

# **AMAZING ADVENT ACTIVITY PACK 2020**



**Countdown to Christmas!**

**Packed with fun lessons, puzzles,  
recipes, colouring sheets and  
daily devotionals**

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# DAY 1

## THE (EMPTY) STABLE: WAITING FOR JESUS

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### Amazing Advent

Right now we are beginning the season of Advent. At the end of Advent is Christmas. The word “advent” means “coming.” It is the season when we remember the coming of Jesus Christ, God’s only son, into the world. Have you ever waited for something for a long time? God’s people had been waiting for a very long time for God to send a Savior to them and keep all of his promises. That Savior was Jesus who was born long ago in a stable in Bethlehem. The baby Jesus would grow up to save all of God’s people.

What does Advent mean to you?

**ACTIVITY:** Write an acrostic poem about Advent.

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D \_\_\_\_\_  
V \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_  
N \_\_\_\_\_  
T \_\_\_\_\_



Colour in the candles

Jesus, thank you for coming down into our world! As we learn about your coming help us to see what you have done for us. Amen.

Bible Readings: Psalm 130; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

# DAY 2

## THE GREEN PLANTS: GOD IS THE GIVER OF LIFE

DATE

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The whole world was created by God. Can you name something that God made? God made everything that we see around us—the earth, the water, the plants, the animals. Even the bright sun and the moon were set in space by God. And God made every person that lives and ever has lived. After God made the world, he said that it was good. But then Adam and Eve, the first people, chose to disobey God. Ever since that day sin and death have been a part of our world. But God always had a beautiful plan to rescue the people and restore his creation. The coming of Jesus is at the center of God's plan.

### ACTIVITY: Colour in the picture



O God, we praise you because you are good, and you made good things. Thank you, God.  
Bible Readings: Psalm 104:24-30; Romans 8:18-25

# DAY 3

## THE FIRST SHEEP: WE HAVE ALL GONE ASTRAY

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DATE

NAME

Do you remember what “Advent” means? We have learned that in Advent we are remembering when Jesus came. But why did God send Jesus into the world? The Bible says we are all like sheep: we wander off our own way, far from God. We can’t get back to God on our own. Jesus needed to come to save us from going astray and bring us back to God. By doing this, Jesus showed that God is righteous and merciful. He showed God’s glory.

### LESSON: Why Pray?

#### 1. Read the introduction:

Today we will learn that prayer is communicating or talking with God. We may not be able to call God on the telephone or send Him a letter, but prayer is just as real as e-mail or newspapers. Why should we pray? Because it makes our relationship with God stronger. Could you imagine trying to have a best friend without communicating with them? Prayer is seeking God and His direction for our lives. Praying also helps keep us out of trouble. Jesus told us to pray, “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” (Matthew 26:41)

#### 2. Read James 5:13-16 (use your Bible or find the scripture on the internet)

#### 3. Answer the following questions:

- What is prayer?
- Can you pray when you are in trouble?
- Can you pray when you are happy?
- What is another name for happy prayers?
- What are some of the examples of why to pray mentioned in James 13-16?
- What else can we pray for?

God, we confess that we all wander off our own way. Thank you for sending Jesus into the world to bring us back to you! Amen.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 3:19-26

# DAY 4

## THE LAMB: JESUS DIED TO SAVE US

DATE

NAME

In the time before Jesus came God forgave the people's sins (thing they did wrong) by having a lamb die instead of the people. This was part of the Law that God gave to Moses. The Law was pointing ahead to Jesus' coming. It was to show what Jesus would do. He would die for our sins instead of us. Jesus is called the Lamb of God because he died on the cross to save us. God saves us through Jesus.

### ACTIVITY: Complete the Nativity word search

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Angel  
Shepherd  
Stable  
Mary  
Joseph

Wise Man  
Bethlehem  
Star  
Jesus  
Manger



Dear God, thank you for having such an amazing plan. Thank you for sending Jesus to be the lamb. Help us to trust in Him. Amen.

Bible Readings: Exodus 12:21-27; Acts 8:26-38

# DAY 5

## THE LANTERN: JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

DATE

NAME

Do you know what it is like to sit in the darkness? It is like being blind. You can't see anything. Have you ever been in the dark and then someone came and turned on the light? There is a verse in the Old Testament that tells what it would be like for the world when Jesus came. It says, "the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). That was what it was like when Jesus came to earth. He brought light into the whole world!

