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Caring for others

What a sad day! Ben's apartment house was ruined . . . and his Christmas presents were all charred by the fire. What can Joe do to help? What would Ben need if his things were ruined by the fire?



Draw something Joe could give Ben. What would you do if Ben were your friend? What would you say to him?

This week

Let the youngest child in the family choose an activity to do together.

Kids Celebrate

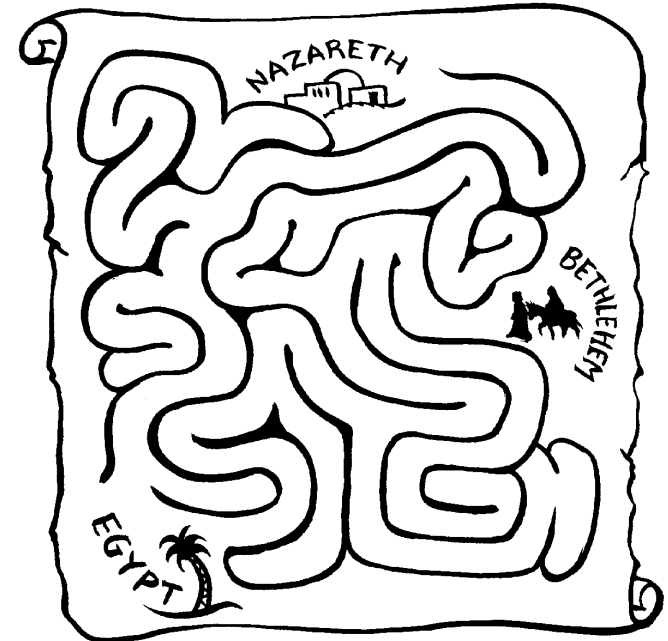
First Sunday of Christmas



gather

Welcome to worship. Joseph was told in a dream to leave Bethlehem for a safer place. So he took Mary and Jesus on a long journey.

Follow the maze. Print the name of the first stop for Jesus' family:



Finish the maze. Write the name of their last stop:

All God's children

Matthew 2:13-23

When Jesus was born King Herod became very angry and afraid. He thought Jesus had come to take over his kingdom. Herod killed many young children in his anger when he couldn't find Jesus. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus had already escaped to Egypt.



God loves all children.

Circle the cross on each child. Crosses remind us we are children of God. Draw a cross here:

All of God's children are unique, but there is one thing in common for the three children in each row.

Check all rows—up, down, and diagonal. Circle the common item in each row.



