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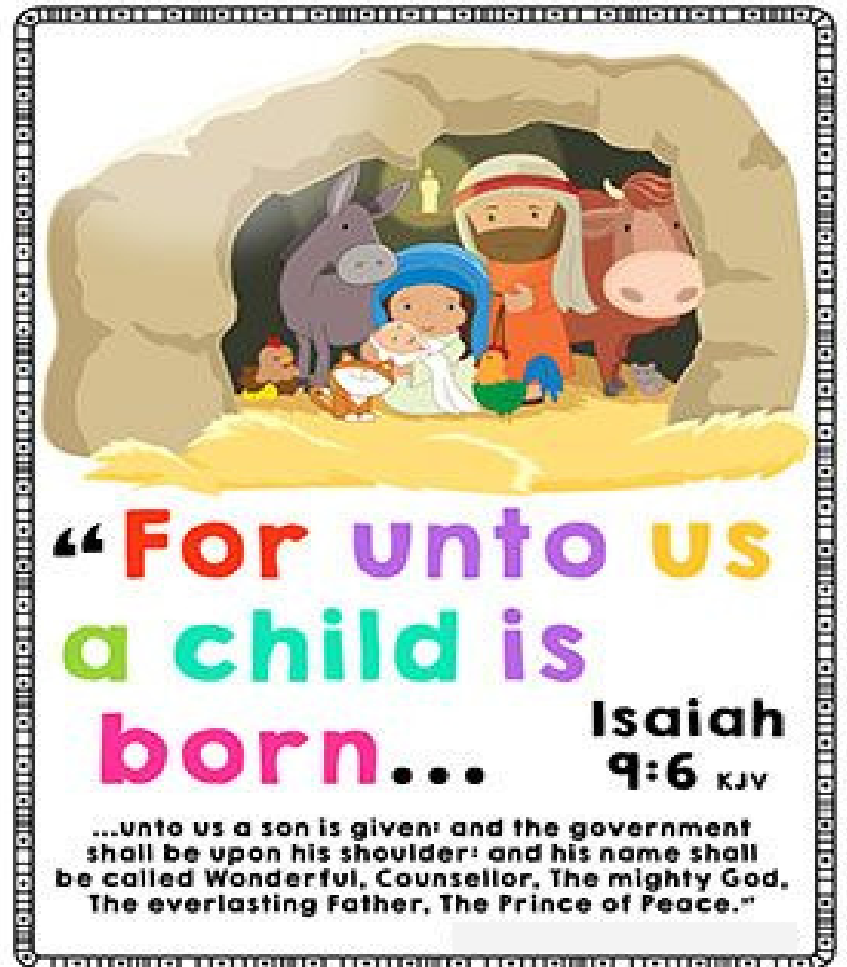
# The Pathfinder

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As we draw nigh to celebrating the greatest Advent ever given to mankind, we cast our thoughts back to a passage in the Bible foretelling of the birth of Christ.

As found in Matthew 1:22-23 - "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

What did the birth in a manger of our loving Saviour Jesus Christ bring to the earth? PEACE – as the angels proclaimed on the night of his birth – "Glory to God in the highest, and on the earth peace, good will toward men."

This Peace is what you receive when you accept God's invitation, peace in your heart and in your mind.

Jesus came to bring us peace, the kind of peace that makes it possible for us to take heart and have courage when we are experiencing struggles. The peace God gives us through his Holy Spirit is a peace beyond human understanding.

By accepting God's invitation and putting your faith in Jesus Christ and what He has done for us, you will always be at peace with God. You may not always be at peace with yourself, and when that happens you have a choice to turn to God for help and guidance or to stay in your feelings and struggles.

God gives you the ability to live a life above your feelings and circumstances, but this cannot be done by your own willpower and strength. You need to depend on the Lord for this. He will give you strength, power and peace to live above all things.

There is nothing God is not willing to help you with, and when you depend on God, you will experience His peace through His Holy Spirit.

Are you depending on the Lord to help you or are you depending on yourself?

What does God want you to do?

We can see what a marvelous gift God gave to us the people of the earth on that first Christmas. PEACE – through his Son Jesus Christ's birth.

While we are unwrapping our gifts this Christmas, let us pause a moment and think about this blessed gift God gave to us, freely – PEACE.

