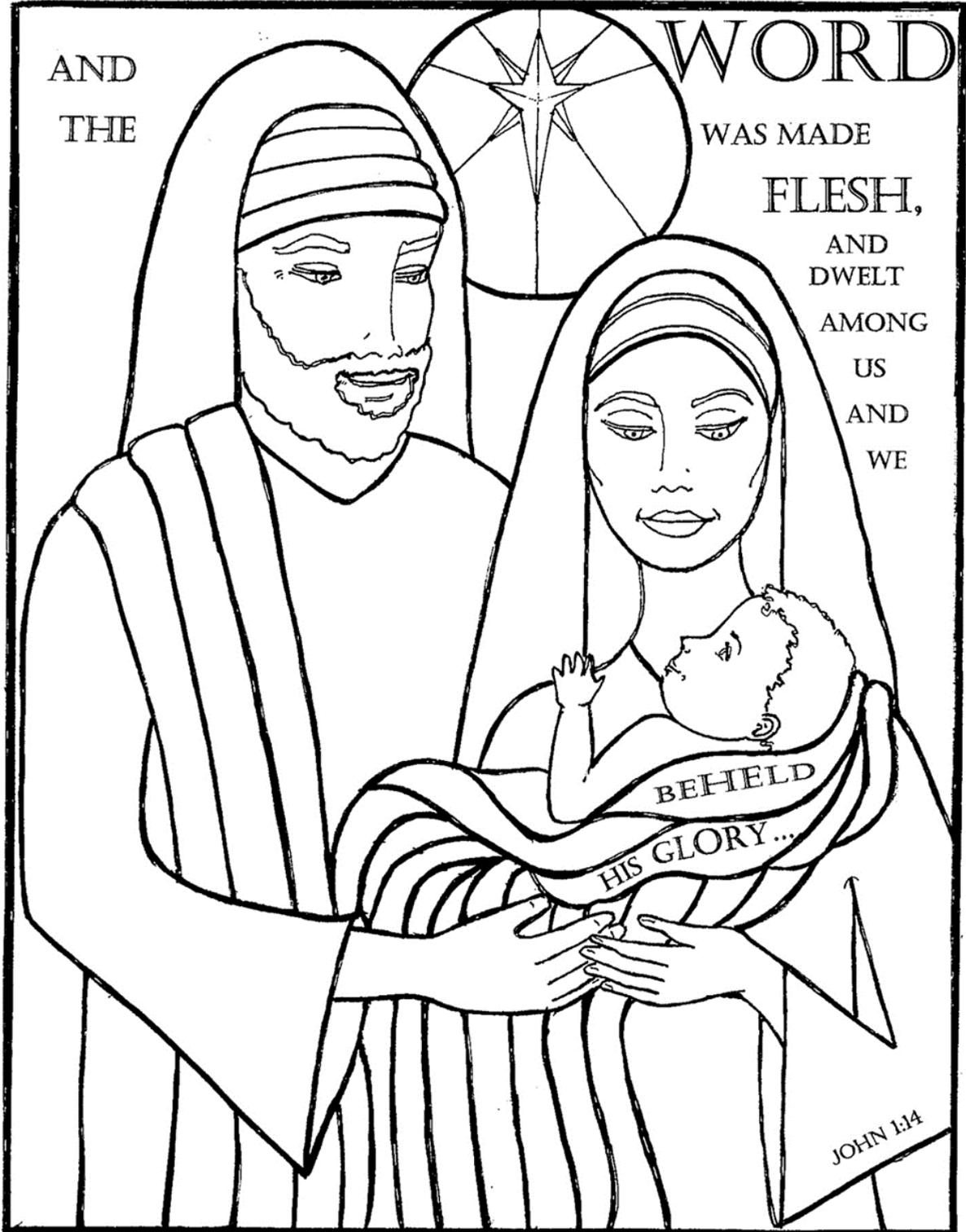
Almost two thousand years ago, the only Son of God was born, and the world celebrated its first Christmas. There were no gifts, tinsel, or gingerbread! There was no parade in Bethlehem.

The Christmas story is about the birth of Jesus, the beginning of His story of saving us. As missionaries with the International Mission Board in Bulgaria, we live among 7 million people, many of whom have never heard the good news of Jesus' birth, life, and death.

We discovered that we could use Christmas to introduce Bulgarians to Christ. We decorate our apartment, open our door, prepare our table, and speak with people so that we can tell them about God. How strangely beautiful it is to hear non-believers singing Christmas carols in our living room!

The first Christmas shows us how to reach the world about Jesus. We may not know any shepherds or magi, but God has placed us all among people who need to know Him. We can tell our friends, families, and others about why Jesus was born.

Please pray that we use Christmas to celebrate Jesus and to share about Him with the world around us.



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JOHN 1:14

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Christmas in Spain

By: Matt and Michelle Norman, Spain

A missionary testimony

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:10-11

Christmas in Spain is celebrated from Christmas Eve until Three Kings Day on January 6th.

While Christmas Eve and Day are celebrated with families and meals, the day when children receive most of their gifts is Three Kings Day. Each child in Spain claims one of the kings as “theirs.”

On January 5th, each town hosts its parade and celebration as the three kings – Balthasar, Melchior, and Gaspar – arrive in their village. As the kings parade through town, the children hand their letter to “their” king with what they want for Christmas. During the parade, the three kings stop at a nativity scene to deliver gifts to baby Jesus. On January 6th, children receive their gifts from the kings.

Although Spain uses the Bible for its celebrations, it is not about religion but rather a fairytale of who bring gifts to children.

Please pray that the people of Spain who know the story of Christ’s birth but do not let Jesus in their hearts, learn to follow Jesus and His teachings.

