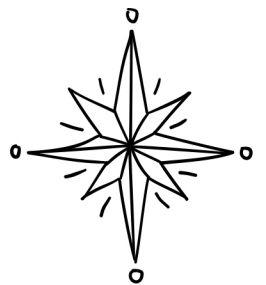
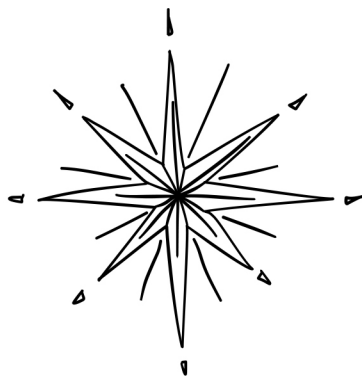
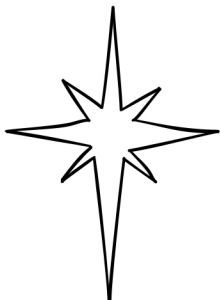
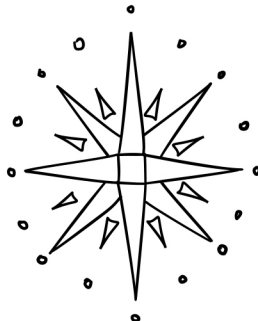
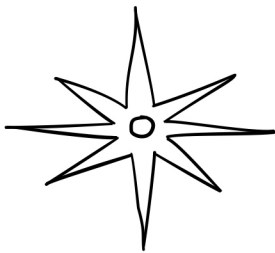
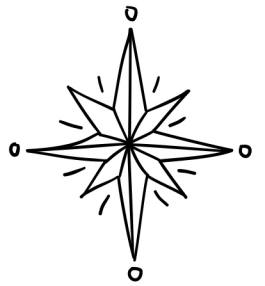
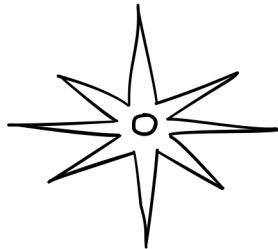
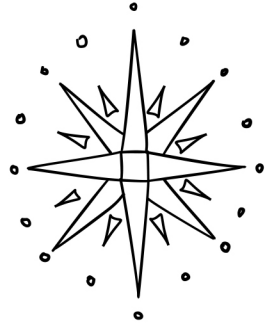
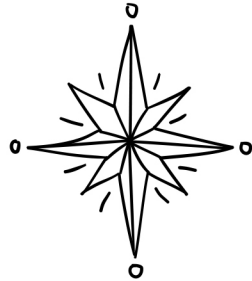
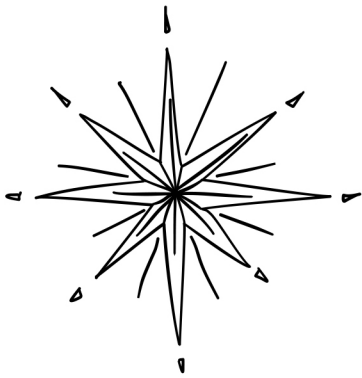


CHRISTMAS

Reading Plan



**Now the birth of Jesus Christ
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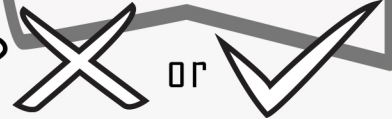


Read Genesis 3:1-6

Through all the years, since the beginning, no person could undo the sin that Adam and Eve had brought into the world and into each of us.

The people below worshipped God but did any of them live perfect lives?

Mark their names with a



Adam

Adam disobeyed God and wanted to be God. Genesis 3:1-6

Abraham

Abraham did not always tell the truth. Genesis 12:17-20

Moses

Moses killed an Egyptian. Exodus 2:11-12

David

David had an innocent man killed in battle and took his wife. 2 Samuel 11:14-17

Solomon

Solomon had his heart turned to the gods of many wives. 1 Kings 11:4

Josiah

Josiah was warned not to fight, but did anyway and was killed. 2 Chronicles 35

Elijah

Elijah felt sorry for himself and ran away in fear. 1 Kings 19:1

Daniel

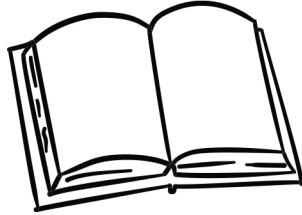
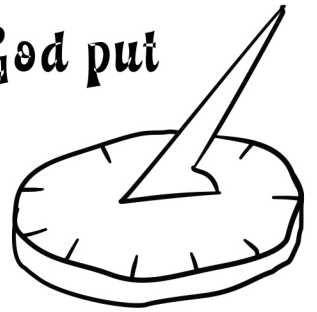
Daniel includes himself in the sins of the Jews in exile. Daniel 9:8-9



Write out Romans 3:23

**Not one of these people led a perfect life, and they needed to trust that God would one day send a Saviour...
And that day had come...**

At the perfect place and time in history, God put His perfect plan into action.



