

# Lesson 17



12-27-2020  
LEADER GUIDE

## THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

GENESIS 12:3; ISAIAH 7:14, 9:6-7, 53; JEREMIAH 31:15;  
HOSEA 11:1; MICAH 5:2; MATTHEW 1:1, 1:21-23, 2:6, 2:13-18;  
JOHN 7:42; COLOSSIANS 1:17

### GOAL

- ▶ To teach children that God had planned and promised to send Jesus to save us from our sins. The prophets foretold Jesus' coming long before His birth.

### WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Descendant:** A person who is part of a family that has come from a particular individual.

### MEMORY VERSE

- ▶ **1 John 5:11:** God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

**1 John 5:11:** God gave us His Son so that our sins would be forgiven, giving us eternal life in Heaven.

### OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 7:14 9:7 Isaiah 9:6-7, 53; Jeremiah 31:15; Hosea 11:1; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:1, 1:21-23, 2:6, 2:13-18; John 7:42; Colossians 1:17:** Long before Jesus was born, prophets had been telling people about the greatness and salvation He would bring. God's plan to save us from our sin stretches back all the way to the beginning. No matter how strange and seemingly impossible the prophecies may have seemed, Jesus' fulfilled them all. At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus—the greatest gift we will ever receive.



## QUESTION & ANSWER

### SLIDE 1



**Q1a:** The promise of Christmas began with what man?

**A1:** The promise of Christmas began with Abraham.

**Q1b:** If someone promised every day to buy you a pony, but never did, would you still believe you'll get a pony one day?

**Teacher Notes:** At first, we'd probably continue to believe it. What an exciting promise! After a couple of weeks, we'd probably start asking for specific information, such as when we might expect to see this promised pony. After months, this promise would just sound empty to us. No matter how much we want the pony, this person isn't coming through on their promise. The first mention of God sending a savior is thought to appear in Genesis during God's explanation of Adam and Eve's punishment for their disobedience and sin. Humanity had been waiting for the Messiah for nearly all of history, and yet those who believed and understood that God is faithful knew that God would send our Savior. No matter how long it takes, God is always faithful, and He will fulfill His promises when the time is right.

### SLIDE 2



**Q2a:** Matthew said Jesus was a descendant of what king?

**A2:** Matthew said Jesus was a descendant of King David.

**Q2b:** From your parents, how far back can you trace your family?

**Teacher Notes:** From our parents we have aunts, uncles, cousins, grandmothers, grandfathers, and maybe even great grandmothers and great grandfathers. The oldest relative we can think of had great grandmothers and great grandfathers! Our families go back farther in time than anyone living can remember. We know who our ancestors are from records and family stories, which is how we know that Jesus was a descendant of both Abraham and King David.



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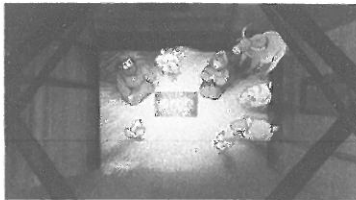
### SLIDE 3



**Q3a:** In what small town did the Prophet Micah say Jesus would be born?

**A3:** The Prophet Micah said Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

### SLIDE 4



**Q4a:** Immanuel means what?

**A4:** Immanuel means "God with us."

**Q4b:** What do you think would be the best way to celebrate your birthday?

**Teacher Notes:** Let the students answer and get creative. Then tell them that the day that Jesus was born, a light from Heaven shone over the stable where He and His earthly parents were staying. Angels showed up and praised God and announced the birth of our Savior. People from all over came to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus and worship Him. The day Jesus was born both Heaven and earth celebrated.



## QUESTION & ANSWER



**Q5a:** What prophet told the people about all the names the Savior would be called?

**A5:** The Prophet Isaiah told the people about all the names the Savior would be called.



**Q6a:** To what country did the Prophet Hosea say Jesus' family would flee?

**A6:** The Prophet Hosea said Jesus' family would flee to Egypt.



**Q7a:** Jesus' birth and life fulfilled how many of the prophecies about the Messiah?

**A7:** Jesus' birth and life fulfilled all the prophecies about the Messiah.

**Q7b:** How did you meet your best friend?

**Teacher Notes:** Ask the students if one thing had happened differently that day, would they still have met their friends? Just as there were many events that led up to the moment that we met our friends, many events led up to the birth of Jesus. Many of these events were predicted thousands of years before Jesus was born. Jesus' birth fulfilled all these prophecies.





