

Waiting for Christmas



Games and Activities

Visit a historic place

Take your child to a nearby historic place, a castle, cathedral, fort, etc. Alternatively, you could show photos of ancient places like Rome or the pyramid. Try to imagine what it must have been like to live at that time. Think about things which they didn't have, which we take for granted (phones, electricity, water, supermarkets etc). Try to help your child understand the gap of time.

Remind your child that many of the prophecies relating to Jesus' birth were given hundreds of years before He was born.



Make or buy an advent calendar

Advent calendars are a great way to teach children about waiting for an important event. Something they are excited about.

There are loads of tutorials online for DIY advent calendars. It could be as simple as envelopes with numbers on the outside.

Speak about how the people waited thousands of years for Jesus to be born.



Bake some Christmas snacks

Bake some Christmas snacks or biscuits. As you wait for them to bake, talk to your child about waiting for them to be ready at the correct time. Remind them that Jesus came at the perfect time and fulfilled all of the prophecies.



5 Ways to use the Christmas Character Cards

Advent Calendar Hide and Seek

There are 25 cards included in the lesson. Hide one card in a new place around your home each day. Each day, your child can find a new character card and add it to their collection.

Story visual aids

Use the cards as visual aids while reading the Christmas passages from your Bible. Ask your child to point or hold up the matching item whenever it is mentioned in the passage. You could also use the cards to act out the story.

Matching pairs game

Print two copies of the character cards. For best results, glue some coloured paper onto the back before cutting so that you cannot see through the card / paper. Turn cards upside down. Take turns to turn two cards over at a time. If the cards match, the player gets to keep them.

Snap

Print at least two copies of the character cards. Shuffle the cards and share out between players. Take turns to turn over the top card and add it face up to a central pile. If picture match, the player calls snap and wins all the cards in the pile.

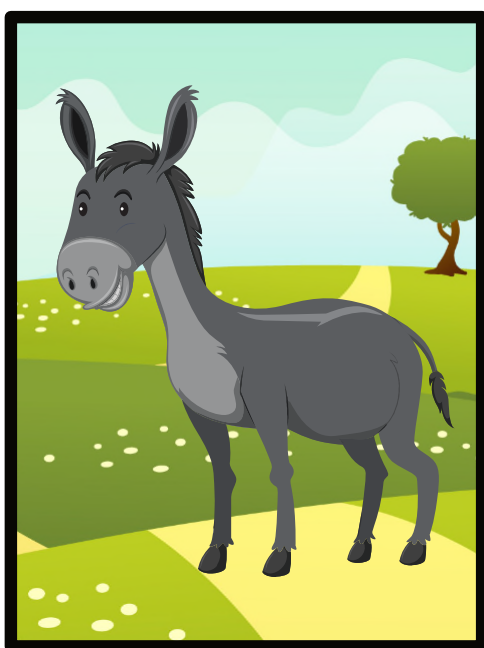
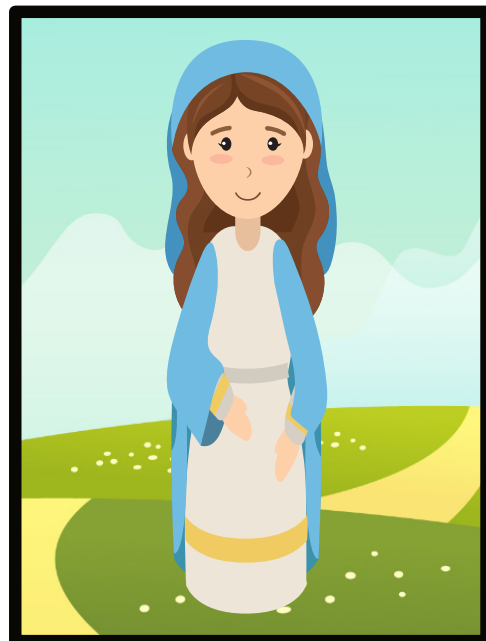
Who am I? Yes or No

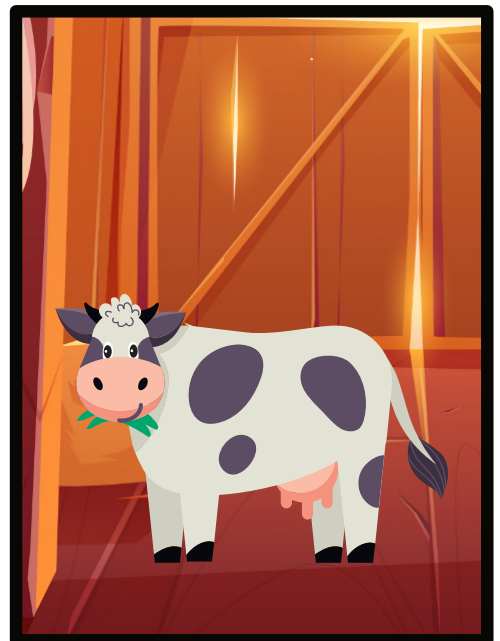
Player picks one card from the pile. The other players must ask questions to guess what is on the picture. The player with the card may only answer yes or no. The first person to correct correctly wins.

Have any other ideas of how to use them?

Send us a message, we'd love to share your ideas with others.

Christmas Character Cards



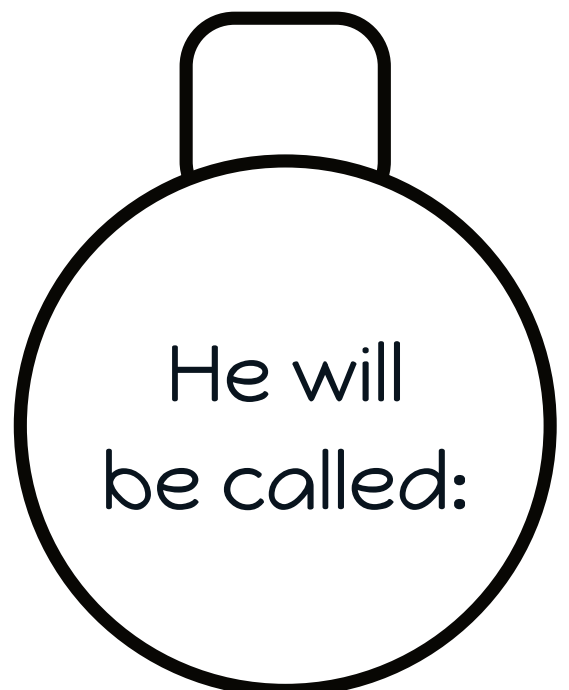
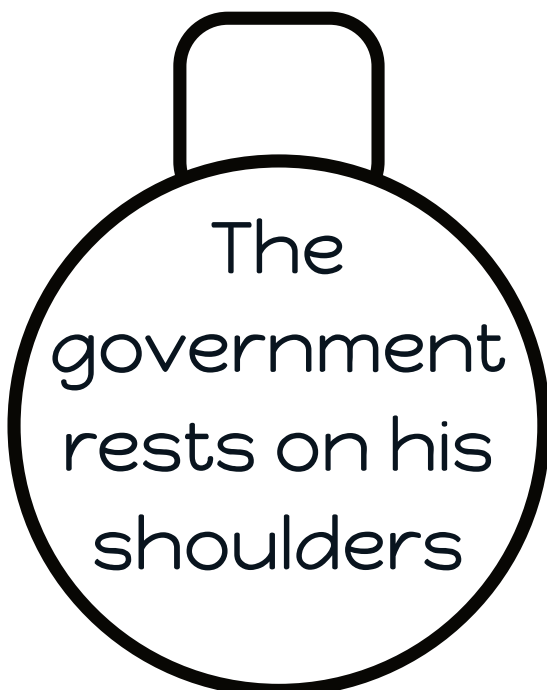




Isaiah 9:6

Christmas baubles

- 1) Print onto white card.
- 2) Colour and decorate the baubles.
- 3) Cut out the baubles
- 4) Use a hole punch to make holes in top part.
- 5) Tread through wool to hang





Wonderful
Counselor



Mighty
God



Everlasting
Father



Prince
of
Peace



Isaiah 9:6

Make your own Nativity

There are two options for making this week's craft. A version which you can colour yourself and another version which comes pre-coloured. You **only** need to print the version you would like to use. Scene can be used over the following weeks and covers, the angel appearing to Mary. Mary's visit to Elizabeth and Zechariah. The Shepherd, The wise men and of course the stable scene.



