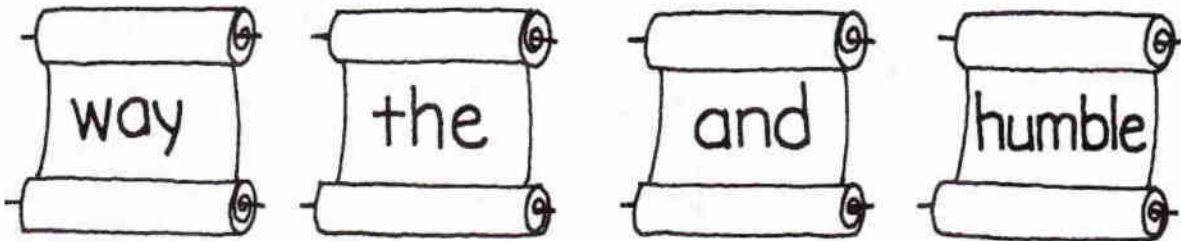




December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

The passage below is from Psalm 25:8-9.

Fill in the blanks by using
each of the words on the scrolls twice.



Good _____ upright is the Lord;
who shows sinners _____
guides _____ rightly,
_____ teaches the _____ the _____.



CATHOLIC CORNER

JOHN AND JESUS

Each year the Church opens a different Gospel book and begins to read its stories. Today, the first day of the Church's new liturgical year, we open the Gospel according to Luke. We will read many of its stories until next Advent, when we will begin another liturgical year and read another Gospel.

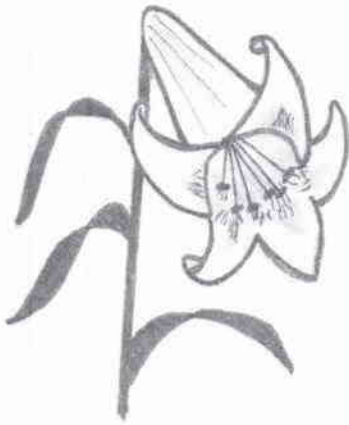
Luke is a great storyteller, using his words to paint beautiful pictures. He tells us the stories surrounding the birth of Jesus, and he is the only evangelist (Gospel writer) who tells us the story of the birth of John the Baptist. You can find these birth stories in Chapters 1 and 2 of Luke's Gospel. The two accounts include some parts that are the same and some that are different.

Read these Gospel passages and talk with someone in your family about what things are the same and what things are different in the two stories.

The angel Gabriel came to Zechariah to tell him about John's birth (Luke 1:19–20).

The angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her about Jesus' birth (Luke 1:26–27).

What is the same? What is different?



The angel told Zechariah to name his son John (Luke 1:13).

The angel told Mary to name her son Jesus (Luke 1:31).

What is the same? What is different?

Zechariah prayed a hymn of praise called a canticle (Luke 1:68–79).

Mary prayed a hymn of praise called a canticle (Luke 1:46–55).

What is the same? What is different?

John's parents were Elizabeth and Zechariah.

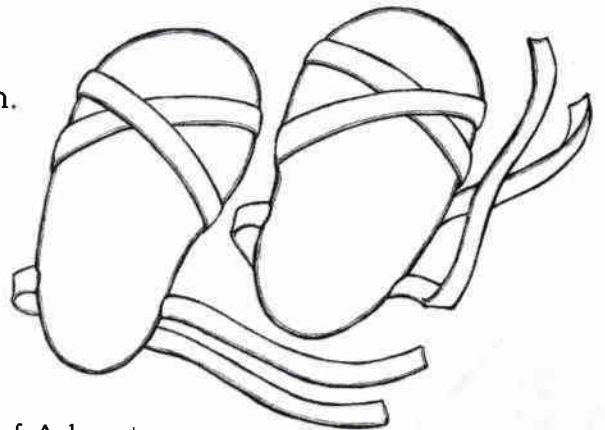
Jesus' parents were Mary and her husband, Joseph.

What is the same? What is different?

