

VISUAL THEOLOGY

ADVENT

COLORING BOOK

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WHAT IS ADVENT?

Traditionally in the Christian church, Advent has been the time in the liturgical calendar to celebrate the lead-up to Christmas and the birth of Jesus. In the western church, the four Sundays before Christmas constitute the season of Advent. The eastern church begins celebrating in mid-November. We don't know precisely when the church started celebrating Advent, but many believe this unique celebration season started as early as the fourth century.

The word Advent itself means "coming" and is most often used to describe both the incarnation of Christ and the second coming of Christ. As Advent looks both to the birth of Christ and to his return, we are reminded that God's grand rescue plan is still continuing.

HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE ADVENT?

There are many ways that people celebrate Advent. Some count down the days doing something special each day. Some people use an Advent wreath and light a new candle in the wreath at the beginning of each week. Others pray specifically or sing songs that celebrate the birth and second coming of Jesus. We hope this book gives your family a new way to celebrate—color together, read the verses, and discuss their meaning.

There is no one way that is better than another. We encourage you to find something unique that works for your family and points them to remember Jesus.

WHY SHOULD WE CELEBRATE ADVENT?

First, it should be said we see no mandate in Scripture to practice specific festivals—including Advent. However, we see God placing special events and seasons in the lives of His people. These were designed to help them remember the blessings He has given His children and point them to the promises yet to come.

Celebrating Advent on a weekly or daily basis allows us to focus on what matters during a season bombarded with materialism and busyness. It enables us to step back, be quiet, and remember everything God has given. Ultimately Advent points us specifically to Jesus and encourages us to look forward to an eternity with Him.

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

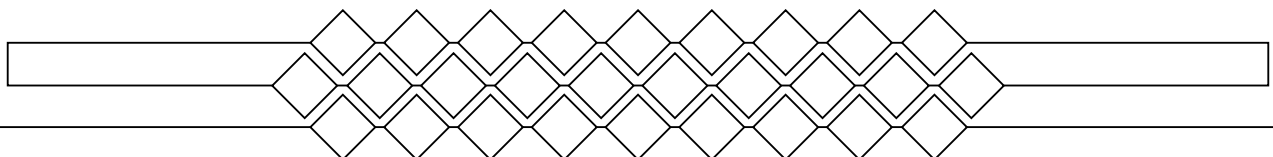
This coloring book is designed to complement your family's celebration of Advent. It is separated into four sections for the four weeks of Advent. Each week illustrates a different part of the gospel. There are pages to color for every day, and each day features a key verse that corresponds with the week's theme and a visual that illustrates an aspect of the verse and theme.

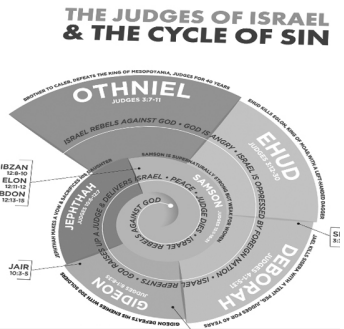
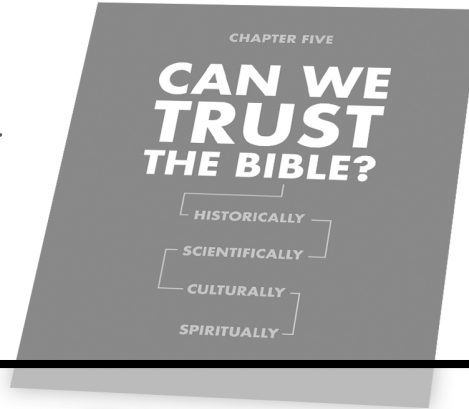
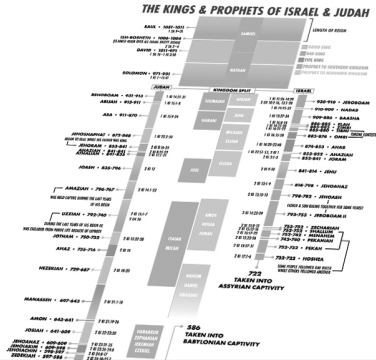
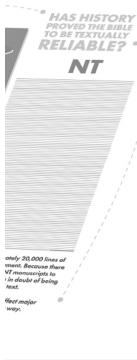
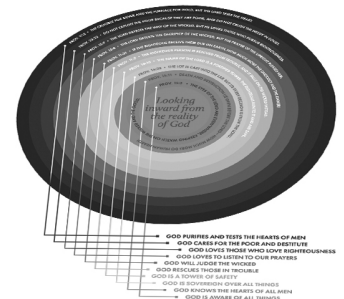
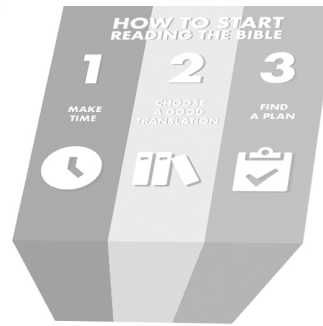
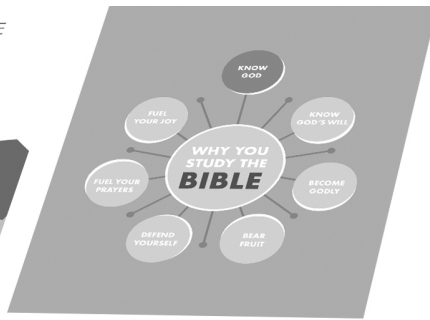
The first week starts off by recognizing that God is holy. He is perfect, and we are not. Second, we are reminded that we are not perfect because we have a sin nature and are inherently sinful. Next, we see that Jesus was born so he could save us from our sins. Lastly, the fourth week of Advent is pretty short - only one day before Christmas! We will focus on faith and understand that salvation only comes when we have faith.

If you want to dive deeper into the visuals there are notes for each image at the end of the book.

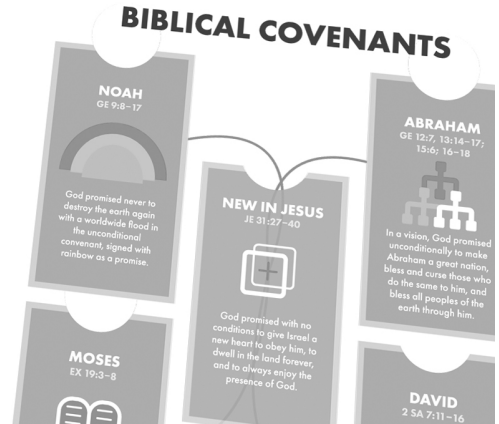
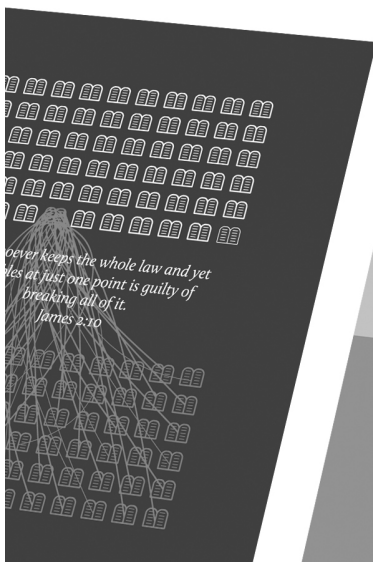
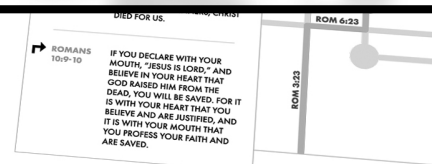
I hope this book can play a fun part in helping your family focus their hearts and minds on the Advent of Jesus and how the gospel works for each of us.

