



December 25, 2017 Christmas

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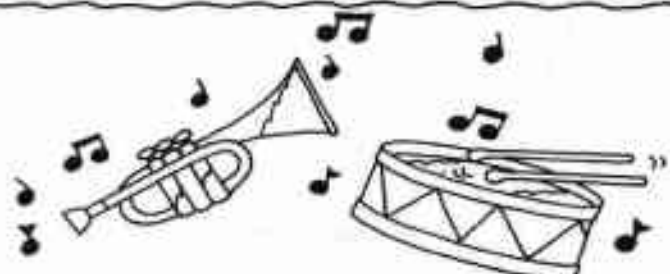
“Sing praise to the LORD with the harp” (Psalm 98:5a).

That sounds like the perfect way to give thanks
that God’s Son, Jesus, was sent to be our savior.

Look up, down, across, and diagonally
to find and circle the names of these other instruments
that can be used to praise God with music.

trumpet piano violin guitar
drums tambourine flute clarinet

k t a m b o u r i n e r q o
d r u m s m z e l q a p n n
y u j q e n t c s t y f h a
l m v r h u a v i o l i n i
r p b d l o v u q c m q u p
f e p f w s g d t g w u i j
q t k i h a c l a r i n e t





*And the glory of the Lord shone around them.
Luke 2:9*



WE HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT

Joy to the world! Jesus Christ is born! Some the most beautiful words of the prophet Isaiah are these:

*The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.*

(Isaiah 9:1)

The people who were waiting for Jesus waited in darkness—not the darkness of nighttime that we know, but different kinds of darkness. Sometimes the people felt alone in the darkness because they were afraid, or sick, or anxious. These worries and others are all types of darkness.

Who is the “great light”? Jesus!

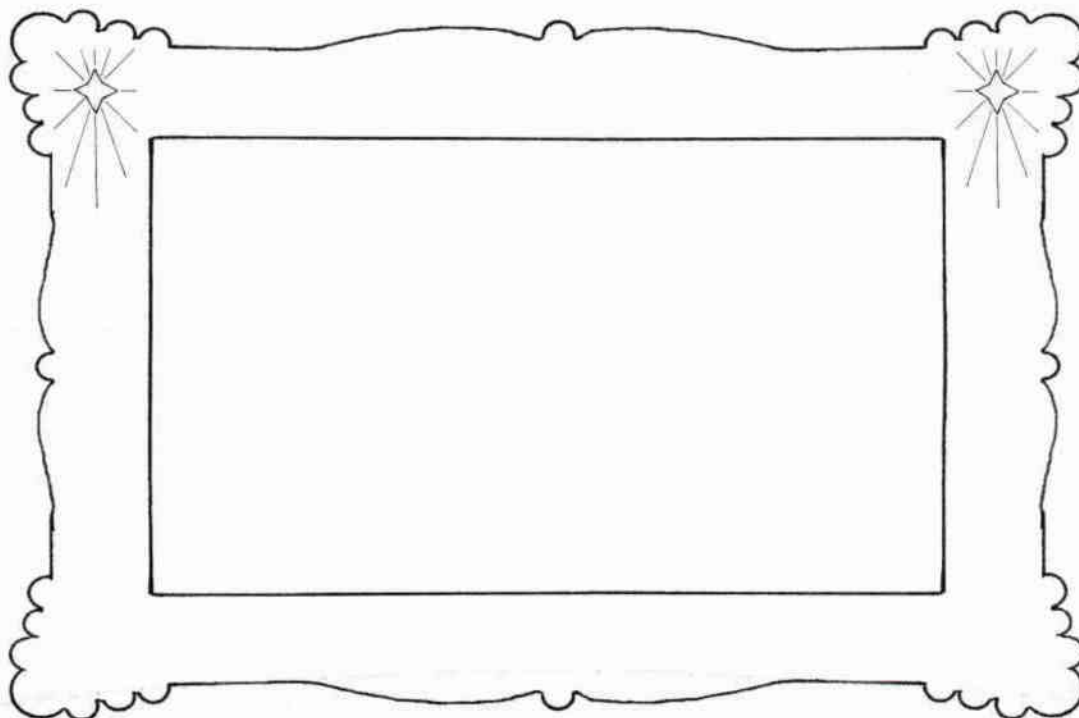
We celebrate Christmas every year to remind us that even though there is still darkness in our world, today we have the light of Jesus. Jesus’ light is stronger than the darkness. “The light shines in the darkness, / and the darkness has not overcome it,” we hear in the Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the Day (John 1:5).

