

Virtual 2020 VBS- Bethany English Lutheran Church “Christmas in July”

For the Supervising Adult: If you did not receive a kit from Church, but still want to do the crafts designed for “Christmas in July” this PDF is for You. Specific items that were included in the kit: markers, scissors, glue, scotch tape. So, you will need these supplies. Every effort has been made to use materials you probably have around your house. Have your child help you find all the supplies at the start of each project. If you have a computer and can download PDF and print them, you will be able to do almost all of the crafts. If your printer can print on card stock, that is the substrate of choice, but paper will work. The crafts should be done with an adult’s supervision. Not all of the crafts are appropriate for all ages. Safety first! Read the projects over, gather the materials, and adjust projects, if necessary. Let your child know they can take as much time as they need. There is no rush to complete a project. When they are tired of working on a project, save it for another time. You can do the projects in any order, but they are set up here to be synchronized with the nativity story. This gives you an opportunity to share with your child the “real” story of Christmas.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyVXlvdTF20> The Christmas Story

Annunciation

Verses: Luke 1, 26-33

God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin’s name was Mary. Mary, upon entering her house, was greeted by the angel Gabriel.

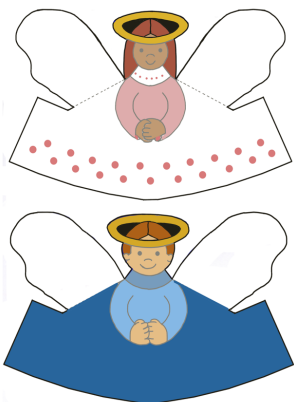
“Good morning! You are beautiful with God’s beauty. Beautiful inside and out! God be with you”, said Gabriel. Mary was really afraid. But the angel said, “Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you. You are going to have a baby boy and you will name him Jesus.”

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9KhAS2HI8E> Angels We Have Heard On High

Craft: Angels

Supplies: Printout of the Angels, scissors and scotch tape plus markers colored pencils, or crayons.

Angels: Color your angels and then cut them out on the solid black lines. Form your angels into cylinders and paste or tape the cylinders together in the back. Fold the wings on the dotted lines.



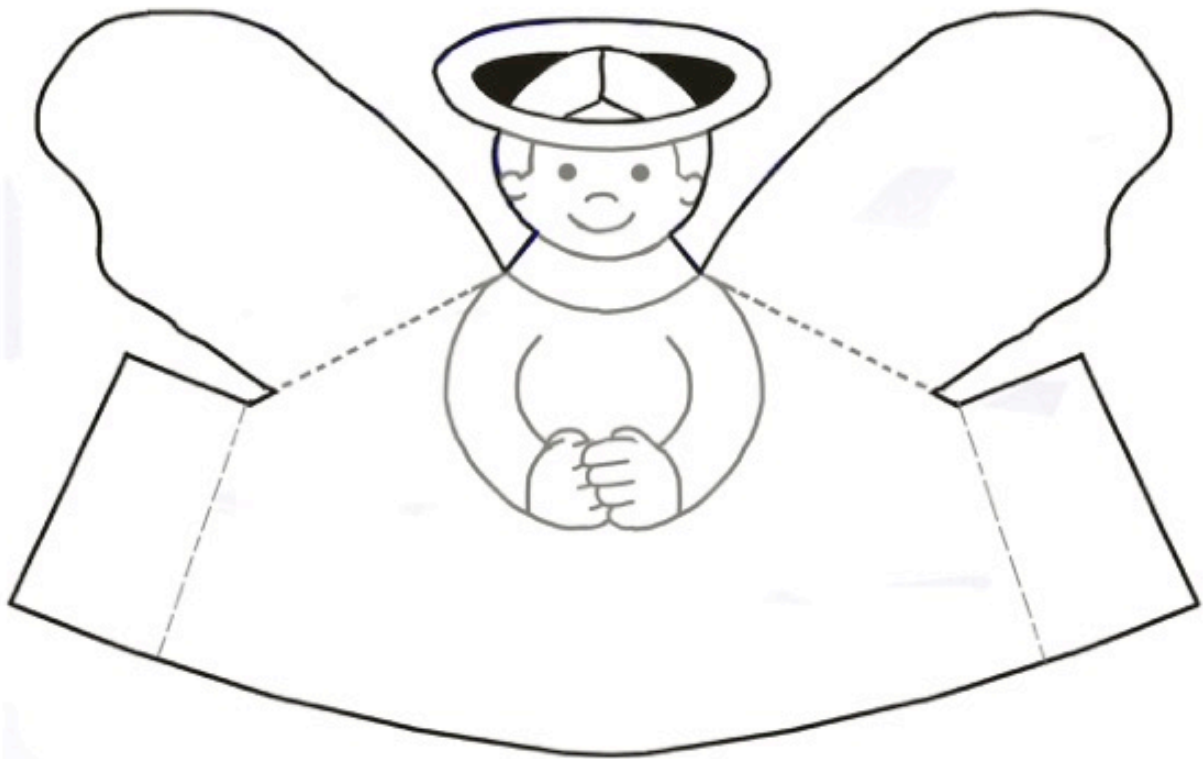
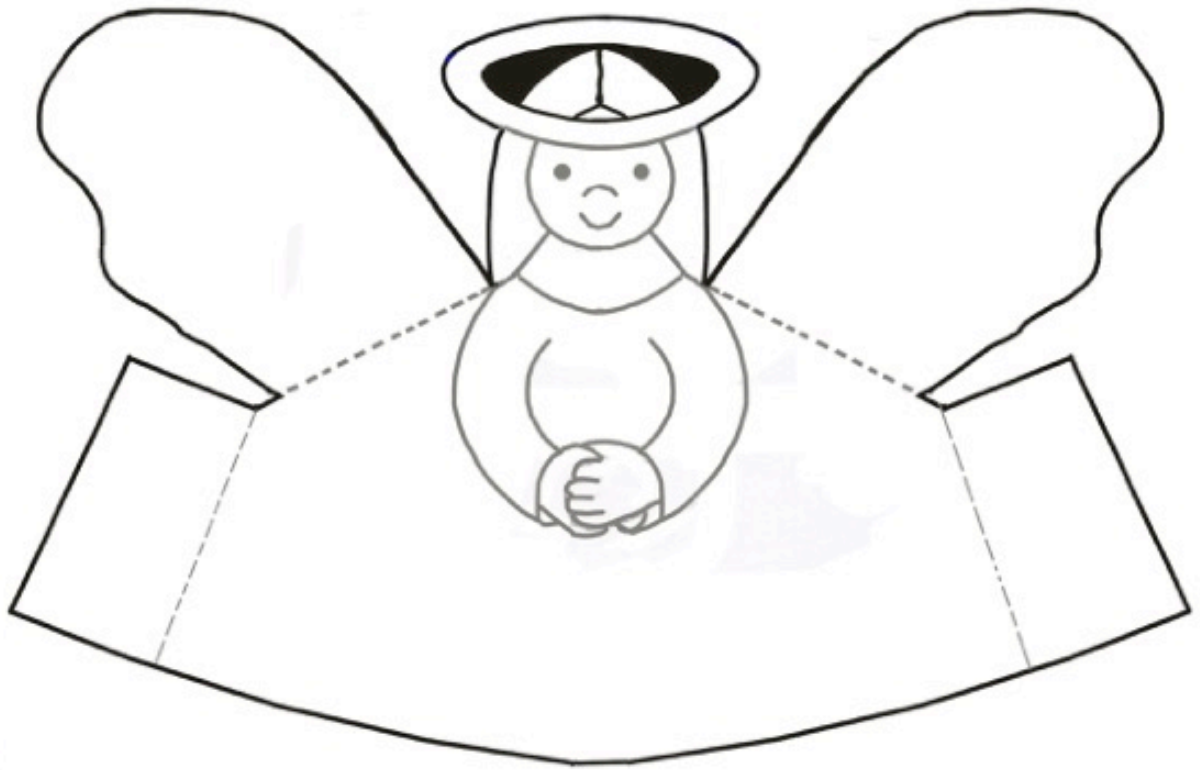
Color Your Angels.