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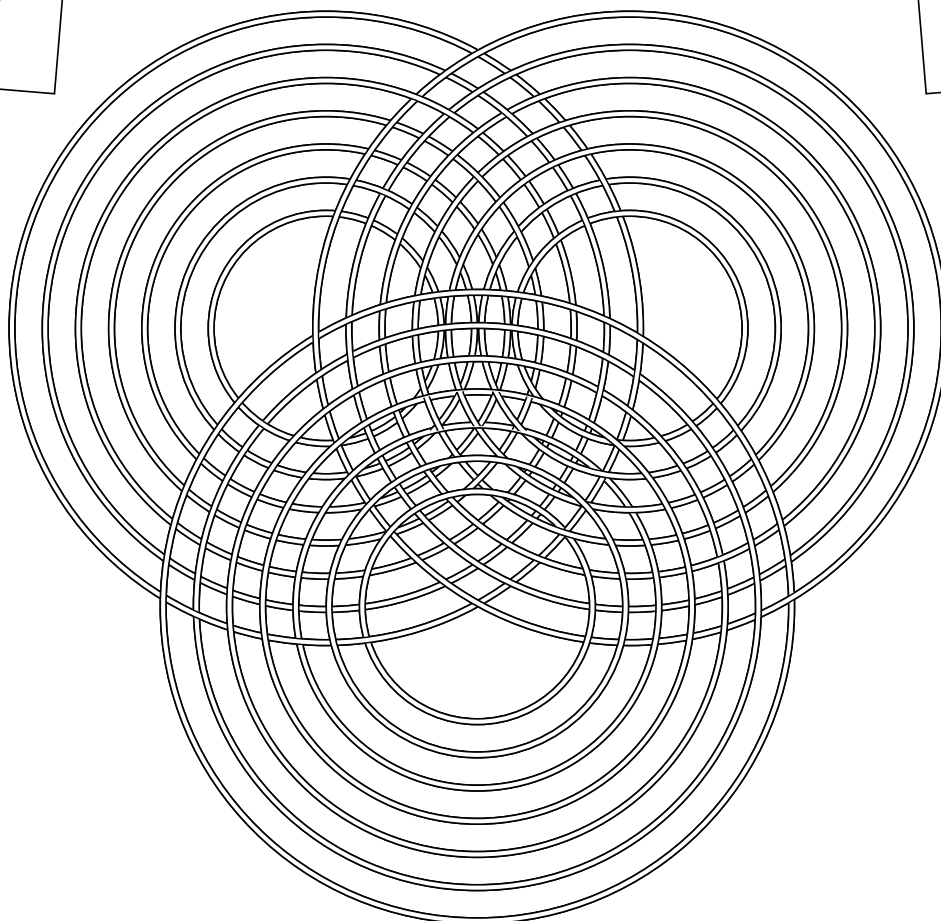
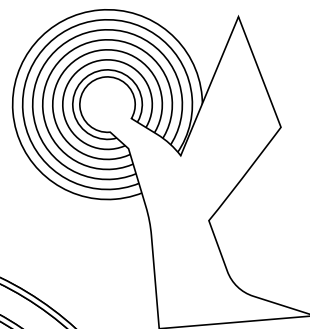
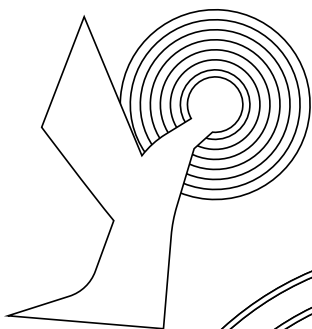


WEEK ONE

GOD IS HOLY

LUKE 1:35

The angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."



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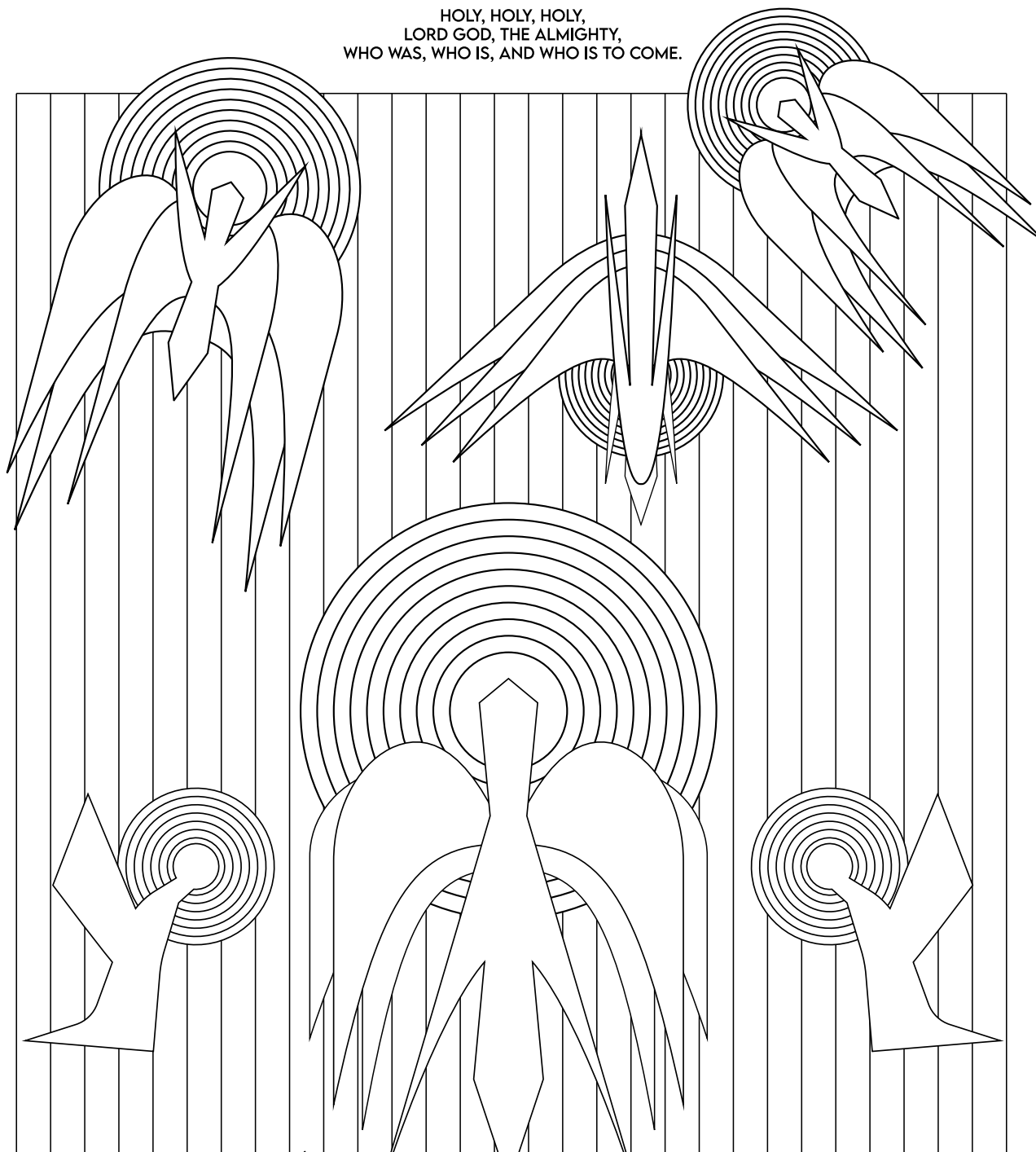


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REVELATION 4:8

EACH OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES HAD SIX WINGS; THEY WERE COVERED WITH EYES
AROUND AND INSIDE. DAY AND NIGHT THEY NEVER STOP, SAYING,

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY,
WHO WAS, WHO IS, AND WHO IS TO COME.



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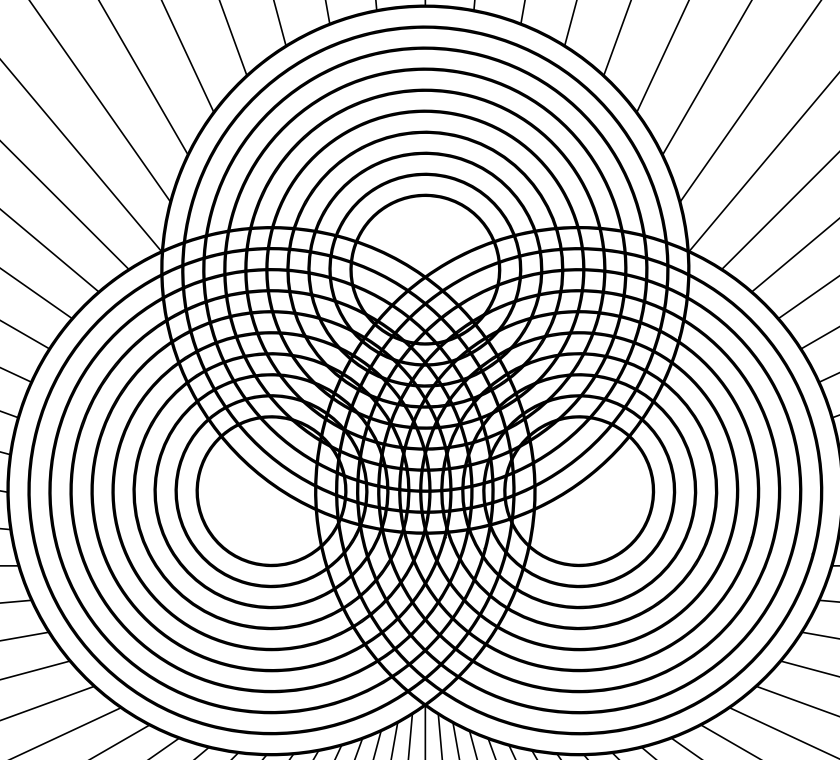
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JOHN 8:23

YOU ARE FROM BELOW, HE TOLD THEM, I AM FROM ABOVE.
YOU ARE OF THIS WORLD; I AM NOT OF THIS WORLD.