### ACTIVITY: Baking Christmas cookies

#### Ingredients

100g/3½oz unsalted butter  
100g/3½oz caster sugar  
1 free-range egg, lightly beaten  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
275g/10oz plain flour

#### To decorate

400g/14oz icing sugar  
3-4 tbsp water  
2-3 drops food colourings  
Edible glitter or sprinkles



#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5.
2. Cream the butter and sugar together in a bowl until pale, light and fluffy.
3. Beat in the egg and vanilla extract, a little at a time, until well combined.
4. Stir in the flour until the mixture comes together as a dough.
5. Roll the dough out on a lightly floured work surface to a thickness of 1cm.
6. Using biscuit cutters or a glass, cut biscuits out of the dough and carefully place onto the baking tray lined with greaseproof paper.
7. Bake the biscuits for 8-10 minutes, or until pale golden-brown.

#### For the icing:

1. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl and stir in water to create a smooth mixture.
2. Stir in the food colouring.
3. Carefully spread the icing onto the biscuits using a knife and decorate with glitter or sprinkles. Set aside until the icing hardens.

Dear Jesus, we praise you for shining your light when we were in the darkness. Let your light shine through us. Amen.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1:1-9

# DAY 6

## THE FIRST WISE MAN: GOD PROMISED A GREAT KING

DATE

NAME

This is one of the “wise men,” or magi. In Jesus’ time wise men served foreign kings. Do you know what a king is? A king is the ruler of a nation. He is the leader of everyone that is in his kingdom, for as long as he lives. Long, long ago God promised his people that he would raise up a great king for them. He promised them that this king would do only what is right and good. God’s promised king would rule forever and ever—his kingdom would never end. All of Israel was waiting for God to send them this great king. Then there would be justice and righteousness and peace in their land . . . forever.

### LESSON: How to Pray

#### 1. Read the introduction:

We have already learned that prayer is communicating or talking with God. So how should we pray? When we pray, God wants us to pray with all of our heart (Jeremiah 29:13) We should pray earnestly and not half heartily. We should not pray just so other people will think we are godly.

#### 2. Read Jeremiah 29:11-13 (use your Bible or find the scripture online)

#### 3. Answer the following questions:

- a. Will God listen when we pray?
- b. What kind of plans does God have for us?
- c. How can we seek and find God?
- d. God wants to give us hope and a \_\_\_\_\_?
- e. When we pray we should pray with \_\_\_\_\_?

Dear God, we long for your peace to reign in this world. We thank you for promising a king whose reign would never end. Amen.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 11:1-9; Hebrews 1:7-13



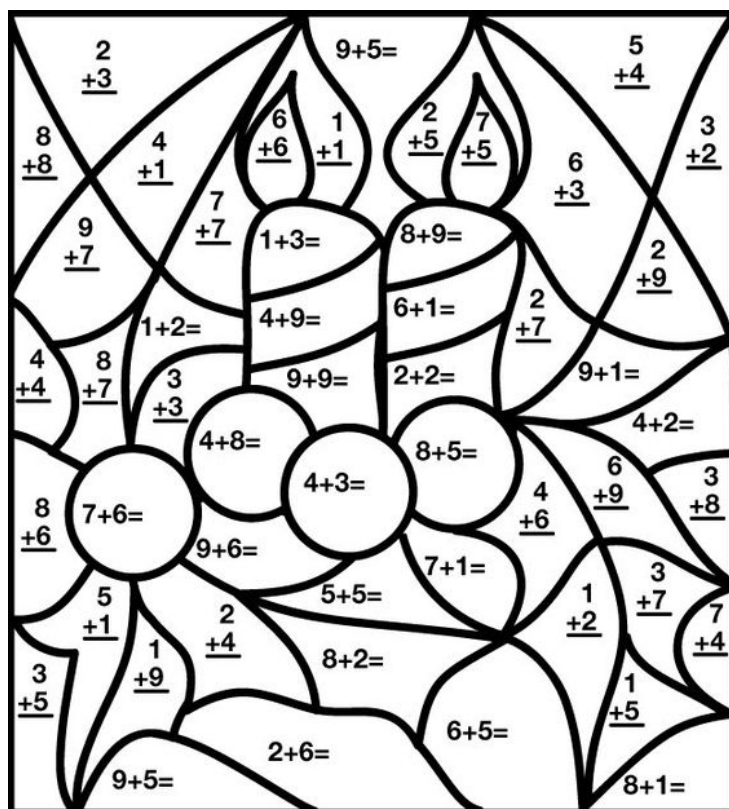
THE SECOND WISE MAN: JESUS IS THE  
PROMISED KING-OVER ALL THE WORLD

DATE

NAME

God's people were waiting for this great king who would do only what was good and right and who would defeat Israel's enemies. God's king would rule not only over the people of Israel but over the whole world. The greatest king that Israel ever had was named David. David's kingdom spread over a wide land and many people. But David did not rule over the whole world. The king that God promised was Jesus! Jesus was born to be king over all people and all of creation.

