



December 3, 2017 First Sunday of Advent

No one knows when Jesus will return.
Because we don't know, Jesus urges his disciples to be two things.
Use the shape code to find what they are.

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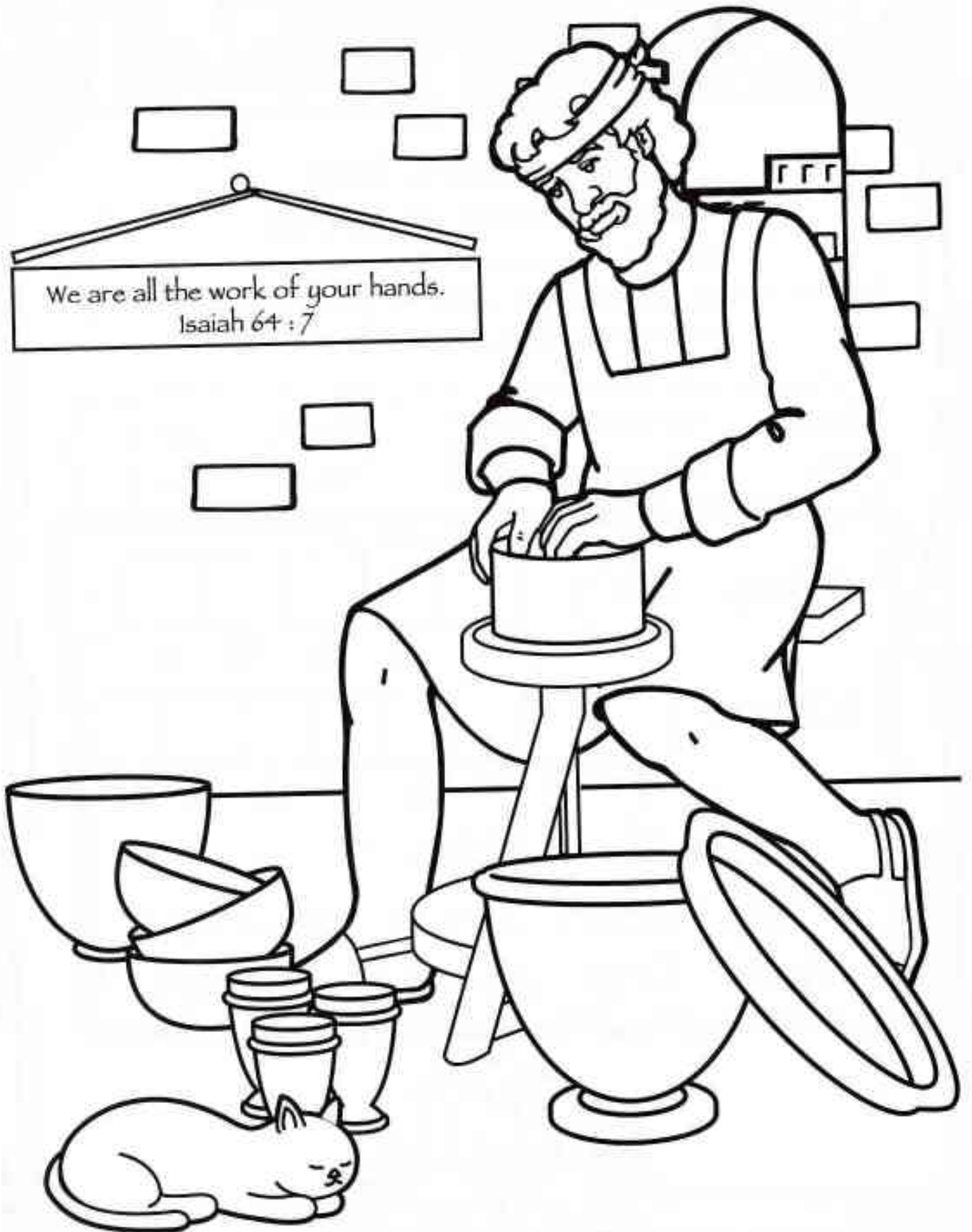
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and steady...

So when Jesus returns,
He'll find you are ready!





We are all the work of your hands.
Isaiah 64:7



A CHILD IS BORN TO US

Today we begin Year B of the three-year liturgical cycle, the year when we hear the Gospel according to Mark. There are no stories about the birth of Jesus in Mark's Gospel; instead, it begins with the preaching of John the Baptist. John is the last in a long line of prophets who gave people hope as they awaited the birth of the Messiah, the Anointed One. Prophets also spoke words that would help people recognize the Messiah when he came.

Each week of the Advent and Christmas seasons we will consider the words of one of the prophets or another passage of scripture. Read them carefully and think about what they tell us about the Messiah. What is the prophet saying to us?

