

The Christmas Story Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Jesus

those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the Baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a Baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."

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When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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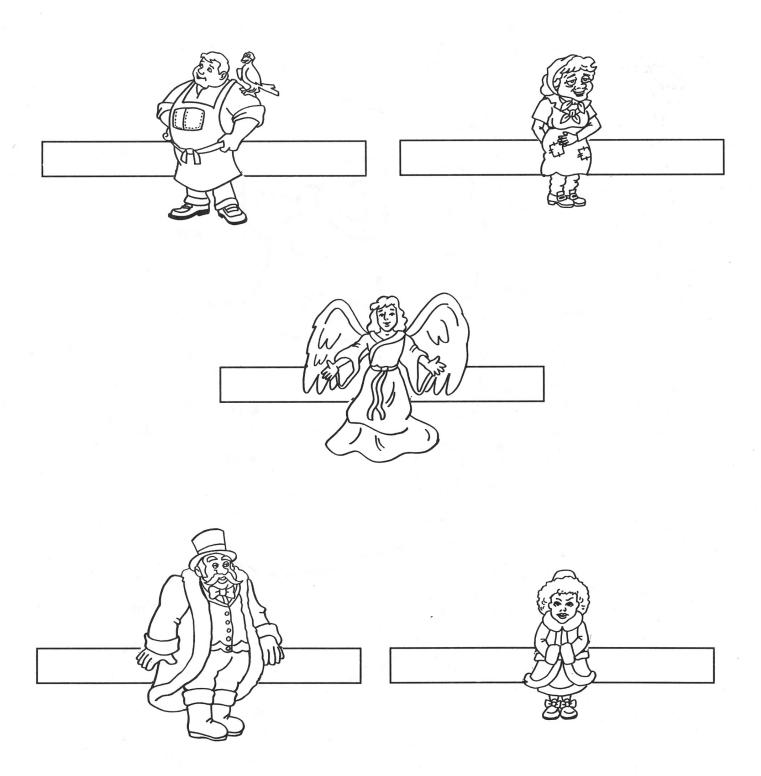
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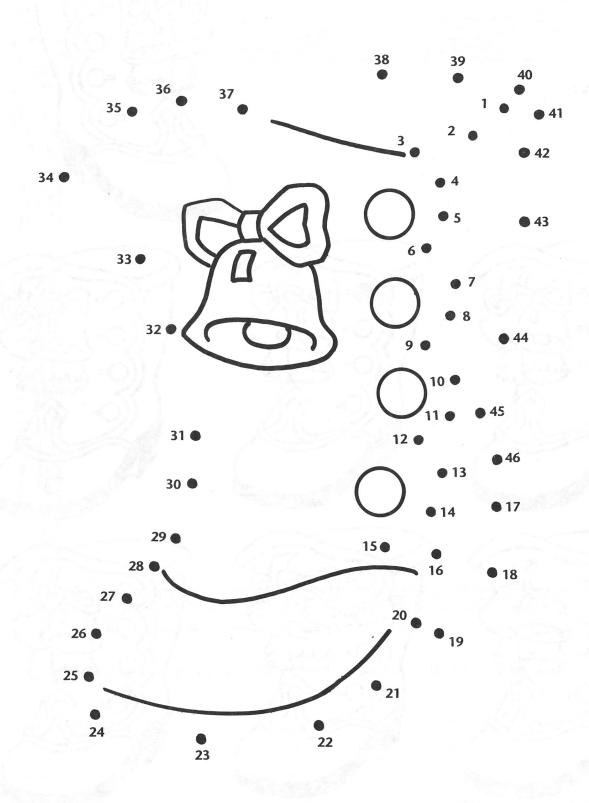
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Finger Puppets Color and cut out these finger puppets. Glue or tape the tabs to fit your fingers like a ring. Let the puppets retell the story.

