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Jesus' Birth – Coloring Page

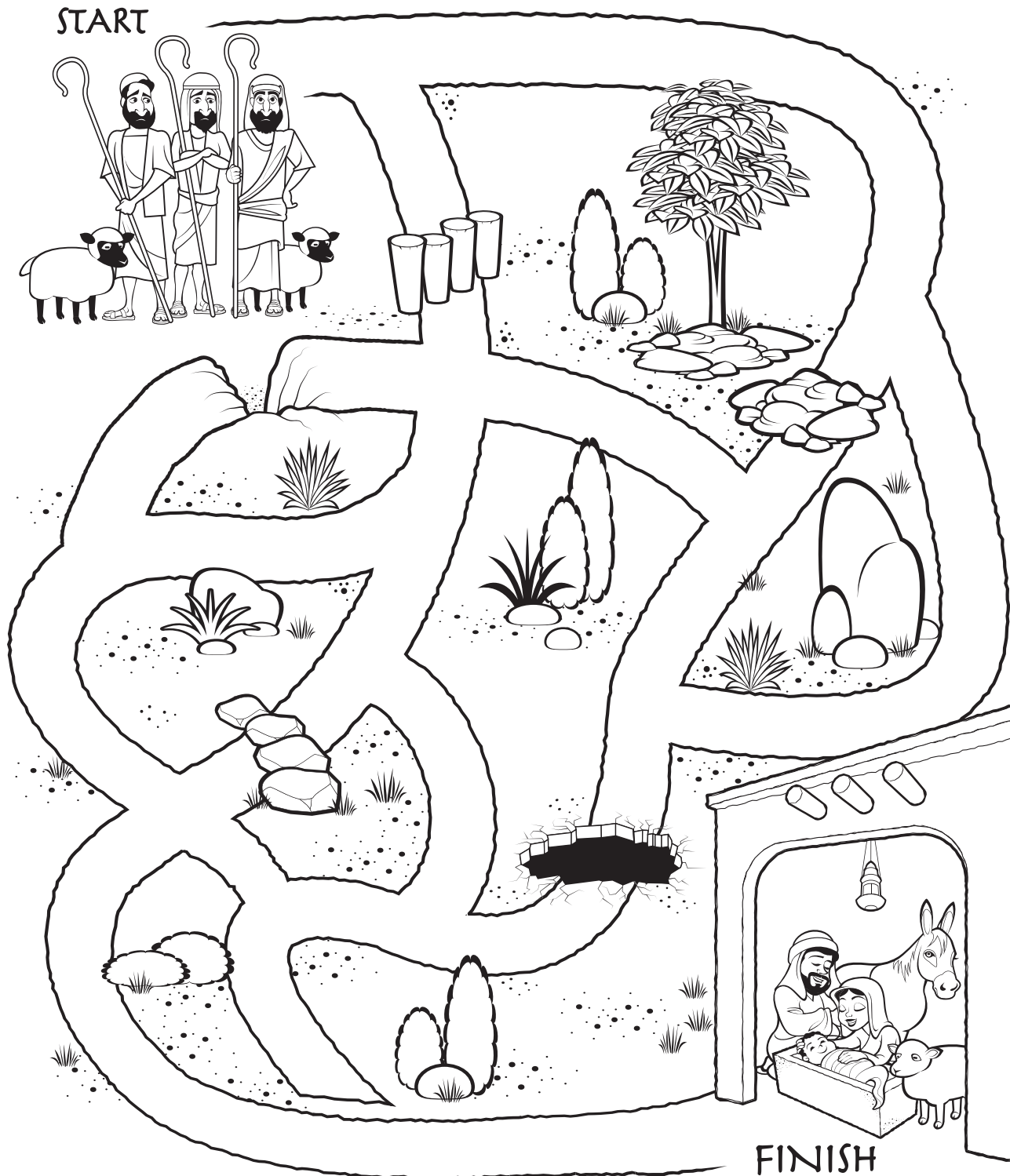
When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, the town was crowded with people. Mary and Joseph had to find a quiet place for Jesus to be born. Color the picture.



