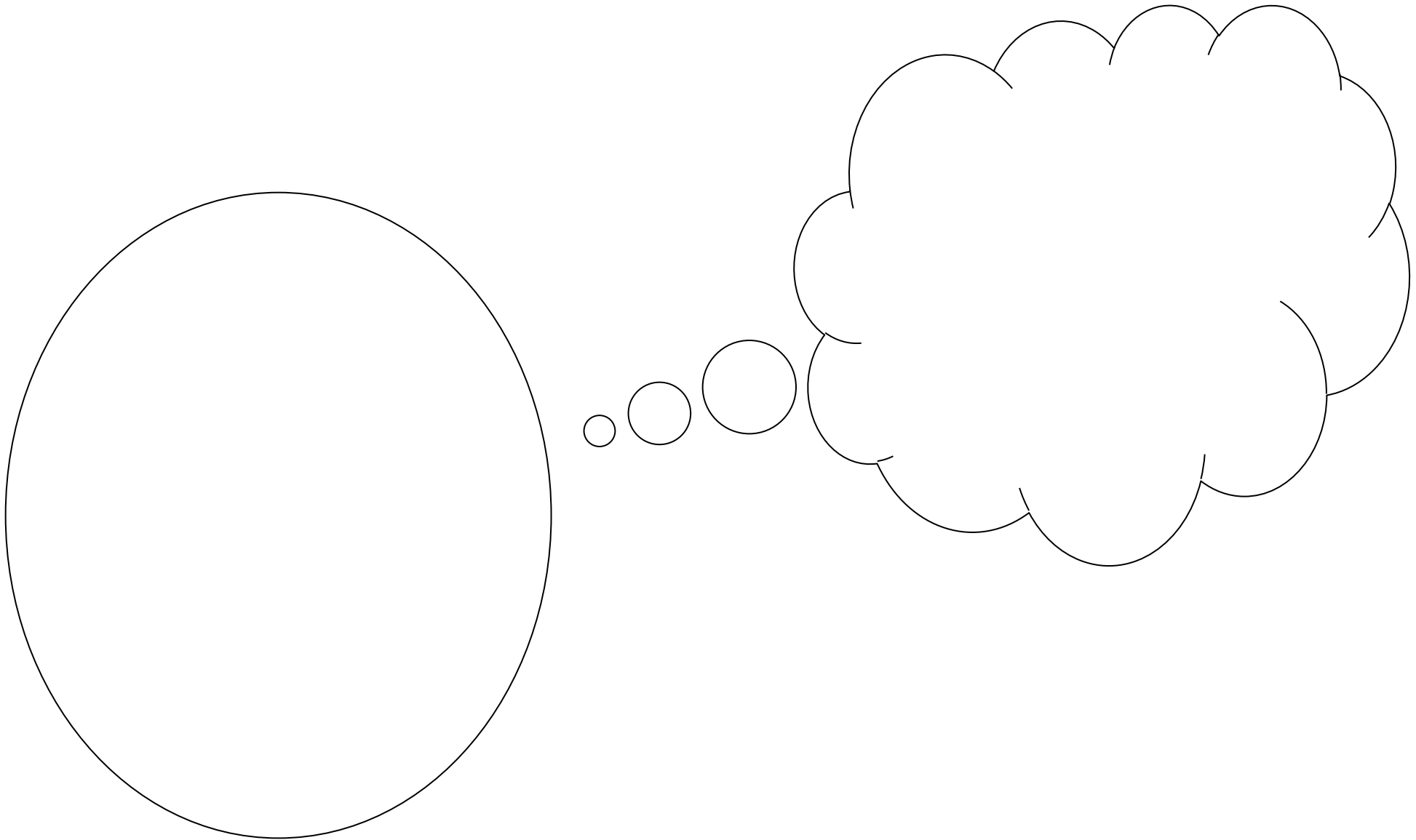
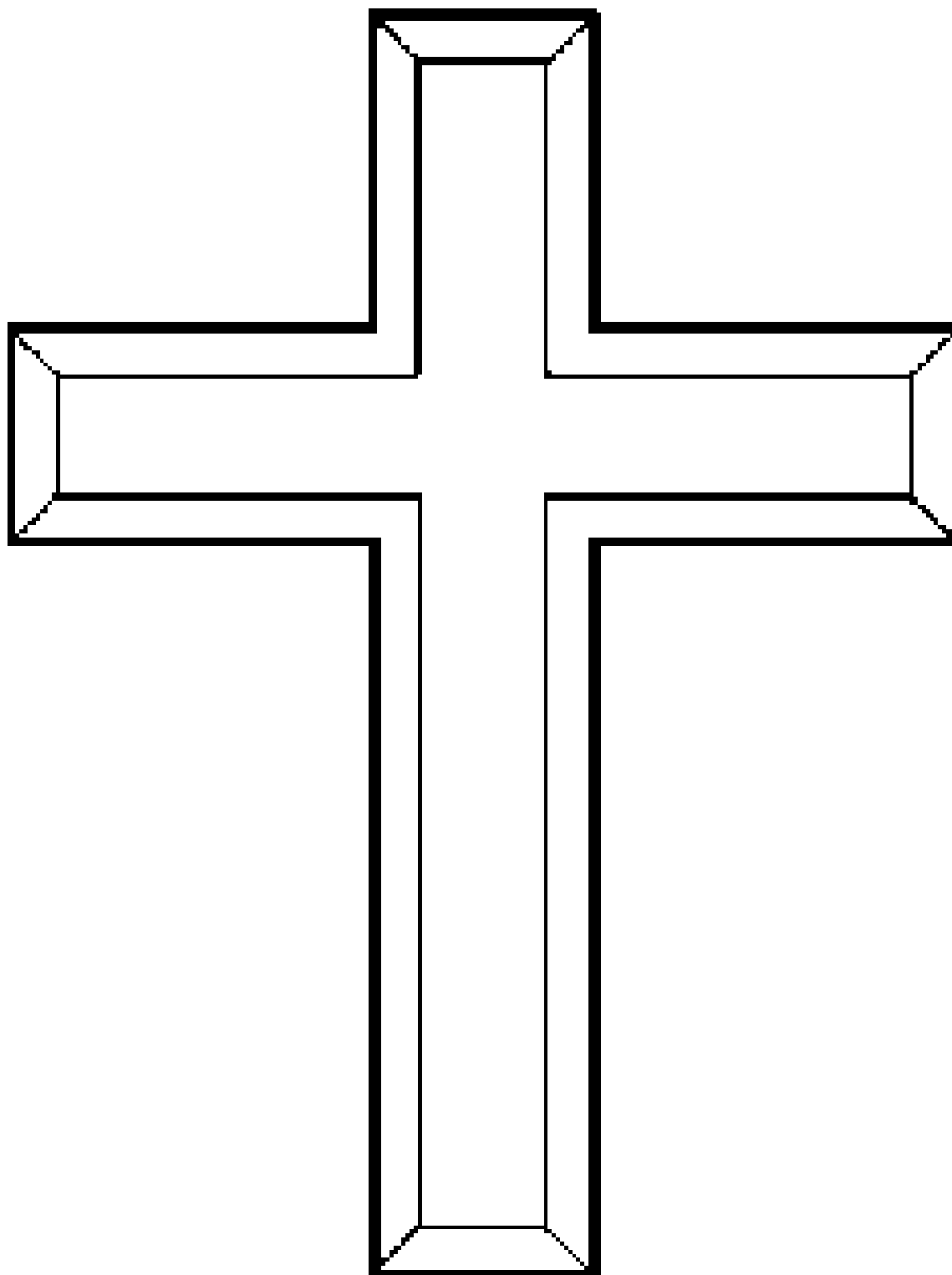


My Earliest Memory by _____

Use the circle below to draw a self-portrait. In the think bubble draw your earliest memory.



Memory Cross



Remembrance Service - November

Primary 3

Theme: We remember that we are all unique

Opening Prayer:

Leader - Let us pray.

O Lord, how great are your works! In your wisdom you have made us all.

Each one of us is unique. God values us all. In God's eyes we are all equal and special.

God loves each one of us for the person that we are. In our own special way God calls each one of us to be saints.

All sing: We come to share our story.

Let us pray:

(Group of children come forward and say I am unique because...)

Respond - Thank you God for all our gifts and talents.

Let us listen to the word of God:

Genesis 1:26-27 - God created man (use Redemptorist story cards to tell the story)

Leader - God is with those we love in our families. Today we ask God to bless the people we love who have died. We will learn a special prayer for those who have died. May they rest in peace. Amen

We pray together: May they rest in peace.

1. For those in our families who have died.....

All answer - May they rest in peace.

2. For our friends and our loved ones who have died.....

All answer - May they rest in peace.

