

FAMILY  
*Christmas*  
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# Bringing Cheer to Families Near

**Just follow the steps below to spread joy to families all around.**

1. Pack up a gift bag for each family you'll bless.
2. Print out all the pages after this one to add a Family Activity Pack to each bag.
3. Deliver to every family on your list...and let the joy be spread throughout the land!

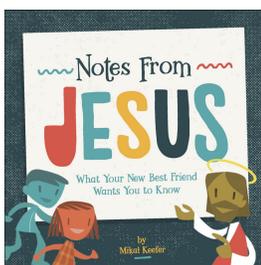


Add some of these fun items to your gift bags:

- Christmas card from you, of course!
- Ornament
- A yummy-smelling Christmas candle
- Candy canes
- Hot cocoa & marshmallows
- Cookie mix & cookie cutters
- Gingerbread house kit
- Visit **Group.com/Clearance** for loads of fun stuff from ornaments to activity books to bouncy balls and more!

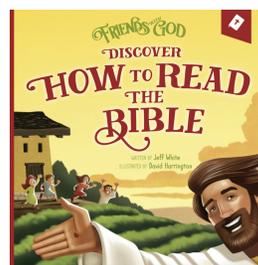
## Other great gifts for kids...

Pick up copies of these books to slip into each bag.  
Bulk pricing is available on Group.com!  
Plus, find more gifts for kids at **Group.com**



### Notes From Jesus

Kids get close with Jesus as they hear things straight from his heart. Includes answers to common faith questions, inspirational Bible verses, and kid-sized ideas to become even better friends with Jesus—all delivered from Jesus himself.



### Discover How to Read the Bible

This little book helps kids understand what THE "big book" is all about and why it's so important—making the Bible more accessible to young readers. They'll discover that God's Word is the ultimate story of God's love for them.



**FAMILY**  
*Christmas*  
**ACTIVITY**  
**PACK**

# Spread the joy of Christmas!

Now that your family has been “star’d”...pass it on!

First, decide which family or families you’ll “star.” Then make enough copies of this paper to go inside each gift bag that your family will prepare. What goes inside the bags is up to you, but be sure to make it a family affair!

Now, cut along the dotted line and tape this to your door so everyone knows your family has already been star’d!

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**We've Been**  
*Star'd!*



**This Christmas star shines  
bright and true  
With Jesus' love from us to  
you!**

**Now we'll go "star"  
someone else  
'Cause spreading joy  
brings joy itself!**



## A Sweet Family Service Project



### Step 1 - Gather Supplies

- Measuring Cups & Spoons
- Flour
- Sugar
- Baking Powder
- Ground cinnamon
- Salt
- 1- quart zipper bags
- New dish towels
- Ribbon
- Printed copies of recipe directions on next page. (We recommend printing on card stock.)
- Brainstorm as a family, who you would like to gift these to. Check with local foodbanks to check if they can accept homemade gifts before adding them to your list.

### Step 2 - Make Cinnamon Pancake Mixes

Fill resealable plastic bags with the following:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt

Seal the bag, and gently squish the contents to mix everything well. Wrap the bag of pancake mix in a new dish towel, and tie the top shut with a ribbon. On the back of the recipe directions, write a note as a family to the recipient and have everyone sign the card. Punch a hole and tie to the top of the bag.

Say a prayer as a family for the person/people who will receive these gifts.

## Cinnamon Pancakes

To make delicious pancakes, stir together *one cup* of the contents of this bag with:

- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons oil

Spoon the batter onto a lightly greased griddle or skillet. When bubbles form, flip once to cook on both sides.

Serve with syrup and butter or margarine.

If you want to make this pancake mix again, here are the ingredients for the mix:

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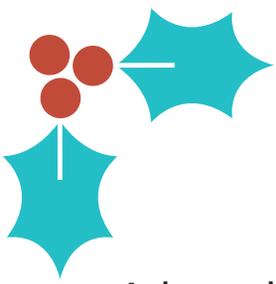
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# A new take on the traditional Advent calendar...

