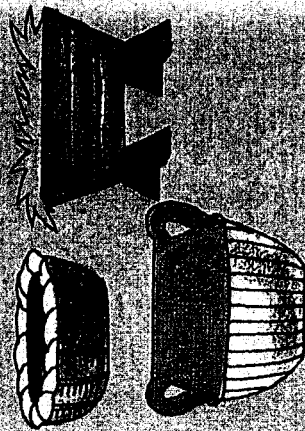


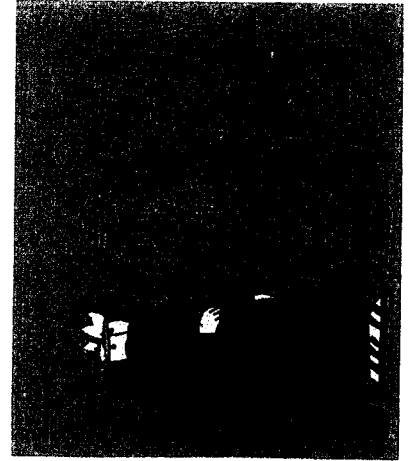
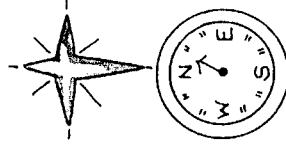
Who learned from the angels that a Savior was born?



What did Jesus sleep in?



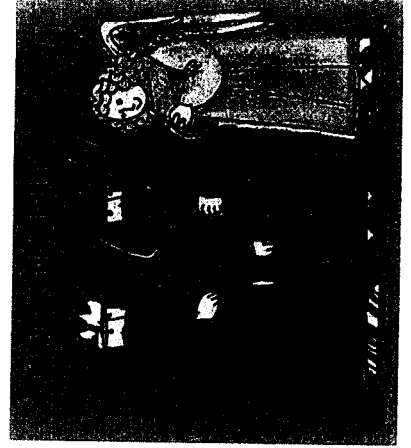
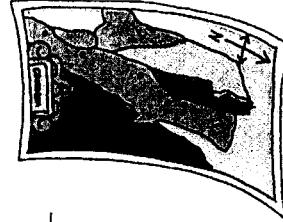
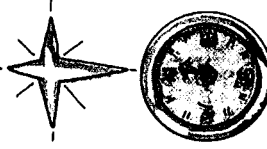
How many animals are around baby Jesus?



Which animal carried the wise men to see baby Jesus?



What showed the wise men the way?

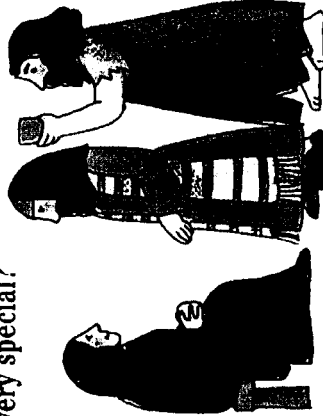




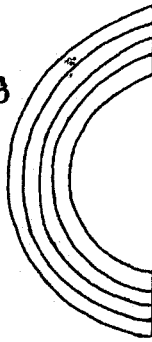
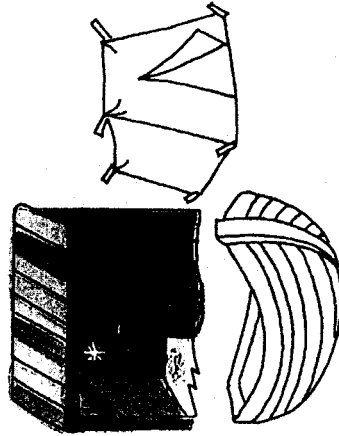
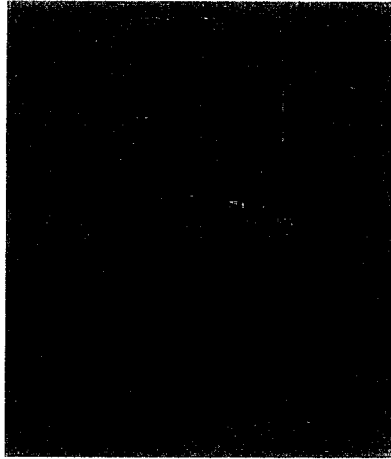
blue



Who did the angel say was very special?



What color is Mary's robe?



Where did Mary have her baby?



What filled the night sky when baby Jesus was born?



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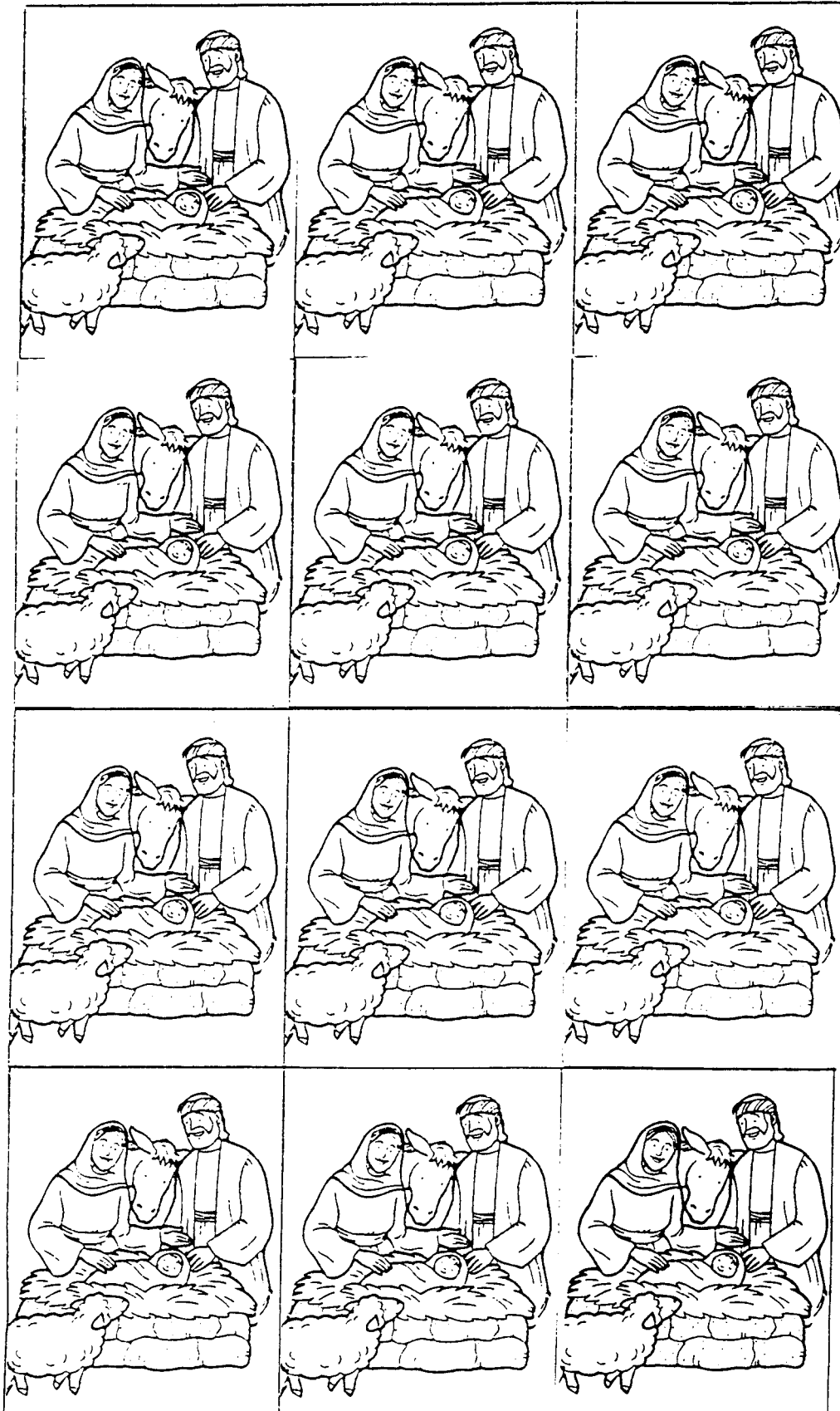
Attendance Chart: The Life of Christ

Directions:

1. Xerox the sheet with Jesus "pictured" onto colored paper.
2. Add each student's name inside the large box at the top of the page.
3. For each week throughout the quarter, select a picture to illustrate the lesson.
4. Reduce the illustration to fit the small boxes around the outer edge of the paper.
5. Xerox enough of the "small" illustrations to correspond with the number of students in the class.
6. Cut out and glue the "small" illustrations onto one page.
7. Select a color of paper, and xerox that page onto it.
8. Cut out each small box and be ready to give one to each child.
9. If the class will meet two time that week, cut each small box in half.
10. Starting in the upper left corner of the page, children will glue $\frac{1}{2}$ of the illustration onto their attendance chart Sunday morning, and the other $\frac{1}{2}$ on Wednesday night.

Attendance Chart Visual

Lesson 1





The Life of Christ

Section 9

Song Box Visuals

Directions:

1. Each child will need a box with a hinged lid.
2. Xerox the "musical" frame onto white card stock, per child.
3. Cut out each frame and laminate.
4. Using a "wipe-away" pen, write each child's name inside the frame.
5. For each song sung in class, create song visuals.
6. Xerox the song visual onto any "color" card stock.
7. Cut out each "boxed" picture and laminate.
8. Tape each picture to a craft "popsicle" stick.
9. If multiple picture are needed for one song, drill a hole in the end of each craft stick and connect using a ring-clip.



Mary and the Angel



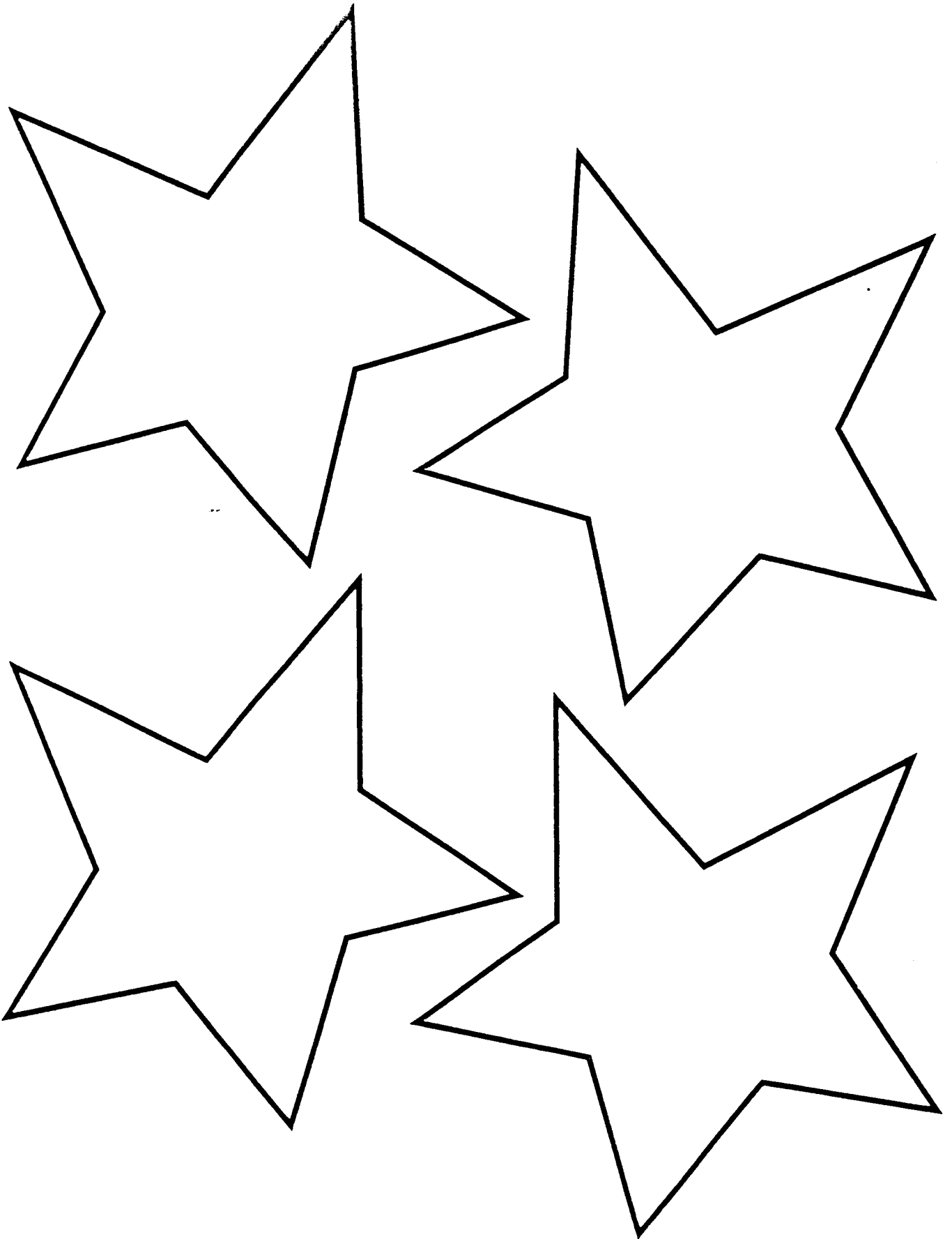
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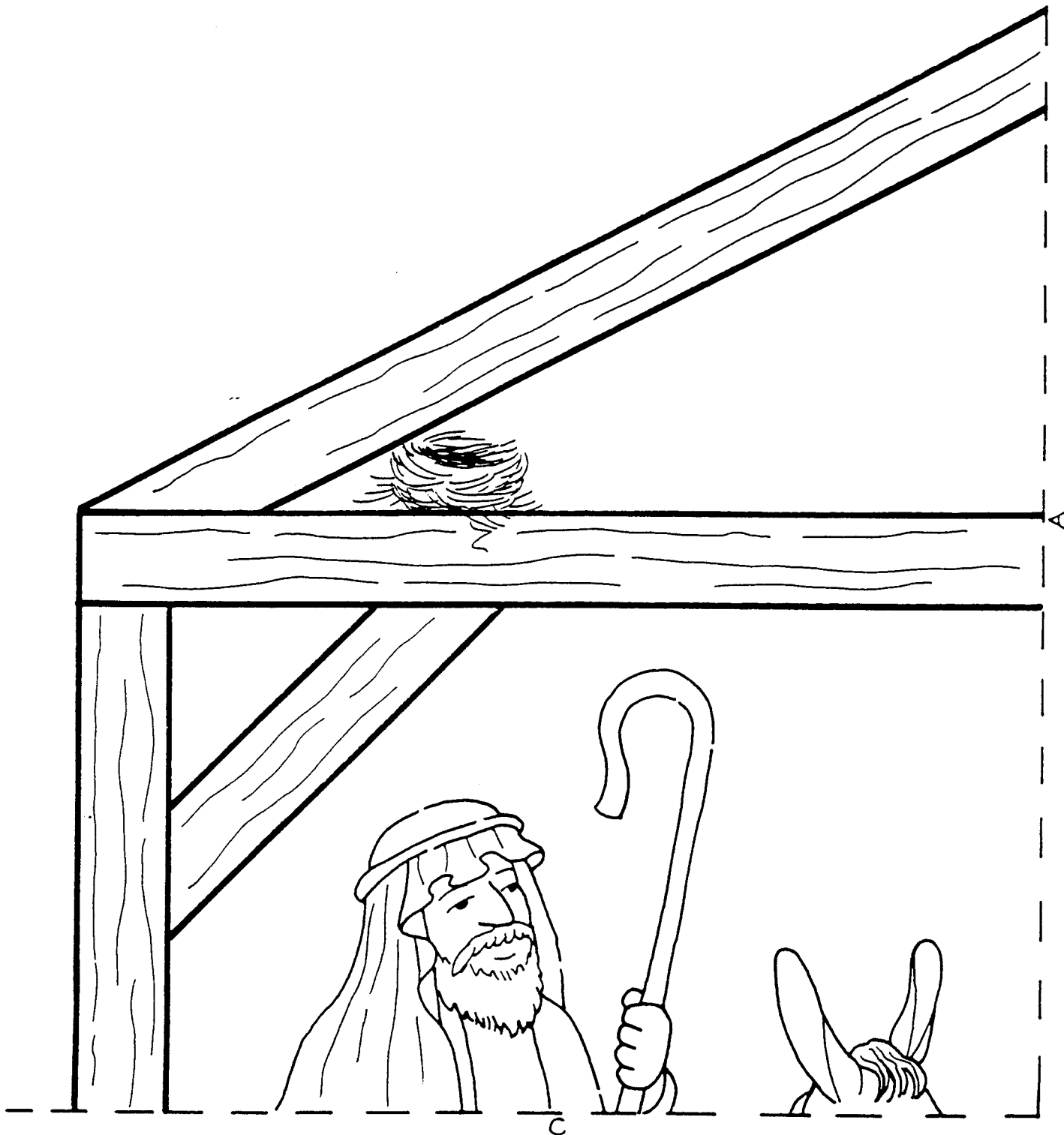


