

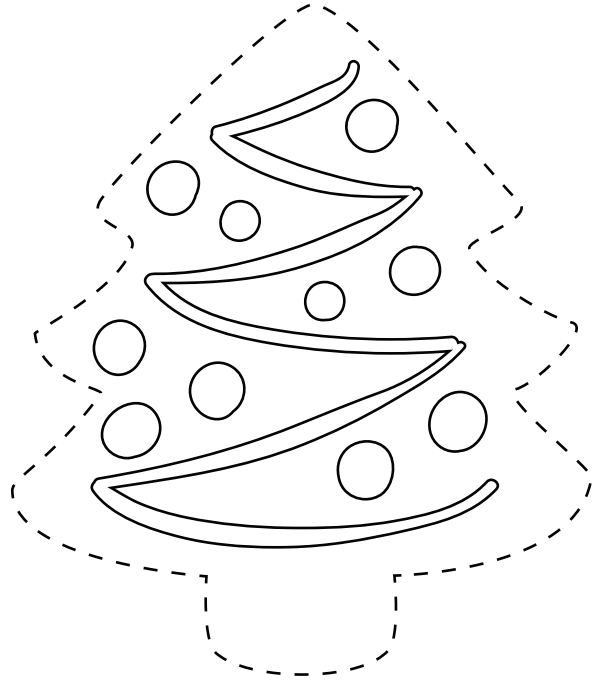
# ADVENT - WEEK 1

## **Christmas Cookies: Tree**

### **Scripture Passage**

#### **Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NIRV)**

- <sup>14</sup> “The days are coming,” announces the LORD.  
“At that time, I will fulfill my good promise to my people. I made it to the people of Israel and Judah.
- <sup>15</sup> “Here is what I will do in those days and at that time. I will make a godly **Branch grow** from David’s royal line. He will do what is fair and right in the land.
- <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved. Jerusalem will live in safety. And it will be called The LORD Who Makes Us Right with Himself.”



### **Wonder Questions**

***As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:***

- I wonder how people must have felt when Jeremiah told them God was sending Jesus.
- I wonder how it felt to know God was using the family tree of David to send Jesus.
- I wonder how it feels to be told the place where you live will remain safe.
- I wonder how we can share with others that Jesus is coming.

## ADVENT - WEEK 2

# Christmas Cookies: Snowflake

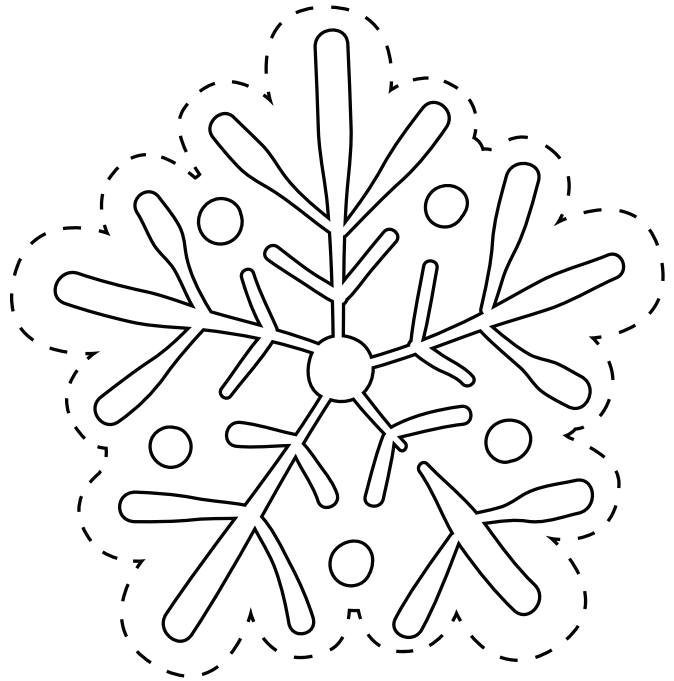
### Scripture Passage

#### **Malachi 3:2-4 (NIRV)**

<sup>2</sup> But who can live through the day when he comes? Who will be left standing when he appears? He will be like a fire that makes things pure. He will be like soap that makes things clean.

