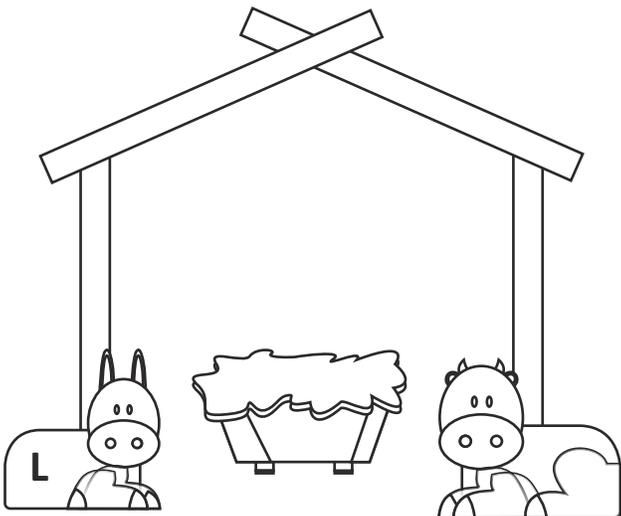
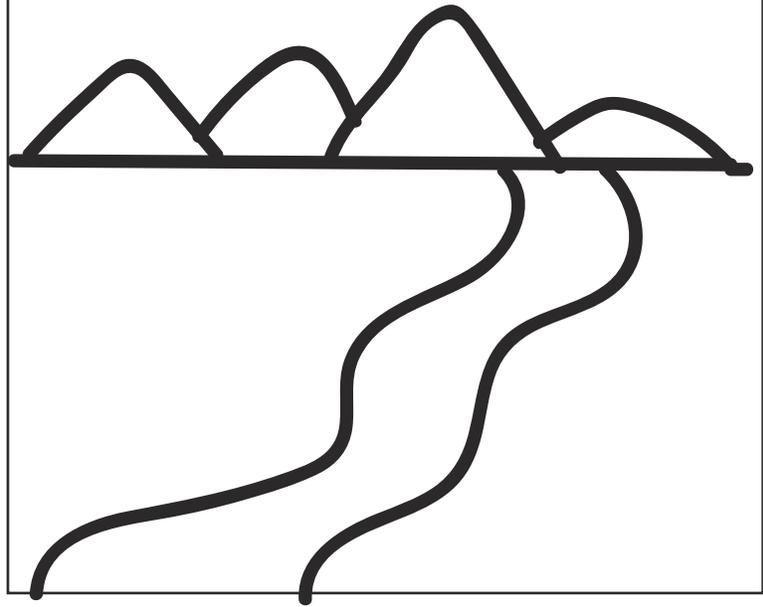
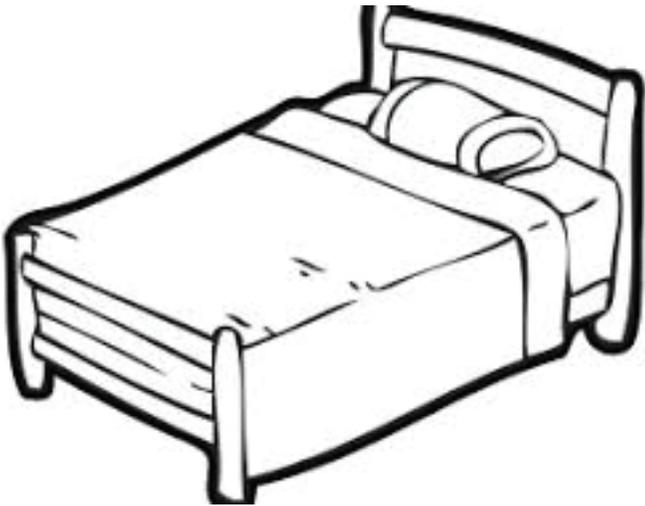