What you need

- The template page of your choice printed onto white card.
- Scissors
- Glue
- Colouring pencils or crayons

What to do



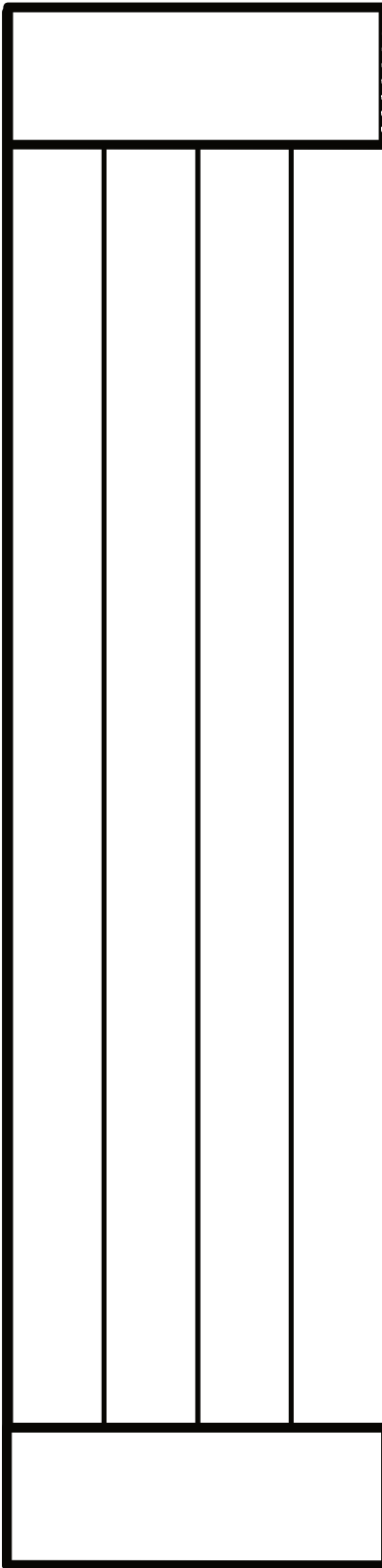
Colour the pictures and cut out.



Glue stable scene back to back. Fold and glue.