<sup>3</sup> He will act like one who makes silver pure. And he will purify the Levites, just as gold and silver are purified with fire. Then these men will bring proper offerings to the Lord.

<sup>4</sup> And the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to him. It will be as it was in days and years gone by.



### Wonder Questions

***As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:***

- I wonder if there is something in your life that you need God's help to change.
- I wonder if you can think of one bad habit that needs to be "purified" by God.
- I wonder how you can show others the shine of holiness and goodness of God.

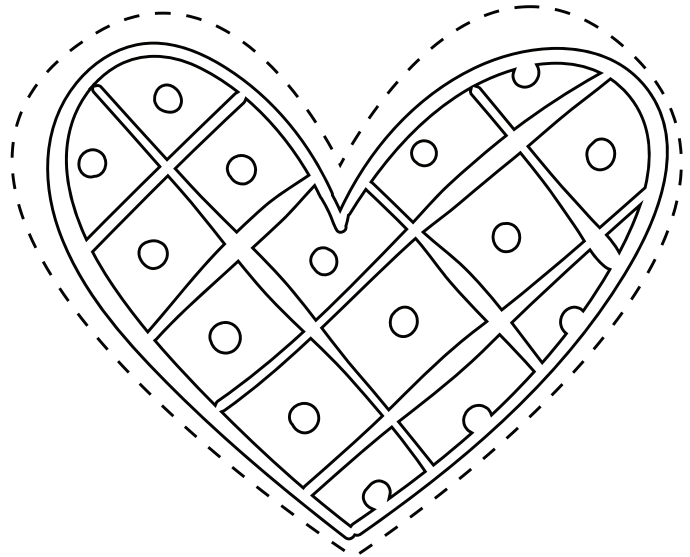
# ADVENT - WEEK 3

## **Christmas Cookies: Heart**

### **Scripture Passage**

#### **Luke 3:15-16 (NIRV)**

- <sup>15</sup> The people were waiting. They were expecting something. They were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Messiah.
- <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I am will come. I'm not good enough to untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.



### **Wonder Questions**

***As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:***

- I wonder how John felt as he told people that Jesus was coming.
- I wonder how the people felt when they saw Jesus being baptized.
- I wonder how I can be more like John and tell others about Jesus.

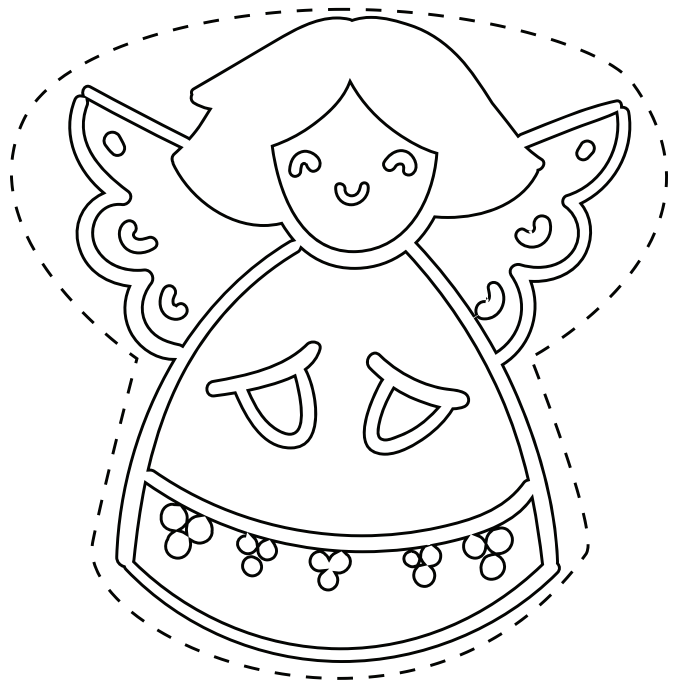
# ADVENT - WEEK 4

## **Christmas Cookies: Angel**

### **Scripture Passage**

**Luke 1:42-45 (NIRV)**

- <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she called out, “God has blessed you more than other women. And blessed is the child you will have!
- <sup>43</sup> But why is God so kind to me? Why has the mother of my Lord come to me?
- <sup>44</sup> As soon as I heard the sound of your voice, the baby inside me jumped for joy.
- <sup>45</sup> You are a woman God has blessed. You have believed that the Lord would keep his promises to you!”



