



Activity
Book

Advent Wreath



Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Churches begin looking forward to his birth by lighting candles in the four weeks leading up to his birth on December 25. The name for this time of year is **Advent**. Advent means "coming". This year Advent begins on November 29, 2020.



Lighting candles during Advent helps us focus each week on the coming celebration of Jesus's birth on Christmas. Some churches have identified a different characteristic with each candle to help *focus on their thanksgivings* as they await the birth of Jesus.



The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. Its nickname is the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The color purple is associated with royalty. (*Reflection – Think of the hope we have in the coming of the Lord. Remember the Angel's visit to Mary; walk with Mary this week as we prepare with her for the coming of our Savior*)



The second candle, also purple, represents **faith**. Its nickname is the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. (*Reflection – Think of Joseph; How he obeyed God and followed what God asked him to do*)



The third candle, **Joy**, is also called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. It represents the joy the shepherds had when they received the news of Jesus's birth. (*Reflection – As we journey through Advent, emptying ourselves of the extra and unneeded, opening ourselves and allowing Jesus to fill us*)



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "**Angel's Candle**," symbolizes **Peace**. (*Reflection – Think about the peace that comes from repentance freeing us to embrace our Lord and Savior*)



Some churches include a fifth candle, the **Christ Candle** or the Christmas Candle. It is white in color and represents the pure and sinless nature of Jesus. The **Light of the World** is here! **REJOICE!** Reflection -

Pray for the grace to bring this Christmas miracle into every aspect of your life.



Advent displays are composed of evergreens and candles.

Components generally used are:

Laurel - signifies victory over persecution and suffering.

Pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and

Cedar signifies strength and healing.

Advent displays designed around a wreath of greenery remind us of both:

The immortality of our souls

And

God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.



Create your own Advent display by coloring the greenery and making the candles. *Items needed:*

5 toilet paper rolls

Scotch tape/glue, scissors,

crayons or coloring Pencils and

Paper to make candles

Advent Wreath Candle Instructions

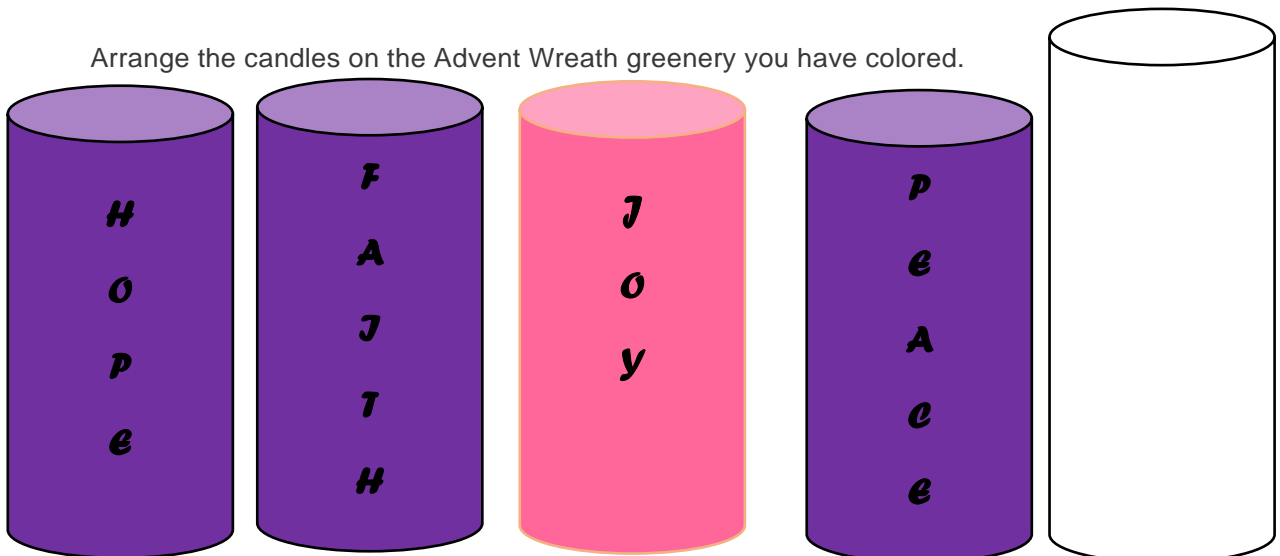
Use the template to cut out 4 candles. The fourth candle "Christ Candle" should be an inch taller than the other four.

