

Immaculate Mary (Lyrics)



Immaculate Mary!
Our hearts are on fire;
That title so wondrous
Fills all our desire!

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for God's glory,
May His kingdom come;
We pray for His Vicar,
Our Father in Rome.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for our Mother,
The Church upon earth,
And bless, sweetest Lady,
The land of our birth.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

We pray for all sinners,
And souls that now stray
From Jesus and Mary
In heresy's way.

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave Maria!

The Story of Abraham and Sarah

This should be placed inside the Bible as you read to highlight to the children that this comes from sacred scripture.

Once there was a man named Abram. One day the Lord came to talk to Abram, and Abram asked, "Who will have all my things when I die". God promised Abram and his wife Sarai that one day they would be parents, even though they were old and had no children.

God wasn't sure that Abram understood. So that night He took him outside, and said, "Do you see all the stars that are in the sky"? When Abram looked up, the whole night sky was full of stars, so many in fact that he would never be able to count them. Then God said, "That is how many children you will have".

Quite a few years later when Abram was ninety-nine years old (older than even your grandparents) the Lord decided to change Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of many." He also changed Sarai's name to Sarah. God told them again that they would be parents and that they would have a boy. This time Abraham laughed so hard he fell on his face! It was hard to believe that he and Sarah would have a child in their old age.

One day three visitors came to Abraham's house. He hurried to meet them. "May I get you something to eat and drink?" Abraham asked. "Please come in and join us, and have a rest on the couch." The visitors agreed, so Abraham brought them some fresh bread, milk, and meat.

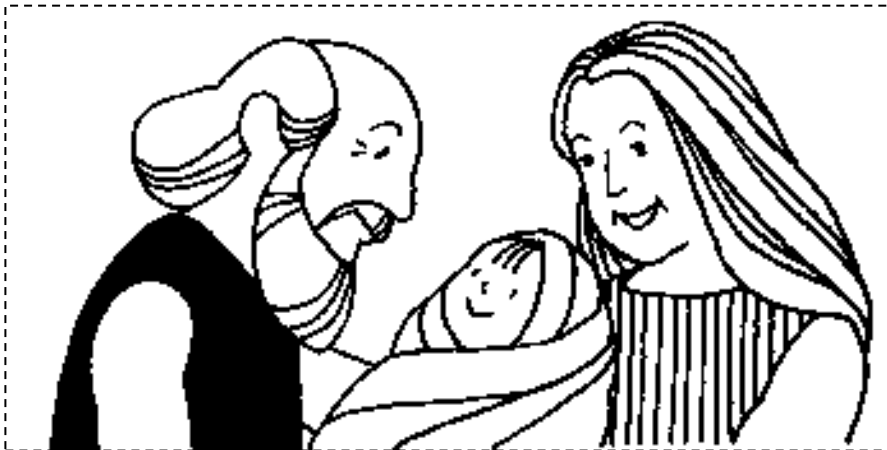
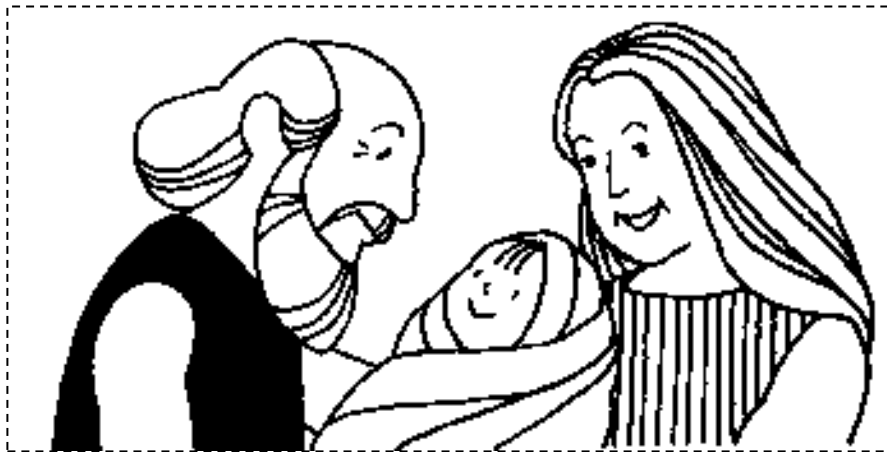
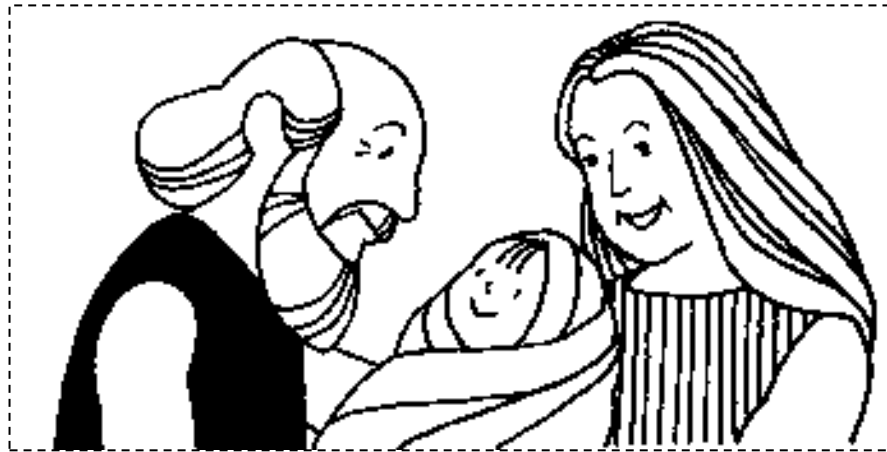
While the visitors were eating, they asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" Abraham thought this was a little strange, but he replied, "She's in the other room". Then one of the men spoke and said, "I will come back to see you at this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening behind the living room door. She started to laugh, but covered her mouth and laughed to herself because she didn't want to be heard. Then she said to herself, "How can I have a child, I'm almost one hundred years old?"

