

Birth of Christ

Section 9 – Lesson 1

Sunday Morning

1st & 2nd Grades

PRAYER: *(Ask the children if there are any special things we need to pray for today. Lead the class in prayer, or have a child say the prayer)*

PRETIME: Maze – “Help Mary and Joseph find their way to Bethlehem”.

ATTENDENCE: *(Have one student at a time place a sticker on their chart while the others complete the pre-time activity. This is a good time to practice/recite the memory verse.)*

DEFINITIONS: *(Discuss the meaning of the words prior to telling the story.)*
Today's Words - BETROTHED, IMMANUEL.

BIBLE STORY: *(Use the Storywheel to tell the story, can also use the laminated pictures “Journey Toward Jerusalem”)*

God sent an angel named Gabriel to Nazareth, a town of Galilee to visit a young girl named Mary to tell her that she was to have a son and his name would be Jesus (or Immanuel), which means “God with us”. He will be great and will be called “Son of the Most High”. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will never end.

Joseph, the carpenter who was betrothed to Mary, was worried because Mary was to have a child, and they were not yet married. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying: “Do not be afraid to marry Mary. The baby she will have is of the Holy Spirit. She will have a son and his name shall be Jesus. This will happen to make the words of the Lord come true, the words spoken by the prophets promising that a Savior would appear.”

Joseph awakened from his dream and did as the angel had commanded. He married Mary and waited for her son to be born. At this time Caesar Augustus ordered that a census be taken of all the people. So Joseph took his wife and went from Nazareth in Galilee to the city of David, called Bethlehem, in Judah. He was of the House of David and was to be counted there.

It was a long journey to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary rode on a donkey. There were so many people in the town already that there was no room for them at the inn. A place was found for them in the stable. While they were there, the baby was born. Mary wrapped her son carefully and placed him in a manger.

That night, in the fields near Bethlehem, a group of shepherds were looking after their sheep. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared to them and a great light shone all around them. They were filled with fear. The angel spoke to them, saying: “Do not be afraid. I have good news of a great joy for all the people. This day, in the city of David, a Savior has been born. He is Christ the Lord.” “This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby lying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes.” Then there appeared to the shepherds a great number of heavenly angels singing: “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to all with whom the Lord is pleased.” The angels disappeared. The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see the great miracle that had taken place.

In the stable, they found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying in a manger. They told everyone what the angel had said to them about the child. All the people who heard marveled at these things. Then the shepherds praised God and glorified His name.

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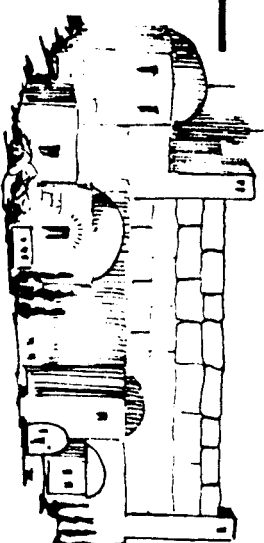
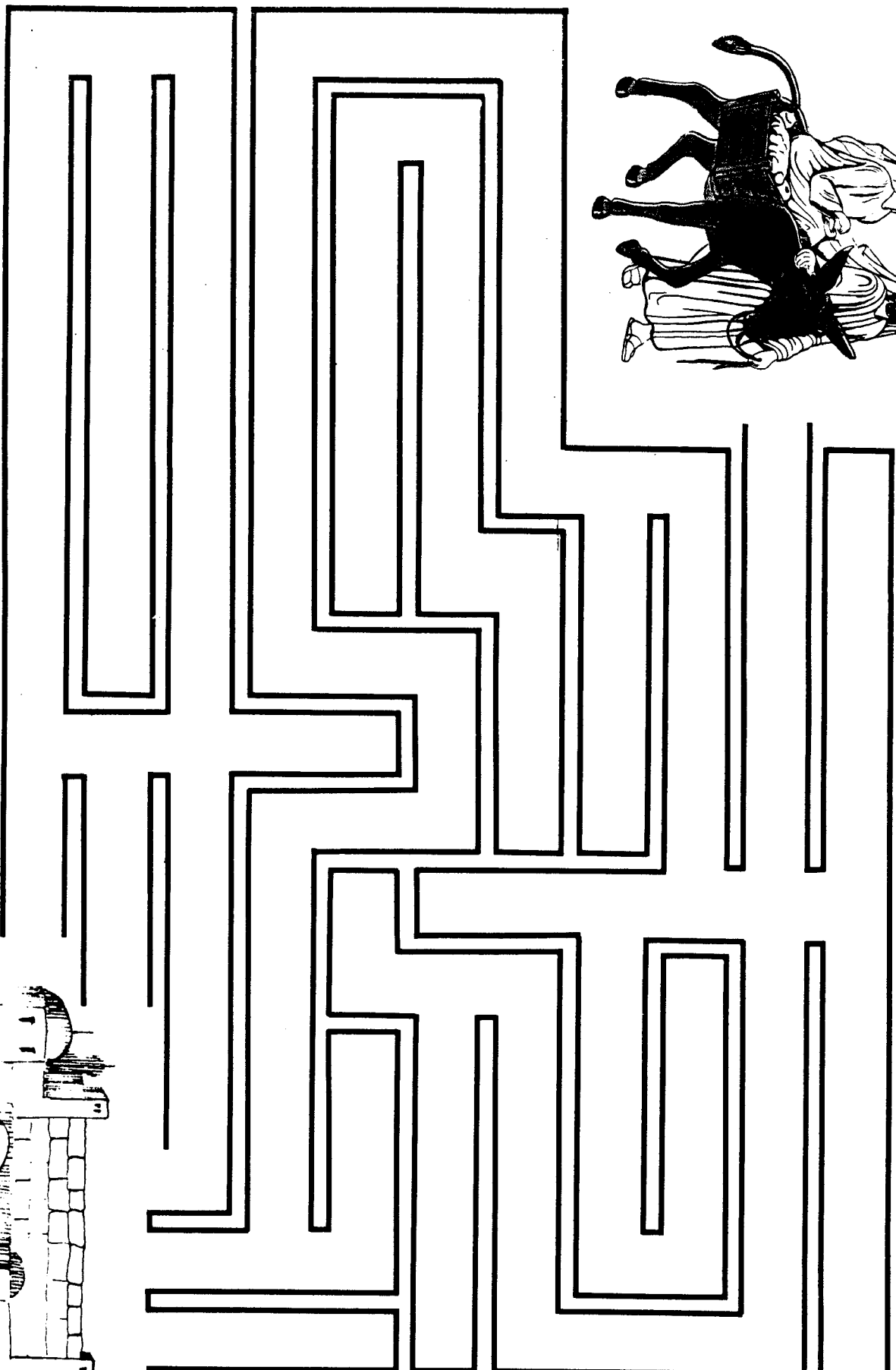
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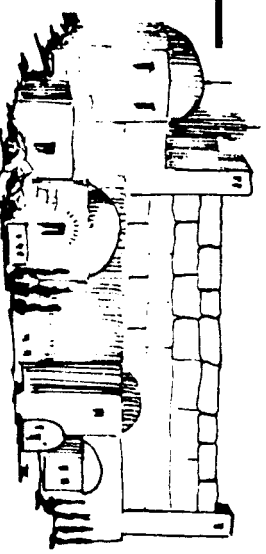
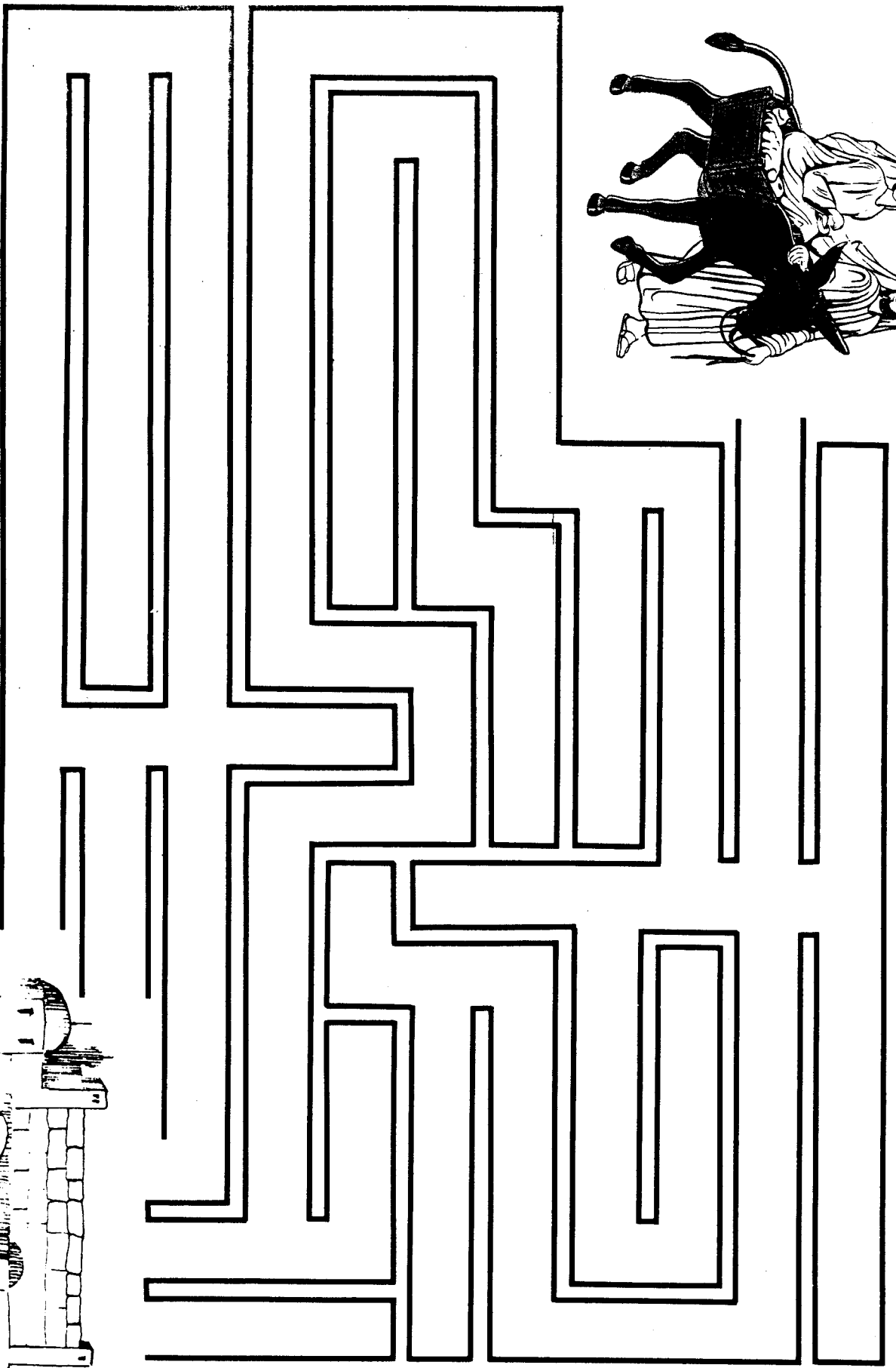
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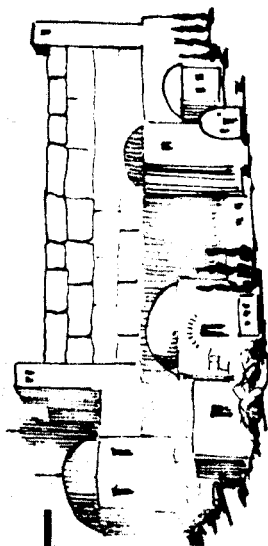
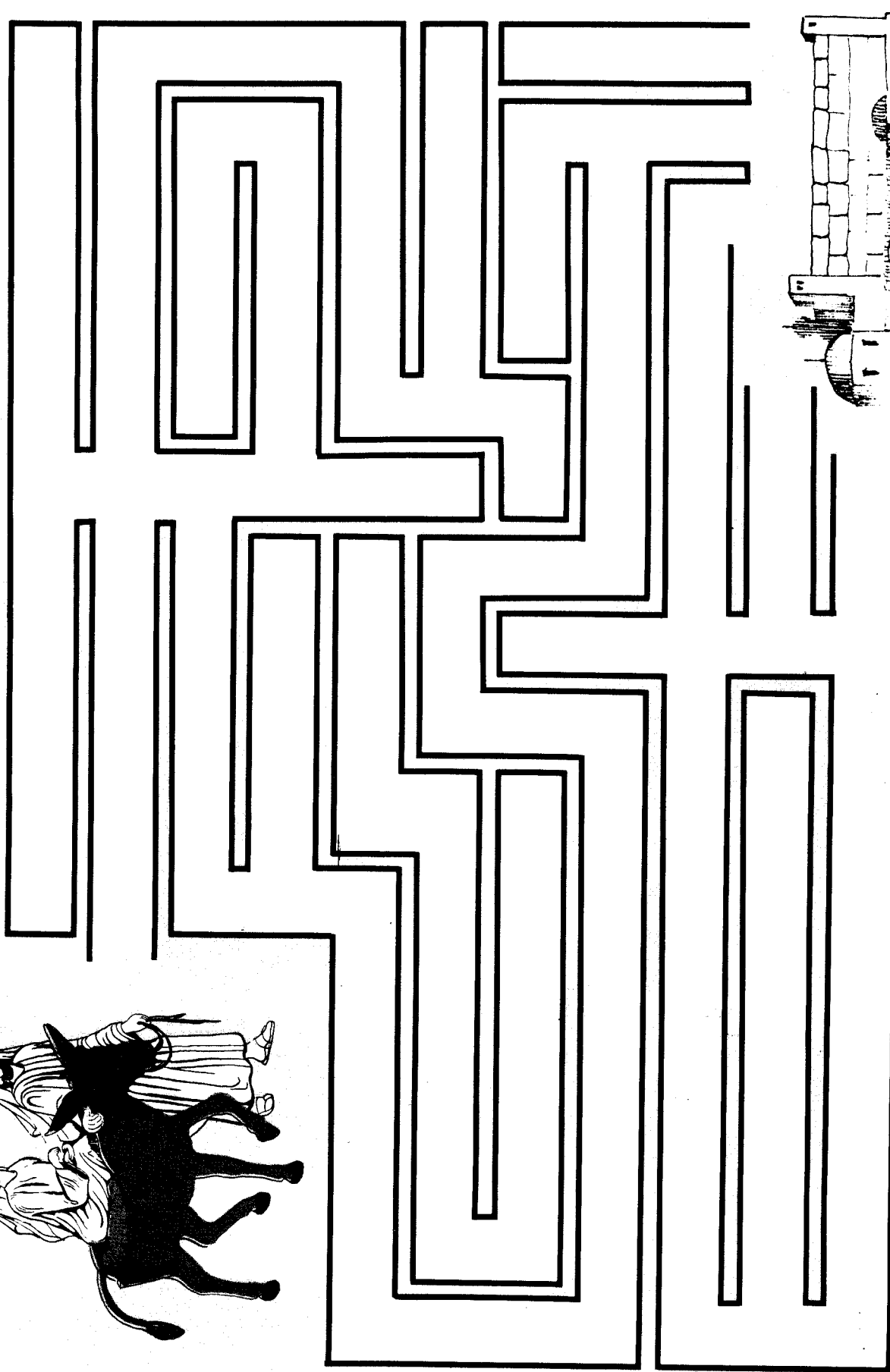
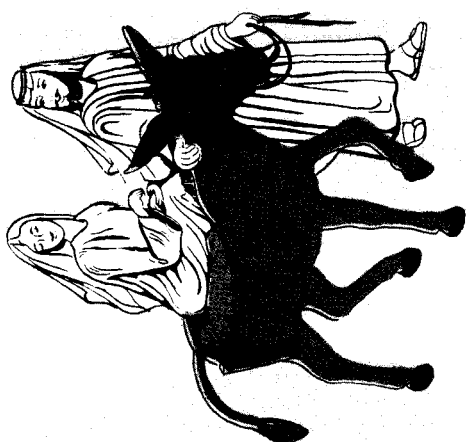
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Jesus Is Born!

