



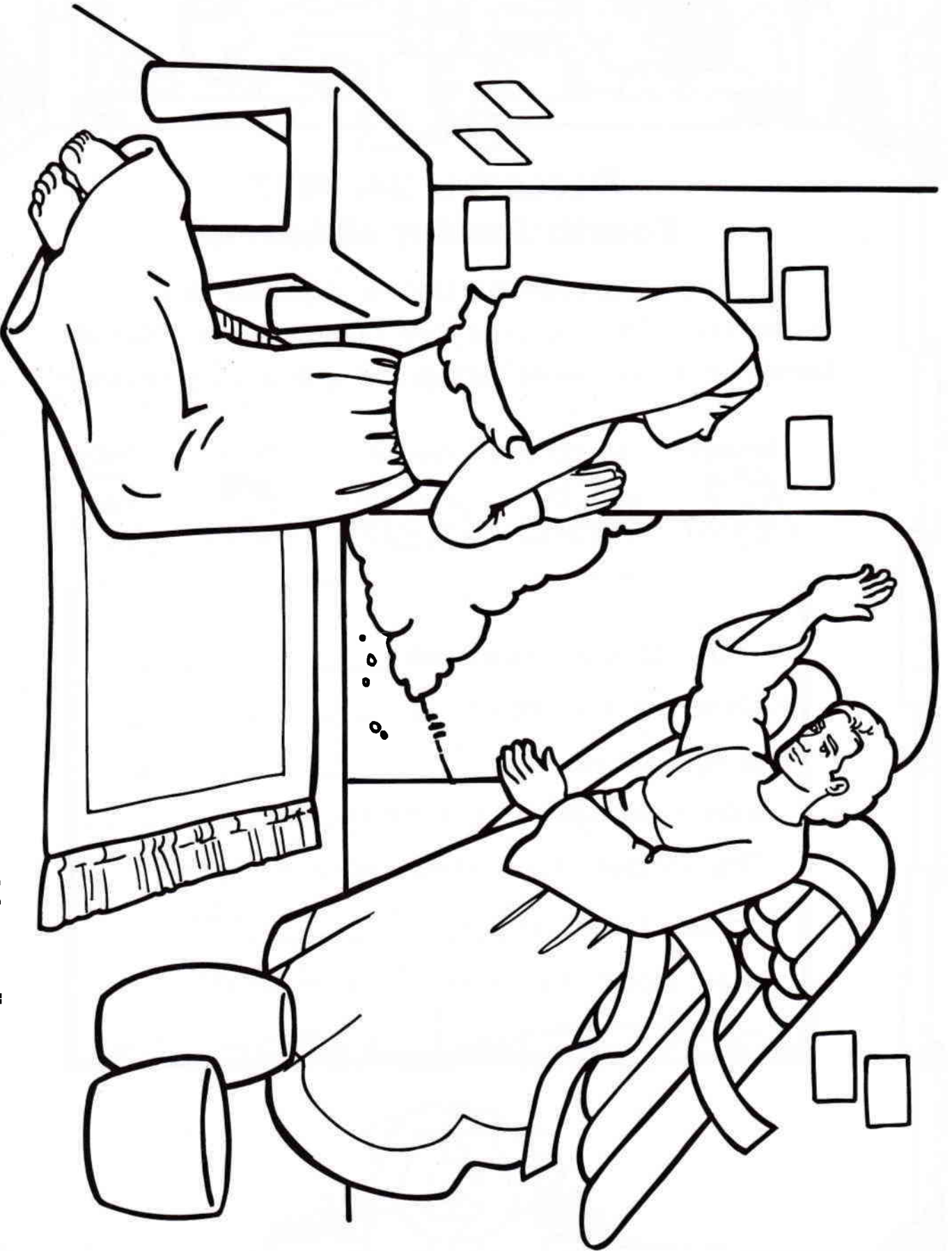
## December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

The words below are from an important story found in the first chapter of Luke's Gospel (Luke 1:26–38). Decide where each word belongs and write it onto the blanks.