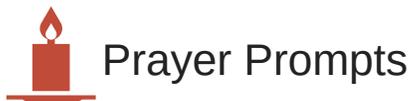
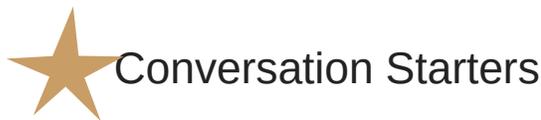
Advent is a time of anticipation for the birth of Jesus. And we know that between work, school, Christmas plays and programs, shopping, and more, it's hard to keep focused on the real reason for celebrating Christmas. But here's help!

This fun and simple activity will get your family talking, encouraging each other, having fun, and sharing about Jesus every day during the Advent season!

It includes conversation starters, prayer prompts, and this-or-that fun. Great to do at meals or on the go!

It's easy! All you'll need is a printer, paper, scissors, and three jars or cups. Here's how it works:

1. Print out the next six pages. You can either print in color or print each page on a separate color of paper.
2. Cut the strips of paper along the dotted line, and keep those in the same category together.
3. Once a day, pick one slip from each category/color and take turns answering the question on the paper.



P.S. Advent officially starts on November 28 this year!

Get more fun, faith-filled ideas for your family at [MyLifetree.com](http://MyLifetree.com)

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What's your favorite thing about the person sitting next to you?

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What do you think is God's favorite thing about you?

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What's your favorite thing about Christmas?

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What's your favorite kind of surprise?

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What's your favorite Christmas song, and why?

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If you could spend the day with Jesus, what would you ask him?

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If you were in charge of Christmas, what's one thing you would change about it? Why?

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What's the most fun you've ever had with your family during Advent or the days leading up to Christmas?

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What's one Christmas tradition you never want to give up?

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If you could be any animal in the stable when Jesus was born, which animal would you be? Why?

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If you could trade places with anyone in your family, who would it be, and why?

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Describe Jesus in three words.

★ If you could ask Jesus to do ONE THING for you right now, what would it be?

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★ What do you think Jesus' favorite game would be?

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★ What do you like that God made, and why?

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★ What do you love about Jesus, and why?

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★ What in this room reminds you of Jesus?

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★ If Jesus were a sport, what sport would he be?

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★ Where's your favorite place to talk with Jesus?

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★ What gift do you think Jesus would ask for on his birthday? Why?

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★ What flavor of birthday cake do you think is Jesus' favorite?

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★ At Christmas, what kinds of things take your attention away from Jesus?

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★ What are ways we can stay focused on Jesus this Christmas?

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★ What's your favorite Christmas food?

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★ What's your favorite Christmas movie, and why?



Would you rather drink hot cocoa or apple cider?

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Would you rather build a snowman or make a snow angel?

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Would you rather be given a gift or have nice things said about you?

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Would you rather be surprised or have something to look forward to?

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Would you rather play in the snow or snuggle under a blanket and watch movies inside?

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Would you rather be the best at one thing...or pretty good at a lot of things?

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Would you rather drive a dog sled or go skiing?

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Do you prefer cake or pie?

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Do you think it's harder to be an adult or a kid?

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Would you rather be a polar bear or a reindeer?

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Would you rather have Jesus watch your favorite movie with you or play your favorite video game against you?

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Would you rather be there when Jesus was born or when the wise men visited?

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Do you prefer to sing carols or listen to them?



If Jesus lived on earth today, would you rather be his chef or his party planner?

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Would you rather meet an angel or a wise man?

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If Jesus were a kid right now, would you rather have him as a classmate or a teammate?

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Would you rather have people pray for you or you pray for someone else?

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Do you think Jesus would have preferred hamburgers or hot dogs?

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Would you rather wake up early or sleep in on Christmas Day?

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Would you rather decorate a Christmas tree or decorate Christmas cookies?

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Would you rather give Christmas gifts or get Christmas gifts?

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Do you prefer white Christmas lights or multicolor Christmas lights?

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Would you rather have fresh snow on Christmas or no snow on Christmas?

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Would you rather pick out your Christmas outfit or be surprised?

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Do you prefer an angel or a star on top of your Christmas tree?



Close your eyes and say the name of the first person you think of. Once everyone has said a name, pray together for those people.

