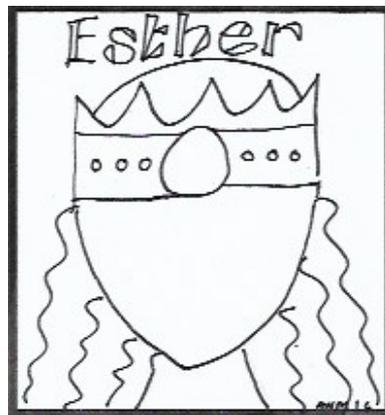
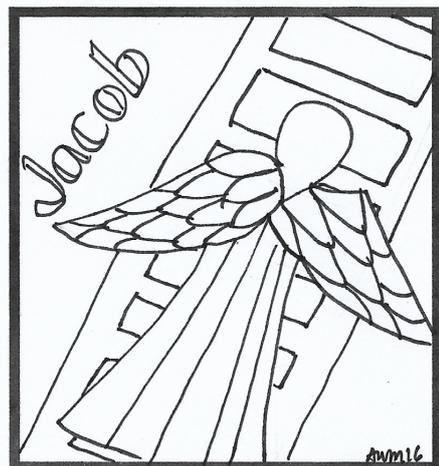
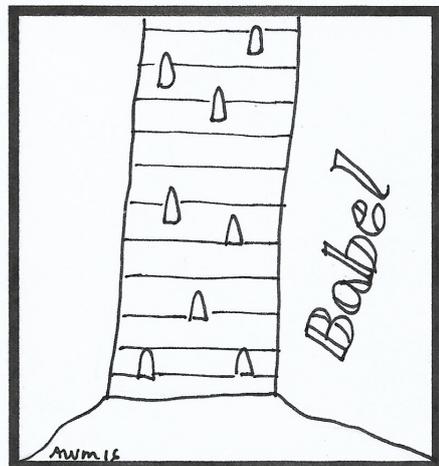
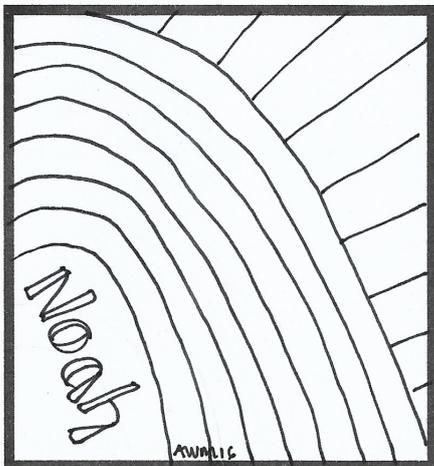
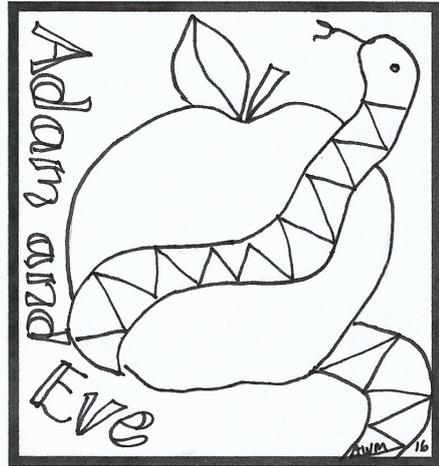
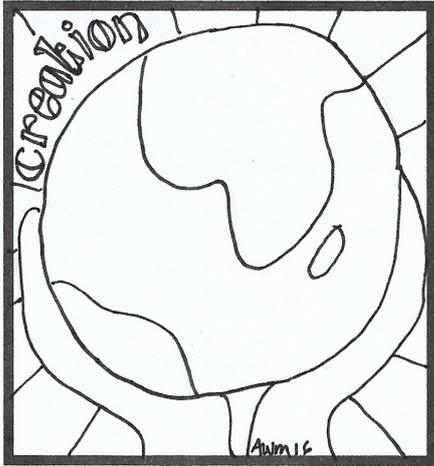
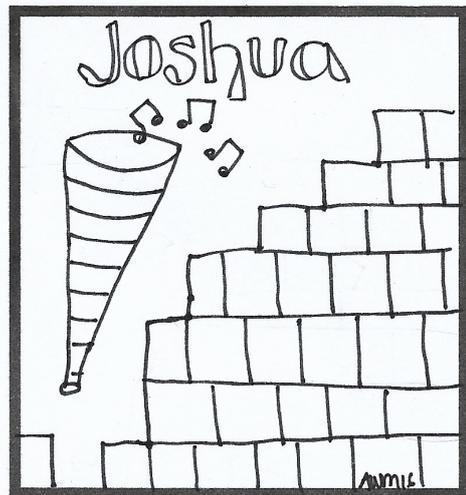
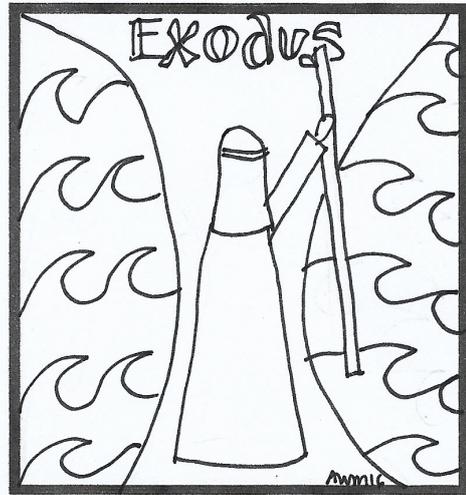
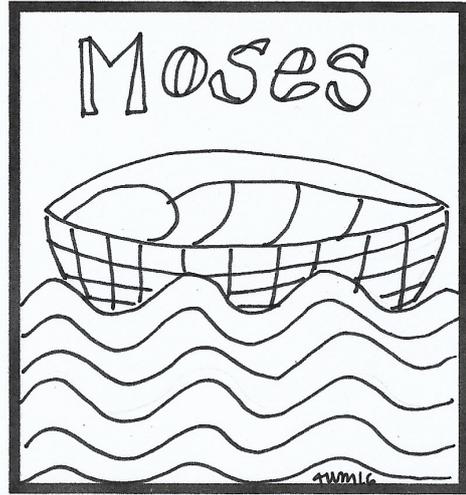