**ACTIVITY: Calculate each sum and colour in the picture**



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|--------|---------------------|
| Blue   | 13                  |
| Red    | 2, 7                |
| Yellow | 12                  |
| Green  | 3, 6, 10, 15        |
| Cream  | 4, 17, 18           |
| Brown  | 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16 |

Dear Jesus, you are the greatest king. You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords and we praise you! Amen.

**Bible Readings: Matthew 22:41-46; John 18:33-38**



# DAY 8

## MARY: THE ANGEL COMES TO MARY

DATE

NAME

In the city of Nazareth there lived a young woman who was faithful to God. Her name was Mary. One day God sent an angel to Mary, to tell her that she would have a special baby. Her baby would be called the Son of God, and he would be a great king whose kingdom would last forever. Do you know who her baby was going to be? God had chosen Mary to be the mother of Jesus!

### LESSON: Angel Gabriel Visits Mary

#### 1. Read the introduction:

Many years ago in Galilee, in a town called Nazareth, there lived a young woman named Mary. She was about to be married. During those days, it was customary for girls to be promised to be given away as young brides as soon as they reached puberty, which is about twelve years old. She also had a strange visitor just before she was married. This visitor gave her news that was not only surprising, but it turned out to be Good News for all ages to come.

#### 2. Read Luke 1:26-38 (use your Bible or find the scripture online)

#### 3. Answer the following questions:

- How did Mary react when Gabriel greeted her?
- After telling Mary not to be afraid, what was the Good News that Mary received?
- Why was Mary chosen to be the mother of Jesus?
- God was pleased when Mary surrendered to His Will and became obedient to Him. What other characteristics do you think Mary may have had that were pleasing to God?

Dear God, We praise you because you use humble, ordinary people in your plan. Help us to believe your word like Mary did. Amen.

Bible Readings: I Samuel 2:1-10; Luke 1:46-55

# DAY 9

## THE ANGEL: HIS NAME SHALL BE JESUS

DATE

NAME

Do you know about the angels? The angels serve God. We learn from the Bible that God often sends angels to be his messengers. Before his son was born on earth, God sent one of his angels to Mary. The angel told Mary she would be the mother of a special baby. The angel said to name the baby Jesus. The name Jesus means, "The Lord saves."

### ACTIVITY: Colour in the picture



God, we praise you because you are the God who saves. You planned to save all of us through Jesus, whom the angel spoke about so long ago. Amen.

Bible Readings: Acts 4:5-12; Hebrews 4:3-10

# DAY 10

## THE DOVE: GOD SENDS JESUS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

DATE

NAME

During Advent we are not celebrating Jesus alone. We are worshipping our one God in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a part of Christmas, too. Every baby that is born has a human daddy and a human mummy. But Jesus was a very special baby. He came from God. Before he was born God put Jesus into Mary's belly by the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit that came to Mary was with Jesus all of his life on earth. The Holy Spirit is also with us.

### LESSON: Joseph's Dream

#### 1. Read the introduction:

Before Jesus was born, there was a man who was a descendant of King David. His name was Joseph. He was engaged to Mary, a young woman who was also a virgin. In those ancient times when someone was engaged, it was almost like they were married, except they did not live in the same house. Joseph loved Mary very much, but when he found out she was already pregnant, he was very disappointed. But being a reasonable and decent person, he decided not to get mad, or let anyone know what was going on. If he told anyone, Mary would be in really big trouble. Let's see what happened next.

#### 2. Read Matthew 1:18-24 (use your Bible or find the scripture online)

#### 3. Answer the following questions:

- Why did the angel visit Joseph?
- Why was a virgin chosen by God to be the mother of His Son?
- What did Joseph do after he woke up from his dream?
- Why did God choose Joseph to be Mary's husband?

Dear God, Thank you for sending Jesus down to us, to become a human baby. Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who works in amazing ways. Amen.

