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JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

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KIDS ADVENT ACTIVITIES

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STICKY NOTE CROSSWORD

AGES 5-8

TOOLS: Sticky notes, markers

1. Use five sticky notes to write one letter each of the name **J-E-S-U-S**. Horizontally attach the five notes to a wall.
2. Invite a child to use six sticky notes to write one letter each of the name **J-O-S-E-P-H**.
3. Place the J on top of the J sticky note already on the wall and place each letter underneath vertically.
4. Invite each child to use sticky notes to write individual letters for the name of someone in his family. Kids can choose specific people or family roles—such as sister, aunt, or grandpa.
5. Guide kids to try to cross the names on the wall with letters already on the puzzle.
6. Enlist a child to write the name **M-A-R-Y** on sticky notes and attach them to the puzzle if M, A, R, or Y is used.
7. Remind kids that God chose a family for Jesus, and God chose a family for each child, too.
8. Invite kids to pray sentence prayers thanking God for the families He chose for them.

Option: If you do not want to attach sticky notes to a wall, use a large piece of paper. You can also make this on a much smaller scale by writing it on a piece of paper and adding to it as names come up.



WAYS TO PRAISE

AGES 9-12

TOOLS: Activity Sheets, pens, markers, tape, large sheet of bulletin board paper

TO DO: At the top of the paper write **WORSHIP**. Tape the sign to a wall.

1. Discuss how the wise men gave up many things to seek and worship the King. They gave time to travel a long distance, physical energy to travel through difficult areas, and expensive gifts to Jesus. The wise men also risked their lives by visiting King Herod and then returning to their country another way.
2. Discuss how the Bible says that after the wise men left King Herod, they saw the star again and were very joyful. They came to worship Jesus with excitement and joy.
3. Distribute Activity Sheets and lead kids to complete "Created to Worship" to list ways they can use what God has given them to worship Him joyfully. After kids finish, invite them to share ways they can worship.
4. Write one word at a time on the large paper: **hands, feet, mind, heart, eyes, ears, voice, time**. Then invite kids to write ways they can worship using each God-given thing.
5. Encourage kids to talk to their families about ways they can worship Jesus daily.
6. Lead kids to pray, thanking God for sending Jesus to be our Savior.



THE WISE MEN FIND JESUS

The wise men traveled far to find Baby Jesus. They followed a star to guide them on their trip. Help the wise men find their way through the maze to Jesus.