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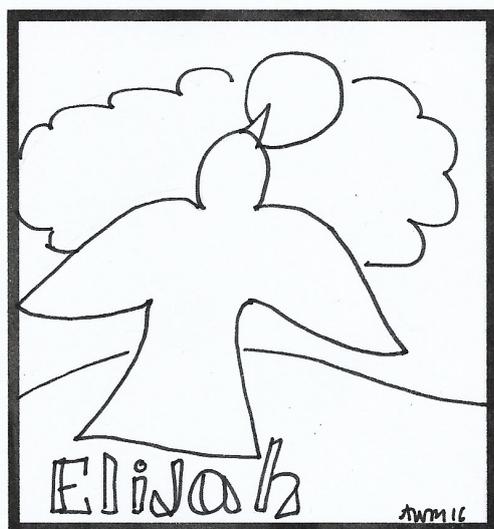
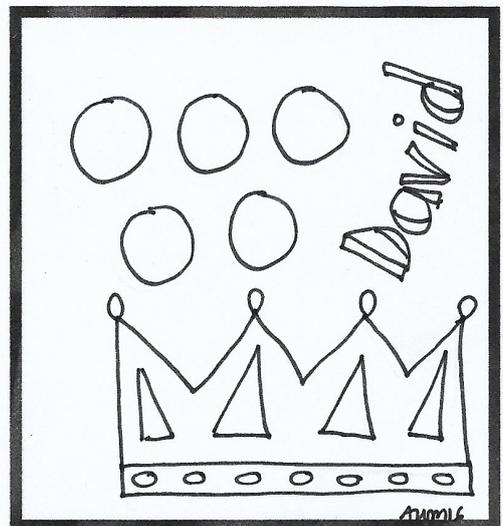
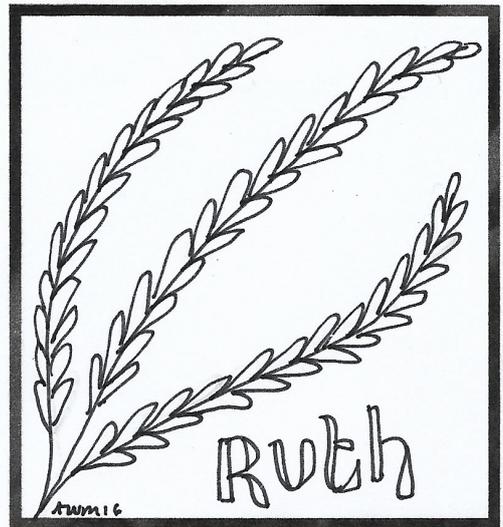
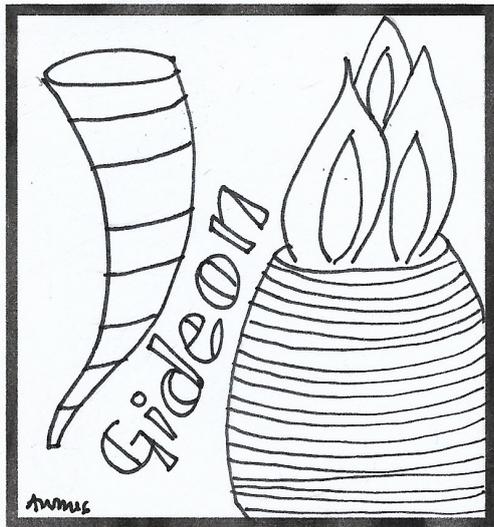




