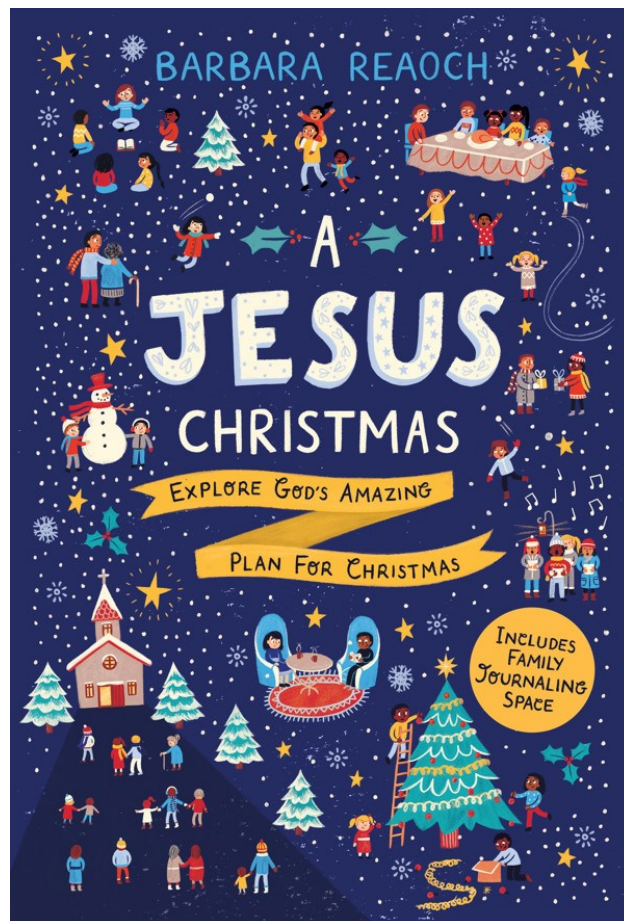


Advent crafts and puzzles for use with Barbara Reaoch's 'A Jesus Christmas'.



Credit: A Jesus Christmas artwork by Emma Randall

Where to find the activity for each day

1st December: In booklet

2nd December: In booklet

3rd December: On separate A4 sheet

4th December: On separate A4 sheet

5th December: On separate A4 sheet

6th December: In booklet

7th December: In booklet

8th December: In booklet

9th December: On separate A4 sheet

10th December: In booklet

11th December: In booklet

12th December: In booklet

13th December: In booklet

14th December: In booklet

15th December: On separate A4 sheet

16th December: In booklet

17th December: On separate A4 sheet

18th December: In booklet

19th December: In booklet

20th December: In booklet

21st December: In booklet

22nd December: In booklet

23rd December: On separate A4 sheet

24th December: In booklet

25th December: In booklet

Dec 1st: God promised
to send someone
to crush the serpent
and
destroy evil.

