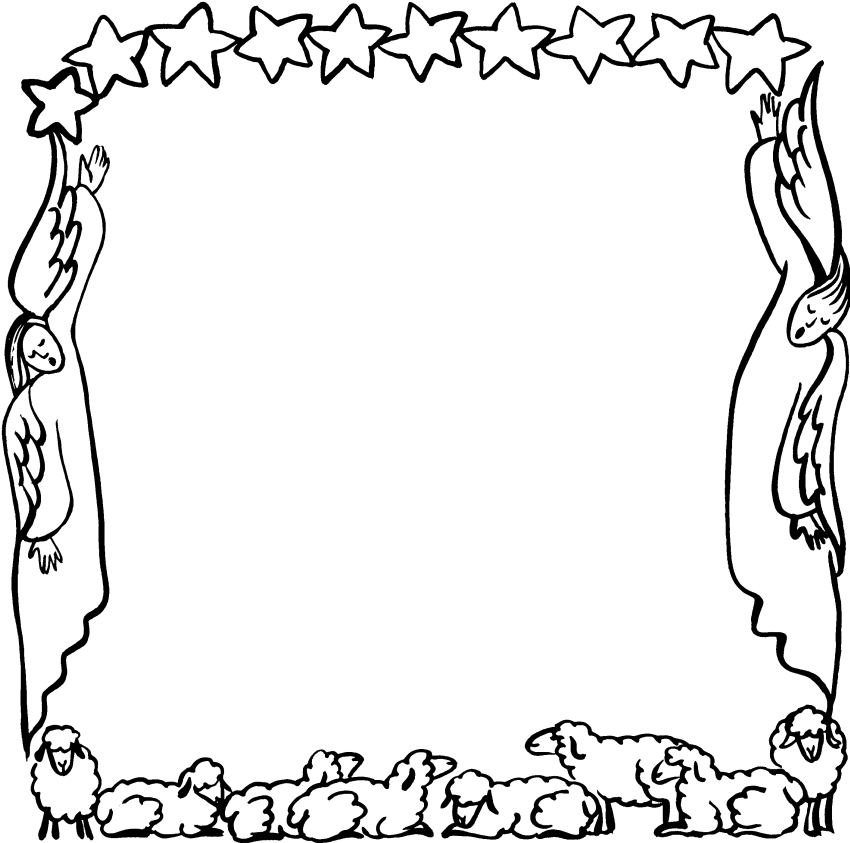


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Christmas Eve

All four candles on the Advent wreath are burning. We have been waiting three weeks for Jesus' birthday. Now it is almost here. Draw a picture of one way your family celebrates on Christmas Eve.



*Dear God, the waiting is almost over.
Thank you for sending Jesus. Amen*

This week

Celebrate Jesus' birthday with your family.



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Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent. How many candles are burning on the Advent wreath in your worship space today?

Color and light all four candles.



Finally, all the candles are lit. What else have you been waiting for the last three weeks?

Meet Mary, Jesus' mother

Luke 1:39-55

An angel from God said to Mary, "Don't be afraid. God has been good to you. You will have a baby and name him Jesus." Mary said, "Okay! Yes!" While she waited, Mary sang this song. Match the shapes to find some words to Mary's song.



My   the Lord. My soul

is  because of God my .

 = heart  = praises  = glad  = Savior

Advent words



Angel. What did the angel tell Mary to name her baby?



Decorations. How is your worship space decorated?



Voices. How can you use your voice to praise God?



Everyone. God sent Jesus for everyone. Who can you tell about Jesus?



Nazareth. Nazareth was Mary's home. Where do you live?



Tree. Evergreens remind us that God always loves us. Can you see a Christmas tree?



1. Write the first letter of your name inside this square.

2. Then write one way you get ready for Jesus' birth that begins with the same letter.