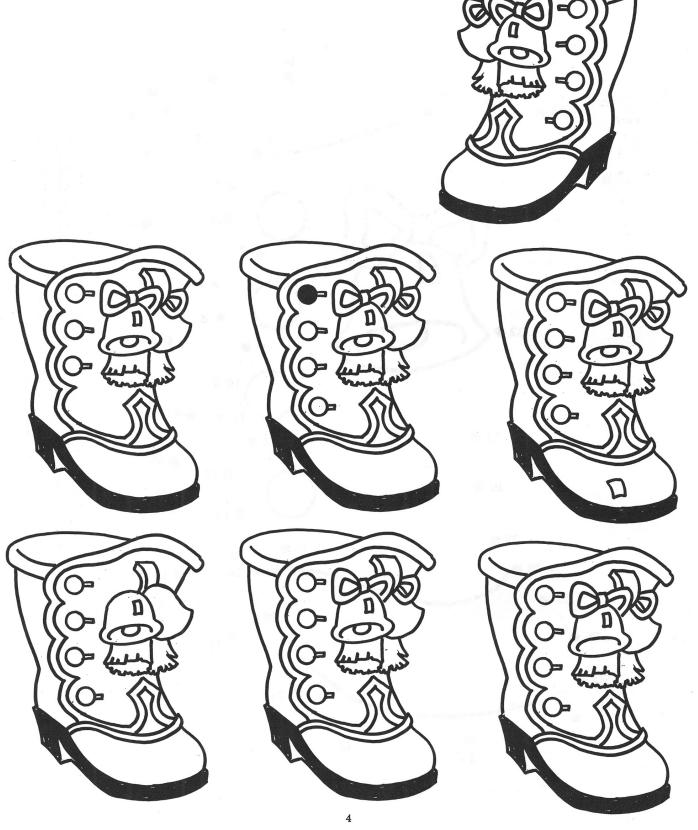


Dot-to-Dot Connect the dots as you count. You will find a special gift.



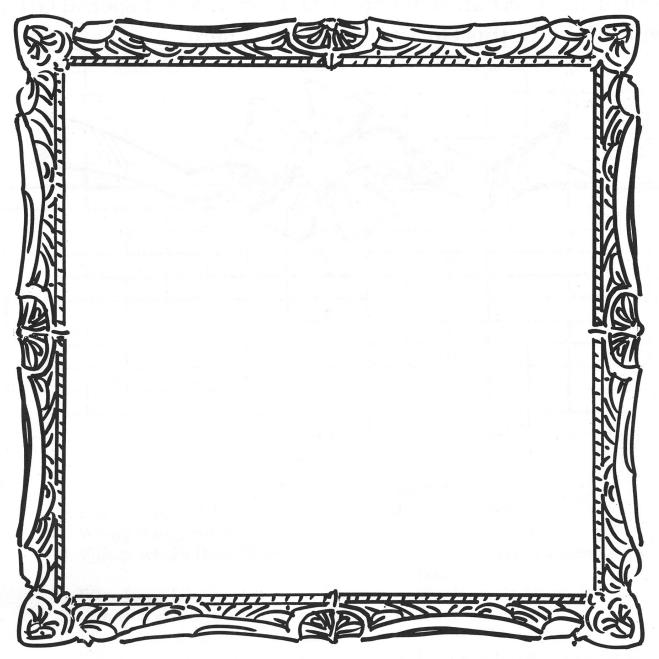
Match the Boots Find the boot that

matches this one to make a pair.