3. For former staff and pupils of _____ who have died.....

All answer - May they rest in peace.

Leader - Let us have a moments silence and think of all our friends and family alive and dead and ask God our Father to look after them and protect them.

Reader - We remember our loved ones who have died by placing a flower on the altar in their memory.

Children process one by one and place a flower on the altar.

Reader - Let us remember those people who have no-one to remember them.

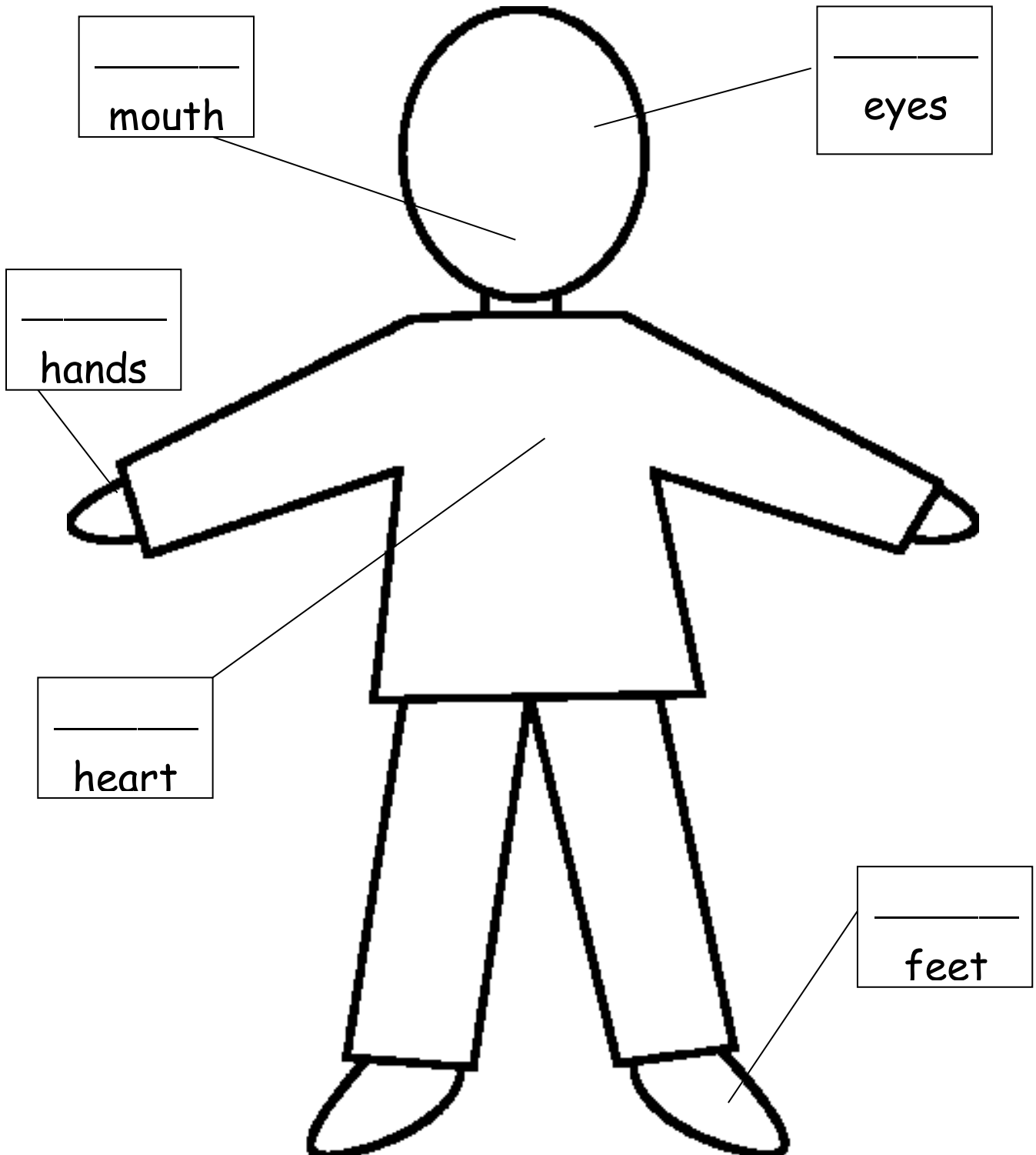
One child should place a white flower on the altar.

Let us say together - Our father.....

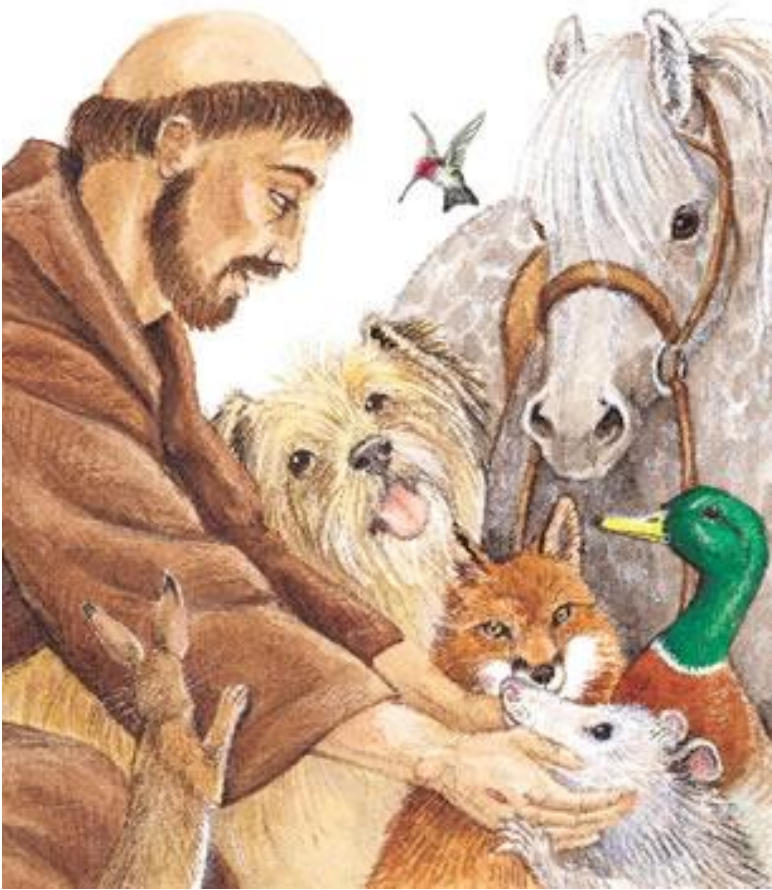
All sing - Dear Jesus help the Holy Souls

GOD MADE ME SPECIAL

Write an adjective to describe each part of you.



The Story of St Francis of Assisi



St Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182. He came from a rich family, had a good education and many rich friends. One day he and his friends were out enjoying themselves when a beggar came along, asking for money. While the friends ignored the beggar's cries, Francis gave the man everything he had in his pockets. His friends laughed at him and his father was not pleased but Francis had begun to realise that there was more to life than just having fun! When he grew up, he turned his back on his wealth and committed himself to God. He lived a simple life of poverty and in prayer. When he was in the army, he got captured and thrown into jail for a year. This gave him a lot of time to think and pray. One day Francis had a vision of the risen Jesus calling him to follow Him and to tell people about God's kingdom. He helped lepers and poor people and went about barefoot, wearing a rough garment and preaching to the people about God's love and forgiveness. Soon other men started to follow Francis and they became known as the Franciscan monks. Francis also had a love of animals and

birds. It was said that they used to flock around him and he had a gift of calming them and speaking to them. He used a donkey when travelling around and legend has it that the donkey wept when Francis died! Francis continued to travel around telling people about Jesus and spending much of his time praying. He had several visions of Christ on the cross and ended his life on 3rd October 1226, aged 44, singing Psalm 141.

