



*Family Devotionals for the
Christmas Season*

Merry Christmas! As you celebrate and make memories this holiday season, you're striving to keep Jesus in the middle of it all. Great job!

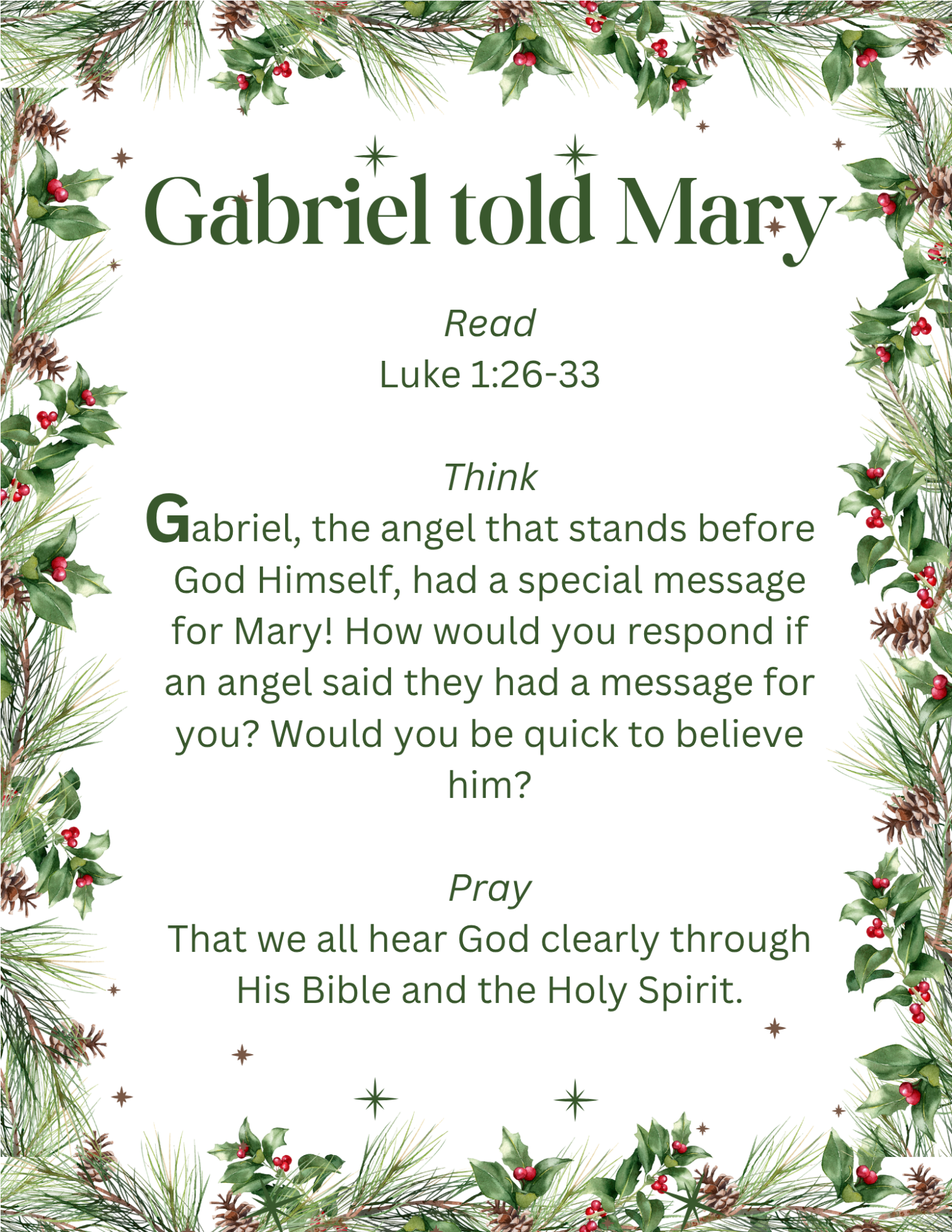
This devotional is designed to help families gather around the Word and to consider how timeless truths can impact our lives today. With only eight readings, you can take a couple a week and not feel rushed. Take note of all the different ways the truth of Jesus was told and how others shared that Good News!

May the Lord bless you and keep you as you take time build this season on the foundation of Christ!