### **Wonder Questions**

***As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:***

- I wonder how you would feel if God told you some amazing news about your life.
- I wonder how easy it was for Mary to believe immediately.
- I wonder how you can share the good news of Jesus with others.

# ADVENT - CHRISTMAS EVE

## **Christmas Cookies: Small Gingerbread Man**

### **Scripture Passage**

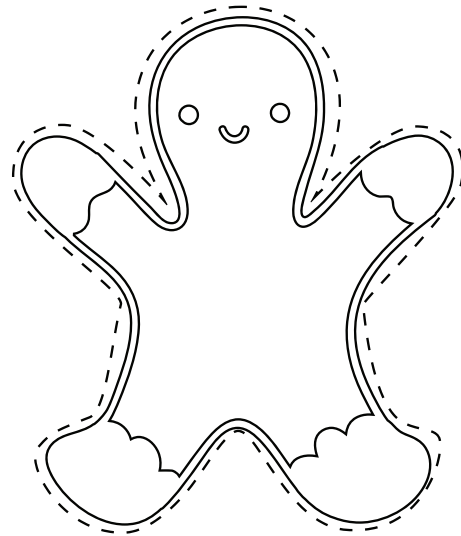
#### **Luke 2:6-14 (NIRV)**

<sup>6</sup> While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. <sup>7</sup> She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

<sup>8</sup> There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said,

<sup>14</sup> "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"



### **Wonder Questions**

***As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:***

- I wonder how the shepherds felt when the angel told of the good news of the birth.
- I wonder if all who were there realized all the amazing things Jesus would do when he grew up.
- I wonder how you can share that same amazement and excitement of the good news of Jesus' birth as you spend Christmas day with your loved ones.

# ADVENT - WEEK 5

## **Christmas Cookies: Large Gingerbread Man**

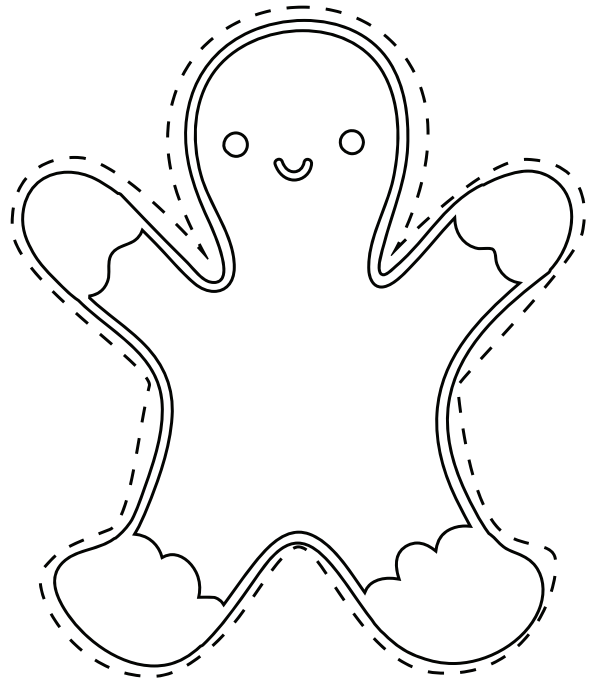
### **Scripture Passage**

#### **Luke 2:41-52 (NIRV)**

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. <sup>42</sup> When Jesus was 12 years old, they went up to the feast as usual. <sup>43</sup> After the feast was over, his parents left to go back home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But they were not aware of it. <sup>44</sup> They thought he was somewhere in their group. So they traveled on for a day. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> They did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courtyard. He was sitting with the teachers. He was listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at how much he understood. They also were amazed at his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been worried about you. We have been looking for you everywhere."

<sup>49</sup> "Why were you looking for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he meant by that.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. But his mother kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. <sup>52</sup> Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.



### **Wonder Questions**

***As you prepare, bake, and wait for the cookies to be ready, wonder together with your family about these things:***

- I wonder as my body grows how can I also grow in wisdom.
- I wonder as I grow in wisdom, how can I also become more pleasing to God.
- I wonder how I can learn more about God, so that I can teach others.