

Child Friendly Version of 'The Thankful Leper'

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when he saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that he had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, he called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest."

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."



Name _____



Date _____

How to Behave at Mass

Draw a smiley face next to the good things to do during Holy Mass.

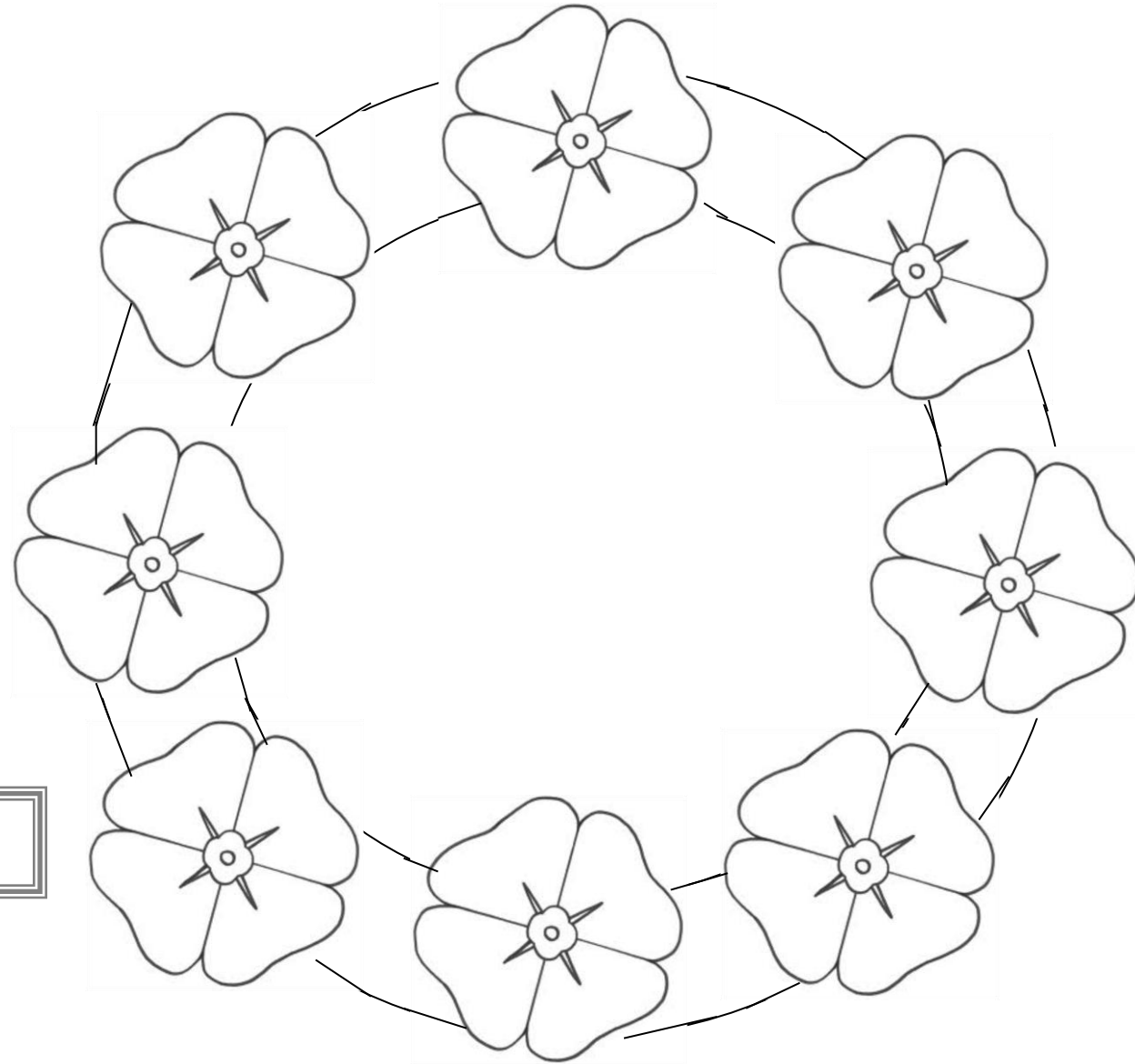
Draw a sad face next to the things that you should not do at Holy Mass.

Wear football strips	
Get to Mass early	
Run down the aisle	
Try to join in with some responses	
Play around with friends or toys	
Genuflect	
Wear nice clean clothes	
Chew bubble gum	

Talk with friends	
Listen carefully	
Stay until the last hymn is over	
Leave Mass early	
Squeeze hands hard during the sign of peace	
Eat food or sweets	
Talk or text on the phone	
Try to sing along with hymns	

