

Once Upon A Time . . . The Joyful Mysteries

The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary are the stories of Mary, her husband Joseph and the early life of Jesus, the Son of God.



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If you are just learning to pray the Rosary, this is a good way to begin:

1. Hold the cross of your Rosary in your hand, make the Sign of the Cross, and pray "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
2. If you have been taught to pray the Apostles' Creed, pray that also. The Creed names the things we believe as Catholics. Pray it slowly, so you can think about what the words mean.
3. Move your fingers to the first large bead. The larger beads tell us that we are to pray the Our Father. That is the prayer that Jesus taught us.
4. Move your fingers to the next 3 small beads. The small beads are for the Hail Marys.
5. After these Hail Marys, pray The Glory Be.
6. Now it is time to begin The Mysteries. Let's begin with the first Mystery. Ask someone to tell you what happened or look it up in the Bible.
7. Now slowly pray 10 Hail Marys on the small beads and 1 Glory Be when you are done.

That was great for the first time! Tomorrow try the second Mystery. When you have thought about all 5 Mysteries and prayed all 53 Hail Marys, you will have completed The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.



The Prayers of the Rosary

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

The Glory Be (The Doxology)

Glory be to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

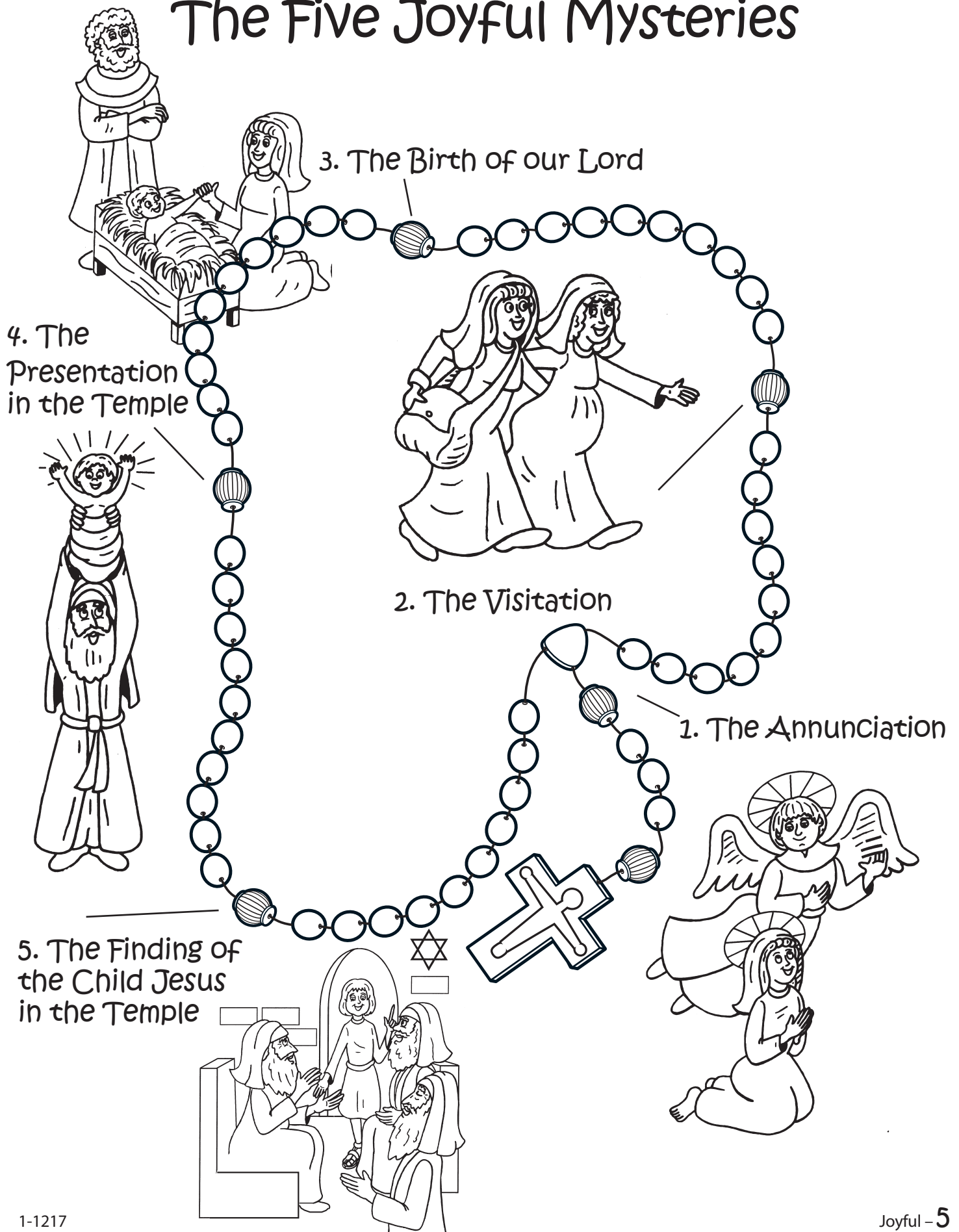
Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb,
Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

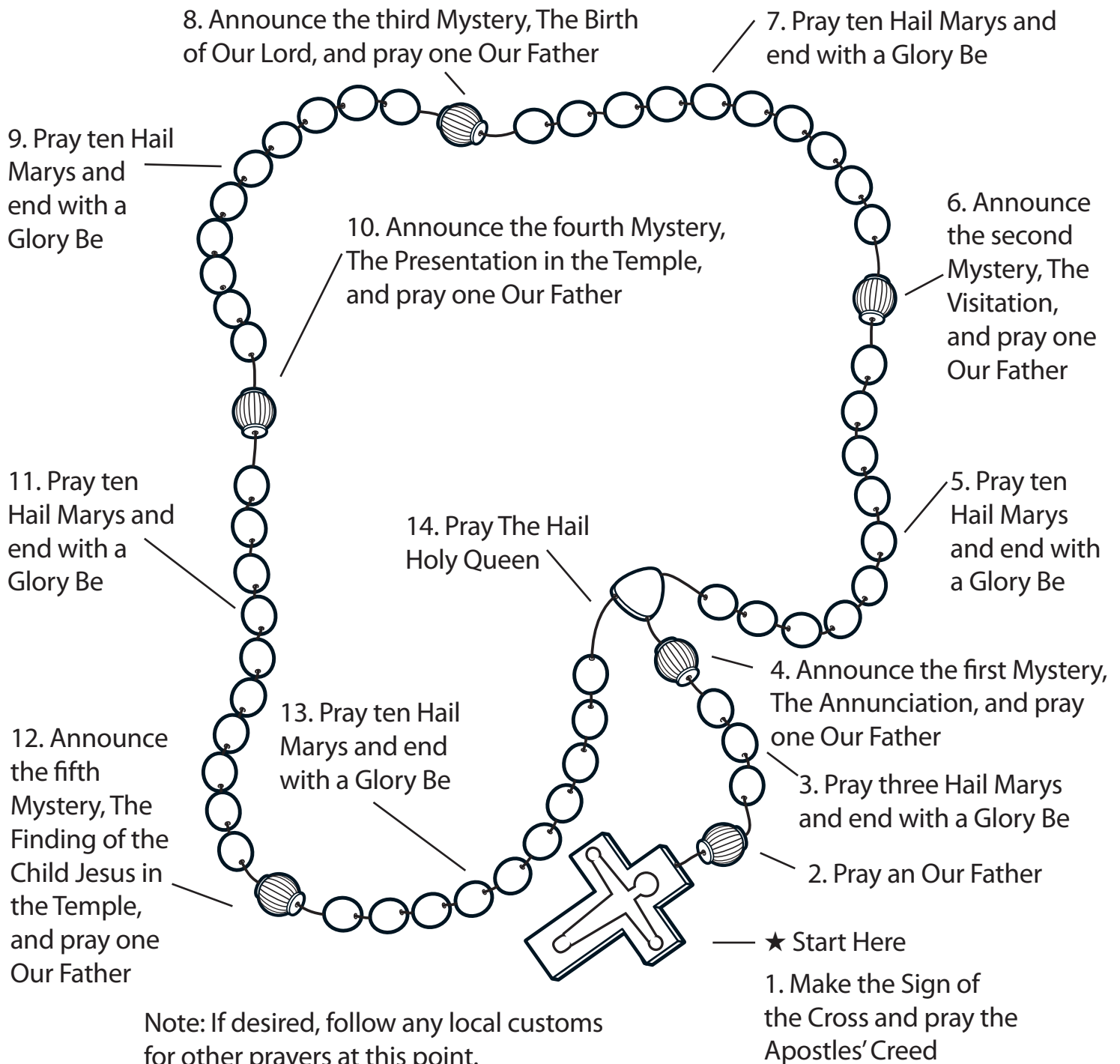
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

