

12 Days of
CHRISTMAS



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AND FAMILY

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A WORLD WITH JESUS;
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Day 1

A World Without Jesus

Nico from Central London

KEY VERSE

“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12 NIV

DEVOTIONAL

I love the time around Christmas, don't you? The decorations come out, the lights are hanging, Christmas songs are playing. Everything is so beautiful, the world is filled with so much colour! And how about the presents? Everyone seems to be so generous, joyful and friendly on Christmas Day! Do you agree? Well, this makes me think a lot about Jesus because a world without Jesus would be like a world without colours! A room without lights would just be dark. People without love, generosity and kindness. Now that's a world I don't want to imagine! Jesus said, “I am the light of the world”. Wow, do you know what that means? We never have to live in darkness. We can all have love, hope, faith, forgiveness and therefore learn to be like Jesus. A world without Jesus is like a Christmas tree without lights decoration and the star ✨ right at the top of the tree! Now think about the people you would like to share Christmas with? Think about your friends and your family? Once you have, you can also share Jesus with them because Christmas is all about Jesus.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

Think about the people you would like to share Christmas with?

Think about your friends and your family? Who would you like to tell about Jesus?

Think about what generosity means and in what ways you and your family can be generous this Christmas?

PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for Jesus and his love for us. I pray that you help me be a light for the people around me, just like Jesus is for the world.

Find The Red and White Striped Bauble



Day 2

The Chosen: Mary and Joseph

Charlotte from Oxford

KEY VERSE

"The angel went to her and said "Greetings you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you!"

Luke 1:28

DEVOTIONAL

Mary and Joseph were chosen by God to be Jesus' Mum and Dad on the Earth. That is a very important job to look after Baby Jesus! They would have been a bit scared at first I think don't you? Mary and Joseph were just like normal grown-ups, but God had an amazing thing for them to do but they could only do it because God was with them and He was going to help them. I think God has amazing things He wants you to do too! Sometimes we can feel like we aren't good enough or brave enough or clever enough to be chosen by God. But remember that God made you, He loves you and he knows all about you. He even knows how many hairs are on your head! He has chosen you to do special things that ONLY you can do. God will be with you and He will help you.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

1. Do you ever feel like you aren't good enough to be chosen by God?
2. What amazing things do you think God might have planned for you to do to change the world?

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you that you love me, that you have chosen me and that with you I can do incredible things!

Mary and Joseph



Day 3

Angels With a Message

Jess from Guildford



KEY VERSE

“But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.” Luke 1: 30-32 (NIV)

DEVOTIONAL

In today’s modern world, we can receive messages many different ways – letters, emails, text-messages, phone calls – some people even write messages in the sky! However, in bible days, God sometimes sent important messages through his angels. HOW COOL IS THAT? When God sent the angel Gabriel to visit Mary, he gave her the most important message of all time. The angel told Mary that she’d soon fall pregnant and give birth to the Saviour of the world, Jesus. Hopefully she didn’t answer the door in her pyjamas! Now, Mary could have easily freaked out or cried or even run away. She could have said, “No way! That sounds too hard!” or “Pick someone else!” But instead, Mary was obedient and happy by the news. Unfortunately, when Joseph found out, he found it all very confusing! So, while Joseph was asleep, God sent a second angel to speak to him in his dreams. The angel told to Joseph that Mary was miraculously pregnant with the Son of God and they should still marry. When Joseph woke up, he was very happy and obeyed God’s commands. What a great couple! Mary and Joseph didn’t let their own fears get in the way of obeying God’s will for their lives.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

How do you think you would have reacted if you were in Mary or Joseph’s shoes?

How can you be obedient to God this week, even if it’s hard?

What other ways can God send messages to us, apart from angels?

PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus to save the world. Help me to listen to the messages you have for me and be obedient to you, even when it’s hard. Amen.

Angels With a Message



Day 4

Gods Promise, Immanuel

Courtney from Edinburgh



KEY VERSE

“She will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel”

Matthew 1:23

DEVOTIONAL

At Christmas time you might hear the word “Immanuel”, it means “God is with us”. So a really long time ago God promised his people that he was going to send His Son Jesus down to Earth to help bring us closer to Him. Think of a time in your life where you had to wait a really long time for something you really wanted but then when you finally got it, you were SO happy and you knew that it was worth the wait. The people had to wait a really long time for Jesus to come but when he did they were really happy too! We can always trust God because he keeps his promises to us. It's because of Jesus that we can now get a better idea of what God is like, find out how much he loves us as his children. I’m really glad that God sent us Jesus because I know that whatever I’m going through, I know God loves me so much and I know that he loves you too!