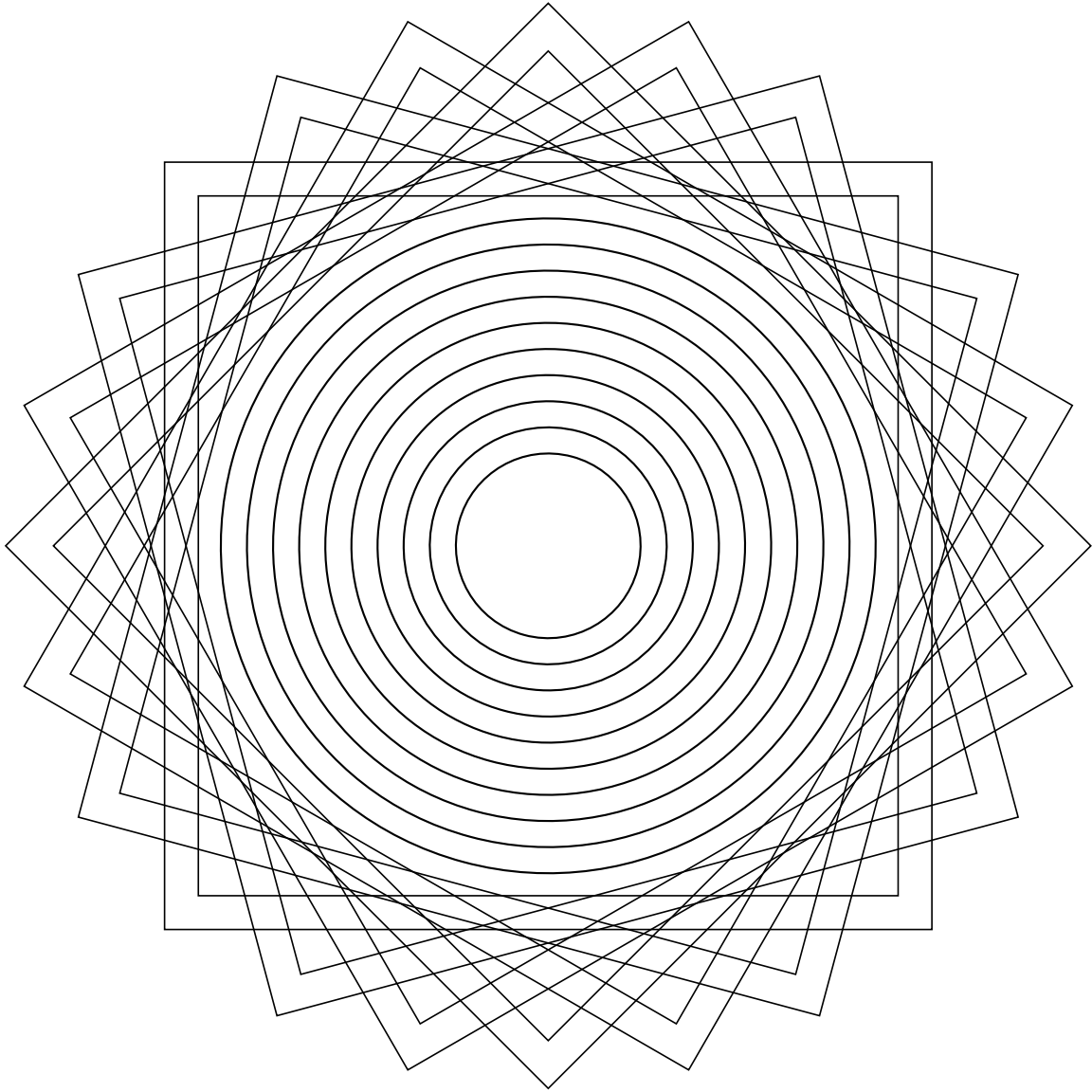
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HEBREWS 1:3

THE SON IS THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY AND THE EXACT EXPRESSION OF HIS NATURE, SUSTAINING ALL THINGS BY HIS POWERFUL WORD.



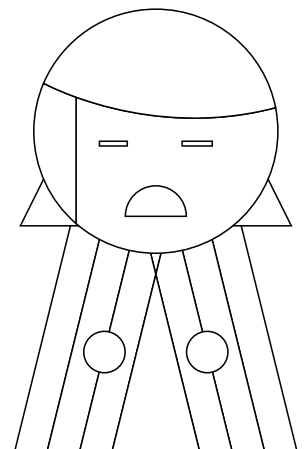
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HEBREWS 7:26

FOR THIS IS THE KIND OF HIGH PRIEST WE NEED: HOLY, INNOCENT, UNDEFILED,
SEPARATED FROM SINNERS, AND EXALTED ABOVE THE HEAVENS.



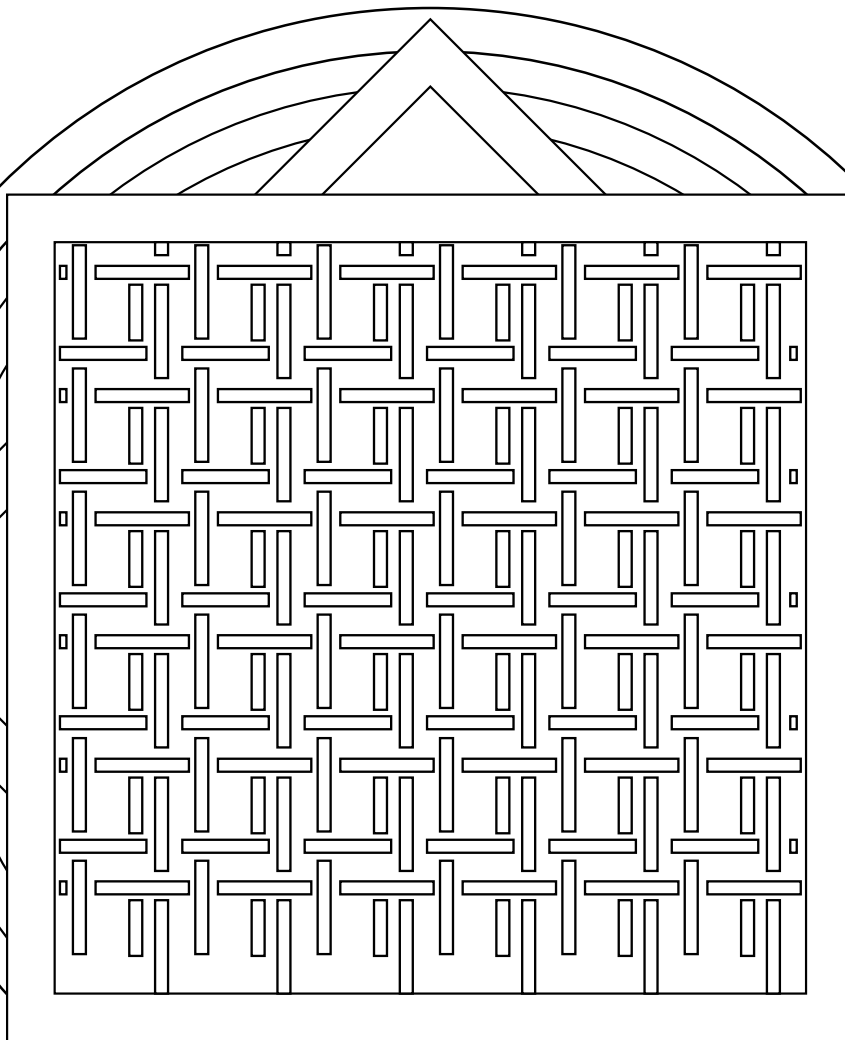
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2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

HE MADE THE ONE WHO DID NOT KNOW SIN TO BE SIN FOR US,
SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.



