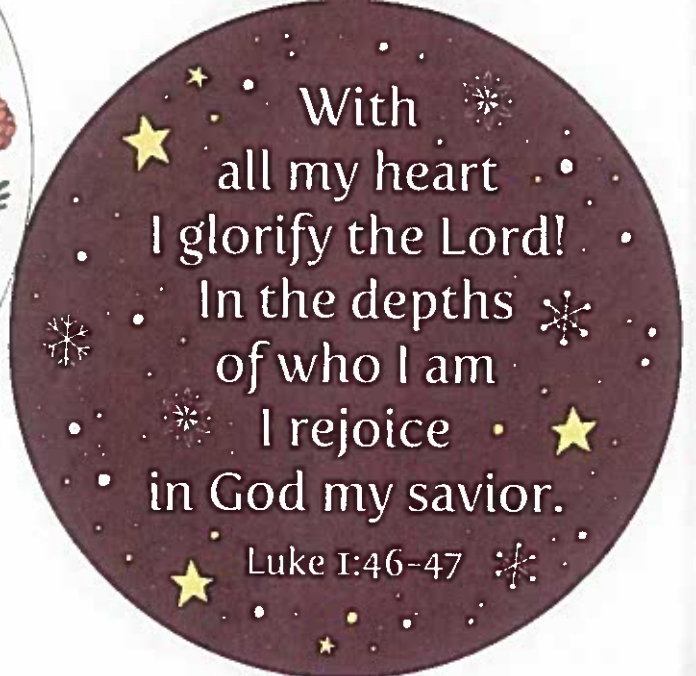


Mary's Joy

Joy



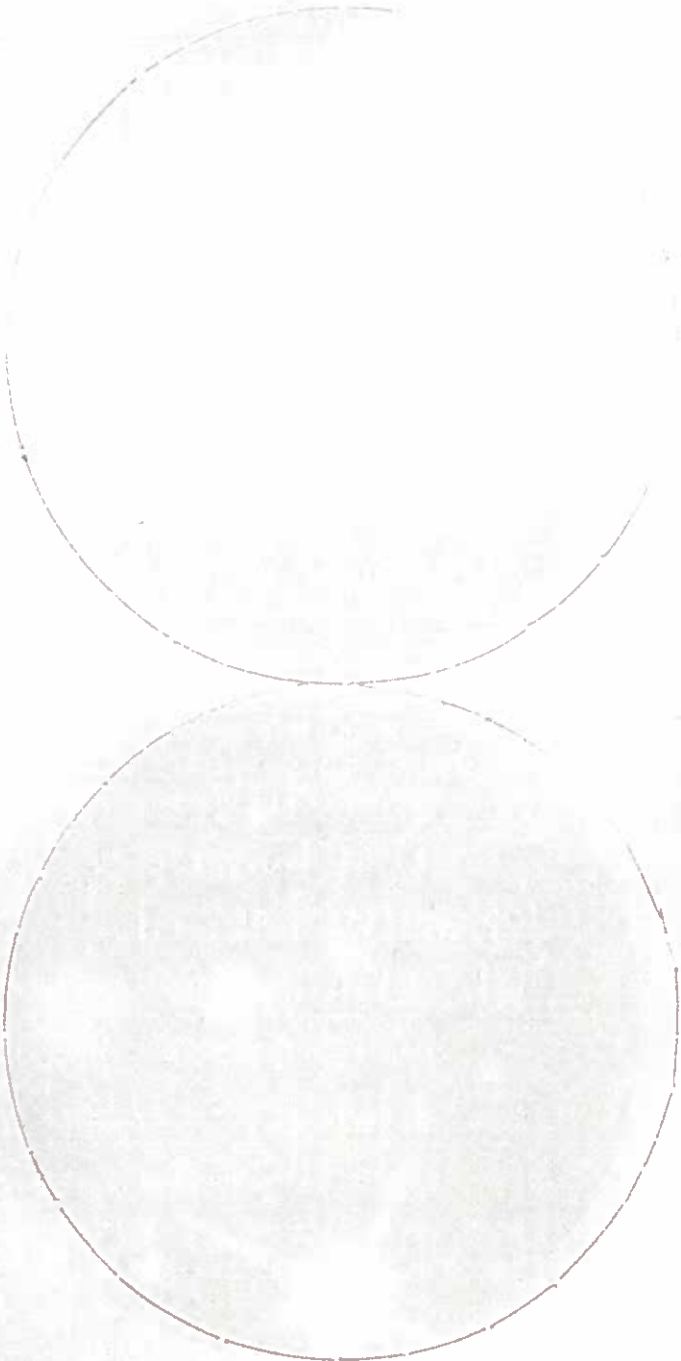
Use a glue stick or double-sided tape to make your ornament.

