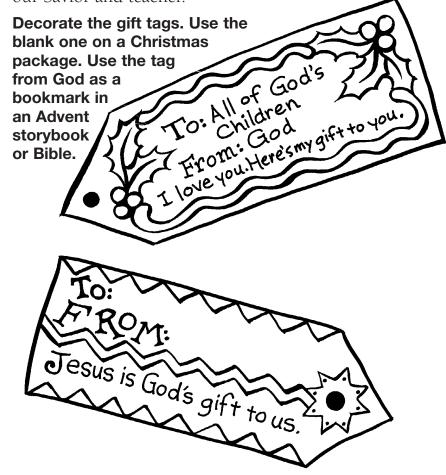
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What's in a name?

Names are important. Imagine the problems if no names were attached to the Christmas packages!

Jesus' many names tell us he is always with us as our Savior and teacher.



This week

How was your name was chosen when you were born?

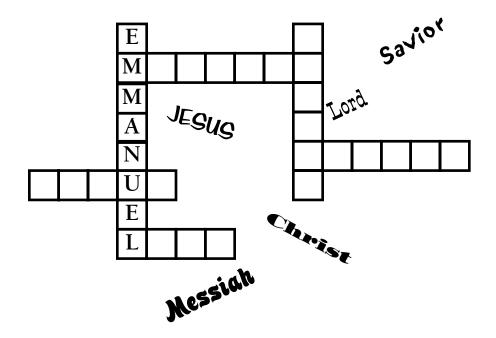


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Welcome to worship.

We use many names for Jesus. Each name has a special meaning. *Emmanuel* means "God with us." God is with us in Jesus.

Find a place for each of Jesus' names in the puzzle spaces.





Which names for Jesus do you hear in worship today? Circle each one listed on this page when you hear it in hymns, Bible readings, sermon, or prayers today.

hear & celebrate

Name him Jesus

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was chosen by God to be Jesus' earthly father. When he heard Mary would soon have a baby Joseph became worried. Then Joseph had a dream. An angel came to him and said, "Do not be afraid."

Look for the underlined letters in the story above. Every time you see an underlined letter in the story, cross out that letter in the puzzle below. The first one is done for you. Draw a circle around the letters that are left to read the rest of the angel's message to Joseph. Write the message here:

FLPLRTGØYWTDUT ØCFWBRIYTDBSGS WAYDBHCMWGEFØY NØMYCWBLGJTFRC LPDEGRFØYVCDWL



How many candles are lit today on the advent wreath? Draw the flames above. How many weeks are left until Christmas?

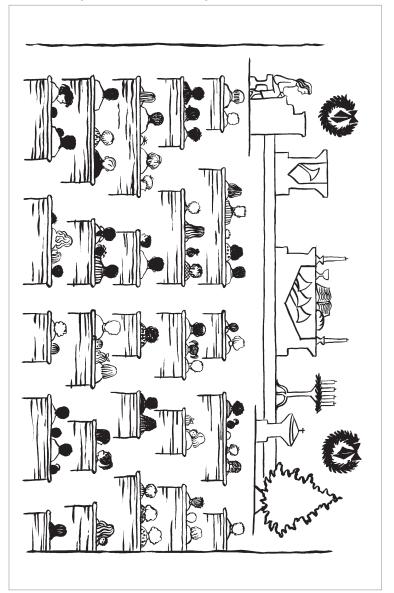


We thank you that we can call on your name in praise and love. Amen

Advent Spaces

During Advent, your church probably uses some decorations that you don't see the rest of the year.

Here is a picture of how one church decorates during Advent. Color it in! How is this different from your church? Ask your pastor why you have the decorations you do, and what they mean.







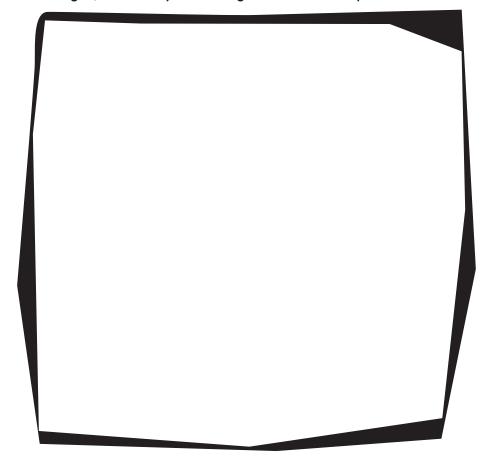


- Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent.
- During Advent we hear the **good news** that **Jesus** is coming.
- Angels brought this news to Mary and Joseph.



Angels Everywhere

Do you see any pictures of angels around your church today? Where do you see them? Draw and write about them here. If your worship space does not have angels, draw what you think angels look like in the space.