Color the candles the appropriate color (3 purple), (1 pink) and (1 white)

Add the words vertically under the flame

Bend the flames down into the paper roll until the week when you raise it as a lit flame

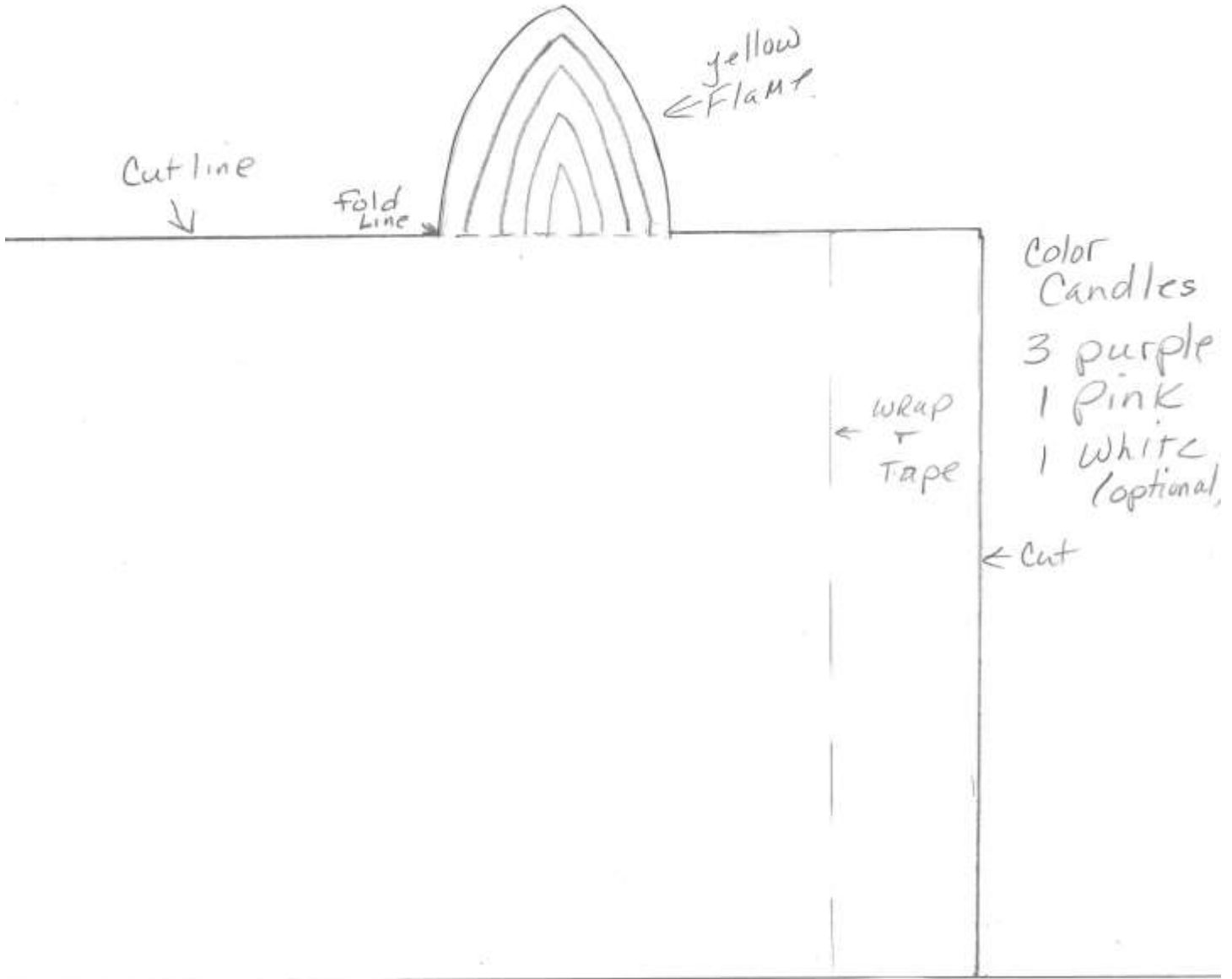
Arrange the candles on the Advent Wreath greenery you have colored.