1. Punch out the four circles.
2. Fold each circle in half vertically.
3. Hold one "JOY" circle and one Bible verse circle so the folded edges are facing in the same direction.

4. Use a glue stick to glue HALF of one circle to HALF of the other circle.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 using the other "JOY" and Bible-verse circles.
6. Tape a loop of yarn or curling ribbon to the center of this section to create a hanger.

7. Finally, glue the backs of the two sections together to complete your ornament.

Before gluing, check to make sure that none of the words are upside down!



Joseph's Joy

Dreaming

☾ Everyone dreams every night. But you don't always remember your dreams. Your dreams may be because of how you feel, your worries, your hopes, or things that you are excited about.

☾ Some dreams are responsible for important inventions such as:

☁ The idea for Google—Larry Page

☁ The sewing machine—Elias Howe

☁ The periodic table—Dimitri Mendeleev

☁ and many more!

☾ Sleeping might seem to us to be a quiet or peaceful time; but actually our brains are very busy while we are sleeping. Our brains are more active while we sleep than during the daytime.

☾ Animals dream too! If you watch a dog or a cat sleep, you may see them moving their paws and making noises.

☾ You can have up to seven different dreams every night. Most people dream for one to two hours a night.

Joseph's Joy

What is His Name?

Use the Bible to look up the various names for Jesus.
Write your answers below.

Matthew 1:18-21 _____

Matthew 1:22-23 _____

Luke 1:32 _____

Luke 2:11 _____

Do you know other names for Jesus?



Jesus Brings Joy

Find the Joy

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Help Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem.



Jesus Brings Joy

Create Your Own Joy

Help retell the story of Jesus' birth. As you read, come up with a response.

Storyteller: (a King's name), had everyone come to the big city because... (Why did the people have to come to the city?)

Joseph: We have to go.

Mary: (How do you think Mary responded?)

Storyteller: Mary and Joseph went. When they arrived, (What did they see?)

Then Mary and Joseph looked for a place to sleep. (Where did they sleep?)

Mary: I think it's time to have my baby!

Joseph: (How do you think Joseph responded?)

Storyteller: Mary had a baby boy. She wrapped him snugly in bands of cloth. (Where did Mary place the baby?)