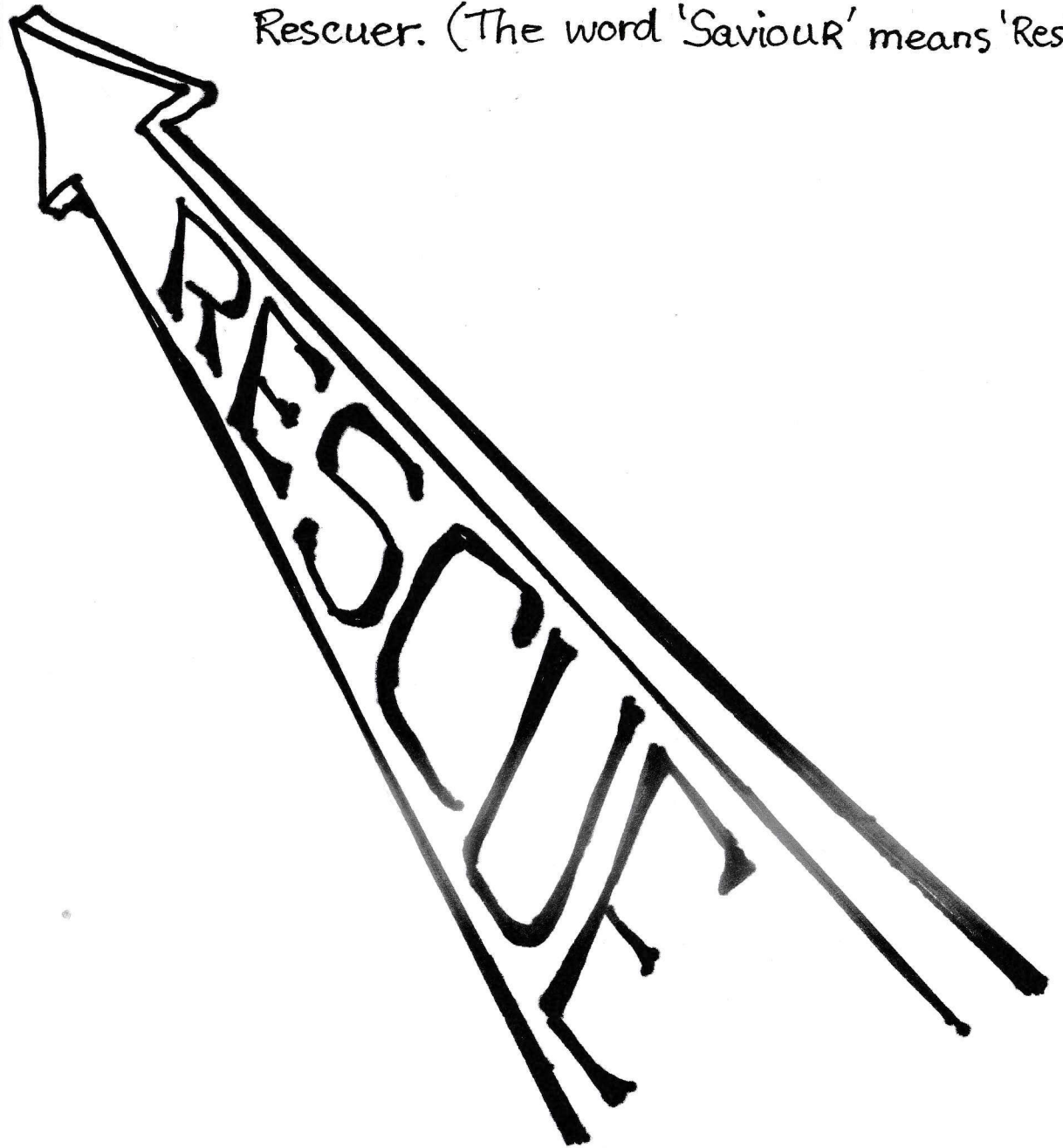
JESUS

Write what you
learn about Jesus
on this poster.

Dec 2nd: Jesus rescues everyone who believes in him.

On this side of the page write or draw ideas of being rescued.

On this side, write or draw how Jesus is our Rescuer. (The word 'Saviour' means 'Rescuer'.)



December 6th - The Passover lamb

The Israelites made bread without yeast (unleavened bread) at Passover. Here is a recipe for you to enjoy!

Unleavened Bread Recipe – Serves 4

What You'll Need

- **125g plain flour** (you can use wholemeal flour too)
- **80ml water** (add a little more if it feels dry)
- **2 tablespoons olive oil** (or any oil you like)
- **A pinch of salt**

Let's Get Baking!

1. Preheat the oven

First, ask a grown-up to help you turn on the oven to 200°C (or 180°C if it's a fan oven). Line a baking tray with baking paper so the bread won't stick when it bakes.

2. Mix the flour and salt

In a large bowl, add the flour and a pinch of salt. Stir it all together with a spoon.

3. Add the water and oil

Pour in the olive oil and water. Stir everything together until it forms a dough. If it seems dry or crumbly, add a little extra water, just a teaspoon at a time.

4. Knead the dough

Sprinkle a bit of flour on the table. Now, take the dough out of the bowl and knead it on the table for about 1-2 minutes. This just means pressing and squishing it until it's smooth. (It's fun and feels like playdough!)