Bible Readings: Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:9-18

# DAY 11

## JOSEPH: THE ANGEL VISITS JOSEPH, JESUS IS IMMANUEL

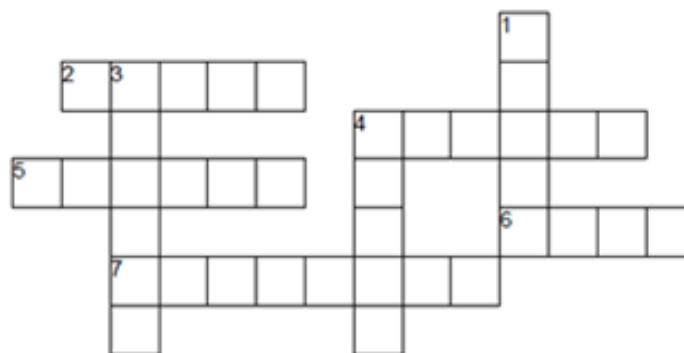
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Joseph was planning to marry Mary. Before they were married, Joseph had a visit from an angel in a dream. The angel told him that Mary was going to have a baby that came from the Holy Spirit. The angel said to name the baby Jesus, but Jesus was also called "Immanuel," which means, "God with us." Joseph would be married to Mary, and Joseph would adopt Jesus as his son. Jesus was the Son of God but he became a human child so that he might be with us.

### ACTIVITY: Complete the crossword

Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below



#### Across

- 2. To become husband and wife
- 4. The earthly father of Jesus
- 5. A pure, unmarried girl or woman
- 6. The mother of Jesus
- 7. A name that means "God is with us"

#### Down

- 1. Images and emotions that happen when you are sleeping
- 3. To be filled with fear
- 4. The Son of God

Dear Jesus, We thank you that, even though you are the Son of God, you came down to be a human like we are. Amen.

Bible Readings: Joshua 1:1-9; Colossians 1:15-20

# DAY 12

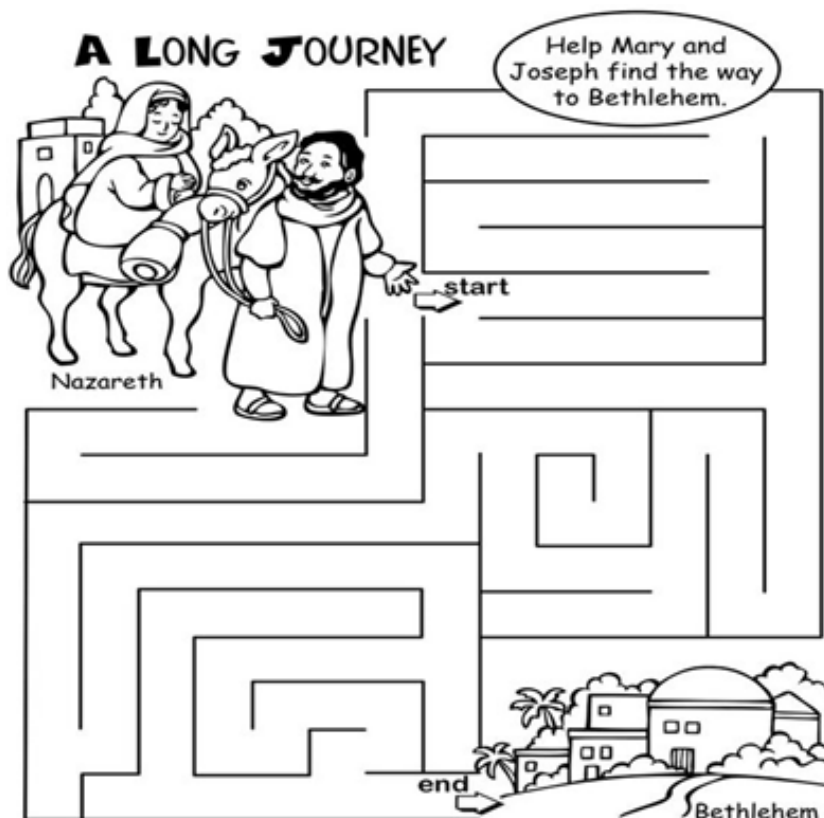
## THE DONKEY: THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

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Long ago God had said that Jesus would come into the family of King David and would be born in Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary had to make a journey to Bethlehem. It was a long journey, about 70 or 80 miles. It would have taken them a long time, maybe a week. Joseph and Mary might have walked the whole way. Or they might have had a donkey to help them. Maybe Mary even rode on the donkey when she was tired. Because God always keeps his promises, Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem just before Jesus was born.