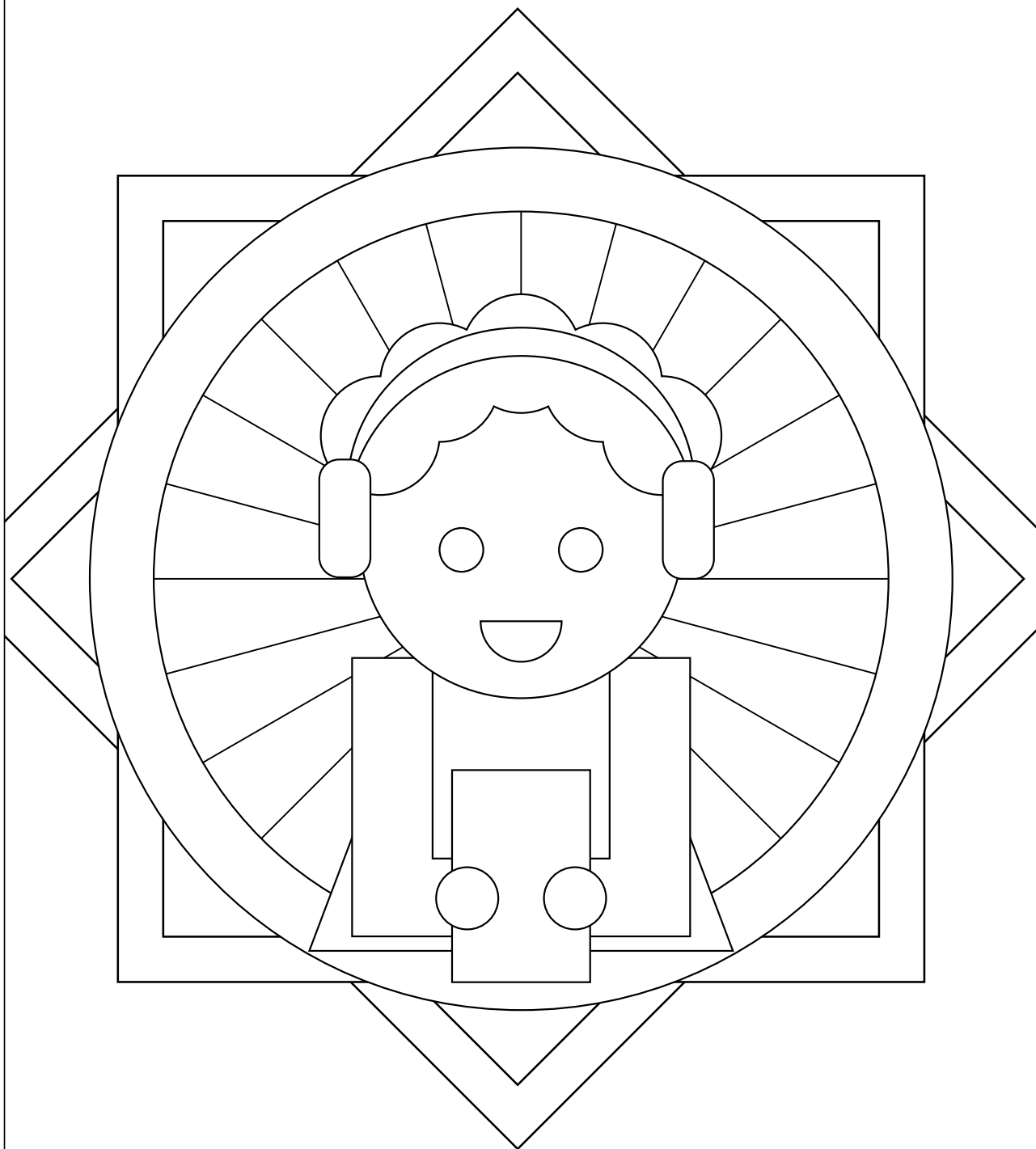
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JOHN 6:69

WE HAVE COME TO BELIEVE AND KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE HOLY ONE OF GOD.



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WEEK TWO

I AM
SINFUL
MATTHEW

1:21

SHE WILL GIVE BIRTH
TO A SON, AND YOU
ARE TO NAME HIM
JESUS, BECAUSE HE
WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE
FROM THEIR SINS.

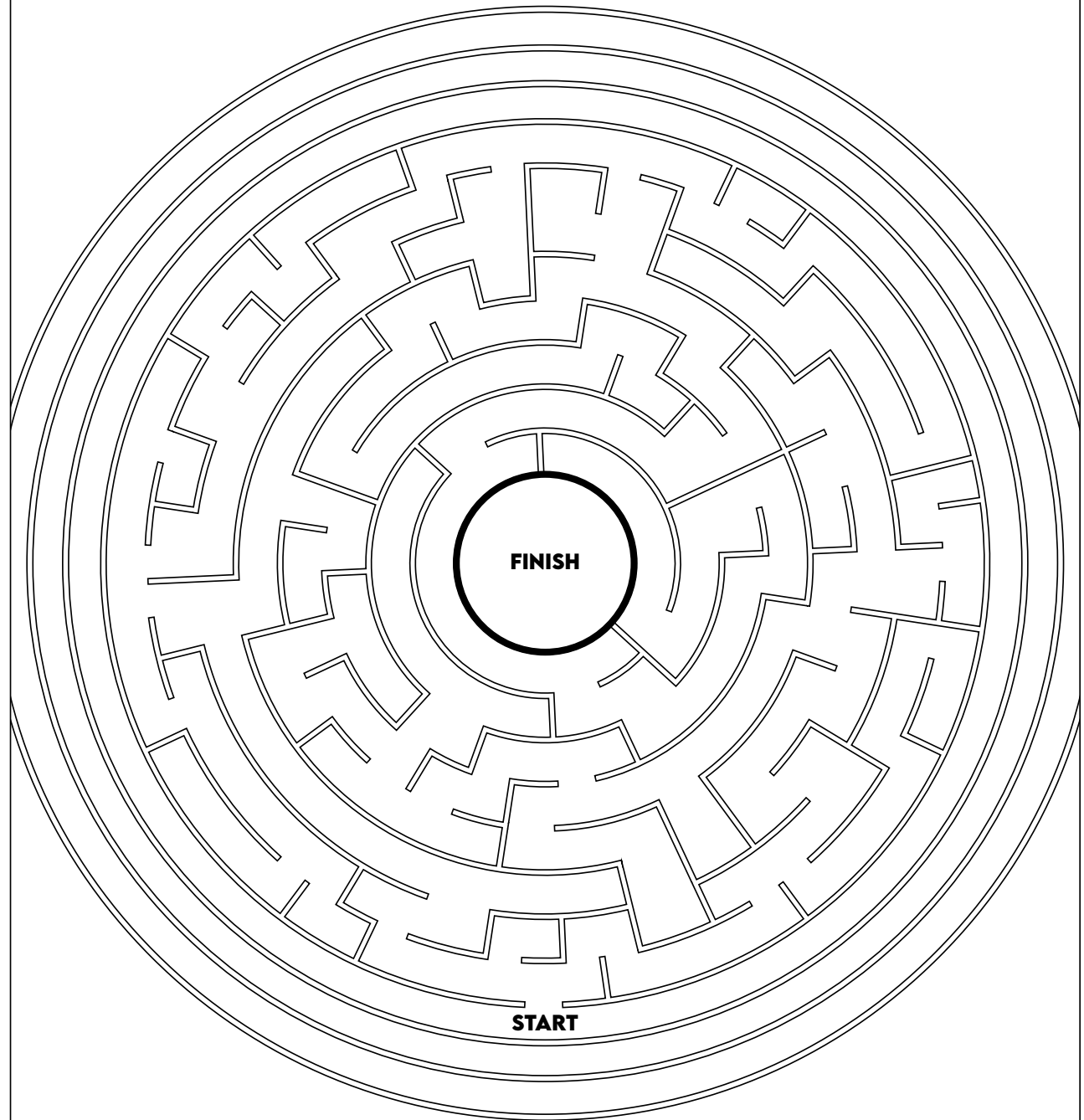
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ROMANS 3:23

FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD;



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ISAIAH 53:6

WE ALL WENT ASTRAY LIKE SHEEP;
WE ALL HAVE TURNED TO OUR OWN WAY;
AND THE LORD HAS PUNISHED HIM
FOR THE INIQUITY OF US ALL.

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JEREMIAH 17:9

THE HEART IS MORE DECEITFUL THAN ANYTHING ELSE,
AND INCURABLE — WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?



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ROMANS 5:12

THEREFORE, JUST AS SIN ENTERED THE WORLD THROUGH ONE MAN, AND DEATH
THROUGH SIN, IN THIS WAY DEATH SPREAD TO ALL PEOPLE, BECAUSE ALL SINNED.