FOLLOW UP QUESTION

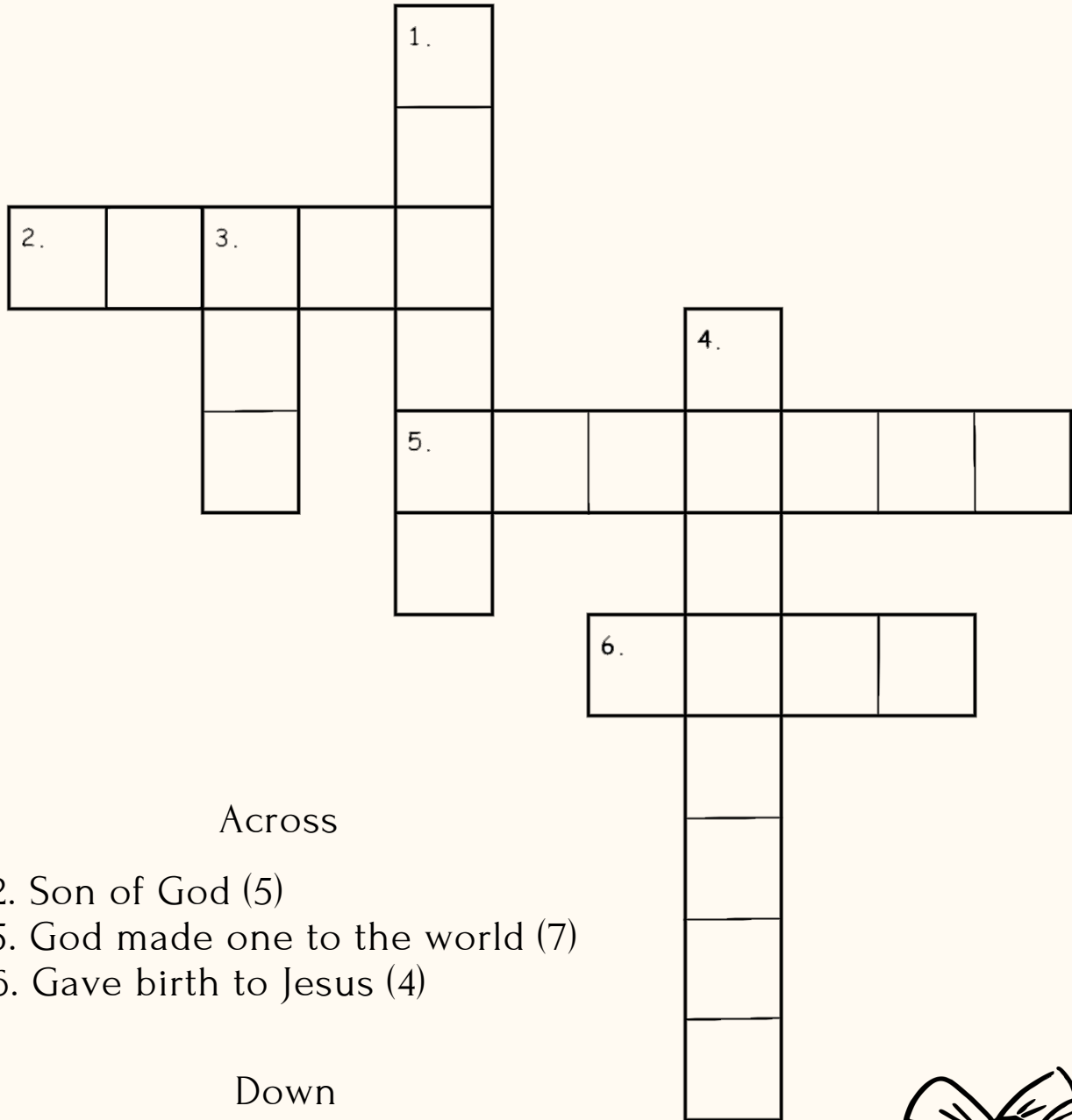
Think of three things you can thank God for today.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to Earth. Thank you for the promise that you gave to your people. Thank you for always being with us and always loving us. We pray that we always remember to be thankful for that!
Amen

Crossword

Fill in the blanks to find the missing word



Across

- 2. Son of God (5)
- 5. God made one to the world (7)
- 6. Gave birth to Jesus (4)

Down

- 1. A carpenter (6)
- 3. Boy child (3)
- 4. Means 'God is with us' (8)



Day 5

King Herod

Ola from Reading



KEY VERSE

“Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.”

Matthew 2:1-3 NLT

DEVOTIONAL

King Herod wanted to be the only king in all the land. So, he was very upset when the wise men came to tell him that another king, Jesus, had been born. He decided he was going to kill Jesus so that no one else but him would be king. But the good news is that God had promised that Jesus would come and save us from our sins and make us children of God. And **NOBODY**, rich or poor, big or small, can stop God’s promises to us from coming to pass. So, before King Herod could harm Jesus, God made sure that Jesus was safe.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

Today, let us try to remember all the promises God has made to us. See if you can remember ten, write them down and try to memorise them.




