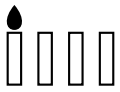
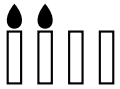
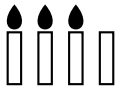
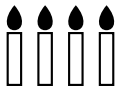
ADVENT 2026

From the First Sunday of Advent to Christmas Day • November 29 – December 25

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
WEEK 1 *Hope*  *violet candle*	**29** Nov *First Sunday of Advent* ○	**30** Nov *St. Andrew* ○	**1** Dec ○	**2** ○	**3** ○	**4** ○	**5** ○
WEEK 2 *Peace*  *violet candle*	**6** *Second Sunday • St. Nicholas* ○	**7** *St. Ambrose* ○	**8** *Immaculate Conception* ○	**9** *St. Juan Diego* ○	**10** ○	**11** ○	**12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe* ○
WEEK 3 *Joy*  *rose candle*	**13** *Gaudete Sunday • St. Lucy* ○	**14** *St. John of the Cross* ○	**15** ○	**16** ○	**17** *O Sapientia* ○	**18** *O Adonai* ○	**19** *O Radix Jesse* ○
WEEK 4 *Love*  *violet candle*	**20** *Fourth Sunday • O Clavis David* ○	**21** *O Oriens* ○	**22** *O Rex Gentium* ○	**23** *O Emmanuel* ○	**24** *Christmas Eve* ○	**25** CHRISTMAS ○	*Christmas season*

How to use

Stick this page on the fridge. Each evening, read the day's entry in the book, then tick the circle. On Sundays, light another candle on the wreath. The shaded boxes are Sundays and Christmas Day. From December 17 to 23, each day begins with one of the O Antiphons.

PRAYERS AT THE TABLE

Say one after you light the week's candle, before you eat. Anyone can lead.

WEEK ONE: HOPE

Lord Jesus, as we light the first candle,
bless this table and all who gather here.
Keep us awake to Your coming
and glad of one another.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WEEK TWO: PEACE

Lord Jesus, as the second candle shines,
make peace in our home.
Level what is rough between us
and bless this food.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WEEK THREE: JOY

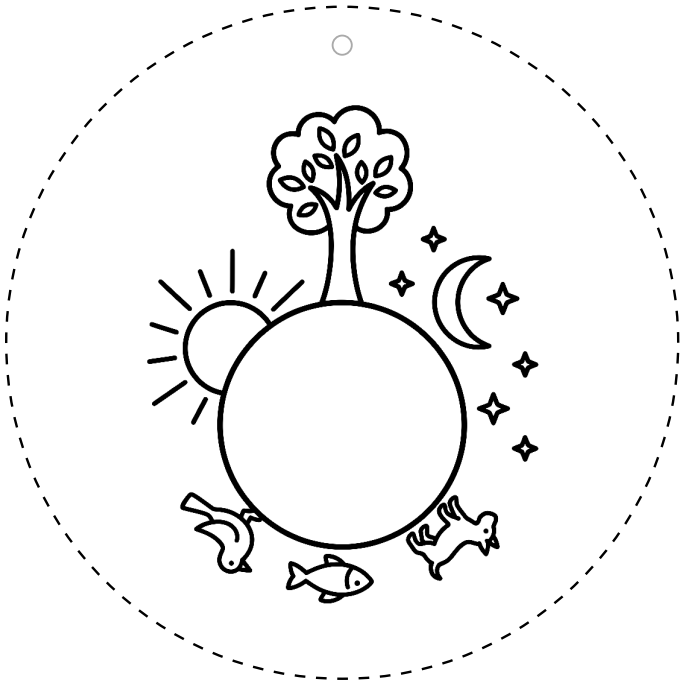
Lord Jesus, the rose candle burns tonight.
Give us a joy that does not depend on the day.
Thank You for this meal and these people.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

WEEK FOUR: LOVE

Lord Jesus, four candles now give their light.
Teach us to make room at this table,
in this house, and in our hearts.
Bless everyone we love, near and far.
Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

THE JESSE TREE

Color each symbol, cut along the dotted line, and hang one each evening. Day 1 is December 1.



