



KID'S Advent Devotional

THE LAKES CHURCH

WELCOME!

Wow! Here we are at the Christmas season! This can be such a busy time of year with all the gatherings, presents and preparations. In the midst of all of the to-do lists, we don't want to miss the beauty of advent.

Advent simply means "coming" or "arrival" and it is a season of waiting and preparation. It is a time of preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus!

Advent is an opportunity to point our children's hearts toward Jesus. We want them to know the wonder of Jesus' coming!

That is where this little booklet comes in. We want to give you a simple way to teach and create conversation with your kids around the coming of Jesus!

So, use this as you are able to in your family. Maybe you read it together at breakfast, dinner or bedtime. Or maybe your kids are readers and you give it to them to go through on their own. Either way, we hope that your family draws closer to Jesus this Christmas season.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



CHECK A BOX EVERYDAY AS YOU READ THE DEVO UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

November 30th

THE FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES BEGINS

Luke 1:5-7

5 Herod was king of Judea. During the time he was ruling, there was a priest named Zechariah. He belonged to a group of priests named after Abijah. His wife Elizabeth also came from the family line of Aaron. 6 Both of them did what was right in the sight of God. They obeyed all the Lord's commands and rules faithfully. 7 But they had no children, because Elizabeth was not able to have any. And they were both very old.

THE STORY BEGINS WITH
GRANDPARENT-AGE PEOPLE...
BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY
CHILDREN.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT
WOULD BE LIKE TO BE OLD
BUT NOT HAVE ANY KIDS OF
YOUR OWN?



December 1st

ZECHARIAH MEETS AN ANGEL

Luke 1:8-17

8 One day Zechariah's group was on duty. He was serving as a priest in God's temple. 9 He happened to be chosen, in the usual way, to go into the temple of the Lord. There he was supposed to burn incense. 10 The time came for this to be done. All who had gathered to worship were praying outside.

11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah. The angel was standing at the right side of the incense altar. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was amazed and terrified. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will have a child. It will be a boy, and you must call him John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you. His birth will make many people very glad. 15 He will be important in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or other such drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. 16 He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. 17 And he will prepare the way for the Lord. He will have the same spirit and power that Elijah had. He will bring peace between parents and their children. He will teach people who don't obey to be wise and do what is right. In this way, he will prepare a people who are ready for the Lord."

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU
WOULD FEEL IF YOU MET AN
ANGEL?





USE YOUR IMAGINATION!
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ANGEL ZECHARIAH MET LOOKED LIKE?
COLOR AND DRAW

December 2nd

ZECHARIAH CANNOT SPEAK

Luke 1:18-25

¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man, and my wife is old too."

¹⁹ The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I serve God. I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will have to be silent. You will not be able to speak until after John is born. That's because you did not believe my words. They will come true at the time God has chosen."

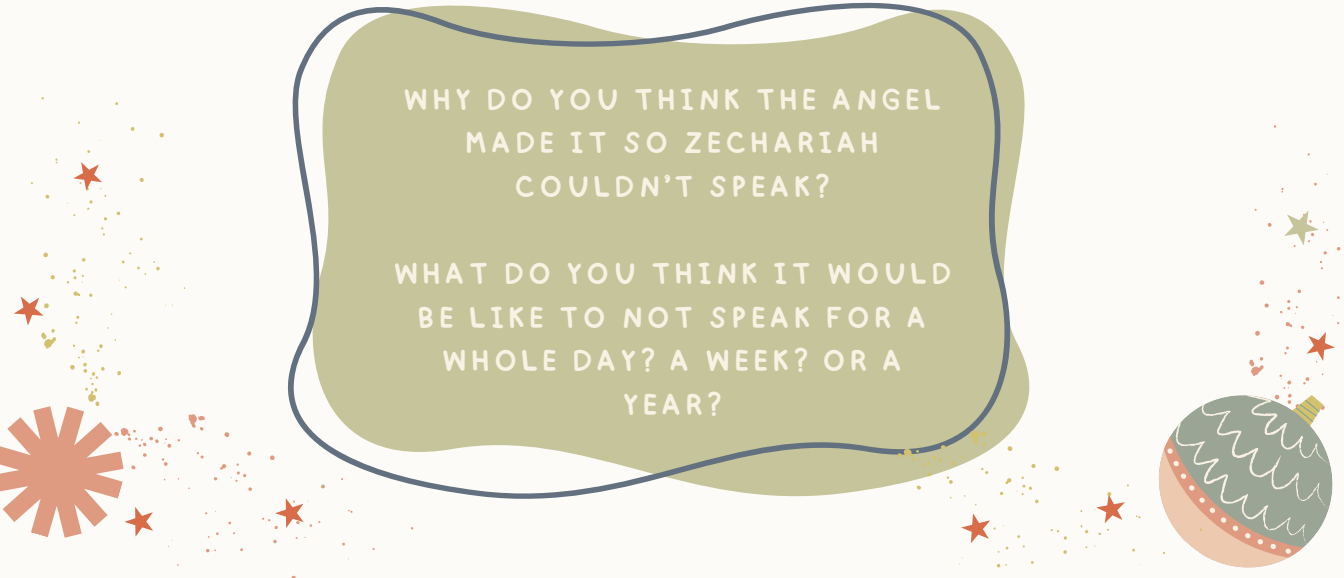
²¹ During that time, the people were waiting for Zechariah to come out of the temple. They wondered why he stayed there so long. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple. They knew this because he kept gesturing to them. He still could not speak.