Read Isaiah 9:6-7

Use these verses to answer the questions below:

What would be given to us?



What will He be called?

His government and His peace (will end/ will never end).



How will He rule?

Who will make this happen?

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6000

BC
5000

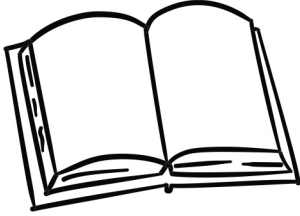
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Ordinary people would be part of the plan...

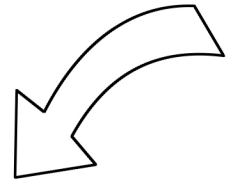


Read Luke 1:5-25

Use your Bible to fill in the missing words:

"Do not be _____,
Zechariah, your _____
have been answered. Your _____
will have a son. You will _____
him _____. He will prepare the
_____ for the _____ of the
Lord."

GOD'S
messenger,
is sent to

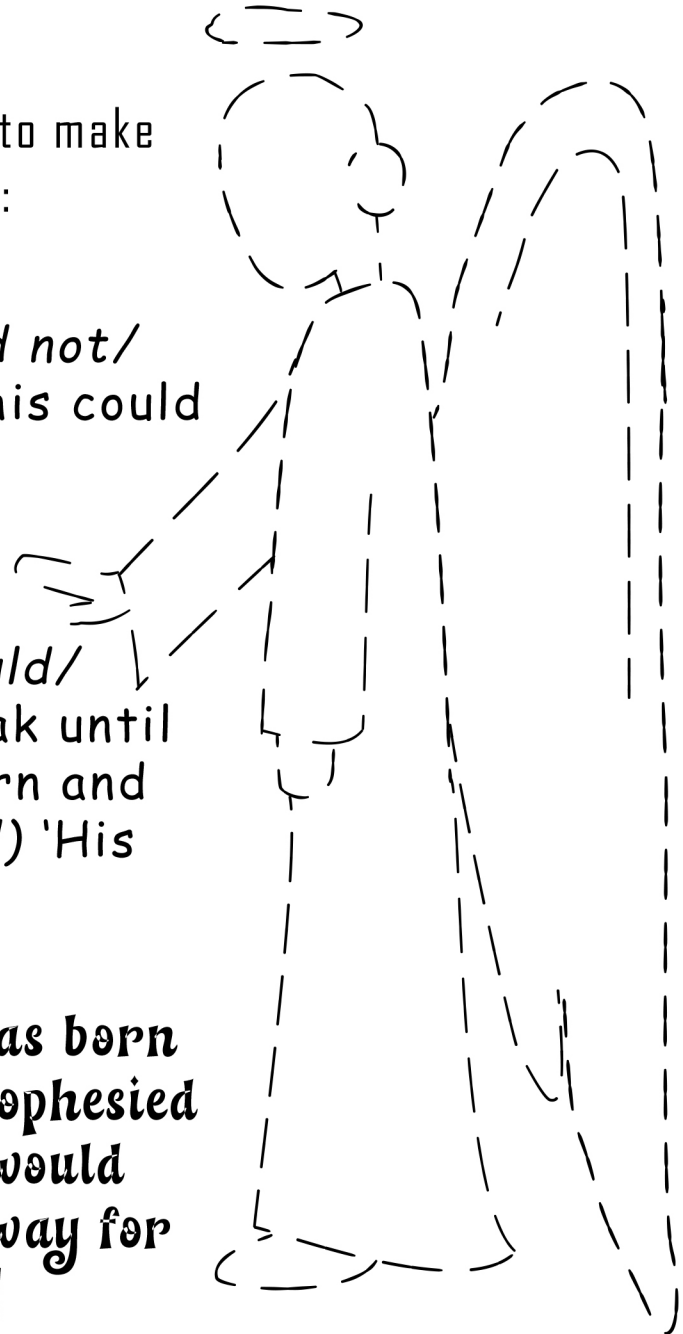
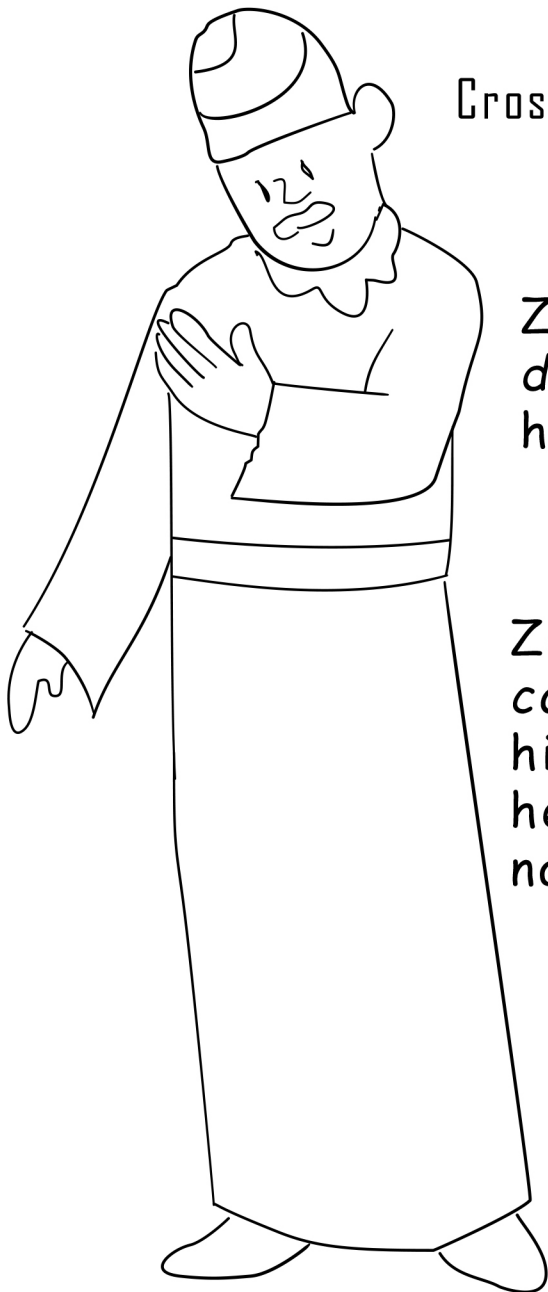


