

Announcing Jesus' Birth

Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1:18-25

The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

God sent an angel to deliver a special message. The angel Gabriel was sent to a young woman named Mary. She was going to get married to a man named Joseph. The angel had very good news for Mary. He told her that she would have a son and call His name Jesus because He would be the Savior of the world.

Mary didn't understand how she could have a baby, since she did not yet have a husband. The angel told her that this baby Jesus would be the Son of God. There is nothing God cannot do!

After the angel left, Mary hurried to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. Elizabeth was married to Zacharias and they were going to have a baby named John. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, John leaped for joy inside her womb. Mary was excited that Jesus, the Savior from sin, would be born. She sang a song praising God for all His blessings to her.

Elizabeth and Zacharias' son, John, would grow up to be John the Baptist. John would tell the people that Jesus was coming soon.

Now Joseph was a good man. When he heard that Mary was going to have a baby, he did not know that the baby was Jesus. He decided to send Mary away to have the baby instead of marrying her. But an angel came to him in a dream and told him not to worry. The angel said that Joseph should still get married, because the baby is the Son of God. The angel told Joseph that this baby was Jesus, who would save His people from their sins.

When Joseph woke up from the dream, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do. He took Mary home, married her, and took care of her.

Joseph and Mary believed and trusted in God.

By faith we also believe and trust in God's promises.

Passage

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Hymn & Prayer - WS 713 v. 1, 3

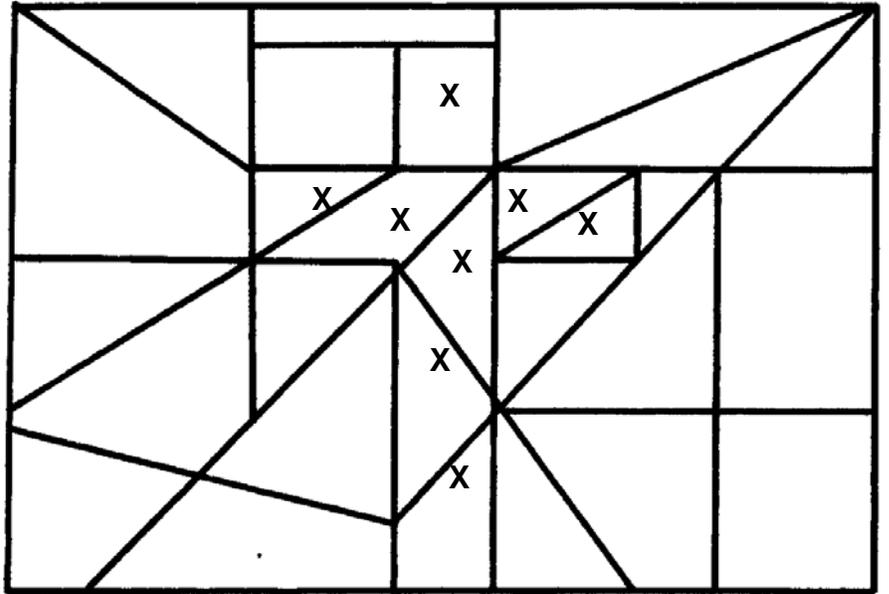
Your little ones, dear Lord, are we
And come Your lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind
That we the way to You may find.

Oh, draw us wholly to You, Lord,
To us Your constant grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart
That we may hold You in our heart. Amen.

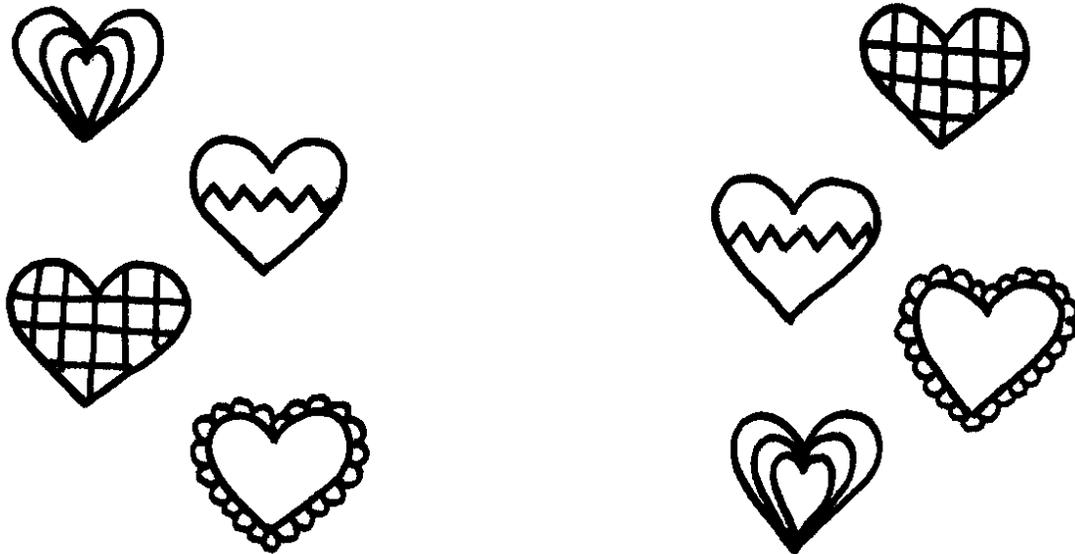


Classroom Activity -

Color in all the spaces that have an "X" to show how Jesus would save His people from their sins.