**ACTIVITY: Help Joseph and Mary get to Bethlehem**



Dear God, We praise you because you always keep your word. We can see how you are in control of all events, big and small. Amen.

Bible Readings: 2 Samuel 7:8-16; Micah 5:1-5

# DAY 13

## THE COW: NO ROOM FOR JOSEPH AND MARY IN THE INN

DATE

NAME

Joseph and Mary were on a long journey. When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, they tried to find a place where they could stay. But many, many people were traveling to the city. It was crowded. Joseph and Mary found an inn, but there was no room for them there. What could they do? Mary was about to have the baby Jesus! Finally Joseph and Mary found a place to stay - it was a stable! Does a stable sound like the kind of place for a great king to be born? God's plan is sometimes very surprising.

### LESSON: Journey to Bethlehem

#### 1. Read the introduction:

According to prophesy, Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, a small town of the city of David. But Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth, a city over fifty miles away from Bethlehem. And the baby might be born any minute. Then, Caesar Augustus made a ruling. Everyone twelve years or older must go to their city of origin to register and pay taxes. It was called a census. Although baby Jesus might be born any moment, Joseph and Mary wanted to obey the law, so they decided to walk to Bethlehem, a three-day journey.

#### 2. Read Luke 2:1-20 (use your Bible or find the scripture online)

#### 3. Answer the following questions:

- Why did Joseph and Mary go from their home in Nazareth all the way to Bethlehem?
- After Jesus was born, why was He placed in a manger?
- How do you think Joseph and Mary felt about spending the night in a stable?
- Jesus the savior of the whole world wasn't born in a beautiful palace like other kings? Why do you think that was?
- What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus for themselves?

Dear Jesus, you are the Son of God and the greatest king and yet you humbled yourself.

There is no other god like you! We praise you. Amen.

Bible Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Philippians 2:3-11



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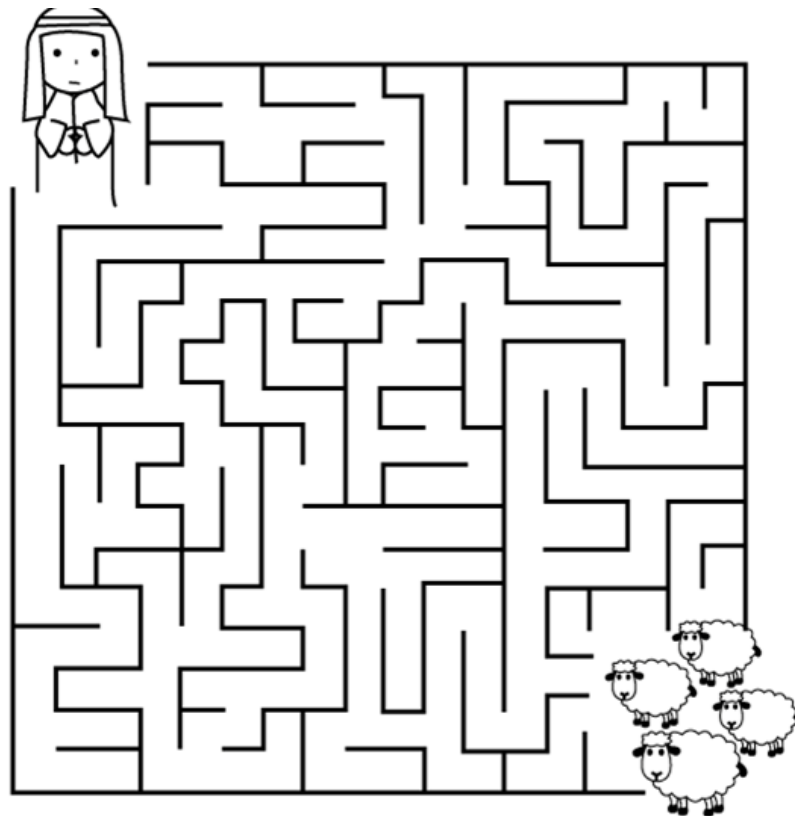
## THE SECOND SHEEP: THE LOST SHEEP-JESUS CAME TO FIND US

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NAME

When Jesus was on earth, he told many stories about what God is like. One of his stories was about a shepherd who had 100 sheep. That's a lot of sheep! One of the shepherd's sheep wandered away and was lost. What do you think the shepherd did? He left the other 99 sheep in a field and went to look for the one who was lost. When he found that sheep, do you think he was angry? Do you think he scolded the sheep, or disciplined it? No! He picked it up and brought it back home to the field, where he had a joyful party to celebrate the return of his little lost sheep.

