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Christmas
Family Activity Kit

Everyone needs to hear the good news!
How many times and in how many ways can you hear and share the joy of the story this season?

The CHRISTMAS STORY

Go tell it on the Mountain!

(and in the car, at dinner, at school, on the playground, in the bathtub...)

God has always had a plan to help the world heal from all the hurt people have. In fact, he promised he would send help! God's people waited for this help to arrive for hundreds of years ...

and then one day, it did.

On one very ordinary day, God did something special. He sent an angel to talk to a very ordinary woman named Mary. The angel told Mary she was pregnant with God's son and He would bring help to all people through her child. At first, Mary was confused by the news. But God used angels to help calm her fears and remind her that this was good news for everyone!

When it was almost time for the baby to be born, Mary and her husband Joseph went on a trip to his hometown, Bethlehem. When they arrived, Mary knew the baby was coming soon. Joseph tried to find them a place to stay but everywhere was full. Their only option was to stay the night in a barn with animals! That very night, Jesus was born. Imagine that, the son of God, born in a barn. What must the animals have thought?

In a field nearby, shepherds were taking care of their sheep. All of a sudden the night sky lit up and filled with angels singing. They were announcing the birth of the Messiah, **the Savior!**

At first, the shepherds were shocked, but they quickly realized that God's plan to help His people was finally happening and they were so excited! The great help of the world they had been waiting for was finally here! Jesus was born and through his life **EVERYTHING** would change!

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU TELL IT?

- Draw it
- Write it
- Sing it
- _____
- Repeat after me
- Act it out
- Make a puppet show
- _____

Find the coloring pages in this packet to create your own book to help you retell the story!

12 days of Christmas STORIES



Wrap up 12 of your favorite Christmas picture books and open one a day leading up to Christmas! Find them at your local library or build your own collection. Here are a few favorites!

1. **SOUNDING JOY**
   Ellie Holcomb

2. **THE SPARKLE BOX**
   Jill Hardie

3. **ITSY BITSY CHRISTMAS**
   Max Lucado

4. **I GOT THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**
   Connie Schofield-Morrison

5. **THE CRIPPLED LAMB**
   Max Lucado

6. **THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE OF JONATHAN TOOMEY**
   Susan Wojciechowski







7. **HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS**
   Dr. Seuss

8. **OLIVE, THE OTHER REINDEER**
   J. Otto Seibold and Vivian Walsh

9. **AUNTIE CLAUS**
   Elise Primavera

10. **THE GRUMPY OLD OX**
    Anthony DeStefano

11. **GOD GAVE US CHRISTMAS**
    Lisa Tawn Bergren

12. **THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE**
    Pat Matuszak & Rick Osborne

Christmas Wishes



To Give	To Get

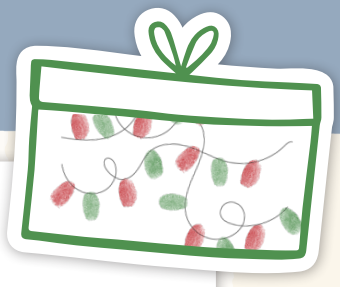


DIY GIFT WRAP



With endless energy and creativity, your kids are the perfect designers for your giftwrap this year!

Start with a roll of white or brown butcher paper and unroll as much as you want at a time and let the creative mess take over! Here are some ideas to get you going.



PAINT, CRAYONS, OR MARKERS

Draw something abstract, tell a story, or just doodle. This is an easy way to add scripture or other holiday messages! Use these supplies with any of the following techniques.

HAND PRINTS

If you don't mind the mess, hand and finger prints make easy art! You can add to the handprints with marker doodles to create little animals or a string of christmas lights! Use paint or inkpads and keep the baby wipes handy!



BINGO DABBERS

Polka dots are always in! Use bingo dabbers or cotton swabs and the eraser end of a pencil dipped in paint to make hundreds of dots around your paper.



STENICLS

If you don't have a stack of traditional stencils, look for lace, doilies, or mesh fruit bags! Anything that you don't mind getting paint all over when you sponge over it to give your paper amazing textures! Or make some paper snowflakes and sponge paint over them!



