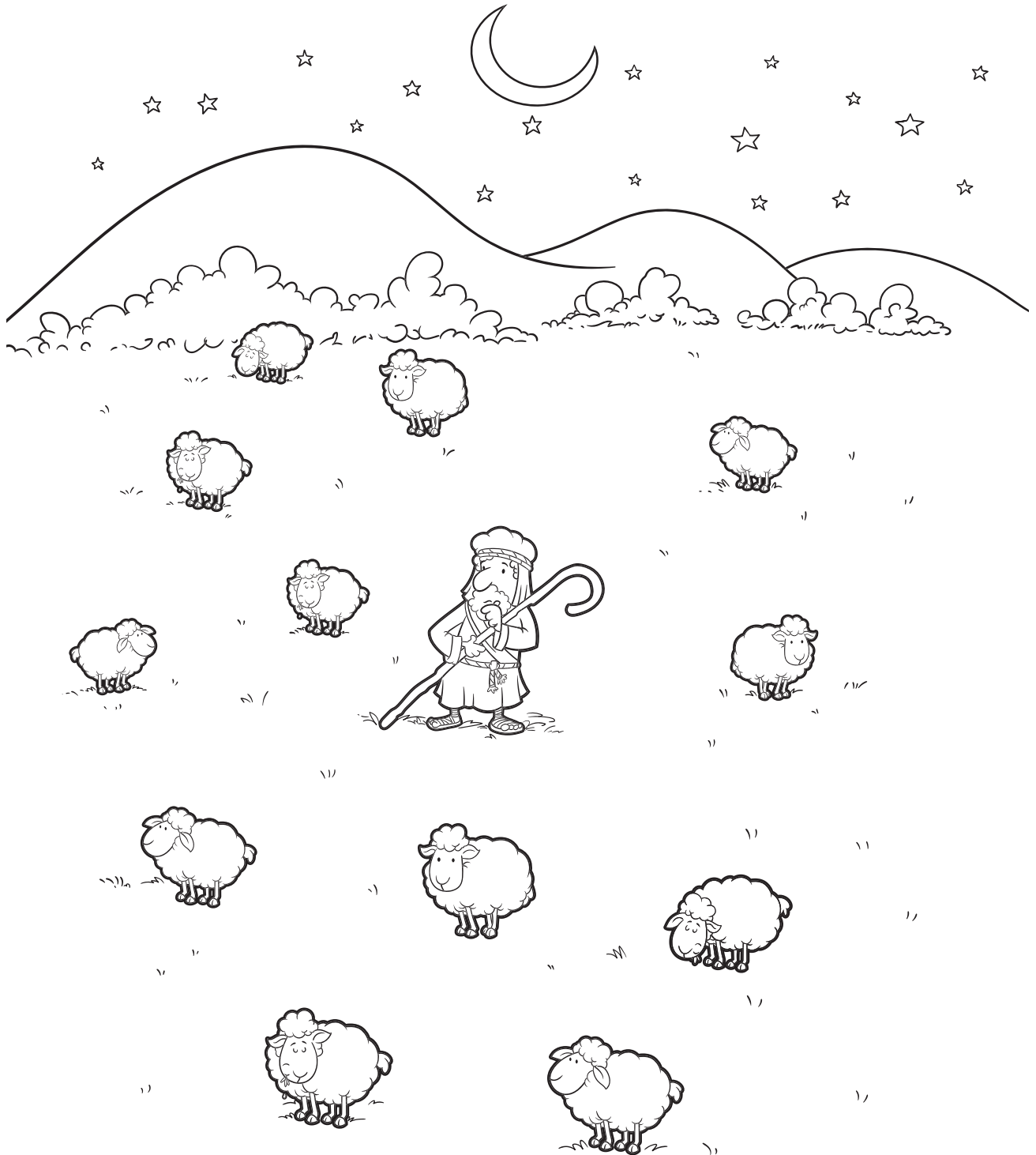


# 3A

## Count the Sheep – Coloring Page (Preschool)

This shepherd needs help counting his sheep. Can you help him? Circle the sheep as you count each one. Write the number at the bottom of the page. Then, color the page.