that we may be worthy of the
promises of Christ.
Amen.

The Five Joyful Mysteries



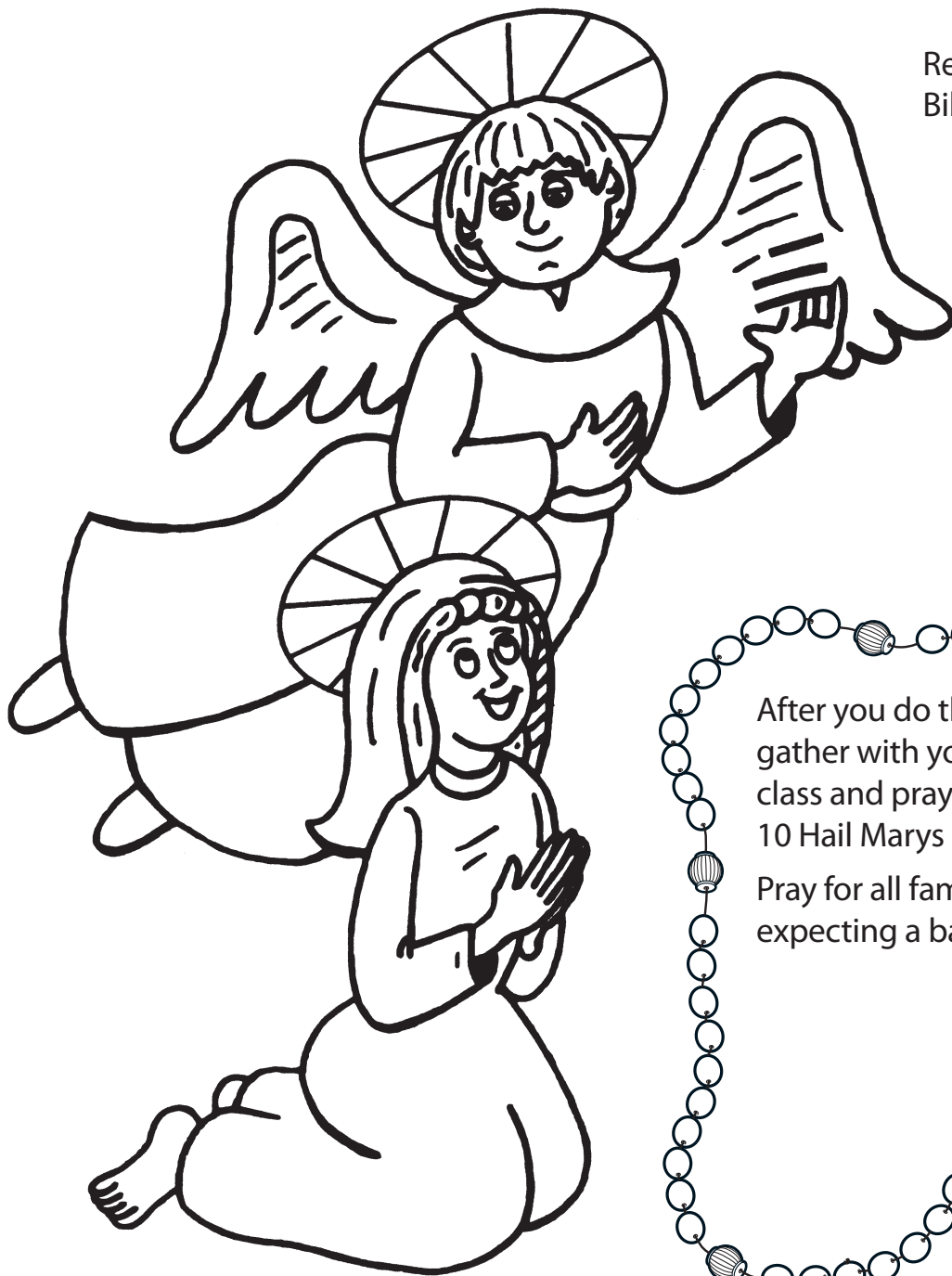
Let's pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary!



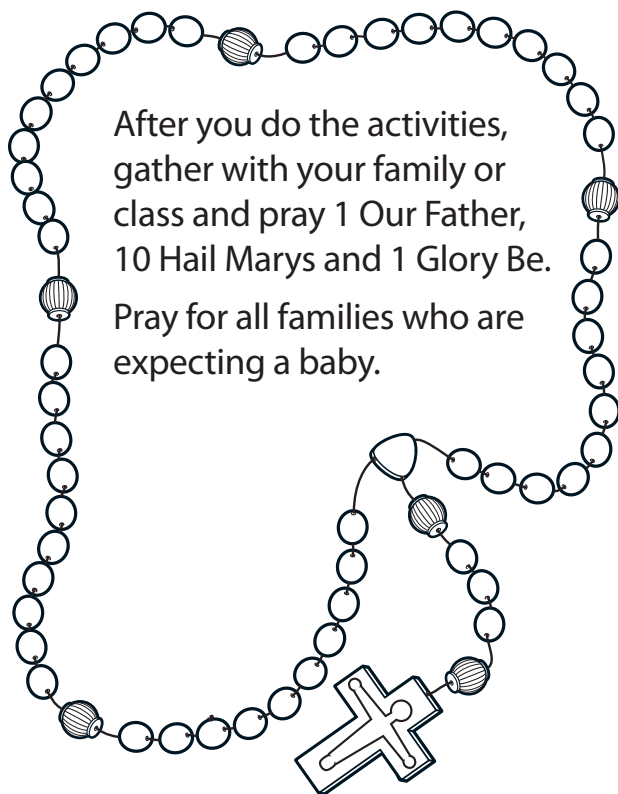
The Annunciation

The First Joyful Mystery

Read this story in the
Bible – Luke 1:26-38



After you do the activities,
gather with your family or
class and pray 1 Our Father,
10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be.
Pray for all families who are
expecting a baby.



The a_____ appeared to M____.
“You shall have a s__ and His name
will be J_____.”



Draw the angel's other wing.