STAMPS

Use ink or paint with stamps you have or make your own stamps out of simple shapes around the house. The bottom of a 2 liter soda bottle makes great flowers! Cut up fruit and veggies are also creative ways to make stamps! Cut off the bottom inch of celery and you have a beautiful rose stamp. You can even use hot glue on a lego or alphabet block to create your own stamp designs.



COLLAGE

Old photos or clippings from magazines, sheet music, or comic books make great collages! Simple gluesticks or school glue work, or step it up by modgepodging over your collage when its done. (Hint: sometimes this method works best after you've wrapped your gift.)

FIND THE 2 PRESENTS THAT MATCH!

Then use the code hidden in the presents to finish the Bible verse below to see what **GOD** did for us at **CHRISTMAS**!



For God so loved the world, that he _____ _____ _____ _____ his only



Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal

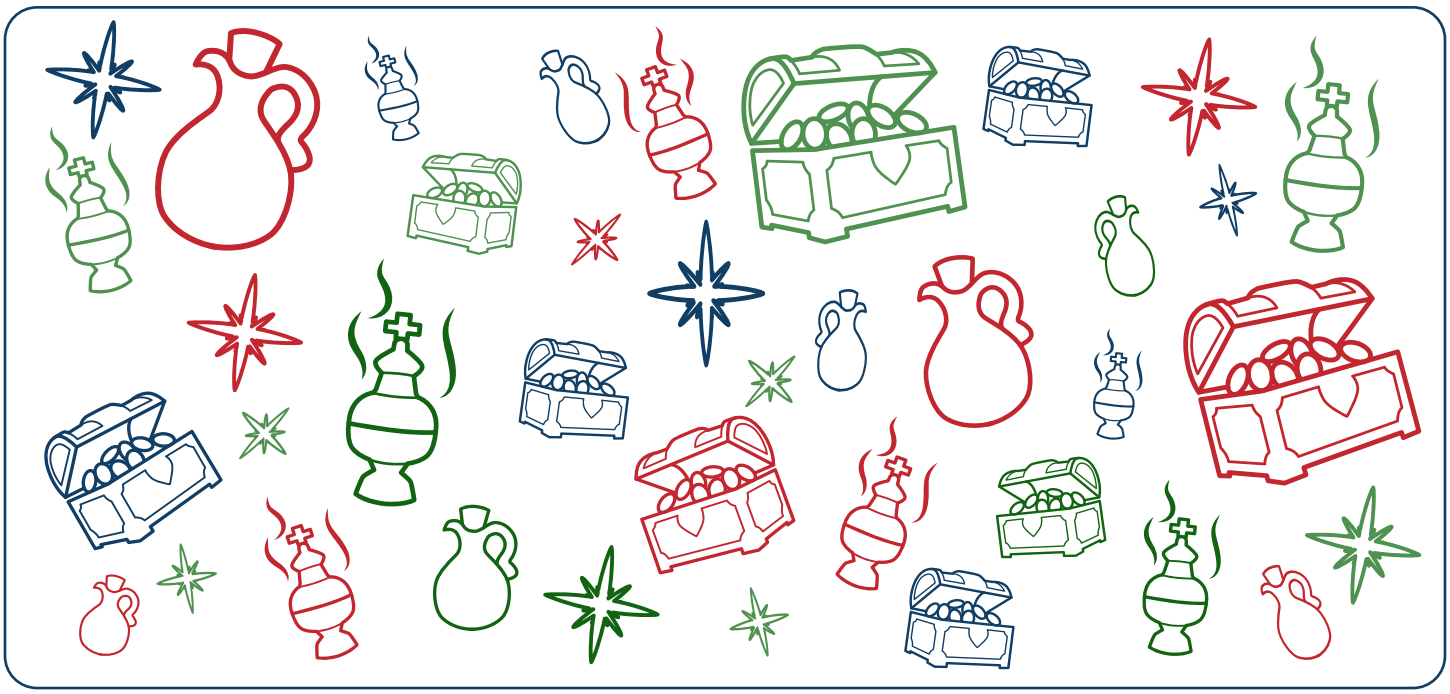
_____ _____ _____ _____. John 3:16



WISEMEN from the east brought GIFTS for the new baby KING!

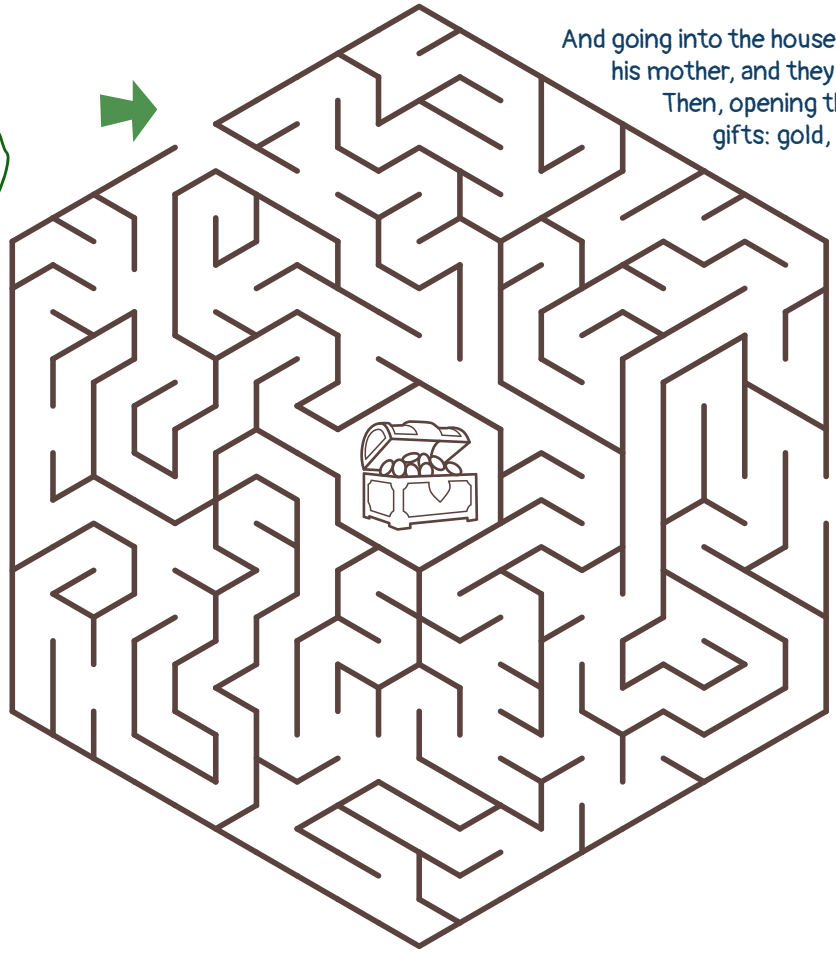
How many of each gift can you find?

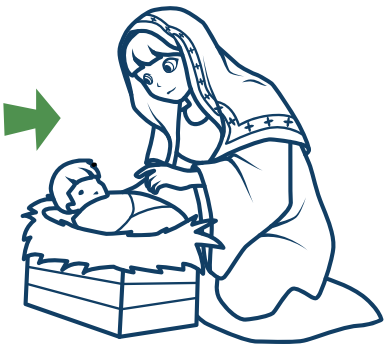






Help the Wisemen find baby Jesus to bring him their gifts!