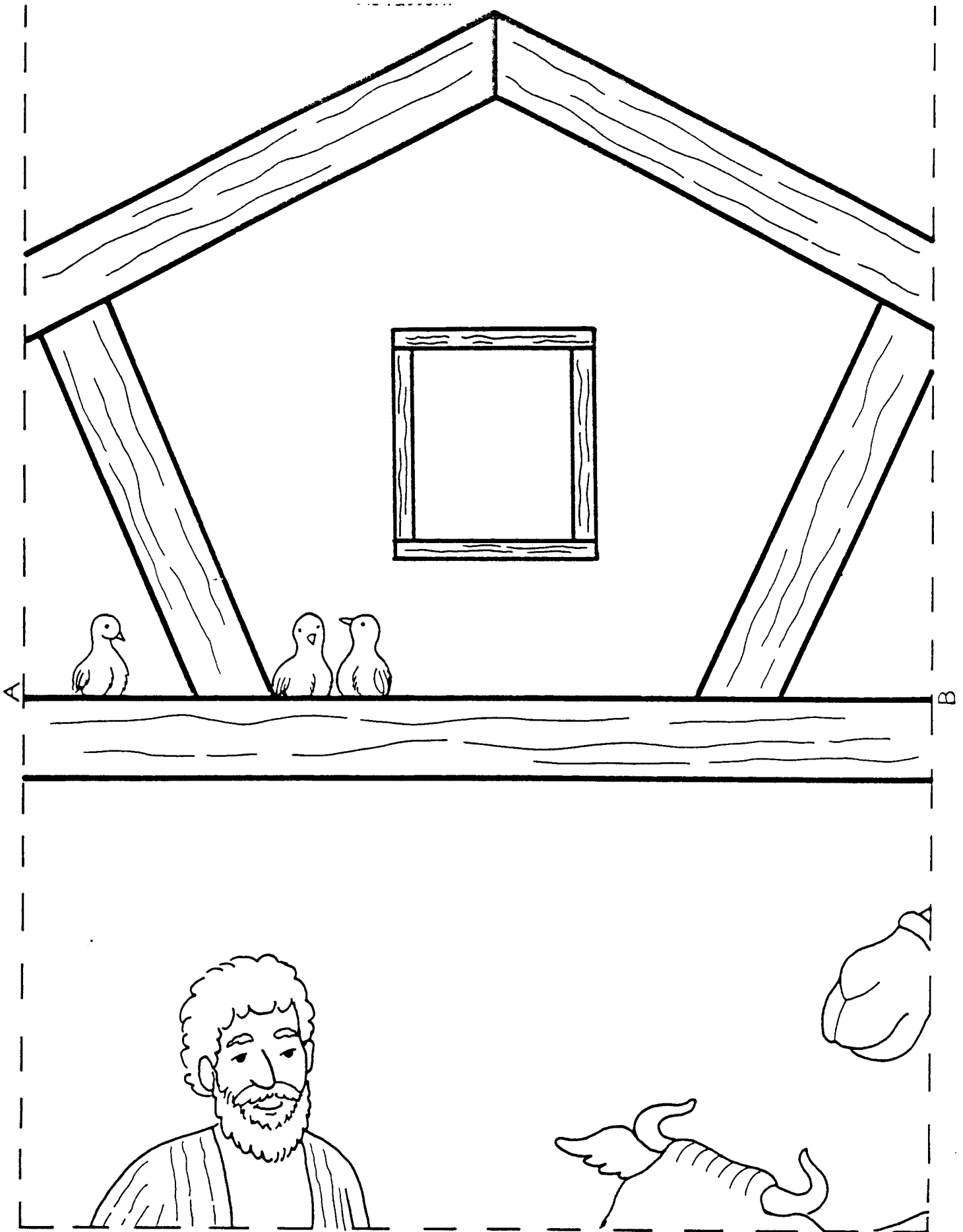
Poster: Stars over the Stable

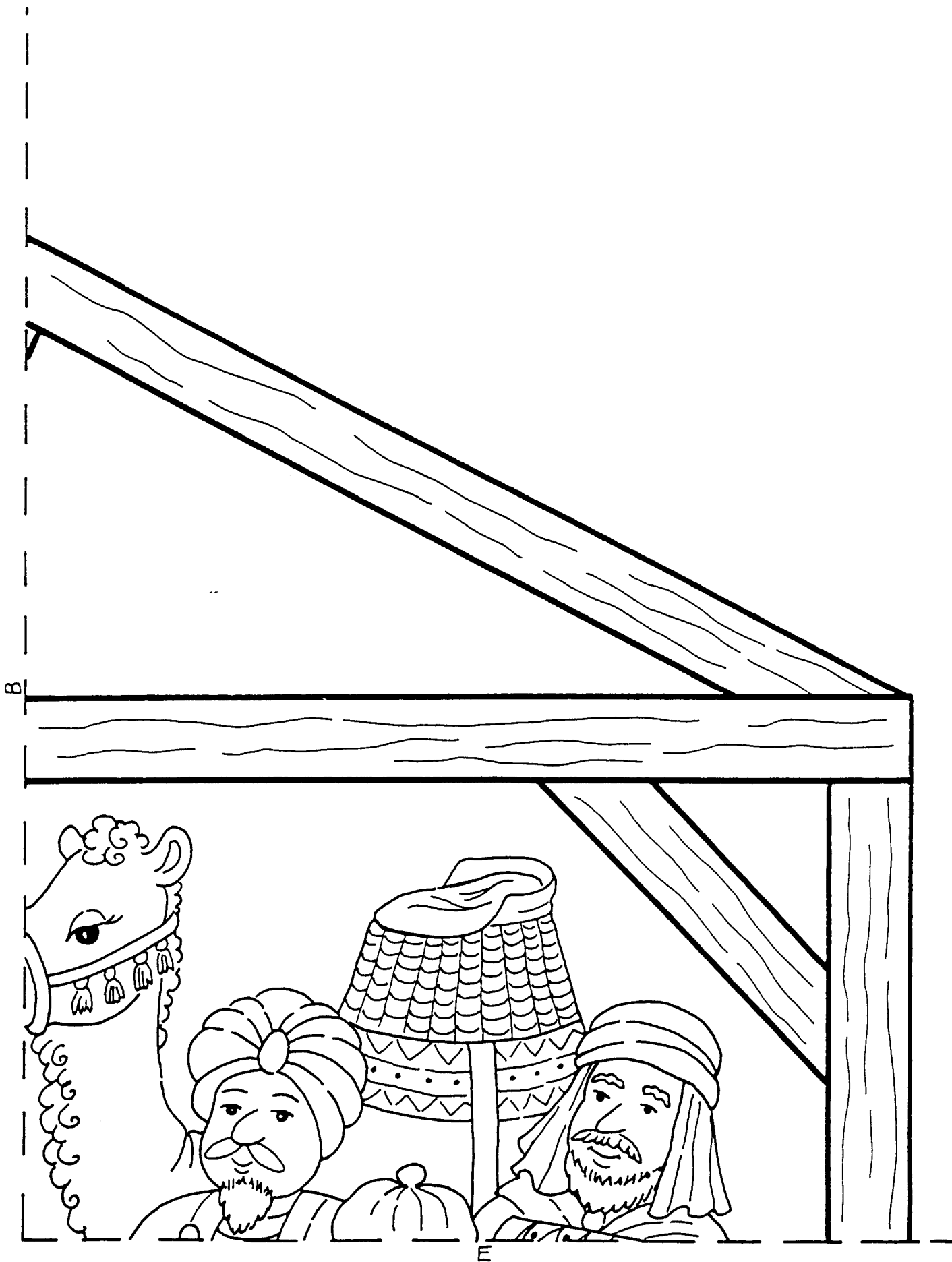
Directions:

1. Xerox the stable patterns onto white card stock.
2. Cut around the stable from each sheet.
3. Glue stable parts onto a sheet of black poster board, positioning them to create the entire stable.
4. Color and laminate.
5. Xerox the stars onto yellow card stock, X 4.
6. Cut each star out and laminate.
7. Velcro the stars above the stable.









