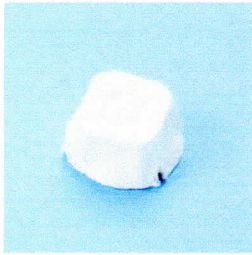


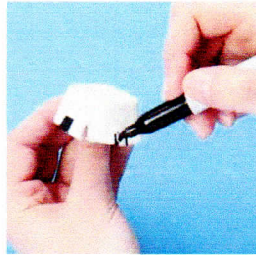
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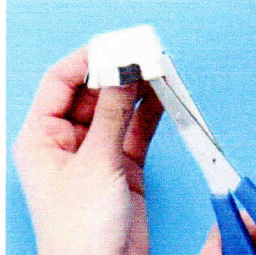
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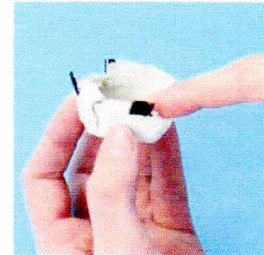
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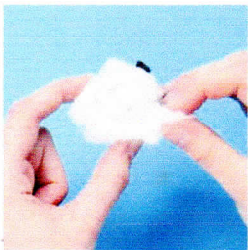
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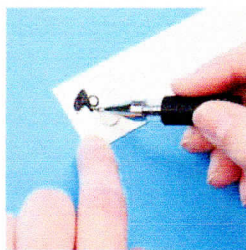
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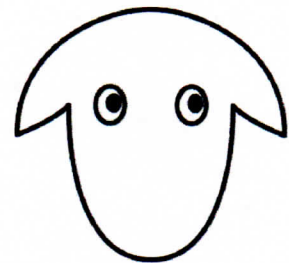
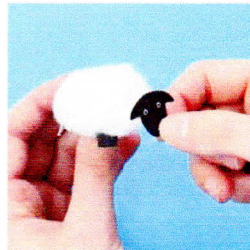
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Messy Church at Home Sunday 6th Dec 2020



Our message: The Good News of Jesus as told by Luke

Who is Luke? He was born in Antioch, ancient Syria (now Turkey). He died in 84AD in Thiva, Greece. He was a Gentile (not a Jew) and worked as a doctor. He never met Jesus but became a follower of His teachings and an evangelist (taught others). He met 'eyewitnesses' such as some of the Apostles and Mary who was Jesus' mother. He became a disciple of St Paul and went with him on some of his journeys. We know this because in the book of Acts, which Luke also wrote, he refers to 'us' and 'we' when he is telling the story of Paul. So, he was there! His symbol is a winged bull.

Our story: So, this can be found in St Luke's Gospel which is the third book in the New Testament. The word 'gospel' means 'good news'. The gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all wrote the story of Jesus according to how they saw it and who they were writing for. It seems that Mark's gospel was probably the first to be written and much of it can also be found in Matthew and Luke. Luke did not write his gospel as an historical account, but was more interested in what happened and what it meant. He wrote in Greek to be read out loud to groups of Jesus' followers in homes where they were sharing the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion).

Our Messy Church this month will mostly be about the Christmas story. However, we will also look at a couple of important stories which do not appear in the other gospels. Also, for our last activity we will go back to Matthew's Gospel where he tells us about the journey of the Magi.



Watch : Crossroads Kids – The Good Samaritan [here](#)

Crossroads Kids - Zacchaeus [here](#)

Crossroads Kids – Jesus is born [here](#)

Saddleback Kids – The Story of Christmas Jesus and the Wise Men [here](#)

Activities See following pages for instructions. Hopefully you will have most of the materials needed. You just need to decide which activities are suitable for the age group of your family. How about taking some photos of your Messy session and sending them to Max@bedhampton.church

1. Good Samaritan activities (Luke 10:30-37)
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6. Make crowns and gifts (Matthew 1:1-12)
7. Prayer Shack – make star cookies
8. Make an Advent Calendar
9. Have fun puzzling and colouring




**REJOICE
Christ Is Born**

ACTIVITIES FOR MESSY CHURCH AT HOME – LUKE’S GOSPEL

1. Good Samaritan activities (Luke 10:30-37)

Watch the video about the Good Samaritan or read the story in your Bible. The lesson from Jesus here is that we should be kind and caring to each other – even (especially!) to people we’re not keen on!

*This activity shows us that if we are kind to someone, then hopefully, that person will in turn be kind to someone else. Take a set of dominoes. Line them up in a row balanced on their small ends so that when they fall they will touch each other.  Give the domino at one end a push. If you’ve set them up right it will fall over and will fall over and so on

Try setting up the dominoes in a circle or a heart shape if you can and watch to see how they fall. If you don’t have dominoes try it with some cereal shaped boxes.

The dominoes are like us being kind - the kindness gets passed on!



*Make a copy of the next page. Fill in some other good deeds. Try to do some in the next few days!

*Make a copy of the next page and colour it in. Fold it in half twice so that it is like a small book with the title on the front.

2. Help Zacchaeus climb the tree (Luke 19:1-10)

Watch the video about Zacchaeus or read the story in your Bible. Jesus accepts everyone. In the Bible He often makes friends and helps people who are not popular or even liked by others. As you can see in this story Zacchaeus is one of those people. But you need to notice that Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus in the first place – that’s why he climbed the tree!




*Copy the two pages about Zacchaeus on to card. You should have a figure and a tree. Colour both and cut them out. Stick the two parts of the tree together. Then follow these instructions:

You need a straw, 2 beads, string, lolly stick, sticky tape.

- Cut two pieces of a straw about 4cm long.
- Tape the straw firmly to the back of Zacchaeus at a slant. Make sure the widest part of the slant is at the bottom (see the picture).
- Cut two pieces of string about 45cm long.
- Slide one piece of string through one straw.
- Tie a bead to the end so it won’t slide back through the straw.
- Repeat these steps for the other string.
- Tie the other ends of the strings to a lolly stick. One at each end and fasten them with sticky tape (see the picture below)
- Cut another piece of string about 25cm long.
- Tie one end to the centre of the lolly stick and tape it securely.
- Make a loop at the end of it. Hang this on a door handle.
- Stick your tree to the door so that it is behind Zacchaeus.
- To make Zacchaeus climb, pull on each string alternately.
- To let him come back down just let him slide or pull him gently.



