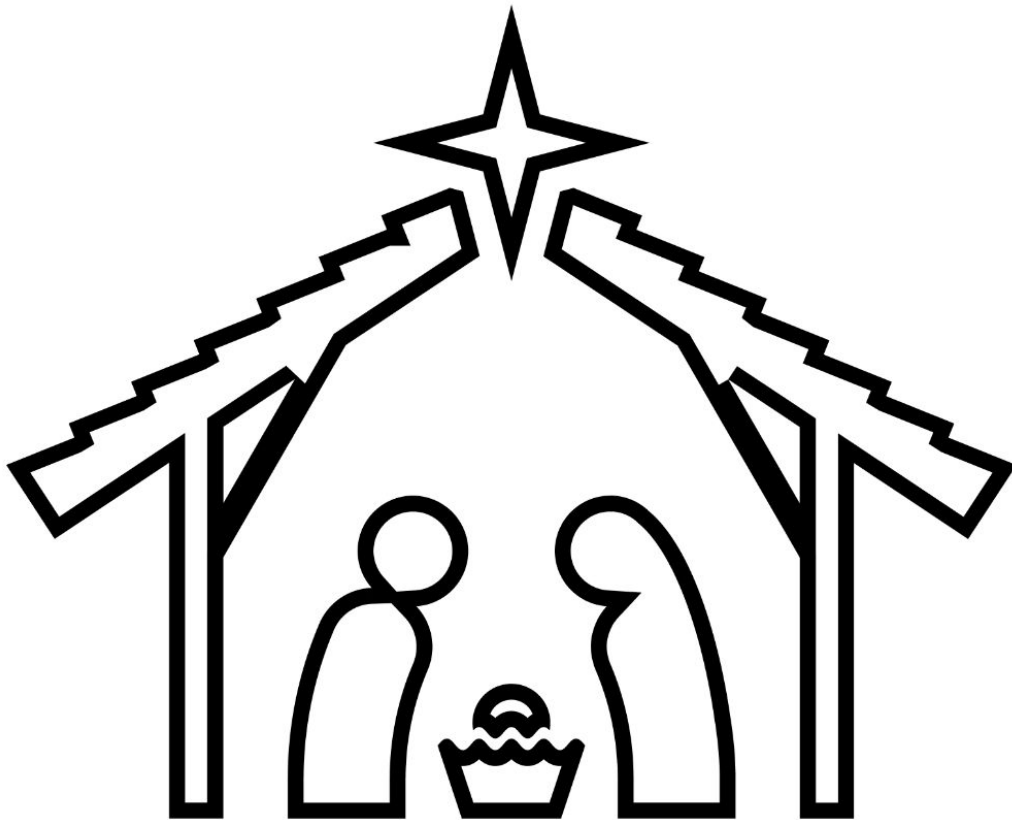


# ADVENT

Getting ready to celebrate  
CHRISTMAS!