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Gabriel told Mary

Read
Luke 1:26-33

Think

Gabriel, the angel that stands before God Himself, had a special message for Mary! How would you respond if an angel said they had a message for you? Would you be quick to believe him?

Pray

That we all hear God clearly through His Bible and the Holy Spirit.



The Old Testament told Everyone

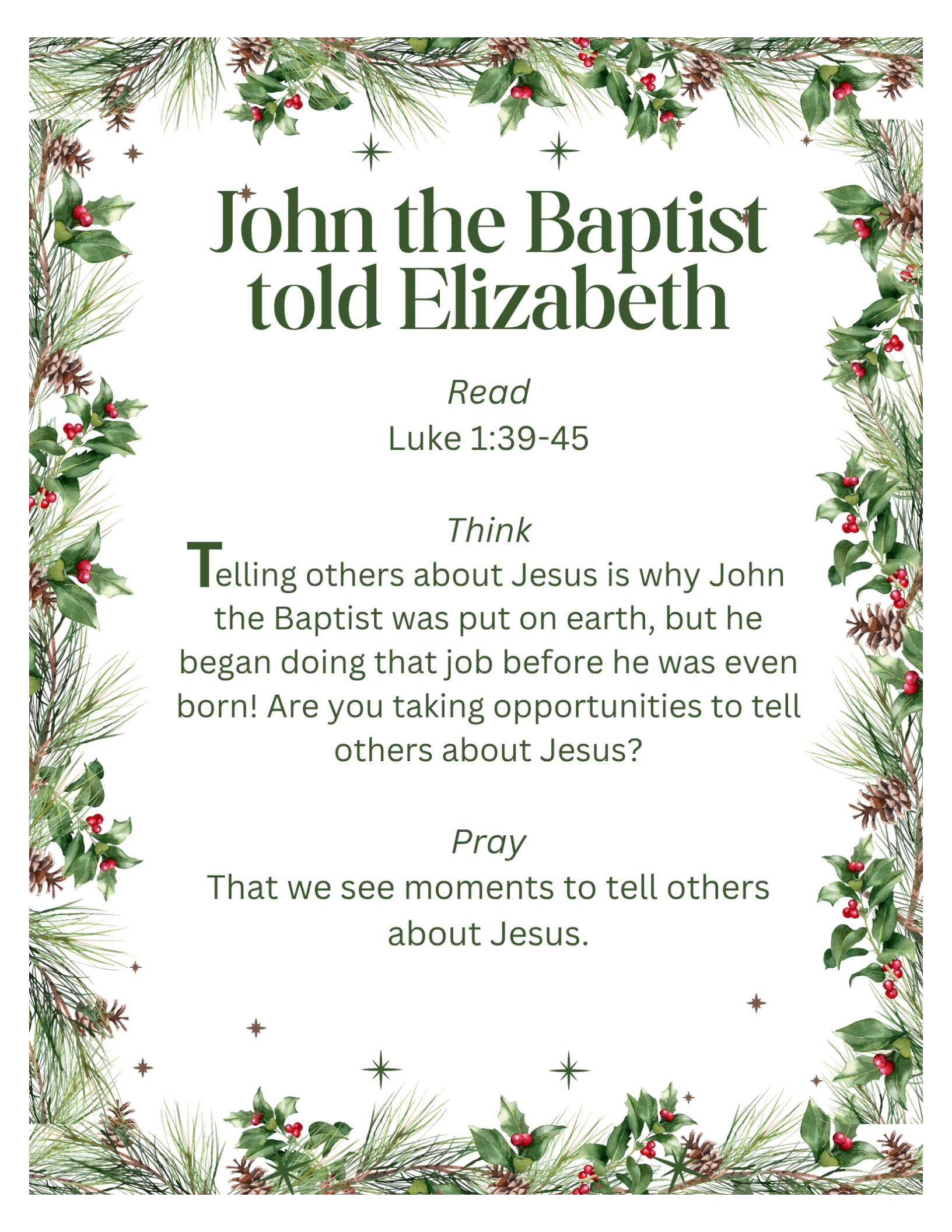
Read
Matthew 1:22-23

Think

Old Testament passages were written hundreds of years before Jesus was born. Jewish believers were using these Scriptures to identify the Christ when He came. Is fulfilling prophecies a good way to prove that Jesus is the Christ?

