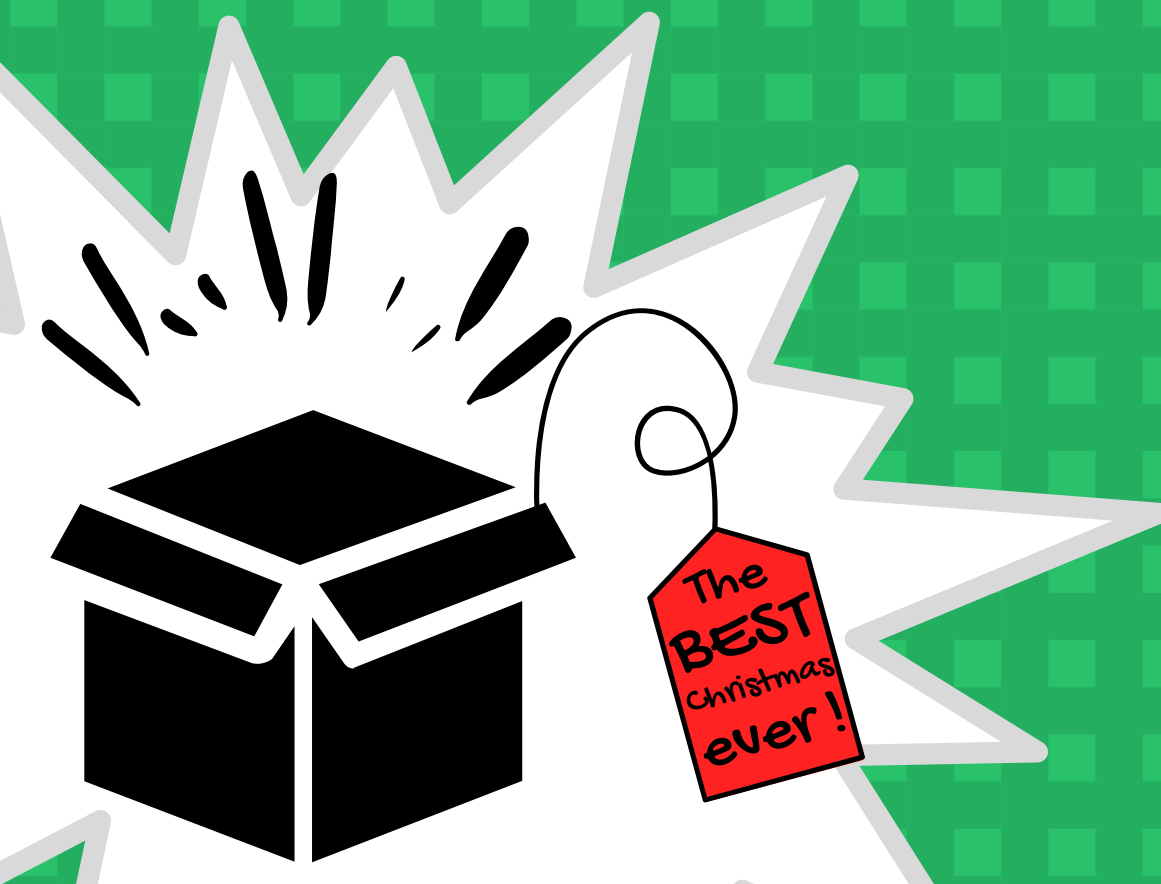


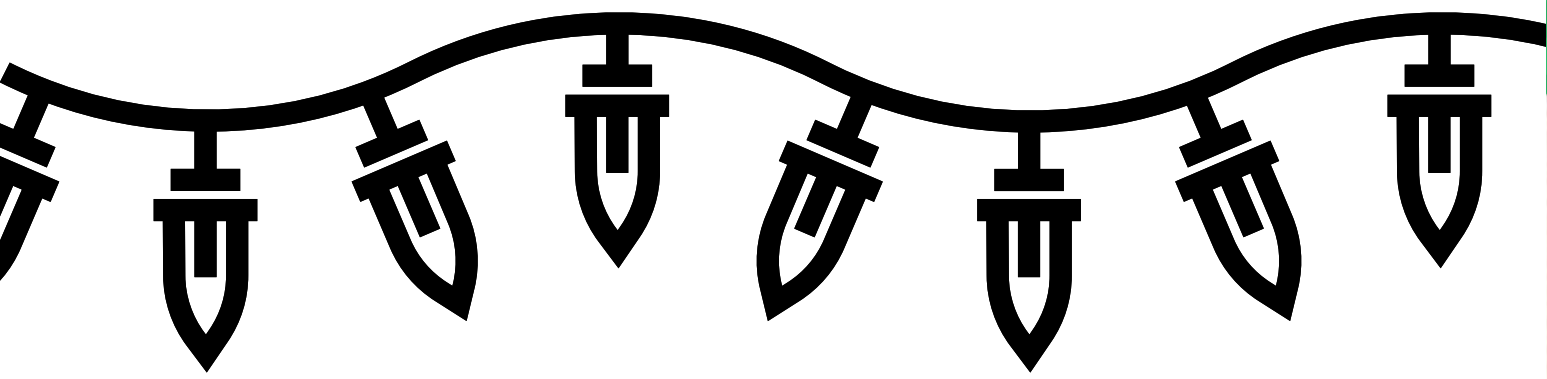
HOPE KIDS SERVICE COMPANION

DECEMBER 20, 2020

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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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him

Romans 15:13a NIV



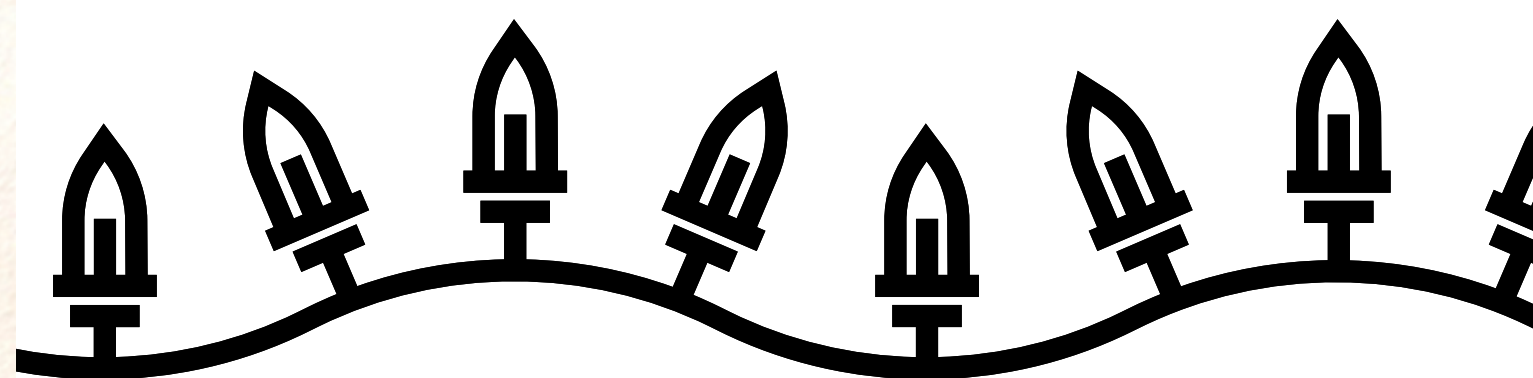
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MEMORY VERSE



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DEVOTIONAL

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN



Tell your child that you are going to act out some movements and your child has to guess what you are doing.

- Act out screaming using only facial expressions.
- Act out typing using only your hands.
- Act out juggling using only your hands.
- Act out stomping using only your legs and feet.
- Act out whistling using only facial expressions.

What if you had to communicate without your voice? Do you think it would be hard? A man in the Bible named Zechariah lost his voice for a time. Let me tell you his story! It's in the book of Luke chapter 1.

Zechariah and his wife Elizabeth both loved God, and they obeyed His laws. But they were getting old, and didn't have any children. Zechariah was a priest and he took turns serving in God's temple. When it was Zechariah's turn to serve, he went to the temple to make an offering to God. All the other priests and a crowd of people stayed outside and prayed.

Suddenly Gabriel, an angel of the Lord, appeared to Zechariah and he was so surprised and afraid! But the angel told Zechariah to not be afraid because God had heard his prayers and his wife was going to have a baby boy. They were to name him John. How exciting!