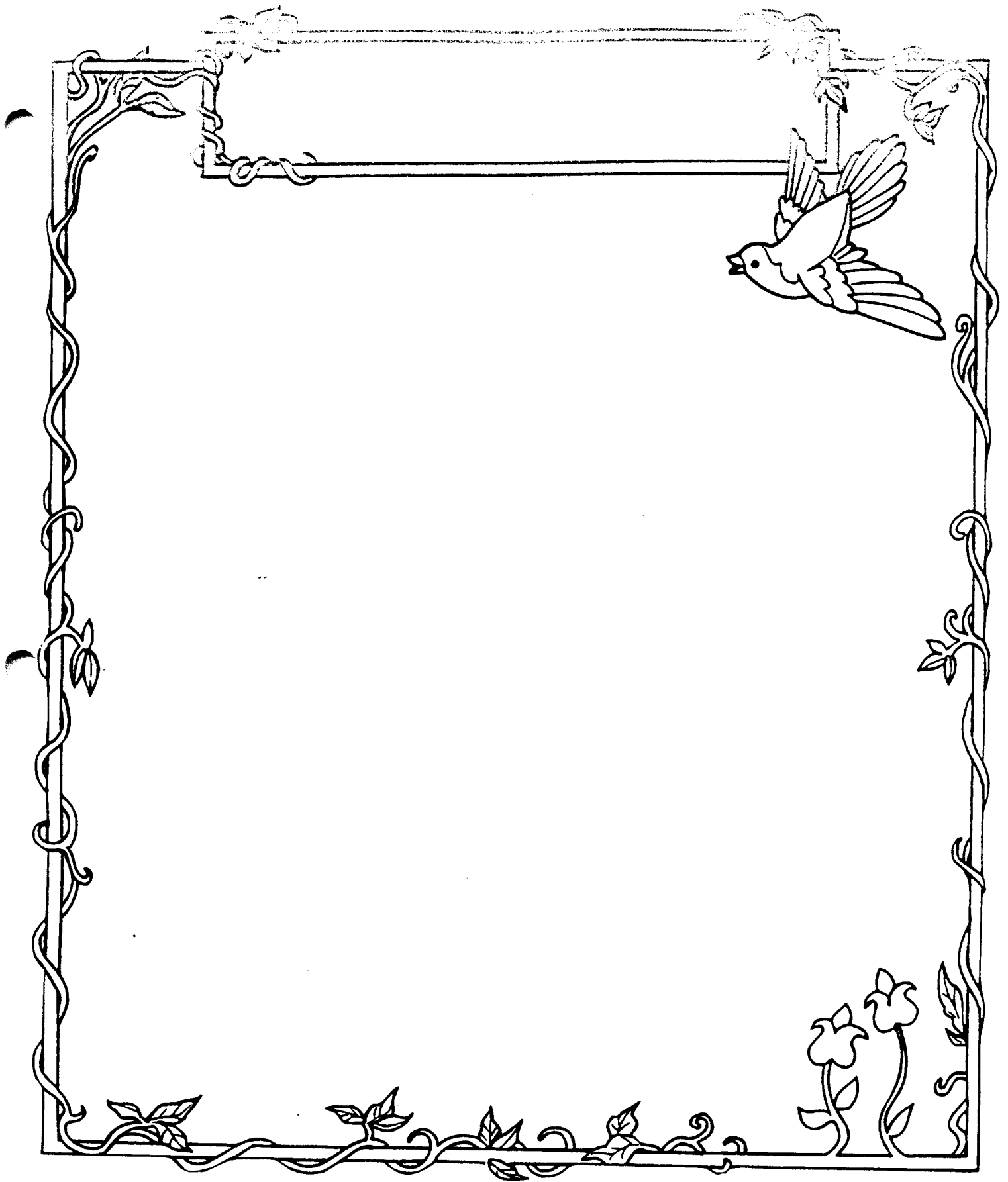






Vocabulary Words

Section 9

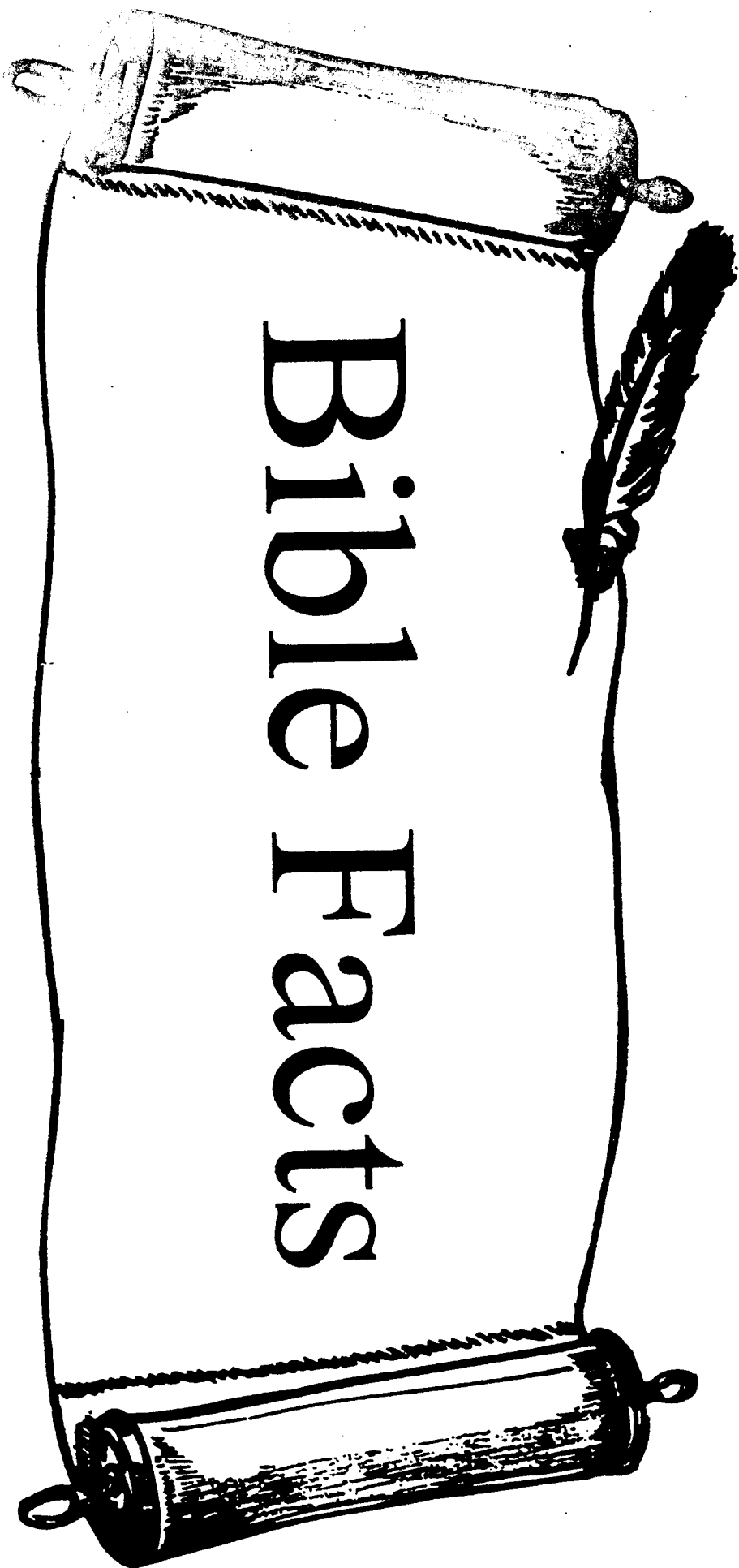


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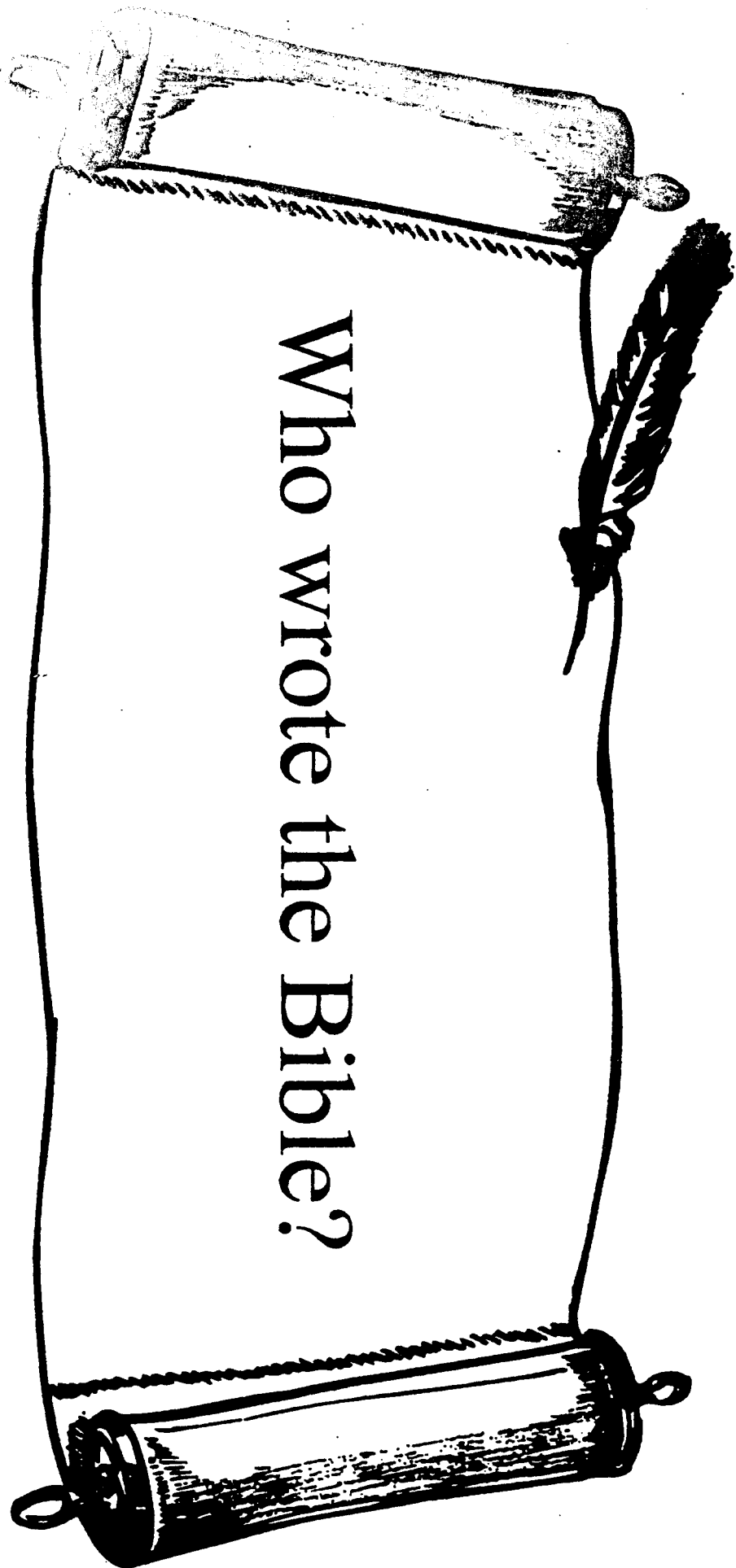
Directions:

1. Xerox each page onto card stock.
2. Laminate.
3. Arrange question and answers in logical order.
4. Bind at the top.

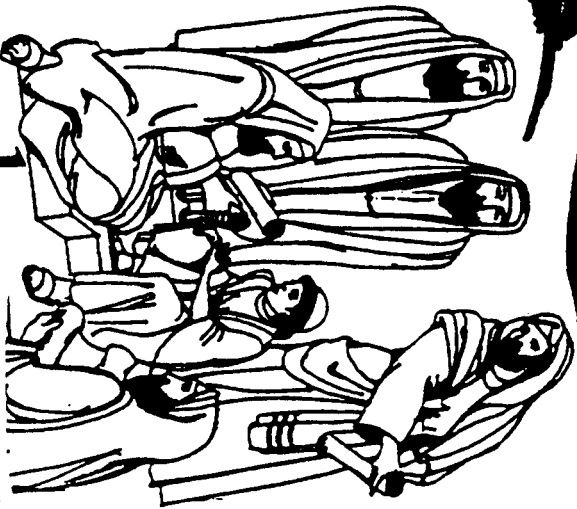
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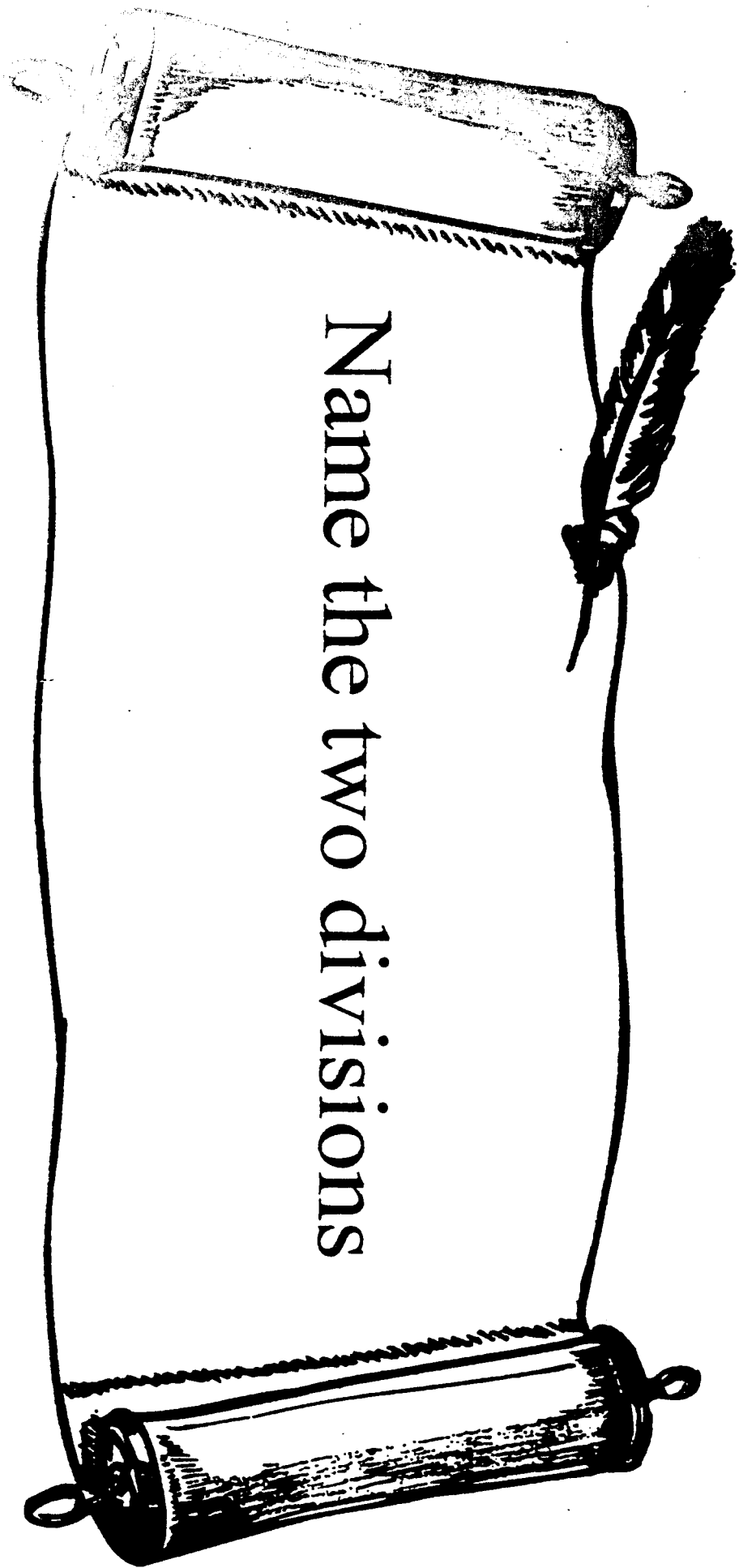
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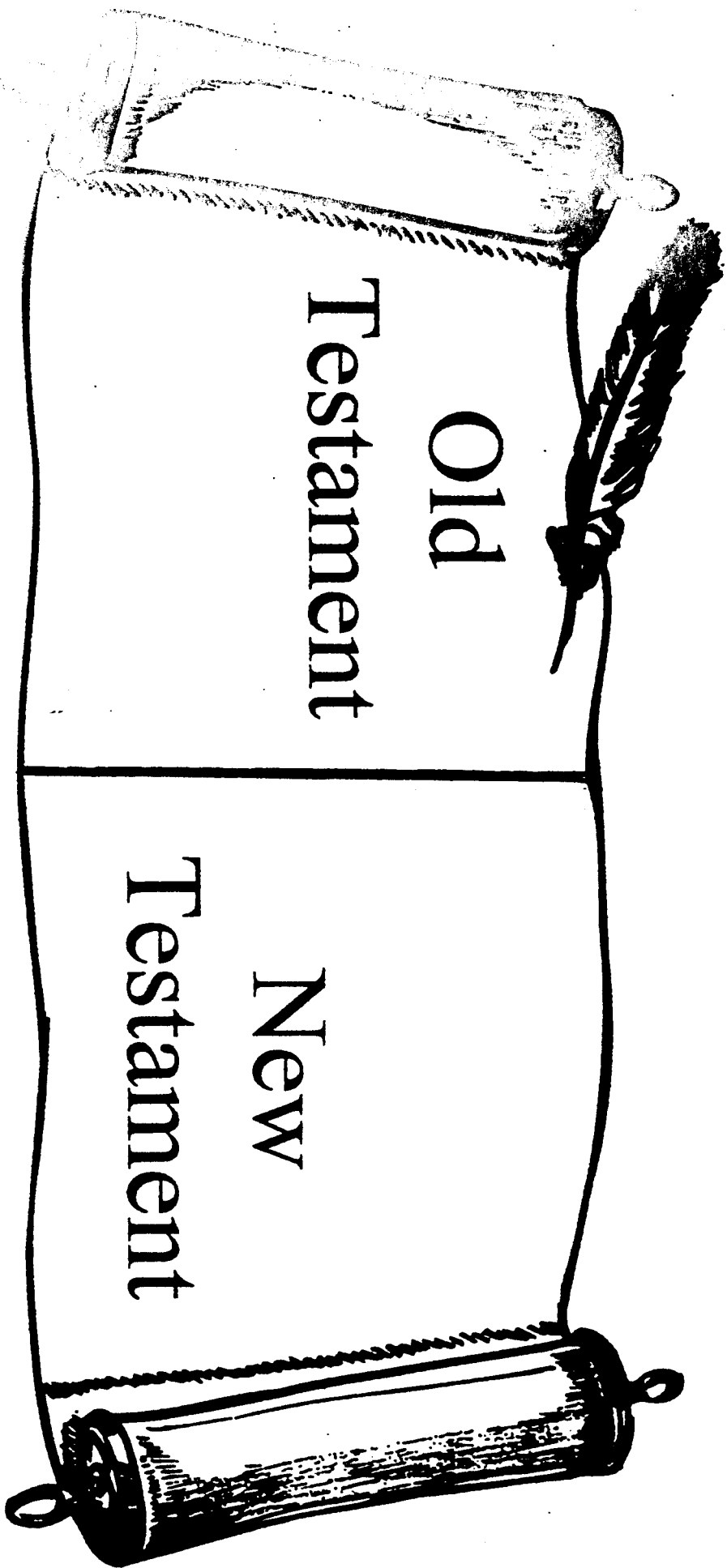