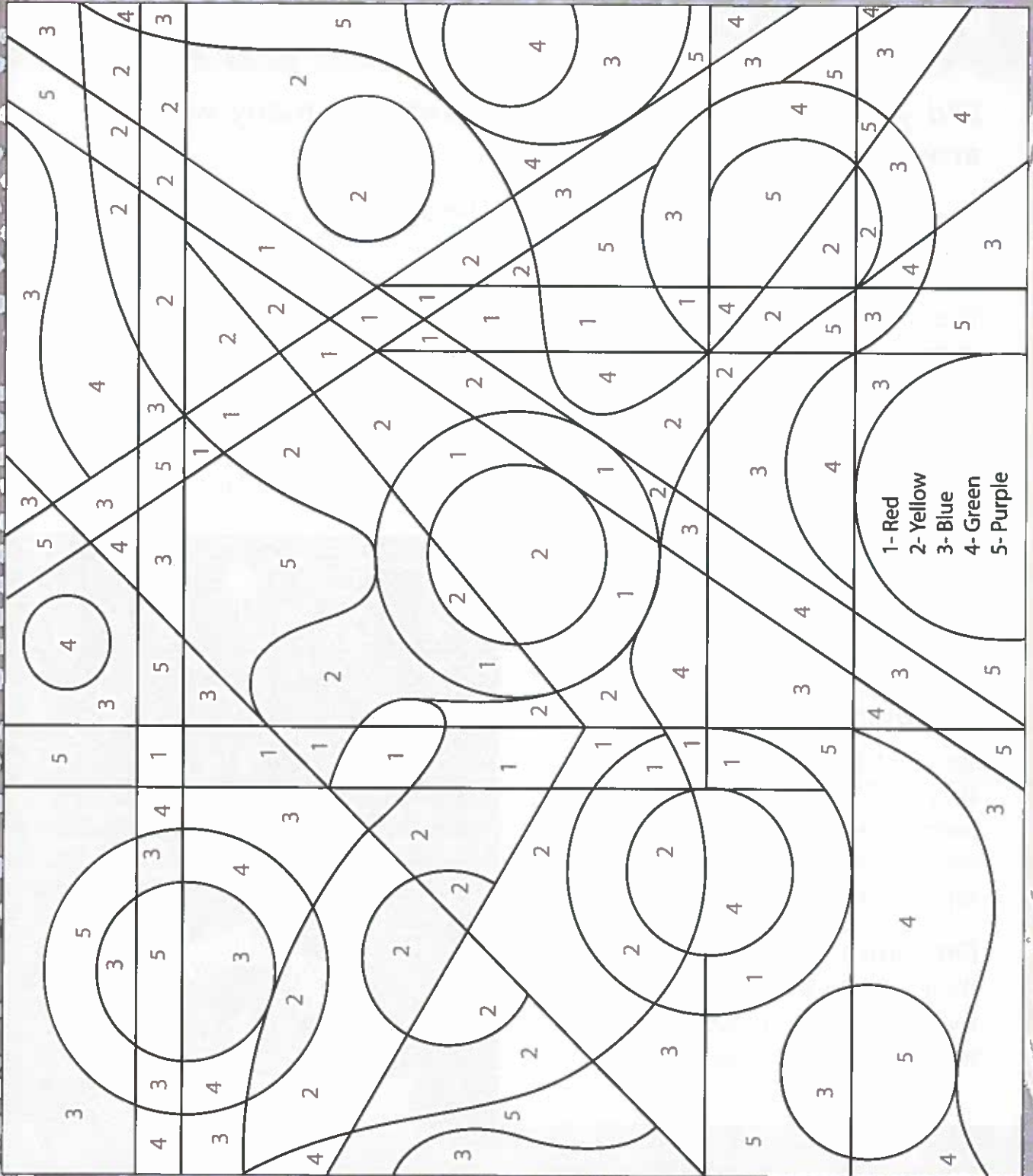
What do you think happened next?



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Find the Hidden Word

Match the color to the number to reveal a special word.



Joyous News

Christmas Around the World



Did you know Christmas is celebrated in many ways all around the world?

France – As children wait for Christmas Day, they open 24 windows on an Advent calendar. They are allowed to open a window each day starting December 1st.

Germany – Children and their families usually do not put up their Christmas tree until December 24th.

Portugal – Families set up Nativities to celebrate Christmas. After attending Christmas services on Christmas Eve, they add baby Jesus to the manger.

The Philippines – There is a special tradition of displaying a star-shaped Christmas lantern, called a paról. The lantern is usually made of bamboo and paper. The lantern represents the star of Bethlehem.

Denmark – Danish families place their Christmas tree in the middle of the room. They dance around the tree while singing carols.

Ukraine – One family tradition is to hang spider-web-shaped decorations. The web symbolizes the story of a poor widow who did not have enough money to decorate for Christmas. When her children awoke on Christmas Day, much to their delight, their tree was covered in webs of gold and silver.

