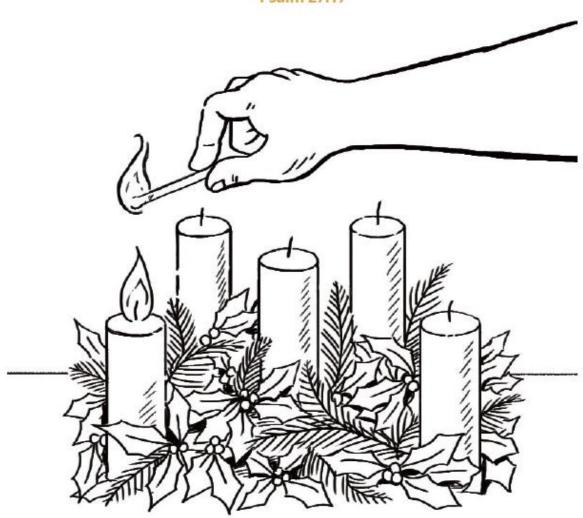
1 December

WAIT

Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

Psalm 27.17



2 December

BE CALM

The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.'

Luke 1.30

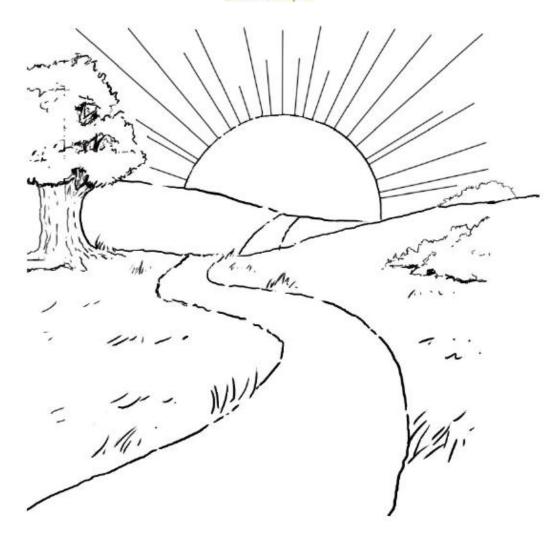


3 December

HOPE

'By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us ... to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

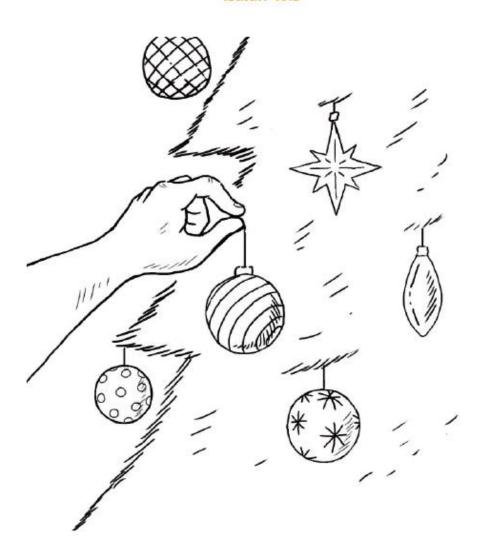
Luke 1.78,79



PREPARE

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord.'

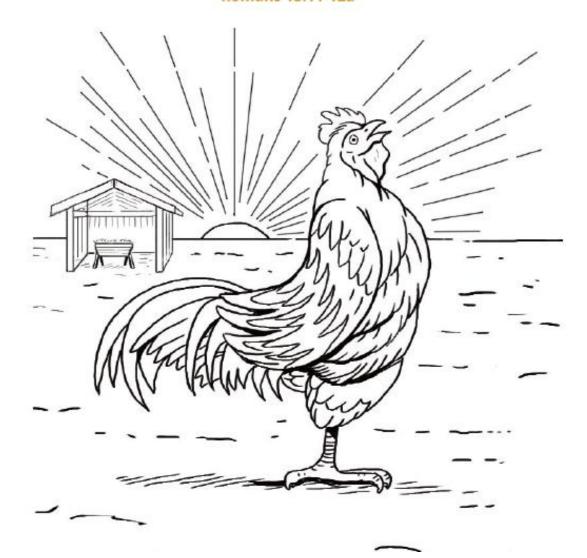
Isaiah 40.3



KEEP AWAKE

... It is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For ... the night is far gone, the day is near.