The angel said that many people would be happy about John's birth and that God's Spirit would be with him and he would get people ready for the Lord's coming. Zechariah asked if the angel was telling the truth because he and his wife were old. The angel said it was true but because he didn't believe, Zechariah wouldn't be able to talk until the baby was born. When Zechariah finally came out of the sanctuary, he couldn't speak. The only way he could communicate was by motioning with his hands. The people realized Zechariah had seen a vision!

What the angel said did come true! Elizabeth found out she was going to have a baby and she was very happy about this! When she gave birth, she told everyone the baby's name was John, just like the angel had said. But her family and friends wondered about that name so they asked Zechariah. Because he couldn't talk, he wrote on a tablet the name 'John'. Suddenly he could speak again and he gave great praise to God for the birth of a son in his old age.

John grew up, strong in the Spirit of God. And when he was older, John told people about the coming Savior. His job was to remind the people what God had said in the past and to get the people ready to meet Jesus.

That's a great story! I think there's a lot of love in that story. Let's look for it!

- Zechariah loved his wife (Luke 1:5, 6)
- Zechariah and Elizabeth loved God (Luke 1:6, 25)
- Zechariah and Elizabeth loved their new baby John (Luke 1:14, 57, 76-79)
- God loved Zechariah and Elizabeth (Luke 1:13)
- God loved John (Luke 1:15-17)
- God loves all people (Luke 1:68-75)

We know that God loved the world so much that He sent Jesus to us as a baby many years ago (John 3:16). But this Bible story also shows us how much God loves us that he would also send John into the world first to get people ready to hear about Jesus and to love Him when they meet Him.

Watch this short video to learn how to say I love you, Jesus loves you and God loves you:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrDUqmr6_OQ

DEVOTIONAL FOR OLDER CHILDREN



Have you ever played the Quiet Game while riding in the car on a long trip with your family? The rules are very simple. Everyone must remain completely quiet. There can be no talking, not even a whisper, no laughing or giggling. If you make a sound, you are out of the game and the last one to make a sound is the winner.

The Quiet Game is fun to play at first but after a while, you get tired of not being able to speak. I wonder what it would be like to go for a whole day or an entire week without speaking? What about nine months? Can you imagine going nine months without talking?

A guy named Zechariah did just that. You can find his story in Luke 1 but here's the gist:

Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were old and unable to have children. Zechariah was a priest in the temple and as he was working in the temple one day, an angel appeared to tell him that he and his wife would have a baby boy that they were to name John. Zechariah doubted this because of his age so the angel said he wouldn't speak again until the baby was born. Elizabeth did become pregnant to everyone's amazement! When the baby was born (nine months later!), Zechariah finally spoke again when he wrote the name 'John' on a table for everyone to see. Then Zechariah praised God for his mercy and kindness! And John became strong in Spirit of God and helped get people ready to know Jesus, who was born shortly after him.

The point of Zechariah's story isn't that he doubted and couldn't speak, it isn't even that he and his wife had a baby in their old age. The point of the story is God's amazing love for us that he would send a forerunner before Jesus to help get people ready to receive the good news.

Forerunner: someone sent in advance to announce the coming of someone else.

Jesus and His message were so important that God sent John first. That's how much God loves us all – that He sent someone else first to prepare the way for the message of Jesus. God had a plan for each person in this Bible story. Think about it - what was God's plan for :

- The Angel?
- Zechariah?
- Elizabeth?
- John?
- You?

Do you see yourself in this story? Are you Zechariah, praising God for doing amazing, miraculous things? Are you Elizabeth, overjoyed that God has finally answered your prayers? Or are you John, a forerunner to tell others about the good news of Jesus? It's always good to see ourselves in the stories of Scripture and to be reminded that God wants us to love Him with our whole hearts and to pave the way for others to love Him too.

my name:

Write this week's
Advent theme here

We're in a series called:



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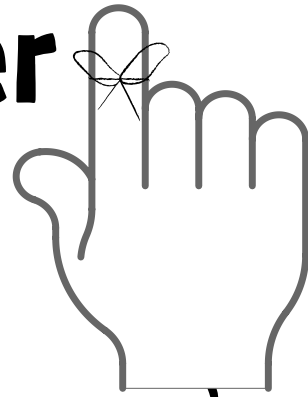


