

The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matthew 11:5 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 11:2-11 (NIV).



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 R K P R I S O N T T U P O X O
 E S J E F N I B S U Q D O O A
 A D O F K O I I S B C N E O D
 C U H N G I R H E Y U L U A R
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 E A M F C C C A D L E Z E T N
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BLIND	LAME	HEARD	DEAF	HEAR
GOOD	PREACHED	POOR	CHRIST	DEAD
RAISED	SEE	LEPROSY	PRISON	JOHN
NEWS	CURED	SIGHT	WALK	HEAR

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The Story of Christmas

Are you eagerly waiting for Christmas? Sure, we get a break from school, we get to play, and we get to exchange gifts with our family. If your house is like mine, there is Christmas music playing and we get to watch Hallmark Christmas movies. There's a song that says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

But did you know that Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ? Do you know the wonderful story of Jesus's birth?



On the night almost 2000 years ago, a young woman named Mary, gave birth to a baby and his name was Jesus. It was nighttime in Bethlehem. Nearby, there were some shepherds who were tending their sheep. They were startled when an Angel appeared before them.

But the Angel had brought them incredibly wonderful and good news! He told the shepherds that their Messiah, their shepherd, and their savior had finally come.

Unbelievably, it was time for them to see him. The skies opened and other angels appeared and showed them the way to find baby Jesus. So, shepherds made their way to the manger where Jesus lay following a bright star in the sky that led them.

It wasn't just the shepherds though. Three wise kings made their way also to see the baby Jesus - their savior. All the world came together in a moment at a modest manger in Bethlehem to see the savior of the world. It was a time for everyone to rejoice and celebrate. Joy to the world.

And that is the story of Christmas.

I want to take this chance to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God bless each of you.

TEST YOUR BRAIN

Question: How did the shepherds find their way to Jesus?

Answer: They followed a star.

Christmas Oranges

Did You Know? Oranges are a symbolic Christmas fruit.

In fact, in America the orange became part of the Christmas tradition in the 1800's, when the custom of hanging Christmas stockings was widespread: this tradition is traced back to the 1823 Christmas story, "The Night Before Christmas."

The orange was considered an exotic treat, sweet and difficult for many to come by.

Waking up and finding a fresh orange in your stocking was an incredible treat.

The legend of St. Nicholas, who was an early Bishop of the church, tells another story. This jolly old fellow gave 3 gold balls to a poor man whose daughters could not marry because he couldn't afford the gift a bride was required to make to her husband when they were married.

The story says that Saint Nicholas tossed the three gold balls down the man's chimney and they ended up in his daughters' stockings which were drying by the fire.

And today oranges have replaced those balls of gold.

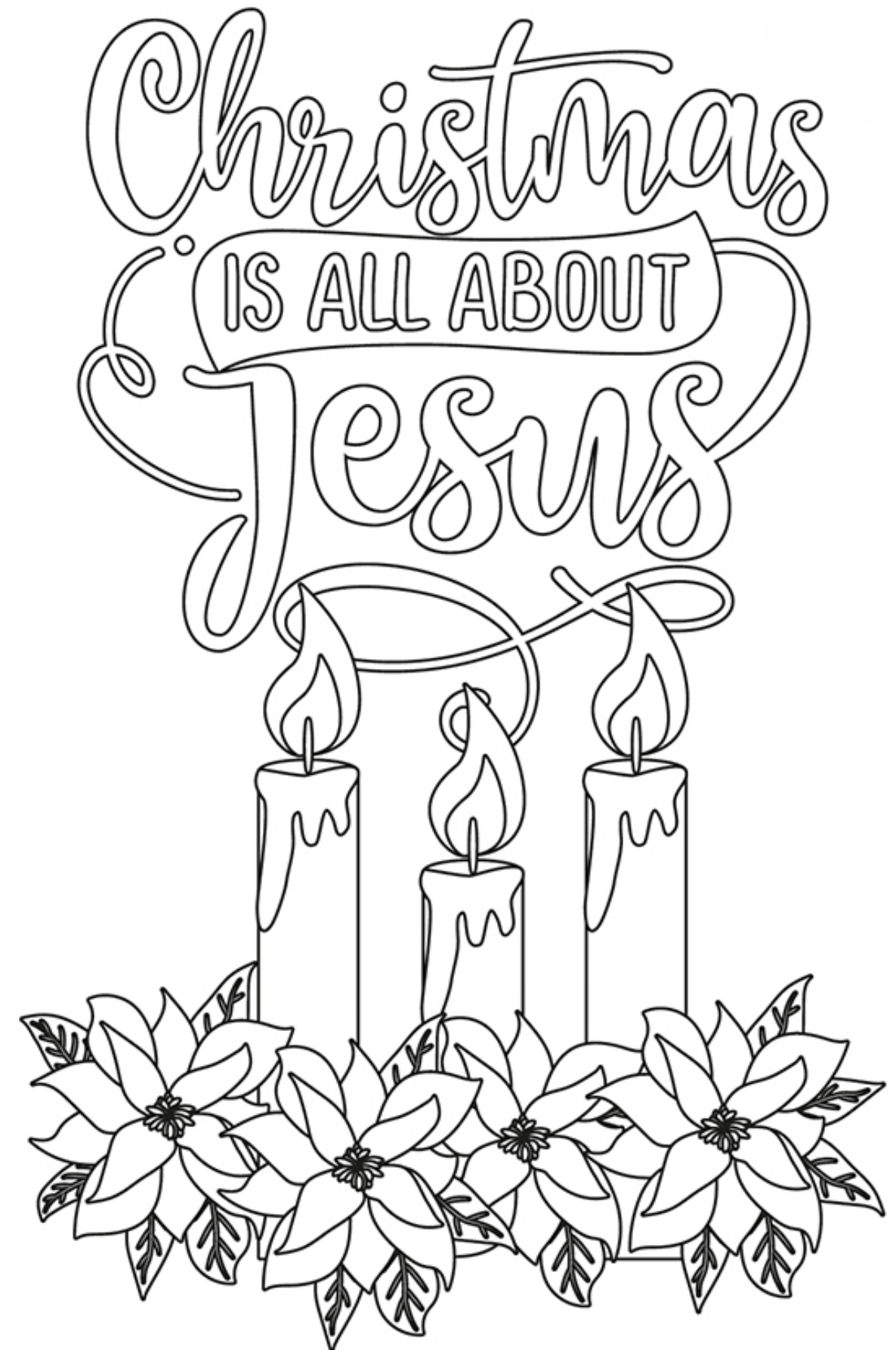
MEMORY CHALLENGE

How good is your memory?

Try to memorize this Bible verse:

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given; and
the government shall be
upon his shoulder, and
his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



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