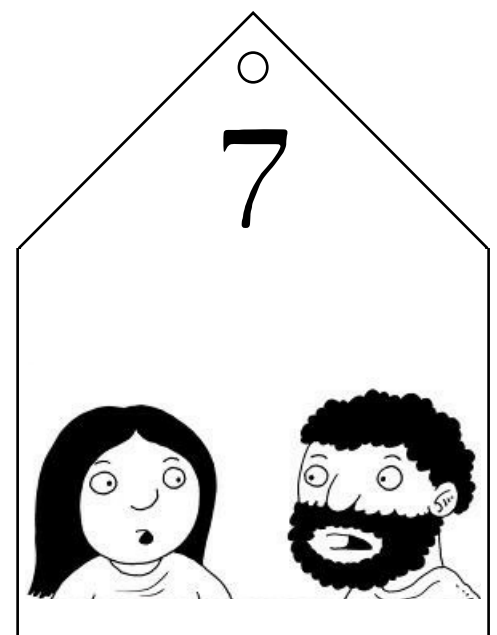


Advent decoration

Each day from the start of December, cut out the little house for that date and colour in the picture. Then make a hole at the top and put string through to hang it either on your Christmas tree or on a ribbon/string. Don't forget to read the part of the story on the back!

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In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a young woman named Mary.

Luke 1 26-27

"Don't be afraid, Mary" the angel told her, "for you have found favour with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Luke 1:30-31

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

Luke 1: 29

Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favoured woman! The Lord is with you!"

Luke 1:28

Because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He travelled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee.

Luke 2:4

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

Luke 2:1

As Joseph considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20

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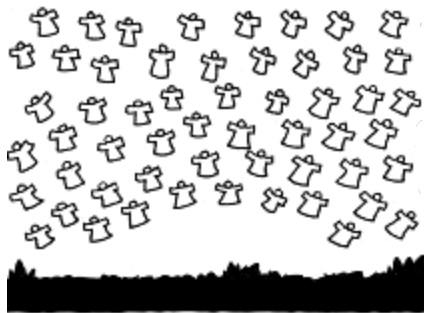
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That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

Luke 2:8

While they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Luke 2:6-7

He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

Luke 2:5

“The Saviour - yes, the Messiah, the Lord - has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”

Luke 2:11

The angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.”

Luke 2:10

Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified.

Luke 2:9

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Luke 2:15

Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others - the armies of heaven - praising God and saying, “Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Luke 2:13-14

“You will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:12

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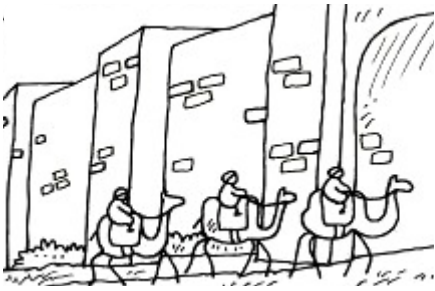
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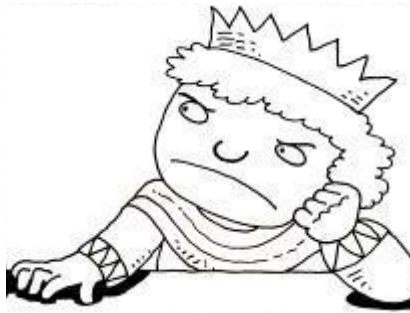
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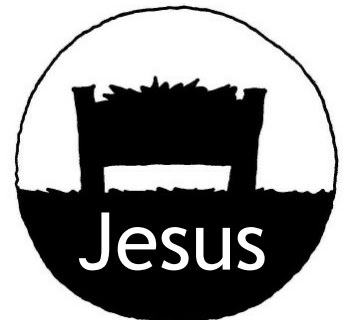
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The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

Luke 2:20

After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.

Luke 2:17

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.

Luke 2:16

Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child.

And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

Matthew 2: 7-8

King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

Matthew 2:3

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 new born king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and we have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

This is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

John3:16a

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.

Matthew 2:11

After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9