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Jesus comes for all

God sent Jesus for everyone all over the world, even people we don't know who live in places we've never heard of.

Color the continents, connect them together with hearts, and say a prayer of thanksgiving that Jesus' light shines all around the world!



At home, light four candles to celebrate the fourth week of Advent.



Thanks be to God that Jesus comes for everyone everywhere! Amen

This week

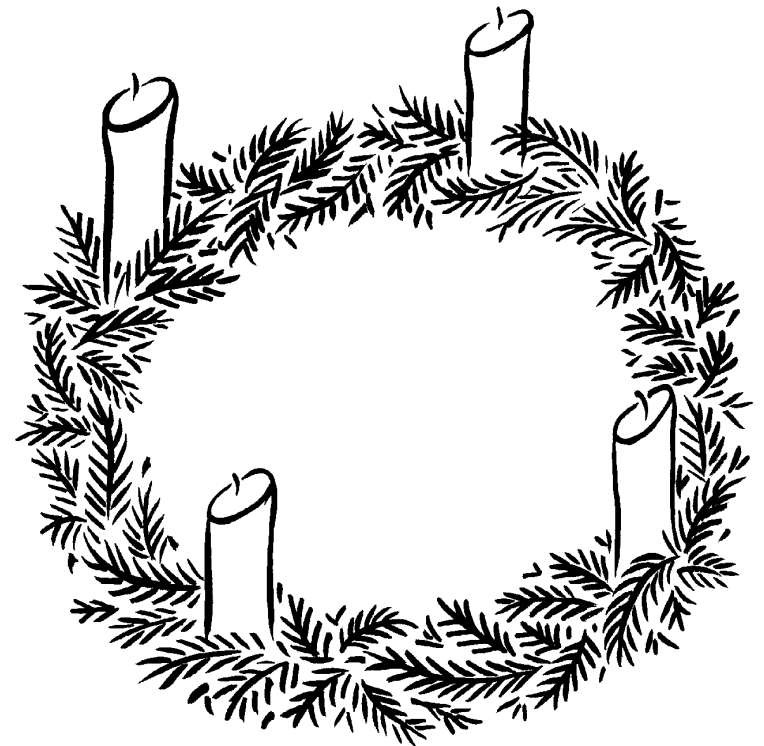
Each evening before bed, point to a spot on a map or globe. Pray for all people living in that place.



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Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent, and we continue to watch and wait for baby Jesus. It's almost time!

Color all four candles in the advent wreath shown below, then draw pictures of other things you have been waiting for during Advent.

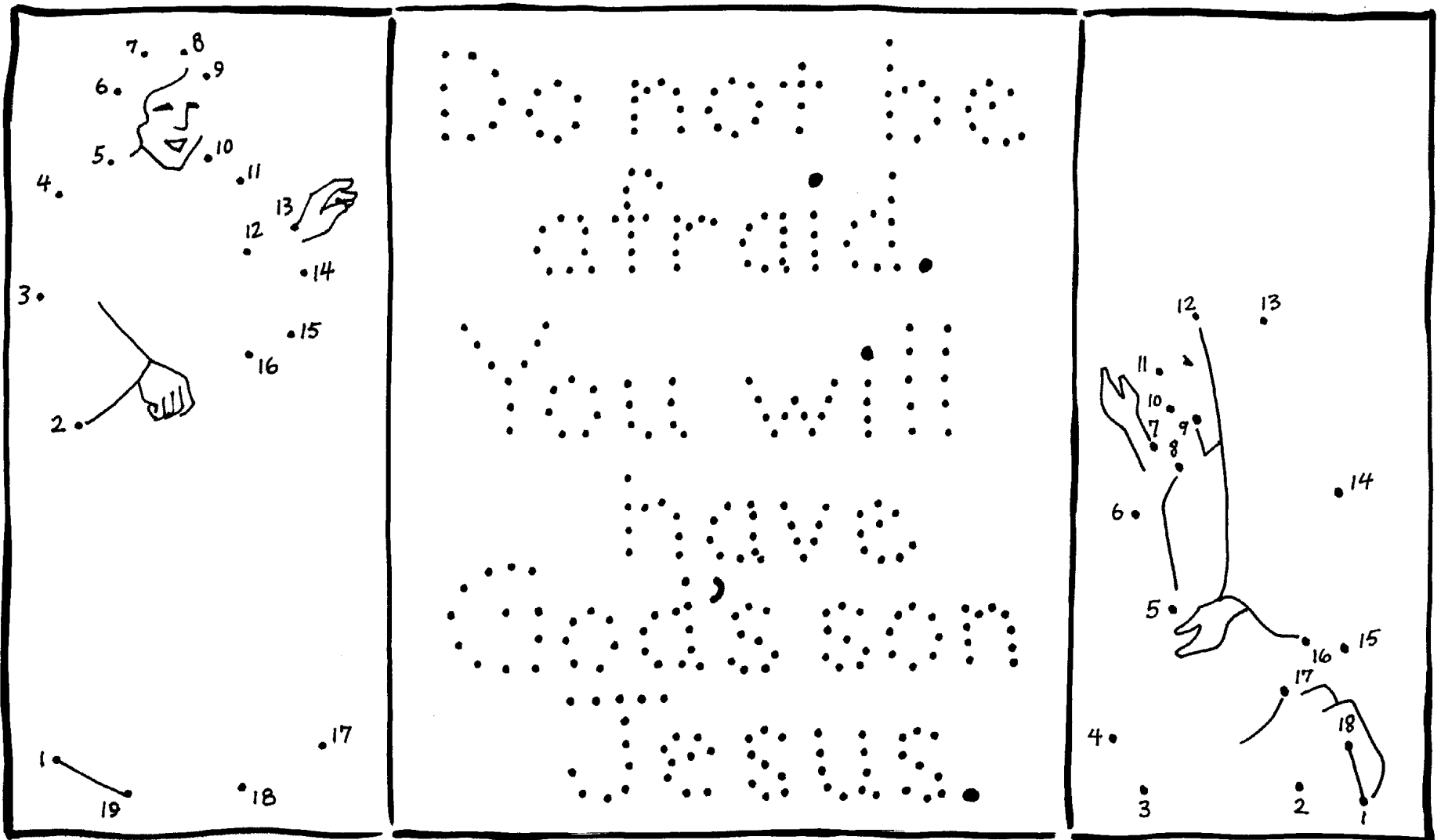


Gabriel Makes an Announcement

Luke 1:26-38

Who told Mary that she was going to have a baby? What was Gabriel's announcement? Who said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord"?

Listen to the gospel, and connect the dots to discover the answers to the questions, then read about it at home in the first chapter of Luke.



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?



The Wait Is Nearly Over

The angels have announced that Jesus is almost here! Finally, all 4 candles are lit on the Advent wreath.

What else have you been waiting for over the past 3 weeks?



READER

Advent 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in Advent.
- During Advent, we share the **good news**—Jesus is coming!
- **Angels** make an appearance during Advent.

The Angel's Message

Color in the spaces with dots to discover the angel Gabriel's message to Mary.

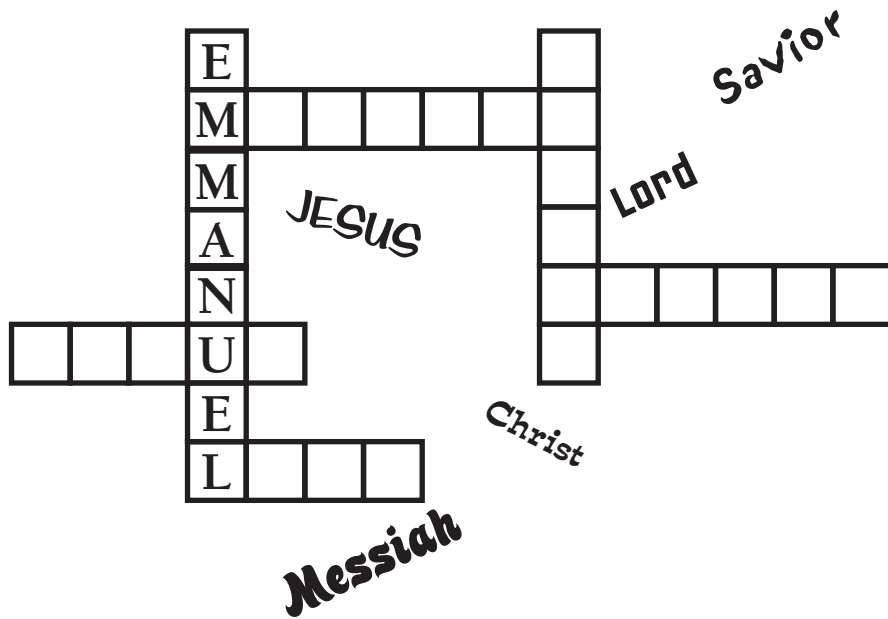
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What's in a Name?

