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The Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 December, 2024

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
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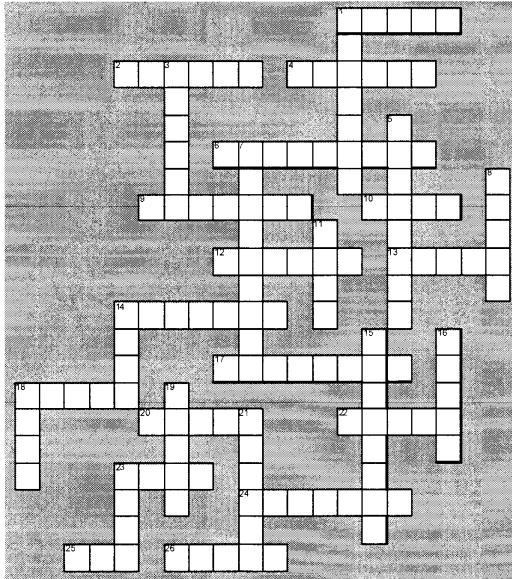


Crossword

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 _____.

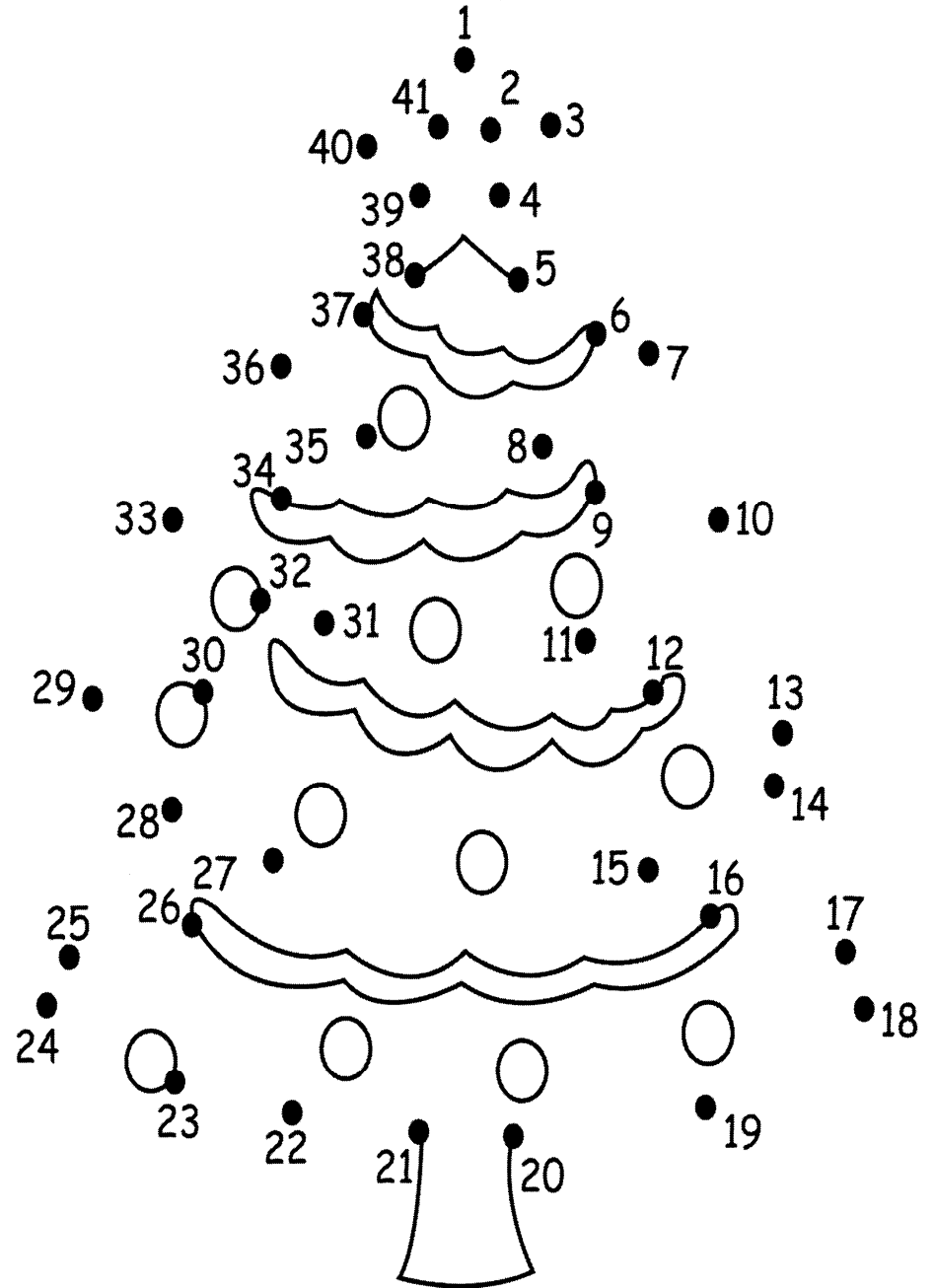


Luke 1:39-45 (CEV)

- 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 _____.



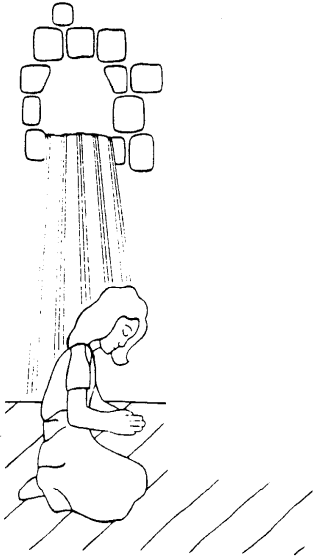
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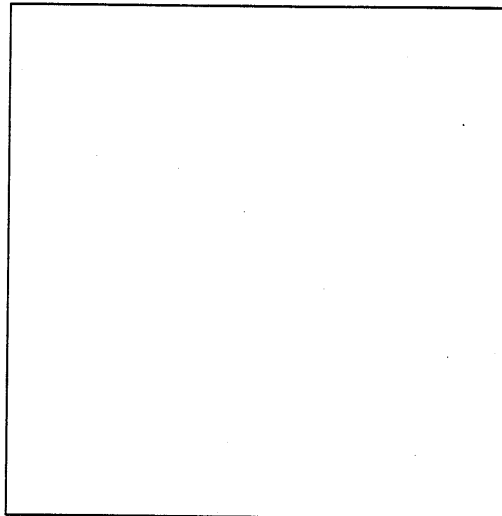
God chose Bethlehem
even though it was small.



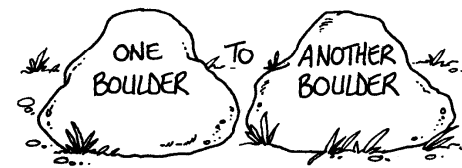
God chose Mary because
she would hear His call.



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,
THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE,
UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR.
REJOICE, REJOICE!
EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE,
O ISRAEL.