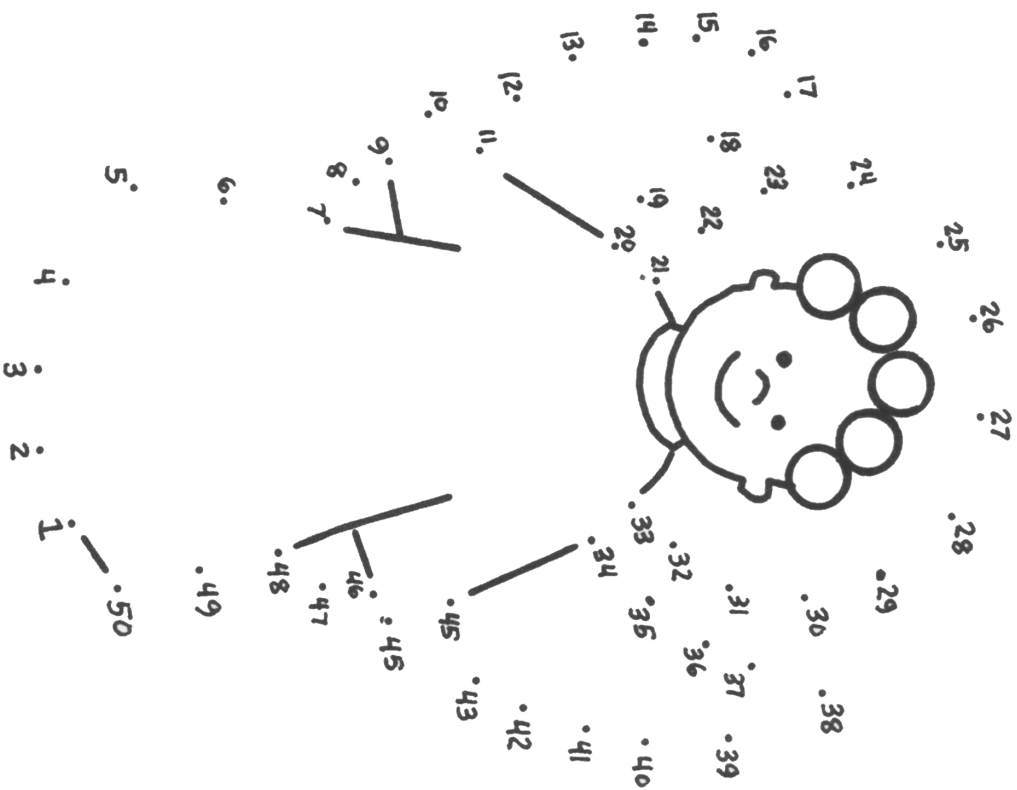
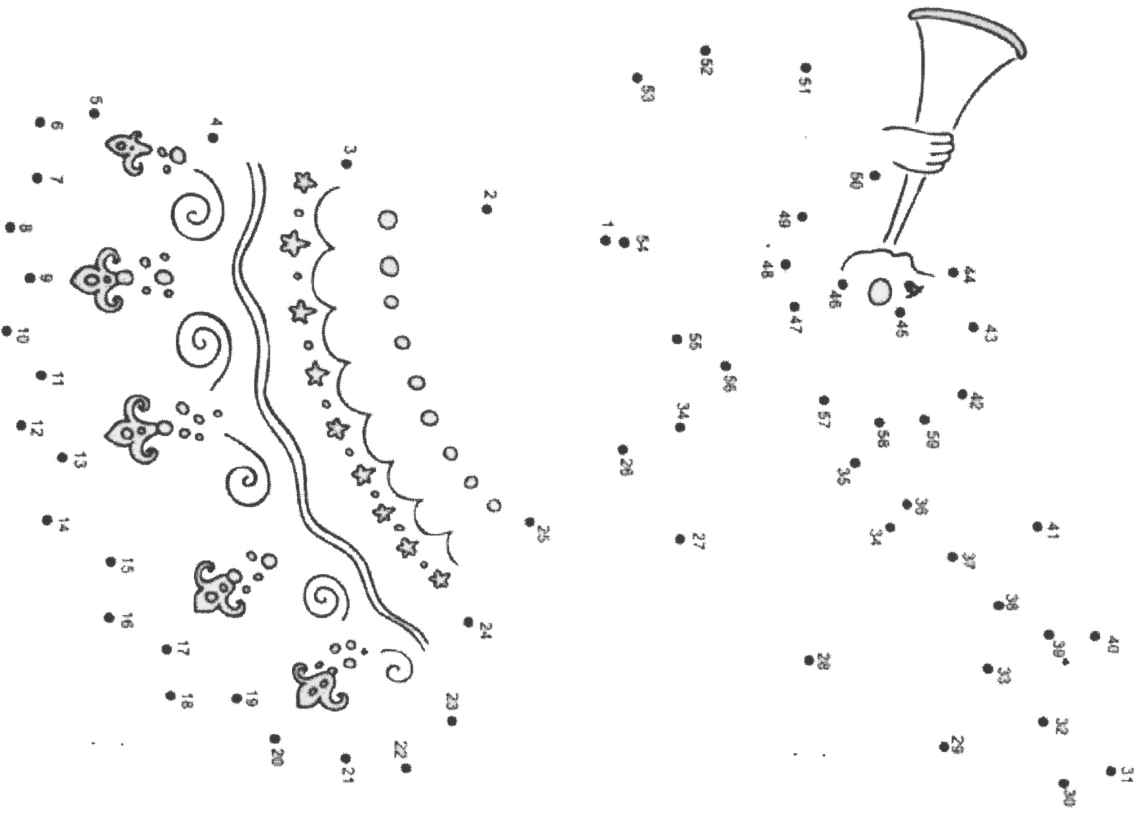


Cut the Angels out and form them into cylinders. Tape in back. Fold wings.

If you are printing on paper, you can tape your angels to an empty paper towel or toilet paper roll.

Angel Activities- 2 Dot to dot Angels.





The Nativity

Mary was just about to give birth to the baby Jesus, when she and Joseph had to take a trip. A long time ago when the government took a census, you had to be counted in the city you were born in. They didn't have the Internet, telephones, mail, or computers! So off they went to Bethlehem.

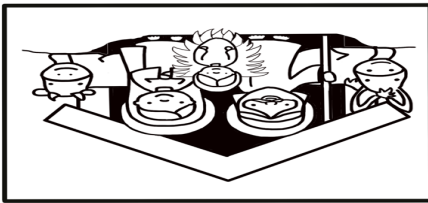
Verses: Luke 2:5-7: When Mary and Joseph went into Bethlehem, they could not find a hotel to stay in for the night because every place was full. The hotel manager told them they could stay in the barn, where the animals slept. While they were there, Mary gave birth to baby Jesus. She wrapped him in a blanket and laid him in a manger to sleep.

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2ULTkNmIEY> Away in A Manger

Craft 1- Nativity Scene

Supplies: Printout of the stable scene plus markers, colored pencils, or crayons.

Color the Nativity:



If printing on cardboard, color the nativity on both sides. Fold on the line to make your picture stand up.

If printing on paper, color the picture and follow the directions below to make a stand for the picture.

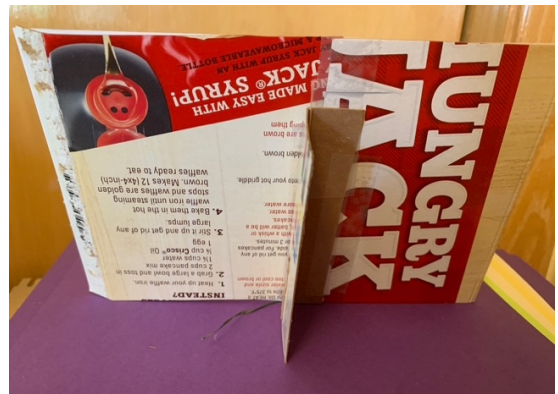
Stand: Use poster board or stiff cardboard from a cereal box 8.5"x11". Open box and paste or tape the picture to the dull side of the box. 1. Cut a rectangle from another piece of cardboard, about 5" high by 3". 2. Cut a diagonal at the bottom. 3. Fold the rectangle vertically, at about 1" and tape to the back of the mounted picture to make the picture stand up. See pictures below.