Fit the words into the puzzle. The pictures in the arrows tell you where to put the words. Look at the other pictures to see how to spell the words.

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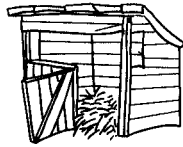
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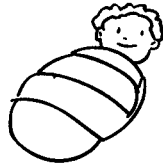
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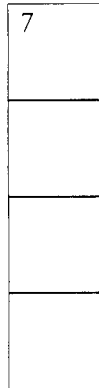
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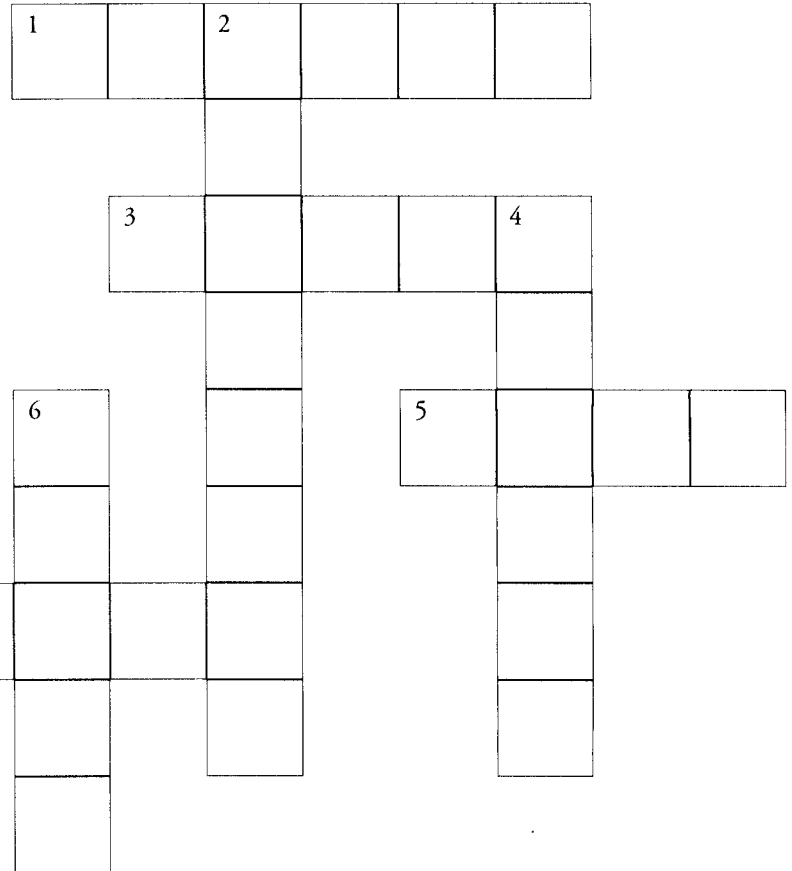
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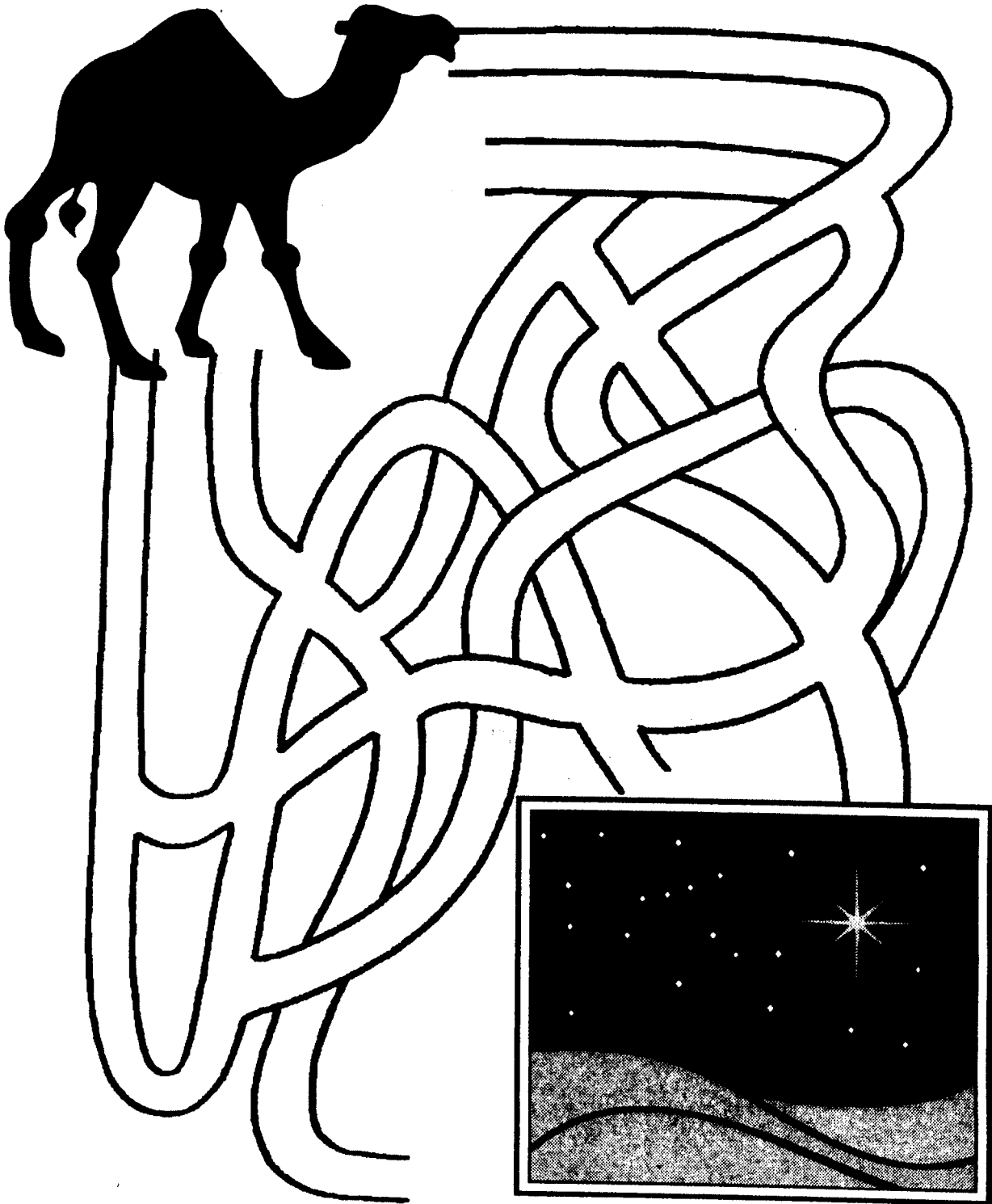
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Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