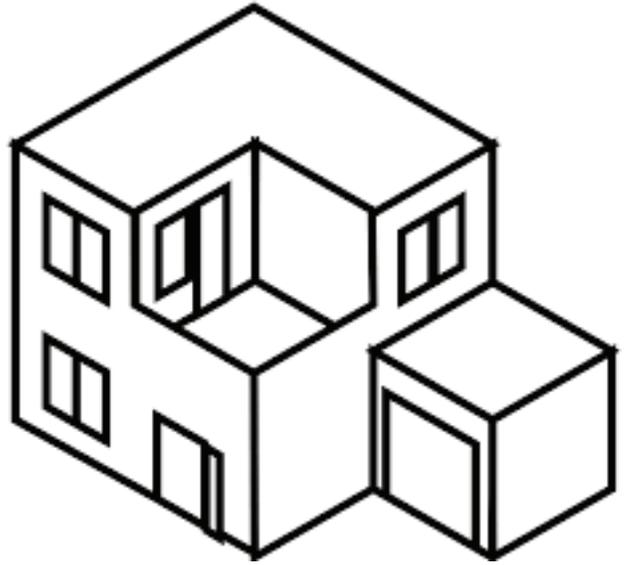
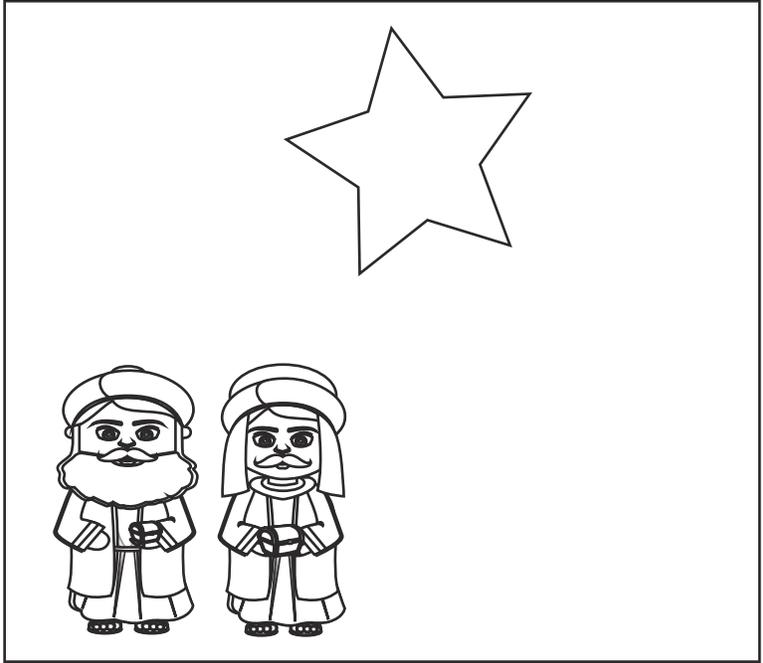
