

# Send

## Go in peace

Jesus has come, and we can live in peace.

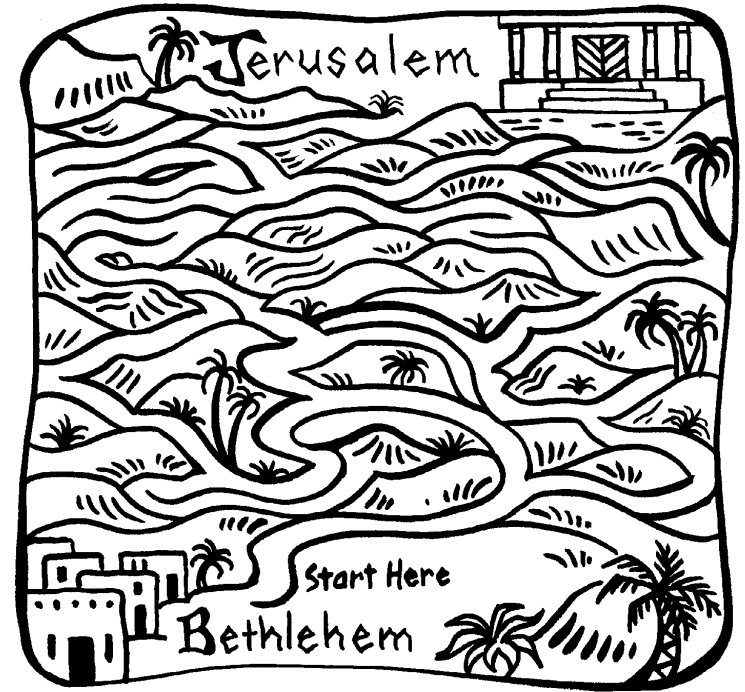
Draw a picture of what you think peace looks like, and hang it up at home.




# gather

## Welcome to worship.

When Jesus was eight days old, Mary and Joseph brought him from Bethlehem to the temple in Jerusalem for a special ceremony. Help them find their way through the hills to the temple.



 Jesus, Thank you for all the people who tell us about you. Amen

## This week

Send a note of thanks or a drawing to someone who has talked to you about God.










How did you get to church today? How long did the trip take you? Who did you come with?







# hear & celebrate



## This is the Messiah!






Luke 2:22-40

Read the story, using the pictures to help you!


Code:  = Messiah    = Anna    = Simeon    = temple  
 = Mary    = Joseph    = blessing    = Jesus    = peace

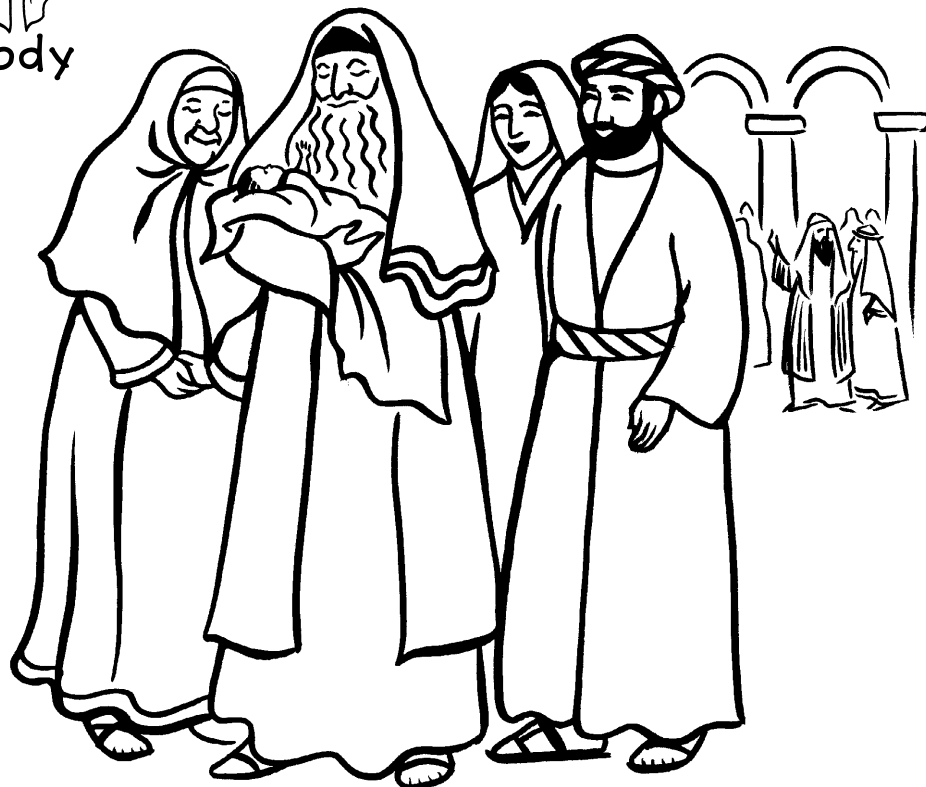
 and  brought  to the  when he was a tiny baby and there he received a very special  from an old man named .

 and a very old prophet named  also said something important. They told everybody

in the  that baby  was the , God's Son, and a special  who would save all people everywhere and bring  to the world.