When you think of a great light, do you imagine a star?

A sun? A candle?

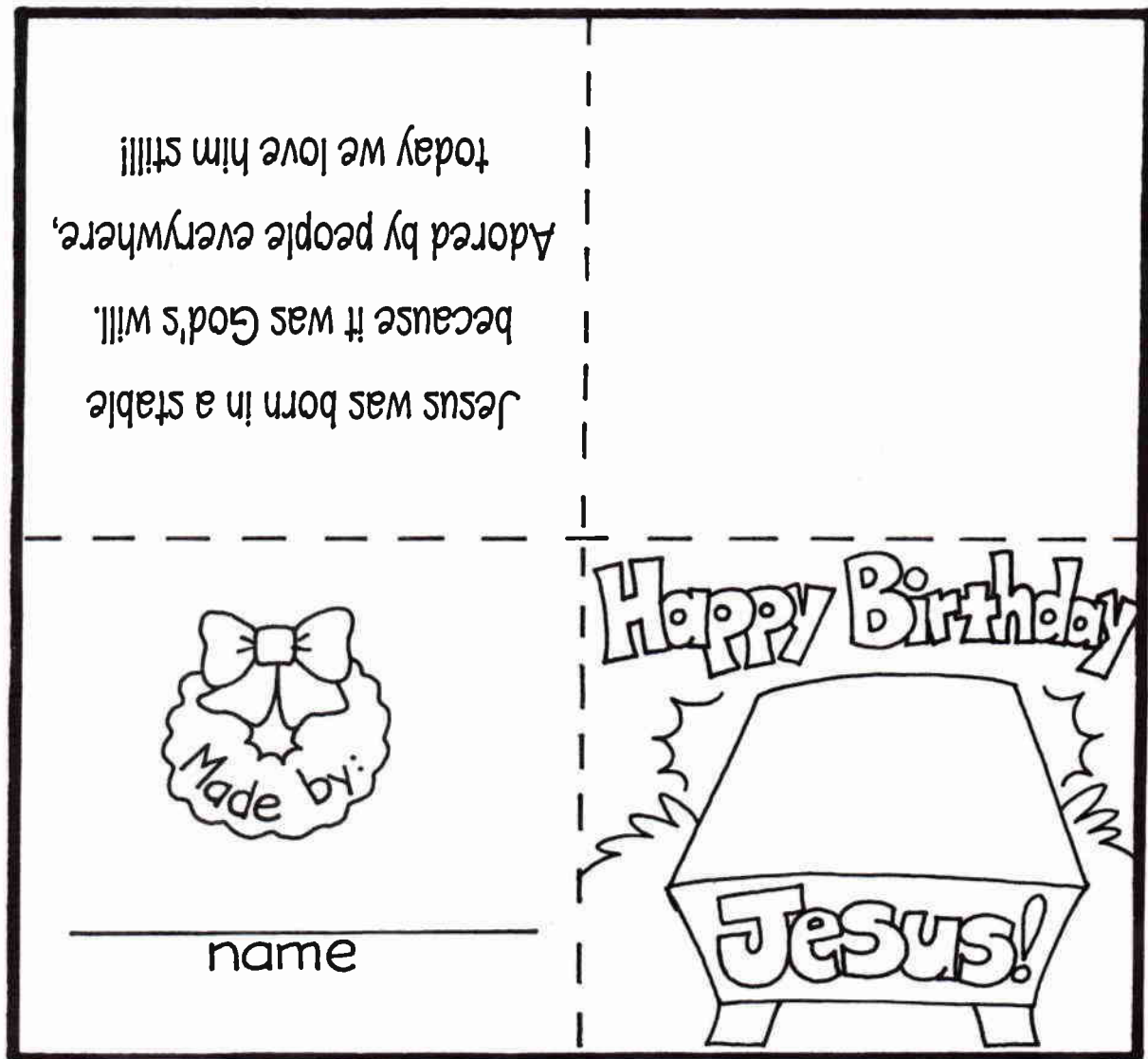
Draw the light that you imagine best represents Jesus.

Inside the picture, write a prayer thanking God
for sending us Jesus to be our light.

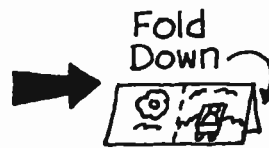


Let's celebrate Christmas!
Draw Baby Jesus in the manger.

Then cut out the large square and follow the steps to make it into a card.
Sign your name and place it where it can be a reminder
of what this holiday is all about.



1. Color
2. Cut out on thick lines.
3. Fold like shown...



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