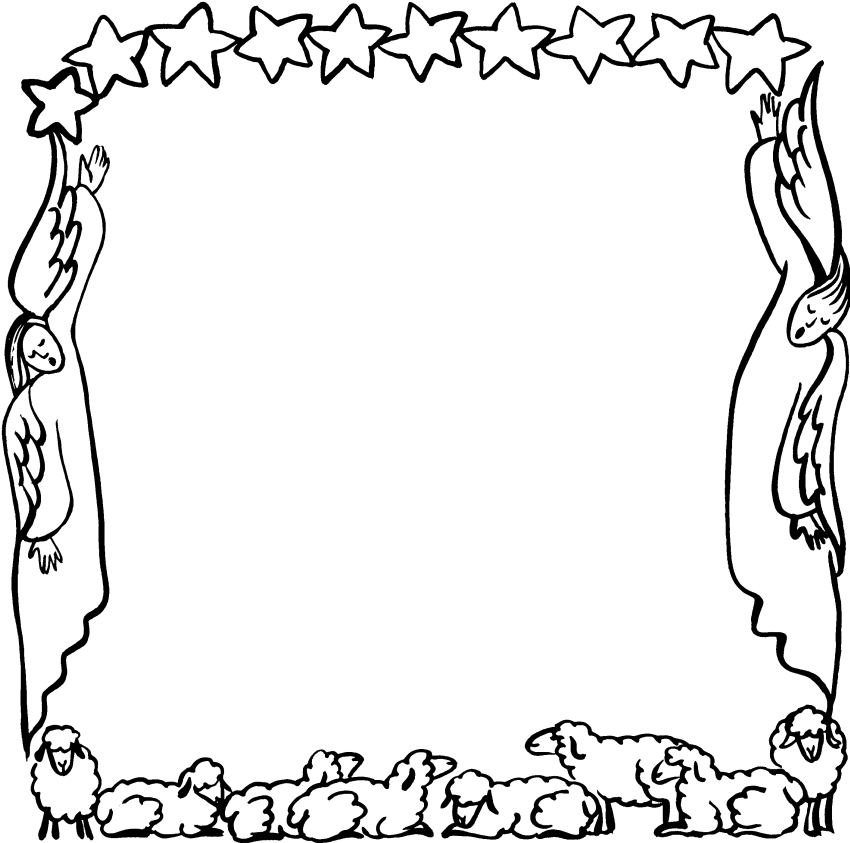


# Send

## Christmas Eve

All four candles on the Advent wreath are burning. We have been waiting three weeks for Jesus' birthday. Now it is almost here. Draw a picture of one way your family celebrates on Christmas Eve.



*Dear God, the waiting is almost over.  
Thank you for sending Jesus. Amen*

## This week

Celebrate Jesus' birthday with your family.



## gather

**Welcome to worship.** Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. How many candles are burning on the Advent wreath in your worship space today?

**Color and light all four candles.**



Finally, all the candles are lit. What else have you been waiting for the last three weeks?

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## Meet Mary, Jesus' mother

Luke 1:39-55

An angel from God said to Mary, "Don't be afraid. God has been good to you. You will have a baby and name him Jesus." Mary said, "Okay! Yes!" While she waited, Mary sang this song. Match the shapes to find some words to Mary's song.



My   the Lord. My soul

is  because of God my .

 = heart    = praises    = glad    = Savior

## Advent words



Angel. What did the angel tell Mary to name her baby?



Decorations. How is your worship space decorated?



Voices. How can you use your voice to praise God?



Everyone. God sent Jesus for everyone. Who can you tell about Jesus?



Nazareth. Nazareth was Mary's home. Where do you live?



Tree. Evergreens remind us that God always loves us. Can you see a Christmas tree?



1. Write the first letter of your name inside this square.

2. Then write one way you get ready for Jesus' birth that begins with the same letter.

# Make Your Own Advent Calendar

Advent is almost over. By now, you've heard Bible stories and songs during worship all about the coming of Jesus. In the Advent calendar below, draw an Advent or Christmas symbol for each day of Advent to help count down the days until Jesus' birth. See the symbols around the border and look around your worship space for some ideas!