An angel named \_\_\_\_\_  
came to the town of \_\_\_\_\_.  
He appeared to \_\_\_\_\_. She  
was engaged to marry \_\_\_\_\_.  
The angel told this woman she  
would have a \_\_\_\_\_! This  
child would be the Son of God!





**“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”  
Luke 1 : 28**



## SHEPHERD KING

Today is a very unusual day. It is the last Sunday of Advent, but it is also Christmas Eve. If you go to Mass in the morning the church will be decorated in purple and the last candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. But later in the evening, Advent will be over and it will be Christmas Eve. People will gather in church again, this time to sing Christmas carols and welcome the Christ child.

The angel told Mary that God would give her son, Jesus, “the throne of David his father” (Luke 1:32). David was an ancestor of Jesus, a young shepherd and later a great king of Israel. The angel was saying that Jesus, like David, would be a shepherd, too. Jesus himself said, “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11). Jesus, like David, would also be a king, but his kingdom would not be like any kingdom on earth. His would be a kingdom of peace in which everyone was cared for and loved. It would be God’s kingdom.

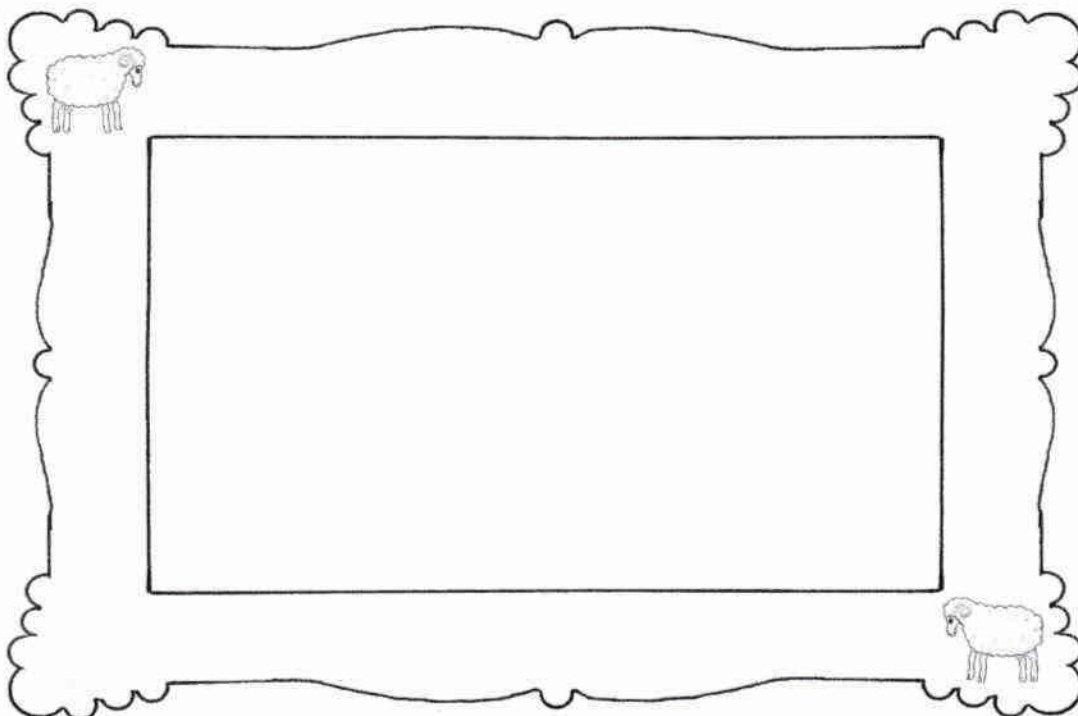
We know that the words of the angel came true.

Draw a picture of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, with a crown next to the Shepherd.

Think about the names of the Messiah you read on the First Sunday of Advent.

Now you have two new names to add to that list.