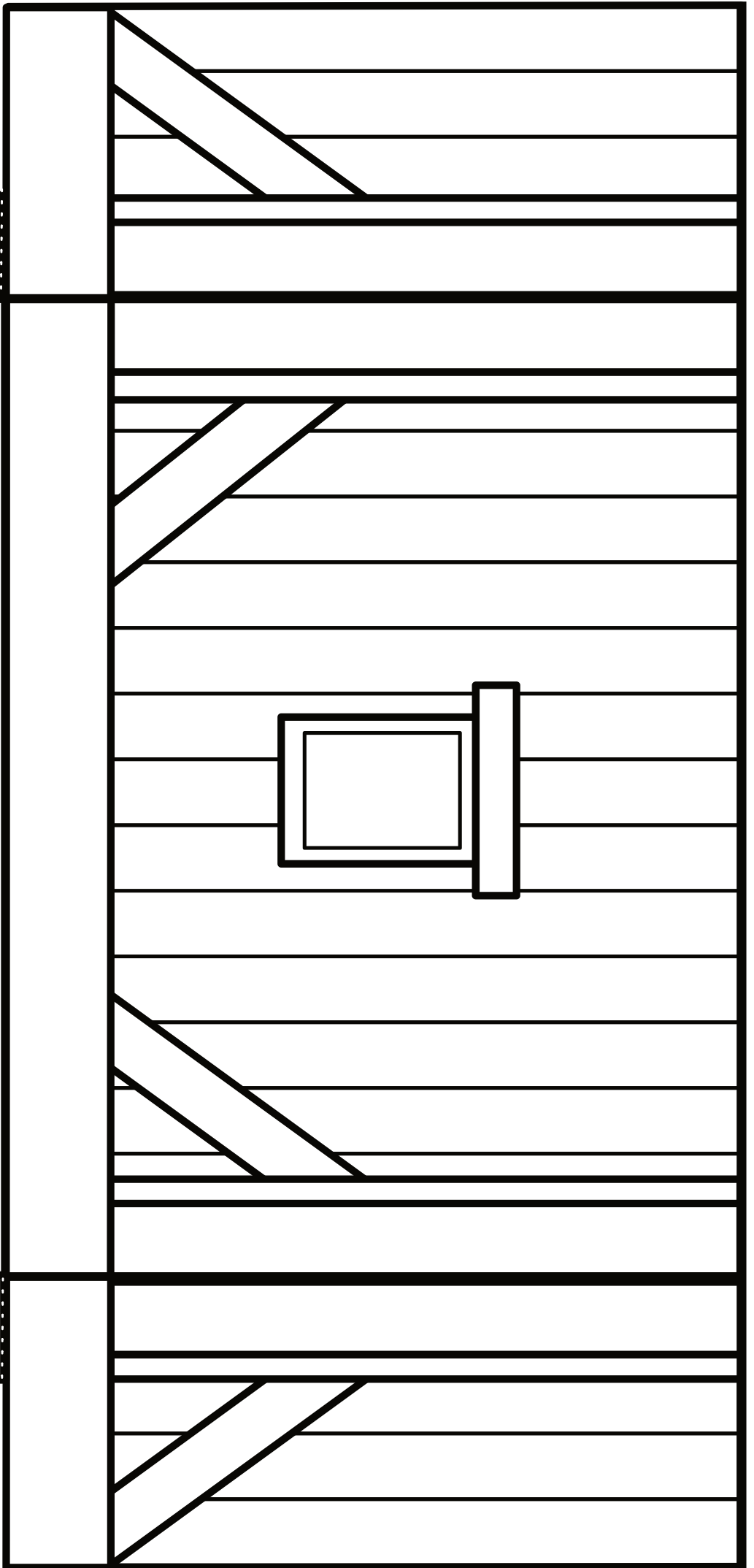


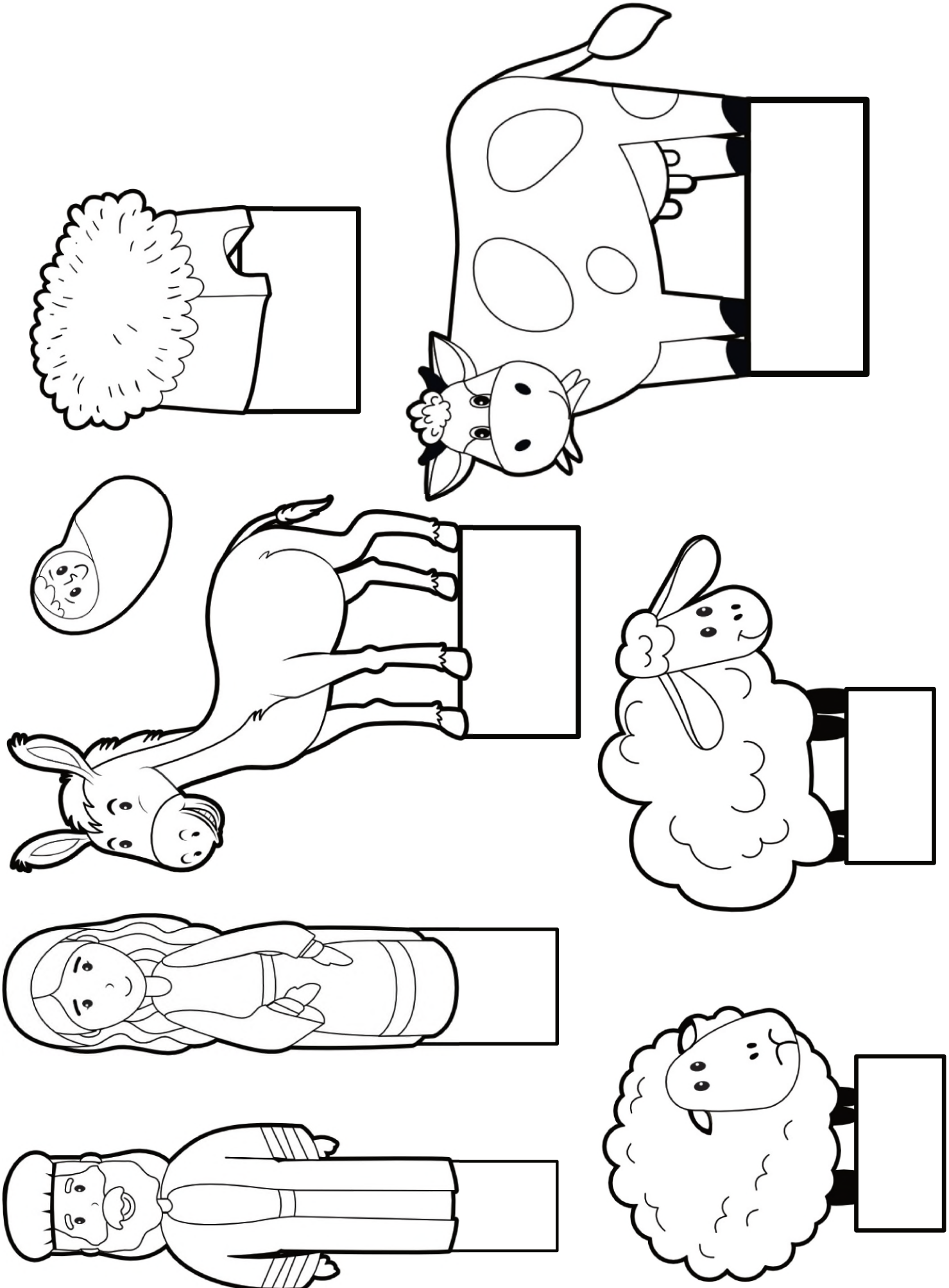
For added stability, tape cardboard rings or small object to back of characters.

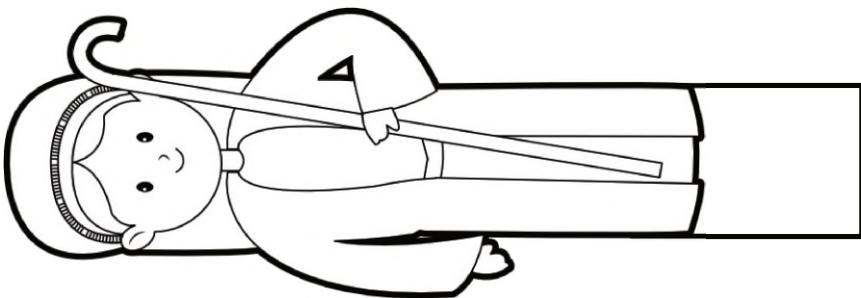
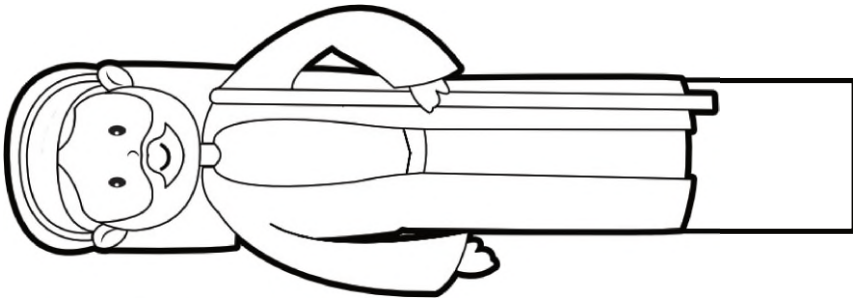
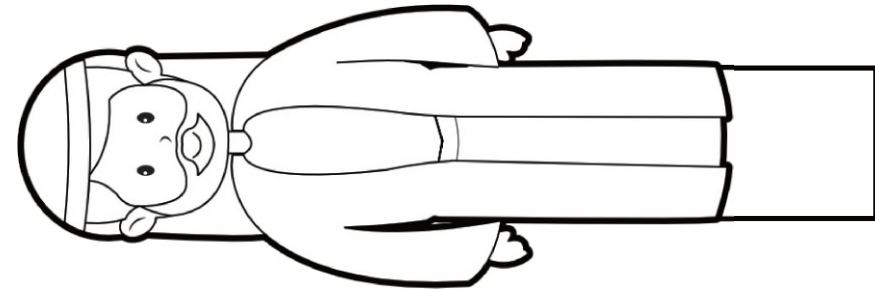
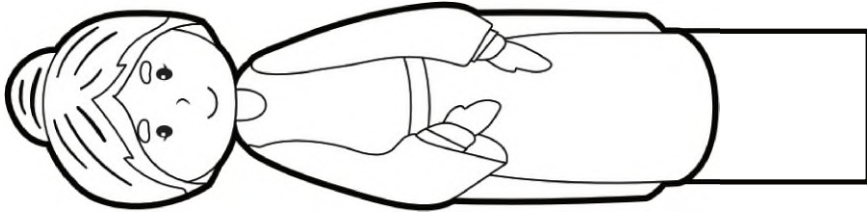
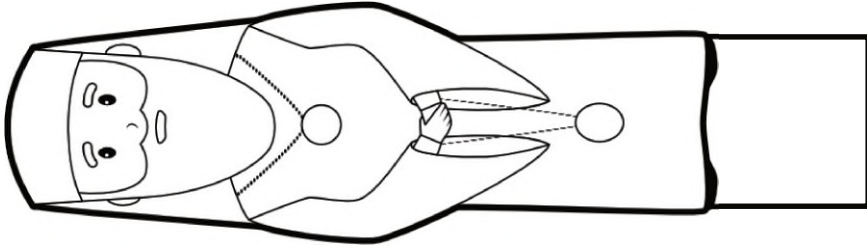
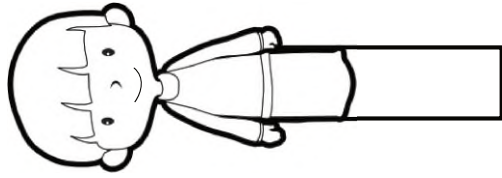