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Today!						



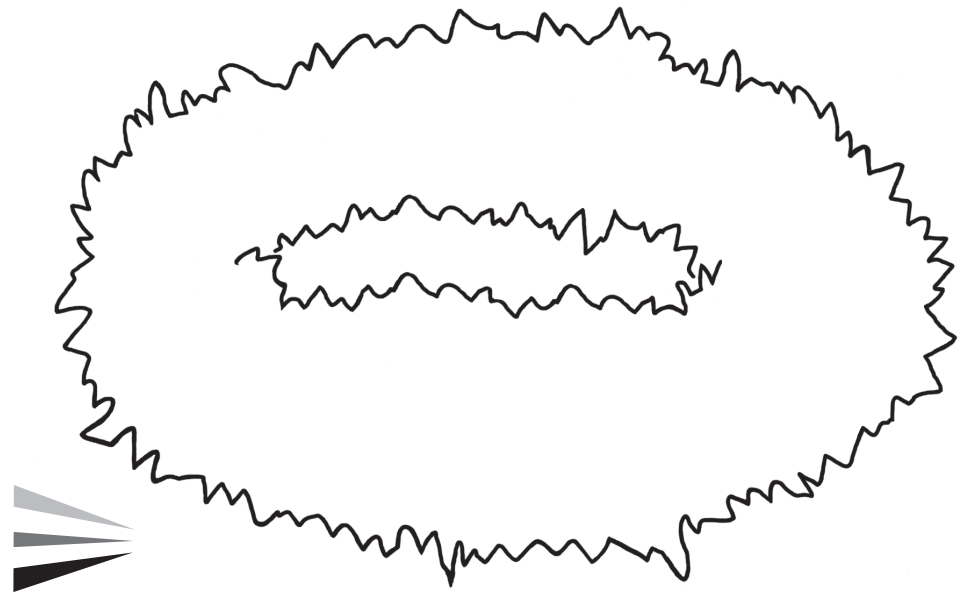
# READER

Advent 4

- Today is the **fourth** Sunday in **Advent**.
- The color of Advent is **blue**.
- Advent means "**the coming**" in Latin.
- During Advent, we await **the coming of baby Jesus**.

## Candle Mania

The symbol for Advent is a candle. In church, we can use many different kinds of candles for an Advent wreath: big ones, skinny ones, blue ones, spiral ones! On the Advent wreath below, invent four candle shapes, each one different than the rest. Then draw a flame on each candle to represent the fourth week of Advent.



## How Would YOU Respond?

Today's lesson describes Mary's response to her unexpected and unbelievable pregnancy. She responds almost like a song, accepting God's amazing plan for her life. Below are various surprising scenarios. Fill in the bubbles with how YOU would respond!

**YOU ARE GETTING a  
new SiBLING.**

**YOU Failed  
a test at SCHOOL.**

**YOU won a  
tRIP to Hawaii.**

**YOUR  
BEST  
FRiEND  
is  
MOVing  
away.**

**YOU WERE  
voted CLASS  
PRESIDENT.**

Some of the words from today's memory verse are jumbled. When you figure out each scrambled word, write it in the blanks.

**Memory Verse**



And \_\_\_\_\_ said "My \_\_\_\_\_  
**ymar** **ulos**

magnifies the \_\_\_\_\_, and  
**rold**

my \_\_\_\_\_ rejoices in God my \_\_\_\_\_."

