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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any command in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



WHAT IS ADVENT?

Advent is the time leading up to Christmas where we celebrate the hope, love, joy, and peace that we find in Jesus coming to earth as part of God's redemption plan.

God's redemption plan, to win back, looked different than expected. God was not interested in restoring land or an earthly kingdom. He was concerned for the hearts and souls of his people.

God gave prophecies (tell the future) to certain people called prophets. These prophets would point people to have a relationship with God. They would also point the people to the hope of a Savior who would come and fix the sin problem that broke their relationship with God.

One prophet said, "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Jer 33:14)"

The promise that people hoped in would be fulfilled, not by a prince born in a palace, but by a baby born in a manger. His name is Jesus. God would share the good news with a young couple named Mary and Joseph who would raise Jesus.

Christ Connection: *Many prophets, including Jeremiah, foretold of God's promise to send a Savior to Israel. Those who understood held on to the hope of that promise for a long time before Jesus' birth. He would be born, live, and die all to pay for our sins because He loves us that much! In advent season, we remember true hope is found in Jesus Christ.*

Match the Prophecy

Put the scripture reference on the correct line:
Jeremiah 33:14-15. ---- Micah 5:2 ---- Isaiah 9:6

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land" -

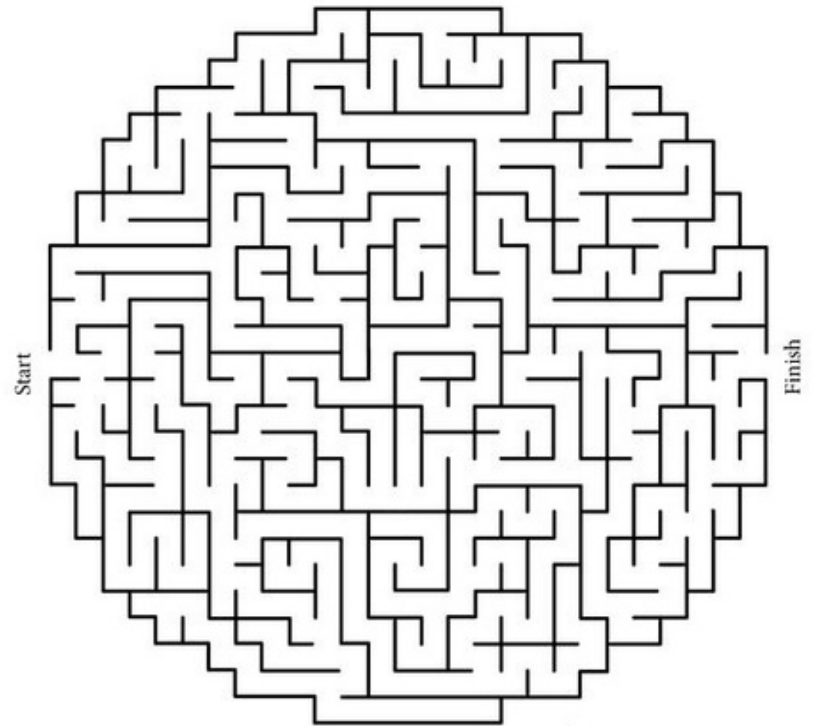
*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall
be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God. Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace."*

*"But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall
come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth
is from of old, from ancient days."*



Help Mary and Joseph Go to Nazareth

See if you can find two ways to
complete the maze.



Name: _____



Advent Week 1 : HOPE

Bible Story Summary

- God's people hoped for a Savior.
- Prophets shared God's promises that a Savior would come one day.
- God's plan was not what people thought would happen
- Mary and Joseph were told by an angel that Mary's baby would be the savior of the world.

