

**Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Kids' Worship Guide  
24 December 2023  
Christmas Eve**

**The Watching and Waiting is over**



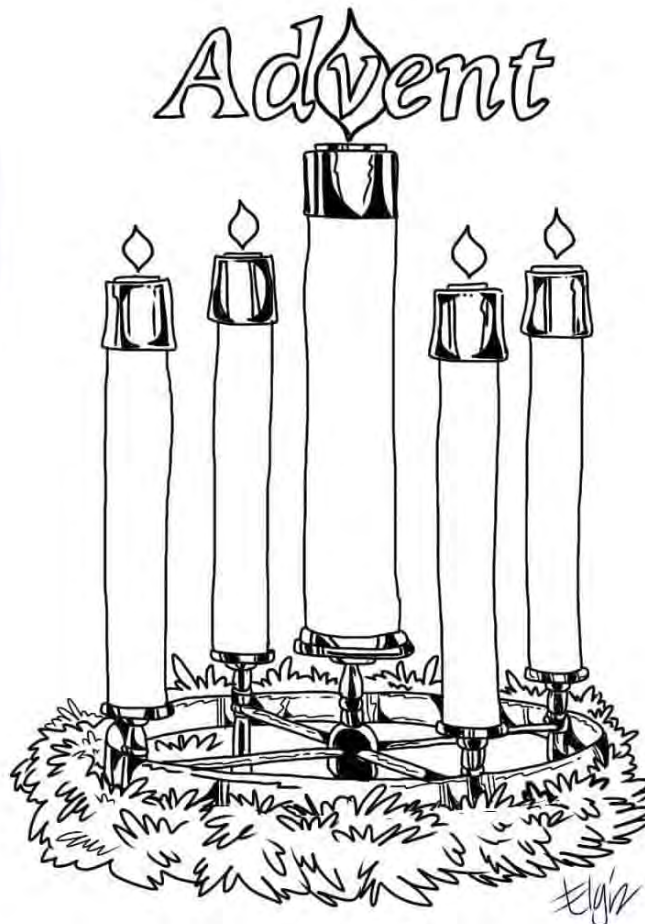
Just as our regular calendars have seasons, like spring, summer, winter, and fall, the Church calendar has seasons as well. Advent is the first season in the Church year.

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Jesus coming into the world. We watch and wait, remembering all that Jesus brings.

There are four weeks of Advent and each Sunday, we light another Advent candle. We have lit the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Today is Christmas Eve and we light the fifth candle, the center candle. The center candle is the Christ Candle and we light it remembering that Jesus brings us hope, peace, joy, and love. We celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Savior, promised to God’s people for generations.

Merry Christmas! Christ Jesus, our Savior, is here!



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**We are so very glad you are here!**

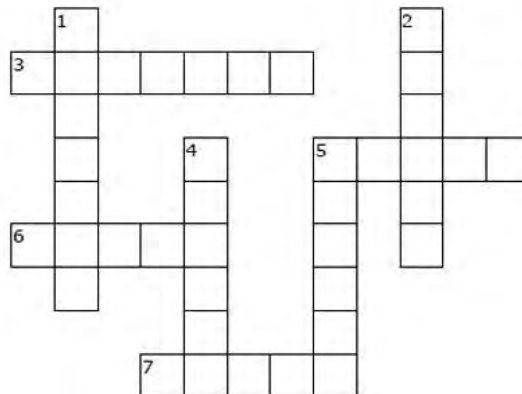
Maybe you and your family come to Shadyside church a lot. Maybe you come sometimes. Maybe this is your first time here. Whatever your Shadyside Church experiences are, we are glad you are here for this service and welcome you.

**We hope you have fun with the following pages of activities**

### An Angel Visits Mary

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Puzzle is based on Luke 1:26-38



**ACROSS**

- 3. To be joined together as husband and wife
- 5. A heavenly being; a messenger for God
- 6. The son who was born to Mary
- 7. A very young person especially between infancy and youth

**DOWN**

- 1. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
- 2. A young unmarried woman; a maiden
- 4. The man to whom Mary was engaged to marry
- 5. To be filled with fear

|         |         |        |        |
|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| JOSEPH  | MARRIED | AFRAID | VIRGIN |
| GABRIEL | CHILD   | ANGEL  | JESUS  |

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 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 |

