

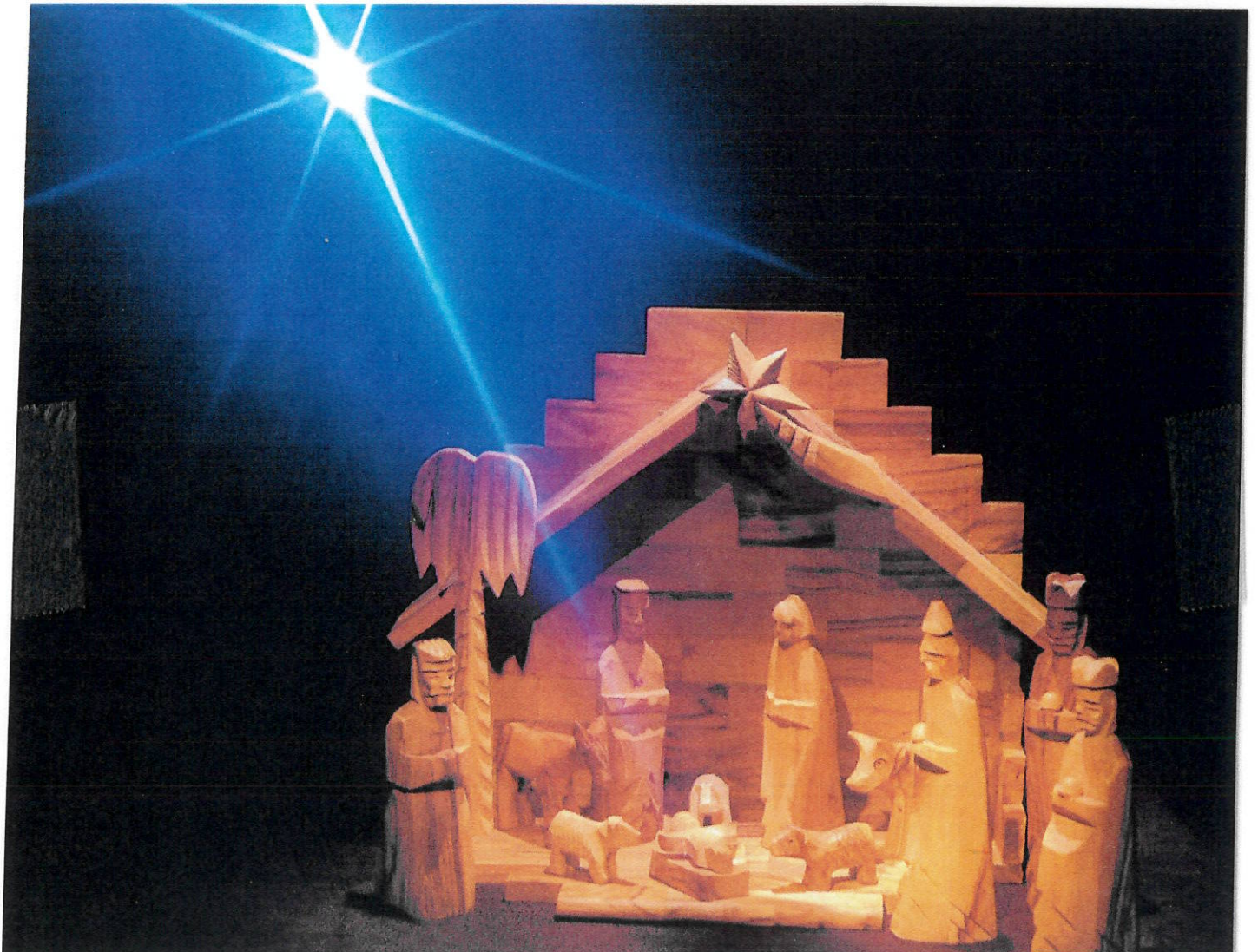
This week

*Westworth Kids*

Will be Learning About

**Jesus is Born**

**Luke 2:1-20**



## READ IT

This week's Bible story is  
**Jesus Is Born**  
from Luke 2:1-20

### Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Jesus
- Immanuel
- Stable
- Joseph
- Mary
- Emperor Augustus

Mary and Joseph were obeying Emperor Augustus' command that everyone had to go back to his or her hometown to be counted. This census was taken for the purposes of taxation.

### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 212-217

*Spark Bible* page 1130

### Family Prayer

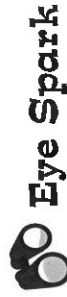
Thank you, God, for Jesus! Help us to celebrate His birth a little every day! AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT



### Family Conversations

- 1 How do you like to celebrate birthdays in your family?
- 2 How has Jesus been a gift in your life?
- 3 The angels told the shepherds of Jesus' birth. Who can you tell about Jesus?
- 4 Get out your nativity set—or make a simple one with craft items or dolls and stuffed animals. Take turns retelling the story of Jesus' birth using the nativity characters.



### Eye Spark

Next time you see animals at a zoo or on a farm, think about animals that might have been present at Jesus' birth.



### Ear Spark

When you hear "Happy Birthday" sung, think about Jesus' birth. Do you think anyone sang "Happy Birthday" to him?

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Throw a birthday party for Jesus! (It doesn't matter what time of year it is!) Have a birthday cake and sing "Happy Birthday"! Play games and sing songs. Who will you invite? What kinds of presents could be appropriate to bring to your party?

### For younger kids

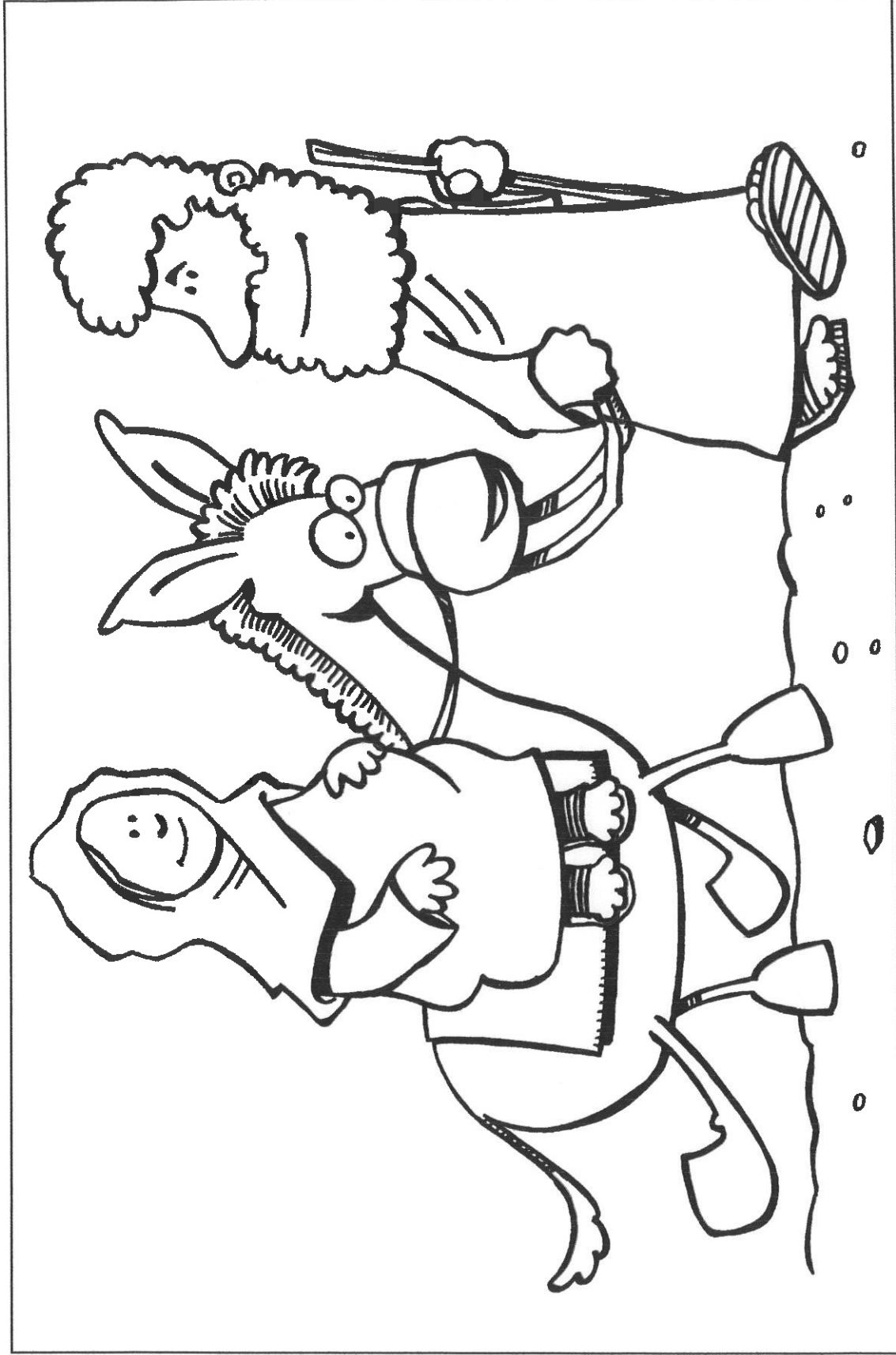
Ask your parents to help you donate a birthday package to your local foodshelf—a gift bag with a cake mix, candles, and some decorations could make a family's day!

