

First Christmas Story

HELP - Color and cut out pieces.

- Use the pictures while telling the story.



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

-Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem to pay taxes. Mary was pregnant and ready to have her baby any day.

Picture: Mary and Joseph walking**Child: Pretend to walk to Bethlehem**

-When they got to Bethlehem there wasn't any room in the inn, so Mary and Joseph had to stay in a stable where they kept the animals.

Picture: the stable**Child: make animal noises**

-Mary then had the little baby Jesus in the stable and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, then laid him in a manger.

Picture: baby Jesus**Child: pretend to rock a baby**

-When Jesus was born a new star appeared in the sky.

Picture: star**Child: wiggle fingers like a twinkling star**

-Close by, were shepherds in the field watching over their sheep in the night. An angel came to them, and they were scared but the angel told them not to be afraid but to have great joy for they would find the baby Jesus lying in a manger.

Picture: shepherds and angel**Child: pretend to be a sheep**

-And suddenly there were many angels singing praises to God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Picture: angels singing**Child: sing Christmas song**

-When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem. They found Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. They glorified and praised God and went to tell every one what they had seen.

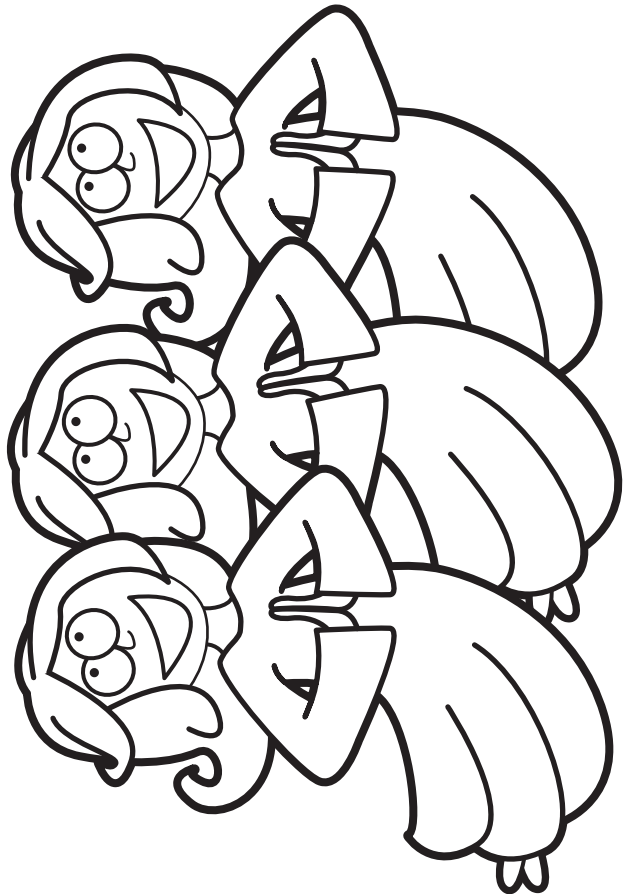
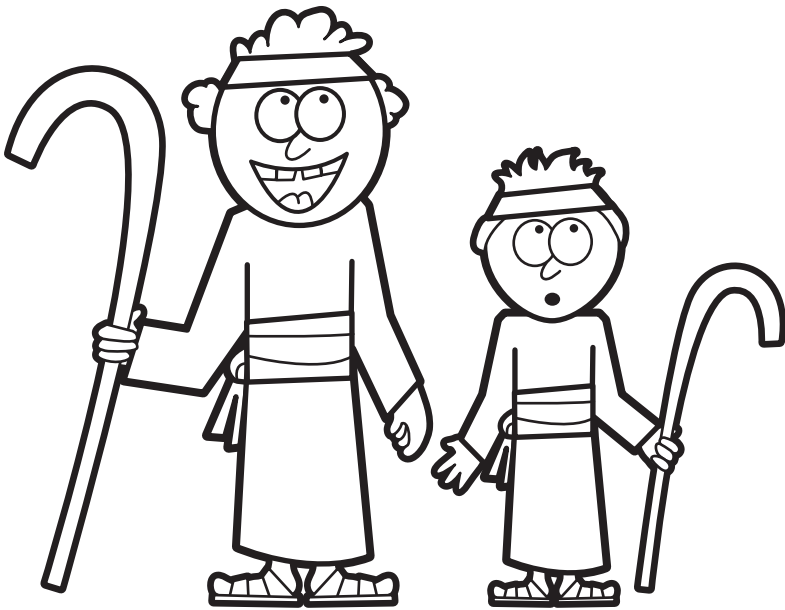
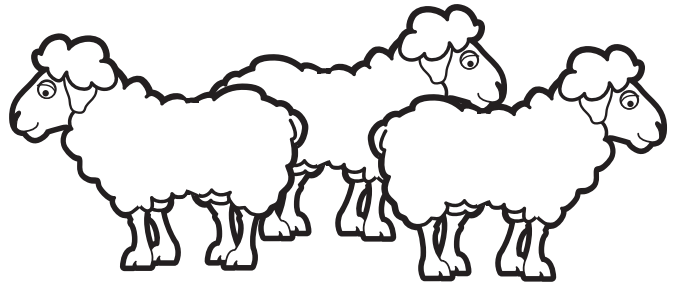
Place: shepherds by the manger**Child: kneel and pretend to look in a manger**

