

# Advent 1

## Activity Sheets



**HOPE:** Waiting for Something Great

## Just for Fun

### Advent Match Game

Print off the pictures of candles on the last two pages. Cut them out and turn them face down. Mix them up so the pairs are not together.

Take turns turning two cards over and try to find a pair. If you turn two different pics over, then put them back face down in the same place and let the next person go. If you find a pair keep them and go again. The winner is the person with the most pairs at the end.

### Advent thoughts ...

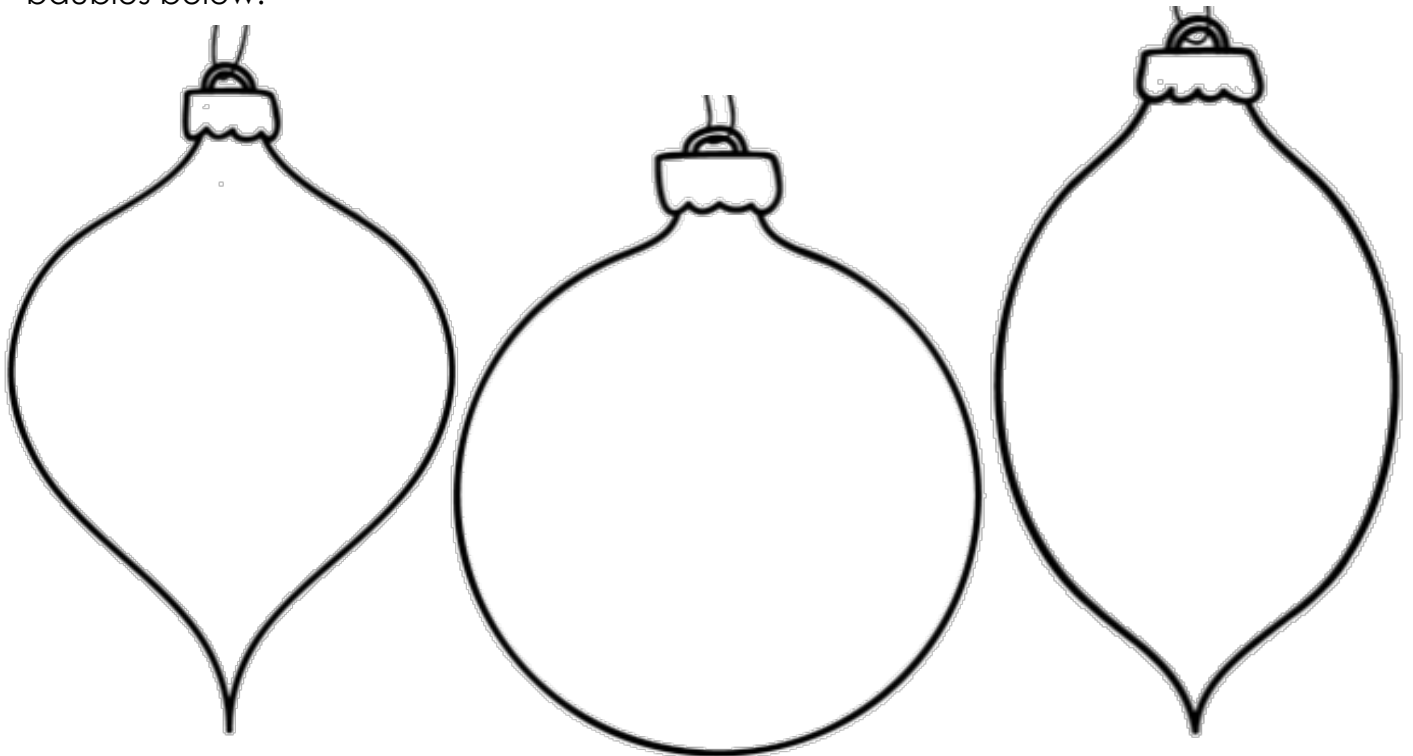
(Print off the Advent Wreath Picture on the next page. Colour everything in except the candles. Keep it in a special place. Each week we will colour one candle in and think about what each candle means.)