- 18-4-25-1-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 25-18-6-8-20-1-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-20-8-25-20-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-2-17-1-23-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-18-8-22 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-7-8-18-20-15 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-20-8-10-12 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-2-4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16-1-17-3-17 \_\_\_\_\_
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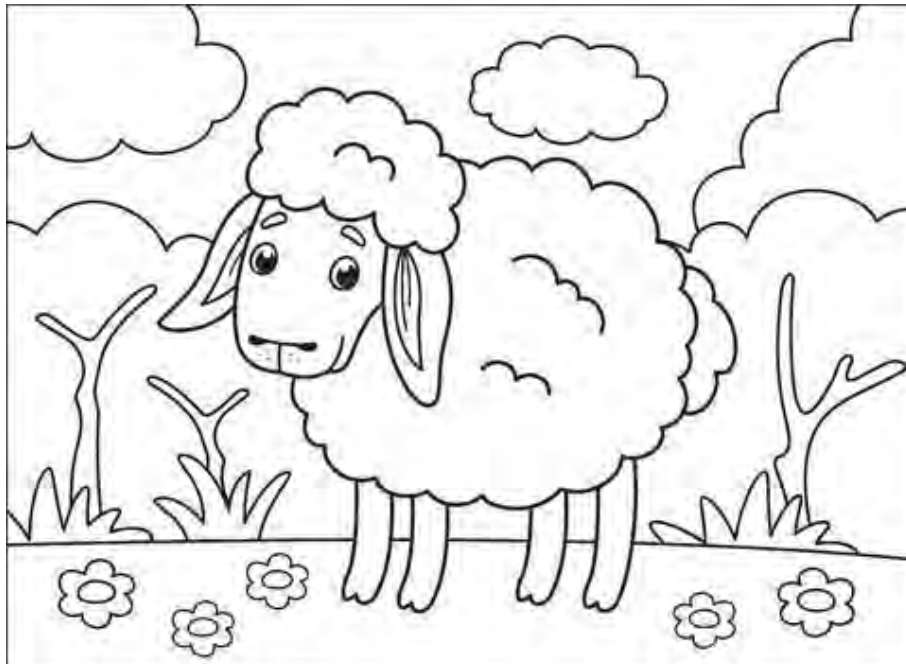
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| GABRIEL | SON    | MARY  | BORN  | VIRGIN |
| AFRAID  | JOSEPH | ANGEL | BIRTH | JESUS  |

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**How many of these Christmas words can you unscramble?**

(answers are on the past page)

| Scrambled | Unscrambled |
|-----------|-------------|
| TTVYINAI  |             |
| USSEJ     |             |
| LEAGN     |             |
| GIISNGN   |             |
| ENRDIERER |             |
| RETE      |             |
| HLYOL     |             |
| STIRSMACH |             |
| SEEDRHSHP |             |
| NESTSERP  |             |



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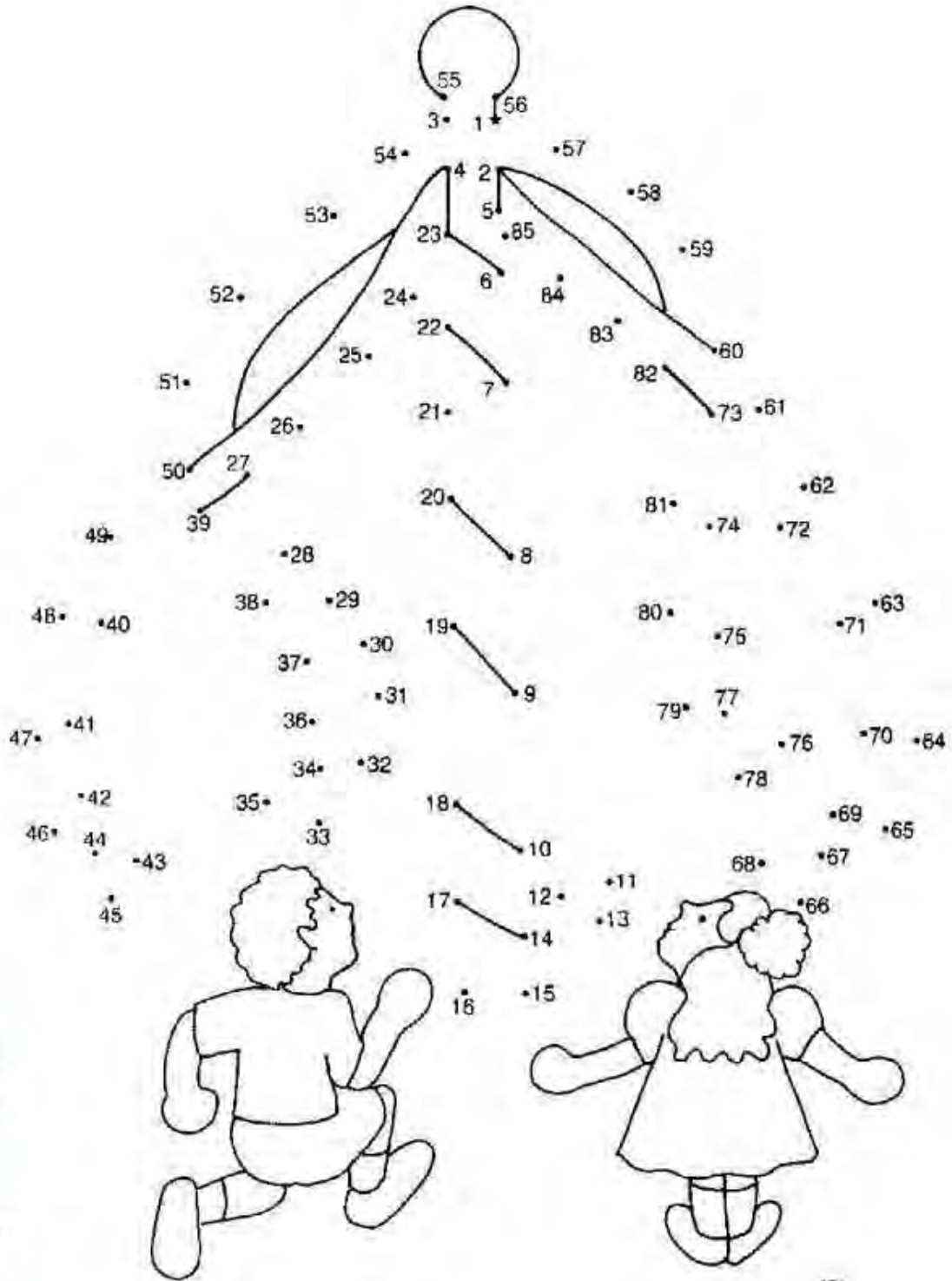
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K V G J E U J H T U Z G T J N  
X I Y K V V V Z S H N U B K J  
P D N W U E J N F O R M O O B  
C J K G L L I O W N N O R S D  
H B E E D G X E S N R O N Z B  
I C G S R O F V B E M W D E I  
H N L I U P M I I B P A V Q B  
A Q V B I S H L R M W H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