Annunciation color by number

1 – yellow, 2 – brown, 3 – pink, 4 – blue, 5 – red

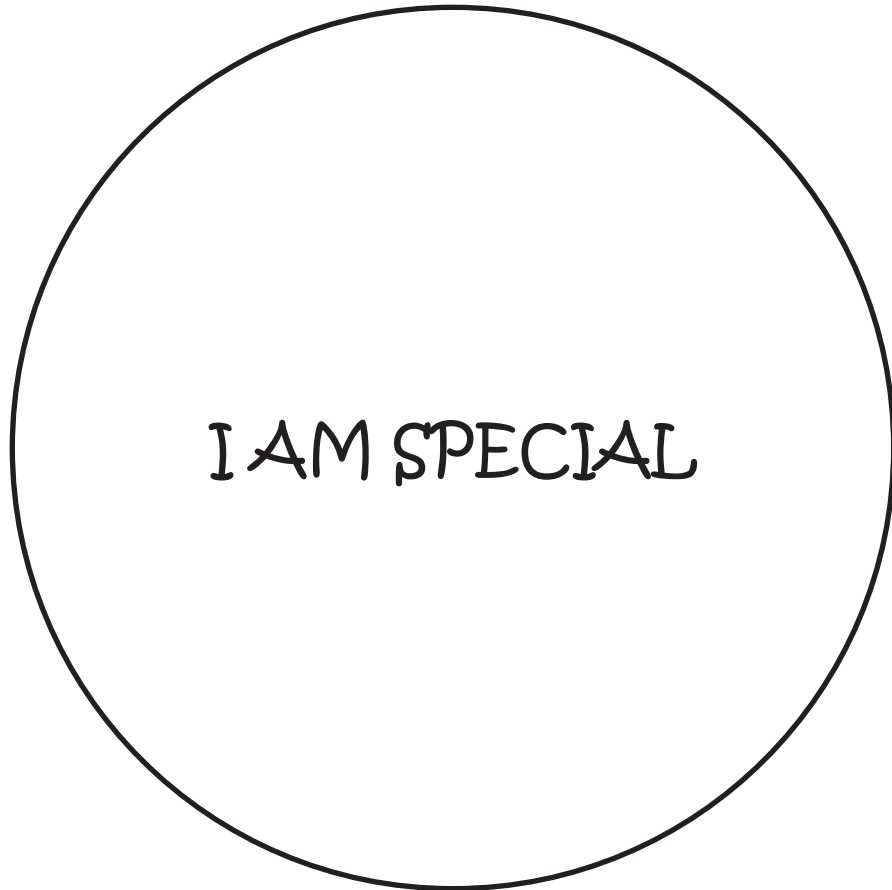


The angel asks Mary if she would
become the mother of Jesus.

Pretty special!!!

God made me special, too.

In the middle of the button – draw or write about all that makes you special.

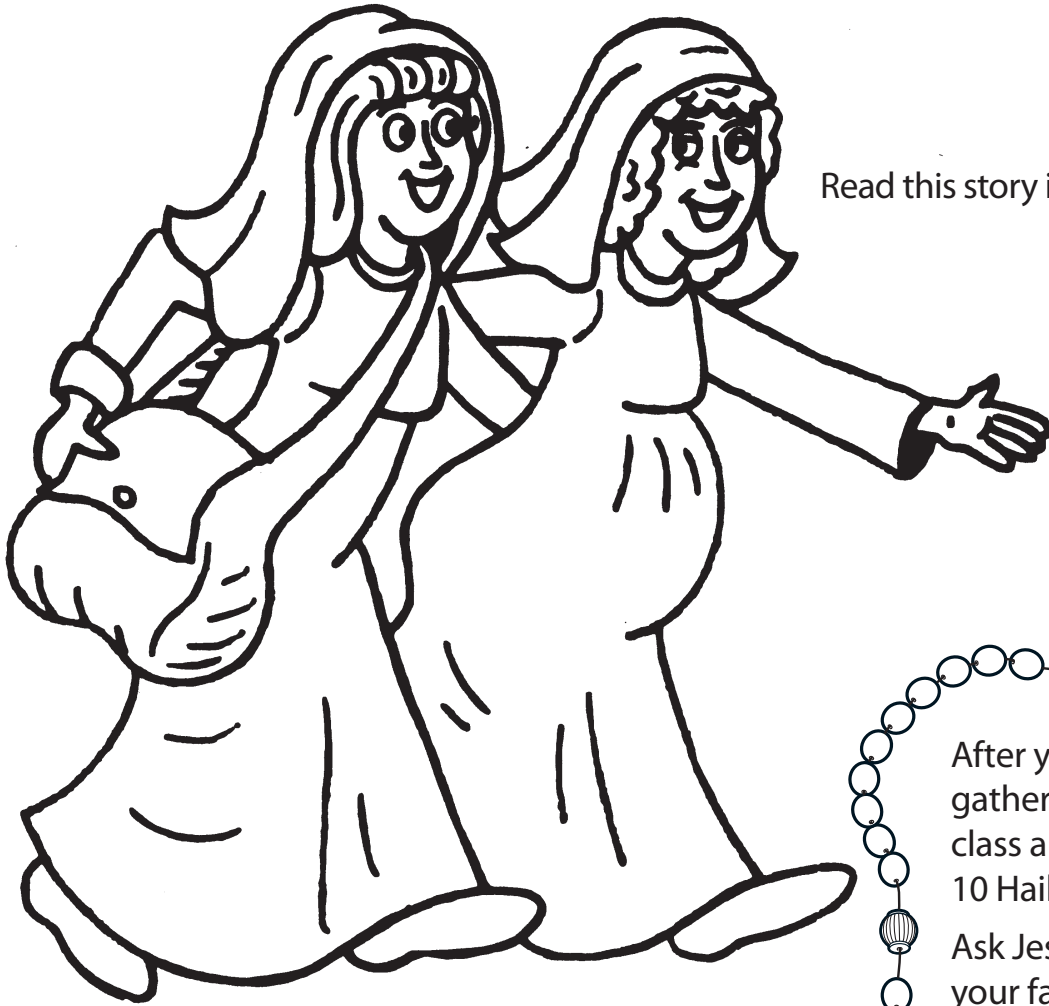


I was born on _____

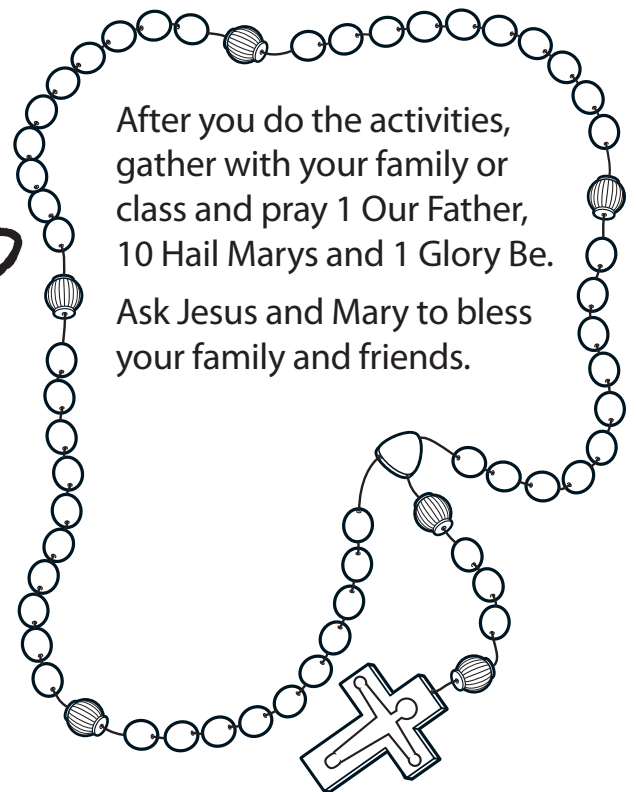
I am special because

The Visitation

The Second Joyful Mystery

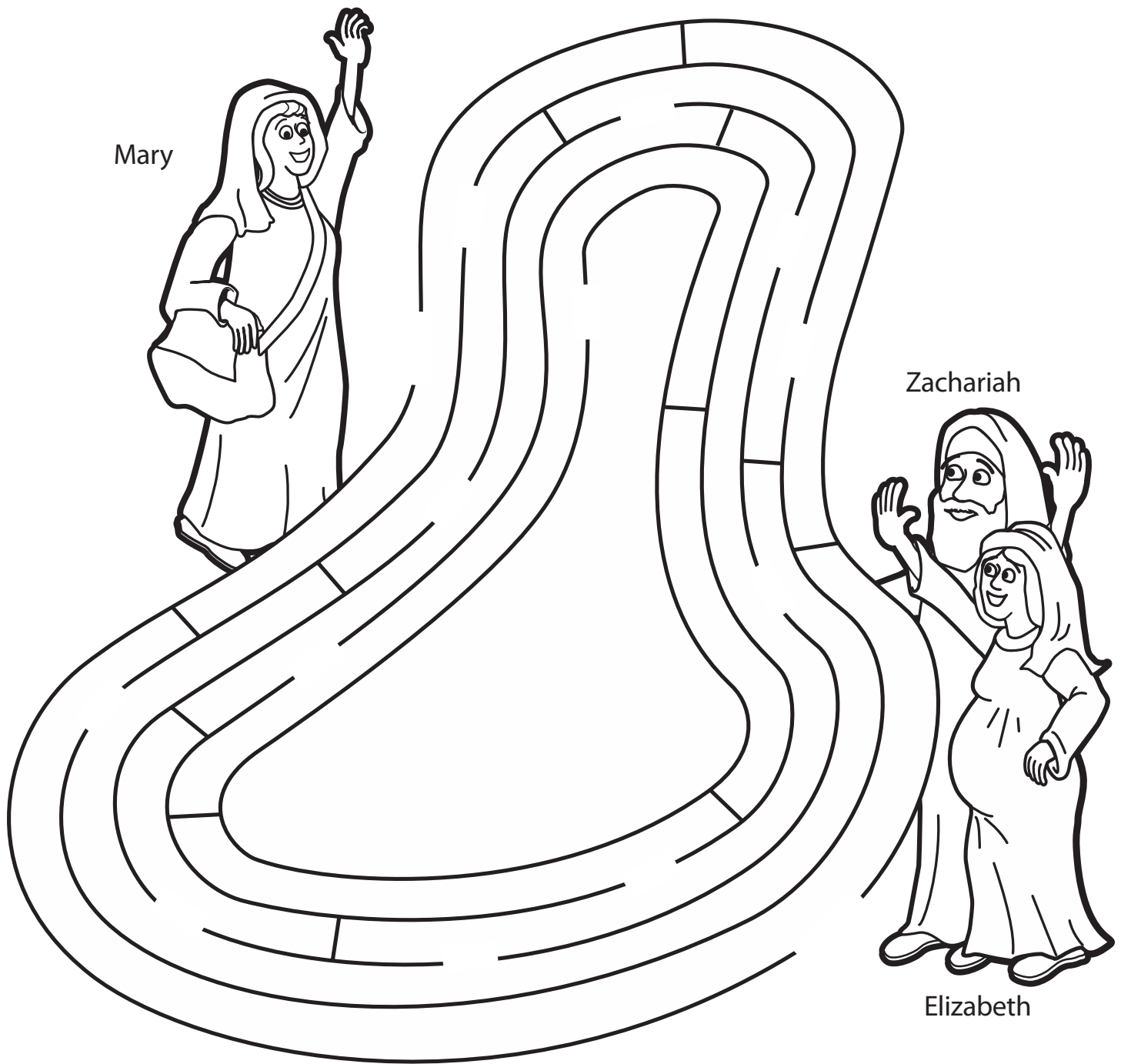


Read this story in the Bible – Luke 1:39-45



After you do the activities,
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class and pray 1 Our Father,
10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be.
Ask Jesus and Mary to bless
your family and friends.

Help Mary through the maze to visit her cousin

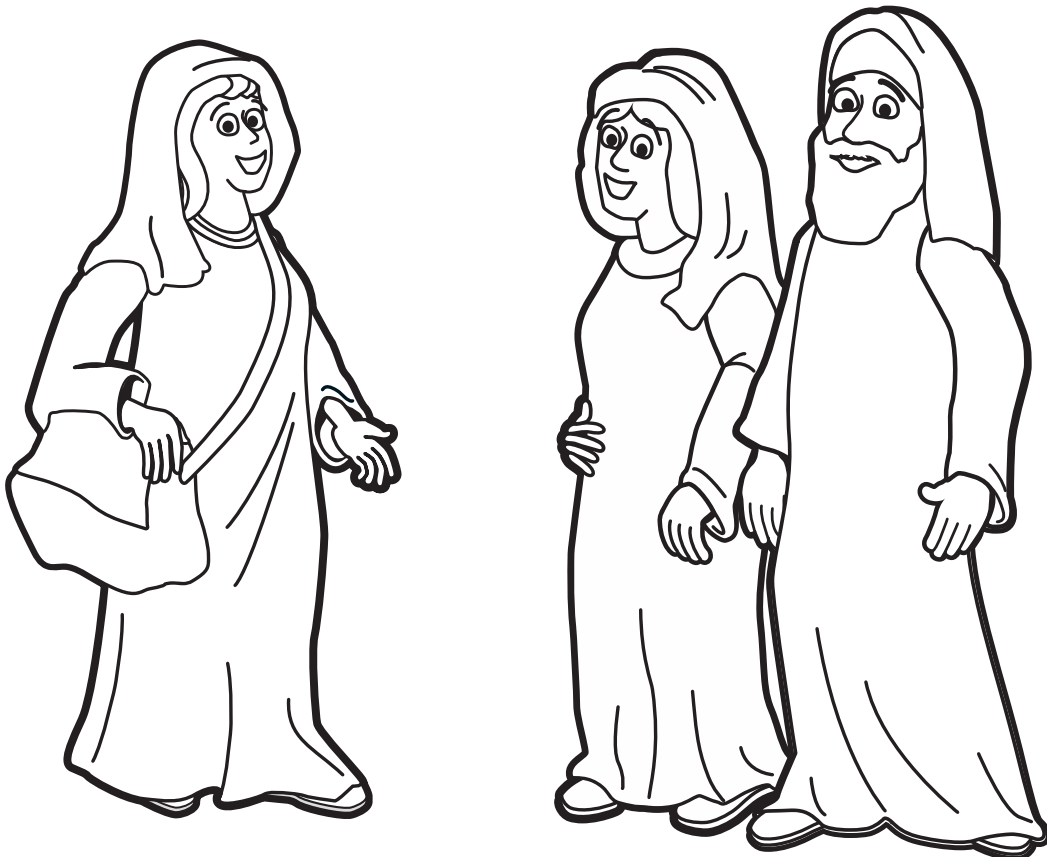


The Story of the Visitation

M ___ went to visit her cousin E _____.
Her husband was Z _____.

They are the parents of J ___ the B _____.

This is the first time someone comes to
experience Jesus through the intercession of
Mary. What does intercession mean?



How can you help someone get to know Jesus today?

Prayer Scramble – Circle every 10th letter below and write them on the lines to see who our friends are talking to.

A S D F G H J K L J X C V B N M Q W E
E T Y U I O P A S D S G H J K L Z X C V
U N M N B V C X Z L S J H G F D S A P



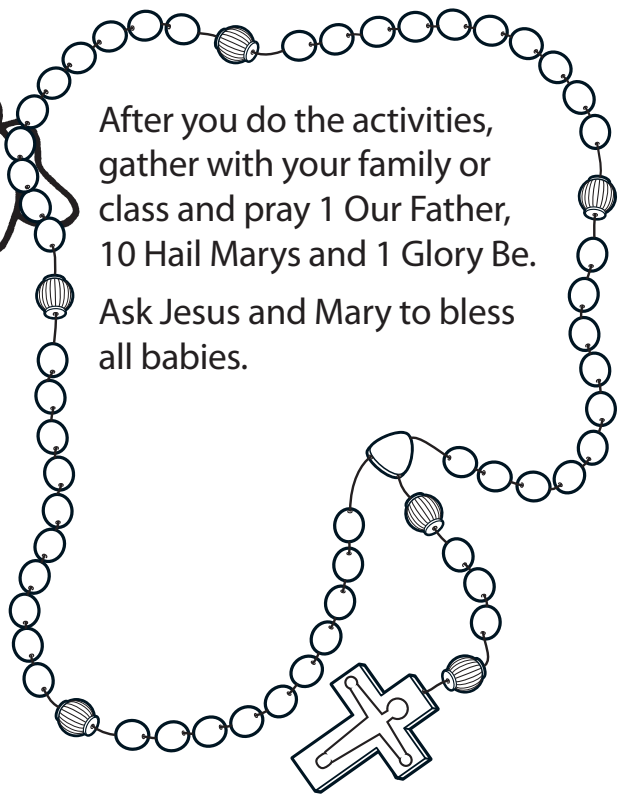
The Birth of Our Lord

The Third Joyful Mystery

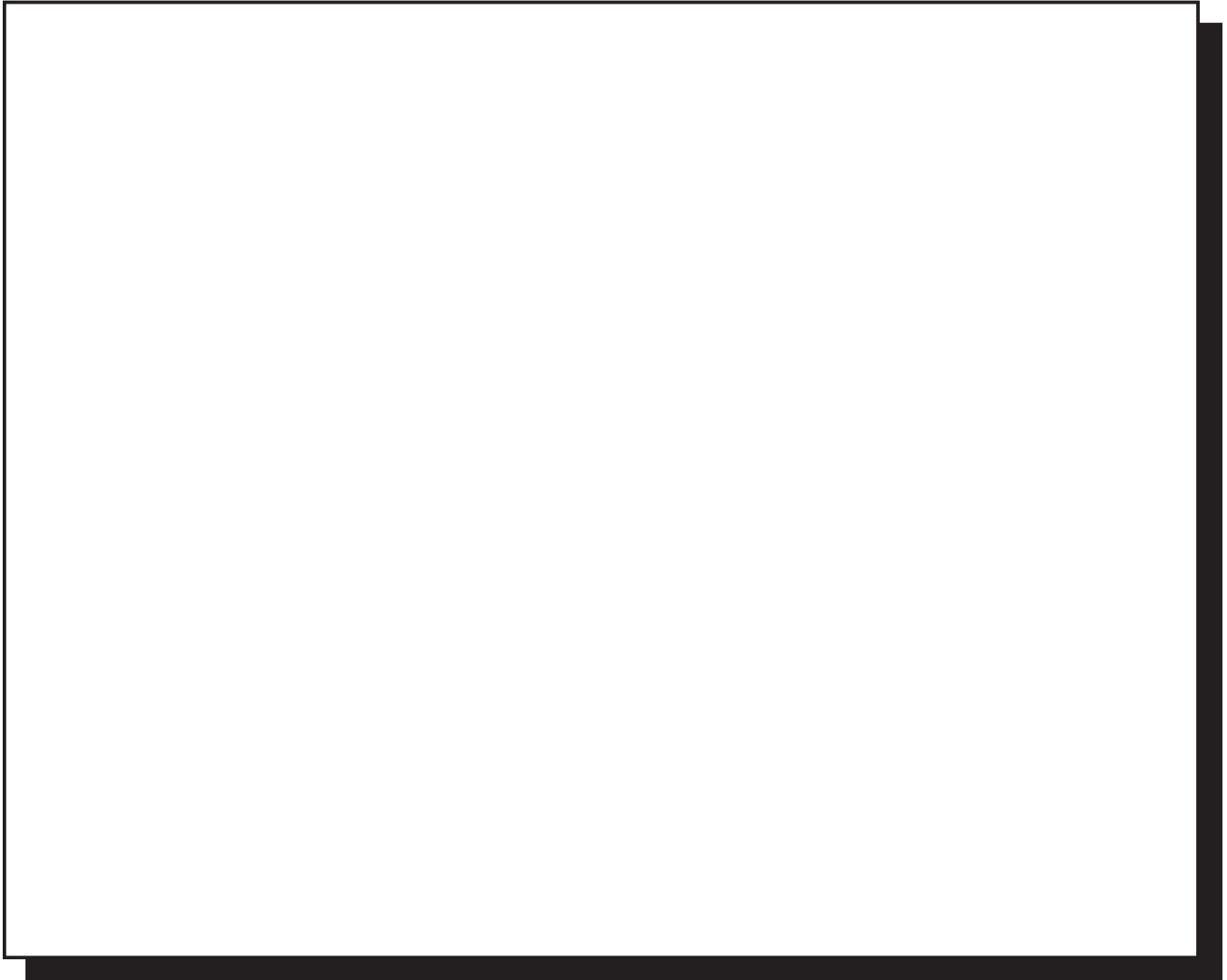
Read this story in the Bible – Luke 2:1-20



After you do the activities,
gather with your family or
class and pray 1 Our Father,
10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be.
Ask Jesus and Mary to bless
all babies.



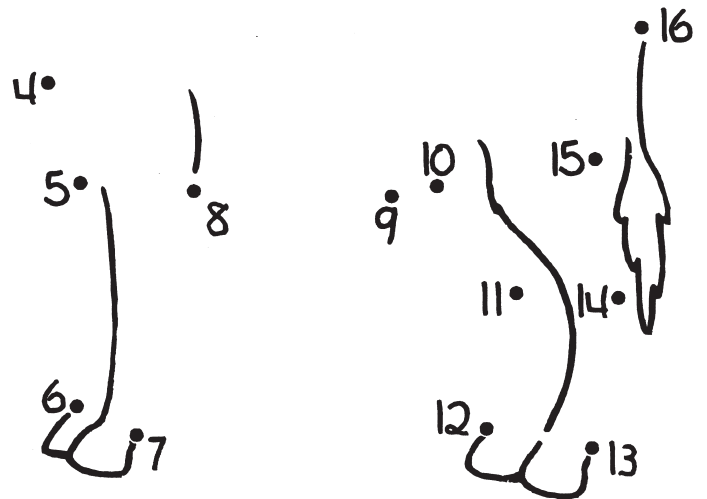
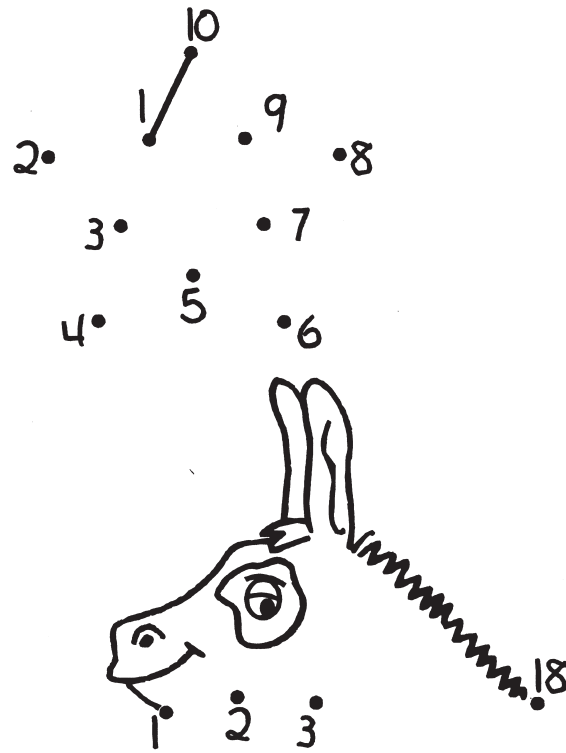
Joseph and M ___ were on a
trip to B _____, as the
angel had instructed them.



Draw the star that guided the
shepherds and three kings to
Jesus.

The Birth of Our Lord

Connect the dots to see some of the things in Bethlehem after the birth of Jesus.



And Mary gave birth
to a baby boy and
Joseph and Mary
named the baby Jesus.

When a person loves God and Jesus,
they are kind and thoughtful of others.

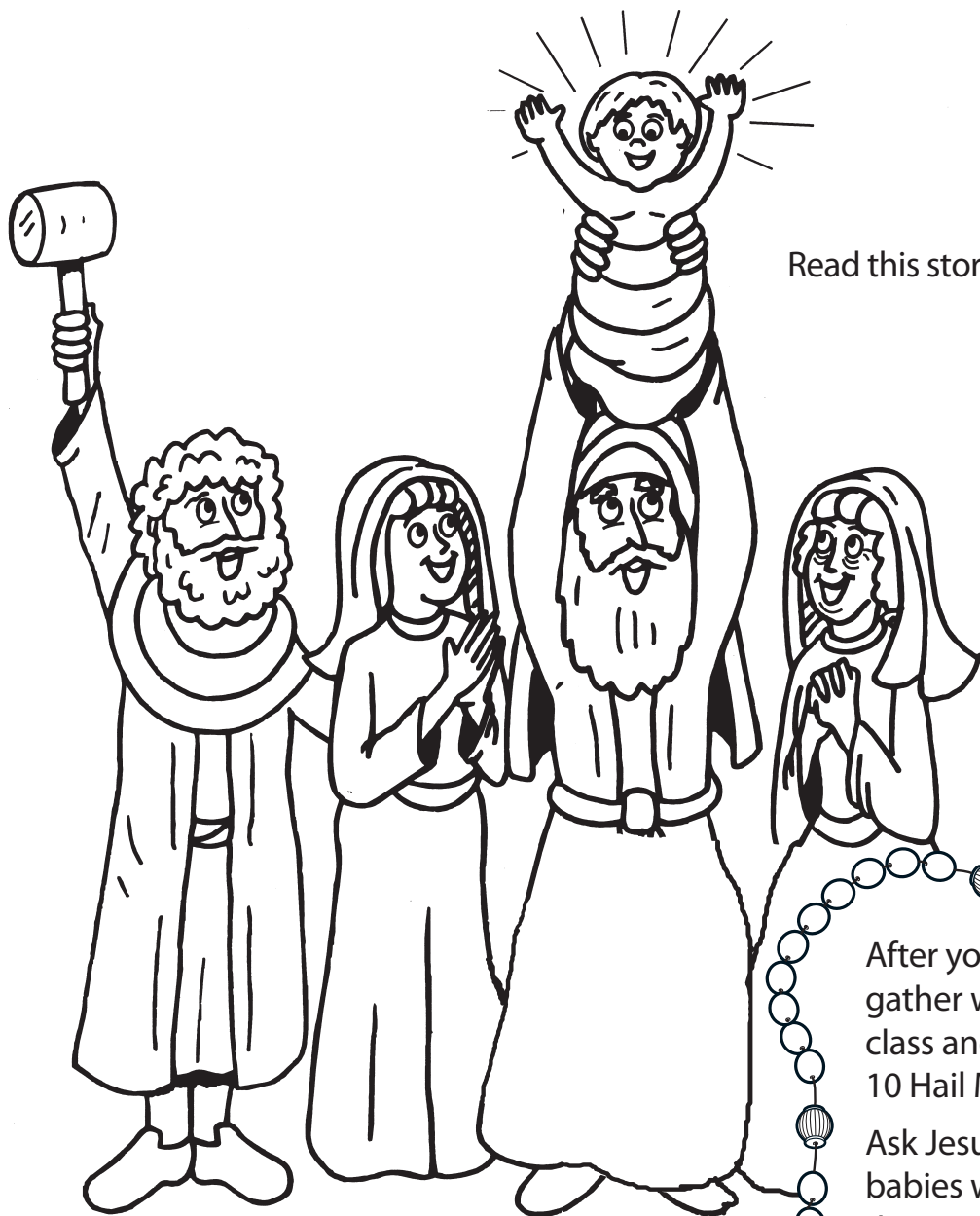
Who is a person you know who loves God?

Color this picture of Jesus and give it to
the person you named.



The Presentation in the Temple

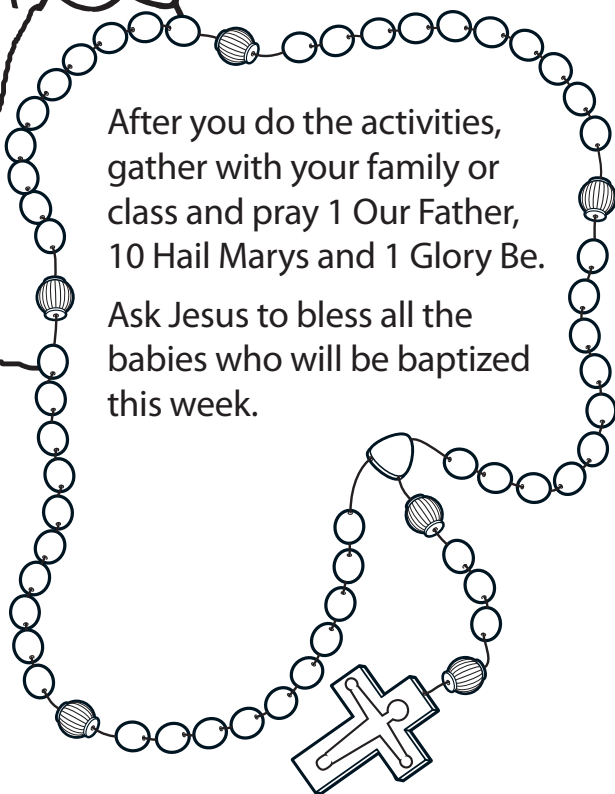
The Fourth Joyful Mystery



Read this story in the Bible – Luke 2:22-38

After you do the activities,
gather with your family or
class and pray 1 Our Father,
10 Hail Marys and 1 Glory Be.

Ask Jesus to bless all the
babies who will be baptized
this week.



