

OUR PURPOSE



Loving God
Welcoming All
Serving Neighbors
Together through
Jesus Christ

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Mon., Dec 23 - **ISAIAH 61:1-3** *God of Second Chances*
Tue., Dec 24 - **PSALM 139:7-12** *God with Us*
Wed., Dec 25 - **MATTHEW 1:18-25** *A Son Is Given*
Thu., Dec 26 - **PSALM 42:1-11** *A Global Connection*
Fri., Dec 27 - **JEREMIAH 17:5-8** *Unexpected Beauty*
Sat., Dec 28 - **LUKE 2:1-20** *Praying with the Nativity*
Sun., Dec 29 - **ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8** *Rejoice and Give Thanks*

Visit www.upperroom.com for more information.

OFFICE INFORMATION

GENERAL QUESTIONS & PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Voicemails are sent electronically to designated email accounts.

EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email PastorTim@PMUMC.org

CHURCH GIVING

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING (*last 8 weeks*)
\$6,719.21

WAYS TO GIVE:

- **PLACE** in Offering Plate when entering/exiting Worship Service
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

CHURCH PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

BELL CHOIR DIRECTOR - Becky Smalley

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD-

Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (alternate)

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Jenny

Rivenbark, Janet Spiker,

ACOLYTE COORDINATOR - Roy Melton

HEAD ACOLYTE - Sam L.

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton, Kevin Schramm

NURSERY - Stephanie Parker, Cynthia Cook

CHURCH COORDINATOR - Shirley Prasada-Rao

CUSTODIAN - Ximenia "Patricia" Murdock

FACILITY'S AIDE - Linda Self

ACOLYTES - Knox H., Nicole L., Sam L.,

Addison S., Aubrey S., Evie S., Isabel S.

BELL CHOIR - Jennifer Fielder, Janet Hartz,

Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis,

Priscilla Lyon, Michelle Palmer, Beth Parker,

Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

CHANCEL CHOIR - Eleanor Bateman, Tim

Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Betty King, Steve

Krasner, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim

Melton, Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Roger

Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller, Madelon Stone

WELCOME-

glad you are here!



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Christmas Eve—December 24, 2024
Candlelight Worship Service—7 pm



“Why?”



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith We Sing.

GREETERS—Cindy McCraith and Steve McCraith

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Away in a Manger—Piano Duet, Linda Custer/Janet Hartz by James R. Murray
Silent Night—Piano Duet, Linda Custer/Janet Hartz by Joel Raney
On December Five and Twenty—Piano Duet, Linda Custer/Janet Hartz by Gilbert M. Martin
Carol of the Bells—Organ, Isabel Smalley by Wilhousky/Leontovich

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Nicole L.

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer

Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—FLUTE AND PIANO DUET

Two French Carols

Beth Parker/Linda Custer
by Brant Adams

CHORAL INTROIT—CHANCEL CHOIR

Alleluia! Christ Is Born!

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer
by David LaskyBrant

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Love Has Come (Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella)

Pam Flick
by Ken Bible/Pr. Jack Glasgow

CHRISTMAS EVE SCRIPTURE—*Luke 2:11-14*

¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

CHRISTMAS EVE DEVOTIONAL

Advent hope moves us; Advent love leads us; Advent joy stirs us; Advent peace stills us, that we might affirm our King Jesus.

It is time we set flame to this Advent affirmation by lighting the Christ Candle.

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. He was the long-awaited Messiah whose coming was prophesied. The same Jesus lives today in our hearts. He deserves our highest loyalty and total commitment. In Jesus Christ our hope is fulfilled; our love is consummated; our joy is complete; and our peace is sealed.

CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE & CANDLE LIGHTING

(Choral Response to be sung to the tune of *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*)

Christ is born, we celebrate Christmas! Christ has come, salvation bringing.
Christ is born, His candle we light. Hope! Love! These are the gifts of
Christ has come to the world and its Jesus!
darkness. Joy! Peace! These are the gifts of God!

OPENING PRAYER

As we light these candles, we rejoice! A Savior is born. A savior is born, indeed.
Joy to the world!