Pray

That we understand what the Bible says about Jesus.

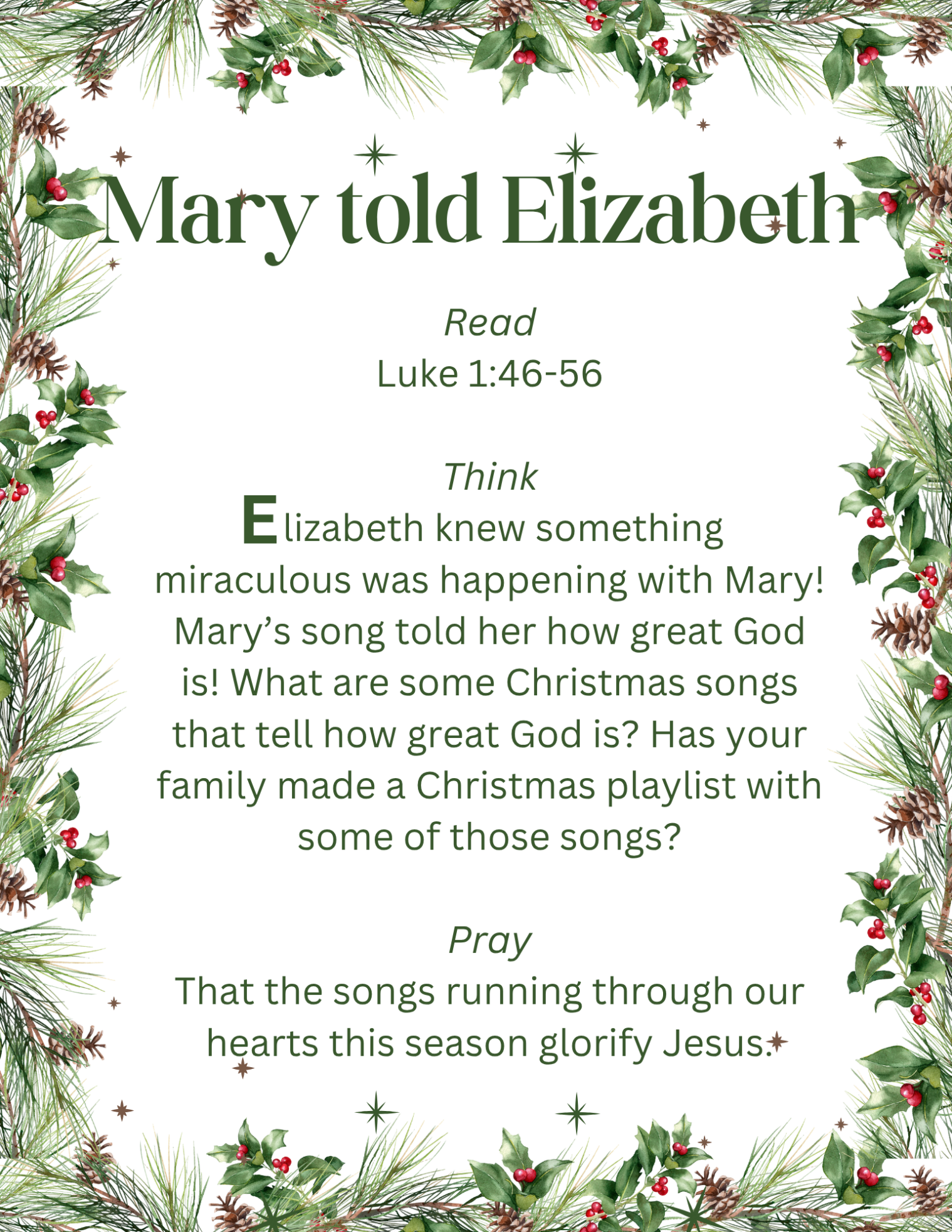


John the Baptist told Elizabeth

Read
Luke 1:39-45

Think
Telling others about Jesus is why John the Baptist was put on earth, but he began doing that job before he was even born! Are you taking opportunities to tell others about Jesus?

Pray
That we see moments to tell others about Jesus.

