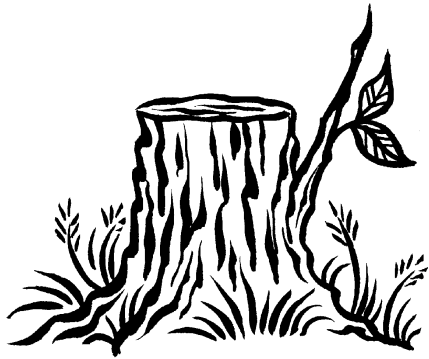


# Send

## Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

What can we do to serve the Lord during the week? Our faith keeps growing as we help others, pray, and read Bible stories. Let your faith grow each day!

Did you know about Jesus' family tree? Jesus is called a shoot, or new plant, growing from the stump of Jesse. Jesus comes from the family of King David, the son of Jesse.



**Draw more leaves and branches on the small shoot coming out of the trunk.**



*Give us care and what we need to grow, Lord. Amen*

## This week

Do the plants at your home or church need care? Give them water, fertilizer, and sun.



## gather

**Welcome to worship.**

Do you see an Advent wreath in your church?

How many candles are there? \_\_\_\_\_

How many candles are lit today? \_\_\_\_\_

Evergreen branches are often used on an Advent wreath. The branches never change from their green color. They remind us that God's love for us never changes.



**Draw more evergreen branches on this wreath.  
Draw flames on two of the candles.**

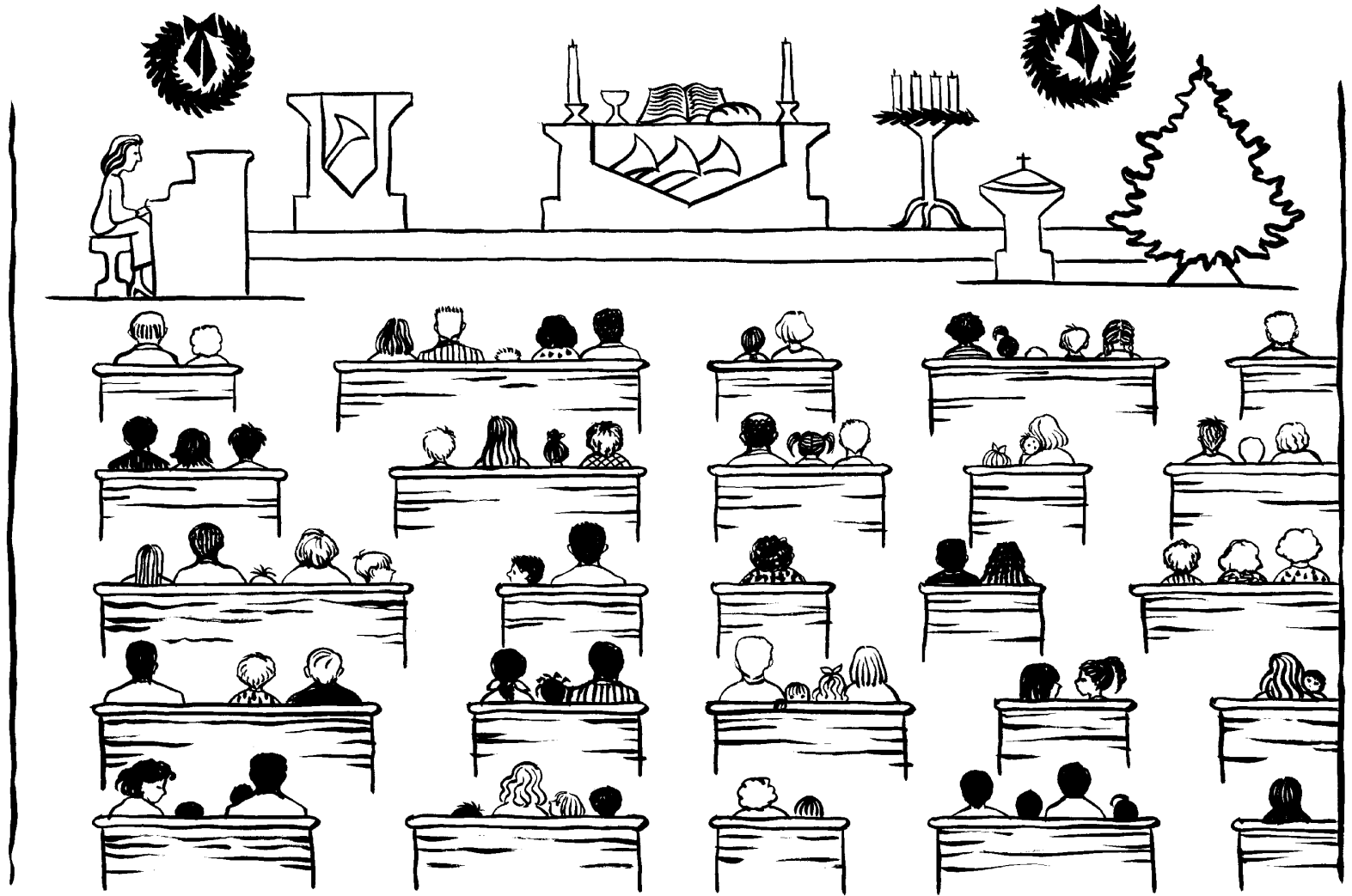
## Advent signs

Matthew 3:1-12

Listen today for the story of John the Baptist. He appeared to people who lived during Jesus' time. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" (Matthew 3:3).

Which Bible book contains John's story? Listen as the Bible is read today or look up the three choices in your Bible.

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Romans 15:4-13
- Matthew 3:1-12



What Advent reminders do you see in your own sanctuary?

**There are many ways to move to the front of this church. Draw a line on the straight path. Circle the Advent images in the picture.**