



*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

December 22, 2019

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25



4th Sunday in Advent

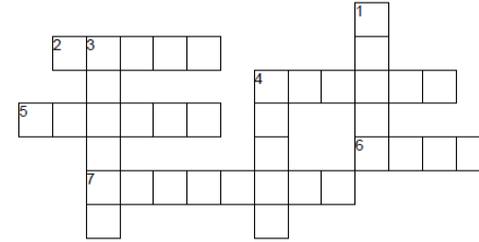
Good morning friends! This is our fourth Sunday of Advent; all four candles are lit which means we are that much closer to Christmas! What are you expecting for Christmas? What's on your list?

Joseph went to sleep one night and certainly was not expecting a visit from an angel. The same angel that told Mary she was going to have a baby made a visit to Joseph in a dream. The angel Gabriel told Joseph that Mary was pregnant with a baby and the angel even told Joseph what to name the baby. What do you think that name is? Yes! Jesus, which means "The Lord saves". God sent us God's son to save the whole world! Jesus had another name too, Emmanuel which means "God with us". God came to us in the form of a tiny baby, Emmanuel to help us to remember that God is always with us and lives in our hearts forever. There certainly was a purpose behind the names that God gave Jesus. God gave you a name too...Beloved Child of God. God loves you so very much, love that overflows! Do you think we can share that love with the world this week?

Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus to live among us to show us what love looks like. Thank you for this love that lives in our hearts forever. Amen.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 2. To become husband and wife
- 4. The earthly father of Jesus
- 5. A pure, unmarried girl or woman
- 6. The mother of Jesus
- 7. A name that means "God is with us"

DOWN

- 1. Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
- 3. To be filled with fear
- 4. The Son of God

DREAM	JESUS	MARRY	IMMANUEL
MARY	AFRAID	JOSEPH	VIRGIN

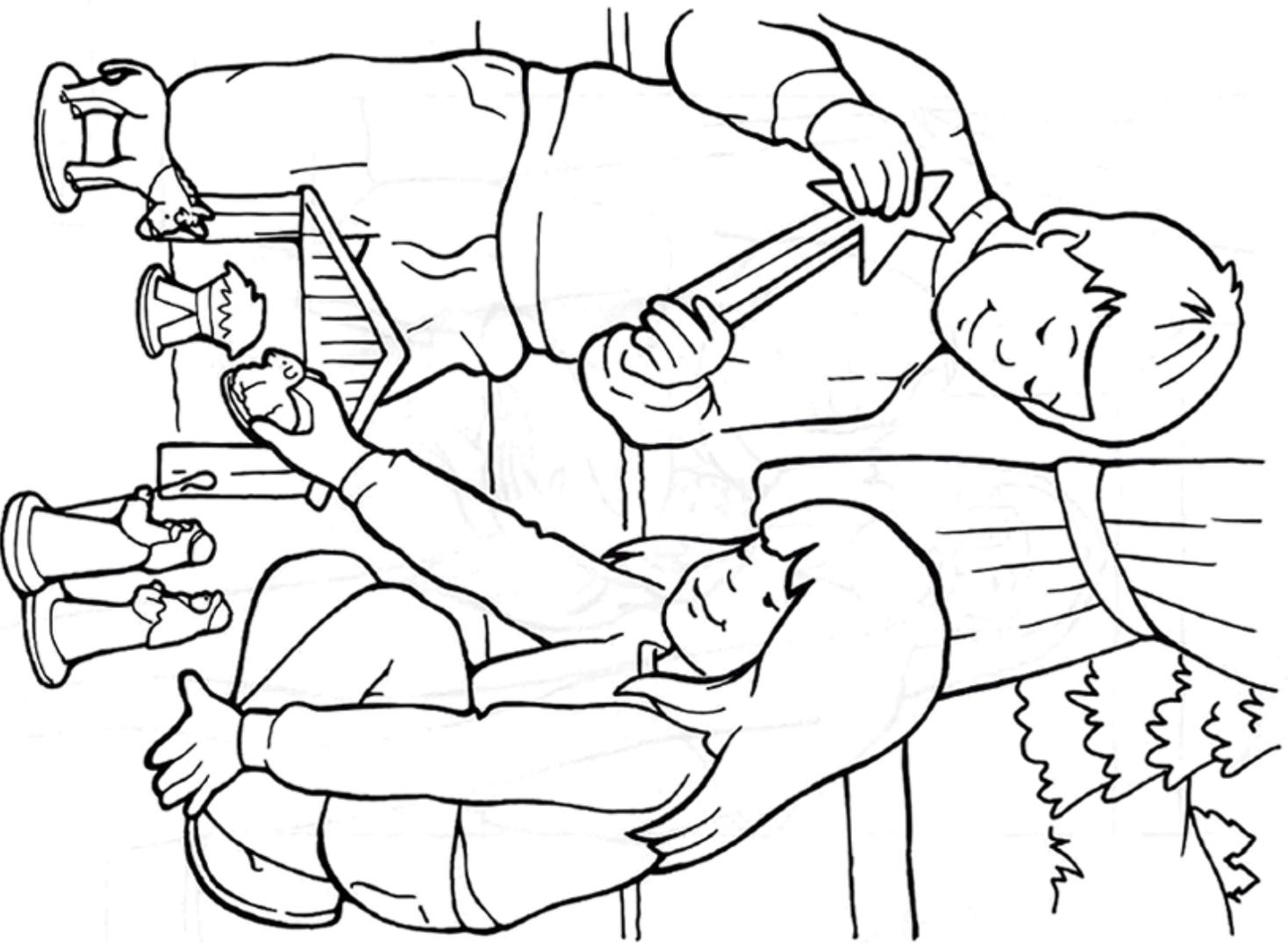
Activity: Gift wrap a plain box. On a piece of paper, write down the names of those in your family to include your church family and friends. Put those names in the box to help you to remember that we are God's most beloved gifts.

Discussion Question: What's in a name? Ask your family the origin of their names. Google the meaning of those names.

Family Table Prayer for December:

God of love, joy, and light
we thank you for your son.
For Mary, and her baby boy,
Our savior, and all that he has done. Amen.

December Memory Verse: Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"



Let's celebrate!

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