Cross out the words to make
the story true:

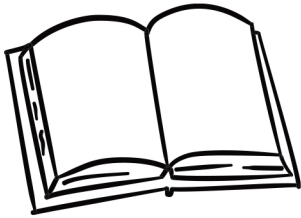
Zechariah (*did not/*
did) believe this could
happen.

Zechariah (*could/*
could not) speak until
his son was born and
he (*wrote/said*) 'His
name is John.'

**Once John was born
Zechariah prophesied
that John would
prepare the way for
Jesus!**



...and the plan was perfect!



Read Luke 1:5-25

Use your Bible to fill in the missing words:

GABRIEL
two people...

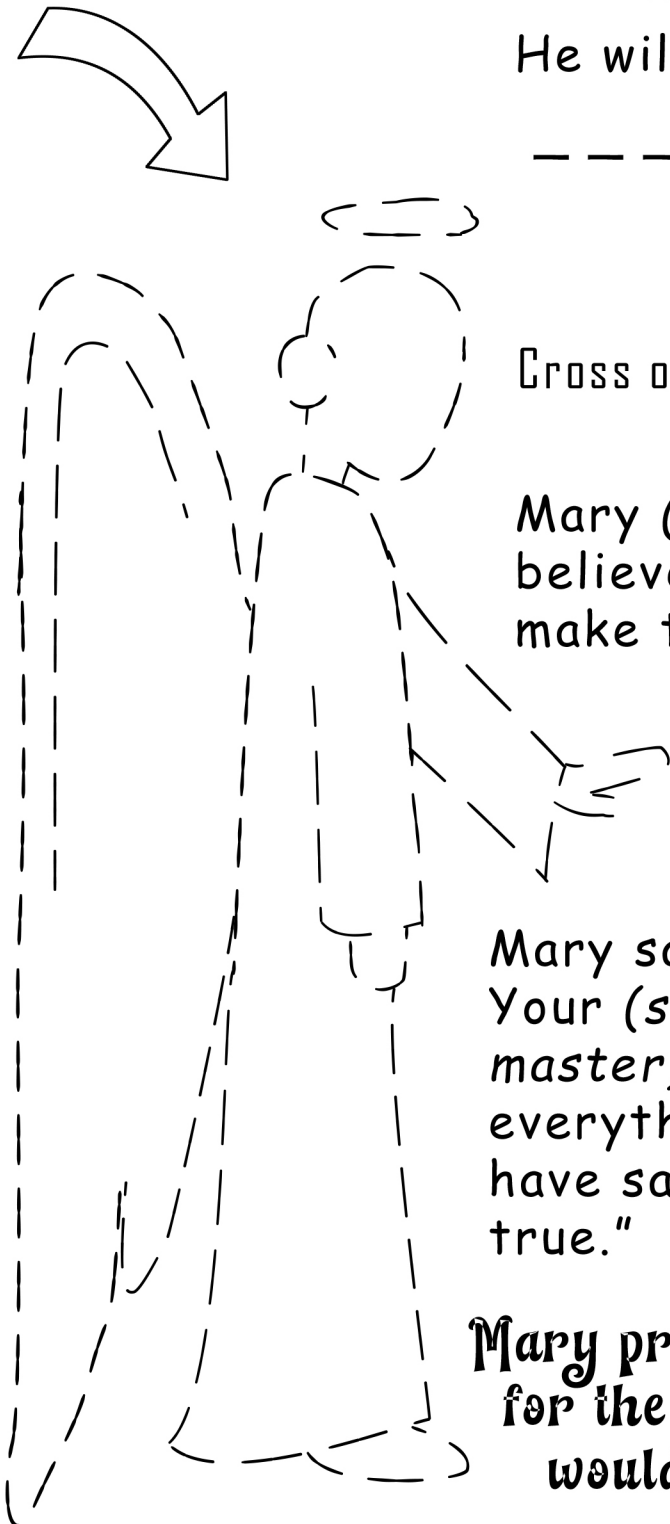
"Greetings, _____, you have been
_____ by God to give birth to
His _____. Do not be _____.
He will be called 'Son of the _____
_____', and of His _____
there will be _____ end"