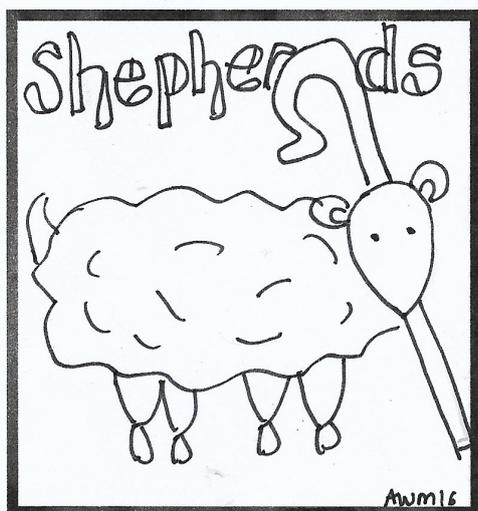
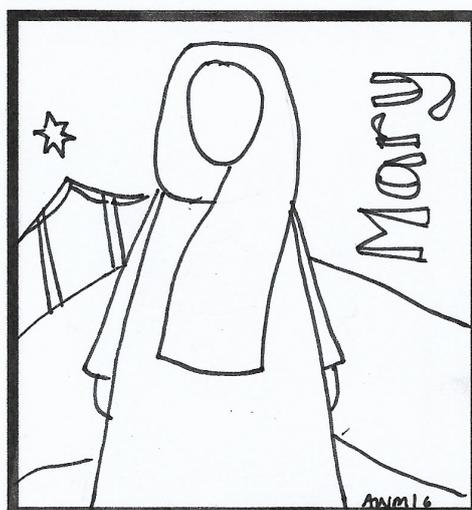
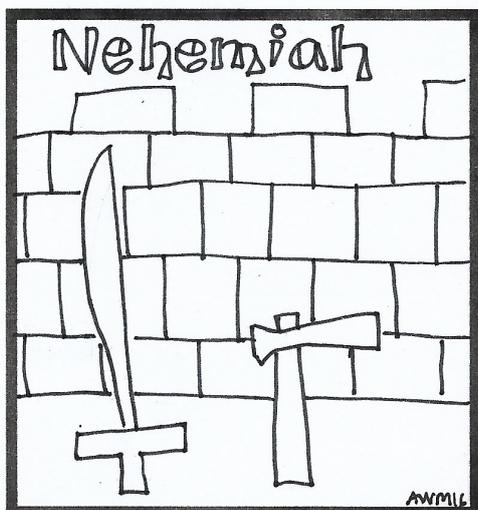
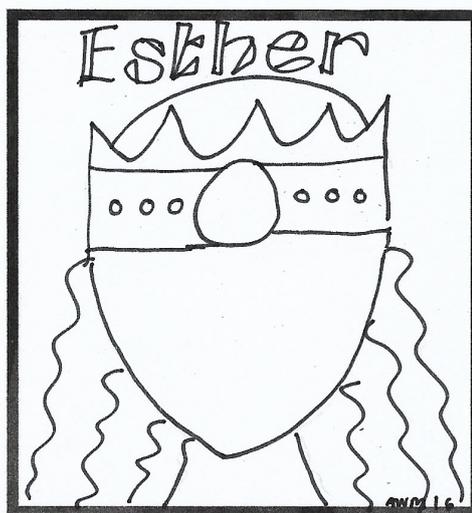
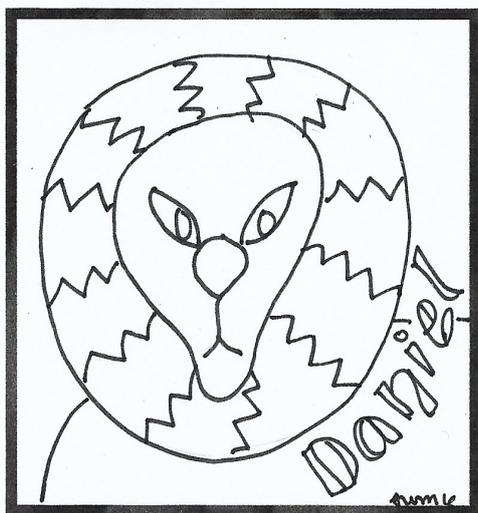
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Preparation:

- Make a 'tree' by collecting branches and arranging them in a vase. You could also use a Christmas Tree

Each day:

- Tell the Story
- Colour in the paper ornament (punch a hole, thread with string and hang on the tree)

Optional extras:

- Ask the question
- Do the activity!

December 1st: Creation

Story

Question: What is your favourite thing in nature?

Activity: Painting with nature- use natural objects (stones, twigs, flowers) to paint with instead of paint brushes!

December 2nd: Adam and Eve

Story

Question: Have you done something you felt sorry about?

Activity: Sorry coins- hold an old coin (dirty, not shiny) and tell God in your head what you are sorry for. Put the coin in a tub with a mixture of about 1/3 cup of vinegar and 1 tablespoon of salt. Put the lid on the

tub and shake. Take the coin out and it will now be shiny as a symbol of God's forgiveness

December 3rd: Noah

Story

Question: What does it mean to make a promise? Have you ever made a promise?

Activity: Rainbow bread- mix food colouring with milk (make a few different colours). Paint the colour onto white bread with a cotton bud. Lightly toast and eat.

December 4th: Babel

Story

Question: what do you do when you find it hard to understand someone?

Activity: build towers with plastic/ paper cups. How tall can you get them before they fall down?

December 5th: Abraham

Story

Question: What is the biggest surprise you have ever been given?

Activity: play with playdough and star cutters; make a cake and share it like Abraham shared his food with the visitors.

December 6th: Jacob

Story

Question: Have you ever felt that God is close to you?

Activity: Jacob's ladder colouring page (see below)

December 7th: Joseph

Story

Question: Who is the last person you helped?

Activity: design a coat for Joseph using collage materials or drawing with pens.

December 8th: Moses

Story

Question: What makes you feel safe?

Activity: decorate a stone, to remember that God is like a strong rock that keeps us safe; water play

December 9th: The Burning Bush

Story

Question: Have you ever had to do something you were worried about?

Activity: decorate a stick to remember the stick that God gave to Moses in the story. Take off your shoes and make a 'holy place' in your house.

December 10th: Exodus

Story

Question: What is freedom? What makes you feel free?

Activity: Blow bubbles and pop them. Then blow some bubbles and watch them float freely away.

December 11th: The 10 commandments

Story

Question: Why do we have rules?

Activity: Write two rules for your family to use. Decorate and hand the rules somewhere in the house.

December 12th: Joshua

Story

Question: Has God ever helped you? What would you ask him to help you with?

Activity: Go on a prayer walk around your neighbourhood. Take photos of things you would like to thank God for.

December 13th: Gideon

Story

Question: When do you have to be brave? What helps you?

Activity: Write prayers for people who need to be brave on some paper. Make a paper trumpet by rolling and sticking the paper.

December 14th: Ruth

Story

Question: Who is your friend? What does it mean to be a friend?

Activity: Make a gift to give to a friend.

December 15th: Samuel

Story

Question: Whose voice would you be able to recognize without seeing them?

Activity: each person plays their favourite song and tells everyone else why they like listening to it.

December 16th: David

Story

Question: Have you ever done something you thought was impossible?