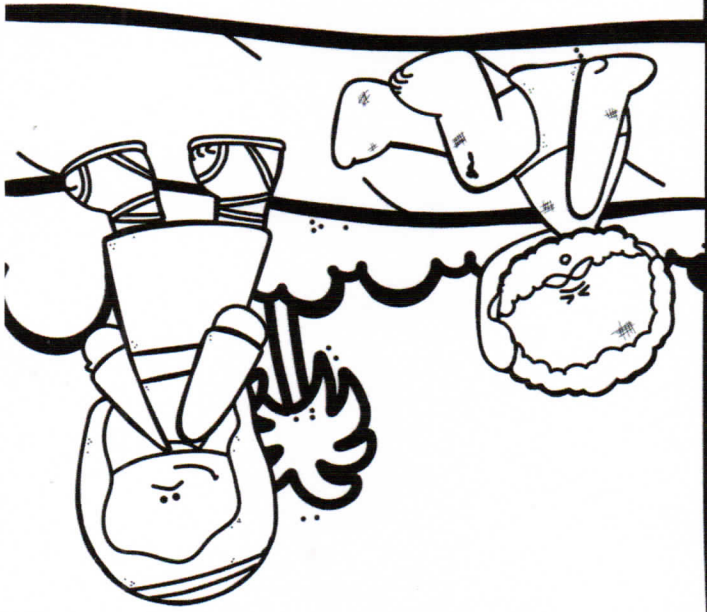
Helping Hands

Give someone a hug when they are upset	
	
	
	
	

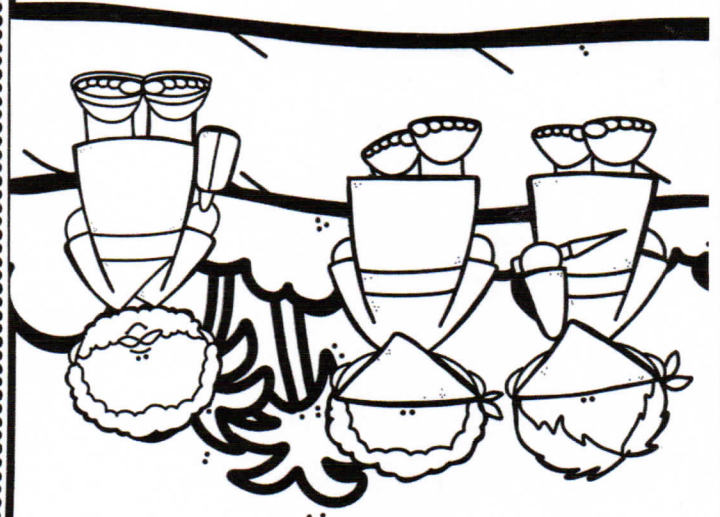
Everytime you help someone else like the good Samaritan did, you can colour in a helping hand on your chart!

Ask a parent to help you pick some other good deeds for your chart.

People walked past
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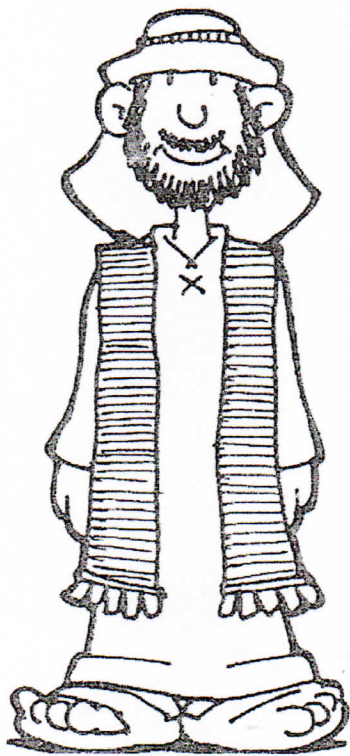


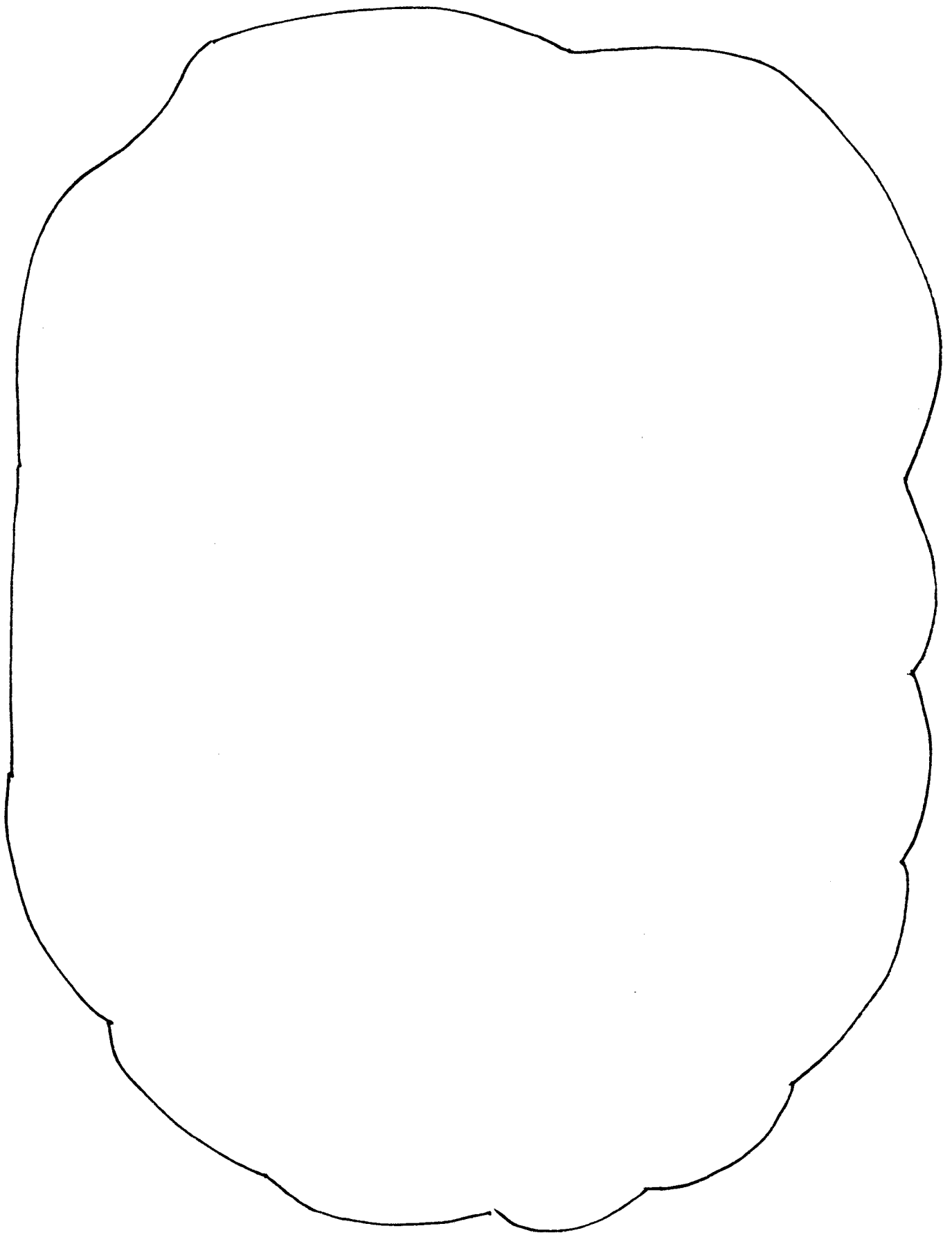
The Samaritan man
stopped and helped the
hurt man get better.