Day 1 • Creation

Genesis 1



Day 2 • Adam and Eve

Genesis 3



Day 3 • Noah and the ark

Genesis 6–9



Day 4 • Abraham

Genesis 12:1–7; 15:1–6

THE JESSE TREE

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Day 5 • Isaac, the promised son

Genesis 21:1–7



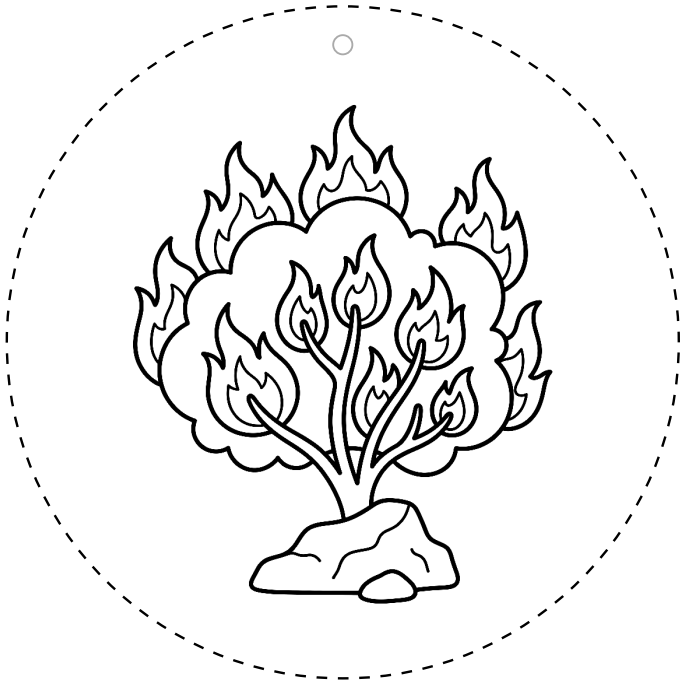
Day 6 • Jacob's ladder

Genesis 28:10–17



Day 7 • Joseph's coat

Genesis 37