Cross out the words to make the story true:

Mary (*did not/ did*)
believe God could
make this happen.

Mary said, "I am
Your (*servant/*
master) may
everything you
have said come
true."

**Mary praised God
for the Son she
would have.**

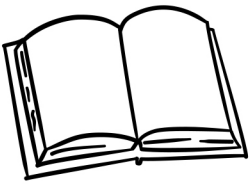


Joseph needs to know what God is doing

Joseph is getting ready to marry Mary but Mary is about to have a baby that Joseph knows nothing about.

He is very concerned - what should he do?

He is a kind man and wants to do what is best.



Matthew 1:19-24

Find these words from the passage in the wordsearch

C N P R O P H E T R
H O L Y S P I R I T
I K N J E S U S S E
M U D S A N G O I N
M M A A I N S N N G
A A V L F D G A S A
N R I D Q R E E V G
U Y D K G X A R L E
E J O S E P H I E D
L P D R E A M W D D

AFRAID

ANGEL

JESUS

DAVID

HOLY SPIRT

DREAM

ENGAGED

JOSPEH

MARY

CONSIDERED

PROPHET

SAVE

SIN

SON

IMMANUEL

But there is still a prophecy to fulfill



Back in Rome the Emperor, Caesar Augustus, needed money to run his empire and so he sent everyone to their home towns to be counted in a census and pay their taxes.



Luke 2:1-6

What was the prophecy? (Micah 5:2)



To see what the prophecy said add the missing letters O, A, E

But y u, B thl h m phr th h,

 r nly sm ll vill g m ng

 ll th p ple f Jud h.

Y t rul r f Isr l, wh s

 rigins r in th dist nt p st,

will c m fr m y u n my b h lf.

So Joseph and Mary (both from the family line of David) find themselves in the right place - Bethlehem, at the right time.

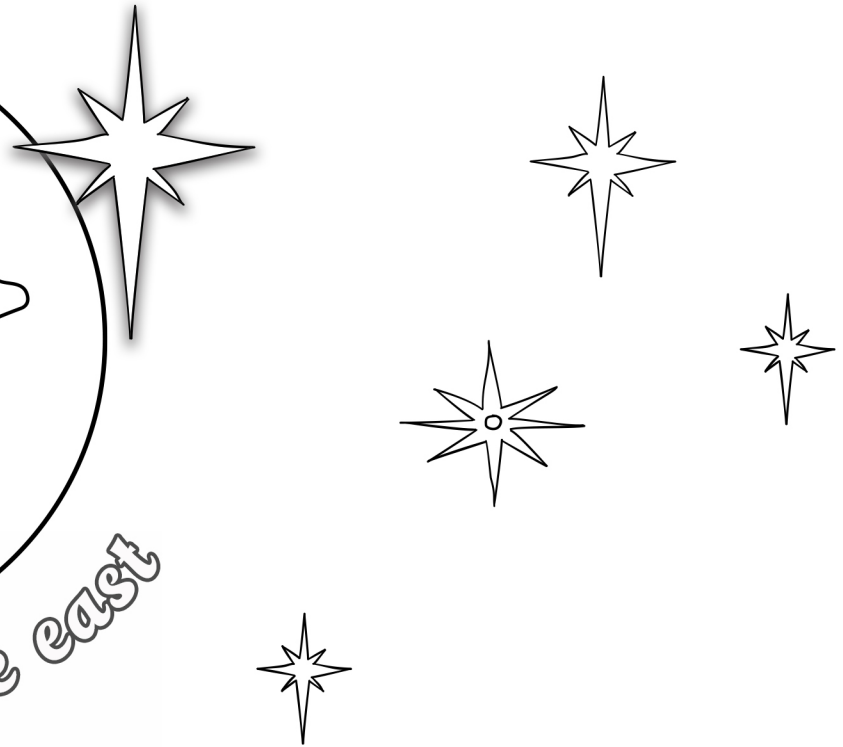
God's planning is perfect.