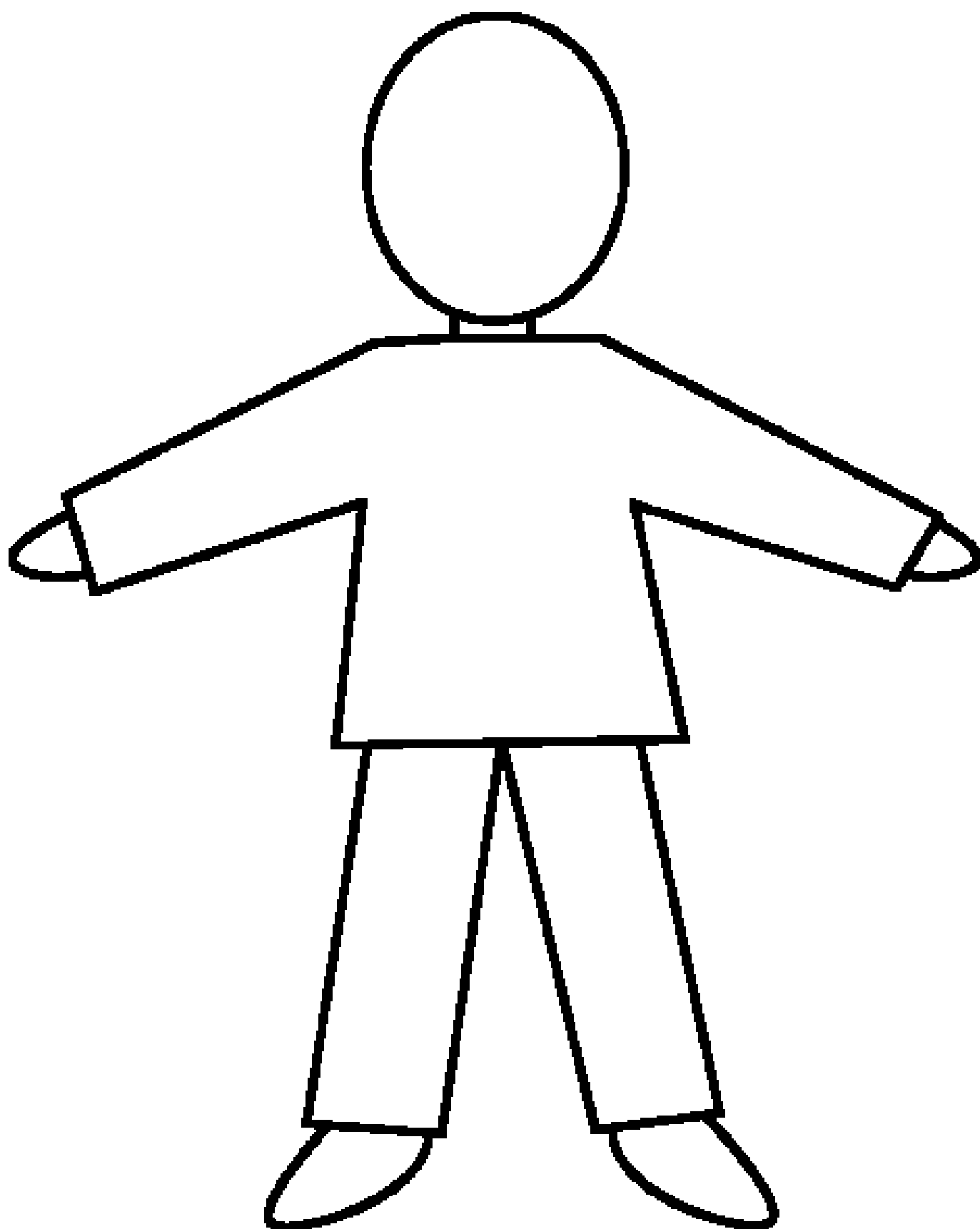
Later when the visitors had left, Abraham and Sarah realized that the man who had told them this was indeed God. A year later Sarah did have a son and she and Abraham named him Isaac, which means "he laughs."

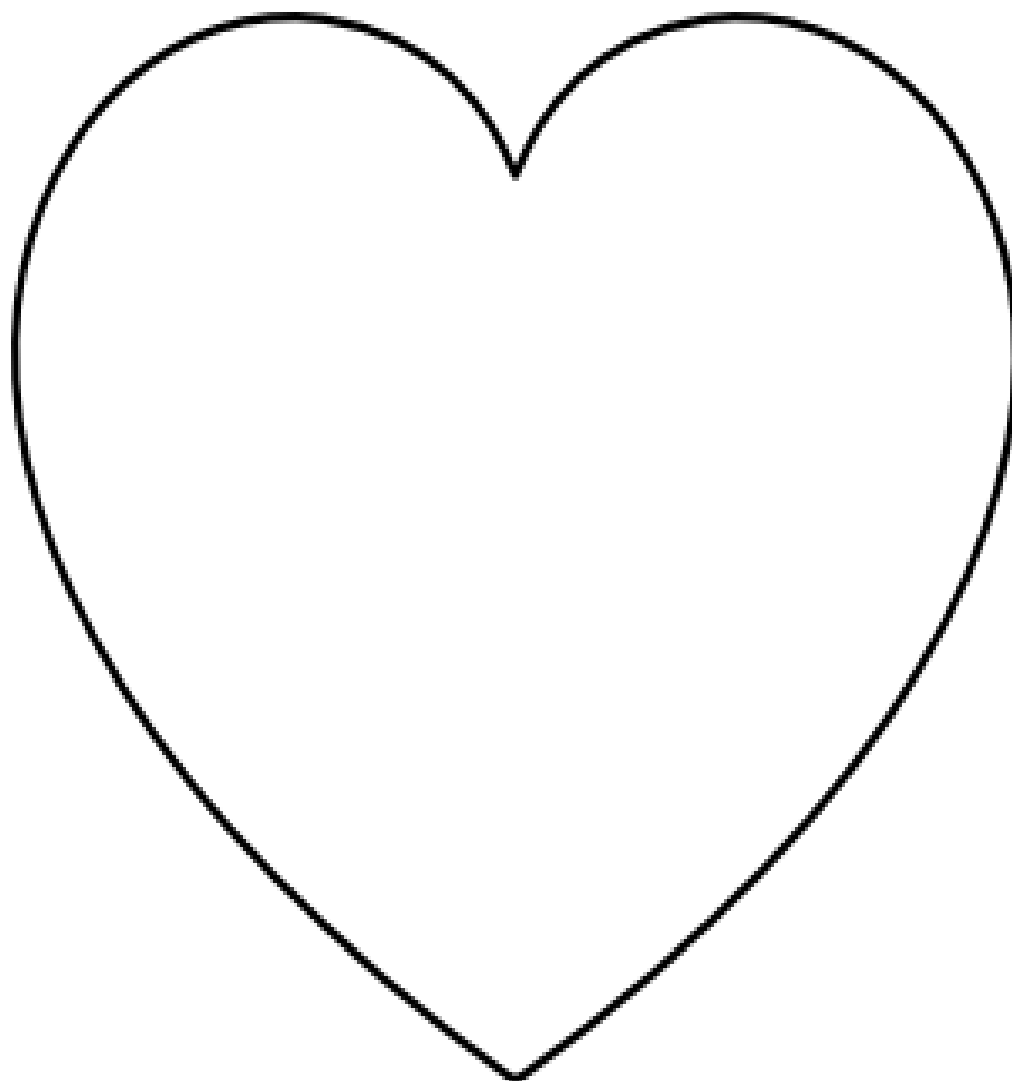
They were very excited and remembered to thank God for Isaac.

