

Send

Songs of joy

Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all! (from the hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly.")



Many Christmas carols you sing have rhyming words.

Find five sets of rhyming words in this picture and draw a line between each pair of words (hint: mat and hat).

My favorite Christmas song about Jesus is:

Kids Celebrate

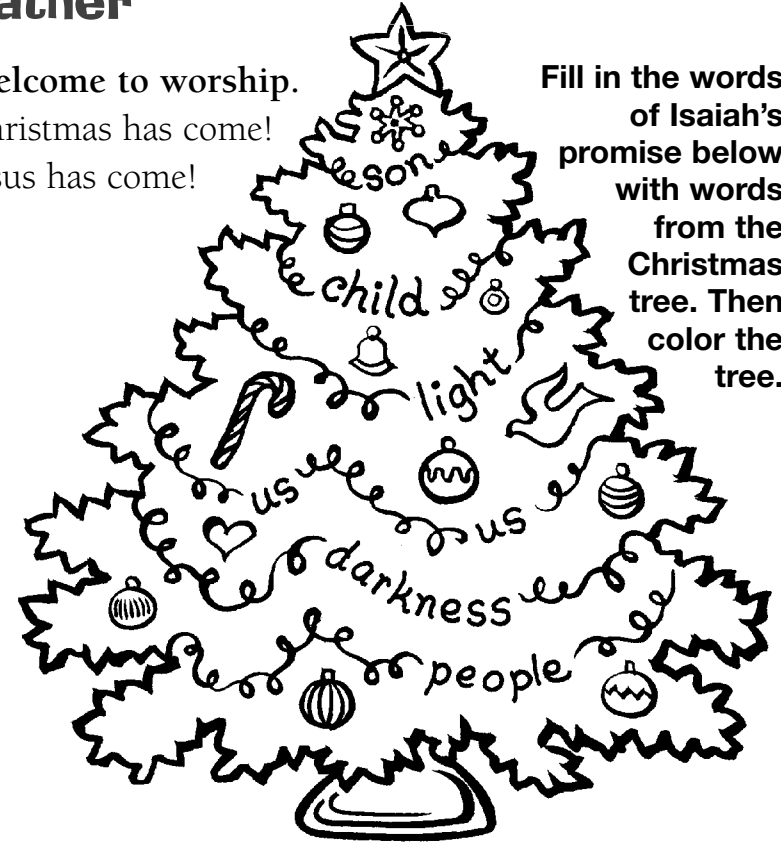
Nativity of Our Lord



gather

Welcome to worship.
Christmas has come!
Jesus has come!

Fill in the words of Isaiah's promise below with words from the Christmas tree. Then color the tree.



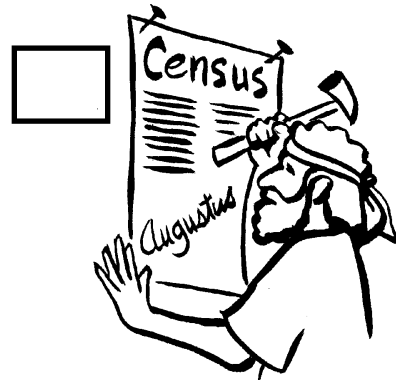
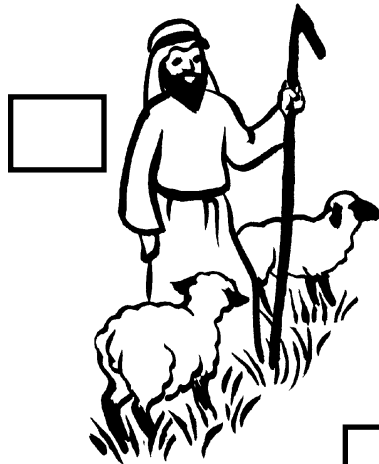
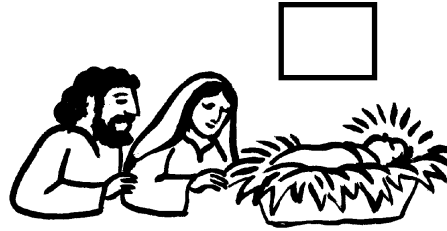
The _____ who walked in _____
have seen a great _____. For a
_____ has been born for _____, a _____
given to _____ (Isaiah 9:2,6).