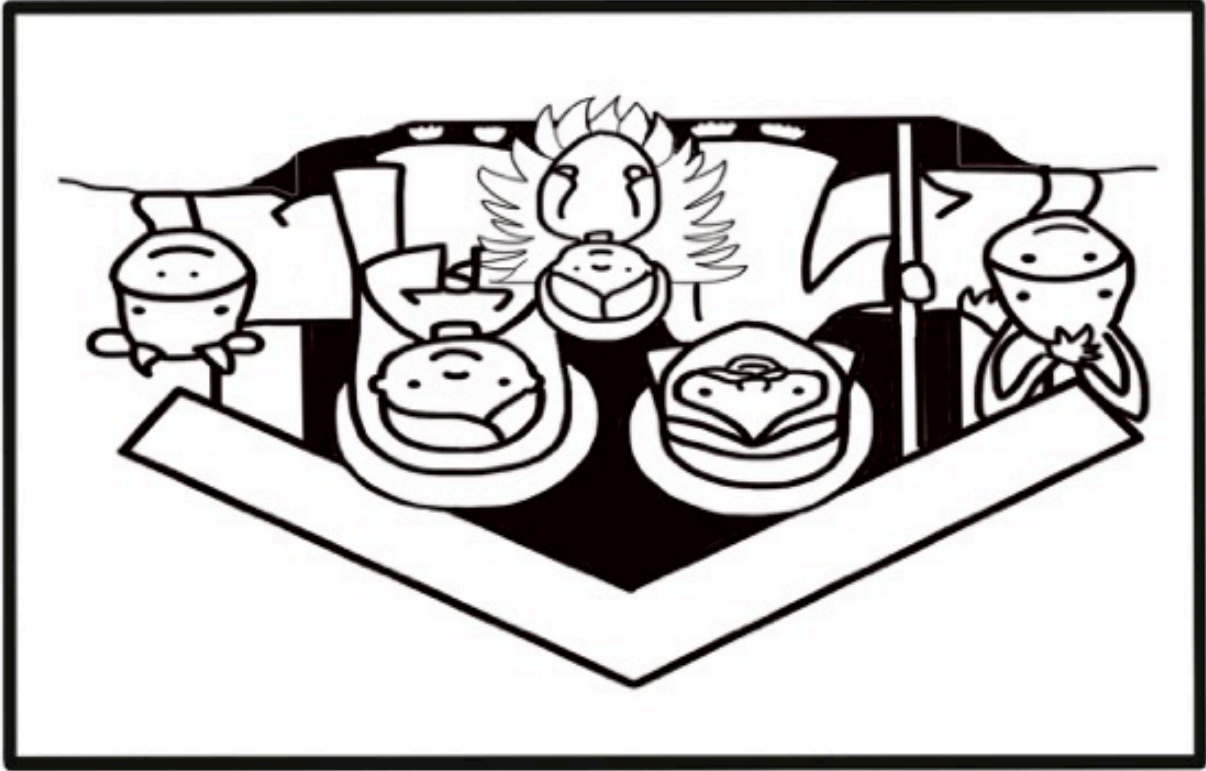
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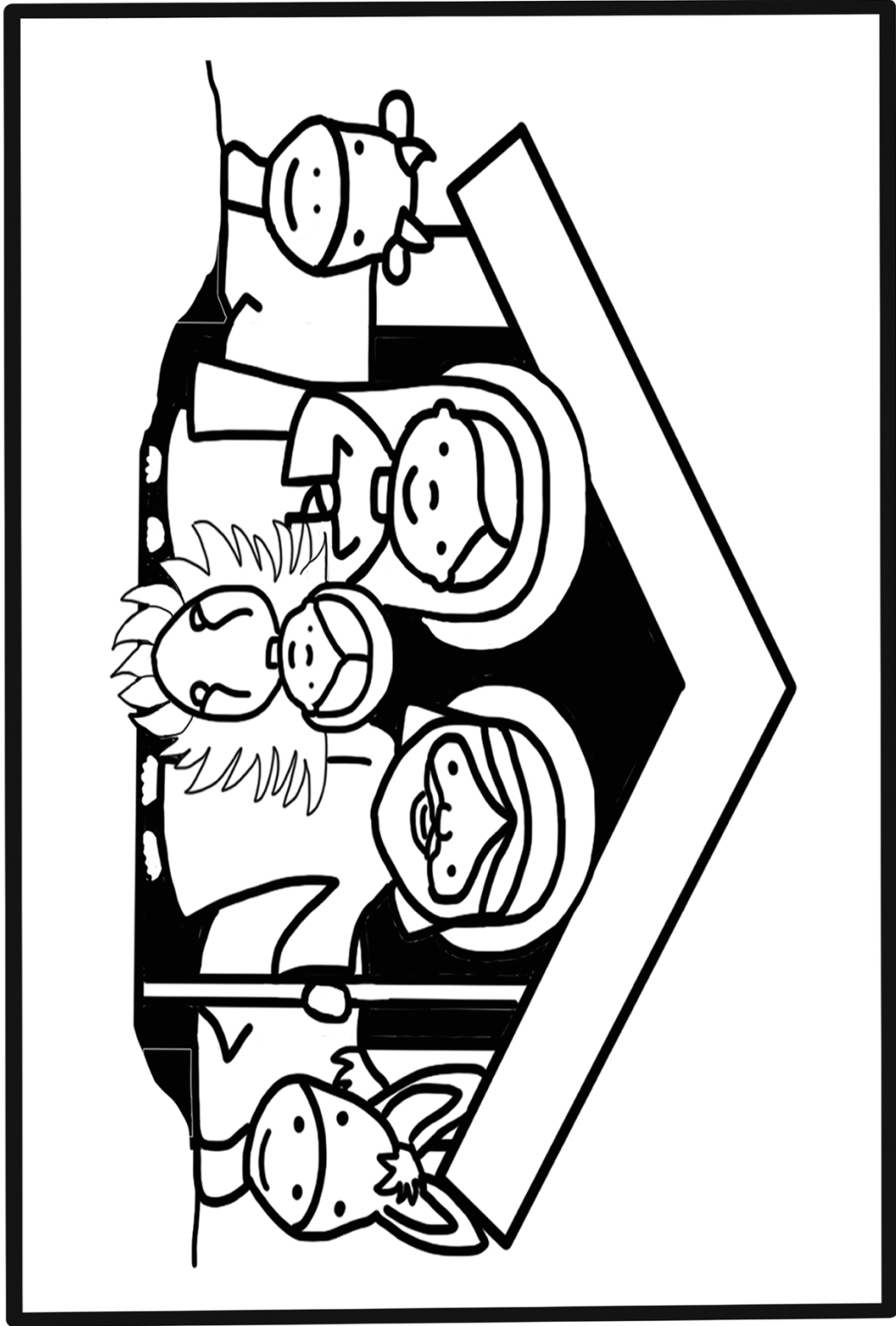


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Back of Picture Stand.





Nativity Craft 2- Jesus in a Manger

Supplies: Cut 1" off a toilet paper or paper towel roll or use one section of an egg carton. You also need a yellow marker and a dark marker, grass, dryer lint or cotton balls, Kleenex, scissors, 2 pieces of string or 2 twist ties plus a small piece of aluminum foil.

Directions: 1. If you are using a toilet paper or paper towel roll, tape the bottom with the sticky side on the inside so the grass won't fall out and put the grass into this container. 2. Using your dryer lint, form a ball and place it in the Kleenex and tie it off with string or a twist tie. 3. Make another ball slightly larger, and tie that one off as well. 4. Cut off the excess Kleenex. 5. Place the baby in the manger and gently tap the front of the head with your dark marker to make 2 eyes. 6. Use your yellow marker to color a circle for a halo. 7. Cut a small circle of foil and glue it to the back of the baby's head for a halo.



Supplies.



