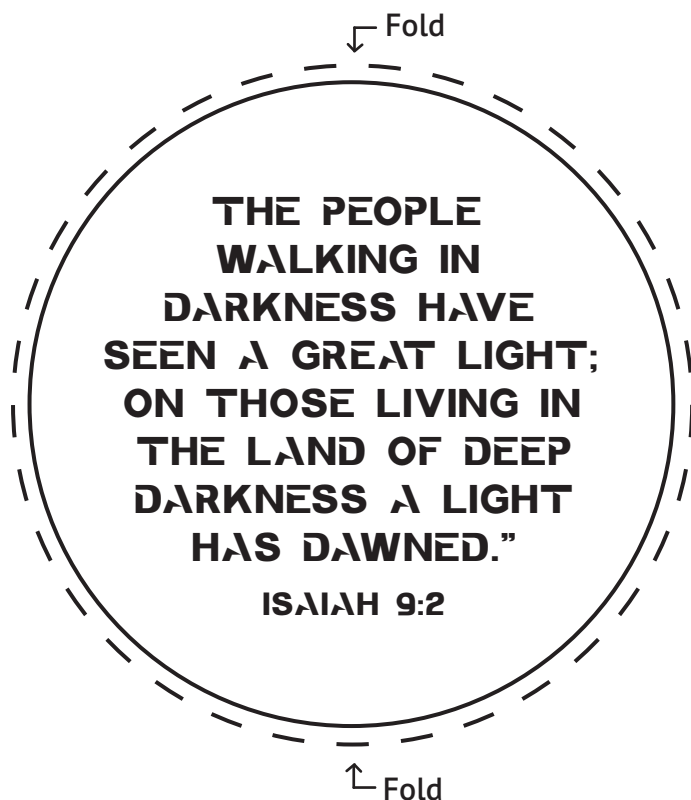


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WEEK 1: LIGHT

Long ago, the prophet Isaiah received a message with a promise from God: that light would enter our dark world. Hundreds of years later, on the night of Jesus' birth, shepherds watched in amazement as angels filled the night sky with dazzling light. They proclaimed that the Savior had been born! This Advent we celebrate that Jesus is the light of the world, the one who fills our hearts with hope.



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ACTIVITY:

As you color your LIGHT ornament, read Isaiah 9:2, Luke 2:8-18, and John 8:12.

Then share...

- What image comes to mind when you picture light coming into darkness?
- Put yourself in the story: What emotions would you have felt if you were a shepherd?
- Why do you think Jesus is called the "light of the world?"

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WEEK 2: JOY

God sent a message to the prophet Isaiah and promised that joy was coming. Though God's people couldn't see it at the time, God's wonderful plan was already in motion. Hundreds of years later, an angel appeared to a priest named Zechariah and promised that he and his wife, Elizabeth, would have a baby who would bring them great joy! Zechariah and Elizabeth were too old to have children, but it happened just as the angel said. Their son, John, grew up to be a prophet who prepared the way for Jesus and declared that God's kingdom was coming! This Advent, we look forward to that kingdom, where there will be no more sadness—only joy.