The Good Samaritan



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3. Make an angel (Luke 1:26-56)

Watch the video 'Jesus is born' or read the story in the Bible (Luke 1:26 – Luke 2:20).

I'm sure that this story is very familiar to all of you. We hear it at school and church and on the TV every Christmas. We celebrate Christmas in many ways. Some are to do with the birth of Jesus – like having nativity plays at school and having the sets of figures in our homes, hanging angels and stars to remind us of Jesus. Some traditions are great, such as Father Christmas, Christmas trees, special food and decorations - but they are not directly connected with the Christmas story and the true meaning of Christmas. The rest of the activities we are going to do this month are related to the birth of Jesus.

Firstly, we are thinking about the very beginning of the story when Mary was visited by an angel. She was told that she was going to have a special baby who would be God's Son. Mary was young and it was very brave of her to accept what the angel told her. But God had chosen her specially and knew that she had the faith and courage to do what He asked.

*A paper plate angel: Take a paper plate and a piece of card. Cut a triangle out of the plate stick it so that it makes the shape of an angel (see the pictures). Cut out the shape of a head and stick it on. Give the angel a face and some hair. Decorate your angel with glitter or anything else you like.

*A split pin angel: Copy the next page onto card. Cut out the pieces Make holes where the dots are and join the pieces together with split pins. Can you make her fly?



4. Manger scene activities (Luke 2:1-7)

So, this is the really important part of the 'Christmas Story' – baby Jesus is born.

There is a census in Bethlehem and everyone has to go there. Mary and Joseph cannot find anywhere to stay because the town is so busy. A kindly innkeeper finds a 'stable' for them to stay in and the baby – the Son of God – is born in a cleaned-out area of an animal shelter.

I am always amazed when I read or hear this part of Jesus' story. When we consider what an amazing person He turned out to be and the wonderful things that He did in His life, this humble beginning is difficult to understand. But it gives hope to everyone, in that, no matter where we are born or what our circumstances are, God has experienced our lives and emotions by coming as a baby and living a life as a human as well as being God. How wonderful is that?



4. (cont)

There are three possible activities for this part of the story. You can do as many as you like.

*A 'stained glass picture: Copy the next page on to paper or card. Colour the 'outline' of the picture with felt tips – it could be all one dark colour or multi-coloured (see the picture). Then cut small pieces of tissue paper to stick on the 'background' so that it looks like a stained glass window.



*Copy the next page (nativity figures) on to card. Colour the figures and cut them out. You can make them stand up by folding the flap under (you might need a bit of blutac to steady them!). You could make a stable for them – use a small box or some pieces of card stuck together. Then you will have your own Nativity Set!

*A sewing picture: Copy the next page on to card. Colour the picture making sure the 'dots', where you are going to sew, are still clearly visible. Cut out the picture round the outside. Using wool, sew colours that work with the picture using backstitch following the dots. You could make holes at the top so that it hangs and you could attach a calendar to the bottom if you like.

5. Make Shepherds and Sheep (Luke 2:8-20)

So, God has a plan to show us how all this is going to work. His Son is born in an animal shelter to an unimportant hard-working couple and the first people He tells are the poorest, smelliest and most humble around! And – He sends a sky full of angels to tell them!!! Mary and Joseph must have known that this baby was not ordinary!

To celebrate the arrival of the first visitors to the manger where Jesus was laid, we are going to make some shepherds and some sheep (at least one of each anyway!).

*Make a shepherd: (See pictures below). Take a cardboard tube cut to size. (not from a toilet roll). Colour your shepherd by sticking on coloured paper or painting or using felt tips. The head dress could be material or soft paper (I used a stripy paper bag). It's a good idea to secure it with a bit of glue or a rubber band while you are putting the thread or pipe cleaner round it. Make a shepherd's crook out of a pipe cleaner or card. Make a group of shepherds?

*Oh yes – one more thing about these shepherds. They got very cold out in the fields at night. They Definitely needed hot chocolate – possibly with squirty cream and marshmallows.

