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Workbook for Kid's Church

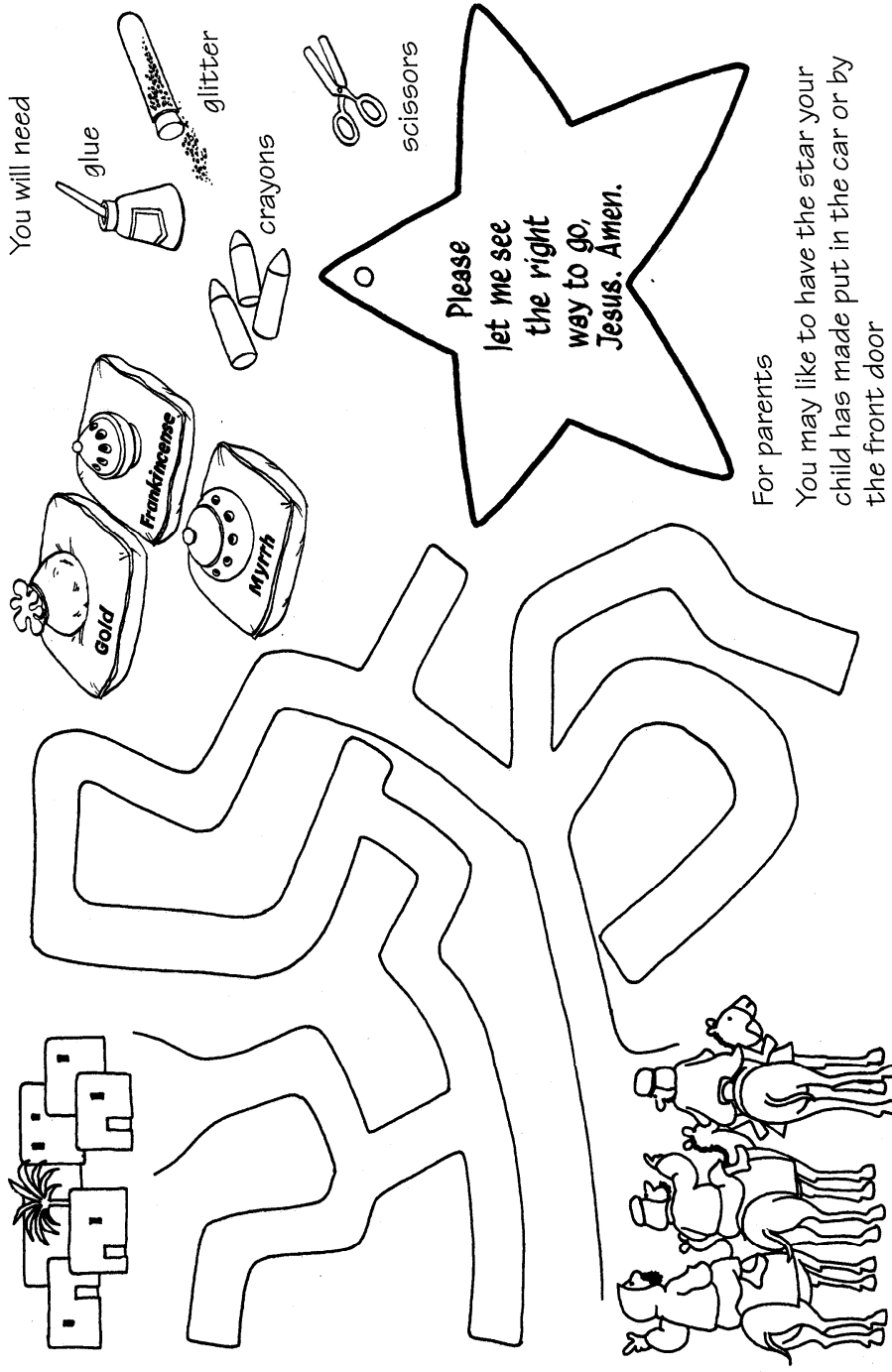


Epiphany Sunday 31 December, 2023

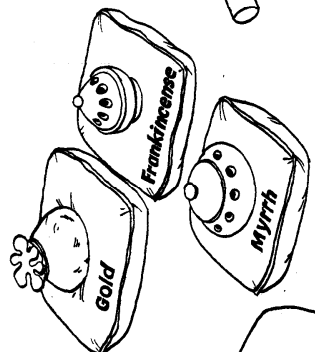
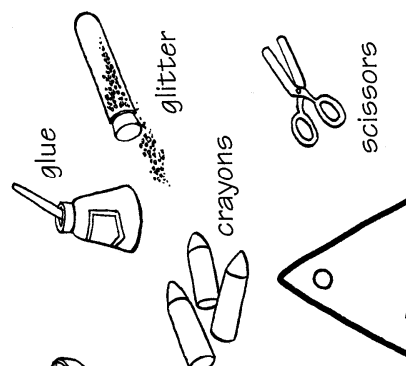
Matthew 2:2

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

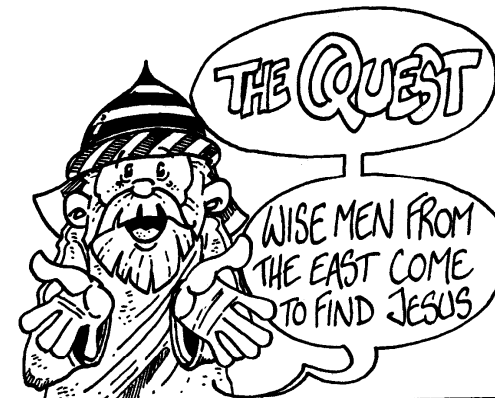
Dear Jesus, we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King. **Amen**



You will need



For parents
You may like to have the star your
child has made put in the car or by
the front door



WHAT HELPED THEM
TO FIND HIM ?

