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**Anglican**  
Church Parish of Taree

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent 19 December, 2021

Luke 1:46

Mary sang: "My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my  
Saviour."

God, our Heavenly Father, no matter  
what our favourite song may be, let it  
be a song of praise for your wonderful  
gift of love -- Jesus Christ, our Lord, in  
whose name we pray, **Amen**



Let's sing about Jesus' birth!

# WordSearch:

Micah 5:2-5 & Luke 1:39-45 (CEV)

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| BETHLEHEM | TOWNS     | LORD     | NATION  |
| FAMILY    | ISRAEL    | RULER    | RETURNS |
| SHEPHERD  | LEAD      | GOD      | LIVE    |
| EARTH     | PEACE     | HURRIED  | JUDEA   |
| HOME      | ELIZABETH | GREETING | BABY    |
| SPIRIT    | VOICE     | WOMAN    | BLESSED |
| MOTHER    | HEARD     | HAPPY    | LORD    |
| BELIEVED  | PROMISE   |          |         |

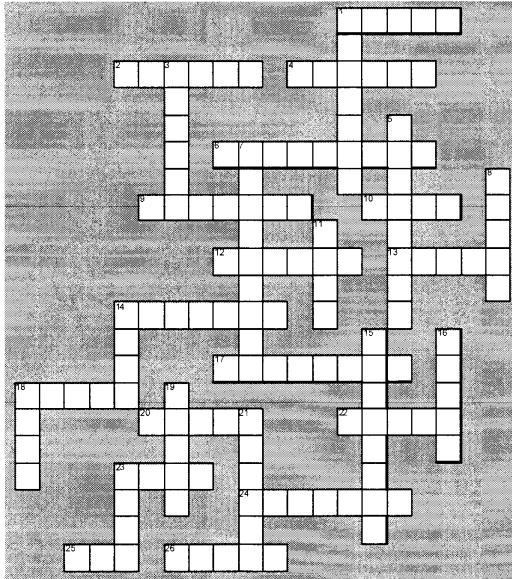


# Crossword

Listen CAREFULLY to the Reading and fill in the blank spaces.  
 Afterwards you will be able to complete the crossword puzzle below.

## Micah 5:2-5 (CEV)

- 6 across) \_\_\_\_\_ Ephrath, you are one of the  
 20 across) Smallest \_\_\_\_\_ in the nation of Judah.  
 23 down) But the \_\_\_\_\_ will choose one of your  
 12 across) people to rule the \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 across) someone whose \_\_\_\_\_ goes back to ancient times.  
 4 across) The Lord will abandon \_\_\_\_\_ only until  
 8 down) this \_\_\_\_\_ is born, and the rest  
 24 across) of his family \_\_\_\_\_ to Israel.  
 17 across) Like a \_\_\_\_\_ taking care of his sheep,  
 23 across) this ruler will \_\_\_\_\_ and care for his people  
 25 across) by the power and glorious name of the Lord his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 10 across) His people will \_\_\_\_\_ securely,  
 26 across) and the whole \_\_\_\_\_ will know his true greatness,  
 22 across) because he will bring \_\_\_\_\_.