### For older kids

Think about how parties would have been different in Jesus time. What do you like best about your parties today? Are there any Jesus-focused party ideas you could incorporate next time you celebrate? (Here are a few ideas: say a table prayer before you eat, or ask for donations to a charity instead of gifts.)

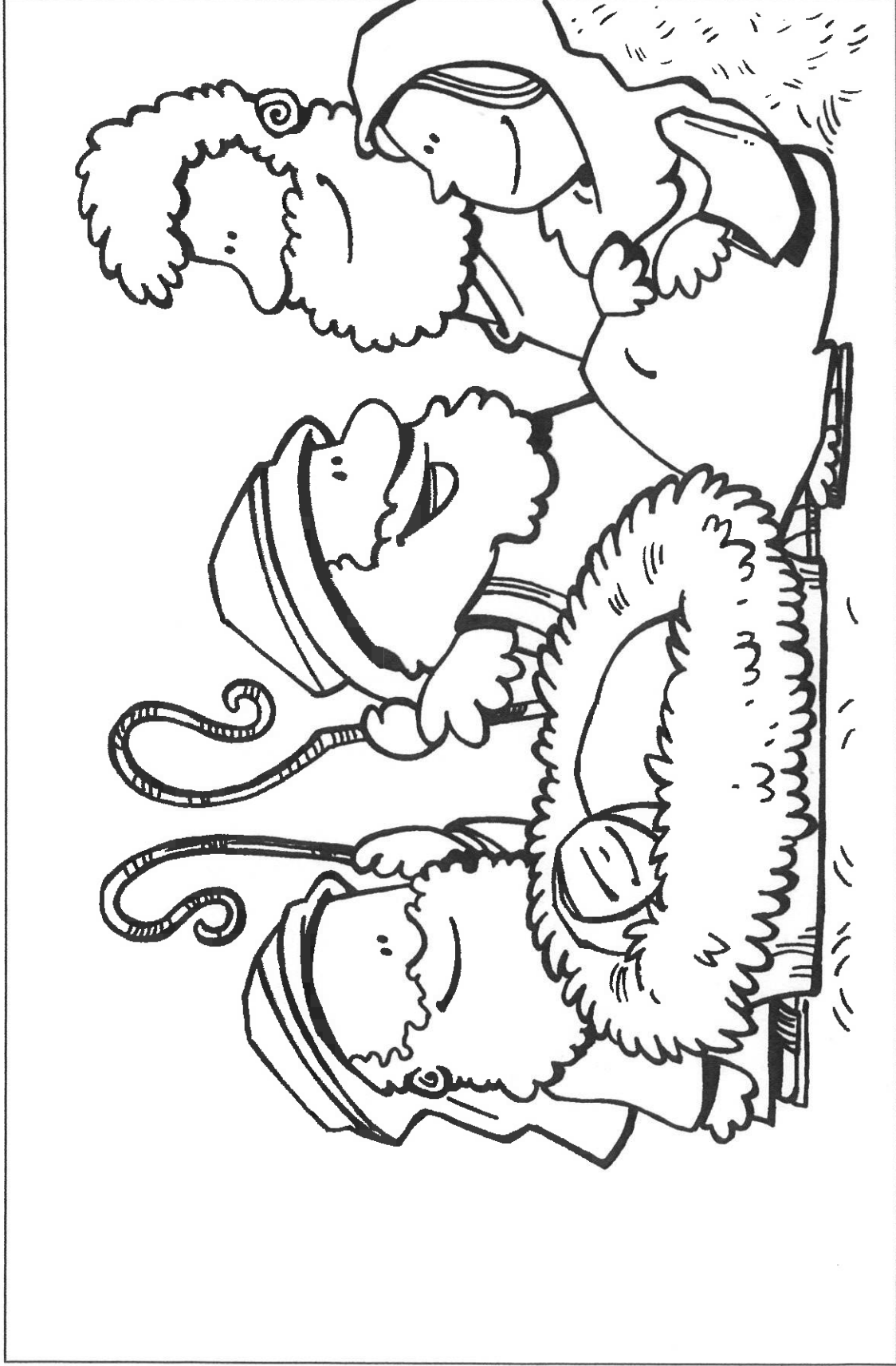


# Jesus Is Born



“We have to go to Bethlehem,” Joseph told Mary.