Teacher Copy of Prayer of Saint Francis

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

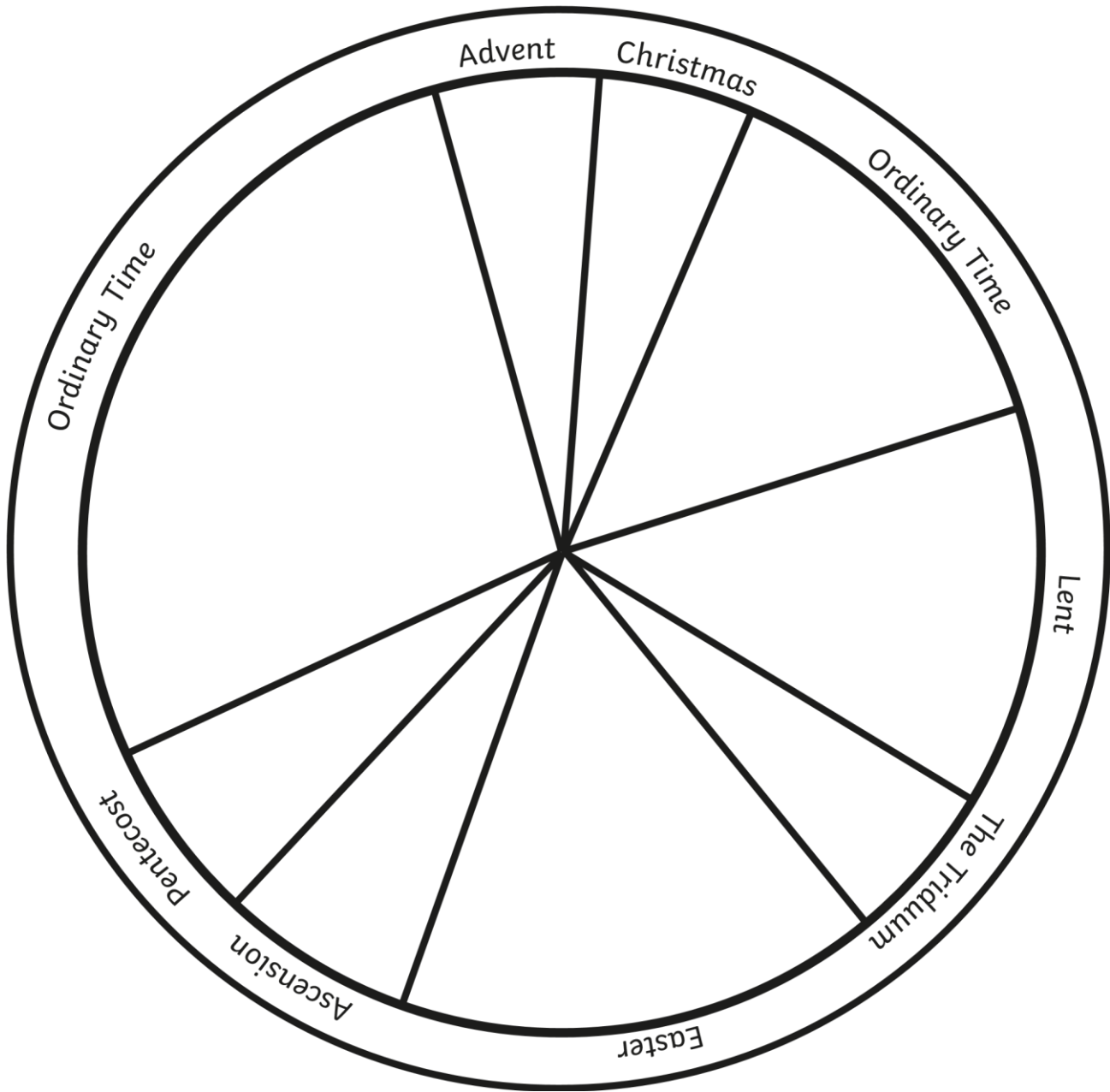
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer of St Francis

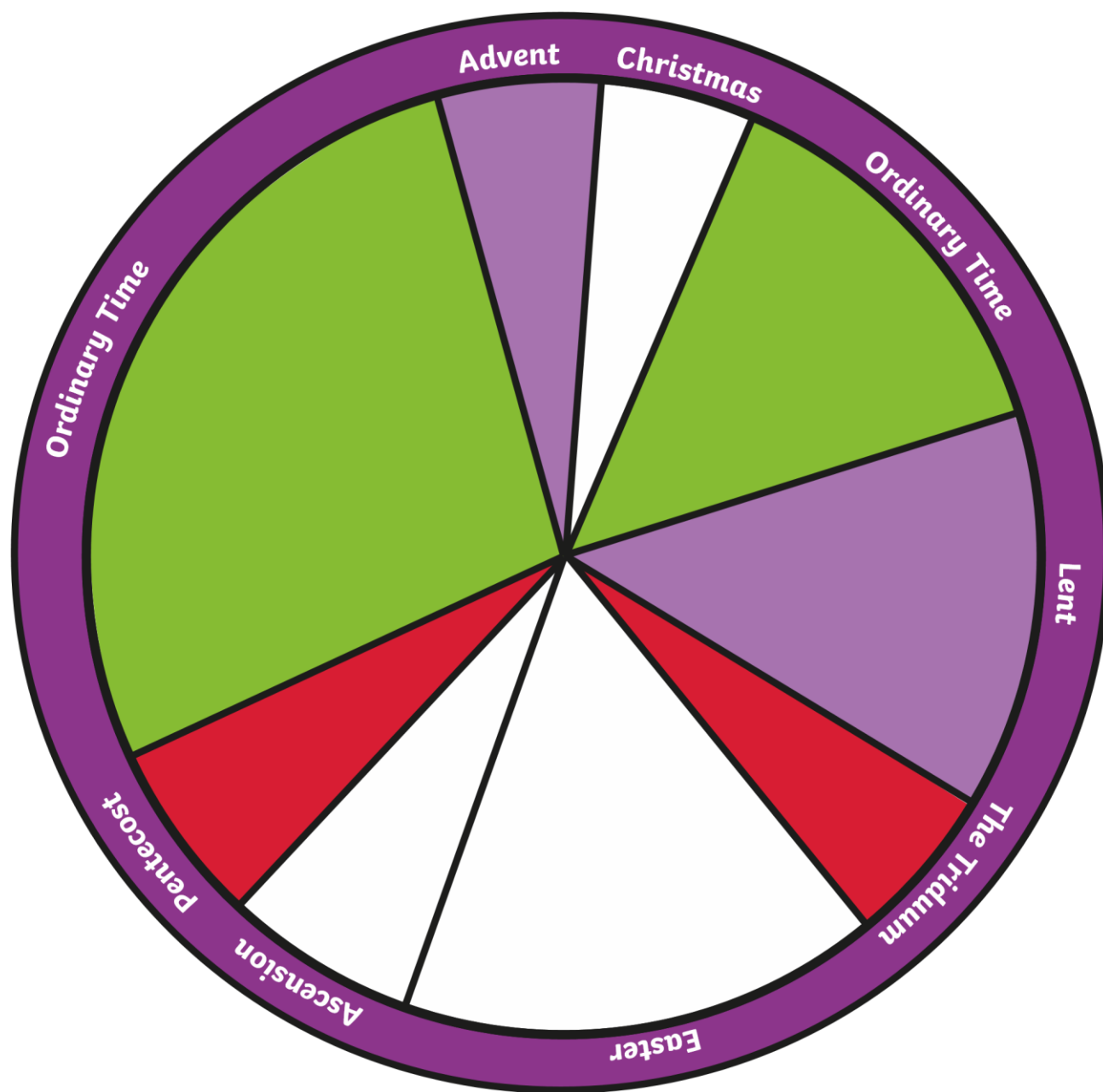
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Liturgical Wheel



