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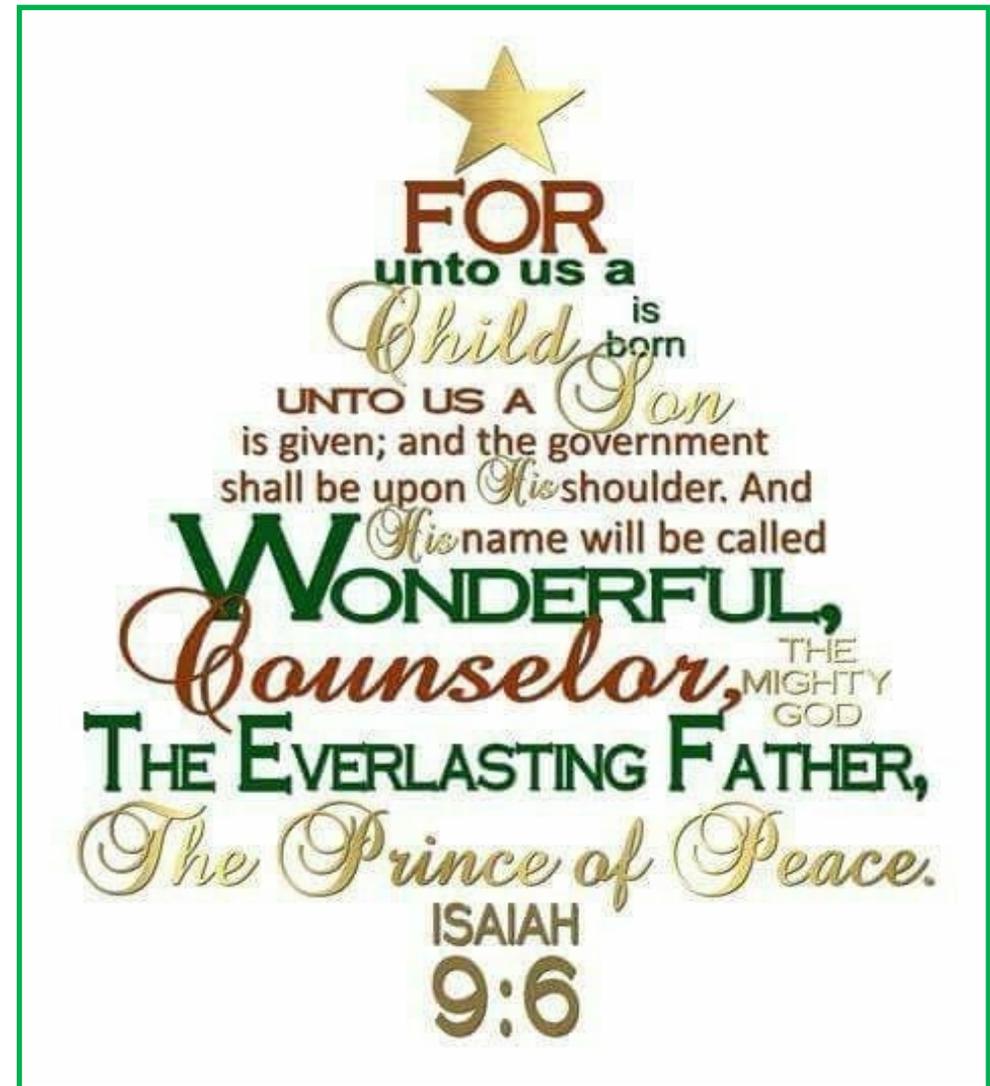
# The Pathfinder

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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 verse 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?

So 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.

## Nativity Word Scramble

**Can you unscramble these words from the Christmas story?**

1. LUMANEM      -----
2. GRAEMN      -----
3. IPNREEEKN      -----
4. MSHESAI      -----
5. GDLO      -----
6. SHEDSPERH      -----
7. FESANNIERCKN      -----
8. MRYHR      -----
9. BEMETLHEH      -----
10. NTAERHZA      -----



Each of us is an  
*Inkeeper*  
 who decides if there is  
 room for *Jesus*




Joy to the World

S	H	R	R	Y	M	G	Z	S	B	Z	S	D
L	H	T	R	I	B	H	T	B	Z	E	G	T
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C	Y	H	W	I	S	E	M	E	N	C	S	E
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ADVENT  
 ANGEL  
 BETHLEHEM  
 BIRTH  
 BLESSINGS  
 CAMELS  
 FRANKINCENSE

INFANT  
 JESUS  
 JOSEPH  
 MAGI  
 MANGER  
 MARY  
 MIRACLE

MYRRH  
 NATIVITY  
 REJOICE  
 STABLE  
 STAR  
 THREE KINGS  
 WISE MEN



# Christmas symbols

Evergreen Tree: Titus 1:2  
Eternal Life

Star & Lights: Matthew 2: 9-10  
Star that told of Christ's birth

Candy Cane: Luke 2: 8-9, John 10:11  
Staff of shepherds who visited the Christ  
child/Christ is the good shepherd