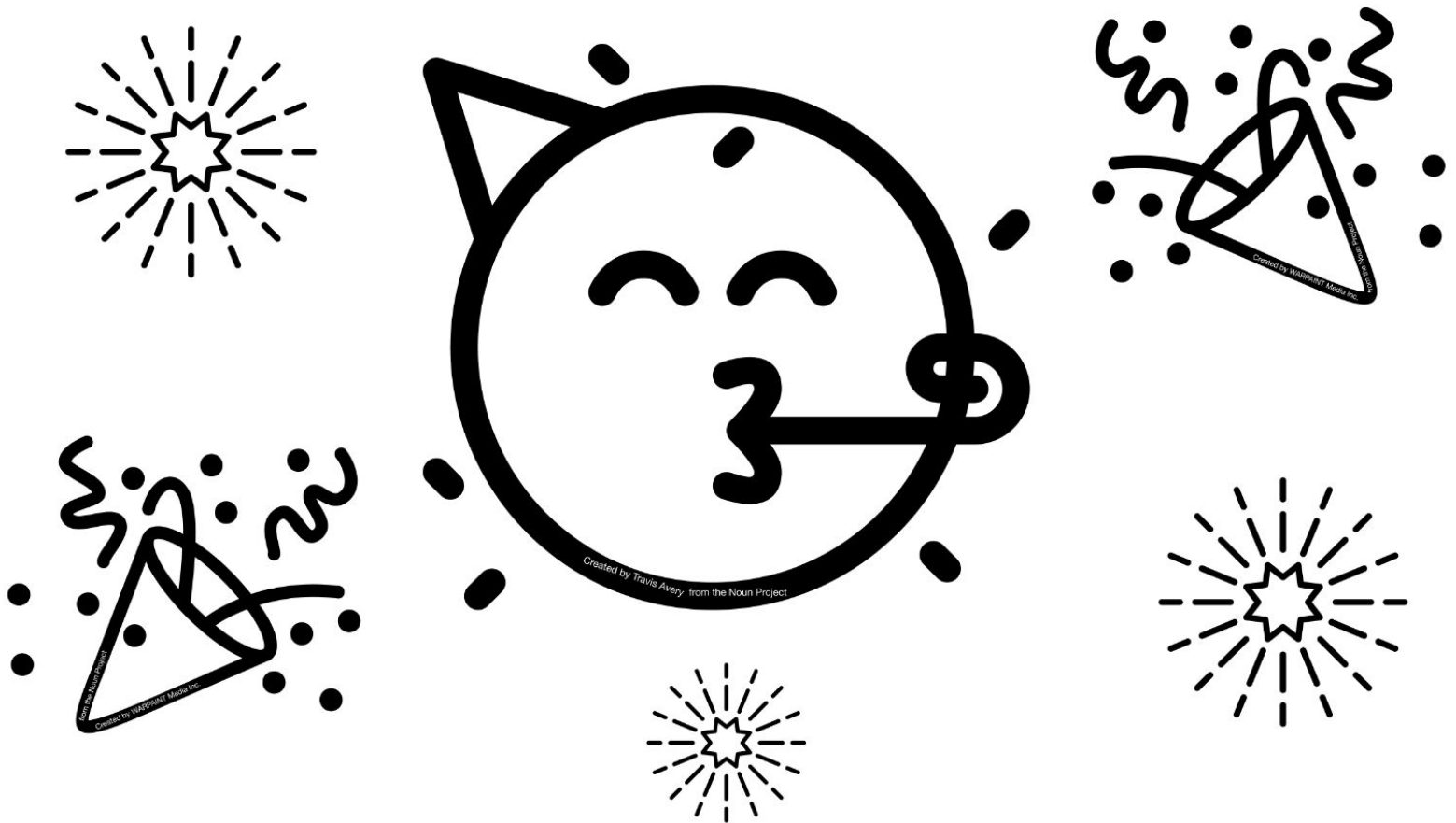


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On the first day of Advent, the Catholic Church celebrates its very own New Year's day!



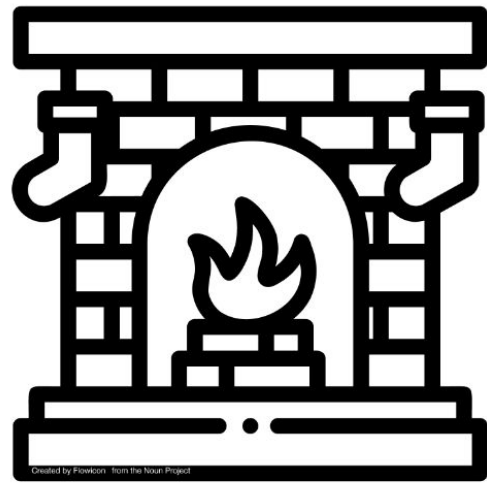
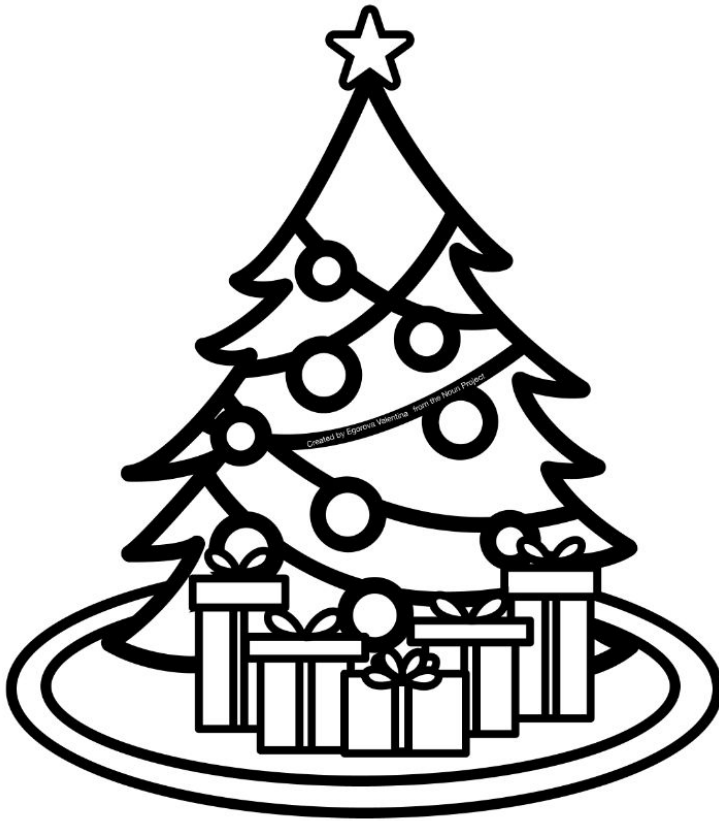
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



What better time to start the Church's new year than right before Jesus's birthday?!