Everything was just like God said it would be!



Coming from the east



Read Luke 2:6-7

For to you is born...

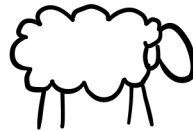
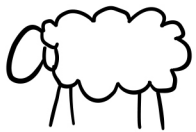
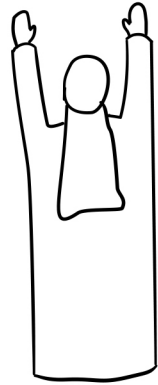
a Saviour

Christ the Lord





Glory to God in the highest



Read Luke 2:8-20

The angels brought ² _ _ _ _

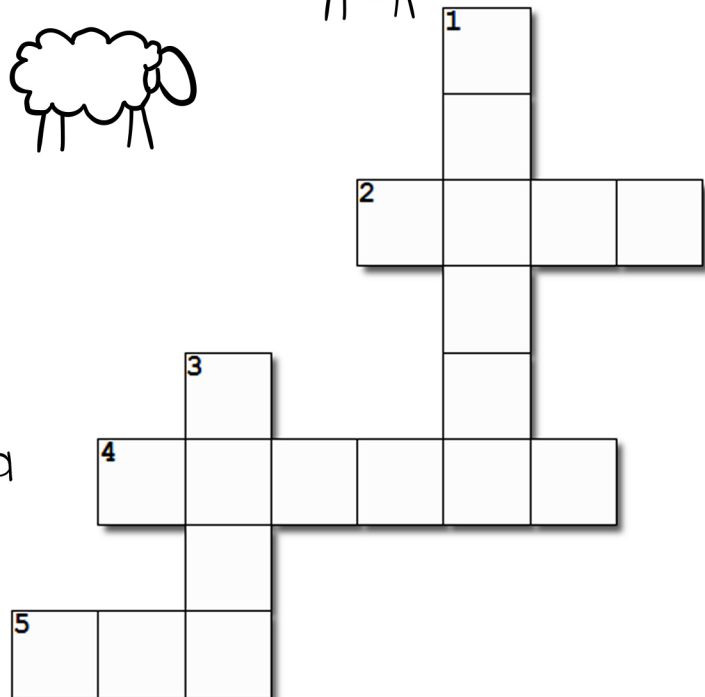
News of great ⁵ _ _ _ for all

¹ _ _ _ _ _

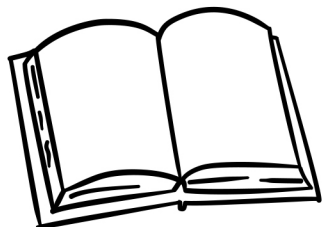
They told them they would find a

³ _ _ _ _ wrapped in cloths

and lying in a ⁴ _ _ _ _ _



An old man, Simeon, had been told by God that before he died he would see the Saviour



Read Luke 2:25-35

Reverse the words written backwards

Simeon said:

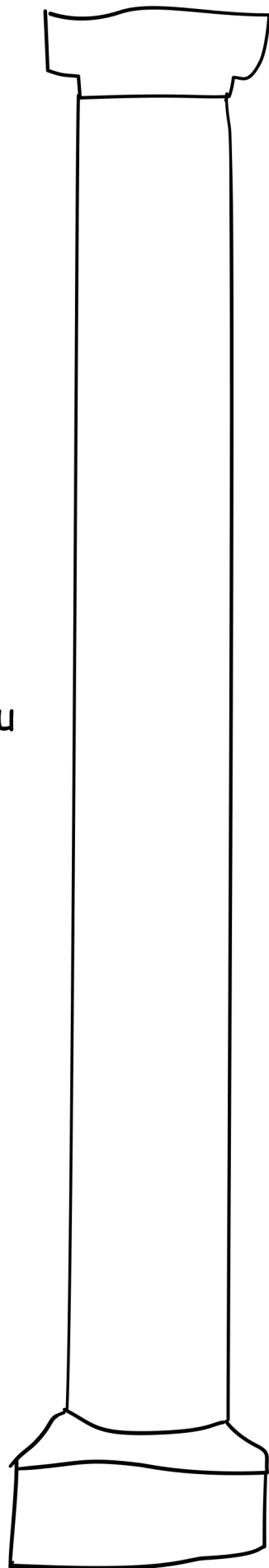
"Sovereign Lord, now let Your
(TNAVRES) _____ die in
(ECAEP) _____, as You promised.

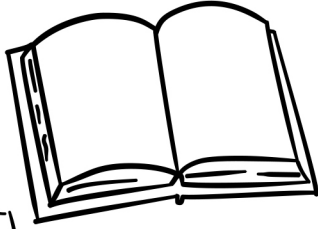
I have (NEES) _____ Your
(NOITAVLAS) _____ which You
have prepared for (LLA) _____ people.

He is a (THGIL) _____ to
(LAEVER) _____ God to the
(SNOITAN) _____.