The Joy in We

By: Rebecca Lindout

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. Luke 1:57-58

Have you ever known a joy-sharer? Joy-sharers are as happy about your joy as if it were their own. These people have discovered a secret: we are more joyful together.

What does it take to be a joy-sharer? First, to not think you are better than anyone else. Jesus came to Earth as a baby in order to save the world. If He can do that, we cannot think of ourselves as better than others.

Secondly, joy-sharers are joy-seekers. Joyful people look for things to be happy about for others. They look for the good in others and for ways to make others happy. They are happy when others do well on test or get a good part in a play.

Lastly, joy-sharers are not selfish. They look for ways to include everyone and to let others be in the spotlight. They feel joy when others do well and are included. They let people know what they are good at and encourage them.

Please pray that we can all be joy-sharers. That we will celebrate Christ's birthday by having joy in others. That we will not be happy when something bad happens to someone but that we will work to make others joyful.

Your Grief will be Turned to Joy

By: Amanda Martinsen

I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy. John 16:20

So much of this year has been hard and sad. Schools have been closed. Playdates have been cancelled. Even holidays are different this year. This year has been hard.

Part of the reason it is hard for us to feel happy when things make us sad is because we think of joy as a feeling instead of a choice. The truth of God being with us and working to do good from the sadness we feel is what give us a joy that cannot be taken away.

Know that you are not alone. Jesus is with you. Jesus was born to be with us and to know what we are going through. That is how we can choose joy.

We may not understand what God is doing, but we can trust that the hard and sad times will end.

Please pray that we can find happiness even when we are sad and things are hard. Please help us to know that you understand what we are going through and are with us as we go through it.

The Pull of the Gospel

By: Sara Lamkin

I have told you these things, so that in me, you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the song "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" during the American Civil War after the death of his wife and his son getting hurt. Longfellow hoped that peace and joy would come again to the people of the world.

In a year that has been hard, this song helps me remember that God is still in control. That what is happening in the world around me is not the end. But it is hard to wait. Hard to wait for Christmas, and hard to wait for God to win. This song helps me remember that the good news of Jesus is stronger than anything else in the world.

Then rang the bells more loud and deep:

"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;

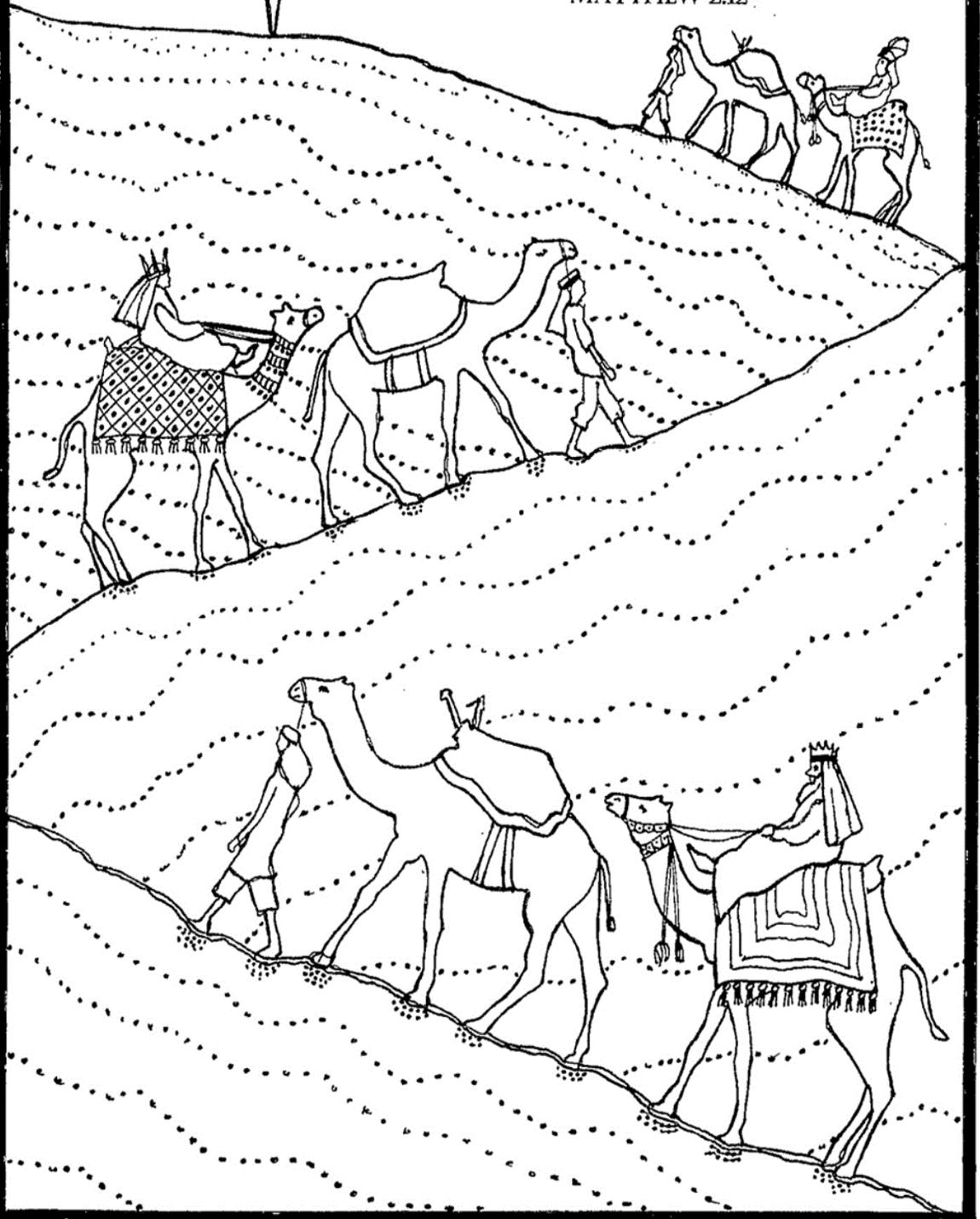
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,

With peace on earth, goodwill to men."