Unscramble the underlined words to finish this week's memory verse.



She will reba a son, and you are to aemn

him ssuej, for he will vsea his leppoe from their sins.

| She will | a son, and you are to | him |
|----------|--------------------------|------|
| | , for he will | his |
| | from their sins. Matthew | 1:21 |

Joseph + Angel = Good News

An angel came to Joseph and told him that Mary was going to have a baby. The angel told Joseph that this was **good news!** The angel also told Joseph to name the baby Jesus. What is special about the name Jesus? Solve these math problems to find out!

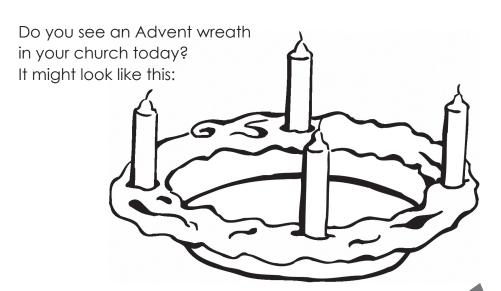
| 2=U | 4=1 | 5=J | 6=S | 8=V | 9=R | |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| 10=0 | 12=A | 15=N | 25=M | 30=E | | |
| 25 ÷ 5 | 6 x 5 30 E | 18 ÷ 3 | 22 ÷ 11 | -1 + 7 | 125 ÷ 5 | 12 + 18 |
| 48 ÷ 4 | 20 + - 5 | 36 ÷ 6 | 3 x 2 —— | 31 - 19 | 2 x 2 x 2 | 48 ÷ 12 |
| 99 - 89 | 3 x 3 | | | | | |

In ancient times, there were no post offices, so letters had to be delivered in person. Phoebe was a wealthy woman who supported Paul. She was probably the person who carried Paul's letter to the Romans. She went all the way from Corinth, Greece to Rome, Italy. That's over 600 miles (almost 1000 kilometers)!

Posting Paul's Message

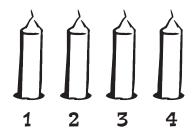
Paul was an **apostle**. This means he was **sent out** on a mission: to spread God's message to the world! Paul used **letters** to spread his message.

Use this postcard to write a letter to a family member or friend. You can cut it out when you get home and send it to them. Tell them that Jesus is coming and that Jesus loves them!

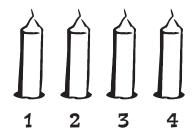


Color this Advent wreath.

There are 4 weeks in Advent. Circle the number of candles you see on the wreath.



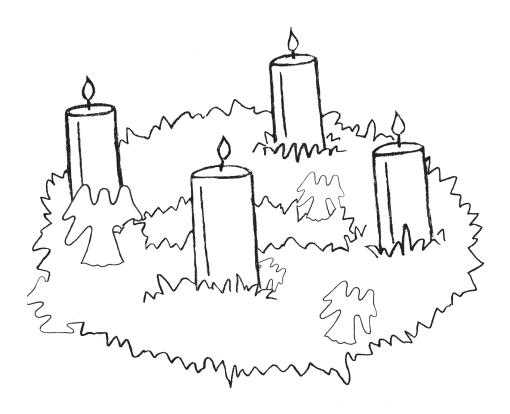
We light one candle each week while we wait for Jesus to come. Draw a flame on each candle.

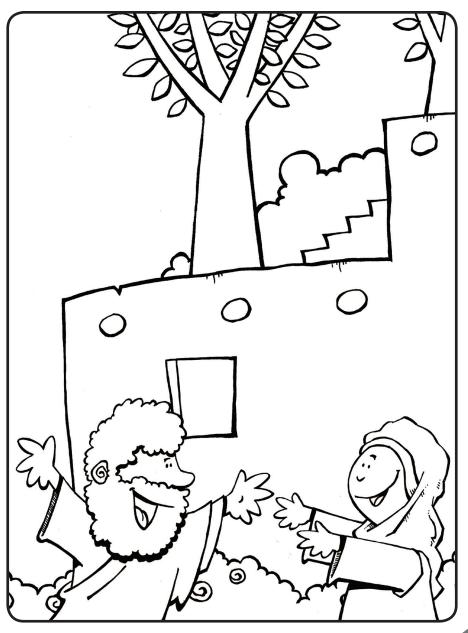




- Today is the 4th Sunday in Advent.
- During Advent we hear good news. Jesus is coming!
- Angels brought this news to Mary and Joseph.

Angels are hiding in the Advent wreath. How many can you find? Color them!





"I will be with you and we will name the boy Jesus."

Angels visited Mary and Joseph with some **surprising news**. They found out that they would be Jesus' **parents!**

There is a surprise in each group of pictures. **Pick out** the surprising thing in each group.