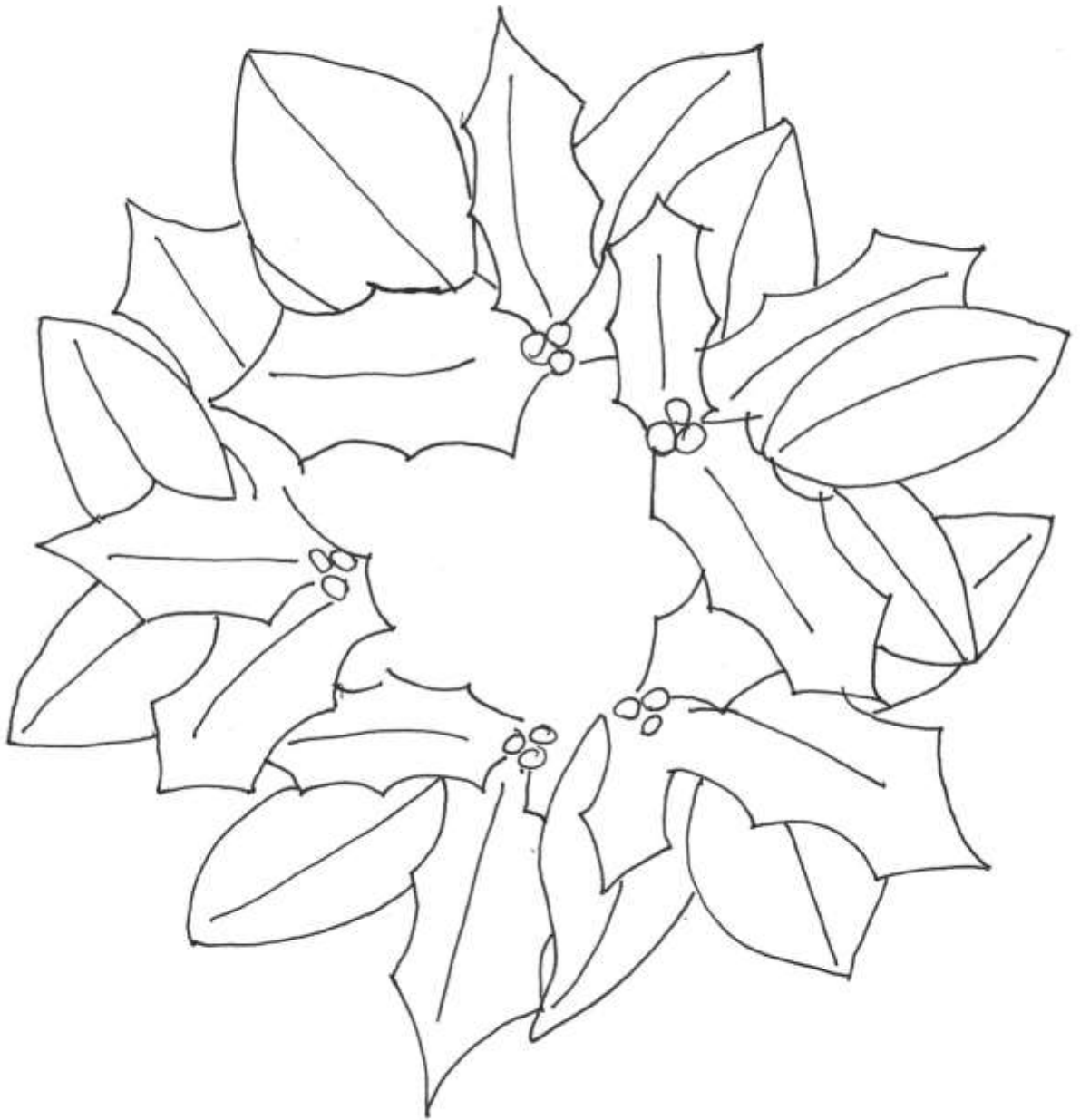


Use this template to create a flame on each candle wrapper.

