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Help for today. Hope for tomorrow.

Gabriel



God sent the
angel Gabriel to
Nazareth . . .

—Luke 1:26



Mary

The virgin will
be with child
and will give
birth to a son,
and will call Him
Immanuel...

—Isaiah 7:14





Joseph

When Joseph
woke up, he did
what the angel
of the Lord had
commanded
him . . .

—Matthew 1:24



Baby Jesus

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born
to you; He is Christ the Lord.

—Luke 2:11



Shepherd



...keeping watch over
their flocks at night.
An angel of the Lord
appeared to them.
—Luke 2:8-9



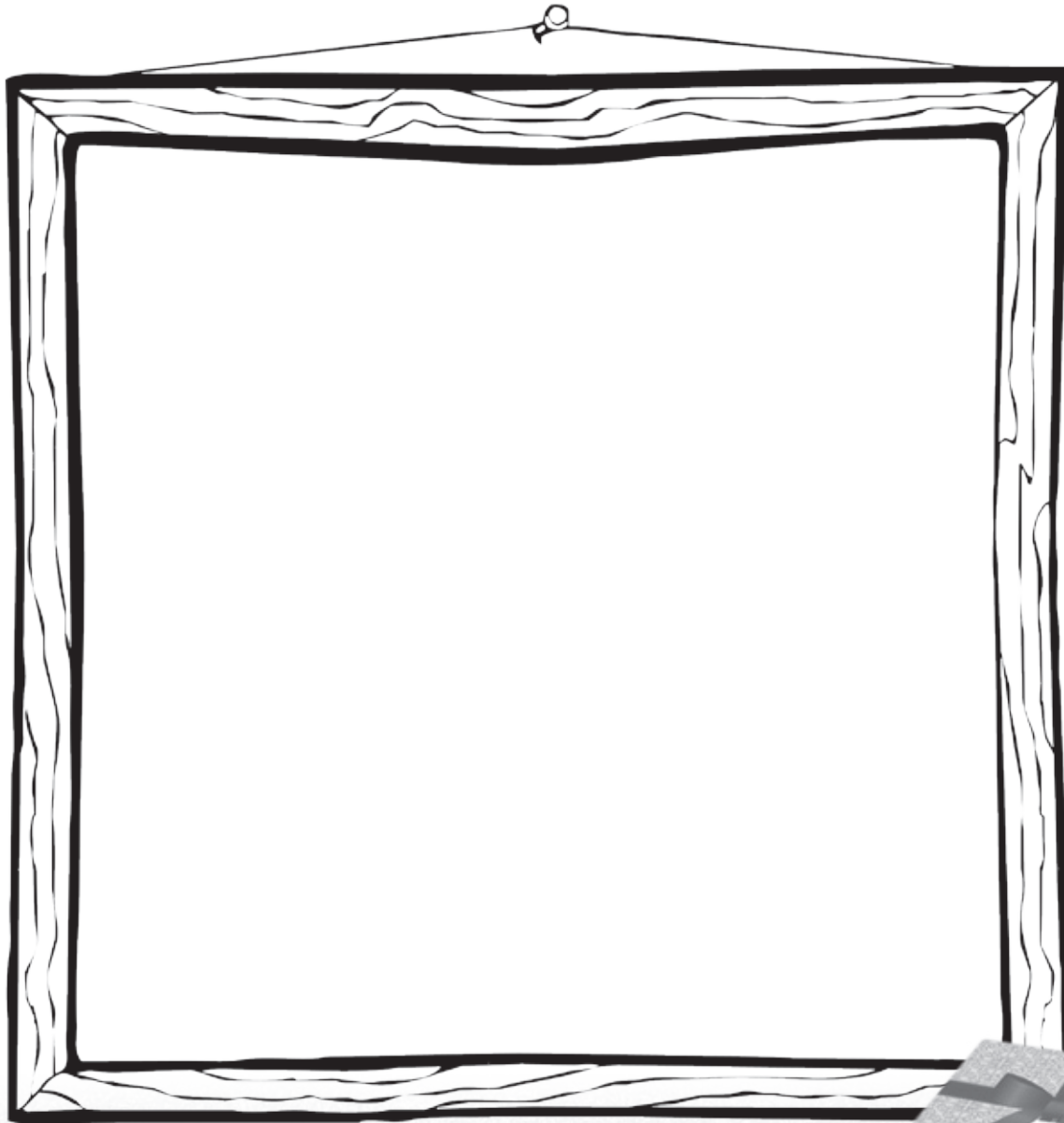
Wise Men

We saw His star in
the east and have
come to worship Him.
—Matthew 2:2



What God wants for Christmas ... is You!