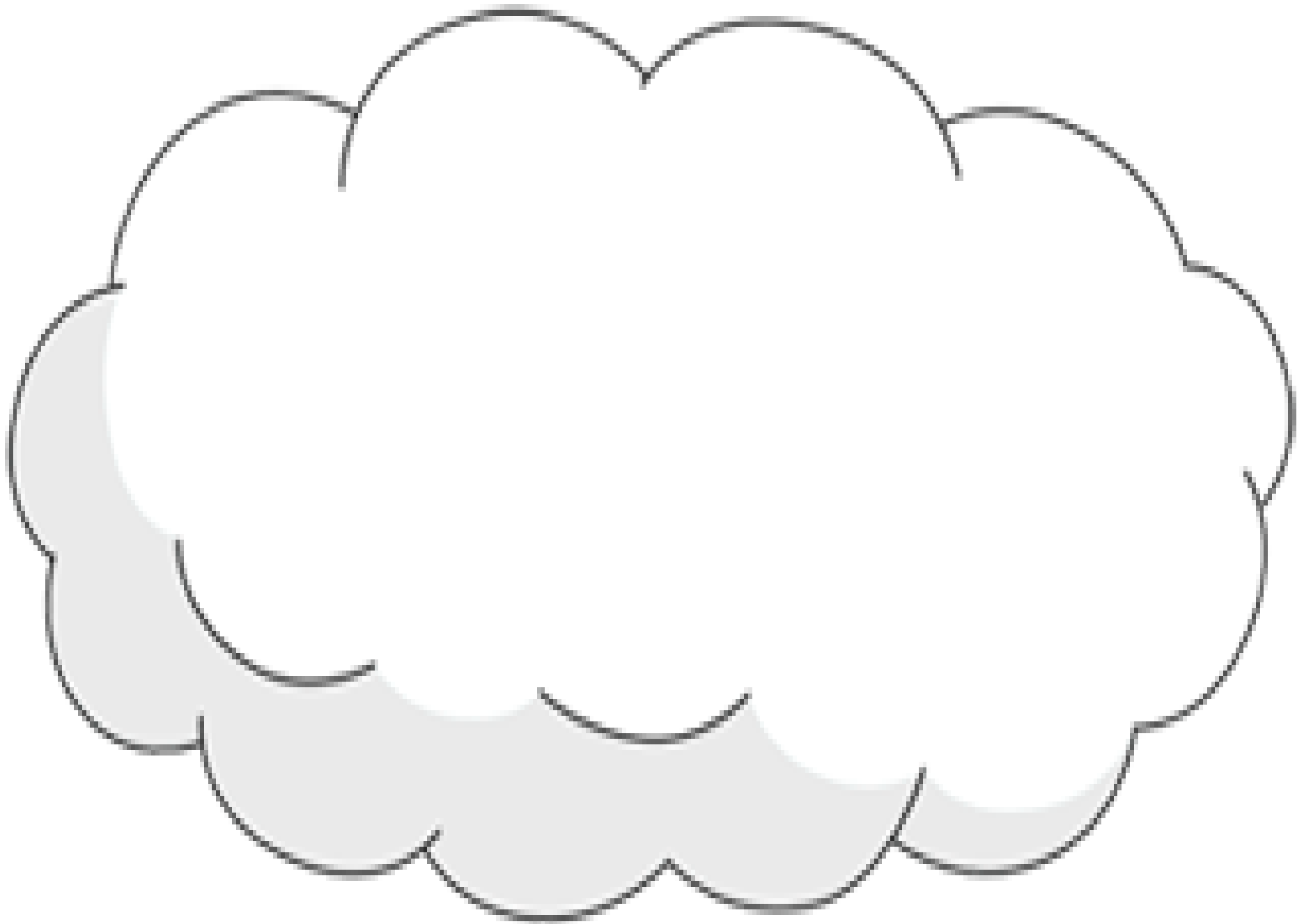
Remembrance Wreath

Please make time to help your child to write the name(s) of any family or friends who have died in the middle of the poppy wreath. Those mentioned will be prayed for throughout the month of November and at our class Remembrance Prayer Service. Ask your child to take care and carefully colour the wreath green, red and black.



Child's Name:

'What I Think Heaven Looks Like' by





Kingdom of Heaven Cards

These cards should be cut and laminated back to back

The teacher will hold up the image side of the card and read the reverse to the children. They must decide if this act would be something which would please God and be a way of preparing for heaven.

Front



Front



Back

Big John was angry after David kicked his football out of the school yard. He said some mean things to David and threatened to punch him on the nose!

David explained that it was an accident and that he was sorry but Big John was so annoyed that he had lost his ball he didn't care that David was sorry.

Is this a good way to prepare for the Heaven?

What should Big John have done?

Back

Jane was out shopping with her mum. She saw a toy that she really wanted. She had seen the advert on TV and one of her friends had gotten it for their birthday.

Mum told Jane that she could not afford the toy and that it was the kind you receive on your birthday or for Christmas.

Jane was so unhappy at not getting the toy that she began to cry. She thought that this was unfair and that Mum was just being mean!

Is this a good way to prepare for the Heaven?

What should Jane have done?

Front



Front



Back

Emma's friends came to see if she wanted to go out to play. She had promised to visit her Grandma who isn't able to go outside. Grandma looks forward to her visiting and enjoys her company. Emma's friends say that she shouldn't go and come outside and have some fun with them.

Emma tells her friends that she is sorry, but she promised Grandma that she would visit.

Is this a good way to prepare for the Heaven?

Would you have made the same decision?

Back

Michael and Jason are good friends. One day Jason arrived at school and he had forgotten his snack. He was very upset. Michael said that Jason could have some of his sweets. Jason was very pleased and so was Michael as even though he had half the amount of sweets his friend was happy again.

Is this a good way to prepare for the Heaven?

Would you have made the same decision?