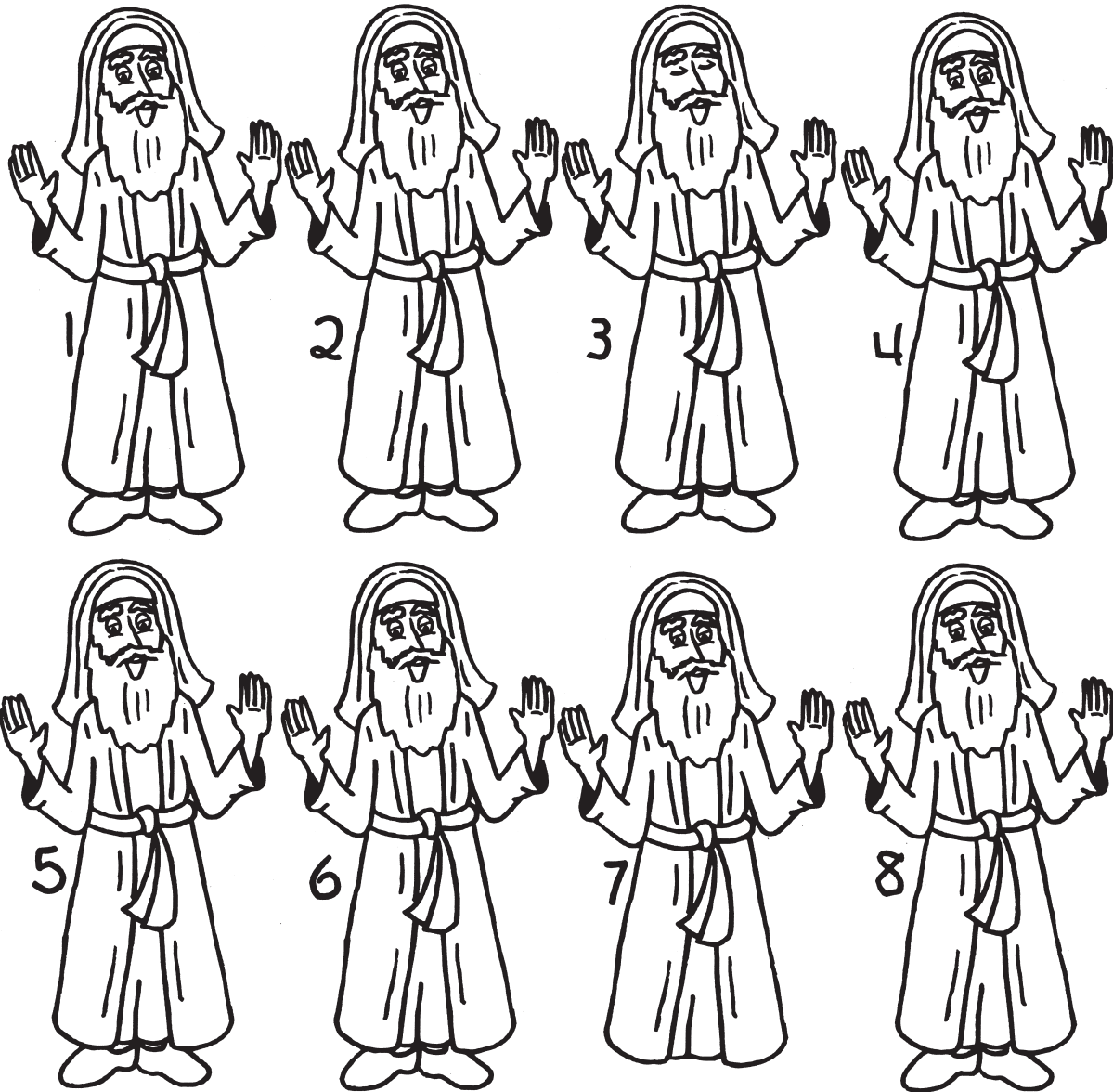
M ____ and Jo ____ took
their son J ____ to the temple.
They wanted to thank G ____ for
their beautiful son.

S ____ and A ____ were
elderly people who went to the
t ____ to p ____ every day.
They were happy to see J ____.



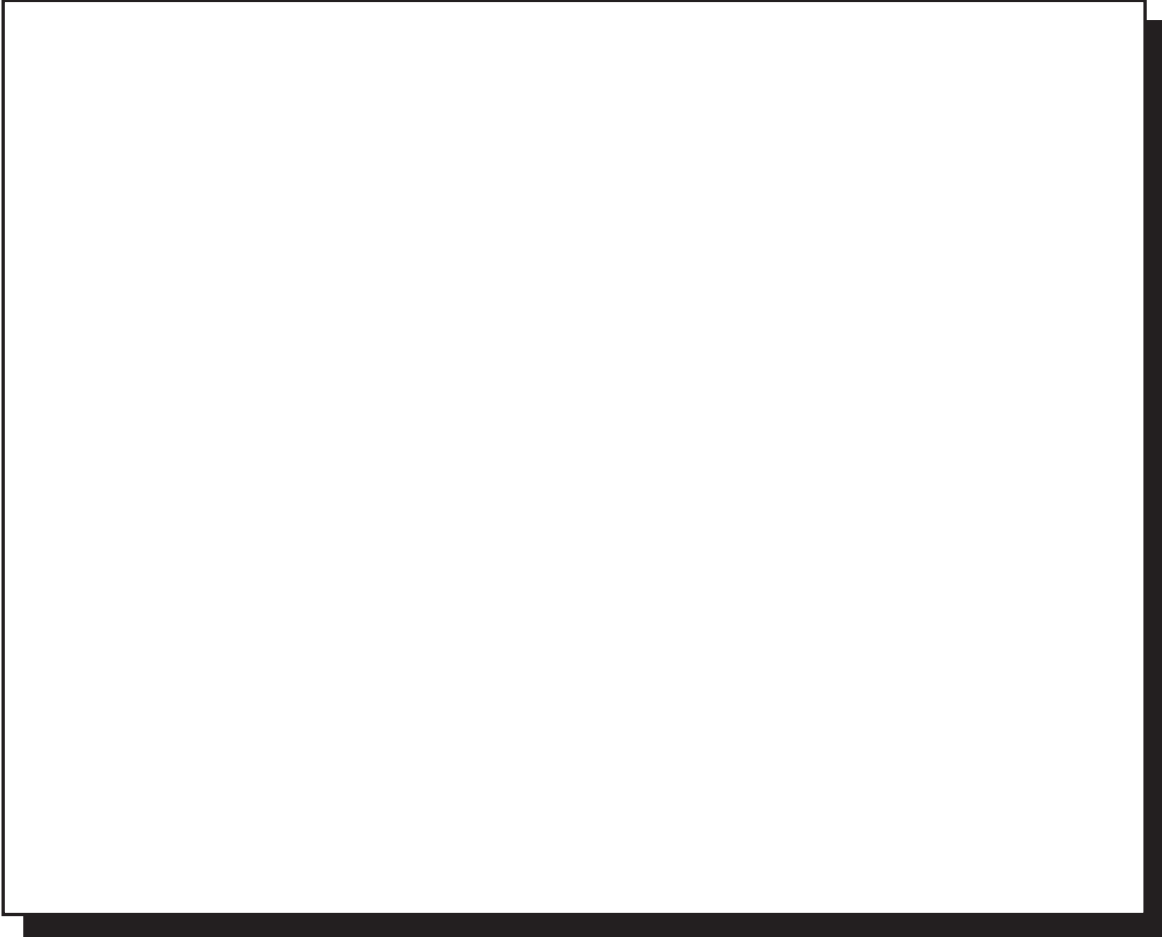
The Presentation in the Temple Match

Can you find the two priests that don't match priest #1 exactly?



Jesus was brought to the temple. Mary and Joseph met Simeon and Anna in the temple. They prayed together for Jesus.

You can meet nice people in church.
Who do you know at your church?
Draw a picture of your church and a
person you always see at church.



I go to _____ church.