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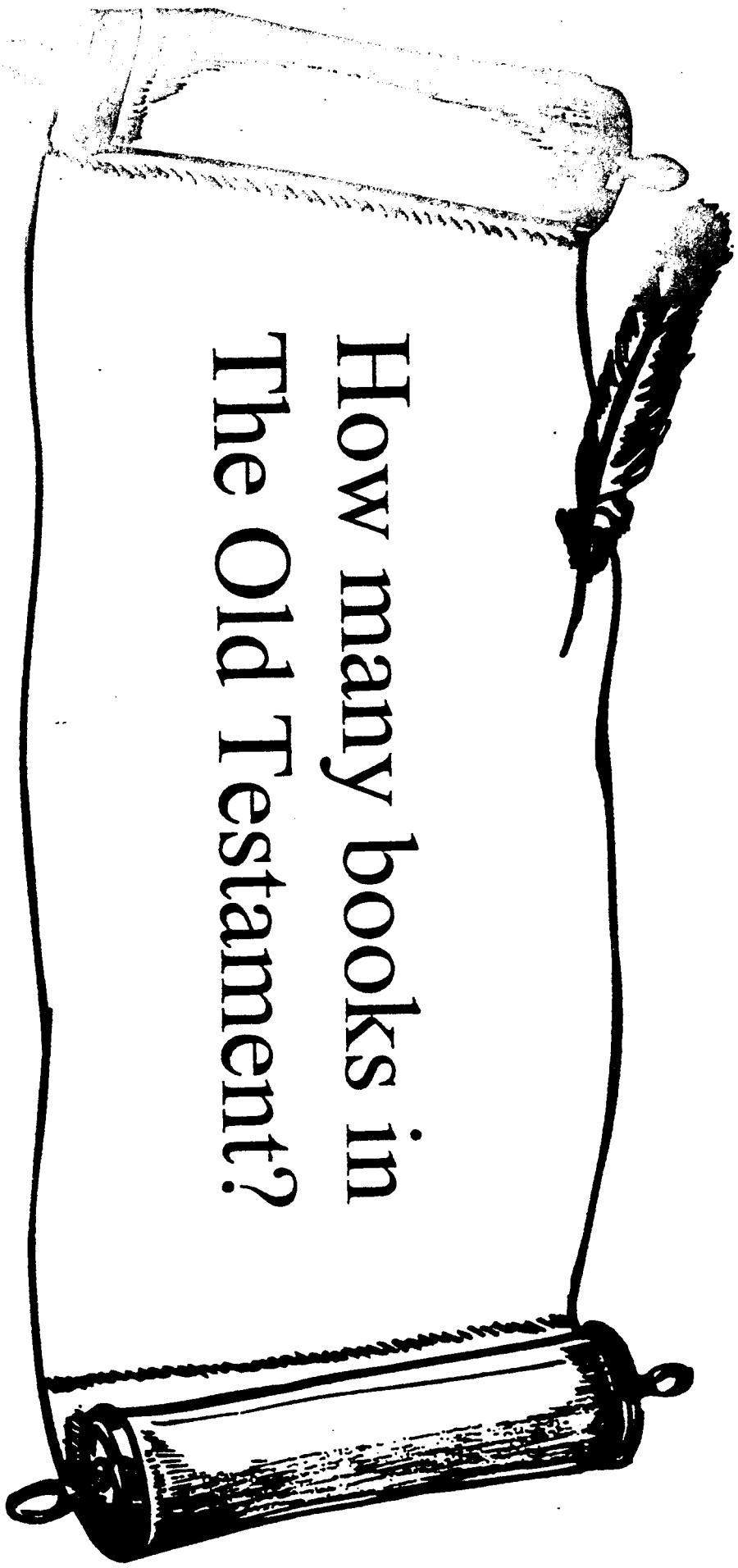


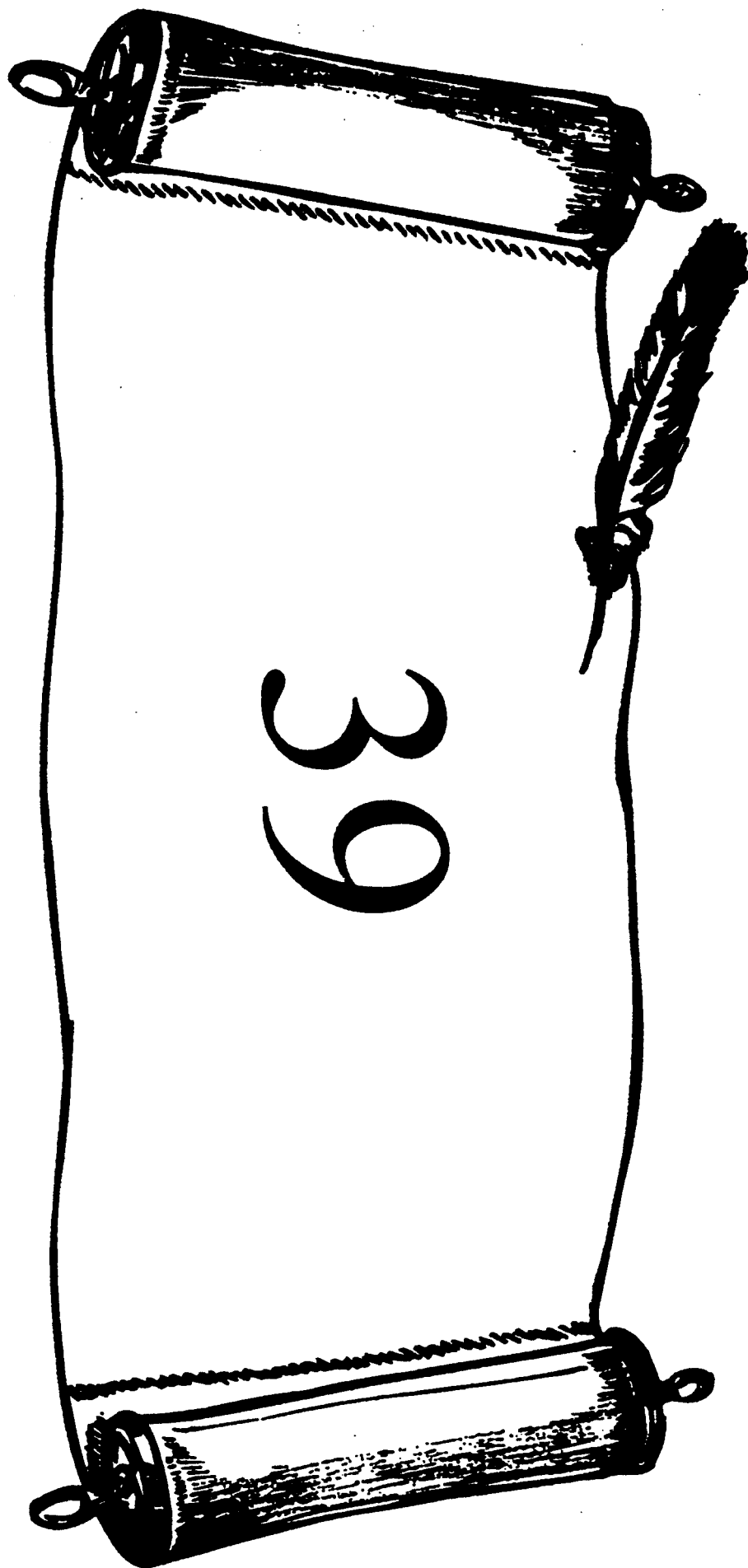
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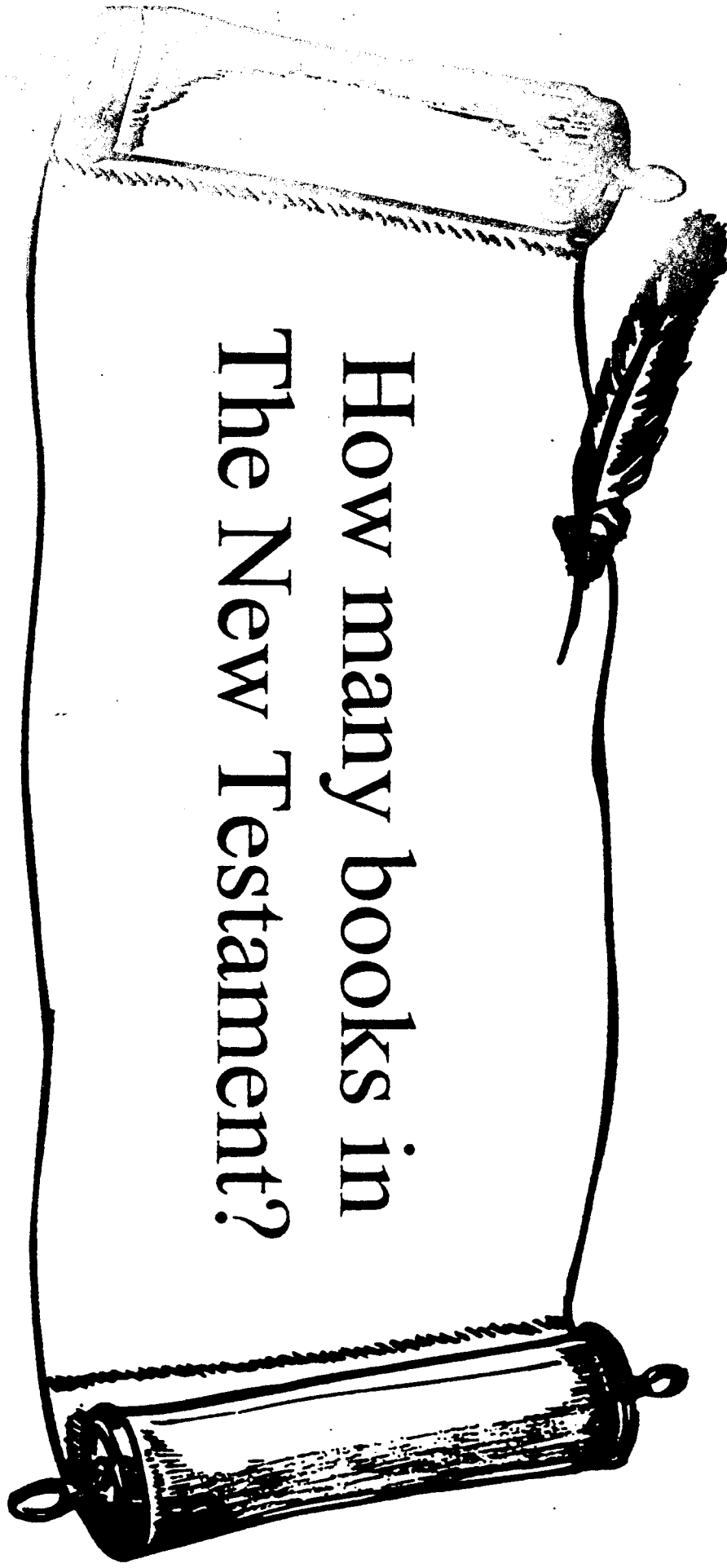




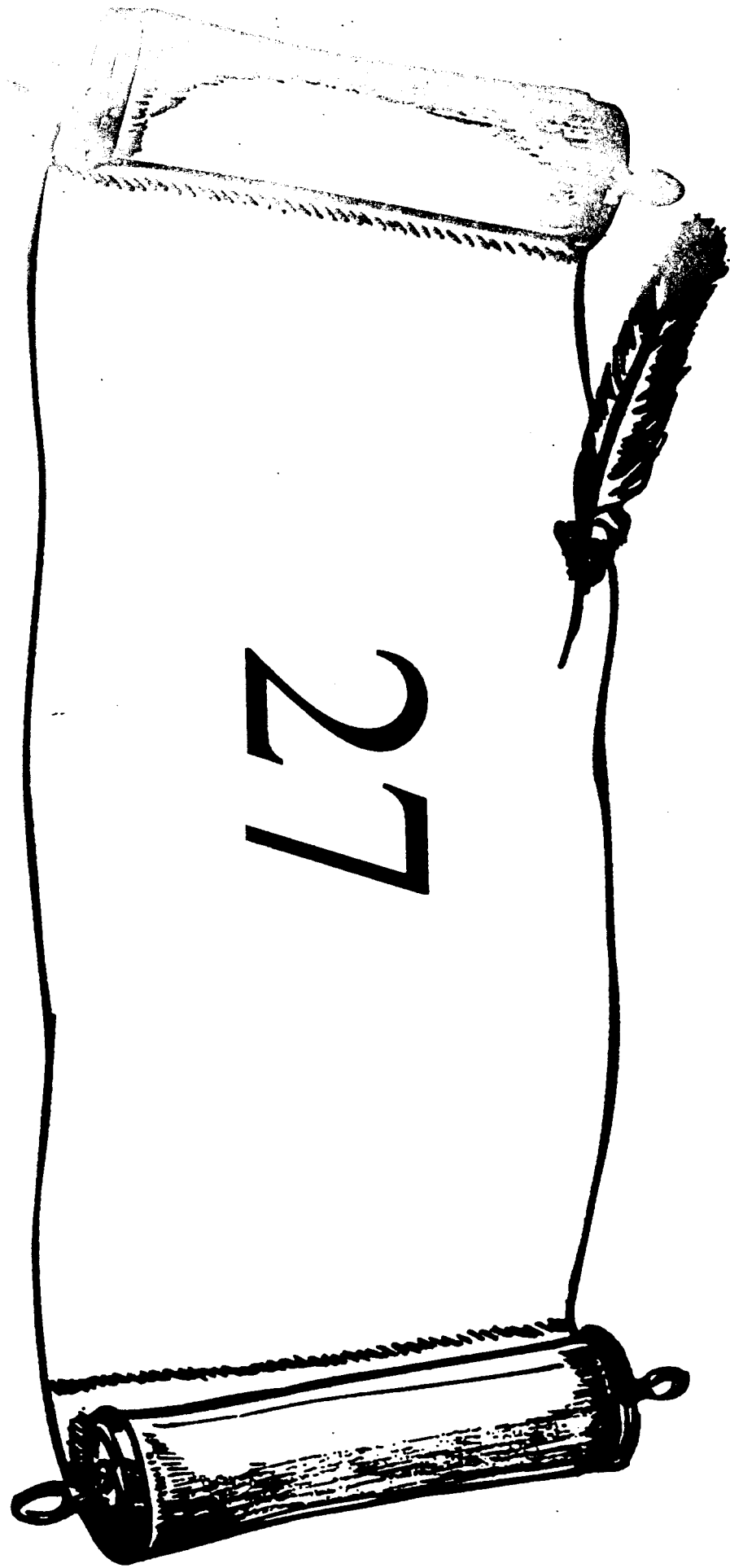
How many books in
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How many books in
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Birth of Jesus

Game Board

Directions:

1. Xerox the game board, game directions and "tab" identification onto white card stock.
2. Color the circled-spinner area and game board squares to correspond with each other.
3. Color the remainder of the board as you wish.
4. Mount the game board inside a file folder.
5. Mount the folder "name" to the tab.
6. Mount the game directions to the outside of the file folder.
7. Laminate.
8. Attach a commercially made spinner to the game board.

Birth of Jesus

Game Board

How to play:

- The first player spins the spinner and moves to the space that corresponds to that color or picture.
- Continue play clockwise to the next player
- Players follow the path through the Bible story.
- Whenever a player lands on a picture, they are to tell about that event.
- If a player lands on a picture they have already passed, they must go back to that point.
- If a player lands on a picture they have not yet come to, they can advance to that point.
- Play continues until one person reaches the end of the game board.

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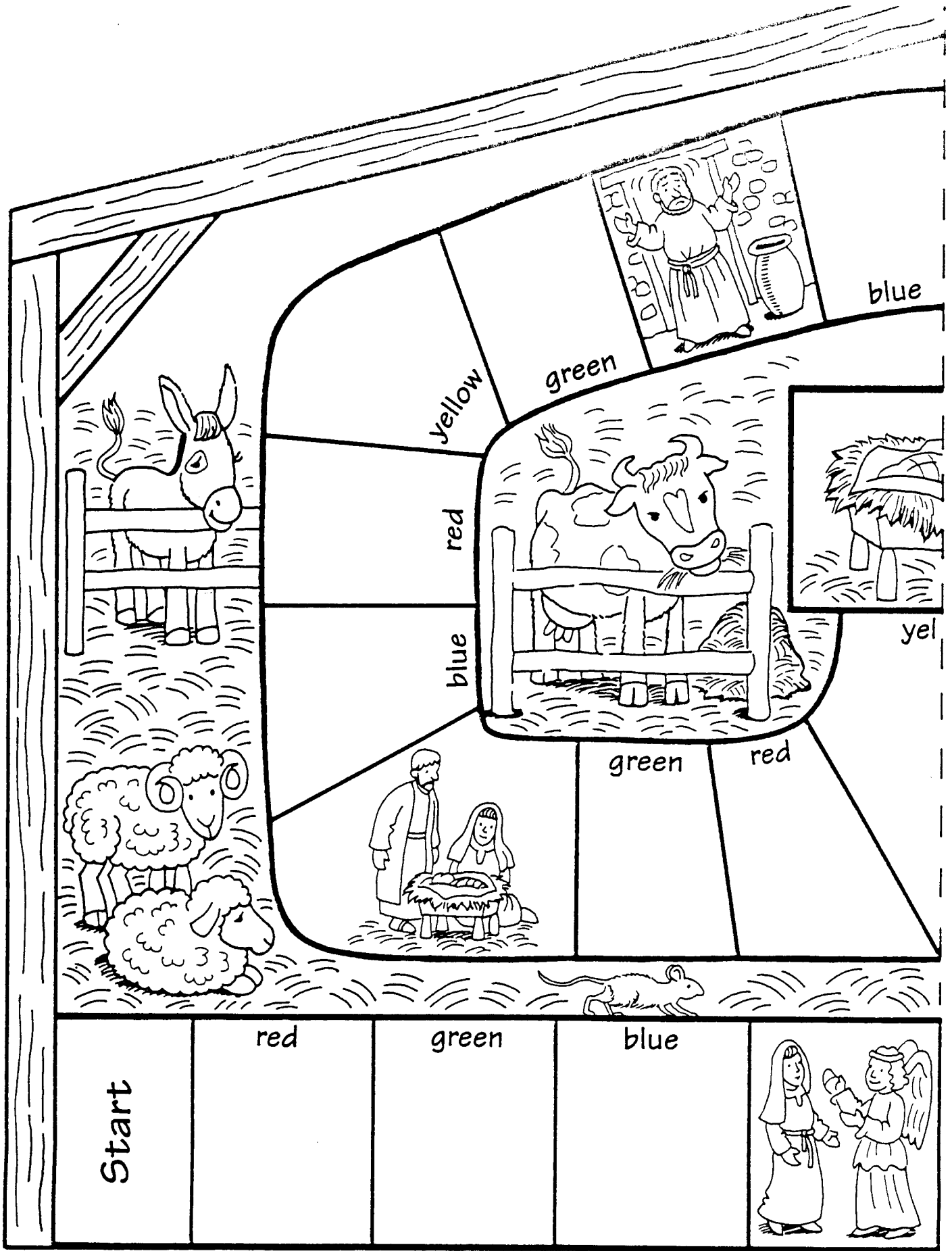
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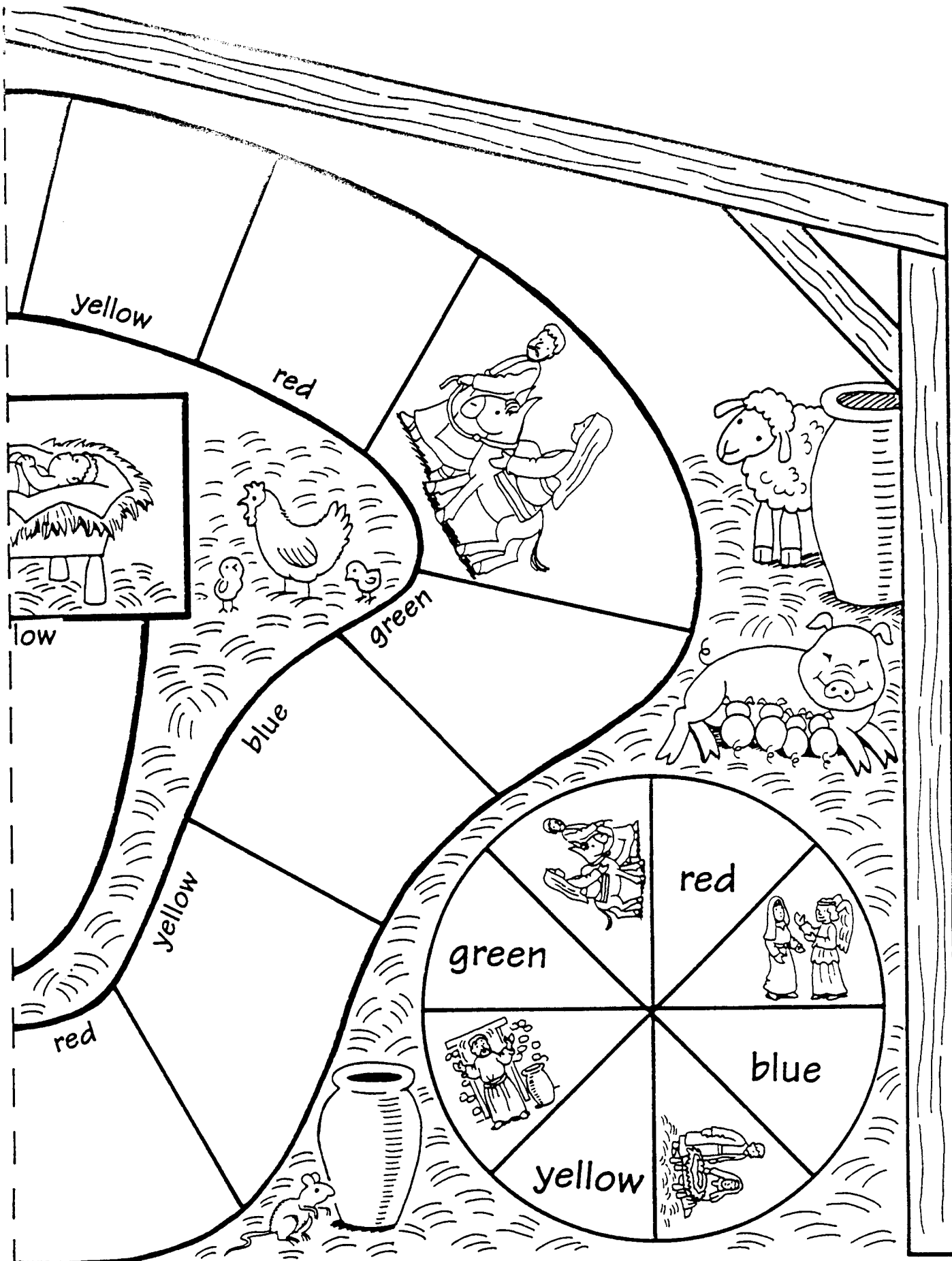
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Birth of Christ

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:1-18

Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-38

Section 9-Lesson 1

Wednesday Night

4-5 years old

PRETIME: Birth of Jesus – Activity Folders (9) *(Titles include: Stable Sounds, Starry Night, The Best Gift Ever, Follow the Star, What's Missing, Something Good to Hear, Shepherd Boy, Baby Jesus and Shepherd Maze.)*

ATTENDANCE: *(Have one student at a time mark their chart while the others complete the pre-time activity.)*

PRAYER: *(Lead the class in prayer or have a child say the prayer)*

DEFINITION: Immanuel – God with us. *(Show the vocabulary visual.)*

BIBLE STORY: What are baby Jesus' parent's names? Does he have more than one father? Name him. God sent his only son to be born so someday we could have the hope of heaven. This shows God's great love for us. Jesus' willingness to be born, like us, live and die for us also shows his great love. We are studying Jesus' life this quarter. Let's review the story of his birth. *(Use the black-light illustrations to portray the story. Text is included.)*

SONG: *(Children remove the "Mary/Angel" picture from their song box).*

Mary and the Angel (Tune- Are You Sleeping?)