OPENING HYMN—*Joy to the World

UMH 246

FIRST READING—*Titus 2:11-14*

Ray Hoewing

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM—CHANCEL CHOIR

Janet Hartz

What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?

by Mark Hayes

SECOND READING—*Luke 2:1-20*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

MESSAGE—*Why?*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

HYMN OF RESPONSE—*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Timothy Dowell

OFFERING (Offering Plates in Spurrier Hall)

Rev. Timothy Dowell

DOXOLOGY—*In the Bleak Midwinter

UMH 221, verse 4

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

CLOSING HYMN—*Silent Night, Holy Night

UMH 239

***BENEDICTION**

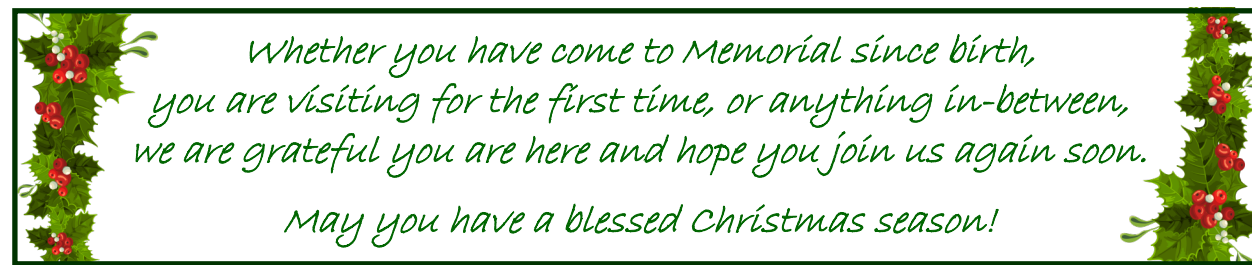
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POSTLUDE MUSIC

Linda Custer

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

by Hayes/Wagner



Choral Introit, **Alleluia! Christ Is Born!** by David Lasky

Alleluia! Christ is Born!
 Heaven and earth rejoice this morn!
 Let us with praise the child adorn!
 Alleluia! Christ is Born!
 Hodie Christus natus est;
 On this day is born our Savior,
 Hodie Christus, hodie Christus,
 Hodie Christus natus est.

Alleluia! Christ is Born!
 Heaven and earth rejoice this morn!
 Let us with praise the child adorn!
 Alleluia! Christ is Born!
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Choral Anthem, **What Sweeter Music Can We Bring?** by Herrick/Hayes


What sweeter music can we bring than a carol,
 for to sing,
 The birth of this our heavenly king?
 Awake the voice! Awake the string!
 We see Him come, and know Him ours,
 Who with His sunshine and His showers,
 Turns all the patient ground, to flowers.


The Darling of the world is come,
 And fit it is we find a room to welcome Him;
 The nobler part of all the house, here is the
 heart.
 We see Him come, and know Him ours,
 Who with His sunshine and His showers,
 Turns all the patient ground, to flowers.

Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the
 honor to this day,
 That sees December turned to May, if we may
 ask the reason, say:
 We see Him come, and know Him ours,
 Who with His sunshine and His showers,
 Turns all the patient ground, to flowers.


Which we will give Him, and bequeath
 This holly and this ivy wreath,
 To do Him honor who's our King,
 And Lord of all this reveling.
 We see Him come, and know Him ours,
 Who with His sunshine and His showers,
 Turns all the patient ground, to flowers,
 Turns all the patient ground to flowers.


 **Next Week's Scriptures**
 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 • Psalm 148
 Colossians 3:12-17 • Luke 2:41-52


 **Nursery Rm 5**
 10:15 to
 11:45 am

 **Engage** in church ministries
 by scanning this QR code with
 your phone's camera.

 **Prayer Requests?**
 Email
prayers@pmumc.org

 **Sunday School - 9:15 to 10:15am**
 3 yrs-K, Rm 3; 1st-4th, Rm 4
 5th-12th, Rm 2; Adults, Rm 6 & Zoom

Need Ride to
 church? Email
Scott.McGrew@aol.com 

 **Columbarium & Memorial Garden** For information on our permanent
 resting place for cremains, visit www.PMUMC.org or speak with: Eleanor Bateman
 at 301-461-7898, Steve McCraith at 301.788-5987 or Jan Schmidt at 301-807-9449