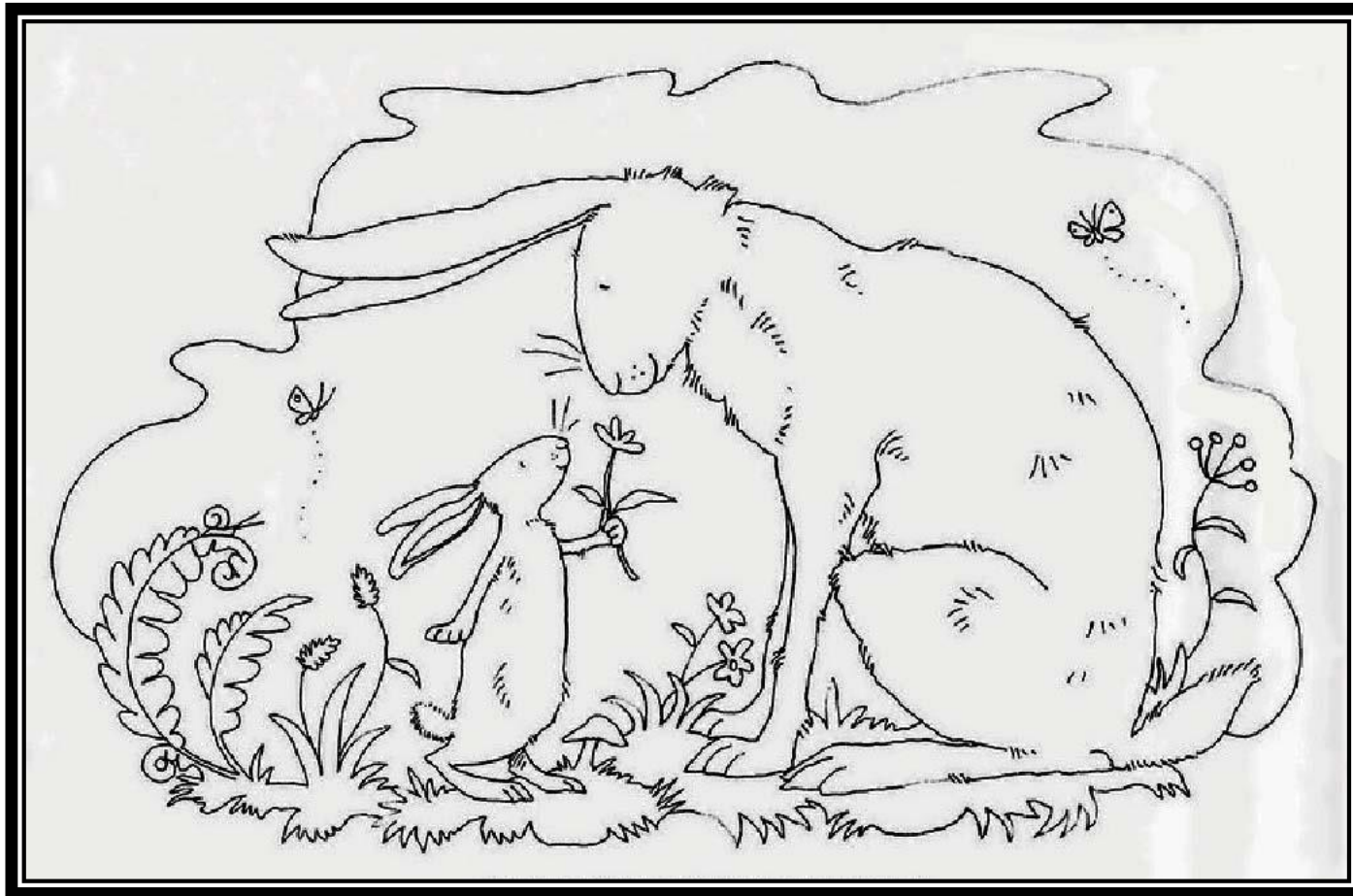
Abraham and Sarah Colouring Image



We all belong to God's family





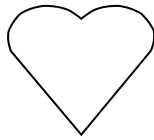
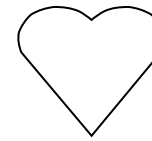


Guess how
much I love
you?

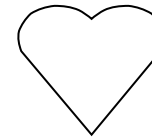
Friendship Bracelets



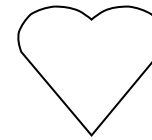
Thank you for being a friend



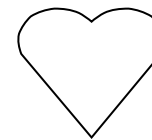
Thank you for being a friend



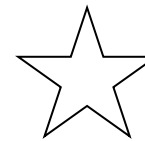
Thank you for being a friend



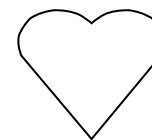
Thank you for being a friend



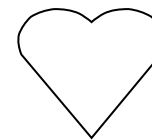
Thank you for being a friend



Thank you for being a friend



Thank you for being a friend



Noah's Ark

Once there was an old man who had a *very long* beard. He was the only nice person in the whole neighborhood. He worshipped and obeyed God all the time. Then one day, God spoke to him.

"Noah, you know what? I'm tired of all your neighbors being so selfish and mean. They don't even know how to share or take care of other people who are poor. They just think about themselves all the time. I tell you what. I would like you to have a new neighborhood, and this is what I am going to do. I will take you to a new place in an ark, because I like you. I will make it rain for forty days and forty nights. There will be a great flood, but you and your family and all the animals will be safe."

Noah was surprised and asked, "What's an ark?"

God replied, "It's like a boat, but very big. You will have to make it. *(As you read the next line, make long steps from one side of the room to the other)* It should be wide, and this long, *(Then jump and stretch your arm to the ceiling)* and this tall. You also have to make it out of very special wood. And you have to do this right away!"

Noah squinted and looked at the sky. "Oh, oh!", he said. "I better get going! Mrs. Noah! Mrs. Noah! We need to have food, blankets and hay for the animals. God said it is going to rain for a long, long, long time. There will be a great flood, so hurry!"

"But how will we live through a great flood?" Mrs. Noah asked.

Noah said, "It's ok. I'm going to build an ark so our family and all the animals will be safe in it. So hurry and make all the preparations."

Mrs. Noah asked, "What is an ark?"

"You'll know what it is when it's done," Noah replied.

And so Noah built his ark. It was so long, and so wide and so tall. It had a window and a big huge door. All of his neighbors laughed at him. "What's that silly thing Noah is making?" they would ask. "It looks enormous, and like a boat, but there are no oceans or rivers in sight. No water anywhere." And they kept on laughing.

Noah finally finished the ark and as soon as he did, the clouds started to cover the sun. He heard God's voice again, "Noah, it's

time to go!"

So, Noah gathered up the animals, two dogs, two cats, two lions, and two rats. He gathered two tigers, two bears, two of every animal in sight. Some of them just went right into the ark, but Noah had to trick others. After everyone was inside, God closed the door. Inside the boat, Noah's family could see how the sky was getting darker and darker. It became scary and quiet. Then, Noah heard it. A drop, then a second drop, then a third, then another and another, and they came faster and faster, and bigger and louder. After a few minutes, it became a huge storm. The dry land started to get soaked in water. It rained and rained without stopping. After two days of rain, the ark started to float and still the rain kept pouring down. Soon the ark was in the middle of a large ocean. It rained more and more without stopping, for forty days and forty nights. Just like God said it would. Then suddenly, it stopped! The sun began to shine, so Noah sent out a raven to find dry land, but it came back to the ark. He waited a few more days and sent out a dove. It came back with a leaf in its beak. Then he sent the dove out again. He waited for many days, but the dove never came back.

"Wow, the storm must really be over!" Noah cried. "I think it's safe to come out now."

"Finally," shouted one of Noah's sons, "The animals are starting to stink up the place."

"Alright then, let's open the door and go out."