Sweet sweet Ma ry

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God sent me

To tell you

Soon you'll be a Moth er

Soon you'll be a Moth er

Of God's Son, God's own Son

RECALL-REVIEW: *(Give each child a star to add, to the "stable" poster. In order to place a star over the stable, the child will have to think of a "fact" they learned from the story, and tell it to the class. The other children will have to recall and tell a different fact. Start with the youngest child first. Use the questions below if needed.)*

1. Who gave Mary the good news she would have a baby? (*Angel*)
2. What was the angel's name? (*Gabriel*)
3. Who was Mary "betrothed" to? (*Joseph*)
4. What city was Jesus born in? (*Bethlehem*)
5. Where did Mary have her baby? (*in a stable*)
6. What did Mary wrap her baby in? (*swaddling clothes*)
7. What type of bed did baby Jesus lay in? (*manger*)
8. What was Jesus' "earthly" father's name? (*Joseph*)
9. What was Jesus' "heavenly" father's name? (*God*)
10. Who told the shepherds of Jesus' birth? (*Angel*)
11. How many shepherds came to see Jesus? (*don't know*)
12. How did they find baby Jesus? (*followed the star*)
13. Who came from the east to see baby Jesus? (*wise men*)
14. How many wise men came to see Jesus? (*don't know*)
15. How many gifts did they bring? (*3*)
16. What were the gifts? (*Gold, frankincense, myrrh*)
17. Who is "Immanuel"? (*Jesus*)
18. What does "Immanuel" mean? (*God with us*)

SONG: (*Children remove the "Jesus/Animals/Shepherd/Wise Men" picture from their song box.*)

Baby Jesus (Tune- Jesus Loves Me)

Baby Jesus, God's own Son,
Born today in Bethlehem.
Horses, donkeys, cows, and sheep
Watched the little baby sleep.

He came to save me.
He came to save you.
He came to save us
Because God loves us so!

Shepherds heard the angels sing,
Then went to see the newborn king.
Later wise men worshiped, too,
Just like you and I should do!

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VOCABULARY: *(Give each child their vocabulary notebook, and have them color the word for today – Immanuel. While they are coloring, start Bible facts.)*

BIBLE FACTS: *(Use the “Bible” facts flip-chart.) Name the books of the New Testament. (This can be done as a group or, have a child recite the books. Record the “single” child’s progress on the “memory-record” poster.)*

MEMORY VERSE: *“For nothing will be impossible with God” Luke 1:37*

TAKE-HOME HANDOUT(S): “Birth of Jesus” Review Book

* After class is over, hang the review poster for Lesson 1

168. ANGELS APPEAR TO SHEPHERDS

(LUKE 2:8-20)



"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

LUKE 2:9-11

ANGEL



CRAFT "Angel"

1. Cut out the figure of the angel and the wings by the outline.
2. Color the angel and the wings.
3. Make slots in the wings.
4. Pass the angel's hands through the slots in the wings.



Directions:

1. Xerox this page, per child, on white card stock.
2. Cut out each angel.
3. Cut each angel into 5 puzzle pieces.
4. Arrange the pieces together to reform the angel, and place on the table at each child's seat.
5. Set out crayons for all children.
6. When the children arrive in class they are to color their angel puzzle pieces, shuffle them, and put the pieces together again.
7. While this is being done have each child, one at a time, mark their attendance chart.
8. When all attendance charts are marked, give each child a zip-lock bag to place their puzzle pieces in to take home.

Note: Those who do not finish can finish at home. Class instruction should begin.

Pre-Time Activity Folders:

Lesson 1, Wednesday

Directions:

1. Color copy the "master set" of the folder page layouts.
2. Use a glue stick to mount the page layout inside a file folder.
3. Xerox the folder tab titles onto white card stock.
4. Cut to size to fit the tabs.
5. Attach folder titles to folder tabs using a glue stick.
6. Laminate and trim.
7. Students are to use WIPE-AWAY pens ONLY!!!

How to Use:

Place a folder and wipe-away pen on the table where every child sits. Have a box of "wet ones" or "diaper wipes" on hand. The children may work at their own pace. Once they have finished one folder they are to "clean" it and then may take a different folder to work. This can continue until attendance is taken and it is time to begin the lesson.

Note:

This is a class set of folders and not to be taken home by children.

Pre-Time Activity Folder Tabs: Lesson 1, Wednesday
(Xerox on card stock)

Stable Sounds

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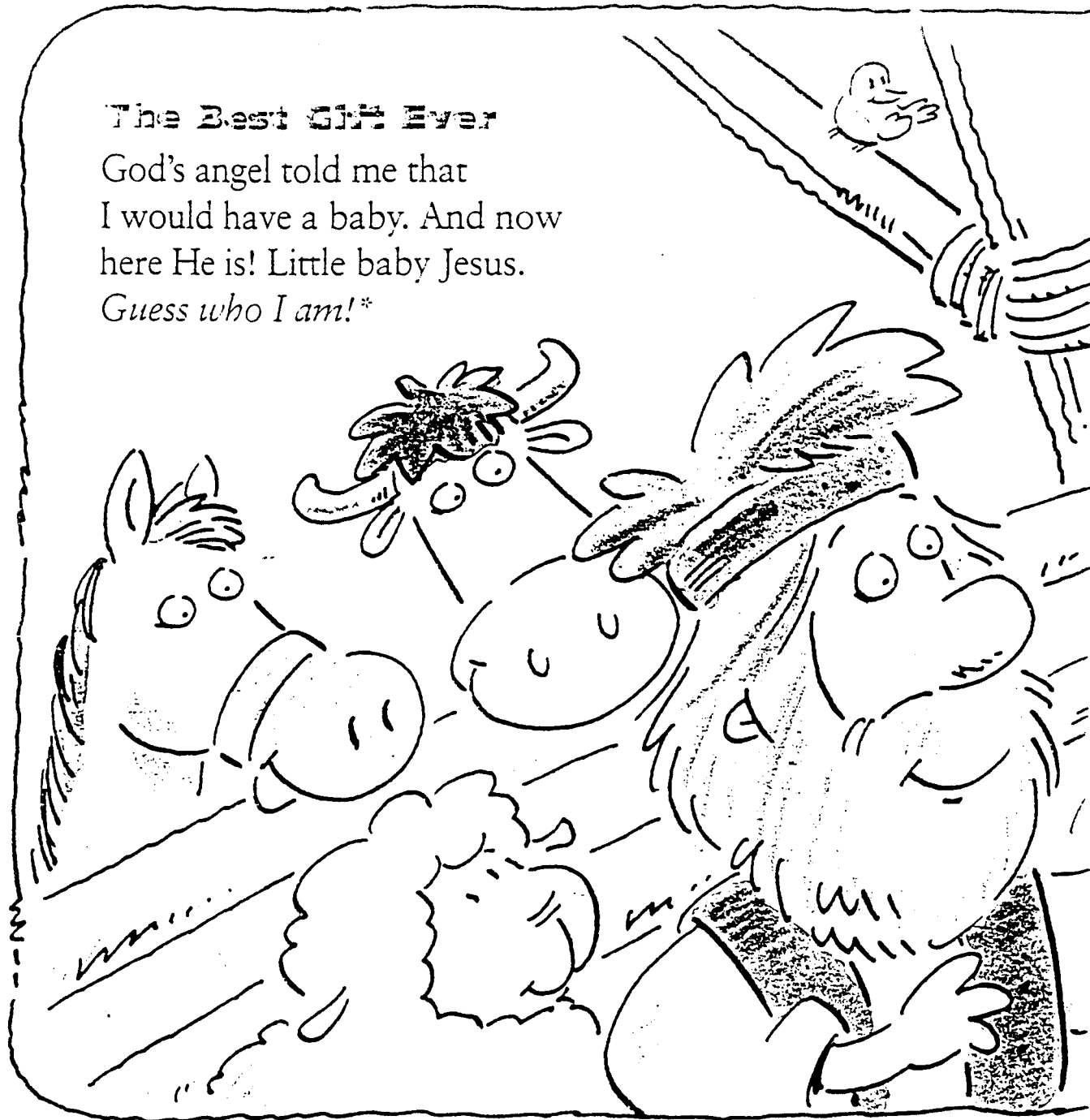
Shepherd Maze

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The Best Gift Ever

God's angel told me that
I would have a baby. And now
here He is! Little baby Jesus.

*Guess who I am!**



*MAMA WITH JOSEPH, LOOK 1-2



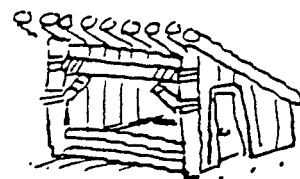
Baby Jesus



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sheep



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Joseph



Mary



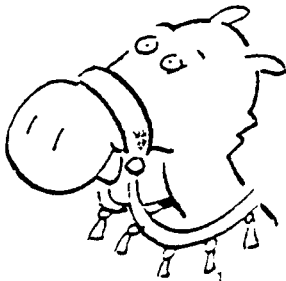
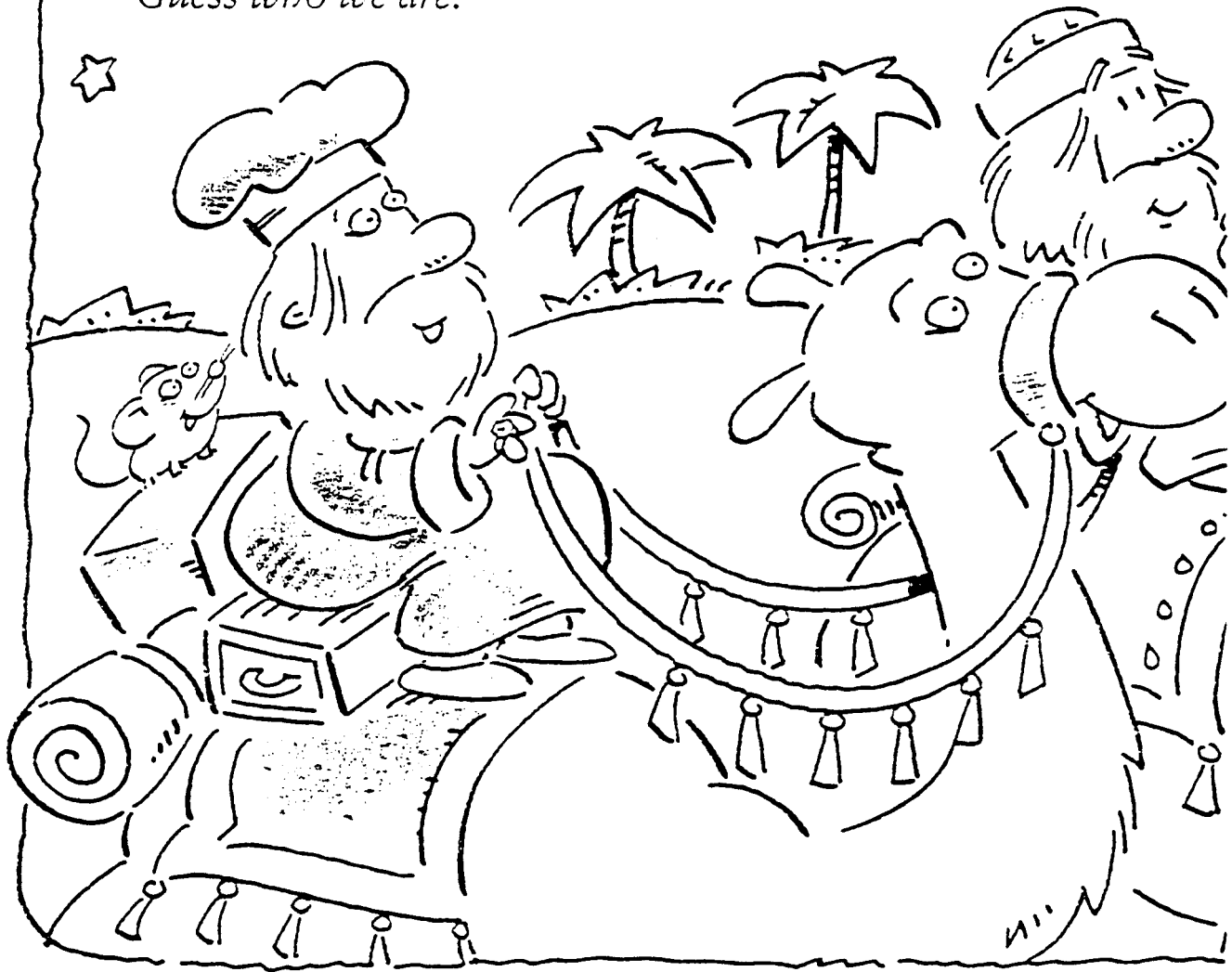
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Follow the Star