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Sermon Notes

for the week of
Dec 20, 2020

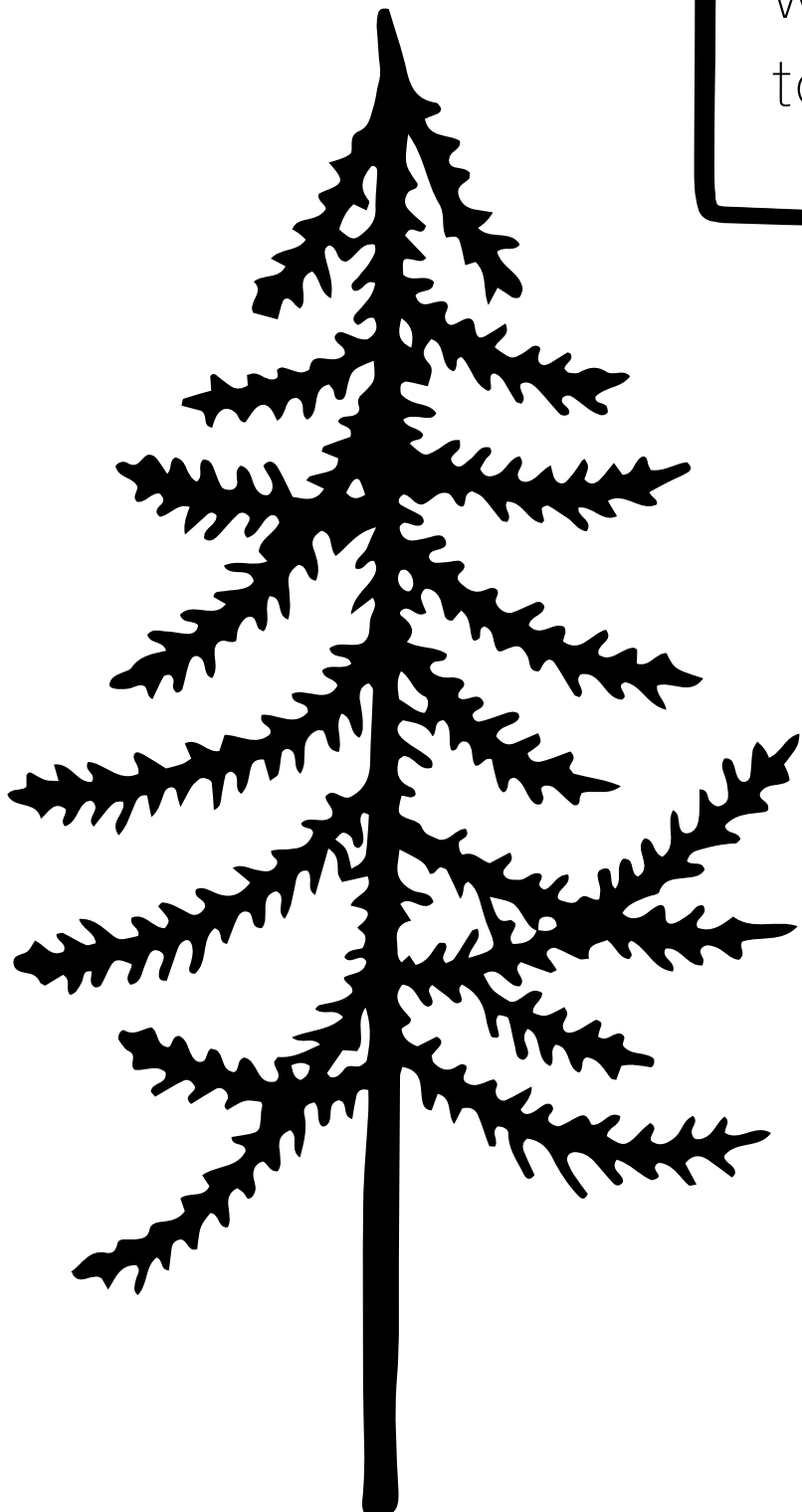
Something I want to **remember**
from today's service:




Draw something
you thought about
during today's service



Decorate
the tree:



My favourite
song 
we sang
today:

Use this space to **pray**.