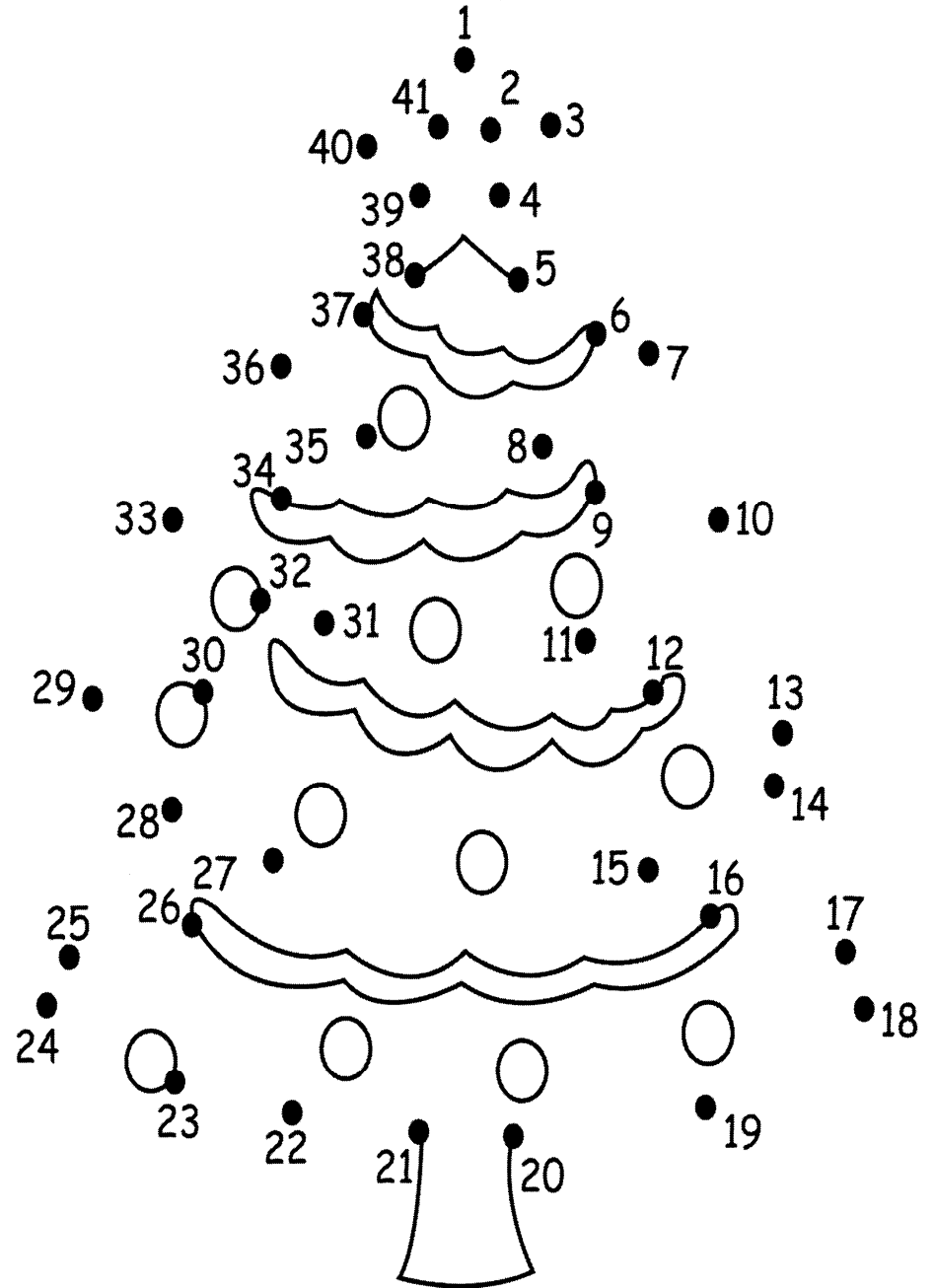


## Luke 1:39-45 (CEV)

- 1 down) A short time later Mary \_\_\_\_\_ to a town  
 16 down) in the hill country of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 18 down) She went into Zechariah's \_\_\_\_\_,  
 7 down) where she greeted \_\_\_\_\_.  
 15 down) When Elizabeth heard Mary's \_\_\_\_\_,  
 14 down) her \_\_\_\_\_ moved within her.  
 21 down) The Holy \_\_\_\_\_ came upon Elizabeth.  
 13 across) Then in a loud \_\_\_\_\_ she said to Mary:  
 19 down) God has blessed you more than any other \_\_\_\_\_!  
 14 across) He has also \_\_\_\_\_ the child you will have.  
 3 down) Why should the \_\_\_\_\_ of my Lord come to me?  
 1 across) As soon as I \_\_\_\_\_ your greeting,  
 18 across) my baby became \_\_\_\_\_ and moved within me.  
 11 down) The \_\_\_\_\_ has blessed you because  
 5 down) you \_\_\_\_\_ that  
 9 across) he will keep his \_\_\_\_\_.