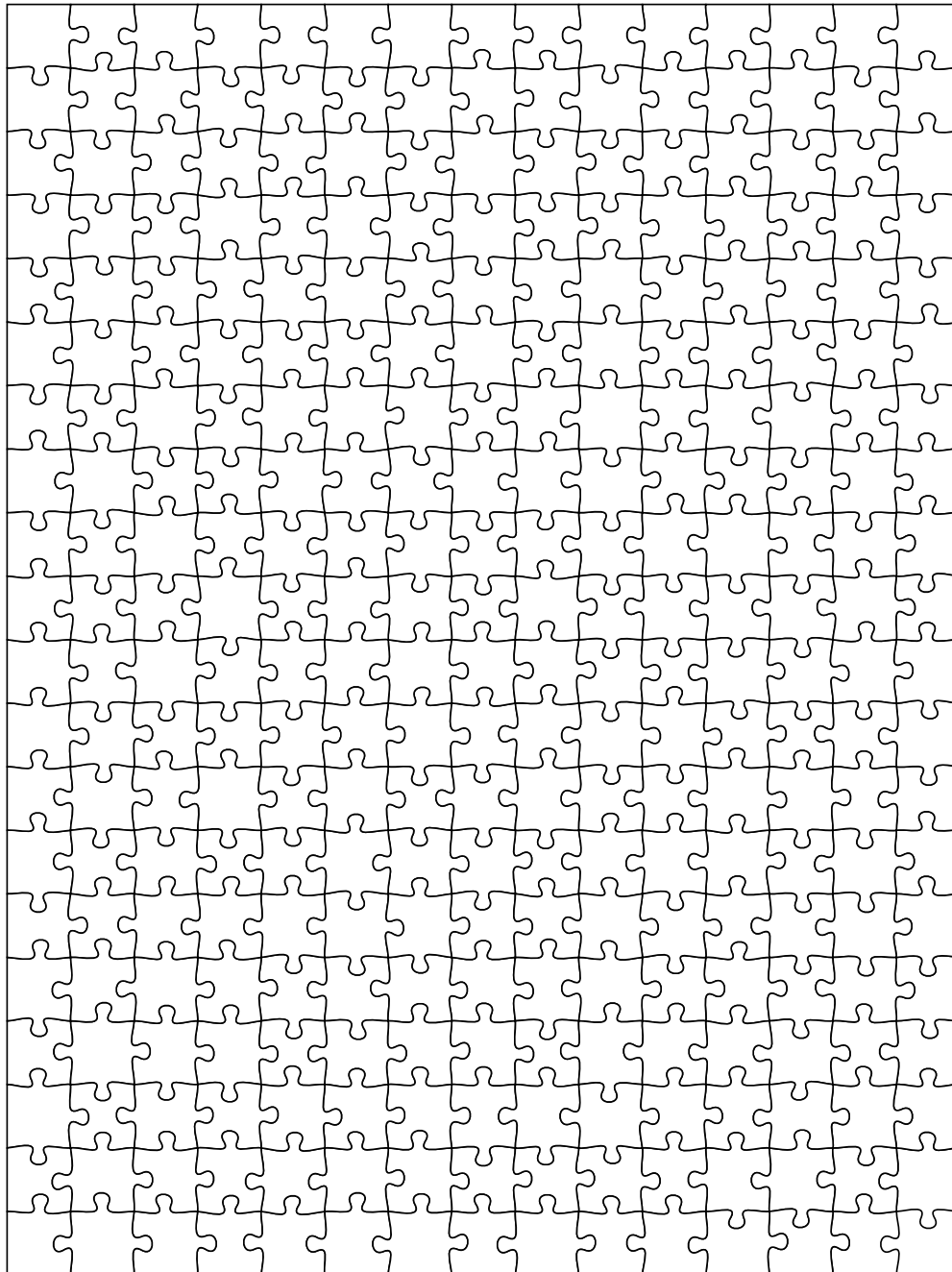
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JAMES 2:10

FOR WHOEVER KEEPS THE ENTIRE LAW, AND YET STUMBLES AT ONE POINT,
IS GUILTY OF BREAKING IT ALL.



WEEK TWO • I AM SINFUL



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ISAIAH 64:6

ALL OF US HAVE BECOME LIKE SOMETHING UNCLEAN,
AND ALL OUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS ARE LIKE A POLLUTED GARMENT;
ALL OF US WITHER LIKE A LEAF, AND OUR INIQUITIES CARRY US AWAY LIKE THE WIND.



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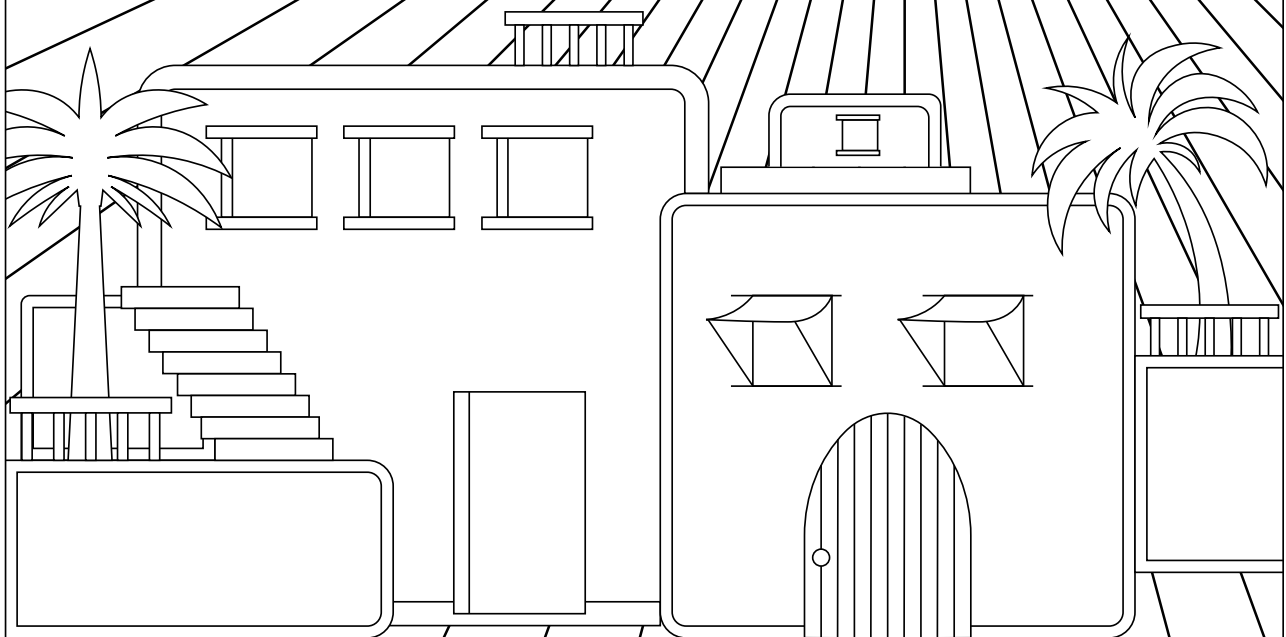


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WEEK THREE JESUS SAVES

LUKE 2:11

TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A
SAVIOR WAS BORN FOR YOU,
WHO IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD.



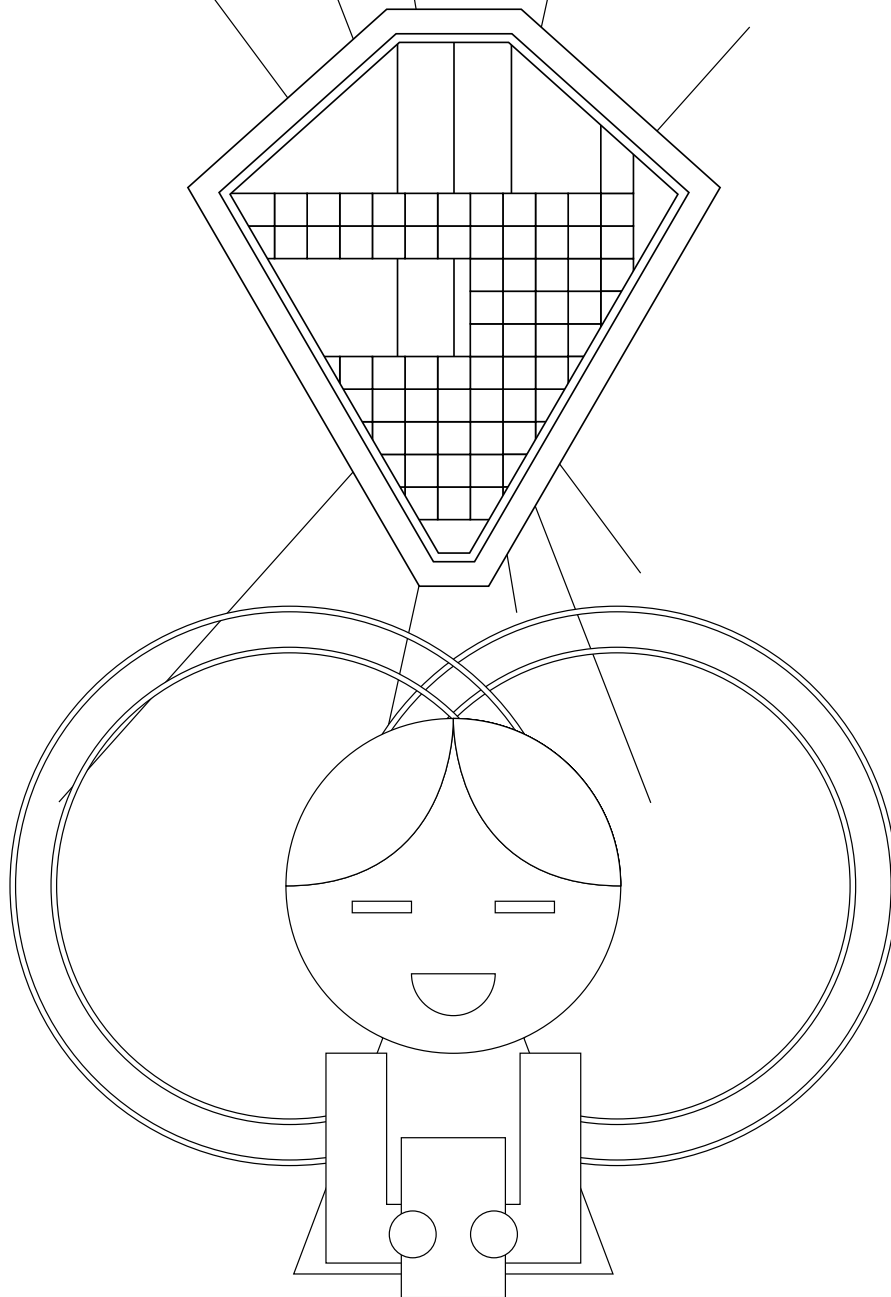
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LUKE 2:30-32

FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION. YOU HAVE PREPARED IT IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL PEOPLES — A LIGHT FOR REVELATION TO THE GENTILES AND GLORY TO YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL.