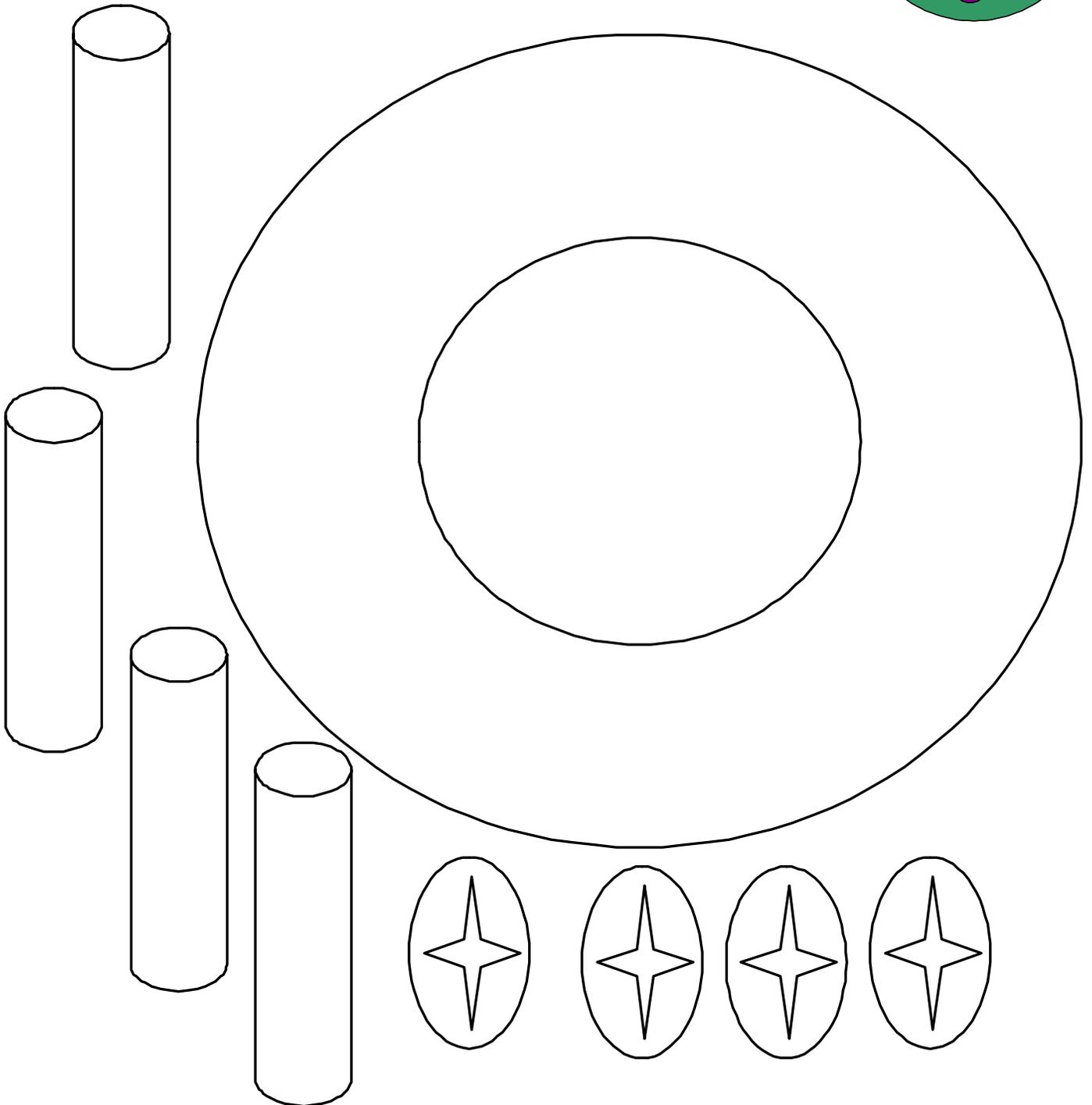
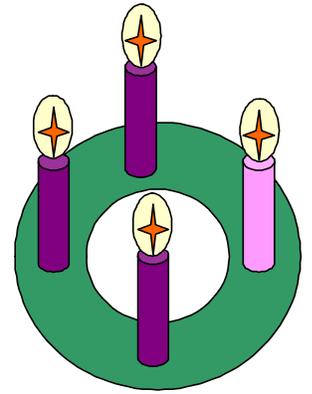
Classroom Activity - Draw lines to connect the hearts that match each other. Recite the passage until it is learned.



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart!"

Classroom Art Activity - Advent Wreath

- Color and cut out pieces below and assemble as illustrated. Be sure to have 3 purple and 1 pink candle. These may be used as patterns and have construction paper pieces and a paper plate ring. Decorate with ribbons and glitter, etc. - use your imagination.





Joseph and Mary believed and trusted in God's promise of Jesus.