Romans 13.11-12a



6 December

TRUST

Mary said to the angel, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'

Luke 1.38a

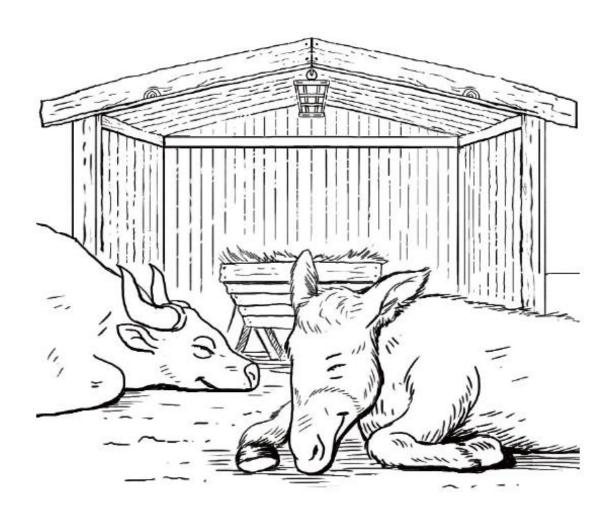


7 December

REST

In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.

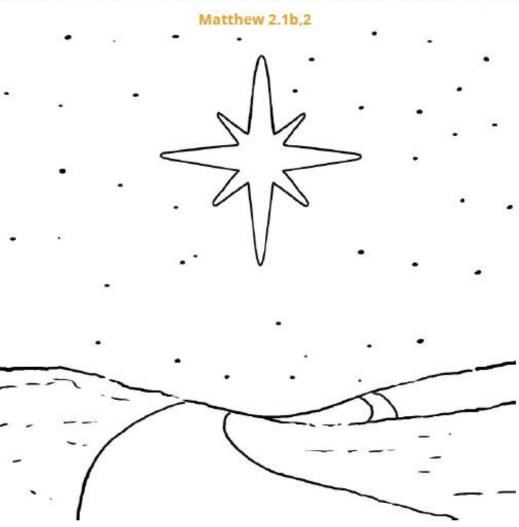
Isaiah 30.15b



8 December

EXPLORE

Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'



9 December

DREAM

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife ... She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Matthew 1.20b,21



MAKE PEACE

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

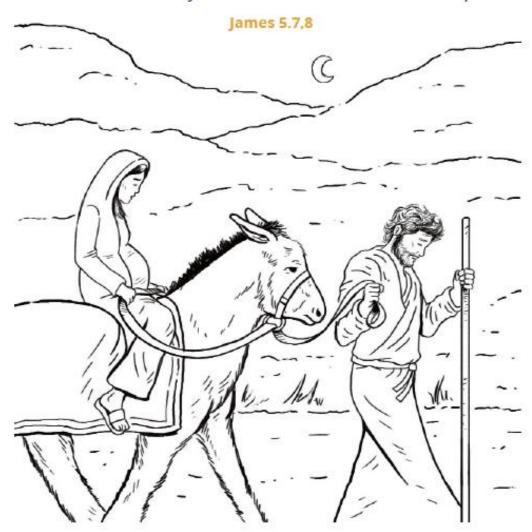
Philippians 4.7



BE PATIENT

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.

The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient.



12 December

BE STILL

Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!'
Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.

