

# Send

## Joy to the world!

*Joy to the World*, *Silent Night*, and many other hymns help us celebrate Jesus' birthday. Sing them often, especially your favorites!

**Match the title of the hymn on the left with the illustration on the right.**

ANGELS WE HAVE  
HEARD ON HIGH



AWAY IN A MANGER



GO TELL IT ON  
THE MOUNTAIN



JOY TO THE WORLD



## This week

Celebrate Jesus' birthday with family and friends. Make a birthday cake and sing a few carols!

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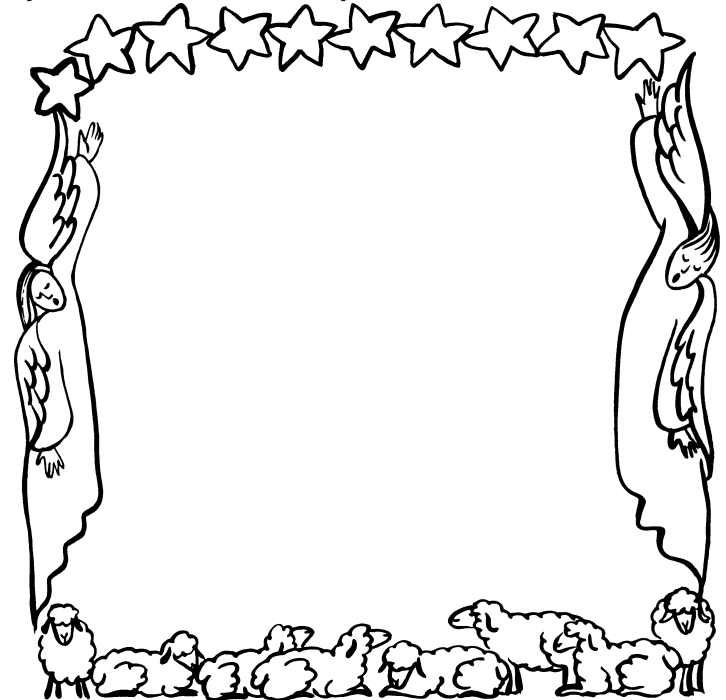
# Kids Celebrate

Nativity of Our Lord



## gather

**Welcome to worship.** It's Christmas and the angels are singing *Glory to God in the highest!* Jesus is here and our long wait is over. Use all of your senses to experience this wonderful time. Look around—what do you see? Listen—what do you hear? Close your eyes and breathe deeply—what do you smell? What can you taste? What can you touch?



**Draw a picture of your special Christmas, and show how you might celebrate with the angels.**

## Angels and shepherds

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Luke 2:1-20 tells the Christmas story differently from the way Matthew 1:18–2:12 tells it. Listen carefully as the gospel is read, and color in all of the characters you hear about. Next, circle those things you didn't hear about, and read about them in Matthew's story when you get home.

Trace the letters in the sky to learn what the angels were singing.

Draw a sign for Bethlehem.



Draw a few more sheep for the shepherds.

Draw Mary and Joseph's faces.

What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Who can you tell?



Gloria! Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Amen



At home, light candles to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

## Songs of Joy

Many Christmas carols 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).



What Christmas carols did you sing during worship today?

What is your favorite Christmas carol about Jesus?



# READER

Christmas Eve

- Today is **Christmas Eve**.
- We celebrate **Jesus' birth!**
- One symbol we see during the Christmas season is a **manger**, Jesus' first bed.
- A manger is a **box** where **farm animals eat**.

## Setting the Scene








Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem. There was no room for them at the inn. (Read about it in Luke 2:7.) Complete the nativity scene below. Include images you see at your home or in your worship space.











We sing joyful songs at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' birth. Who sang the first Christmas carol? Angels!

## Memory Verse

Use the code to find out the words the angels shared with the shepherds!

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the p \_\_\_ \_\_\_ pl \_\_\_ : to y \_\_\_ u is b \_\_\_ rn \_\_\_ \_\_\_ is \_\_\_ ay in  
       

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ ci \_\_\_ y of \_\_\_ avi \_\_\_ , a Savi \_\_\_ r." Luke 2:10-11  
      

"\_\_\_ l \_\_\_ ry \_\_\_ \_\_\_ d in \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
        

\_\_\_ i \_\_\_ s \_\_\_." Luke 2:14a  
    

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The shepherds appear only in the Gospel of Luke. (Check out Luke 2:8-20.) Matthew is the only Gospel that describes the visit of the wise men. (Read Matthew 2:1-12.) Mark and John's gospels introduce John before they introduce Jesus. We have to read the Christmas story in all 4 Gospels to see the big picture.

## Did You Know?

## The Big Picture

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.



## Look It Up!

Read Matthew's version of the Christmas story in Matthew 2:1-12. Unscramble the letters below to figure out what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

dglo fkanirncsne hrmry

What would you give Jesus? Draw your gift in the box and write a birthday message on the tag!