From far away we followed a star, until we
found what we were looking for—Baby Jesus!
*Guess who we are!**



camel



ring



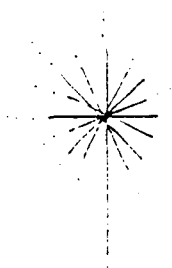
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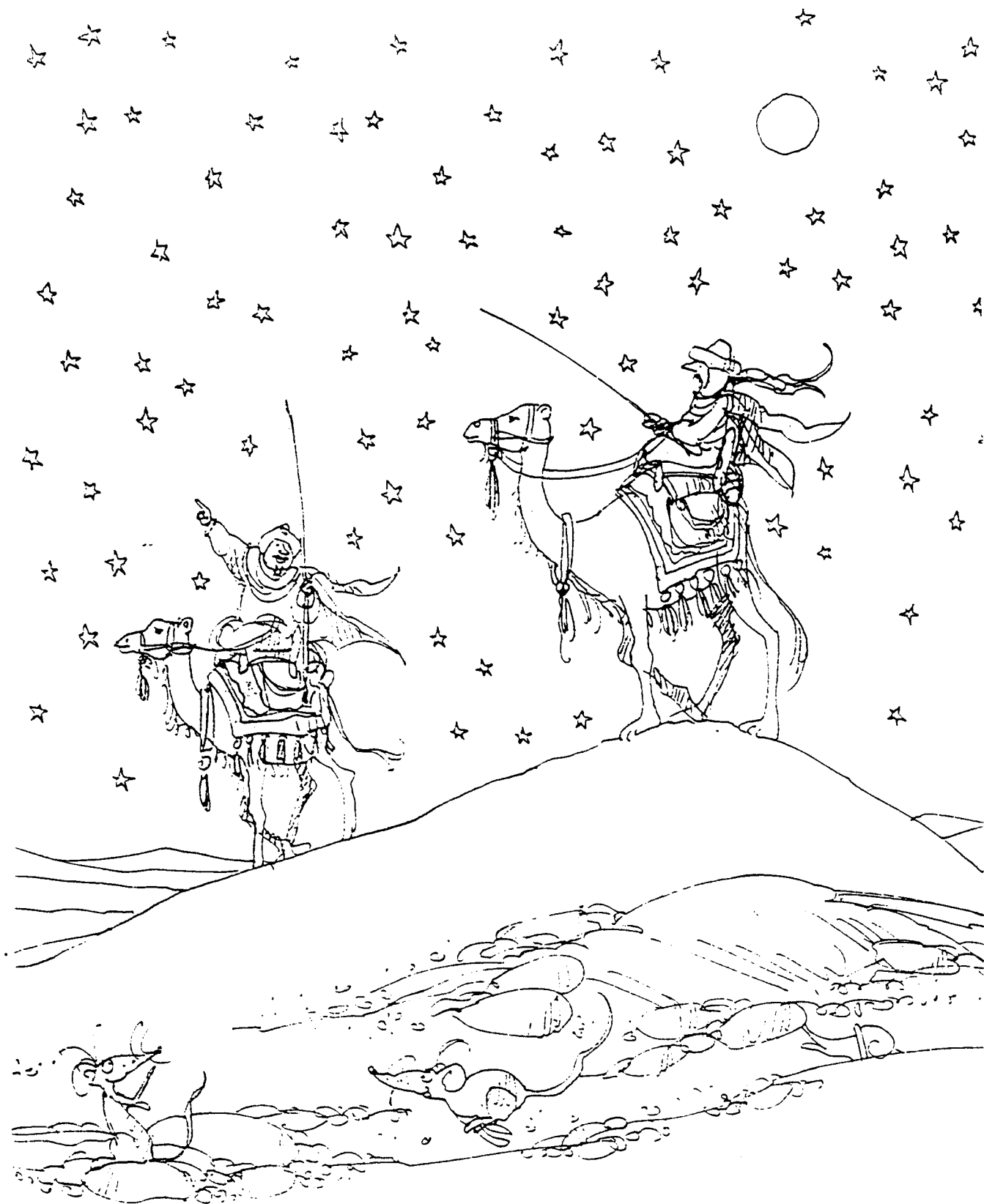
Starry Night

Twinkle, twinkle special star,
How we wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky:
We will travel very far
Following this special star!



Now let's see
How good you are
At counting every single star!





Stable Sounds

Little Baby Jesus
Was born in a stable,
So try to match.
If you are able.
Some sounds that Jesus
May have heard
With the right creature—
Animal or bird!



Meow!

Moo!



Woof

Ba-a-a-a!

Hee! Haw!

Coo! Coo!

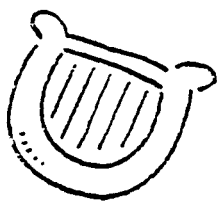
Squeak!

Something Good to Hear

What is this bright light?
It is angels telling us about a baby.
The baby is God's Son,
and we want to see Him!
*Guess who we are!**



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harp



shepherd



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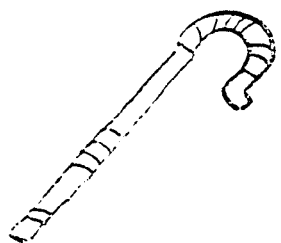
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camp fire

staff

log

sheep dog

Immanuel



God With Us

Black-light Visuals: The Birth of Jesus

Directions:

1. Xerox the given pages onto white card stock.
2. Color each illustration using fluorescent markers.
3. Laminate to preserve, trim.
4. Read the text provided as you show each event.

Note: A black-light lamp must be used. The effect will be best at night services.

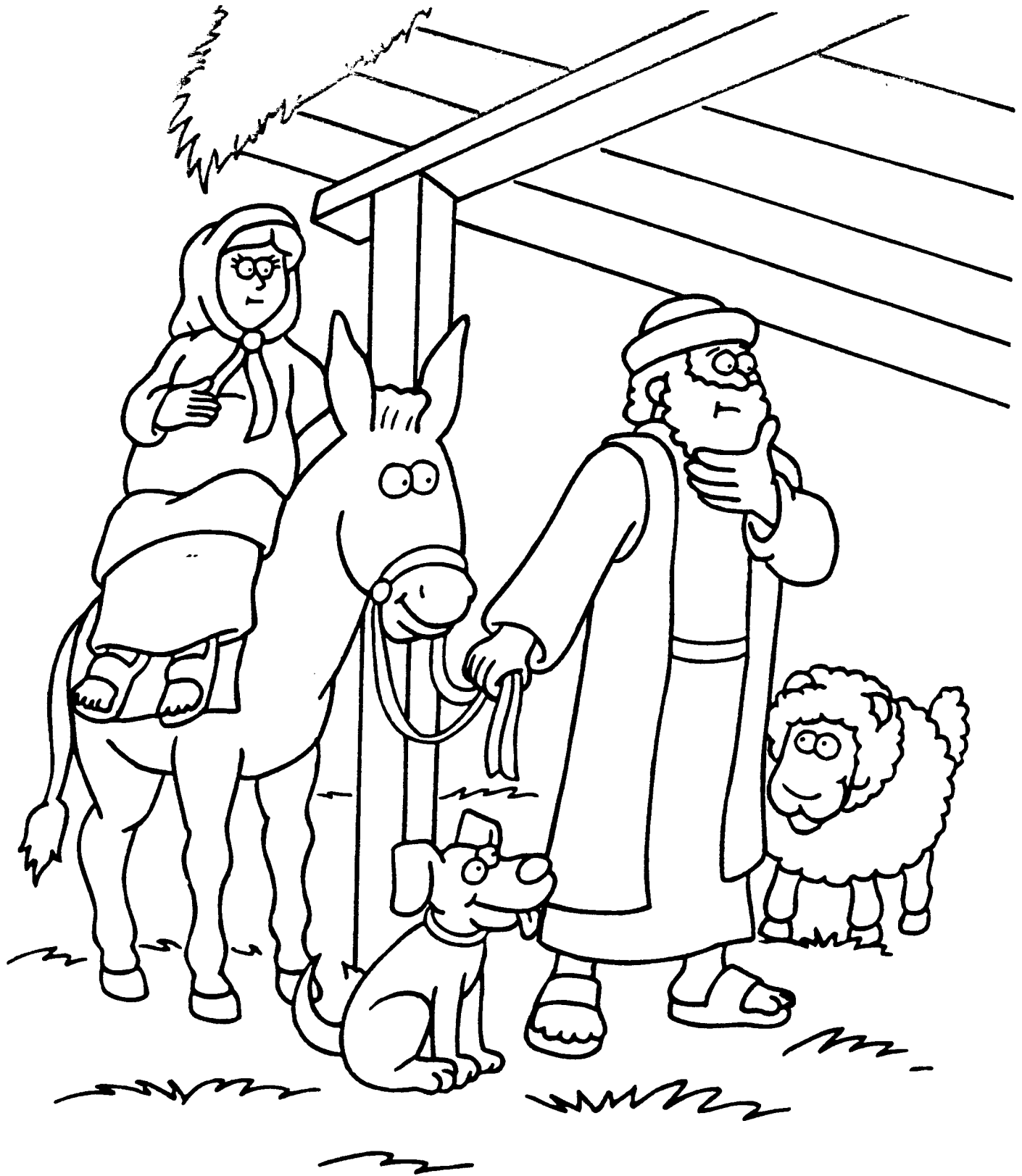
Black-light Visuals: The Birth of Jesus

1. This is Mary and Joseph. They loved each other very much. Mary is betrothed to Joseph.
2. One day an angel named Gabriel told Mary she would have God's Son. Mary wondered how this could happen. Gabriel told her that, "**Nothing was impossible with God**". Mary believed Gabriel.
3. After Mary and Joseph were married, Jewish law said everyone had to travel to their hometown to be counted in the censuses. Joseph's hometown was Bethlehem so they started their journey. Bethlehem was very crowded. There was no room for Mary and Joseph at the inn.
4. The innkeeper let Mary and Joseph stay in his stable. It was not the best conditions, but it provided a place to rest and gave the privacy Mary needed to give birth to her baby boy.
5. That night, just as the angel Gabriel had promised, a baby was born. He was God's son! A Savior had been born! Mary and Joseph named him, Jesus, as they had been told. Mary wrapped her baby in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

6. Nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep at night and an angel appeared saying, "God's Son was born in Bethlehem. Go see him."
7. Next, the sky was filled with heavenly beings. They sang and praised God saying, "Glory to God and peace on Earth."
8. The shepherds traveled to Bethlehem, following the star in the sky which showed them where Jesus lay. Just as the angel had told them, they found baby Jesus in the stable, laying in a manger.
9. Far away, wise men from the East had heard the news of Jesus' birth. They too wanted to see this special baby. A baby who would become the King of Kings. They set out to follow the star which they knew would lead them to God's Son.
10. When they found baby Jesus, they fell to the ground and worshipped him and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.









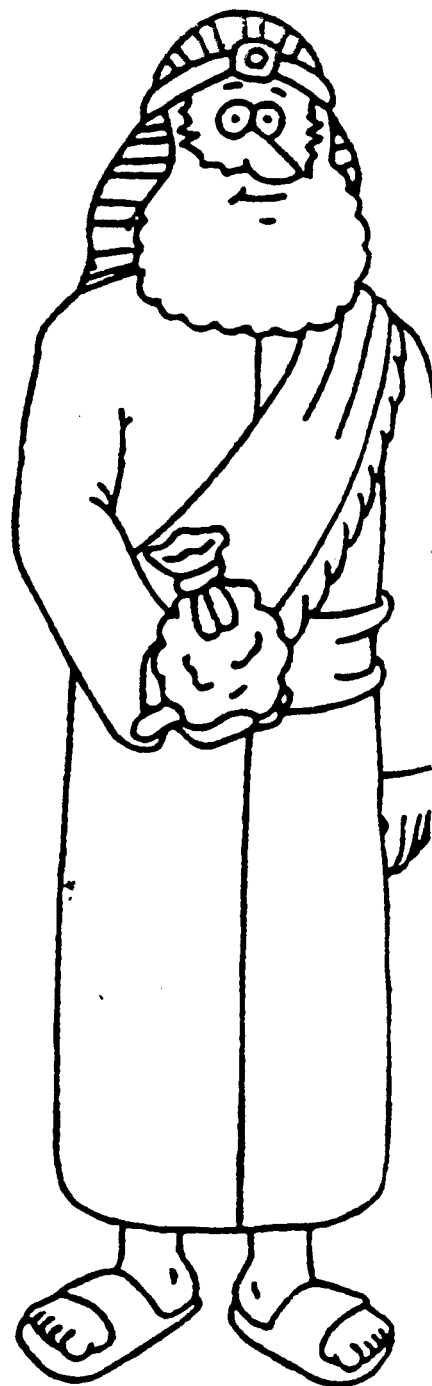
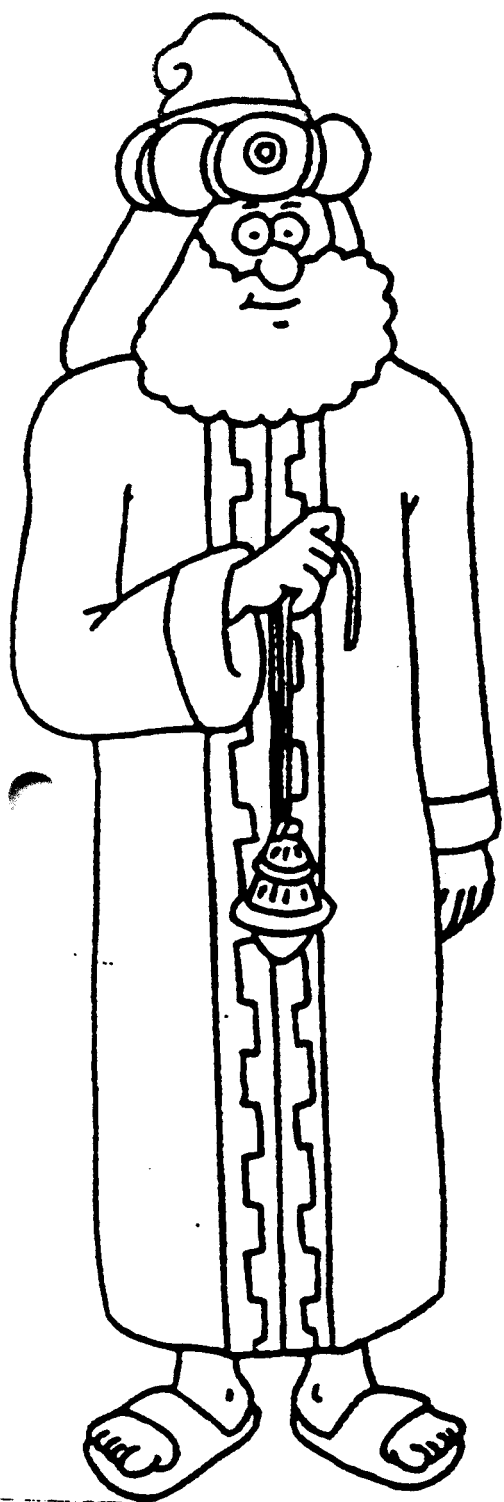








Wise men followed a bright star in the heavens. They knew the star would lead them to God's Son.