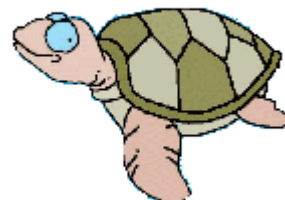
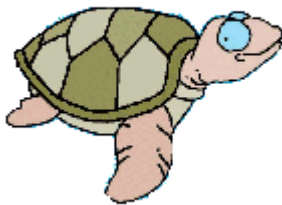
Noah and his family and all the animals marched out from the ark to dry land. There was no one else around. Then Noah realized, "so this is the new neighborhood God was talking about." He had a lot of work to do.

"We better get started," said Mrs. Noah.

"Yes, but first things first," Noah said, "We need to give God an offering to show him how thankful we are for saving us from the flood." So, Noah gave God an offering, and God was very, very pleased with him.

Help Noah pair up the animals

Draw a line connecting each animal pair.



Animal Pair Cards

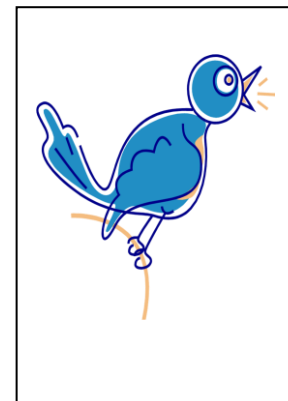
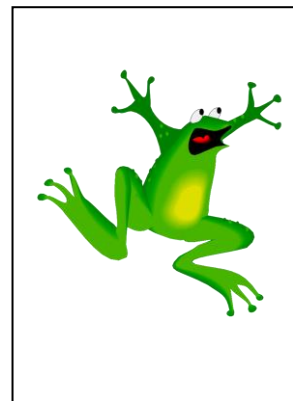
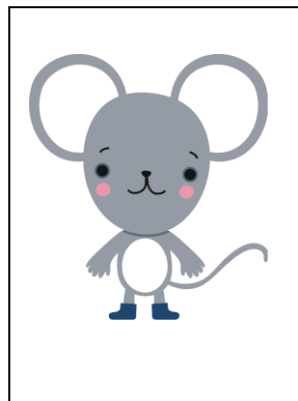
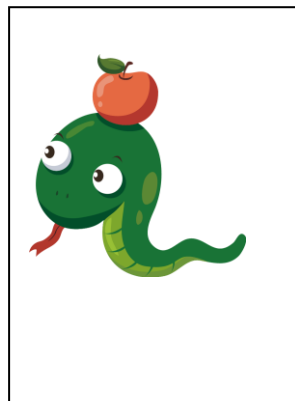
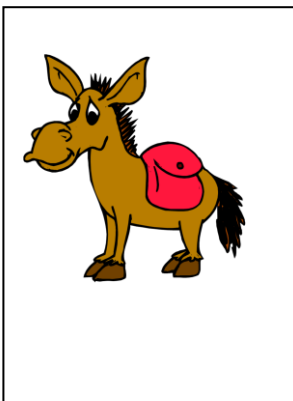
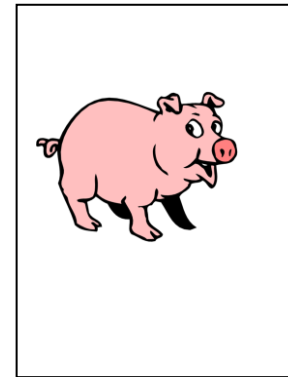
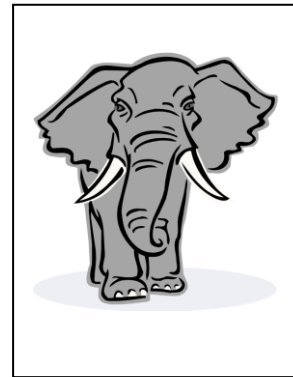
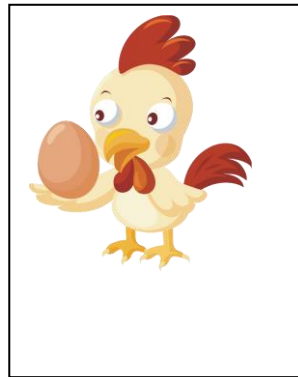
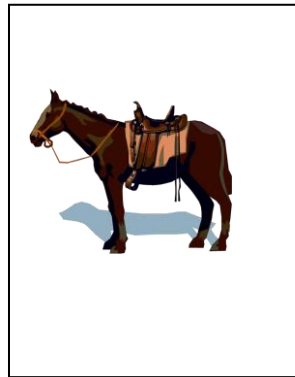
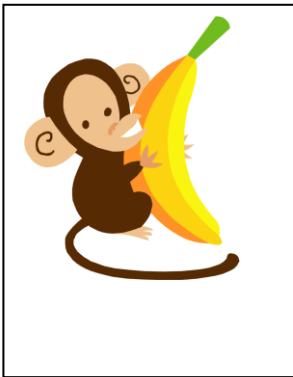
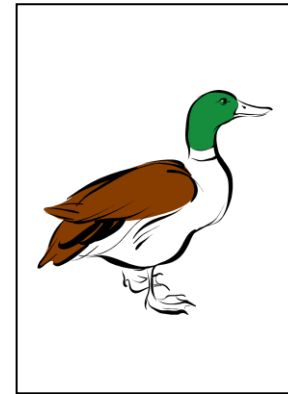
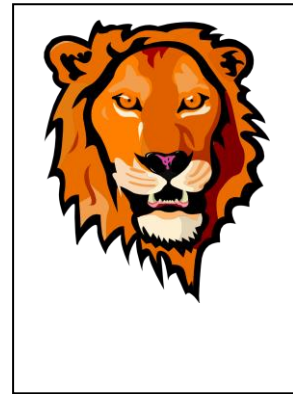
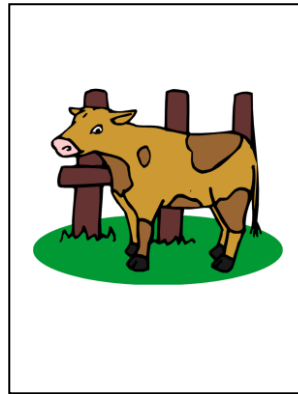
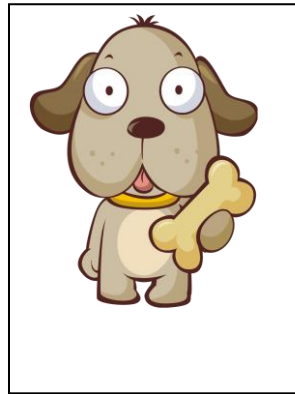
These cards should be cut out and laminated for future use.

These cards can also (when laminated) be used as a face down pair game.

You will need this page and the following page to have a full set of cards.