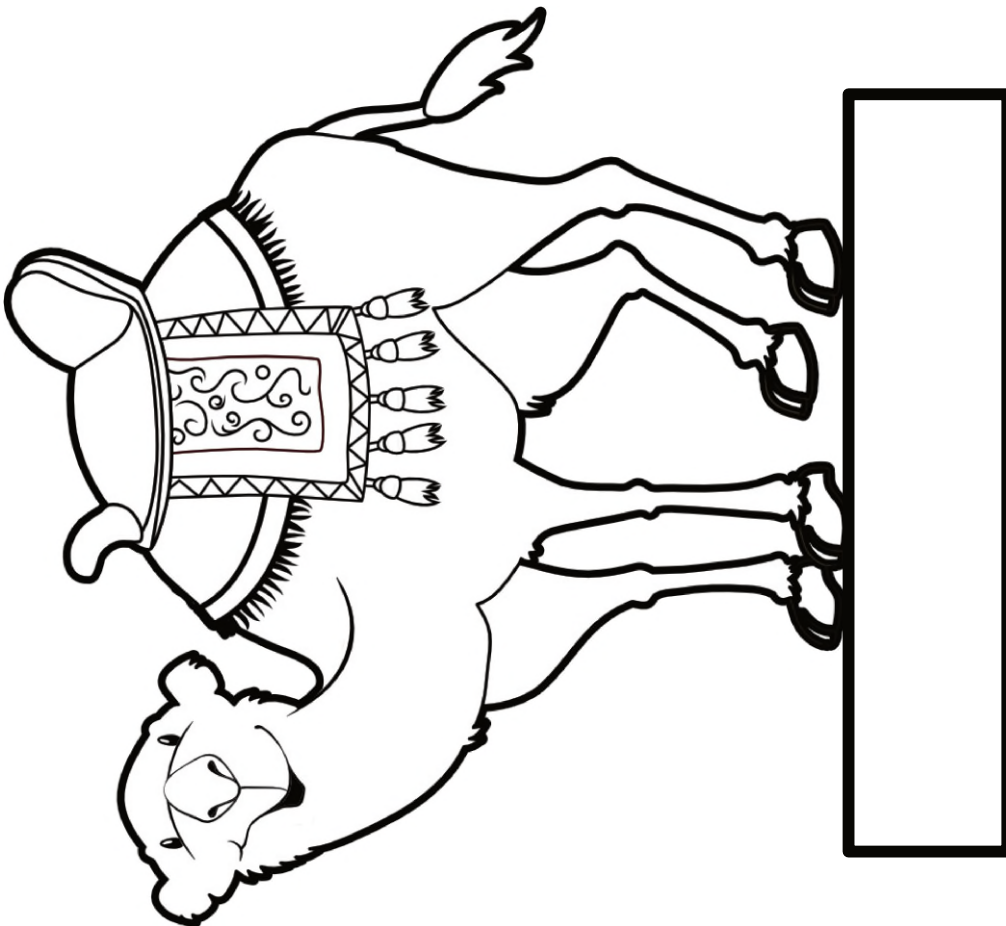
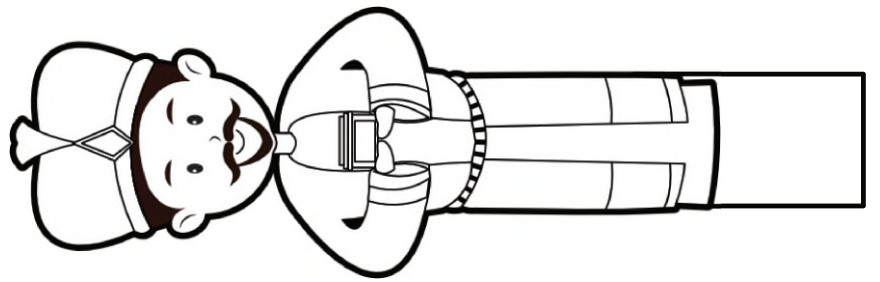
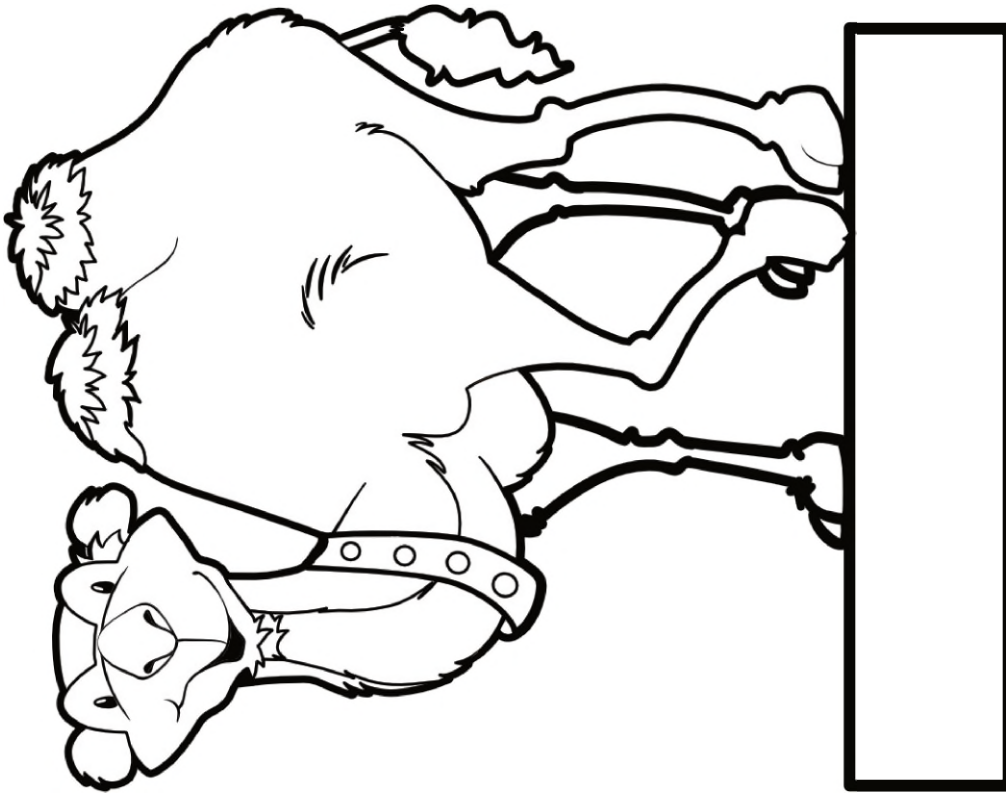
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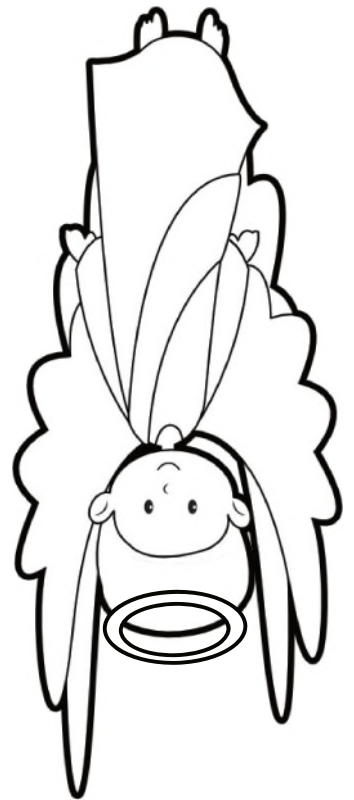