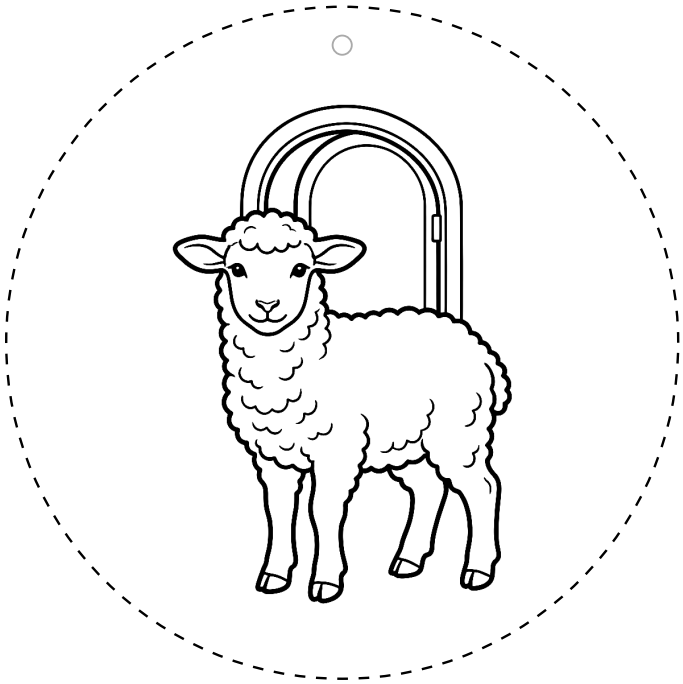


Day 8 • Moses and the burning bush

Exodus 3:1–12

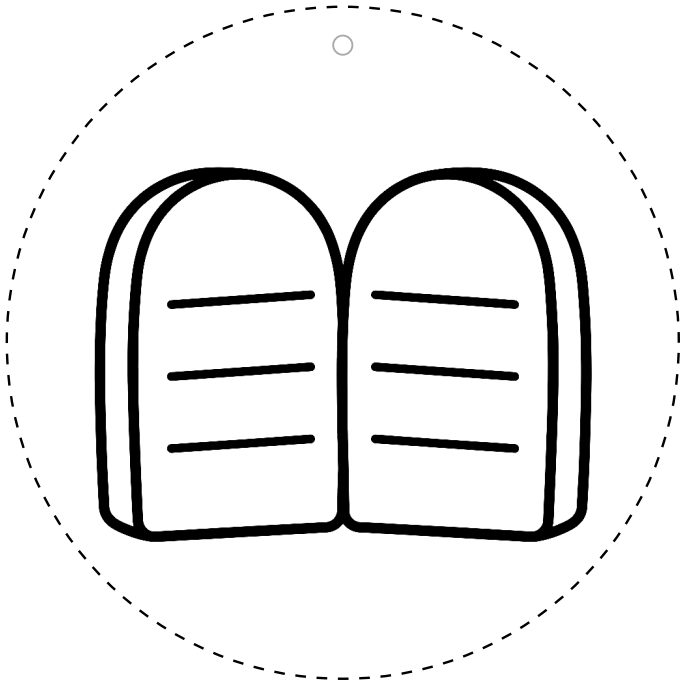
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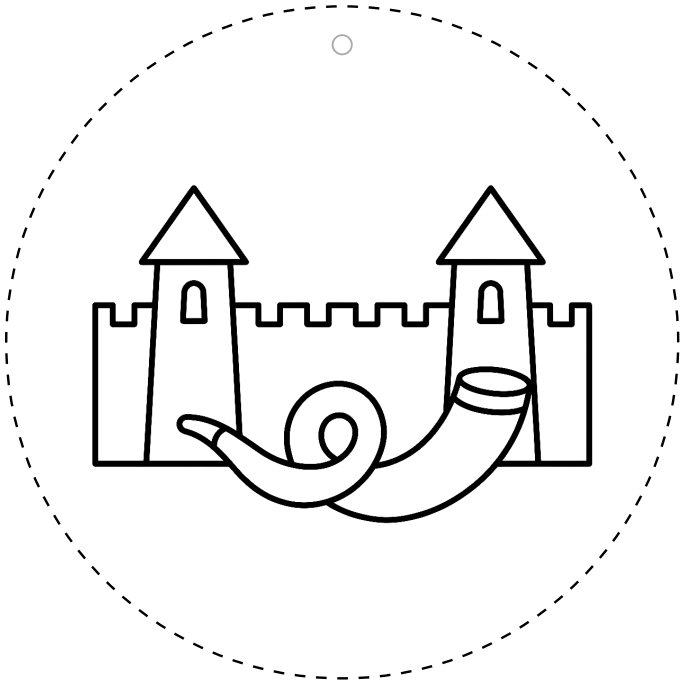
Day 9 • The Passover lamb

Exodus 12:1–14



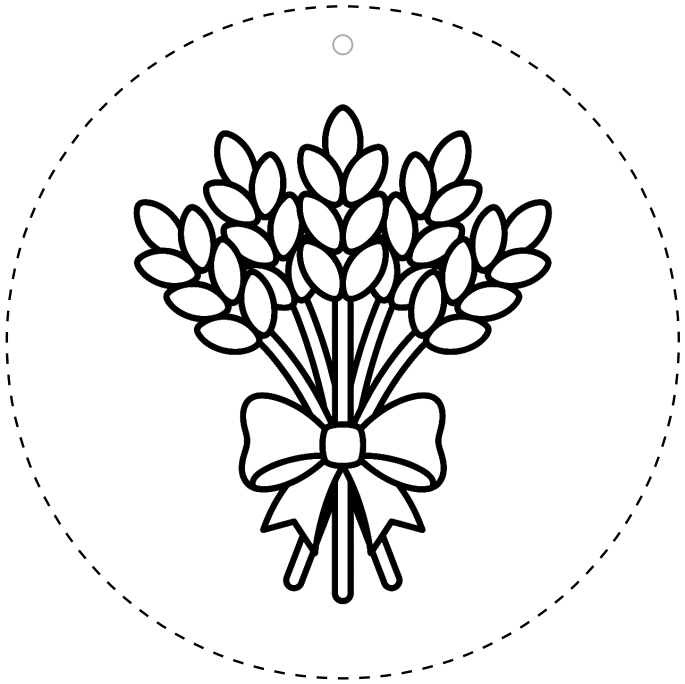
Day 10 • The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1–17



