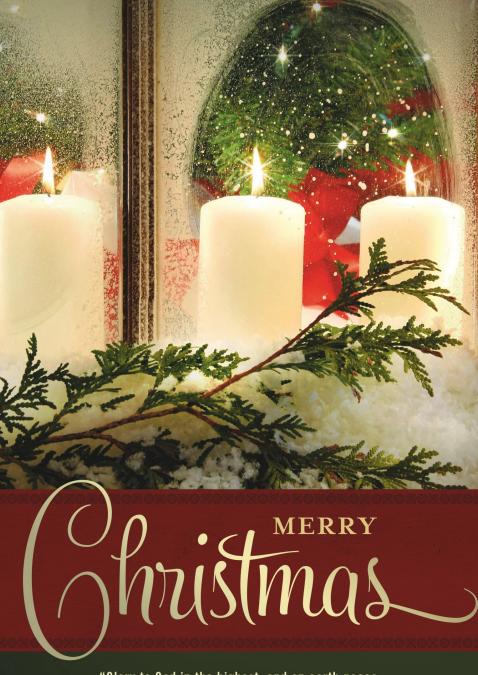


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Christmas Eve December 24 2020

4pm



"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ~ LUKE 2:14

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thank you for coming together in worship this morning. As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study. As you participate with heart and/or voice, the words will be displayed on your screen for your convenience.

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal.; **TFWS**=The Faith We Sing.

Christmas Eve Worship Service December 24, 2020

MESSAGE - Bands of Cloth

SCRIPTURES: Titus 2:11-14 and Luke 2:1-20

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Unexpectedly, the time came! The child was born! The Savior of the world is here! PEOPLE: LEADER: Unexpectedly, the angels told the shepherds of the newborn Savior; The Savior of the world is here! PEOPLE: Unexpectedly, the shepherds went and found the child, lying in a manger. LEADER: The Savior of the world is here! PEOPLE: We wait for Christ to come again. We wait for Christ to enter our world and LEADER: lives in a new way. Come, Lord Jesus, Com! ALL:

LIGHTING OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CANDLES

THEME	Welcoming the Guests
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:11-14
RESPONSE	A savior is born, indeed. Joy to the world!

MUSIC

SPECIAL MUSIC	What Child is This	by Dix/Stainer
PRE-SERVICE	O Little Town of Bethlehem	by Redner/McDonald
	In the Bleak Midwinter	by Holst/Forrest/Wagner
PRELUDE	Coventry Carol (Organ/Piano duet)	by Hayes/Gaspard
HYMNS	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	UMH 240
	Joy to the World	UMH 246
POSTLUDE	The Birthday of a King (Organ/Piano duet)	by Neidlinger/Smith/Hustad

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READINGS

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Luke 2:1-20

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she 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.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, 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." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent and Christmas Display

an opportunity for reflection and meditation

Visit the Sanctuary In-Person Sundays from 10-10:30 and 11:30-11:45 am Christmas Eve from 3:15 to 4 pm

View Virtually on our YouTube channel Sundays from 10-10:15 and 11:30-11:45am

"though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow" Isaiah 1:18

The red drape represents our sins and the snowflakes forgiveness.

May each of us be blessed!



Lift up your Hearts:

A weekly prayer for the Baltimore-Washington Conference from the Appointive Cabinet. Holy God of Light and Love,

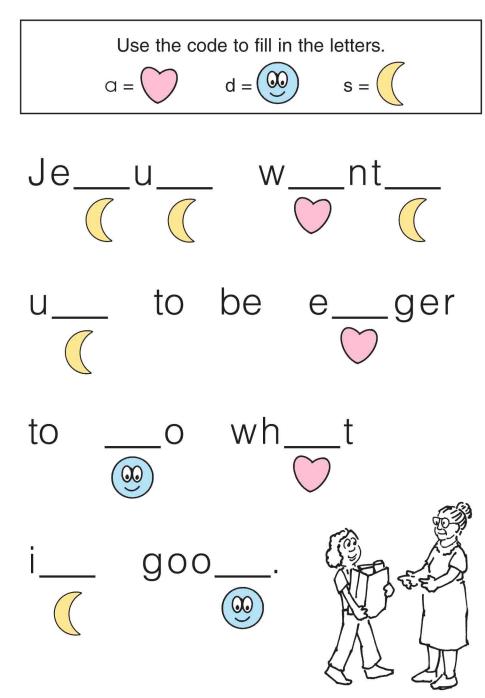
Our time of Advent preparation is drawing down. We know that Isaiah prophesied, and John the Baptist prepared the way. We have sun, "O

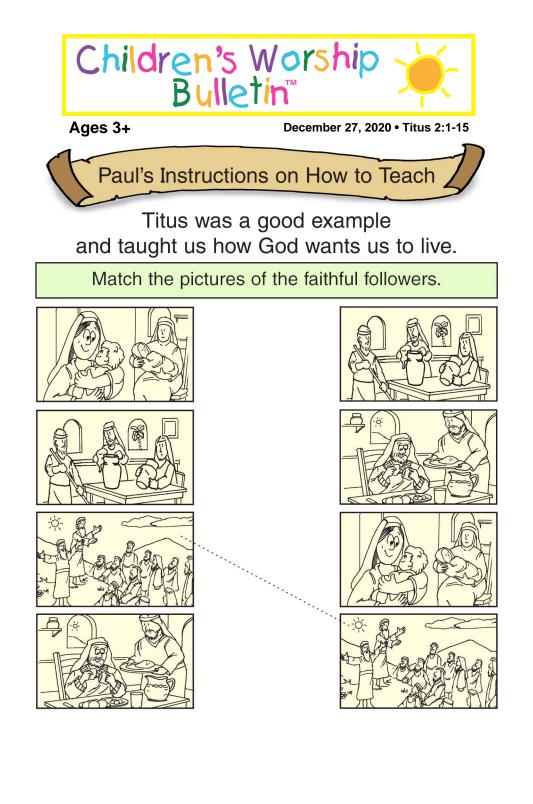
Come, O Come, Emmanuel." We have prayed to become like Mary and Joseph, obedient and ready to embrace a child who will be our savior. We await a miracle: for the Word to become flesh and dwell among us.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Shine your light into our darkness. Pour your love into our weary and hardened hearts. Have mercy on us, until our hearts are strangely warmed, and we surrender to you, the Source of Life. This silent and holy night, we want to walk as children of light, we want to follow Jesus. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Enjoy the Music - go to YouTube.com and search Methodist Worldwide Virtual Choir







Titus set a good example by teaching what was good.

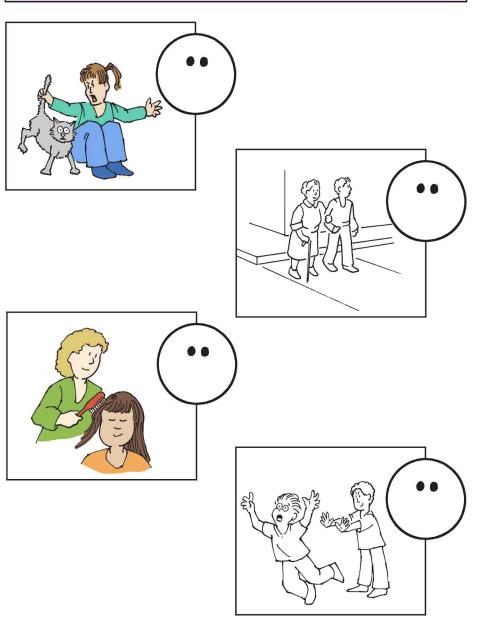
Circle the people living the way Titus instructed.



The grace of God teaches us to say no to wrong.

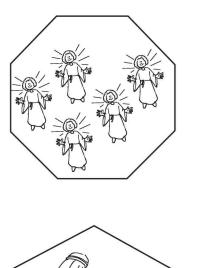
Add a smiling mouth to those who are being good examples. Add a sad mouth to those who are not!

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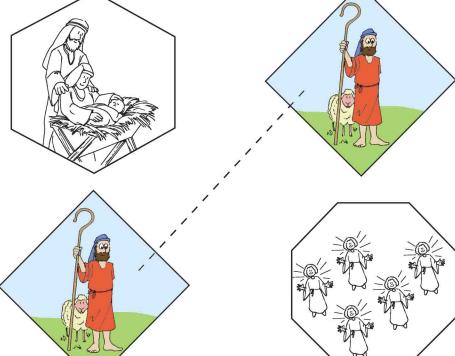


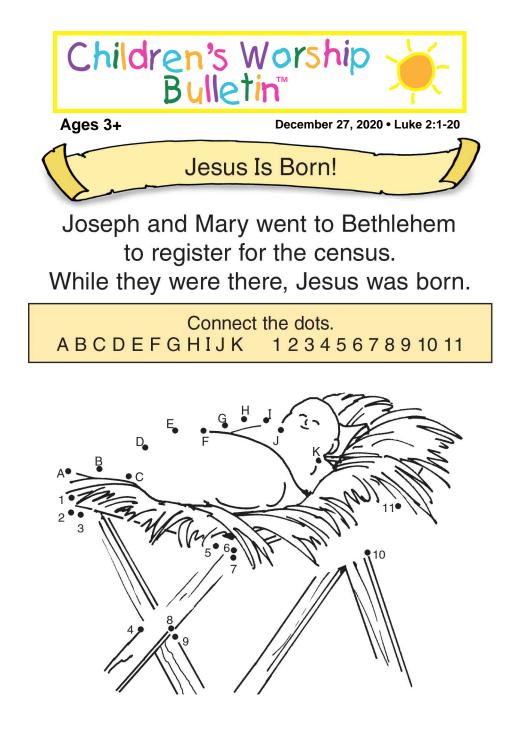
The shepherds praised God for all the things they had heard and seen!

Match the pictures.

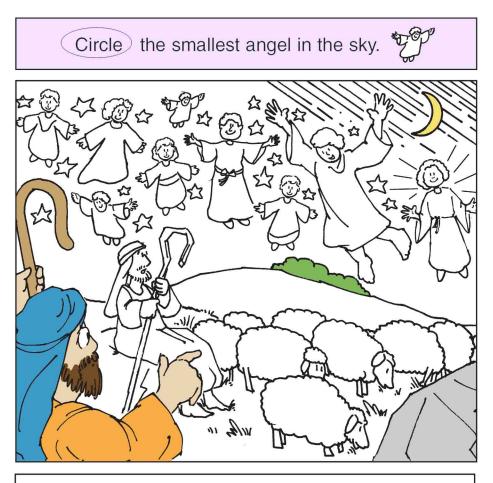








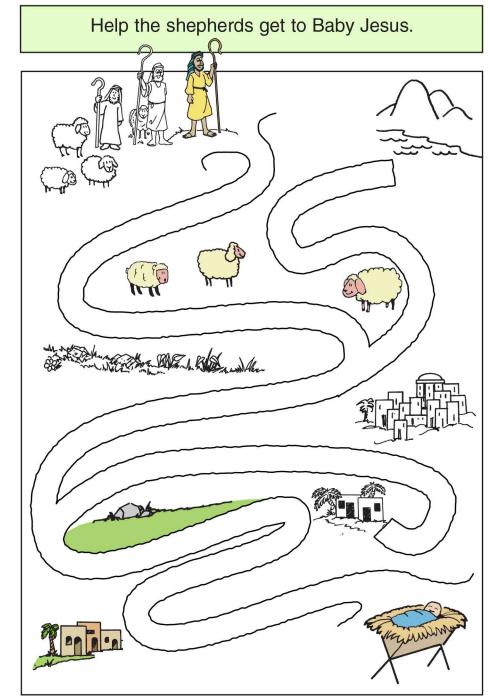
Shepherds in the fields were watching their flocks at night. An angel came, and they were scared! But the angel had good news: "A Savior is born!" Then many more angels appeared, praising God.

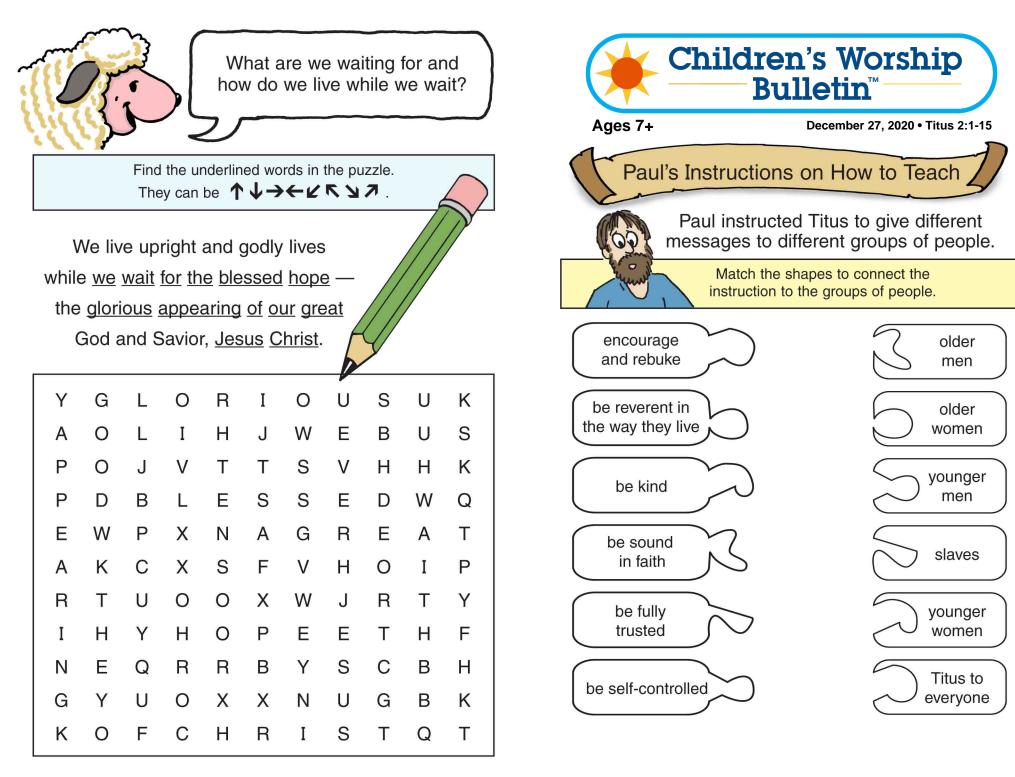


Trace the word.

SAVIOR

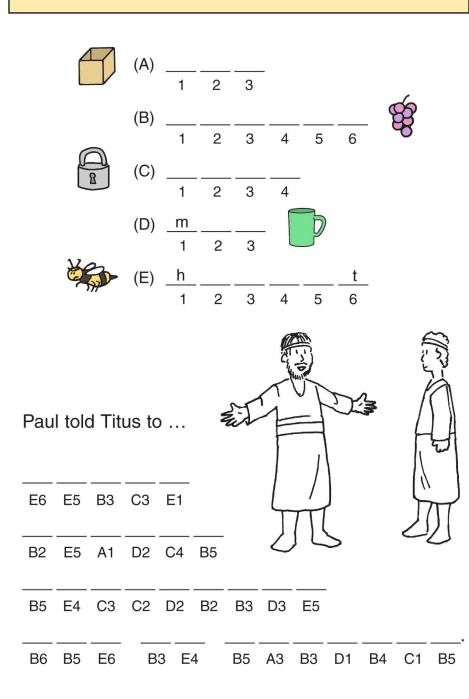
The shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to find the newborn Savior.





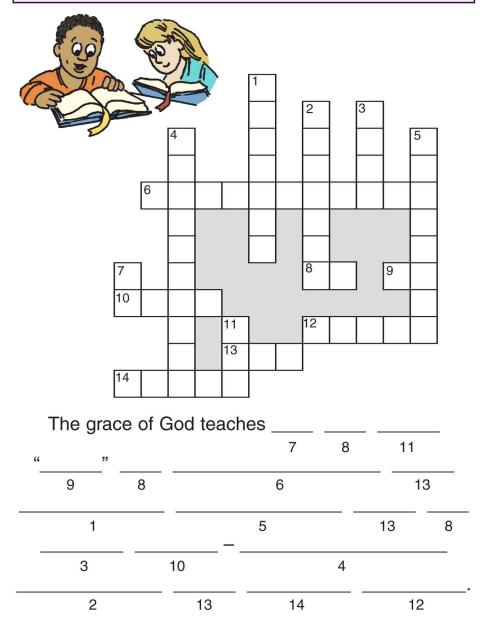
What 4 things did Paul tell Titus to do?

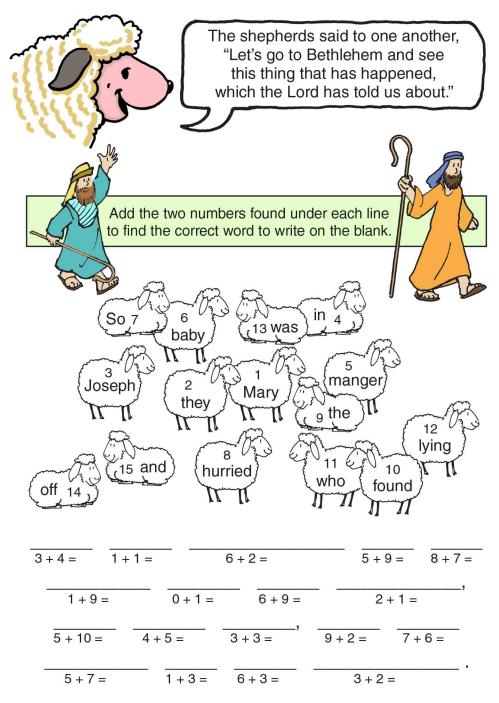
Name the objects, then transfer the letters to the blanks.



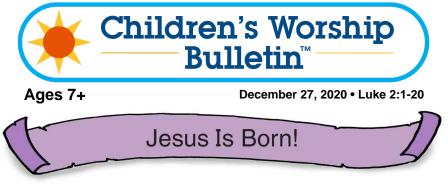
What does the grace of God teach us to do?

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	us	live	lives	passions	



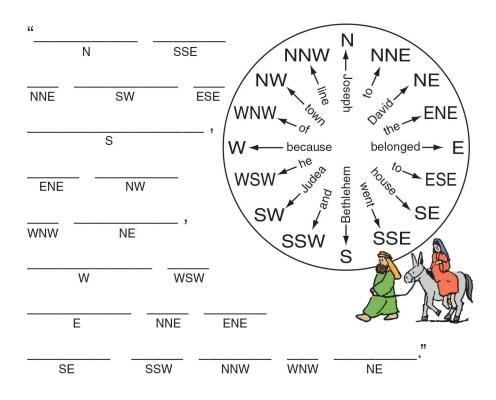


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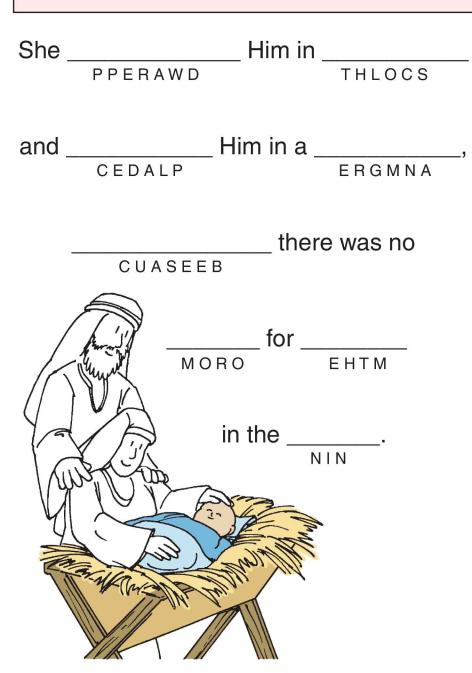
Joseph and Mary traveled to register for the census.

Use the compass code to fill in the blanks.



While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary's baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

Unscramble the letters to fill in the missing words.



There were shepherds in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Copy the words from the puzzle pieces to find out what else he said.

