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— DECEMBER —

Reading Habit Tracker

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Quote of the Month

Christmastime List

Picture Books

Title	Author	Read
<i>The Christmas Visitors</i>	Karel Hayes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Great Joy</i>	Kate DiCamillo	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Pick a Tree</i>	Patricia Toht	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Holly and Ivy</i>	Rumer Godden	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Big Big Big Christmas</i>	Mei Shan Dibble	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Merry Christmas Little Lamb</i>	Michelle Freeman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Siamese Kittens and the Christmas Hedgehog</i>	Michael A G Haykin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The King and the Shepherd Boy</i>	Sam Brewster	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Unexpected Gift</i>	Annie Kratzsch	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>If I Were in Charge of Christmas</i>	Helen Buckley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The First Christmas Song</i>	Alison Brewis	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Very Noisy Christmas</i>	Tim Thornborough	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Sounding Joy</i>	Ellie Holcomb	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Littlest Watchman</i>	Scott James	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The King of Christmas</i>	Todd R. Hains	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect</i>	Richard H. Schneider	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Christmas Light</i>	Claudia Cangilla McAdam	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Jesus Came for Me</i>	Jared Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Best News of All</i>	Sally Michael	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Home by Another Way</i>	Barbara Brown Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A Gingerbread House</i>	Julie Lavender	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Christmas Tree Ship</i>	Carol Crane	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Too Many Tamales</i>	Gary Soto	<input type="checkbox"/>

Christmastime List

Board Books

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<i>Dachshund through the Snow</i>	Michelle Medlock Adams	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>One Night in Bethlehem</i>	Jill Roman Lord	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>The Silent Noisy Night</i>	Jill Roman Lord	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>That Grand Christmas Day!</i>	Jill Roman Lord	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Happy Birthday, Christmas Child</i>	Laura Sassi	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Good Night Manger</i>	Laura Sassi	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>A Very Fiona Christmas</i>	Richard Cowdry, Illustrator	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>My First Story of Christmas</i>	Tim Dowley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>'Twas the Evening of Christmas</i>	Glenys Nellist	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Room for a Little One</i>	Martin Waddell	<input type="checkbox"/>

My Picks

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Watch Me Write

"A Christmas Wish"

Christmas is a time filled with hopes, dreams, and love. It's when we think about the special moments that make our hearts feel warm and bright.

Think about these things: a sparkling Christmas tree, the kindness of a friend, or a starry night reminding you of Jesus' love.

Writing Prompt: Write a story about a Christmas memory or hope that fills your heart with joy. Maybe it's about a time you gave a gift, helped someone, or felt extra loved. For younger children, use the Watch Me Draw page to create a picture instead!

Outline Questions to Get Started:

Who is with you in your story?

Where does this take place?

What happens that makes this Christmas special?

How does your story end?

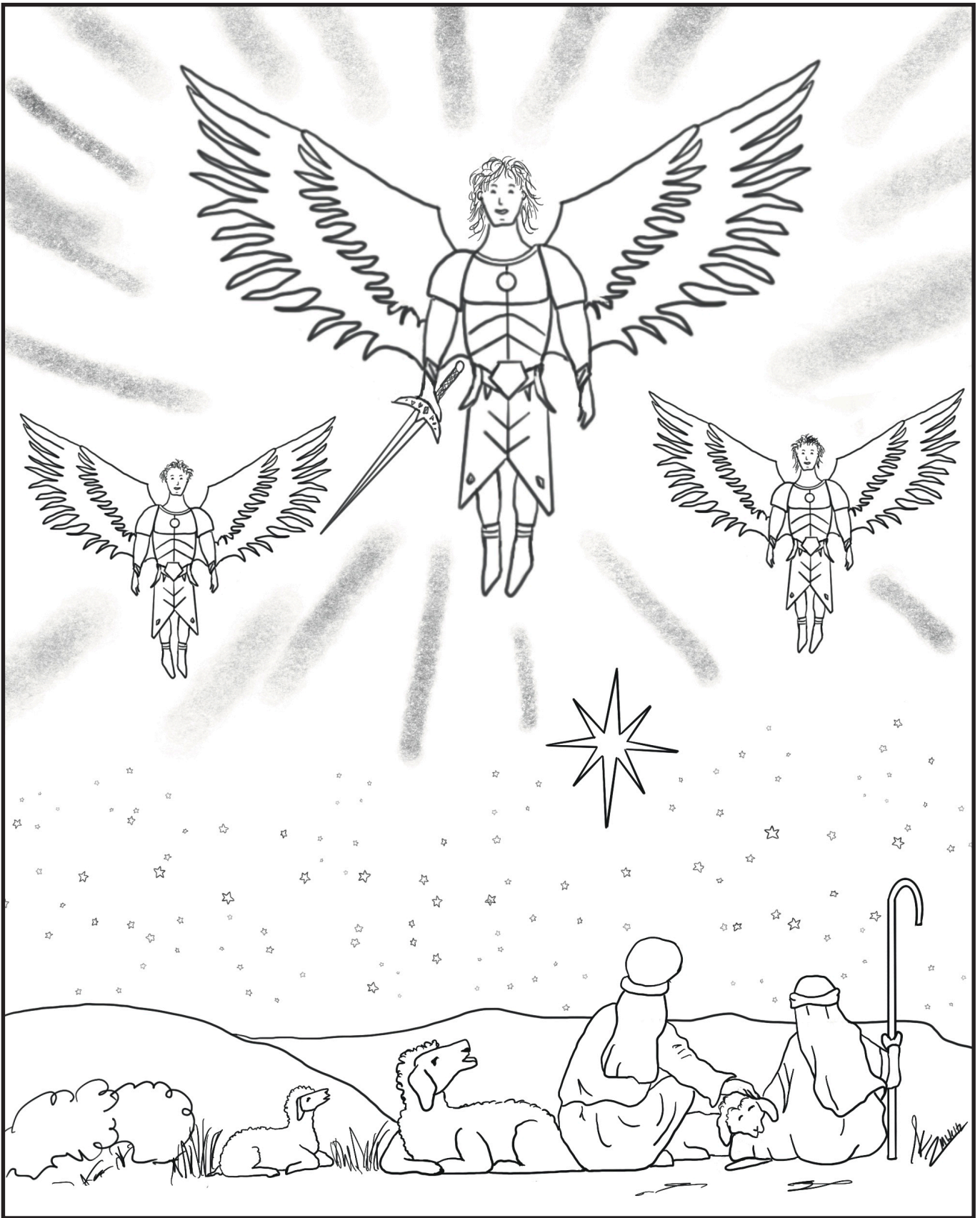
Watch Me Draw

"A Christmas Wish"

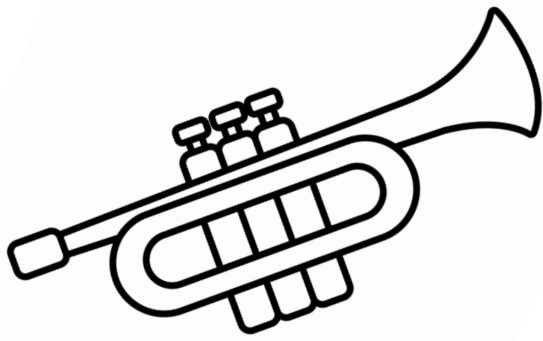
Do not be afraid!



I bring you good news!



