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Making God known...

Jesus came to earth as a child and shared God's love with everyone. How can you do the same thing? Draw hearts around the pictures below that show kids sharing God's love.





gather

Welcome to worship.

Can you imagine celebrating your birthday for 12 days? That is exactly how long we celebrate Jesus' birthday! The Christmas season starts on December 25 and ends on January 5.



Thank you, Jesus, for sharing God's love. Amen

This week

Give a hug each time you notice someone in your family sharing God's love.

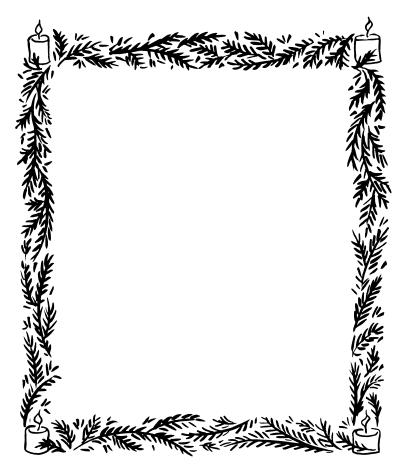
In the space above, draw a picture of how you and your family might celebrate Jesus' birthday for all 12 days of Christmas.

hear & celebrate

In the beginning...

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

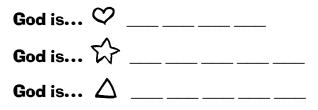
This is John's version of the Christmas story. Jesus' birth is God's most wonderful gift for all of God's creation, for all of God's children–us! Because Jesus was born as a little baby, and lived with us on earth, we know more about God and can tell others.



Draw baby Jesus in this picture, then draw *you* with baby Jesus.



What did Jesus show us about God? Search the illustration for the hearts, stars, and triangles that have letters in them. Each shape's letters make a word that tells us something about what God is like. Unscramble the letters from each shape and discover three things that God is.





Try doing something special on each of the 12 days of Christmas. Keep it simple and fun.