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS


TUE -DEC 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	7 - 8 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service— <i>Sanctuary</i>
WED - DEC 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	Merry Christmas	
THU - DEC 26	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim— <i>Online via Zoom</i> Zumba Class— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
SAT - DEC 28	1 - 4 pm 3 - 6:30 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop— <i>On Location</i> The Frederick Rescue Mission— <i>On Location</i>
SUN - DEC 29 <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School— PreK-12 th <i>Rms 2-4</i> ; Adult <i>Rm 6/Zoom</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8/Sanctuary</i> Nursery- <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service- <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i>
MON - DEC 30	7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal— <i>CANCELED</i> Grief Group— <i>CANCELED</i>
TUE -DEC 31	10:30 - 11:30 am	Tai Chi—Poolesville Seniors— <i>CANCELED</i>
WED - JAN 1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	Happy New Year	
THU - JAN 2	7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Review/Preview with Pastor Tim— <i>Online via Zoom</i> Zumba Class— <i>Fellowship Hall</i>
SAT - JAN 4	1 - 4 pm	The Friendly Thrift Shop— <i>On Location</i>
SUN - JAN 5 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	9:15 - 10:15 am 9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School— PreK-12 th <i>Rms 2-4</i> ; Adult <i>Rm 6/Zoom</i> Chancel Choir Rehearsal- <i>Room 8/Sanctuary</i> Nursery- <i>Room 5</i> Worship Service- <i>Sanctuary/YouTube</i>

Decorate our Lobby's
Sock and Mitten Tree
 All these much needed items
 that we collect will
 be donated to a
 homeless shelter.

- **Adult Sunday School**- Fred at cfredlyon@gmail.com
- **Youth Sunday School**- Dianna at mdmcgrews@aol.com
- **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim**- PastorTim@pmumc.org
- **Men's Group**- Ray at RLHoewing@gmail.com
- **Youth Connection**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com
- **Grief Group**- Betty at bking21710@gmail.com

Called to start a
 new group?
 Contact Pastor Tim

Upper Room Daily Devotional
 Jan/Feb edition are here! Please pick one up
 on the table in the lobby or on outside bench.

 **Review/Preview with Pastor Tim**
 No prep needed! Study Sunday's
 scriptures Thursdays @ 7pm on Zoom.
 For link, email: pastortim@pmumc.org.

We are Making a Difference in our
 community by loaning out medical equipment.
 Many pieces of equipment leave and return each
 week, making our neighbor's life just a little easier.
 If you have equipment to donate or need
 equipment, contact
 Eleanor Bateman at
 301-461-7898.



He gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. He wanted to make His people pure and eager to do what is good.

Match the shapes.