²³ When his time of service was over, he returned home. ²⁴ After that, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant. She stayed at home for five months. ²⁵

"The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days, he has been kind to me. He has taken away my shame among the people."

WHY DO YOU THINK THE ANGEL
MADE IT SO ZECHARIAH
COULDN'T SPEAK?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD
BE LIKE TO NOT SPEAK FOR A
WHOLE DAY? A WEEK? OR A
YEAR?



December 3rd

MARY'S STORY

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. ²⁷ He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you."

²⁹ Mary was very upset because of his words. She wondered what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. ³¹ You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. ³³ The Son of the Most High God will rule forever over his people. They are from the family line of Jacob. That kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin."

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Your relative Elizabeth will have a child even though she is old. People thought she could not have children. But she has been pregnant for six months now. ³⁷ That's because what God says will always come true."

³⁸ "I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her.

THE BIBLE SAYS, "WHAT GOD SAYS ALWAYS COMES TRUE."

DO YOU THINK MARY BELIEVED THAT? DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PART OF THE STORY?

December 4th

JOSEPH'S STORY

Matthew 1:39-45

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about. His mother Mary and Joseph had promised to get married. But before they started to live together, it became clear that she was going to have a baby. She became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph was faithful to the law. But he did not want to put her to shame in public. So he planned to divorce her quietly.

²⁰ But as Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus.

That's because he will save his people from their sins."

²² All this took place to bring about what the Lord had said would happen. He had said through the prophet, ²³ "The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14)

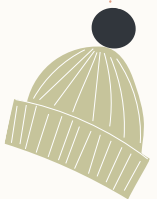
The name Immanuel means "God with us."

²⁴ Joseph woke up. He did what the angel of the Lord commanded him to do. He took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not sleep with her until she gave birth to a son. And Joseph gave him the name Jesus.

WHAT DOES THE ANGEL TELL
JOSEPH THAT CHANGES HIS
MIND ABOUT MARY?

DID JOSEPH LISTEN TO THE
ANGEL?

REMEMBER, GOD IS WITH YOU!



December 5th

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

Luke 1:39-45

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in Judea's hill country. ⁴⁰ There she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby inside her jumped. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she called out, "God has blessed you more than other women. And blessed is the child you will have! ⁴³ But why is God so kind to me? Why has the mother of my Lord come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as I heard the sound of your voice, the baby inside me jumped for joy. ⁴⁵ You are a woman God has blessed. You have believed that the Lord would keep his promises to you!"³⁹

THE STORY SAYS THAT BABY JOHN
LEAPED INSIDE HIS MOTHER
ELIZABETH'S TUMMY WHEN HE HEARD
MARY'S VOICE.

HAVE YOU EVER FELT A BABY KICK IN
A MOTHER'S TUMMY?

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PERSON TO
VISIT?





COLOR ELIZABETH AND MARY

December 6th

MARY PRAISES GOD

Luke 1:46-56

Mary said,

“My soul gives glory to the Lord.

47 My spirit delights in God my Savior.

48 He has taken note of me even though I am not considered important.

From now on all people will call me blessed.

49 The Mighty One has done great things for me.

His name is holy.

50 He shows his mercy to those who have respect for him,
from parent to child down through the years.

51 He has done mighty things with his powerful arm.

He has scattered those who are proud in their deepest thoughts.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones.

But he has lifted up people who are not considered important.

53 He has filled with good things those who are hungry.

But he has sent away empty those who are rich.

54 He has helped the people of Israel, who serve him.

He has always remembered to be kind

55 to Abraham and his children down through the years.

He has done it just as he promised to our people of long ago.”

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months. Then she returned home.

WHAT DOES MARY THINK OF
GOD?

IF YOU SANG A SONG TO GOD,
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?



December 7th

JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BORN

Luke 1:57-66

57 The time came for Elizabeth to have her baby. She gave birth to a son.

58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had been very kind to her. They shared her joy.

59 On the eighth day, they came to have the child circumcised. They were going to name him Zechariah, like his father. 60 But his mother spoke up.

“No!” she said. “He must be called John.”