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Write all your names on separate slips of paper. Throw them into a bowl, and have each person draw a name. Say a prayer for that person either silently or out loud.

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What are you most thankful for today? Share and say a prayer of thanksgiving for it!

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What are you worried about today? Take turns sharing and then ask God to help calm your worries.

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Pray for those who are homeless during this Christmas season.

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Have each person name someone they're thankful for. Take a moment to say prayers for each of those people.

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Name a bunch of your neighbors. Pray for them.

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Name a bunch of your classmates and friends. Pray for them.

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Pray for someone who is hurting or sad.

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Who can you help this week? Pray for God to show you how.

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What's your favorite thing about God? Tell him.

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Share three things you're thankful for and thank God.



Pop up and say one thing to praise God for. Take turns as many rounds as you'd like.

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Ask God to protect those traveling this Christmas season.

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Grab a ball or wad up a piece of paper. Take turns throwing it to each other, and be sure to thank God for the person you throw it to.

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Zoom around the room and tell each person why you're thankful for them.

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What is your favorite thing to celebrate? Thank God for that thing!

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What went super-well today? Tell God about it!

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Thank God for a new friend you've made.

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Thank God for someone who is older than you.

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Thank God for someone who is smaller than you.

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Think about your favorite present you've ever gotten. Thank God for it and the person who gave it to you.

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Ask each person "What could we pray about for you?" And then pray for them.

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In just 10 seconds each, name five people you'd like to pray for. Then pray for them.