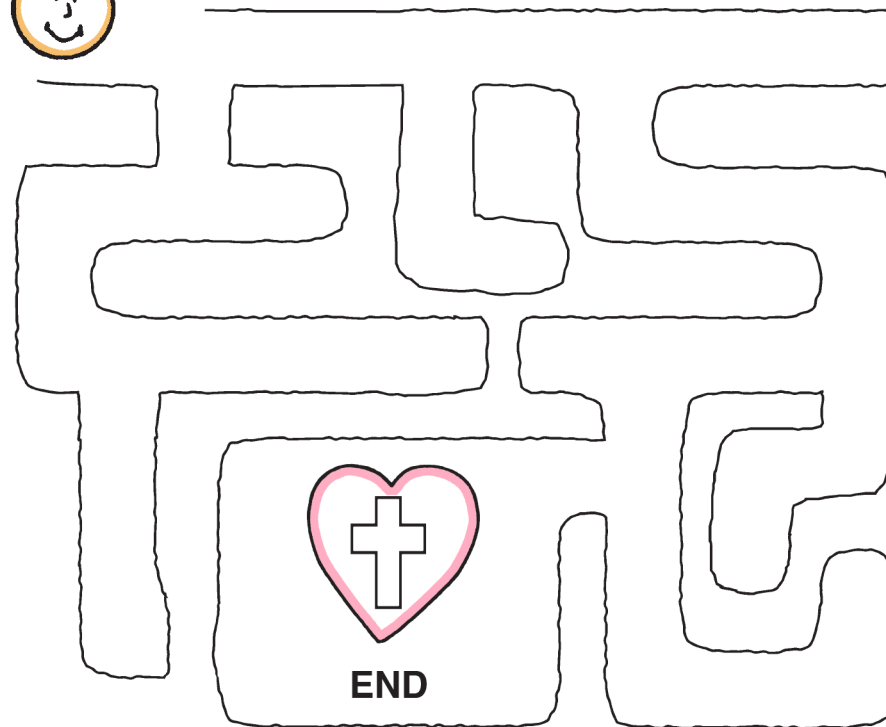
The Grace of God

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

Trace the path to God's salvation.

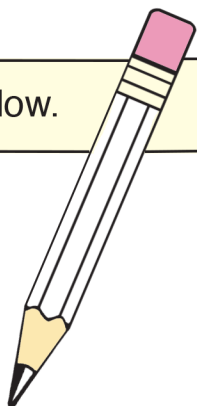


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It teaches us to say ...

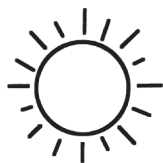
Write the word "No" on the blank below.



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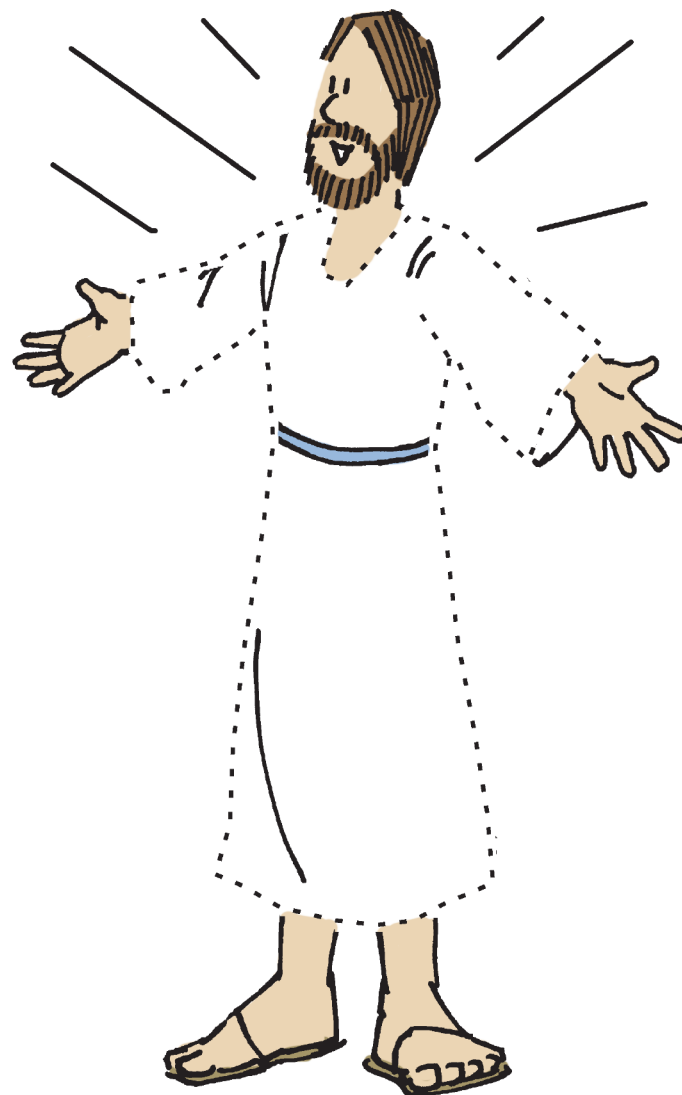
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to ungodliness ...



The grace of God teaches us to live ...
upright and godly lives while we wait for ...