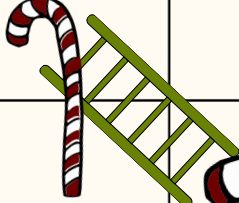
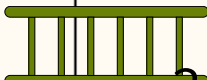


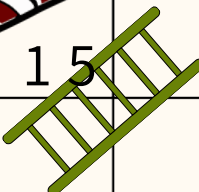


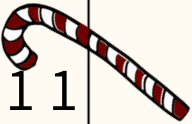
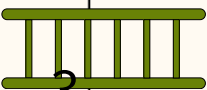


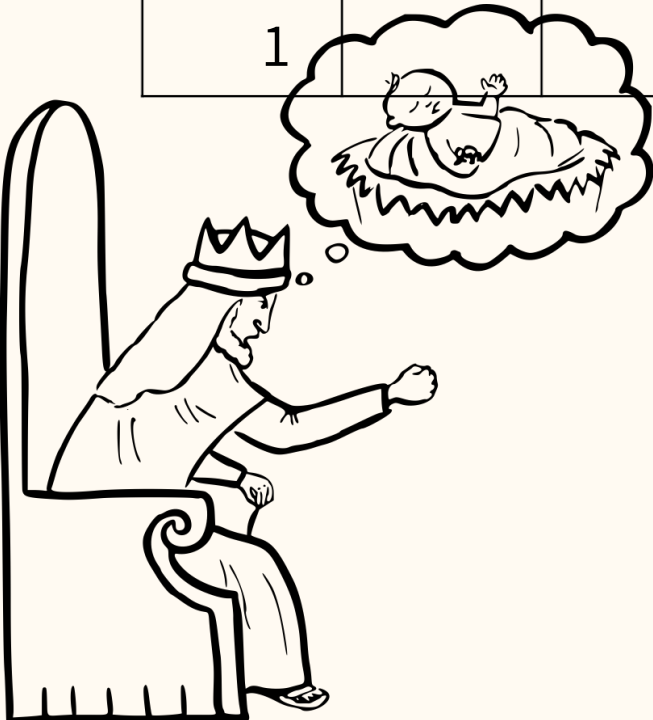
PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for everything you have promised me. I know that all of them will happen just like you promised. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.

Snakes and Ladders

KING HEROD EDITION

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Day 6

The Journey

Pippa from Kent

KEY VERSE

“Everyone had to travel to the hometown of their family to complete the mandatory census. So Joseph and his wife, Mary, left Nazareth, a village in Galilee, and journeyed to their hometown in Judea, to the village of Bethlehem, King David’s ancient home. They were required to register there, since they were both direct descendants of David. Mary was pregnant and nearly ready to give birth”.

Luke 2: 3-5

DEVOTIONAL

Are we nearly there yet? The child’s voice rang out. I wonder how many times Mary and Joseph must have heard this on their long journey as they fell further and further behind everyone else. Walking a long way to Bethlehem was going to be hard for both of them but Mary knew she needed to go as quickly as she could because she was about to give birth to her new baby. Despite the challenges, Mary and Joseph trusted that God would keep them safe as He had promised He would when the angel had spoken to them.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

Are there times when you find doing something you’ve been asked to do hard?

Ask Jesus to help you, remember He loves you and loves to help you.

PRAYER

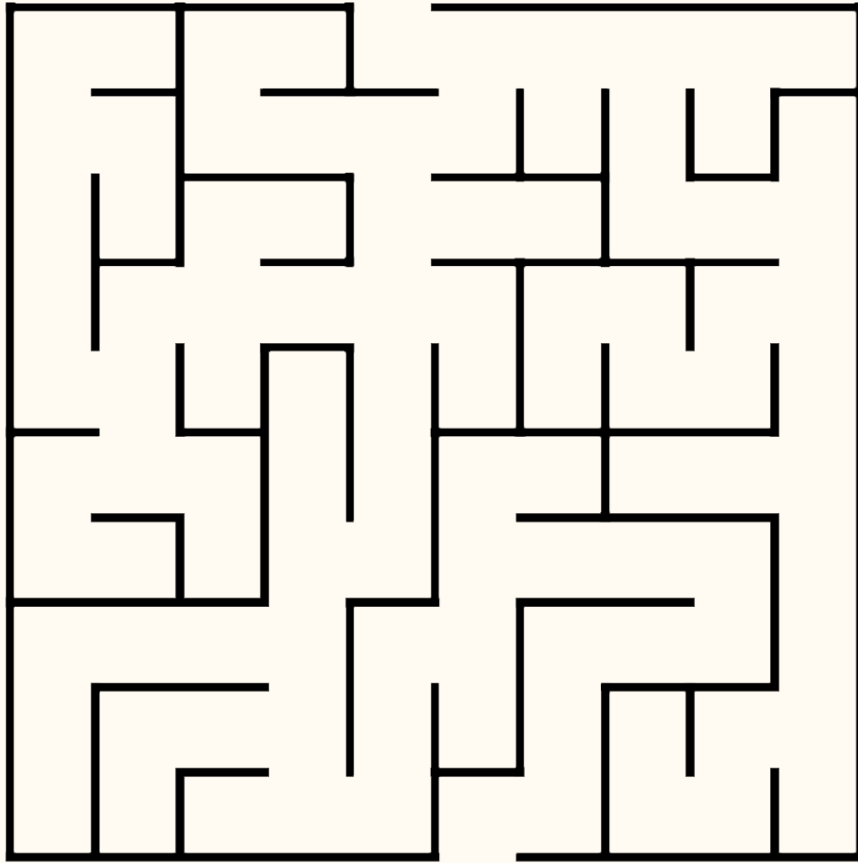
Dear Jesus we thank you that you love us. We thank you that you are always with us even when we are doing things that are hard or when we are feeling scared. Amen.