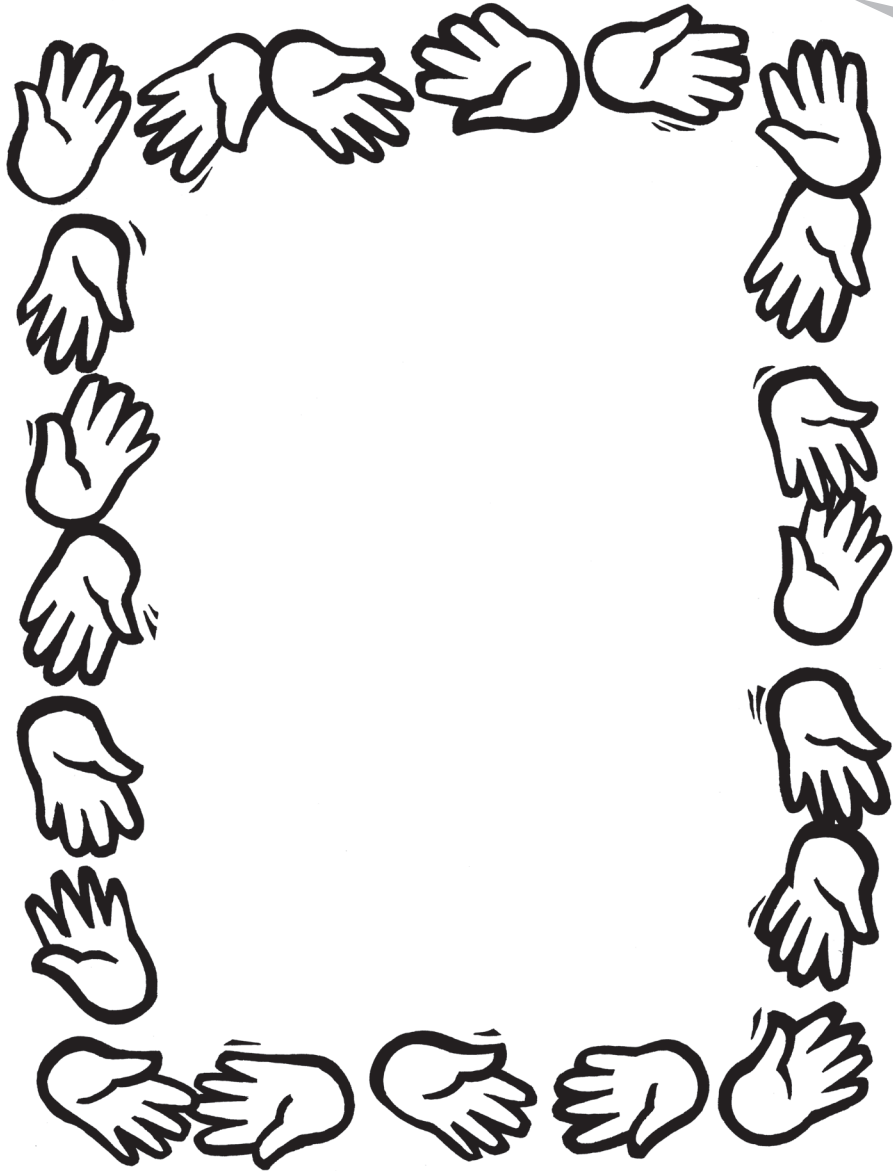
Pray for those who are traveling this week.



Keep all children safe in your care, Lord. Be with us when we care for those who are hurting. Amen

All Are Welcome

Just like Jesus and his family, many people travel from where they were born to live somewhere else. Are there people in church this Sunday who are guests or visitors? Create a welcome note for them. Go with your parents and say hello to them after the worship service.



READER

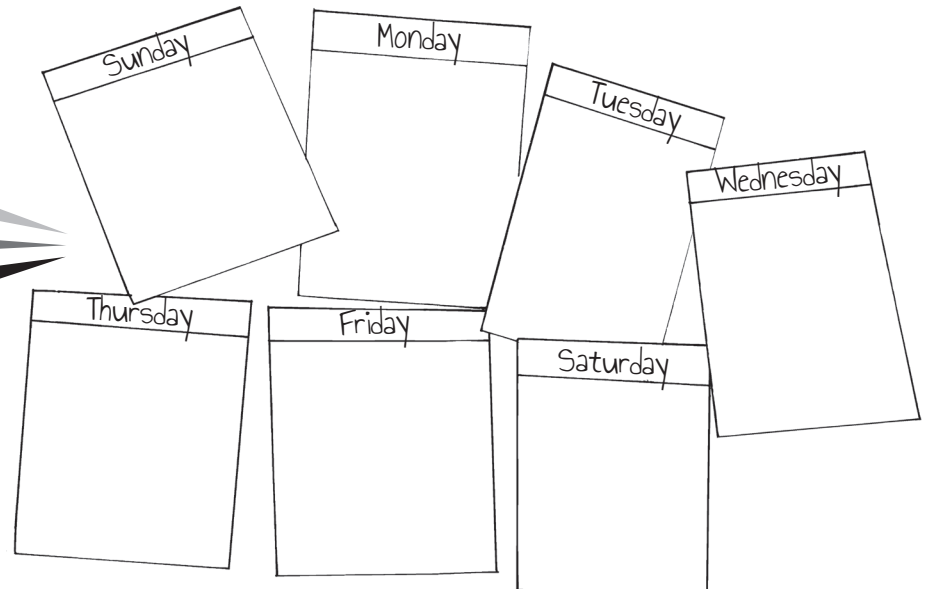
Christmas 1

- Today is the **first** Sunday in the season of **Christmas**.
- The color for the Christmas season is **white**.
- White represents the **purity** of Jesus.
- White is also a symbol for the **light** that Jesus brings to the **world**.



Party Planner

Plan a week-long birthday party for Jesus! Some activities can be just for fun. Try to think of ways to celebrate how we give to others during the Christmas season. **Use this calendar to plan the biggest birthday party ever!**



Try to fill in the missing words. (Hint: 1=A, 2=B, etc.) If you need help, look up Matthew 2:23.



"There he made his home in a town called

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so that what had been spoken through the

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might be fulfilled, "He will be called a

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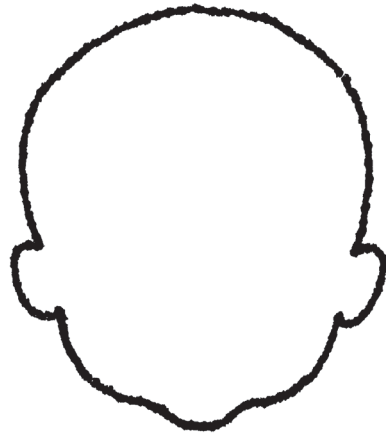
Matthew 2:23

Facing a Move

Joseph had a dream telling him to move his family to Egypt. Imagine if God was sending you to a new country to live.

Would you be excited? Nervous? Upset?

Draw an expression on the face here that shows how you might feel.



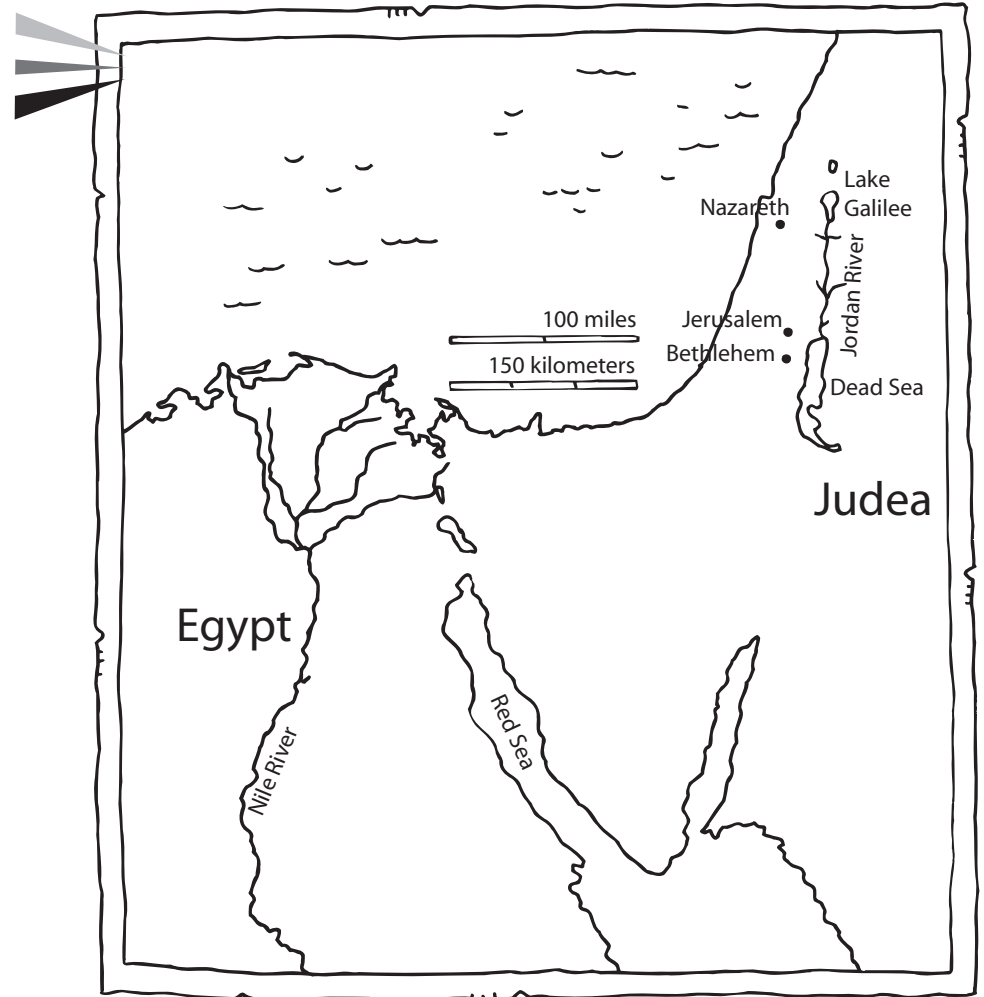
If you were helping Jesus' family get ready for their move, what would you tell them to bring? **Fill out the to-do list below.**

Things To Do

MEMORY VERSE answers: Nazareth, prophets, Nazareth



Many stories in the Bible happen in the same places. Look up some other stories that take place in Egypt. Start in the Book of Exodus with the story of the Hebrews' escaping from Egypt by crossing the Red Sea in chapter 14 of Exodus.



Do people in your neighborhood still have Christmas decorations out? That's because it's still Christmas! Have you heard about the Twelve Days of Christmas? Even though Christmas Day has passed, we celebrate Jesus' birthday for 12 days. The season ends on January 6 on a day called the Epiphany of Our Lord.

Do you see anything in the worship space today that you also see at home? Maybe you see windows and candles. Maybe you see flowers and Christmas ornaments.

Draw what you see in the spaces.

At Church

At Home

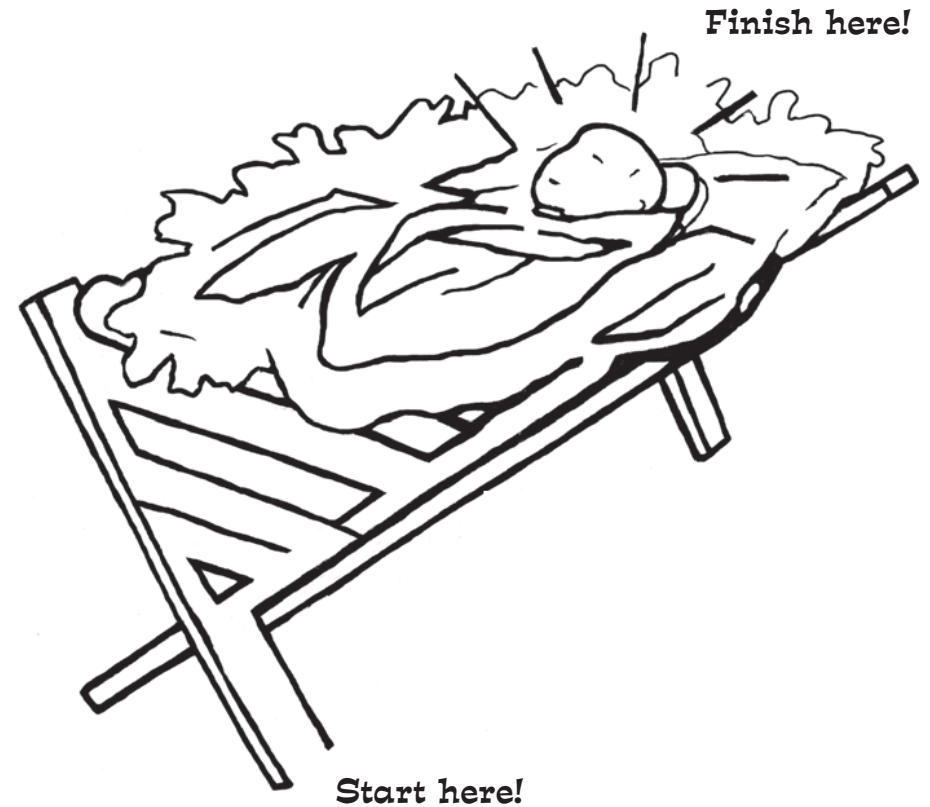


PRE-READER

Christmas 1

- The color of the **Christmas** season is **white**.
- White reminds us of the **light** and **joy** that Jesus brings.

Find your way to baby Jesus in this manger maze!





You must take Jesus and Mary to hide in Egypt.

King Herod was afraid of baby **Jesus**.
God told Joseph to hide his family in **Egypt**.
God kept Jesus' family **safe**.

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had to get out of **Bethlehem**! Help them find the fastest path to Egypt.

