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DAY 21 - GABRIEL & MARY

SYMBOL: MARY

MAIN READING: Luke 1:26-38

ADDITIONAL READING: Isaiah 7:14

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Mary is the mother of Jesus. She loved God and knew his promises but like her cousin, was completely surprised to learn she would play a role in the Messiah's story. When she heard the news that she would be the mother of Jesus, the Messiah of the world, she received the amazing news with humility, joy and thanksgiving. She was able to do so because she trusted the love of God so deeply, she was able to surrender control of her own life's plans.



CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING - JOSEPH

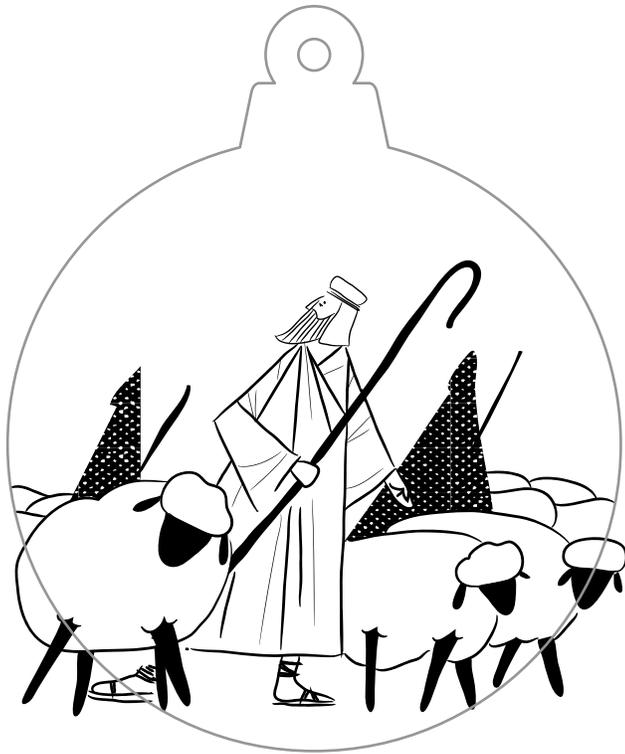
SYMBOL: JOSEPH

MAIN READING: Matthew 1:18-25

ADDITIONAL READING: Luke 2:1-5

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Joseph was a descendant of King David and so was in the royal family from which the Messiah would come. However, he wasn't royalty but simply a working class carpenter. He was engaged to Mary but when he found out she was pregnant, he wanted to protect her honor and break their engagement quietly. But when God told him she was pregnant with the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit, he changed his mind. Like Mary, he received the amazing news with humility, joy and thanksgiving.



CHRISTMAS EVE EVENING - THE SHEPHERDS & THE MANGER

2 SYMBOLS: SHEPHERD & THE MANGER

MAIN READING: LUKE 2:1-21

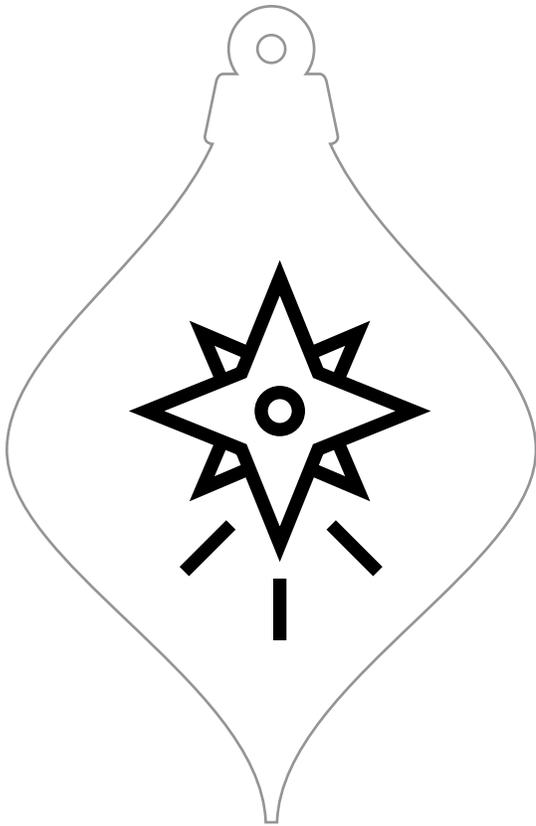
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Finally, all of our waiting and longings are fulfilled with the birth of Jesus, God who comes to us as one of us to dwell with us and to give us new life! In Jesus we see God's ultimate "no" to sin and its consequences and his ultimate "yes" to us!

The shepherds are the first to hear the good news. Once again, we see God inviting and welcoming unlikely people to receive his Son and the new life he makes possible!





CHRISTMAS DAY - THE STAR OF DAVID

SYMBOL: THE STAR

MAIN READING: Matthew 2:1-2

ADDITIONAL READING: John 8:12

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A bright star appeared to announce the birth of Jesus and to guide all those waiting for him to his presence. The star also symbolizes the fact that Jesus is the light of the world. He shines his light into the darkness to both overcome it and to lead all of God's people home to him.