Activity: Practice your aim! Set a target down on the floor and stand at a distance. Can you hit the target with a soft ball or beanbag?

December 17th: Elijah

Story

Question: have you ever hidden? How did it feel when you were hiding?

Activity: Make a den and eat a picnic while you are hiding there.

December 18th: Jonah

Story

Question: Have you ever tried to get out of doing something you didn't want to do?

Activity: Make a storm bottle by putting a tablespoon of glitter into a bottle of water. Shake to make the storm and then watch the storm calm and the glitter settle

December 19th: Daniel

Story

Question: Do you ever pray? How? Where? Why?

Activity: Play prayer 3 in a row (see below)

December 20th: Esther

Story

Question: Who would you stick up for if you saw them in trouble? Why?

Activity: Make crowns and decorate them.

December 21st: Nehemiah

Story

Question: What does home feel like?

Activity: Build a lego or Duplo wall using only one hand (the builders in the story often had to hold a sword in the other hand!)

December 22nd: Mary

Story

Question: What is the best news you have ever been given?

Activity: Advent journey play dough mat (see below)

December 23rd: Shepherds

Story

Question: What is the best gift you have ever been given?

Activity: Wrap up some gifts for friends and family

December 24th Wise Men

Story

Question: Who or what do you follow?

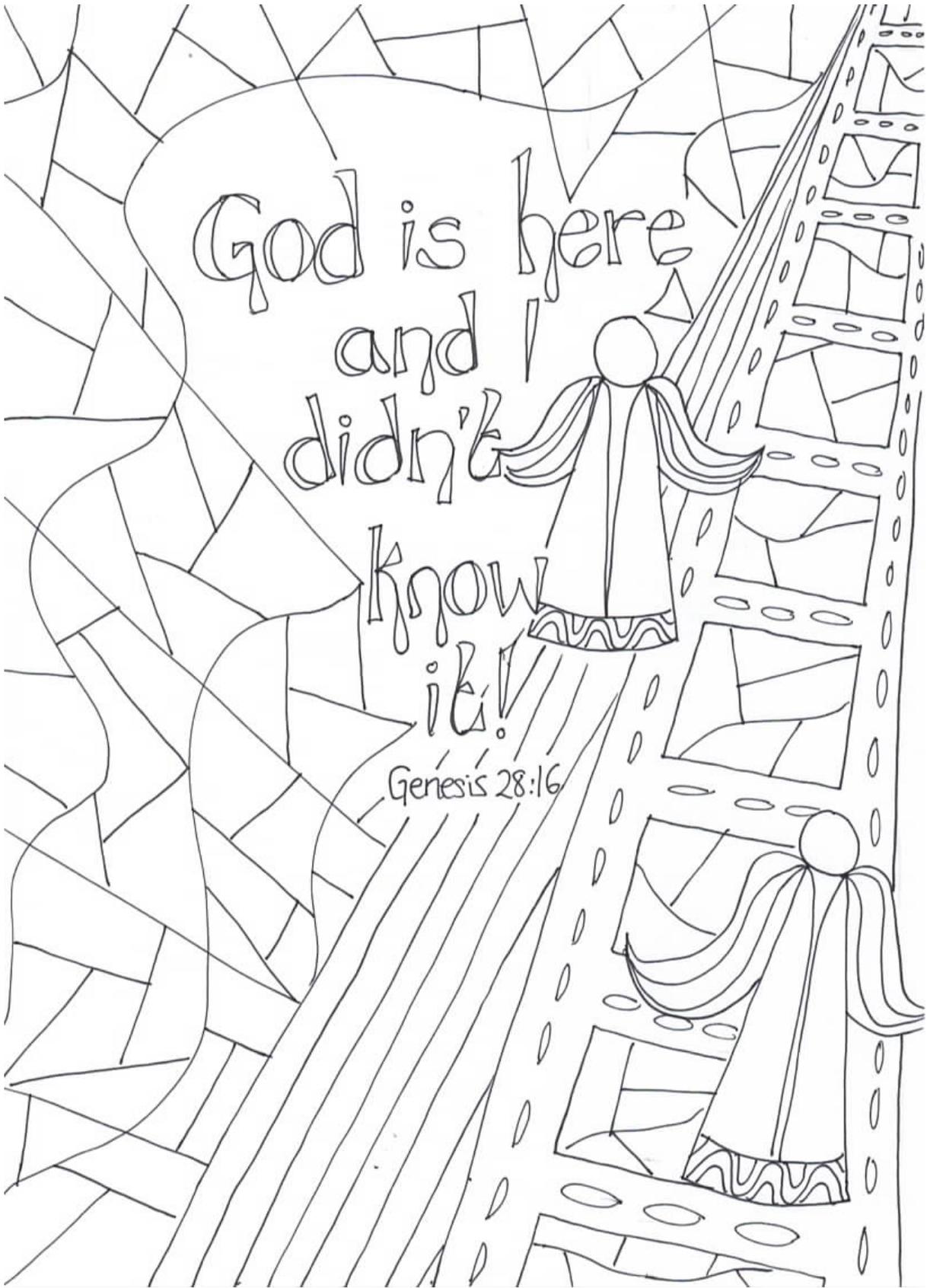
Activity: Play the Advent Game (see below)