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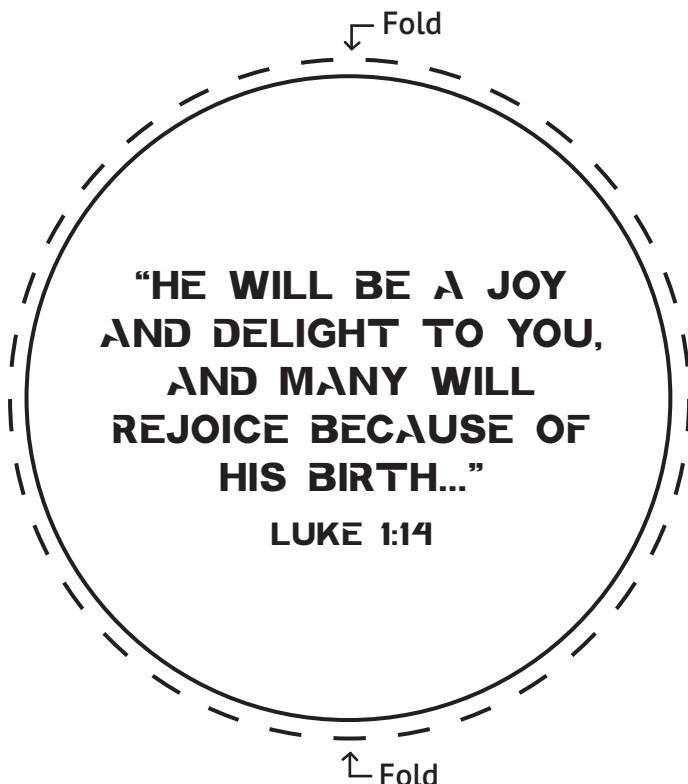
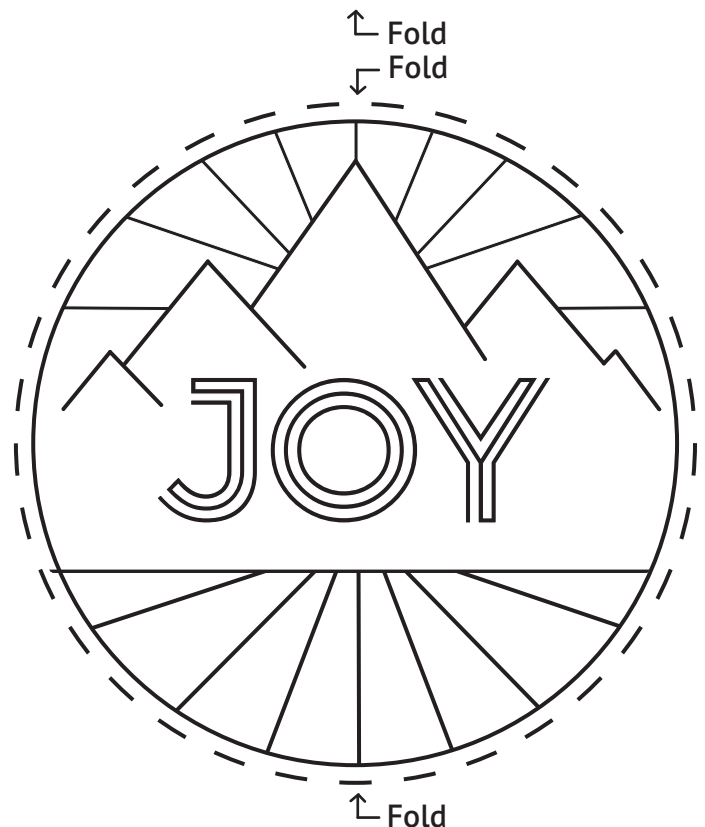
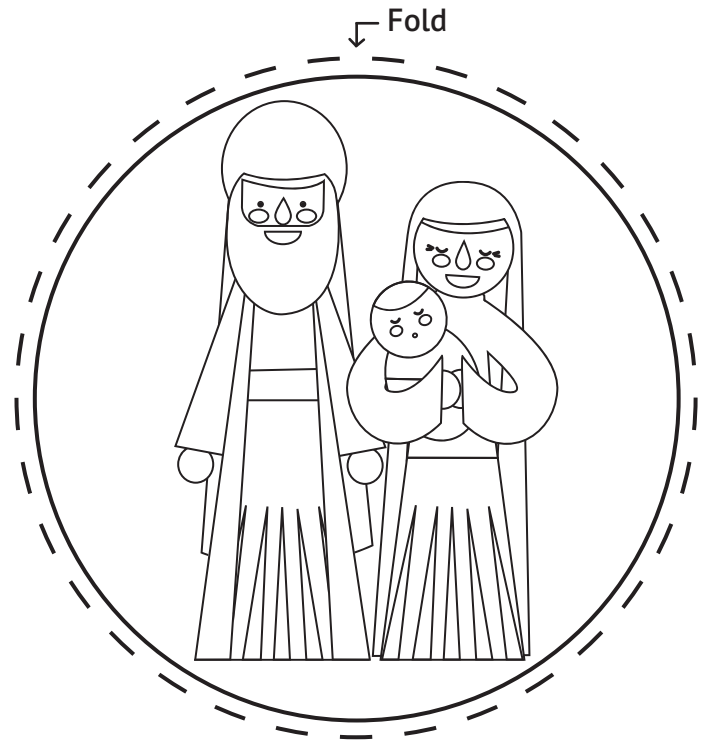
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ACTIVITY:

As you color your JOY ornament, read Isaiah 9:3, Luke 1:11–17, and Revelation 21:1–4.

Then share...

- When have you felt full of joy?
- What part of the story of John's birth amazes you the most?
- Why can we have joy, even as we feel sad in hard times?



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WEEK 3: FREEDOM

God gave a promise through the prophet Isaiah that one day God would set his people free from the heavy burden they were carrying. In the centuries after Isaiah delivered his message, it may have been hard for God's people to believe. Their enemies were closing in, and they spent years in captivity far from their home. They wanted to be free from their unjust rulers. But even more than that, they needed freedom from the heavy weight of their sin, which separated them from God. Jesus' name means "God saves" because Jesus came to save his people from the sin that held their hearts captive. This Advent we celebrate that Jesus is the Savior of the world!

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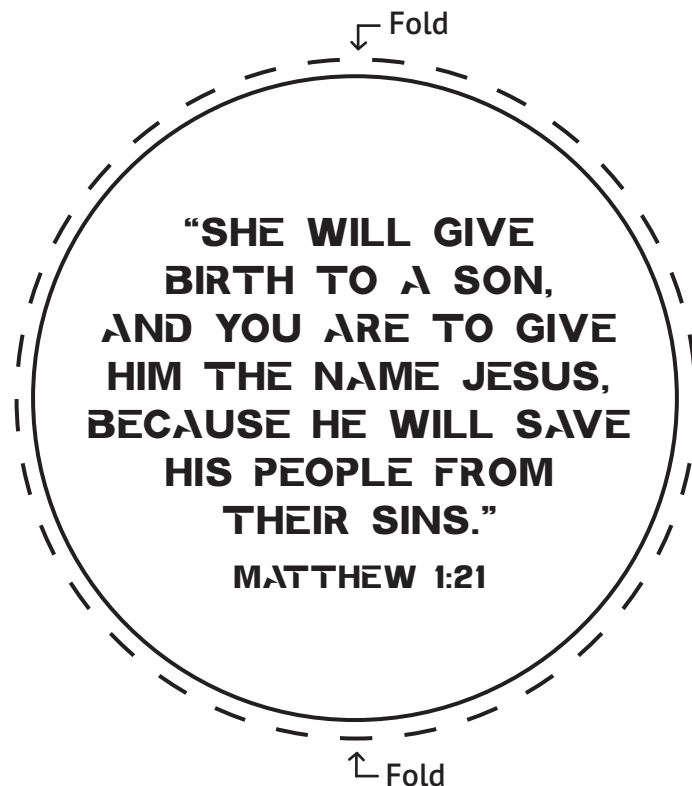
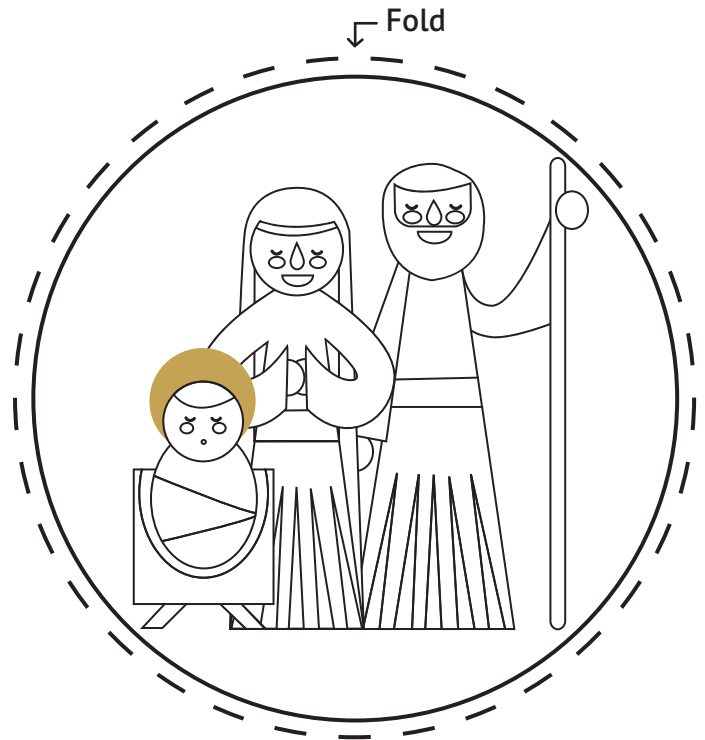
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ACTIVITY:

As you color your FREEDOM ornament, read Read Isaiah 9:4, John 3:16, and Luke 1:30–33, 46–55.

Then share...

- How do you think Mary felt about the angel's message?
- What do these verses tell us about Jesus and why he came?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Savior?

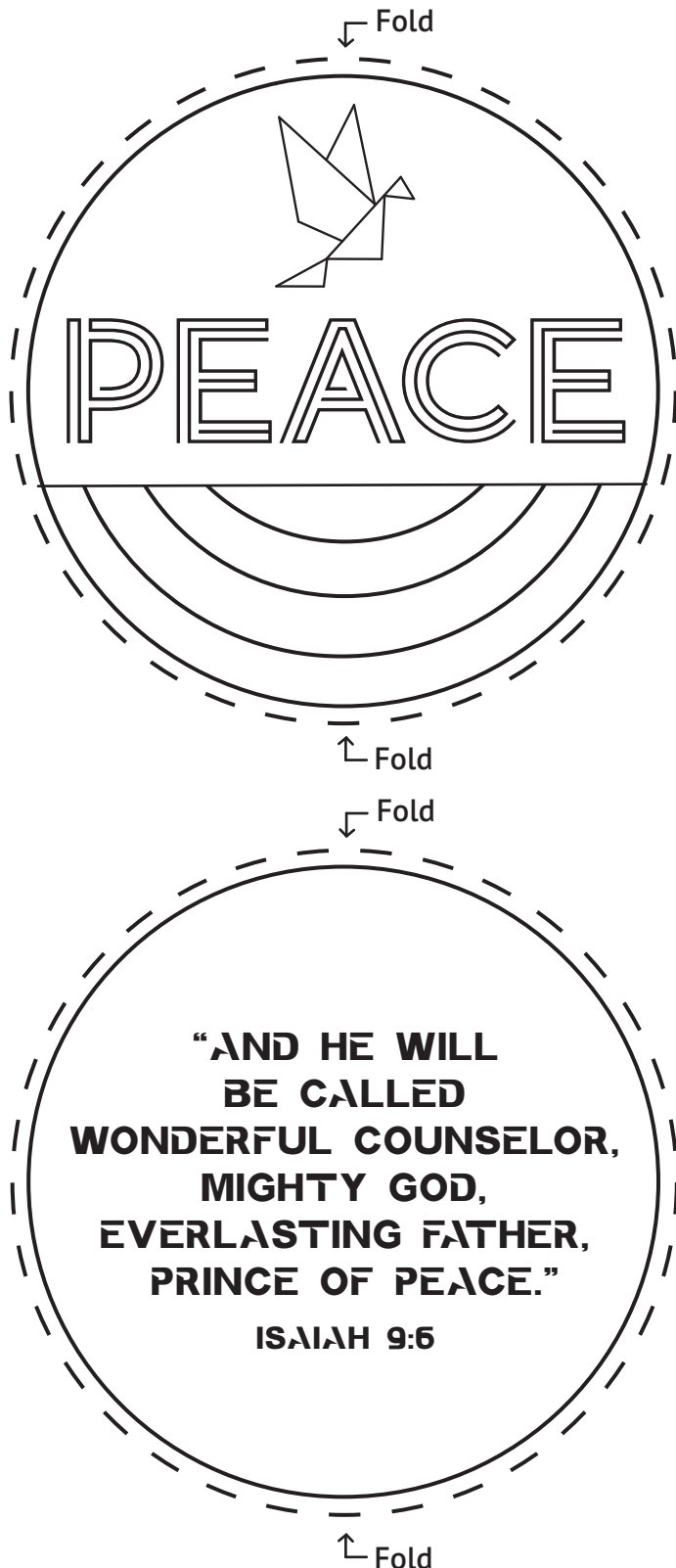


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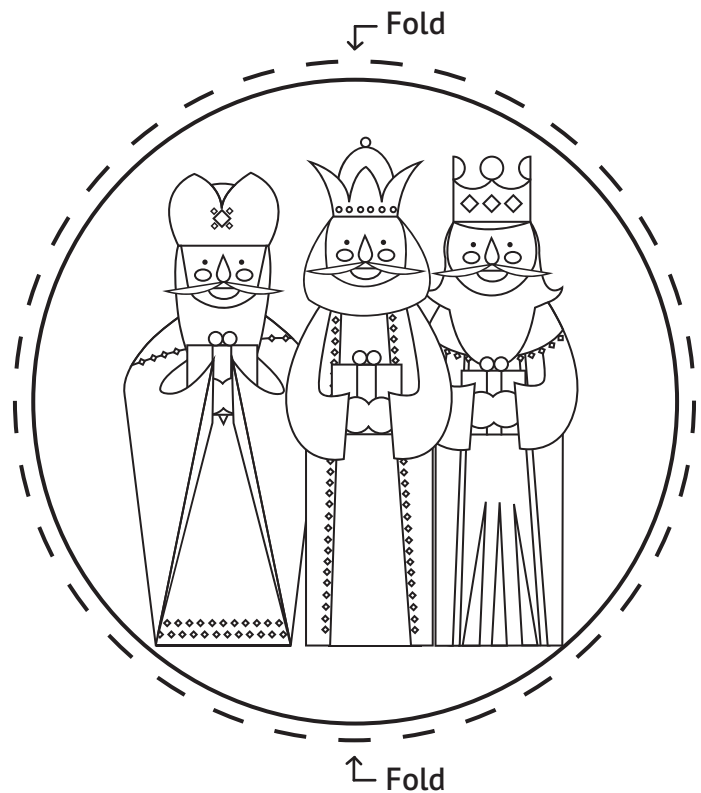
WEEK 4: PEACE

In his message to Isaiah, God promised that one day all war would end. There would be no more fighting or separation. God would send a perfect king who would reign over the whole world and bring peace. In the Christmas story, the wise men, who weren't a part of God's people at the time, recognized Jesus as a holy king, and traveled far to worship him. This Advent, we celebrate that Jesus brings us peace with God! And he invites us to have peace with one another, with him as our king.



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ACTIVITY:

As you color your PEACE ornament, read Read Isaiah 9:5-7, Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11, and Ephesians 2:13-22

Then share...

- Why is it so important that the wise men are part of the Christmas story?
- What comes to mind when you think of the word peace?
- How can we live as members of God's kingdom, with Jesus as our king?