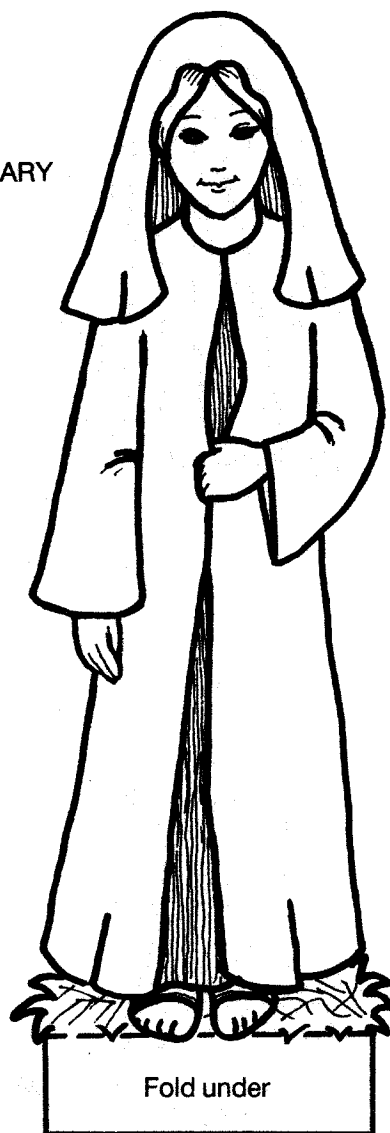


Any chance of you having some do you think??!





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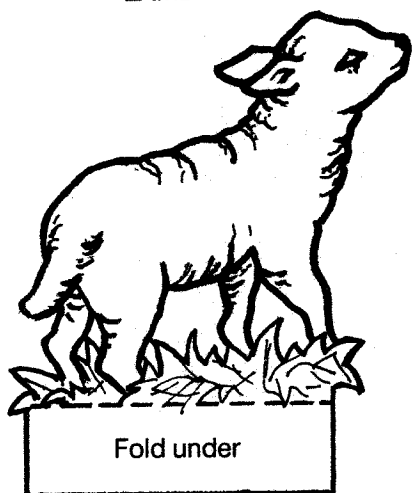


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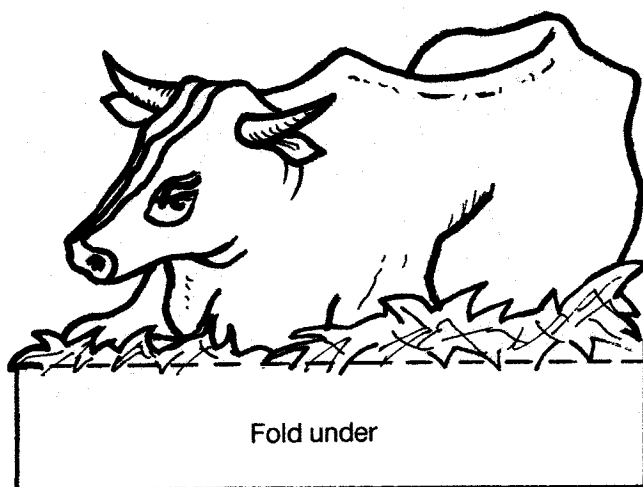


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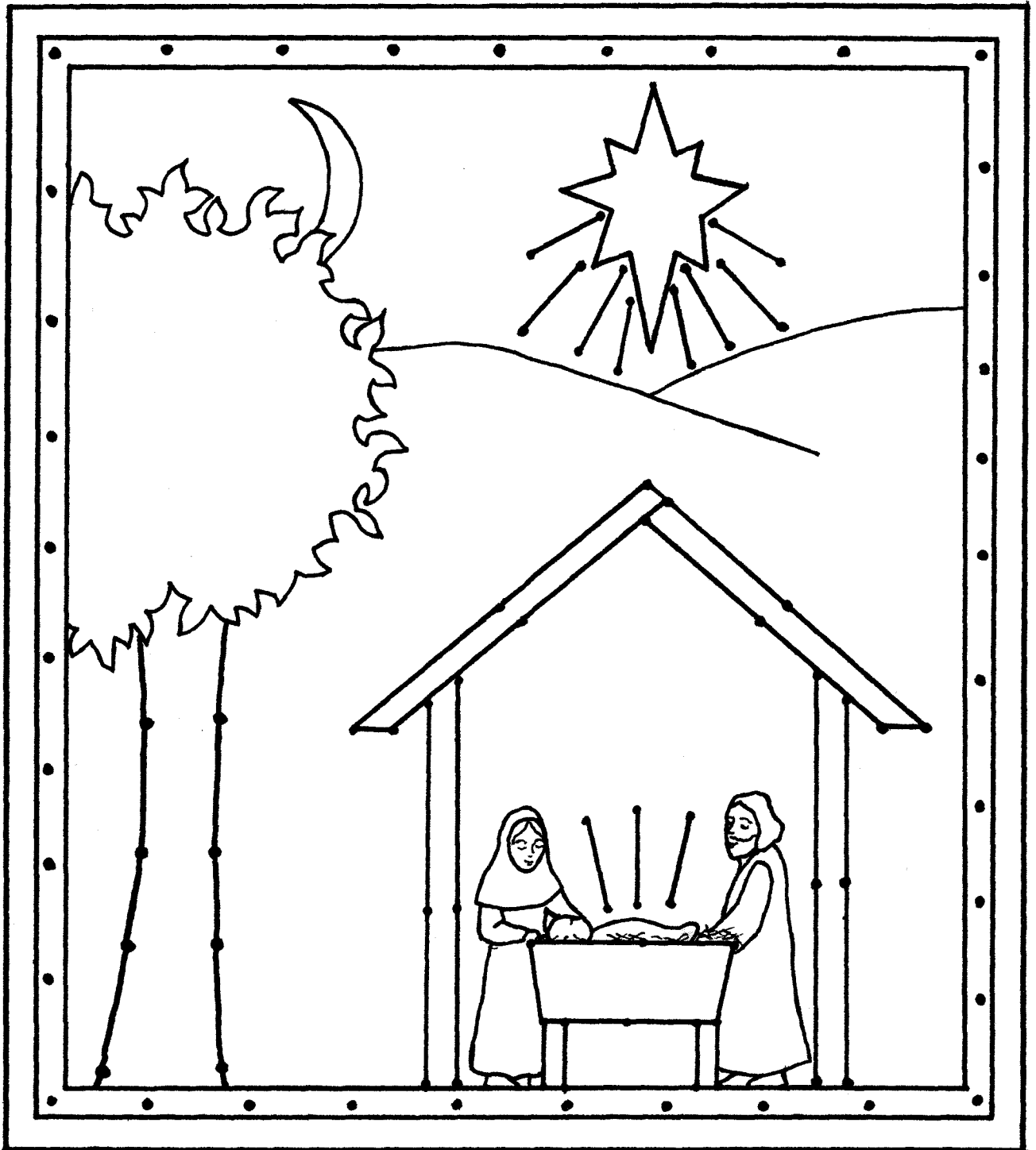