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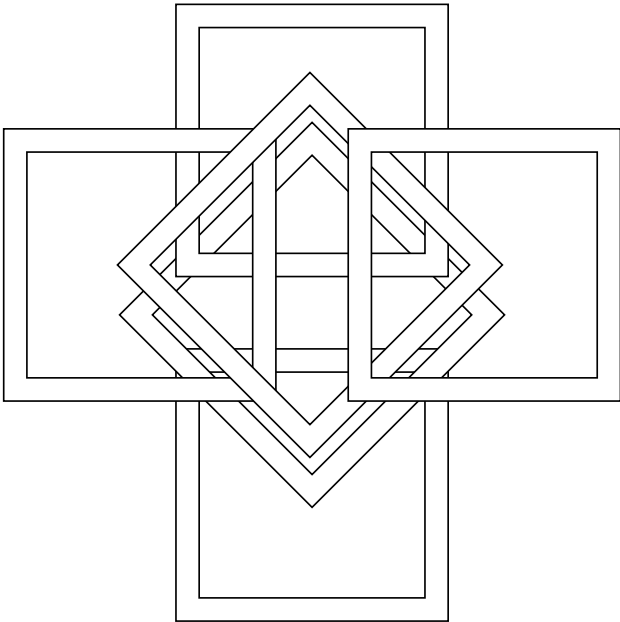
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ACTS 4:12

THERE IS SALVATION IN NO ONE ELSE,
FOR THERE IS NO OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN TO PEOPLE BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED.

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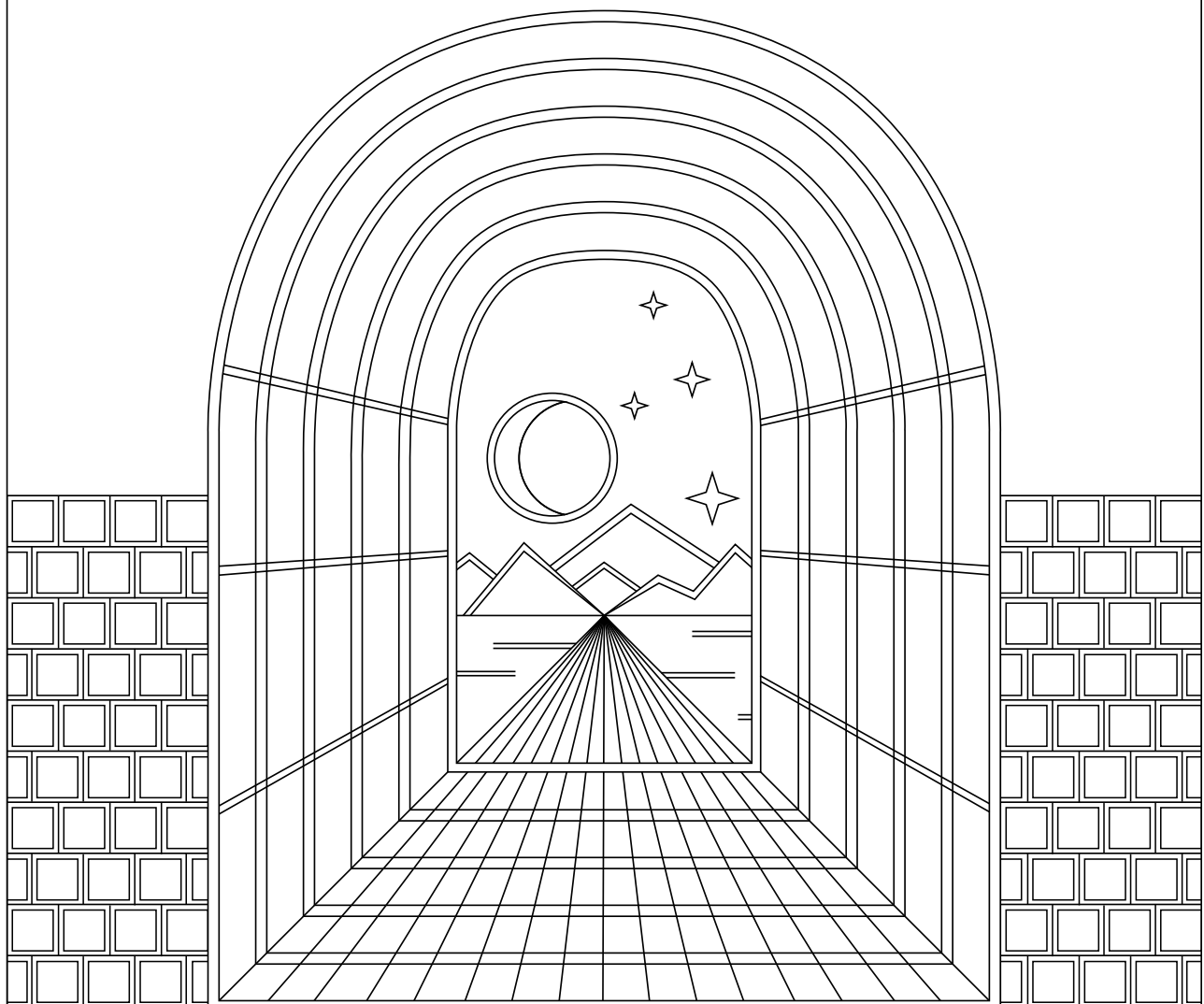
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JOHN 10:9

I AM THE GATE. IF ANYONE ENTERS BY ME, HE WILL BE SAVED
AND WILL COME IN AND GO OUT AND FIND PASTURE.



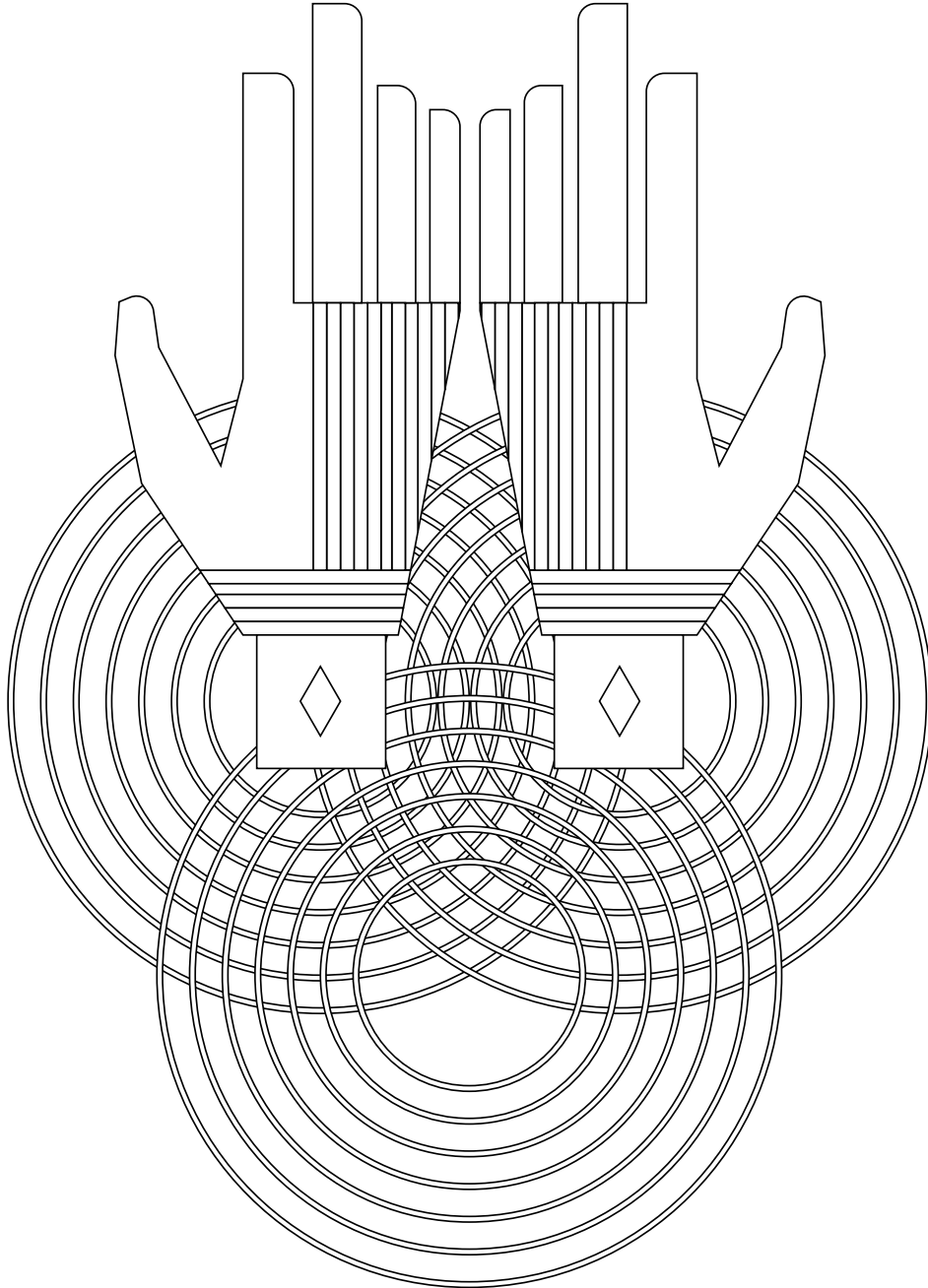
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1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6

FOR THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MANKIND,
THE MAN CHRIST JESUS, 6 WHO GAVE HIMSELF AS A RANSOM FOR ALL,
A TESTIMONY AT THE PROPER TIME.