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JOY




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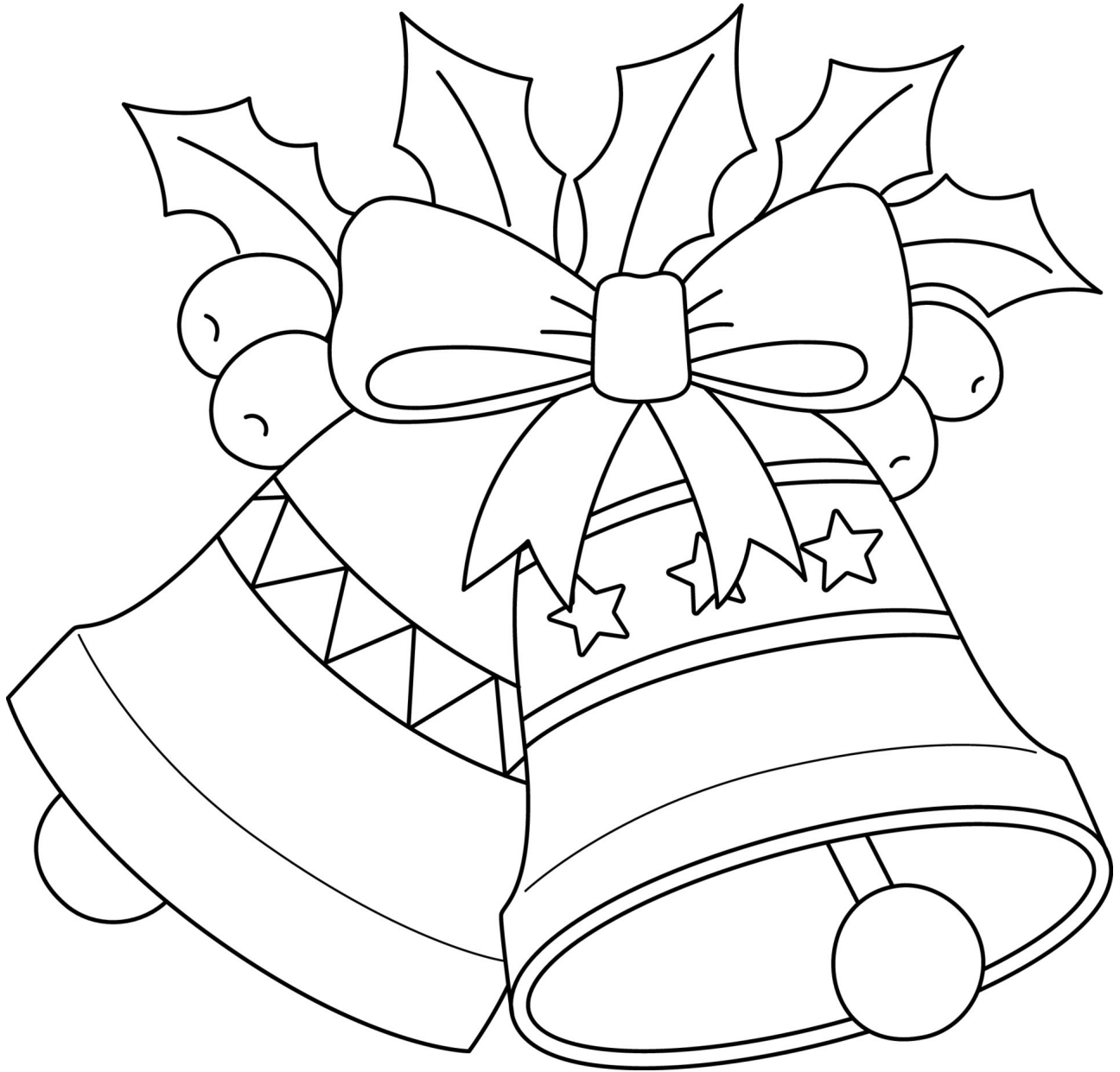




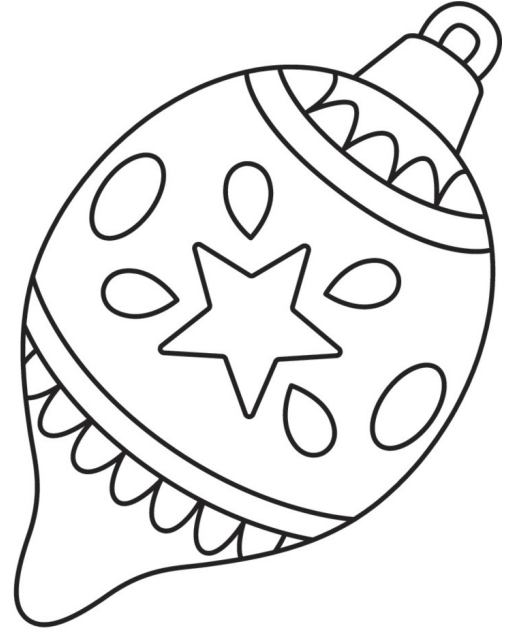
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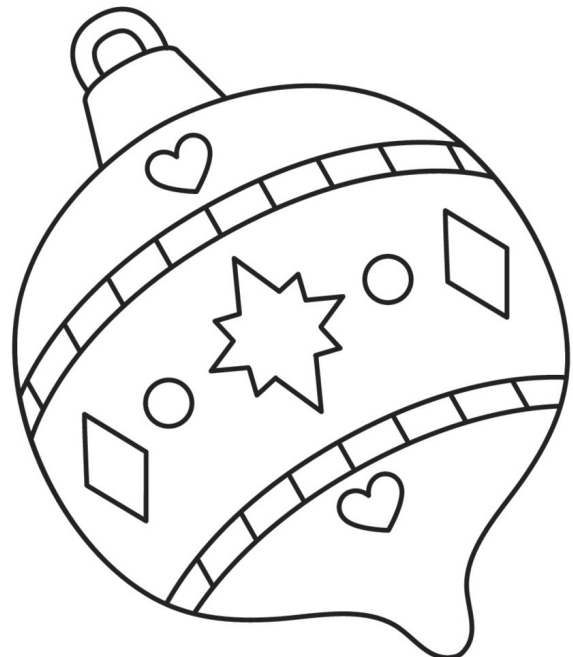
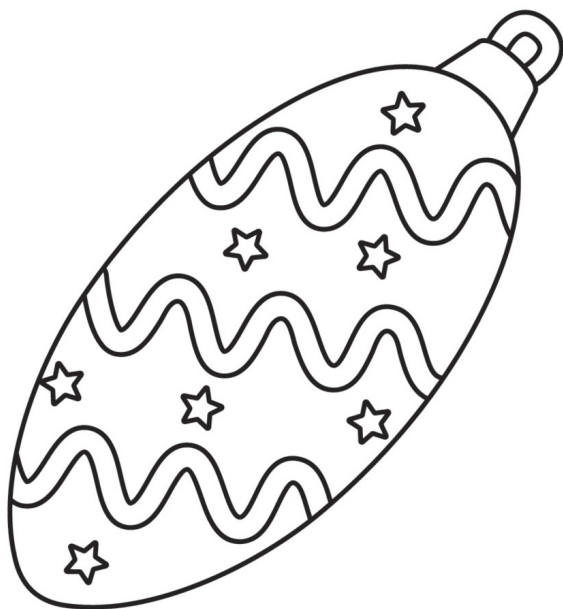
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CHRISTMAS!