**ACTIVITY:** Help the shepherd find his lost sheep



Dear Jesus, we want to remember why you came into our world: to save us when we were lost.  
Amen.

Bible Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Luke 19:1-10

# DAY 15

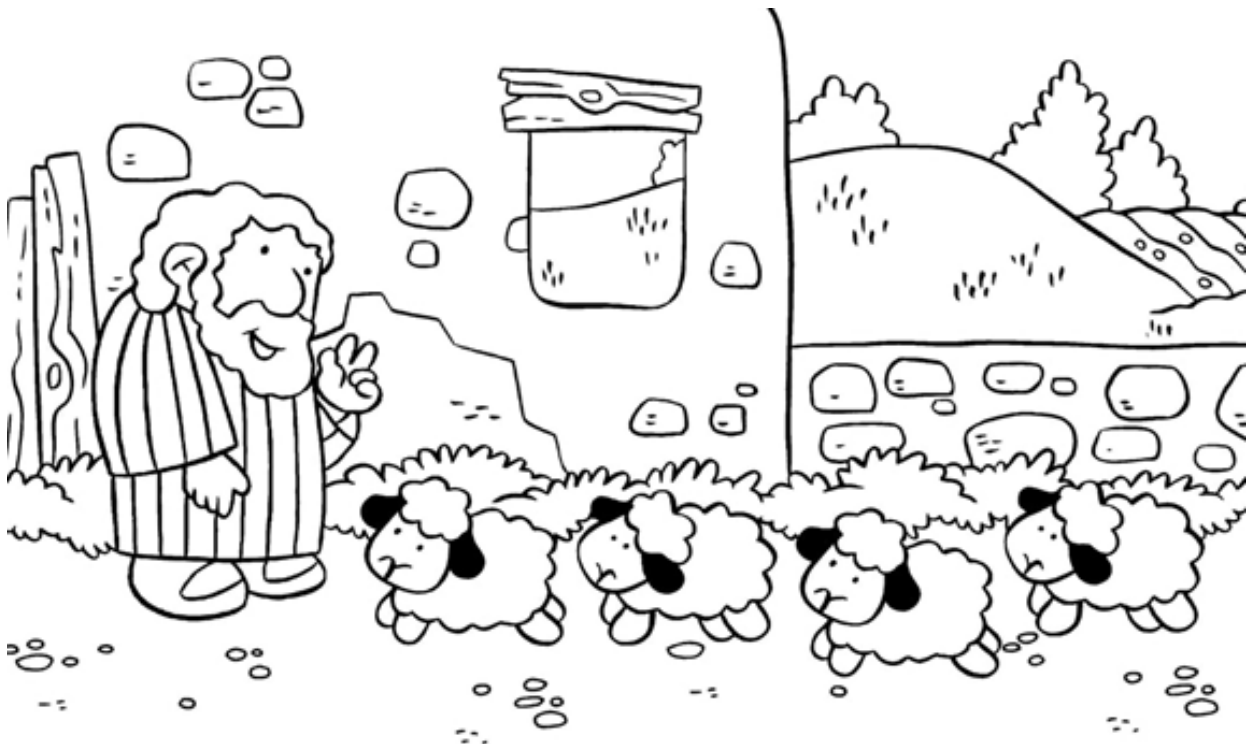
## THE SHEPHERD: HIS SHEEP KNOW HIS VOICE

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NAME

Do you know what a shepherd's job is? A shepherd's job is to take care of sheep. Taking care of sheep is a lot of work. Sheep need fresh, green grass to eat; they need cool water to drink; they need somewhere to sleep; and they need someone to protect them from other animals. If there isn't a shepherd to take care of the sheep, the sheep are in big trouble. We learn from the Bible that we are like sheep—we have all gone astray and gotten lost. Jesus is like our good shepherd who finds us, gives us what we need, and protects us.

### ACTIVITY: Colour in the picture



Dear Jesus, you are such a good shepherd to us! Please help us to be good listeners to your voice now and always. Amen.

Bible Readings: John 10:1-18; Hebrews 13:20-21

# DAY 16

## THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF: THE SHEPHERDS COME TO JESUS

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DATE

NAME

On the night when Jesus was born, there were some shepherds watching their sheep in a field nearby. Suddenly, the sky above them filled with glorious light and an angel appeared! When they saw this, the shepherds were scared. But the angel told them not to be afraid because he had a message of very good news for everyone. He wanted them to know that a Savior was born in the town of Bethlehem. He invited them to go and find the baby, who was wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger. Then the whole sky filled with brilliant angels.

