

Choral Anthem Lyrics *Star in the East* by William Allen Pasch

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star in the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.  
Hail the blest morn! See the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend!  
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger. Lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining; low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.  
Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom and offering divine?  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration; dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.  
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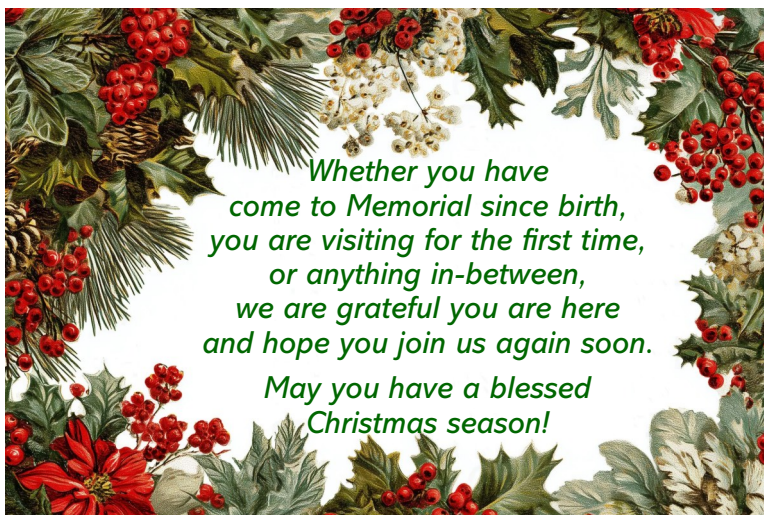
Choral Anthem Lyrics by Cook/Koerts  
*On This Still and Silent Night*

In manger bed He lies, the glorious King of light,  
and all is calm as angels sing on this still and silent night.  
The shepherds humbly kneel; how precious is the sight,  
and Mary cradles Heaven's heir on this still and silent night.

Hear Mary softly singing, beneath the stars so bright,  
her songs of love and praise on this still and silent night, Holy night!

Salvation's joy has come, God's glory, our delight.

**OUR PURPOSE**



**Sunday School**  
9:15 am—10:15 am

**Sunday Worship Service**  
10:30 am—11:30 am

**Review Preview**  
Thursdays 7 pm—8 pm

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# WELCOME

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**Rev. Timothy A. Dowell, Pastor**

**Christmas Eve—December 24, 2025**  
Worship Service—5:00 pm



**“Waiting”**



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.

*Italicized, BOLD Text* = recite out loud

**GREETER**—Cindy McCraith and Steve McCraith

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

*Still, Still, Still*

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*

Linda Custer

by Hayes/Wagner

by Dan Miller

**FLUTE/PIANO DUET**

*Dost Thou in a Manger Lie*

Beth Parker/Linda Custer

by Robert J. Powell

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ACOLYTE**—Sam L.

**WELCOME**—Introductions and Prayer

Rev Timothy Dowell

**PRELUDE MUSIC**—PIANO DUET

*O Holy Night*

Linda Custer/Janet Hartz

by Adam/Raney

**CHORAL INTROIT**—CHANCEL CHOIR

Janet Hartz/Linda Custer

**BELL ACCOMPANIMENT**

*Star in the East*

Becky Smalley

by William Allen Pasch

**ADVENT READING AND CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

*Love Has Come (Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella)*

Pam Flick/Eleanor Bateman

by Ken Bible/Pr. Jack Glasgow

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

<sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “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 is born, His candle we light.***

***Christ has come to the world and its darkness.***

***Christ has come, salvation bringing.***

***Hope! Love! These are the gifts of Jesus!***

***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

*On This Still and Silent Night*

by Koerts/Cook

**SECOND READING**—*Luke 2:1-20*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

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

**MESSAGE**—*Waiting*

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**—*Angels We Have Heard on High*

UMH 248

**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*

UMH 239

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Timothy Dowell

**POSTLUDE MUSIC**

Linda Custer

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!*

by Mary McDonald

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.