We use many different 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? Listen closely to the hymns, prayers, sermon, and Bible readings. Circle each one listed when you hear it, and write down additional names for Jesus you hear.



The story of the angel's visit is different in each of the gospels. The Gospels of Mark and John do not even include angels in the story—they both start with John the Baptist, after Jesus is born. Check out chapter 1 of Matthew to see how this gospel tells of the angel's visit.



Listen during the Gospel reading to fill in the missing pieces of the angel's message below. Use your Bible for help.



"Do not be _____, Mary, for you

have found _____ with _____.

And now, you will conceive in your womb and _____ a _____,

and you will _____ him _____." Luke 1:30-31

"_____ will _____ over the house of Jacob _____,

and of his _____ there will be _____." Luke 1:33

The angel said to her, "The _____ will come upon

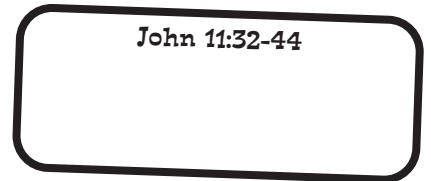
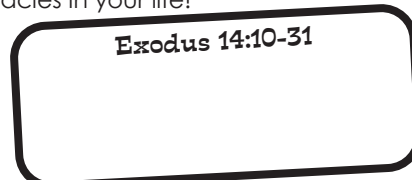
you...therefore the _____ to be _____ will be _____;

he will be called _____ off _____." Luke 1:35



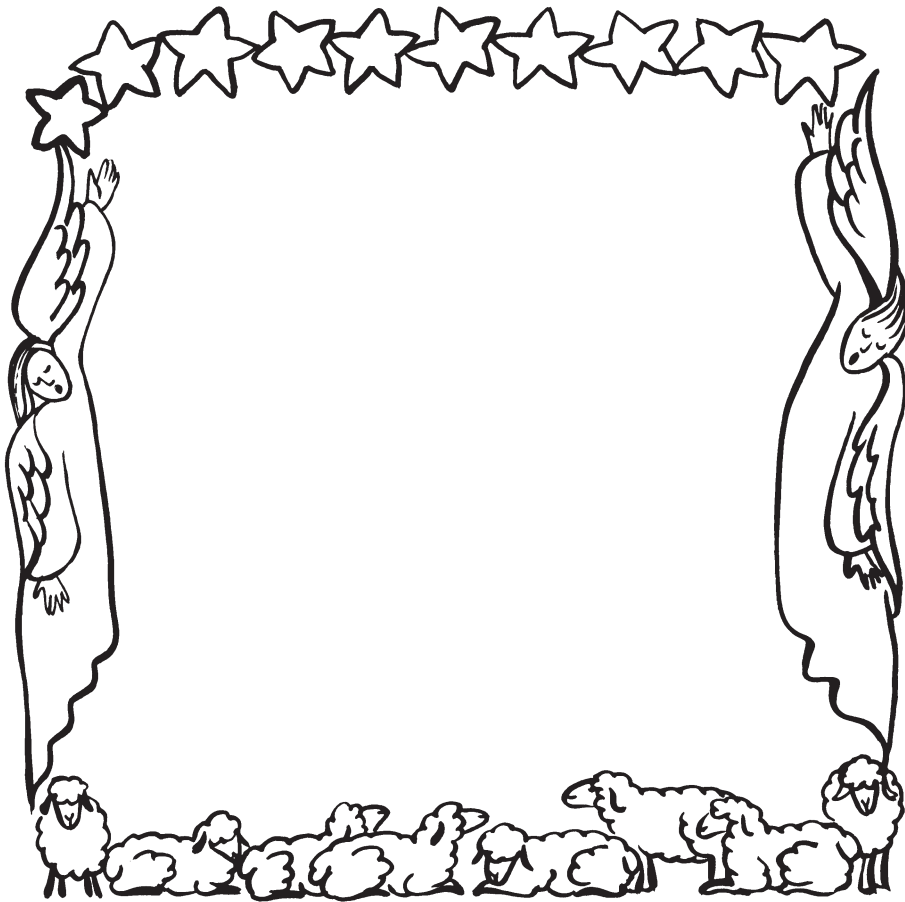
Luke 1:37 says "For nothing will be impossible with God." The Bible is full of miracles!