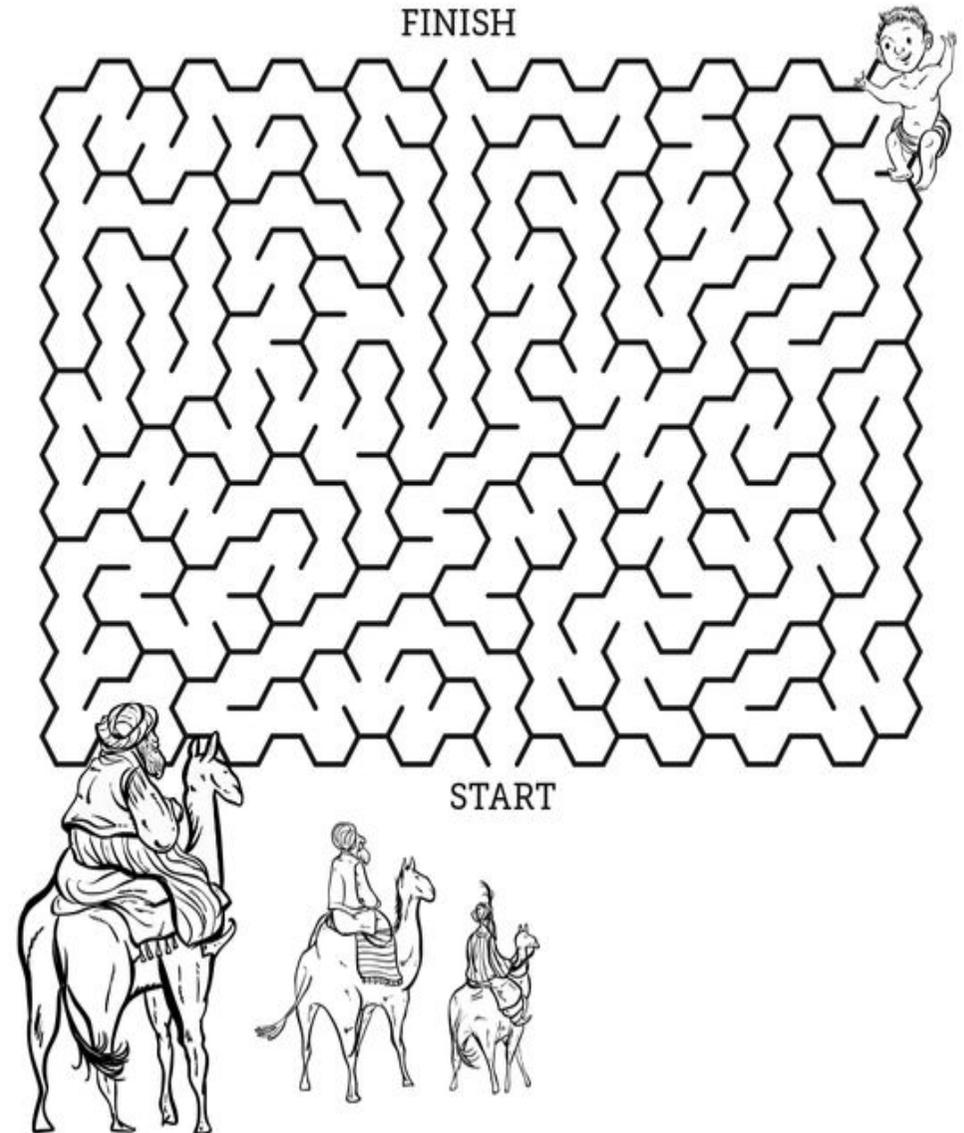
Bells: John 10:16  
Ring out to bring lost sheep back to the fold

Holly & Berries: Titus 1:2, Luke 22:44  
Green = Eternal life, Red = Blood of Christ

Gift: Matthew 2:1,11, John 3:16  
Wise men's gifts to the Christ child/God's  
greatest gift to us was the Savior