5. Divide and roll out

Break the dough into four small balls. Take each one and roll it with a rolling pin until it's thin, like a pancake. Aim for about as thick as a coin.

6. Time to bake!

Place your dough pieces on the lined baking tray. With a grown up's help, pop the tray in the oven and bake for 8-10 minutes, until the edges start to turn golden. (8 minutes will make it softer, and 10 minutes will make it crunchy.)

7. Cool and enjoy

Let the bread cool for a couple of minutes so it's not too hot. Then, enjoy your bread plain or with some yummy spreads!

Fun Tips

- **Add flavours:** Sprinkle a little dried rosemary, thyme, or garlic powder on top before baking.
- **Make shapes:** Use cookie cutters to turn your bread into stars, hearts, or any shape you like.

December 7th – Life giving bread

Here is a little activity to help you remember the story of the Israelites gathering manna in the desert.

1. Children make your manna gathering bucket – use this youtube tutorial [DIY Paper Basket Easy | Easter Basket Ideas | Paper Craft Ideas for Kids](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-55jwRnDjo)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-55jwRnDjo>
You could write “Manna gathering basket” on the side.
2. Grown ups put some “manna” on the ground - You can use cereal, squares of bread, small pieces of paper, or anything small you have on hand. Allow more than 10 pieces per child.
3. When you’re ready, gather the manna into your basket. Count each piece as you pick it up, remembering that God gave the Israelites exactly what they needed. When you reach 10 pieces stop gathering. Just like the Israelites, we’re gathering only what we need.
4. If you want to extend it you can also act out a Friday when they would have gathered twice as much or a Saturday when they wouldn’t have gathered any!

December 8th – God’s true tent

Have a go as a family at making your own tabernacle.

Here are some things you might like to include:

- Ark of the covenant (in the most holy place)
- Table for the bread of the presence
- Altar of incense
- Altar for burnt offerings
- Lamp stand (do not light candles unless a grown up lets you!)
- Basin for washing

Keep it simple! You might like to use:

- Chairs and blankets to make a simple indoor tent
- Cardboard boxes and loo rolls etc
- Duplo/lego/mega blocks (other brands are available)

Why not post a photo on the whatsapp group?