*The people who lived in darkness, will see a great light. They lived in a place of dark shadows, but a great light will shine on them. This will happen when the special child is born. God will give us a son who will be responsible for leading the people. His name will be "Wonderful Counsellor, Powerful God, Father Who Lives Forever, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:2 & 6*

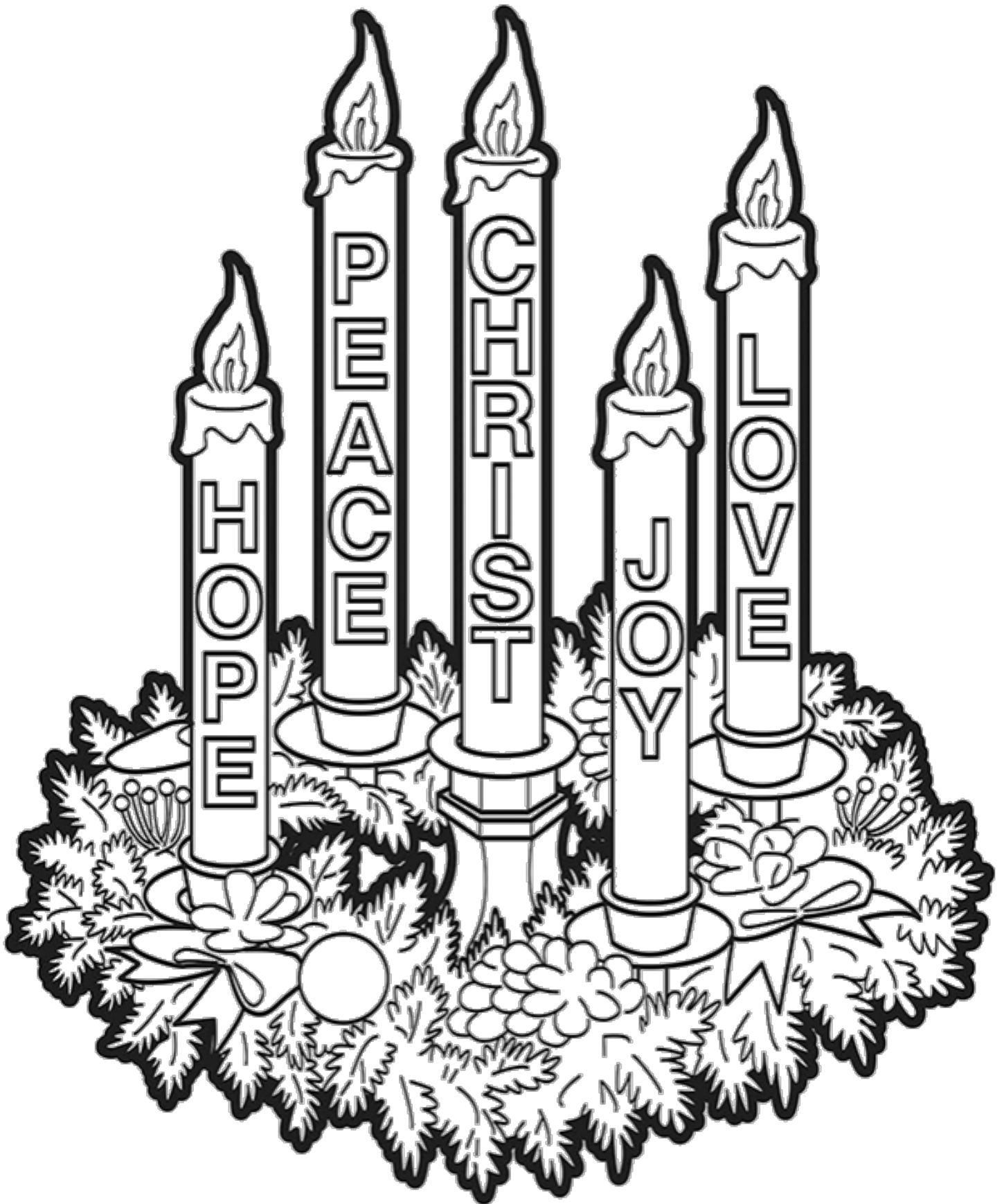
Colour the first candle of **HOPE** this week, discuss these questions together:

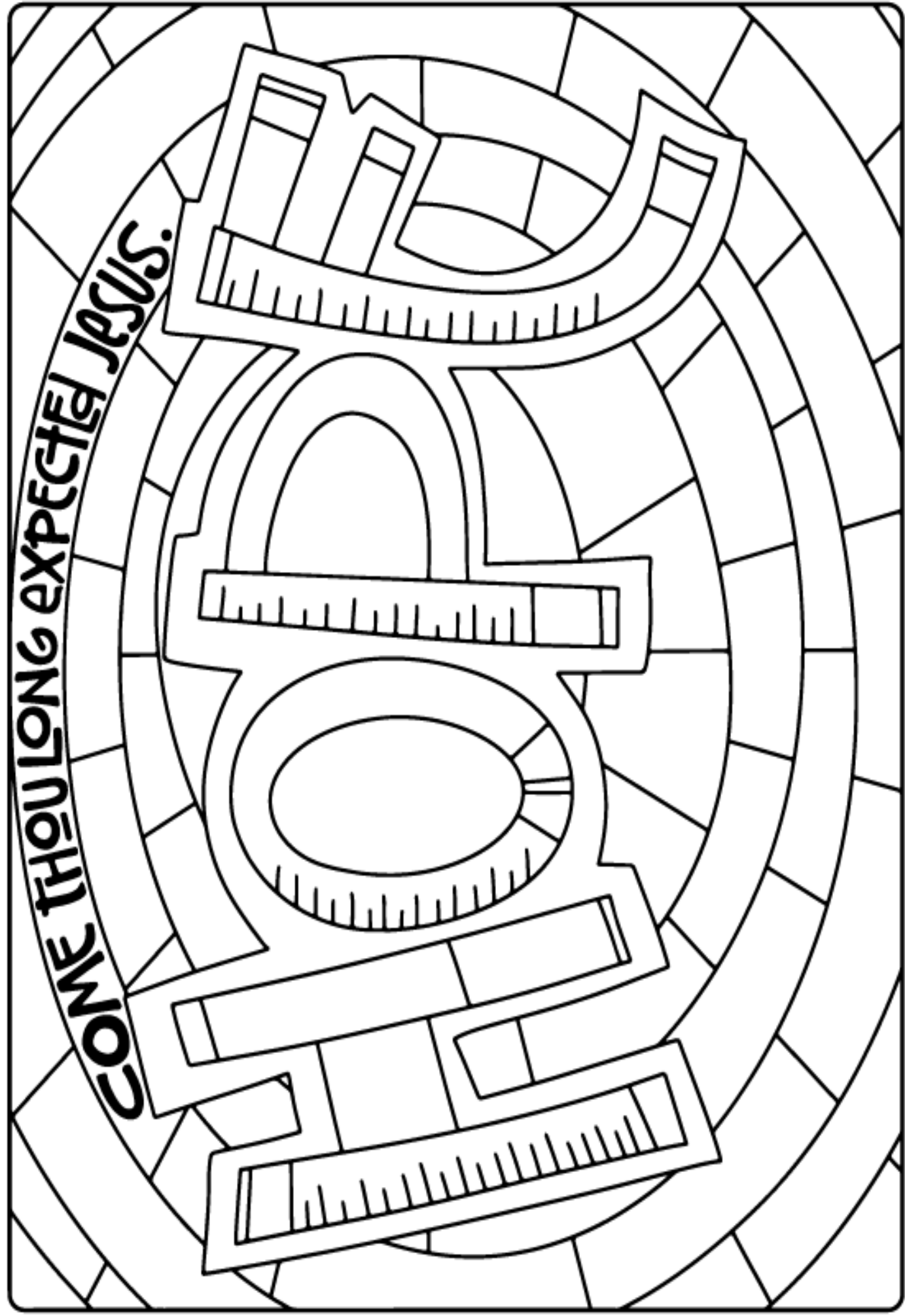
1. Isaiah talks about people walking in darkness. Talk about a time when it was really dark. Maybe it was during a storm and the power went out. Maybe you had to get something from a dark cupboard or room with no windows. What did it feel like? How did it feel when you were able to light a candle or find a torch or the lights came back on?