Liturgical Wheel



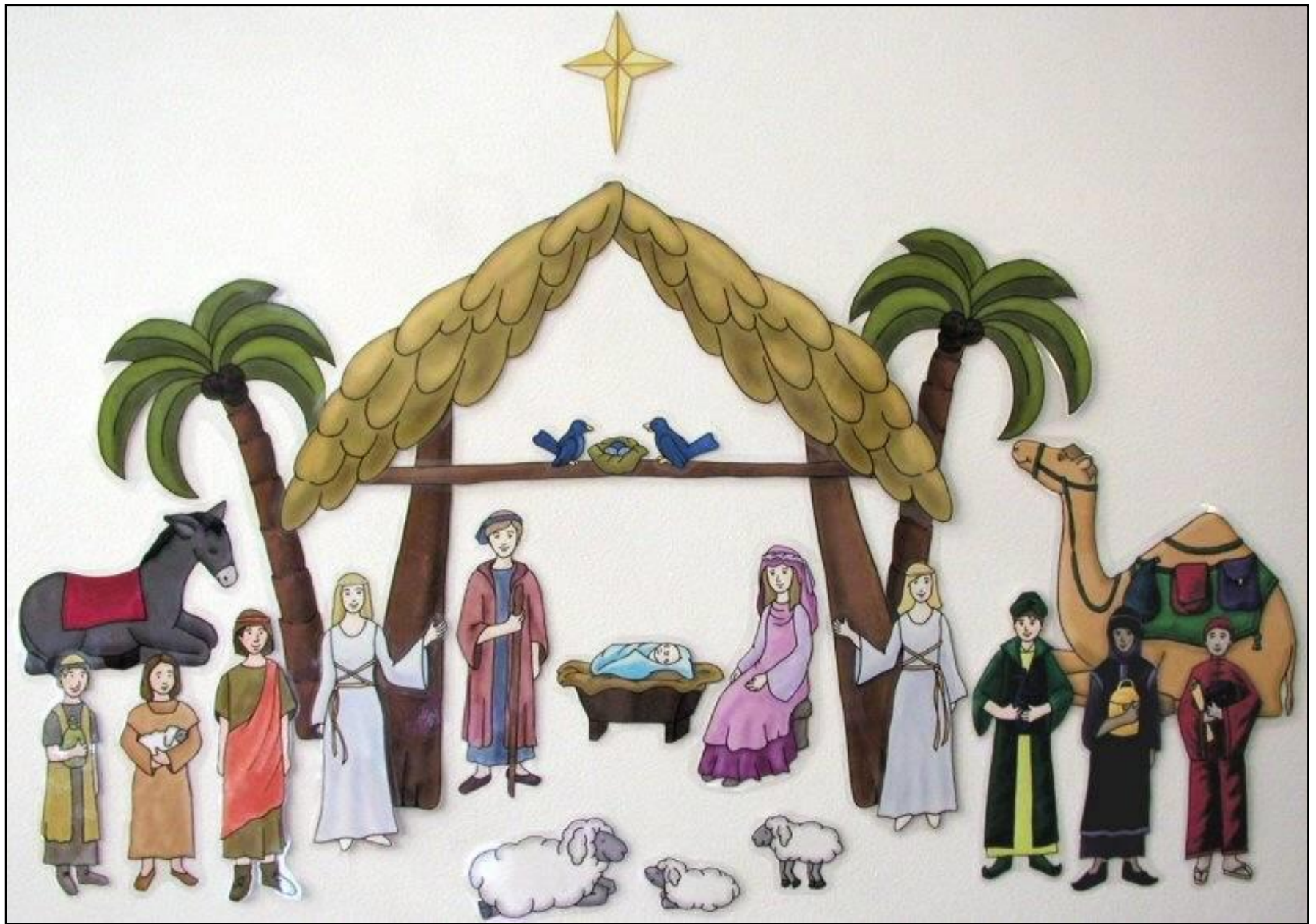
Advent Calendar

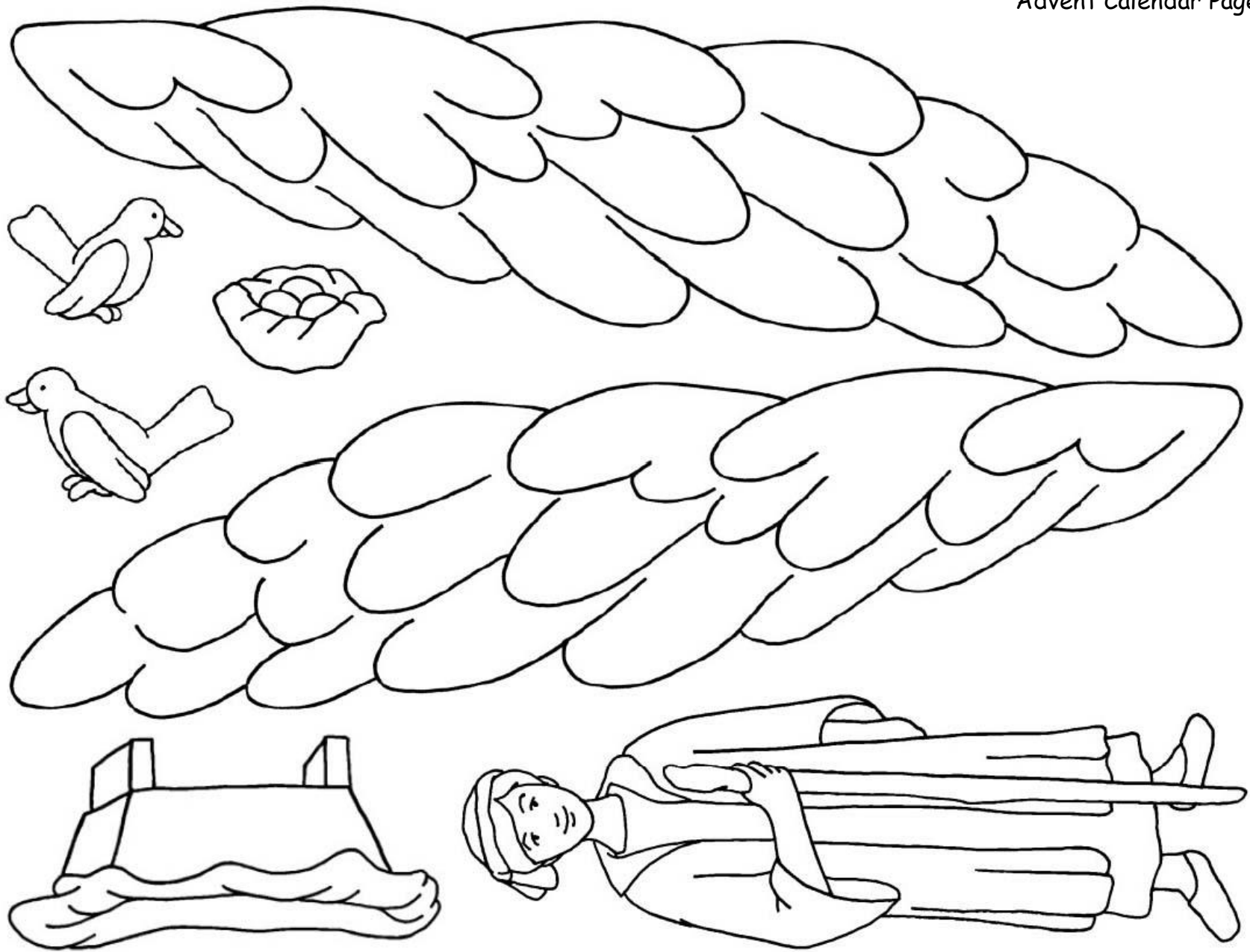
This Advent Calendar is of the Nativity. Colour and cut out the pictures. Each day, starting with December 1st, put up one piece.