And He is the (YROLG) _____ of Your
people (LEARSI) _____."

**God keeps His promises!
God wants us all to meet with Jesus.**



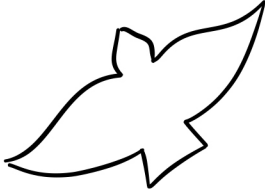


Read Luke 2:36-38

Draw a circle around the words that describe Anna

Was very young

Worshipped God

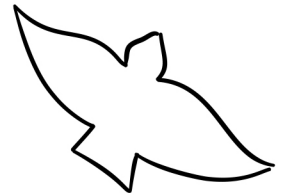


Begged for money

Was very old

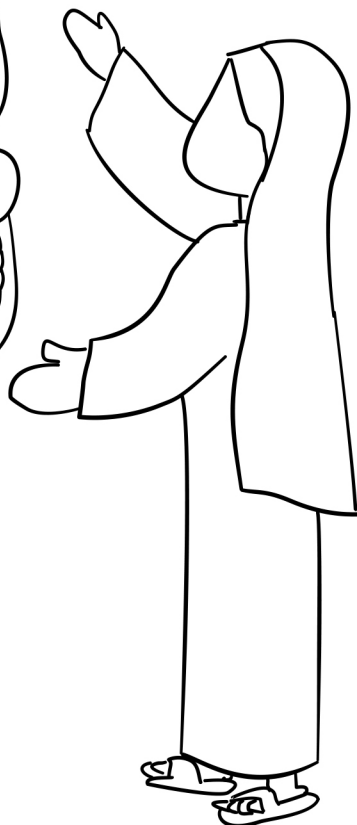
Lived in the temple

Was a prophetess



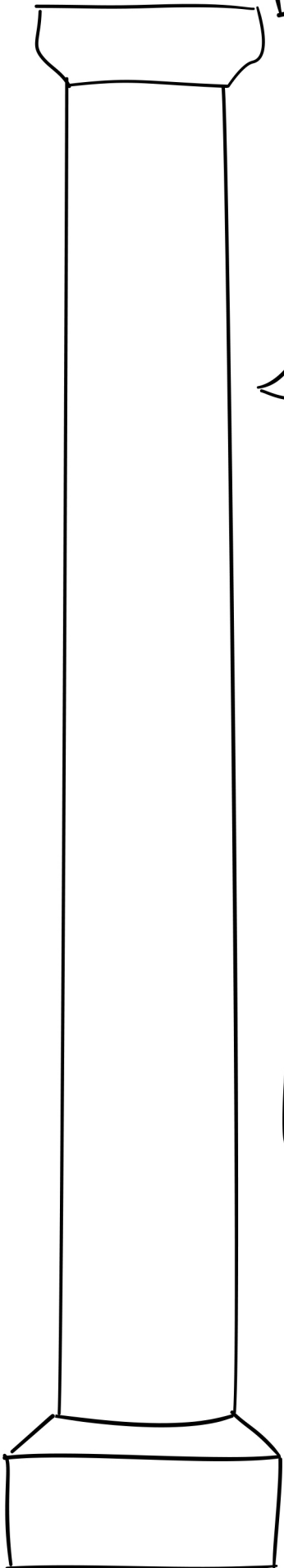
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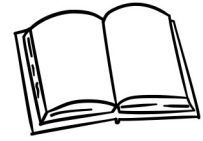
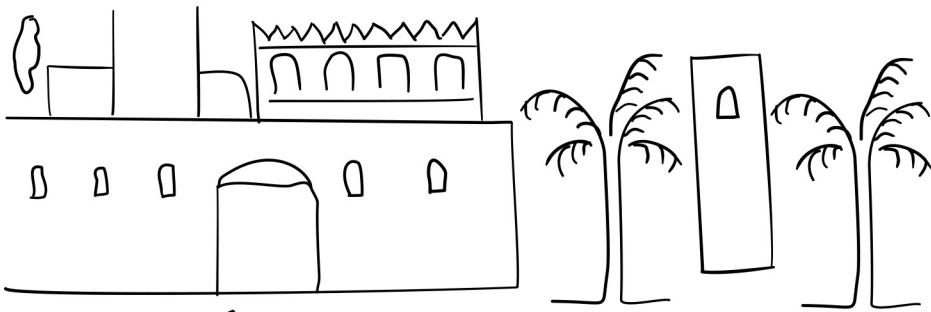
Cried all day



Talked about the child, Jesus, to everyone

But there's more





Read Matthew 2:1-8

Which way did the wise men take to get to Bethlehem?