The Maze

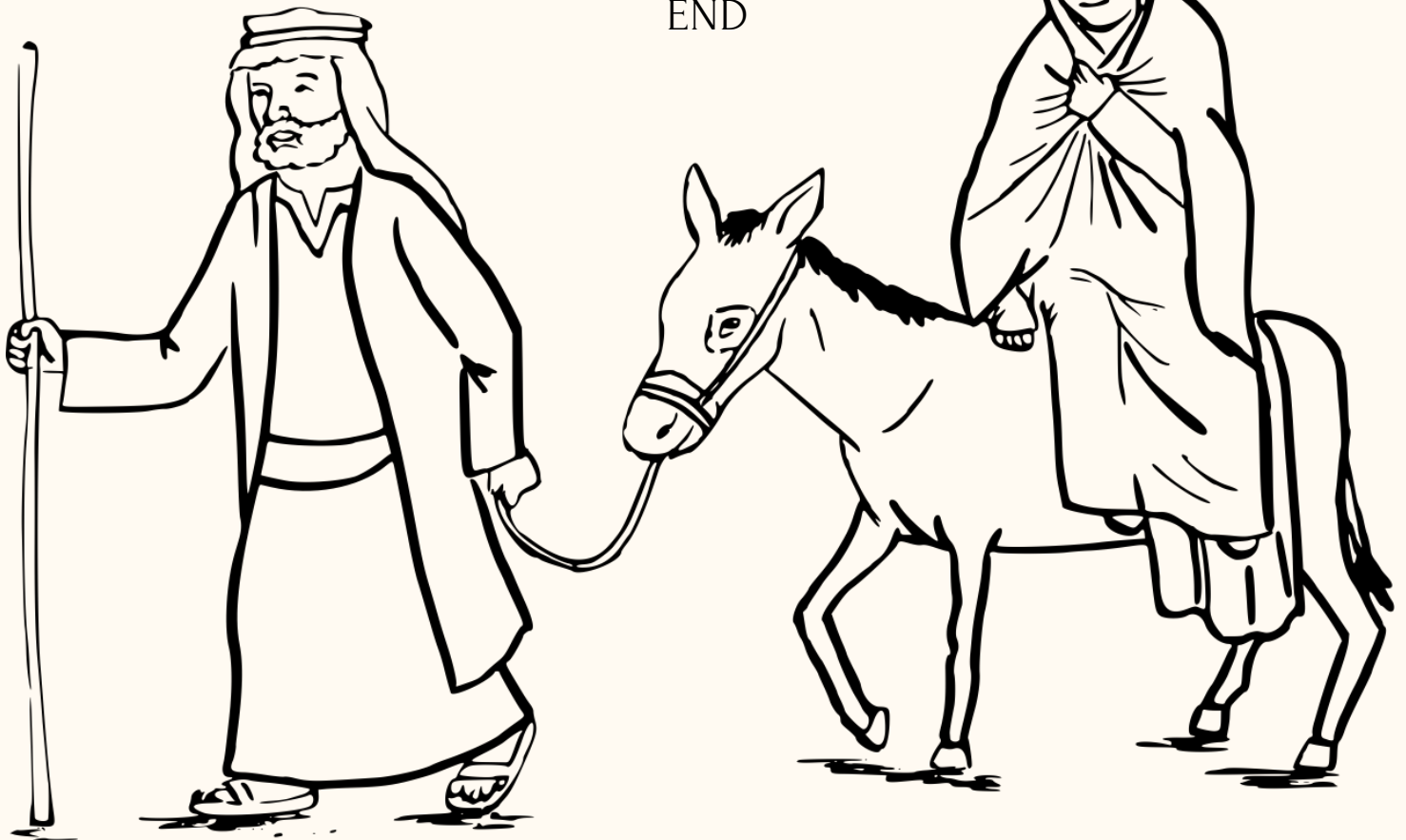
Help Mary and Joseph Get To Bethlehem



START



END



Day 7

Wise Men

Zara from North London

KEY VERSE

"They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod."