1. Tape bottom of TP roll so the grass will not fall out.



2. Make a ball of lint. Insert it into the Kleenex and tie off.



3. Form another lint ball and tie it off.



4. Cut off excess Kleenex.



5. Place baby in the manger And gently tap 2 eyes with a dark marker

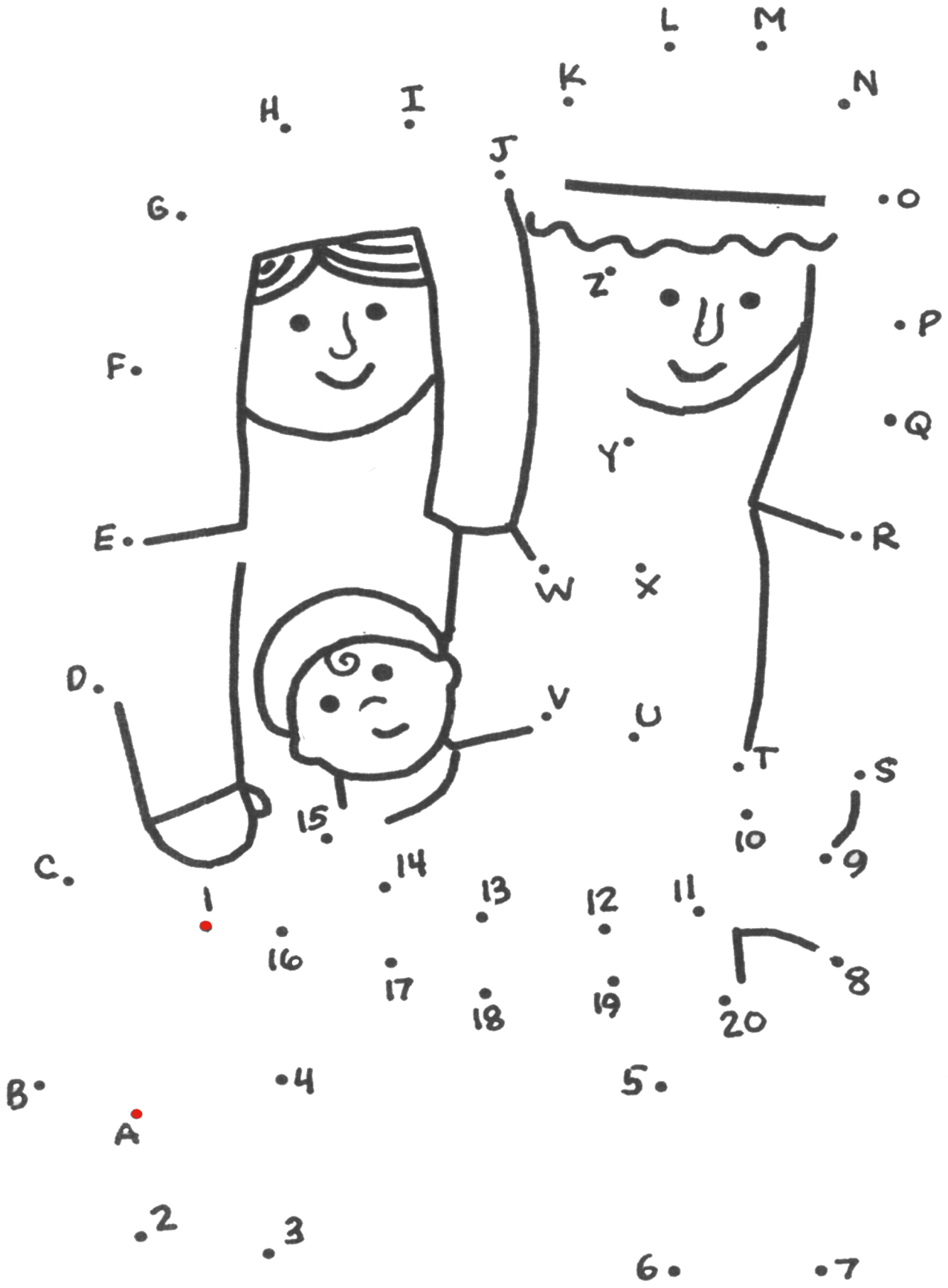


6. Color a circle on the top of the baby's head.



7. Tape a circle of foil to back of baby's head.

Activity: Nativity dot to dot.



The Shepherds

Verses: Luke 2: 8-12: There were shepherds camping in the hills of Bethlehem. They had just set a night watch over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them. They were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I came to tell you about a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has been born in Bethlehem. This is what you are to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mawwURNqPC0> The First Noel

Shepherd Craft:

Supplies: Toilet paper Roll or 4" section of a paper towel roll. Rubber Band or String. Twig, straw or stick. Markers, Crayons. (Optional: Food coloring paint with q-tip brush or use real paints with q-tips.) A piece of toilet paper, cut on the diagonal. (You will need only 1 of the triangles.)

1. Draw a line around the top of your roll about $\frac{3}{4}$ " down. This will be the face of your shepherd.
2. Draw 2 eyes and a smile.
3. Decorate his robe however you like. (I used a green marker and a Q-tip dipped in water.)
4. Place the toilet paper triangle over the head and tie or rubber band it in place. (The rubber band is easier.)
5. Find a twig for the shepherd staff and tape or glue in place.



Supplies



A sheet of tp. cut into a triangle.



1.2.3. Draw face and color the robe.



4. Place tp. over the head.



Tie or rubber band in place.



5. Find a twig for a staff, tape in place.

Look on the Internet for a shepherd and a sheep dog. You can see both at:

<http://www.lakemetroparks.com/>

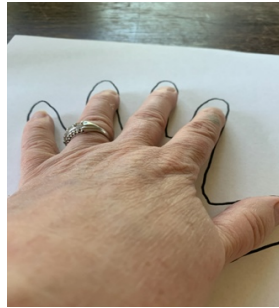
Sheep Craft:

Supplies: Paper or card Stock about 8.5x11", glue, black marker and dryer lint or cotton.

Directions: 1. Trace a line around your child's hand. 2. Turn the hand, so that the thumb can become the sheep's head and the four fingers the sheep's legs. 3. Draw a face on the thumb. An eye, a mouth, and a tear drop shape for the ear. Color the fingernail area black to make the hoofs. 4. Tear your dryer lint or cotton into small balls and set aside for gluing. 5. Dab the glue onto the sheep. 6. Place the dryer lint or cotton onto the glue. 6. Proceed a row at a time until the sheep body is covered with cotton or dryer lint. 7. Be sure to mark your sheep as flock 2020!



Supplies



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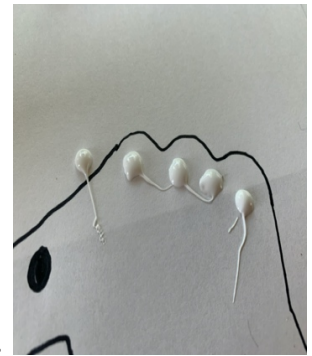
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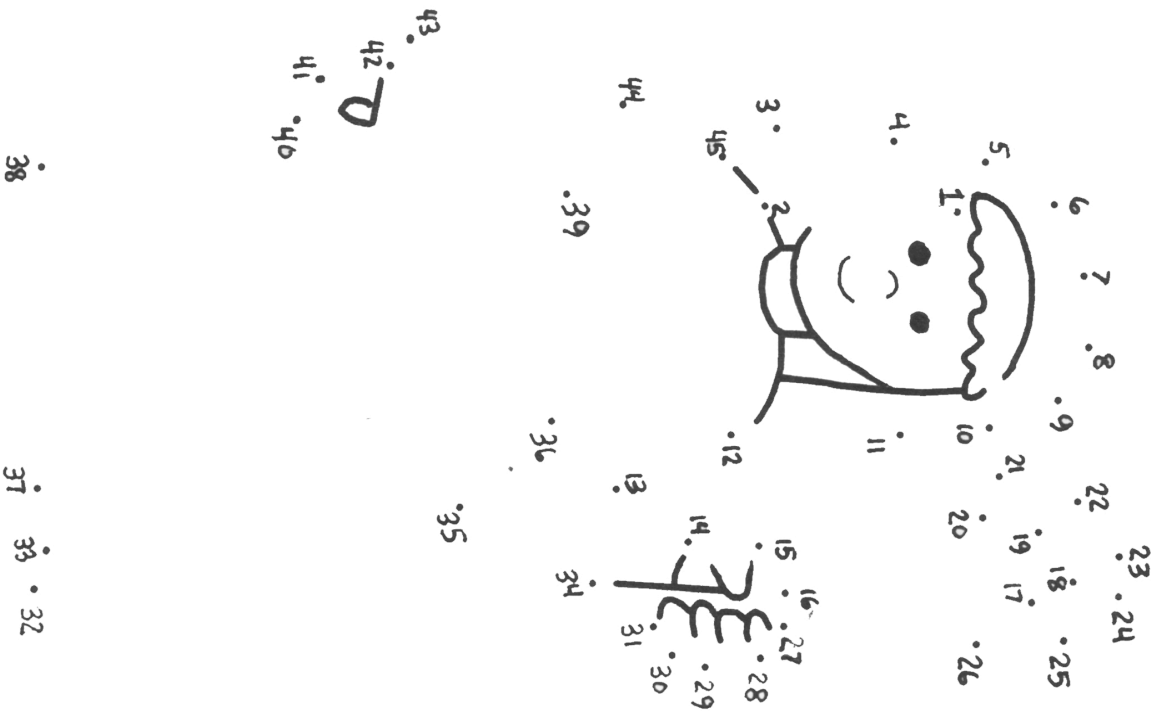
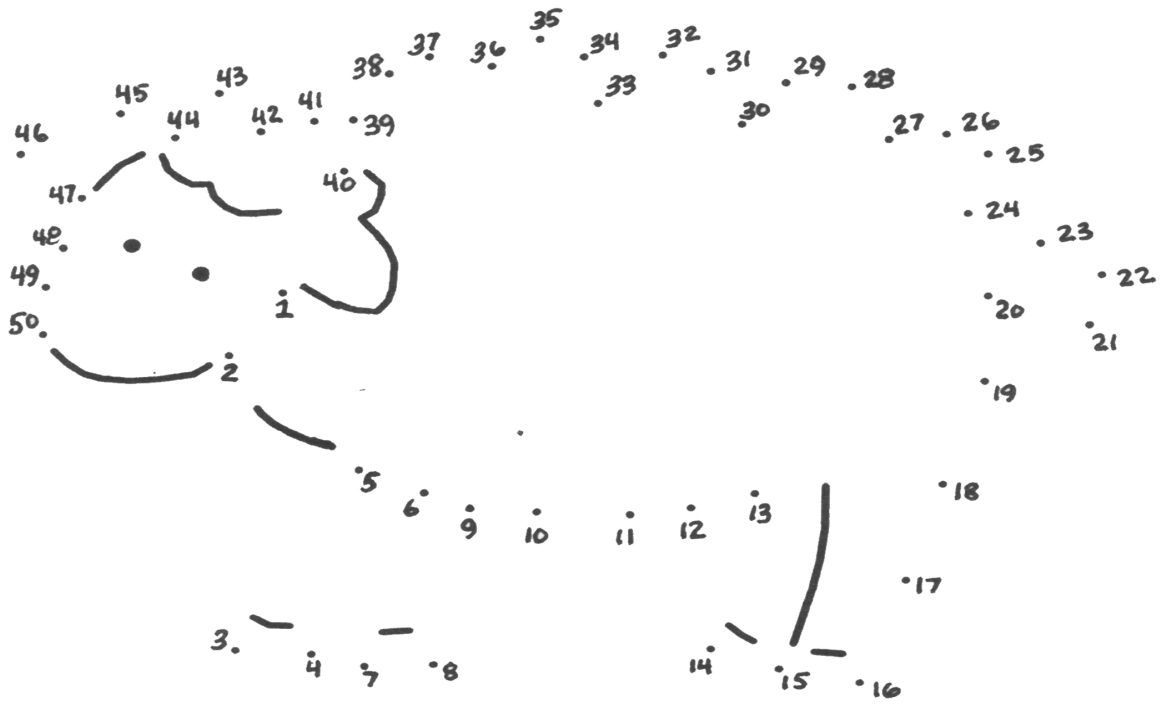
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Activities: Shepherd and sheep dot to dots.