MAZE

Help the camel find his way across the desert.



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SCRAMBLED WORDS

Unscramble these names in the Bible



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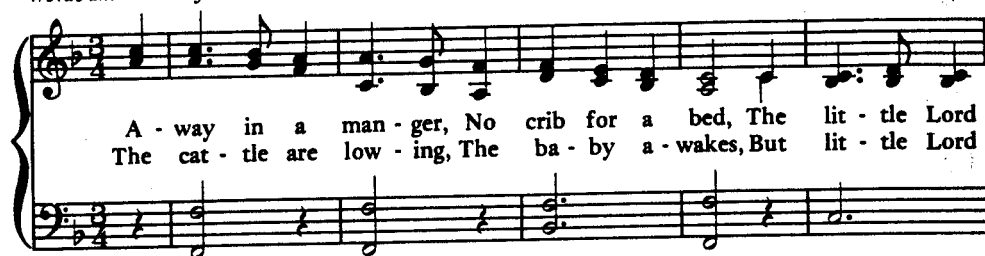
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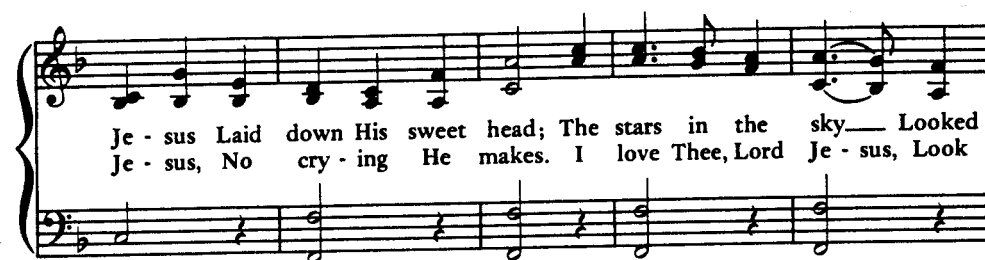


Away in a Manger

Words and Music by Martin Luther



A - way in a man - ger, No crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
The cat - tle are low - ing, The ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord



Je - sus Laid down His sweet head; The stars in the sky — Looked
Je - sus, No cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus, Look



down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, A - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle Till morn - ing is nigh.

Mt. 1:18-25; 2:1-18

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

Concept development: Godhead - Recognizing Jesus as the Son of God

Words to define: betrothed, census, swaddling, manger

Visuals: Flip book, story cube, story wheel

Memory work

“God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son . . .”
John 3:16

Lesson

Gabriel: “Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

“Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus-Son of God Most High”

Mary: “I am the Lord’s servant. May it be to me as you have said”

Angel: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Angels: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger”

Heavenly Host: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men"

Wise men: "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?
For we saw his star in the east, and have come to
worship Him."

Herod: "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you
have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and
worship Him."

Angel of the Lord: "Arise and take the Child and His mother, and
flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you;
for Herod is going to search for the Child to
destroy Him"

Prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Songs

Jesus Was Born In Bethlehem (Glenda Schales)
Hark! The herald Angels sing
Silent Night, Holy Night

Handwork

Map with stickers: manger, shepherds, wise men, Herod,
pyramids. *Review sheet*

The Birth of Christ

Let's answer the following questions together, so that we can get a good background of the government in Christ's day and some of the customs.

1. Who was king in Rome when Jesus was born? _____
2. What is a census? _____

3. How did people travel in those days? _____
4. What are swaddling clothes? _____

Draw a line under the words which make it true

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Forget to do our Bible lesson.