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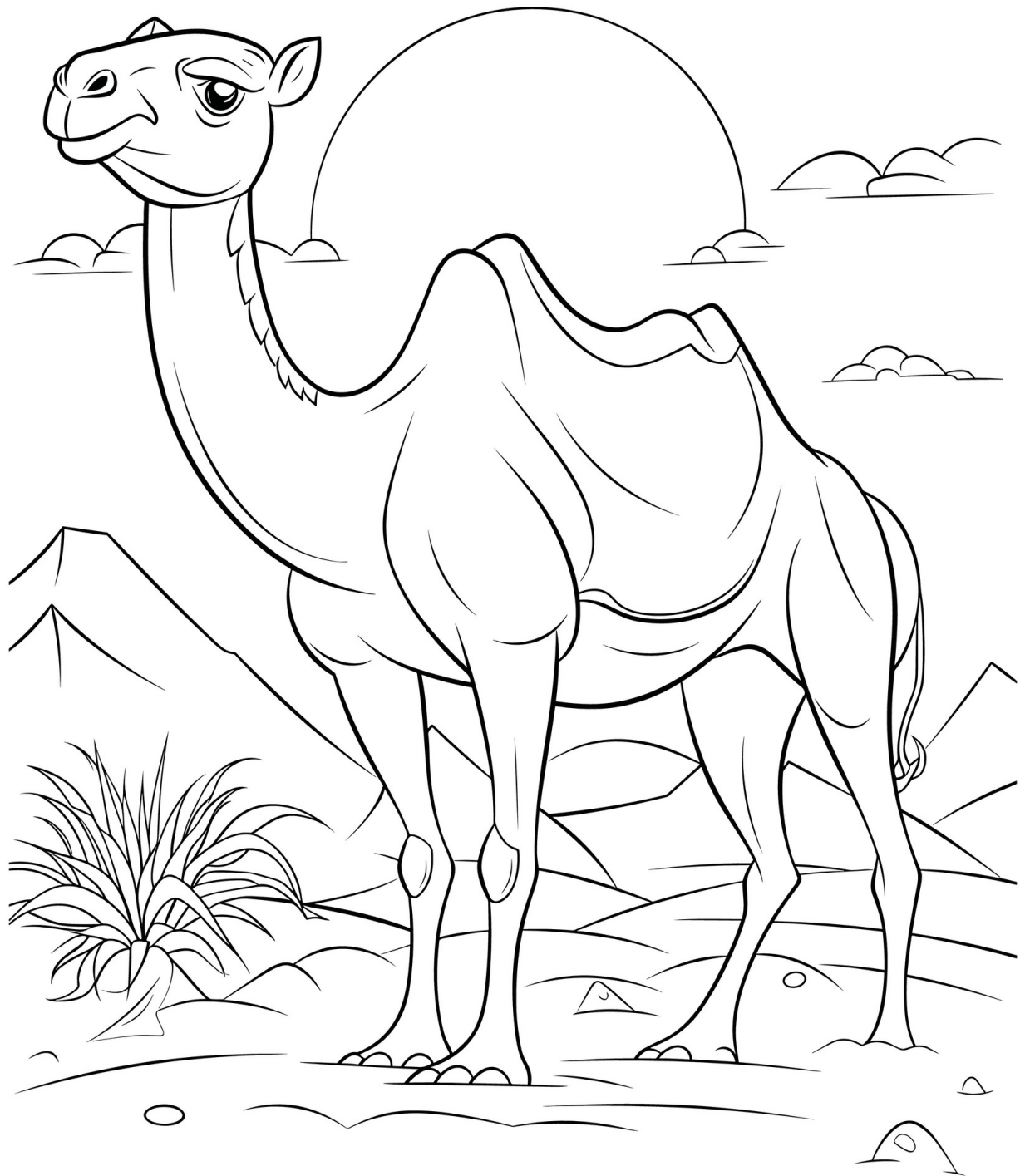




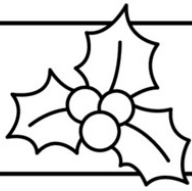
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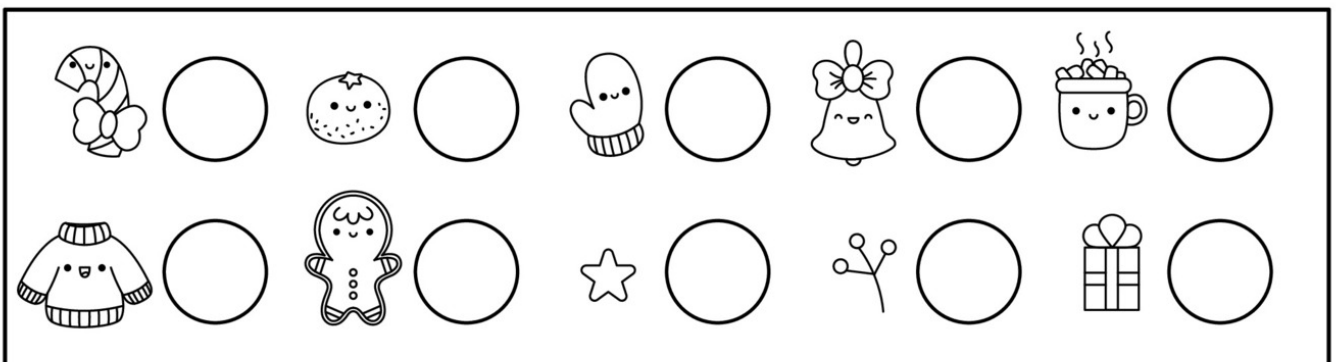