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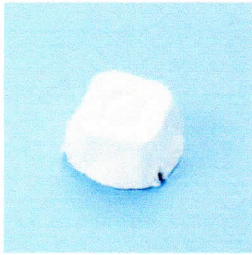
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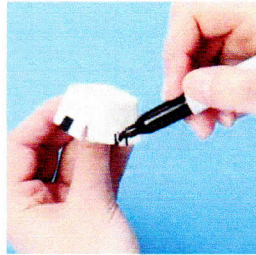
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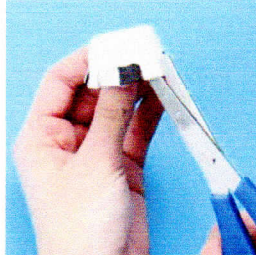
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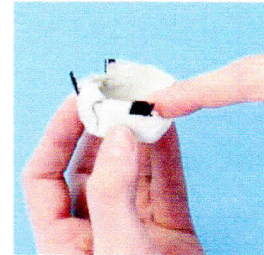
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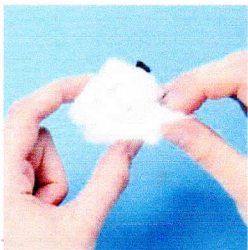
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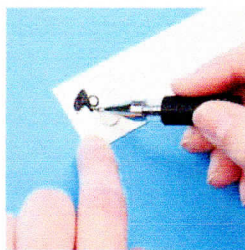
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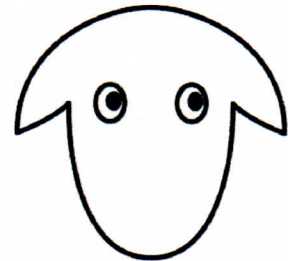
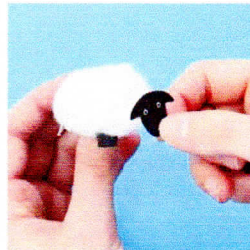
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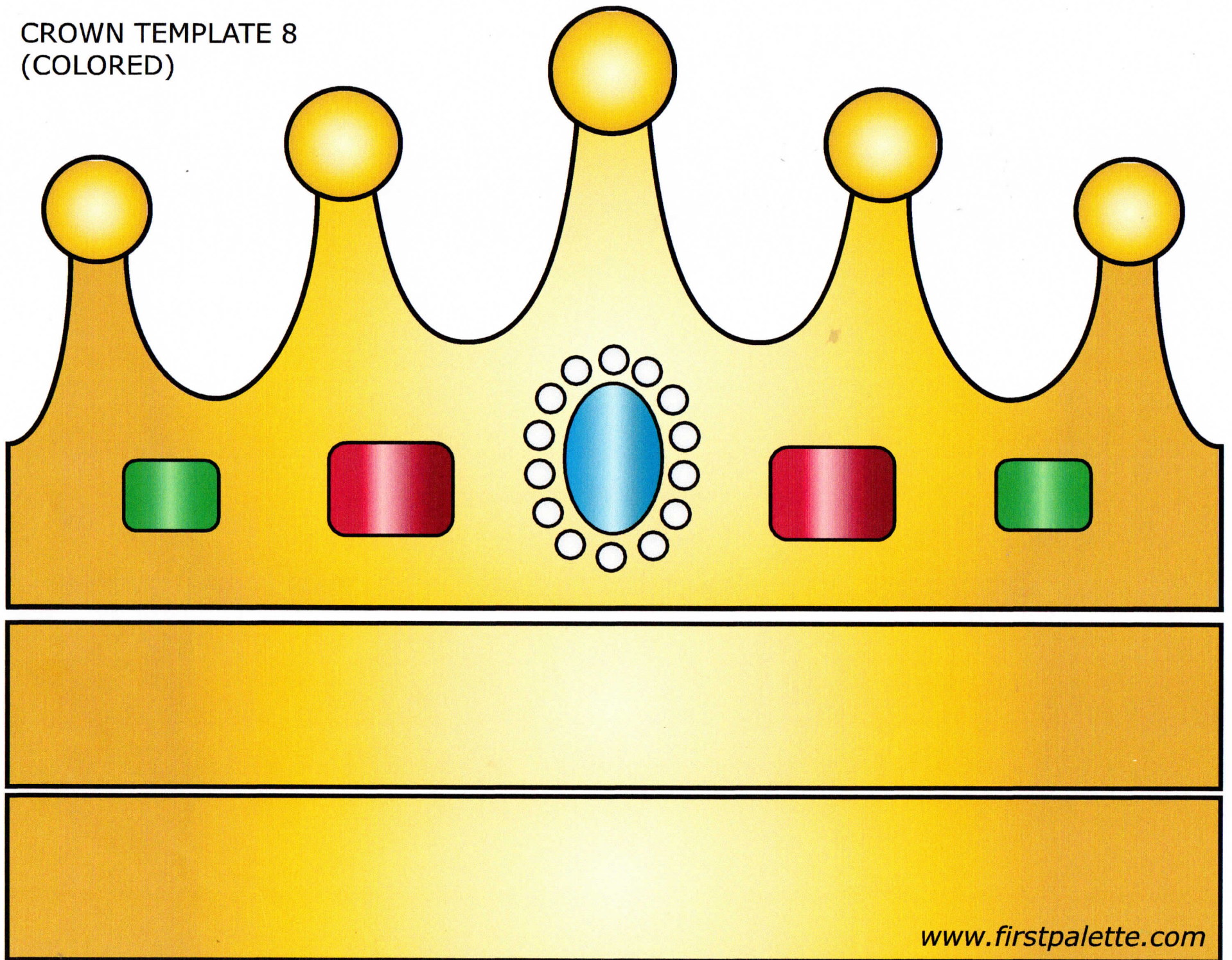
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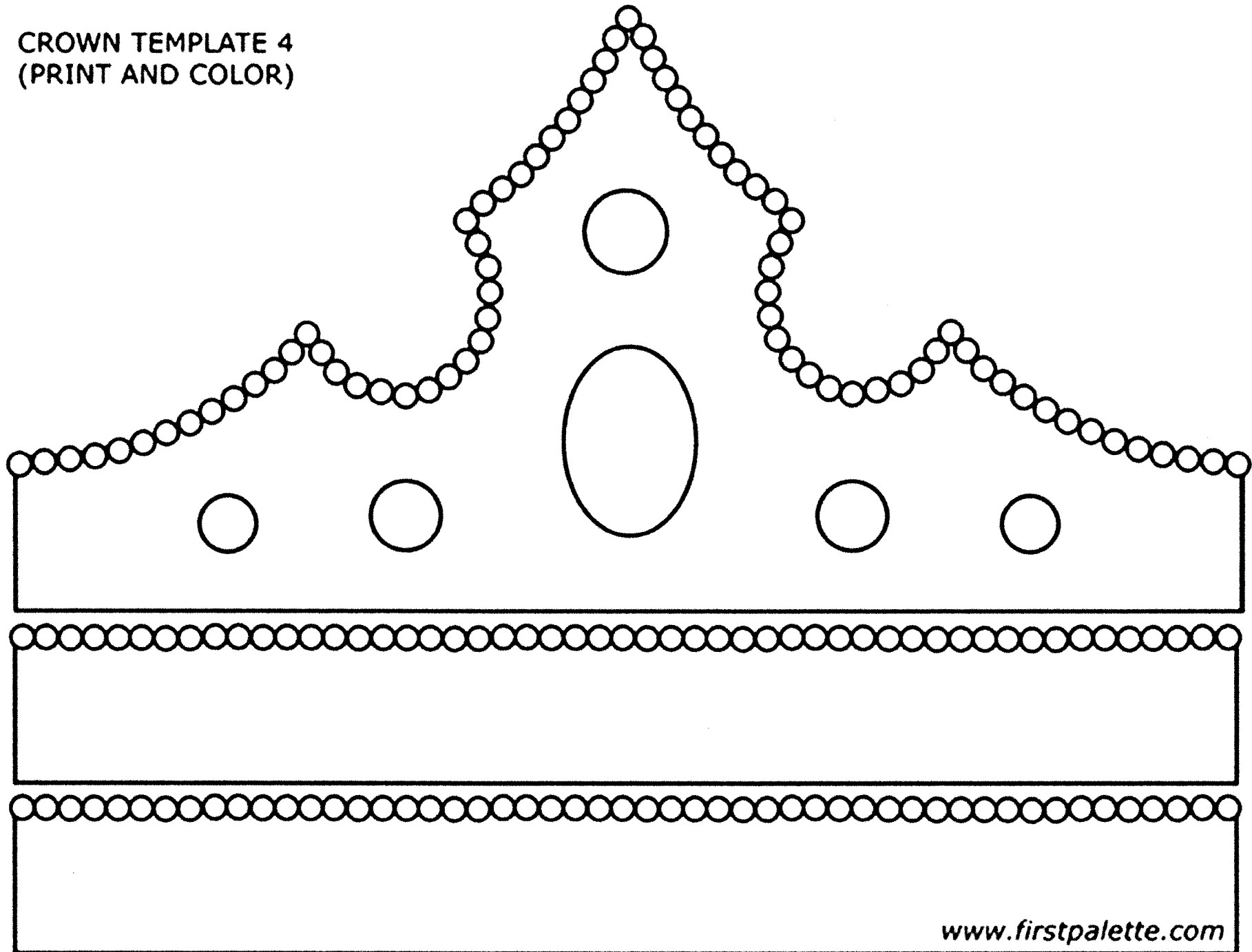


