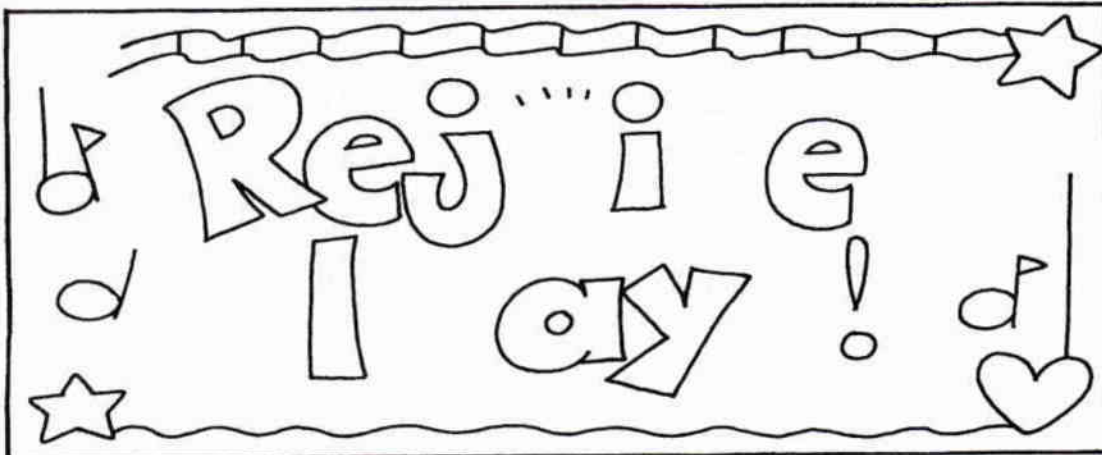
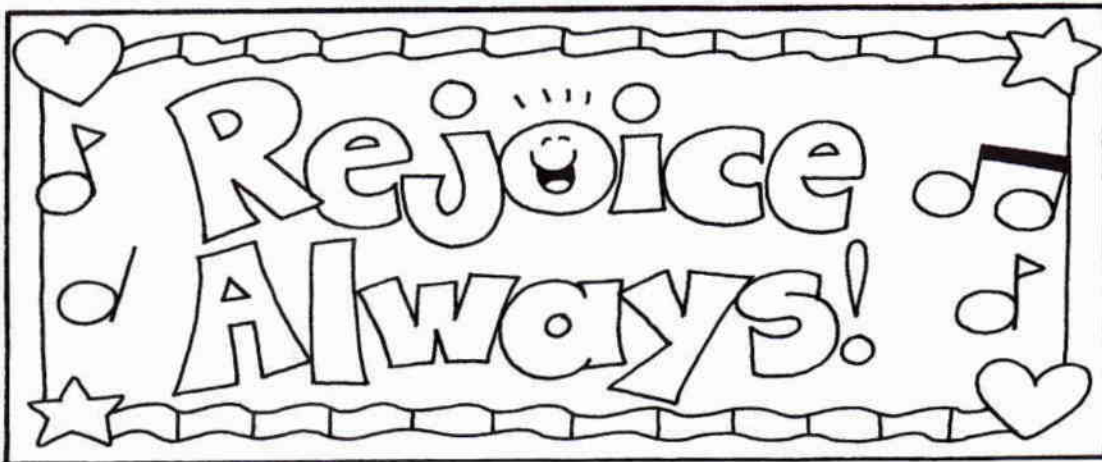