Wrap the candle wrapper around the toilet paper roll and fold the flame into the center of the candle.

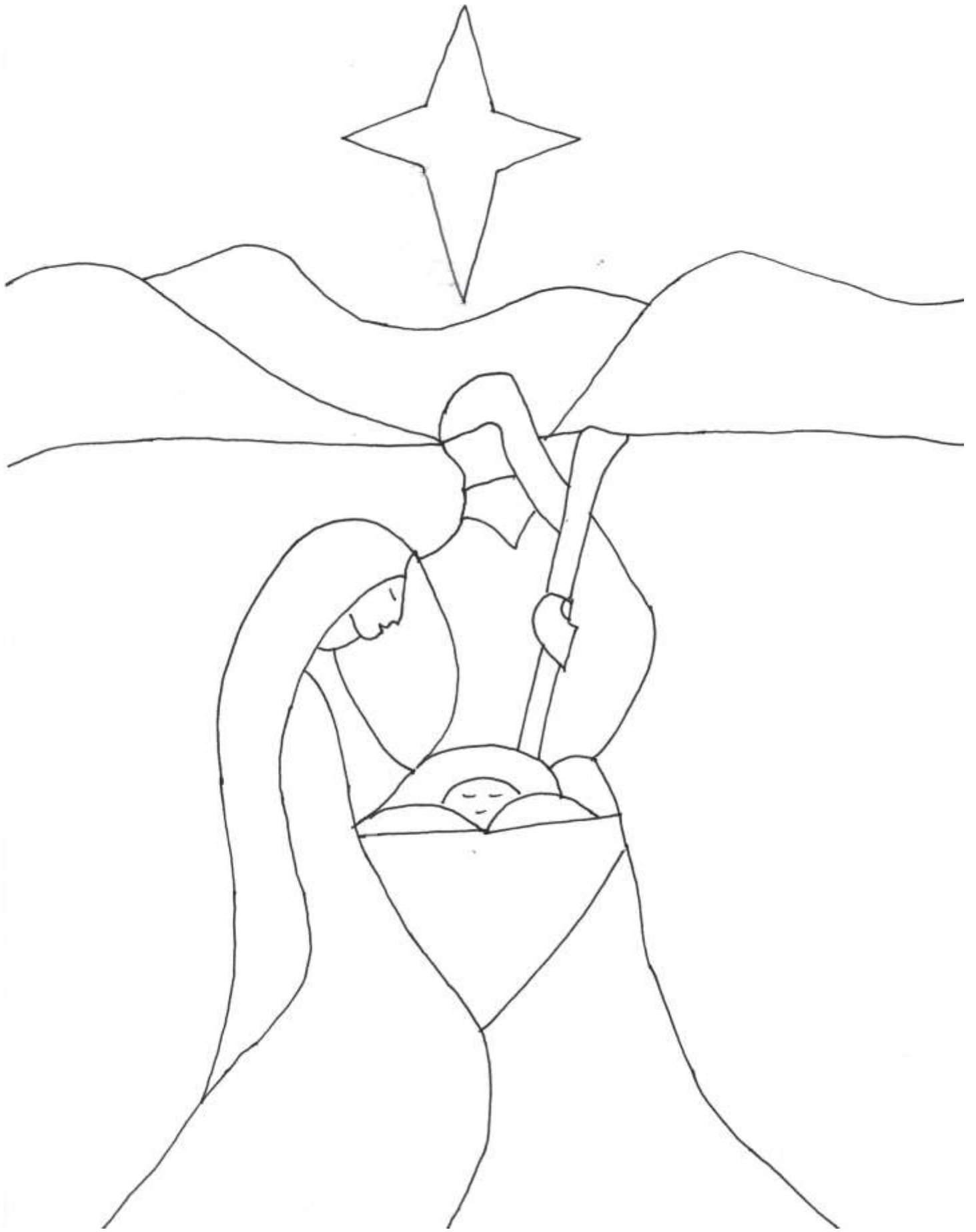
To "light the candle" you simply raise the yellow flame from the center of the tube.