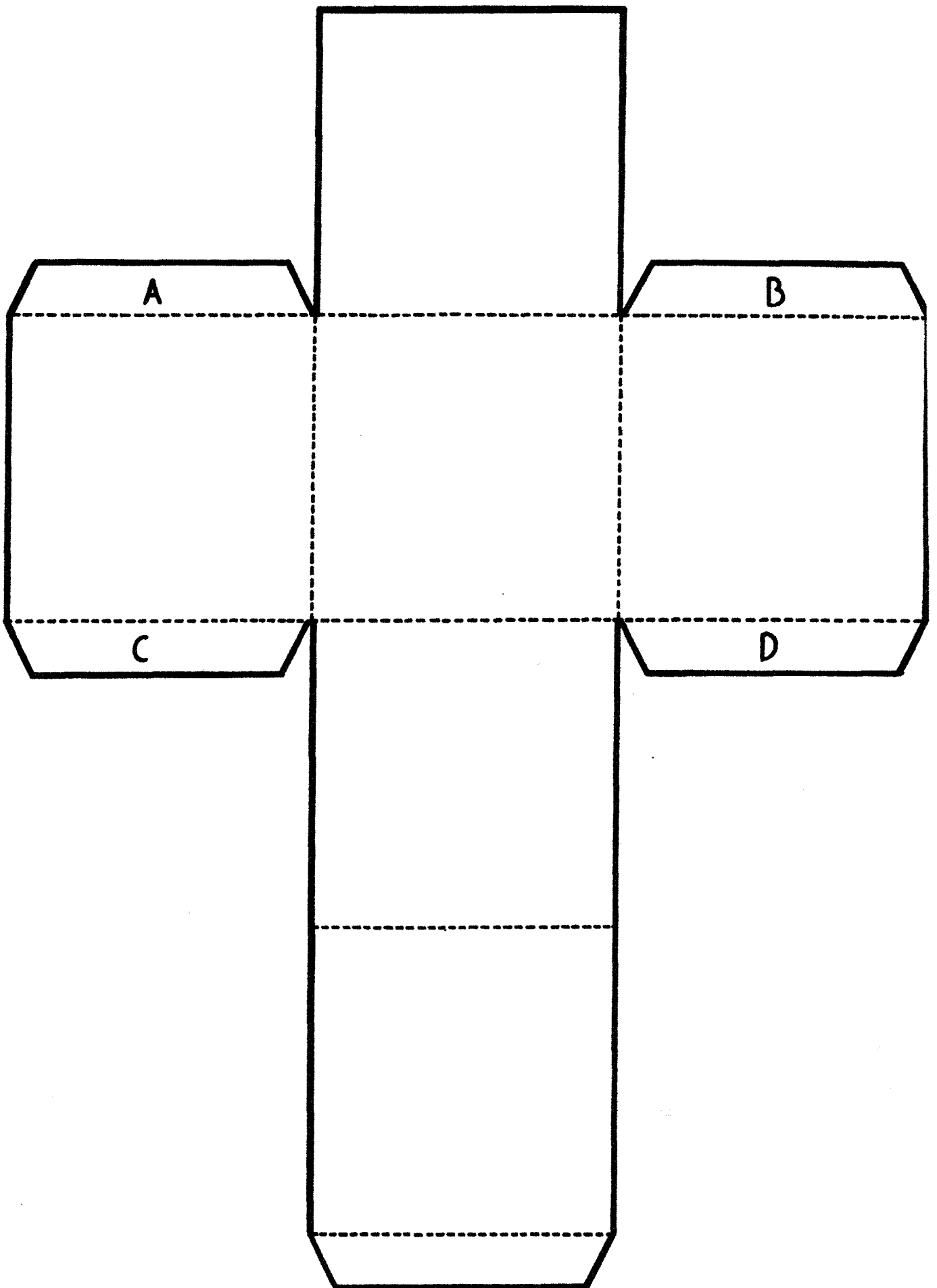


Cut each page of stripes into 2 strips along the black line. Cut off the white edges. Stick three strips together so that they make one long piece. Fit the strip on your head (maybe get someone to help you). Cut it to length so that it fits and looks like the head dress in the picture. Stick the two ends together so that they stay in place. Add any 'jewels' or stickers which you think might improve your design and make you look more 'kingly' or wise!!



CROWN TEMPLATE 4
(PRINT AND COLOR)





7. Prayer Shack

Making star letter cookies. Hooray something delicious to make! You are going to make the cookies and put a letter on each one as well as any other decoration that you like. The letters will be the first letter of people that you would like to pray for. As you put the letter on, you can pray for that person. When you have finished making your biscuits you can either give them to the person or think about them as you're eating them! You can put other decorations on to remind you to pray for other things too – a circle for the world, a heart for friendship

*You need: 100g unsalted butter, 100g castor sugar, 1 egg yolk beaten with 2 teaspoons of water, 1 teaspoon vanilla essence, 200g plain flour, ¼ teaspoon salt, icing & decorations.

+Beat butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolk (with water) and vanilla.

+Add flour and salt. Stir until it forms a dough then knead until smooth.

+Wrap in cling film and chill for 30mins in the fridge.

+Heat oven to 180°C (160°C fan), gas mark 4. Roll out dough to thickness of £1 coin.

+Cut out star shapes – either with a cutter or make a card outline and cut round it. Bake on a non-stick baking tray for about 10 mins until lightly browned.

+Make up some icing with icing sugar and water (not too runny!) and cover the biscuits. Work out a way to put a letter on each star. You could mark it with silver balls, use rolled out icing cut into shapes or icing squeezed out of small tubes.

AND - don't forget that the star shape of your cookies reminds us of the star that pointed the way to Jesus in our Christmas story.



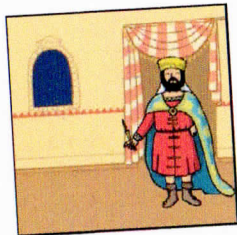
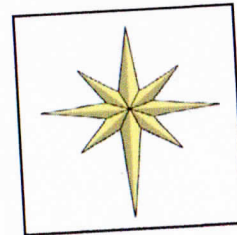
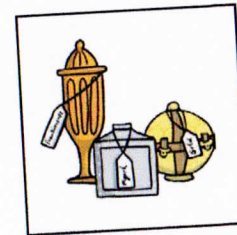
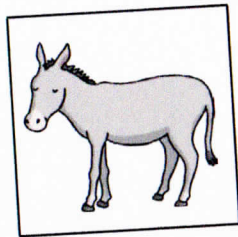
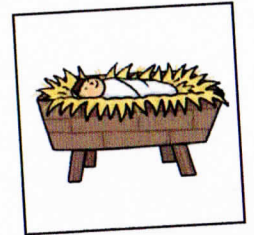
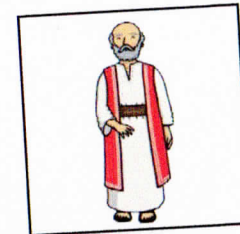
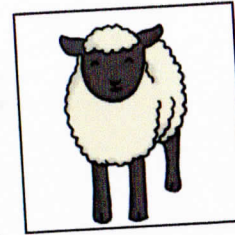
8. Make an Advent calendar

I expect you have one of these – or maybe an Advent Candle which you can burn down a bit each day through Advent. This is the season leading up to Christmas. For Christians it is a time of preparing for an important festival. It doesn't have to cost a lot of money. We can give each other homemade gifts. We can make simple paper decorations. We can eat special food but there are two really important things to remember – to be with those we love if we can and to share what we have and to spend time considering the real meaning of Christmas.

*Copy the next two pages on paper or card. Decorate the page that has the dates on. Then each day from December 1st cut one picture from the second page and stick it on the calendar. Use this to remember the true meaning of our celebrations as Christmas Day approaches.

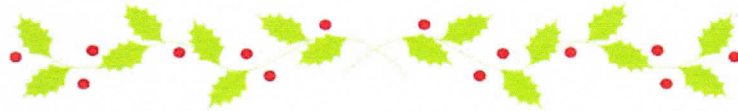
CHRISTMAS ADVENT CALENDAR

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6	7	8	9	10
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9. Have fun colouring and puzzling

You might like to spend some time during the holidays doing some of these pages. Or go back and finish or look at what you've done for Messy at Home this month or even this year.



It is our prayer at our churches in Bedhampton that you have enjoyed our Messy sessions in 2020 and that, especially through these tough times, you are learning a bit more about Jesus and God's love for you.

This Christmas it will probably be difficult to be together as families and to worship together. But we can use our online meetings and services so that we can be in touch and support each other



Watch out for our services and other distanced Christmas activities on the Bedhampton Church website.