Directions: draw a picture of yourself in the frame.



For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16



Christmas Family Fun Night



1. Set aside a night for your family to decorate the Christmas tree.
2. Play fun Christmas music. Make peppermint hot cocoa (see recipe) and begin the evening by going through the What God Wants for Christmas nativity—remind your family what you're celebrating!
3. Once decorating is completed, place the What God Wants for Christmas nativity stable under the tree. Hide the nativity figures throughout the house. Suggested hiding places are on the next page. Read the clues provided and have children find the figures and place in the stable. You may want to go through the story and open the boxes again on Christmas morning.

Merry Christmas!

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Peppermint Hot Cocoa



Ingredients:

- 2 cups (about 10 envelopes) rich chocolate hot cocoa mix
- 12 peppermint candies

Directions:

Place cocoa mix and candies in food processor or blender. Process until candies are crushed.

Makes 12 servings.

Make One Serving:

Place 3 tablespoons peppermint mix in mug; stir in 1 cup hot milk. Pour into mug and top with whipped cream and a candy cane. Serve immediately.

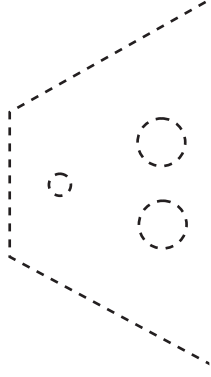
Christmas Present Ornament

Materials Needed:

Colored cardstock
Scissors
Glue
Ribbon
Glitter
Markers or crayons
Picture of child (optional)
Hole punch or pen

Instructions:

- ◆ Print and copy image onto colored cardstock.
- ◆ Cut along the dotted lines and punch out the circles.
- ◆ Fold along the black lines (text should face outward).
- ◆ Allow children to color and decorate ornaments.
- ◆ Color or put glitter or ribbon along the edge of the opening.
- ◆ Glue picture inside middle of the ornament or have the children write & decorate their names.
- ◆ Tie bows—1 at the top where the 2 holes are side by side & 1 through the top hole so it can hang on a Christmas tree.



...is **You!**

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Now, Where Did I Hide That?

Finding your characters year after year
—and not in the same ol' locations

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Box #	Character	Suggestion	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
1	Gabriel	computer, message board, by phone, etc.				
2	Mary	mixing bowls, pottery, fruit bowls, planters				
3	Joseph	map, atlas, car, bicycle				
4	Baby Jesus	bed, recliner, hammock, window seat				
5	Shepherd	sweaters, scarves, (wool) mittens				
6	Wise Man	gift pile under the tree, stockings				
7	You	mirror, framed picture with participants				



Scavenger Hunt Clue Cards

1

An angel delivered
to Joseph and Mary
the name that God chose
for the babe she would carry.
This messenger angel
is what you now seek.
What brings you a message?
Where should you peek?

Extra hint: _____



2

In Nazareth-town lived a
servant named Mary
Who was told by an angel,
“God’s baby you’ll carry!”
She offered God her body
and soul.
Who in your family fills
a parenting role?

Extra hint: _____



3

Joseph took Mary
along on a trip,
For it was his duty
of citizenship.
They may have taken a
donkey or horse.
What do you use when
you plan your course?

Extra hint: _____



4

A barn for a baby,
now that’s a strange place!
Since no inns were vacant,
it worked in this case.
Our Jesus was laid in a
manger with hay.
When your family rests,
where do they lay?

Extra hint: _____



5

The shepherds were watching
that Christmas night
But not for an angel
shining so bright!
The angel lit up with
the light of God’s glory.
What lights your page when
you read a story?

Extra hint: _____



6

The star that appeared
was not on their list;
“This marks a king’s coming!”
We must bring gifts!”
The treasures they brought
sparked a giving tradition.
Your prize among presents—
that is your mission.

Extra hint: _____



7

God started Christmas,
with His grand design.
Your good and His glory,
He had in mind.
Great love for a sinner whom
He thought dear.
So find now the image
you’ll see in the mirror.

Extra hint: _____

