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Eventually, someone said they could sleep with the animals in the stable.

That night, in a stable, surrounded by animals, something wonderful happened. Jesus was born.

Mary placed Jesus in a manger. It was usually where the animals got their food. But that night, it held the Son of God.

One day, far away in Rome. The Roman emperor Augustus wanted to count all the people living in his empire.

He wanted to make sure everyone paid their taxes to him.

He made a law that everyone must return to the town where they were born.



Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, but Joseph's family came from a town far away called Bethlehem.

Even though it was a long way away and Mary was having a baby, they had to make the trip.

They left their home behind and made the long journey.



When they arrived in Bethlehem, it was very busy. Lots of people were there because of the census.

Mary and Joseph went from house to house, but there was no room.

They went from inn to inn, but everywhere was full.

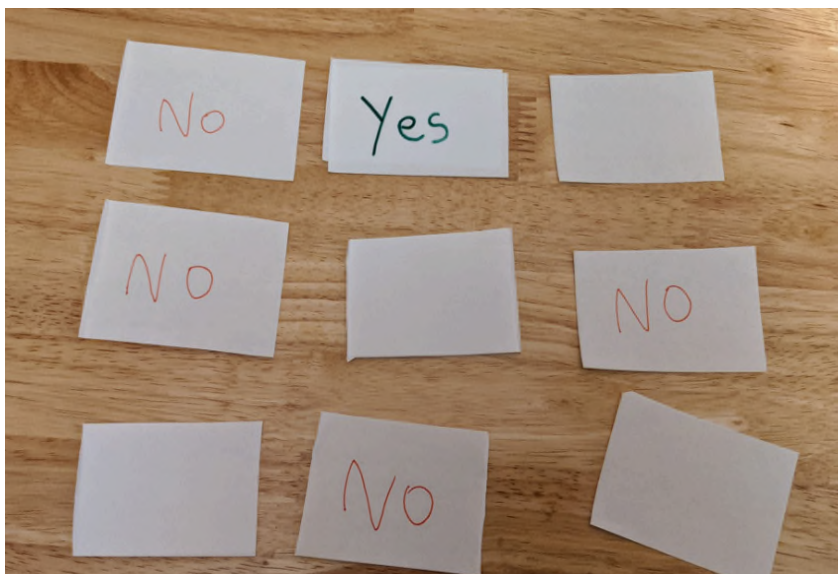
There was nowhere left for them to stay.

Games and Activities

Find a place to stay - Card Game

Lay a number of cards face down on a table. The more cards used, the more difficult the game. Write "No" on all of the cards except one. Write "yes" on one card. For younger children, you could use colors. Red for no, green for yes.

Take it in turns to pick up one card. The idea is to find somewhere to stay (The card with yes). The first person to find the card wins. Rearrange the cards on the table and play again.



Visit a live nativity

If you have a live nativity near to where you live, plan a visit with your family. Many churches hold a live nativity. Another alternative would be to visit a farm or stable. While there, ask your child to explore all their senses. What does it smell like? What can they see? What does the hay feel like and so on.

Ask them if they think it would be a nice place to be born.

Hold a Birthday Party

With all the decorations and events that surround Christmas, it's easy for children to forget we are celebrating Jesus' birthday. Hold a birthday party to help them remember.

Blow up balloons, wear party hats, play their favorite party games, and eat some birthday cake. It helps if you use normal birthday decorations rather than Christmas decorations. Celebrate Jesus' birth together.