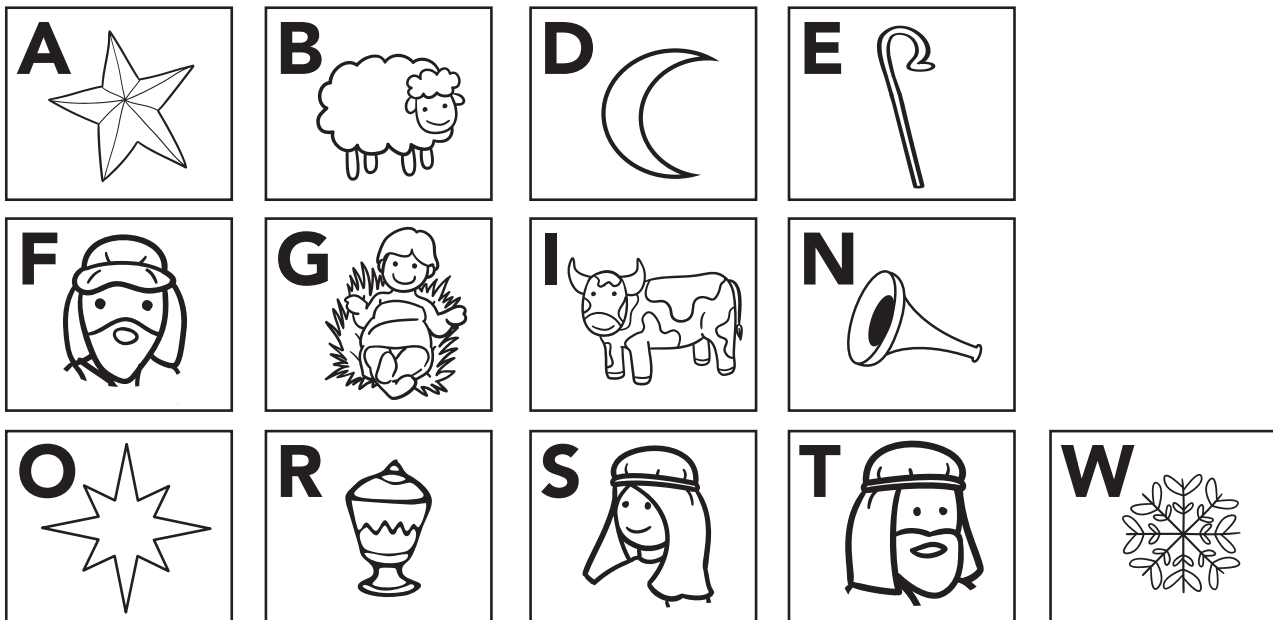
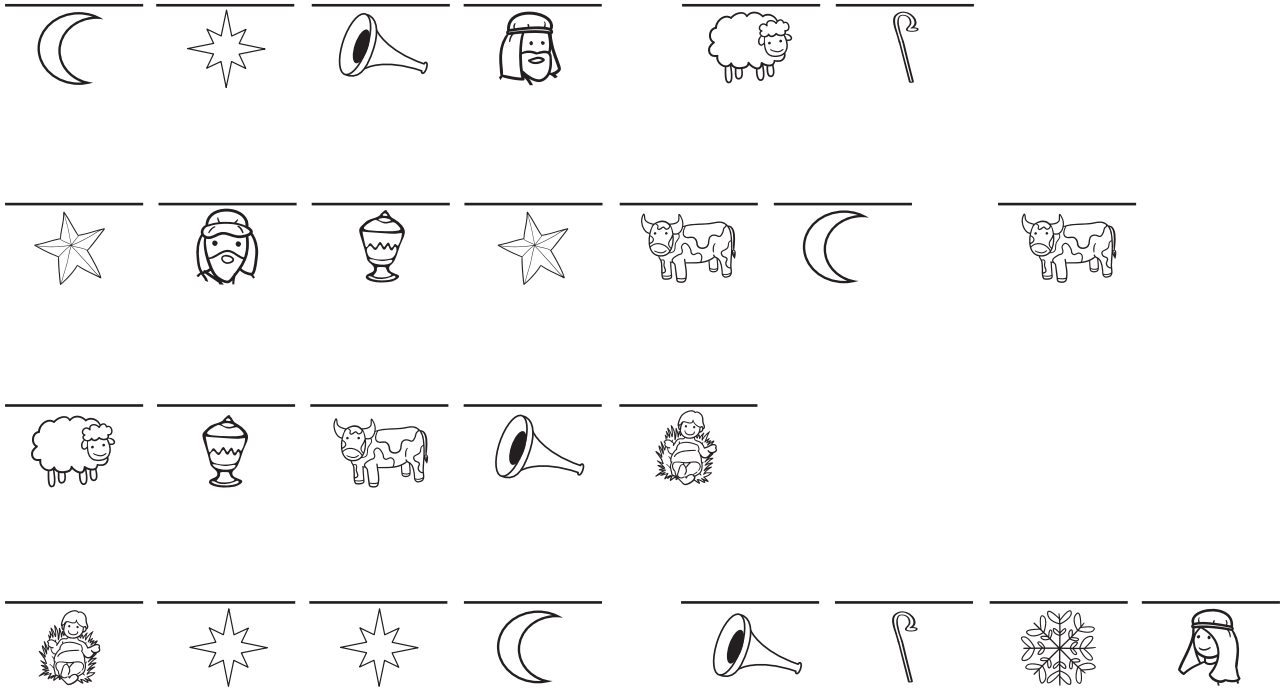


