

Good News

December 25, 2020 &

January 3, 2021

Christmas & Epiphany

Jesus Is Born for All People

- 1** Help Mary and Joseph find the way to Bethlehem. Put your pencil on the letter J in the first line. Move up, down, left, right, or diagonally to find the words Joseph, Mary, Bethlehem.



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- 2** Help the Magi find the stable where Jesus has been born. Put your pencil on the letter M in the bottom line. Find the words Magi, east, gold, frankincense, myrrh.





CHRISTMAS GOSPEL

Christmas

Luke 2:1-14

Jesus Is Born!

The Roman leader, Caesar Augustus, was also the ruler of the land where Mary and Joseph lived. Caesar wanted to know how many people lived in his kingdom. Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to be counted. It was a long trip.

When they got to Bethlehem, Mary said, "Joseph, we must find a place to stay. I think the baby will be born soon." But there were no rooms left. Finally, a kind innkeeper said they could stay in his stable with the animals. While they were

there, Mary gave birth to Jesus. She wrapped him to keep him warm and laid him in the manger.



In the fields around Bethlehem, shepherds were taking care of their sheep. An angel came to them. They were frightened. The angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. In Bethlehem, our **Savior** has been born. He is the Messiah. Go to the stable. There you will find the baby lying in a manger."

Then many angels filled the sky. They sang "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to people on earth."



KNOW

- 1 Why was Jesus born in a stable?
- 2 Why did an angel share the news of Jesus' birth with shepherds?
- 3 What do you think the shepherds did next?



Find the angels' message.

● = red
+ = green
- = yellow





SUNDAY GOSPEL

Epiphany

Matthew 2:1-12



Magi Follow a Star

After Jesus was born, Magi came to see him from far away in the east. They saw a special star. They knew it meant a new king had been born, so they followed it.

The Magi stopped in Jerusalem to ask King Herod where the new king was. Herod did not want anyone else to be king. He asked the Magi to let him know if they found the new king.

The Magi followed the star to Bethlehem. It led them to Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. They got down on their knees and worshiped Jesus. They gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

That night, the Magi had a dream that told them not to go back to King Herod. "We will find another way home," they said.



Catholic Faith Word

Savior *Savior* is a title for Jesus because he forgave our sins and saved our friendship with God through his Death and Resurrection.



KNOW

- 1 What do you think the Magi did when they got home?
- 2 What does the story of the Magi teach us?



Connecting GOSPEL and DOCTRINE

Jesus Is Our Savior

We celebrate the coming of our Savior at Christmas. Jesus saves us from sin and death. Our unloving and selfish choices—our sins—hurt our friendship with God and others. Jesus leads us back to God. He opened the gates of Heaven so that we can live with God forever after we die.

Family Corner

Scan here for
parent resources
or go to gospelweeklies.com/family



Question of the Week

How is Jesus a gift in your life?

Family Prayer

Today, we remember Jesus' birth. Please be born in our hearts today, Lord. Amen.



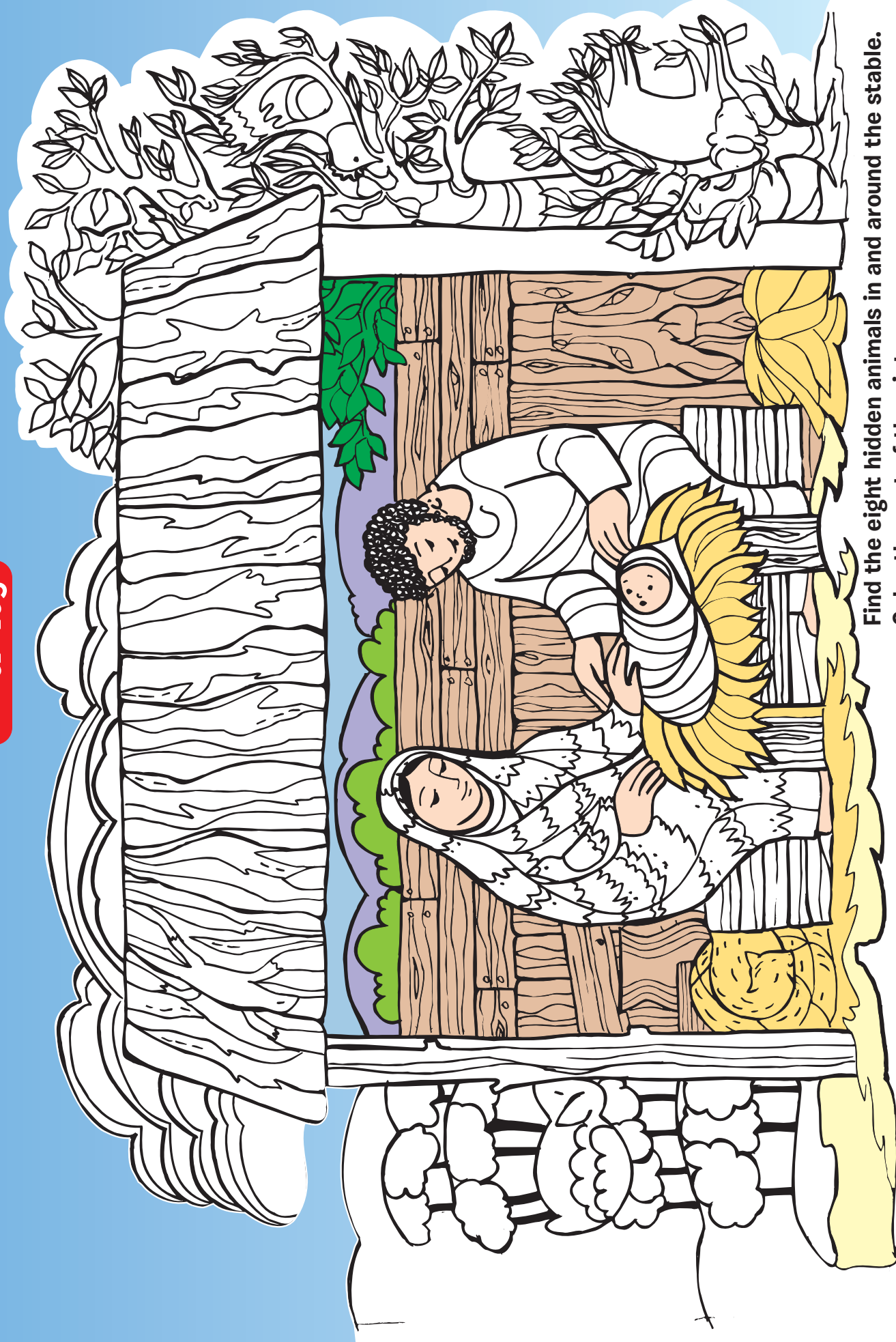
I . . . encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God, thanks to him who is with us until the end of time.

—Saint John Paul II



Go to pages 57 and 18 of your Catechism handbook to learn more about Christmas.

Activity



Find the eight hidden animals in and around the stable.
Color the rest of the picture.