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**KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE**
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What is The Festival of the Nativity of our Lord?

The Festival of the Nativity of our Lord is the traditional way of saying Christmas Day. December 25 is one of the most important festival days in the Church Year. This is the day that we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus!

Why do we do the things we do at Christmas?



Many of the things that we do at Christmas have their beginnings with the Romans. Early Christians soon saw some of these things as outward reminders of Christmas and began to use them in their own celebrations. For example, when we give and receive presents, we can remember the greatest gift that has ever been given, our Lord Jesus! After all, today we celebrate Jesus' birthday, and He is the real reason for the season!



Parents: What a great way to spend Christmas! Thanks be to God that you have brought your children to hear the wonderful Good News of Jesus today! When you go home, be sure to remind your children that Jesus is the best present we could ever have. He gave up His life so that we might have eternal life. What a great message to share!



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Grace Notes

Christmas 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

December 17-18-2022

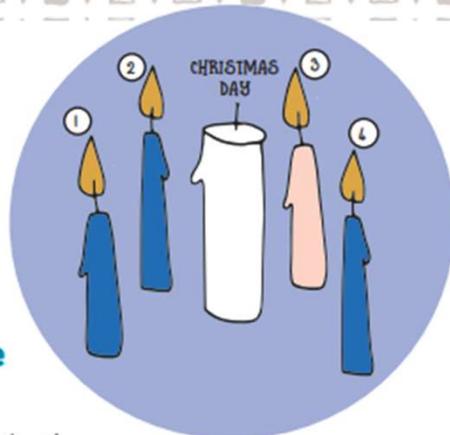


God's LOVE is shown to us with the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Jesus comes to earth as a human, just like us. He lives on earth, just like us. He lives a SIN-FREE life, not like us. He dies on the cross like a human, but He rose again with the glory of God, paying for OUR sins so we don't have to.

JESUS PAID WHAT WE OWED.

John 3:16

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What does it mean when four candles have been lit on the Advent wreath?

You've been preparing and patiently waiting for that wonderful day of celebration. When four of the candles on the Advent wreath have been lit, it means that Christmas is almost here! That's right! The day on which we remember the birth of our Savior is right around the corner!

What does this mean to me?

Today is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Today is the last Sunday of preparation for the birth of Jesus. Next week the Church will celebrate Christmas Day, one of the most important days of the whole year. As you can see, Advent has prepared us for the coming of Jesus, our wonderful Savior from sin!



Parents:

Remind your children of the important part that Advent plays in the lives of all Christians. This is the time in the Church Year that prepares us for the coming of our Savior. Be sure to bring your children to both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.



We celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.



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LET US
PRAY

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with Thee there. Amen. (Away in a Manger, Stanza 3, LSB 365)



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THE STAR PROCLAIMS THE KING IS HERE

Lutheran Service Book #399, verse 2

Matthew 2:1-12, Ephesians 1:9; John 18:36-37: John 1:29

The eastern sages saw from far And followed
on His guiding star; and, led by light to light
they trod and by theirs gifts confessed their
GOD.



GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

Lutheran Service Book #392, verse 1

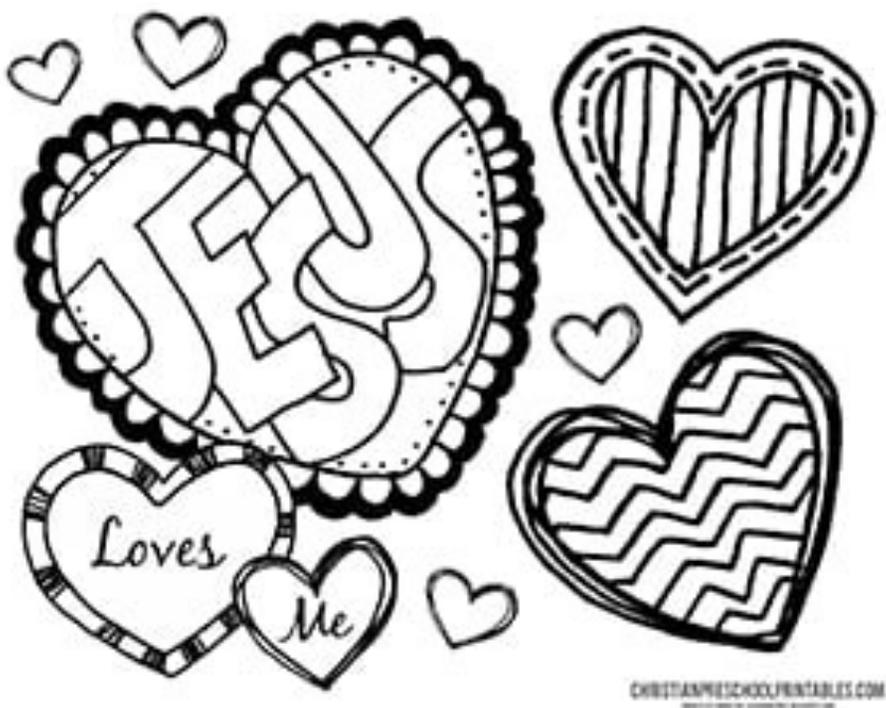
1 John 4:9-10; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5

