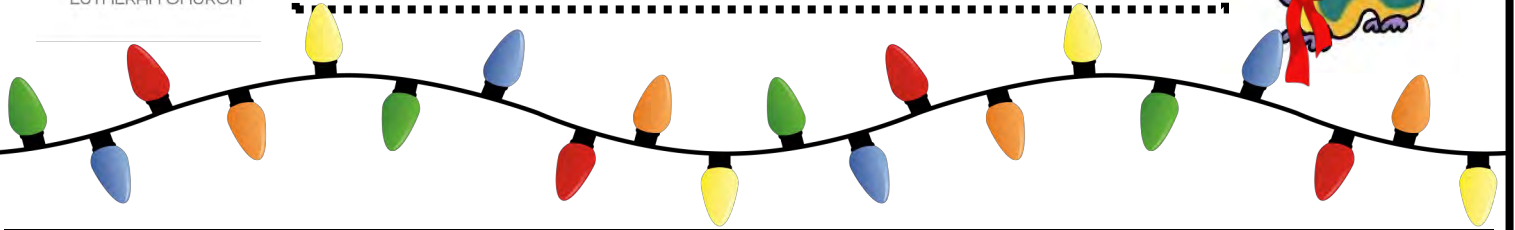




Thursday, December 24, 2020
 Christmas Eve
 Luke 2:1-20



What's the Big Idea?

Jesus, our Emmanuel, is born unto us to bring light to the darkness! Glory to God in the highest; and peace to all people on earth!



Talk About It

Enjoy time of curiosity and conversation with a trusted grown up:

1. The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was about a 90 mile journey (approximately Stillwater to Rochester). By car, it would take around 1.5 hours, but by donkey it would take several days. How do you think Mary and Joseph would have felt after a long donkey trip from Nazareth to Bethlehem? Do you have a favorite road trip memory?
2. Do you know someone who has had a baby? Ask [politely] what the last days of pregnancy felt like and if riding on a donkey would have been comfortable.
3. The shepherds were experienced and prepared for a lot of situations, like keeping predators away, looking for lost sheep, and toughing out nasty weather; but encountering angels of the Lord?! They were terrified! The angels had good news to share, though. What must that have felt like to be visited by angels?
4. What stories are told about the day you were born? Why do you think gifts are given for birthdays and for Christmas?

Pray: Dear God in Heaven, thank You for giving us the gift of Jesus, the greatest Christmas gift of all. May we keep hope in our hearts that Jesus is light for the darkness. And as we celebrate Christmas, please help us to remember why we celebrate, even as we eat Christmas cookies and open presents. We are so very thankful for the real reason for this Christmas season and, without Jesus, we wouldn't have Christmas! We love You and thank You for giving us this day! Amen.

Read It

Squiggles would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and invites you to read the story of Jesus' birth in your *Spark Story Bible* on page 212!

Squiggles wants to know what you are doing over Christmas break! Email Sarah and she'll make sure Squiggles gets your message. Add a picture, too!



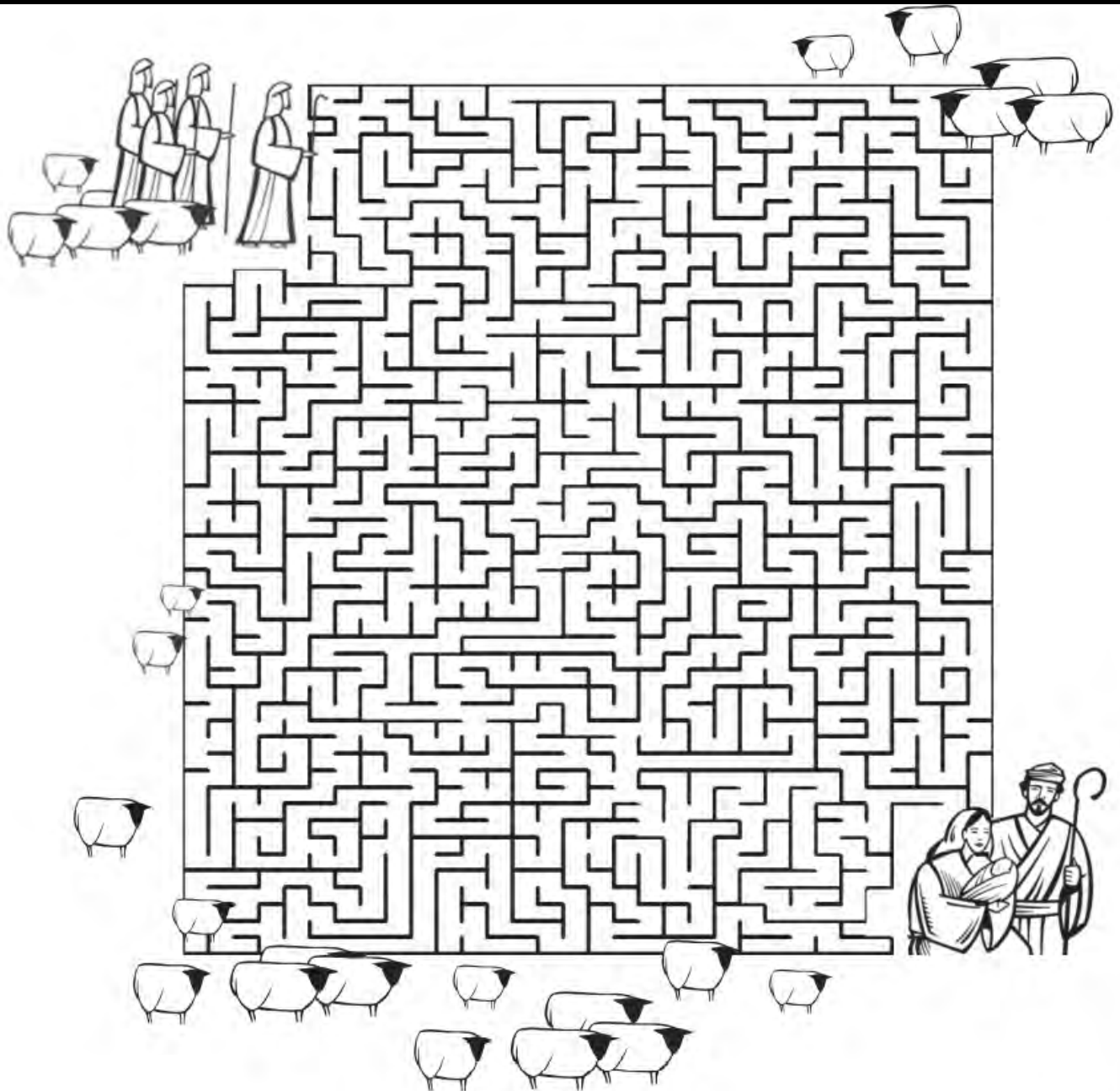
Memorize It

Have a grown up help you send a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah to have a sticker added by your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! Sarah sends a prize when 10 stars reached!

Glory to God in the highest. And peace to all people on earth. Luke 2:14

Sarah's Cell: 612.201.2916 or Email: solson@trinitylc.org

Help the Shepherds Find Their way to Jesus



Ornamental Excitement

We remember Jesus' birth in many ways, including Christmas tree ornaments! You can make a unique ornament, called a thaumatrope, by following these instructions: 1) Cut out both circles and punch holes in the sides of each. 2) Line up the cards so the top of one circle is lined up with the bottom of the other circle. 3) Thread a rubber band through each hole. 4) Use the rubber bands to spin the thaumatrope. You should see Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in the stable.