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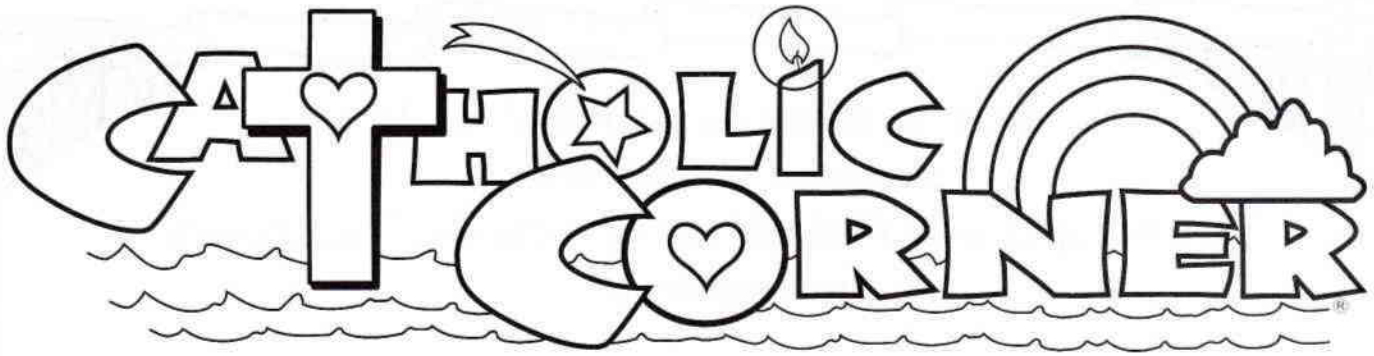
God is so wonderful and good!
We are filled with joy and we rejoice because of God's goodness.
Finish drawing the bottom sign so it looks like the top one.
Then color both.





Like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10



O LITTLE TOWN

These words come from another prophet named Micah. He foretold where the Messiah would be born. It was not the place many people imagined.

*But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah,
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
From you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler of Israel.*

(Micah 5:1)

If you were waiting for the birth of an important person, where do you think that would happen? In a large city? In a grand building? In some famous place that everyone knew? So the people who waited for the Messiah must have thought. But the prophet Micah told them to look for someplace different. Do you recognize the name of a "little town" in the verse above? We know now that it is the birthplace of Jesus.

Do you have any Christmas cards, old or new, with a picture of this place?

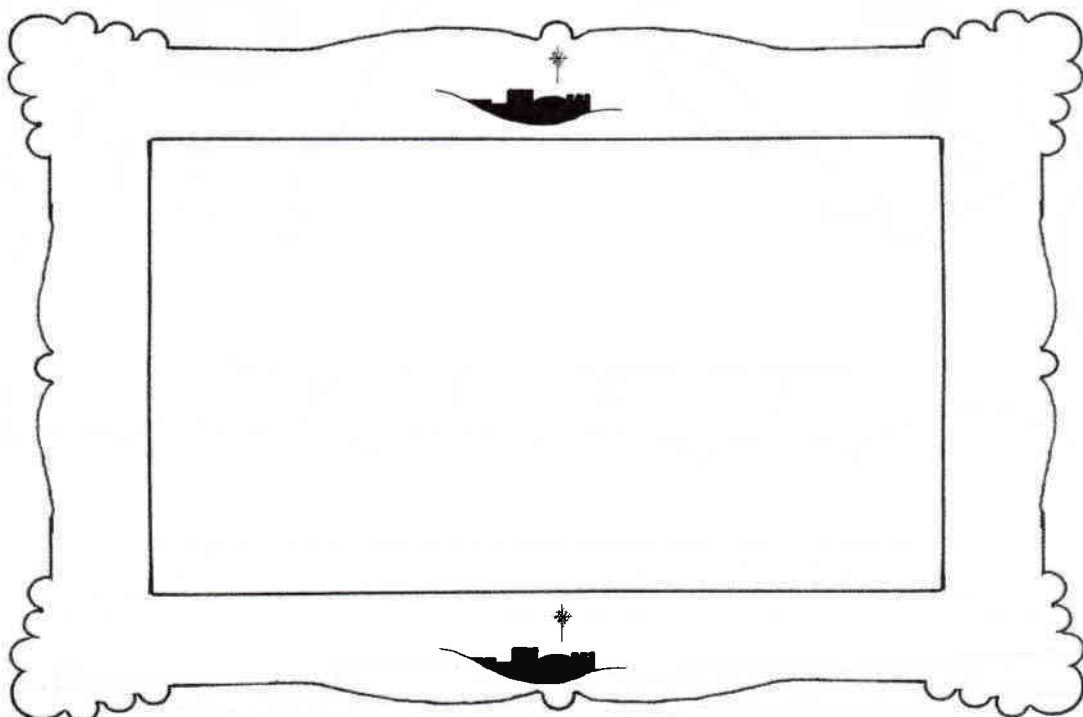
Glue the picture from the card in this space; or you can draw it yourself.