**ACTIVITY:** Draw the other half of the angel and colour it in



Dear God, we praise you for sending Jesus into the world, too! Thank you for giving us a Savior who would give us peace with you. Amen.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Ephesians 2:12-18

# DAY 17

## THE SECOND ANGEL (ANGEL'S WAND): GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY FOR ALL PEOPLE

DATE

NAME

Do you remember what the shepherds saw when they were in the field watching their sheep? They saw some brilliant angels! What did the angels say to them? The angels told the shepherds that they were bringing them good news. The angels said that this joyful good news would be for all people—not just for the shepherds, not just for the wise men, or even just the people of Israel. The good news about Jesus is for everyone everywhere.

### ACTIVITY: Make a yummy Christmas gingerbread smoothie

Thick and creamy with a hint of sweet vanilla and subtle spices, this gingerbread smoothie makes a fantastic healthy Christmas breakfast

#### INGREDIENTS

700ml / 3 cups dairy or non dairy milk  
1 banana  
1 tbsp honey  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1/4 tsp grated nutmeg  
1/2 tsp ground ginger  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/8 tsp ground cloves



#### Method

1. Place all of the ingredients in a blender and blitz until smooth.
2. Divide between two glasses, garnish with grated nutmeg and serve immediately. Yummy!

Dear God, we thank you for the good news! We are so glad to know about Jesus coming into our world to save all who believe in him. Help us to tell others about Jesus, too. Amen.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

# DAY 18

## THE STAR: JESUS' BIRTH IS A COSMIC EVENT

DATE

NAME

Mary and Joseph had found a place to sleep in Bethlehem. And Jesus was born. It was the most amazing thing that has ever happened. Have you ever seen a tiny newborn baby? Babies are born every day. But the baby Jesus was very special. To show how important Jesus' birth was, God put a new and unusual star in the sky over the place where he was born. The star was shining out to announce to the whole earth that Jesus had come. Have you noticed that we decorate with stars at Christmas time? When we see the stars, it reminds us of the special night when Jesus was born.

### ACTIVITY: Colour in the picture



Dear God, we thank you for the many ways, like the star, that you have shown how special the birth of Jesus was. Help us to have hearts and minds that are ready to think about Jesus. Amen.

Bible Readings: Matthew 2:1-12; John 3:16-21

# DAY 19

## THE THIRD WISE MAN: THE WHOLE WORLD NEEDS TO HEAR ABOUT JESUS

DATE

NAME

Do you remember when we looked at the magi, or wise men? The wise men served foreign kings in faraway lands. Some of them studied the stars and they saw the great star that God put in the sky when Jesus was born. They knew that this star meant that a great king was born. They set off on a long journey to find him.

**Activity:** Have fun sharing these cracking Christmas jokes!

Q: What did Adam say  
on the day before  
Christmas?

A: It's Christmas, Eve

Q: What do you call a greedy elf?

A: Elfish.

Q: Why is Santa so good  
at karate?

A: Because he's got a  
black belt.

Q: What Christmas carol do they  
sing in the desert?

A: Camel ye faithful

Knock Knock.  
Who's there?  
Mary.  
Mary who?  
Mary Christmas!

Q. Which of Santa's reindeer has  
bad manners?

A. RUDE-olph

Dear God, we thank you that Jesus came for everyone. Please help us to share this good news  
all around us. Amen.

Bible Readings: Psalm 67; Revelation 7:9-12



# DAY 20

## THE CAMEL: THE WISE MEN COME TO JESUS

DATE

NAME

When they saw the special star that God put in the sky to announce the birth of his Son, the wise men began a long journey to find him. They traveled for a very long time. On the way to Bethlehem, the star rose for the wise men and led them to the house where Jesus and his parents were. When they saw the star again, they were so happy! They came into the house and saw the young Jesus, and they knew who he was. They worshiped him.

### LESSON: Visit of the Magi

#### 1. Read the introduction:

Sometime after Jesus was born, some special visitors came to see Him. These visitors were called magi. However, they were also known by other names, such as wise men, or kings. Without a doubt they were wise, because they were searching for Jesus in order to worship him and give him gifts.

#### 2. Read Matthew 2:1-12 (use your Bible or find the scripture online)

#### 3. Discussion Questions:

- a. What did the magi see that caused them to look for Jesus?
- b. How did King Herod know that the magi would find Jesus in Bethlehem?
- c. What gifts did the magi give to Jesus?
- d. Why did the magi give these gifts instead of "normal" gifts like clothes or food?
- e. Besides giving gifts, what else did the magi do when they saw Jesus?