Do you know the special name we have for the day Jesus was born?

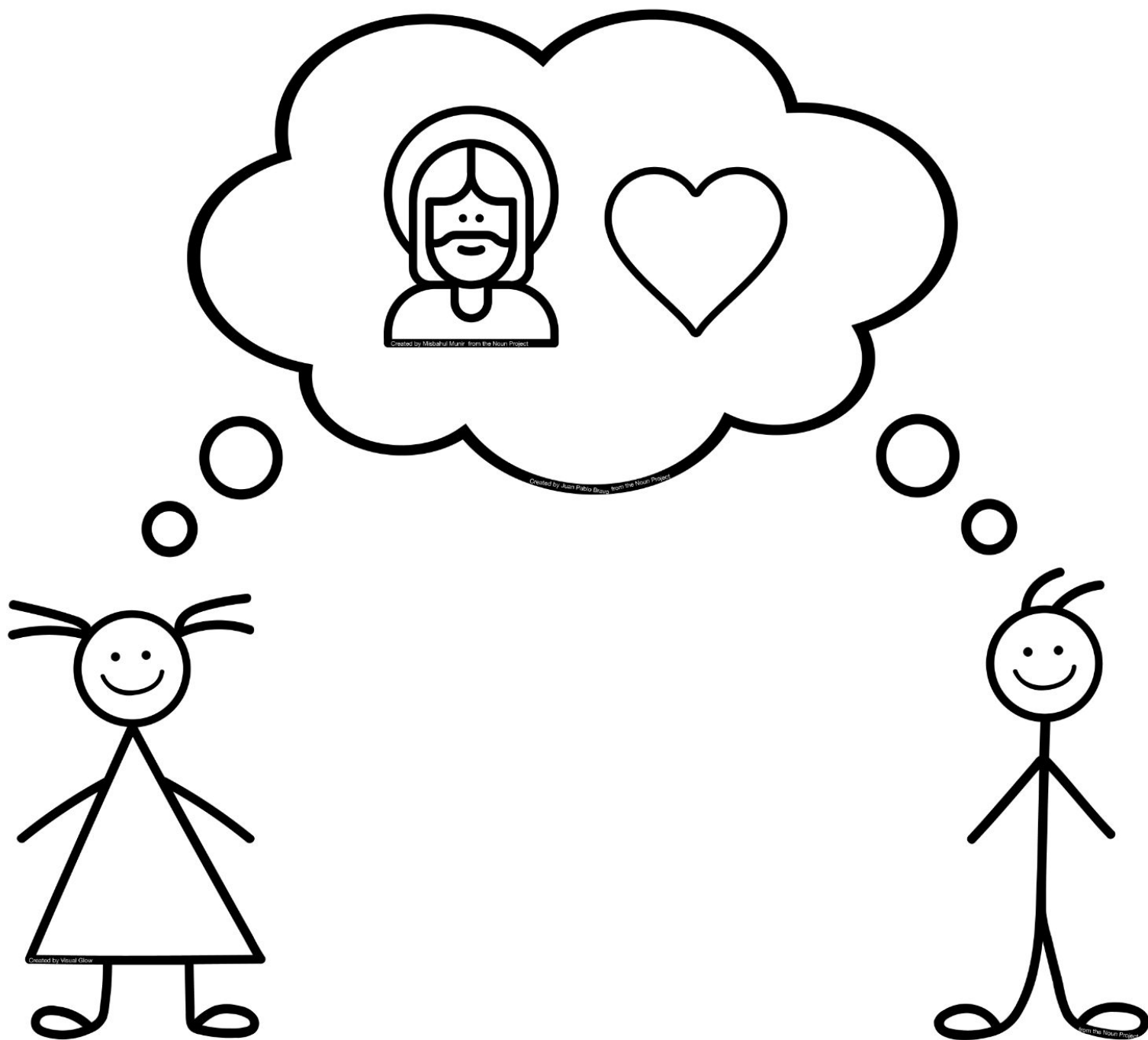
# CHRISTMAS DAY!



Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas Day.

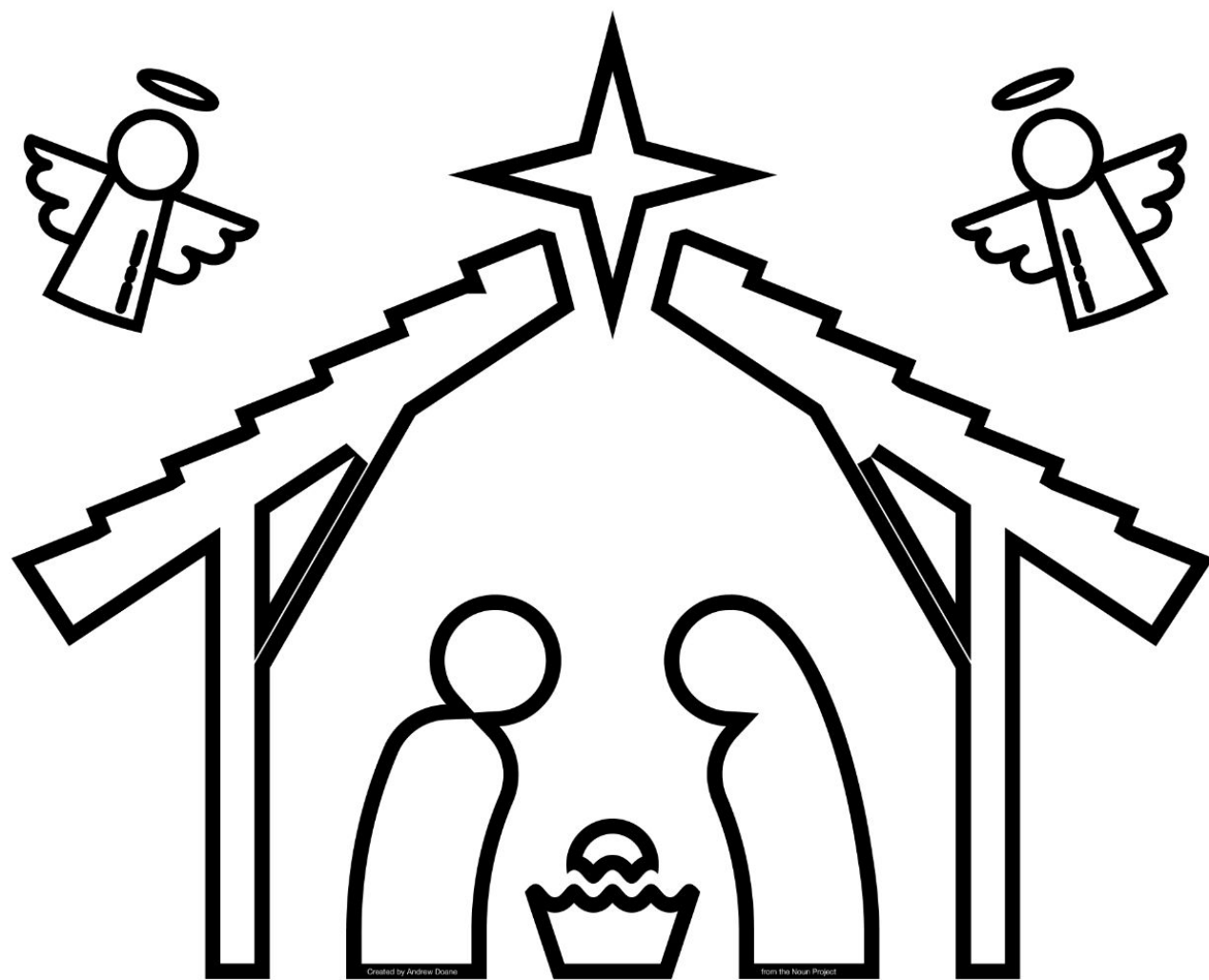
This is because we need some time to make sure our hearts are ready to celebrate Jesus on Christmas. Advent is when we get ready!

In the first few weeks of Advent, we get ready for Jesus to come again.



We also think about all of the ways that Jesus has been in our hearts and we remember that He is always with us.

In the last eight days of Advent we get ready to give thanks for Jesus's birth and to celebrate His Birthday!



His birthday is so special, because it was the very first time that Jesus came to earth. We have hope that He will come back again!

Here are some ways that we can get ready for Jesus during Advent:

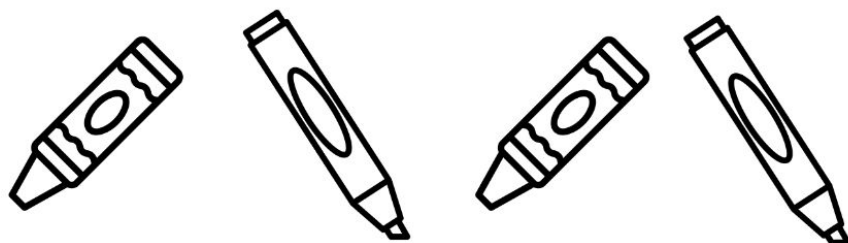
- ① We can write about the ways that Jesus helped us throughout the year and all the ways that we could have done a better job.



- ② We can spend time with the Lord by praying everyday.



- ③ We can decorate our homes and classrooms with the color purple to remind us that it is Advent.



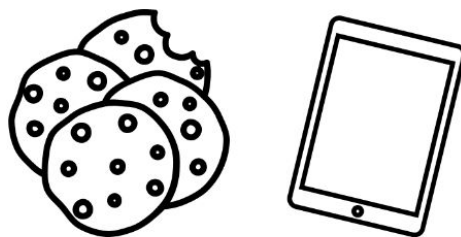
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We can use an Advent wreath and Advent calendar to remind us that Christmas is coming soon.



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We can give up something special that we love as a birthday gift for Jesus.



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We can ask God to forgive us for our mistakes and we can go to confession.

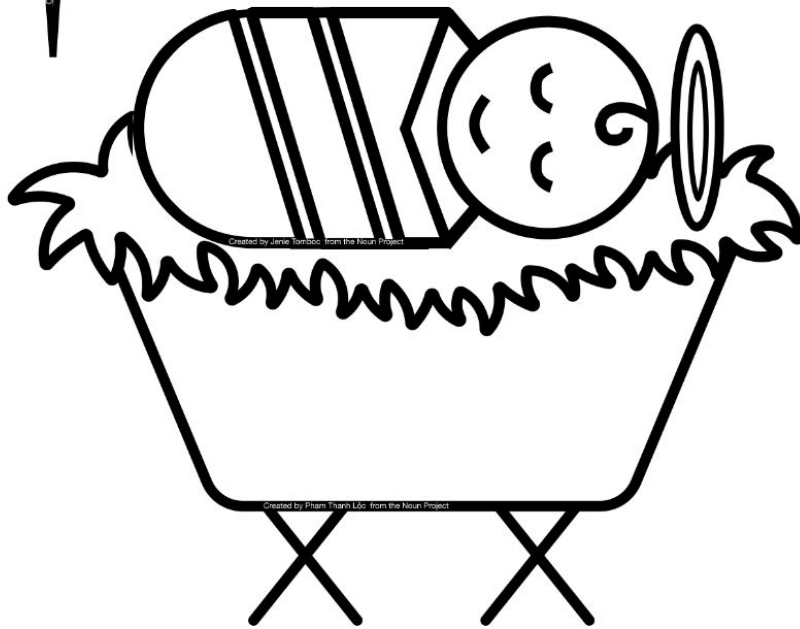
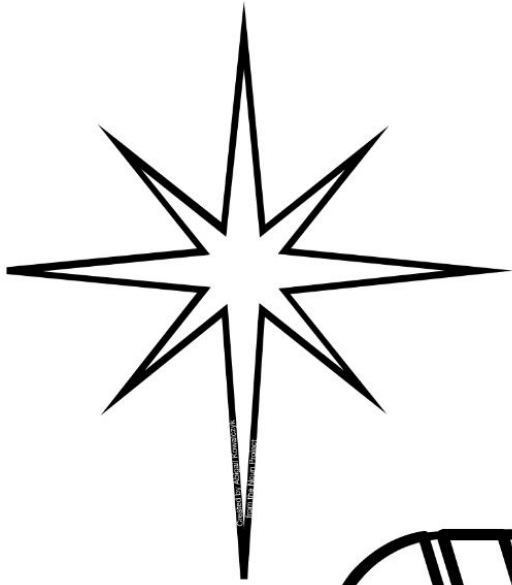


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We can sing the "O Antiphons" each of the 8 days leading up to Christmas, to help us remember to always have hope that Jesus will come.



These are just some ways that we can celebrate Advent and get ready to celebrate Jesus on Christmas day!



Advent is a time to get ready for Jesus, and Christmas is a time to celebrate Jesus! Happy New Year!