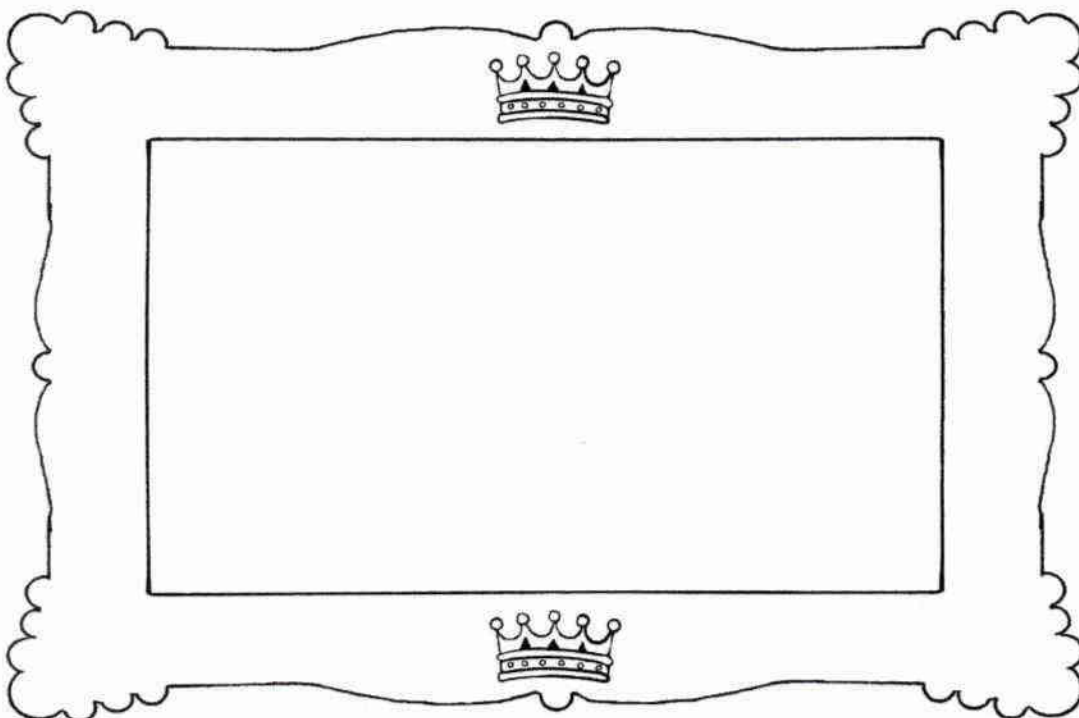
*For a child is born to us, a son is given us; . . .
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero,
Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

(Isaiah 9:5)

Isaiah tells us that the Messiah will come as a child, not a great king or warrior, and will be known by many different names. Which name in this verse best describes the Messiah for you? Some people might think about him as a father who takes care of us and protects us. To others he might be a counselor, someone very wise who can teach us. "God-Hero" makes us think of how powerful God is. "Prince of Peace" reminds us that God's power will be used for good and to bring peace.

Think about the name you chose and draw a picture to describe that name.

Use this space or your own paper. Save the picture to make a booklet of the prophets' words.

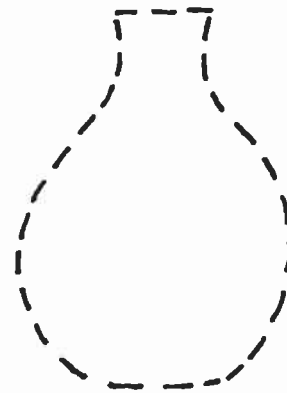
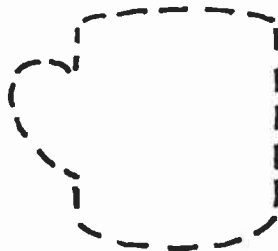
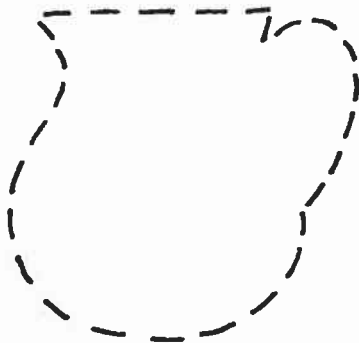
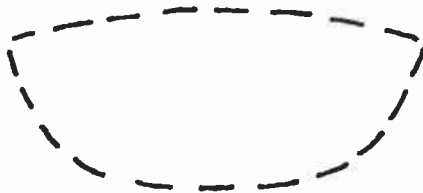
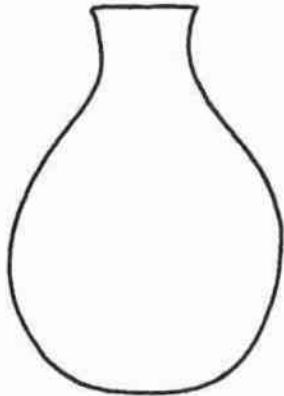
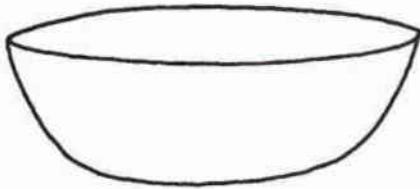


The prophet Isaiah prays,
"We are the clay and you the potter" (Isaiah 64:7).

That means God works to make us into
the people we were created to be.

Match each of the pottery pieces to its outline.

Then decorate them with colorful designs!



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