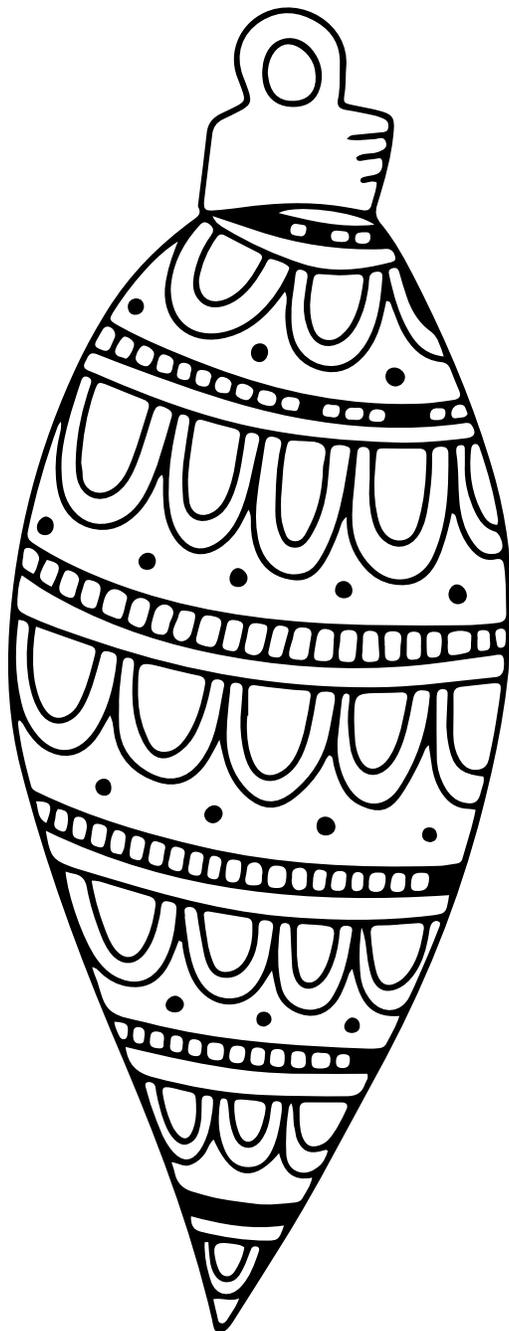
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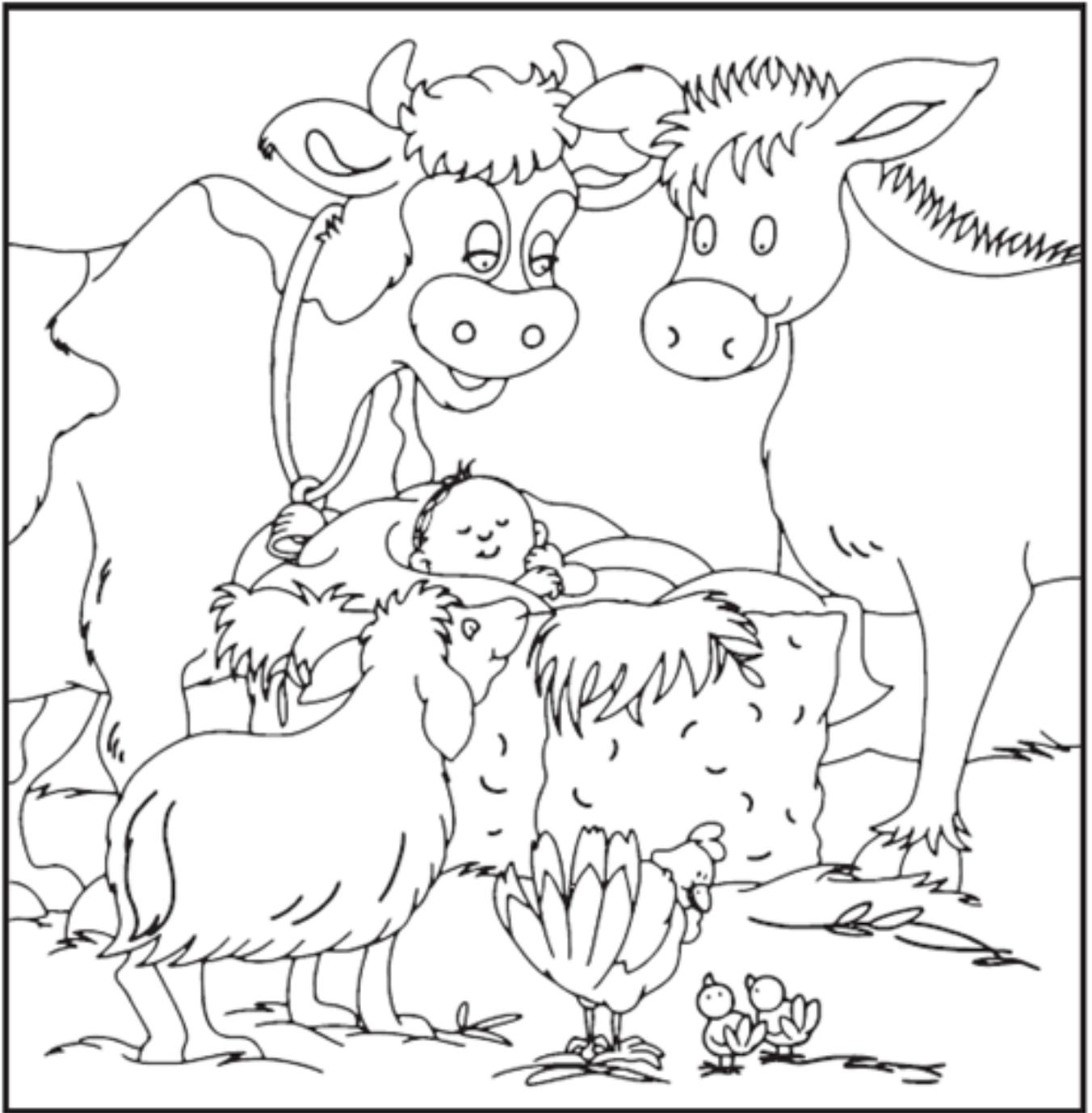


Point to your favorite thing in the room...thank God for it!