61 They said to her, “No one among your relatives has that name.”

62 Then they motioned to his father. They wanted to find out what he would like to name the child. 63 He asked for something to write on. Then he wrote, “His name is John.” Everyone was amazed. 64 Right away Zechariah could speak again. Right away he praised God. 65 All his neighbors were filled with fear and wonder. Throughout Judea’s hill country, people were talking about all these things. 66 Everyone who heard this wondered about it. And because the Lord was with John, they asked, “What is this child going to be?”

WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING
ZECHARIAH DID AFTER HE
COULD SPEAK AGAIN?



December 8th

ZECHARIAH PRAISES GOD

Luke 1:67-75

⁶⁷ John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit. He prophesied,

⁶⁸ "Give praise to the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has come to his people and purchased their freedom.

⁶⁹ He has acted with great power and has saved us.

He did it for those who are from the family line of his servant David.

⁷⁰ Long ago holy prophets said he would do it.

⁷¹ He has saved us from our enemies.

We are rescued from all who hate us.

⁷² He has been kind to our people of long ago.

He has remembered his holy covenant.

⁷³ He made a promise to our father Abraham.

⁷⁴ He promised to save us from our enemies.

Then we could serve him without fear.

⁷⁵ He wants us to be holy and godly as long as we live.

WHAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN
LEARN ABOUT GOD FROM
ZECHARIAH'S SPEECH?

SHARE SOMETHING YOU THINK
IS COOL ABOUT GOD.



December 9th

ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY ABOUT JOHN

Luke 1:76-80

“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare the way for him.

⁷⁷ You will tell his people how they can be saved.

You will tell them that their sins can be forgiven.

⁷⁸ All of that will happen because our God is tender and caring.

His kindness will bring the rising sun to us from heaven.

⁷⁹ It will shine on those living in darkness

and in the shadow of death.

It will guide our feet on the path of peace.”

⁸⁰ The child grew up, and his spirit became strong. He lived in the desert
until he appeared openly to Israel.

WHAT KIND OF A PERSON WILL JOHN GROW UP TO
BE?

WHAT DOES ZECHARIAH THINK GOD IS LIKE?

WHAT KIND OF A PERSON DO YOU WANT TO GROW UP
TO BE?



December 10th

JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:1-7

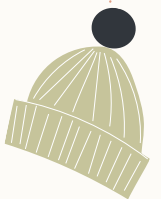
In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. ² It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ Everyone went to their own town to be listed.

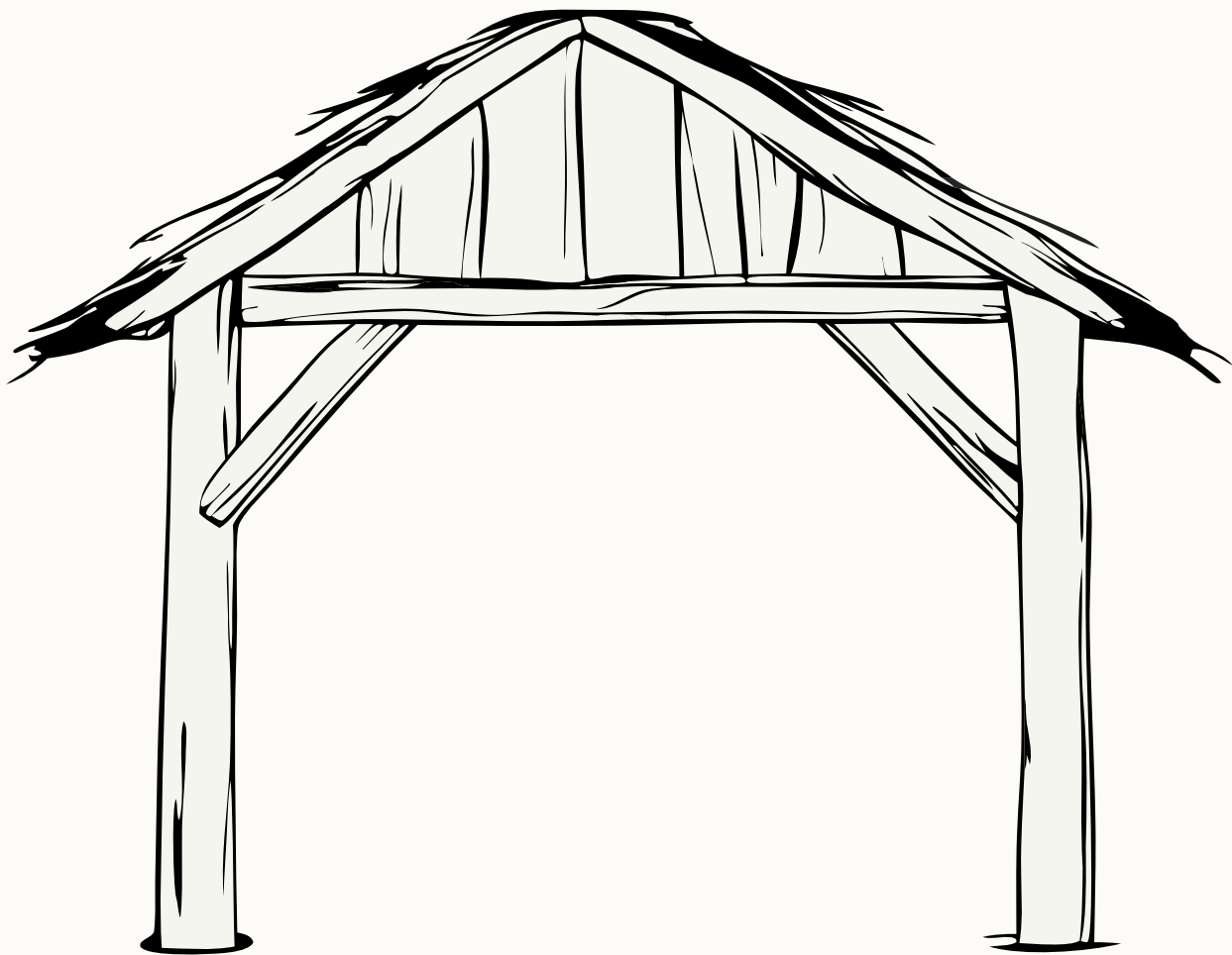
⁴ So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David. ⁵ He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. ⁶ While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A
MANGER IS?