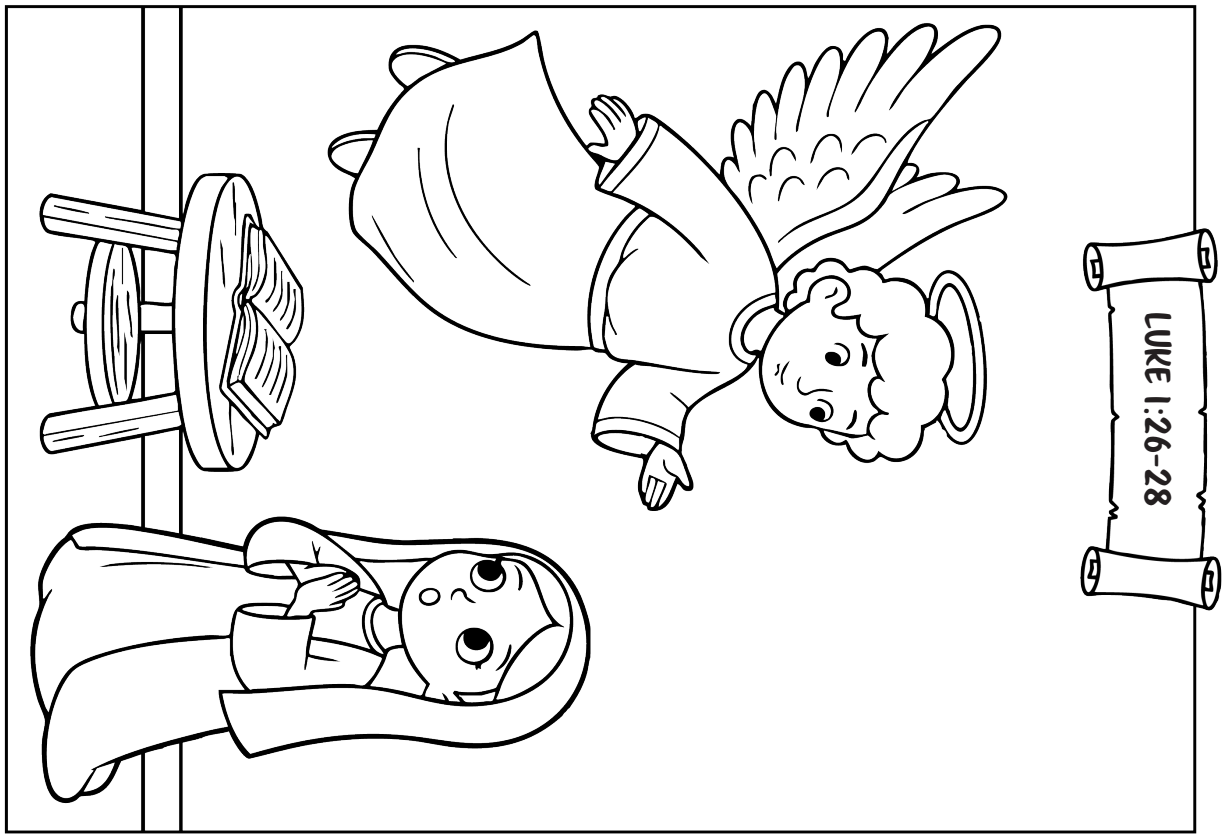


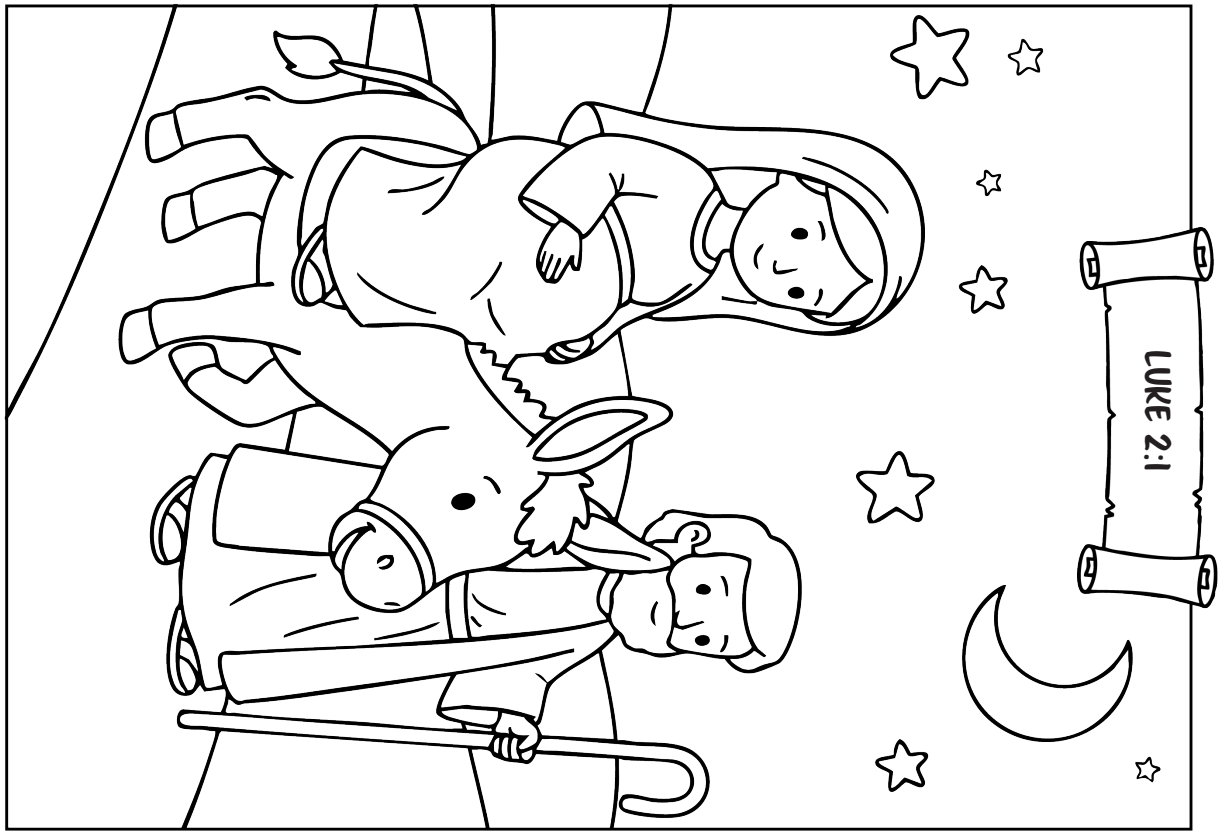


And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