# Jesus Is Born









The shepherds found the baby, Jesus, asleep on a bed of hay.














Name \_\_\_\_\_




## We love you, Baby Jesus.


### Angels Proclaim

 and  went to Bethlehem. When they got there,  knocked on  after . Nobody had room for them. Finally, a kind man let them stay in his .

That night,  was born.  and  and  kept them warm.

On a nearby hill,  were watching their . The  looked up at the bright night . An angel told them, "Don't be afraid. Go to Bethlehem!" The  left their  and went to the . There they found 

, and , just as they were told. They praised God because  had been born!



Today's Bible story, **Jesus Is Born**, is from the book of **Luke**. Luke is one of the four **Gospels**: Matthew, Mark, **Luke**, and John. The Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament.

# Welcome, Baby Jesus!

Mary and Joseph wanted to treasure the memory of Jesus' birth forever. I want to remember Jesus was a baby too! I can draw a picture of myself with Baby Jesus.






























TRY IT!

# What Did the Angels Say?

The angels and shepherds celebrated Jesus' birthday with music and singing. The angels told the shepherds some very special news. Crack this code to find out what the angels said.

A	B	D	E	F	G	I	J	L	N	O	R	S	T	U	W
															



**Faith on the Go!**

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book of Luke. Luke is one of the four : Matthew, Mark,

, and John. The Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament.

# Animal Warmth

Many animals have temperatures that are hotter than people. With all those warm animals, the stable would have been very warm for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus!



Rats can reach 100.4°F (38° C).



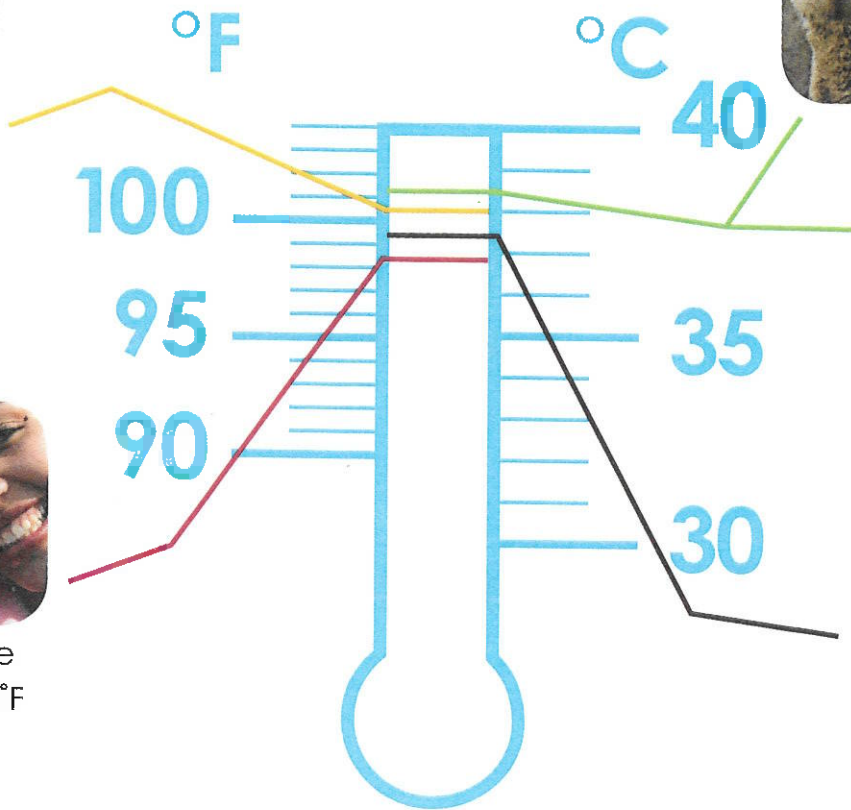
People are about 98.6°F (37° C).



Cows and sheep are about 101.5°F (39° C).



Young donkeys are about 99.6°F (37.5° C).