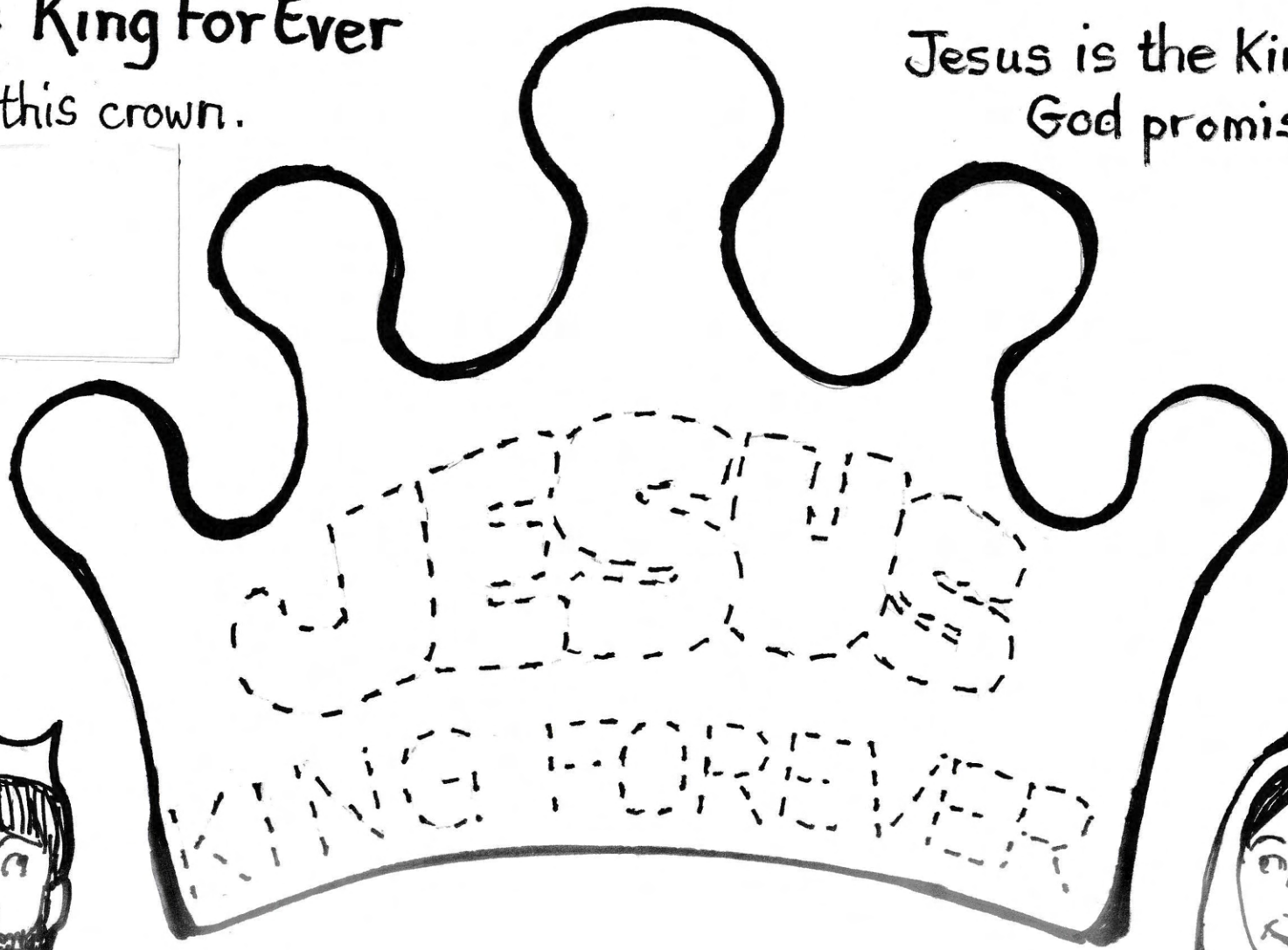
Here is an example:



Dec 10th: King For Ever

Decorate this crown.

Jesus is the King that
God promised to send.



KING DAVID'S
(GREAT, GREAT....
GREATGRAND....)
SON



MARY'S
SON

Dec. 11th: What's in a Name⁽¹⁾?

Names + titles of Jesus in a wordsearch challenge! Clues?

- John 1:29 and 1:49
- Luke 2:11 (2 names)
- John 10:11
- Matthew 1:23 (2 names)
- John 14:6 (3 names)
- John 1:1
- John 6:35
- John 15:5
- Revelation 19:16 (2 names)
- Revelation 22:13 (A + O)
- Isaiah 9:6 (starts with P)

