



Family Activity Kit

Everyone needs to hear the good news! How many times and in how many ways can you hear and share the joy of the story this season?

The CHRISTMAS STORY

Go tell it on the mountain!

(and in the car, at dinner, at school, on the playground, in the bathtub...)

God has always had a plan to help the world heal from all the hurt people have. In fact, he promised he would send help! God's people waited for this help to arrive for hundreds of years ...

and then one day, it did .

On one very ordinary day, God did something special. He sent an angel to talk to a very young ordinary woman named Mary. The angel told Mary she was pregnant with God's son and God would bring help to all people through her child. At first Mary was confused by the news, but God used the angel to help calm her fears and remind her that this was good news for everyone!

When it was almost time for the baby to be born, Mary and her husband Joseph went on a trip to his hometown, Bethlehem. When they arrived, Mary knew the baby was coming soon. Joseph tried to find them a place to stay but everywhere was full. Their only option was to stay the night in a barn with animals! That very night, Jesus was born. Imagine that, the son of God, born in a barn. What must the animals have thought?

In a field nearby, shepherds were taking care of their sheep. All of a sudden the night sky lit up and filled with angels singing. They were announcing the birth of the Messiah, **the Savior!**

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU TELL IT ?

- Draw it
- Write it
- Sing it
- _____
- Repeat after me
- Act it out
- Make a puppet show
- _____

Find the coloring pages in this packet to create your own book to help you retell the story!

At first, the shepherds were shocked, but they quickly realized that God's plan to help His people was finally happening and they were so excited! The great help of the world they had been waiting for was finally here! Jesus was born and through his life **EVERYTHING** would change!

12 days of Christmas STORIES



Wrap up 12 of your favorite Christmas picture books and open one a day leading up to Christmas! Find them at your local library or build your own collection. Here are a few favorites!

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SOUNDING JOY
Ellie Holcomb



**HOW THE GRINCH
STOLE CHRISTMAS**
Dr. Seuss

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2

THE SPARKLE BOX Jill
Hardie

**OLIVE, THE OTHER
REINDEER**
J. Otto Seibold
and Vivian Walsh

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3

**ITSY BITSY
CHRISTMAS**
Max Lucado



AUNTIE CLAUS
Elise Primavera

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4

**I GOT THE CHRISTMAS
SPIRIT**
Connie Schofield-Morrison

THE GRUMPY OLD OX
Anthony DeStefano

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THE CRIPPLED LAMB
Max Lucado



**GOD GAVE US
CHRISTMAS**
Lisa Tawn Bergren

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**THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE OF
JONATHAN TOOMEY**
Susan Wojciechowski

**THE LEGEND OF
CHRISTMAS TREE**
Pat Matuszak & Rick Osborne

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CHRISTMAS WISHES



To Give

To Get



DIY GIFT WRAP



With endless energy and creativity, your kids are the perfect designers for your giftwrap this year!

Start with a roll of white or brown butcher paper and unroll as much as you want at a time and let the creative mess take over! Here are some ideas to get you going.



PAINT, CRAYONS, OR MARKERS

Draw something abstract, tell a story, or just doodle. This is an easy way to add scripture or other holiday messages! Use these supplies with any of the following techniques.



BINGO DAUBERS

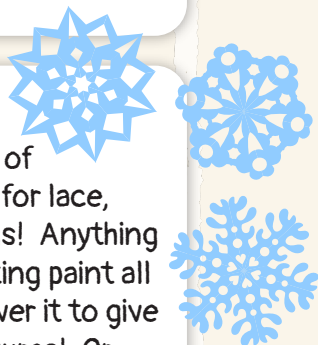
Polka dots are always in! Use bingo daubers or cotton swabs and the eraser end of a pencil dipped in paint to make hundreds of dots around your paper.

HAND PRINTS

If you don't mind the mess, hand and finger prints make easy art! You can add to the handprints with marker doodles to create little animals or a string of Christmas lights! Use paint or inkpads and keep the baby wipes handy!

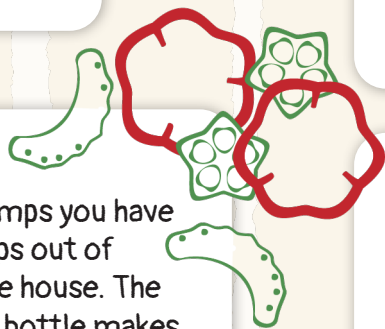
STENCILS

If you don't have a stack of traditional stencils, look for lace, doilies, or mesh fruit bags! Anything that you don't mind getting paint all over when you sponge over it to give your paper amazing textures! Or make some paper snowflakes and sponge paint over them!



STAMPS

Use ink or paint with stamps you have or make your own stamps out of simple shapes around the house. The bottom of a 2 liter soda bottle makes great flowers! Cut up fruit and veggies are also creative ways to make stamps! Cut off the bottom inch of celery and you have a beautiful rose stamp. You can even use hot glue on a lego or alphabet block to create your own stamp designs.



COLLAGE

Old photos or clippings from magazines, sheet music, or comic books make great collages! Simple gluesticks or school glue work, or step it up by spreading mod podge over your collage when its done. (Hint: sometimes this method works best after you've wrapped your gift.)