The church family at St Nicholas and St Thomas in Bedhampton wish you and your friends and family a Happy, Peaceful & Blessed Christmas

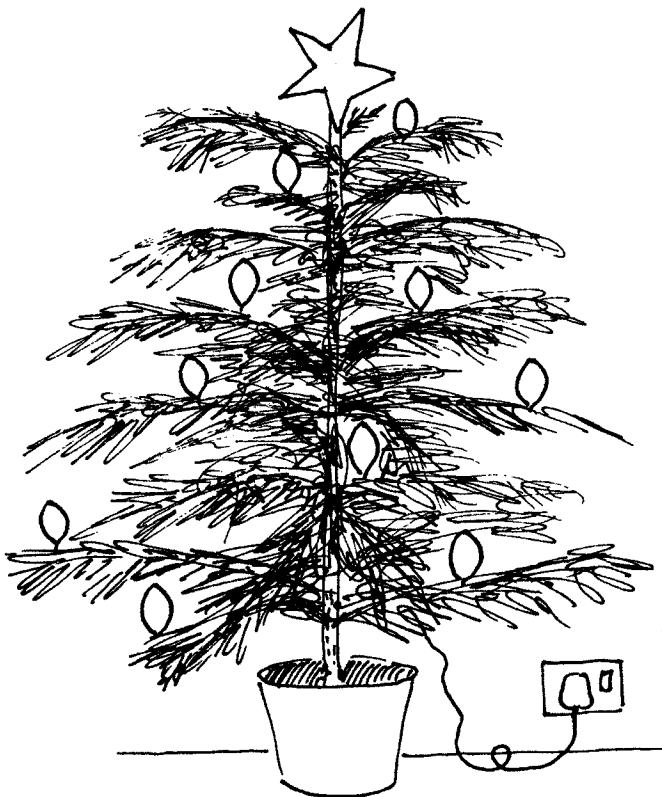


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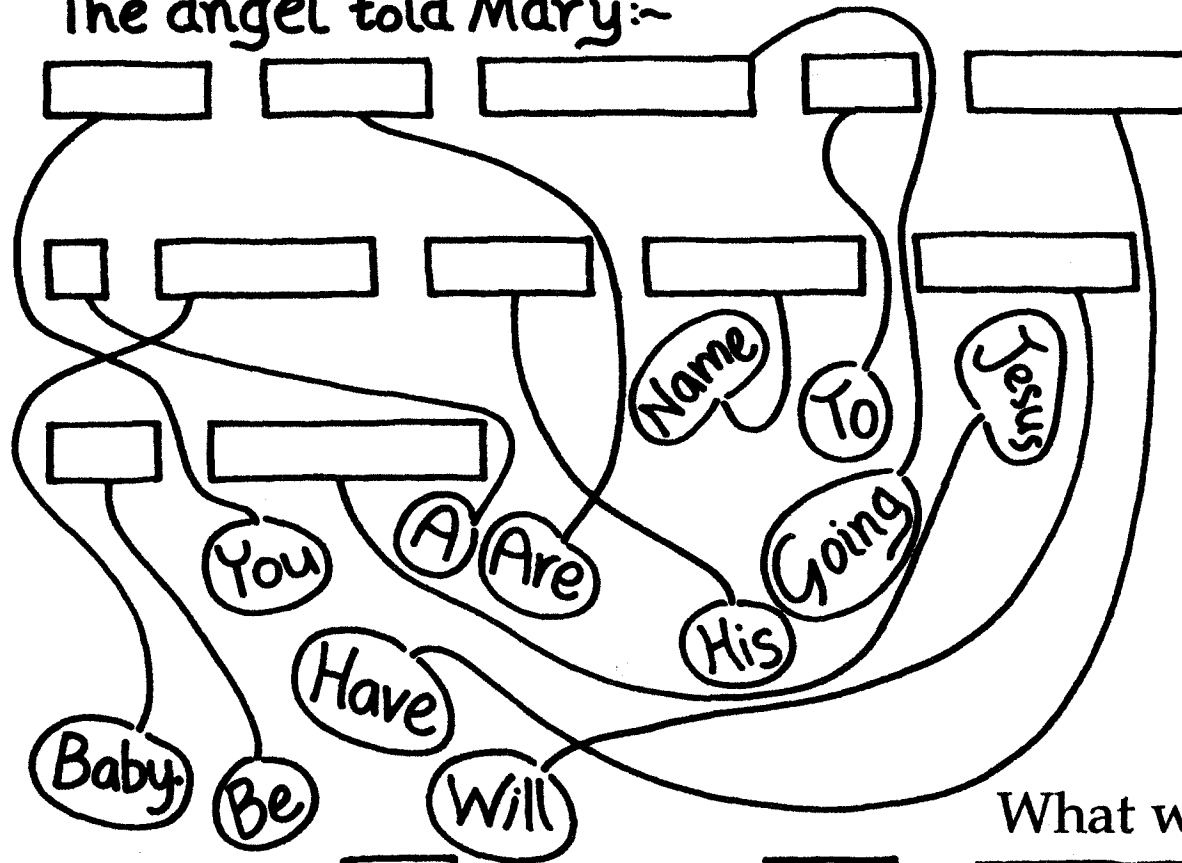
~ Fairy Lights ~

Can you think of 10 "good turns"?
 Colour a fairy light for every good
 turn you can think of.
 (Colour the star for free!)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____


THE ANGEL VISITS MARY

The angel told Mary:-

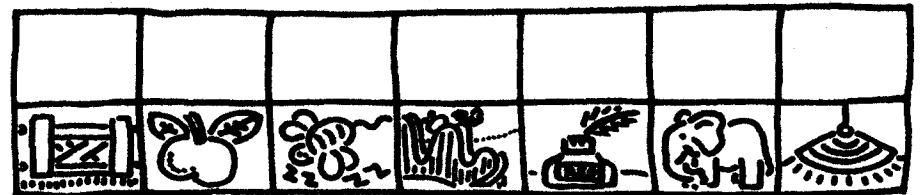


Colour the picture carefully.

What was the name of the angel?

Mary was . She said

NO
YES





Jesus is born