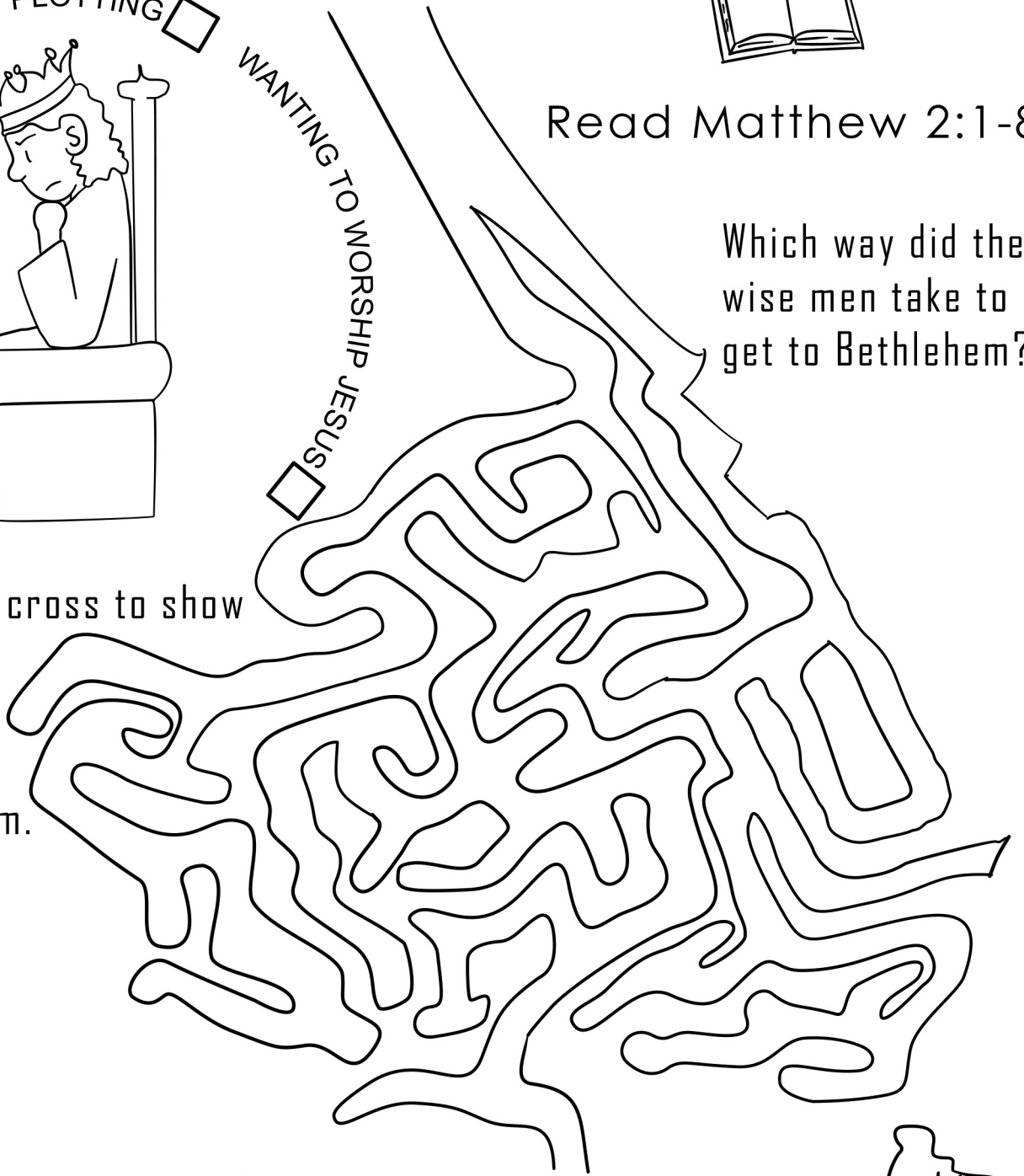
HEROD IS GLAD WORRIED PLOTTING



WANTING TO WORSHIP JESUS

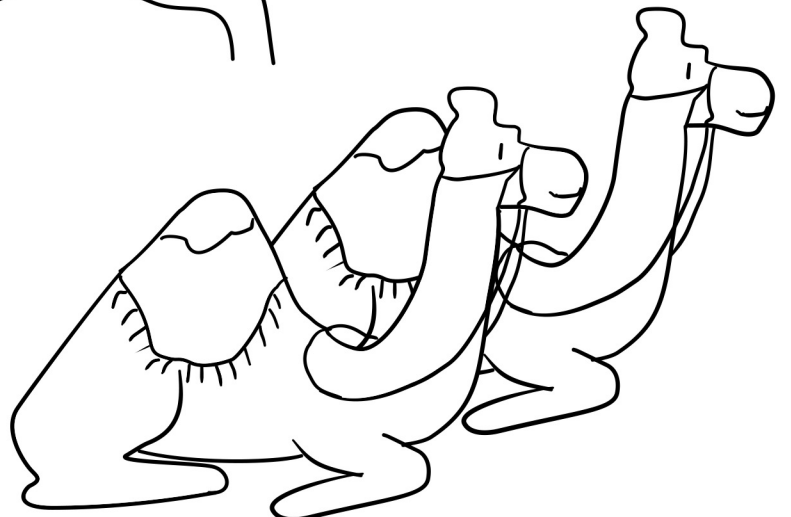


Make a tick or cross to show King Herod's reaction to what the wise men said to him.