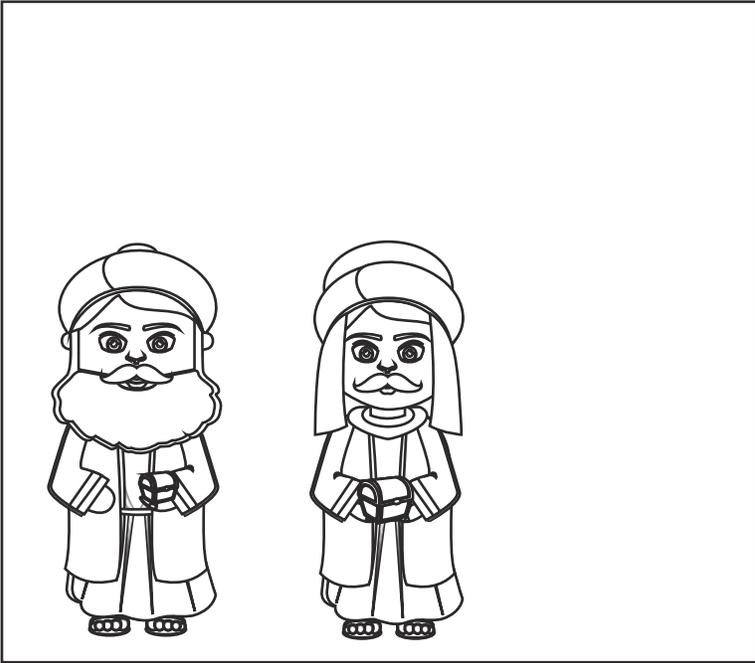
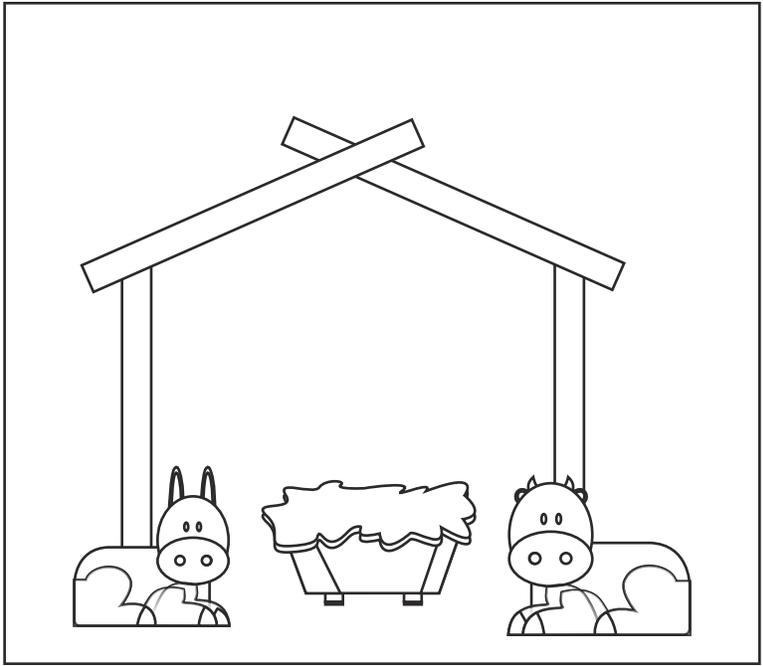
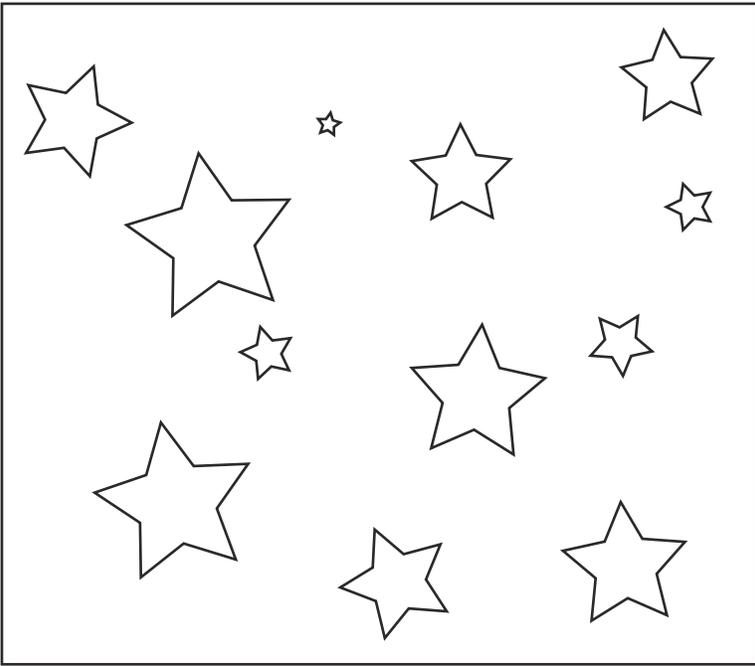