Matthew 2:11-12

DEVOTIONAL

I love getting gifts on my birthday, don't you? It makes me feel so loved and special. When Jesus was born, the Wise Men gave baby Jesus three special gifts that showed that he was no ordinary baby. They gave Jesus expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were the type of gifts that you would give to a King. The Wise Men knew that Jesus was not just a King but the King of Kings! Jesus is the King of the whole world and he is the King of you and me.

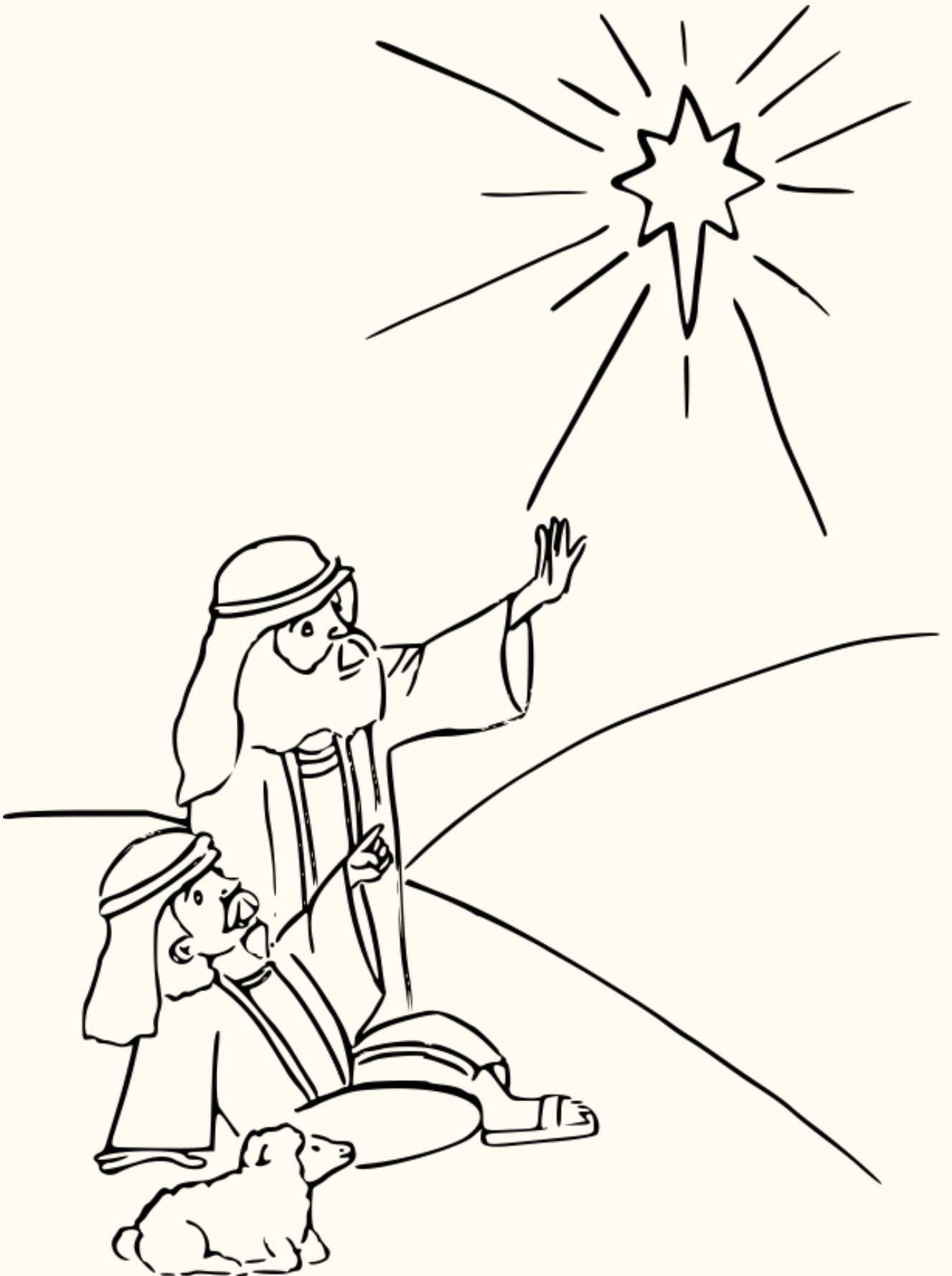
FOLLOW UP QUESTION

What gifts could you give to someone to show that they are special?