IS THAT A KIND OF BED YOU
WOULD LIKE TO SLEEP IN?

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD LET
JESUS SLEEP IN A MANGER?





USE YOUR IMAGINATION!
DRAW MARY AND JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS IN THE MANGER.

December 11th

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

Luke 2:8-14

8 There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said, 14 "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"

HOW DO THE SHEPHERDS FEEL WHEN
THE ANGELS SHOW UP?

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD FEEL
IF YOU SAW AND HEARD A WHOLE
BUNCH OF ANGELS SINGING?

WHAT WAS THE ANGELS' MESSAGE?



December 12th

THE SHEPHERDS VISIT JESUS

Luke 2:15-16

- 15 The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."
- 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger.

WHY DO YOU THINK GOD TOLD
SHEPHERDS ABOUT JESUS'
BIRTH FIRST?

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE
SHEPHERDS WERE THINKING
ON THEIR WAY TO FIND BABY
JESUS?



December 13th

MARY AND THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:17-20

¹⁷ After the shepherds had seen him, they told everyone. They reported what the angel had said about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over. ²⁰ The shepherds returned. They gave glory and praise to God. Everything they had seen and heard was just as they had been told.

WHAT DID THE SHEPHERDS DO
AFTER THEY HAD SEEN JESUS?

MARY TREASURED THE THINGS
GOD WAS DOING IN HER
HEART. WHAT THINGS DO YOU
TREASURE IN YOUR HEART?



December 14th

JESUS IS NAMED

Luke 2:21-24

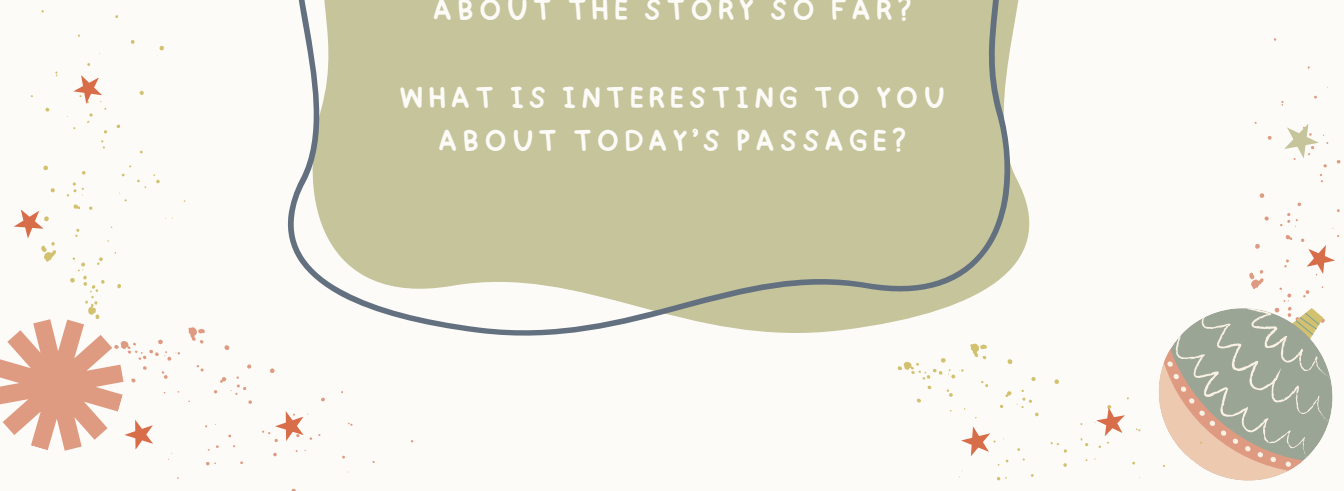
²¹ When the child was eight days old, he was circumcised. At the same time he was named Jesus. This was the name the angel had given him before his mother became pregnant.