Books of the New Testament

Matthew

Luke

John

Romans

I and II Corinthians

Galations

Ephesians

Phillippians

Colossians

I and II Thessalonians

I and II Timothy

Philemon

Hebrews

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Revelation

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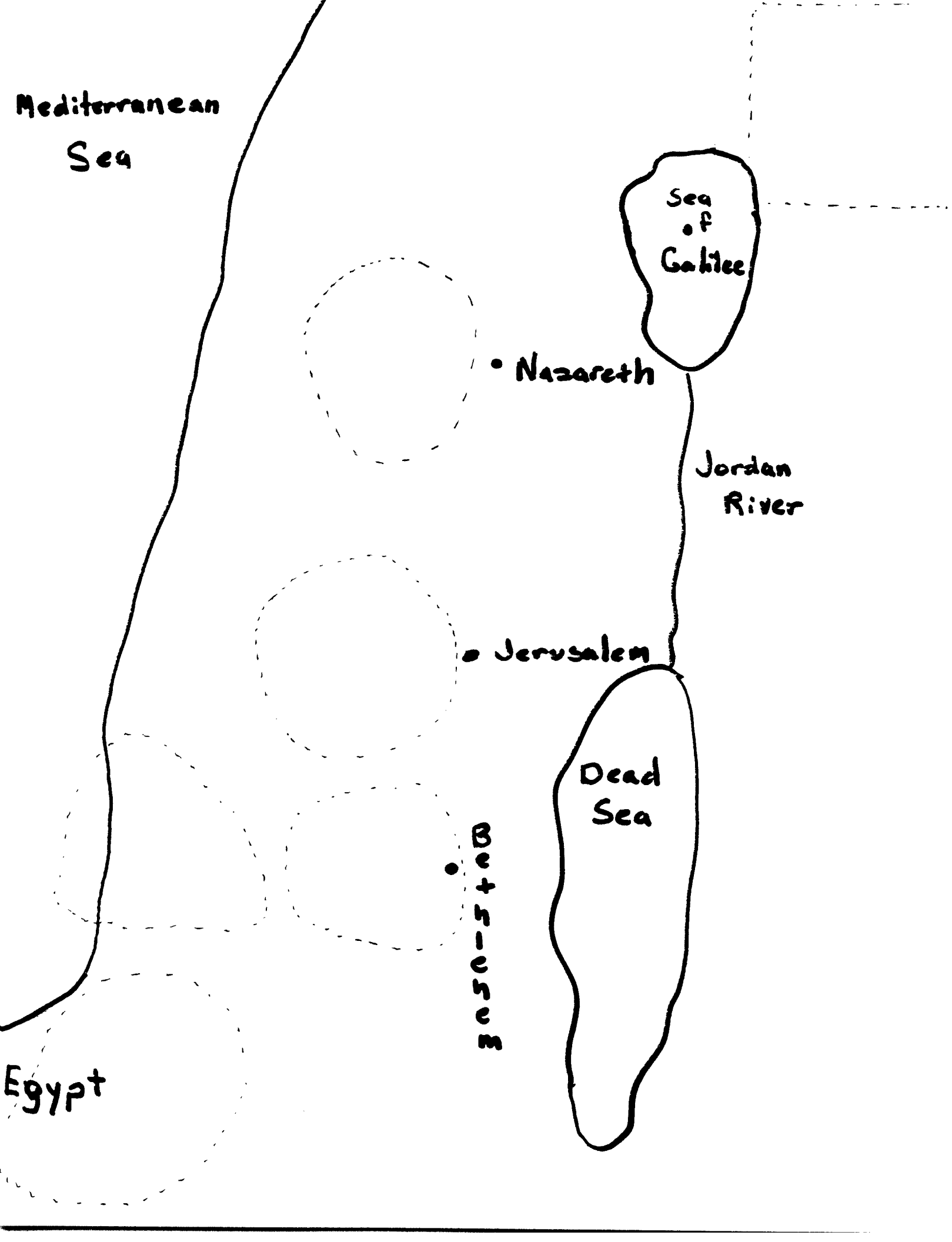
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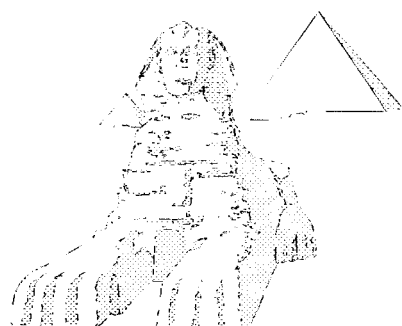
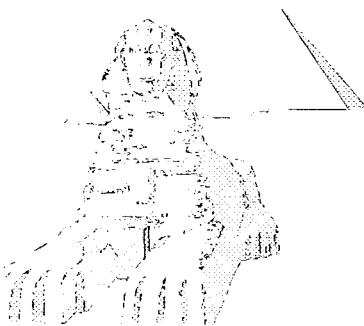
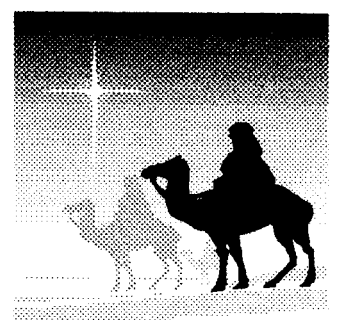
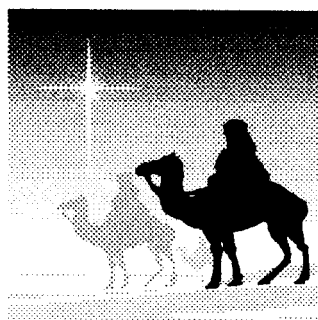
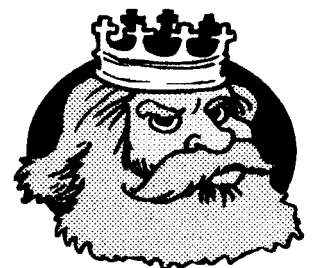
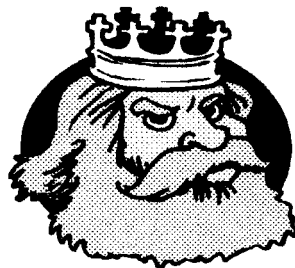
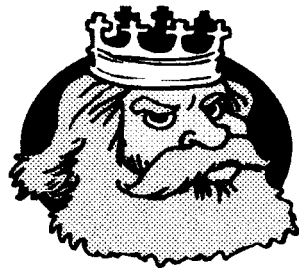
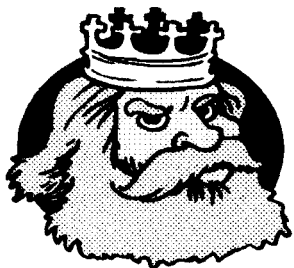
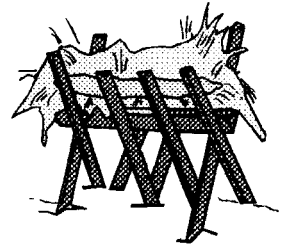
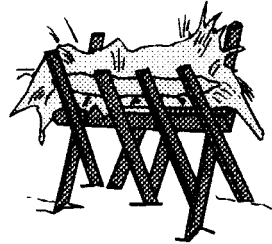
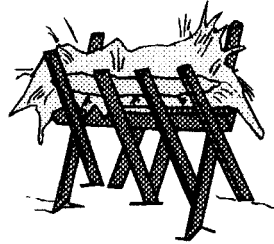
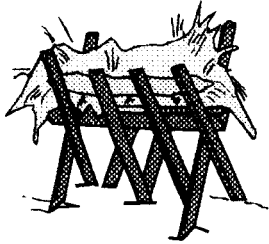
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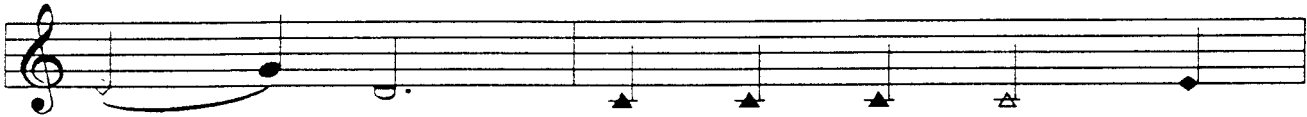
Jesus Was Born In Bethlehem