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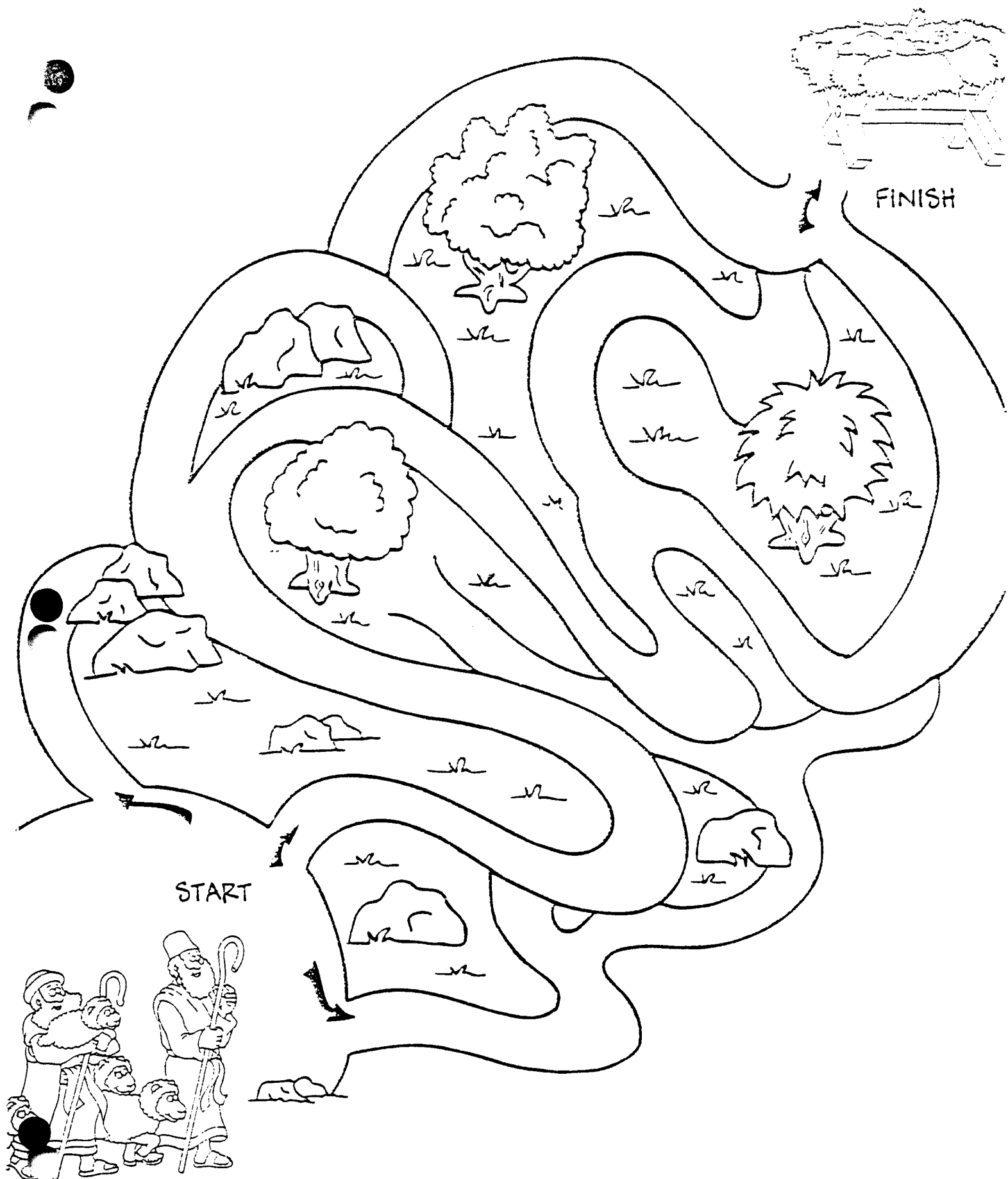
A promise to marry

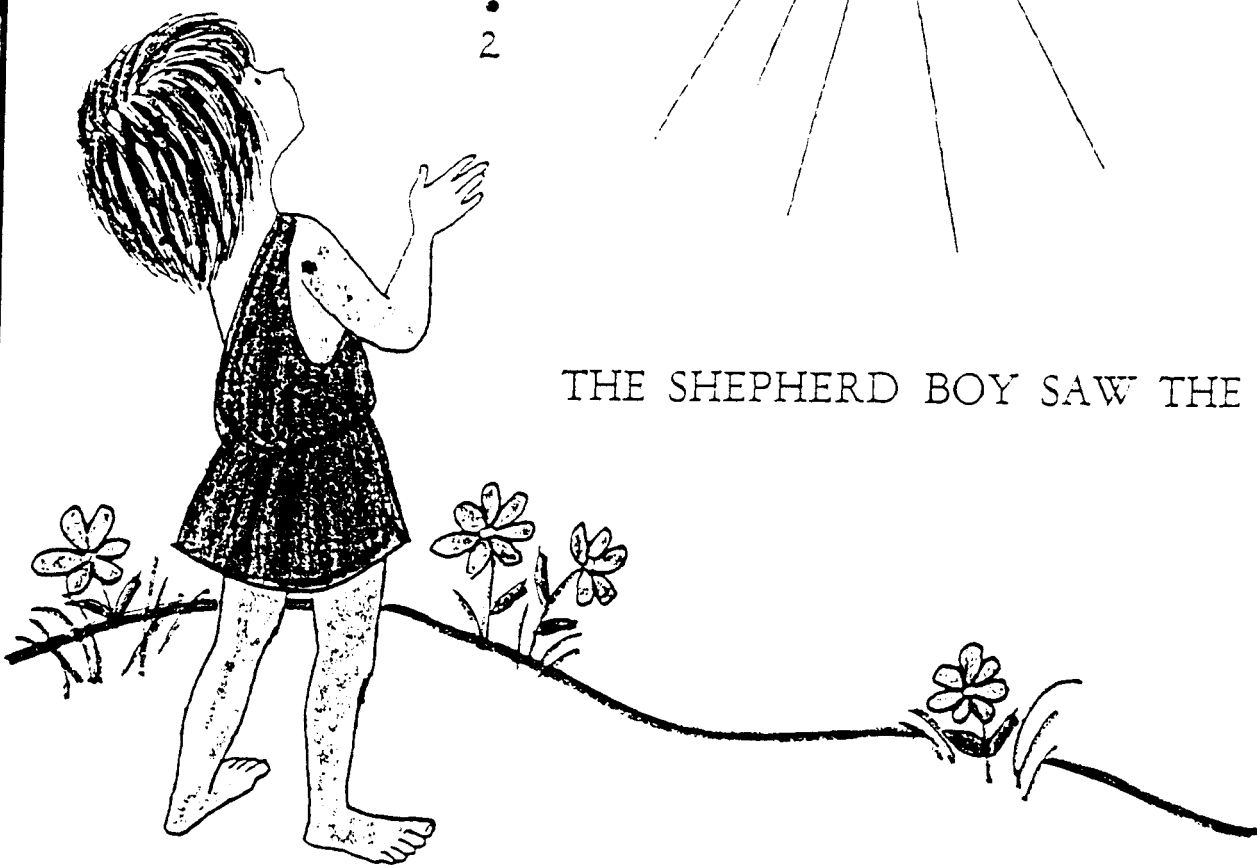
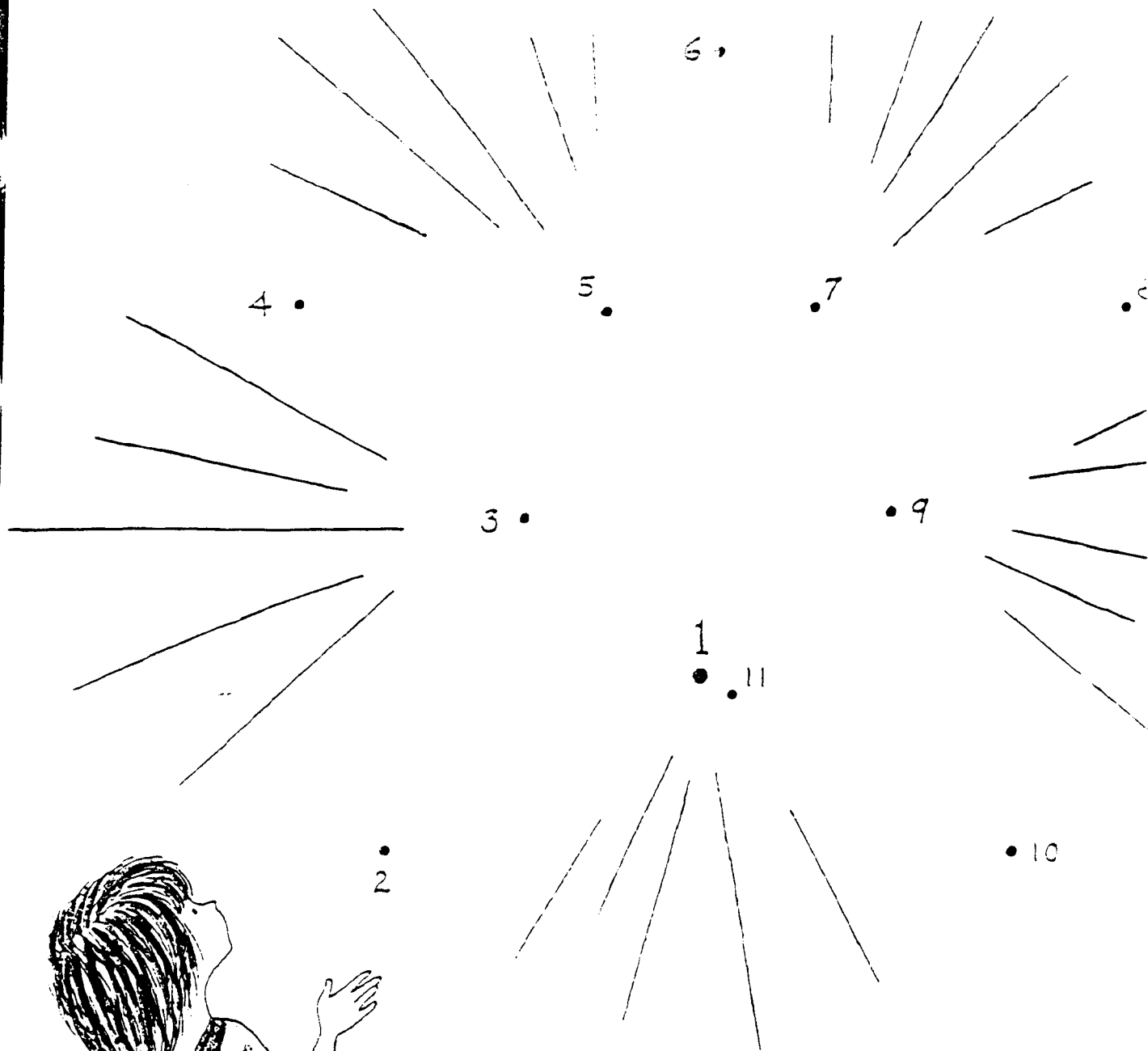
Review Posters

1. **Select a picture to represent the story of the week.**
2. **Make a transparency of the picture.**
3. **Using the transparency, enlarge the picture to fit a sheet of poster board.**
4. **Outline the picture with pencil, then cover pencil with a black marker to give a coloring book effect.**
5. **Color the picture with crayon.**
6. **Cut out picture, cutting away any background that can be eliminated.**
7. **Laminate.**
8. **Hang under large letters entitled, The Life of Jesus.**

Jesus is born.
Luke 2:1-7







THE SHEPHERD BOY SAW THE _____