## We love you, Baby Jesus.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### I want to:

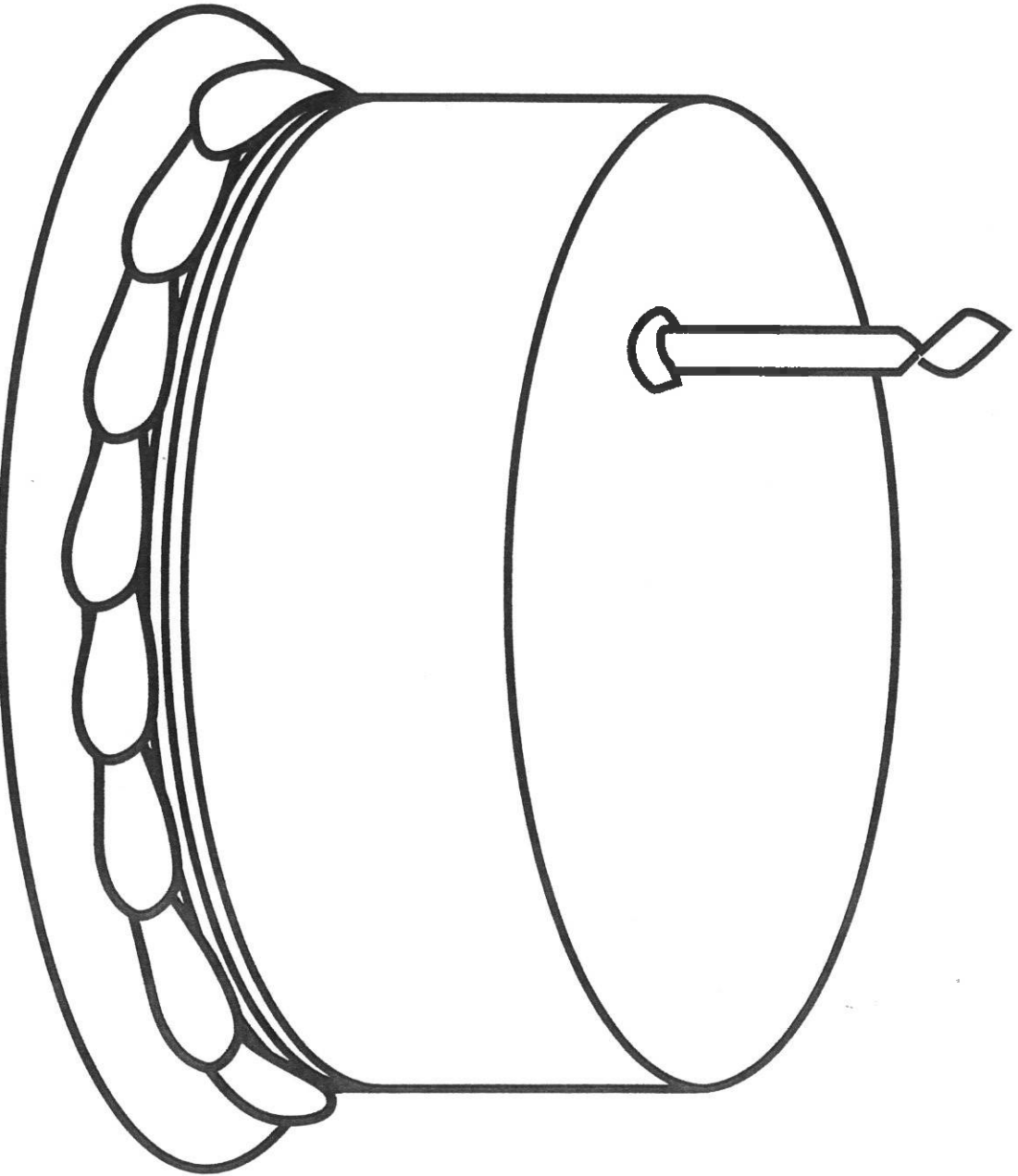
- \_\_\_ Tell you about Jesus' birthday
- \_\_\_ Color a picture of baby Jesus
- \_\_\_ Pretend to be barn animals
- \_\_\_ Warm you up with a snuggle
- \_\_\_ Sing a lullaby with you

- \_\_\_ Take your temperature
- \_\_\_ Invite you to church
- \_\_\_ Give you a big hug
- \_\_\_ Say "I'm sorry"
- \_\_\_ Pray for you
- \_\_\_ My own idea: \_\_\_\_\_



# Decorate a Birthday Cake

This birthday cake is for someone very special — Jesus! Decorate this beautiful cake to celebrate Jesus' special day.



# The Shepherds' Story

Create your own comic strip of the shepherds' story in the panels below.

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

SHEPHERDS ARE WATCHING  
THEIR SHEEP ONE NIGHT.

THE SHEPHERDS  
SEE A HUGE  
BRIGHT LIGHT IN  
THE SKY.

THE ANGELS TELL THE  
SHEPHERDS ABOUT  
JESUS' BIRTH.

THE SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM.

THE SHEPHERDS FIND MARY,  
JOSEPH, AND JESUS.