Print, color, cut, and staple to create your own book to help you tell the story!





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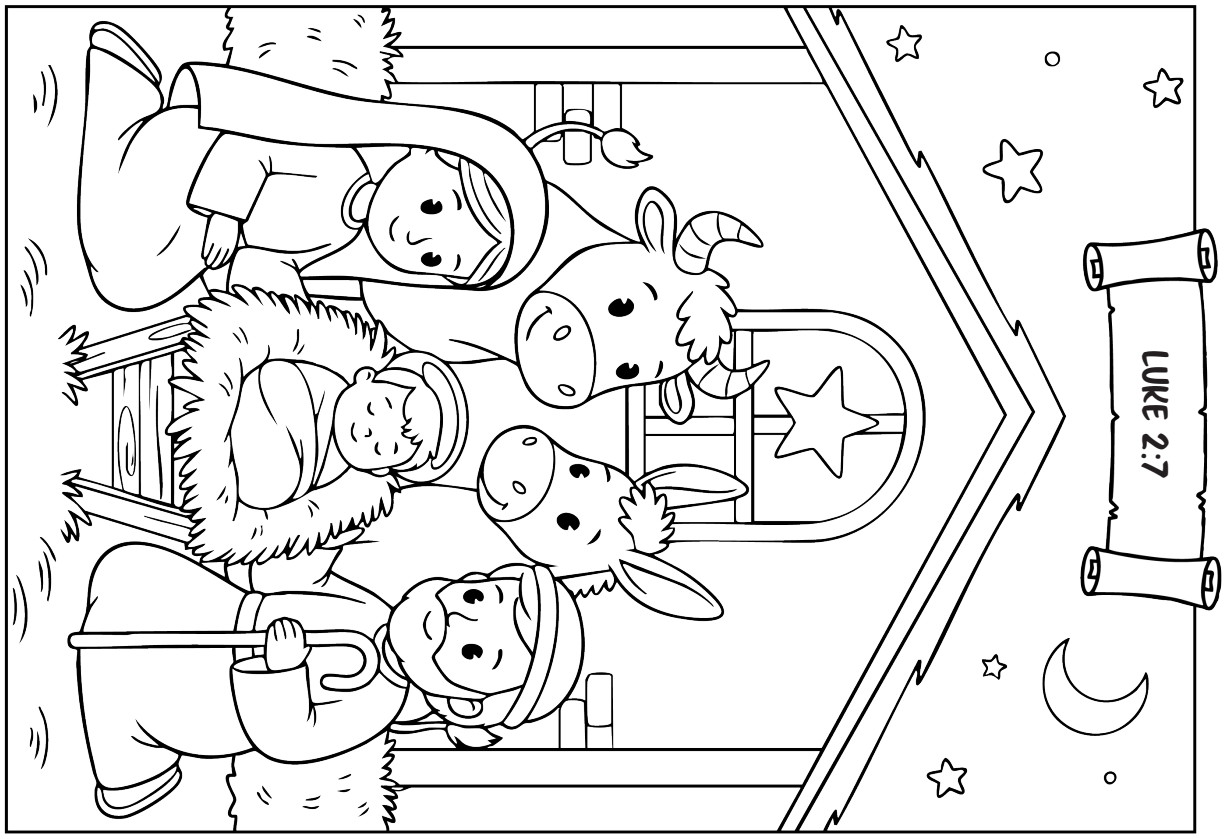