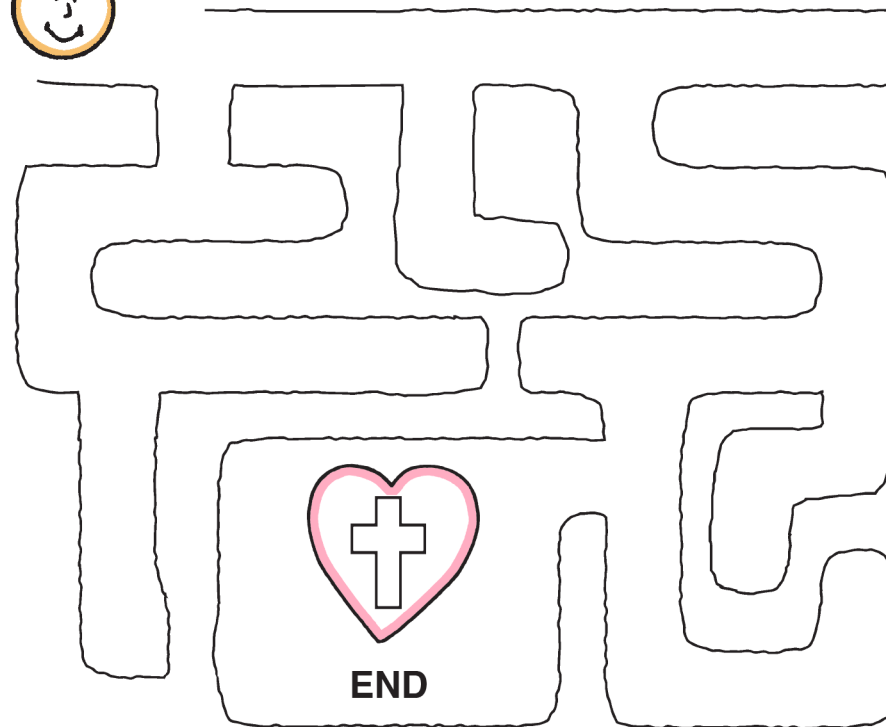
## The Grace of God

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

Trace the path to God's salvation.

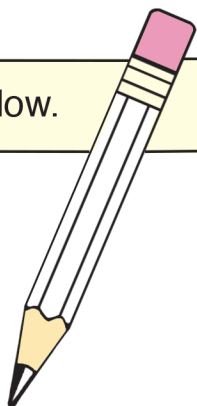


START



It teaches us to say ...

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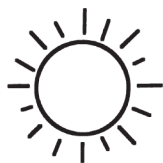


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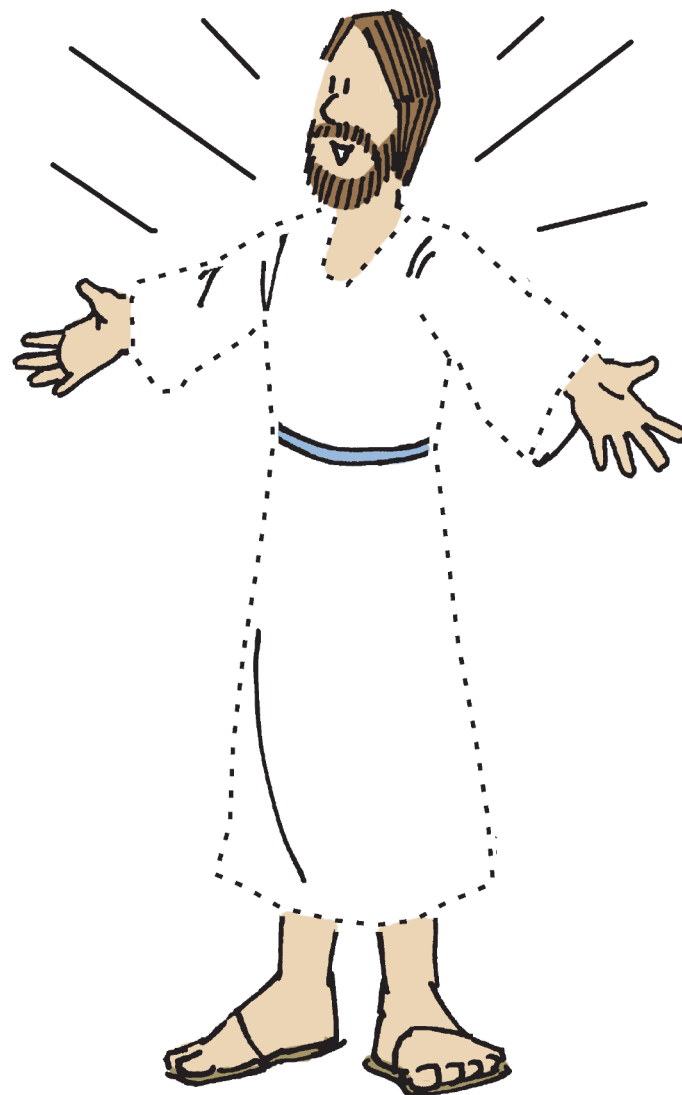
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to ungodliness ...