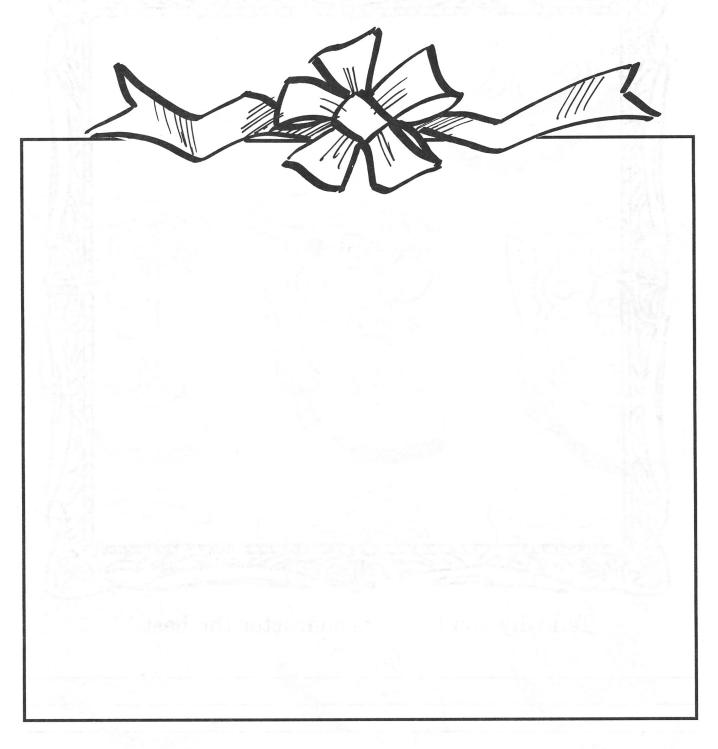
Draw your Favorite Character

from the story.

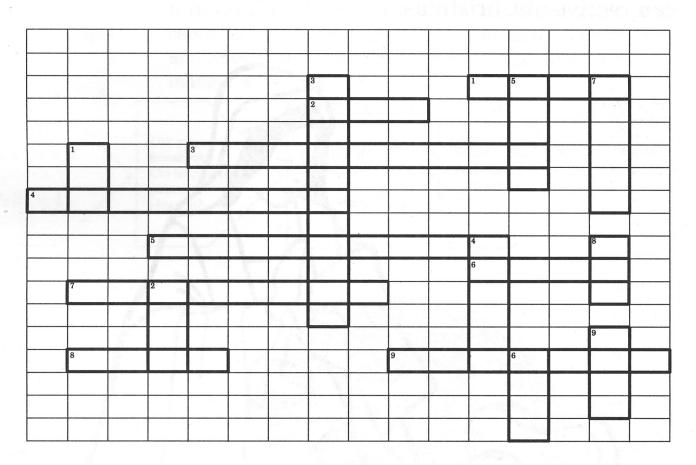


Tell why you like this character the best.

You're a Special Gift. Hans wanted to give a special gift to God. He used his ability as a shoemaker to make a beautiful present. What do YOU do well? What special GIFT will YOU give this Christmas? Draw it here.



"Red Boots For Christmas" Crossword Puzzle



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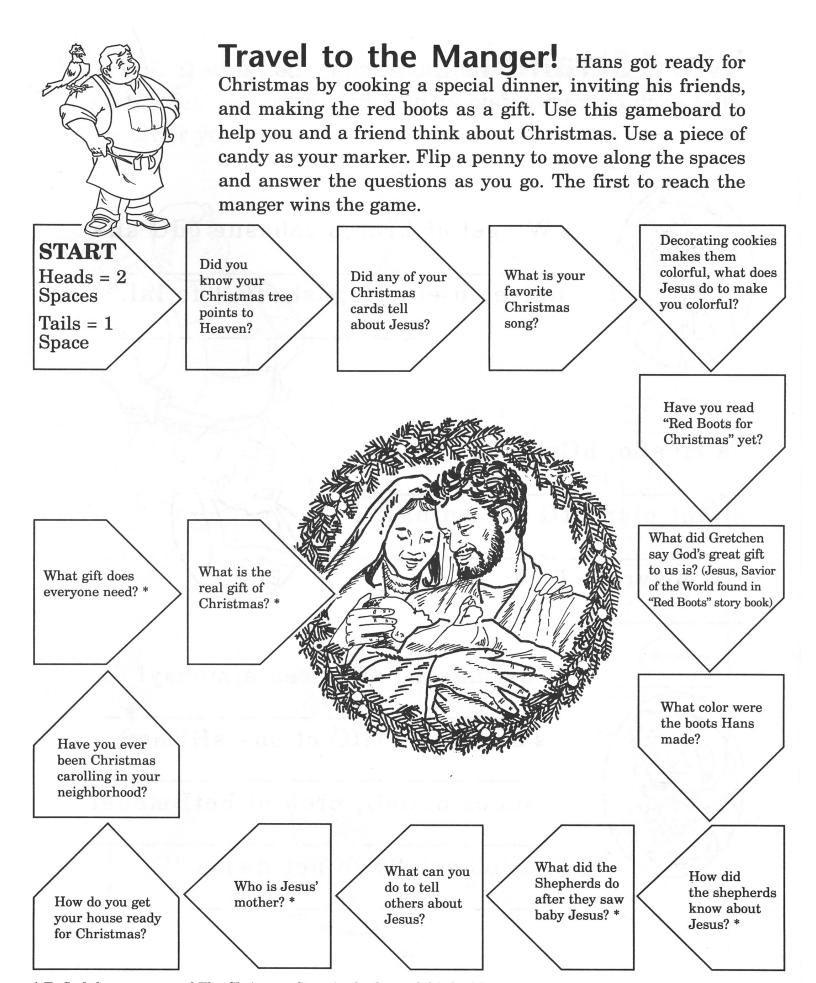
- 1. One who sent Jesus
- 2. Wrong things we do
- 3. Village where Hans lives
- 4. Who Jesus is
- 5. One who spoke to Hans at night
- 6. What Hans sang at Christmas
- 7. What the bells were made of
- 8. Lasting happiness
- 9. Another word for present