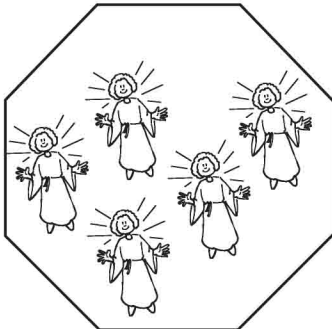
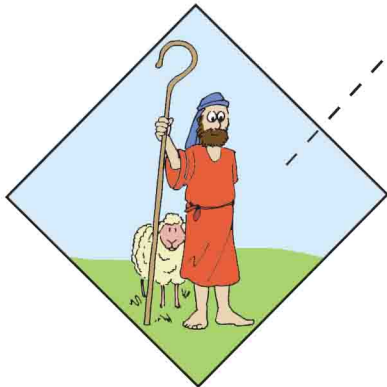
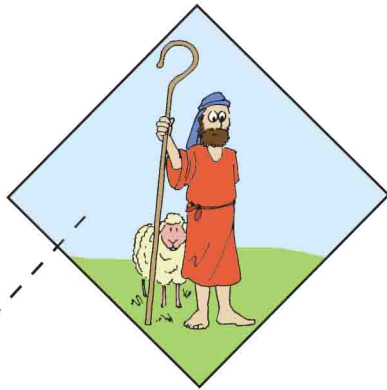
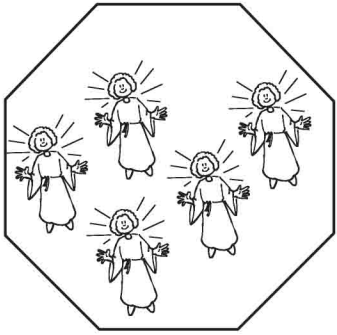
Trace the lines to finish the picture.



... the blessed hope — the appearing of
the glory of our great God and Savior,
Jesus Christ.

The shepherds praised God for all the things they had heard and seen!

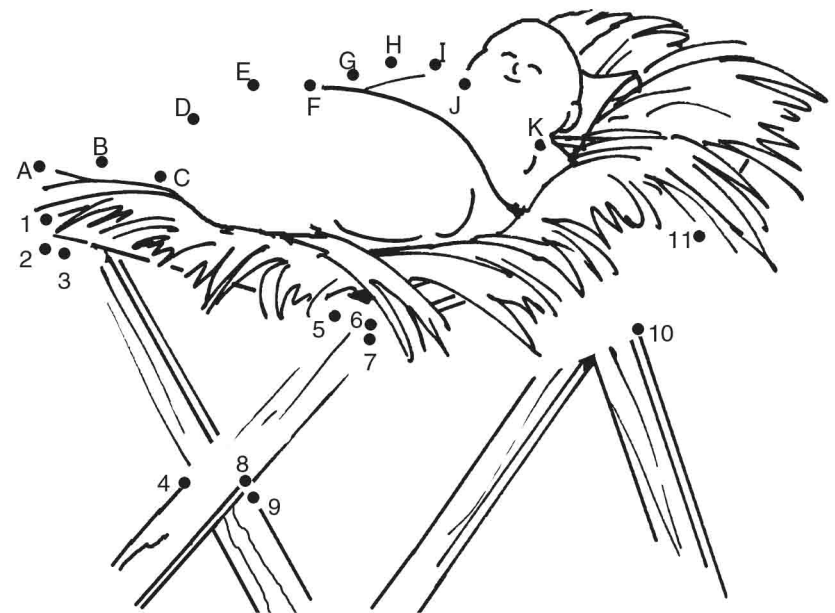
Match the pictures.



Jesus Is Born!

Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to register for the census. While they were there, Jesus was born.

Connect the dots.
A B C D E F G H I J K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11



Shepherds in the fields were watching their flocks at night. An angel came, and they were scared! But the angel had good news: "A Savior is born!" Then many more angels appeared, praising God.

Circle the smallest angel in the sky.

