

1A

Mary's Good News – Coloring Page

Mary lived in the town of Nazareth. One day an angel appeared to Mary! Mary was afraid. "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is pleased with you. What I have to tell you is good news. With God's help, you will be the mother of a little boy!"



1B

Advent Calendar – Puzzle

Alternate coloring the days either red or green on the Advent calendar as you count down to Christmas. For December 25, color the numbers both red and green.

The image shows a 5x5 grid representing an advent calendar. The days are numbered 1 through 25. The grid is decorated with various Christmas-themed illustrations:

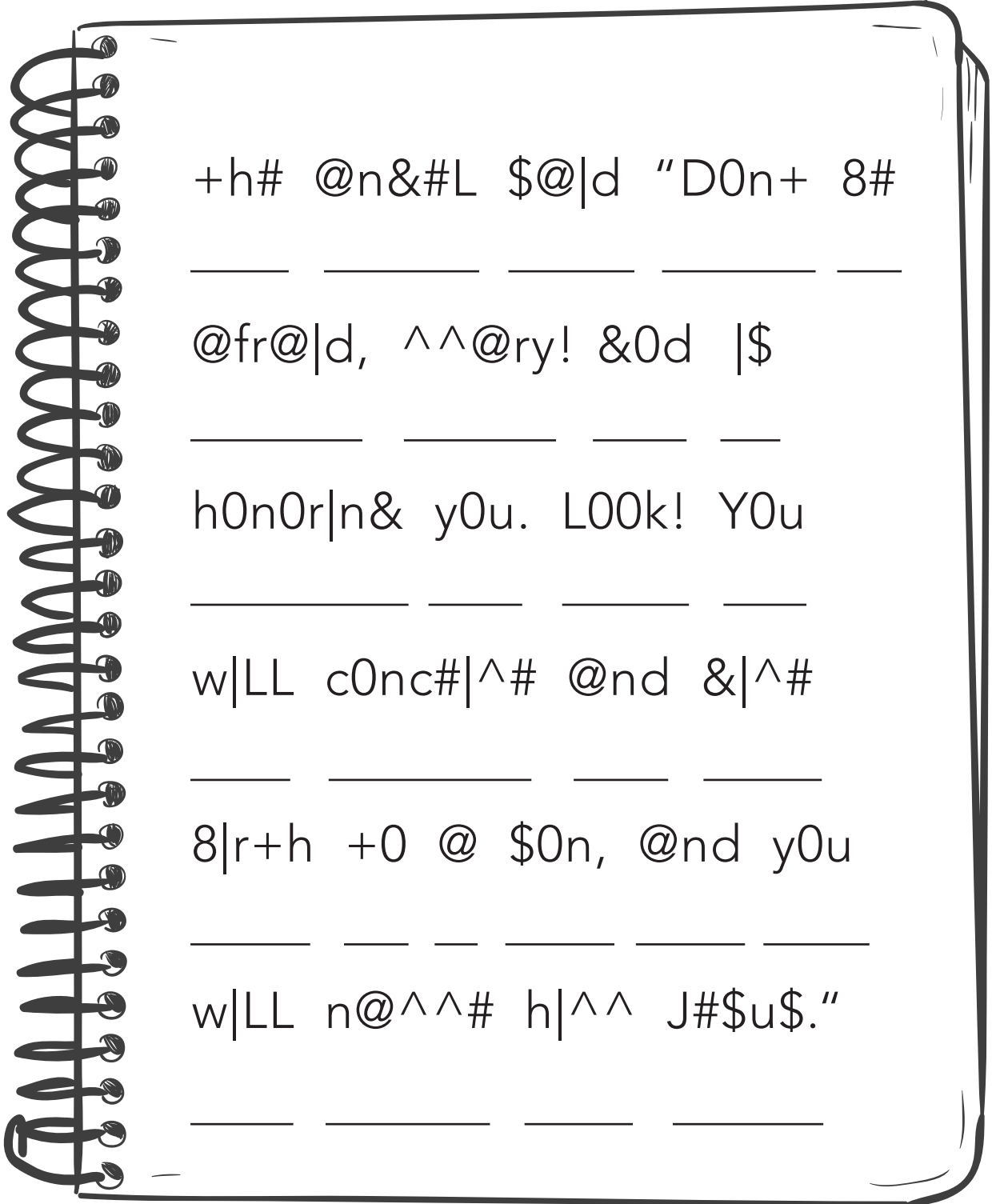
- Day 1: A sock hanging from the top left corner.
- Day 5: Holly leaves in the top right corner.
- Day 6: Illustration of two shepherds with a staff and a sheep.
- Day 13: Illustration of a baby lying in a manger.
- Day 20: Illustration of a shepherd with a staff and sheep.
- Day 25: A speech bubble containing the text "MERRY CHRISTMAS".
- Bottom left: Holly leaves.
- Bottom right: A sock hanging from the bottom right corner.