Look up these miracles in your Bible. Sketch a picture of each story in the space below. For the last box, draw one of God's miracles in your life!



Jesus' birthday is almost here! All 4 candles in the Advent wreath are lit.

In this frame, draw or write what your family does on Christmas Eve to celebrate.

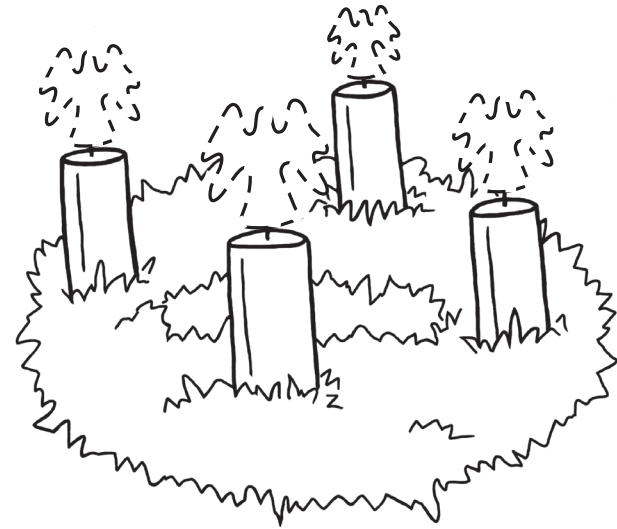


PRE-READER

Advent 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in **Advent**.
- During Advent we hear the **good news**—Jesus is coming!
- **Angels** visited **Mary** and **Joseph** to tell them the good news.

Find and trace the angels near the Advent wreath. Then trace the dotted lines to write today's Gospel message.

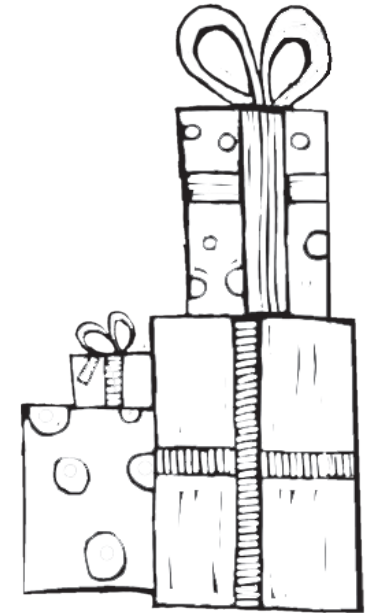


You will have a son
named Jesus.



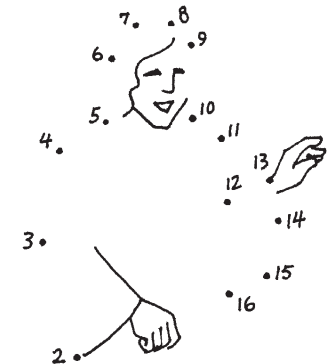
Angels surprised Mary and Joseph with this message: they would be Jesus' parents! What surprising news have you heard recently?

Draw or write about those surprises.



The angel Gabriel came to share the good news.

Connect the dots and meet Gabriel for yourself!



“Don't be afraid... You are going to have a son, who you'll name Jesus... He will be God's son.”