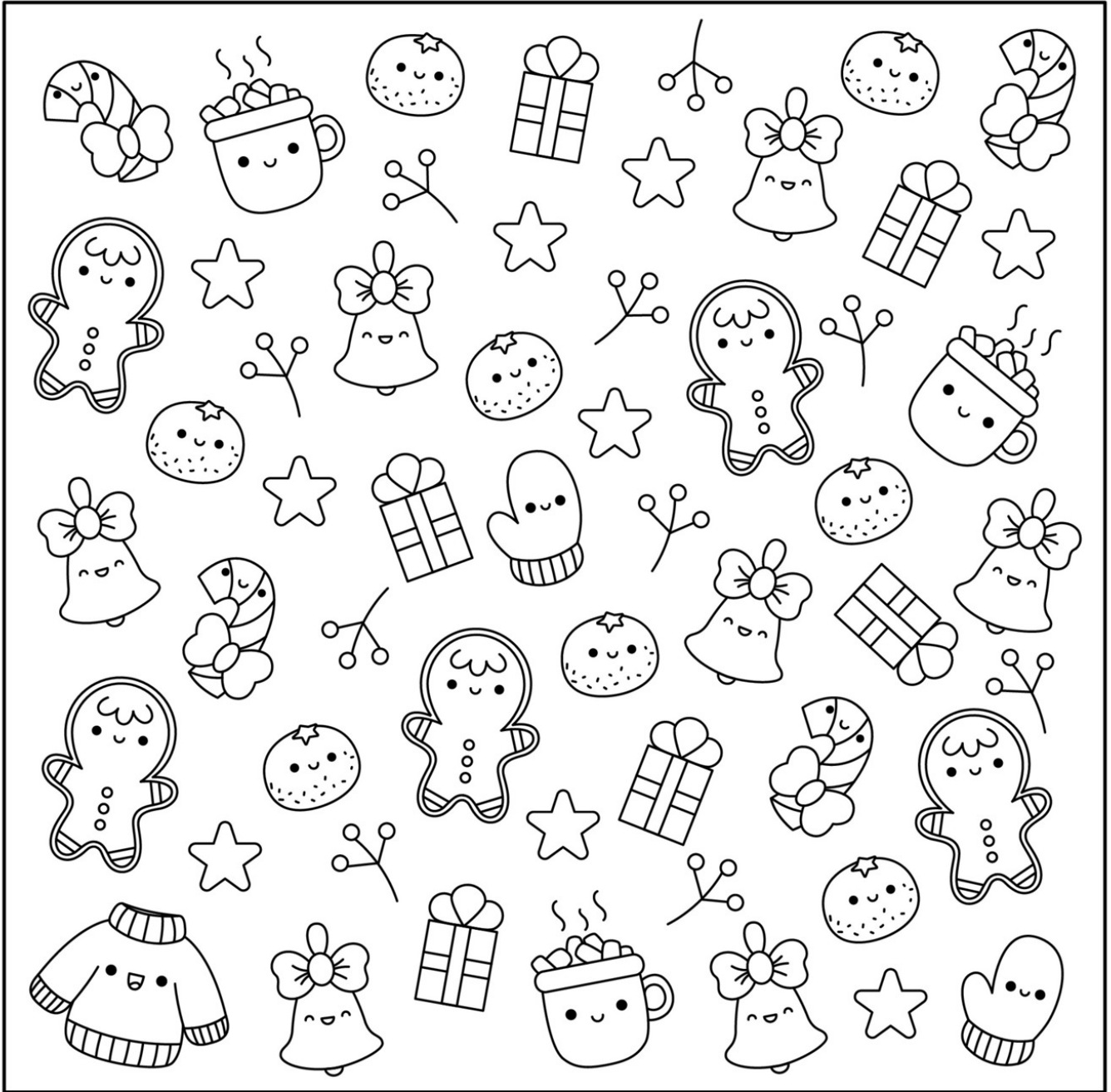
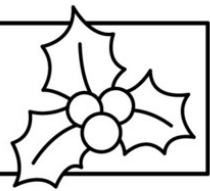
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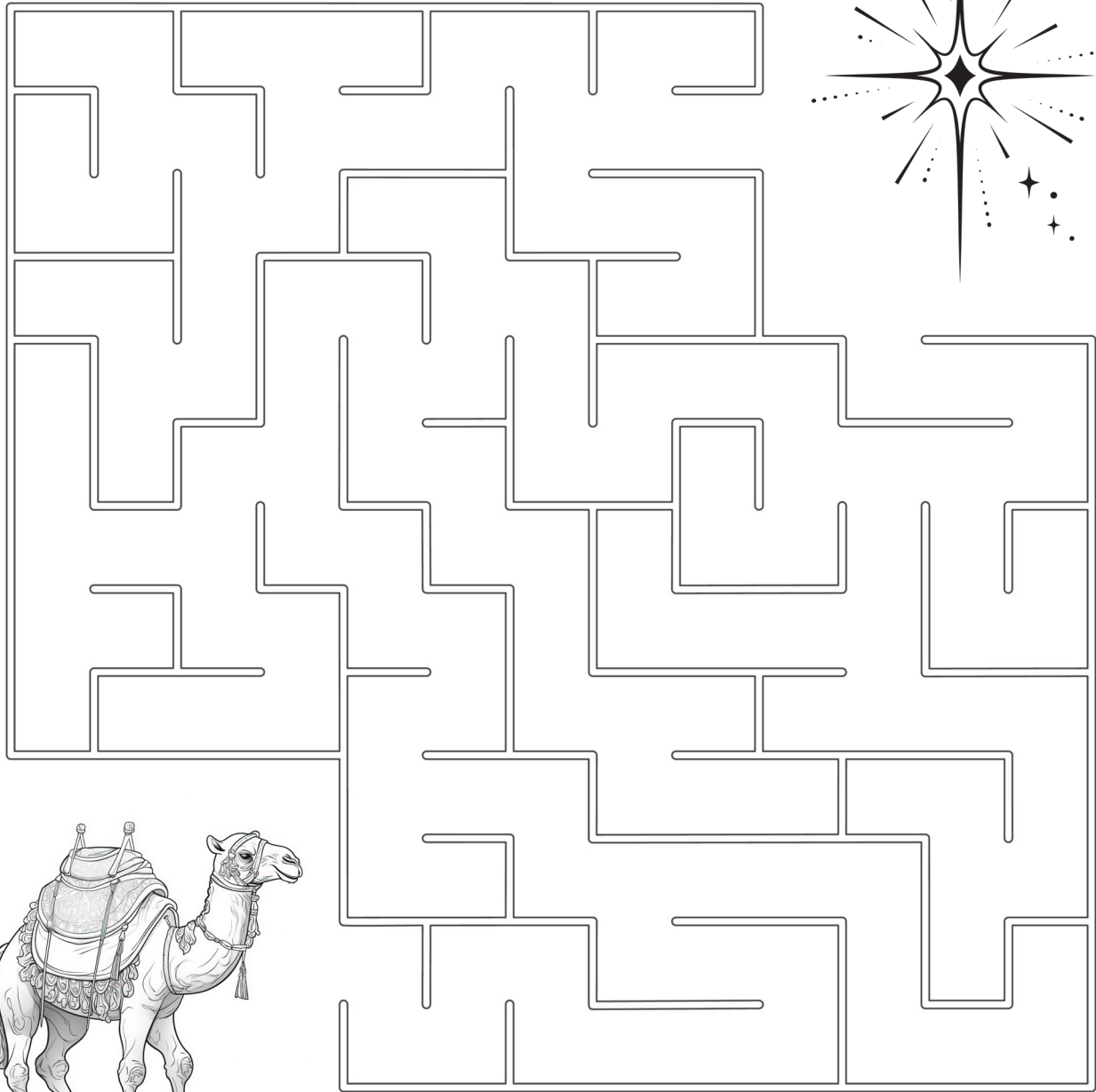