The big picture of Christmas

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Simple pictures tell the big story of Christmas. Listen to the story of Jesus' birth as it is told today in the gospel.

Number the seven pictures to put them in the correct order.



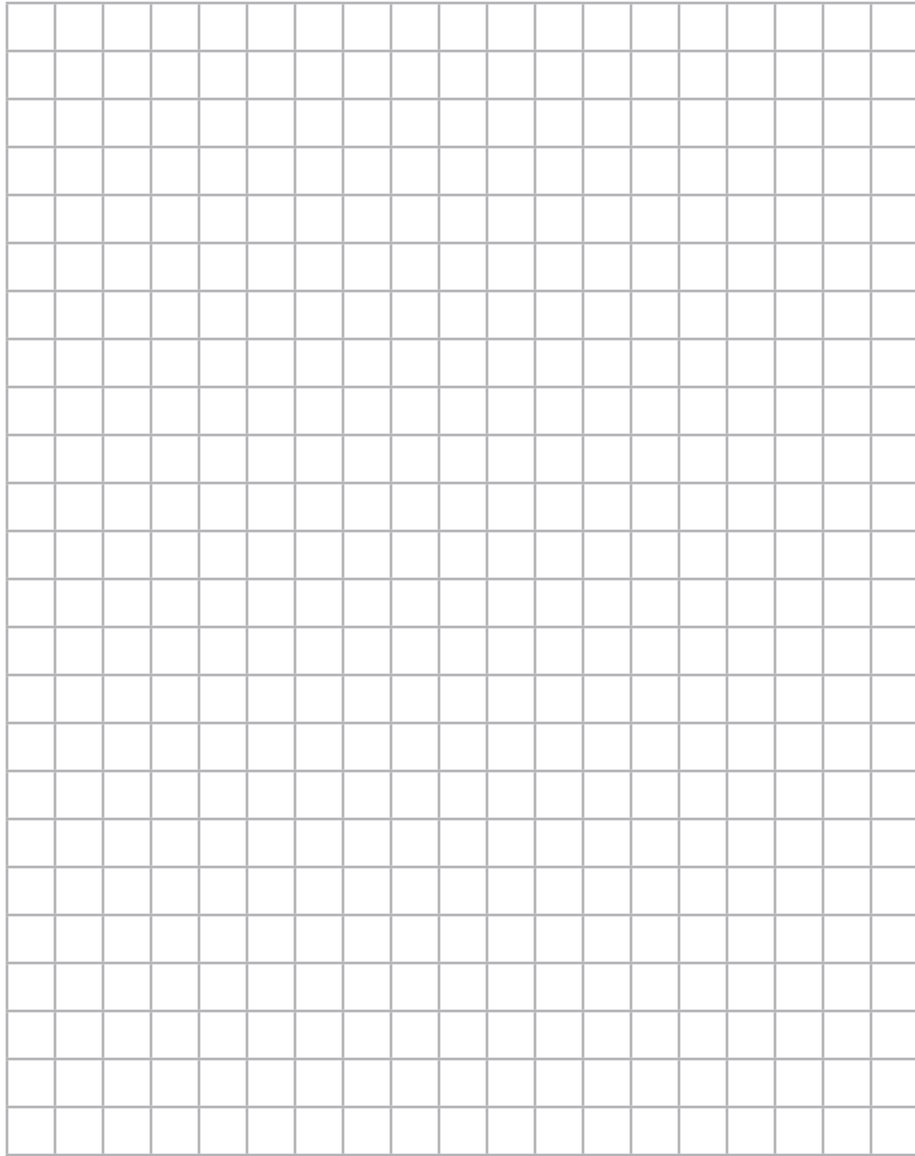
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Amen



Read the Christmas story from Luke or from picture books at home. Notice how different artists tell Jesus' story with pictures.