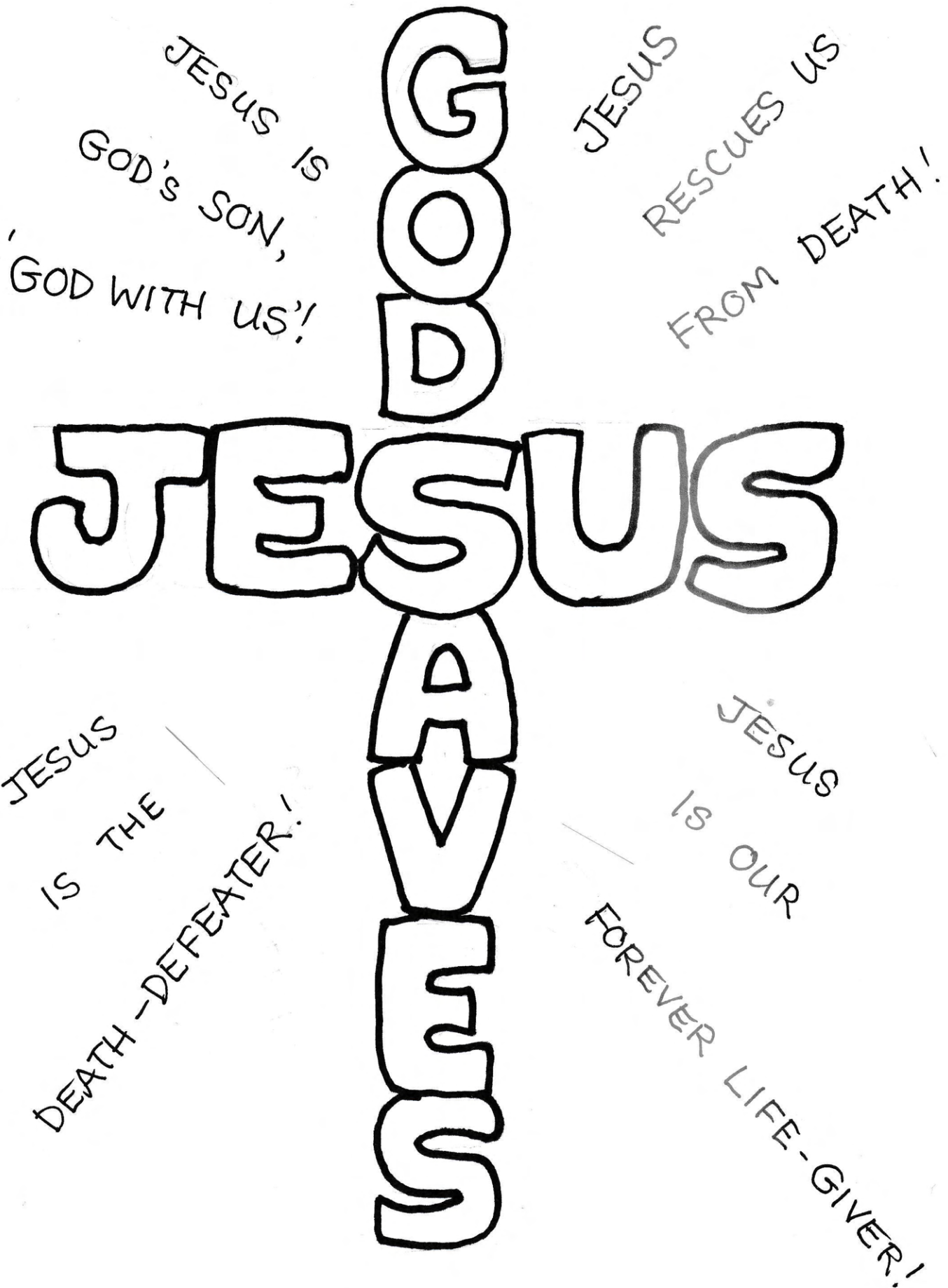
Jesus means
'God saves'!

(Add this ↑ to your
JESUS poster!)

L	A	M	U	P	V	U	K	M	W	A	T	Z	W	X
T	A	T	Q	N	O	I	L	A	N	R	O	S	V	T
H	S	M	S	R	S	O	N	O	F	G	O	D	R	H
E	P	T	B	Q	K	J	C	E	B	O	S	T	Q	E
T	H	E	W	O	R	D	D	W	L	D	O	H	P	B
R	T	T	J	H	F	I	R	C	M	W	U	E	N	R
U	W	H	K	I	N	G	O	F	K	I	N	G	S	E
T	I	E	E	Z	B	A	O	G	Y	T	E	O	A	A
H	H	W	P	L	J	N	I	D	Q	H	F	O	V	D
R	U	A	G	K	I	X	H	G	X	U	V	D	I	O
Q	F	Y	L	M	M	F	Y	J	E	S	U	S	O	F
O	A	C	K	O	E	B	E	N	M	G	B	H	U	L
O	A	L	H	E	S	F	R	E	M	T	F	E	R	I
D	M	N	P	R	S	Y	I	E	A	C	H	P	D	F
P	C	E	D	H	I	D	U	Z	N	G	C	H	D	E
A	V	B	G	N	A	S	W	J	U	H	I	E	J	L
K	Z	T	I	A	H	X	T	V	E	A	D	R	Z	E
S	A	R	L	O	R	D	O	F	L	O	R	D	S	M
Y	P	R	I	N	C	E	O	F	P	E	A	C	E	F

Dec 12th: Jesus died to set us free.