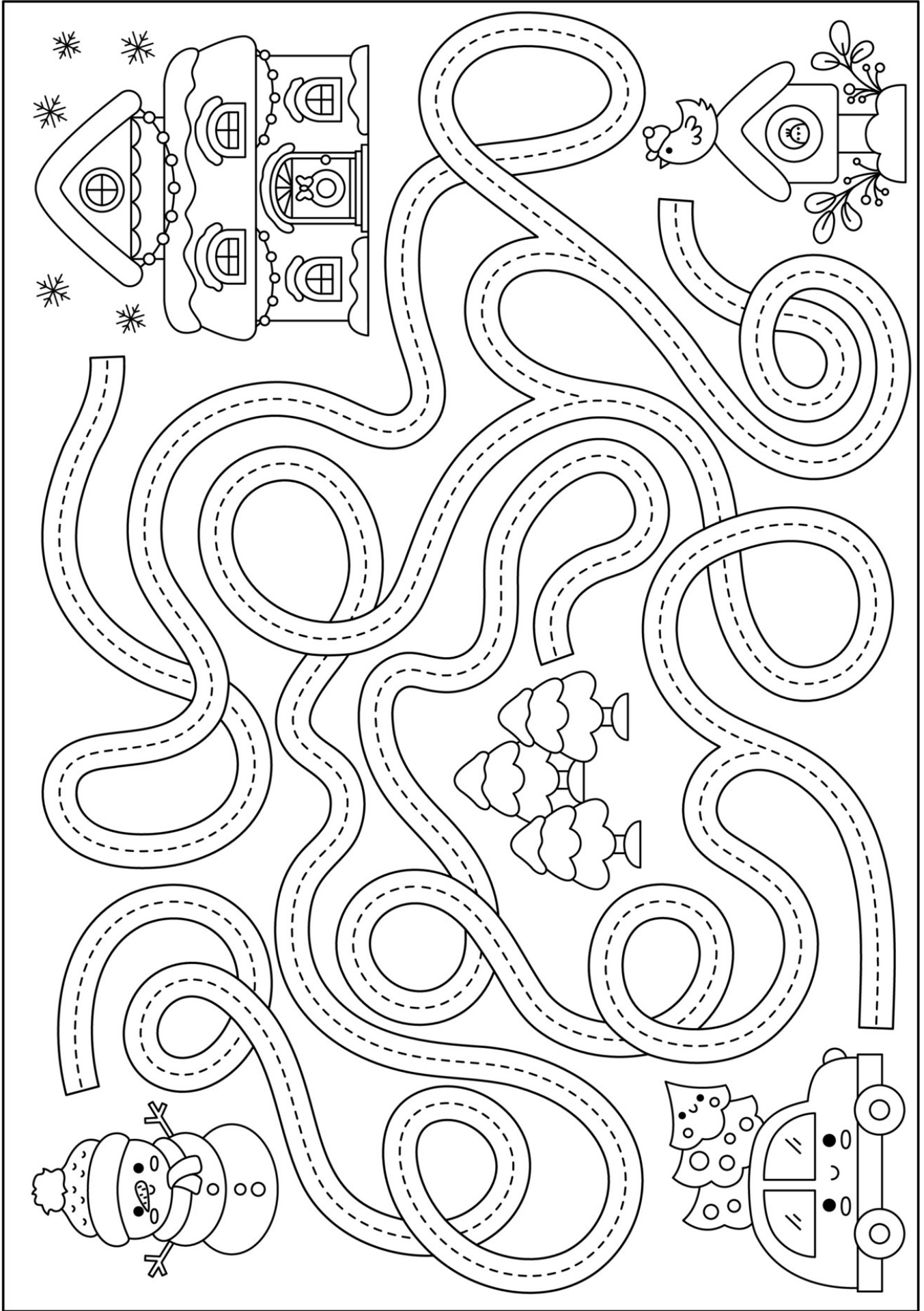


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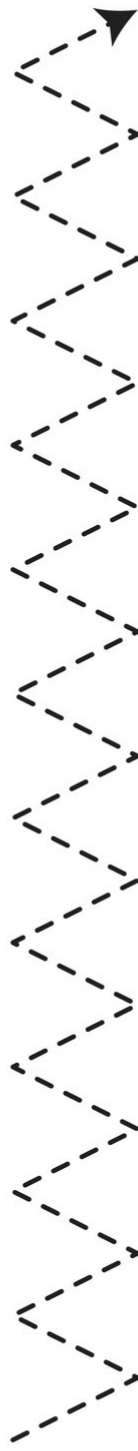
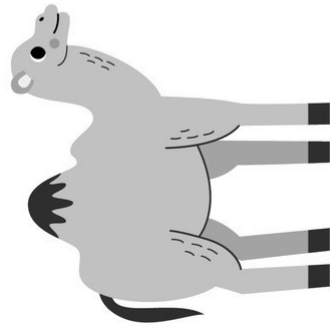
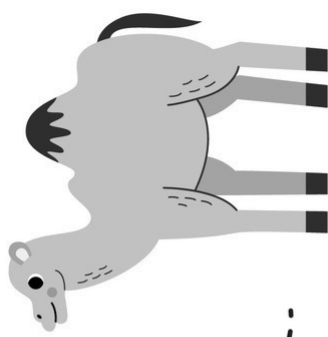
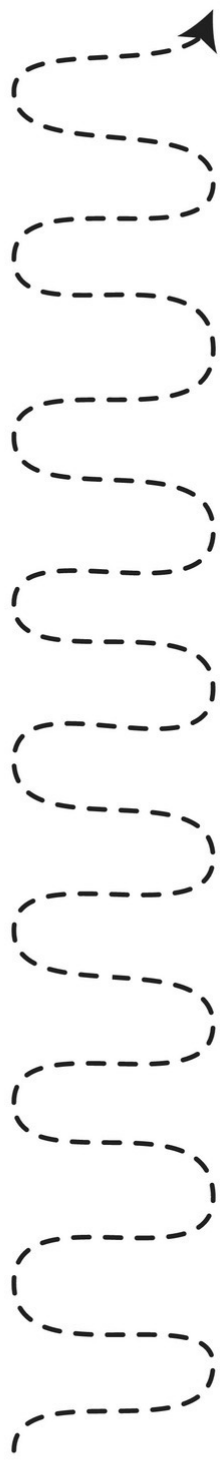
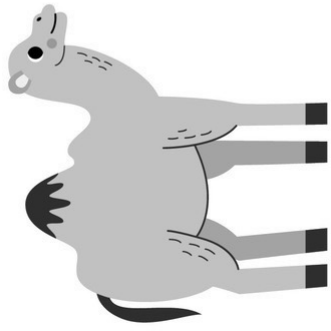


Help our Camel friend find the star!

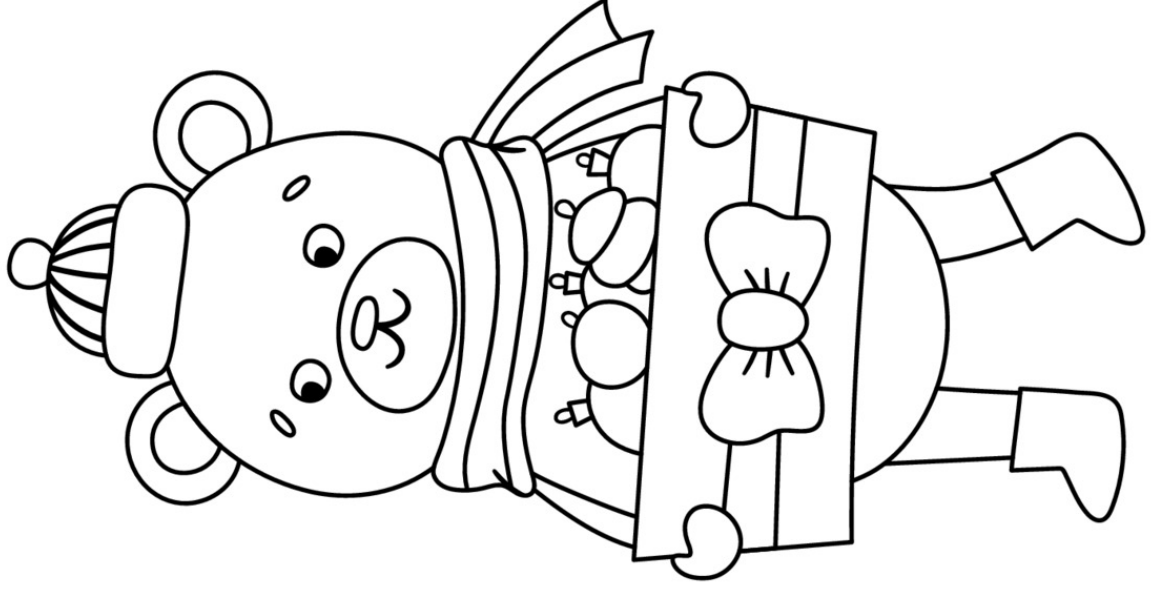
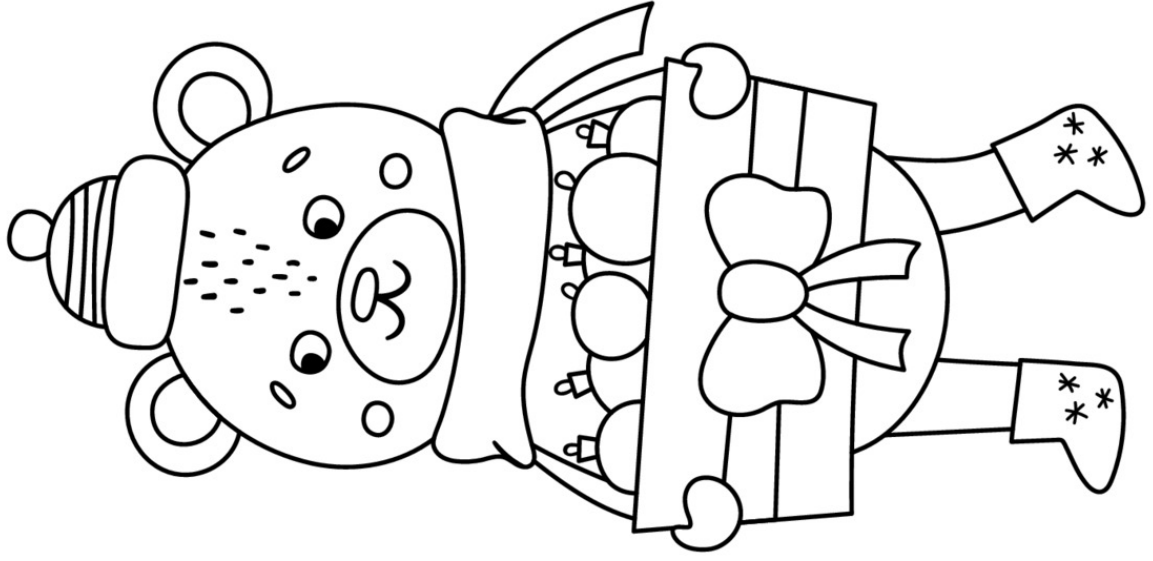