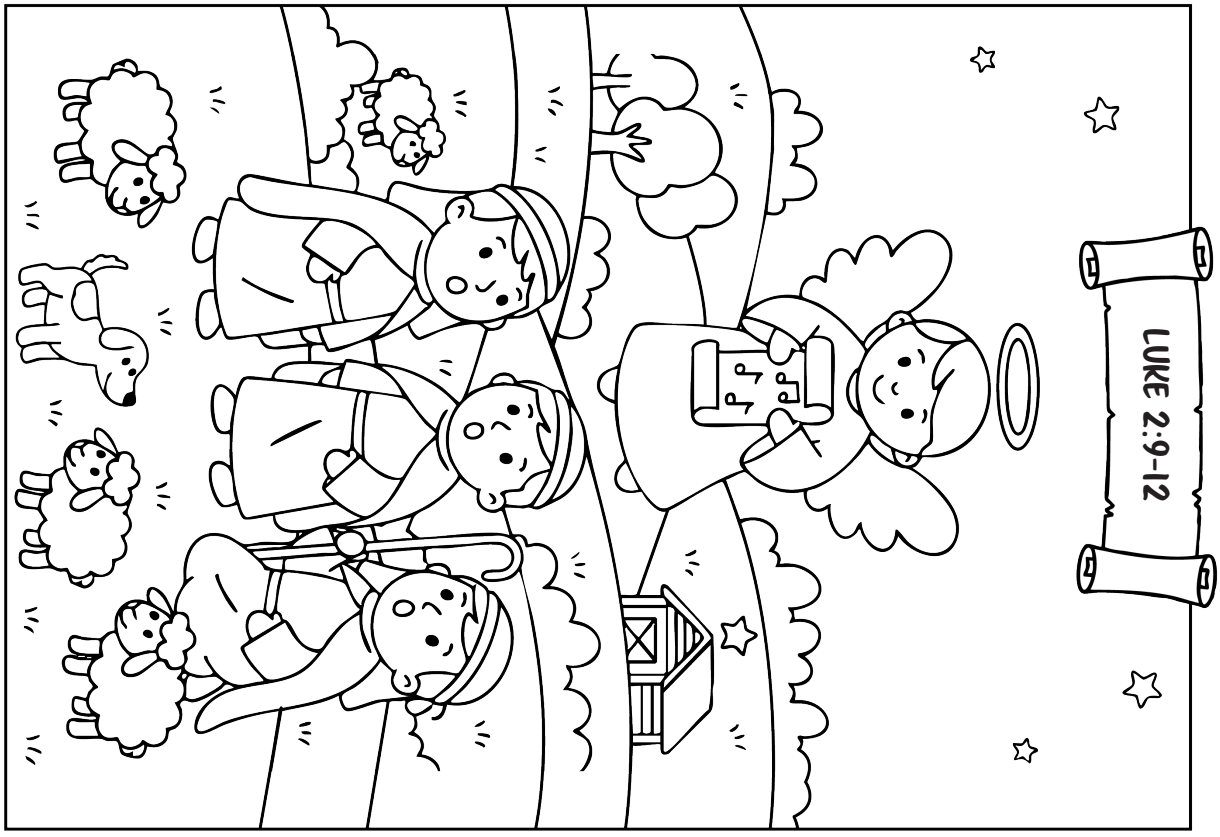




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