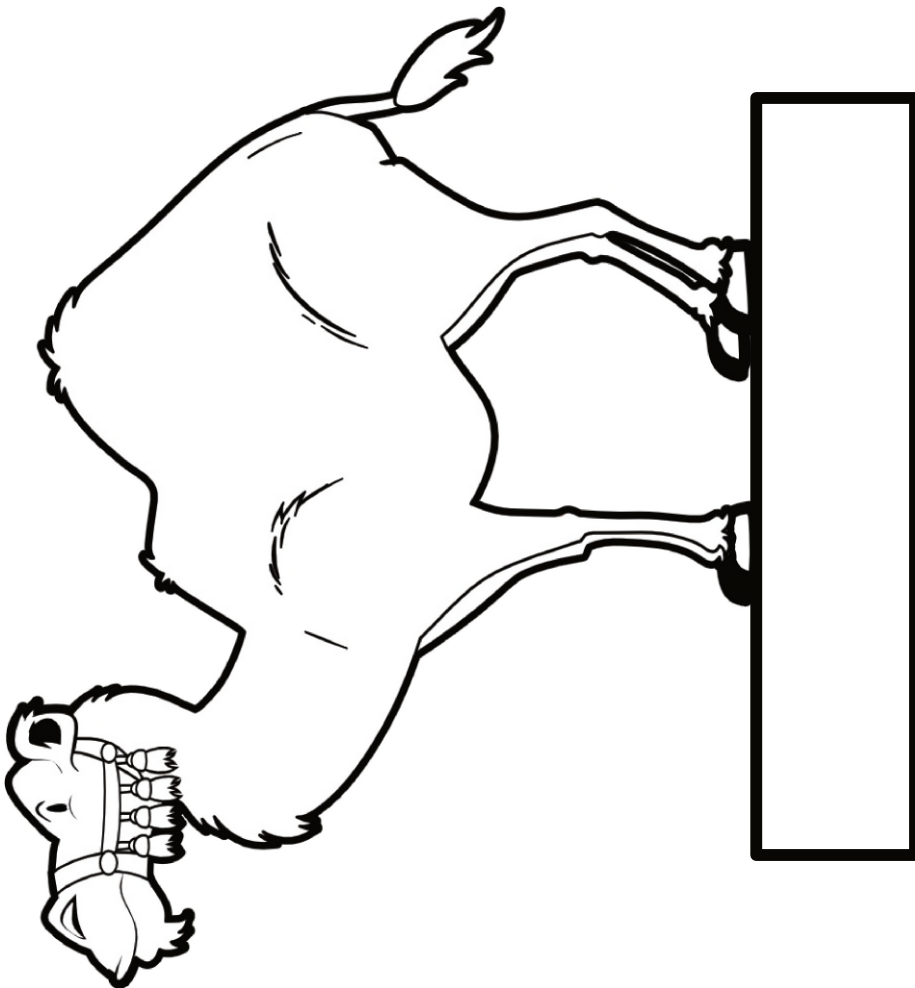
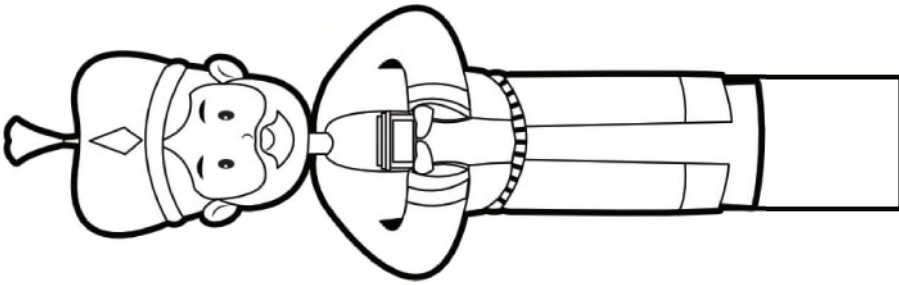
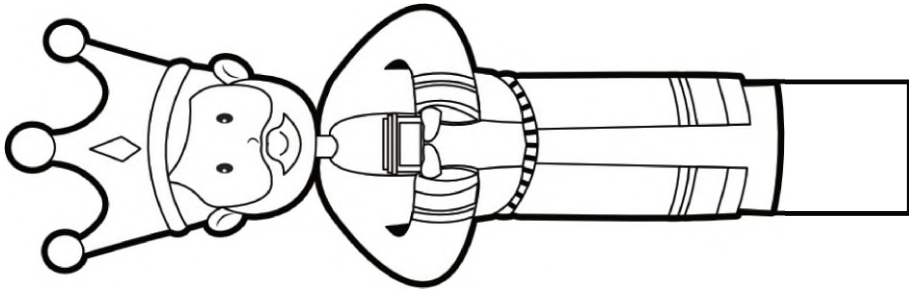
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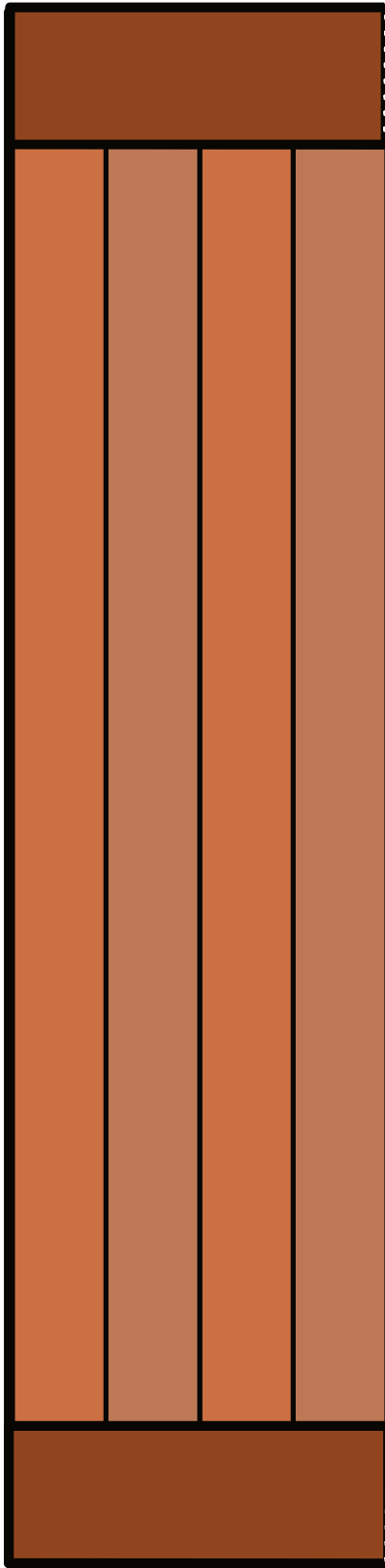






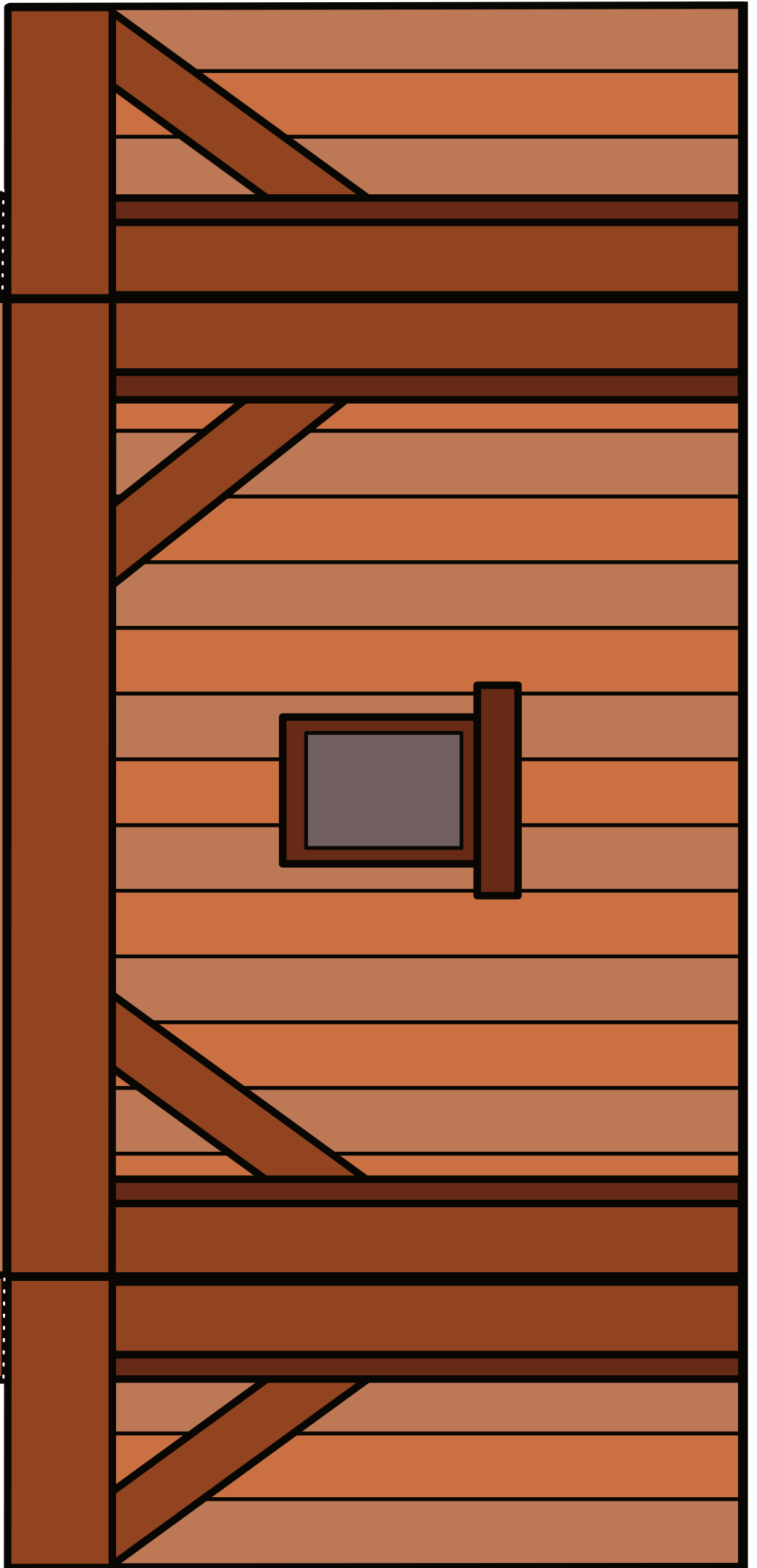


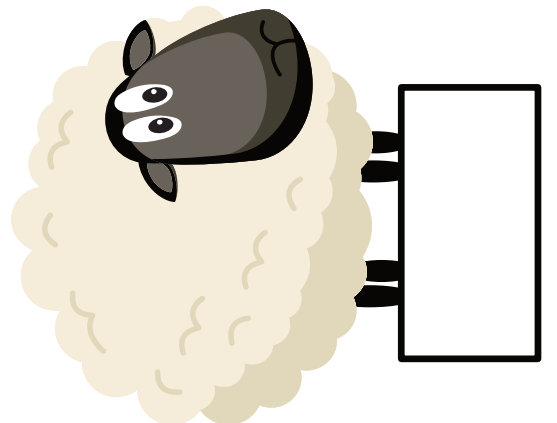
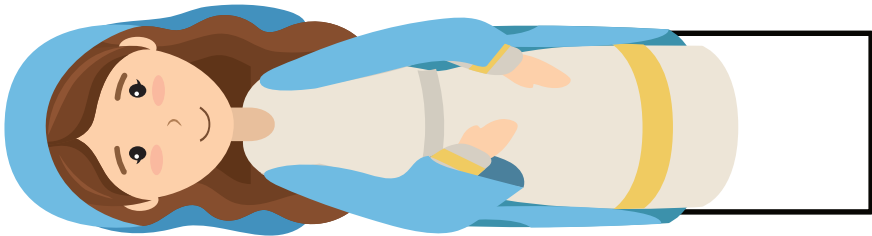
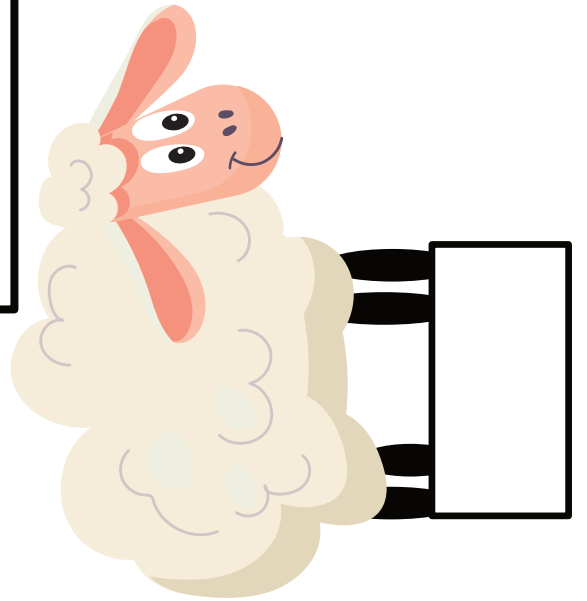
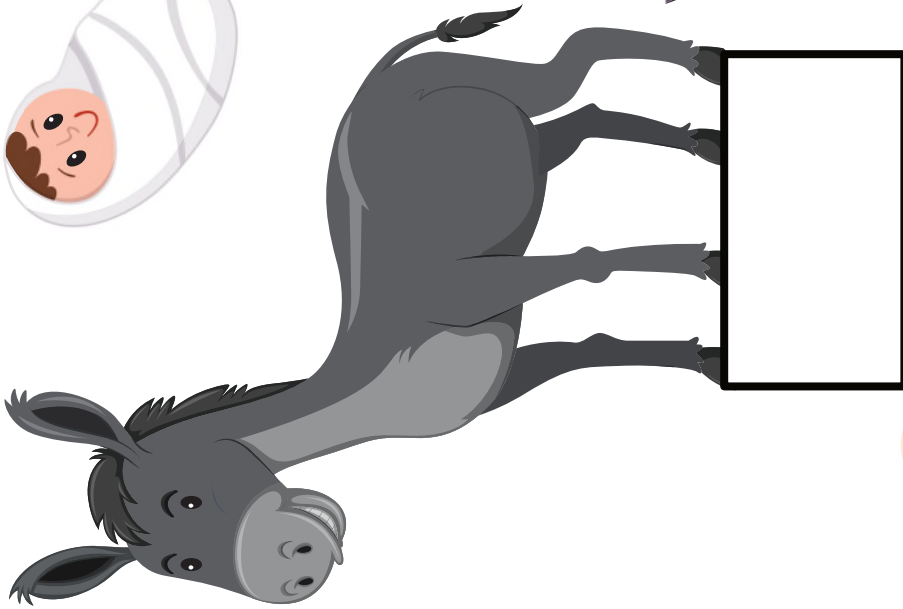
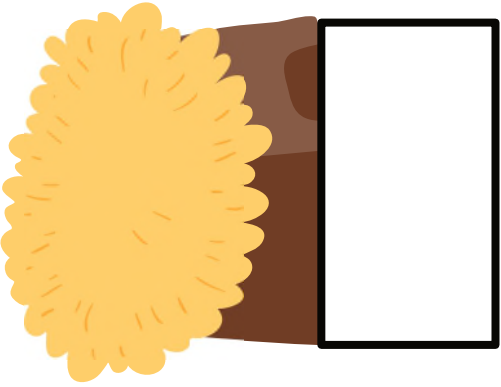
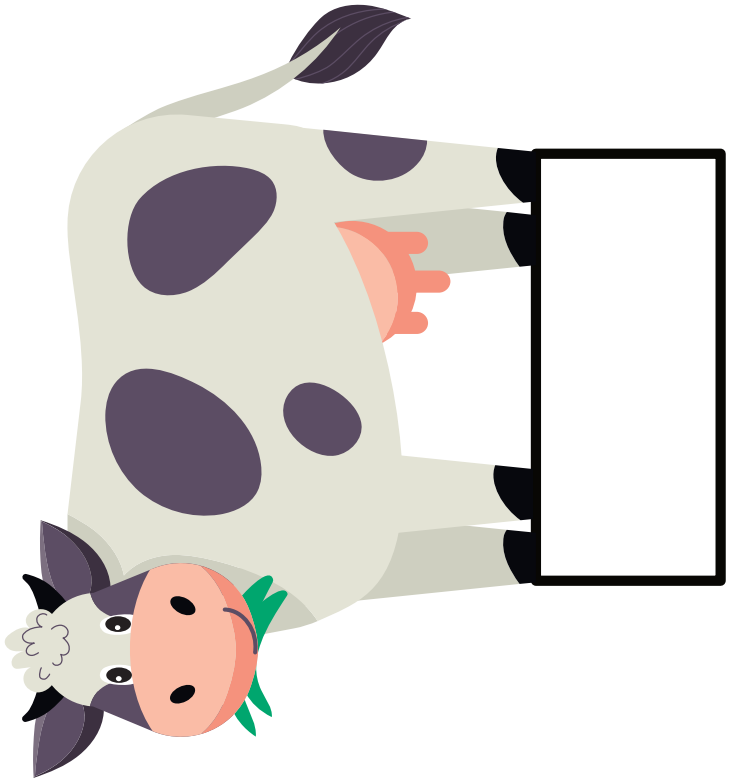


