

## Songs of Joy

Many Christmas carols have rhyming words. Find five sets of rhyming words in this picture and draw a line between each pair of words (hint: mat and hat).



What Christmas carols did you sing during worship today?

What is your favorite Christmas carol about Jesus?



# READER

Christmas Eve

- Today is **Christmas Eve**.
- We celebrate **Jesus' birth!**
- One symbol we see during the Christmas season is a **manger**, Jesus' first bed.
- A manger is a **box** where **farm animals eat**.

## Setting the Scene








Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem. There was no room for them at the inn. (Read about it in Luke 2:7.) Complete the nativity scene below. Include images you see at your home or in your worship space.











We sing joyful songs at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' birth. Who sang the first Christmas carol? Angels!

## Memory Verse

Use the code to find out the words the angels shared with the shepherds!

"\_\_\_ \_\_\_ n \_\_\_ \_\_\_ b \_\_\_ afrai \_\_\_ ... f \_\_\_ r see I am  
      

bringing y \_\_\_ u \_\_\_ \_\_\_ d news of \_\_\_ r \_\_\_ at j \_\_\_ y for all  
      

the p \_\_\_ \_\_\_ pl \_\_\_ : to y \_\_\_ u is b \_\_\_ rn \_\_\_ \_\_\_ is \_\_\_ ay in  
       

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ ci \_\_\_ y of \_\_\_ avi \_\_\_ , a Savi \_\_\_ r." Luke 2:10-11  
      

"\_\_\_ l \_\_\_ ry \_\_\_ \_\_\_ d in \_\_\_ \_\_\_  
        

\_\_\_ i \_\_\_ s \_\_\_." Luke 2:14a  
    

 = G    = H    = O    = T    = D    = E

The shepherds appear only in the Gospel of Luke. (Check out Luke 2:8-20.) Matthew is the only Gospel that describes the visit of the wise men. (Read Matthew 2:1-12.) Mark and John's gospels introduce John before they introduce Jesus. We have to read the Christmas story in all 4 Gospels to see the big picture.

## Did You Know?

## The Big Picture

Simple pictures tell the big story of Christmas. Listen to the story of Jesus' birth as it is told today in the Gospel.

Number the seven pictures to put them in the correct order.



## Look It Up!

Read Matthew's version of the Christmas story in Matthew 2:1-12. Unscramble the letters below to figure out what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

dglo fkanirncsne hrmry

What would you give Jesus?  
 Draw your gift in the box and write a birthday message on the tag!