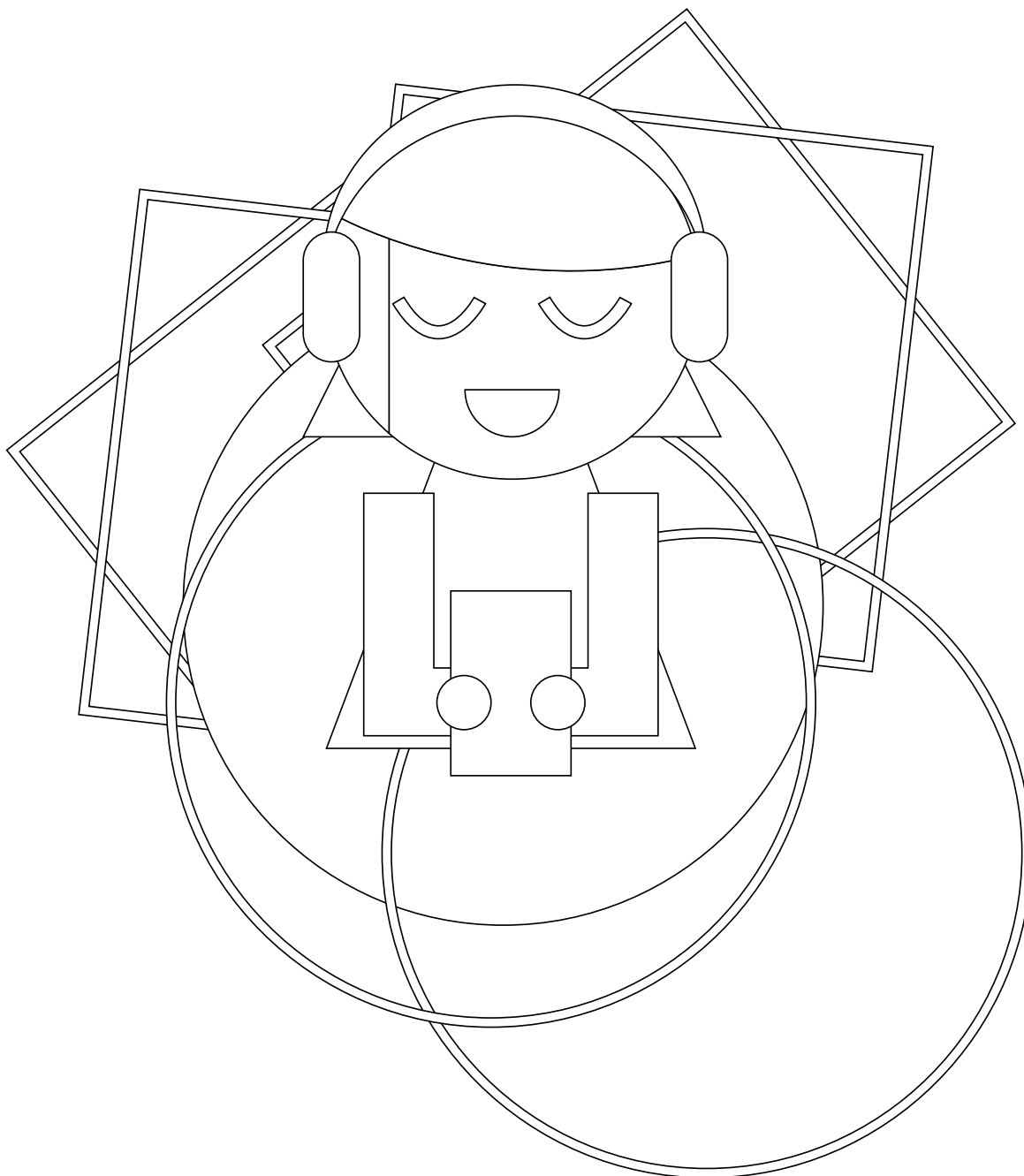
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1 JOHN 4:14

AND WE HAVE SEEN AND WE TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT HIS SON
AS THE WORLD'S SAVIOR.



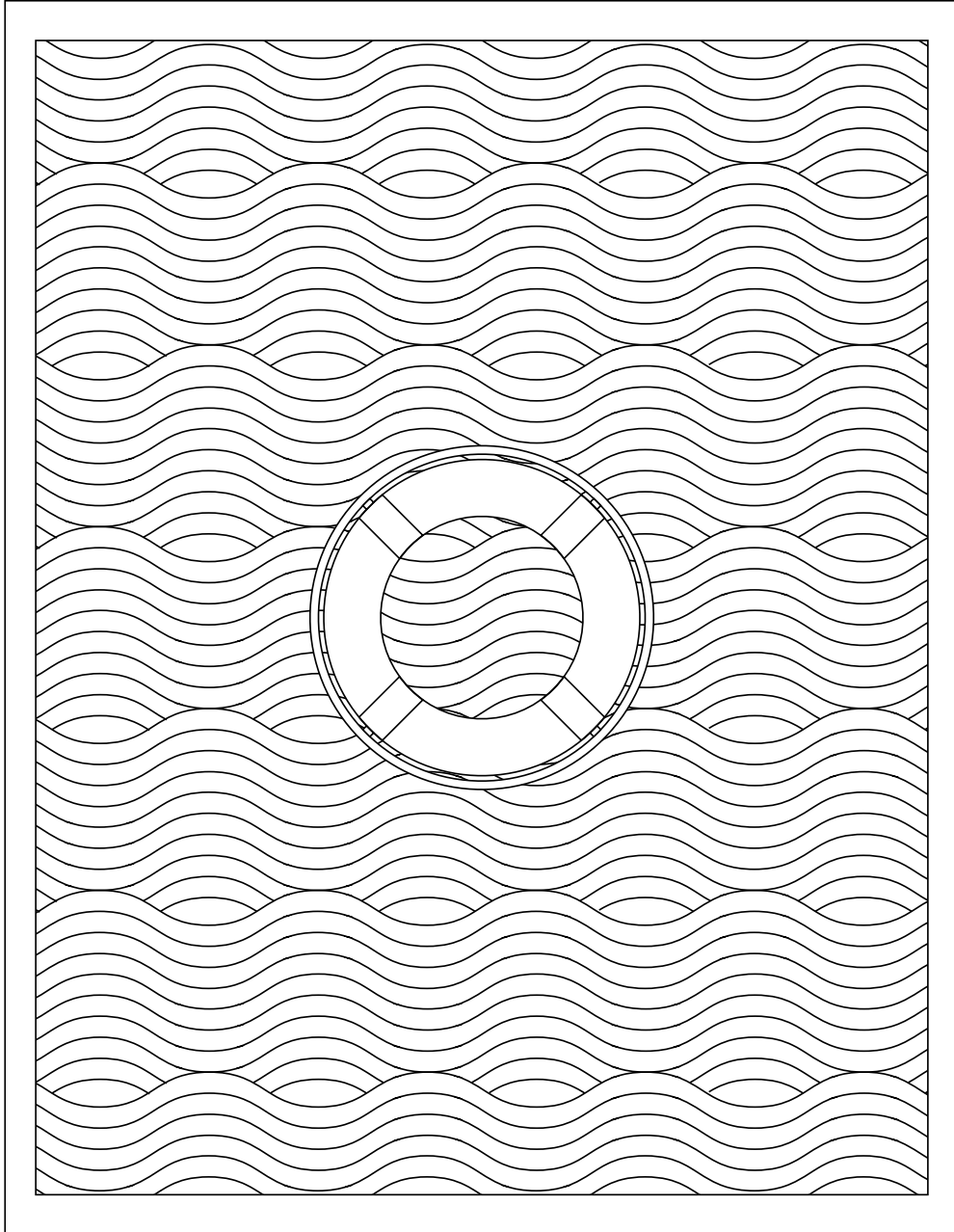
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TITUS 3:4-5

BUT WHEN THE KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR AND HIS LOVE FOR MANKIND APPEARED,
5 HE SAVED US — NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT WE HAD DONE,
BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY — THROUGH THE WASHING OF REGENERATION
AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.