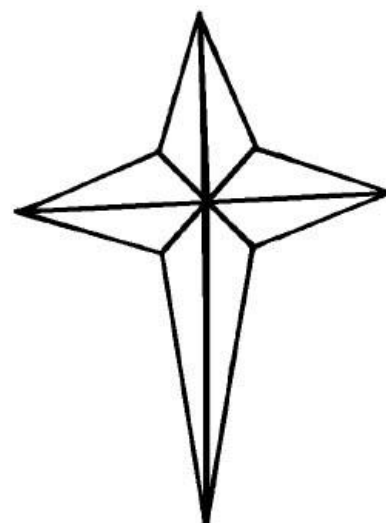
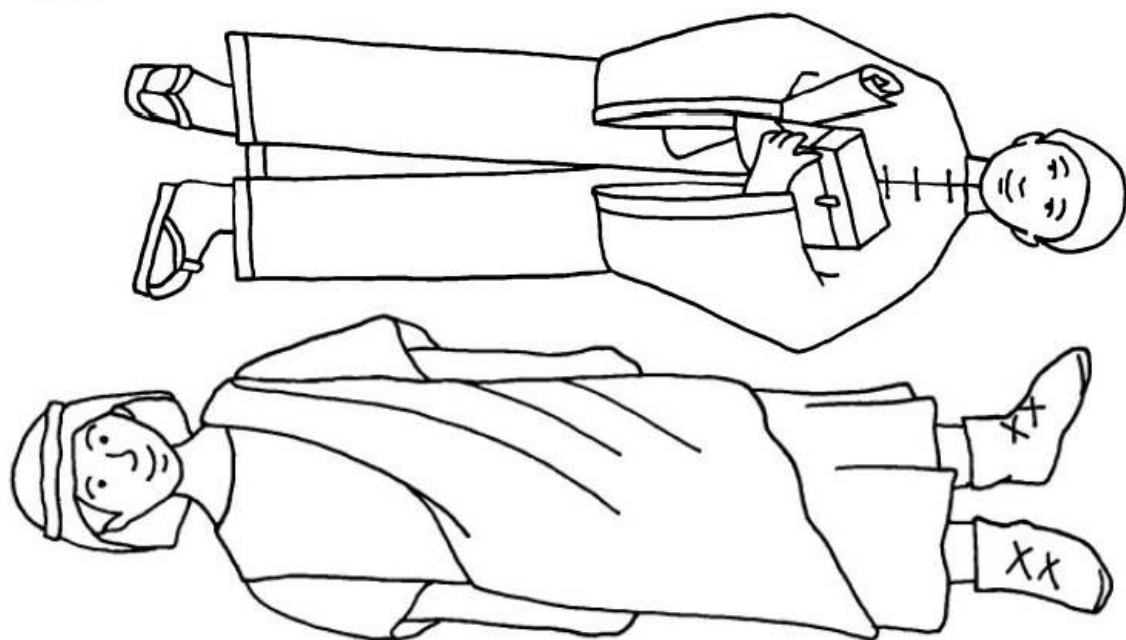
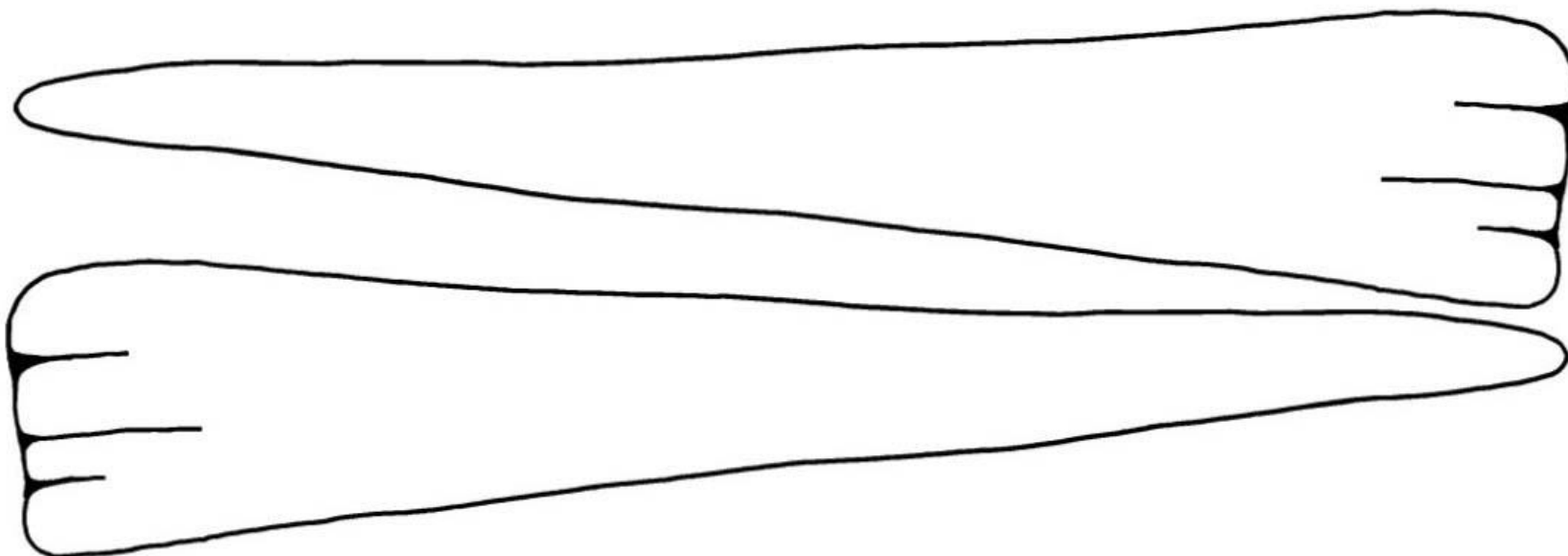
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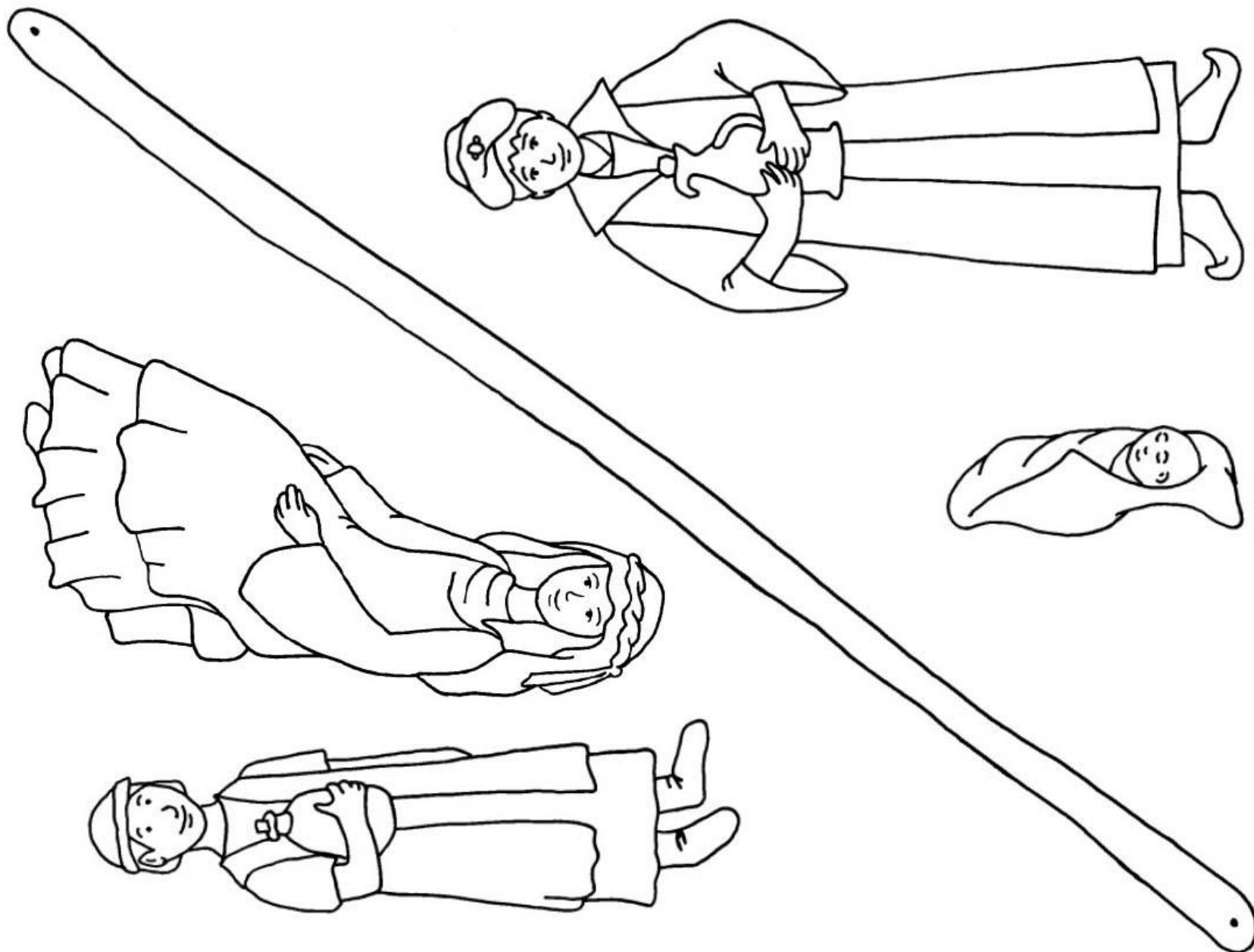
1. Stable (three pieces: 2 sides, 1 support beam)
2. Stable Roof (two roof pieces)
3. Palm Tree
4. Palm Tree
5. Bird
6. Bird
7. Nest
8. Sheep
9. Lamb
10. Lamb
11. Donkey
12. Joseph
13. Mary
14. Manger
15. Angel
16. Angel
17. Star
18. Big Shepherd
19. Shepherd Girl
20. Shepherd Boy
21. Camel
22. Wise Man
23. Wise Man
24. Wise Man
25. Baby Jesus

