

December 17, 2023

Today's Reading:  
**Luke 1:26-56**

## Today, at church I learned:

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A new baby in the family is always something to be excited about, especially when it comes to picking out their name. When Mary found out she was going to have a baby, she didn't buy a book full of baby names in it. God had already chosen the name for her baby. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her, "You will have a Son, and you will call His name, Jesus."

### Hidden Pictures in Gabriel Told About Jesus

Find these objects hidden in the picture below:  
bread, butterfly, chain, fish, lollipop, orange slice,  
pencil, shovel, snail, and sock.



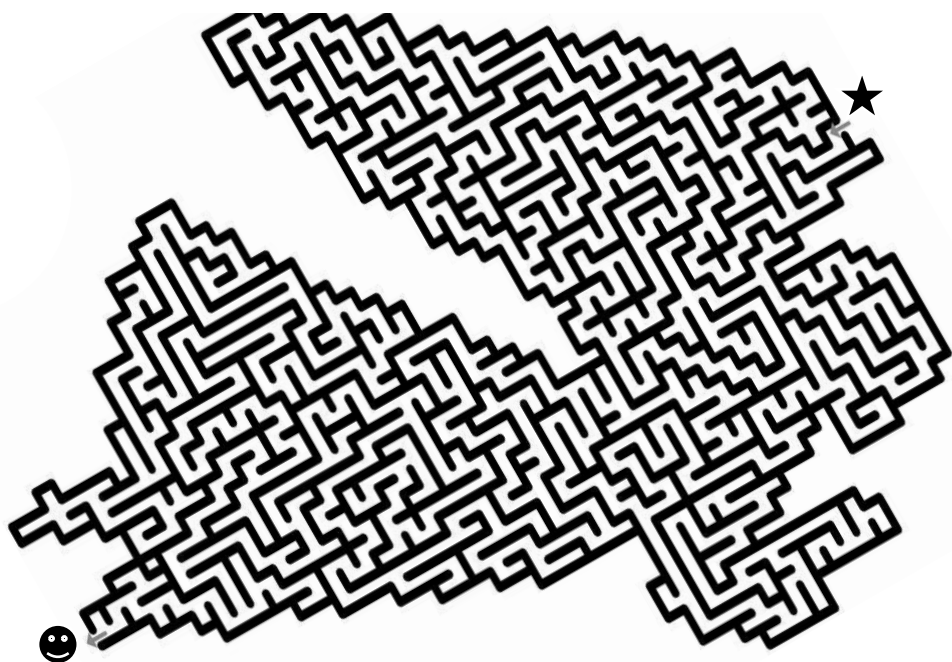
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ANGEL  
BABY  
BLESSED

ELIZABETH  
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HUMBLE  
JESUS  
JOSEPH

MESSIAH  
MOTHER  
ZECHARIAH



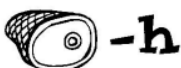
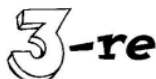
The name Jesus means "the Lord saves." Jesus' name is very important because the Bible says that there is no other name that can save us from our sin.

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God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman named Mary. Gabriel told Mary that she would give birth to a son, who would rule over the people of Jacob forever. Mary was confused when she heard this news, but she did not say "no." Can you use these picture clues to find out what she said?

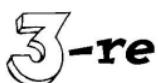



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# Advent

## Week 3: Joy - Abounding

The word **advent** means “coming” or “arrival.” It is a time where we remember the birth of Christ. Each week, a different candle on the advent wreath is lit. Each candle means something different.

This week we light the **Shepherd Candle** and think about the joy that the shepherds felt when they heard the announcement of Jesus’ birth from the angels. We can also think about the joy that comes with the salvation Jesus has gifted us.



And the angel said unto them, Fear not;  
for I bring you good news of great joy,  
which shall be to all people. Today in  
the town of David, a savior has been  
born, he is Christ the Lord.