## Birth of Christ

**DOWN**

- 1 Who were tending their flocks by night
- 2 Who announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds
- 3 The wise men bowed down to Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ him
- 4 Jesus was born in this town
- 6 "The \_\_\_\_\_ of peace" - one of the titles of Jesus
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 Jesus was born in a \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 The shepherds were in the \_\_\_\_\_ when they saw an angel

**ACROSS**

- 1 The wise men followed a \_\_\_\_\_ that led them to Jesus
- 5 human father of Jesus
- 7 There was no \_\_\_\_\_ at the inn for Jesus
- 9 one of the gifts of the three wise men
- 11 Jesus could not stay at the \_\_\_\_\_ because it was full
- 12 and on earth \_\_\_\_\_, goodwill toward men (Luke 2:14)

# CHRISTMAS COUNT

Count each item, then tally them into the boxes below:






## Find-a-word CHRISTMAS

P	U	C	B	R	E	L	M	T	E	J
C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	S	O
B	O	R	R	C	R	S	N	S	D	S
U	H	A	T	V	E	A	G	E	R	E
N	S	D	H	O	E	V	E	T	E	P
A	N	G	E	L	S	I	R	A	H	H
R	O	L	Y	A	S	O	R	M	P	N
B	L	E	S	S	U	U	G	S	E	D
B	O	R	N	E	S	R	T	U	H	E
B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	S	F
S	O	N	A	R	J	E	Y	R	A	M

**Instructions:** Find the underlined words in the above find-a-word.

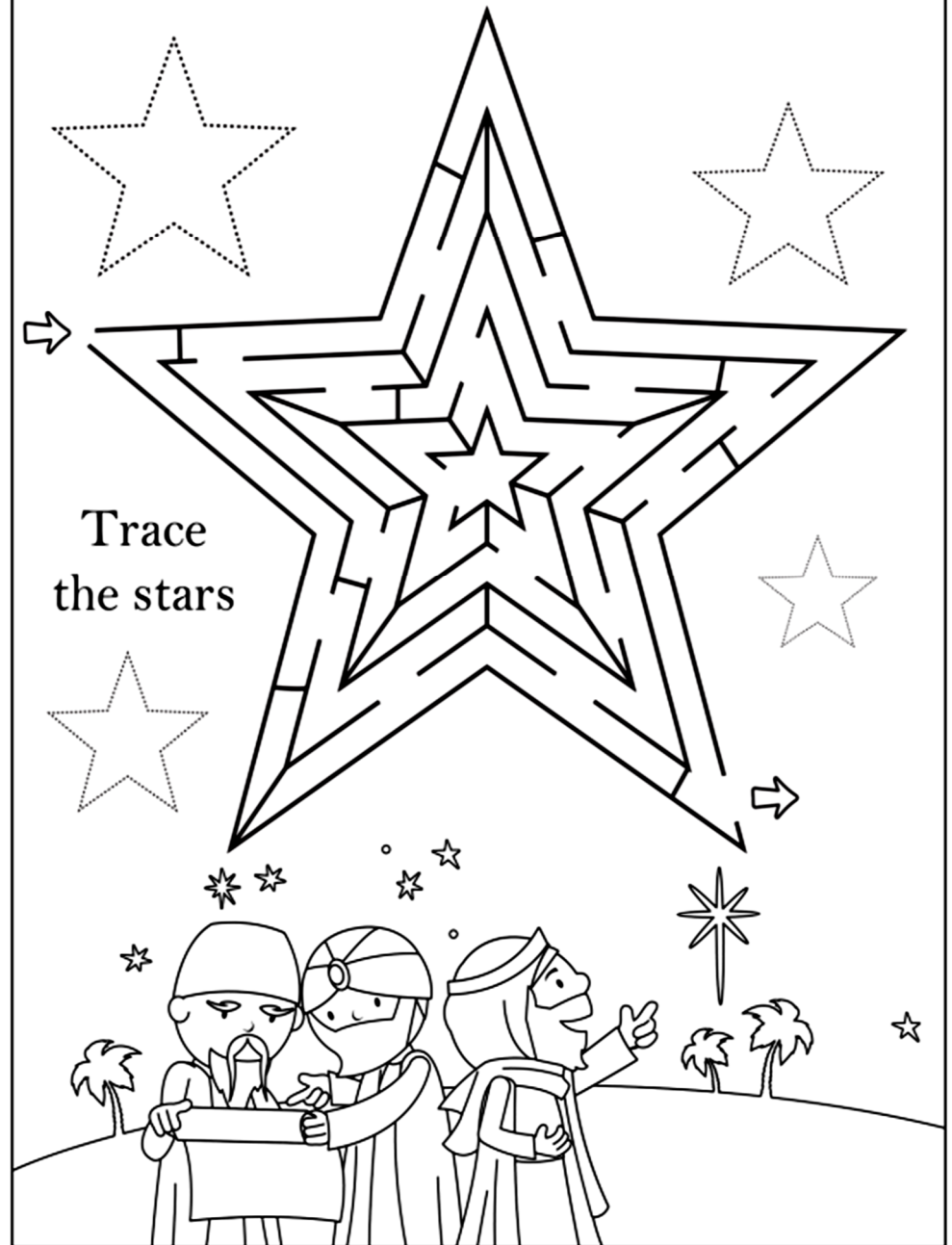
Christmas is celebrated annually on the 25th of December. On this day, Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's son, in Bethlehem.