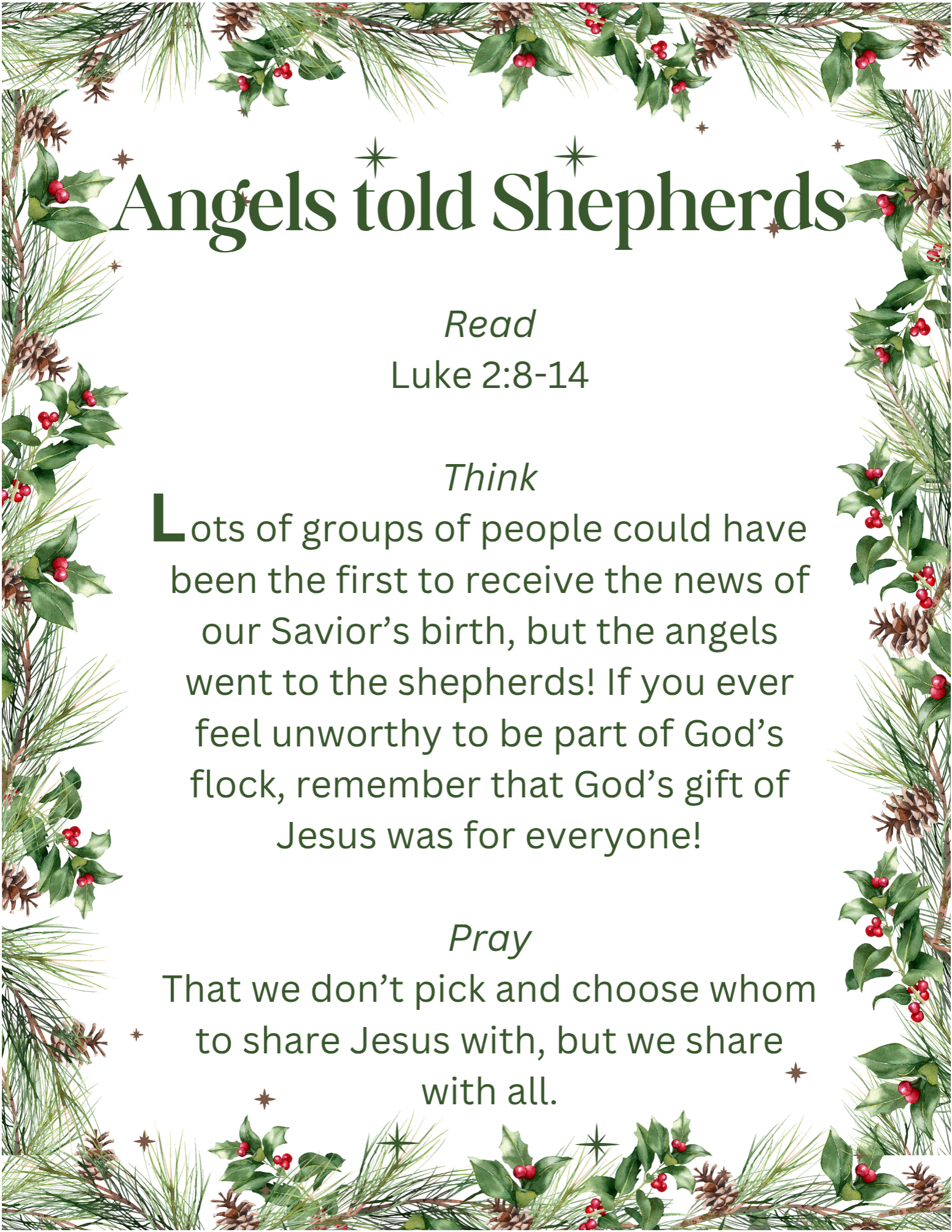


Mary told Elizabeth

Read
Luke 1:46-56

Think
Elizabeth knew something miraculous was happening with Mary! Mary's song told her how great God is! What are some Christmas songs that tell how great God is? Has your family made a Christmas playlist with some of those songs?

