



## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent Theme: Joy Nativity Characters: Shepherds

Christmas Theme: Presents/Giving



This week's advent theme is joy! It is our pink candle.

**Light Third Advent Candle:** (Sing song on next page)



Can you believe that God wants each one of us to experience joy? If you are able, open the web site [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). Do a search for the word joy. That's a lot of joy that God wants Jesus to give us. Read Romans 10:9



Our joy comes from our salvation. We can face everything in this world because we are not doing so alone. God is our very best friend. How can you experience joy even when you don't feel happy?



**Watch Video:** Follow the link to Douglas Talks – Christmas – Christmas Gifts  
<https://douglastalks.com/watch-douglas-talks/>



The angels said they had news of great joy for everyone. Yet, the shepherds were the first to hear the announcement. They were also the first to share it. Pretend to be shepherds now back with their sheep talking about all that happened.



**Make:** Asbury's Discipleship pathway says one thing followers of Jesus do is serve. So this week find a way to give joy to others. Perhaps you make a decoration for someone's door. You could make cards for your teachers. Or your family may want to help another family.



**Play Present Fumble:**

See instructions on another page.



### Advent Song for Younger Children:

Stand in a circle holding hands, sing to the tune of “Ring Around the Rosy”

Ring around the Advent wreath	(walk around the circle)
1 Candle for each week	(hold up 1 finger)
Waiting, waiting	(walk forward then back)
‘Til they all are lit!	(throw your arms up and say the theme of the week, hope, love, joy, or peace)

### Advent Song for Older Children:

This is a variation of “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”. You can hear the tune at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>. The hand motions are: geyser - place palms together, raise them up then open and arc down, ocean - place hands on belly, bring out and open, joy - make a silly statue pose, river - use hand to make a wavy motion, alternate hands. For the last verse do all the motions in rapid succession.

1. I've got hope like a geyser  
I've got hope like a geyser  
I've got hope like a geyser in my soul  
(repeat)

3. I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul  
(repeat)

2. I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul  
(repeat)

4. I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

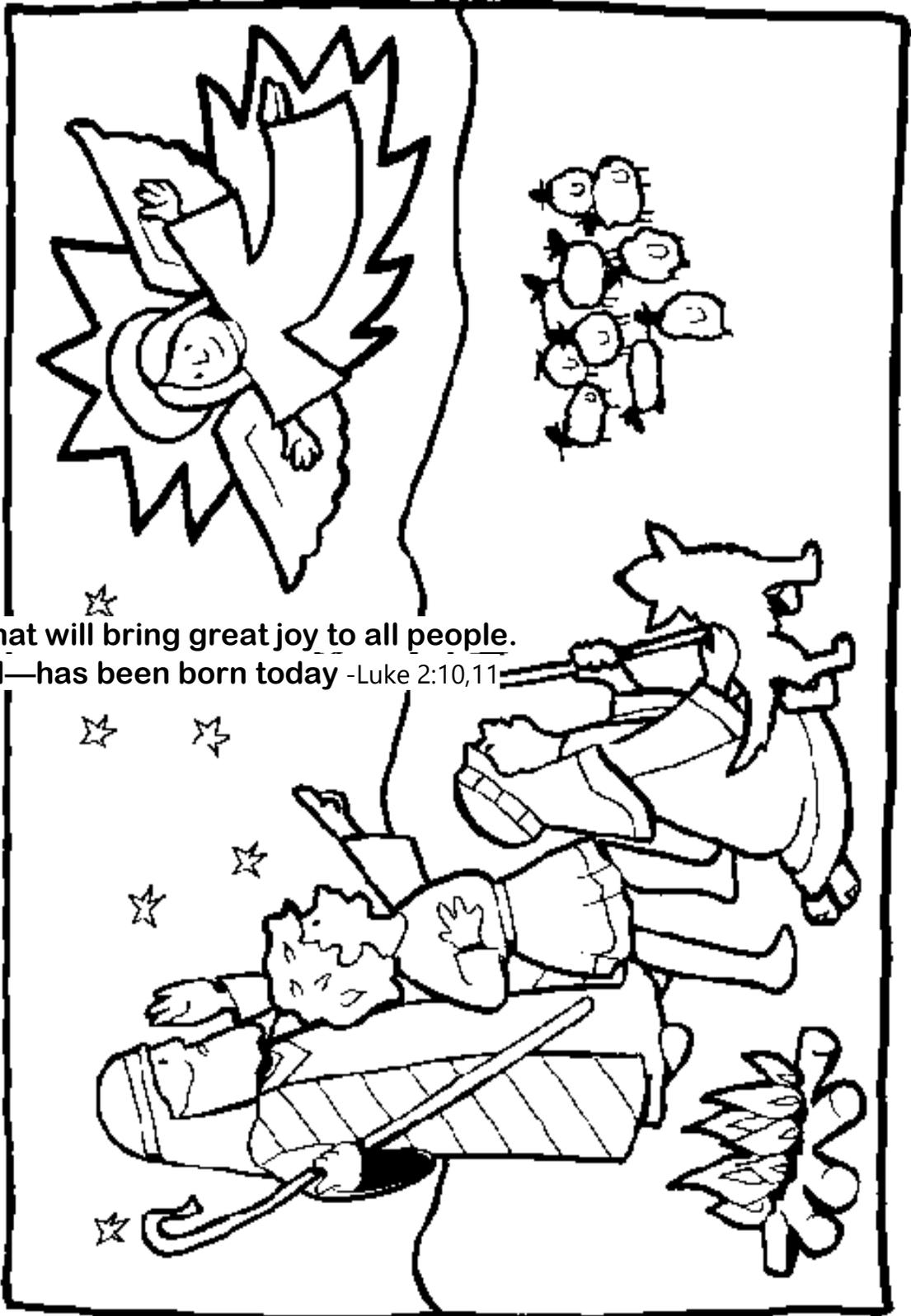
5. I've got peace, love and joy like a river  
I've got peace, love and joy like a river  
I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul  
(repeat)

**Present Fumble:**

Choose one person to be the game organizer. This person chooses a small item to be the prize. They will then wrap the item in numerous layers of any and all kinds of paper. They will also choose a few funny items to wear, like potholders, a large shirt, a hat, etc.

Everyone sits in a circle. In the middle of the circle is the prize, the clothes, a spoon, and a fork. The organizer will start the music. The person on the left goes to the center, puts on the clothes, and tries to open the prize with just the utensils.

Stop and start the music quickly. The first person switches places with the next. But hurry, because your turn only lasts till the music stops. Play continues until the prize is opened.



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you good news that will bring great joy to all people.  
Messiah, the Lord—has been born today -Luke 2:10,11

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