²² The time came for making Mary “clean” as required by the Law of Moses. So Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem. There they presented him to the Lord. ²³ In the Law of the Lord it says, “The first boy born in every family must be set apart for the Lord.” (Exodus 13:2,12)

²⁴ They also offered a sacrifice. They did it in keeping with the Law, which says, “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” (Leviticus 12:8)

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE
ABOUT THE STORY SO FAR?

WHAT IS INTERESTING TO YOU
ABOUT TODAY'S PASSAGE?



December 15th

SIMEON MEETS JESUS

Luke 2:25-35

²⁵ In Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was a good and godly man. He was waiting for God's promise to Israel to come true. The Holy Spirit was with him. ²⁶ The Spirit had told Simeon that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ The Spirit led him into the temple courtyard. Then Jesus' parents brought the child in. They came to do for him what the Law required. ²⁸ Simeon took Jesus in his arms and

praised God. He said,

²⁹ "Lord, you are the King over all.

Now let me, your servant, go in peace.

That is what you promised.

³⁰ My eyes have seen your salvation.

³¹ You have prepared it in the sight of all nations.

³² It is a light to be given to the Gentiles.

It will be the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them. He said to Mary, Jesus' mother, "This child is going to cause many people in Israel to fall and to rise. God has sent him. But many will speak against him. ³⁵ The thoughts of many hearts will be known. A sword will wound your own soul too."

SIMEON RECOGNIZED BABY JESUS AS GOD'S
PROMISED MESSIAH AND HE PRAISED GOD.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MARY AND JOSEPH WERE
THINKING WHEN THEY MET SIMEON?

HOW HAS JESUS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR
LIFE?

December 16th

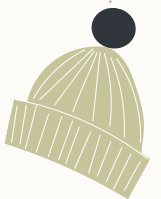
ANNA MEETS JESUS

Luke 2:36-38

³⁶ There was also a prophetess named Anna. She was the daughter of Penuel from the tribe of Asher. Anna was very old. After getting married, she lived with her husband seven years. ³⁷ Then she was a widow until she was 84. She never left the temple. She worshiped night and day, praying and going without food [fasting]. ³⁸ Anna came up to Jesus' family at that moment. She gave thanks to God. And she spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the time when Jerusalem would be set free.

ANNA WAS A PERSON WHO SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH GOD. SHE, LIKE SIMEON, RECOGNIZED JESUS AS THE MESSIAH.

ANNA GAVE THANKS TO GOD. WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?



December 17th

WISEMEN TRAVEL TO FIND A KING

Matthew 2:1-6

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea. This happened while Herod was king of Judea. After Jesus' birth, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. ² They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose. Now we have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard about it, he was very upset. Everyone in Jerusalem was troubled too. ⁴ So Herod called together all the chief priests of the people. He also called the teachers of the law. He asked them where the Messiah was going to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea,"

they replied. "This is what the prophet has written. He said,

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are certainly not the least important among the towns of Judah.

A ruler will come out of you.

He will rule my people Israel like a shepherd.'" (Micah 5:2)

WHY DO YOU THINK KING HEROD WAS
TROUBLED?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE
LIKE TO FOLLOW A STAR?





GET CREATIVE AND ADD A STAR FOR THE WISEMEN TO FOLLOW

December 18th

THE WISEMEN WORSHIP JESUS

Matthew 2:7-12

7 Then Herod secretly called for the Wise Men. He found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem. He said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report it to me. Then I can go and worship him too."

9 After the Wise Men had listened to the king, they went on their way. The star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. 11 The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 But God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they returned to their country on a different road.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MARY
AND JOSEPH THOUGHT ABOUT
THE WISEMEN AND THEIR
GIFTS?

WHAT KIND OF GIFTS CAN
YOU BRING JESUS?



December 19th

MARY AND THE SHEPHERDS

Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ When the Wise Men had left, Joseph had a dream. In the dream an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph. "Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you to come back. Herod is going to search for the child. He wants to kill him."
¹⁴ So Joseph got up. During the night, he left for Egypt with the child and his mother Mary. ¹⁵ They stayed there until King Herod died. So the words the Lord had spoken through the prophet came true. He had said, "I brought my son out of Egypt." (Hosea 11:1)

HOW DID GOD PROTECT
JESUS?

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU
WOULD FEEL IF YOU WERE
JOSEPH?