THE SHEPHERDS TELL  
OTHERS WHAT THEY  
HAVE SEEN.

**JESUS IS BORN**

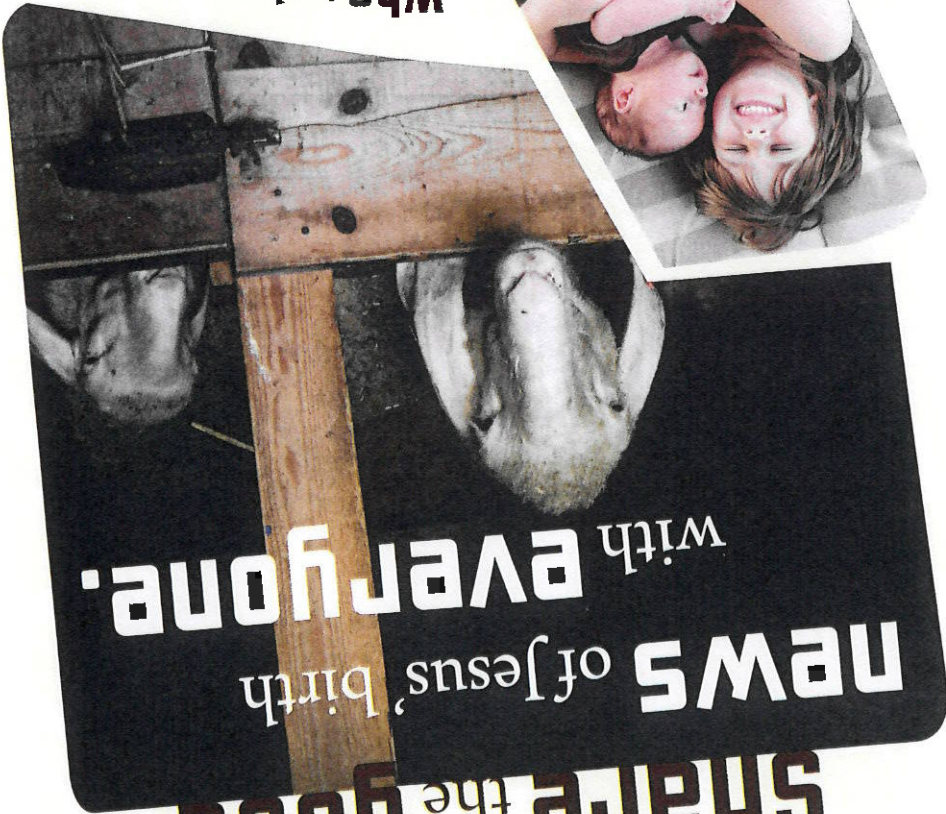


Luke 2:1-20

**Share the good**

**news of Jesus' birth**

**with everyone.**



**Who is the  
youngest baby  
you ever held?**



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# Baby on Board

What kinds of things would a first-time parent need to make sure they had in the nursery for a new baby? Make a list in the space below.

Four sets of horizontal lines for writing, each starting with a small red square bullet point.

## Playing Favorites

List your three favorite Christmas songs. Why do you like these so much?

Three sets of horizontal lines for writing, each starting with a small red square bullet point.



## Did You Know?

Some people think it leaves "Christ" out to write "Xmas" instead of "Christmas." In fact, the letter X, which is the Greek letter called chi, has been used for over 1,000 years as a symbol for the word Christ. Some scholars even believe that early Christians would mark an "X" in the sand when they met a stranger on the road. If that person drew a curved line at the top of the X to make a fish symbol, then both people knew the other was a Christ follower.





## Look it Up!

Read Luke 2:1-7 and find the cities and territories mentioned in the story on page M16 in your Spark Bible.

Jesus was born in a stable, which is another word for barn. The manger where he was laid was a feeding trough for the livestock that lived in the barn. This was an unusual first few hours for the King of Kings. Where is the strangest place you've ever slept? Write it down here.