PRAYER

Thank You Jesus for being my King. This Christmas I want to get closer to you. Like the wise men, help me to seek you and worship you today and every day. In Jesus name Amen.

Wise Men



Day 8

The Star

Mims from Bermondsey



KEY VERSE

"When the wise men saw the star they were filled with joy."

Matthew 2:10 (ICB)

DEVOTIONAL

Twinkle, Twinkle Little star,
How I wonder What you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a Diamond in the Sky,
Twinkle Twinkle little star,
How I wonder What you are.

I love the stars twinkling at night, don't you? When Jesus was born a very special star shone in the sky, it was bigger and brighter than all the others. It was an exciting star. It was a happy star. It was a star full of promise. It was the star that showed the wise men how to get to baby Jesus and that made it a very special star indeed.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

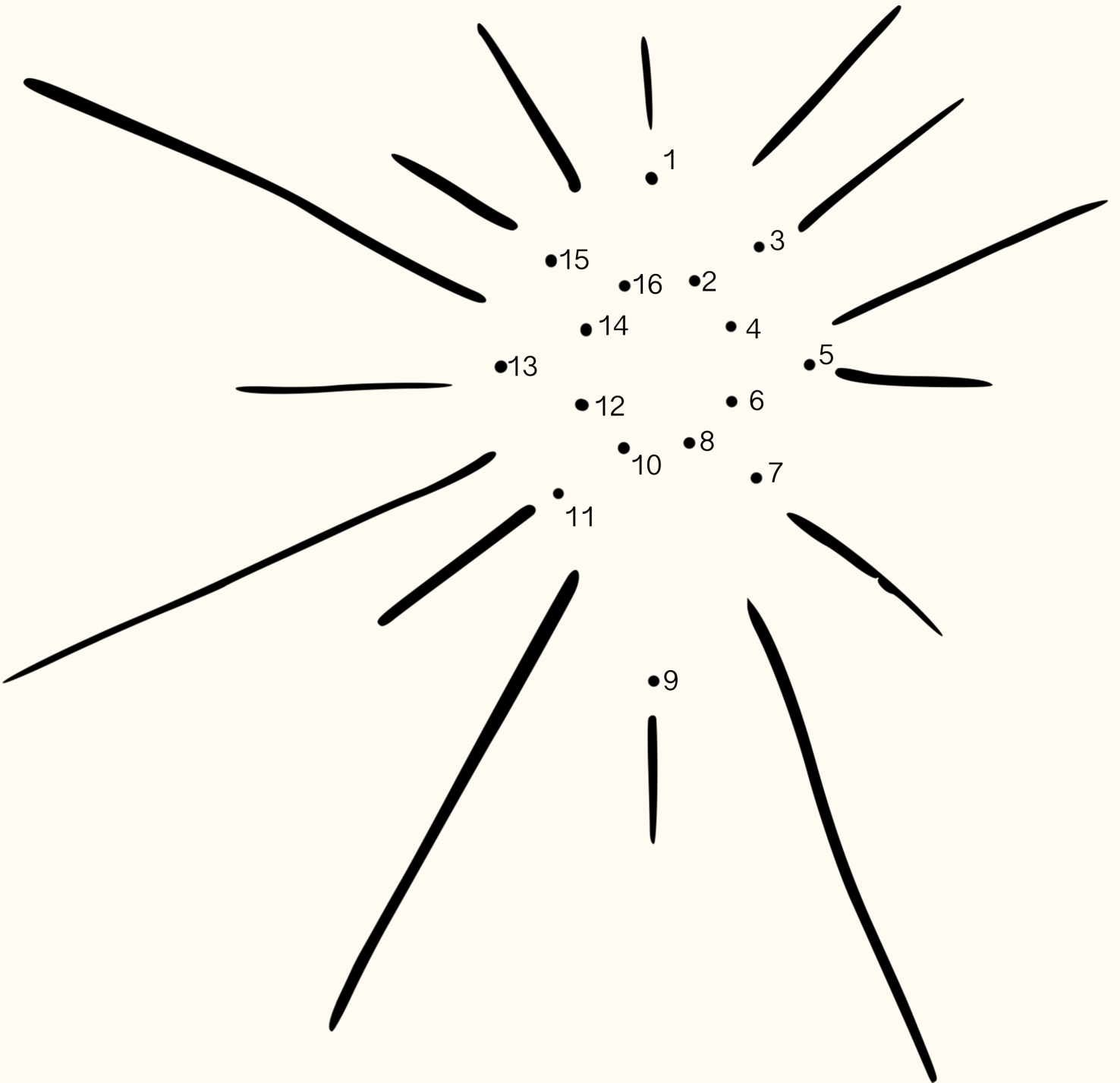
What signs does God give you to let you know he's here?



PRAYER

Dear Jesus, Thank you that you are with us. Thank you that we can trust in you. Thank you that you guide us just like the star guided the wise men. Amen.