My (Christmas) Space

During **Christmas**, the worship space probably looks different from how it looks the rest of the year. There may be a **nativity** and a tree with ornaments! Use the space below to design the ideal worship space for Christmas.



READER

Christmas Day

- On Christmas Day we **celebrate** the **birth** of our savior, Jesus.
- One symbol we see for Christmas is a **baby** in a **manger**.
- A manger is a **box** that holds **food** for animals.
- A **manger** was Jesus' first bed.



What's in Christmas?

We get the word Christmas from Christ. Christ is one of the names for Jesus. What other words can you make with the letters in Christmas?

CHRISTMAS

CAT _____

MISS _____

Use the pictures on the right to finish this memory verse.

And suddenly there was with the

_____ a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on _____

_____ among those whom he favors!" Luke 2:13-14

Memory Verse



Family Count

Cesar Augustus ordered a **census**. In a census, the government counts all the people who live in a certain place. During a Bible time census, everyone had to go to their hometowns. Families had to be counted together. Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem, Joseph's hometown. While they were there, Mary gave birth to Jesus! **Try a census of your own. Put your name in the space below. Then write names of your parents, siblings, and other relatives. How many people are in your family?**

Me	Siblings
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Parents	Grandparents and Great-grandparents
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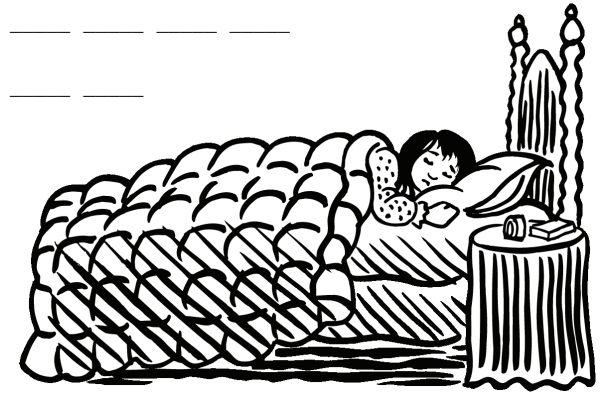
Aunts and Uncles	Cousins
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A census of my family shows this many people:

Bedtime Scramble

Have you ever stayed in a hotel? Does your family go camping? The bed you sleep in when you're away from home may be very different from your own bed. Unscramble the letters below to discover some different types of beds. Circle the type of bed baby Jesus had on the night he was born.

- NIPGEELS GAB _____
- LENDRUT DEB _____
- NUKB EBD _____
- MMOCKHA _____
- GRAMEN _____
- DCALRE _____
- TUFNO _____
- TCO _____