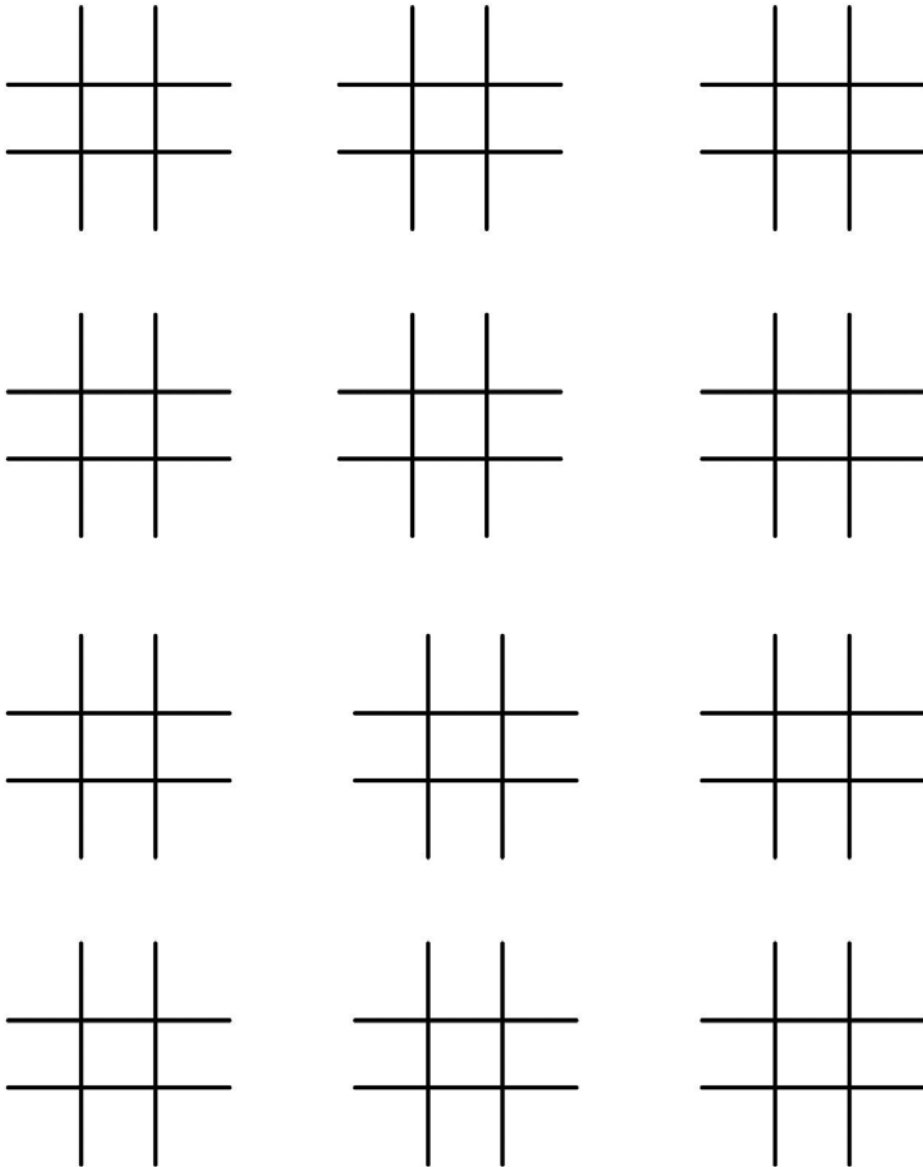
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|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| ELIZABETH | JESUS   | JOSEPH | BORN    | AFRAID |
| SON       | KINGDOM | DAVID  | GABRIEL | BIRTH  |
| MARY      | TOWN    | ANGEL  | THRONE  | VIRGIN |

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Answers to word scramble on page 4: Nativity, Jesus, Angel, Singing, Reindeer, Tree, Holly, Christmas, Shepherds, Presents