After meeting  and  in the ,  and  and baby  returned home to Nazareth in Galilee.

 grew and became strong and wise, and God blessed him.



HAVE YOU BEEN IN ANY SPECIAL CEREMONIES AT CHURCH? WHAT WERE THEY? WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THEM?

# Songs of the Season

During the Christmas season, we sing lots of fun hymns that celebrate Jesus' birth.

What are your favorite hymns and carols during the Christmas season?



The Christmas season is coming to an end this week. What songs did you sing in worship today?



# READER

Christmas I

- Today is the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** after Christmas.
- Jesus is called the **Word of God**.
- Jesus came to earth to teach everyone about **God's love**.

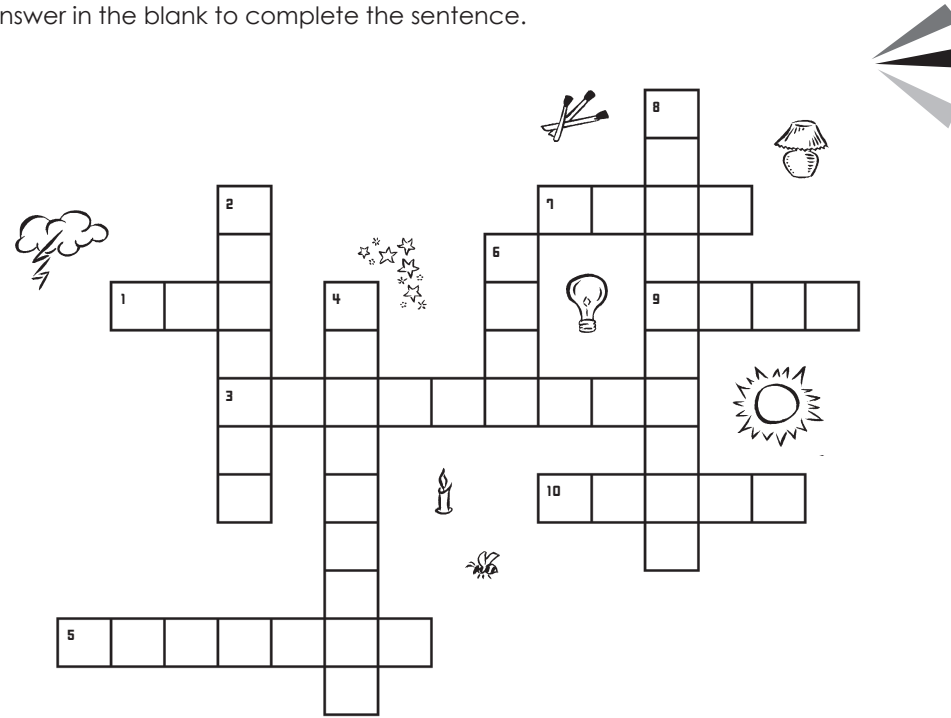
## Praise God!

On the first Christmas, angels praised God for sending Jesus. Use the angel code to find four ways we celebrate God's greatest gift—Jesus!



# Here Comes the Son

John used a special word to describe God's gift of Jesus to the world. To find this word, complete the crossword puzzle. Then answer the question. Write the answer in the blank to complete the sentence.



- Across**
1. Big light in the daytime sky.
  3. Bright flash you see with thunder.
  5. Little bug that has its own nightlight.
  7. Tiny light in the night sky.
  9. Lights up a room at night.
  10. Little stick that can start a fire.

- Down**
2. Look for these lights on the altar.
  4. Screw this into a lamp for light.
  6. Big nighttime light in the sky.
  8. This helps you see in the dark while driving.

What do all these clues have in common?

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.  
(See John 8:12 NRSV)



The Gospel lesson says Jesus is the world's light. He brings God's love and salvation to the world. Listen closely to the Gospel reading today. Fill in the missing words from these important verses. Use your Spark Bible for help.