Spot the difference - Find 6 things



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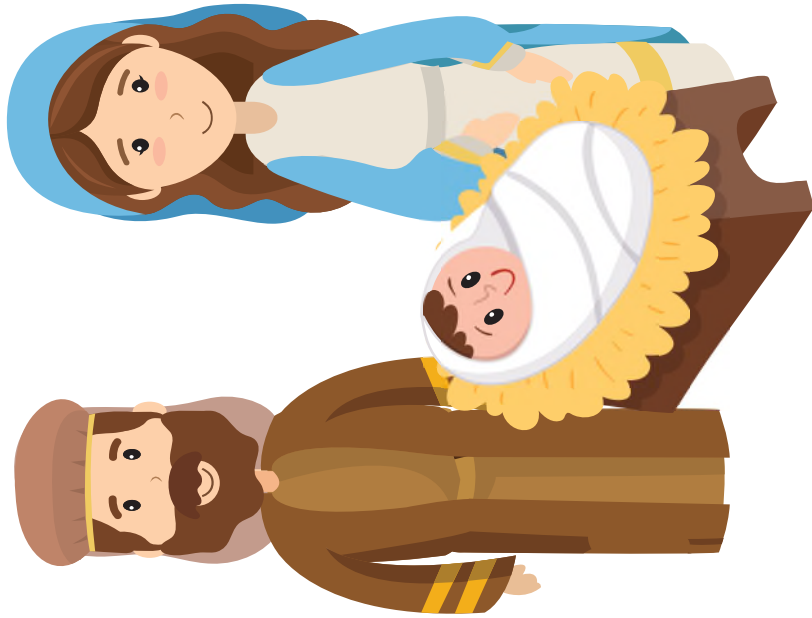
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"For to us
 a child is
 born, to
 us a son"
 is given."

Isaiah 9:6

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Stable scene



What you need

Template printed on thick card

7 Lollipop (Popsicle) sticks

Colouring pencils

Glue

Scissor

Optional: Ribbon / stars

What to do



Colour in the nativity scene



Cut around outside.
(Optional)



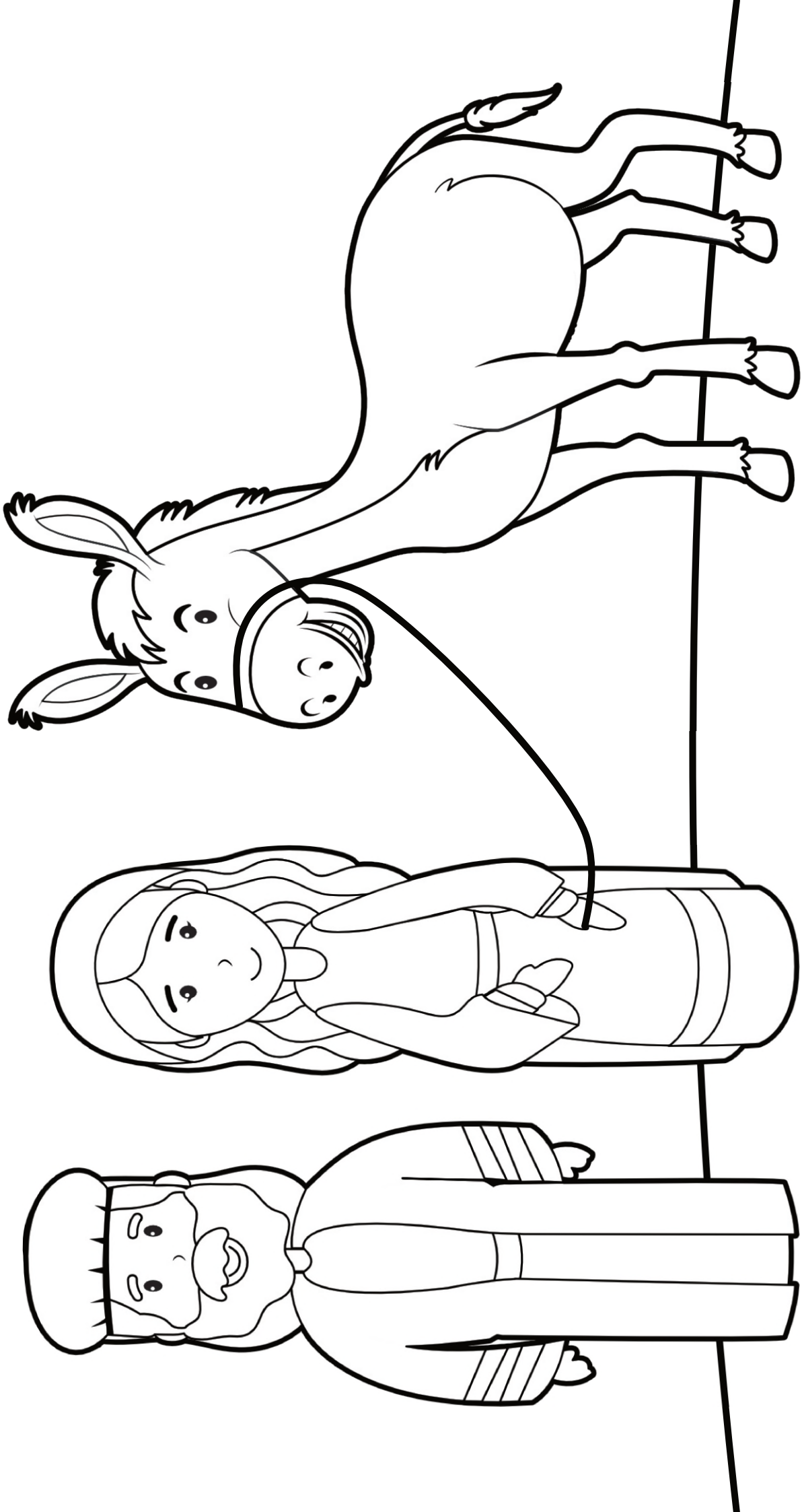
Glue on lollipop sticks or
colour with pencils.