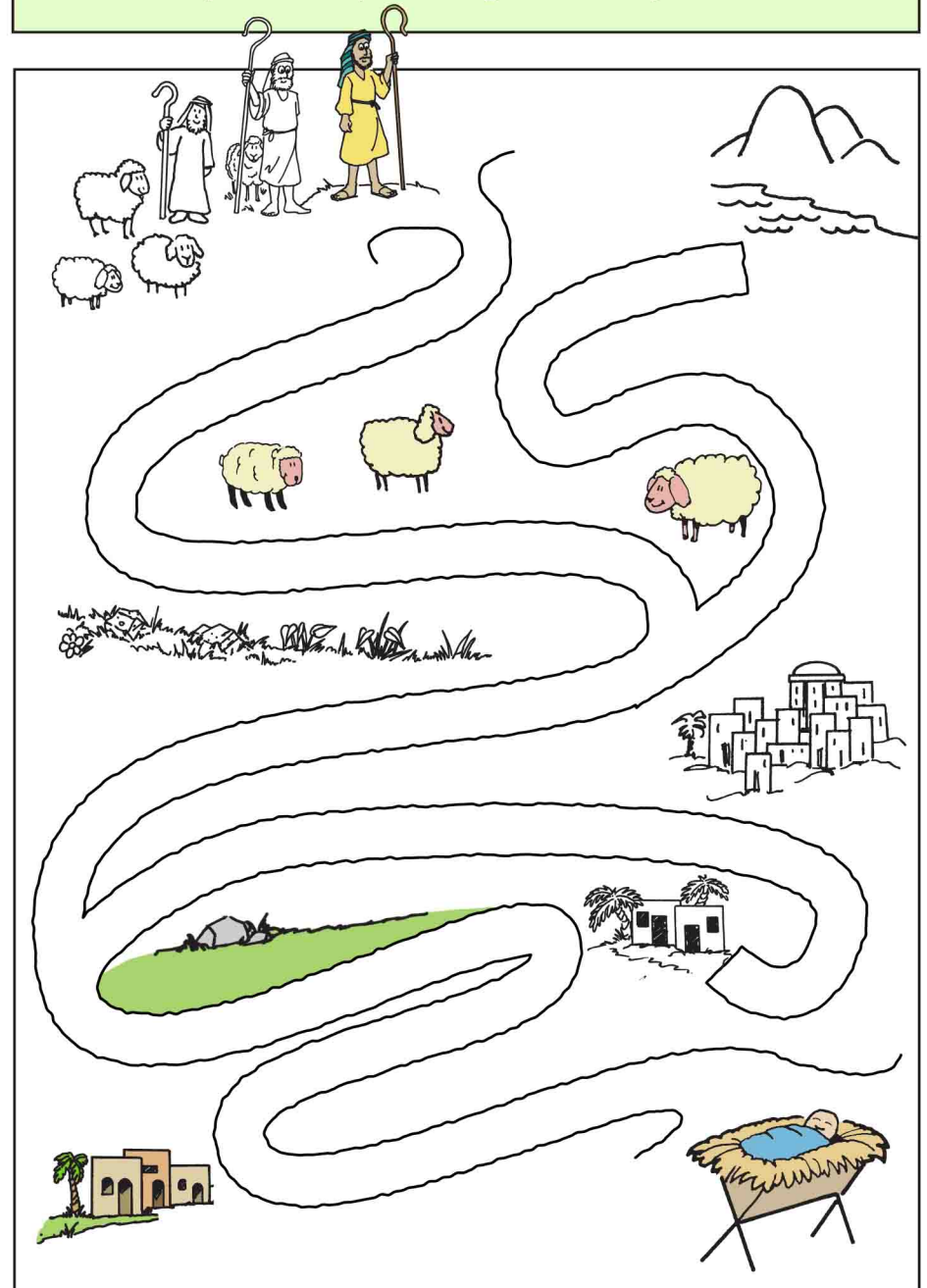


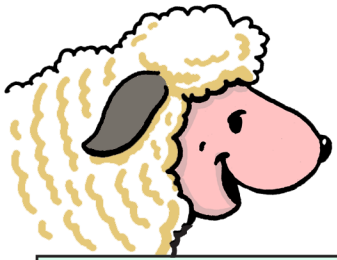
Trace the word.

S A V I O R

The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to find the newborn Savior.

Help the shepherds get to Baby Jesus.





The writer told of what Jesus had done.

Follow the instructions to change one word to another. Write the new words in order on the blanks below to finish the verse.