There are \_\_\_\_\_ sheep in the field.

# 3B

## Picture Code – Puzzle (Younger Elementary)

Use the picture code to solve the coded message below. The answer will tell you something the angel told the shepherds in today's Bible story.



# 3C

## Word Search – Puzzle (Older Elementary)

Solve the word search. All the items in the puzzle are things we hear about in the Christmas story.

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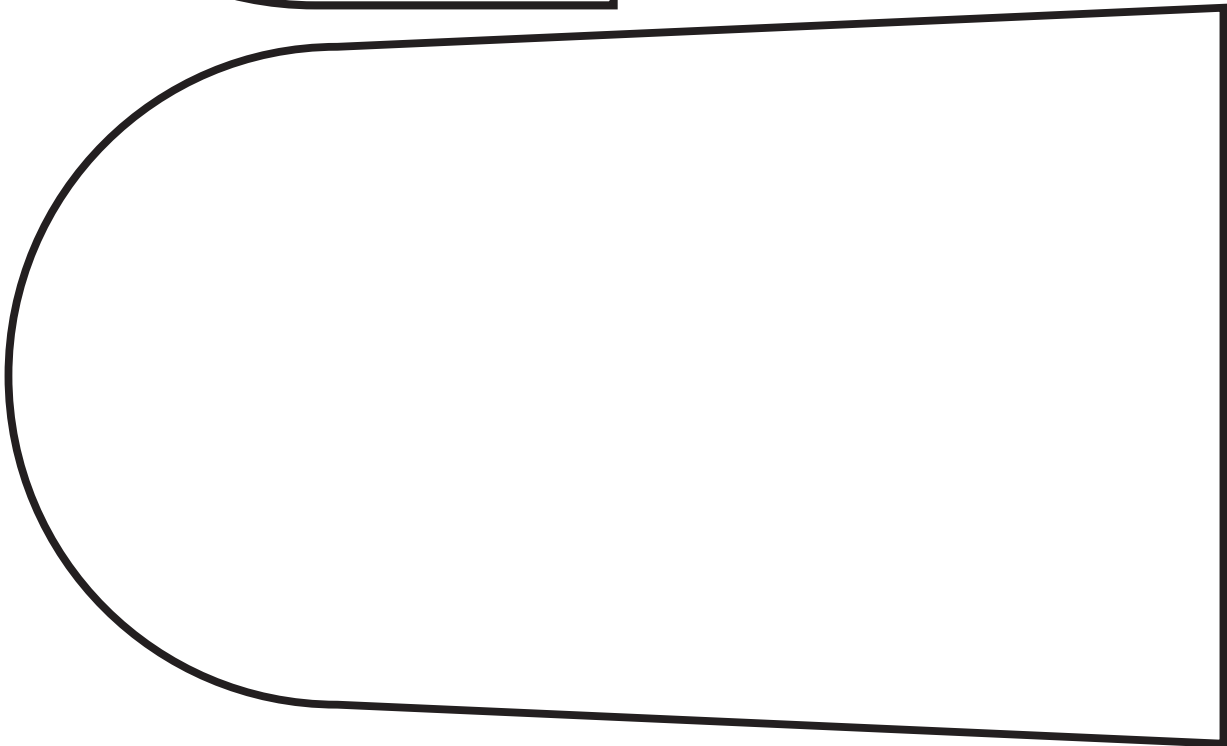
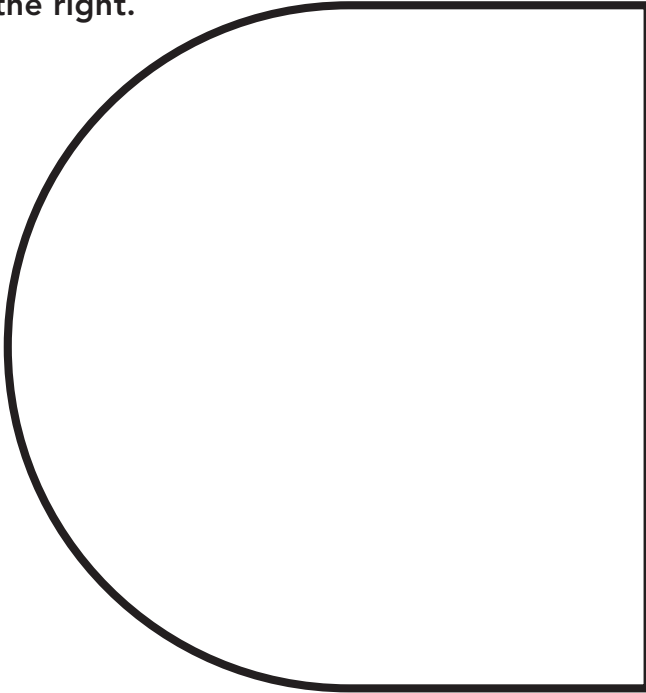
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SHEEP  
SHEPHERDS  
STABLE