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Date _____

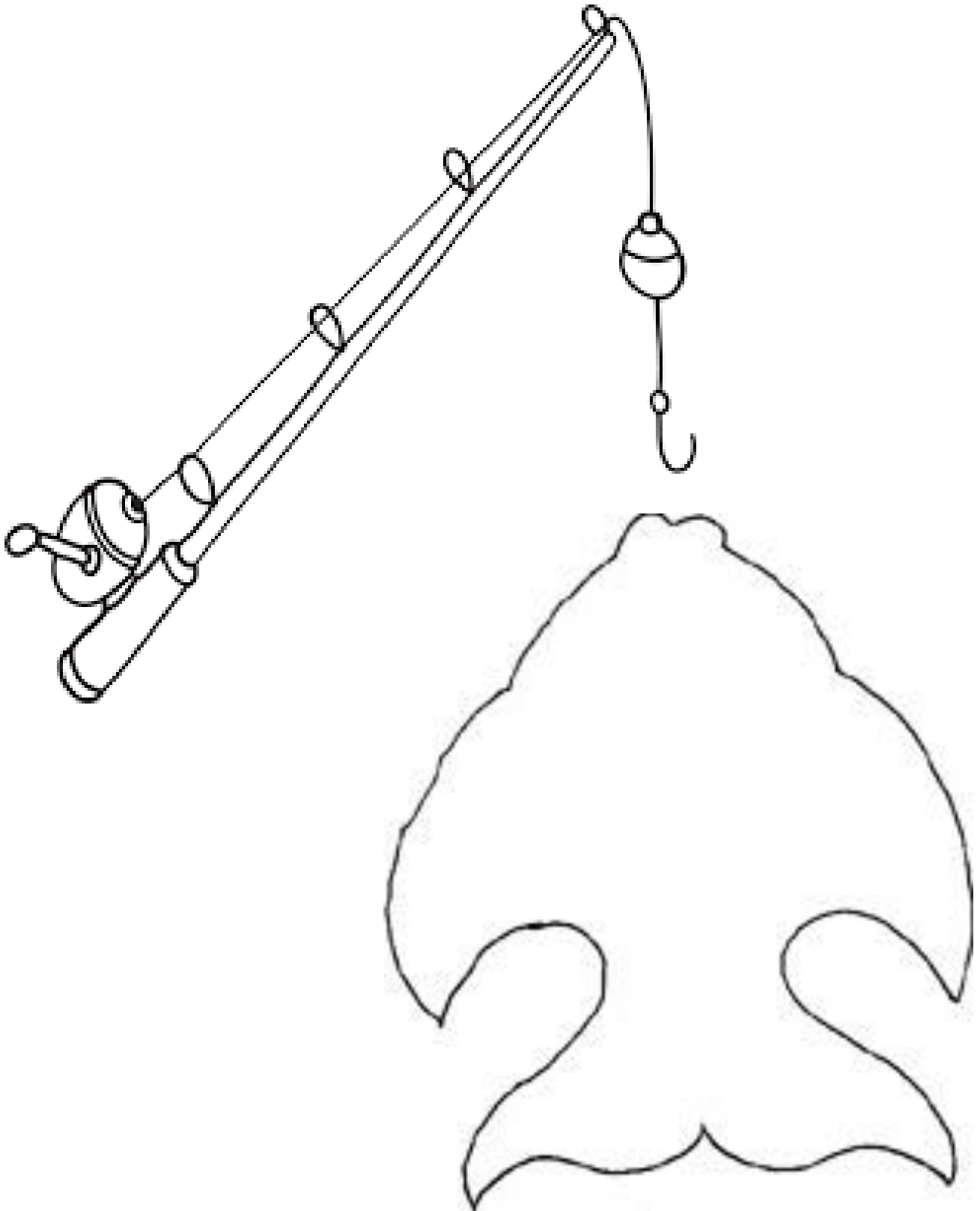


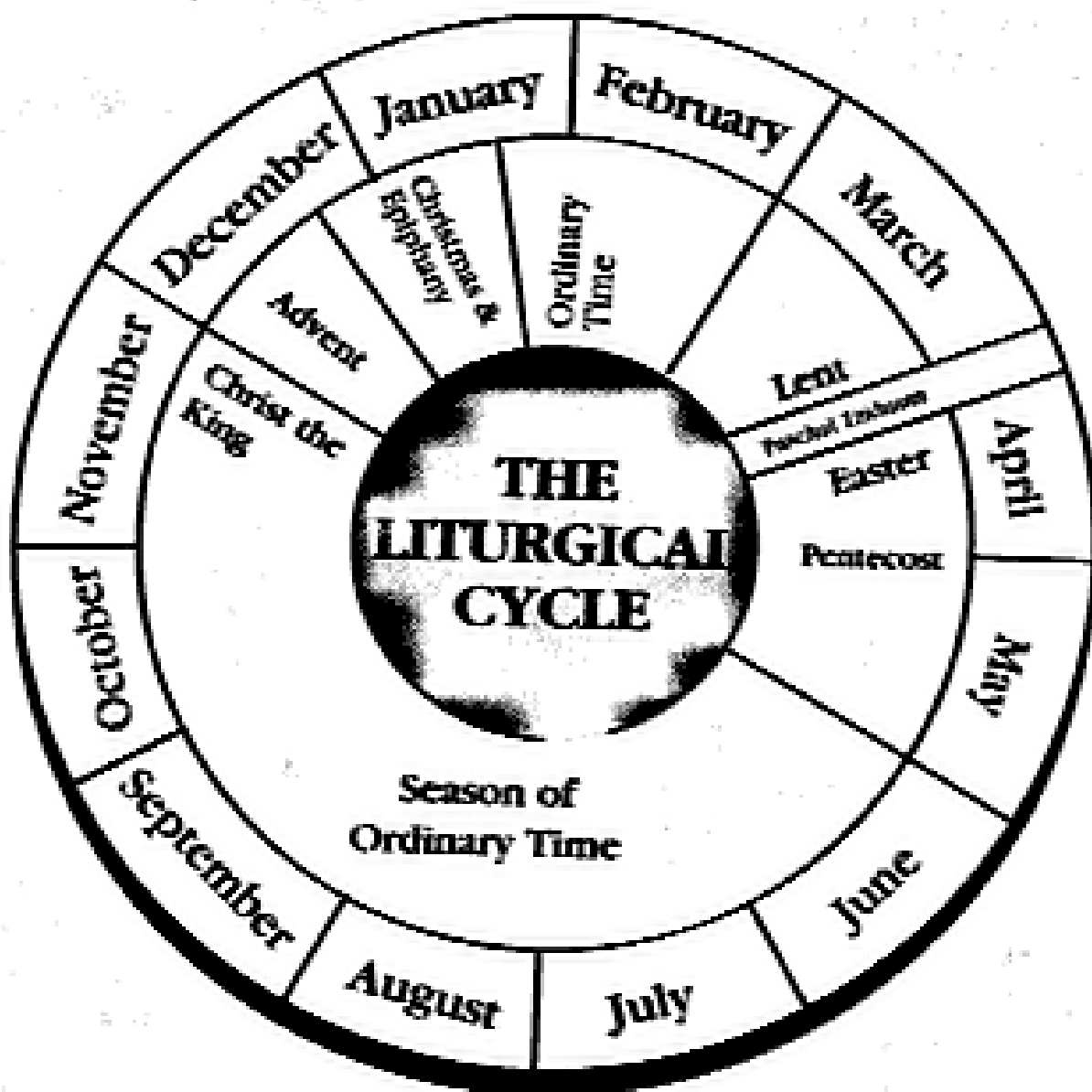
Copy these words into the speech bubble:

Come Follow Me!

I will make you fishers of men

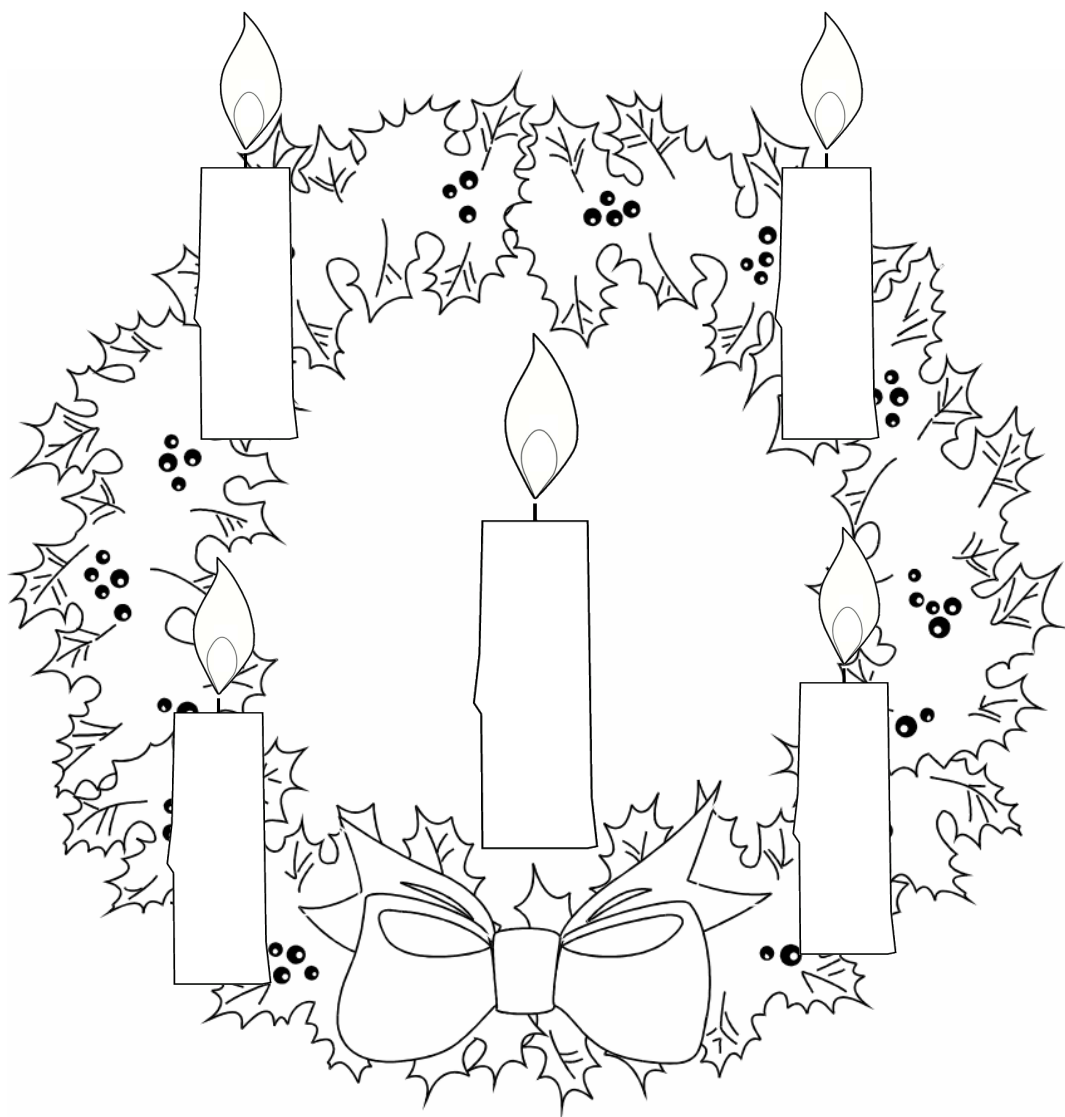
Matthew 4:19





Advent Wreath **By:** _____.

Colour three candles purple, one pink and one white



Teacher Notes on 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 English 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 symbolize life and resurrection. All together, 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 symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods 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.

Mary, Queen of the Angel



This Advent Calendar belongs to _____.



Preparing for the Birth of a Baby

Can you match the correct word underneath the picture?