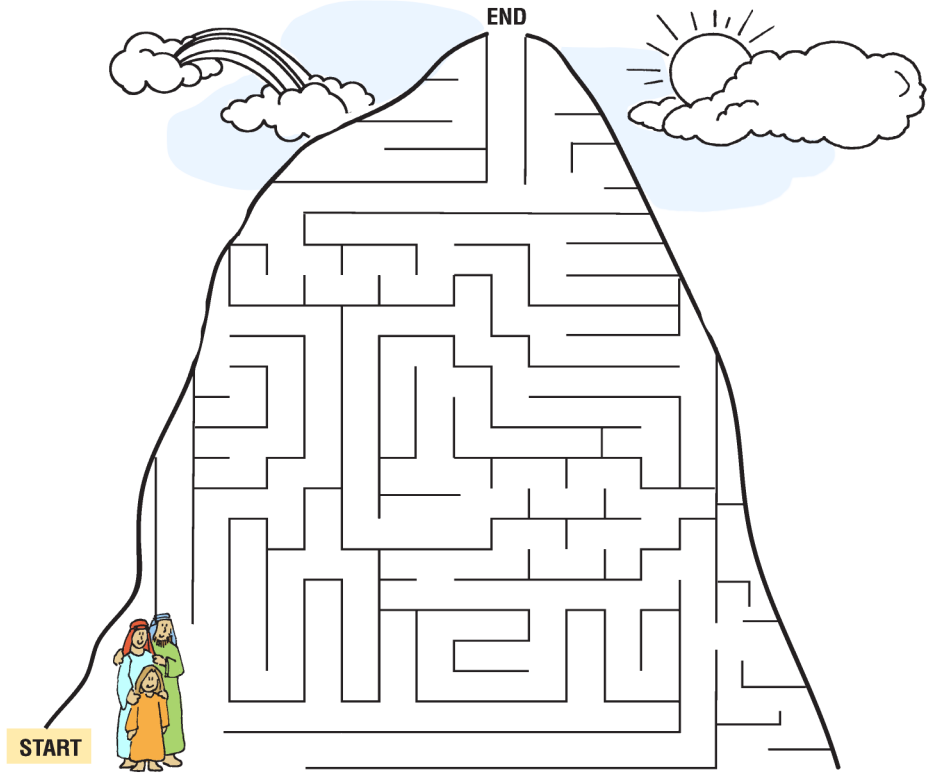
HAVE	Change H to G =	<i>GAVE</i>
REDUCE	Change UCE to EEM =	
WEARINESS	Change EARI to ICKED =	
PURSE	Change SE to IFY =	
PURPLE	Change UR to EO =	
MARRY	Change MAR to VE =	
LAWN	Change LA to O =	
BADGER	Change BAD to EA =	
WHERE	Change ERE to AT =	
FOOD	Change F to G =	

He gave Himself for us to _____
 us from all _____ and to
 _____ for Himself a _____ that
 are His _____,
 to do _____ is _____.

The Grace of God

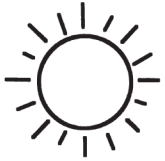
For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

Help the people find the way to salvation.



It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness ...

In each box, write the letter that is missing from the second word.
Then write the letters in order on the lines below.