Day 11 • Joshua at Jericho

Joshua 6



Day 12 • Ruth

Ruth 1

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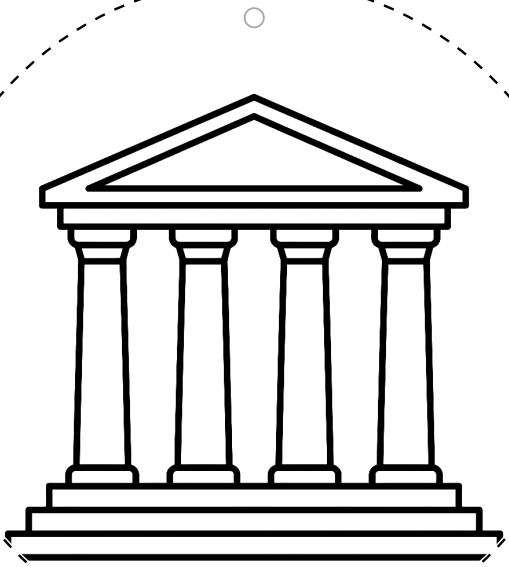
Day 13 • Hannah and Samuel

1 Samuel 1



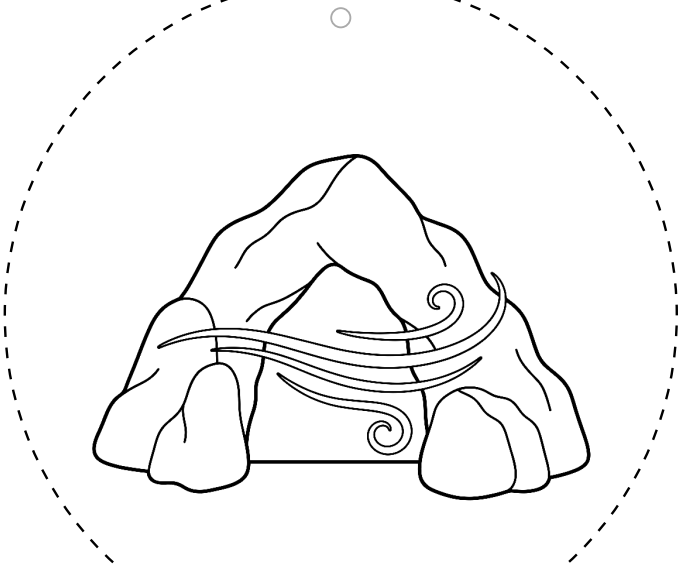
Day 14 • David the shepherd king

1 Samuel 16:1–13



Day 15 • Solomon's temple

1 Kings 6

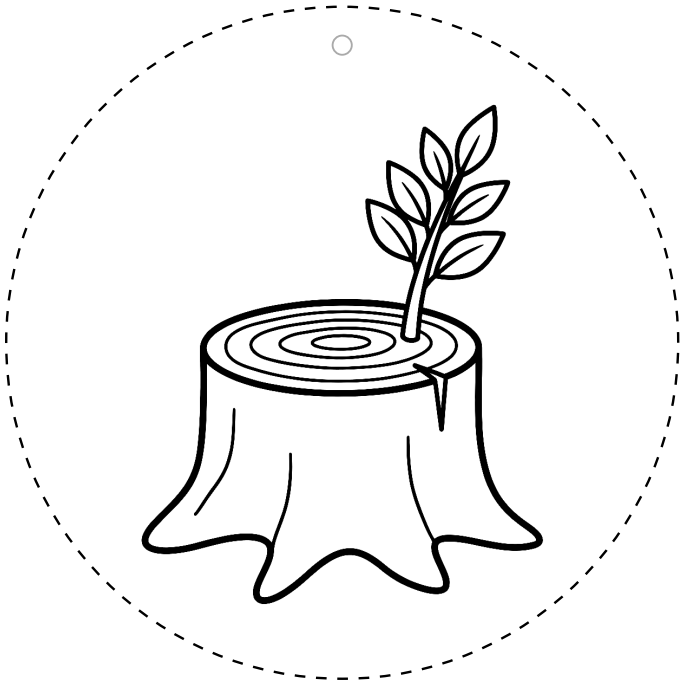


Day 16 • Elijah

1 Kings 19:9–13

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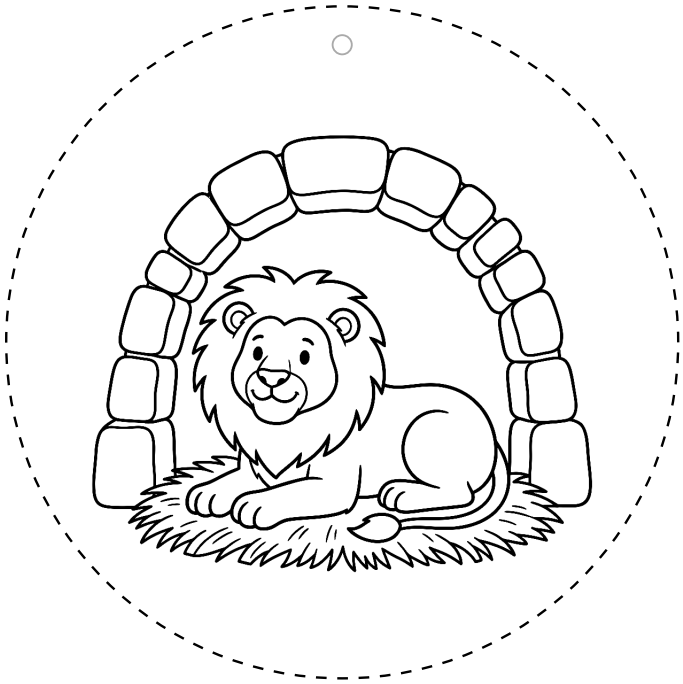
Day 17 • Isaiah and the shoot