Please pray that the world will find peace and joy and know that God is still in control.

FOR  WE HAVE SEEN HIS
STAR IN THE EAST...

MATTHEW 2:12



Joy to the World

By: Deborah Taylor, WMU NC President

God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-10

Everyone likes to complain to their parents. "This isn't the way I like it." "I want something else." "Why??" When Isaac Watts was a teenager and complained to his father that church music was boring, his father told him to "write something else."

Isaac then began a lifetime of writing hymns. "Joy to the World" is a song of excitement and praise. It tells us that Jesus' return will be a joyful event.

Jesus is coming and we must be ready and help others be ready. Like the song says, "Every heart prepares Him room." When we have our hearts focused on Jesus and have told others about Him, we can then celebrate with joy. Just as the angels told the shepherds and the shepherds shared their joy and news with others, we must share the joy of Jesus with those around us.

Please pray that we are ready to celebrate Jesus' birth and return and that we are helping others be ready too.

Story Behind the Christmas Carol: “As with Gladness, Men of Old”

By: Amy Boone

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matthew 2:9-10

William Dix was stuck in bed and depressed when he woke up one day and realized it was Epiphany – the day the wise men found the Christ child. Dix was recovering from being sick, but God still brought a song to his heart. He knew that even though he was sick and sad, there were reasons to be joyful. And that joy is the reason he wrote “As with Gladness, Men of Old.”

The song is about the joy the wise men had when they followed the star and the wish that we all will follow Christ. It’s about how we should all be willing to do what God wants us to do. That we give gifts that mean something to God. The joy that we will have one day in heaven.

The hymn was written during a hard time in America and it gives us hope. Hard times are not for forever, and we can find joy in obeying Christ.

Please pray that we can find joy in Christ by obeying Him.

ACTIVITY PAGES

WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Mark 13 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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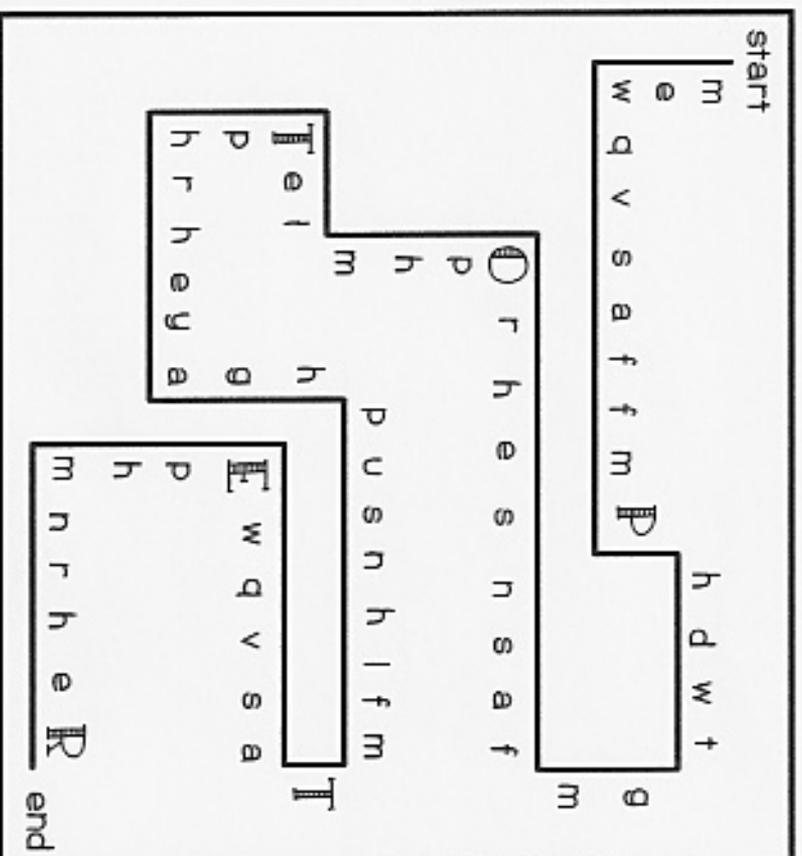
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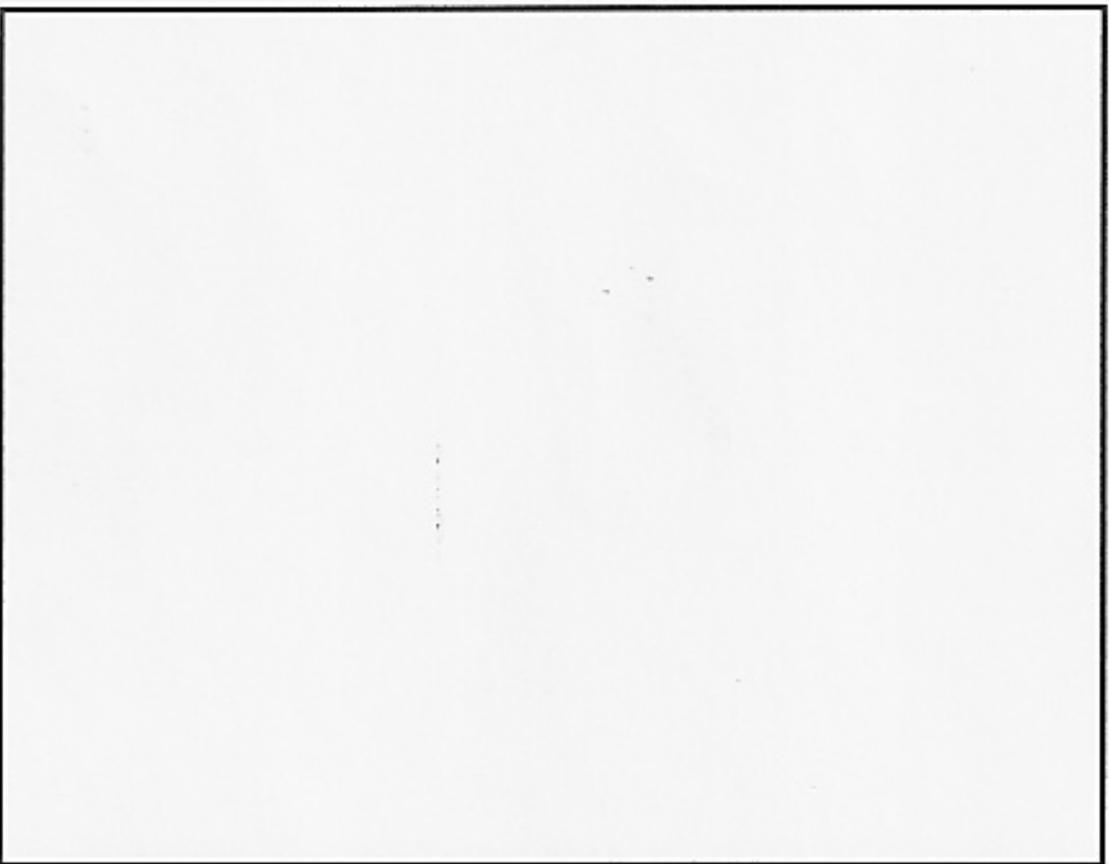
In Isaiah 64, we are described as clay in God's hand. How is God described? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see the name for God spelled out below.