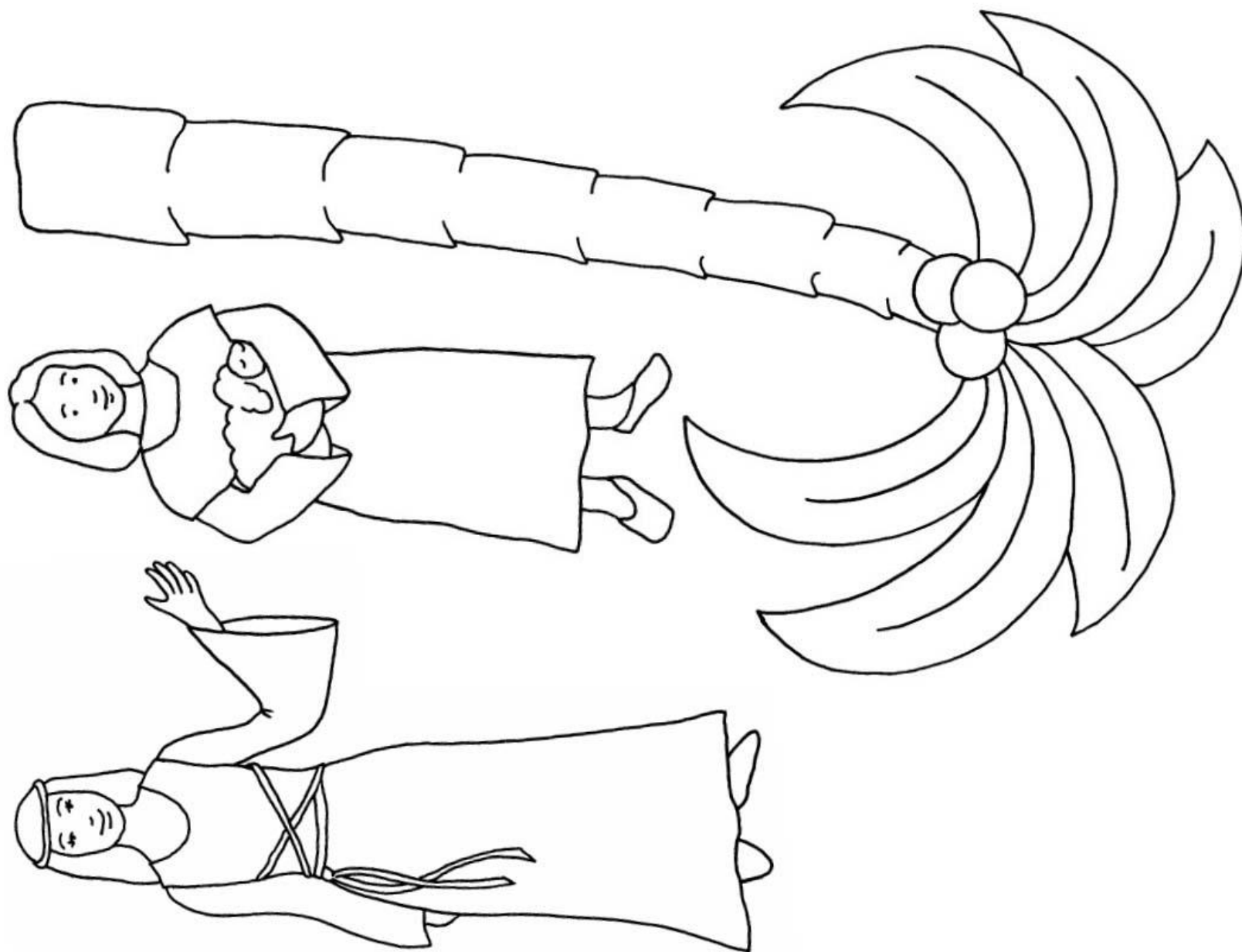
Baby Jesus is set to come on Christmas Day, but if you'd like him to come on Christmas Eve, you can put the entire stable up on the first day.