FIND THE 2 PRESENTS THAT MATCH!

Then use the code hidden in the presents to finish the Bible verse below
to see what **GOD** did for us at **CHRISTMAS**!



For God so loved the world, that he _____ his only



Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal

_____. John 3:16

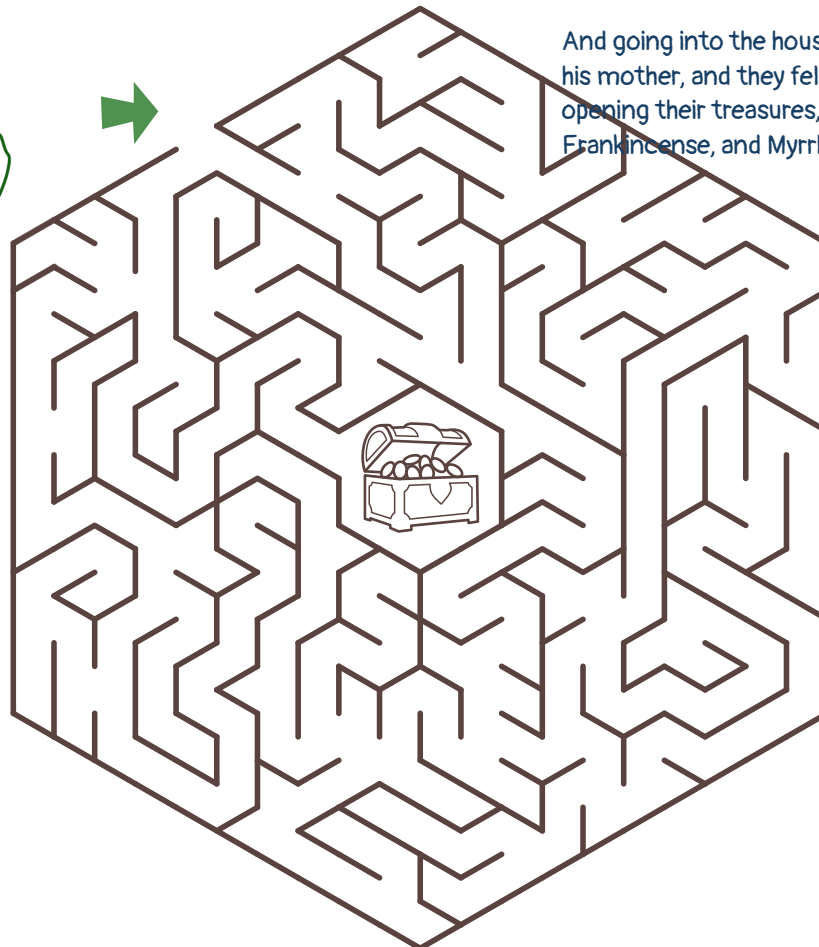


WISEMEN from the east brought GIFTS for the new baby KING!

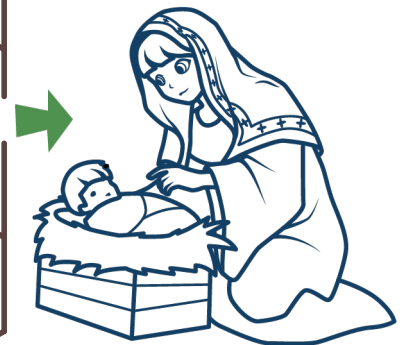
How many of each gift can you find?