Pray
That the songs running through our hearts this season glorify Jesus.*



Angels told Shepherds

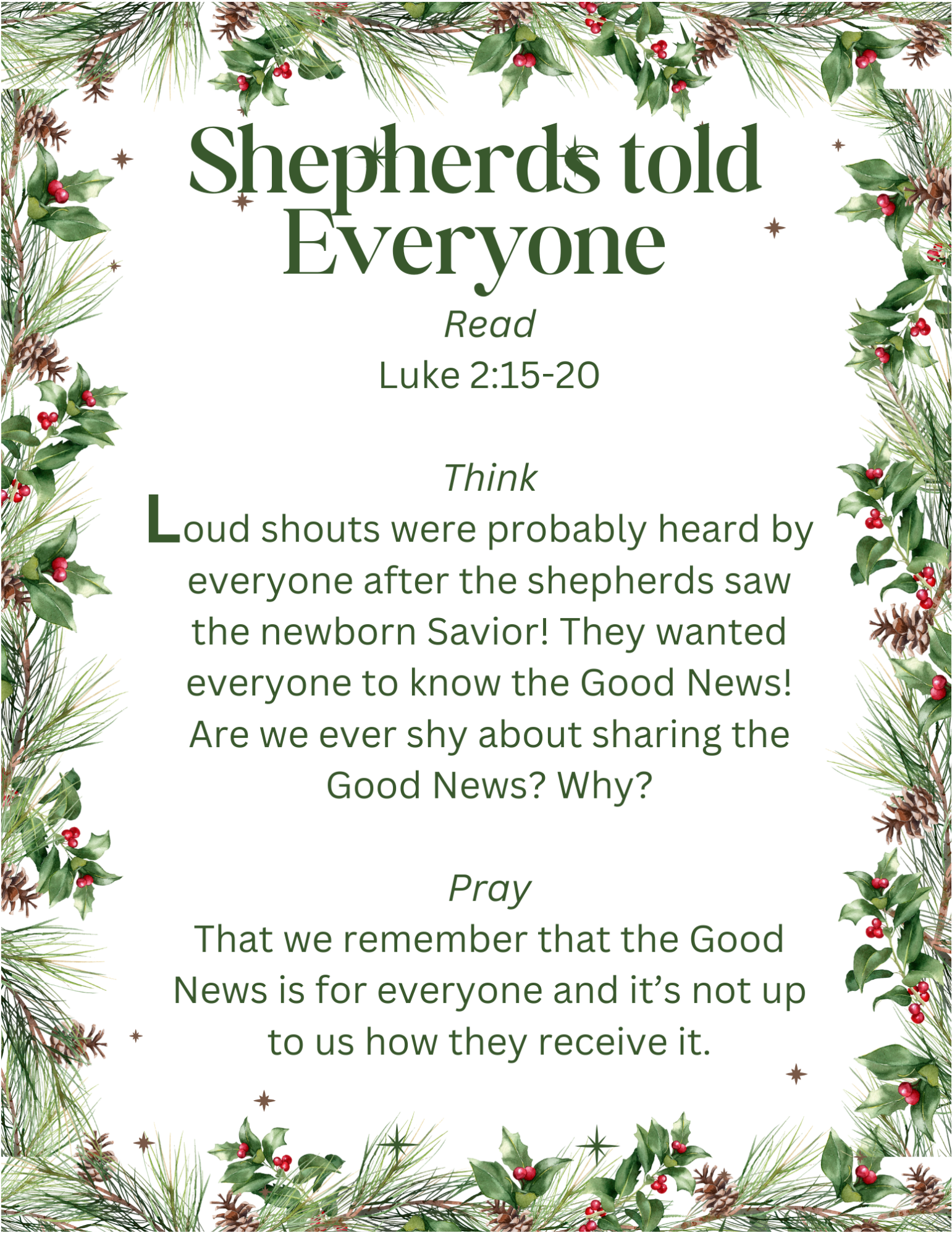
Read
Luke 2:8-14

Think

Lots of groups of people could have been the first to receive the news of our Savior's birth, but the angels went to the shepherds! If you ever feel unworthy to be part of God's flock, remember that God's gift of Jesus was for everyone!

Pray

That we don't pick and choose whom to share Jesus with, but we share with all.