## THE BIRTH OF JESUS

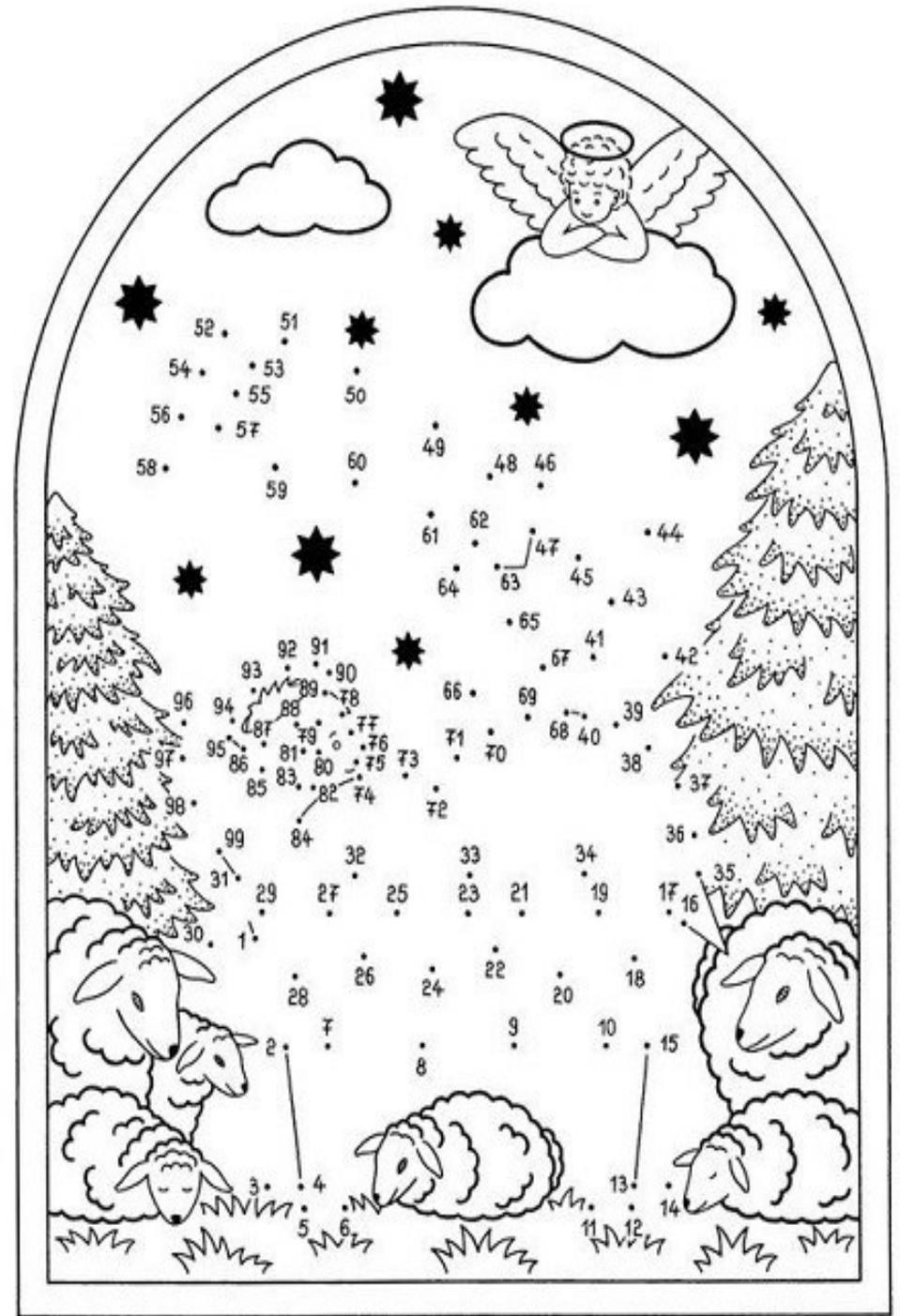
Help the Wise Men follow the star to find Baby Jesus.



# Hidden Pictures



Find 3 stars, 2 bells, 1 angel, 3 crosses, 1 staff, and 2 candles hidden in the manger.



# JESUS

*is*

<b>C</b>	<i>Creator</i>
<b>H</b>	<i>Holy One</i>
<b>R</b>	<i>Redeemer</i>
<b>I</b>	<i>Immanuel</i>
<b>S</b>	<i>Savior</i>
<b>T</b>	<i>Truth</i>
<b>M</b>	<i>Mighty God</i>
<b>A</b>	<i>Alpha + Omega</i>
<b>S</b>	<i>Son of God</i>

## THE STORY BEHIND THE '12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS'

The song was written by Catholics in England as a catechism song to teach their children about the Christian faith. The song's "gifts" help remember the teachings of the faith. "True Love" refers to God. "Me" refers to every Christian.

The other symbols mean the following:

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ.
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old & New Testaments.
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity or the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Trinity.
- 4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels.
- 5 Golden Rings = First Five Books of the Old Testament.
- 6 Geese-A-Laying = The Six Days of Creation.
- 7 Swans-A-Swimming = The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:8-10).
- 8 Maids-A-Milking = The Eight Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10).
- 9 Ladies Dancing = The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
- 10 Lords-A-Leaping = The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20).
- 11 Pipers Piping = Eleven Apostles, not Judas.
- 12 Drummers Drumming = The Twelve Points of Doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.