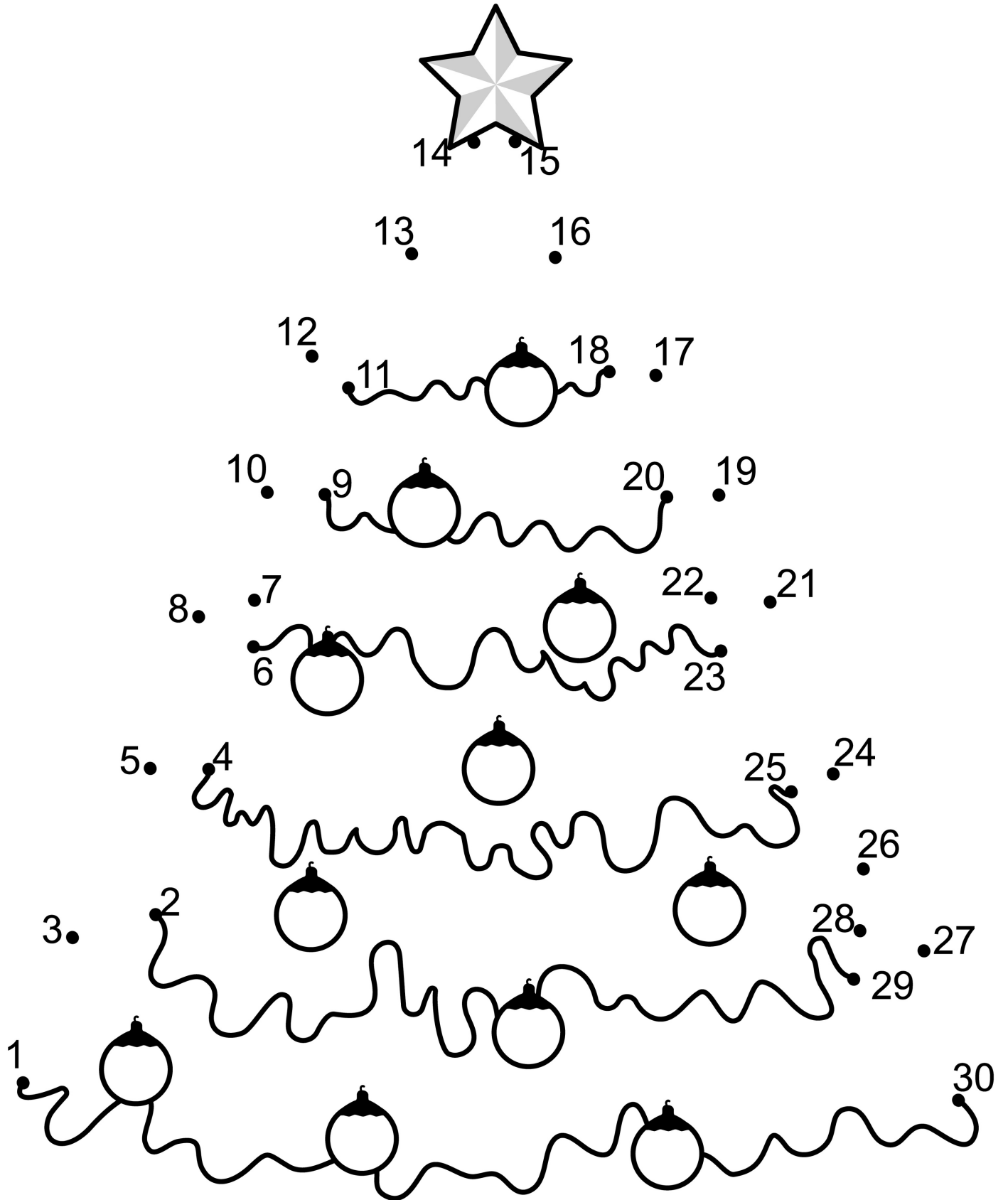
Handwriting Practice



Find the ten differences!



Connect the Dots



A Christmas Carol

by Christina Rossetti (1830–1894)

The Shepherds had an Angel,
The Wise Men had a star,
But what have I, a little child,
 To guide me home from far,
Where glad stars sing together
 And singing angels are?

Those Shepherds through the lonely night
 Sat watching by their sheep,
Until they saw the heavenly host
 Who neither tire nor sleep,
All singing “Glory, glory,”
 In festival they keep.

The Wise Men left their country
 To journey morn by morn,
With gold and frankincense and myrrh,
 Because the Lord was born:
God sent a star to guide them
 And sent a dream to warn.

My life is like their journey,
 Their star is like God’s book;
I must be like those good Wise Men
 With heavenward heart and look:
But shall I give no gifts to God?—
 What precious gifts they took!

A Christmas Carol Activities

The following activity sheets are a resource for group settings or for individual use.

The Wise Men brought gifts to Jesus—myrrh, gold, and frankincense—because they wanted to worship and honor Him. In her poem, Christina Rossetti asks, “What gifts can I give to God?” Now it’s your turn to think about the special gifts you have to give! Here is a list of the activity pages to help answer that question. Be creative. Be you!

Reflect and Imagine

Think about the gifts that come from your heart. These might not be things you can hold, like gold or frankincense, but they can be just as precious if not more so. There's a sheet for you to write and one to draw your ideas. Your ideas could turn into smiles!

Create a Starry Keepsake

Cut out a star shape from paper or use the star template provided. On your star, write a word or phrase that describes your gift. Maybe “kindness,” “helping a friend,” or “prayers”. Make it your own. Make it shine!

Share the Light

Hang your star in your room or on your Christmas tree to remind you of your gift to Jesus. When you have the opportunity, share your gift by doing 'that something' for someone in your family or community. Go and shine!

Dig Deeper

You already know the Wise Men brought three amazing gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These weren't ordinary presents—they each told us something special about Jesus! Dig in to the deep symbolism and more!

Reflect, Imagine, and Draw!

Think about the gifts that come from your heart. These might not be things you can hold, like gold or frankincense, but they can be just as precious if not more so.

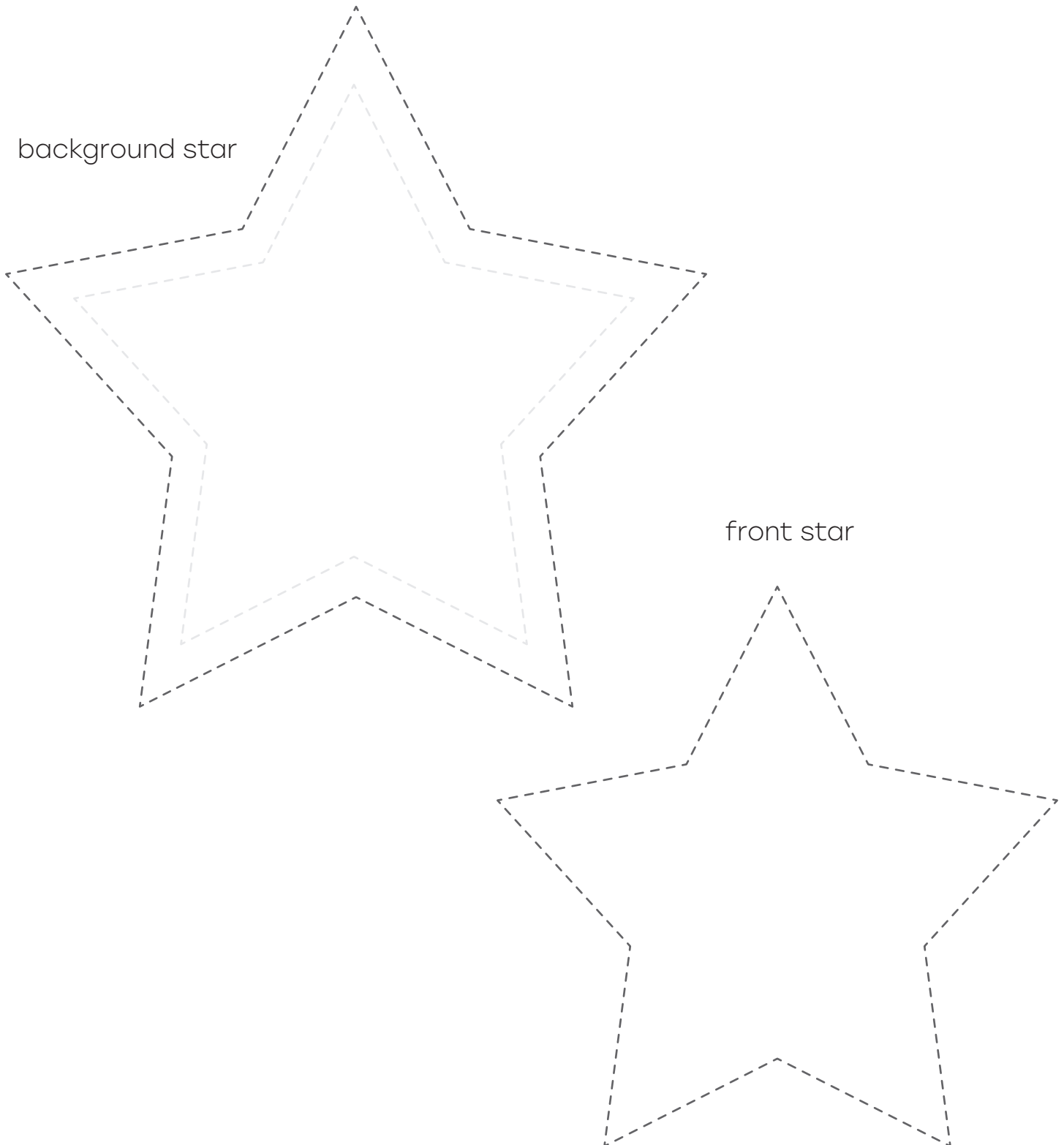
Think about kindness to others, helping someone in need, or saying prayers for those you care about. These are examples of gifts that come from the heart.

Imagine ways you can give from your heart. Draw your idea and ask God for an opportunity to make it happen!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Create a Starry Keepsake template. Color. Write. Cut. Glue.

Instructions: Color 'background star' shape. Practice what you want to write on a separate sheet; then write it on the 'front star' in a dark colored marker. Lightly color the front star, decorate with glitter etc. Cut out both stars. Paste the front star on the background star. Additionally, glue tinsel to the back of the background star. For a lasting ornament, consider enforcing with card stock and or laminating. Punch hole in top point for a ribbon for hanging.



Dig Deeper: The Gifts of the Wise Men: What Do They Mean?

When the Wise Men visited Jesus, they brought three amazing gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These weren't ordinary presents—they each told us something special about Jesus!

What They Are and Their Symbolic Meaning: These weren't random gifts, they had a deeper meaning about who Jesus is and what He would do!

Myrrh:

- Another resin, used to make oils for healing and burial.
- Myrrh points to Jesus as a **Prophet** and a sacrifice, showing His love and the promise of His death and resurrection.

Frankincense:

- A fragrant resin from tree sap, used in worship and prayer.
- Frankincense reminds us that Jesus is our **Priest**, helping us connect to God.

Gold:

- A shiny, precious metal often given to kings.
- Gold shows that Jesus is our **King**.

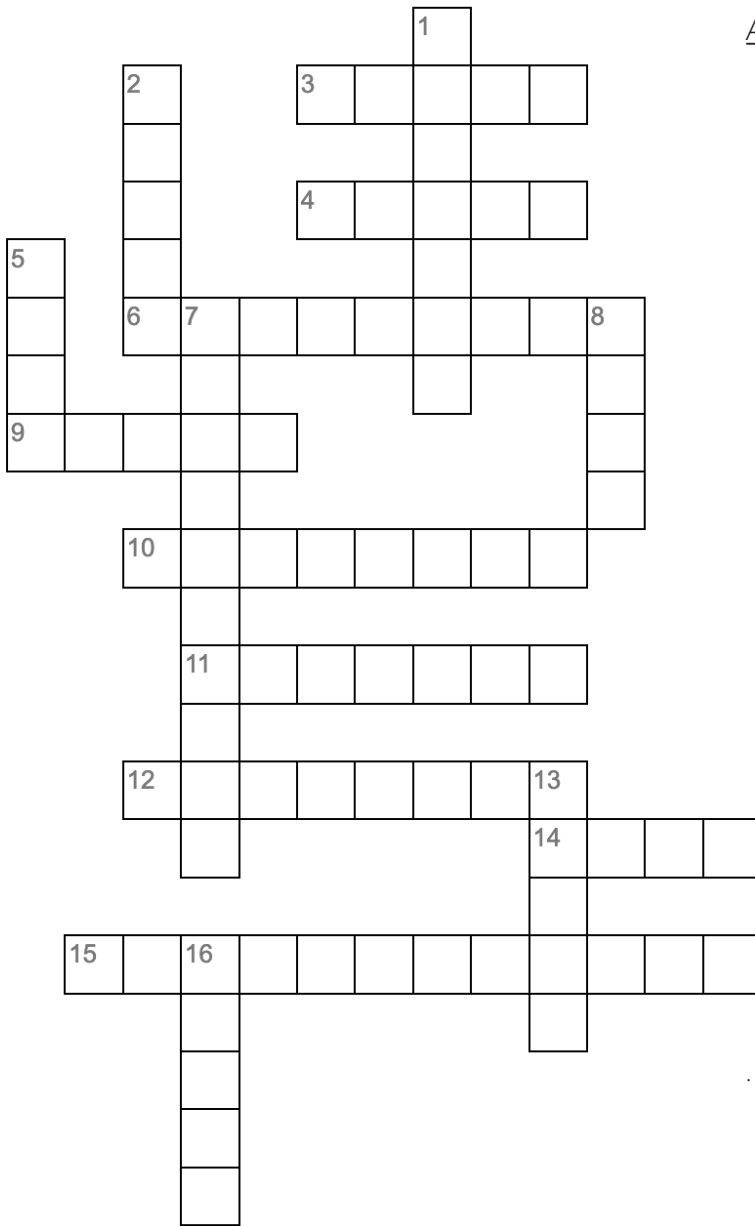
Challenge for Curious Kids

- Did you know that frankincense and myrrh come from tree sap? They were dried and turned into something called “resin” that smelled amazing when burned!
- Ask someone to help you research how frankincense or myrrh was used in Bible times. Write or draw what you discover!

Reflection Activity: Jesus as Prophet, Priest, and King.

- Draw three crowns, or use template provided and label each with one role of Prophet, Priest, and King.
- Inside each crown, write or draw something that shows how Jesus is each of these things in your life.

A Christmas Carol Crossword Puzzle



Across

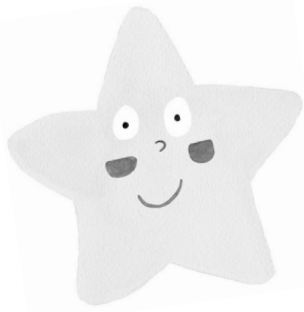
- 3 Great honor and praise, especially given to God.
- 4 A fragrant oil used for healing and special purposes in Bible times.
- 6 Lowly men tasked with herding and keeping livestock.
- 9 A vision or message received during sleep.
- 10 A joyful celebration, often marked by singing and gathering.
- 11 Travelers who brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus.
- 12 Something of great value, treasured deeply.
- 14 A large group of angels singing and praising God.
- 15 A sweet-smelling tree sap used in worship and prayer

Down

- 1 A long trip, often taken to reach a sacred or special place.
- 2 Special presents given as signs of love or honor.
- 5 A shiny, valuable metal fit for a king.
- 7 Toward the skies, or in the direction of God's home.
- 8 A bright light in the night sky, often used for guidance.
- 13 Animals cared for by shepherds in the fields.
- 16 A heavenly being who brings messages from God.

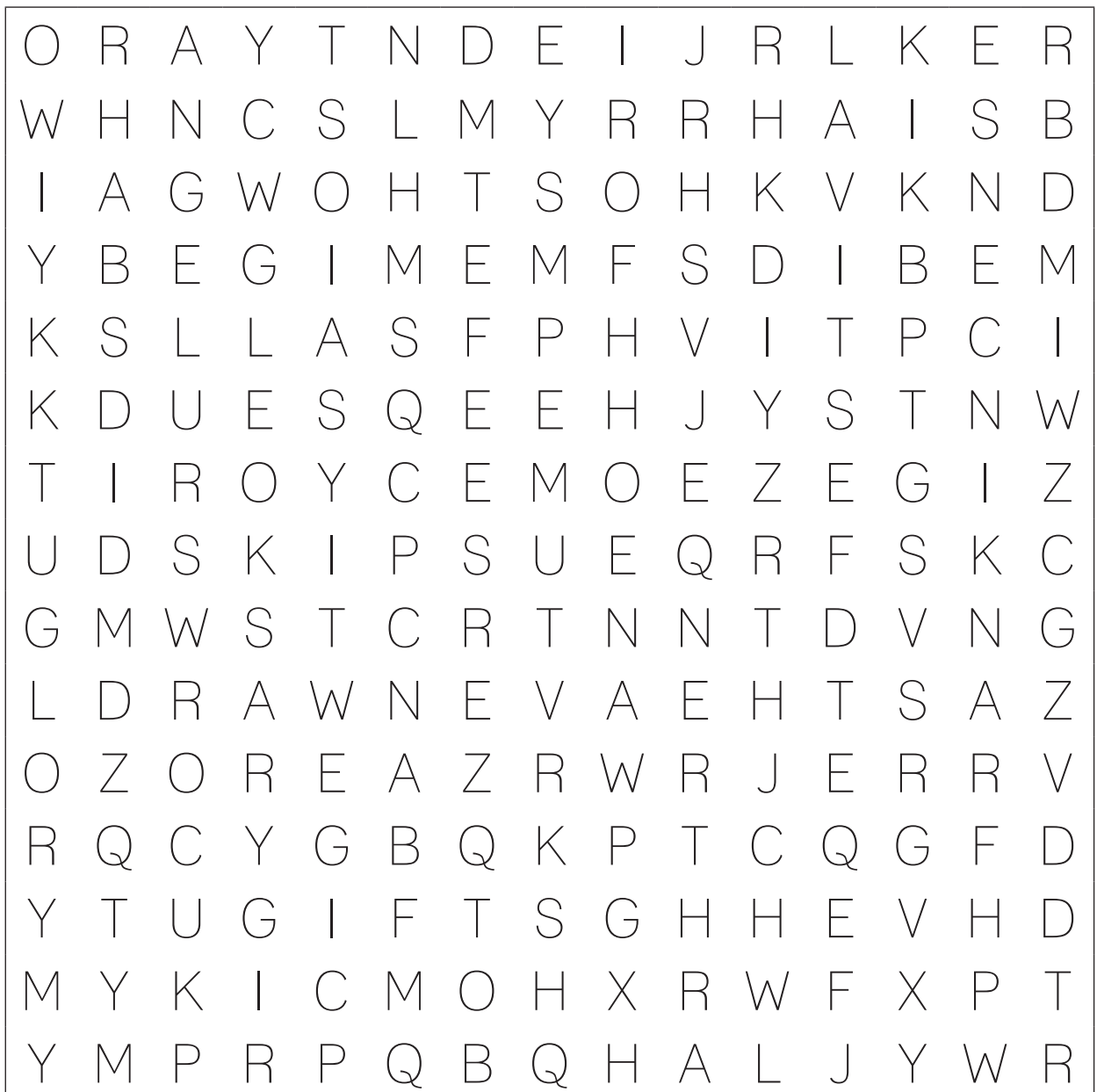
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Word Search #1



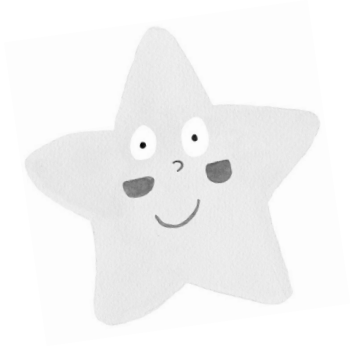
Words can be found in **any** direction and can share letters as they cross over each other.

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A Christmas Carol

Word Search #2

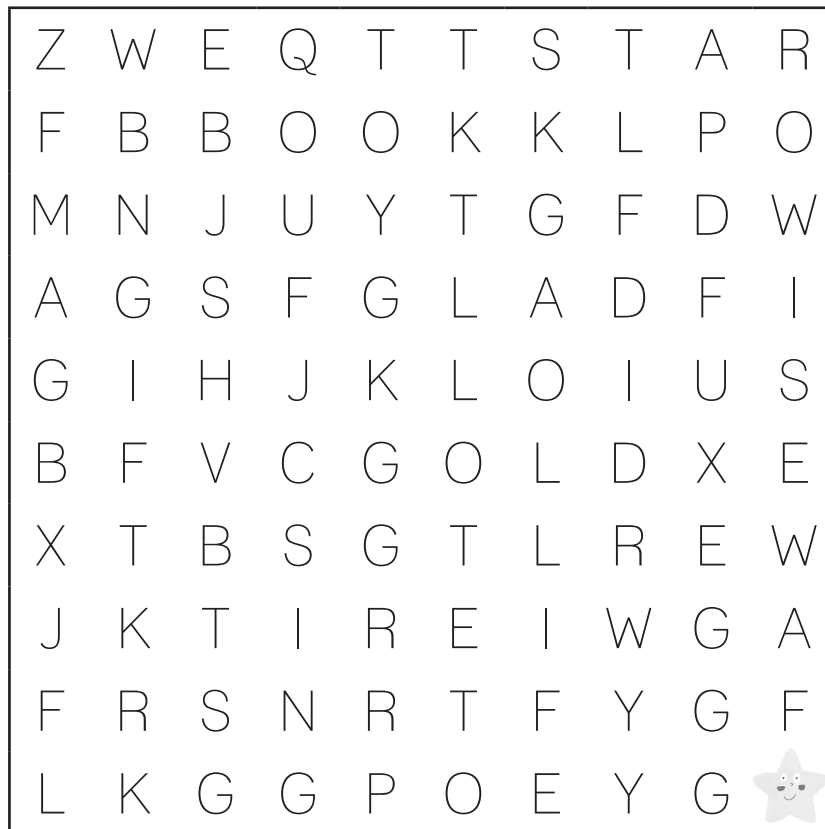


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RIDDLES



RIDDLE 1

I'm the ship of the desert, steady and grand,
Through scorching heat and endless sand.
With just one hump, I'm built to roam,
What am I, who calls the dunes my home?

What am I?

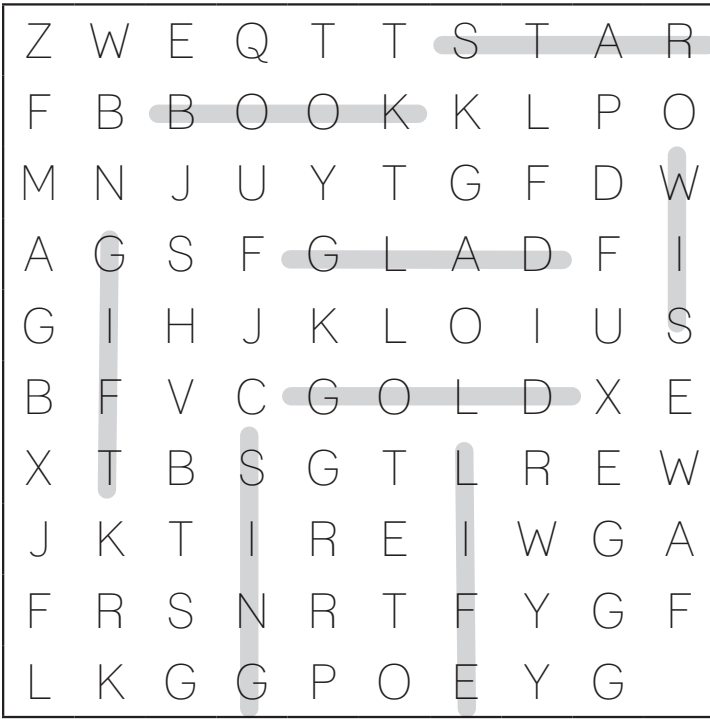
RIDDLE 2

It's an event so rare, so bright, so divine,
Unnatural and wondrous, a heavenly sign.
With power from God, it makes hearts soar,
What do we call this, that leaves us in awe and more?

What am I?

Puzzle Solutions

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Word Search #1

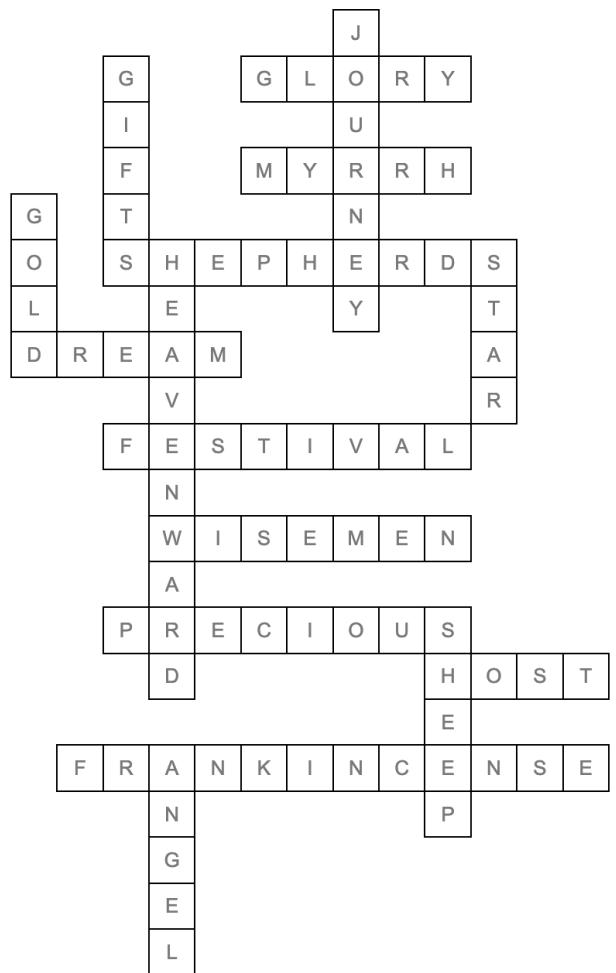


RIDDLE 1

An Arabian Camel

RIDDLE 2

A miracle



A Christmas Carol
Word Search #2