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

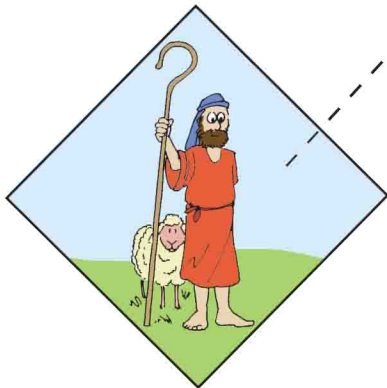
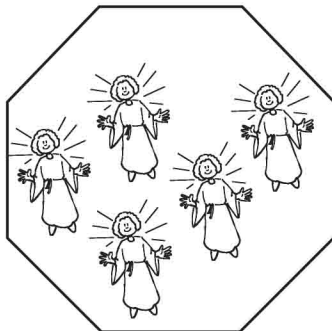
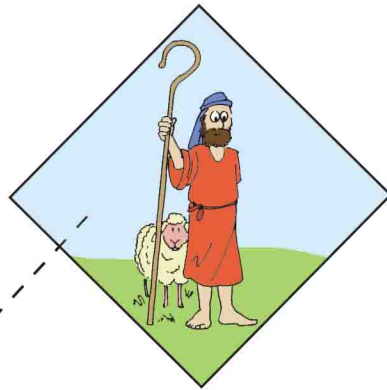
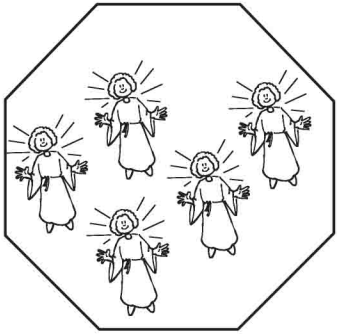
Trace the lines to finish the picture.



... 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.

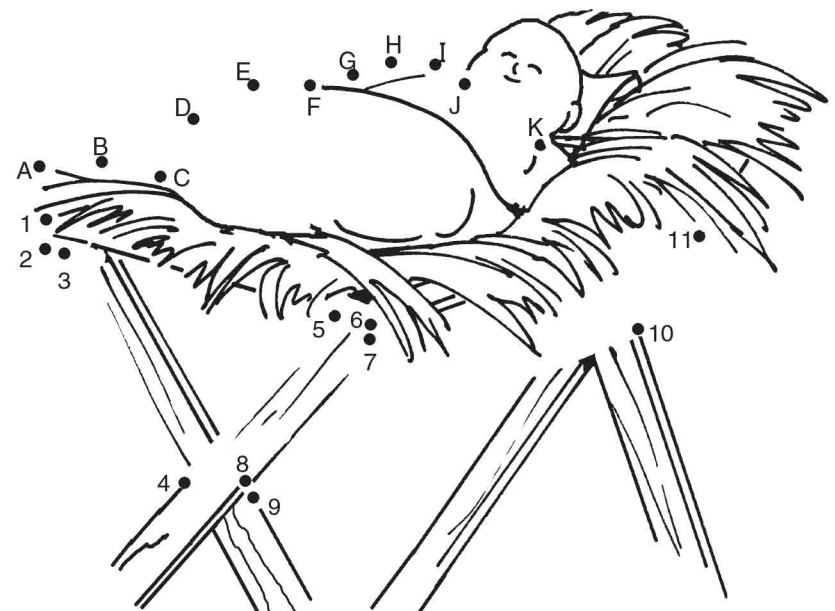


Jesus Is Born!