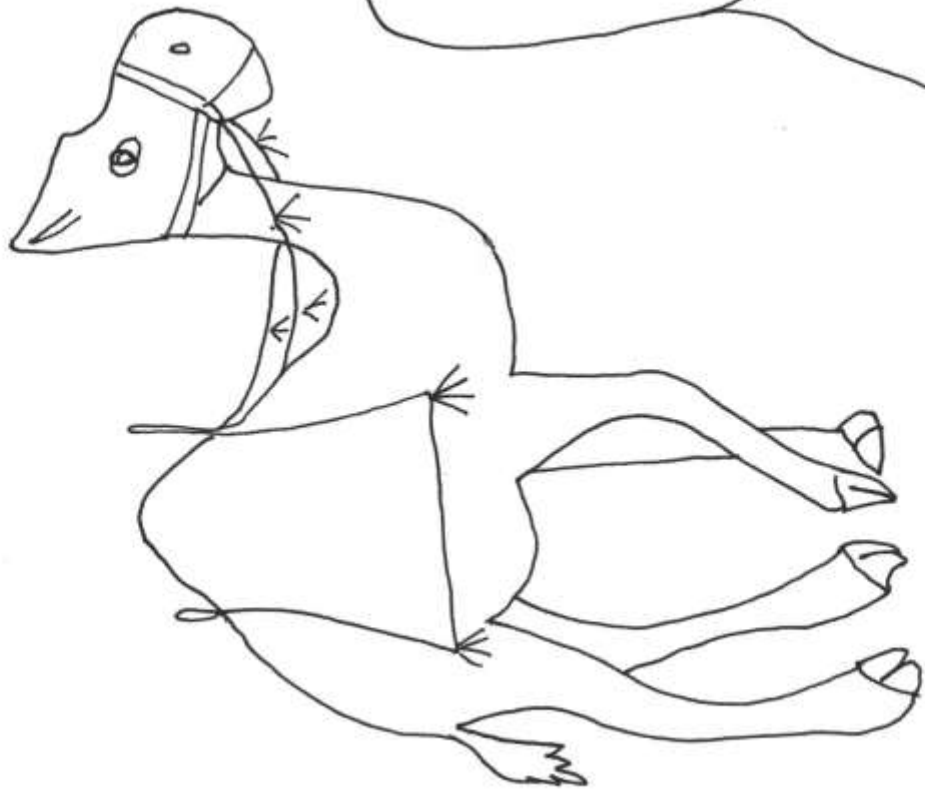
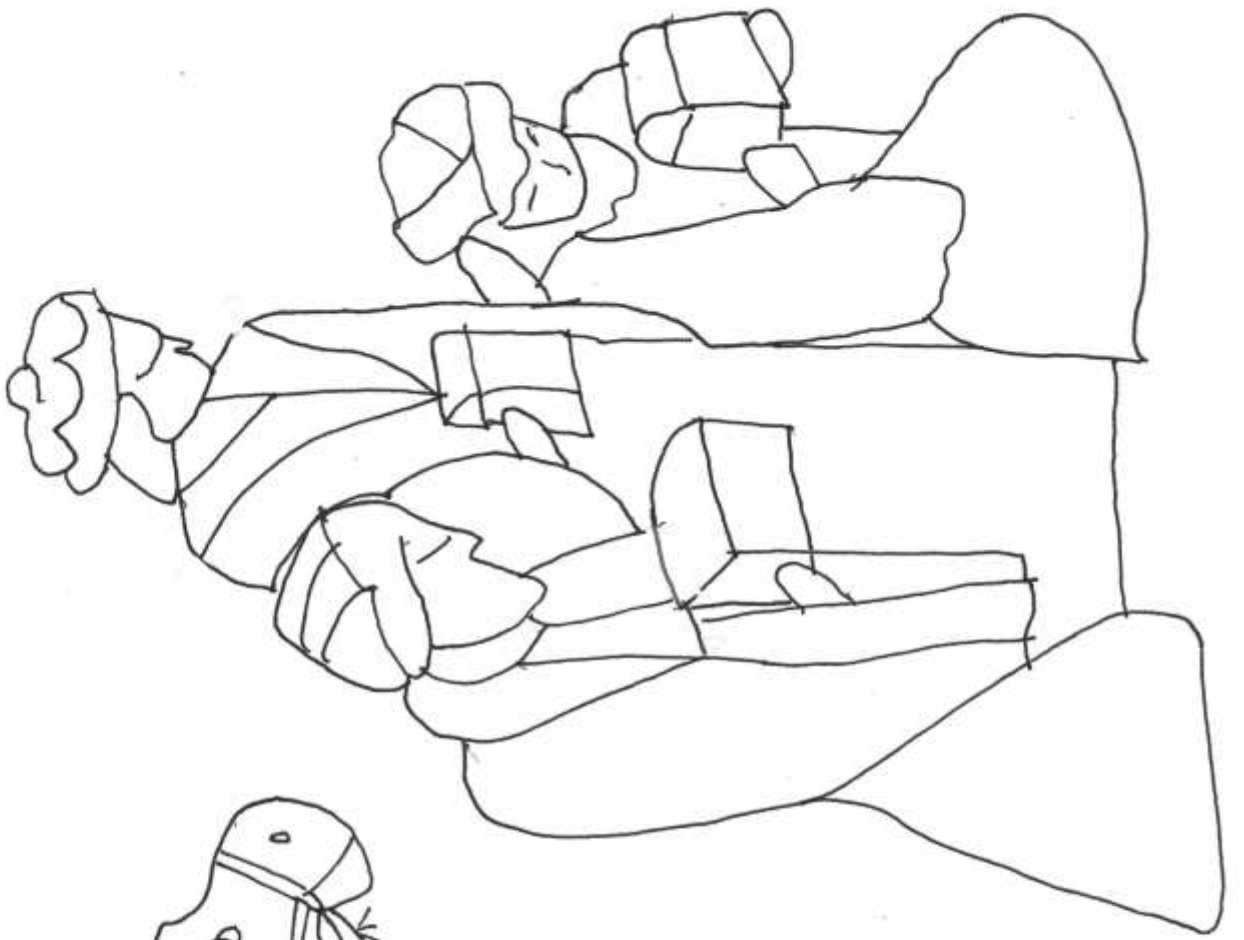