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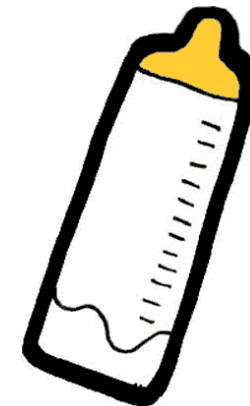
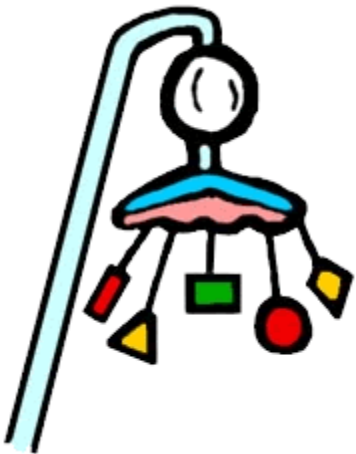
Babygrow

bottle

cot

pram

mobile

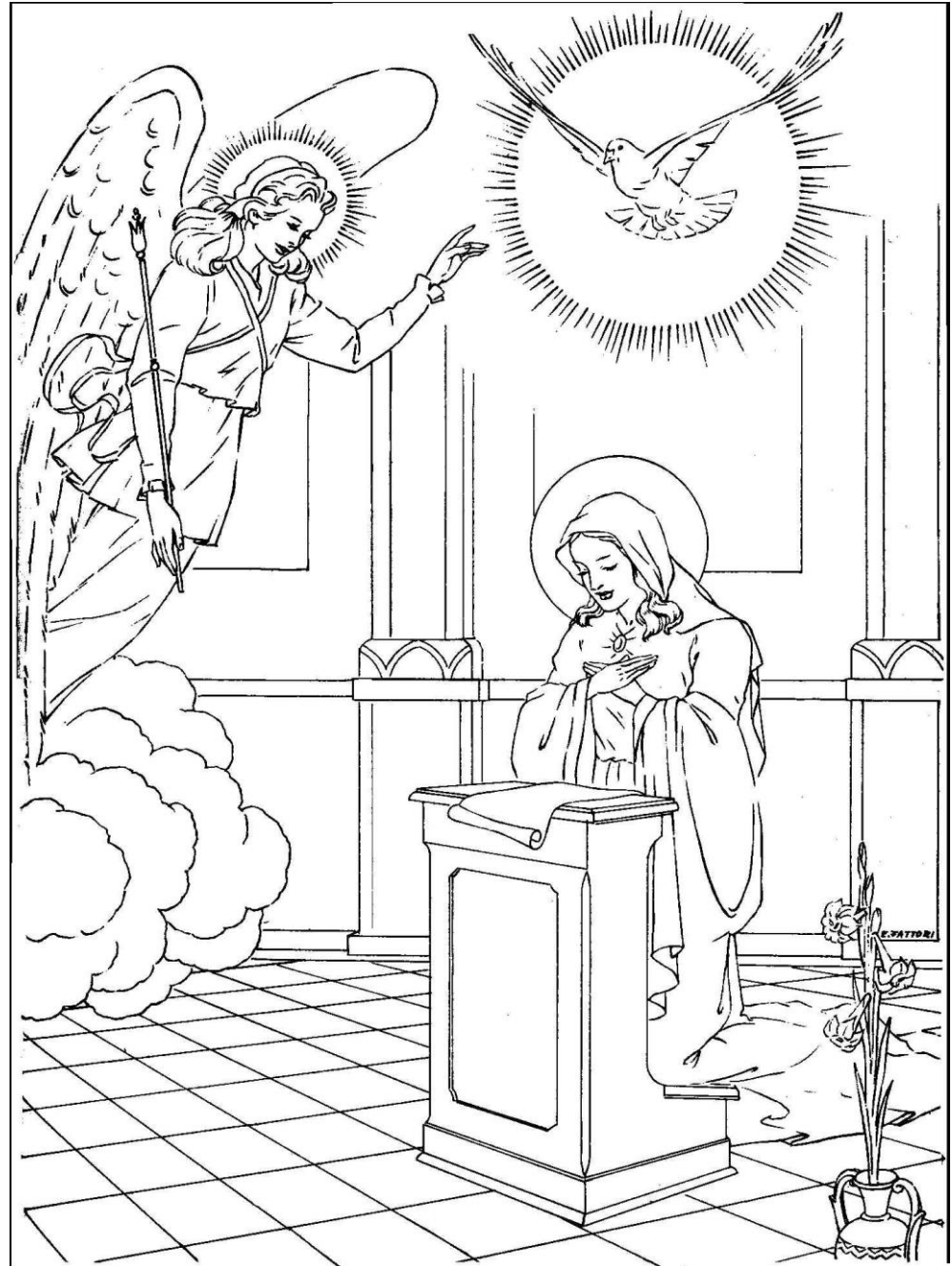




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The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel tells Mary she is to be the mother of Jesus.
"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee."