December 25th: Jesus

Story: Get the children to tell you the story!

Question: Ask the children to think of a question to ask you!

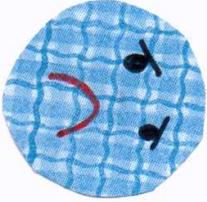
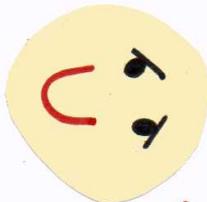
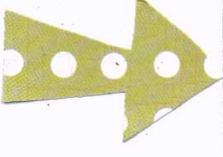
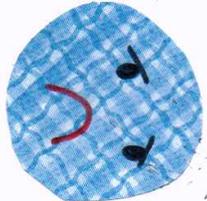
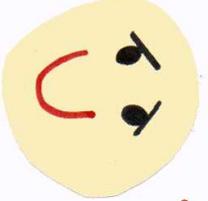
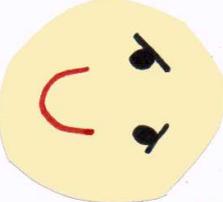
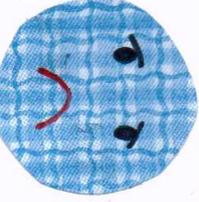
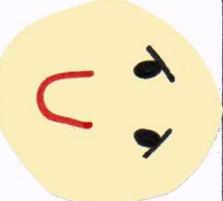
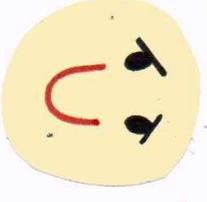
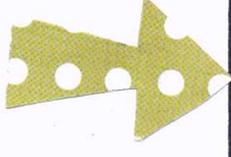
Activity: Emmanuel colouring sheet (see below)



God is here
and I
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know
it!