2. Has someone in your family, one of your friends or someone in your church had a baby or about to have a baby? What do you do to prepare for a baby? What are some ways that we can prepare for Jesus' birth? Write or draw your answers in the baubles below.



# Advent Wreath







# Prophets Foretold Jesus' Birth Spot the Differences

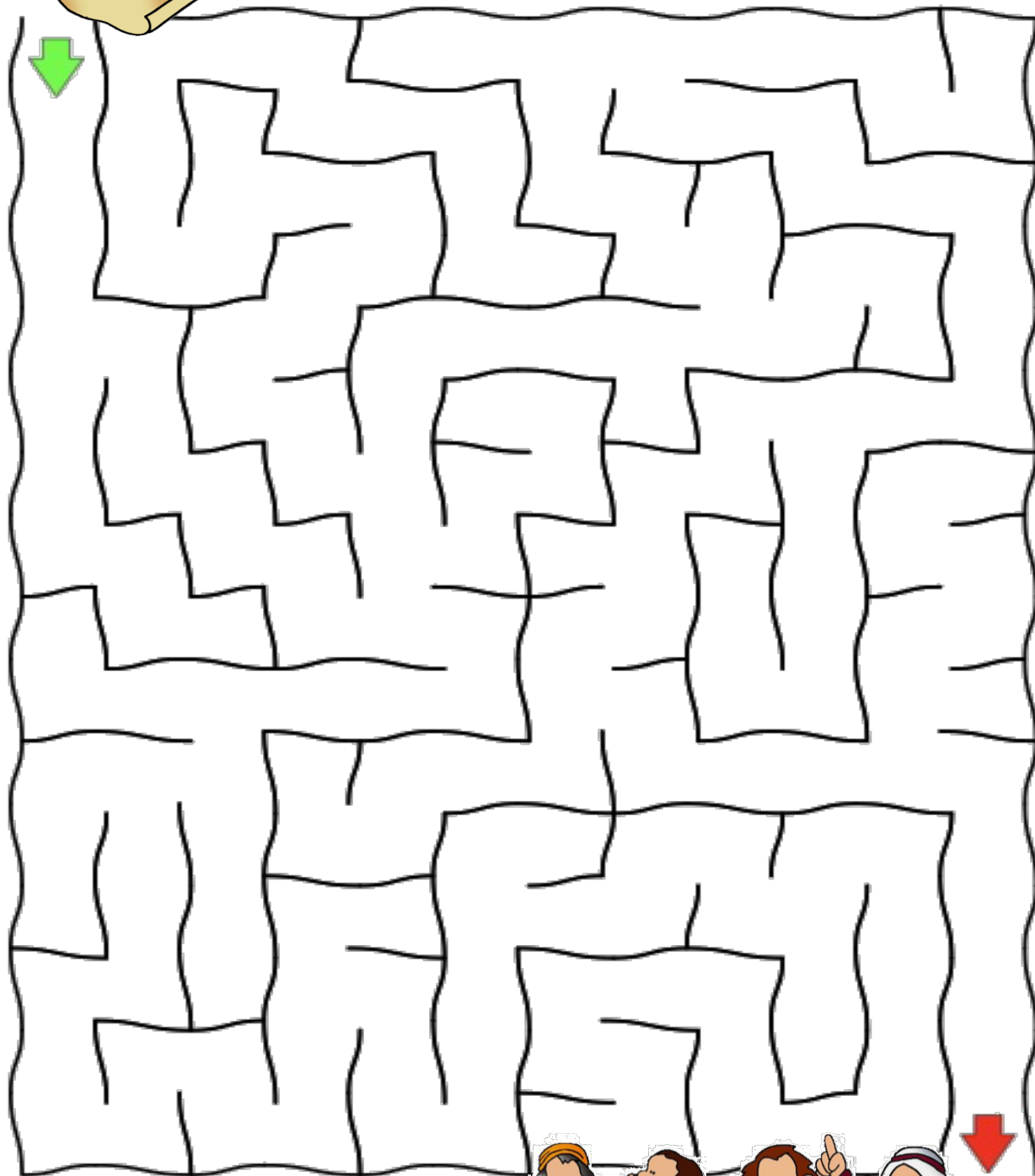
Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 10 things that are different.