## Born in a Barn



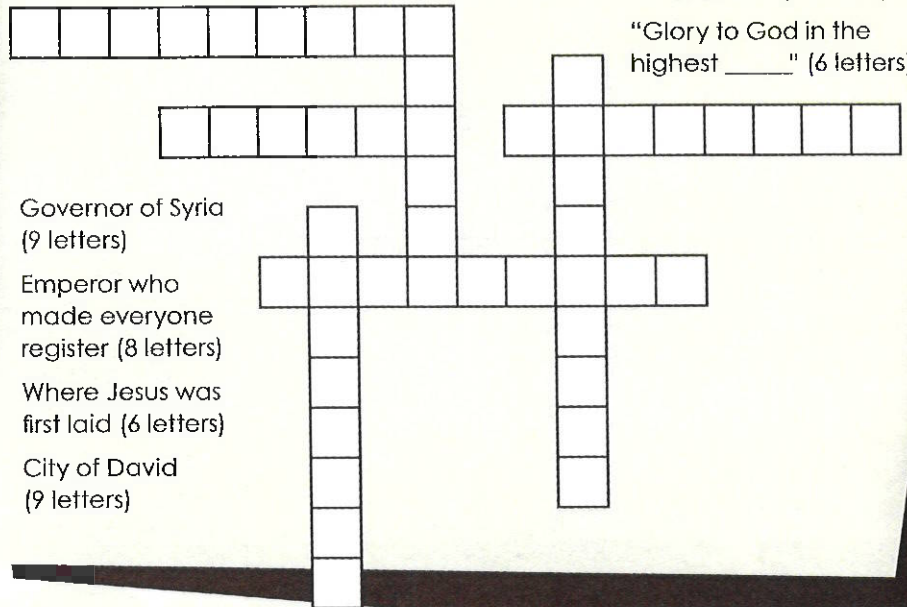
## Christmas Search

Find the answer to each clue. Then fit each word in the spaces below. Because clues aren't numbered, you'll have to figure out where they go based on how many letters are in each word.

Shepherds' first response to the angel (9 letters)

The angel was joined by the \_\_\_ host (8 letters)

"Glory to God in the highest \_\_\_\_" (6 letters)



Governor of Syria (9 letters)

Emperor who made everyone register (8 letters)

Where Jesus was first laid (6 letters)

City of David (9 letters)

# Mini Michaelangelos



**Work** with your classmates to draw a mural of all the events that took place in Luke 2:1-20. Make the drawing colorful and as accurate as possible. Hang it somewhere in the church so everyone can see it on Christmas Eve and during the Christmas season.

## Faith on the Go!

Did you know that the season of Christmas begins on

December 25 and continues for twelve days after that? Most people spend the season of Advent—a time of waiting for Jesus' arrival—doing Christmas shopping, going to parties, and singing Christmas songs. Talk with your family about special ways you can celebrate the season of Christmas.

December							1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26					
27	28	29	30	31			January				
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23					

## Memory Verse

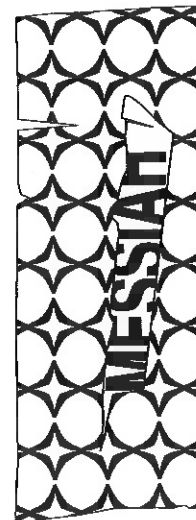
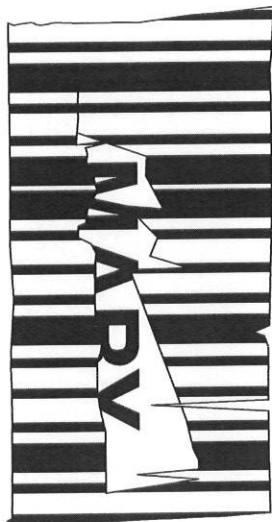
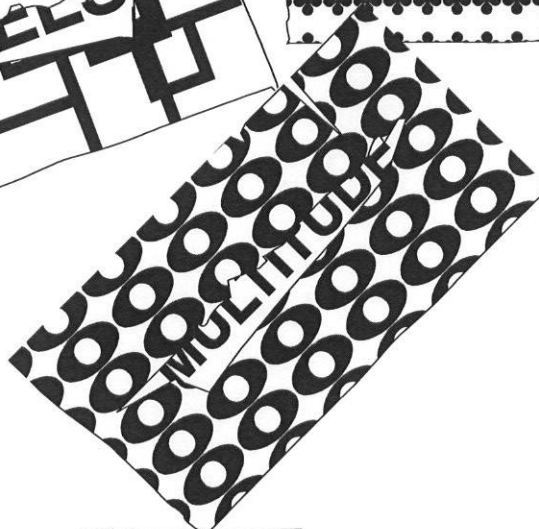
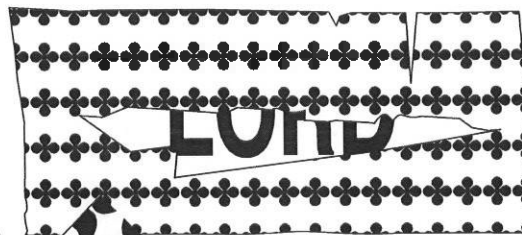
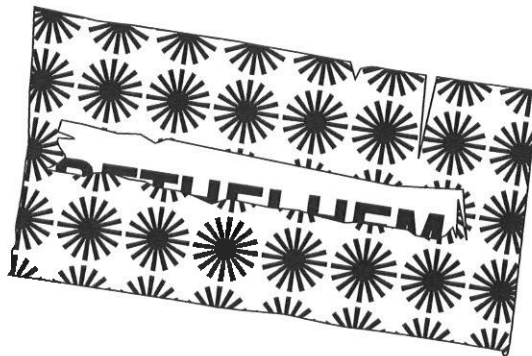
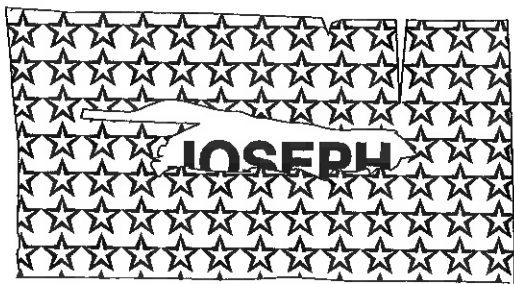