Dear God, we praise you because you are in control of the stars in the sky and all of the people on the earth. Amen.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 60:1-14; Matthew 2:13-23

# DAY 21

## GIFTS #1: THE WISE MEN BRING GIFTS TO JESUS THE KING

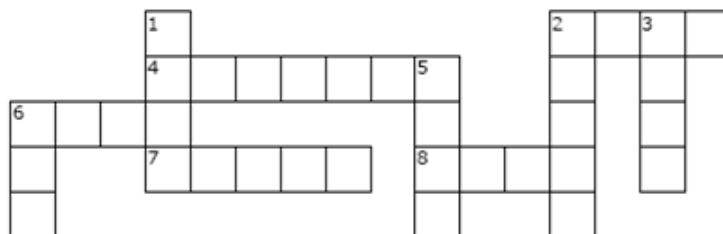
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When the wise men followed the star to find baby Jesus, they and they brought some gifts with them. When the wise men came in the house where Jesus was, they laid these precious gifts at his feet. They gave him gifts because they knew that Jesus was God's great king and they wanted to show him honor. What do you think the gifts were? The Bible says that the wise men brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was the most valuable and beautiful metal they had. Frankincense and myrrh came from special trees and were burned to make sweet-smelling incense. What would you want to give to Jesus?

### ACTIVITY: Complete the crossword

Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below



#### Across

2. The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph after Jesus was born
4. A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
6. To come into existence by birth
7. Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
8. A twinkling point of light in the night sky

#### Down

1. A male ruler of a country
2. A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
3. A valuable shiny, yellow metal which is used to make coins and jewellery
5. The direction which is opposite to west
6. To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

Dear Jesus, you are worthy of all honor and glory! Help us to honor you—not only with what we give, but in how we live. Amen.

Bible Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:10-18; Matthew 26:6-13

# DAY 22

## GIFTS #2: WHY DO WE GIVE GIFTS AT CHRISTMAS?

DATE

NAME

Do you remember what the wise men brought when they came to see Jesus? They brought him gifts! They did this because Jesus was God's great king. Did you know that we give gifts on Christmas? Part of our celebration of Jesus' birth is that we give Christmas presents to each other. We give presents because it is the time when we remember the greatest gift ever given. Do you know what it was? It was Jesus. When we give gifts this Christmas, let's remember that Jesus is the greatest gift, given to us.

### ACTIVITY: Colour in the picture



Dear God, thank you for giving us your own Son, Jesus. He is the best gift ever given. Help us to remember him when we give presents on Christmas. Amen.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Romans 5:12-17

# DAY 23

## THE MANGER: JESUS THE SERVANT KING

DATE

NAME

When you go to sleep tonight, where will you sleep? You sleep in a bed. The Bible tells us that, after Jesus was born, Mary wrapped him in cloths and lay him down to sleep. But remember how there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn? There wasn't a bed or a crib to lay him in! The baby Jesus was tucked in to a manger. This is a very surprising way for a great king to be born. The humble way that Jesus was born was the same way that he would live his whole life. Jesus came as a king, but as a king who serves his people.

### ACTIVITY: Colour in the picture



Dear Jesus, it is amazing to us that when you came from God into our world, you were born into a stable and slept in a manger instead of a king's bed. Amen.

Bible Readings: Mark 10:42-45; John 13:3-17

# DAY 24

## THE BABY JESUS: JESUS IS BORN!

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Do you remember what Advent means? It means coming—the coming of Jesus. This Advent season we have been celebrating when Jesus, God’s own Son, was born into our world as a little baby in Bethlehem. We have been looking at the story of Jesus’ birth—how God made the good world, how we have all gone astray like sheep, how we needed a Good Shepherd to come and bring us back to God. We have learned how the angel came to Mary, and told her that God would give her a special baby by the Holy Spirit. We know that Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem and had to stay in a stable. And Jesus was born!

**ACTIVITY:** Write an acrostic poem to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus!

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E \_\_\_\_\_  
S \_\_\_\_\_  
U \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear God, we all want to thank you again for sending your Son Jesus to be born into our world. Amen.

Bible Readings: 1 John 4:7-12; Revelation 22:12-17

# DAY 25

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

DATE

NAME

### Merry Christmas!

Activity: Read the story from the gospel of Luke  
and colour in the picture

