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Joy to the world!

Joy to the World, *Silent Night*, and many other hymns help us celebrate Jesus' birthday. Sing them often, especially your favorites!

Match the title of the hymn on the left with the illustration on the right.

ANGELS WE HAVE
HEARD ON HIGH



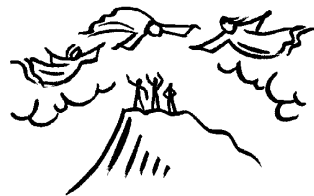
AWAY IN A MANGER



GO TELL IT ON
THE MOUNTAIN



JOY TO THE WORLD



This week

Celebrate Jesus' birthday with family and friends. Make a birthday cake and sing a few carols!

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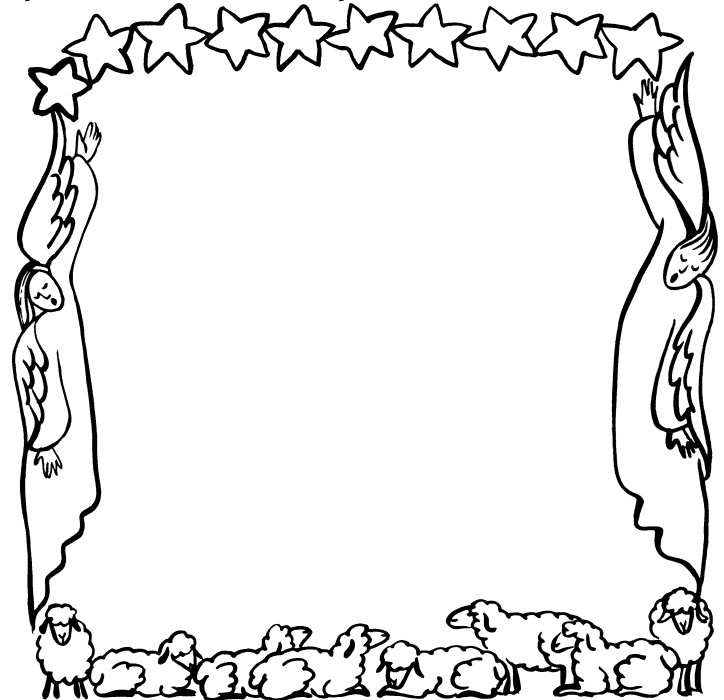
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Nativity of Our Lord



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Welcome to worship. It's Christmas and the angels are singing *Glory to God in the highest!* Jesus is here and our long wait is over. Use all of your senses to experience this wonderful time. Look around—what do you see? Listen—what do you hear? Close your eyes and breathe deeply—what do you smell? What can you taste? What can you touch?



Draw a picture of your special Christmas, and show how you might celebrate with the angels.

Angels and shepherds

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Luke 2:1-20 tells the Christmas story differently from the way Matthew 1:18–2:12 tells it. Listen carefully as the gospel is read, and color in all of the characters you hear about. Next, circle those things you didn't hear about, and read about them in Matthew's story when you get home.

Trace the letters in the sky to learn what the angels were singing.

Draw a sign for Bethlehem.



Draw a few more sheep for the shepherds.

Draw Mary and Joseph's faces.

What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Who can you tell?



Gloria! Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday, Jesus! Amen



At home, light candles to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.