To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:11



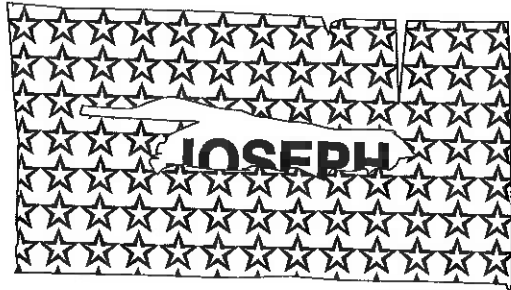
# Present-ing Jesus

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JOSEPH



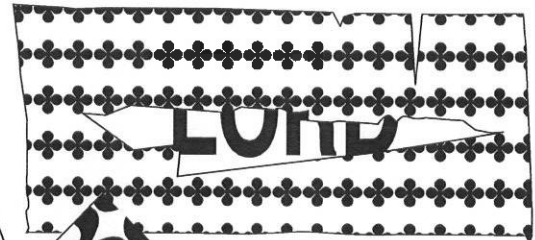
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NAZARETH



MANGER

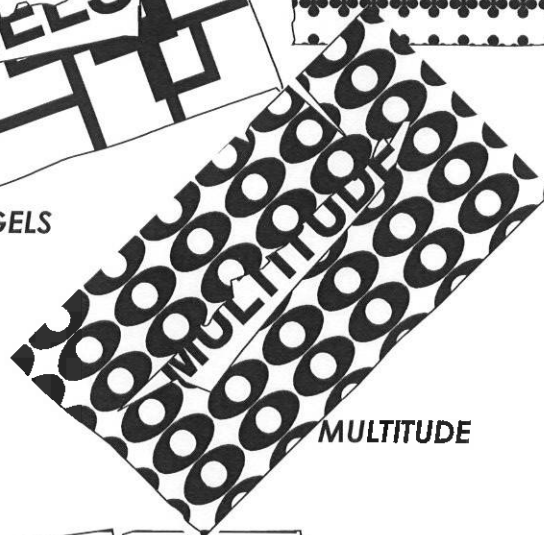
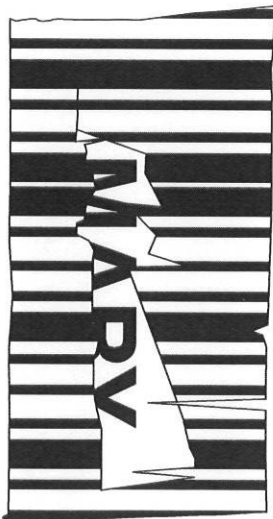


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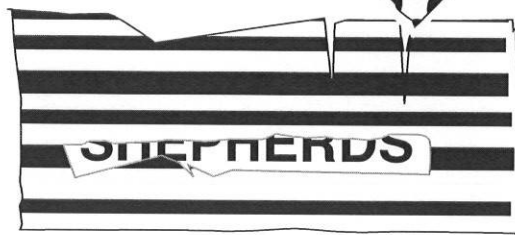


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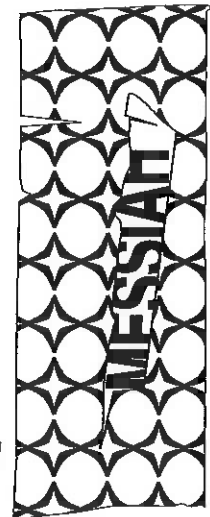
MARY



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SHEPHERDS



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