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1. God's story started out perfect! He created a perfect world where nothing bad happened. God made Adam and Eve. He was with them and even talked to them. Things were perfect... until one day, they made a big mistake... They disobeyed God so now, they were separated from God.

2. God had a plan to rescue us though. He always has a plan! He loves us so much. He sent prophets to tell people about Jesus, the Messiah. He was coming to save the world... but no one knew exactly when. They waited... and waited... and waited... until finally, it was time! Let's read about it from Matthew and Luke. Are they in the Old or New Testament? New!

3. You will use our story stones to tell the story. God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary, girl who lived in Nazareth. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. 28 The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord is with you; you are very special to him." 30 The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, because God is very pleased with you. 31 Listen! You will become pregnant and have a baby boy. You will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great. People will call him the Son of the Most High God, and the Lord God will make him king like his ancestor David. 33 He will rule over the people of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." What did the angel say? She was going to have baby Jesus and he would be king.

4. 34 Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen? I am (not married)." 35 The angel told Mary it would be a miracle from God. Jesus would be the son of God. 37 God can do anything!" Now Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph and he was not happy to hear she was pregnant. But an angel came to him in a dream and said, "Joseph don't be afraid to accept Mary to be your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son. You will name him Jesus.[b] Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins." What name did the angel tell him to name the baby? Jesus.

5. It was the time of year when they had to go to Bethlehem to be counted for the census. This was Roman law so they had to go even though Mary was going to have her baby any day. So Joseph took Mary with him to Bethlehem. Where did they go? Bethlehem

6. There were not any more rooms left to stay so they stayed in a stable where the animals were kept. While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem, Mary had her baby! She wrapped him up well and laid him in a box where cattle are fed. She put him there because the guest room was full. Where did they stay? A stable. And what did Mary lay the baby in? A manger.

7. 8 That night, some shepherds were out in the fields near Bethlehem watching their sheep. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord was shining around them. The shepherds were very afraid. 10 The angel said to them, "Don't be afraid. I have some very good news for you—news that will make everyone happy. 11 Today your Savior was born in Bethlehem. He is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a manger." How did the shepherds react? They were afraid.

8. 13 Then a huge army of angels from heaven joined the first angel, and they were all praising God, saying, 14 "Praise God in heaven,

and on earth let there be peace to the people who please him." 15 The angels left the shepherds and went back to heaven. The shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this great event the Lord has told us about." Where are the shepherds going? To see Jesus.

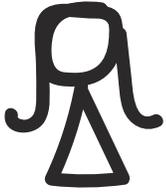
9. 16 So the shepherds went running and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the feeding box. 17 When they saw the baby, they told what the angels said about this child. 18 Everyone was surprised when they heard what the shepherds told them. 20 The shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God and thanking him for everything they had seen and heard. It was just as the angel had told them.

10. After Jesus was born, some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem. They saw the star that showed he was born. They saw it rise in the sky in the east and were going to worship him." They followed the star until it stopped above the place where the child was. 10 They were very happy and excited to see the star. Where was the star? Right where Jesus was!

11. 11 The wise men came to the house where the child was with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened the boxes of gifts they had brought for him. They gave him treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12. God sent Jesus, the Savior to rescue the world. Jesus was born on earth so that he could teach us how to serve God and then he died for us so that one day we can live with him in heaven, a perfect place just like He always wanted for us! Our SAVIOR is the most amazing gift of all. What is the most amazing gift of all? Jesus. Why? Because he rescued us from our sins.

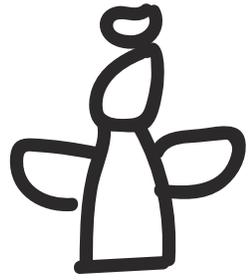
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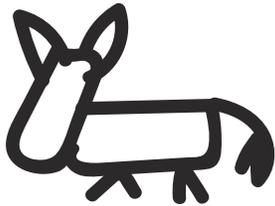
Angel



Jesus



Shepherds



Donkey



Star



Gifts