In WHERE but not HERE =

In OPEN but not PEN =

In STARE but not EATS =

In BANGLE but not BEGAN =

In BEADS but not BASE =

In PLAIN but not PAIN =

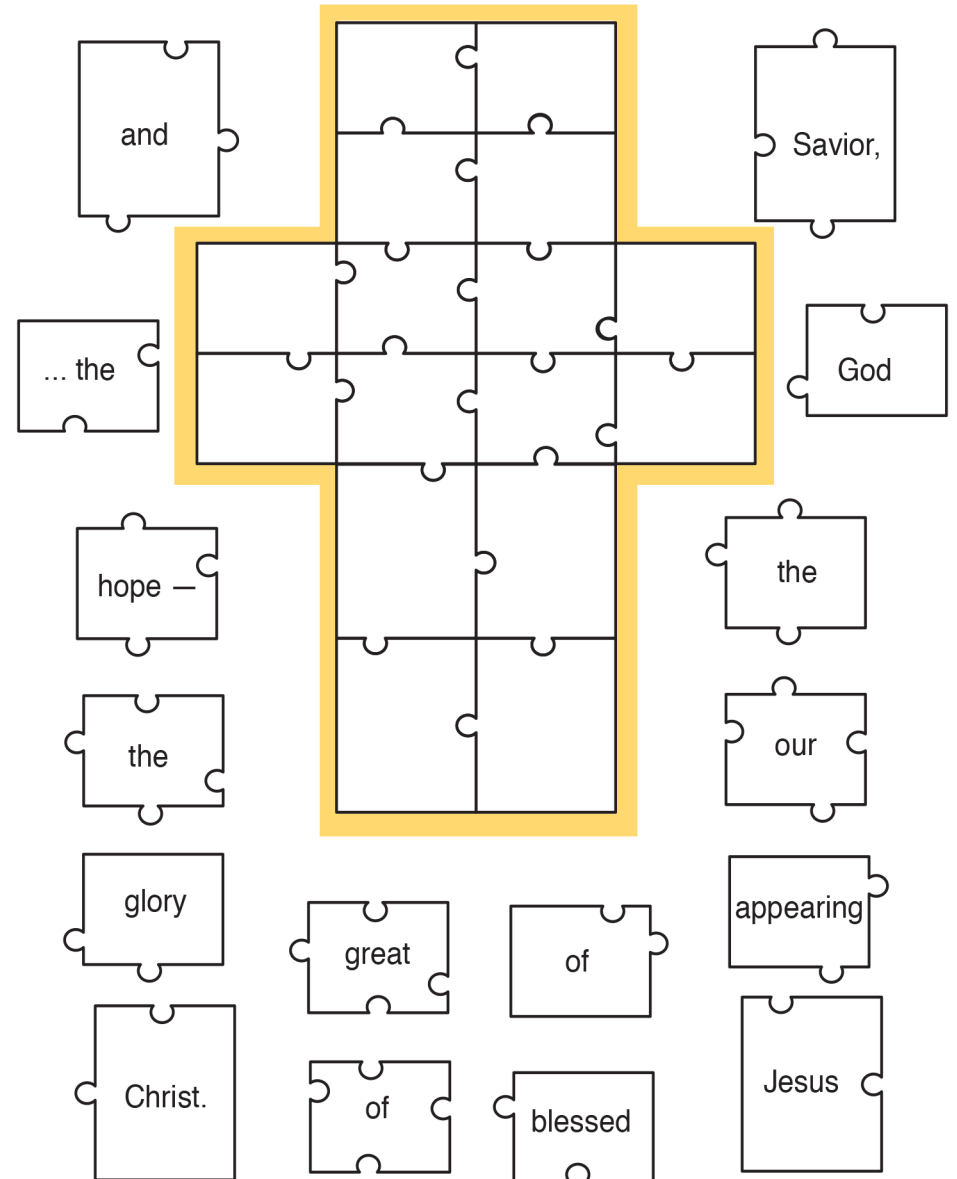
In NEARLY but not LEARN =

... and _____ longings.



The grace of God teaches us to live self-controlled,
upright and godly lives in this present age,
while we wait for ...

Fit the pieces in the puzzle.





The shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."



Add the two numbers found under each line to find the correct word to write on the blank.

So 7 baby 6 13 was in 4

3 Joseph 2 they 1 Mary 5 manger

9 the 12 lying

off 14 8 hurried 11 who 10 found

- 3 + 4 = 1 + 1 = 6 + 2 = 5 + 9 = 8 + 7 =
- 1 + 9 = 0 + 1 = 6 + 9 = 2 + 1 =
- 5 + 10 = 4 + 5 = 3 + 3 = 9 + 2 = 7 + 6 =
- 5 + 7 = 1 + 3 = 6 + 3 = 3 + 2 =

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

December 24, 2024 • Luke 2:1-20

Jesus Is Born!

Joseph and Mary traveled to register for the census.

Use the compass code to fill in the blanks.

“ _____ N _____ SSE _____

_____ NNE _____ SW _____ ESE _____

_____ S _____ ,

_____ ENE _____ NW _____

_____ WNW _____ NE _____ ,

_____ W _____ WSW _____

_____ E _____ NNE _____ ENE _____

_____ SE _____ SSW _____ NNW _____ WNW _____ NE _____ .”

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