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 3. Wise men did come to wor - ship Him, to wor - ship Him, to
 4. Then they es - caped to E - gypt, to E - gypt, to
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Discuss the following:

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2. What does the world celebrate at Christmas time? _____
Do we know when Jesus was born? _____
Should we celebrate Christmas as His birthday? _____
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Bible Drill

Let's see how many books of the New Testament we can write down in the spaces provided below:

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History Lesson

Discuss how people traveled in Jesus' day.
Discuss schools in Jesus' day.

Class Activity

Enter the following on the map of Palestine, Egypt and Chaldea in the back of your book: Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Egypt, Chaldea, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee. Use colored pencils to mark the routes Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, and from Bethlehem to Egypt.

True or False

Write the word “true” or “false” after each statement below:

1. The country of Chaldea was famous for the wise men who lived there. _____
2. No man in Chaldea was wise. _____
3. Daniel was one of the wise men of his day. _____
4. Herod wanted to worship the baby Jesus. _____
5. The wise men were led by a cloud. _____
6. The wise men took costly gifts to the Christ child. _____
7. God came to the wise men in a dream and told them not to go back to Herod. _____
8. Joseph kept Jesus in Bethlehem. _____
9. Joseph took Mary and the young child into Egypt. _____
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True or False

Write the word “true” or “false” after each statement below:

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8. Joseph kept Jesus in Bethlehem. _____
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10. Herod ordered his soldiers to kill every boy baby in Bethlehem under two years old. _____
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12. Jesus grew up in Bethlehem. _____
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