Genesis 28:16

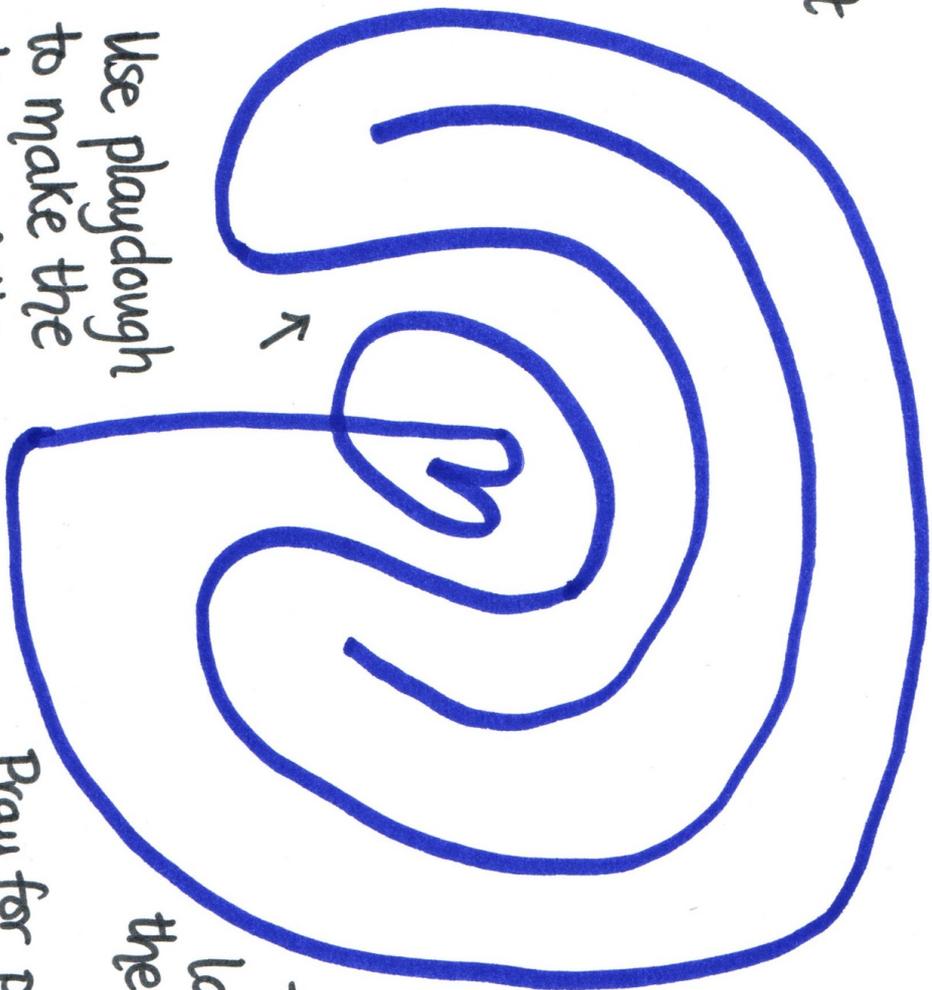
PRAAYER 3-in-a-row

 <p>Sorry God for...</p>	 <p>Thankyuu God for...</p>	 <p>God please bless...</p>	 <p>Sorry God for...</p>
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Pick a square and pray for what is in it. Put your counter there.
The first person with 3 spaces in a row is the champion!

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Mary and Joseph went on a long journey to Bethlehem to register for the census.



Use playdough to make the lines of this labyrinth.

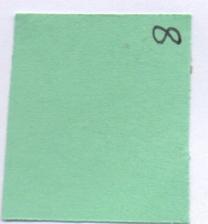
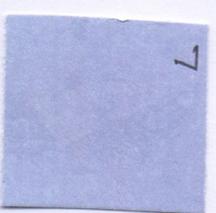
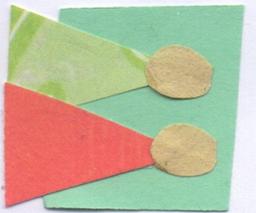
With your fingers, start at the arrow and follow the labyrinth to the centre.

Pray for people who are travelling on a journey somewhere.

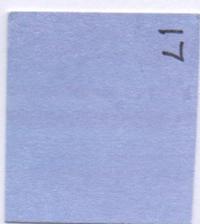
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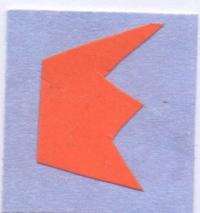
Move forward 3 spaces



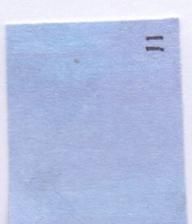
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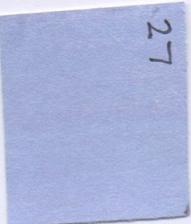
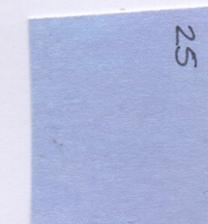
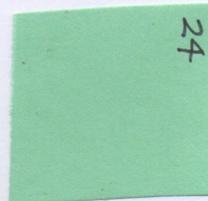
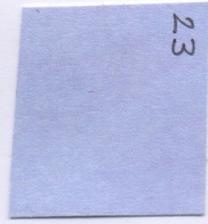
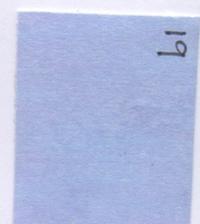
The Wise men continue their journey. Move forward 2 spaces.



The Wise men meet King Herod. Move back 2 spaces



A star rises in the East. Move forward 2 spaces.