## QUESTION & ANSWER

### MEMORY VERSES

▶ **Colossians 1:17:** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**1 John 5:11:** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

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### BIG IDEA

▶ God's fulfilled promise of sending us a Savior is the greatest Christmas gift of all time!

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### CLOSING PRAYER

▶ Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your precious Son. Thank You for the gift of salvation we have received through Him. Please help us to make Him and the sacrifice He made for us the center of our lives. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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## ANSWER KEY

### Across

2. Jesus was a descendant of Abraham and of **(King)** David.
4. Jesus' **(Birth)** and life fulfilled all the prophesies.
6. Some prophets said that some people would **(Rejected)** Jesus.
7. Jesus was born in the **(Small)** town of Bethlehem.

### Down

1. Immanuel means "God **(With)** us."
3. The **(Prophet)** Isaiah told Jesus would be called Wonderful Counselor.
5. The promise of Christmas **(Began)** with a man named Abraham.

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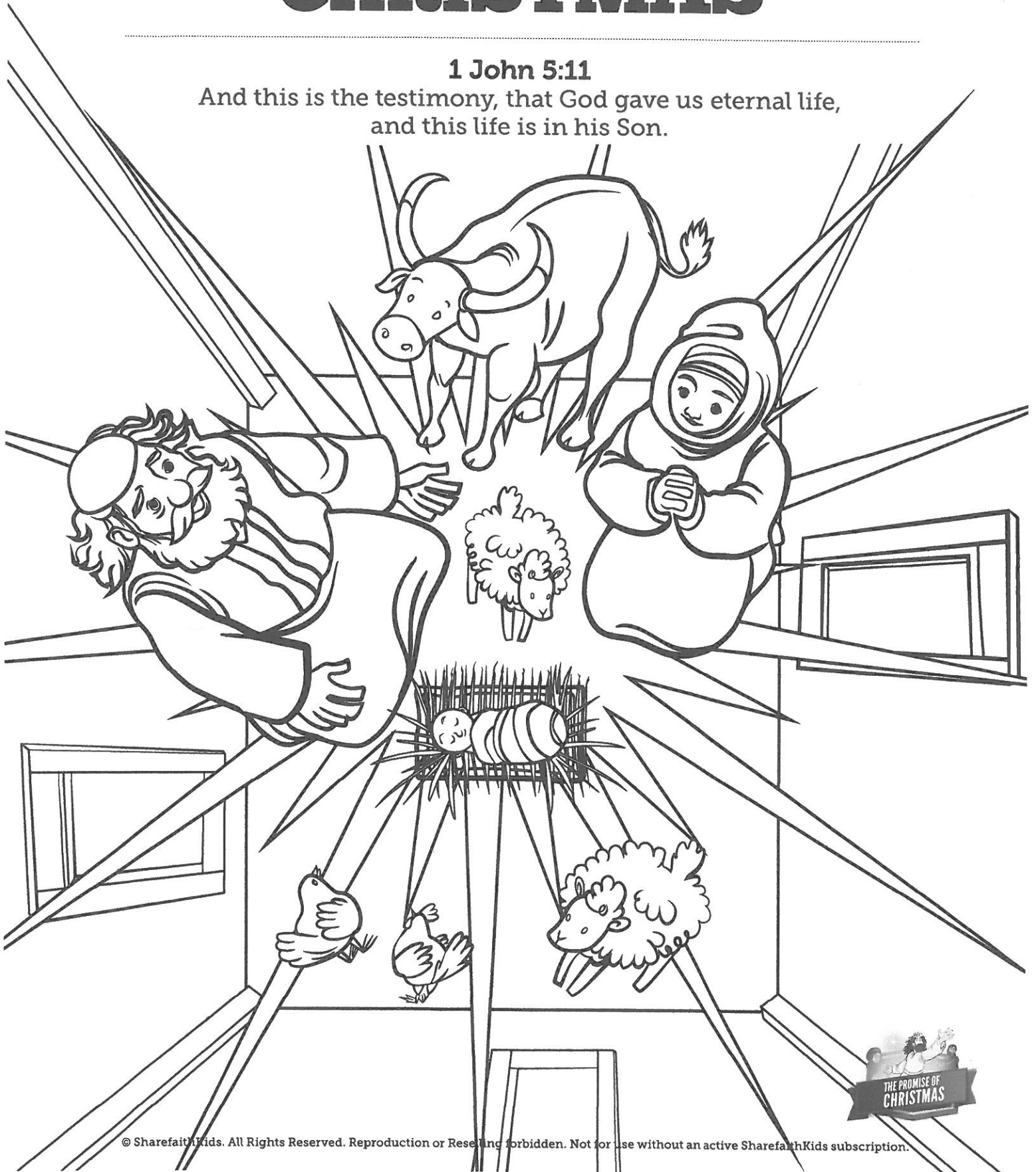




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**1 John 5:11**

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# THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





# THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

Help Mary and Joseph escape.





# THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS

Discover the hidden words.



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## Word Bank

ABRAHAM

DAVID

KING

BIRTH

JESUS

BABY

ROMANS

BETHLEHEM

IMMANUEL

PROPHET

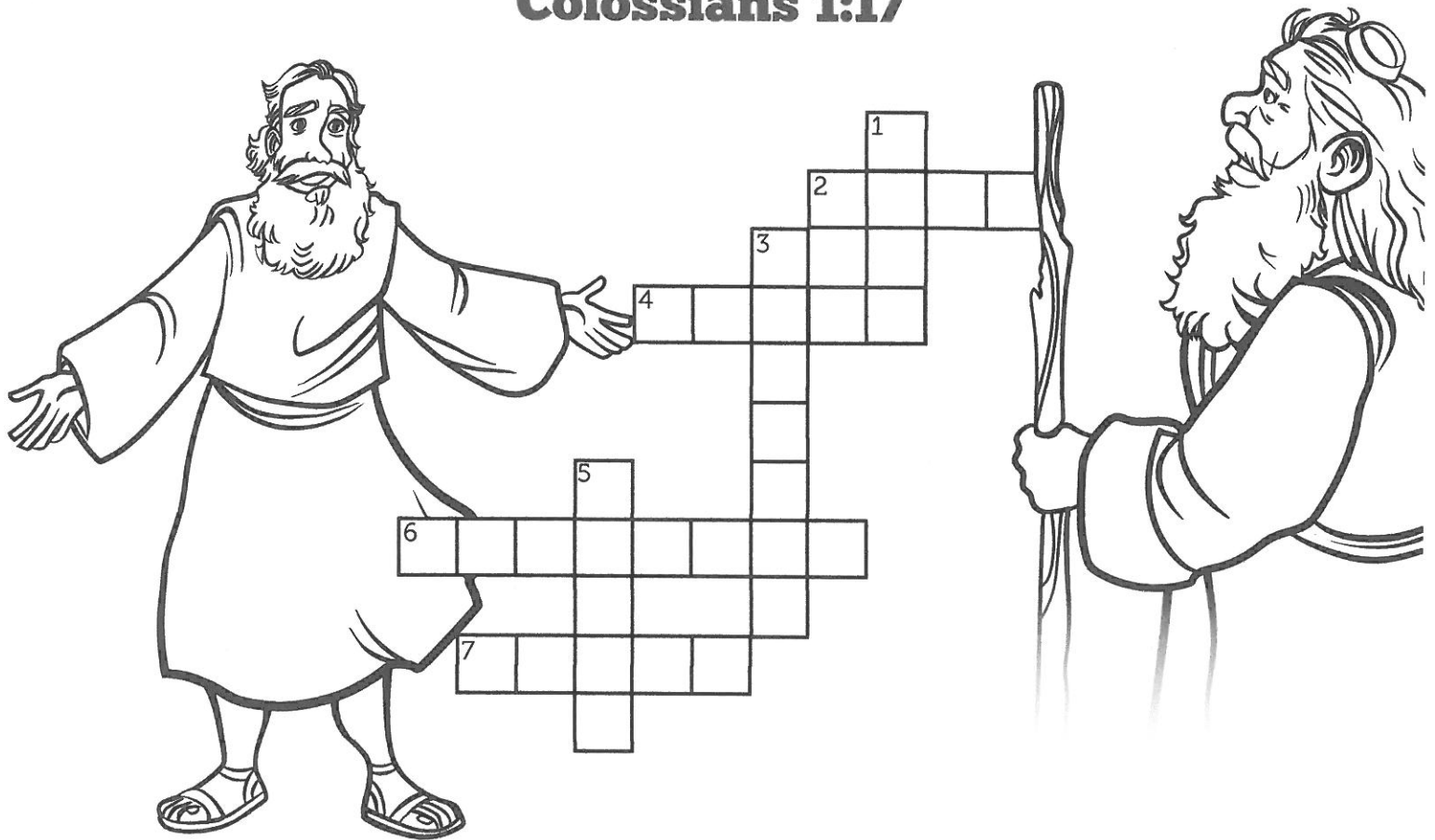
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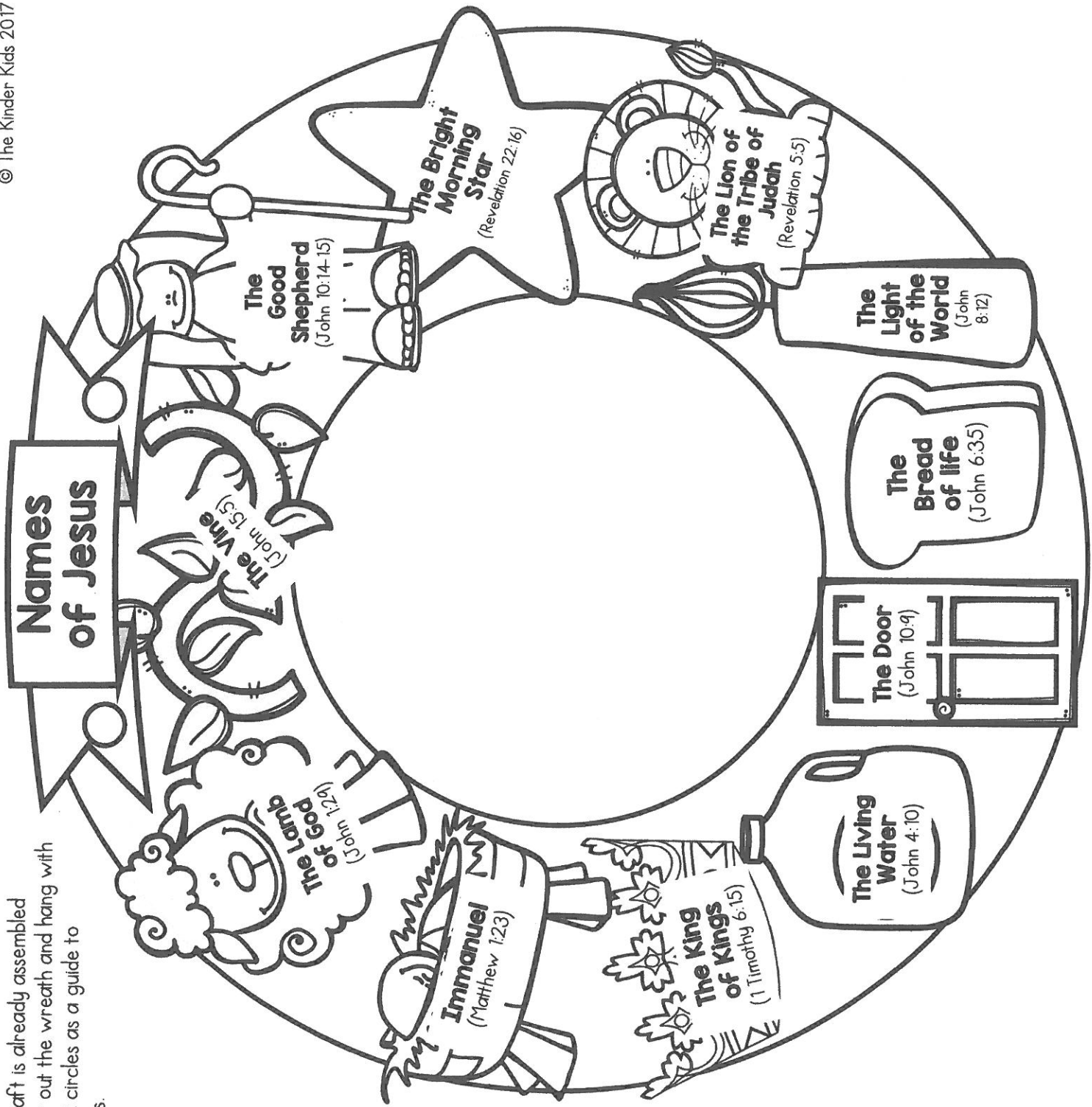
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# Names of Jesus

**The Good Shepherd**  
(John 10:14-15)

**The Bright Morning Star**  
(Revelation 22:16)

**The Lion of the Tribe of Judah**  
(Revelation 5:5)

**The Light of the World**  
(John 8:12)

**The Bread of life**  
(John 6:35)

**The Door**  
(John 10:9)

**The Living Water**  
(John 4:10)

**The King of Kings**  
(1 Timothy 6:15)

**Immanuel**  
(Matthew 1:23)

**The Lamb of God**  
(John 1:29)

**The Vine**  
(John 15:5)