Jesus was born to parents Mary and Joseph, who returned to Bethlehem under an order for all people to return to their home towns so they could be taxed. There was no room at any of the inns, so Mary gave birth to Jesus in a manger. Angels appeared to shepherds in the field, singing praises that the Saviour had been born.

# TRACE AND COLOUR



## Christmas Star Maze

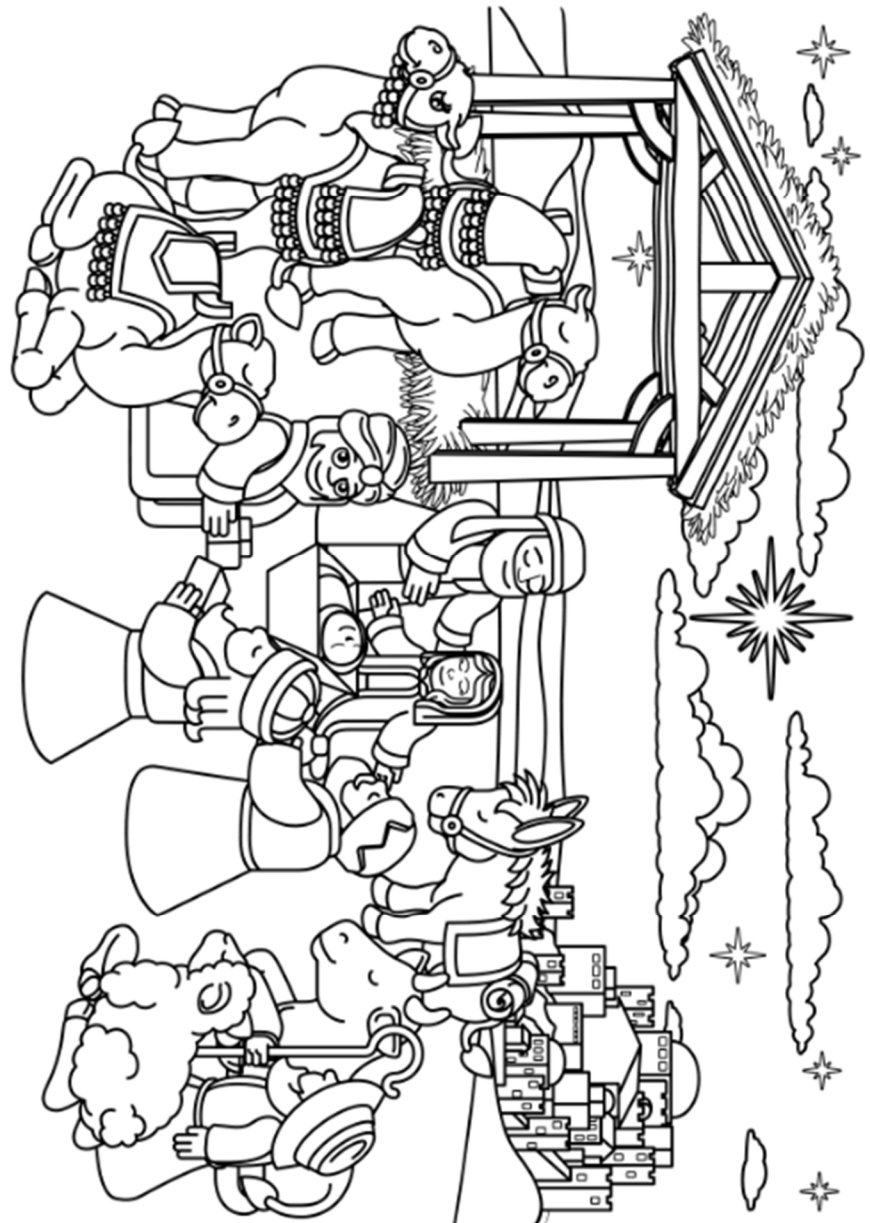




O COME LET  
US ADORE  
HIM



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



# CHRISTMAS KINDNESS CHALLENGE

GIVE AN  
UNEXPECTED  
COMPLIMENT.

TAKE A DAY  
NOT TO  
COMPLAIN

SPENDING  
TIME WITH  
GRANDPARENTS

PREPARE  
FOOD FOR  
YOUR FAMILY

DONATE YOUR  
POCKET MONEY

PLAY WITH  
SOMEONE NEW

*How can you be kind this Christmas?*

## CHRISTMAS Alphabetical Order

Write the following words in alphabetical order:

- |           |   |       |
|-----------|---|-------|
| Jesus     | 1 | _____ |
| Manger    | 2 | _____ |
| Wise men  | 3 | _____ |
| Shepherds | 4 | _____ |
| Bethlehem | 5 | _____ |
| Saviour   | 6 | _____ |
| Mary      | 7 | _____ |
| King      | 8 | _____ |

