



Joy

Today is the third Sunday of the Church season of Advent. Just as our regular calendars have seasons, like spring, summer, winter, and fall, the Church calendar has seasons as well. Advent is the first season in the Church year.

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Jesus coming into the world and we watch and wait with hope for Jesus coming again.

There are four weeks of Advent and each Sunday, we light another Advent candle. The first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of HOPE. This morning, Karla Byrd, Sonia Duncan, and Adam Loucks lead the Call to Worship as they light the candles of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE.

Lessons and Carols

This morning’s worship service is very special and will not seem like our usual morning service, because it’s not. You are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for the entire time or you can leave with Ms. Ellen and JH Harrison to attend Chapel Worship.

Lessons and Carols is a special type of service where we hear the whole story of the coming of Jesus, from the promises made by the prophets all the way through to Jesus’ birth. We will hear a lot of bible readings and will enjoy singing carols and listening the Chancel Choir.

Activity Packet

We hope you enjoy the activities in the packet as you participate in the Lessons and Carols service.

The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
A. school B. prison C. church D. home
- ___ 2. To receive sound using your ears
A. smell B. walk C. see D. hear
- ___ 3. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
A. hear B. see C. walk D. talk
- ___ 4. Unable to see
A. deaf B. dead C. lame D. blind
- ___ 5. Unable to hear
A. lame B. blind C. deaf D. dead
- ___ 6. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
A. deaf B. blind C. lame D. dead
- ___ 7. Not living
A. blind B. dead C. deaf D. lame
- ___ 8. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other
A. walk B. hear C. see D. dead
- ___ 9. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
A. good B. bad C. ugly D. prison
- ___ 10. Information or reports about recent events
A. prison B. good C. hear D. news

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The puzzle is based on Matthew 11:2-11 (NIV).

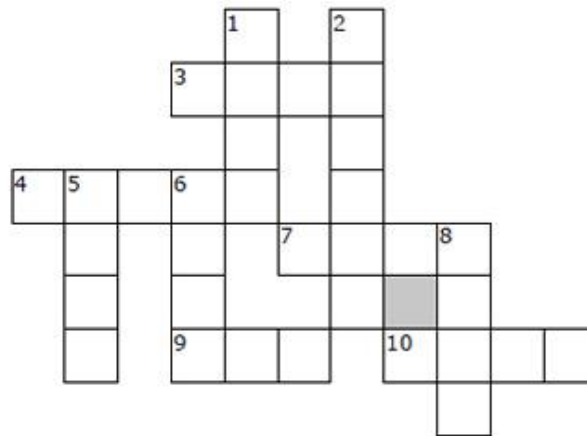


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BLIND	LAME	HEARD	DEAF	HEAR
GOOD	PREACHED	POOR	CHRIST	DEAD
RAISED	SEE	LEPROSY	PRISON	JOHN
NEWS	CURED	SIGHT	WALK	HEAR