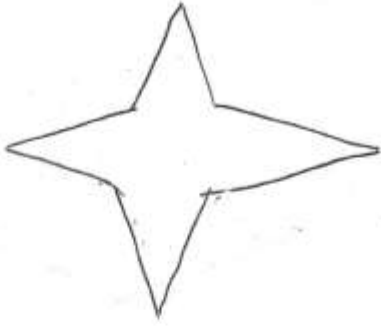








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Week 1 – Advent Scriptures

| Scripture verse | Unscramble the bolded words to complete the scripture |
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| Luke 1:26-27 | In the sixth month, God sent the angel giberal to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named phosje , a descendent named David. The virgin's name was yram . |
| Luke 1:30-33 | But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his dimkong will never end. |
| Matthew 2:20-23 | But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name sujes , because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord said through the perthop : "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means "God is with us" |
| Isaiah 7:14 | Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him lamuemni . |
| Luke 2:1 | In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a sencus should be taken of the entire Roman world. |
| Luke 2:4-7 | So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her robstrin , a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a ramgen , because there was no room for them in the inn. |
| Luke 2: 8-12 | And there were desphersh living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be fiarda ". I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a ruosaiv has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. |
| Matthew 2:1 | After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, imag from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews" We saw his star in the teas and have come to powsrih him. |
| Matthew 2:11 | On coming to the hours, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of dolg and nsceniec and hrymr . |