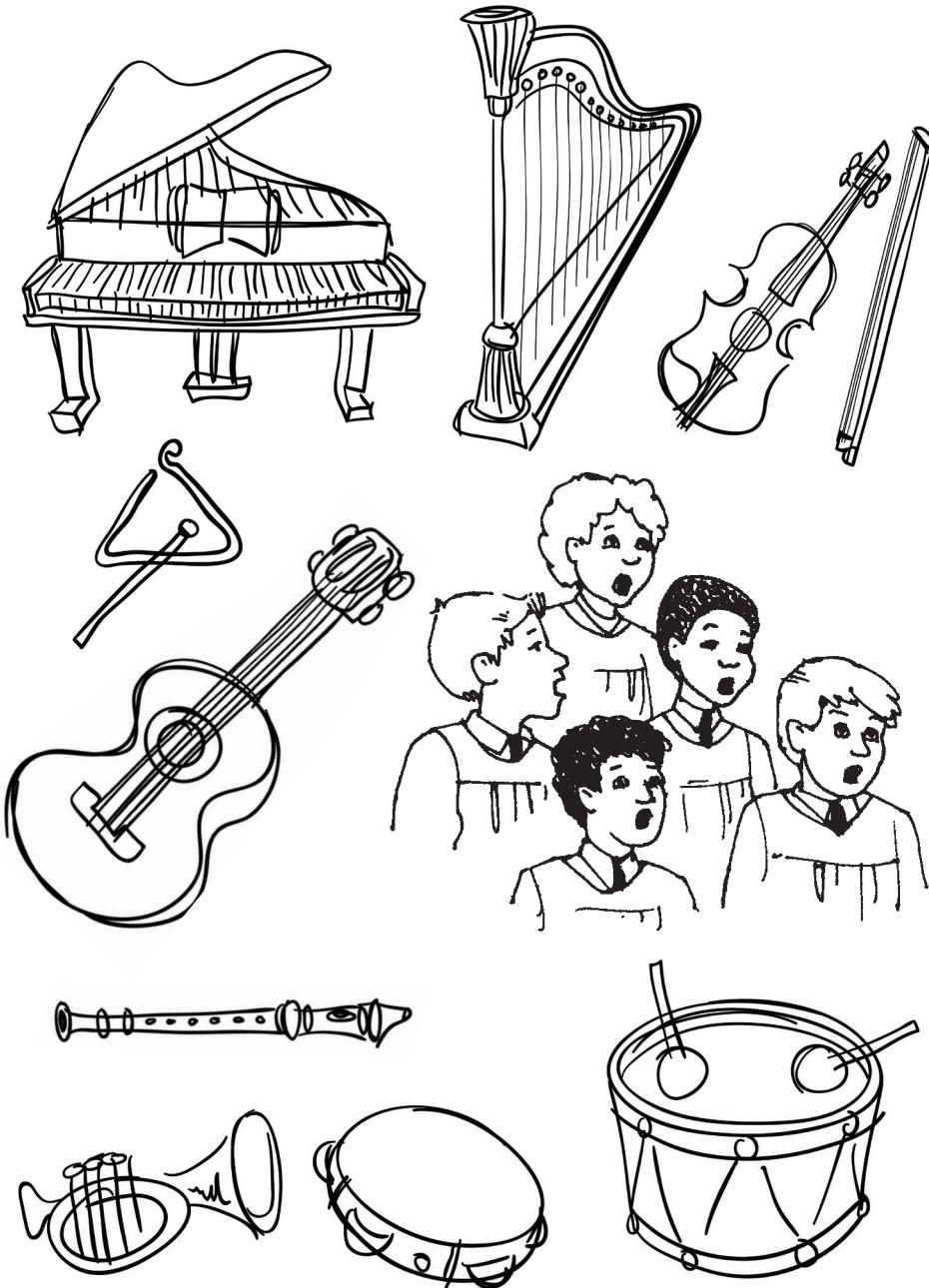
Did You Know?

Have you ever heard the saying "Sleep tight—don't let the bedbugs bite?" Long ago, mattresses were laid over criss-crossed ropes and tied to bed frames. Tightening the ropes prevented the mattress from sagging. Bedbugs have been around for at least 2000 years. (Eww!) The philosopher named Pliny the Elder wrote about them in his book on natural history.

BEDTIME SCRAMBLE answers: Sleeping Bag (NIPGEELS GAB), Trundle Bed (LENDRUT DEB), Bunk Bed (NUKB EBD), Hammock (MMOCKHA), Manger (GRAMEN), Cradle (DCALRE), Futon (TUFNO), Cot (TCO)

During the season of Christmas, people sing and play special music to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

What music do you hear today?