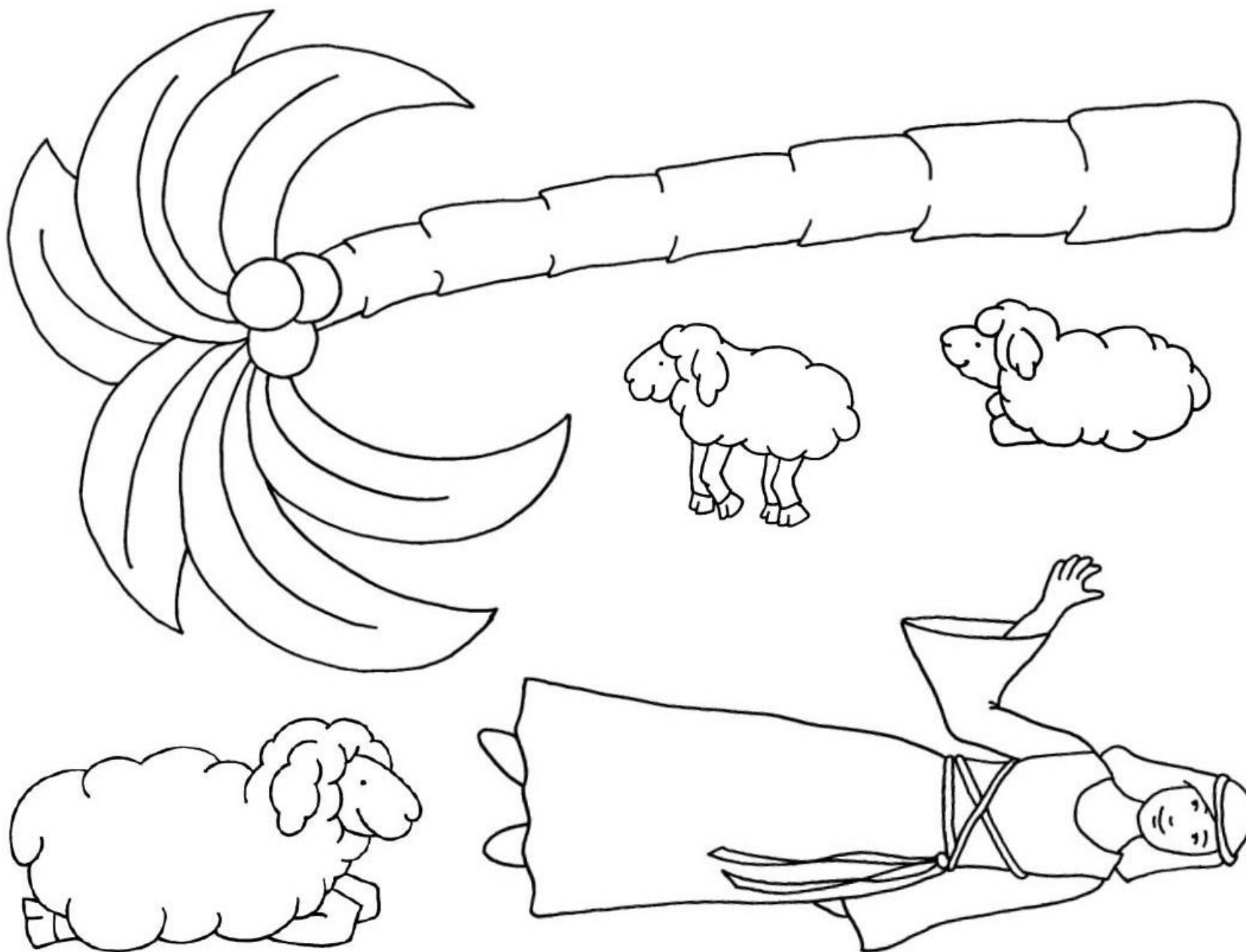


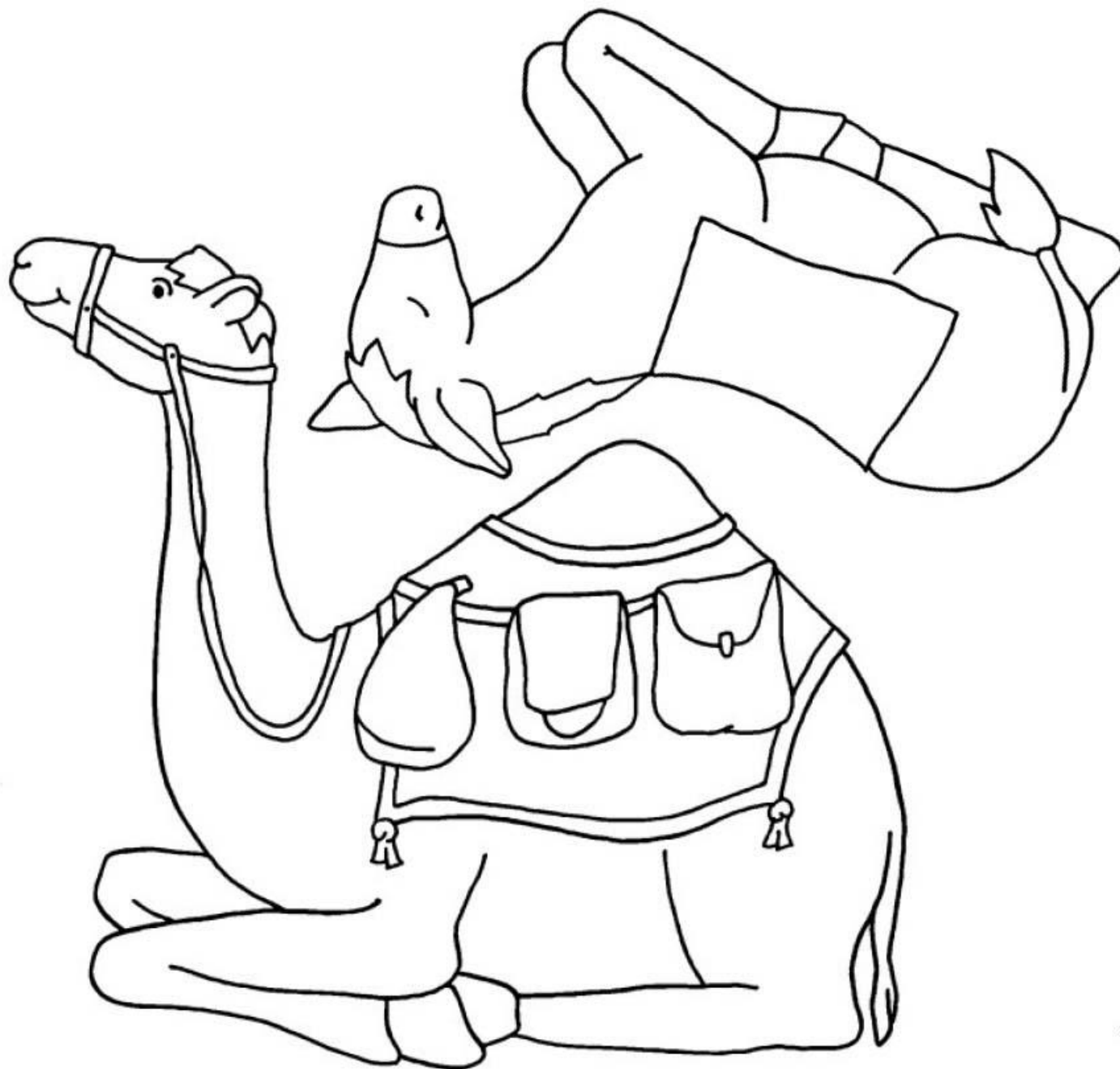












How to make an Advent Wreath



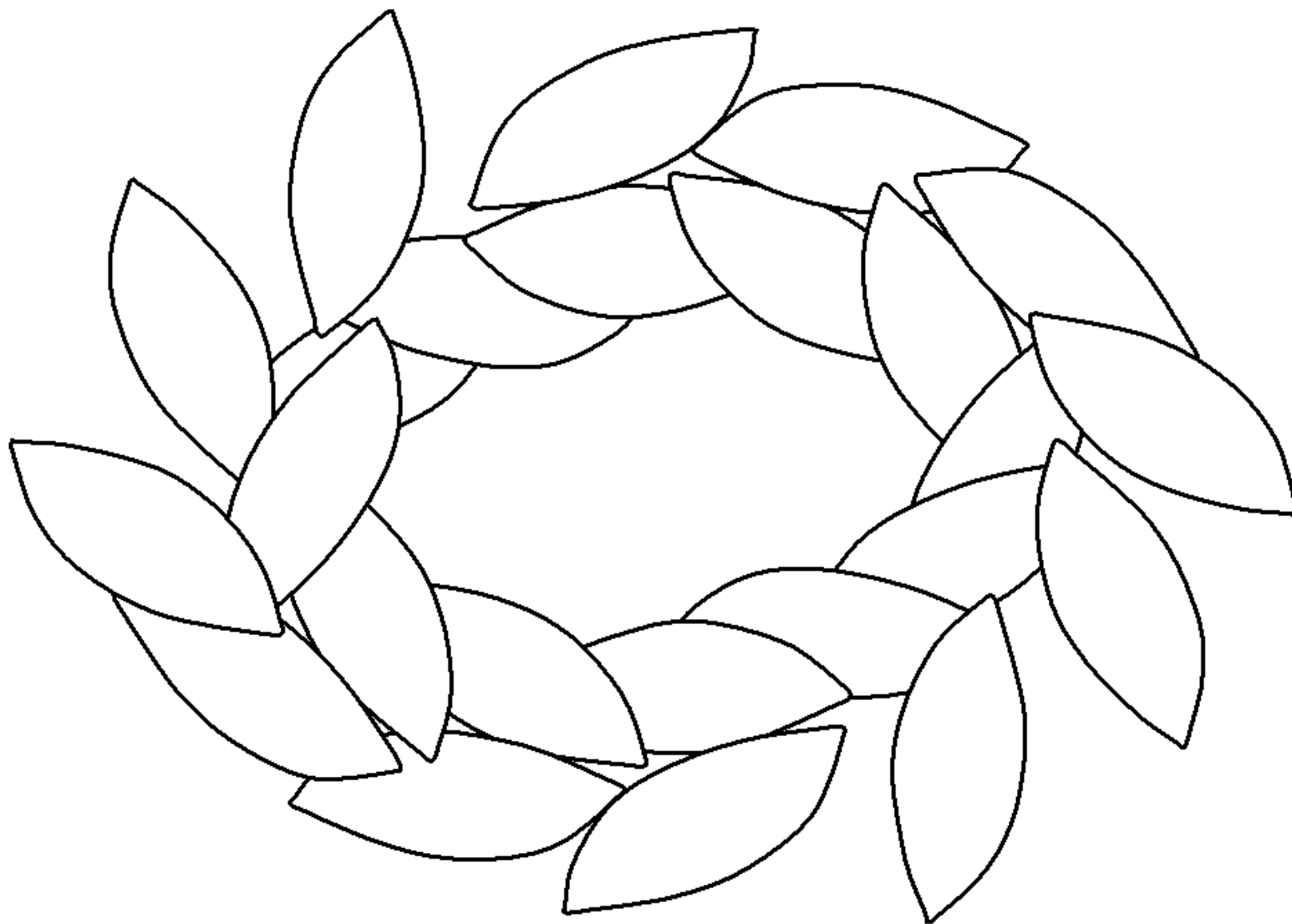
You will need:

- Templates printed on cardboard
- Art materials
- Scissors
- Glue

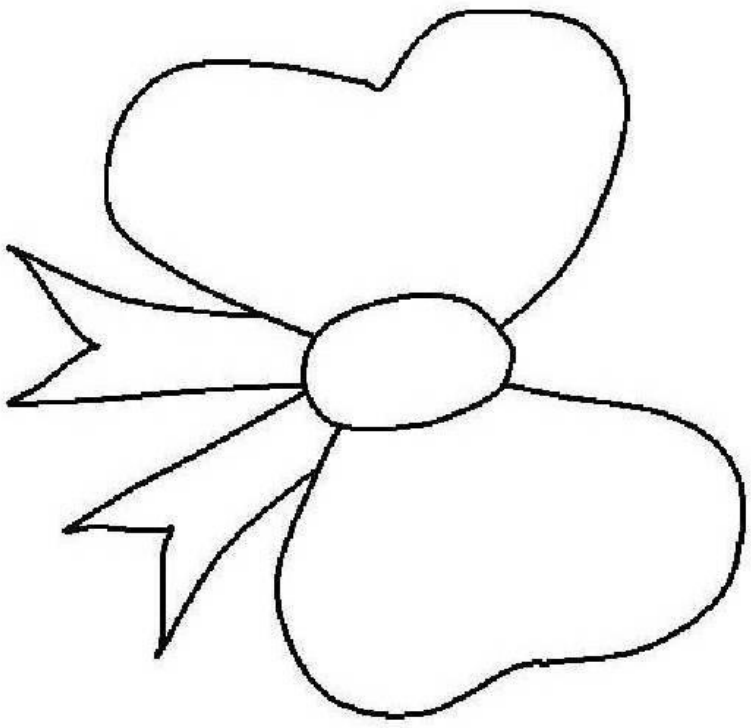
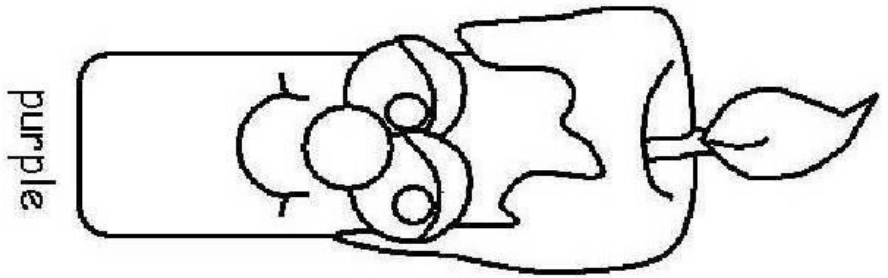
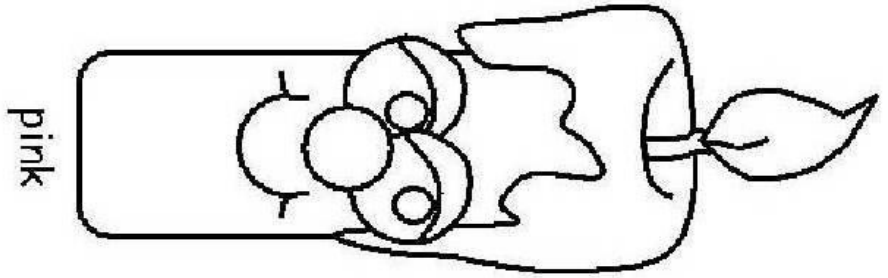
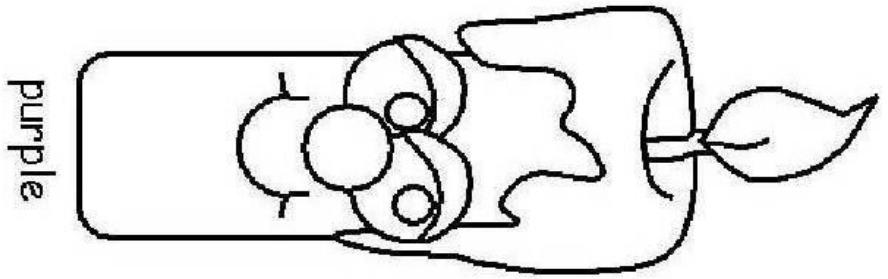
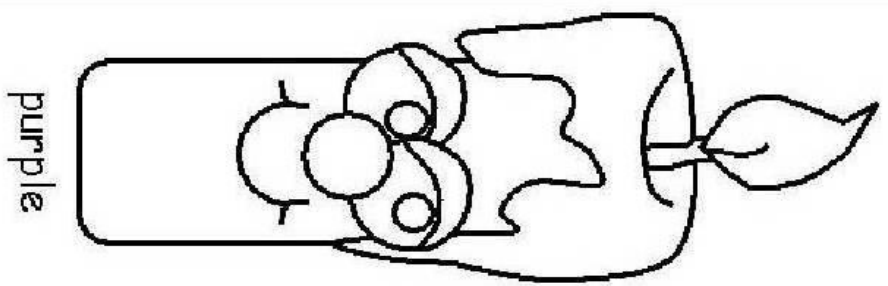
Instructions