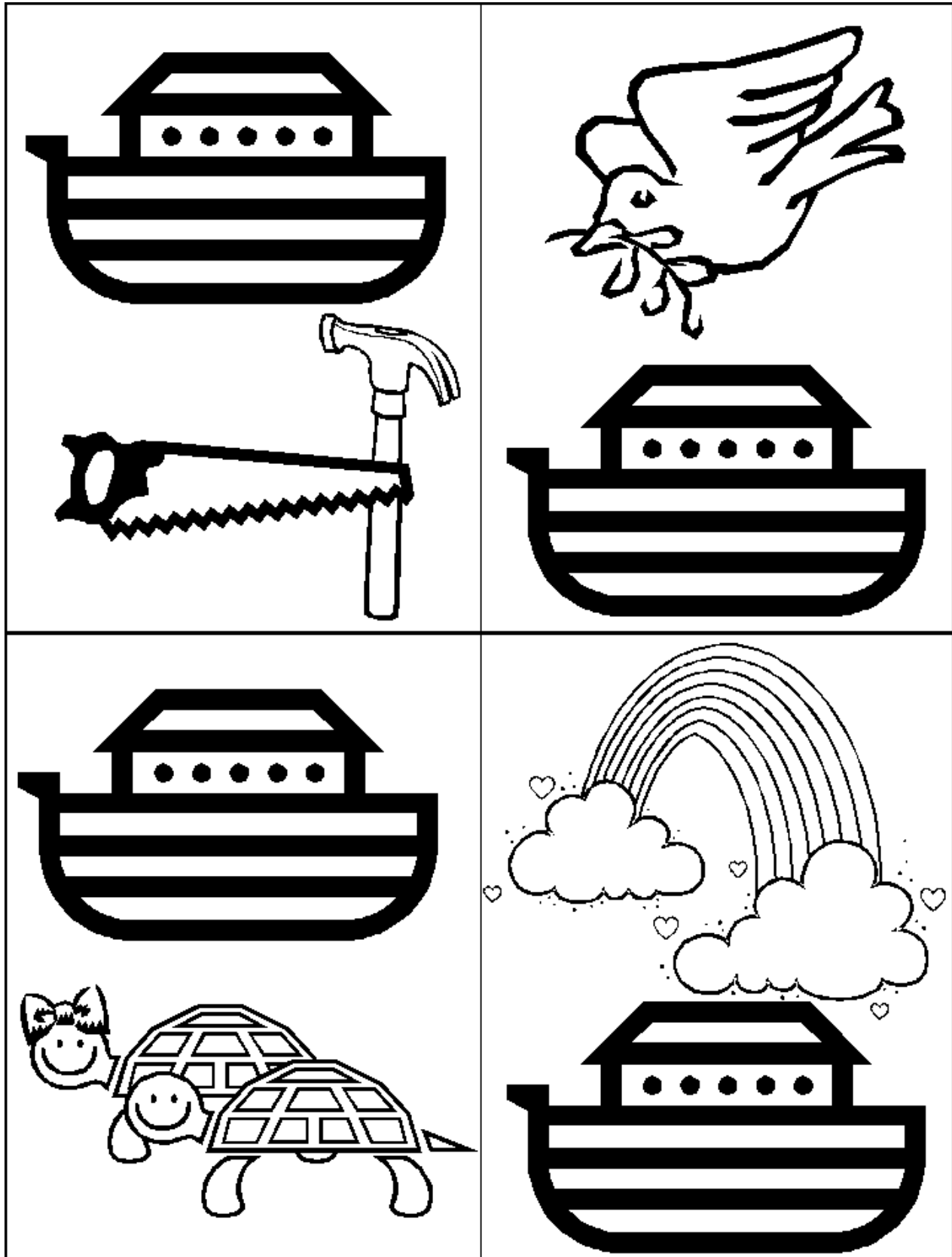
Animal Pair Cards



Noah's Ark Sequencing Cards

Teacher will pre-cut the images.

In groups of four the children will each colour one of the pictures.
They will then put them in the correct order and retell the story of Noah's Ark.



November Prayer Service

Primary 1

Theme: Remembrance

We remember our family and friends in our prayers

Resources:

- Candle
- Leader's readings
- Children's readings
- Reflective music
- Presentation Board
- Heading for Presentation Board
- Worksheet for children's scrolls
- Music and lyrics of:

How Good is the Lord

Bind Us Together Lord

Be still and know that I am God

God's Spirit is in My Heart

Scroll Worksheet (Optional)

Each child will write the name(s) of family and friends and/or draw their picture(s) that they want to remember and pray for at the Remembrance Service. These scrolls will be placed on a presentation board during the service.

Leader

Sign of the Cross

Light the candle

All Sing

How Good is the Lord

Leader: Opening Prayer

God our Father today we remember,
in our prayers, our friends and family.
We are so lucky to have people in our lives
who love and care for us.
We love and care for them.
Heavenly Father we ask you to look after
our friends and families
and make them happy throughout their life.
Amen

All Sing

Bind Us Together Lord

Leader

Let us listen to the story of Jairus' daughter from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus went back across to the other side of the lake. There at the lakeside a large crowd gathered round him. Jairus, an official of the local synagogue, arrived, and when he saw Jesus, he threw himself down at his feet and begged him earnestly, "My little girl is very ill. Please come and place your hands on her, so that she will get well and live!"

While Jesus was saying this, some messengers came from Jairus' house and told him, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the teacher any longer?"

Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but told him, "Don't be afraid, only believe." When they arrived at Jairus' house, Jesus saw the confusion and heard all the loud crying and wailing. He went in and said to them, "Why all this confusion? Why are you crying? The child is not dead- she is only sleeping." Jesus took the little girl by the hand and said to her, "Little girl, I tell you to get up."

She got up at once and started walking around. When this happened they were completely amazed. But Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone and he said, "Give her something to eat."

All Sing

Be still and know that I am God

Leader: The response to our prayers is -

Jesus, remember them when they come into your kingdom.

Child

We would like to remember all the grannies and grandpas who have died and gone to heaven.

All

Jesus, remember them when they come into your kingdom.

Child

We would like to remember all the brave soldiers who have died in wars.

All

Jesus, remember them when they come into your kingdom.

Child

We would like to remember anyone in our family who has died and gone to heaven.

All

Jesus, remember them when they come into your kingdom.

Child

We would like to remember our friend and neighbours who have died and gone to heaven.

All

Jesus, remember them when they come into your kingdom.

Placing of the Scrolls

Reflective music is played as each child places his/her scroll on a presentation board with the heading-

Jesus, remember them when they come into your kingdom

Leader

Let us all the say the prayer Jesus taught us - Our Father...

Child

Thank you for coming to our prayer service and helping us to remember all our family and friends who are with Jesus in heaven. Please join in as we sing the hymn - *God's Spirit is in My Heart*.

Leader

Sign of the cross.

How Good is the Lord

Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.
He gives me salvation, how good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.

Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.
He gives me his blessings, how good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.

Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.
He gives me his Spirit, how good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.

Oh! Oh! Oh! How good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.
He gives me his healing, how good is the Lord (3)
I will never forget what he has done for me.



Bind Us Together Lord

Refrain

*Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.*

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:



Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together. . .

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won.

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together. . .

You are the family of God,
You are the promise divine;
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.

Refrain

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together. . .

Be Still and Know That I am God

Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God,
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee,
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.



God's Spirit is in My Heart

God's Spirit is in my heart
He has called me and set me apart.
This is what I have to do,
what I have to do.

Refrain

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor
Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more
Tell blind people that they can see
And set the down trodden free
And go tell everyone the news that the
Kingdom of God has come
And go tell everyone
The news that God's Kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me
So I'm sending you out to be,
My witnesses throughout the world,
the whole of the world.