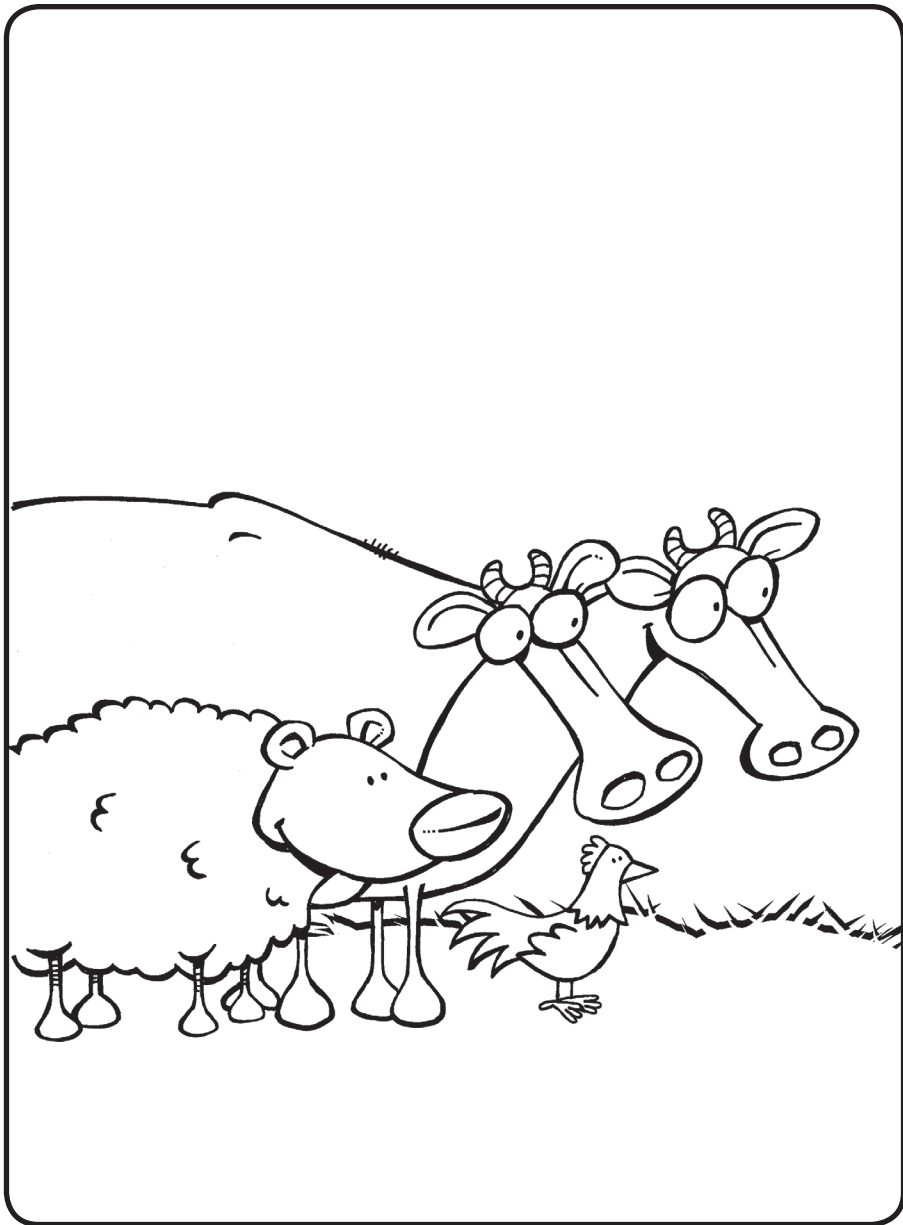


PRE-READER

Christmas Day

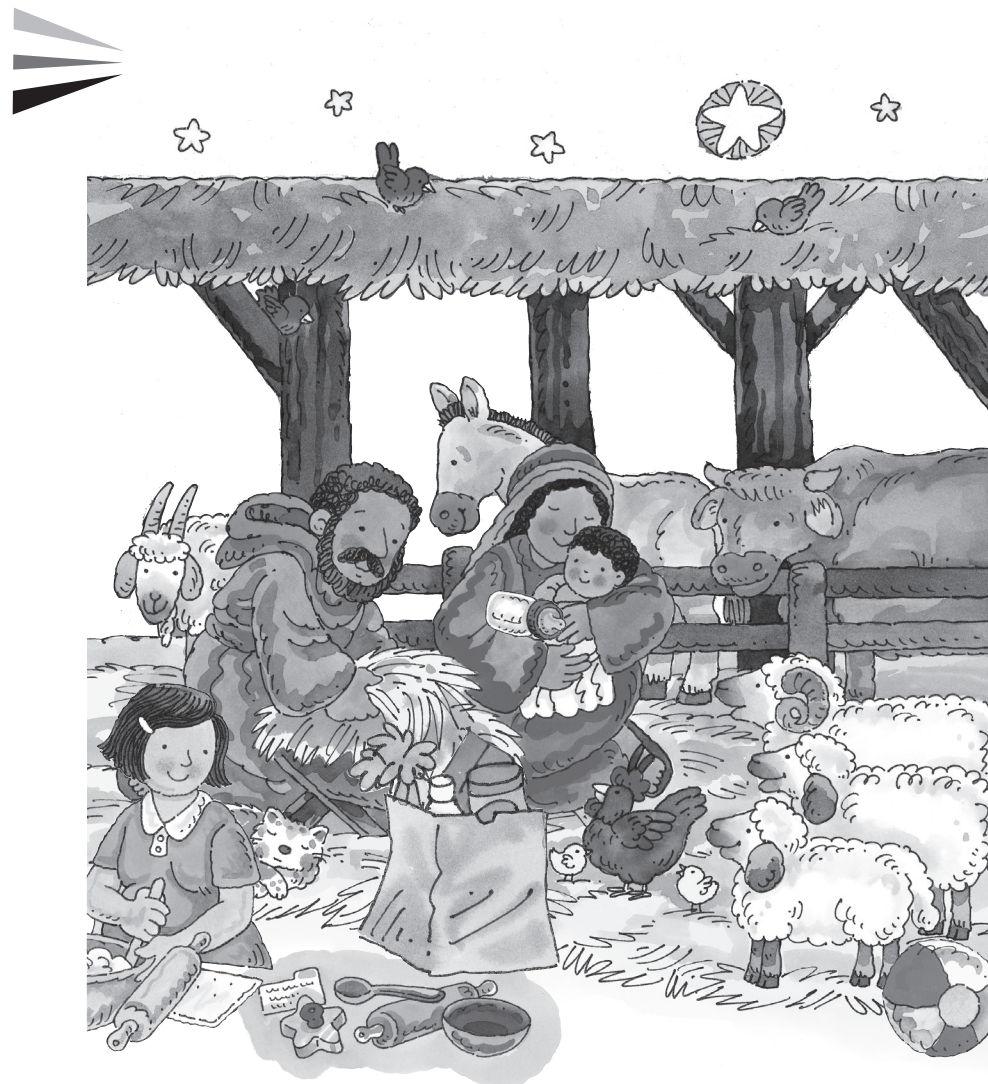
- On **Christmas Day**, we celebrate—Jesus is born!
- During the season of Christmas, we **celebrate** the **birth** of Jesus.
- The symbol we see for Christmas is a **baby** in a **manger**.
- A **manger** was the first bed to hold **Jesus**.





But this is a stable. Would God be born here among the animals?

For Christmas, God gave us a special gift—**Jesus!**
Jesus was born in a **stable**.
His bed was a **manger**, where animals eat.
Jesus came to share God's **love**.



Jesus was born in an unusual place—a stable.

Circle all the things that don't belong in the stable.