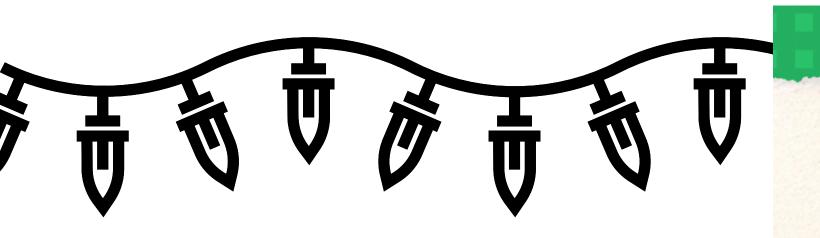
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THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Custom sermon note pages for kids to enjoy during the service
- Colouring / Activity pages
- Two devotionals with discussion guide and activities designed to create conversation around this week's Big Idea - one for older children and the other for younger
- Memory verse cards





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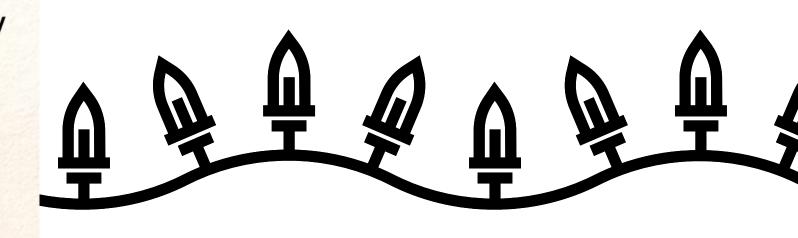


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MEMORY VERSE



DEVOTIONALFOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

Tell your child that today you are going to talk about peace. Ask if they know what peace is (Jesus gives it to help us be calm and trust in Him despite what we are scared of or worried about). Ask if they can think of a time when they felt peaceful (sleeping in a warm bed, cuddling with Dad, getting a hug from Grandma, being safe inside the house during a thunderstorm, etc). Then give them the following scenarios and ask whether or not they would feel peace in these situations:

- Making a new friend
- Walking alone on the street
- Playing with kittens
- Hearing an adult argue and yell
- Holding mom's hand
- Laughing at dad's jokes
- Going to the dentist

Explain that when we know Jesus is in control even when things seem scary, we can have peace. Jesus is called the Prince of Peace in the Bible and He wants to give us His peace when we are worried or afraid. Remind your child that the best way to feel peace when they are worried is to pray, simply talking to God and asking for His help. Another thing to do is to recite a memory verse such as Philippians 4:6-7 using actions:

Don't worry about anything (shake a finger back and forth)
In everything pray (fold hands together)
And God's peace will guard (hug yourself)
your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (point to your heart, point to your head)

Sing "If You're Peaceful and You Know It" to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It".

DEVOTIONAL FOR OLDER CHILDREN



Close your eyes and picture these things in your mind. Decide which ones give you peace:

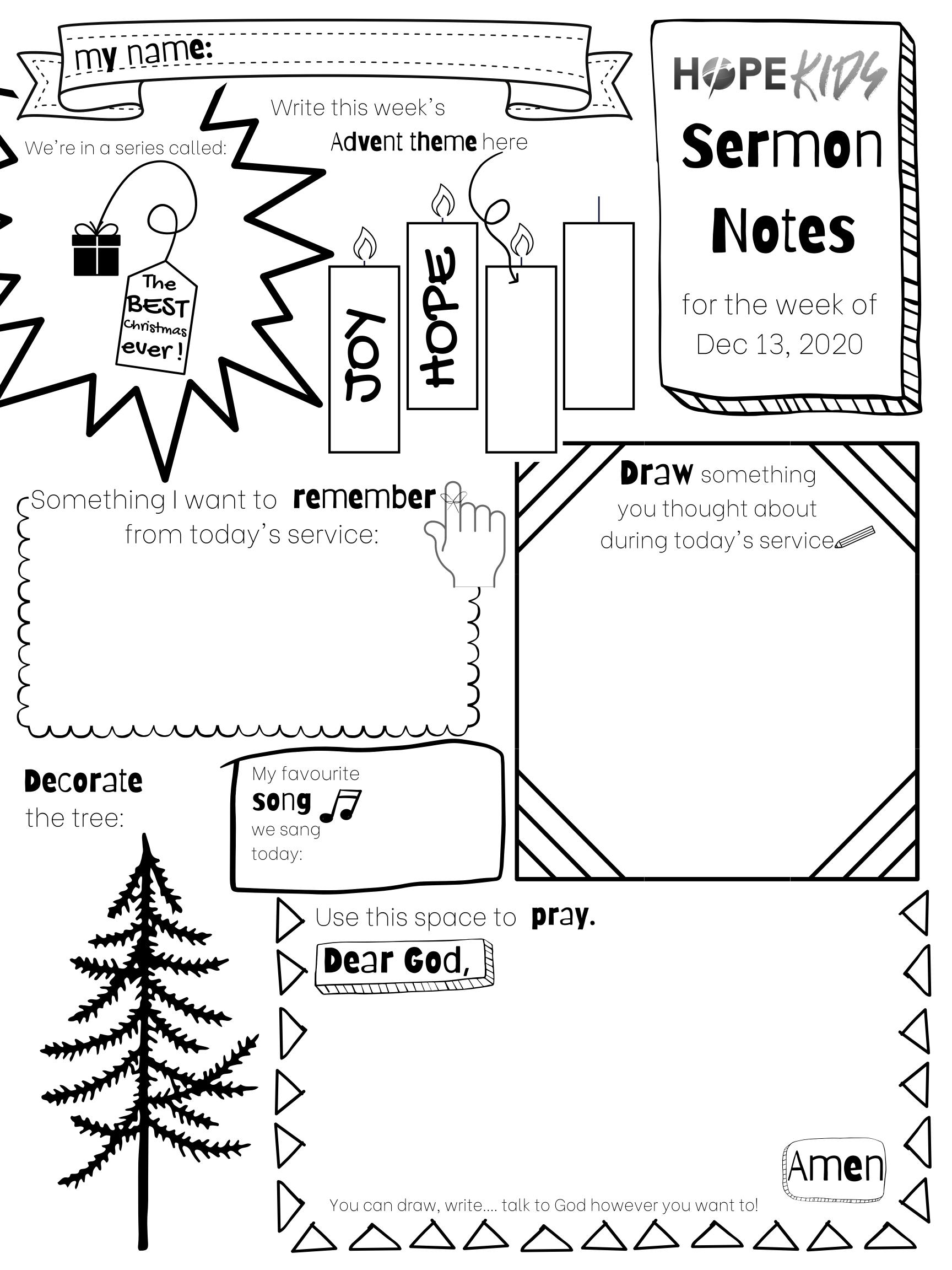
- Riding a bike on the edge of a steep mountain cliff
- Sitting at the beach on a calm day
- Hearing gunshots in the distance when out for a walk
- Driving too fast on icy roads
- Lying in bed listening to your favourite music
- Playing outside in the sunshine on a bright summer's day
- Having you dog curl up beside you and fall asleep
- Standing in front of the class giving a presentation
- Having a barking dog run at you full speed

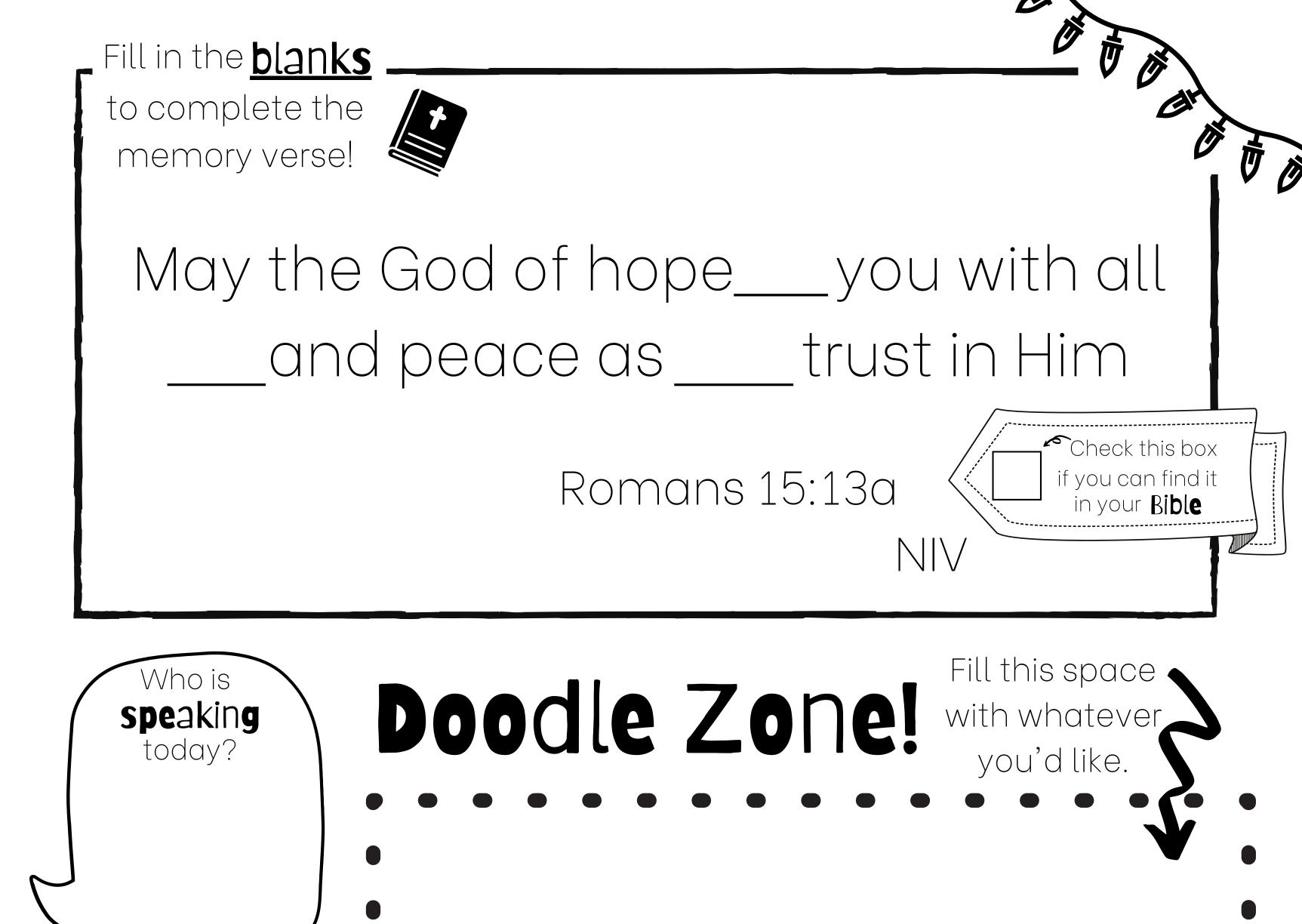
Everyone has slightly different versions of what brings them peace personally but overall, certain situations in life cause everyone to panic. We can't avoid every instance in life where we might be caught off guard or gasp in shock but the person who follows Christ definitely has an edge on that! Why? Because of Jesus!

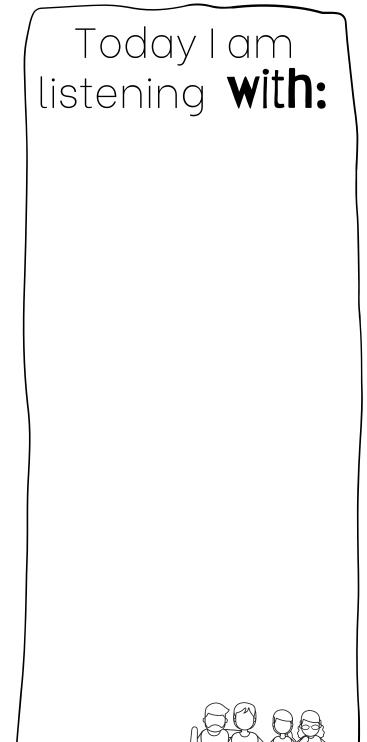
Jesus told us in Ephesians 2:14 that He is our peace. Did you catch that? Not that He just gives peace, although He does that too, but that He actually is our peace. That thought alone should bring us peace in the midst of uncertain, difficult, or tragic times. When we are in situations with little or no peace (like dad losing his job or little sister getting very sick), we can remember that Jesus not only brings peace to our hearts but He is our peace. Sometimes the best thing to do is just to speak His name "Jesus" out loud to remind ourselves that Peace is present.

The opposite of peace is worry. Jesus Himself told us not to worry about things, especially since as humans we can't control most of our lives. In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus is clear that worry is useless and doesn't make for peace-filled living. What two things does he mention in comparison to our lives? Birds and flowers. Birds don't have bullies at school and flowers aren't concerned about Covid restrictions. Why did Jesus mention them? Because if even birds and flowers are cared for by God, then how much more will he care for you and I? If we are going to worry about things out of our control then Jesus really isn't our Peace.

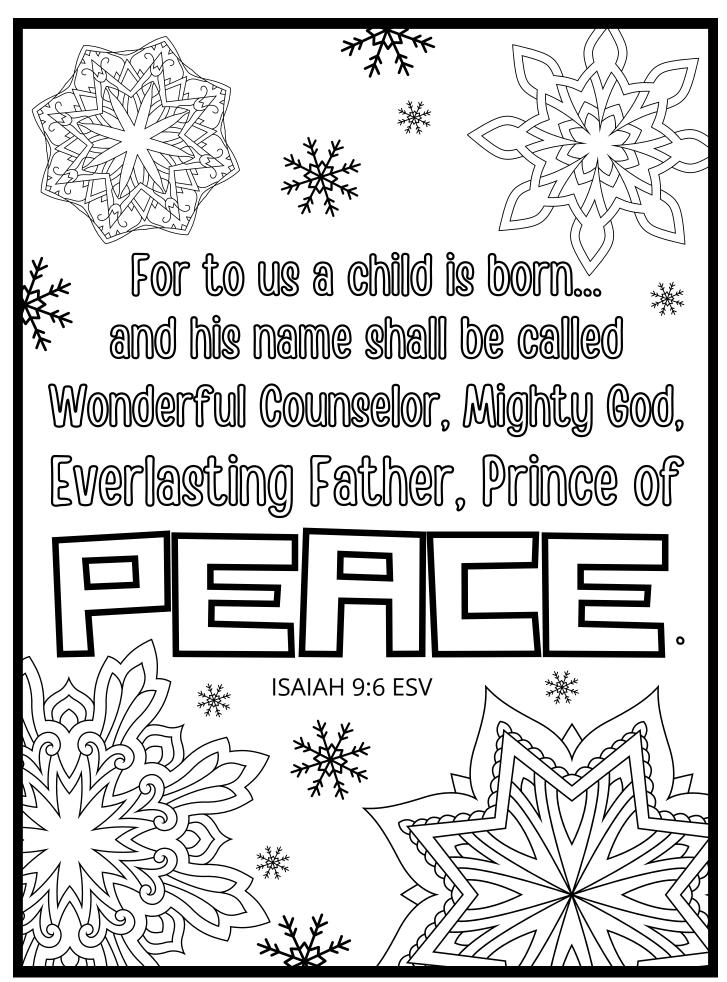
Read John 16:33 and take time to talk to Jesus about the situations in your life that are causing you anxiety and concern. Ask Him to show you clearly that He is your peace and ask Him to help you rely on Him in difficult and uncertain days.



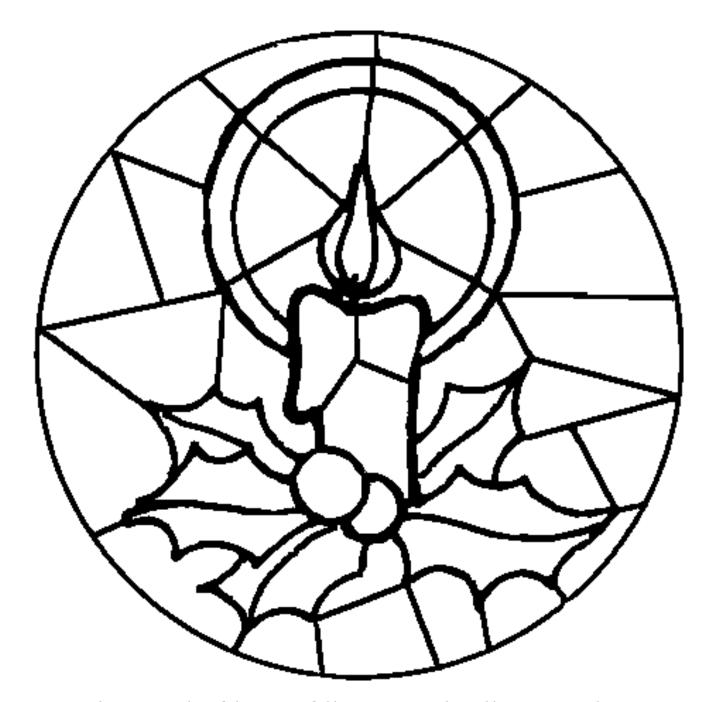












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