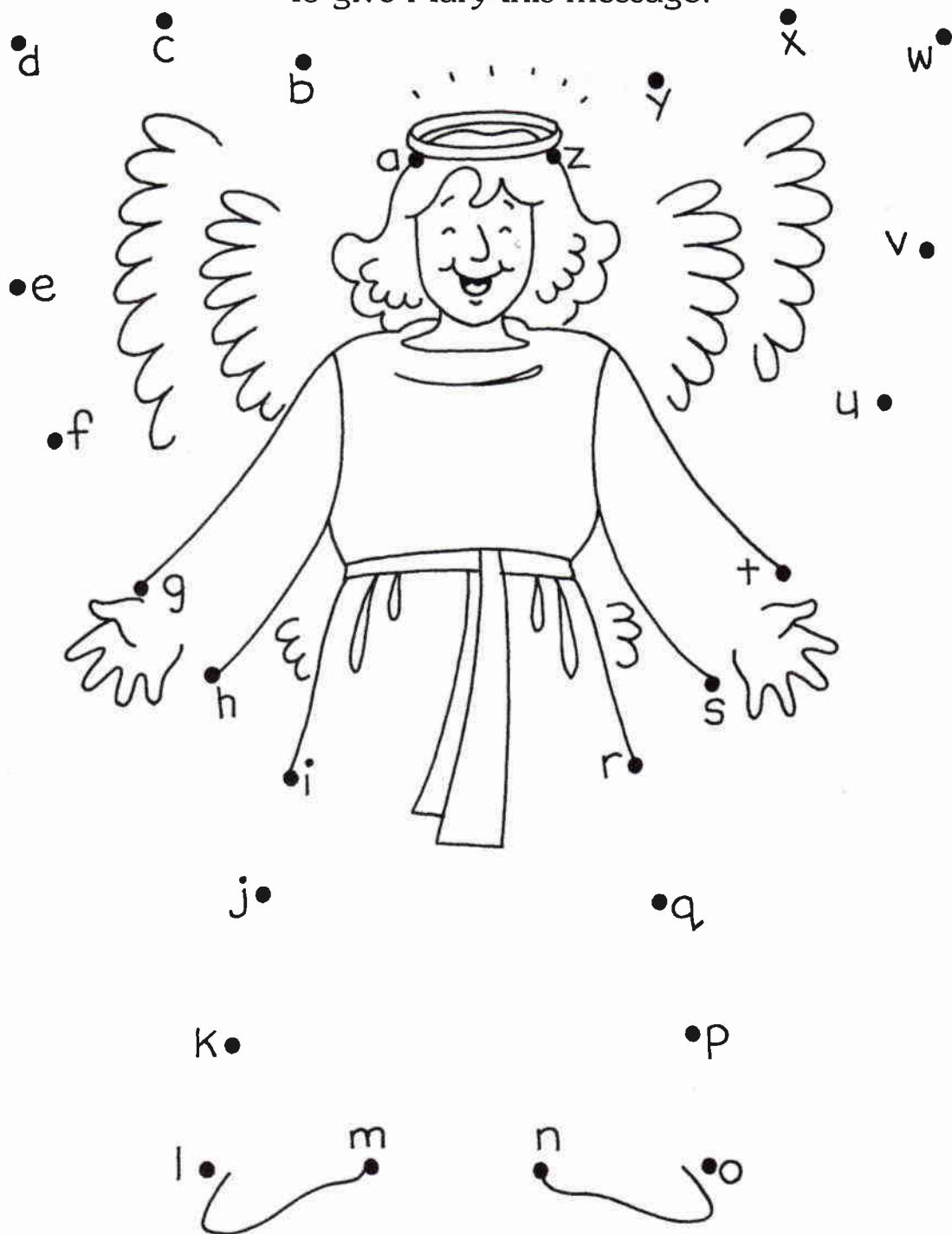
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God can do anything—  
nothing is impossible for God.

Connect the dots to see whom God sent  
to give Mary this message.



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