On Christmas, we hear new hymns. Which ones do you hear in your worship space?

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Go Tell It on the Mountain



Away in a Manger



Joy to the World



Angels We Have Heard on High

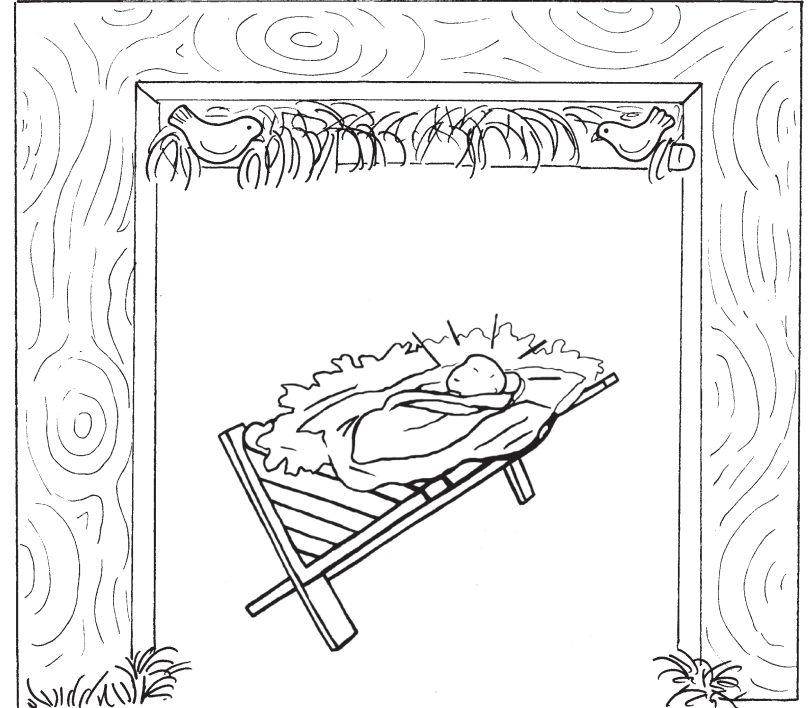


# PRE-READER

Christmas Eve

- Today is **Christmas Eve**. We celebrate **Jesus' birth!**
- One **symbol** we see at Christmas is the **manger**.
- A manger is a place where animals eat. It was also **Jesus' first bed!**

Jesus was born in a stable, but he was not alone. Listen to the Christmas story. Then draw the animals you think were with Jesus. Don't forget Mary and Joseph!

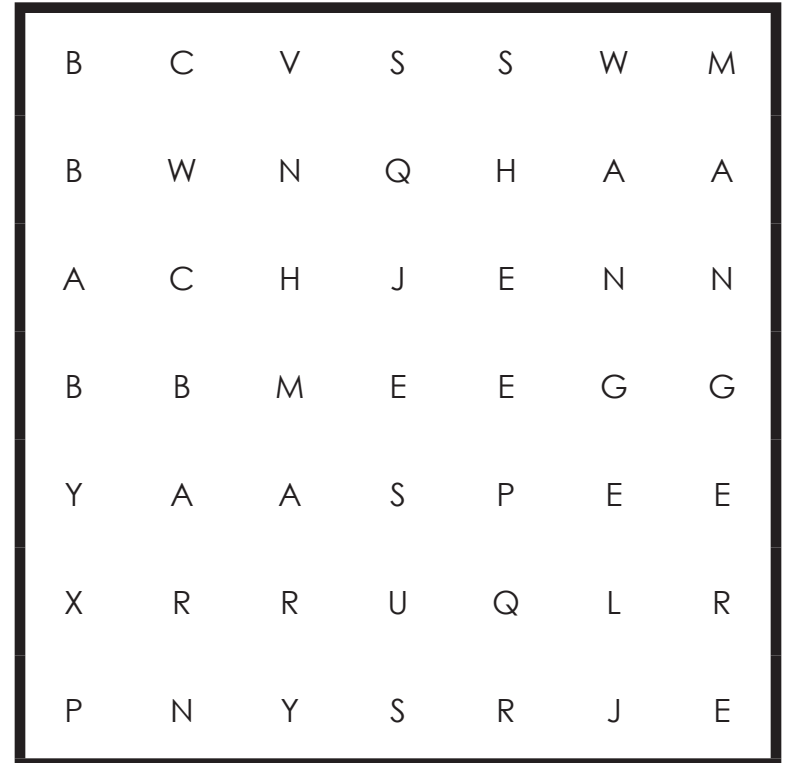




**“I bring wonderful news. The child God promised was born tonight.”**

Mary and Joseph had to find a place to sleep when they arrived in Bethlehem.

**Find pieces of their story in the word search below.**



**baby  
angel  
manger  
sheep**

**Mary  
barn  
Jesus**