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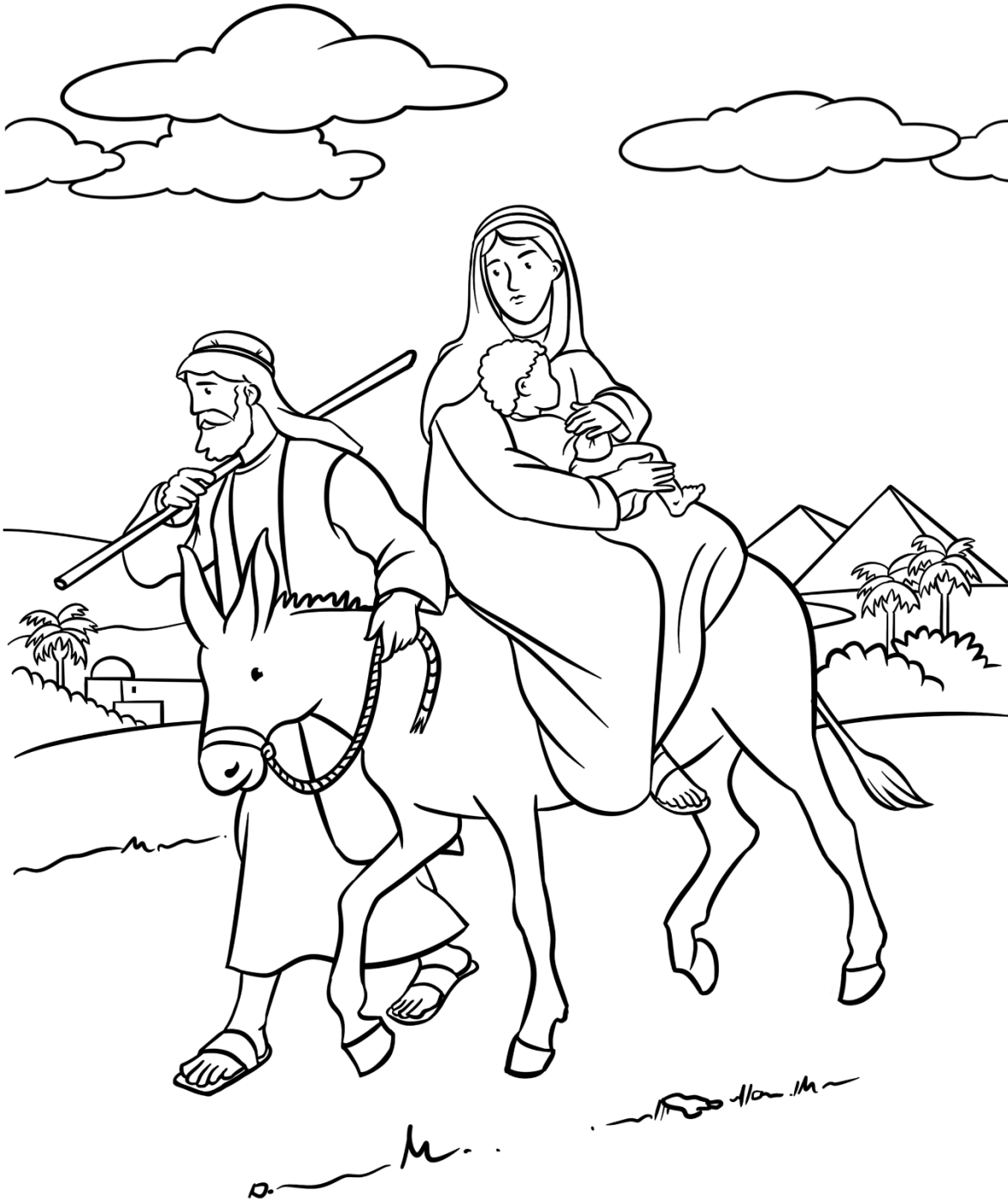
ACROSS

3. To receive sound using your ears
4. Unable to see
7. Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
9. To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
10. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

DOWN

1. Not living
2. A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
5. Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
6. Information or reports about recent events
8. Unable to hear

DEAF	SEE	NEWS	GOOD	WALK
HEAR	DEAD	BLIND	PRISON	LAME



An Angel Appears to Joseph

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24



Complete the activity.

There are vowels missing in each word below. Print the complete word on the blank line beside each word with missing letters.

1. J _ S _ PH _____
2. V _ RG _ N _____
3. M _ SS _ _ H _____
4. S _ N _____
5. B _ RTH _____
6. _ NG _ L _____
7. W _ F _ _____
8. M _ RY _____
9. J _ S _ S _____
10. H _ SB _ ND _____

husband	son	angel	birth	Joseph
Jesus	wife	Messiah	Mary	virgin

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When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:24-25 (NIV)



The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

M	U	H	R	D	K	E	O	F	P	Q	Z	C	G	W	L	J	N	X	S	Y	B	V	A	I	T
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	26

- 17-7-20-2-20 _____
- 20-8-18 _____
- 22-25-4-26-3 _____
- 1-24-4-21 _____
- 23-25-4-14-25-18 _____
- 3-2-20-22-24-18-5 _____
- 1-7-20-20-25-24-3 _____
- 24-18-14-7-16 _____

JESUS	SON	BIRTH	MARY
VIRGIN	HUSBAND	MESSIAH	ANGEL

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