Shepherds told Everyone

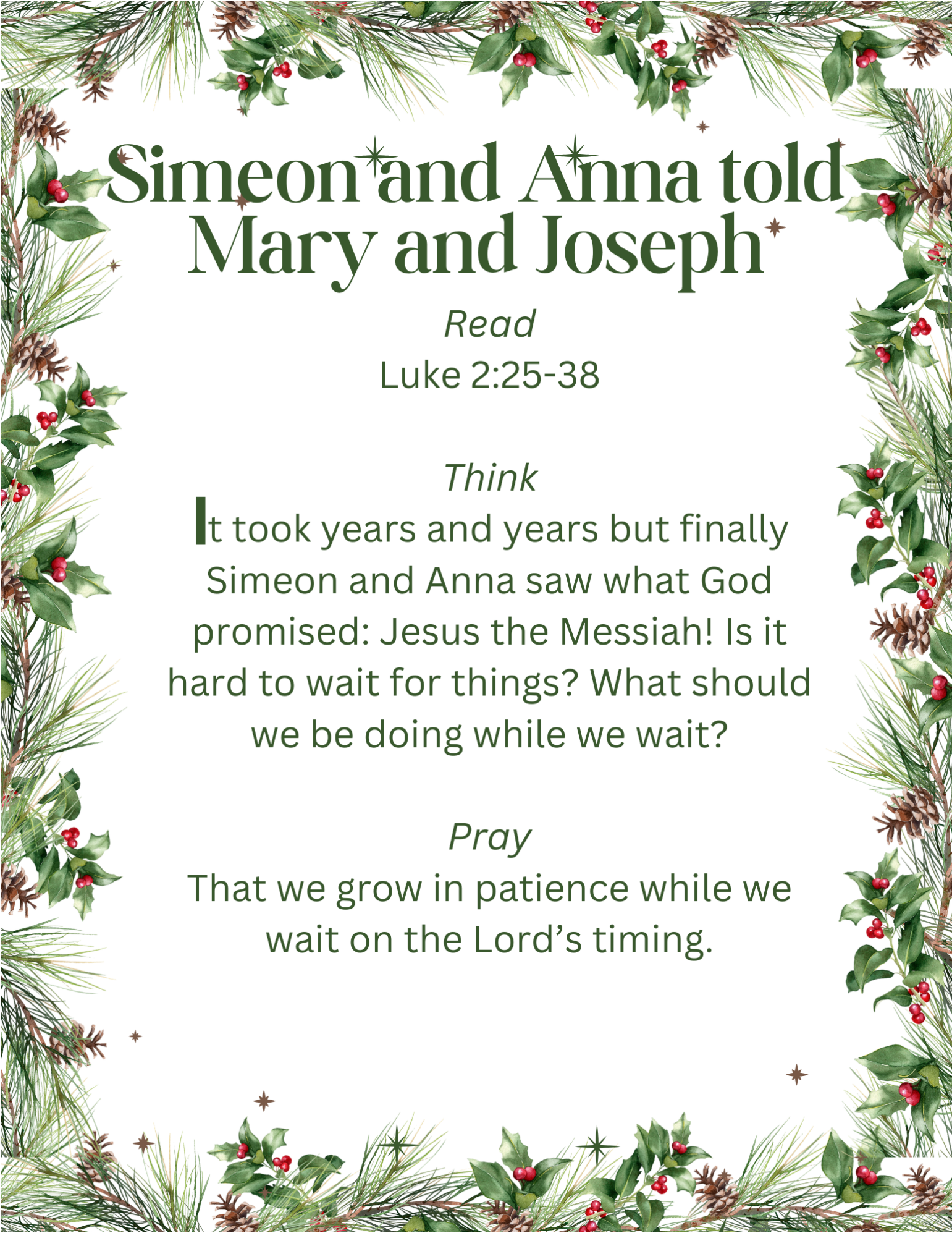
Read
Luke 2:15-20

Think

Loud shouts were probably heard by everyone after the shepherds saw the newborn Savior! They wanted everyone to know the Good News! Are we ever shy about sharing the Good News? Why?

Pray

That we remember that the Good News is for everyone and it's not up to us how they receive it.