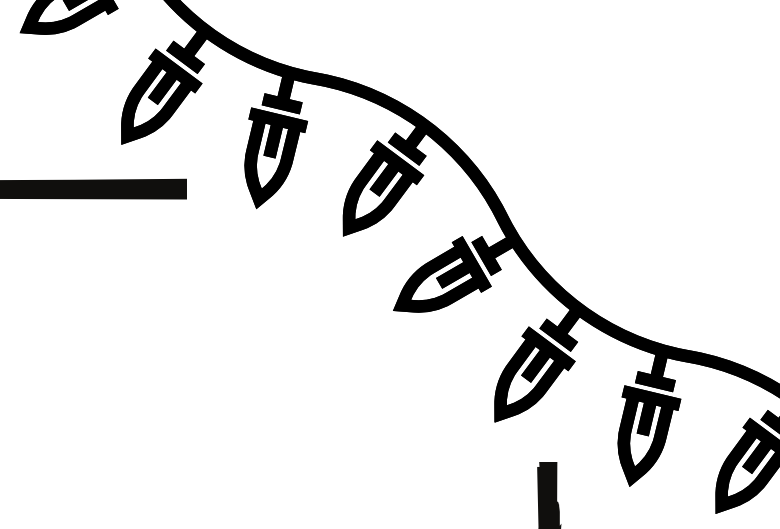
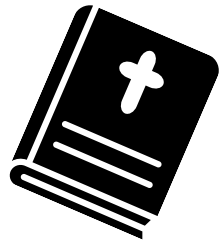
Dear God,

Amen

You can draw, write... talk to God however you want to!

Fill in the **blanks**

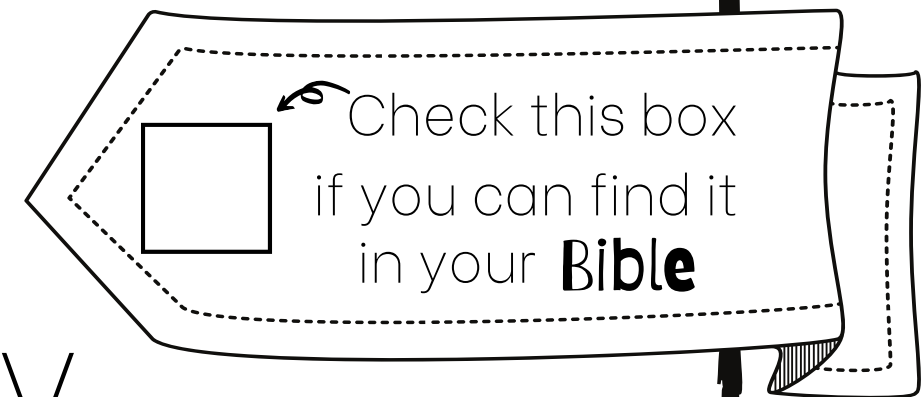
to complete the
memory verse!