God sent Isaiah to tell the people that he was going to send a saviour to help them.

Can you help Isaiah find his way through the maze to give God's people the message?



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will see a great light. Isaiah 9:2*



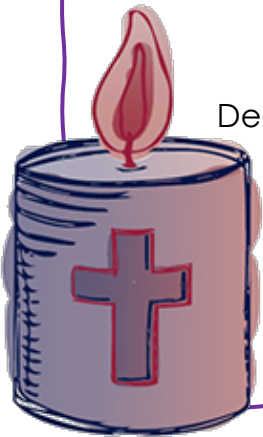
## Prayer Activity

### The Light Of Hope

In the bible story today, the writer says that people will see a great light. We light candles to bring light in darkness. During Advent, we associate light with hope. Spend some time talking and writing down or drawing things that you are hopeful for in your life and in the world and put them on sticky notes or pieces of paper. Take those sticky notes/paper and put them by a light switch in your house. This week, as you turn on and turn off the lights, say a prayer about the things you hope for on the notes. When you gather for next week's advent time, talk about how you felt each time you remembered to pray and hope.

### Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting us to this time of waiting. Help us to:  
open our eyes so we can see your light,  
open our ears so we can hear your words of hope,  
open our minds so we can understand you,  
open our hearts so we can receive your love.  
Come, long expected Jesus, we are waiting for you! Amen



## MEMORY VERSE

Watch the memory verse video and see if you can memorise the Bible verse.

Who ooo oa, Whooooa, Wh ooo oa, Whoa, Isaiah 9:6  
For unto us a child is born  
Unto us a son is given  
And the government shall be on his shoulder  
And his name shall be called wonderful counsellor  
The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace

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The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace x2

We use this verse at advent to help us think of the **HOPE** that Jesus brings to everyone who walks in dark places.

# SONG LYRICS

## **My Hope is in the Lord**

ooh ooh ooh (repeat)  
I can't help but feel a little down  
a little worried when I look around  
That's why my hope is in  
My hope is in the Lord

I fix my eyes upon the God who gives  
cause all I need is what I have in Him  
that's why my hope is in  
my hope is in the Lord

### **Chorus:**

**My hope is in the Lord  
I belong to Him  
He will never let me go  
My hope is in the Lord  
I can count on him  
My hope is in the Lord**

Ooh ooh ooh

## **In The Beginning**

In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was God  
and the Word was with God. X2

And everything that has been made  
has been made through him,  
nothing made without him. X2

### **Chorus**

**In him was life,  
that life was light for everyone.  
The darkness tries,  
but the light will not be overcome.**

**The light that shines for everyone  
has come into the world.  
The light of Christ the only Son  
has come into the world,  
has come into the world.**

He made his dwelling in the world  
as the Word made flesh,  
and we've seen his glory. X2

And in the sending of the Son,  
grace and truth have come  
through the one and only. X2

### **Chorus**



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