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



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**SECRET CODE!**  
**RZPY15**

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.

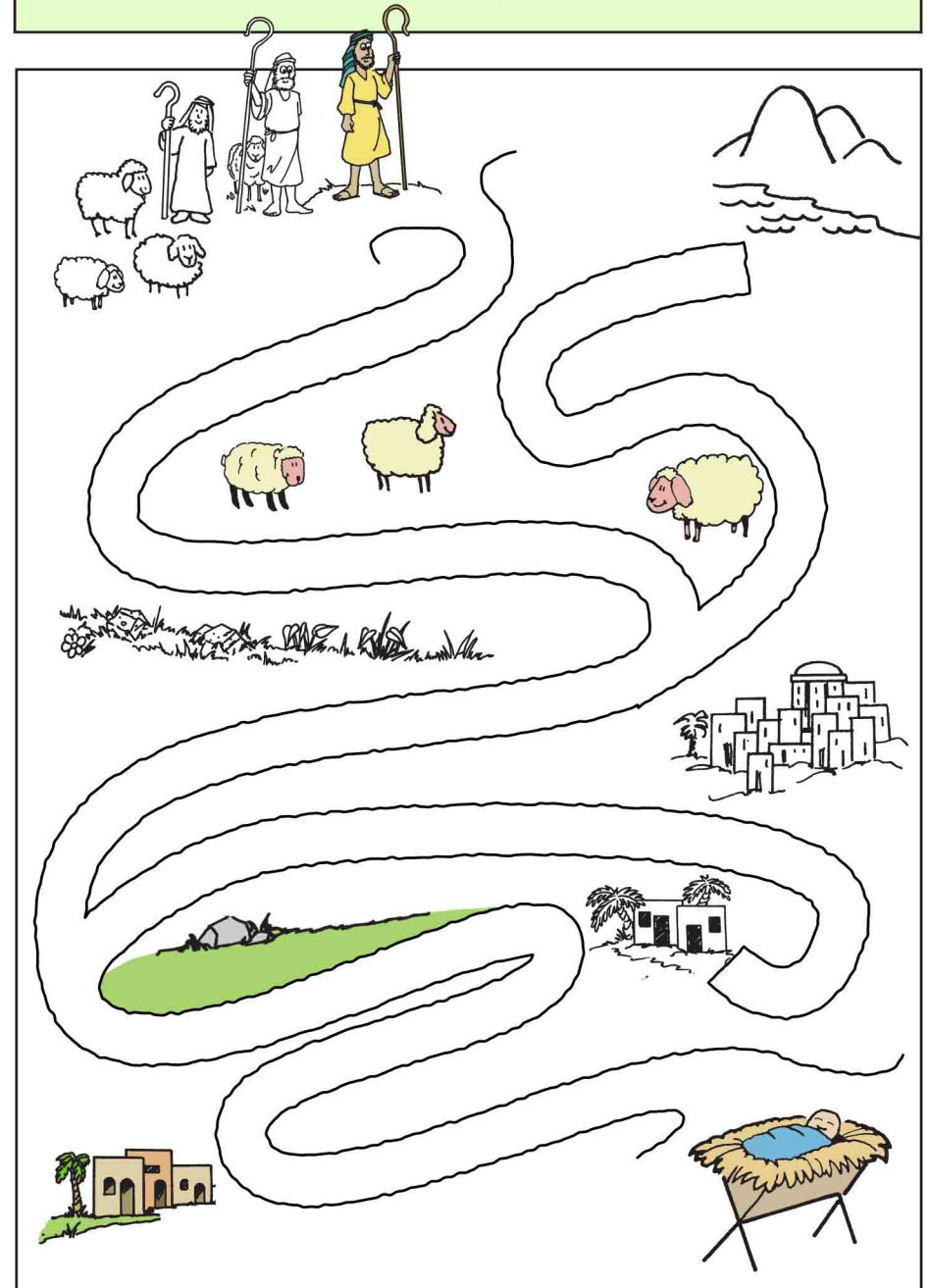


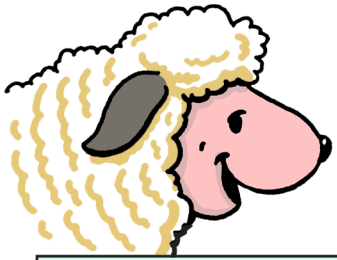
Trace the word.

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.

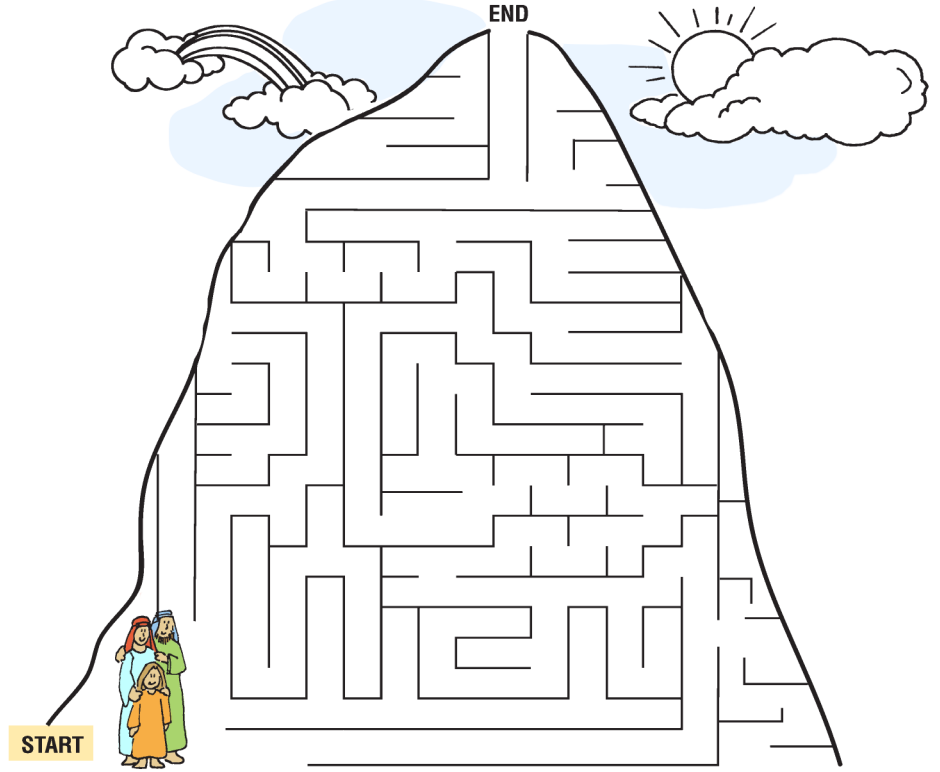
HAVE	Change H to G =	<i>GAVE</i>
REDUCE	Change UCE to EEM =	
WEARINESS	Change EARI to ICKED =	
PURSE	Change SE to IFY =	
PURPLE	Change UR to EO =	
MARRY	Change MAR to VE =	
LAWN	Change LA to O =	
BADGER	Change BAD to EA =	
WHERE	Change ERE to AT =	
FOOD	Change F to G =	

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

**The Grace of God**

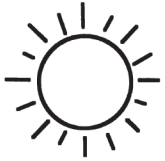
For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.

