

STAR WATCHERS COME TO SEE NEW BABY

[Bethlehem] — Some men who study the stars surprised everybody in this small town when they suddenly arrived on their camels. They had been riding a long, long time, from somewhere across the desert east of Palestine. They came to Bethlehem to see the baby that had been born in a barn.

People asked the star watchers what made them want to come. The men answered, "We had to come. We saw a brand new star. It was so bright we knew we had to see where it would lead us." The star brought them to Bethlehem and the new baby.

First the star watchers had stopped in Jerusalem to visit with King Herod. They thought they would find a new king at the place the star showed them. King Herod told them to look in Bethlehem, because in the Scriptures it said a new king would come from that town.

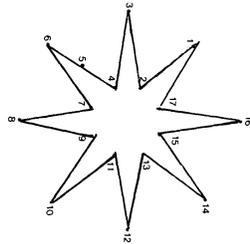
The star watchers brought special gifts for the new baby.

Matthew 2:1-12

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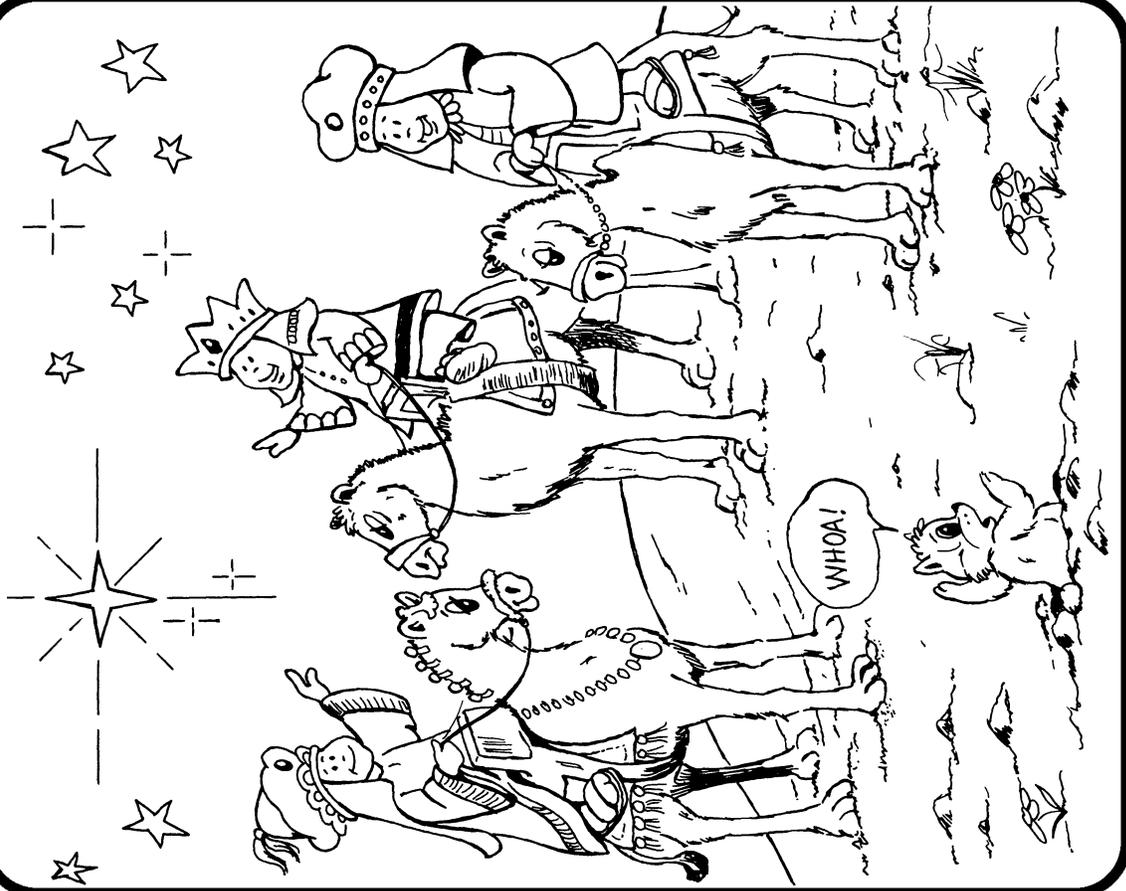
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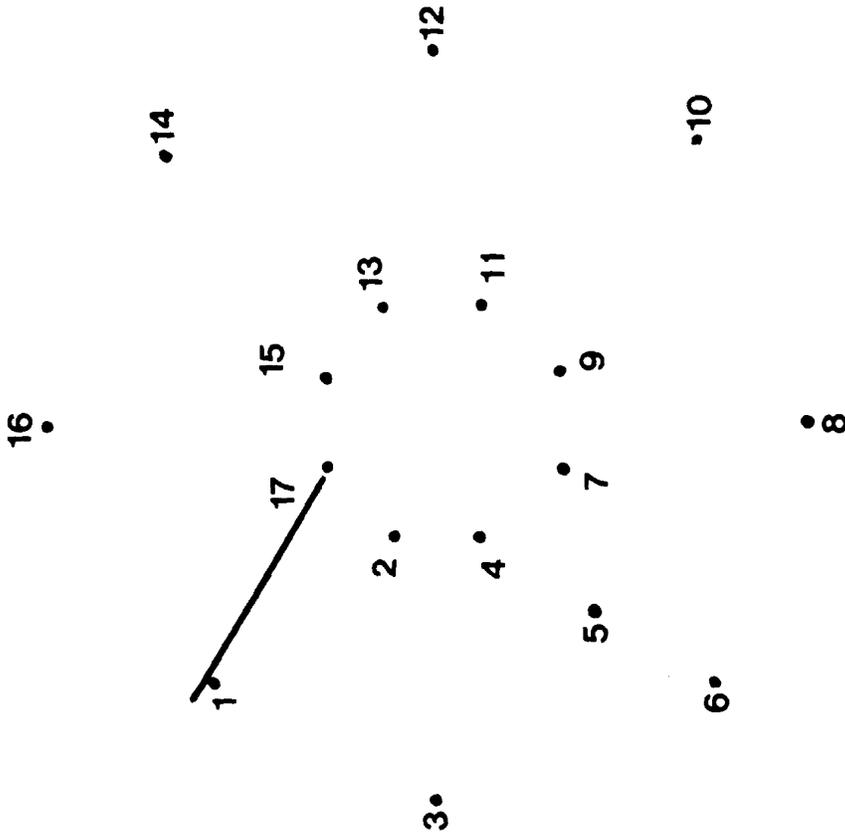
ANSWERS

Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



Draw A Picture. Three men on camels came to see the baby Jesus. Draw a picture of something that helped them find their way. Connect all the numbers to see what the picture is. Then color the picture or shade it with your pencil.



Matching Words. A lot of the words below are from the Gospel story for today. Every word on the left side has a matching partner on the right side. Can you draw a line from every word to its partner? The first one is already done for you.

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| SHINING | STABLE |
| BARN | CHILD |
| TRAVEL | GUIDE |
| BABY | BRIGHT |
| LEAD | RIDE |
| SCRIPTURES | BIBLE |

Make A Square. Play this fun game with a friend. Each of you takes turns connecting two lines together. When your line completes a square, you win that square. When you win a square, either write your initial in it or color it your color. Then you get another turn! The one with the most squares wins!