Jesus was born in a small town, and not even in a house.

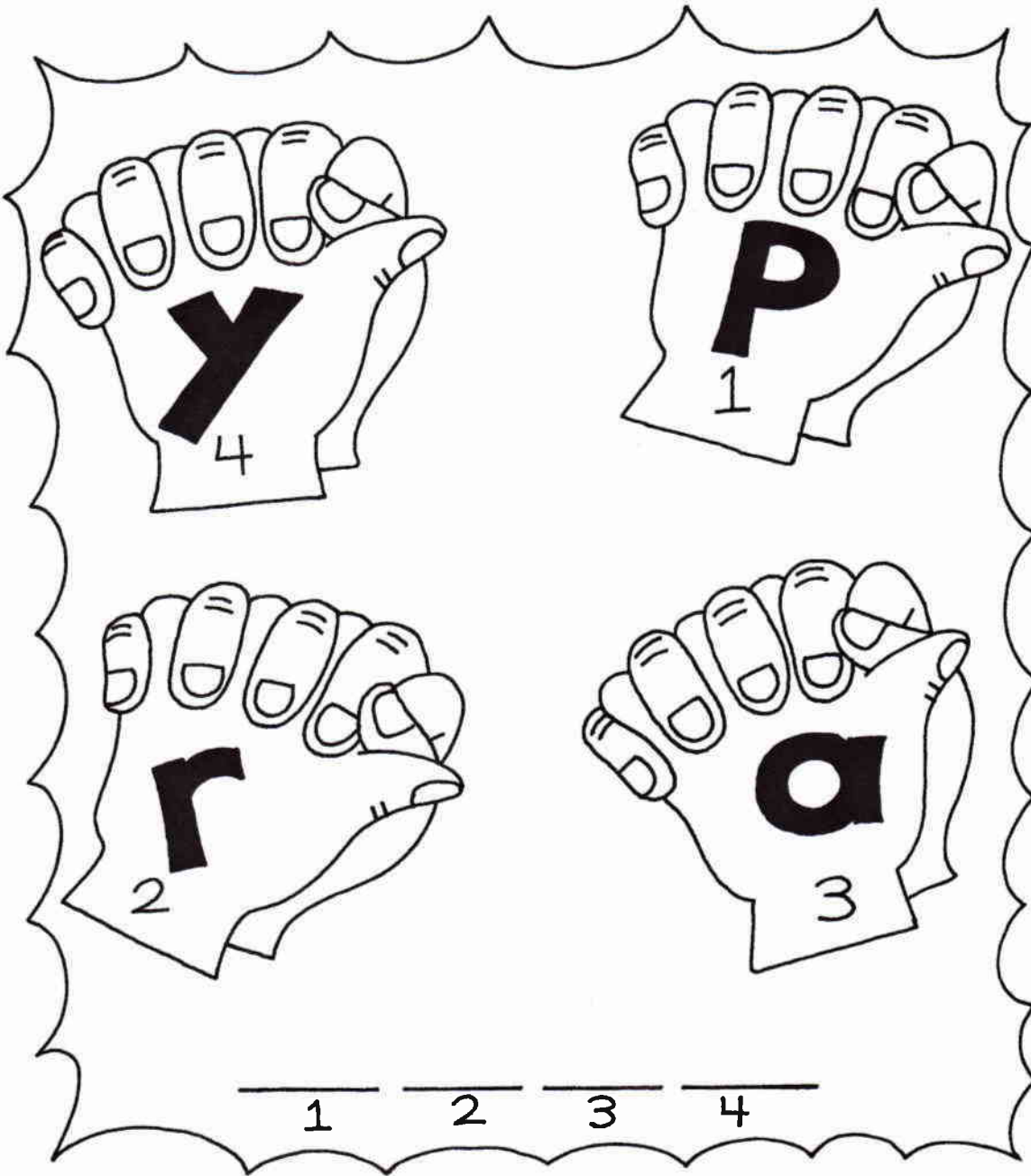
He was born in a stable surrounded by animals and placed in a manger, the trough from which they fed.

If your card does not include animals, draw some to add to your picture.

Save it to add to your booklet.



Write the letters on the folded hands
in correct number order.
They will spell what Paul told the Christians in Thessalonica
to keep doing.



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