# COLORING FOR

*all...*





**"Christ Jesus came into the  
world to save sinners"**

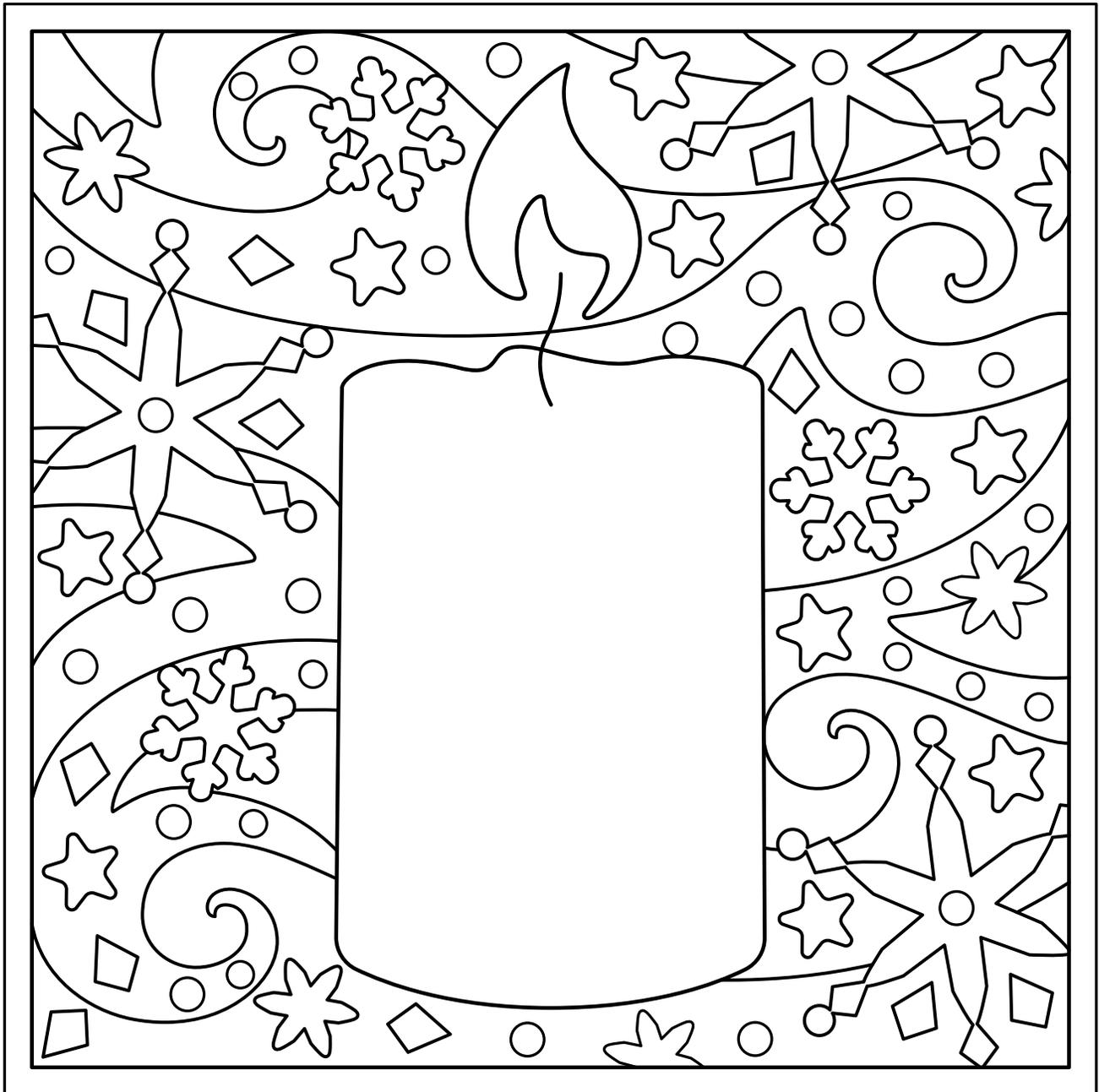
(1 Timothy 1:15)



Following the  
**STAR**  
of Christmas!



MERRY  
*christmas*





# Sing Classic Carols Together

Kids love to wiggle, giggle, and dance to great music. You and your family can enjoy lots of great music, including Christmas classics, on the Lifetree Kids YouTube channel!

**[YouTube.com/LifetreeKids](https://www.youtube.com/LifetreeKids)**

Go to the "Videos" tab to find these Christmas songs and so much more...

Joy to the World  
Silent Night  
Angels We Have Heard on High  
Come, All Ye Faithful  
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing  
Go, Tell It on the Mountain  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
What Child Is This?