1. Print out the templates.
2. Colour or paint the template pieces.
3. Cut out the templates.
4. Glue the candles onto the base (You can glue one on each Sunday of Advent -- the pink one goes on the third Sunday).
5. Finish it off with the white bow.

Advent Wreath



Advent Wreath Candles



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 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.

Mary Queen of the Angels



The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary . . .

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary!
Our hearts are on fire,
that title so wondrous
fills all our desire.

Refrain.

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

2. We pray for God's glory,
the Lord's kingdom come!
We pray for his vicar,
our father, and Rome.

Refrain.

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

3. We pray for our mother
the church upon earth,
and bless, sweetest lady,
the land of our birth.

Refrain.

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

The Christmas Story



Name _____

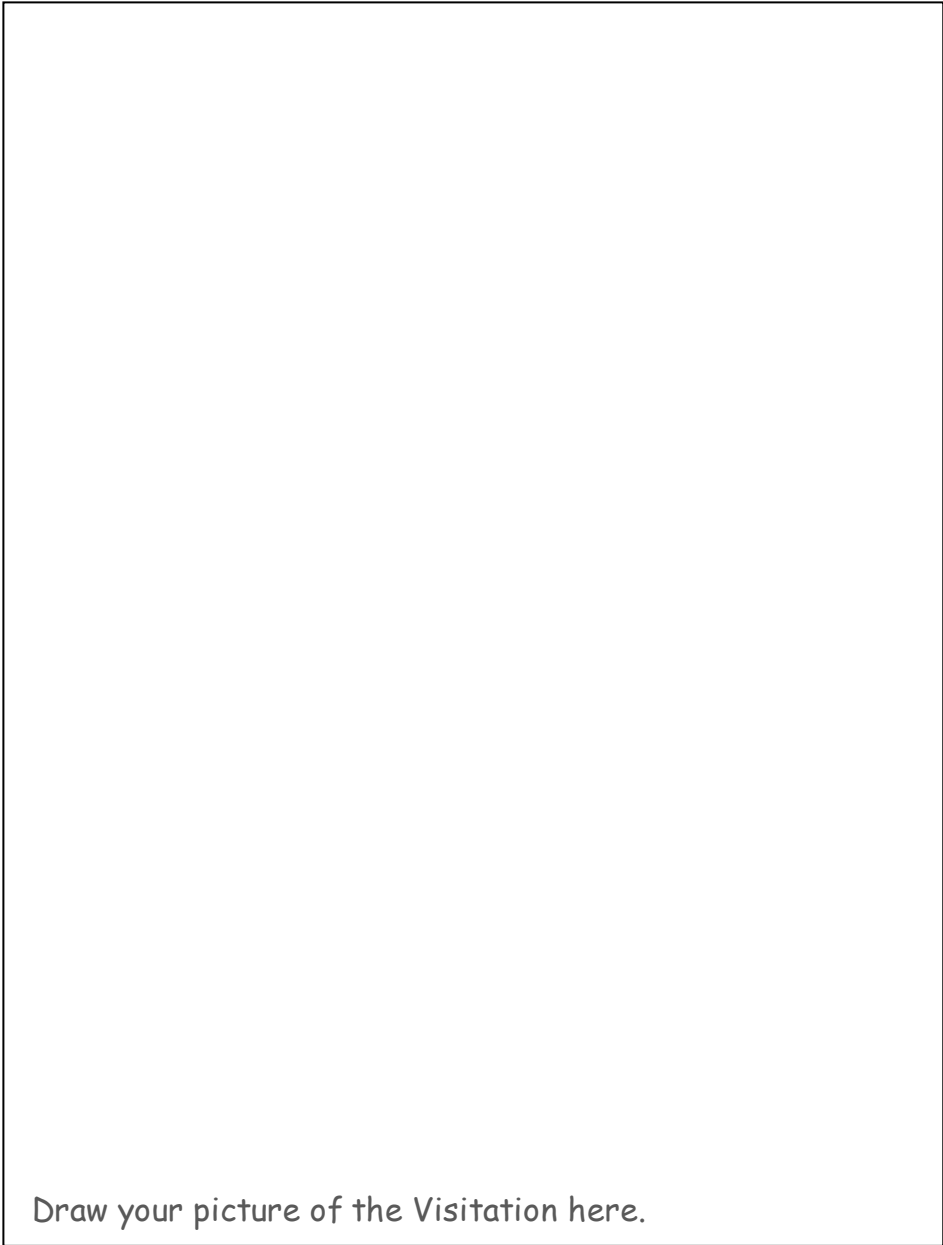
The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and brought her a message from God. She was to be the mother of His son and she was to call him Jesus.



The Visitation

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also going to have a baby. When Elizabeth saw her she said, "You are the most blessed of all women and blessed is the child you will bear!"



Draw your picture of the Visitation here.

The Nativity

Joseph and Mary could find no room at any inn, but a kindly innkeeper let them use his stable. There, in the bare stable Mary gave birth to the infant Jesus, 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.



An Angel Appears to the Shepherds in the Fields.

On that dark, cold night there were shepherds out in the fields, looking after their flocks of sheep.

Suddenly the night sky was filled with a great light and the shepherds were full of fear. An angel appeared and told them not to be afraid, because a 'Saviour' had been born and he was 'Christ the Lord'.

Draw your picture of the shepherds and angel here.

The Shepherds Worship Jesus

The angel told the shepherds where they should go to find Baby Jesus.

The shepherds hurried joyfully to the stable to worship Him.



The Wise Men from the East



Write the story of The Wise Men from the East here.

King Herod was Very Worried

When Herod the king heard from the wise men that the baby born was called King of the Jews, he became very worried. He wanted to know where he could find the baby and so he asked the wise men to come back and tell him. Secretly he wanted to harm the baby Jesus.



Joseph, Mary and Jesus Escape to Egypt

An angel warned the Wise Men to avoid Herod and go home another way. Then God sent an angel to tell Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary and Jesus. There they were able to live peacefully until it was safe to go home.



Name _____

Joseph or Herod?

Read the statements carefully and decide if they belong in Joseph's box or Herod's box.
Now write them in the correct box.

- He wanted to kill all the baby boys
- He was the foster father of Jesus.
- He always did what was right.
- He took Mary and Jesus to Egypt.
- God sent an angel to give him a message.
- He cared for Mary and Jesus.

He asked the wise men from the east to help him find Jesus. He was very jealous of Jesus.

Joseph	Herod

Name.....

I have chosen to live like Joseph

Draw a picture of yourself living like Joseph. Underneath your picture, write about what you are doing. Why did you choose to live like Joseph?