The Star

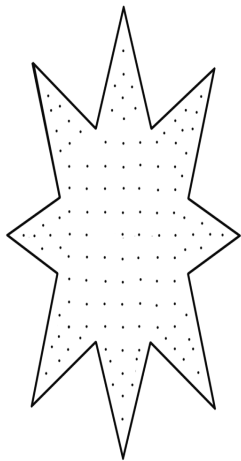
Verses: Mathew 2: 1-2: After Jesus was born, a group of kings arrived in Jerusalem from the East. They asked everyone, "Where can we find the newborn King of the Jews? We saw his star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth, we are on a pilgrimage (trip) to worship Him."

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t84OSRahBRo> **Do Hear What I Hear**

Star Craft 1: The star with the dots.

Supplies: Scissors, a push pin, corrugated cardboard, and a paper clip. This star is meant to hang on a lampshade.

1. Print out the dotted star on paper or card stock.
2. Tape the star to a piece of corrugated cardboard.
3. Using a push pin, poke holes where you see the dots. Adult supervision is required.
4. When you are finished poking the holes, cut the star out on the solid black line.
5. Use an opened paper clip for a hanger and hook on to a lampshade.

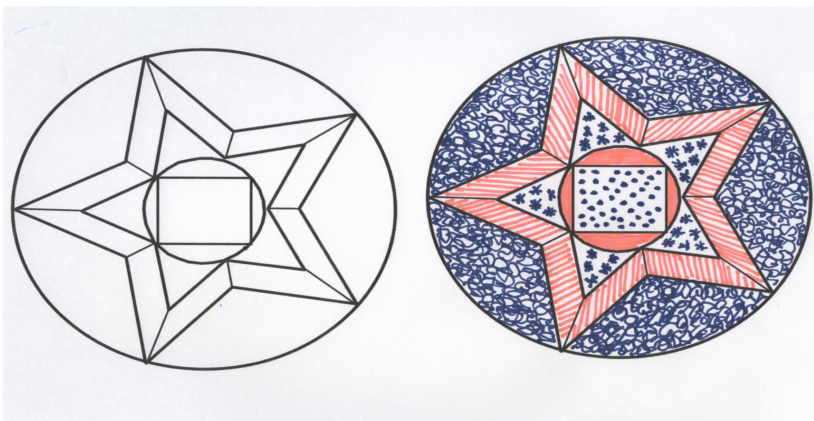


Supplies: Star with dots. Tape to cardboard.

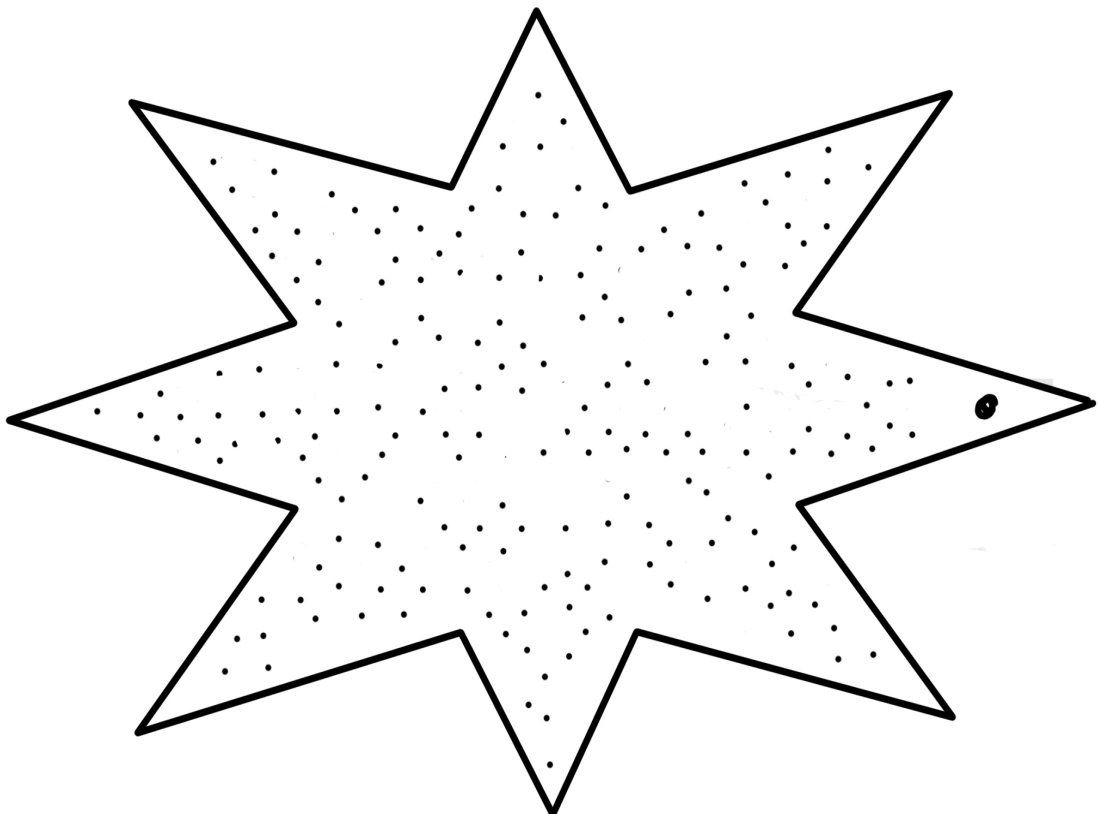
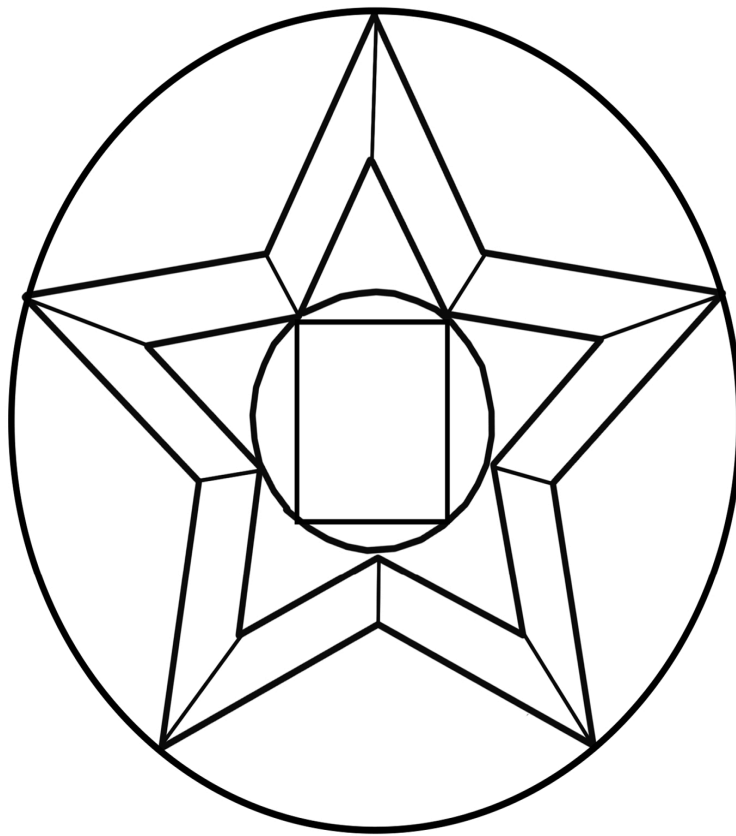
Attach to lampshade. See the light shine through.