Isaiah 11:1–10



Day 18 • Jeremiah's Branch

Jeremiah 23:5–6



Day 19 • Daniel

Daniel 6



Day 20 • Micah and Bethlehem

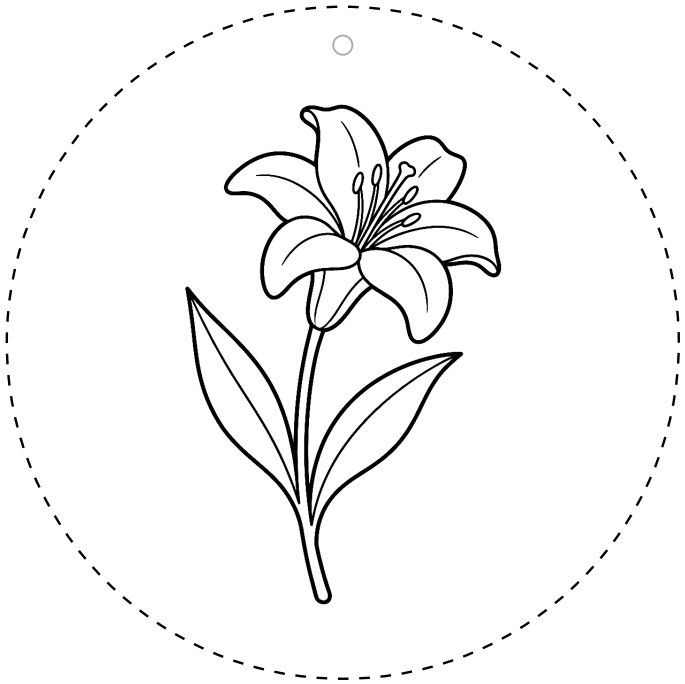
Micah 5:1–4

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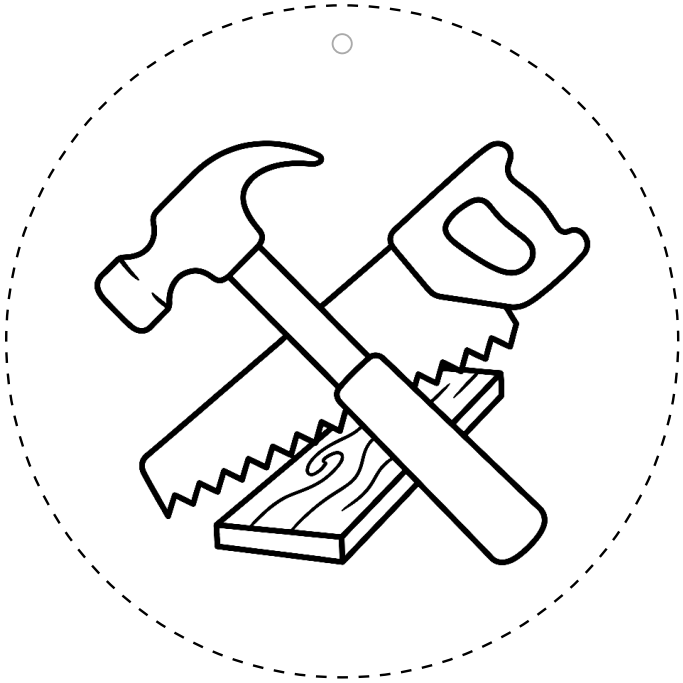
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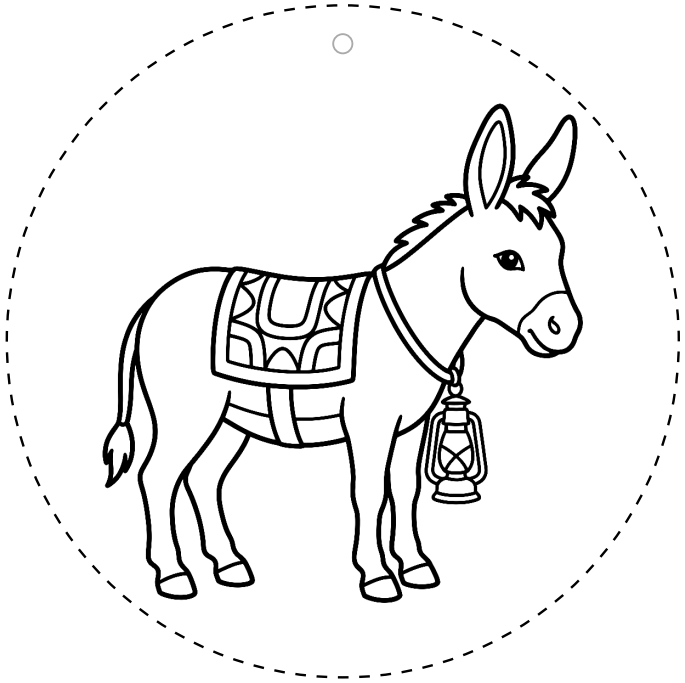
Day 21 • John the Baptist
Luke 3:1–6



Day 22 • Mary
Luke 1:26–38



Day 23 • Joseph
Matthew 1:18–25



Day 24 • The journey
Luke 2:1–7

THE JESSE TREE

Read the passage, then hang the symbol.



Day 25 • The shepherds and the Child
Luke 2:8–20

HOW TO USE

Color each symbol, then cut along the dotted line. Punch a small hole at the top and tie a thread through it. Each evening from December 1, read the passage listed under the symbol and hang it from a string across a window or a wall, or tape it to a tree drawn on the wall.

The tree grows until Christmas Eve, when the last symbol brings the story to Bethlehem.

THE GOSPEL FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

LUKE 2:1–14

> Now in those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to David's city, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to enroll himself with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him as wife, being pregnant. While they were there, the day had come for her to give birth. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in the inn. There were shepherds in the same country staying in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. Behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be to all the people. For there is born to you today, in David's city, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This is the sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a feeding trough." Suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will toward men."

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