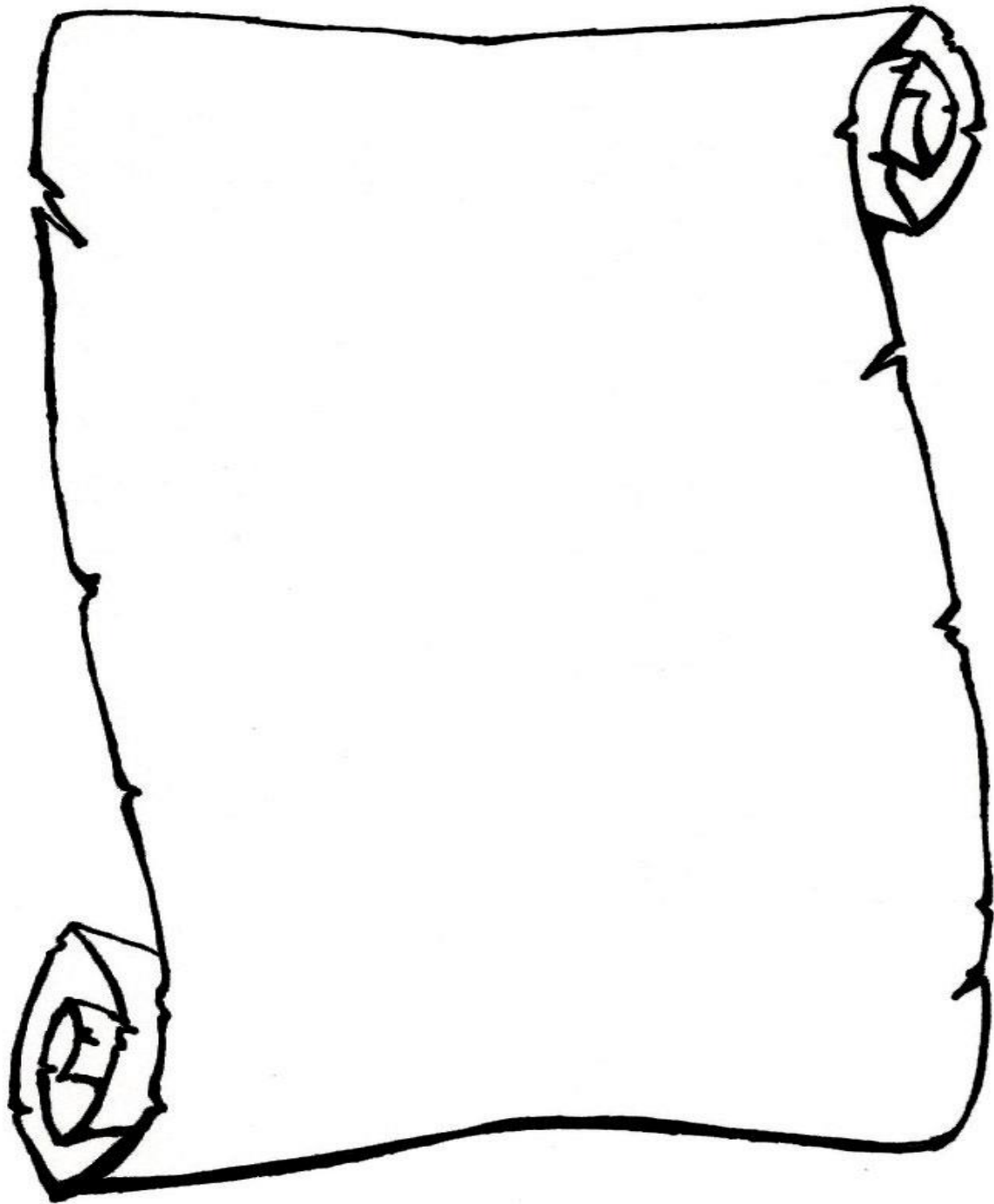


Refrain

He sent me to give the Good News to the poor . . .