The Visitation

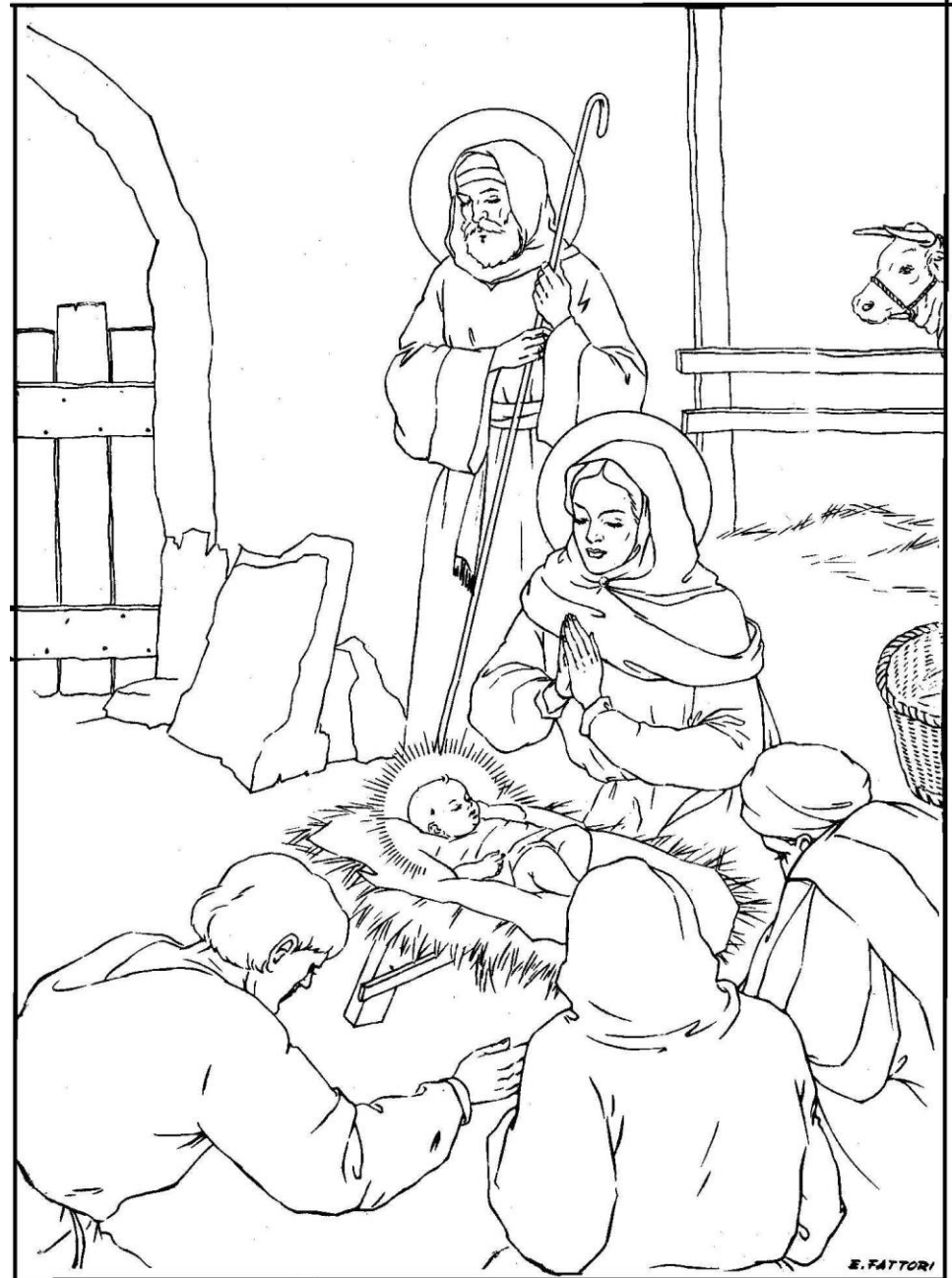
Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth who is also going to have a baby. Elizabeth says to Mary, *"You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the child you will bear."*



The Nativity

There was no room at the inn so Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

With her husband Joseph and the infant Jesus, Mary became the mother of the Holy Family.



The Shepherds in the Fields

There were shepherds out in the fields on that cold night, looking after their sheep.

Suddenly an angel appeared to them and they were frightened. But the angel told them not to be afraid because a 'Saviour' had been born and he was 'Christ the Lord'.

The angel told the shepherds where to find Baby Jesus, so they went to the stable to worship Him.



The Angels Bring the Good News.

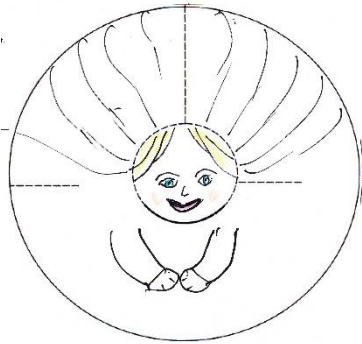
After the angel told the shepherds the good news, a choir of angels appeared in the sky singing out the good news,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased."