God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation, God
loves me dearly, Loves even me. Therefore I'll
say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me
dearly, Loves even me



God Loves me





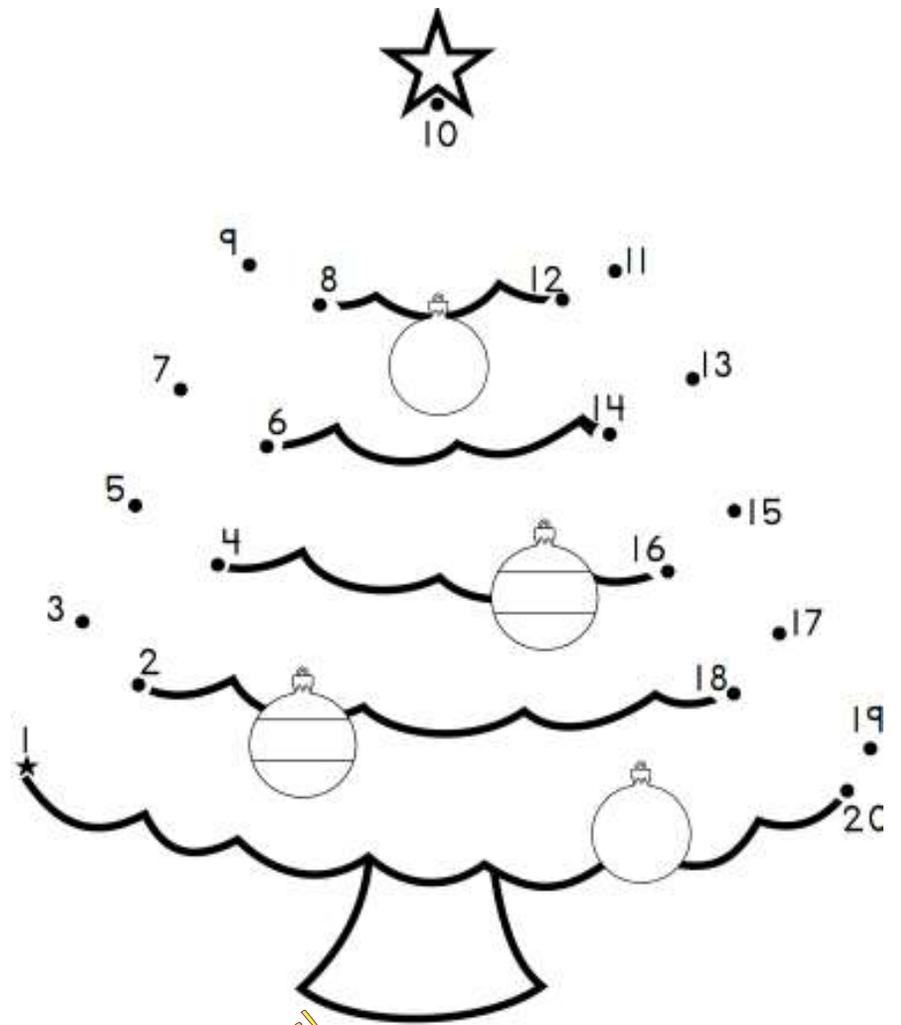
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Heavenly Father, Thank you for loving me so much that you sent Your Son to pay what I owed. There is no greater LOVE. I place my HOPE and trust in you. My heart is filled with JOY. I go in PEACE each day knowing that CHRIST is my savior. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above you Heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



Best present ever!



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these 2 pictures of Mary & Joseph going to Bethlehem?