May the God of _____ fill you with all
_____ and _____ as you _____ in Him

_____ 15:13a

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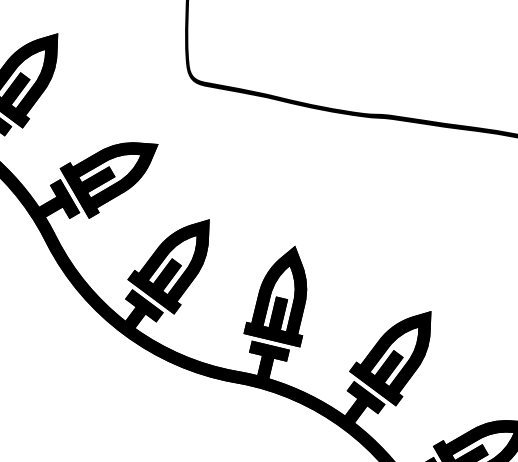
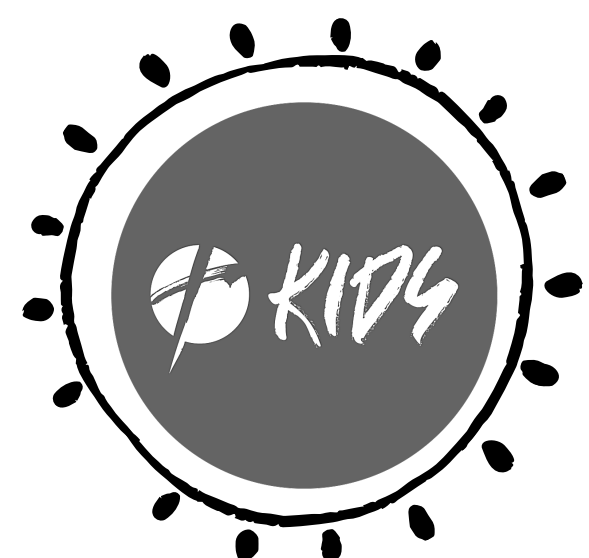
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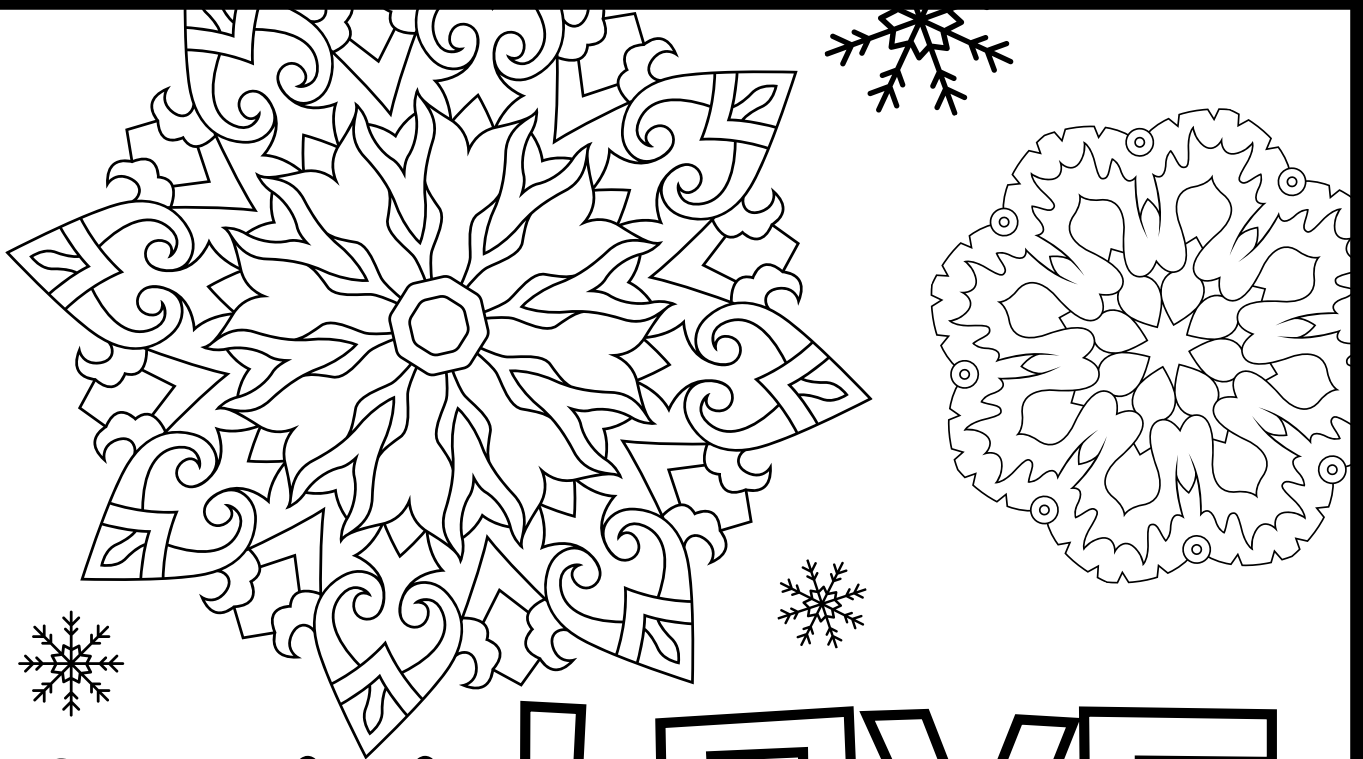
Doodle Zone!

Fill this space
with whatever
you'd like.



Today I am
listening **with:**





In this is **LOVE**,
not that we have loved
GOD but that
he loved us and sent
HIS SON...

1 JOHN 4:10 ESV