DRAW IT

In John 1, we meet John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus. He described himself as a "voice crying out in the wilderness, 'make straight the way of the Lord!'" Draw a picture of what you think it looks like to "prepare the way" for Jesus.



UNSCRAMBLE IT

What does Isaiah say he has been called by God to do? These same words will later be repeated by Jesus! Unscramble the words to find out!

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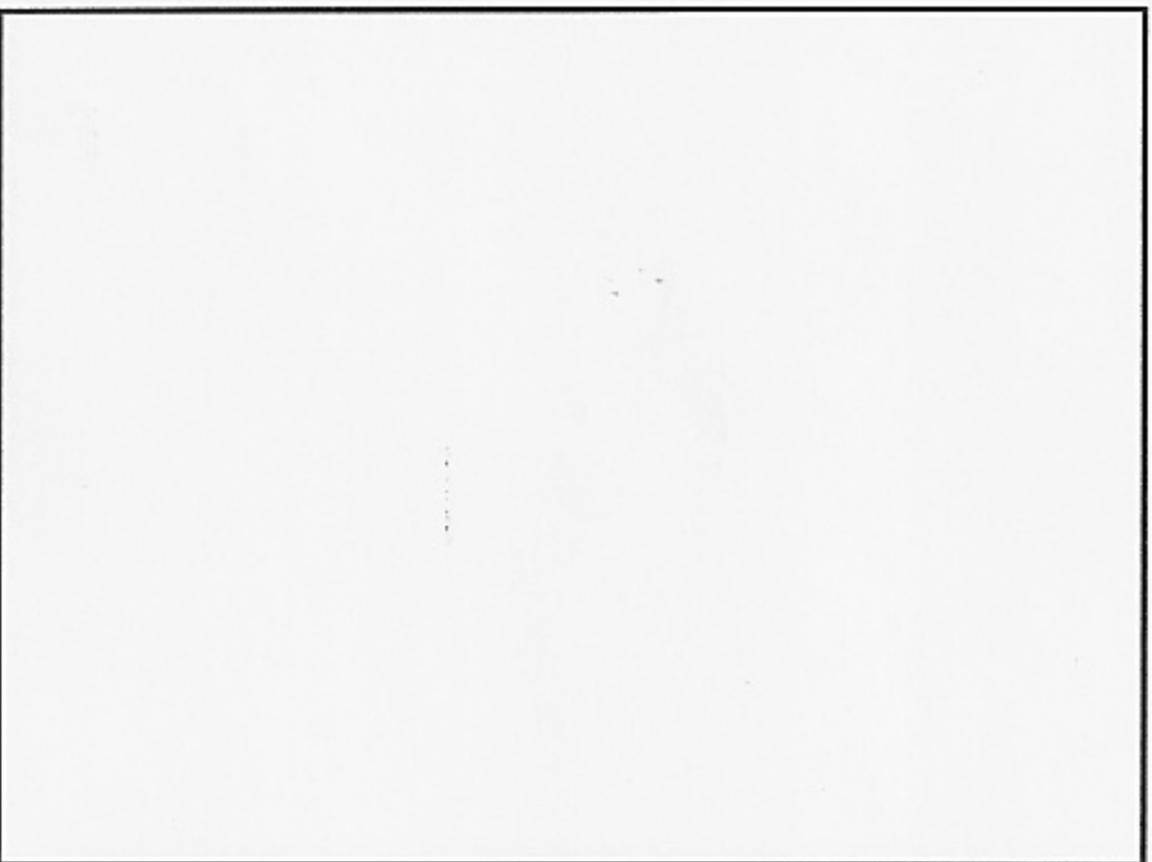
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DRAW IT

Luke 1:26-38 shares the amazing experience Mary had when the angel, Gabriel, came to tell her she would be Jesus' mother! Draw what you imagine this looked like.