December 20th

HEROD IS ANGRY

Matthew 2:16-18

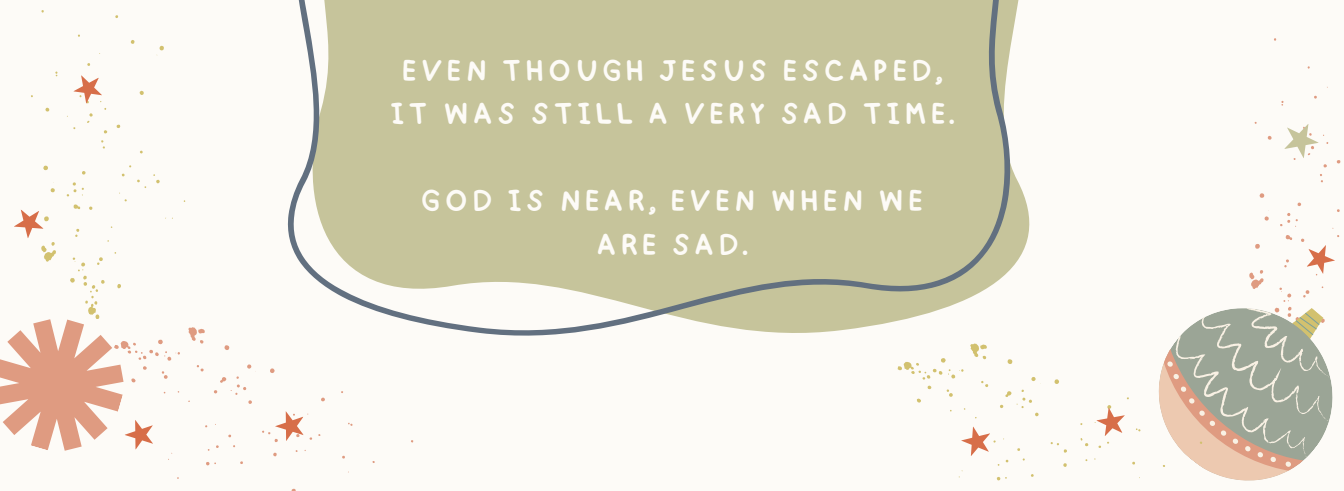
¹⁶ Herod realized that the Wise Men had tricked him. So he became very angry. He gave orders about Bethlehem and the area around it. He ordered all the boys two years old and under to be killed. This agreed with the time when the Wise Men had seen the star. ¹⁷ In this way, the words Jeremiah the prophet spoke came true. He had said,
¹⁸ "A voice is heard in Ramah.

It's the sound of crying and deep sadness.
Rachel is crying over her children.
She refuses to be comforted,
because they are gone." (Jeremiah 31:15)

JESUS WAS IN REAL DANGER
BUT GOD HELPED HIM ESCAPE.

EVEN THOUGH JESUS ESCAPED,
IT WAS STILL A VERY SAD TIME.

GOD IS NEAR, EVEN WHEN WE
ARE SAD.



December 21st

JESUS MOVES TO NAZARETH

Matthew 2:19-23

After Herod died, Joseph had a dream while he was still in Egypt. In the dream an angel of the Lord appeared to him. ²⁰ The angel said, "Get up! Take the child and his mother. Go to the land of Israel. The people who were trying to kill the child are dead."