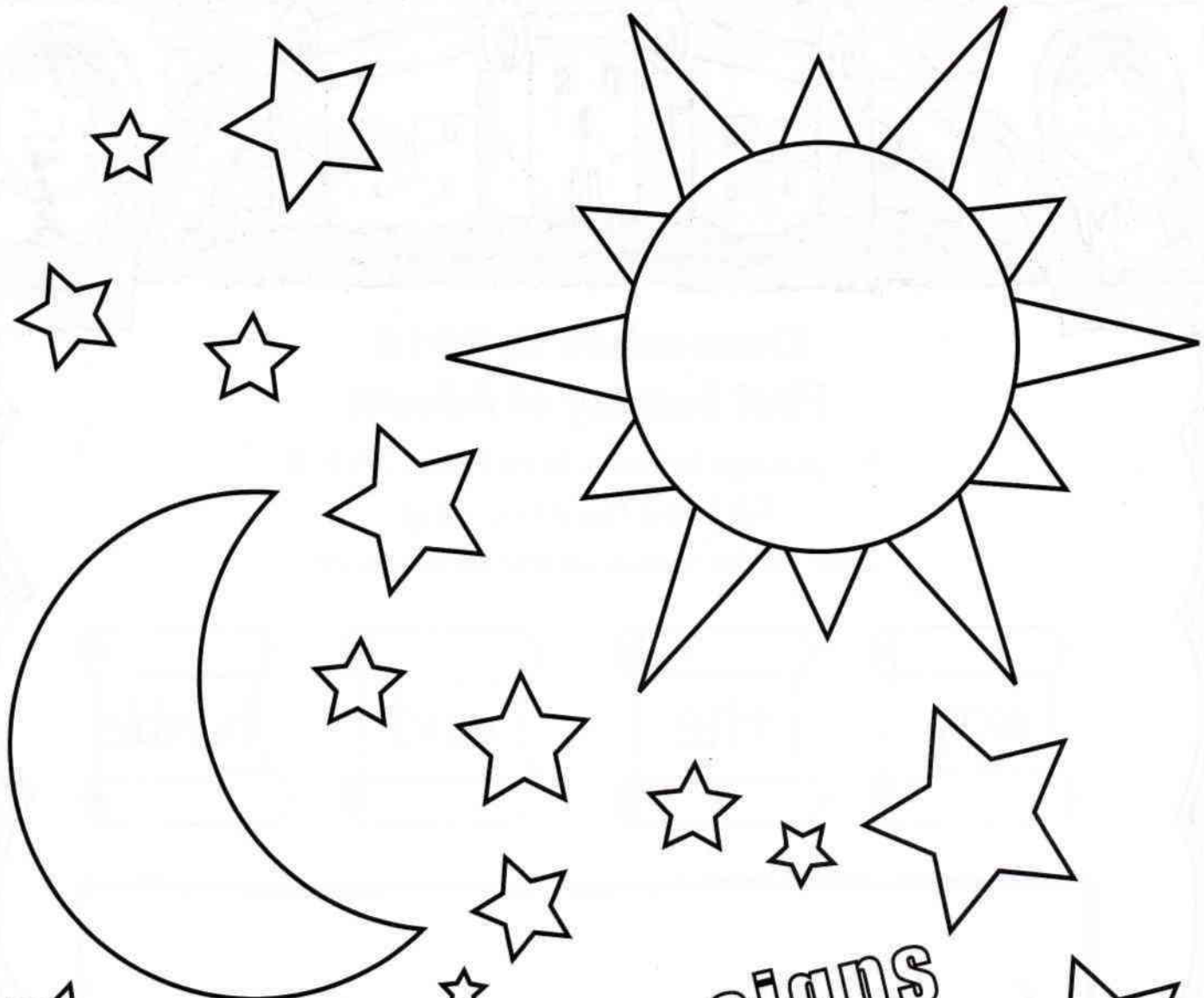
Elizabeth and Mary were cousins.

John the Baptist was part of Jesus' family.

What is the same? What is different?



We will learn more about John in the coming Sundays of Advent. He is an important person who helped prepare the way for Jesus.