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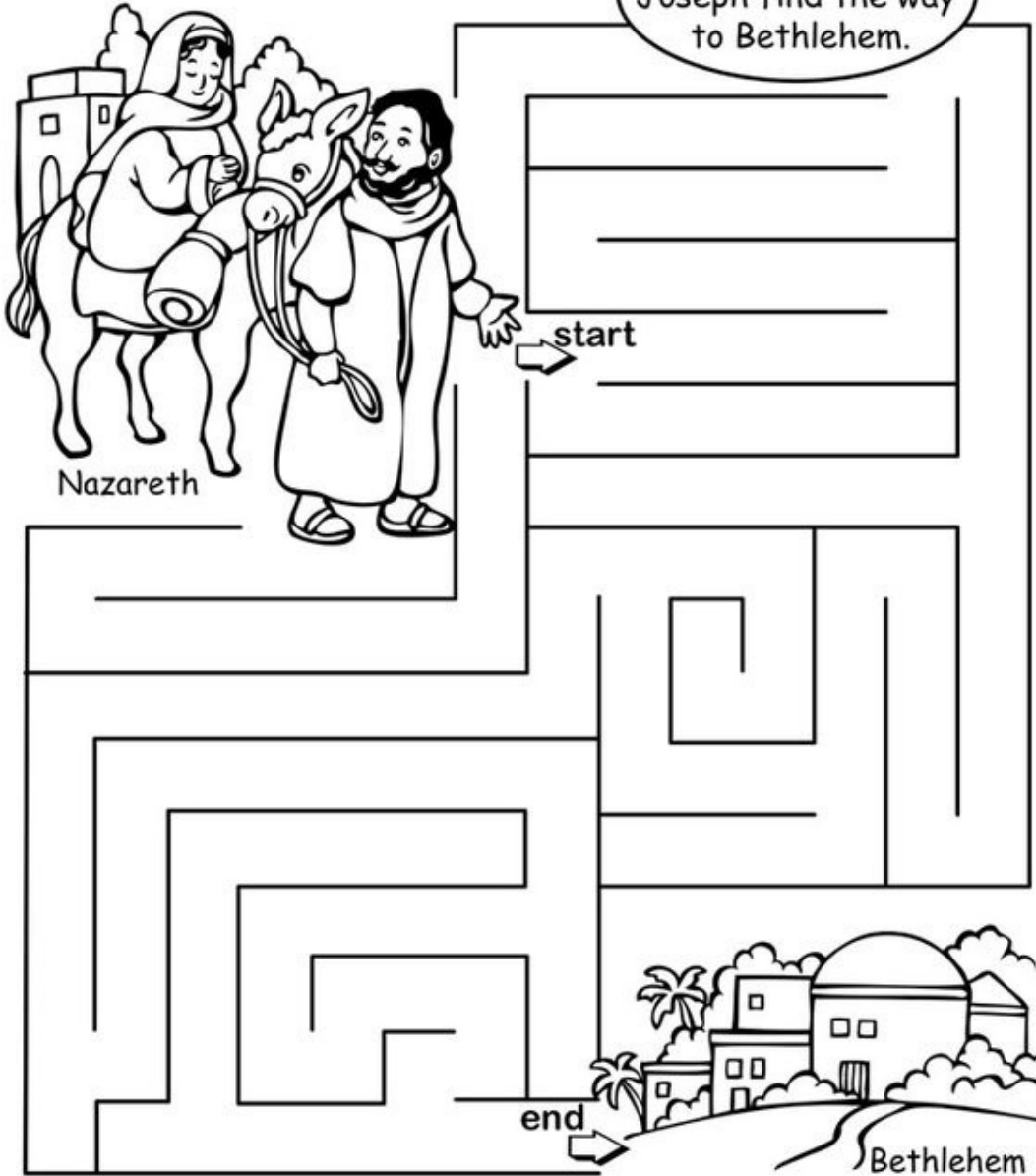
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11

Big Picture Question:

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A LONG JOURNEY

Help Mary and Joseph find the way to Bethlehem.



CHRISTMAS

What are you looking forward to this season:

Draw a picture or write it out: