

FREE PRINTABLE • 8 PUZZLES • ANSWER KEYS • KJV



Christmas Word Search

8 Bible puzzles from the Christmas story, with answer keys

Isaiah 9:6 • Mary & Gabriel • Bethlehem • Shepherds • Wise Men • Simeon & Anna • Advent

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

LUKE 2:10-11 (KJV)

WHAT'S INSIDE

3
easy puzzles
ages 6+

3
medium puzzles
ages 9+

2
hard puzzles
teens & adults

8
answer keys
+ bonus answers

1
blank grid
make your own

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How to Play

- 1 Print.** Print at 100% / "Actual size" on plain paper. Print one puzzle per child, or the whole set for a family, class or small group.
- 2 Find.** Find every word in the word bank and circle it in the grid. Tick the box next to the word when you find it.
- 3 Check.** All answers are on pages 11–14, with the answer to each puzzle's bonus question.
- 4 Talk.** Read the KJV verse at the bottom of the puzzle together and answer the bonus question.

THREE LEVELS



Easy

AGES 6+

Words go across and down.



Medium

AGES 9+

Words go across, down and diagonally, never backwards.



Hard

TEENS & ADULTS

Words go in all eight directions, including backwards.

WHAT'S INSIDE

- 3 The Promise of a Child MEDIUM
- 4 The Angel Visits Mary HARD
- 5 Joseph's Dream EASY
- 6 The Birth of Jesus EASY
- 7 Shepherds and Angels EASY
- 8 The Wise Men Follow the Star MEDIUM
- 9 Simeon and Anna in the Temple HARD
- 10 Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love MEDIUM
- 11–14 Answer keys
- 15 Make your own word search
- 16 Keep going

IDEAS FOR ADVENT, FAMILIES & CLASSES

- Advent plan: the puzzles follow the Christmas story in order. Do two a week from the first Sunday of Advent and finish by Christmas Eve.
- Read first: read the passage under each title aloud, then search for the words you just heard.
- Team play: pair a younger child with an older reader on the medium and hard puzzles.
- Christmas party or Sunday school: hand out an easy puzzle as a welcome activity while children arrive.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

LUKE 2:15 (KJV)

The Promise of a Child

The prophets' promise: Isaiah 7:14, 9:2, 9:6-7 and Micah 5:2

Name _____

Date _____

MEDIUM



Words go across, down and diagonally, never backwards.

E	L	S	G	O	E	D	R	L	I	G	H	T	N	R
U	D	U	E	L	E	V	I	U	G	E	N	D	C	E
B	S	F	T	U	G	R	V	D	W	R	F	L	N	V
F	F	G	A	E	I	G	L	E	O	T	R	N	L	E
E	E	A	C	T	M	I	H	B	N	V	N	E	L	R
C	T	A	E	O	H	R	H	E	D	E	L	T	M	L
N	E	H	N	C	U	E	M	O	E	A	T	P	N	A
P	V	I	R	G	I	N	R	H	R	R	V	R	L	S
E	E	E	U	O	R	N	S	L	F	I	E	I	N	T
H	E	H	C	E	N	T	E	E	U	D	S	N	D	I
A	S	L	V	T	D	E	D	R	L	D	E	C	E	N
L	E	O	I	M	M	A	N	U	E	L	A	E	G	G
R	G	S	N	O	E	O	O	L	C	A	O	K	Y	H
M	I	G	H	T	Y	H	I	E	A	D	N	R	L	I
R	L	I	I	S	S	M	H	R	L	N	M	R	L	E

WORD BANK • 18 WORDS

☐ BORN
☐ CHILD
☐ COUNSELLOR
☐ DAVID
☐ EVERLASTING
☐ FATHER

☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ IMMANUEL
☐ LIGHT
☐ MIGHTY
☐ PEACE
☐ PRINCE

☐ RULER
☐ SHOULDER
☐ SON
☐ THRONE
☐ VIRGIN
☐ WONDERFUL

BONUS Upon whose throne will the child reign, says Isaiah 9:7?

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

ISAIAH 9:6 (KJV)

The Angel Visits Mary

Words from Luke 1:26-38 (KJV spelling "favoured")

Name _____

Date _____

HARD



Words go in all eight directions, including backwards.

E	O	I	A	G	I	E	O	K	I	R	I	A	H	T
E	D	E	S	S	E	L	B	E	N	U	R	H	H	I
A	V	L	O	M	J	L	A	M	T	N	E	H	M	G
M	H	I	G	H	E	S	T	U	T	N	N	J	A	M
O	J	S	E	L	L	N	I	N	A	G	O	B	R	M
D	O	A	V	C	G	A	H	G	P	I	R	N	Y	D
G	E	B	H	B	N	E	N	O	M	I	H	E	E	G
N	G	E	F	A	V	O	U	R	E	D	T	E	A	I
I	I	T	B	I	N	E	C	L	N	A	L	J	T	T
K	D	H	R	S	U	D	M	S	E	I	E	E	R	N
B	A	G	P	S	N	K	M	I	L	I	S	S	E	L
H	I	H	T	E	R	A	Z	A	N	O	P	U	V	L
N	B	A	M	E	S	T	G	I	I	H	I	S	O	A
R	E	O	B	H	L	O	V	E	A	D	N	P	N	C
C	W	I	O	Y	R	H	J	I	D	S	R	F	C	L

WORD BANK • 18 WORDS

☐ BLESSED
☐ CONCEIVE
☐ COUSIN
☐ ELISABETH
☐ FAVOURED
☐ GABRIEL

☐ GALILEE
☐ GREAT
☐ HANDMAID
☐ HIGHEST
☐ JESUS
☐ JOSEPH

☐ KINGDOM
☐ MARY
☐ NAZARETH
☐ THRONE
☐ VIRGIN
☐ WOMEN

BONUS Which cousin of Mary had also conceived a son in her old age?

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

LUKE 1:37 (KJV)

Joseph's Dream

Words from Matthew 1:18-25

Name _____

Date _____

EASY



Words go across and down.

M	Y	S	E	G	G	I	U	S	O	N	R
H	O	L	Y	I	E	A	E	S	Y	I	A
T	V	V	I	R	G	I	N	V	J	C	M
E	M	C	J	E	S	U	S	R	U	Y	A
A	N	G	E	L	E	J	D	H	D	O	R
S	A	V	E	E	M	Y	M	S	O	E	Y
D	D	A	E	O	M	U	V	S	R	S	G
A	R	R	O	I	A	J	O	S	E	P	H
V	E	E	S	A	N	P	L	R	S	A	O
I	A	M	I	S	U	O	J	M	I	V	S
D	M	S	S	D	E	R	L	N	N	H	T
V	J	F	G	R	L	H	V	A	S	M	E

WORD BANK • 13 WORDS

☐ ANGEL☐ HOLY☐ SINS☐ DAVID☐ JESUS☐ SON☐ DREAM☐ JOSEPH☐ VIRGIN☐ EMMANUEL☐ MARY☐ GHOST☐ SAVE**BONUS** What does the name Emmanuel mean?*"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."*

MATTHEW 1:21 (KJV)

The Birth of Jesus

Words from Luke 2:1-7

Name _____

Date _____

EASY



Words go across and down.

B	I	I	N	N	S	D	M	N	A	H	D
E	I	A	A	W	W	A	A	B	N	H	R
T	S	M	U	R	A	V	N	S	L	C	E
H	A	A	G	E	D	I	G	T	D	D	A
L	D	R	U	N	D	D	E	A	E	I	Z
E	G	Y	S	I	L	C	R	B	C	E	J
H	R	Z	T	V	I	I	W	O	R	L	D
E	E	L	U	E	N	T	A	X	E	D	L
M	R	I	S	E	G	J	O	S	E	P	H
F	I	R	S	T	B	O	R	N	N	A	U
H	N	V	I	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H
O	R	G	A	L	I	L	E	E	G	H	T

WORD BANK • 14 WORDS

☐ AUGUSTUS
☐ BETHLEHEM
☐ DAVID
☐ DECREE
☐ FIRSTBORN

☐ GALILEE
☐ INN
☐ JOSEPH
☐ MANGER
☐ MARY

☐ NAZARETH
☐ SWADDLING
☐ TAXED
☐ WORLD

BONUS Which ruler sent out the decree that all the world should be taxed?

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

LUKE 2:7 (KJV)

Shepherds and Angels

Words from Luke 2:8-20

Name _____

Date _____

EASY



Words go across and down.

P	T	I	D	I	N	G	S	E	G	E	E	D
E	T	H	D	J	A	H	H	R	O	R	B	I
A	H	O	S	T	M	A	N	G	E	R	G	A
C	N	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	L	B
E	A	D	K	D	P	H	J	I	S	E	O	L
N	T	R	C	E	O	E	O	D	A	E	R	E
I	Y	O	L	P	N	A	Y	D	V	P	Y	C
G	E	E	H	Y	D	V	H	F	I	E	L	D
H	L	E	B	D	E	E	C	P	O	E	G	I
T	E	R	A	I	R	N	I	B	U	I	A	O
G	E	S	B	A	E	L	G	D	R	E	M	I
T	K	S	E	M	D	Y	H	G	H	R	S	G
C	H	R	I	S	T	G	A	N	G	E	L	R

WORD BANK • 15 WORDS

☐ ANGEL
☐ BABE
☐ CHRIST
☐ FIELD
☐ GLORY

☐ HEAVENLY
☐ HOST
☐ JOY
☐ MANGER
☐ NIGHT

☐ PEACE
☐ PONDERED
☐ SAVIOUR
☐ SHEPHERDS
☐ TIDINGS

BONUS What sign did the angel give the shepherds?

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

LUKE 2:14 (KJV)

The Wise Men Follow the Star

Words from Matthew 2:1-12

Name _____

Date _____

MEDIUM



Words go across, down and diagonally, never backwards.

S	O	R	R	G	I	Y	S	E	A	E	N	E	S	E
R	G	D	C	O	E	I	H	T	L	R	R	U	H	M
L	U	O	E	U	S	W	G	O	A	M	S	M	O	L
E	J	W	O	U	S	S	H	M	Y	R	R	H	U	E
G	A	E	A	D	J	E	D	P	M	E	N	K	S	S
M	O	S	R	E	E	S	I	B	M	L	E	I	E	E
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M	J	I	O	I	N	N	L	L	A	R	I	D	S	M
K	H	W	H	E	R	O	D	E	P	K	O	R	A	E
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E	C	E	S	T	E	T	G	E	E	E	R	T	K	R
Y	E	R	M	S	S	O	U	M	B	D	H	R	L	E
F	R	A	N	K	I	N	C	E	N	S	E	O	H	H

WORD BANK • 19 WORDS

☐ BETHLEHEM

☐ GOLD

☐ JEWS

☐ TREASURES

☐ CHILD

☐ GOVERNOR

☐ KING

☐ WISE

☐ DREAM

☐ HEROD

☐ MYRRH

☐ WORSHIP

☐ EAST

☐ HOUSE

☐ PRIESTS

☐ YOUNG

☐ FRANKINCENSE

☐ JERUSALEM

☐ STAR

BONUS Where did the chief priests and scribes say Christ should be born?

"Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

MATTHEW 2:2 (KJV)

Simeon and Anna in the Temple

Words from Luke 2:21-40

Name _____

Date _____

HARD



Words go in all eight directions, including backwards.

E L N L R I O G N D L T F P L D
 I R P N N E T G O I A H E C T G
 C I R U O A G L G C B G N H R M
 H N S I R I S H A O E W N A E E
 A L I R S I T P C N I N C I W L
 S S N P A E F A T S R E E A H A
 I Y O R R E T I V O S L L S T S
 L I Z A Y P L H C L N R P N H U
 E G Z Y E E H A R A A O M S M R
 T A P E S K N A H T T S E N I E
 N C Y R O L G S P I R I T M L J
 A A S S E T E H P O R P O O I M
 R E D E M P T I O N I D A N T S
 U T Y S M E R N N T S S I H N F
 A T G O A R G S B I S A O Y A J
 N S E M S E M J W R U I S M U S

WORD BANK • 20 WORDS

☐ CONSOLATION
☐ GENTILES
☐ GLORY
☐ GRACE
☐ ISRAEL

☐ JERUSALEM
☐ LAW
☐ LIGHT
☐ MOSES
☐ NAZARETH

☐ PRAYERS
☐ PROPHETESS
☐ PURIFICATION
☐ REDEMPTION
☐ SALVATION

☐ SIMEON
☐ SPIRIT
☐ TEMPLE
☐ THANKS
☐ WISDOM

BONUS Who revealed to Simeon that he would see the Lord's Christ before his death?

"For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

LUKE 2:30-32 (KJV)

Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

The four Advent words, from Romans 15:13, Luke 2:10–11, John 1, John 3:16 and 1 John 4:9–10

Name _____

Date _____

MEDIUM



Words go across, down and diagonally, never backwards.

S	D	E	G	A	G	R	L	I	Y	O	L	P	I	I
B	A	A	T	R	F	B	T	N	R	Y	B	C	A	E
E	V	E	R	L	A	S	T	I	N	G	U	Y	A	A
L	O	R	U	K	A	G	S	I	D	S	H	U	U	V
I	I	S	T	D	N	E	T	R	J	I	J	E	O	T
E	L	O	H	P	S	E	O	C	O	P	N	I	H	I
V	E	G	E	B	C	I	S	G	H	E	O	G	N	L
I	T	N	G	A	R	C	K	S	R	S	I	W	S	N
N	U	Y	R	I	O	T	E	G	E	L	I	F	E	L
G	A	G	C	E	G	L	H	P	W	E	L	T	C	R
A	U	N	A	M	F	G	O	E	J	O	T	S	N	L
E	P	F	N	E	I	S	P	A	W	O	R	L	D	N
I	D	A	E	E	U	S	E	C	G	T	Y	D	R	I
D	B	S	E	E	L	O	V	E	P	C	E	F	E	N
E	B	F	C	T	S	A	B	O	U	N	D	T	W	G

WORD BANK • 18 WORDS

☐ ABOUND
☐ BEGOTTEN
☐ BELIEVING
☐ DARKNESS
☐ EVERLASTING
☐ FLESH

☐ GRACE
☐ HOPE
☐ JOY
☐ LIFE
☐ LIGHT
☐ LOVE

☐ PEACE
☐ POWER
☐ TIDINGS
☐ TRUTH
☐ WORD
☐ WORLD

BONUS In Romans 15:13, God is called “the God of” what?

“Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

ROMANS 15:13 (KJV)

MEDIUM

E L S G O E D R L I G H T N R
 U D U E L E V I U G E N D C E
 B S F T U G R V D W R F L N V
 F F G A E I G L E O T R N L E
 E E A C T M I H B N V N E L R
 C T A E O H R H E D E L T M L
 N E H N C U E M O E A T P N A
 P V I R G I N R H R R V R L S
 E E E U O R N S L F I E I N T
 H E H C E N T E E U D S N D I
 A S L V T D E D R L D E C E N
 L E O I M M A N U E L A E G G
 R G S N O E O O L C A O K Y H
 M I G H T Y H I E A D N R L I
 R L I I S S M H R L N M R L E

HARD

E O I A G I E O K I R I A H T
 E D E S S E L B E N U R H H I
 A V L O M J L A M T N E H M G
 M H I G H E S T U T N N J A M
 O J S E L L N I N A G O B R M
 D O A V C G A H G P I R N Y D
 G E B H B N E N O M I H E E G
 N G E F A V O U R E D T E A I
 I I T B I N E C L N A L J T T
 K D H R S U D M S E I E E R N
 B A G P S N K M I L S S E L
 H I H T E R A Z A N O P U V L
 N B A M E S T G I I H I S O A
 R E O B H L O V E A D N P N C
 C W I O Y R H J I D S R F C L

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ANSWER KEY

3. Joseph's Dream

EASY

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Bonus: What does the name Emmanuel mean? **God with us (Matthew 1:23).**

4. The Birth of Jesus

EASY

page 6



Bonus: Which ruler sent out the decree that all the world should be taxed? **Cæsar Augustus (Luke 2:1).**

ANSWER KEY

5. Shepherds and Angels

EASY

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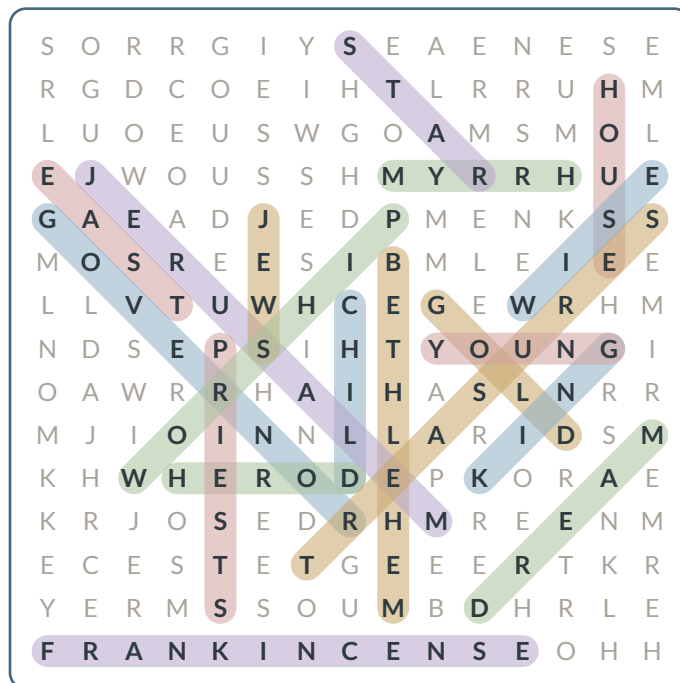


Bonus: What sign did the angel give the shepherds? The babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger (Luke 2:12).

6. The Wise Men Follow the Star

MEDIUM

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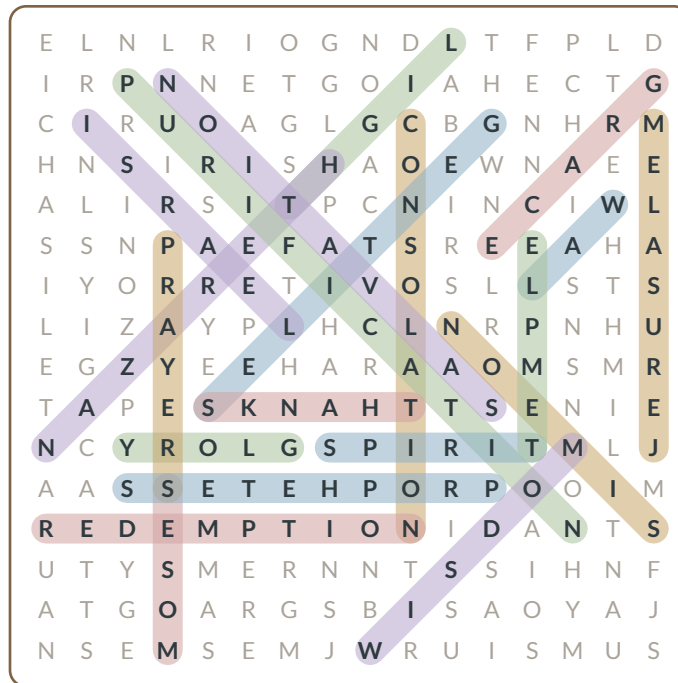
Bonus: Where did the chief priests and scribes say Christ should be born? In Bethlehem of Judaea (Matthew 2:5).

ANSWER KEY

7. Simeon and Anna in the Temple

HARD

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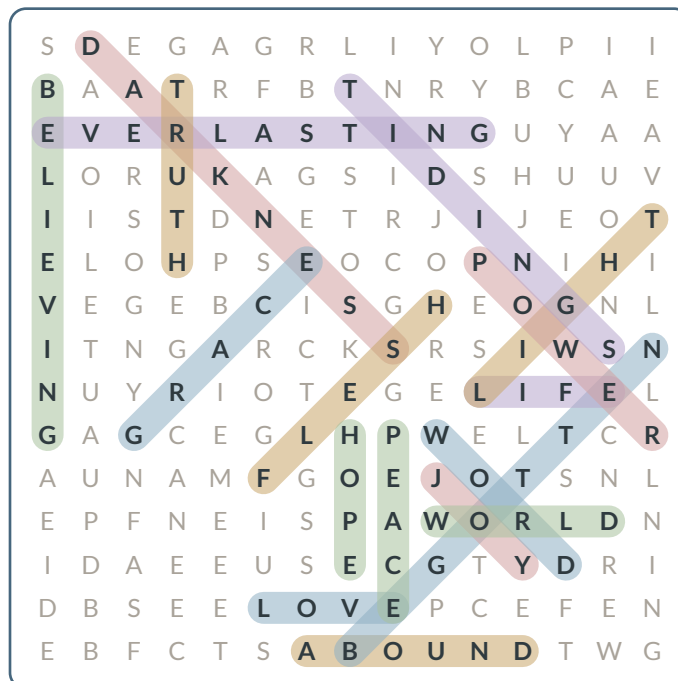


Bonus: Who revealed to Simeon that he would see the Lord's Christ before his death? **The Holy Ghost (Luke 2:26).**

8. Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

MEDIUM

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Bonus: In Romans 15:13, God is called "the God of" what? **Hope (Romans 15:13).**

YOUR TURN

Make Your Own Word Search

Choose a part of the Christmas story (Matthew 1-2 or Luke 1-2), pick 8 to 10 words from it, and write them in the grid going across, down or diagonally. Fill every empty square with any letter, then give it to a friend to solve.

My Christmas passage: _____

MY WORD BANK

☐	_____
☐	_____
☐	_____
☐	_____
☐	_____

☐	_____
☐	_____
☐	_____
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☐	_____

Ponder Them in Your Heart

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

LUKE 2:19 (KJV)

Every word in these puzzles comes from the King James Bible. Like Mary, keep one Christmas verse this week: read its chapter and write down the verse you want to remember.

THE CHRISTMAS VERSE I WANT TO REMEMBER

GO DEEPER IN THE WORD

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