WISE GUY WORD SEARCH

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

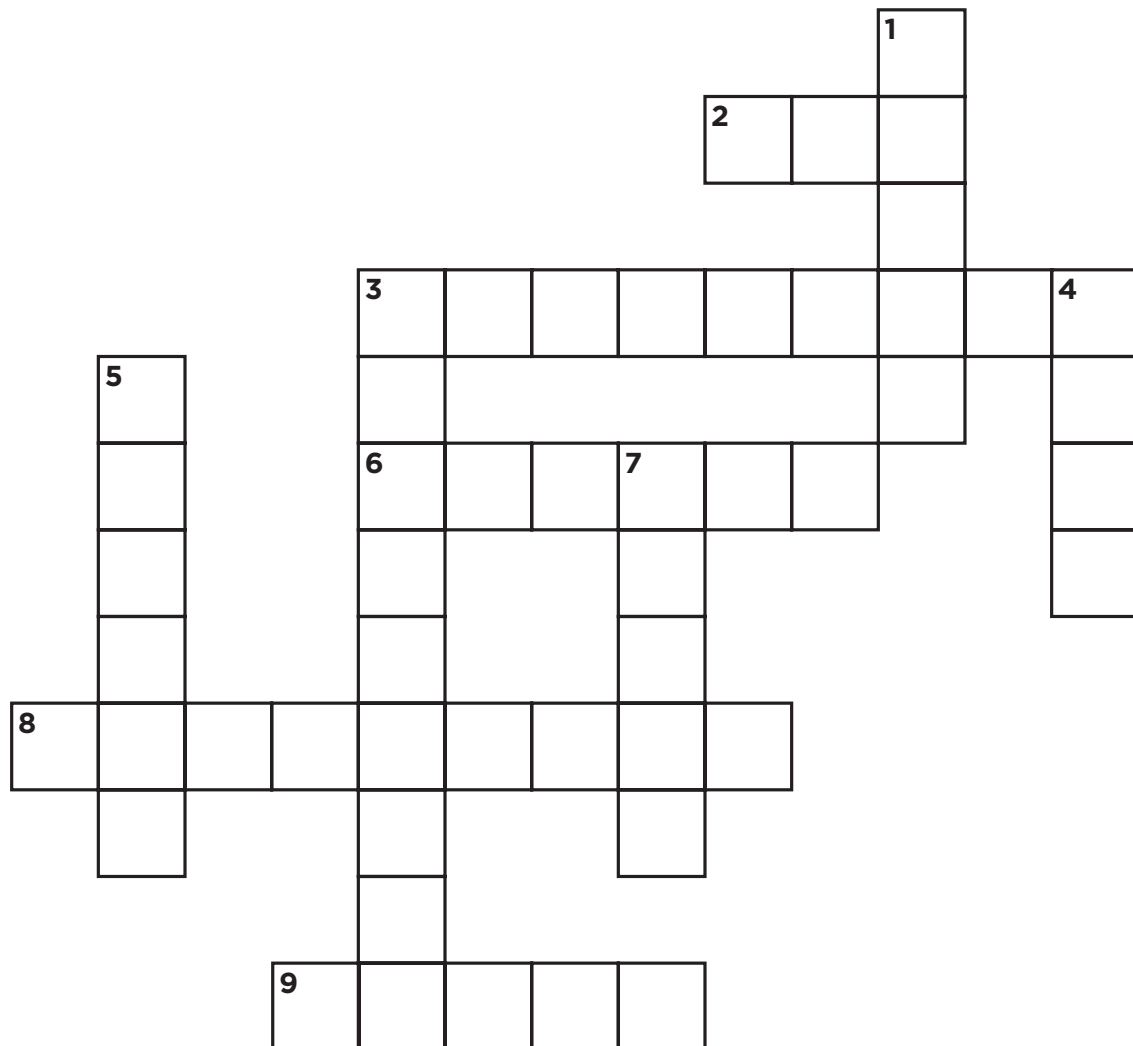
DAVID
MYRRH
CYRENIUS
SHEPHERDS

BETHLEHEM
ELIZABETH
EMMANUEL
NAZARETH

FRANKINCENSE
ZACHARIAS
MANGER
WISE MAN

WISE GUY CROSSWORD

Can you solve the puzzle?



ACROSS

2. The angels brought good tidings of great ____
3. An angel appeared to the _____ keeping watch over their flocks
6. The angel said to them, "Do not be _____"
8. Jesus was born in the town of _____
9. Mary and Joseph fled to _____ until King Herod died

DOWN

1. The wise men brought gold, frankincense and _____
3. Jesus was wrapped in _____ clothes
4. The _____ appeared in the East
5. Jesus lay in a _____
7. The _____ told them the Son of God had been born

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

GRAHAM CRACKER NATIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Graham Crackers, Icing, Animal Crackers, Bear-Shaped Crackers, Shredded Coconut, Paper Plates, Plastic Knives

1. Use icing and graham crackers to create a Nativity scene.
2. Add animal crackers to represent animals that may have been present and shredded coconut for the manger.
3. Use bear-shaped crackers to represent Mary, Joseph, Jesus, and the shepherds.
4. Remind your family that Jesus came to the earth to share His love with people.

SCROLL ORNAMENT

ITEMS NEEDED:

Paper, Scissors, Tan Crayon, Glue, Pen or Marker, Twine, Dowel Rods (1/8" diameter)

1. Cut paper into a small rectangle, approximately 3 inches wide and 6 inches long. Crumple the paper. Then, smooth it out and rub one side with a tan crayon to "age" the scroll.
2. Read Isaiah 9:6. Write the first part of the verse on the scroll. (For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us)
3. Cut the dowel rods into 3-inch pieces. Glue each short end of the paper strip around the stick. Tie twine to each end of the top stick.
4. Hang the ornament in your home to remind your family that God fulfilled His promise when Jesus was born.

JOY CHAIN

ITEMS NEEDED:

Colorful Pieces of Construction Paper or Wrapping Paper, Tape, Scissors, Markers

1. Cut several strips of construction paper or wrapping paper into 1-inch by 8-inch strips.
2. Print the name of someone or something that gives you joy. Encourage the youngest family members to draw a picture.
3. Attach the strips in a paper chain. Hold the chain as a family and thank God for the things or people listed. Then, hang the chain as garland on your Christmas tree or around your home.