WHAT THREATENED
TO MAKE IT FAIL ?

WHY DID THEY SET OFF ON SUCH A JOURNEY ?

EPIPHANY

WHAT DOES 'EPIPHANY' MEAN?
It comes from Greek and it means being shown, or revealed, or manifested.

WHO WAS BEING REVEALED?
Jesus was being revealed to the Gentiles of other countries.

WHAT IS A GENTILE ?
Someone who is not Jewish.

WHAT WAS THE STAR THEY SAW ?
Some people think it was a comet, but others think it was two of the planets (Saturn and Jupiter) which were very close at that time.



TRADITIONALLY, THE GIFTS HAVE COME TO MEAN THIS:

GOLD - A SIGN OF KINGSHIP AND PURITY OF CHARACTER

MYRRH - A SIGN OF SUFFERING AND HUMAN DEATH

FRANKINCENSE - A SIGN OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP TO GOD

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

LORD JESUS CHRIST
SON OF THE LIVING GOD
HAVE MERCY ON US.



WordSearch: *Matthew 2:1-12*



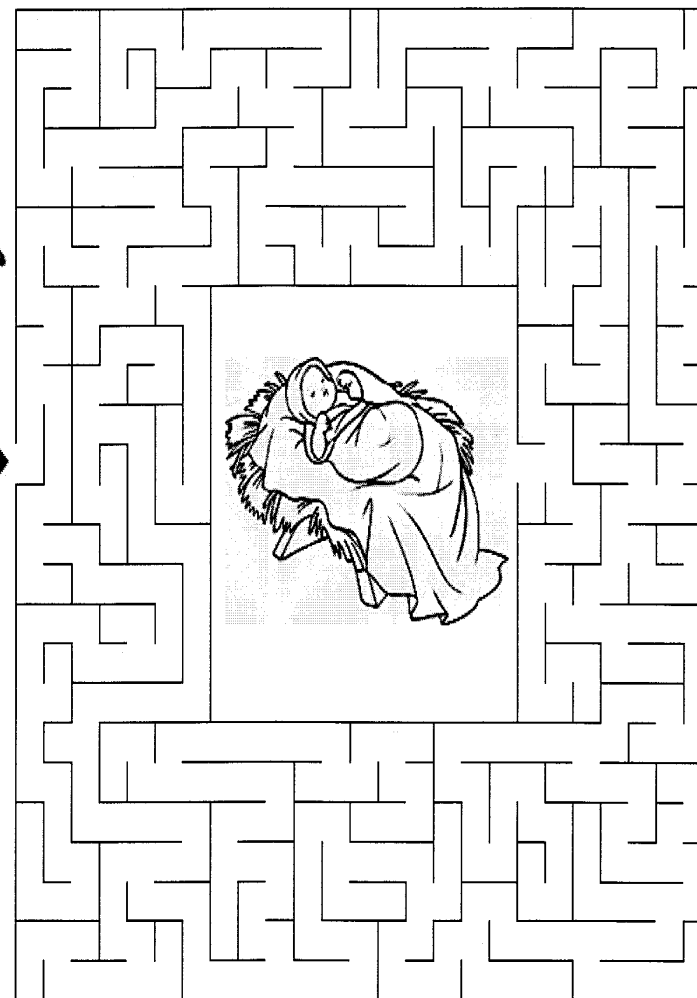
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| VILLAGE | JERUSALEM | CHILD | STAR |
| HEROD | EVERYONE | PRIESTS | MESSIAH |
| PROPHET | BETHLEHEM | IMPORTANT | LEADER |
| SHEPHERD | SECRETLY | FIRST | CAREFULLY |
| FIND | WORSHIP | WISE | EAST |
| STOPPED | EXCITED | MARY | KNELT |
| FRANKINCENSE | MYRRH | DREAM | ROAD |

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Wise Men Search for Jesus

Can you help the Wise Men find the way to the baby Jesus?



"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2

The wise men brought gifts of gold, myrr and frankincense to the baby Jesus..



Crossword: Matthew 2:1-12 (CEV)

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.
Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

11 across) When Jesus was born in the _____ of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king.

13 down) During this time some wise men from the east came to _____

1 down) and said, "Where is the _____ born to be king of the Jews?"

26 down) We saw his _____ in the east and have come to worship him."

15 down) When King _____ heard about this, he was worried,

10 down) and so was _____ else in Jerusalem.

16 down) Herod brought together the chief _____ and the teachers

8 down) of the Law of Moses and asked them, "Where will the _____ be born?"

4 across) They told him, "He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the _____ wrote,

6 down) _____ in the land of Judea,

23 across) you are very _____ among the towns of Judea.

20 across) From your town will come a _____, who will be

19 across) like a _____ for my people Israel." "

9 across) Herod _____ called in the wise men and

25 across) asked them when they had _____ seen the star.

12 down) He told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search _____ for the child.

27 down) As soon as you _____ him, let me know.

14 across) I want to go and _____ him too."

24 down) The _____ men listened to what the king said and then left.

21 across) And the star they had seen in the _____ went on ahead of them

3 down) until it _____ over the place where the child was.

2 down) They were thrilled and _____ to see the star.

18 down) When the men went into the house and saw the child with _____,

22 down) his mother, they _____ down and worshiped him.

17 across) They took out their gifts of gold, _____,

5 down) and _____ and gave them to him.

7 across) Later they were warned in a _____ not to return to Herod,

28 across) And they went back home by another _____.