Connect The Dots



Day 9

Gifts For a King: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh Tife from Birmingham

KEY VERSE

"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh".

Mathew 2:11

DEVOTIONAL

When Jesus was born, three wise men brought 3 gifts that were important to what was to come. These were gold, frankincense and myrrh. These are important because it shows us that Jesus is king and he came to share love with everyone. How can you share the love Jesus brought with the people around you?

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

What meaningful way or gift can you give to someone around you to show them Jesus loves them?

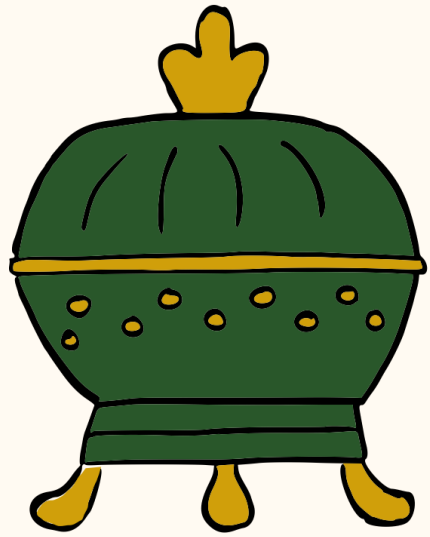
This could be singing to someone, sharing a toy, telling someone how nice they look or even giving them a cuddle and telling them Jesus loves them.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to the world and spreading your love. Help me to be able to share this love to someone around me today. Amen.

Match The Colour To The Gift

BLUE



GREEN



RED



Day 10

The Shepherds

Dawn from Liverpool

KEY VERSE

"Then the angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that happened. We will see this thing the Lord has told us about."

Luke 2:15

DEVOTIONAL

I love the story of how the shepherds got invited to meet baby Jesus. In the bible it says that one night the shepherds were sitting together on a hill looking after some sheep, when all of a sudden there was a whooshing sound and a bright light and there appeared an angel. An actual angel stood in front of them! Now I don't know about you, but I probably would have screamed and fainted! We can read in the story, that the shepherds were afraid, but when they heard the angel tell them to not be afraid, they believed the angel and their fear went away. The angel told them about Jesus the Lord being born in a stable and the angel invited the shepherds to go and meet him. Then, to make the night even more amazing, more angels appeared and started to have a praise party singing how amazing God is. I would love to have been a part of that, wouldn't you? So the shepherds got there things together and off they went on a journey to meet the new King. There they found Jesus, just as the angels said, wrapped in cloths, lying in a feeding box, in a stable, in Bethlehem. They celebrated together with Mary and Joseph. King Jesus had been born! How awesome was that invitation? I love that God invited not only the rich wise men to meet Jesus, but also the shepherds. The shepherds wouldn't have had a lot of money or been able to bring Jesus a big baby gift but God wasn't bothered by that. He wanted the shepherds there because He knew they had good hearts. That is so important to God, that our hearts are smiley, full of love and that our hearts love God. God invites everybody to meet Jesus and He wants everyone to celebrate Jesus, not just at Christmas but everyday! Whether you are a boy or a girl, whatever the colour of your skin, if you have lots of things or not many things, God says, you are invited to celebrate Jesus. He says you are loved. God says you are wanted.