'Jesus' means 'God saves'



Dec 13th: God With Us

Colour this picture to remind us that God keeps His promises!

Isaiah wrote,
"A virgin will conceive
and give birth to a son
and will call him
Immanuel..."

approximately
750
years
earlier



Immanuel
which means
'GOD WITH US'



(Add "Immanuel: God with us" to your JESUS poster.)

Dec 14th: An Unexpected Messenger

God sent _____

to the town of _____

to speak to _____

He

said

to her,

“

_____”

(See Luke 1 v. 28)



Dec 16th: Songs of Praise

We are alive to bring praise to Jesus!

Ask an adult to sing
this carol with you.

Ask them to explain any
words you don't understand
It was written in 1739.



5

Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on Earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all you nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies.
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark the herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King!

5

Dec 18th: Who's In Charge?

A dot-to-dot challenge



The Roman Emperor said that Joseph and Mary must go to _____, but God was really in charge.

Dec 19th: Good News!

Jesus came for you!

Unscramble what the

angel said to the shepherds

in Luke 2:8-10



DO NOT

EB DAFIRA

I BRING YOU

DOGO WESN

IT WILL

BRING

AGTER YOJ

TO EVERYONE!

Dec 21st: What Simeon said about Jesus

In Luke 2:30-33 Simeon holds baby Jesus in his arms + says what Jesus will be + do:

Jesus will be **SALVATION** offered to everyone as God planned, **LIGHT** for people who have not known God's love for them, and **GLORY** for his

people Israel who are waiting for

him. When Joseph + Mary heard this, they

MARVELLED. What does that mean? 😊



Dec. 22: Patient Anna

Have you ever waited for a baby to come? Ask your mum or dad or someone else what it was like waiting for a special baby. Tell about it!



What did Anna say when she saw Jesus?

Anna waited a long time for a special baby!

Dec 24th: Jesus came to right every wrong.

Characters:

ANGEL / GABRIEL

MARY and JOSEPH

JESUS / IMMANUEL

SON OF GOD / SON OF DAVID

ROMAN EMPEROR

SHEPHERDS

WISEMEN / MAGI

HORRIBLE HEROD

Places and Things

EAST / STAR

NAZARETH

JERUSALEM

BETHLEHEM

Results! JOY / PEACE

GLORY / WORSHIP / GOOD NEWS

Find these words in the wordsearch - up, down, forwards, backwards, diagonally in any direction.

S	O	N	O	F	G	O	D	H	B	B	R	L	S	D	Z
N	C	O	G	M	L	N	S	T	S	A	E	A	I	E	H
I	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	G	C	G	T	F	U
W	O	R	S	H	I	P	M	R	N	A	A	L	O	S	S
I	M	M	A	N	U	E	L	A	D	M	G	O	H	O	D
S	S	A	J	E	S	U	S	Z	R	A	Y	R	E	N	R
E	W	R	G	O	D	I	S	A	L	W	A	Y	S	O	E
M	E	Y	O	I	N	C	O	N	T	R	O	L	T	F	H
E	N	H	O	R	R	I	B	L	E	H	E	R	O	D	P
N	D	Y	P	L	E	I	R	B	A	G	W	J	U	A	E
R	O	R	E	P	M	E	N	A	M	O	R	V	X	V	H
J	O	S	E	P	H	Y	I	R	P	E	A	C	E	I	S
Q	G	A	B	E	T	H	L	E	H	E	M	K	O	D	L

Can you tell the Christmas story using these wordsearch words? 😊

Dec 25th: Thank God For Jesus!

If you know a John 3v16 song, sing it joyfully now to thank God for His greatest gift Jesus, our Rescuer and King forever!
(If you don't know a song say John 3v16 out loud →)