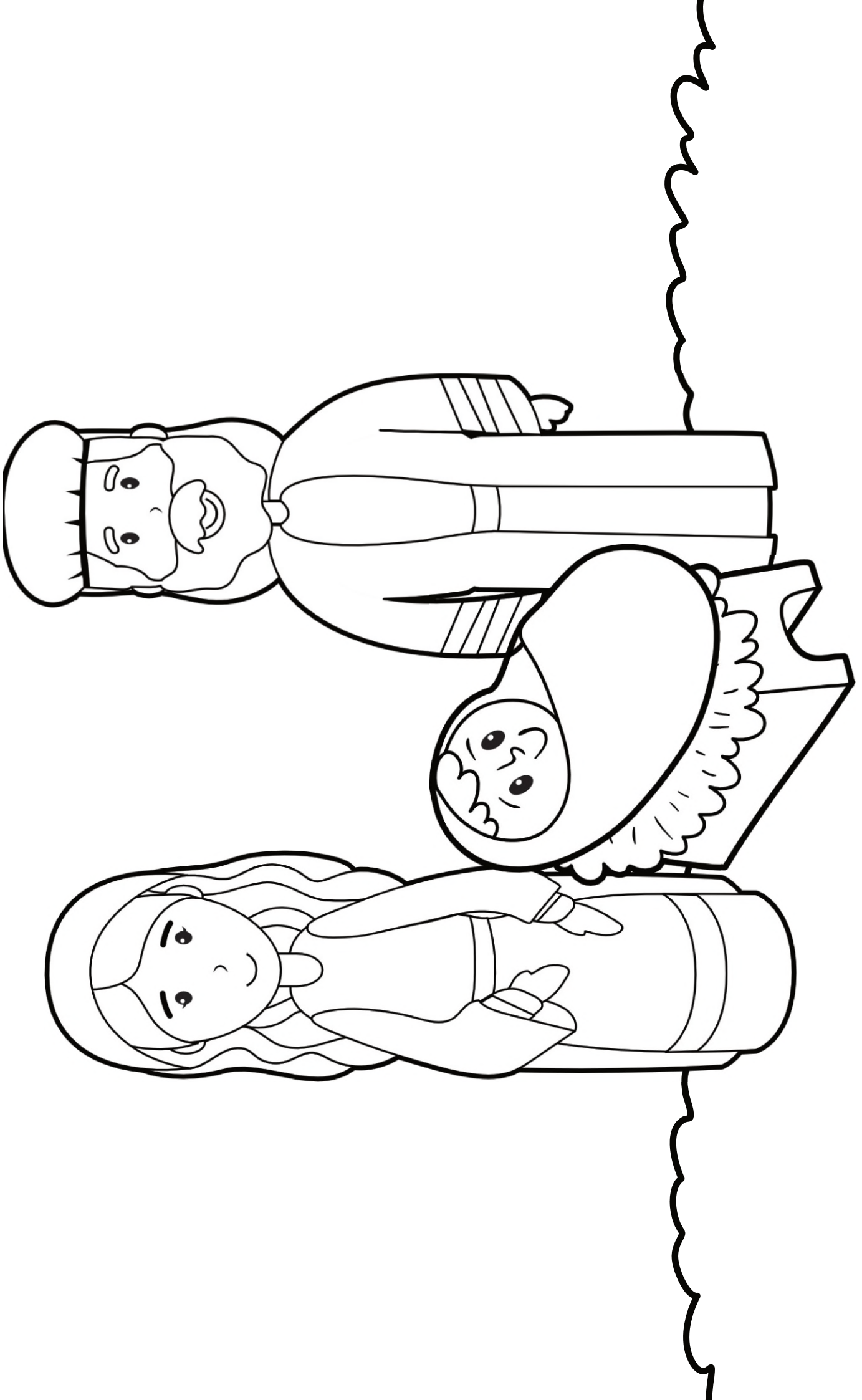
Option 1 - Glue or tape ribbon to hang

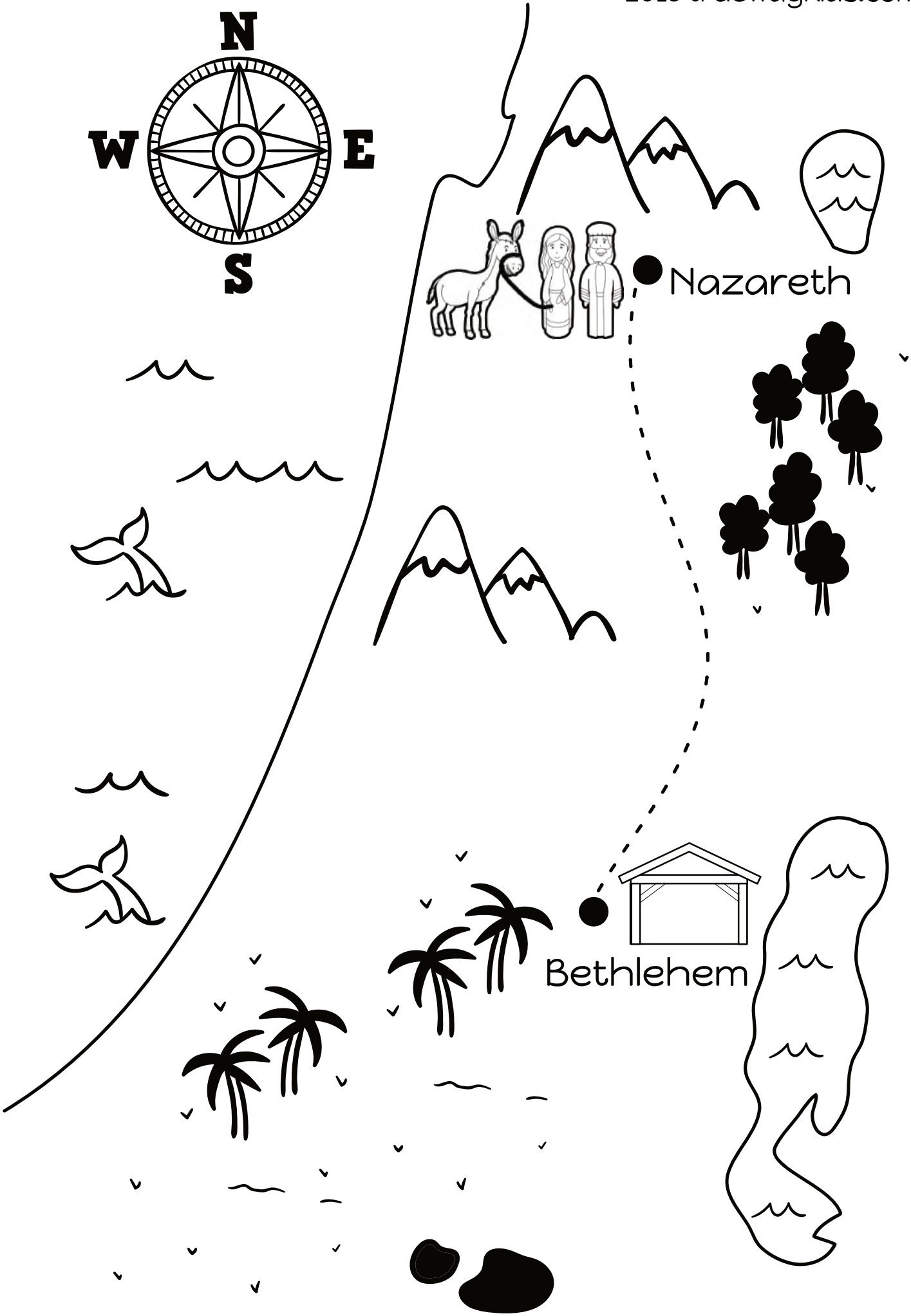
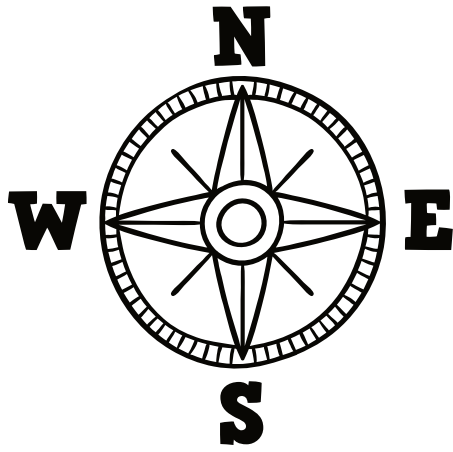
Option 2 - Don't cut out the stable but leave on page. Colour the sky black and glue or paint in stars.

A
Saviour
has been
born to you;
Luke 2:11



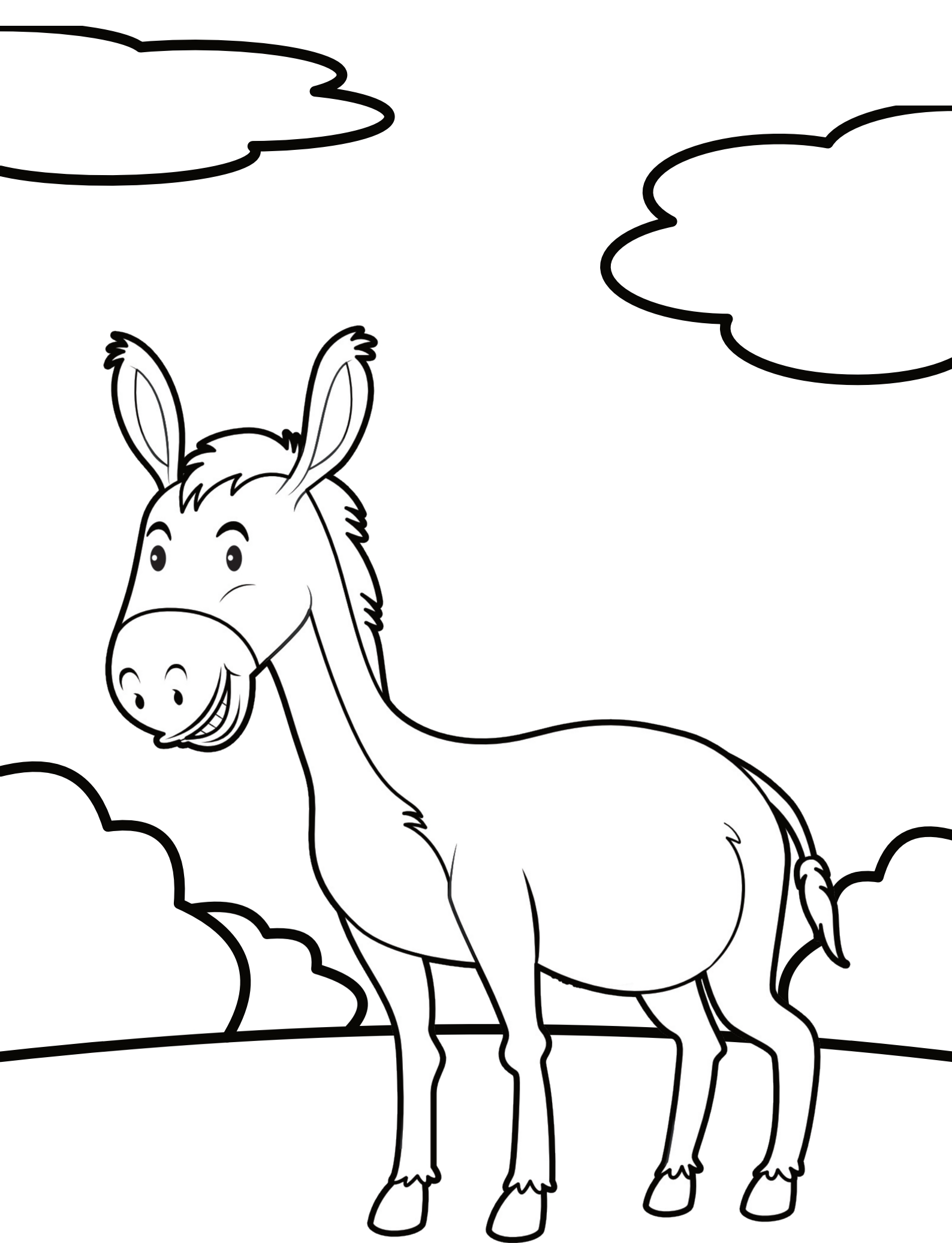






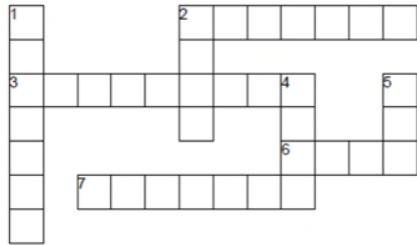
Nazareth

Bethlehem



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Crossword Puzzle



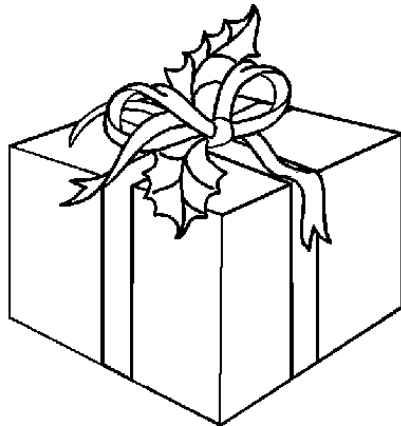
ACROSS

- 2. To accept as true
- 3. The mother of John the Baptist
- 6. The mother of Jesus
- 7. To agree to do something for someone in the future

DOWN

- 1. Highly favored by God
- 2. An infant; a young child
- 4. The place where a person lives
- 5. The feeling of great happiness

ELIZABETH	PROMISE	BLESSED	BELIEVE
JOY	MARY	HOME	BABY



The Gift of Love

Luke 1:39-45

Word Search

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L W G G C B G R A J Y Y I B E
L K E T H L Q E G X M U D E F
J Q K L I E O L R B A B Y L T
X Z W V L S L I E M C K N I Z
N R O H D S U Z E A A O W E O
R G S O D E C A T J T R H V B
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ELIZABETH	FULFILL	FILLED	GREETING	BELIEVE
BLESSED	CHILD	PROMISE	LEAPED	JUDEA
ZECHARIAH	JOY	BABY	HOME	MARY

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Decoder Puzzle

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

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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

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- 13-1-18-25 _____
- 12-5-1-16-5-4 _____
- 2-1-2-25 _____
- 2-12-5-19-19-5-4 _____
- 16-18-15-13-9-19-5-19 _____
- 10-15-25 _____
- 13-15-20-8-5-18 _____
- 23-15-13-5-14 _____
- 6-21-12-6-9-12-12 _____

ELIZABETH	MARY	LEAPED	BABY	BLESSED
PROMISES	JOY	MOTHER	WOMEN	FULLILL



Mary Visits Elizabeth

Coloring Page