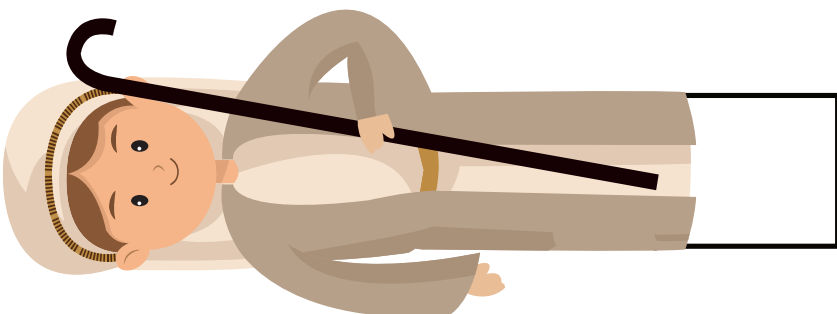
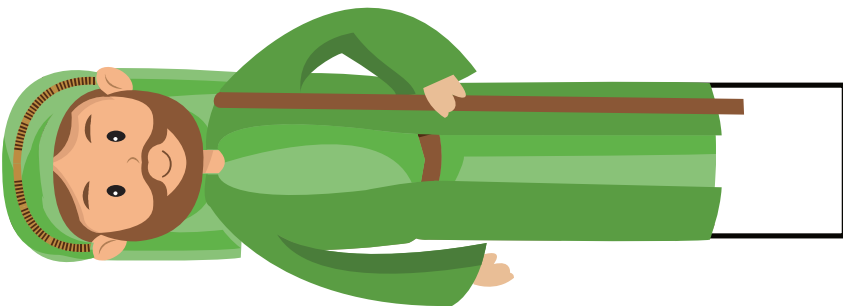
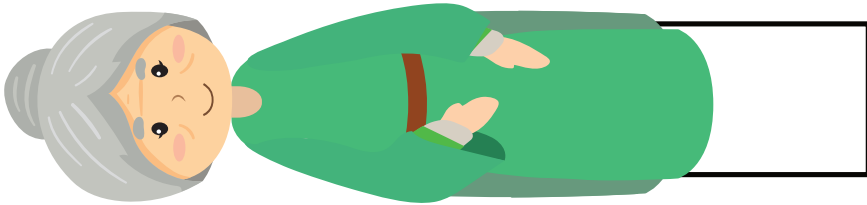
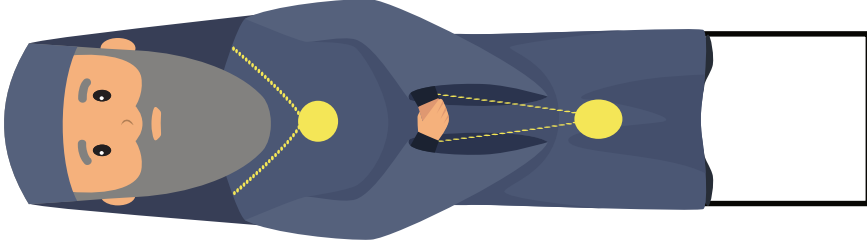
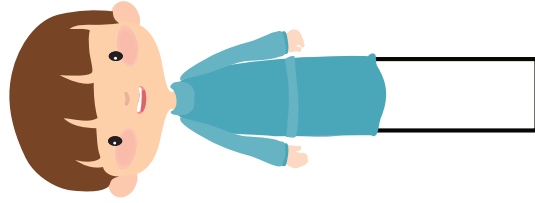