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from 2 Samuel 7 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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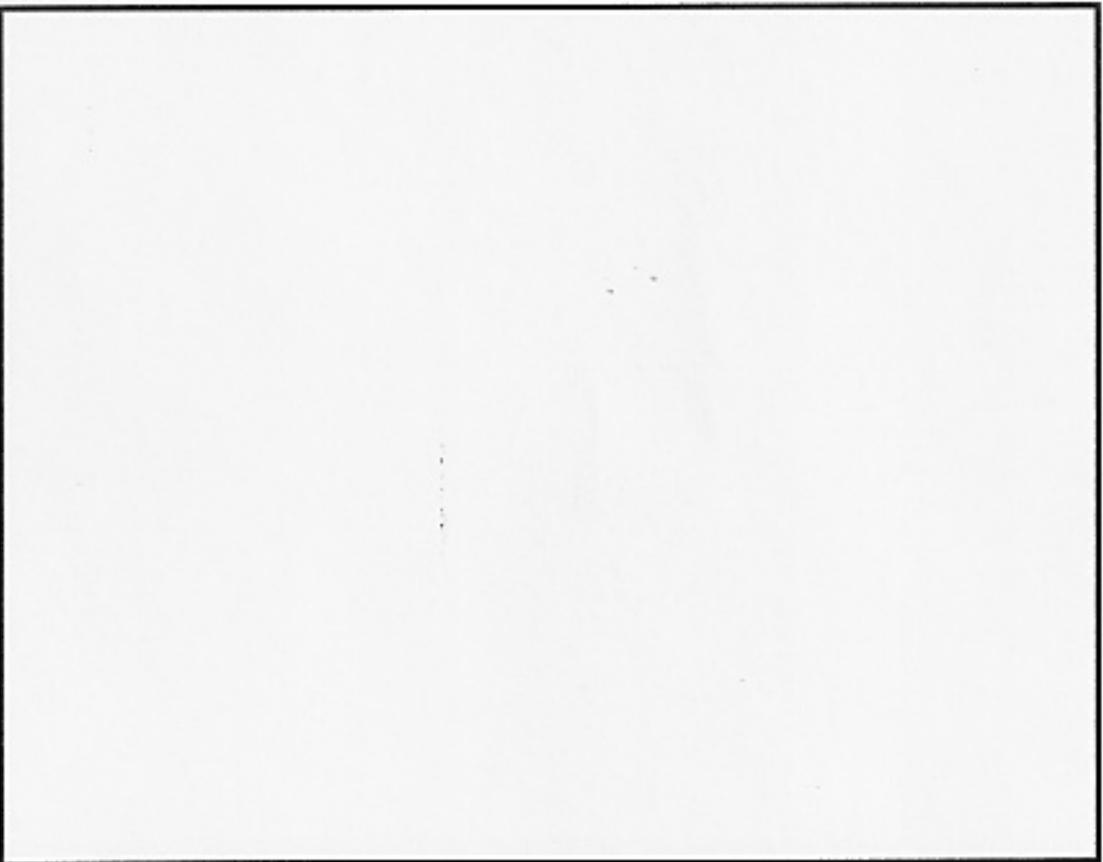
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DRAW IT

Mark 1 describes John baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit - looking like a dove - came down from the sky, and a voice from heaven said, "this is my Son, the Beloved." Draw what you imagine this amazing event looked like!



UNSCRAMBLE IT

What was the very first thing God created according to the poetry of Genesis? Unscramble the words to find out!

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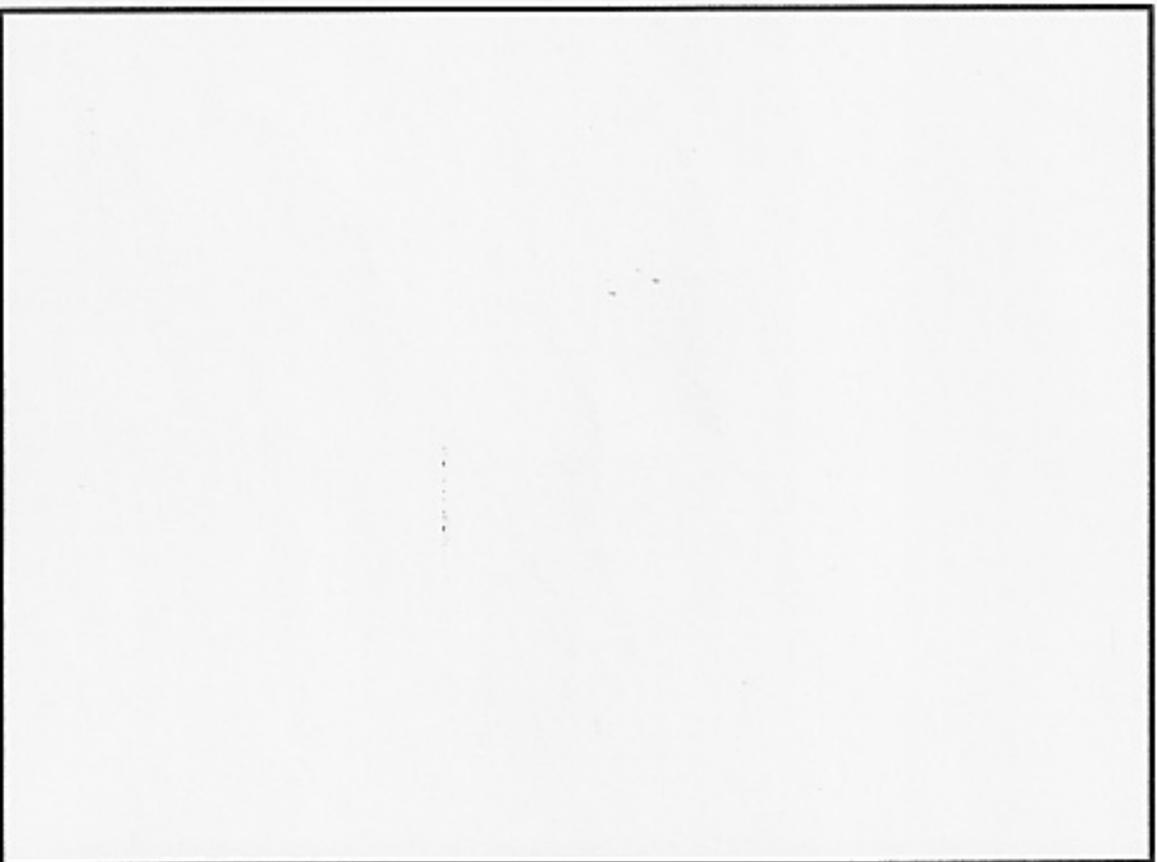
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DRAW IT