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25

1C

What's the Word? – Puzzle

The message below comes from today's Bible story. But what does it say? Some of the letters are correct. Other letters have been switched out with symbols or numbers that resemble the missing letters. Try to figure it out. But if you get stuck, look for the answer in Luke 1:30-31 in a *Common English Bible*.



1D

Christmas Thoughts – Advent Activity

For this activity, photocopy the cards below onto red or green card stock. Make a photocopy of page 1E onto red or green card stock too. Cut all the cards apart and use a hole punch to make a hole where you see indicated on each card. Thread a piece of ribbon through each hole and place the cards in a large jar. (Continued on 1E.)

<p>○</p> <p>Who will you see this Christmas that lives far away?</p>	<p>○</p> <p>Tell us your favorite Christmas song!</p>	<p>○</p> <p>Where was Jesus born?</p>
<p>○</p> <p>How many days are left until Christmas?</p>	<p>○</p> <p>Who is the Savior God sent into the world?</p>	<p>○</p> <p>Why did God send a Savior to be born?</p>

1E

Christmas Thoughts (continued) – Advent Activity

After you cut out the cards (1D and 1E), put a ribbon through each hole, and place them in a jar. Place the jar next to a Christmas tree in your classroom. If you don't have a Christmas tree, that's okay. Follow the directions as outlined in the Leader Guide.

<p>○</p> <p>Tell us the best gift you received last year.</p>	<p>○</p> <p>Tell us the best give you GAVE last year.</p>	<p>○</p> <p>When will you celebrate Christmas with your family?</p>
<p>○</p> <p>Where will you celebrate Christmas with your family?</p>	<p>○</p> <p>Do your best impression of a Christmas tree.</p>	<p>○</p> <p>Pretend to make a snow angel.</p>

1F

Mary's Good News – Luke 1:26-38

Mary was a young woman. She lived in the town of Nazareth.

Mary was going to marry a builder named Joseph.

One day an angel appeared to Mary! Mary was afraid. Why would an angel appear to her?

The angel's name was Gabriel. Gabriel was sent with an important message for Mary.

"Don't be afraid, Mary. God is pleased with you. What I have to tell you is good news.

"With God's help, you will be the mother of a little boy!

"You will name the boy Jesus. He is God's own Son. He will grow up to show everyone God's love."

Mary wondered at this message. She was surprised. She may have been afraid.

But Mary's heart was also filled with joy. "I am God's servant," Mary said.

"I will do what God asks me to do."



Family Spiritual Practice

Bible Passage: Luke 1:26-38

Wonder: After reading the Bible story from the Bible or from the *Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*, wonder together. **Ask:** What brings you joy?

Do: This is the second week of Advent. Light two candles and pray together.

Pray: Dear God, we wait in wonder for the coming of Christ. Amen.

1G

Waiting in Hope

God promised the Jewish people that a Messiah would come. The people had hope in God's promise. This means they had faith that the future would be better. Today we wait in hope for Christmas. What are you hoping for? Draw or write about it below.