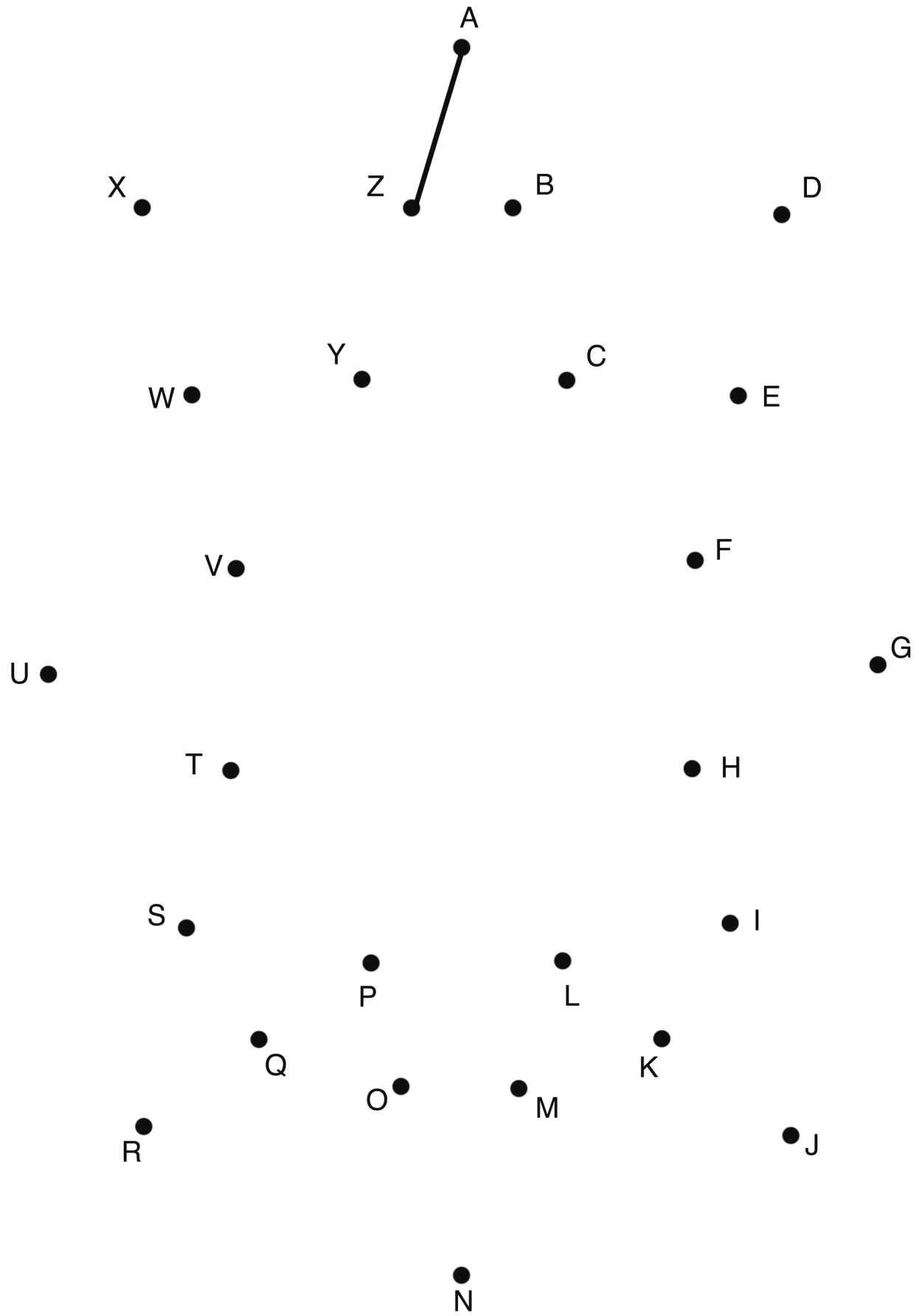
Star Craft 2: Supplies: Markers and a print out of the star.

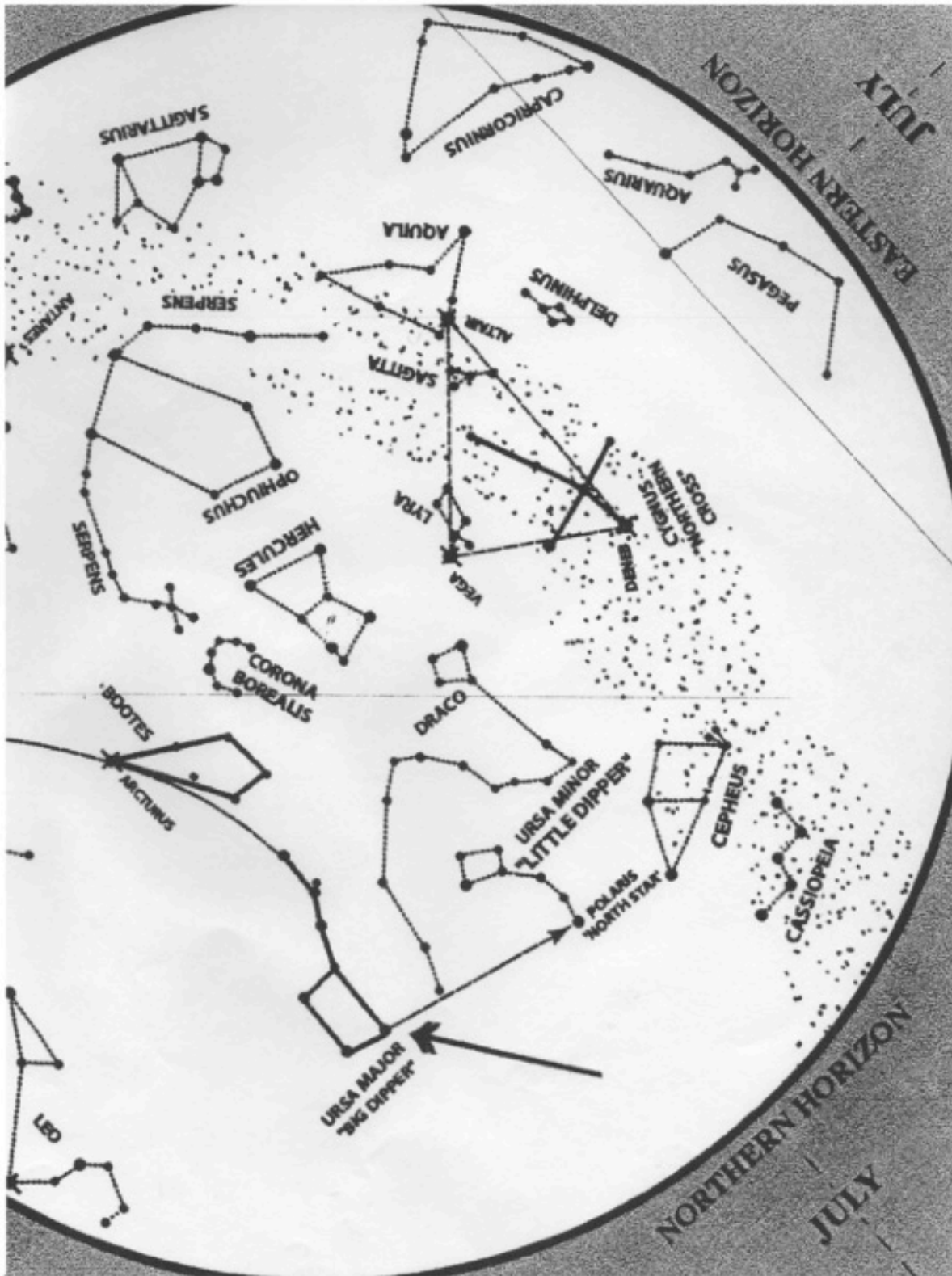
Directions: In each section of the star, create a different pattern. You can use a scribble pattern, big dots, little dots, straight lines, vertical lines (up and down), horizontal lines (side to side), diagonal lines, color a section solid, leave a section blank. You can make different sections different colors. There is no wrong way to do this.