The very beginning of John describes Jesus as the "Word" who became human to live with us and show us what God is really like. What does Jesus look like to you? Draw a picture here.



WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 147 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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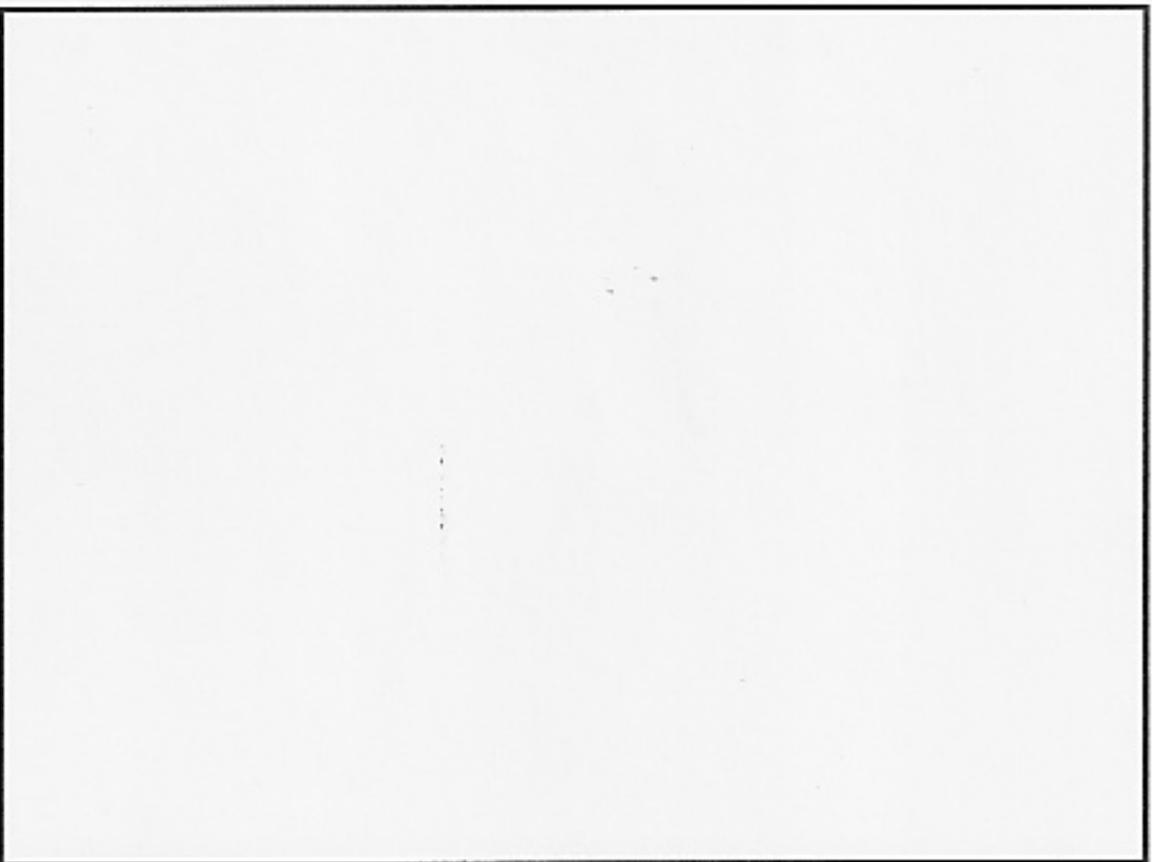
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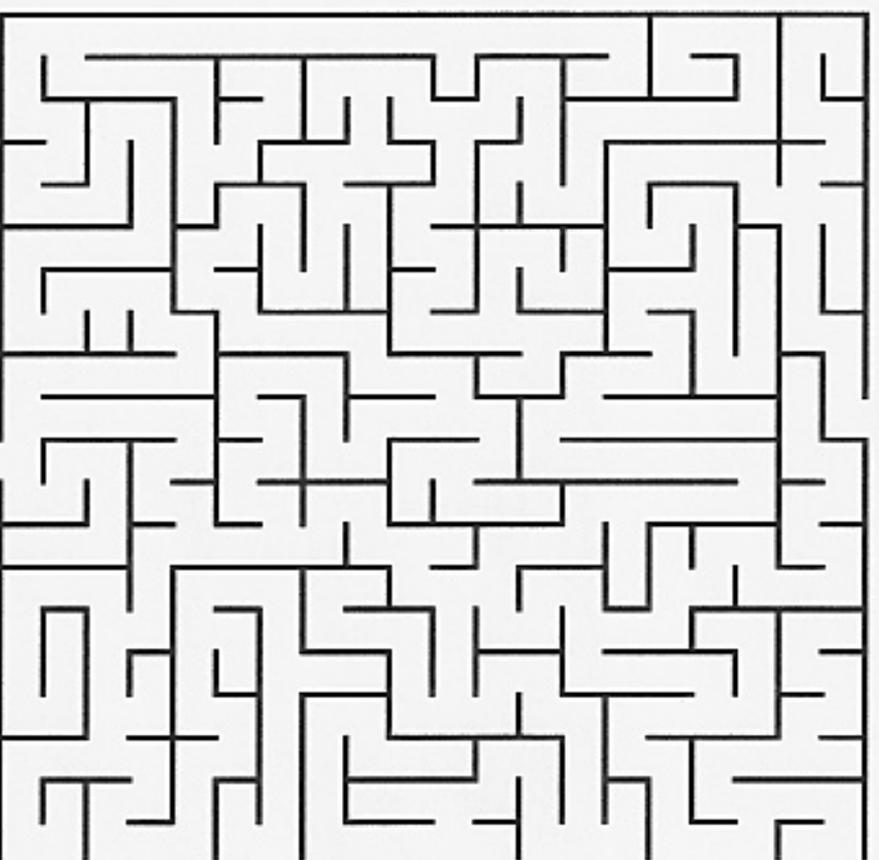
DRAW IT