# 3D

## Shepherd Ornament Templates – Craft

Make a copy of this page onto several sheets of card stock. Cut out the shapes and follow the directions in Session 3 to make Picture Christmas Ornaments. The finished ornaments will look like the example to the right.



## FAST FACT 1

Shepherding was important, but it was often the job of the youngest members of the family. In the Old Testament, we read about David being the youngest brother in his family. While the older brothers were being considered for the role of king, David was busy taking care of the sheep!



## FAST FACT 2

You might be really surprised to learn that shepherding was often a job for young girls. There are several passages in the Bible that show girls tending sheep. One story comes from Exodus 2. In the story, we read that a man named Jethro had seven daughters. The girls were taking care of their father's sheep.

## FAST FACT 3

God invited shepherds to welcome baby Jesus into the world for an important reason. Jesus was the Savior and a new king for Israel. But God's Son would not be a king just for the important people. Jesus would be a king who would love and care for all people, especially those with a low place in the world.

# Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20

There were shepherds living in the fields, taking care of the sheep.

**Suddenly, God's glory shone all around them! The shepherds were afraid.**

"Don't be afraid," said an angel. "I bring good news. Today your savior is born in David's city. You will find a little baby lying in a manger."

**Then many angels appeared, praising God!**

The shepherds said to themselves, "Let's go and see!"

**The shepherds hurried off to see if the things the angels told them were really true.**

When they arrived, they found the baby, along with Mary and Joseph.



**There was the baby, lying in a manger, just as the angels said.**

They shared what they had seen and heard. Mary was amazed and treasured this memory in her heart.

**Then the shepherds returned home, praising God.**

## FAMILY DEVOTION

## BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:8-20

Celebrate the season of Advent together as a family. Each week, we will suggest an activity for your family to do together. Take pictures during your Advent activities. This week, collect toys for tots and donate them to a local drop-off location. In preparation for the next week's donation, have prints made of the pictures you've been taking during the Advent activities.

