



**December 31, 2017**

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

As children of God, we want people to see certain traits in us. Some of the qualities we should strive to practice are listed here.

Work to fit them in the crossword.

Some letters have been written in to help you.

patience

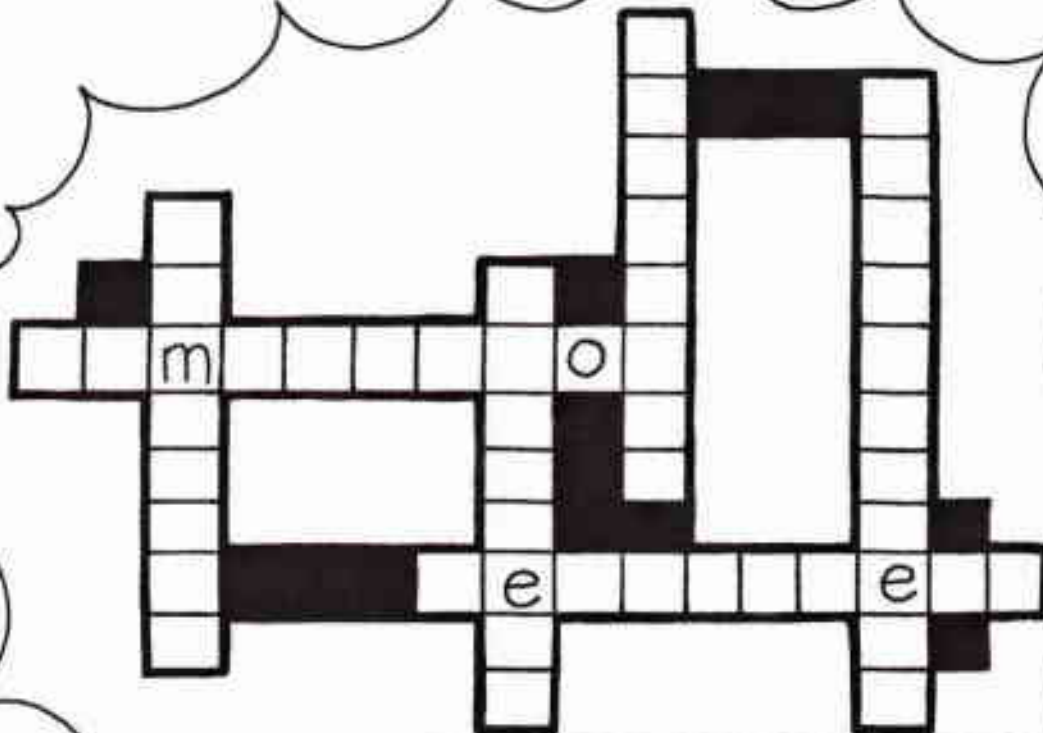
gentleness

humility

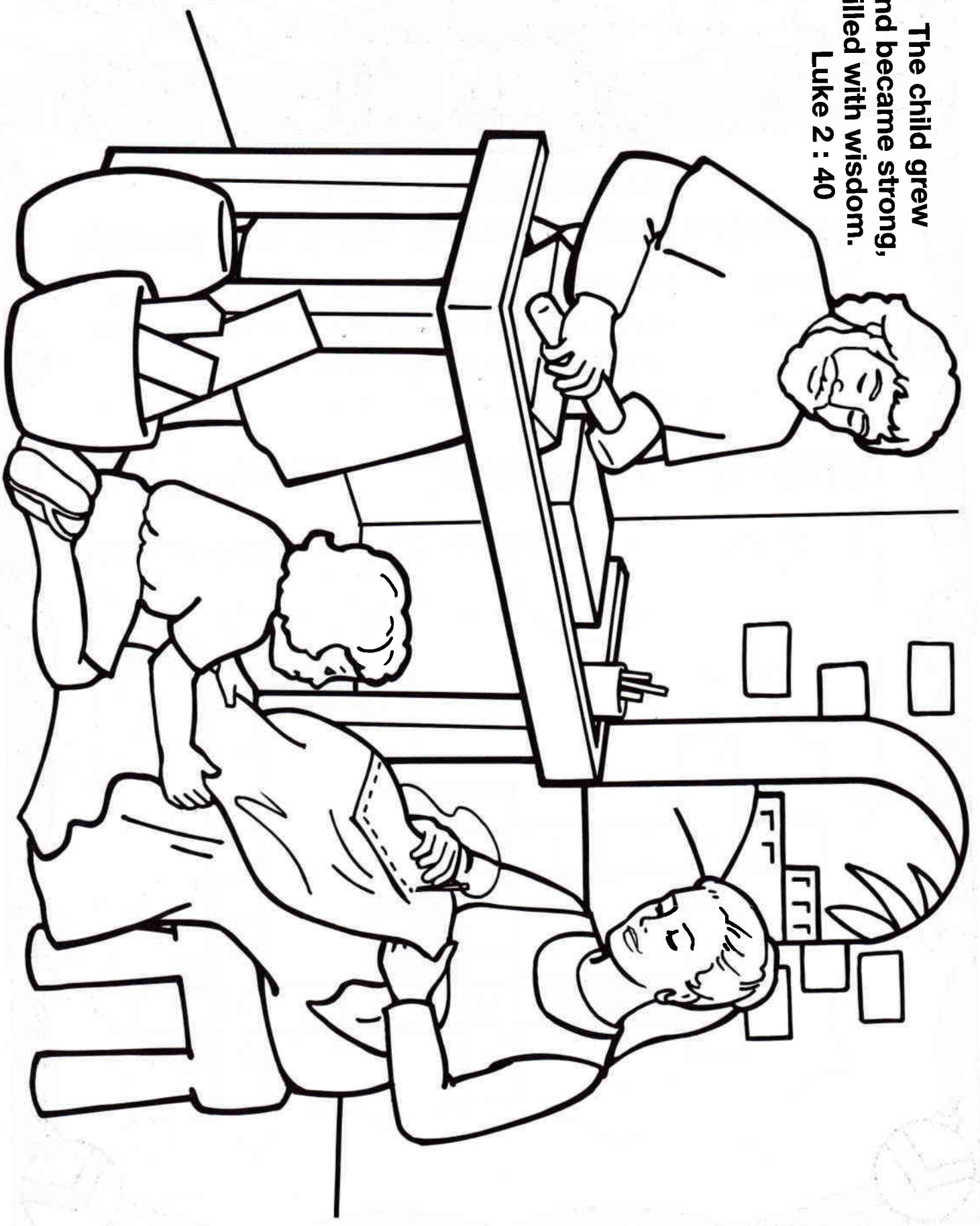
kindness

compassion

forgiveness



The child grew  
and became strong,  
filled with wisdom.  
Luke 2 : 40





## HOLY FAMILIES

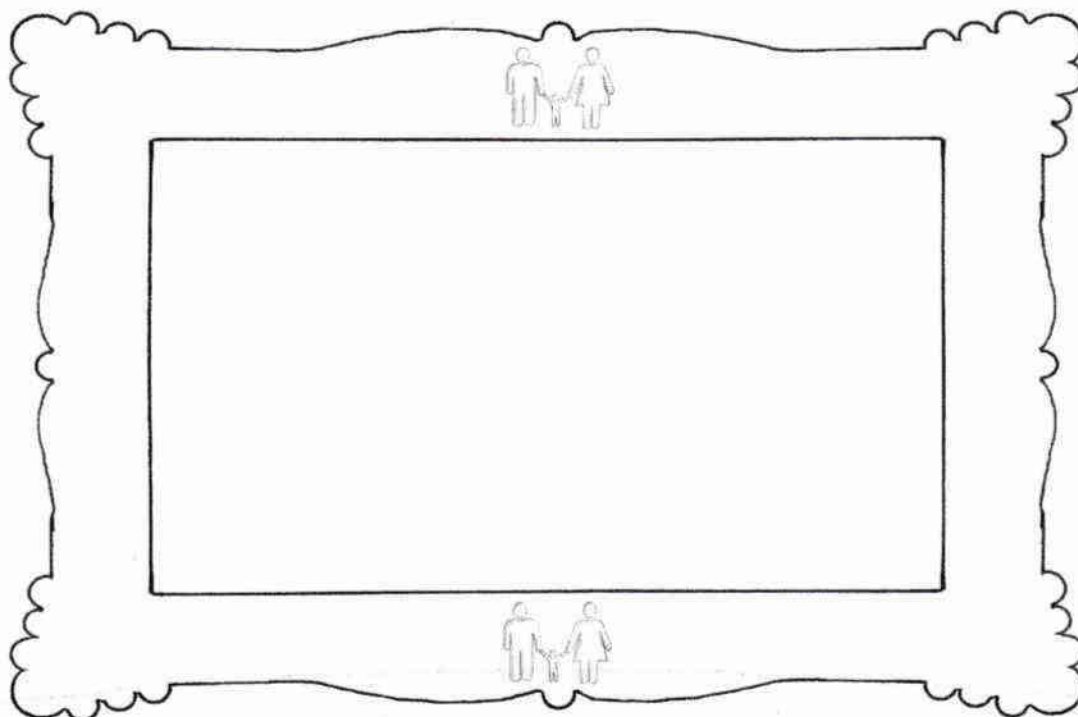
Today we remember and celebrate Jesus' earthly family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This holy family was where Jesus learned the most important things in life: how to pray, to be kind and loving to others, to help those in need, and always to do the will of God. They give us a good model to follow.

When Jesus grew up and went around the land teaching and preaching, he once said something that must have sounded shocking to anyone who heard him. One day his mother and family came to the place where he was speaking. Someone told him that his family was outside waiting for him. But Jesus looked around at all the people who were listening to him and said,

*“Who are my mother and my brothers?  
Here are my mother and my brothers.  
For whoever does the will of God  
is my brother and sister and mother.”  
(Mark 3:33–35)*

That means that if we try every day to do what God asks us to do, Jesus considers us his brother or sister. All people who love God and do God's will are part of the family of Jesus. He said so. We are all part of that holy family—a family that continues to grow and fill the whole world. What a great family!

Draw a picture of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.  
Draw in yourself, your family, and people from around the world.  
Add this picture to your booklet.



The scriptures tell us that Mary and Joseph took Jesus home to the town of Nazareth, where he grew and became strong and wise. Circle all the living things below that can grow!