Name_____ Class_____

Jesus Remember Them When They Come Into Your Kingdom

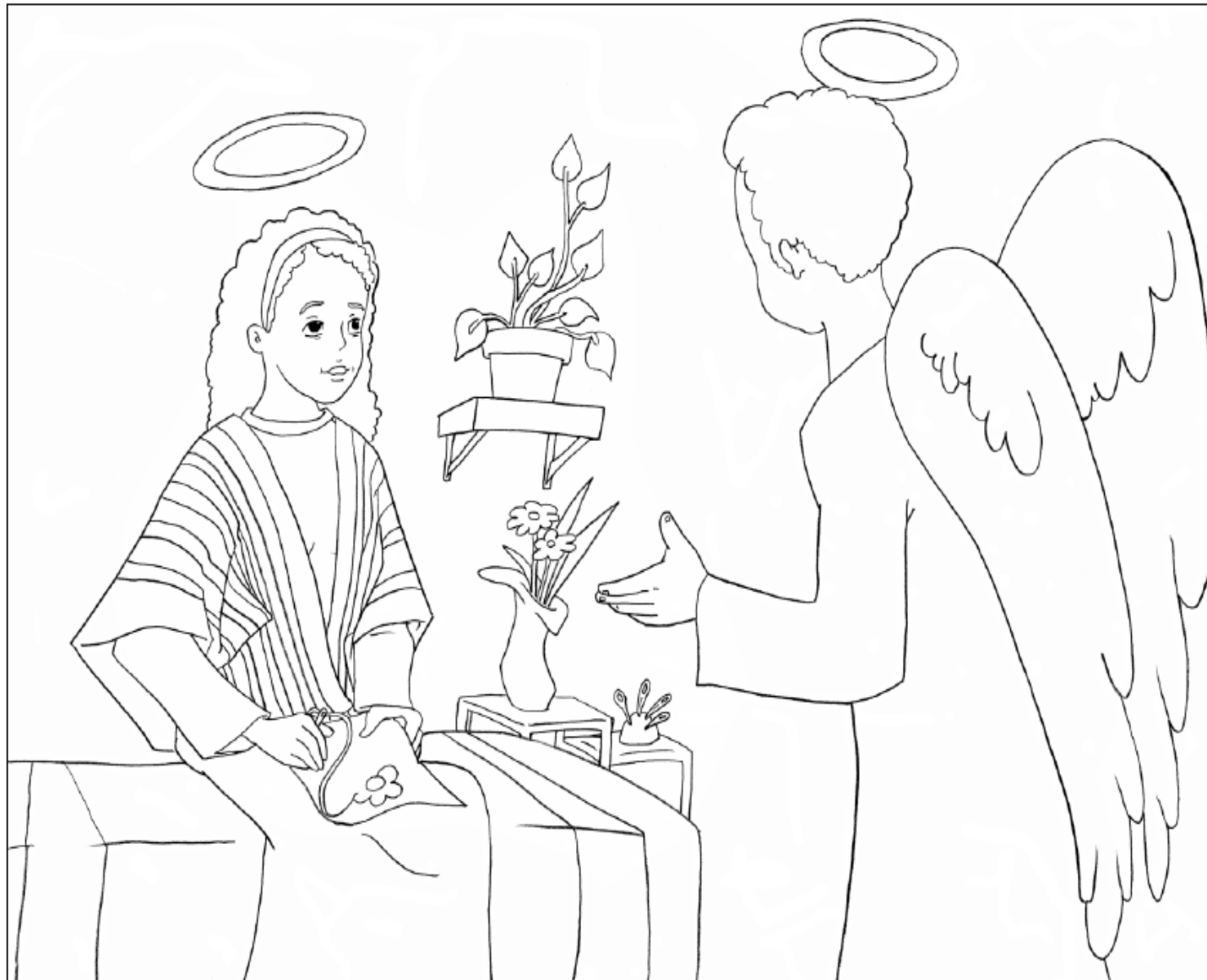


The Nativity

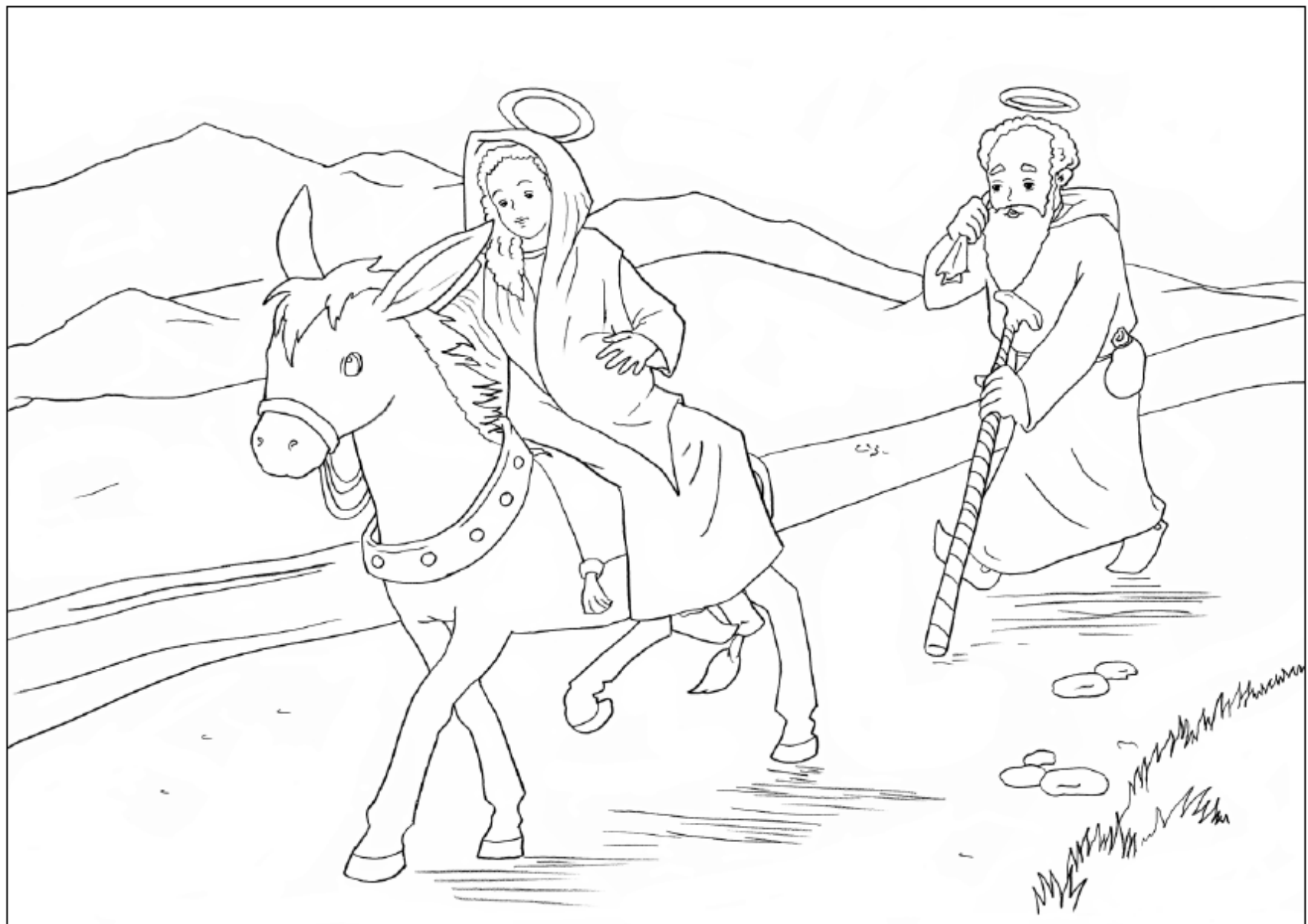


Name.....

Class.....



The Angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will have a very special baby



Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem



There is no room at the inn



A very special baby is born



An angel tells the shepherds the good news



The shepherds visit the baby Jesus



The wise men notice a new star



The wise men travel to Bethlehem



The wise men bring gifts for the baby Jesus



Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth, to those with whom he is pleased. *Luke 1:14*



1st



2nd



3rd



4th



5th



6th



7th



8th



9th



10th



11th



12th



13th



14th



15th



16th



17th



18th



19th



20th



21st



22nd



23rd



Christmas Eve

Name.....

During Advent I am going to get ready for Christmas by being kind and loving to my friends and family.

I will colour the box beside each day I complete this task.

December 1st			December 13th		
December 2nd			December 14th		
December 3rd			December 15th		
December 4th			December 16th		
December 5th			December 17th		
December 6th			December 18th		
December 7th			December 19th		
December 8th			December 20th		
December 9th			December 21st		
December 10th			December 22nd		
December 11th			December 23rd		
December 12th			December 24th		

Name.....