Activities: Star dot to dot. Star Map. Look in the night sky and see if you can find the constellations.







Look up in the night sky, and see if you can find the constellations.

3 Kings (wise Men or Magi)

Verses: Mathew 2: 9-11 Instructed by King Herod, the **three kings** set off to find the baby. The star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern sky. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place at the right time! They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. They kneeled down and worshiped Jesus. Then they opened their luggage and presented their gifts: **gold, frankincense and myrrh.** (**Frankincense** is an aromatic gum resin obtained from an African tree and burned as incense. This resin is obtained from the tree *Browallia Sacra* native to Somalia. **Myrrh** is a fragrant gum resin obtained from *Comophorid Myrrha* trees and used, especially in the Near East, in perfumes, medicines and incense. **Gold** is a yellow precious metal used especially in jewelry and decoration.)

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8mjRxkMBkE> **We Three Kings of Orient Are**

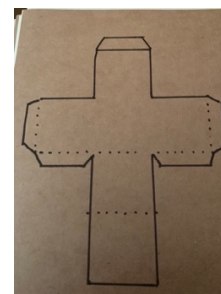
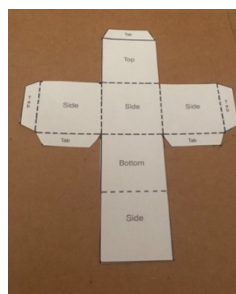
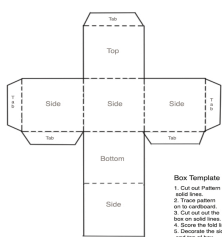
Crafts: The 3 Kings gave three gifts to Jesus. We will be making 3 gifts too. Christmas is about giving.

Gift 1. Thanksgiving Box.

Design a box to keep your prayers and thanks to God in. You can write or draw prayers to put in your box. What are you thankful for? Write down words or draw pictures of what you are thankful for to put inside of your box.

Supplies: (If you can locate a box with a lid, any size, for your child to decorate, this will save you time and headaches.) If not, you may use the template provided. Other supplies include glue and any odds and ends you have around the house for decorating the box: Fabric, buttons, macaroni, magazine pictures, old photographs, glitter glue, markers, paint, etc.

If you do not have a box, an adult will need to make a box: To make a box: 1. Print template. 2. If printing the template on paper, cut out paper template and find cardboard to trace template on to. If printed on card stock, skip to #5. 3. Trace onto cardboard. 4. Draw dotted lines. 5. Score the fold lines (You do this by, dragging your scissors along the fold lines, using a ruler for alignment.) 6. Cut out cardboard. 7. The box can be decorated using any materials you have, glue items on to the box, or just color the box. 8. When decorating is completed, glue the tabs, to construct the box. Be careful not to glue the top tab, or you won't be able to open it. You may need to use tape to reinforce the tabs.

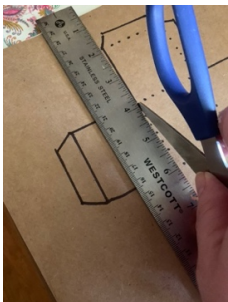


1 Print templet.

2. Cut out templet.

3. Trace onto cardboard

4. Draw dotted lines.



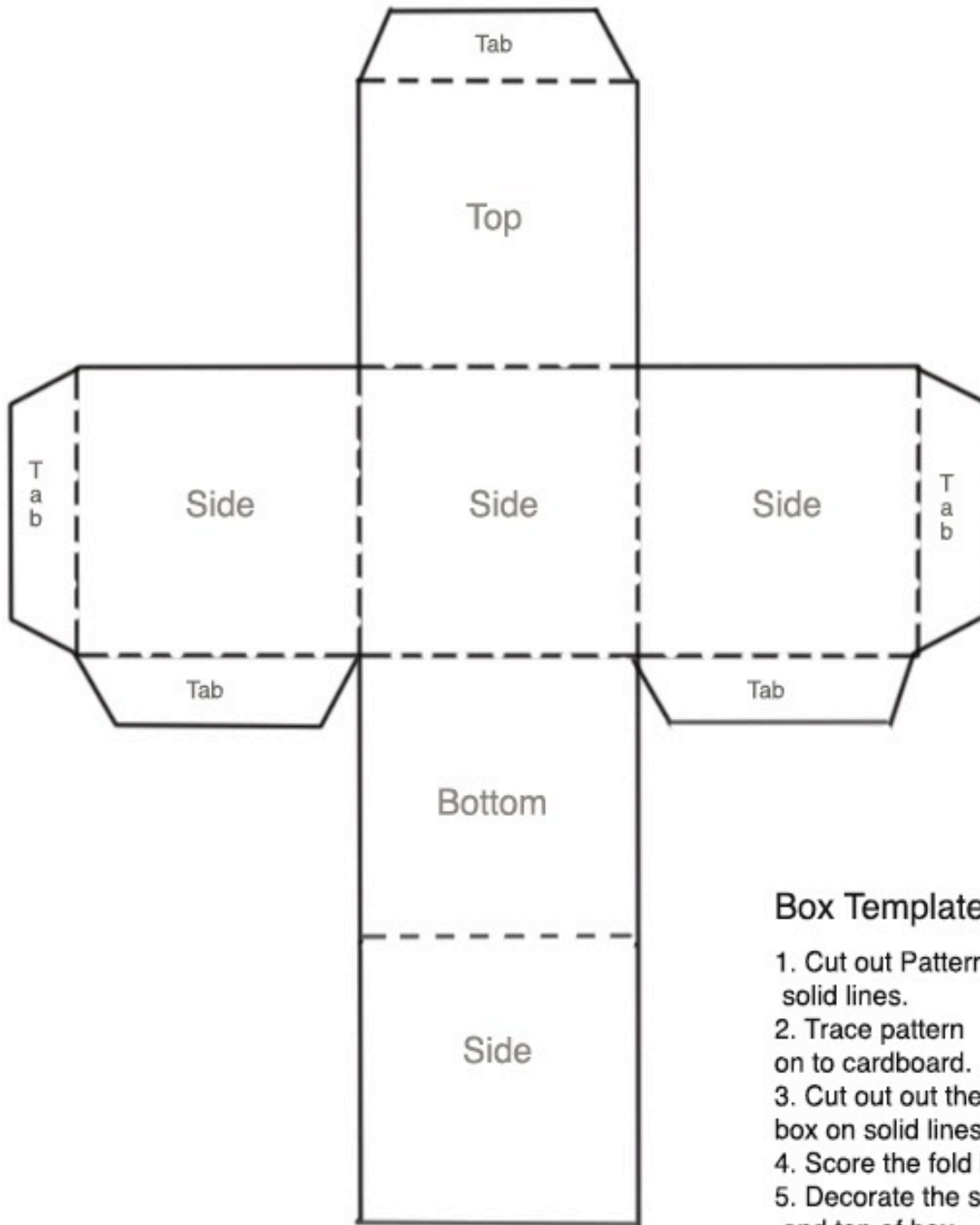
5. Score dotted lines

6. Cut out.

7. Decorate.

8. Glue together

Fill with thanks!



Box Template

1. Cut out Pattern on solid lines.
 2. Trace pattern on to cardboard.
 3. Cut out out the box on solid lines.
 4. Score the fold lines.
 5. Decorate the sides and top of box.
- Glue and tape the box together, at the tabs.

Gift 2. Jewelry Chains.