3B

Shepherds' Maze – Puzzle

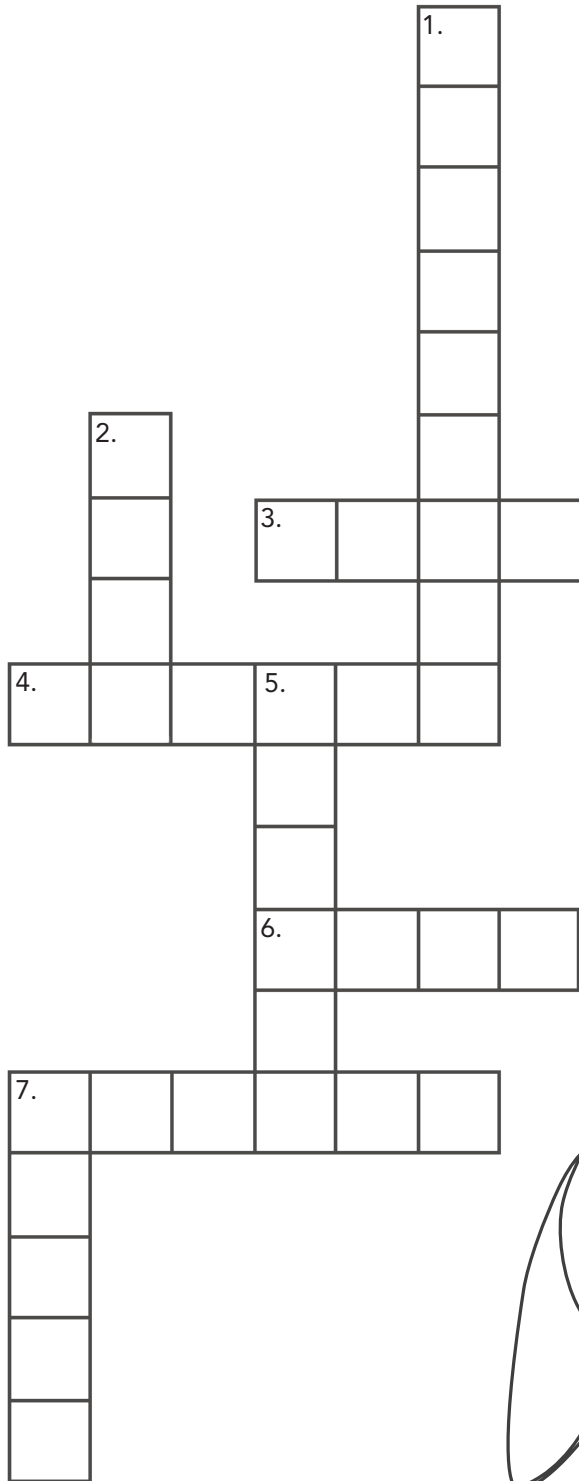
Help the shepherds find their way to meet baby Jesus. Then color the picture.



3C

Nativity Crossword – Puzzle

Today's Bible story tells us about Jesus being born. Solve the crossword puzzle below using the clues on the page.

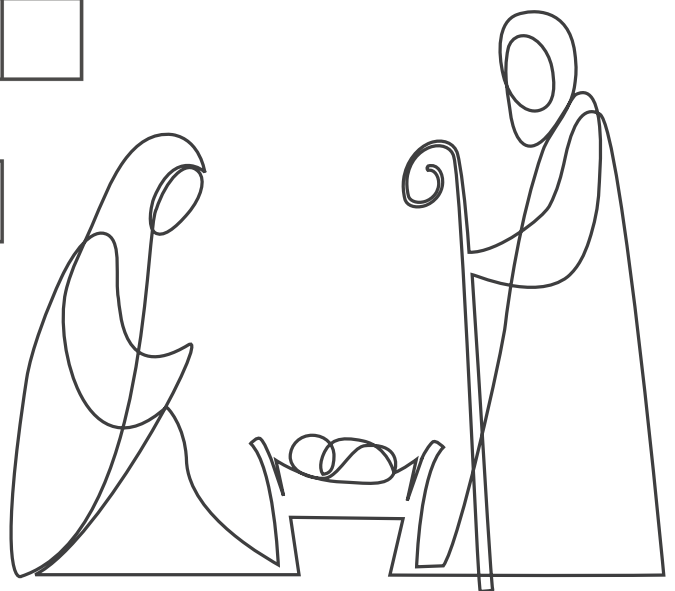


Across

- 3. The mother of Jesus
- 4. When many people are counted
- 6. Word for a newborn
- 7. Mary's husband

Down

- 1. They care for sheep
- 2. Book of the Bible we are learning from this week
- 5. Place where Jesus was born
- 7. The one lying in a manger



3F

Jesus' Birth – Luke 2:1-20

Caesar Augustus was the most powerful ruler. He was the emperor of the Roman Empire.

People living in Judea, like Mary and Joseph, were told to go to their hometowns. The emperor wanted to count everyone who lived in the empire.

Joseph was from Bethlehem, so he and Mary traveled there to be counted. Mary was going to have her baby very soon. The trip was long, and Mary and Joseph had to walk the whole way!

When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, the whole town was crowded with people. With so many family members in town to be counted, Mary and Joseph had to find a quiet place for Jesus to be born. That night, Jesus came into the world!

Mary looked at her baby and was filled with joy. She took Jesus and wrapped him in cloth. She laid him in a manger, a feeding trough used for animals.

God was pleased to send Jesus to be born. God was pleased to make Mary and Joseph the parents of God's own Son!

In the fields outside Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep. Angels appeared, praising God!



An angel told the shepherds to go and find a baby sleeping in a manger. The baby was God's own Son.

The shepherds hurried off to see for themselves.

They found the baby, Mary, and Joseph. They were amazed! They left the baby and went to tell everyone they knew about the special baby, Jesus, God's Son.

Family Spiritual Practice

Bible Passage: Luke 2:1-20

Wonder: After reading the Bible story from the Bible or from the *Celebrate Wonder Bible Storybook*, wonder together. **Ask:** What is your favorite part of the story?

Do: This is the fourth week of Advent. Light four candles and pray together.

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

3G

Joy

Jesus is born! What a joy! What brings you joy? Draw it here.