"What has \_\_\_\_\_ into being in him was \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_ of all people." **John 1:3b-4**

"The \_\_\_\_\_, which enlightens \_\_\_\_\_, was coming into the \_\_\_\_\_." **John 1:9**

"But to \_\_\_\_\_ who received \_\_\_\_\_, who \_\_\_\_\_ in his name, he gave \_\_\_\_\_ to become \_\_\_\_\_ of God." **John 1:12**

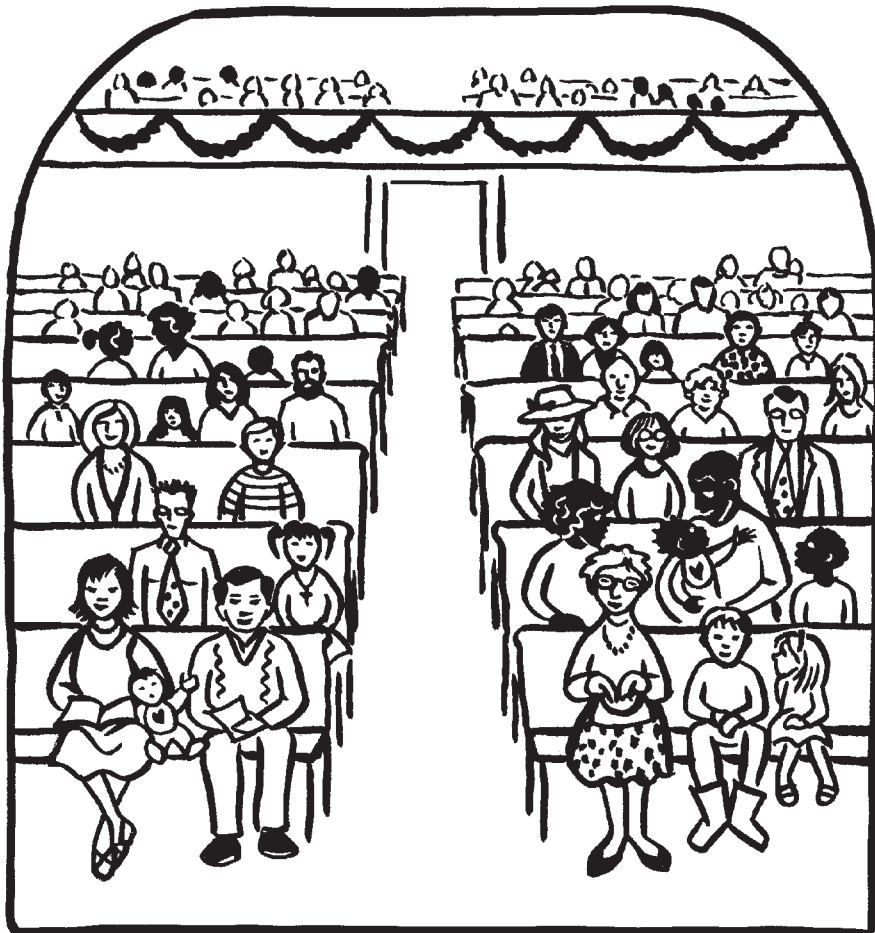


Jesus came to tell us about God and God's love. In the Gospel of John, Jesus also tells us about himself. Unscramble the words below to figure out Jesus' 7 "I am" statements. Skim John chapters 6-14 for help.

Derba fo efli		Rusercrfinoe dan het file	
Ghtil fo eth dorwl		Eth way, teh hturt, adn het lfei	
Tage		Nvie	
Ogod pehrdseh			

Jesus is God's Christmas gift to us. Jesus shows God's love for ALL people.

Find one or more people in this worship space who are wearing:

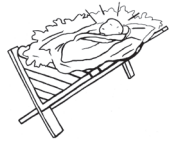


# PRE-READER

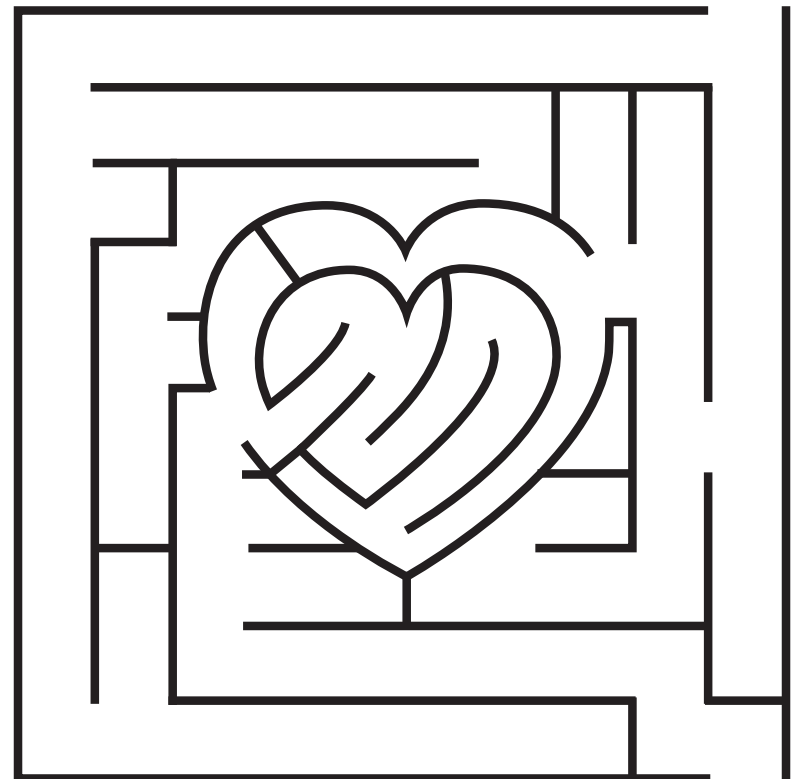
Christmas 1

- Today is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas.
- The **color** of the Christmas season is **white**.
- White reminds us of the **light** and **joy** of Jesus' birth.

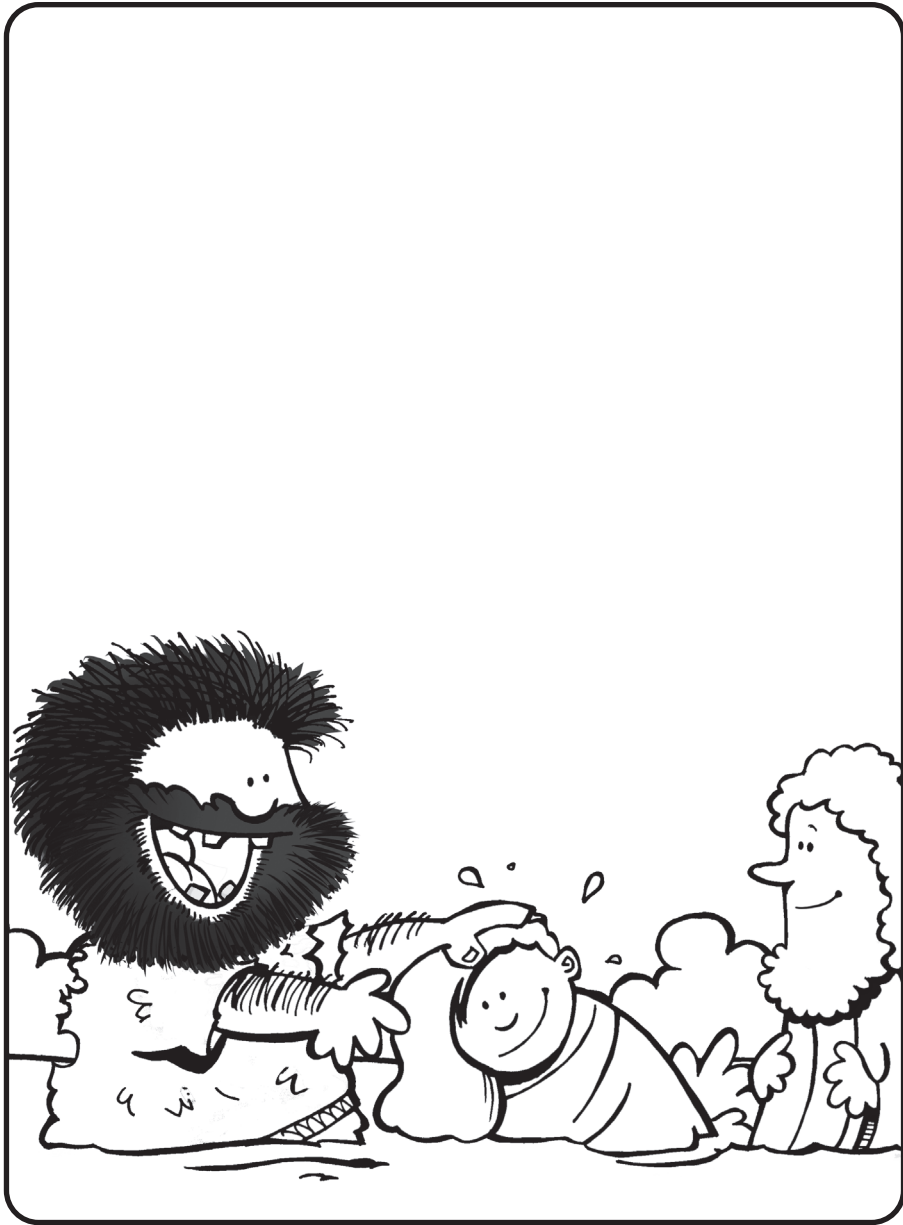
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START HERE



END HERE



**“Jesus was sent to be God’s Word! Jesus will bring truth and grace to everyone on earth!”**

What did Jesus show us about God? Search the illustration for the hearts, stars, and triangles that have letters in them.

**Unscramble the letters from each and discover three things that God is.**



God is... ♡ \_\_\_\_\_

God is... ☆ \_\_\_\_\_

God is... ▲ \_\_\_\_\_