**tripsi**

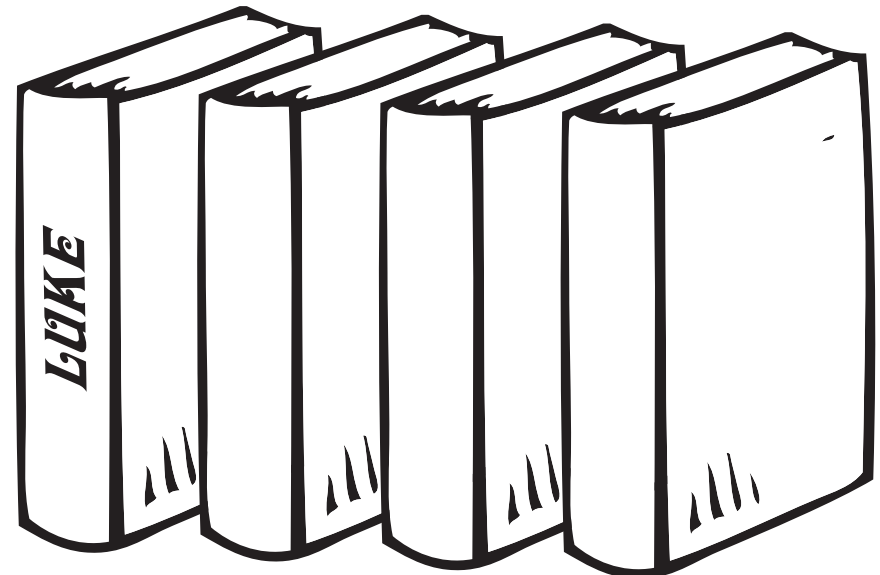
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— \_\_\_\_\_ 1:46-47  
**kelu**



Today's lesson comes from the book of Luke. Luke is one of the four Gospels. The word Gospel means "good news." Can you name the other three Gospels?

**Did You Know?**



Is your church doing a Christmas play? Are you in it?

**Write the names of the characters from the Christmas story and color the scene below.**

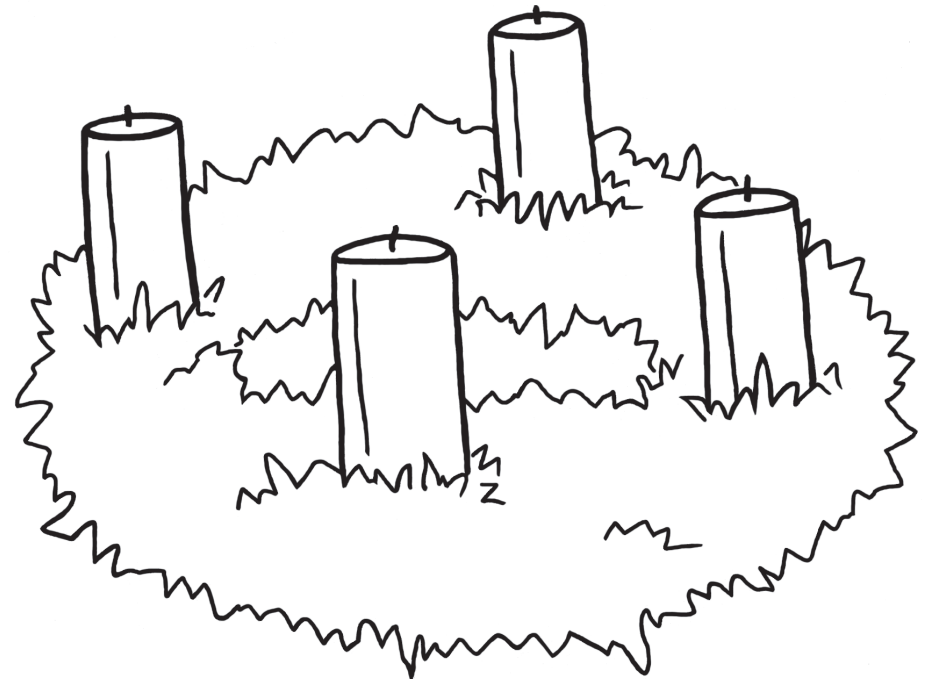


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**Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. On this Sunday we light all four candles on the Advent wreath. Light these Advent candles below by drawing and coloring flames above each candle.**





**Elizabeth told Mary, “Because you believe God keeps promises, you have been blessed.”**

During Advent, we wait for baby Jesus. In order to recognize this time of waiting and hoping, decorate the watch below.

**When you are done coloring, draw the minute and hour hands to show what time it is right now!**