Psalm 148 tells all of creation to praise the Lord! The angels, earth, sun, moon, stars, water, animals, snow, fire, trees, mountains, and more! Draw a picture of all creation praising and thanking God!



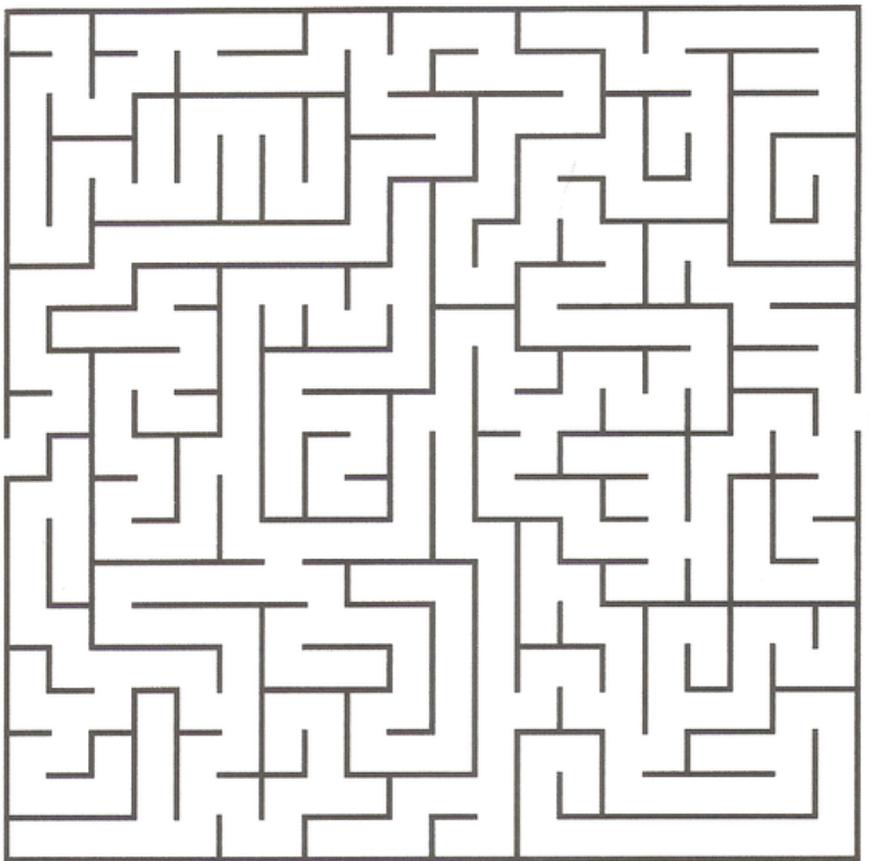
SOLVE (the) MAZE

Luke 2 tells the story of Jesus' parents bringing him to the temple to be dedicated to God. Help Mary and Joseph find their way!



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In Mark 1, Jesus goes to a special place to pray by himself, and the disciples have a hard time finding him! Help the disciples make their way to Jesus.



WORD SEARCH

In Psalm 147, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. How do the people respond to Joshua? Unscramble the words to find out.