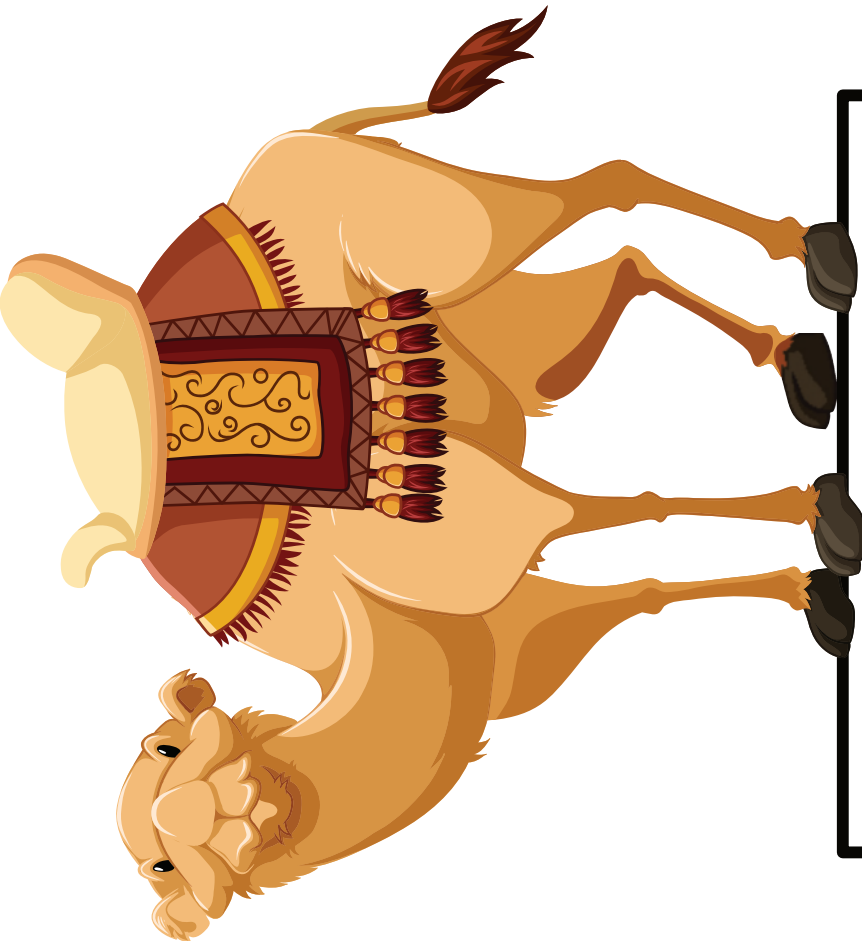
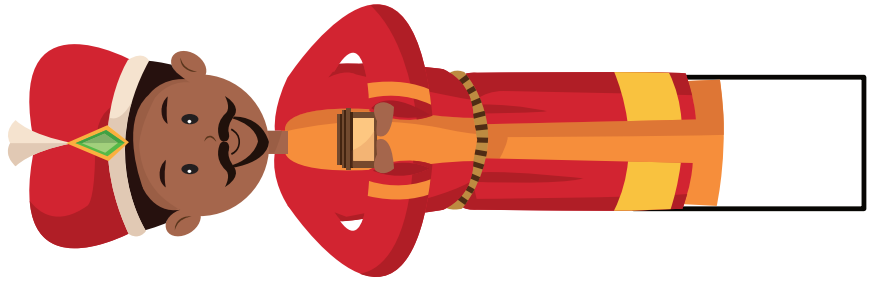
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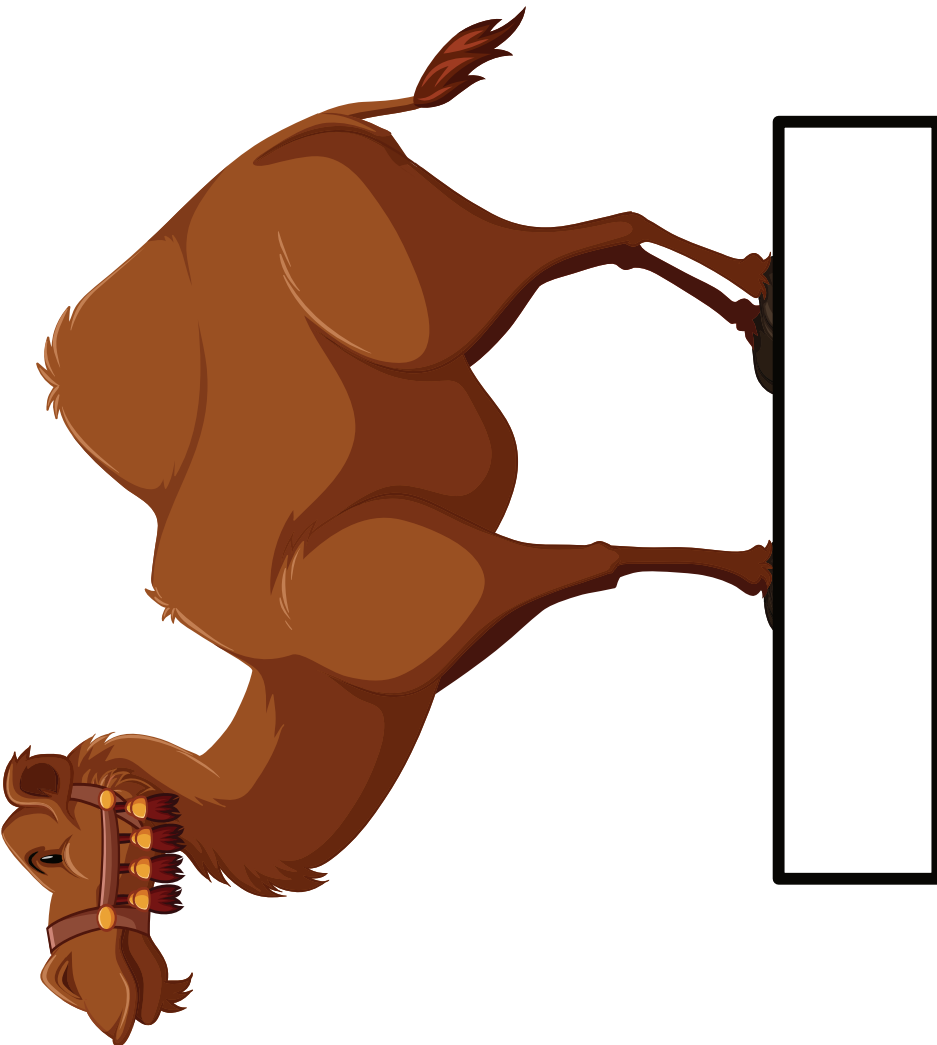
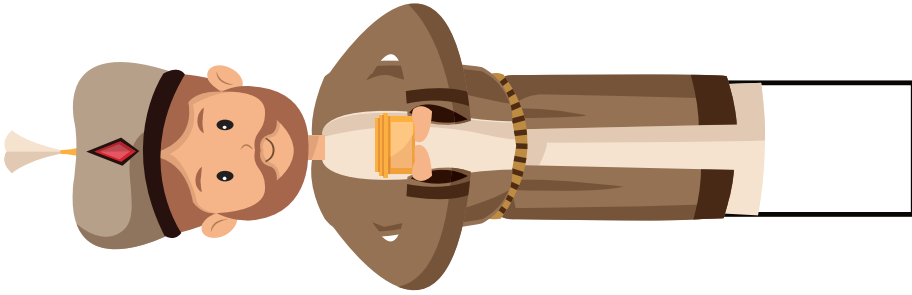
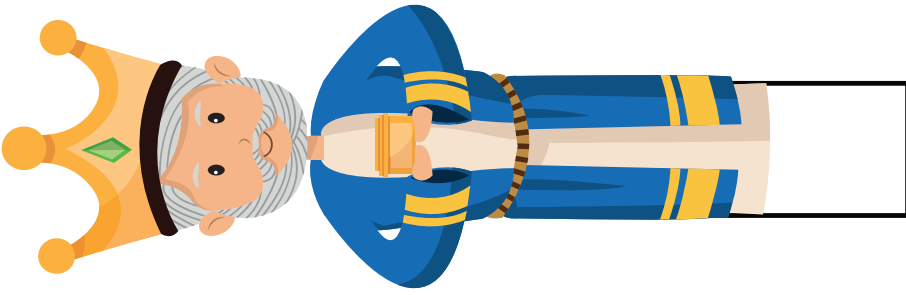
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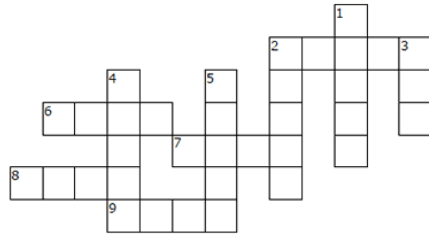








Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
- 6. To make a request to God
- 7. The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
- 8. To raise from a lower to a higher position
- 9. The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

DOWN

- 1. To observe very carefully
- 2. To rise to an upright position on your feet
- 3. The earth's source of heat and light
- 4. The planet on which we live
- 5. Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

PRAY	STARS	EARTH	STAND	MOON
WATCH	CLOUD	LIFT	HEAD	SUN

*Christ
Is Coming!*

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Are You Ready?

Luke 21:25-36

Word Search Puzzle

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E I M A C D U E C W A T O T F
D C S Z L P W N E A X R A R F
E A A R N O R N S T U O T N E
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GLORY	STARS	POWER	ESCAPE	HEADS
STAND	HEAVEN	LIFT	NATIONS	MOON
SEA	EARTH	REDEMPTION	CLOUD	SUN
SIGNS	WATCH	WORLD	CAREFUL	PRAY

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"Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming
on a cloud with power and great glory."
Luke 21:27

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the
correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
A	H	P	Z	K	E	X	S	C	Q	M	T	F	L	O	B	U	I	N	J	W	V	D	Y	G	R

1. 9-14-15-17-23-8 _____
2. 2-6-1-23-8 _____
3. 3-26-1-24 _____
4. 25-14-15-26-24 _____
5. 8-18-25-19-8 _____
6. 21-1-12-9-2 _____
7. 14-18-13-12 _____
8. 9-1-26-6-13-17-14 _____

GLORY	CAREFUL	HEADS	WATCH
PRAY	CLOUDS	LIFT	SIGNS

Be come,
O C O M E
Emmanuel