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 =

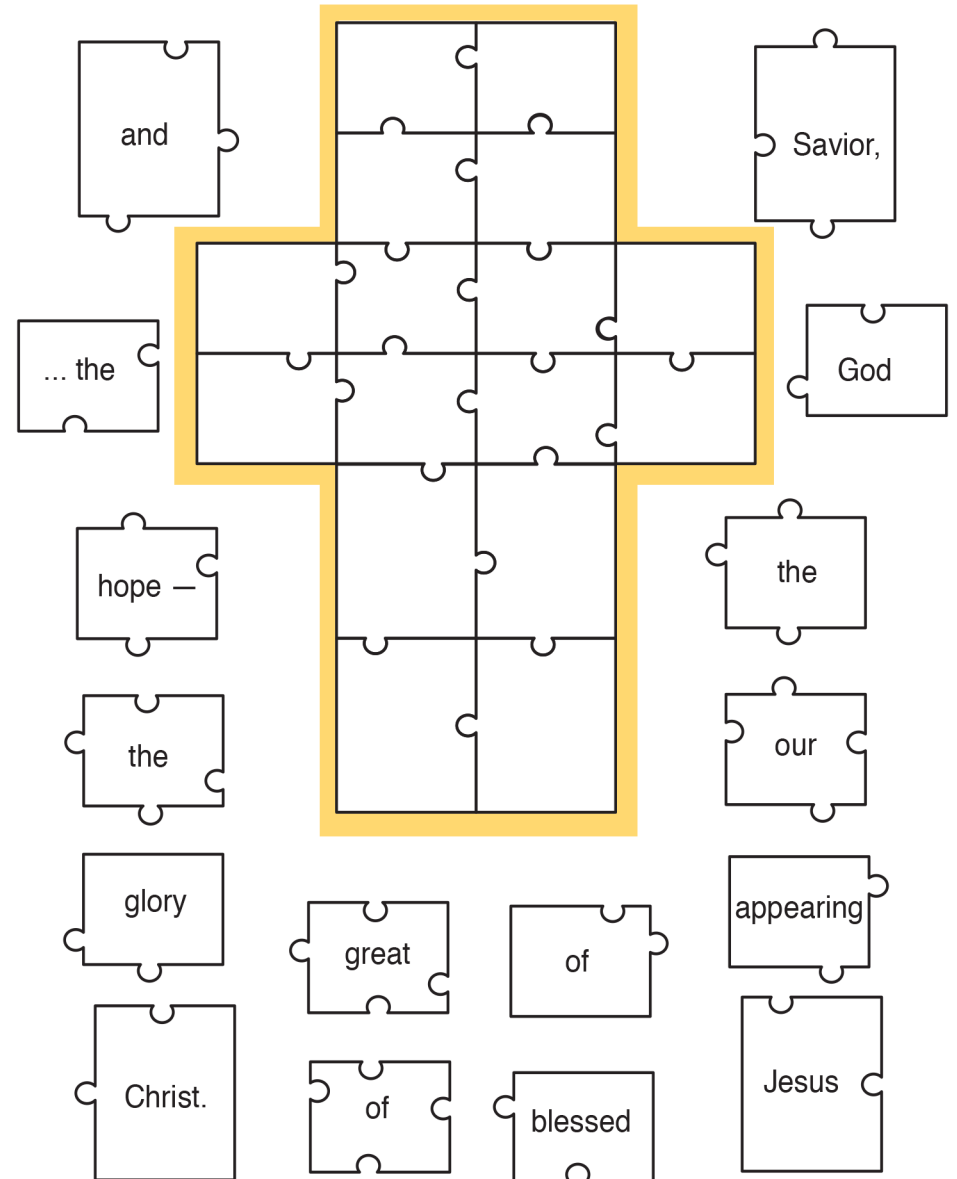
In NEARLY but not LEARN =

... 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™

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## 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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While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary's baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

Unscramble the letters to fill in the missing words.

She \_\_\_\_\_ Him in \_\_\_\_\_  
 P P E R A W D                      T H L O C S

and \_\_\_\_\_ Him in a \_\_\_\_\_,  
 C E D A L P                      E R G M N A

\_\_\_\_\_ there was no  
 C U A S E E B

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
 M O R O                      E H T M

in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 N I N



There were shepherds in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Copy the words from the puzzle pieces to find out what else he said.