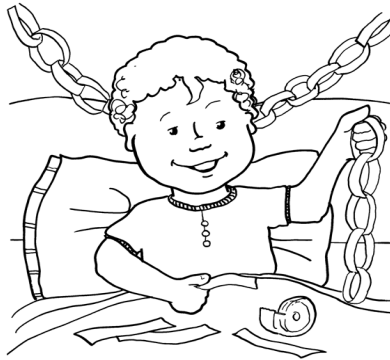
This is an opportunity for your youngster to use a ruler and scissors. Paper Chains can represent jewelry.

Supplies: Strips of wrapping paper, construction paper, magazines, junk mail, tape, scissors. (If you have scraps of yellow construction paper, or gold/silver wrapping paper this can help the chains look more like jewelry.) Measure strips of paper, 1" wide by 6" long.

Directions: 1. Gather your supplies together. 2. Cut strips of paper, approximately 6"x1". 3. Tape or glue the ends of one strip of paper to make a circle. 4. Put another strip through the circle and tape the ends together. 5. Continue looping each new strip through the last circle to make a paper chain. Each circle is called a link, can you make a chain of at least 20 links long?



Supplies: Tape and Paper strips.



Tape or glue strips together

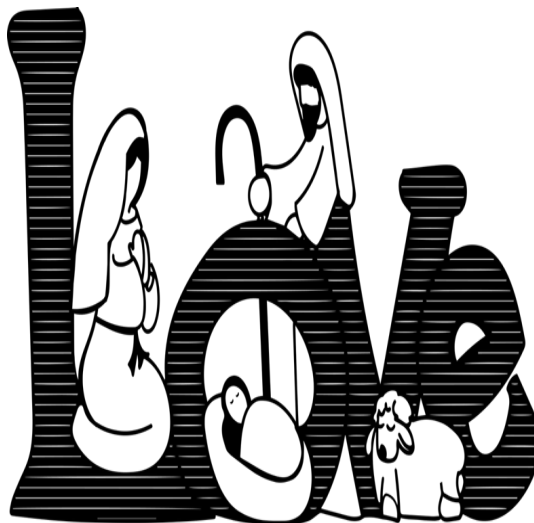


Can you make at least 20 links?

Gift 3. A Present

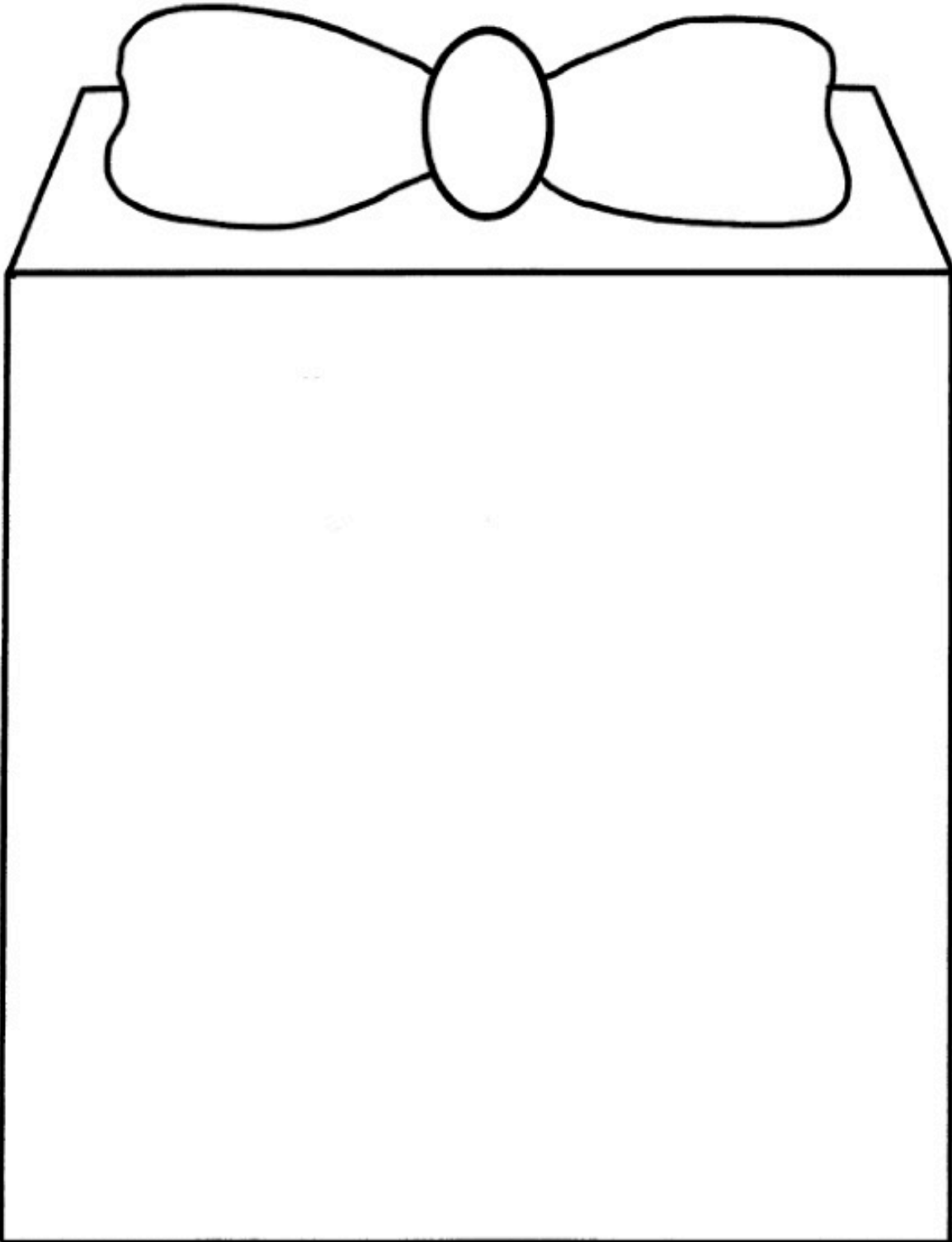
Supplies: Tape, scissors, old magazines, old photographs, drawings that you make.

Directions: Using the picture of the see-through box. Draw or cut and paste a present for Jesus. What do you think Jesus might like for his birthday? Draw or cut out and paste pictures in the box. Maybe He would like a picture of You! Can you draw a picture of yourself to put in the box? Color the bow.



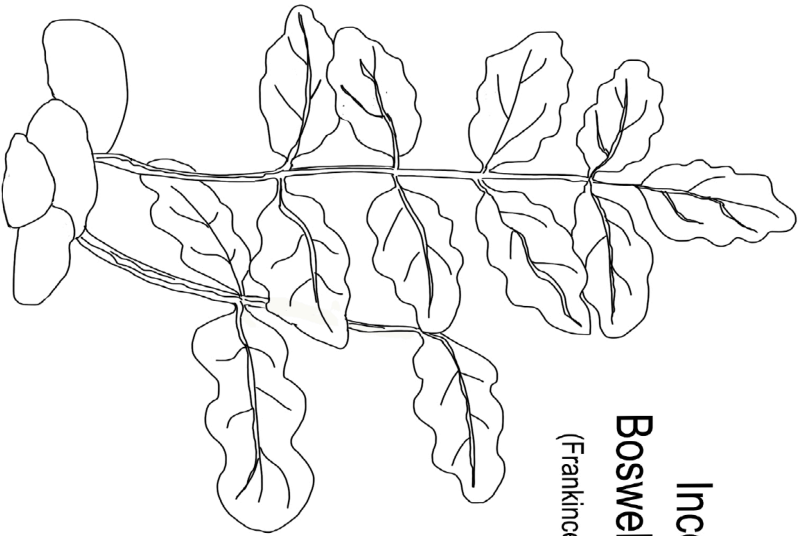
Activities: Color the pictures of the Frankincense and Myrrh trees.

Happy Birthday Jesus! From _____





Frankincense is an aromatic gum resin (sap) from an African tree and burned as incense. The resin is obtained from the Boswellia Sacra tree which is native to Somalia. Tree is on the left. Small seedling below for you to color.



Incense
Boswellia Sacra
(Frankincense Tree)



Myrrh Tree- (Commiphora Myrrha) The gum (sap) is fragrant and used in perfumes, medicines, and incense. A picture of the tree is on the left. A picture of a branch below is for you to color.

The thorny tree grows in Ethiopia, Somalia and Oman. The incense of myrrh helps purify the air and kills bacteria. It is used in many medicines, mouthwash and toothpaste.