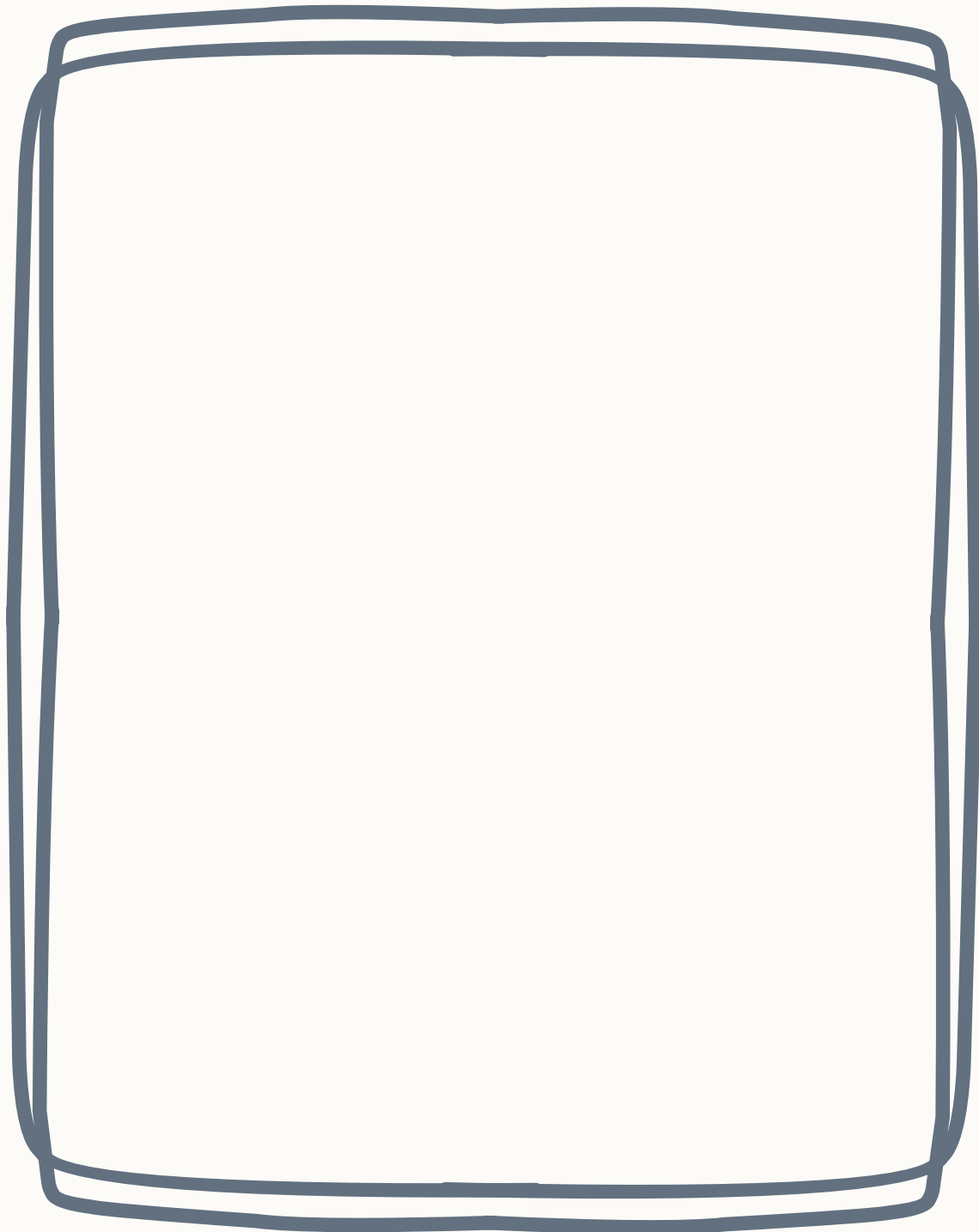
²¹ So Joseph got up. He took the child and his mother Mary back to the land of Israel. ²² But then he heard that Archelaus was king of Judea.

Archelaus was ruling in place of his father Herod. This made Joseph afraid to go there. Joseph had been warned in a dream. So he went back to the land of Galilee instead. ²³ There he lived in a town called Nazareth. So what the prophets had said about Jesus came true. They had said that he would be called a Nazarene.

GOD TOLD HIS PEOPLE THINGS ABOUT WHAT THE MESSIAH WOULD BE LIKE AND WHAT HE WOULD DO SO THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE HIM WHEN HE CAME. AND JESUS DID ALL OF THE THINGS GOD SAID HE WOULD DO!

HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL KNOWING GOD DOES EVERYTHING HE SAYS HE IS GOING TO DO?





Draw a picture of what you think Jesus' home looked like
when he was a kid.

December 22nd

JESUS AS A BOY

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. ⁴² When Jesus was 12 years old, they went up to the feast as usual. ⁴³ After the feast was over, his parents left to go back home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But they were not aware of it. ⁴⁴ They thought he was somewhere in their group. So they traveled on for a day. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ They did not find him.

So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courtyard. He was sitting with the teachers. He was listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at how much he understood. They also were amazed at his answers.

⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been worried about you. We have been looking for you everywhere."

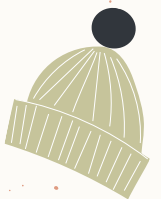
⁴⁹ "Why were you looking for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he meant by that.

⁵¹ Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. But his mother kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. ⁵² Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.

WHAT SURPRISES YOU ABOUT THIS STORY?

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT STAYING
WITHOUT YOUR PARENTS FOR 3 DAYS?

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY JESUS CALLED
THE TEMPLE HIS "FATHER'S HOUSE"?