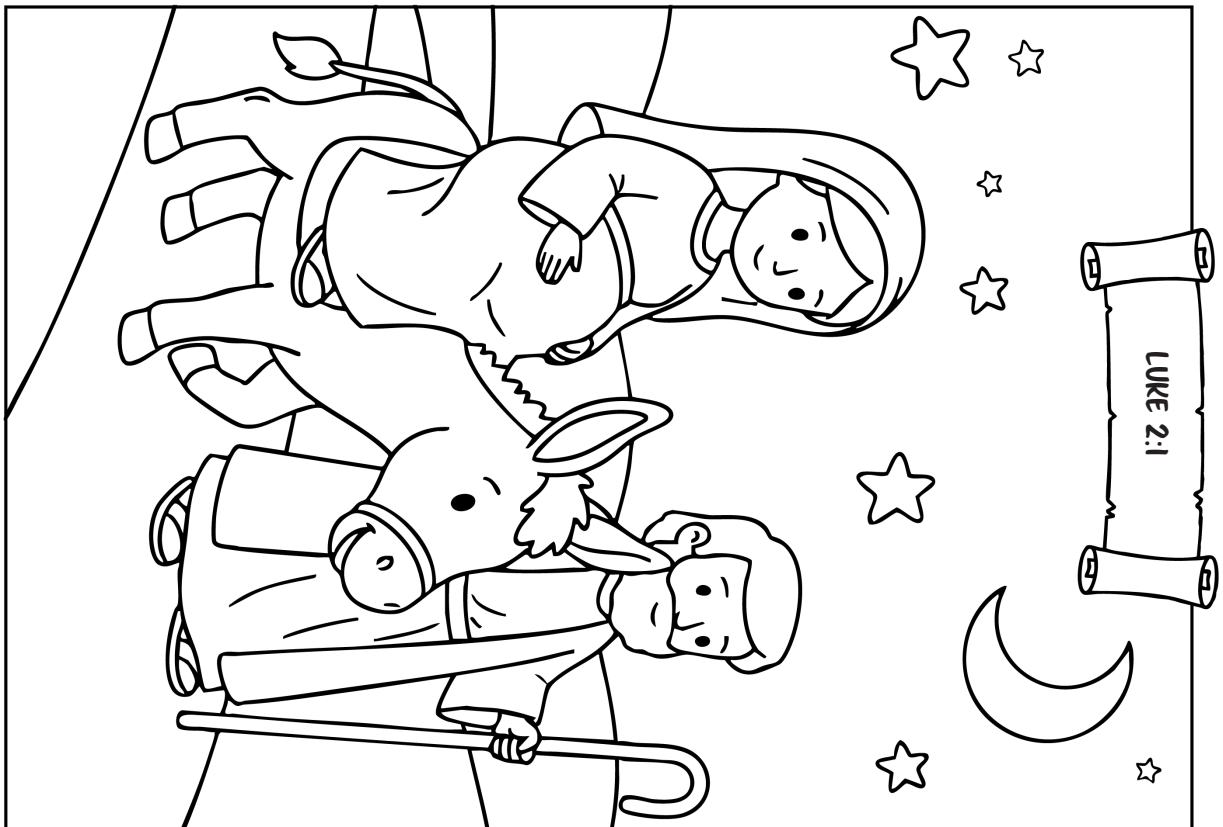
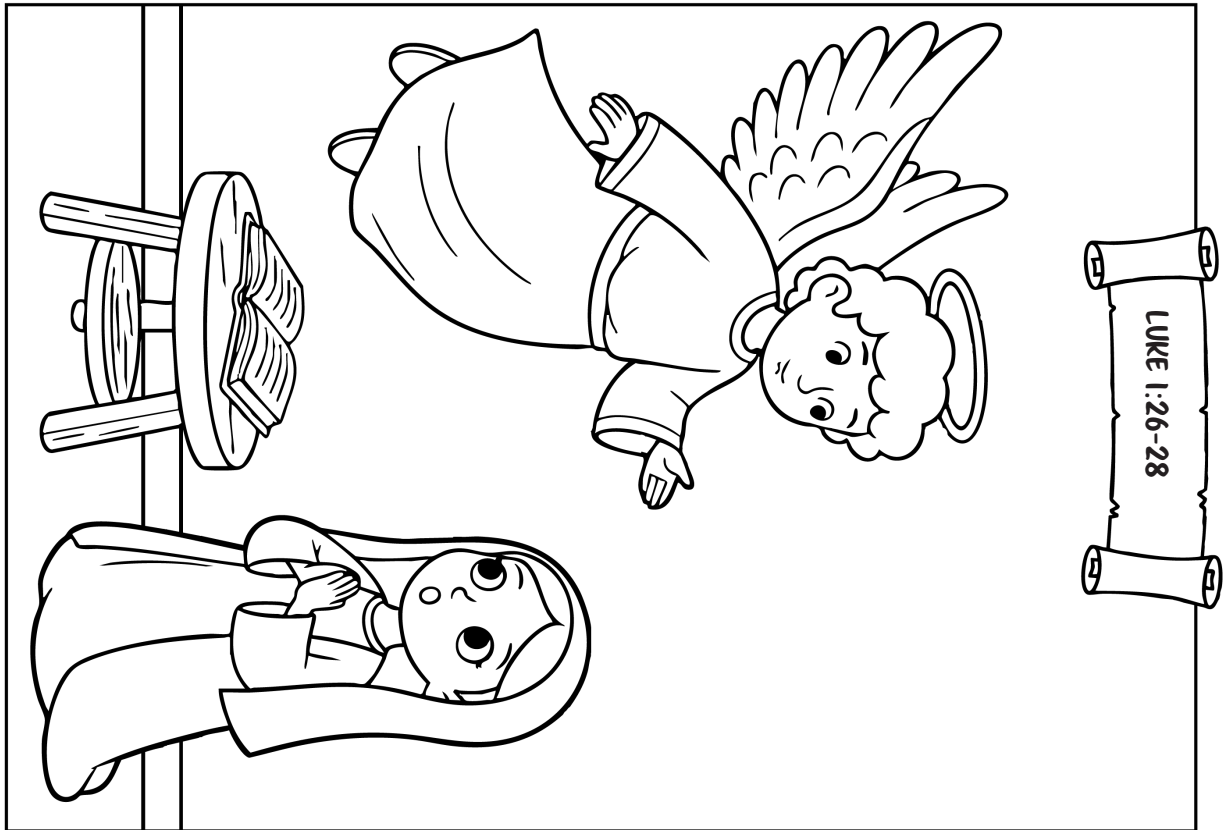
Help the
Wise Men
find baby
Jesus to
bring him
their gifts!



And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. Matthew 2:11



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