QUESTIONS

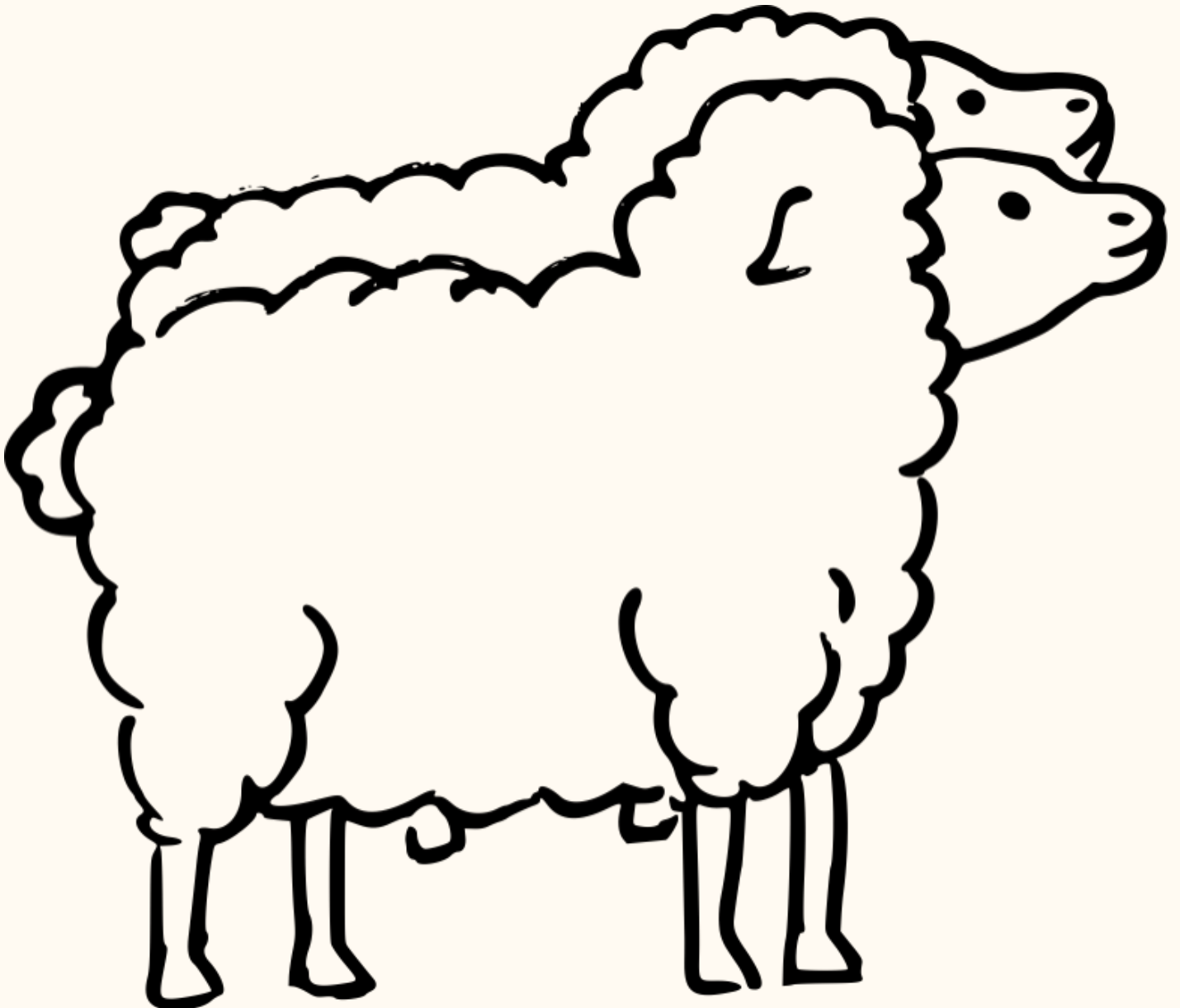
How would you have felt if you were one of those shepherds? Have you ever heard God talk to you? What did He say? How did it make you feel? If we are accepted by Jesus because of who we are, how can we show others that they too are accepted?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I thank you that you came to earth to show us the love that God has for us. Thank you God that you invite us to be a part of your family, that you love us and accept us for who we are and not because of what we have. Help us to love others the way you show your love to us. I love and praise you because you are an awesome, wonderful and an amazing God and you promise to love me forever. Amen



Sheep



Day 11

The Birth

Jordan from Guildford

KEY VERSE

“The true Light was coming into the world. The true Light gives light to all. The Word was in the world. The world was made through him, but the world did not know him.”

John 1:9-10 ICB

DEVOTIONAL

Every morning when we wake up, the first thing we do is turn on the light so we can see where we're going and make sure we don't fall over anything. If we were going to walk everywhere in darkness we're going to hurt ourselves! In the Bible when you read about the birth of Jesus, He is described as the 'Light of the world'. That basically means that Jesus came to help us live life better, to bring us back close to God because he died and took away our sins. I love Christmas, I love everything about it whether it's the presents or the food! But it's so important that we remember what Christmas is really about, celebrating the birth of Jesus. God loves us so much, he wants to be our best friend. How can we tell our friends about what Christmas is really about? And how much Jesus loves them?

FOLLOW UP

QUESTION

What are some different ways we can thank God for sending His Son Jesus?

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending your son Jesus. Thank you for forgiving us, and showing us how much you love us! Amen

The Birth



Day 12

A world with Jesus; Hope For Eternity

Dan from Newcastle

KEY VERSE

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

DEVOTIONAL

I know it's exciting to think that we get presents at Christmas. But did you know you have been given the greatest gift you can ever be given. God Loves YOU so incredibly much! He gave up his Son so that one day we will get to go and be with God.

FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS

1. What was my favourite gift for Christmas 2 years ago?
2. Do you still have it? Use it? Remember it?
3. Do you want a gift that will last for ETERNITY?

All you need to do it accept Jesus, this gift has already been given to you, all you need to do is accept it.

PRAYER

Dear God, We love you so much. Thank you for what you did and sending Jesus to pay the ultimate price so that we don't have to. We want to pray for all our friends and family, that we can be a light for you and help them fall in love with Jesus, just as much as we love him. Use us God to spread your word, Amen

Word Search

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