Games

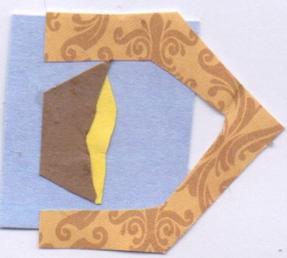
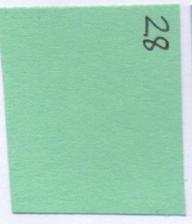
You find a stable! Move forward 1 space



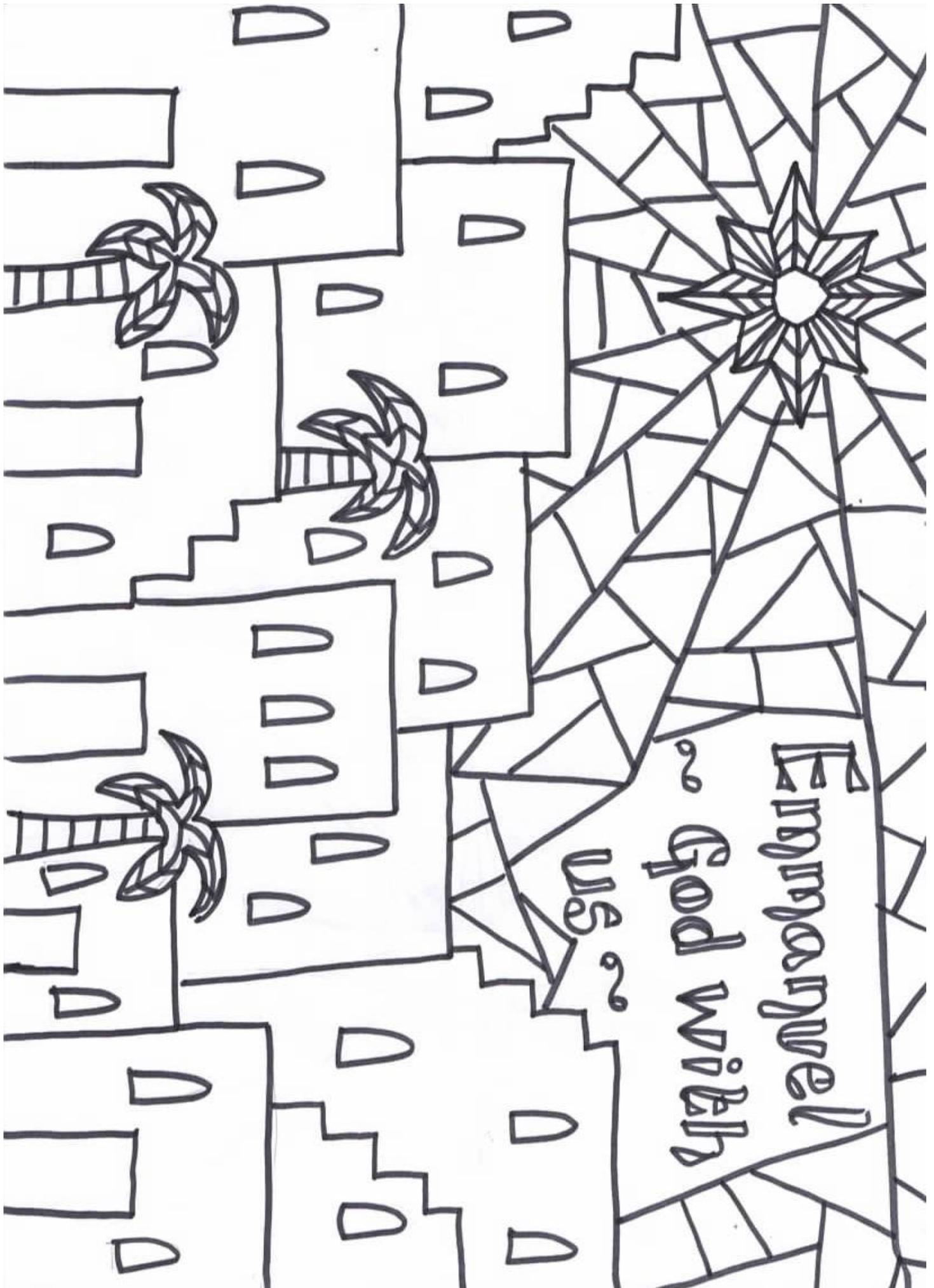
No room at the Inn. Move back 5 spaces



Shepherds watch their sheep. Move forward 1 space



End



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