Template for Christmas Angel

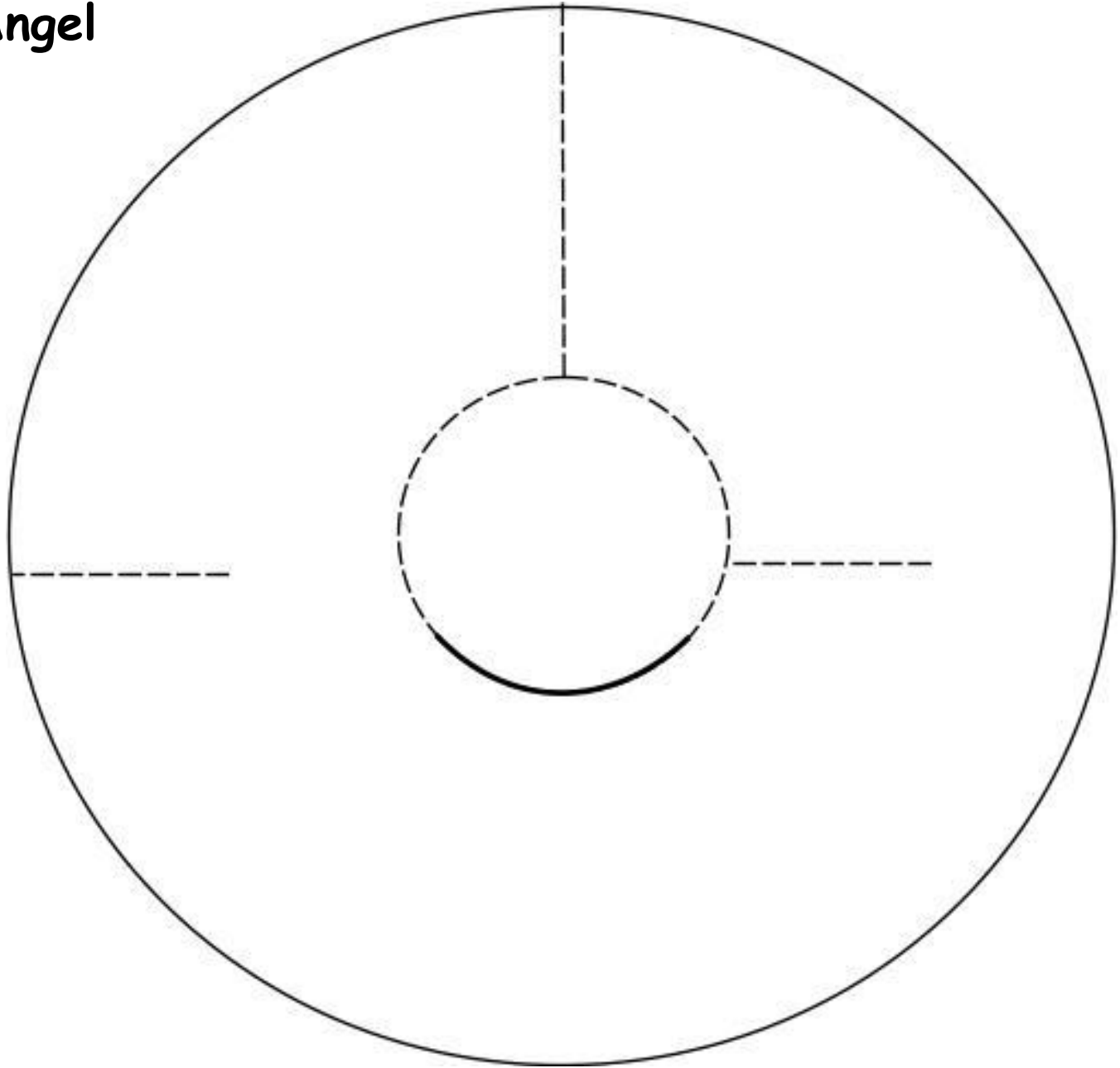
1. Cut out the large circle
2. Draw a face in the small circle
3. Draw arms below the thick black line and decorate as shown in (fig 1) below
4. Cut along the dotted lines
5. Bend the cut portions back and slip the left slot into the right slot
6. Now decorate the facing portion of the wings.

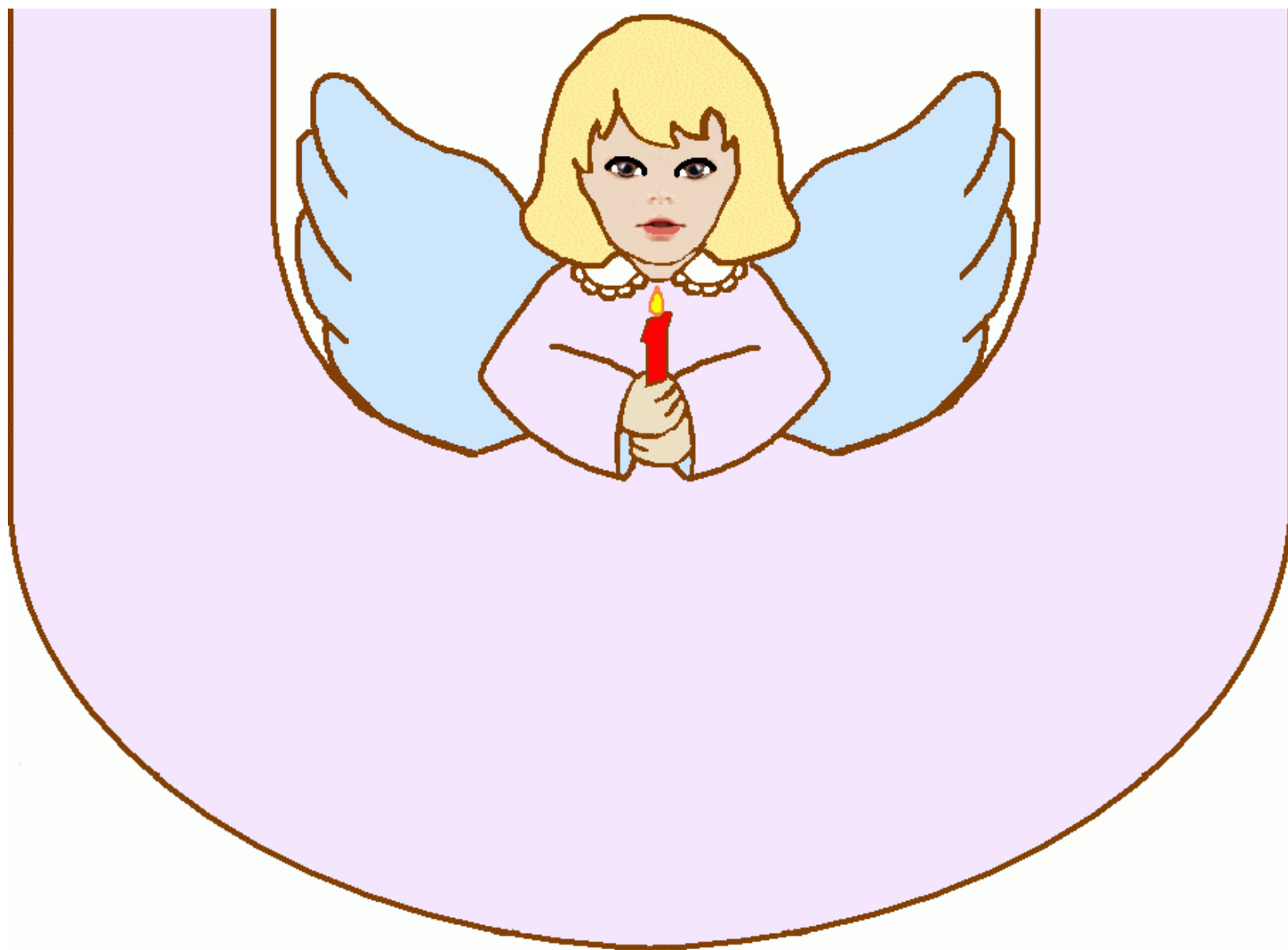


(Fig.1)