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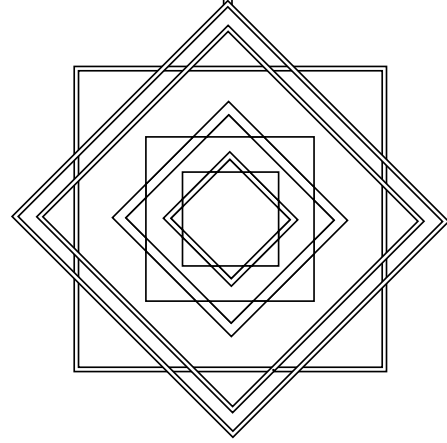
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EPHESIANS 2:8-9

FOR YOU ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH,
AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES; IT IS GOD'S GIFT
NOT FROM WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST.

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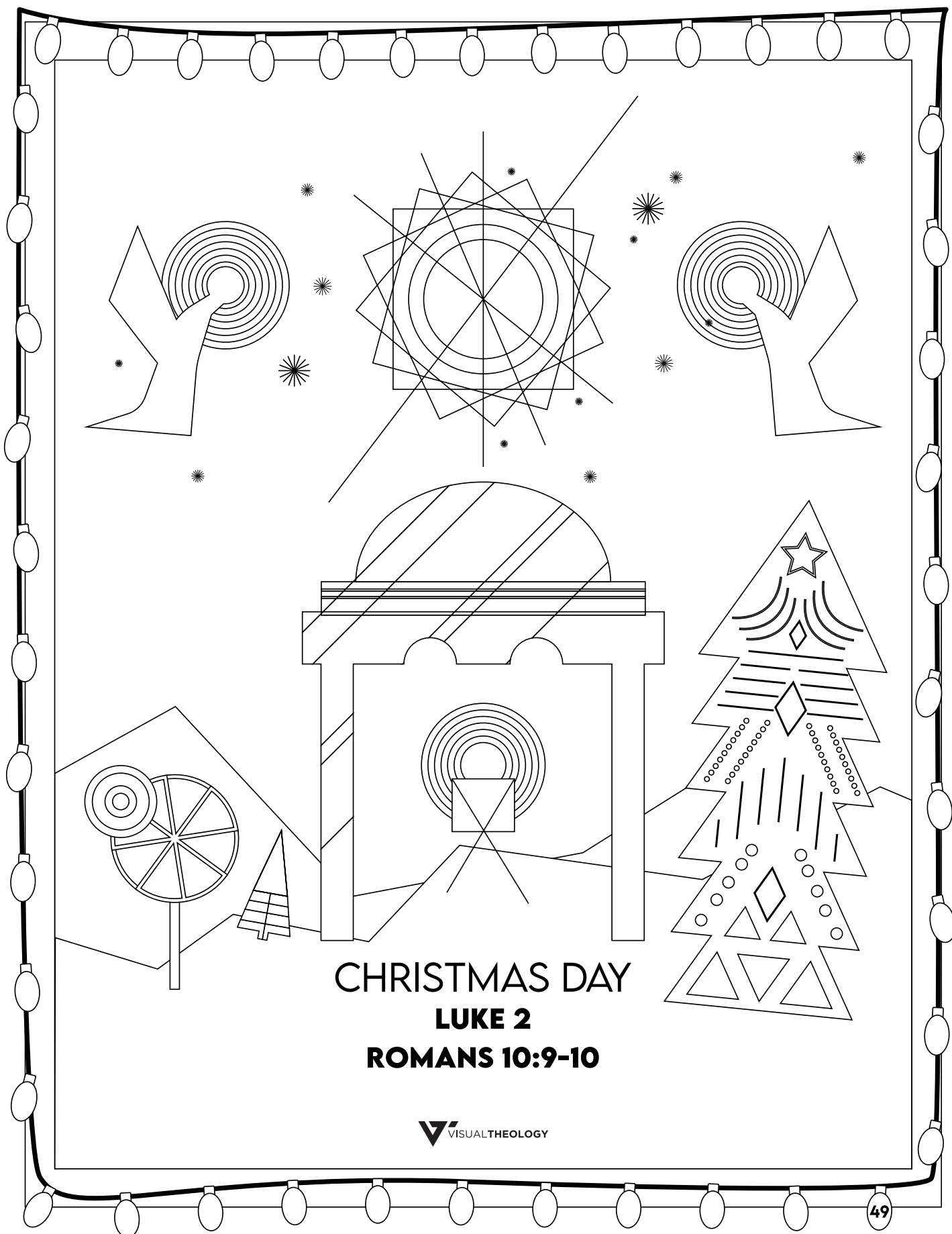
HE IS MINE BY FAITH



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CHRISTMAS DAY
LUKE 2
ROMANS 10:9-10

NOTES ON THE IMAGES

WEEK ONE - GOD IS HOLY

12/3 - Luke 1:35

Throughout the book, whenever you notice a construct of circles, it's intended to represent God and his holiness. This image has a trinity of intertwined circles and angels proclaiming his holiness.

12/4 - Revelation 4:8

This verse speaks of creatures, most likely Cherubim Angels, whose sole purpose is to declare the holiness of God. We can only imagine what they look like from the description in the verses. They are intentionally left blank so you can draw in details using your imagination.

12/5 - John 8:23

The circles represent God (above) and his glory shining all around and to earth (below).

12/6 - Hebrews 1:3

The image intends to depict a heavenly crown that radiates glory.

12/7 - Hebrews 7:26

Holy means "set apart" or "separate." God is perfect, and we are not. God can only be with perfect people. We will always be "set apart" from him without perfection.

12/8 - 2 Corinthians 5:21

The image here is of a fabric weave. I always imagined that when God gives us his righteousness (or holiness), it's like he is giving us a coat or piece of clothing to put on and wear.

12/9- John 6:69

The idea of singing will be repeated a couple more times, but when we come to believe and understand an aspect of God's character, one of our natural responses is to proclaim it, and very often through singing.

WEEK TWO - I AM SINFUL

12/10 - Matthew 1:21

The Christmas story establishes right away that Jesus is coming to save us from our sins. Chains or being in bondage are visual ideas used throughout Scripture to illustrate this sinful state.

12/11 - Romans 3:23

The illustration for today is an unsolvable maze. No matter how hard we try, we will always fall short.

12/12 - Isaiah 53:6

This image depicts a path to travel, but we forge our way downward and off the course due to our sin. The cross allows us to get back on the right track.

12/13 - Jeremiah 17:9

The image of the heart contains a hidden symbol of the pentagram in the middle, which is most often associated with evil. The heart here is seemingly beautiful, but there is a hidden message and deceit lurking within.



12/14 - Romans 5:12

This image is based on the fantastic original illustration by Grace Remington with a few theological updates. The big idea is to illustrate the destruction that Adam and Eve caused and demonstrate the hope Jesus brings. In the image, there are a couple of details to notice. First, the circles representing God emanating from the womb of Mary, picture the hope that will soon be born. There are also three bites taken from the fruit. Two are from Adam and Eve, while the third represents everyone else.

12/15 - James 2:10

If you've ever put a puzzle together and done the whole thing perfectly but are missing one piece, you understand how that one missing piece ruins everything. The illustration also points back to the holiness and perfection of God. If even one thing is wrong, it's not perfect. And perfection is God's standard.

12/16 - Isaiah 64:6

If you were to take all the leaves and move them back toward the center of the page, they would create a beautiful pattern. But because we are sinful, we allow ourselves to be blown from the cross and the beauty that God has for us.

WEEK THREE - JESUS SAVES

12/17 - Luke 2:11

This probably isn't what Bethlehem looked like, but you can have fun coloring it anyway :)

12/18 - Luke 2:30-32

The image here is of a shining jewel, and the idea is that the gospel is a light to all people. Again, a natural response is to sing.

12/19 - Acts 4:12

Simply, the name of Jesus is the main thing.

12/20 - John 10:9

The ideas of gates and doors are prominent throughout Scripture because they illustrate so many things: a place of gathering, protection, an entry to something beautiful, and a way into the presence of God.

12/21 - 1 Timothy 2:5-6

The circles represent God and the Trinity, while the hands represent the crucified Christ who gave himself as a ransom.

12/22 - 1 John 4:14

When we see the Father has sent his son to be the world's Savior, our response is to testify, proclaim, and sing.

12/23 - Titus 3:4-5

The image here is of water to represent the washing of regeneration - our salvation. The life preserver is meant to illustrate the redemption thrown to us.

WEEK FOUR - HE IS MINE BY FAITH

12/24 - Ephesians 2:8-9

The idea of gifts around Christmastime perfectly illustrates the gift God gave us in the person of Jesus Christ. Through faith, we accept the gift.