The priest at my church is

_____.

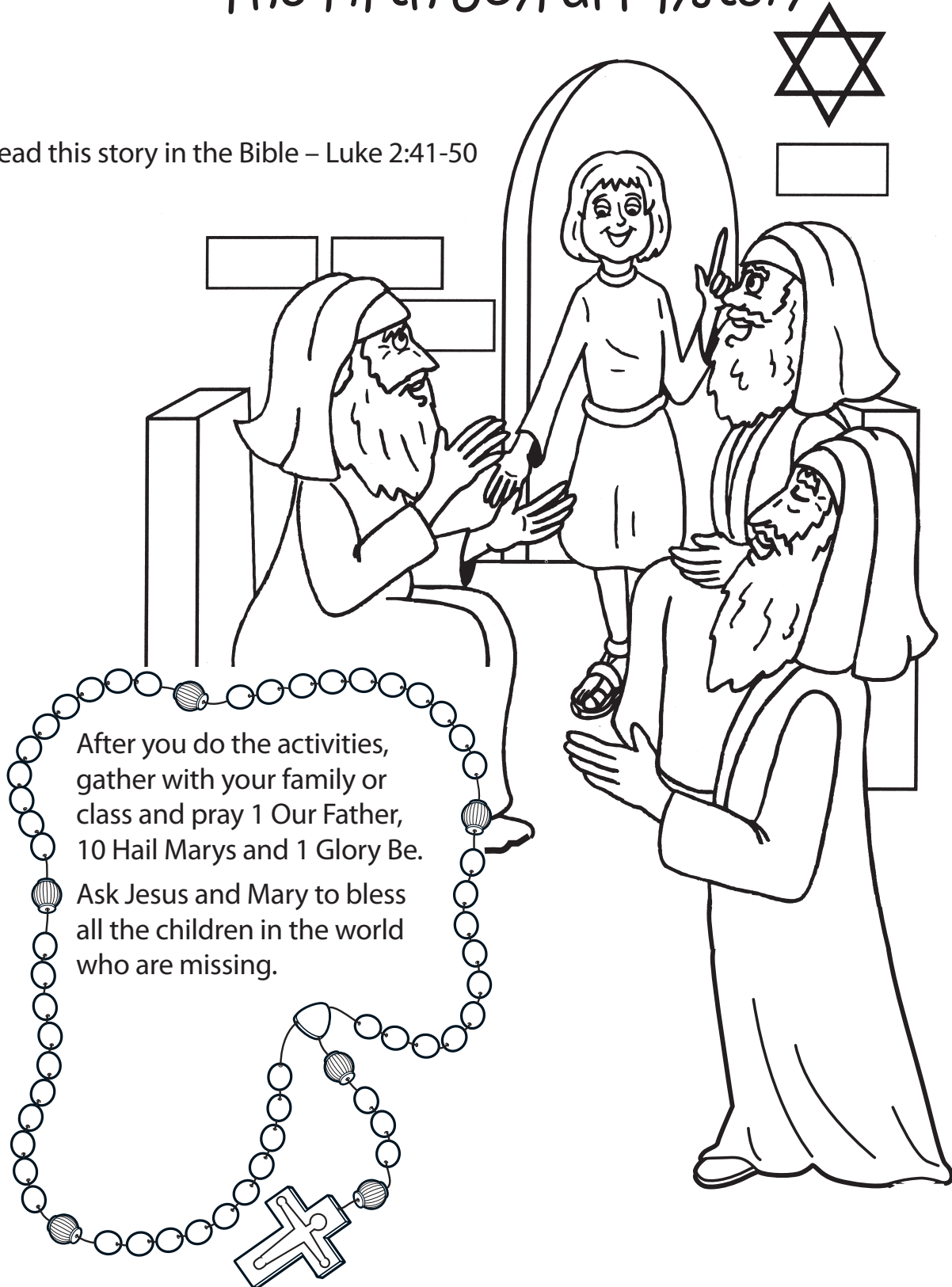
Another person I see at church is

_____.

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Fifth Joyful Mystery

Read this story in the Bible – Luke 2:41-50



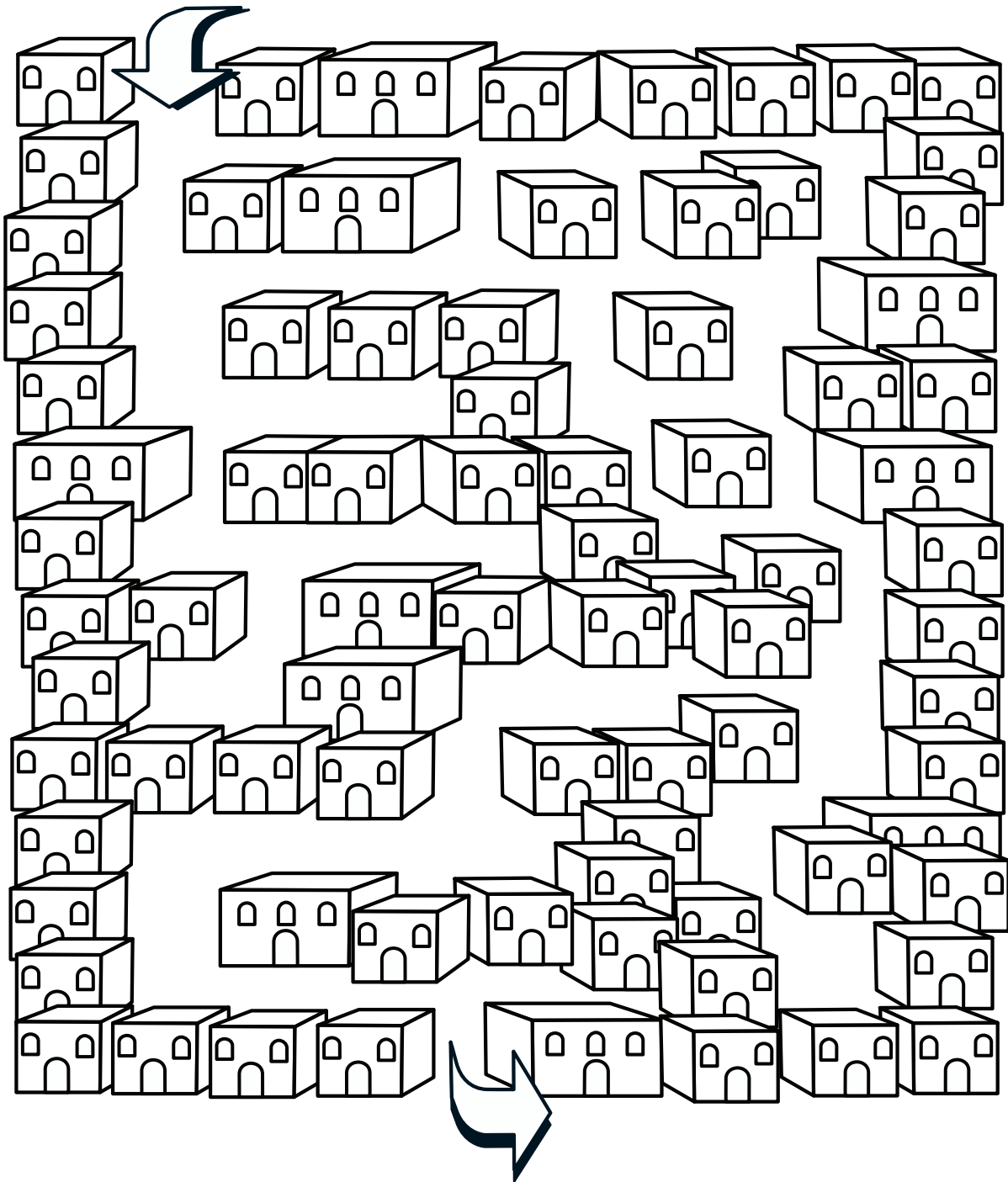
The Story of the Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

J _____ went with his parents to a festival.

When the festival was over, Jesus and his family started the journey home. During the trip, they realized Jesus was missing. They found Jesus in the t _____ with the priests.



Jerusalem Maze



Mary and Joseph were happy to find Jesus in the temple. They were afraid He was lost.

Have you or someone you know ever been lost?

Tell the story to your family or class or write about it below.

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