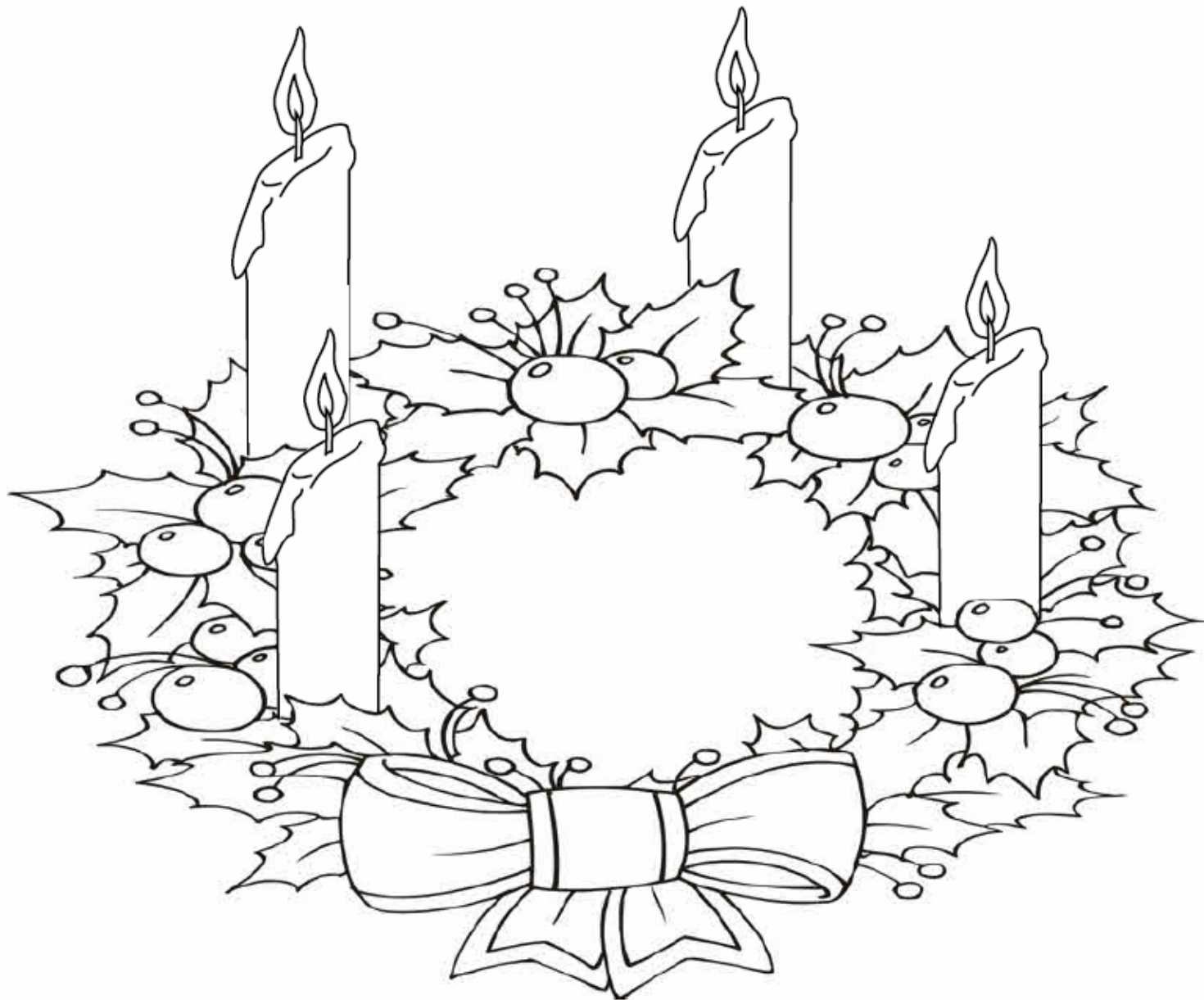
Primary One have been talking about Mary, the Mother of Jesus and finding out that she is also Mary Our Mother. The class has been praying the Hail Mary, thanking Mary for being our mother. Please pray the Hail Mary with your child.

Hail Mary Prayer

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed
is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
Holy Mary, mother of God
Pray for us sinners
Now and at the hour of our death

Amen.





Teacher's Notes- The Advent Wreath

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolise life and resurrection. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Saviour. Three candles are purple, and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolise the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

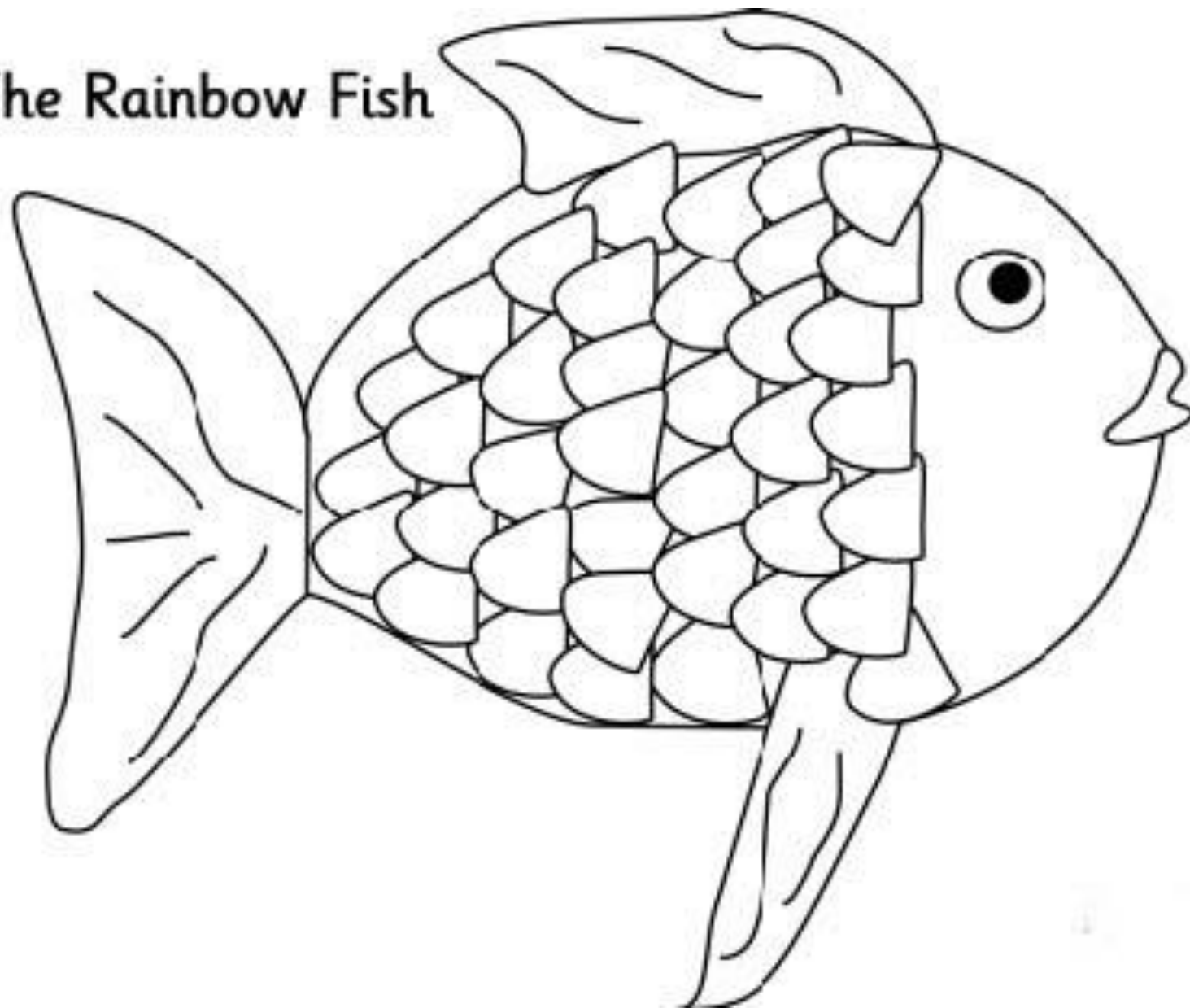
The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern-day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

Dear Parent/Carer

..... has been discussing the Gospel values at school. They have been exploring friendship, care, kindness and love too. Please discuss with your child what this means to them in their life at home. Perhaps they enjoy a story that reflects some of these values. If possible, we would like your child to bring this story into school to share the values with his/her classmates.

Thanking you,

The Rainbow Fish



Gospel Value Certificate



This is to certify that: _____

has shown the Gospel value of

by

Signed _____ Date _____

Congratulations for living as God wants us to live.