December 23rd

JOHN THE BAPTIST

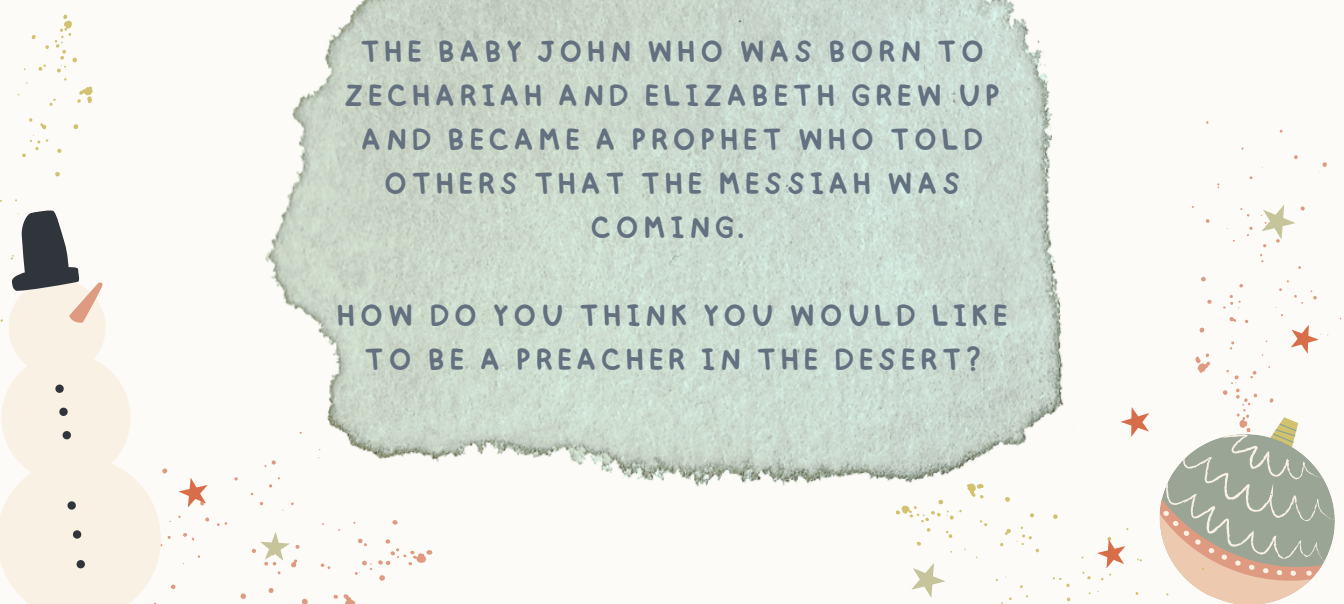
Matthew 3:1-3

In those days John the Baptist came and preached in the Desert of Judea. ² He said, "Turn away from your sins! The kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ John is the one Isaiah the prophet had spoken about. He had said,

"A messenger is calling out in the desert,
'Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make straight paths for him.' " (Isaiah 40:3)

THE BABY JOHN WHO WAS BORN TO
ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH GREW UP
AND BECAME A PROPHET WHO TOLD
OTHERS THAT THE MESSIAH WAS
COMING.

HOW DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD LIKE
TO BE A PREACHER IN THE DESERT?



December 24th

JOHN THE BAPTIST

Matthew 3:4-6+ 11

4 John's clothes were made out of camel's hair. He had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. 5 People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea. They also came from the whole area around the Jordan River. 6 When they confessed their sins, John baptized them in the Jordan.

11 "I baptize you with water, calling you to turn away from your sins. But after me, someone is coming who is more powerful than I am. I'm not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD
LIKE TO WEAR THE KIND OF
CLOTHES JOHN WORE?

WHAT DOES JOHN TELL US
ABOUT JESUS THE MESSIAH?



December 25th

JESUS IS GOD'S SON

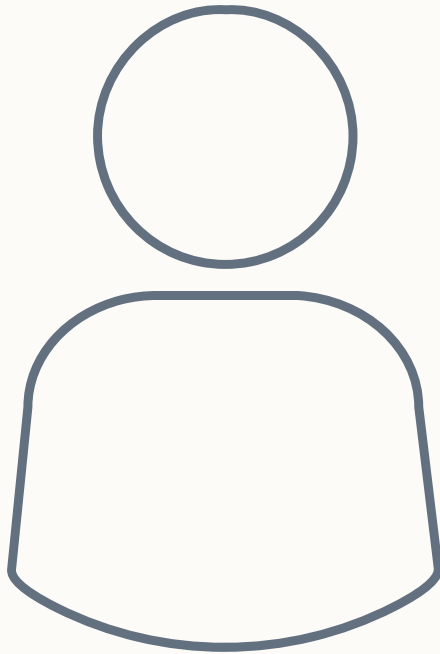
Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River. He wanted to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to stop him. So he told Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you. So why do you come to me?"
¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be this way for now. It is right for us to do this. It carries out God's holy plan." Then John agreed.
¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened. Jesus saw the Spirit of God coming down on him like a dove. ¹⁷ A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

JESUS IS GOD, WHO BECAME A
HUMAN SO THAT HE COULD
RESCUE PEOPLE.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT WAS
LIKE FOR JESUS TO HEAR GOD
SAY THOSE THINGS ABOUT
HIM?





On Dec. 4th we learned that Jesus is called Emmanuel, which means “God with us”. God is always with you! Draw yourself and God with you.



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