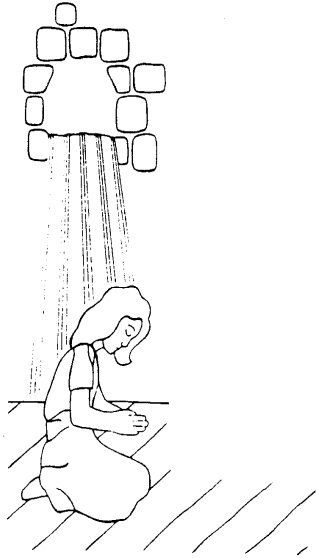
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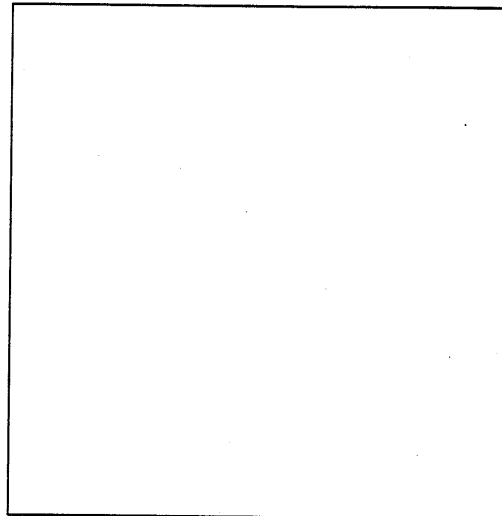
God chose Bethlehem  
even though it was small.



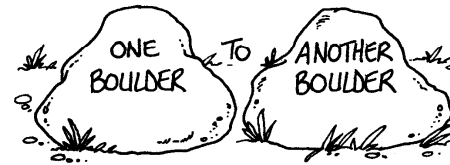
God chose Mary because  
she would hear His call.



God chose me  
because  
He loves Me.



**DRAMA**



1st Rock Gets cold when the sun's off your back, doesn't it?  
2nd Rock Yeah - look, the lights are being lit down there in Bethlehem already.  
1st Rock Do you remember that shepherd boy who used to sit on me and play his harp in the evenings?  
2nd Rock How could I forget! King David, they made him in the end. What a fine young man he was!  
1st Rock You know what I heard?  
2nd Rock No - what?  
1st Rock There's going to be another shepherd king born soon in Bethlehem - a descendant of our shepherd king, David.  
2nd Rock A son of David! Isn't that the one who's supposed to reign over the whole world for ever?  
1st Rock That's what they've been saying for the last thousand years.  
2nd Rock I wonder if he'll come up here and sit on us?  
1st Rock Mmm, that's a thought. Who knows - if we stick around here for another couple of thousand years...  
2nd Rock ... which we will ...  
1st Rock ... we might become famous, telling our story to other fine young men ...  
2nd Rock ... and women ...  
1st Rock ... all over the world!  
Both What a thought!

**ONE DAY A SON OF DAVID  
WILL REIGN**

WHY WERE THE PEOPLE SO KEEN ON THEIR GREAT, MESSIAH BEING FROM KING DAVID'S FAMILY?

Well, they looked back to David, the shepherd king, as the best king ever - a close friend of God, a good leader, and in touch with ordinary people.

SO THEY HOPED THE MESSIAH WOULD BE AS GOOD?

Better! They hoped God's chosen one would be like a perfect, priestly King David, who would reign for ever.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE JESUS, TO ME?

Yes, God's promise to David was repeated to Mary as she conceived Jesus!

**? MESSIAH ?**

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL,  
AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL,  
UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR.  
REJOICE, REJOICE!  
EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE,  
O ISRAEL.