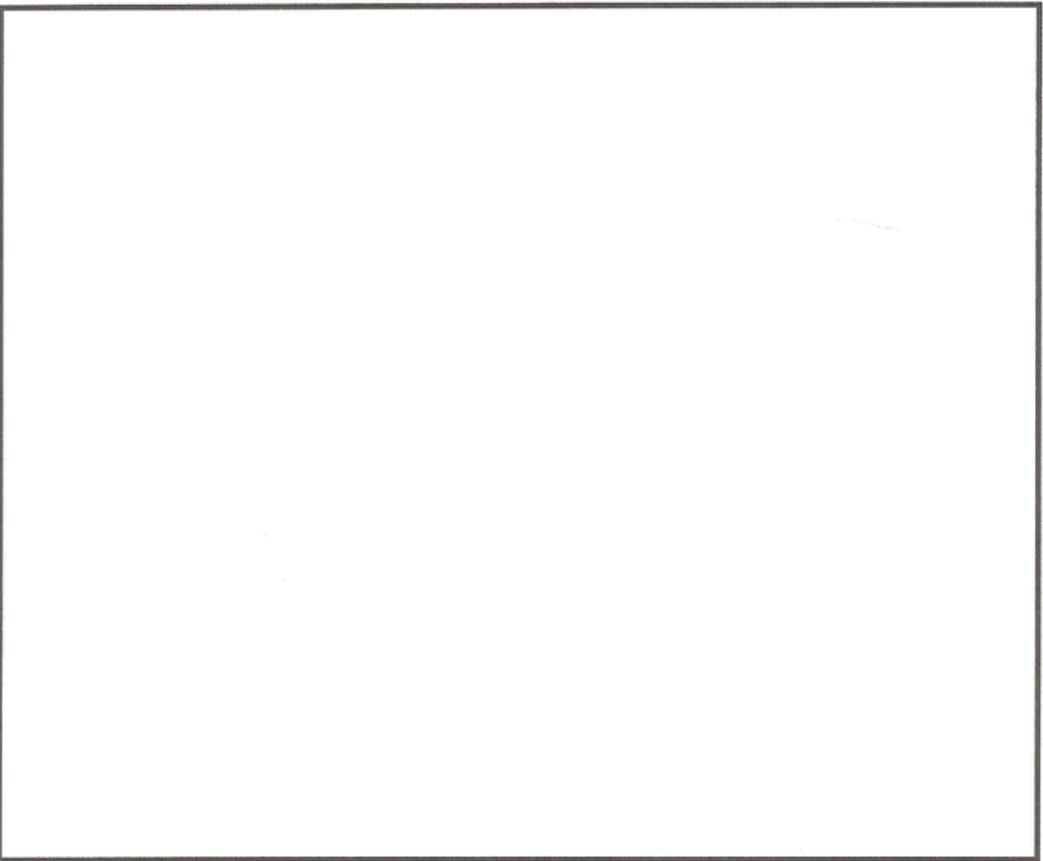
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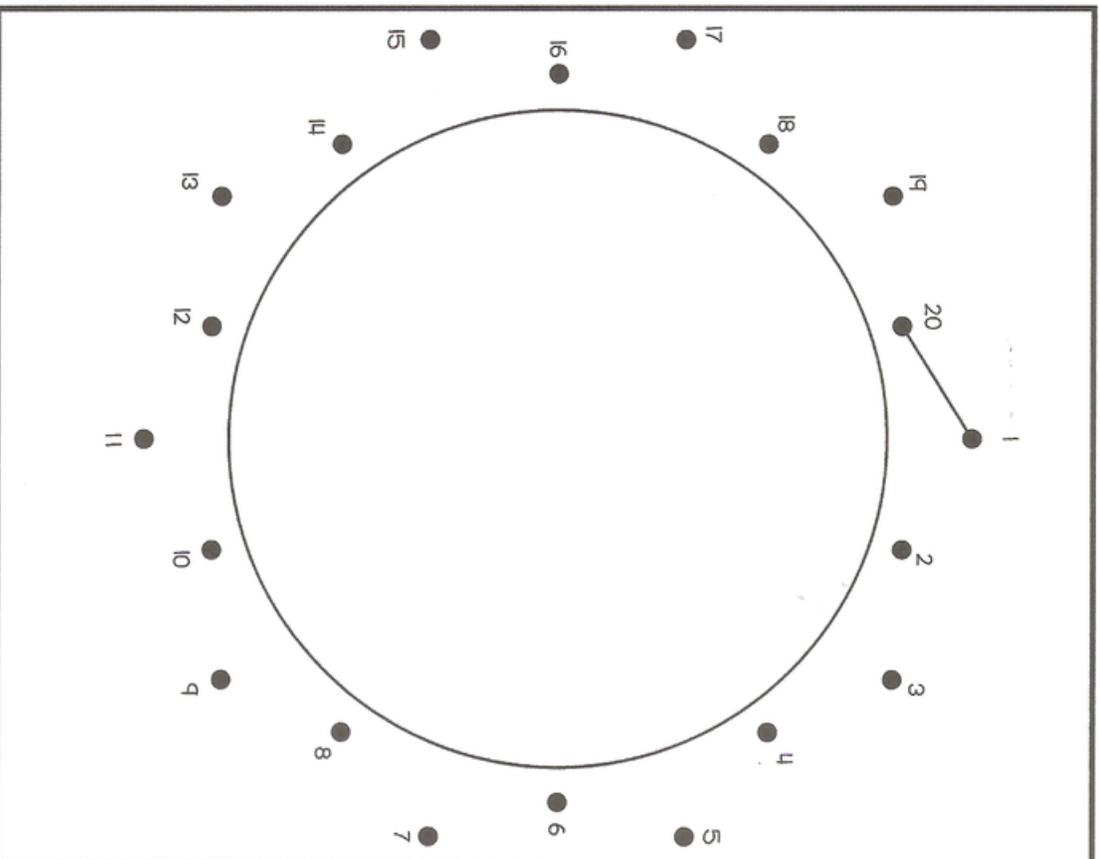
DRAW IT

Mark 9 tells the amazing story of the "transfiguration." In this special experience, Jesus was with some of his disciples on the mountaintop. Suddenly, Jesus changed - he was shining, his clothes were bright white, and a voice spoke from the sky. Imagine you are with the disciples watching this! What do you see?



CONNECT the DOTS

In Psalm 50, we remember God makes the sun rise every morning and set every night - a sign of God's faithfulness and promise of fresh starts. Connect the dots to form a sun. Inside, write or draw a way you experience faithfulness.



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