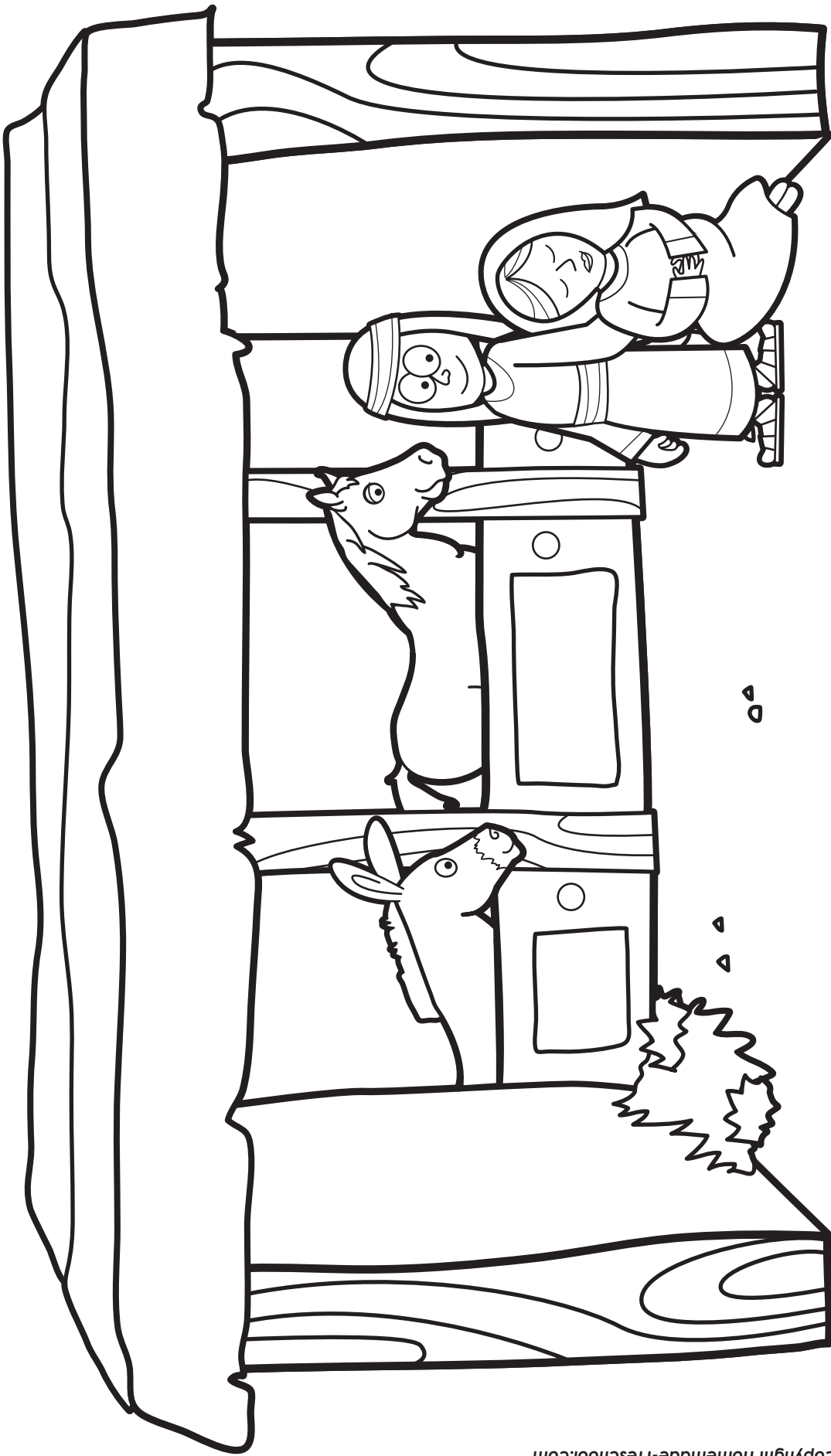
-There then came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, who were following the new star to find Jesus and worship him. They found the young Jesus and worshiped him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Picture: wise men**Child: pretend to ride camel**

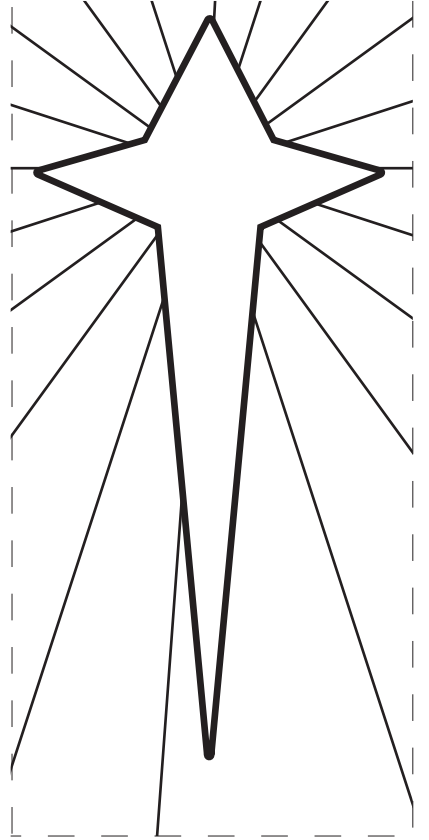
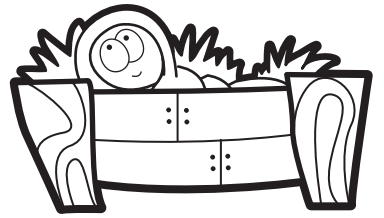
-Just like the shepherds and the wise men, we too can look for and worship Jesus by loving and serving others and keeping His commandments.

Child: think of a gift to give the Savior this Christmas





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