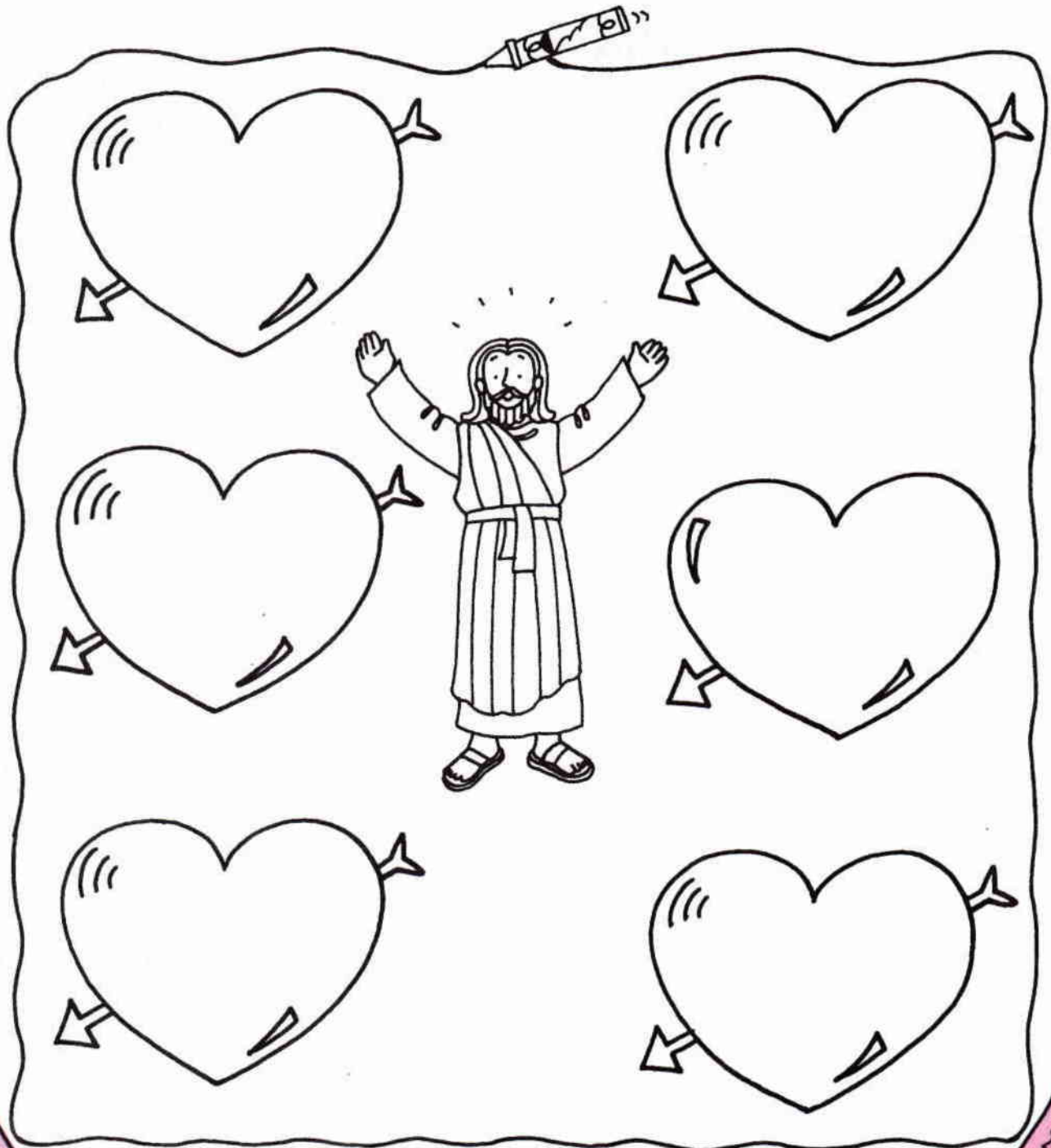
"There will be signs
in the sun,
the moon,
and the stars . . ."

Luke 21 : 25



God can fill our hearts with love for one another!
Find and circle the one heart that is
different from the others.

Then write a friend's name inside each heart.
Pray that God will help you to love each one as you should!



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