Simeon* and Anna* told Mary and Joseph*

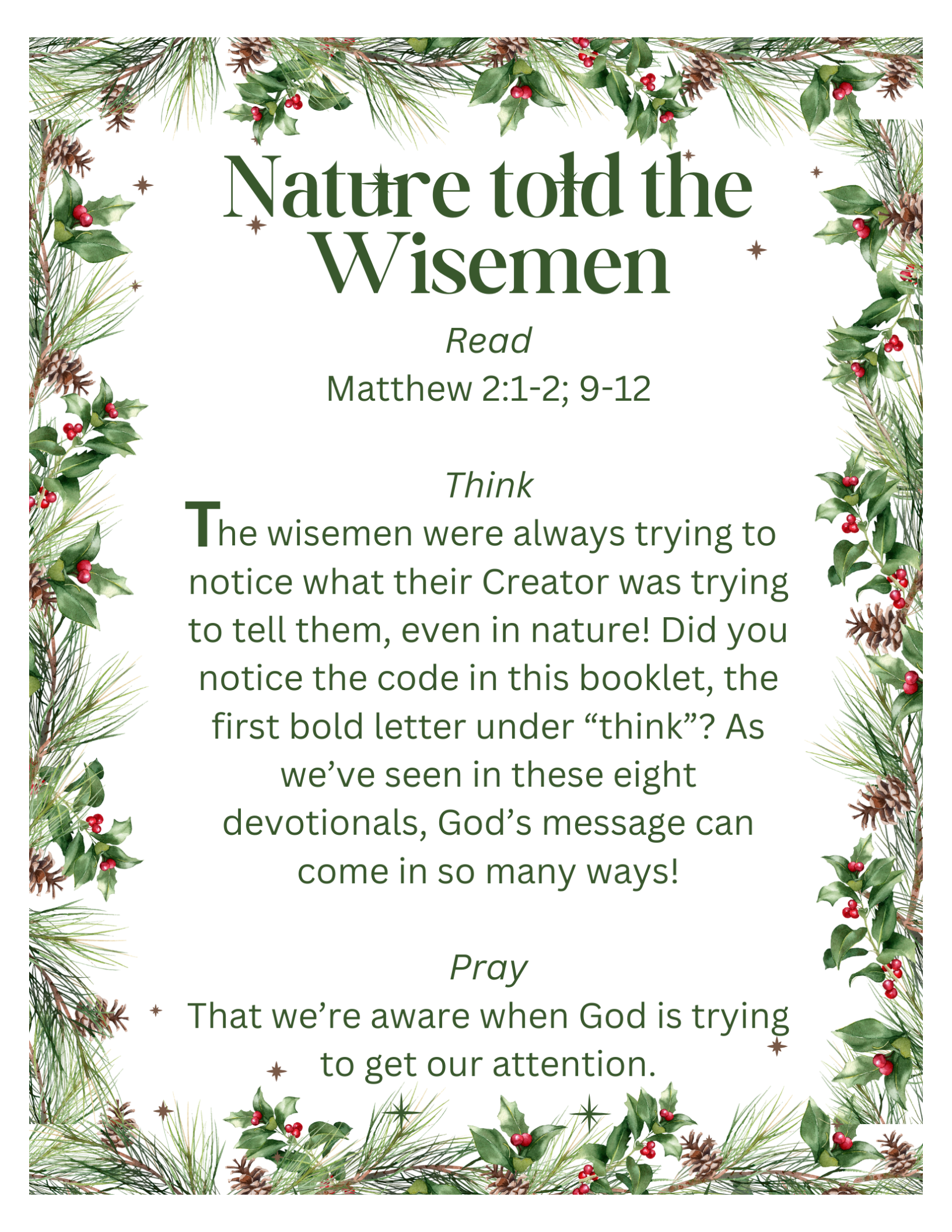
Read
Luke 2:25-38

Think

It took years and years but finally Simeon and Anna saw what God promised: Jesus the Messiah! Is it hard to wait for things? What should we be doing while we wait?

Pray

That we grow in patience while we wait on the Lord's timing.



Nature told the Wisemen

Read

Matthew 2:1-2; 9-12

Think

The wisemen were always trying to notice what their Creator was trying to tell them, even in nature! Did you notice the code in this booklet, the first bold letter under “think”? As we’ve seen in these eight devotionals, God’s message can come in so many ways!

Pray

* That we’re aware when God is trying
* to get our attention. *

Other Christmas To-Do's...

Drive around looking at Christmas lights

Make a Christmas song playlist

Bake Christmas treats

Serve someone else this season

Watch a cheesy Christmas movie

Watch a fun Christmas movie

Play a family board/card game

Get a present for someone

Make decorations (Hobby Lobby has some fun easy ones!)

Wear an ugly Christmas sweater

Road tripping this holiday season?
Check out these podcasts between
some Christmas tunes!



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