Words used:

Afraid Gold Joseph Myrrh Census Immanuel Kingdom Prophet East Mary Incense Magi Saviour Firstborn Jesus Manger Shepherds Gabriel Worship

Advent Week 2 - Word Search

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Find these words in the grid above

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| Shepherd | Jesus | Peace | Christ | Myrrh | Immanuel |
| Nativity | Mary | Hope | Prophet | Joy | Candle |
| Messiah | Magi | Love | Saviour | Gabriel | Census |
| Incense | Gold | King | Bethlehem | Manger | Angel |

Advent Week 3 - Matching

Match the word on the left with the correct definition or activity from the right

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| 1 | Advent | Brought gifts |
| 2 | Immanuel | Angel who told Mary she was going to bear the Son of God |
| 3 | Messiah | Coming |
| 4 | Magi | Mother of Jesus |
| 5 | Shepherds | Deliverer of the Jewish people |
| 6 | Caesar Augustus | God is with us |
| 7 | Mary | Prophesied the birth of Jesus |
| 8 | Bethlehem | Declared the need for a census |
| 9 | Isaiah | Town where Jesus was born |
| 10 | Gabriel | Visited Jesus |

| Related Bible Verses | |
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| Immanuel - Matthew 1:23 | Mary - Gabriel - Luke 1: 26-38
Luke 2:5-7 |
| Messiah - Matthew 1:21 | Bethlehem - Matthew 2:4 |
| Magi - Matthew 2:11 | Isaiah - Isaiah 7:14 |
| Shepherds - Luke 2: 8-20 | Gabriel - Luke 1: 26-38 |
| Caesar Augustus - Luke 2:1 | |

Advent Week 4 – Unscramble the names of Christmas songs

| Item | Song |
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| 1 | ramy idd oyu wonk |
| 2 | thwa lidch si siht |
| 3 | waay ni a german |
| 4 | nilset thing |
| 5 | rakh eth rehald |
| 6 | eq erteh singk |
| 7 | O moce, Omoce, lamumeni |
| 8 | dog sert ey rermly melgentne |
| 9 | ol owh a sore ree milobogn |
| 10 | oyj ot het dowrl |

Answers to Week 1 Unscramble the scripture

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| Matthew 2:11 | On coming to the hours, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and incense and myrrh . |

Answers to Week 2 Word Search

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Answers to Week 3 Matching

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| 1 | Advent | Coming | week 2 notes |
| 2 | Immanuel | God is with us | Immanuel - Matthew 1:23 |
| 3 | Messiah | Deliverer of the Jewish people | Messiah - Matthew 1:21 |
| 4 | Magi | Brought gifts | Magi - Matthew 2:11 |
| 5 | Shepherds | Visited Jesus | Shepherds - Luke 2: 8-20 |
| 6 | Caesar Augustus | Declared the need for a census | Caesar Augustus - Luke 2:1 |
| 7 | Mary | Mother of Jesus | Mary - Luke 2:5-7 |
| 8 | Bethlehem | Town where Jesus was born | Bethlehem - Matthew 2:4 |
| 9 | Isaiah | Propheesied the birth of Jesus | Isaiah - Isaiah 7:14 |
| 10 | Gabriel | Angel who told Mary she was going to bear the Son of God | Gabriel - Luke 1: 26-38 |

Answers to Week 4 – Unscramble the names of Christmas songs

| Item | Song |
|------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Mary Did You Know |
| 2 | What Child is This |
| 3 | Away in a Manger |
| 4 | Silent Night |
| 5 | Hark the Herald |
| 6 | We Three Kings |
| 7 | O Come, O Come, Immanuel |
| 8 | God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen |
| 9 | Lo How a Rose Ere Bloometh |
| 10 | Joy to the World |