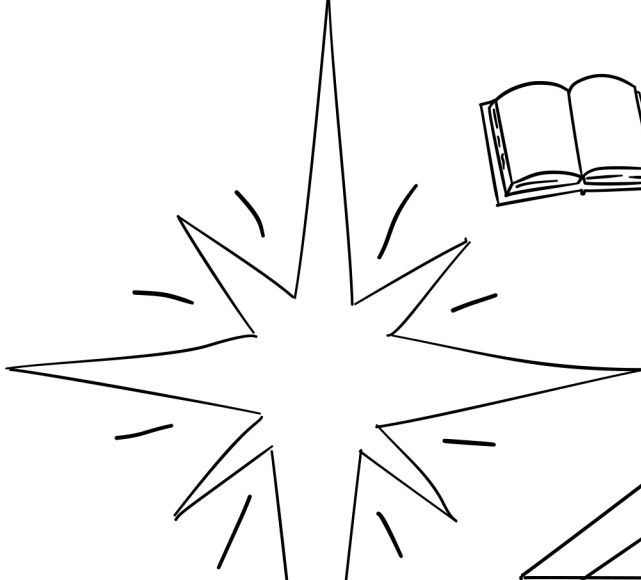
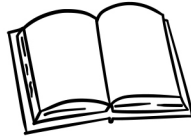


This wise men went to

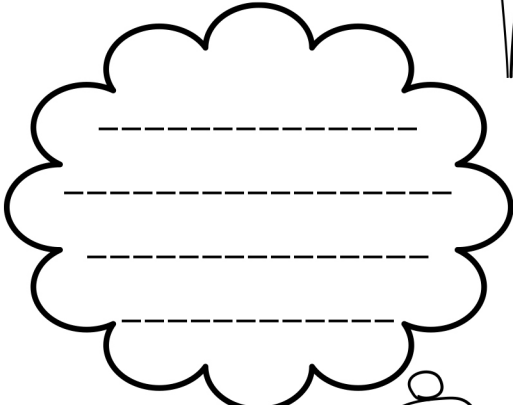
WORSHIP
Jesus



Read Matthew 2:9-12



Write what God warned them in a dream



The true story of Christmas

Now that you have read the Christmas Story out of the Bible for yourself, circle the phrases that make the story below true.

There was a young lady named **(Beth, Sarah, or Mary)**, who was promised to marry Joseph. Joseph was a local **(painter, carpenter, or fisherman)**.

One day an angel appeared to Mary and said she would have a baby by the Holy Spirit. The child would be the Son of God. Joseph was worried when he found out Mary was pregnant, but in a dream an **(angel, butterfly, or bird)** told him, "Don't be afraid, Joseph. The baby is from the Holy Spirit." Joseph trusted God and stayed with Mary.

The ruler said everyone must be registered, so Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem. Mary was very pregnant and made the long journey **(but no one knows how, in a bakkie, or on a donkey)**.

When they arrived, there was no room in any **(hospital, shopping center, or inn)**. Mary found a **(stable, clinic, or caravan)**, and gave birth to her son. She wrapped Him in cloth and laid Him in a **(manger, cot, or double bed)**.

Nearby, **(bakers, shepherds, or pop stars)** were watching their sheep. Suddenly an angel appeared and said, "I bring you Good News! Tonight a Saviour is born - the Messiah, the Lord. You will find Him lying in a manger." Then many angels praised God, singing, **(Glory to God in the highest..., Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, or Baa Baa Black Sheep)**."




The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.




(That day, the next week, or about two years later), wise men came from the East. They had seen a **(rainbow, star or kite)** showing that a King was born. They brought gifts of **(building blocks, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, or fluffy animals)** and bowed down to worship Him.




On the eighth day the baby was named Jesus - the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

God's plan of love


Use the pictures to fill in the missing words to see God's plan.

 loves _____
 perfect _____
 sin _____


 right _____
 way _____
 die _____


 Heaven _____
 wrong _____
 nothing _____

1 To put

 _____
what we did
 _____


5 All this so you had a

 _____
to Heaven.

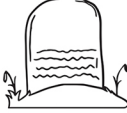
All this because He
 _____

JESUS IS OUR SAVIOUR


2 For Jesus to live a

 _____,
sinless life.
Which He did!

4 For Jesus to

 _____
but on the
3RD day
come

3 For Jesus to be judged
and found guilty of

 _____

ALIVE!
And then go back to

 _____

but to be punished for

EVERY SINGLE  _____!

God's plan to save the world had been put into action