Christmas WORD SEARCH

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

Silent Night
 Miracle
 Savior
 Three Kings

Gold
 Nativity
 Angels
 Star

Rejoice
 Faith
 Baby Jesus
 Shepherd

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

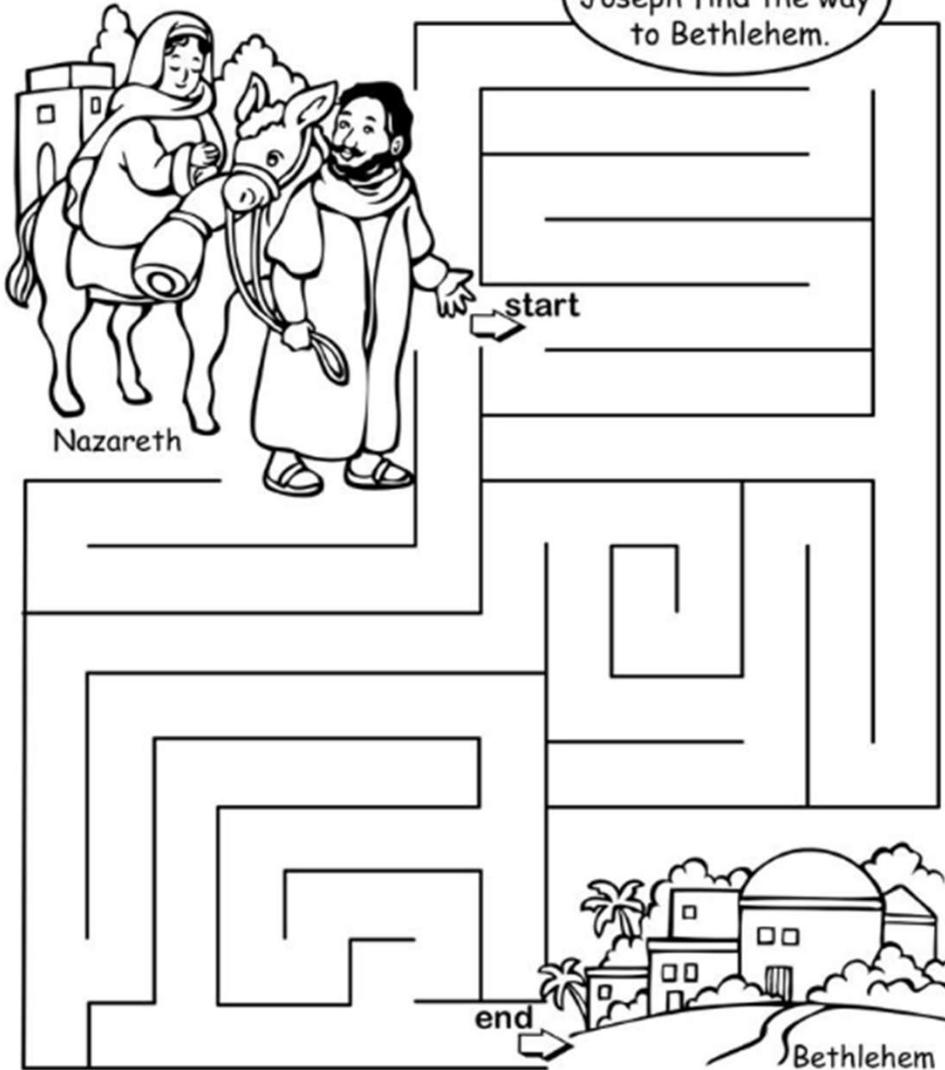
Luther Service Book, #356, verse 4

Luke 1:26-38; Isaiah 7:14

Of her [Mary], Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk through-out the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady". Gloria!

A LONG JOURNEY

Help Mary and Joseph find the way to Bethlehem.



Angels We Have Heard on High

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Lutheran Service Book #368, verse 3

Luke 2:7-20



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And He will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace. – Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



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

SAVIOR	CENSUS	MARY	MANGER	BORN
CAESAR	SON	JOSEPH	MESSIAH	ROOM
CHILD	SHEPHERDS	ANGEL	BETHELEHEM	BABY

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The Eve of the Nativity of our Lord

Tonight we begin the season of Christmas. On this night, Christians all over the world are lighting candles, singing hymns and joining together to worship the one true God who made this night so special.

What makes this night different from all other nights?

Tonight is the big night! All through the season of Advent, the Church has been preparing for the birth of Jesus. Tonight we celebrate and remember His arrival! This is the night that our God became a man, born of the Virgin Mary, to save all people from their sins. What a blessed and wonderful night!



Parents: Before or after the service, allow your children to explore the decorations of the church. Instruct them to be reverent in God's holy places. Direct their attention to all of the lights and candles that fill the sanctuary. Remind them that Jesus is the Light of the World. He overcame the darkness of sin and saves all those who believe.



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JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME!

Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Lutheran Service Book, #387, verse 1
Psalm 98; Romans 5:16-19; Revelation 22:1-5

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SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in
heavenly peace.

Lutheran Service Books, #363, verse 1
Luke 2:7-16; Colossians 1:13