Mark 4.39

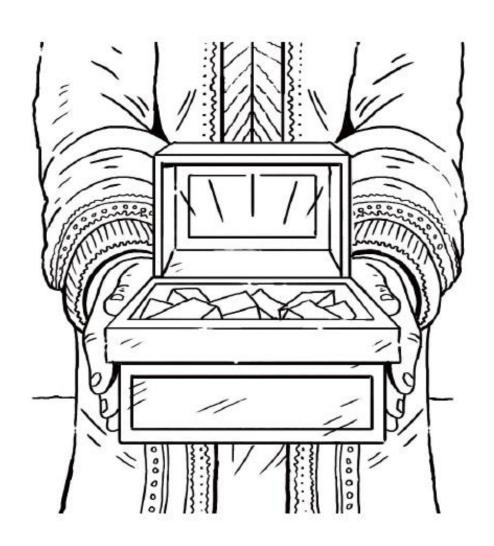


13 December

BE GENEROUS

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

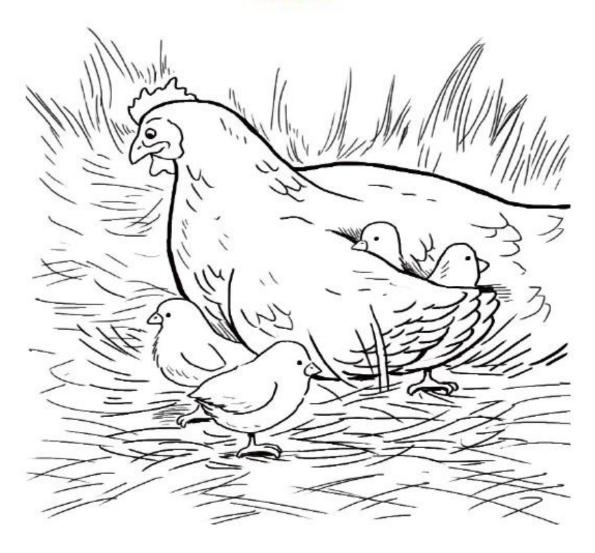
Proverbs 22.9



COMFORT

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Isaiah 40.1

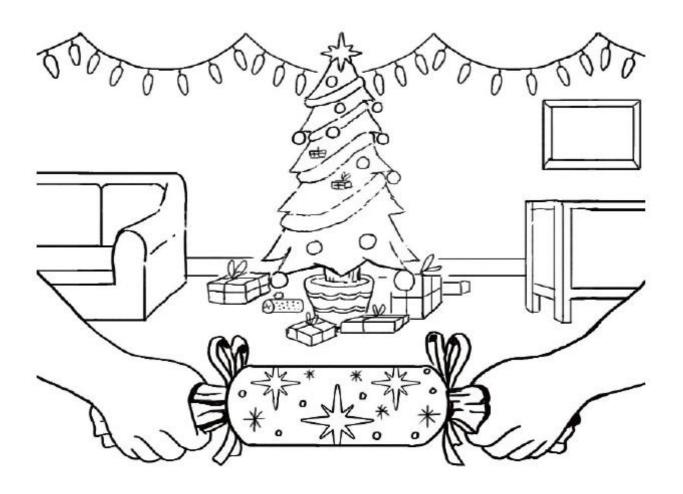


15 December

SHARE

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share ... so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

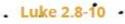
1 Timothy 6.18,19

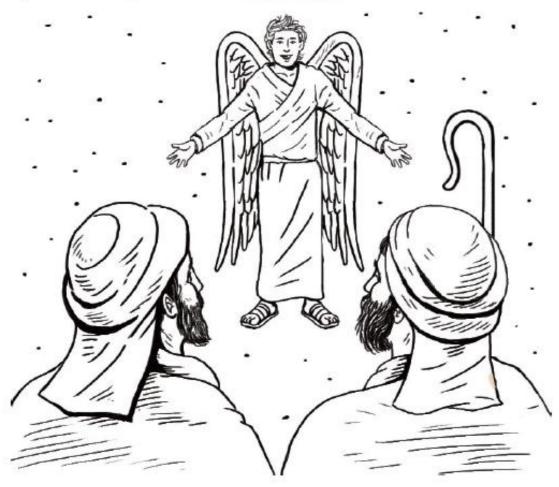


16 December

FEAR NOT

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.'





17 December

SING

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'





WONDER

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his wisdom is beyond all telling.

Psalm 147.4,5



19 December

REJOICE

The shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.



20 December

PRAISE

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2.20



21 December

WELCOME

While they were in Bethlehem ... Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



22 December

PONDER

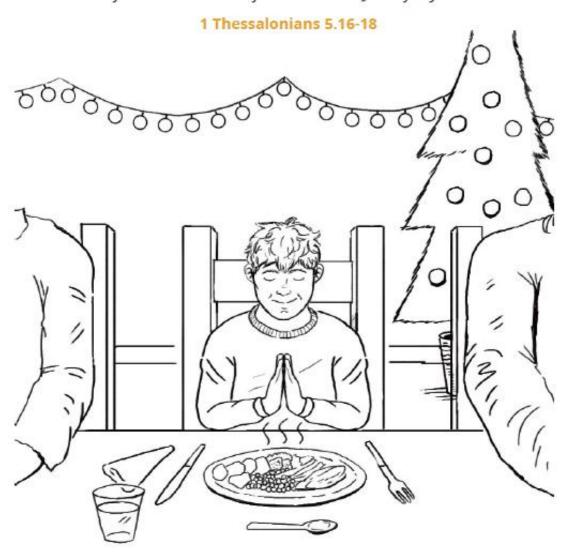
All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2.18,19



GIVE THANKS

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.



WORSHIP

When the wise men saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.

Matthew 2.10,11 (KJV)