(Fig.2)





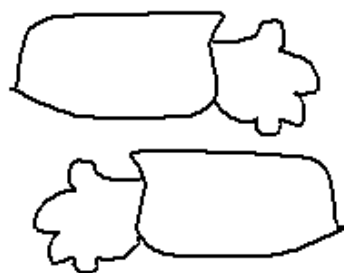
Shepherd Template



belt

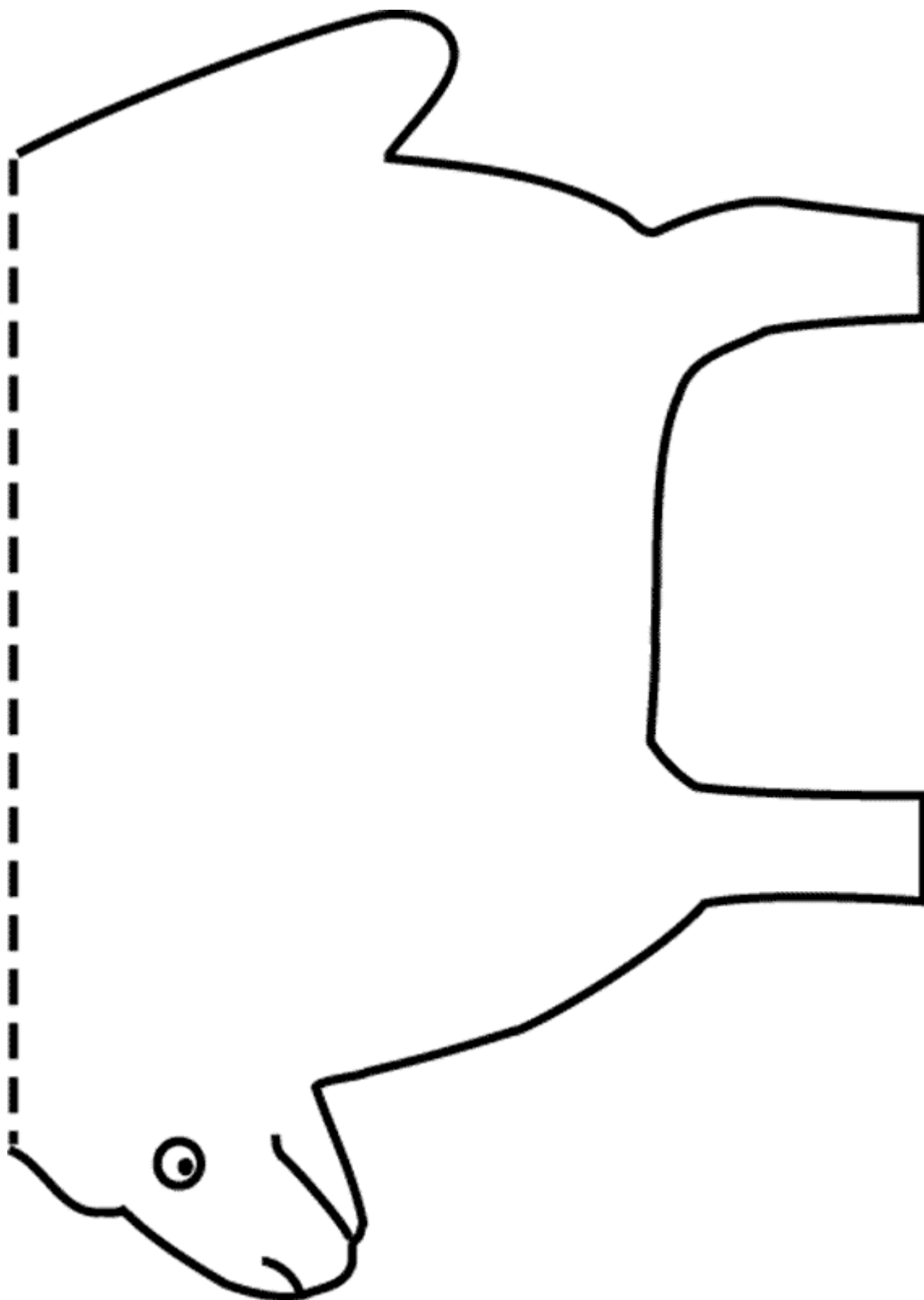


Fold tabs
and glue
under tp
roll for feet



Glue beside
feet or in
arms

Sheep Template



Instructions for Shepherd & Sheep Template

Instructions - Shepherd

You will need:

- A cardboard tube or stiff cardboard formed in a cylindrical shape
- A copy of the shepherd template on thin card
- Glue
- Scissors
- Art materials

1. Colour the pieces as appropriate and cut them out.
2. Glue the large rectangular piece around a cardboard tube.
3. Glue the rectangle (belt) around the middle of the tube.
4. Glue the head onto the top of the tube and the arms on the sides.
5. Fold the tabs of the feet and glue them under the tube to make a 3D effect.
6. Glue the sheep into the shepherd's arms or onto the front of the tube near his feet.

Instructions - Sheep

You will need:

- A copy of the sheep template on thin card. Remember to place the dotted line on a folded sheet of cardboard to give a 3D effect.
- Cotton wool
- Glue
- Scissors
- Art materials

1. Colour the face and the legs and cut the sheep out.
2. Draw and colour eyes and ears.
3. Glue on cotton wool over the body,

Name.....

I show care for others when I



I play fair when I



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.