

# HOPE

# ADVENT



# WEEK 1

**The Virgin Mary**

**26-27** During Elizabeth's sixth month of pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a virgin girl who lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. **28** The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord is with you; you are very special to him."

**29** But Mary was very confused about what the angel said. She wondered, "What does this mean?"

**30** The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is very pleased with you. **31** Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus. **32** He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord God will make him king like his ancestor David. **33** He will rule over the people of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

**34** Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I am still a virgin."

**35** The angel said to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High God will cover you. The baby will be holy and will be called the Son of God. **36** And here's something else: Your relative Elizabeth is pregnant. She is very old, but she is going to have a son. Everyone thought she could not have a baby, but she has been pregnant now for six months. **37** God can do anything!"

**38** Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Then the angel went away.



## The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

**18** This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah happened. His mother Mary was engaged to marry Joseph. But before they married, he learned that she was expecting a baby. (She was pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit.) **19** Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man. He did not want to cause her public disgrace, so he planned to divorce her secretly.

**20** But after Joseph thought about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to accept Mary to be your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son. You will name him Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins."



# Mary and Joseph

This is Mary and her husband, Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter.

## You will need

Two paper cups  
(one tall, one short)

Thick cardstock

Red, blue,  
skin-colored, and  
brown paint

Two foam balls

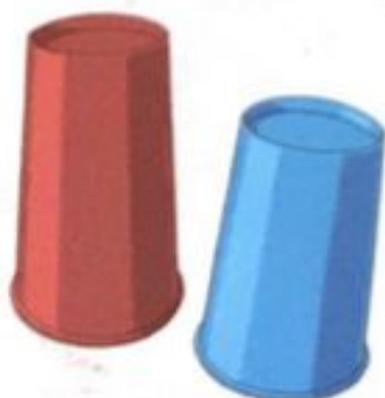
Two fabrics

Ribbon

Brown felt

One paper  
straw

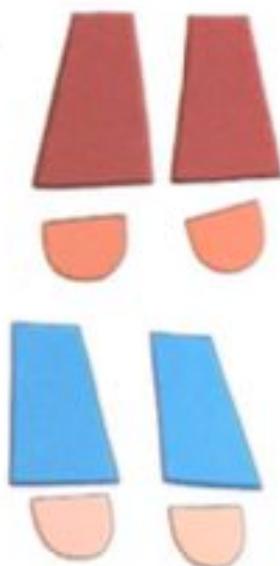
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Paint a tall paper cup dark red. This will be Joseph. Paint a shorter paper cup blue for Mary.

2

Cut out two pairs of sleeves and hands from thick cardstock. Paint them as shown.



3



Glue on the sleeves and hands. Paint two foam balls skin colored and glue them to the base of the cups. Add some ribbon to Mary's robe for decoration.

4



Cut out a rectangle of fabric and glue it to Joseph's head.

5



Make a blue scarf for Mary and glue it on. Glue a piece of ribbon around Joseph's head and waist.

6

Cut out a beard from brown felt for Joseph. Glue it in place.



7

To make Joseph's staff, paint a paper straw brown and glue it to his hand.



8

Give Mary and Joseph big smiles. They are very happy that a baby is on the way!





An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She will have a Son, and you will name Him Jesus."

# Angel appears to Mary

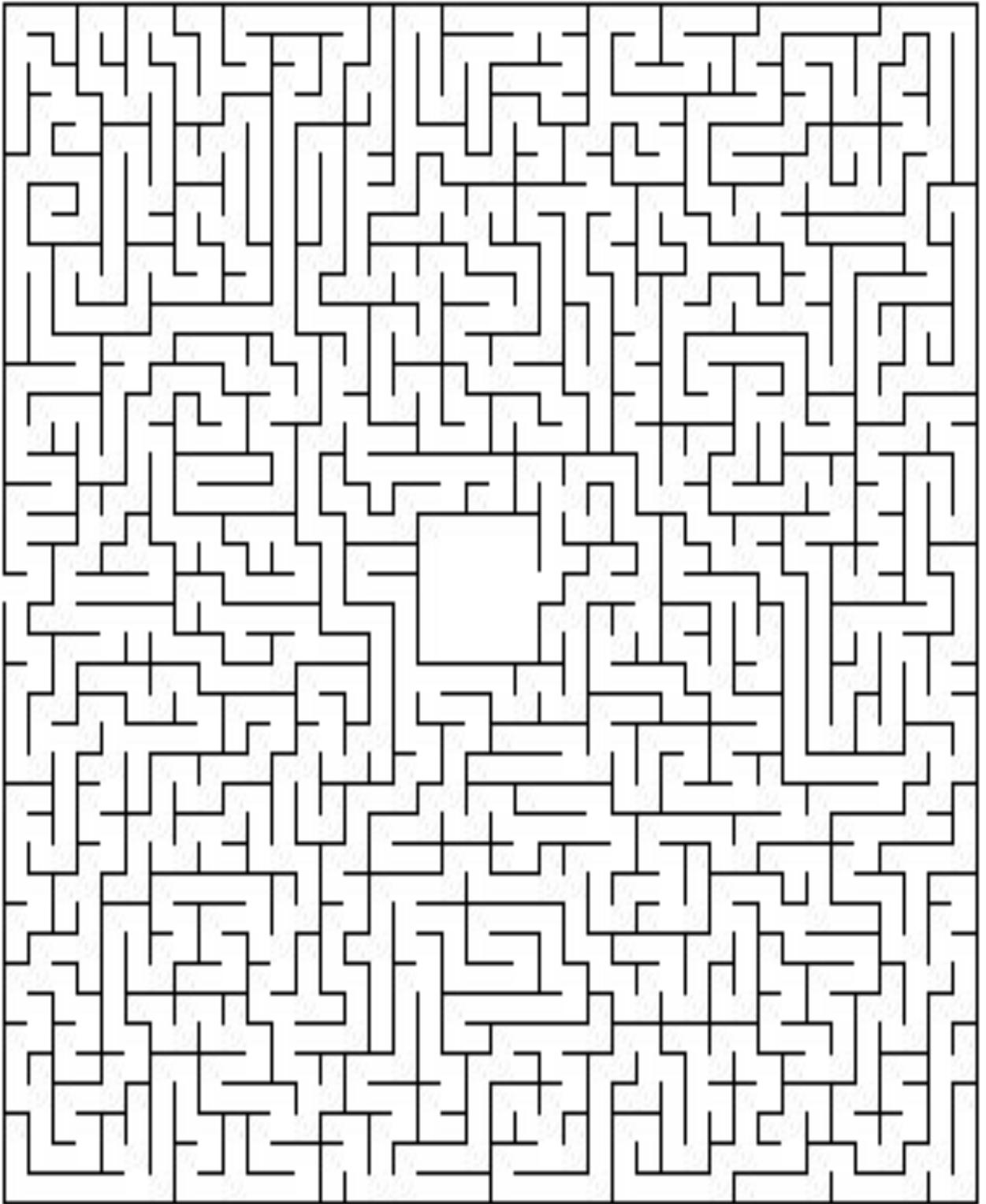


# Advent Word Search

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Angel, Joseph, Mary, Advent, Hope, Baby,  
Gabriel, God, Jesus, Messiah, Holy Spirit,  
dream, Matthew, Luke



## Extra Resources

- A great ADVENTure calender to do as a family 26 devotionals to check out.

[https://theresource.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ADVENTure\\_ebook\\_Web.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3aCJKVsKZw1N2oN8R\\_7DtTS0LVnk5fE5z1MPMFZx-waRsgmrJk-R6guho](https://theresource.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ADVENTure_ebook_Web.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3aCJKVsKZw1N2oN8R_7DtTS0LVnk5fE5z1MPMFZx-waRsgmrJk-R6guho)

- Video-Advent, dont rush it.  
[https://youtu.be/7y\\_sElib8YA](https://youtu.be/7y_sElib8YA)



## Hope

Long ago, you whispered into the hearts of men and women and nurtured within them hope.

Carrying this hope they travelled through many adventures, through times of joy and sorrow, times of safety and times of danger,

Whisper those words of hope into our hearts during these troubling times.

Remind us of the ways in which *their* hope was fulfilled, of the promise you kept never to abandon them.

Make that promise our promise too.

Help us to place our hope in the child born so many years ago, the man he became, and His promise to return.

### Advent Prayer

Loving father we thank you that there are so many things that remind us of your son Jesus at this time of year. Christmas cards we send with our love to others. Christmas trees with a star on it, Christmas lights and decorations, presents, we give and get. We want to thank you for all of these things, but most of all for Jesus who was the best present ever. Help us all to understand how much you love every one of us, from the tiny baby to the oldest person in the world. We thank you father. Amen.