ACROSS

- 1. Shoemaker
- 2. Color of the boots
- 3. Have a party to remember a holiday
- 4. The Mayor's daughter
- 5. Jesus' birthday
- 6. Name of Hans' pet
- 7. First gift Hans picked for God
- 8. Girl who needed shoes
- 9. Sing, praying, listening to God's Word

The Best Gift Color the picture of the Lord Jesus, born to be your Savior—the BEST GIFT you can receive at Christmas.





^{*} To find the answer, read The Christmas Story in the front of this book!

Word Scramble Unscramble the words to find out what each character said about Christmas



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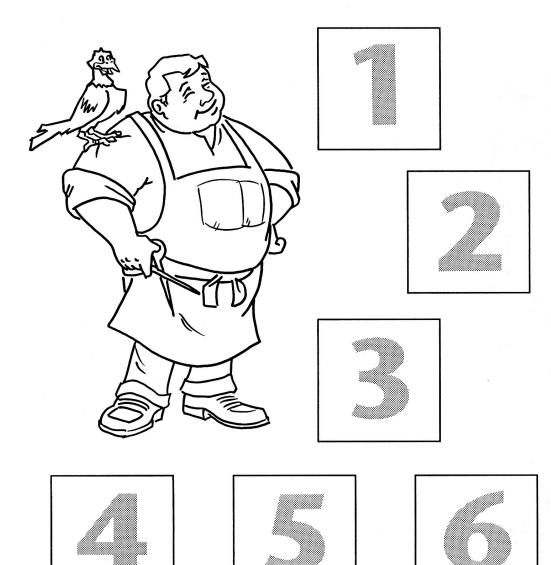




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s'doG traeg tifG ot su-sHi noS,
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Making Boots Aldo is watching Hans make the Red Boots. Cut out and glue the steps in the order you think Hans will follow.



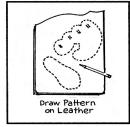




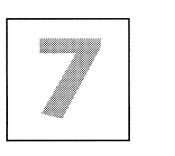














- 5) Sew on Buttons 6) Add Silver Bells 7) Polish Boots
- 3) Sew Pieces Together 4) Hammer Silver Nails
 - 2) Cut Leather 3) Sour Bioger
- 1) Draw Pattern on Leather

Make your own Christmas Cards

Draw and color these Christmas cards/invitations.

Give one to a friend or neighbor. CUT OUT ON SOLID LINES-FOLD ON DOTTED LINES.





Jesus is Born!

Finish coloring and writing the inside of your own Christmas card/invitation.

JESUS

is the REAL GIFT OF CHRISTMAS!

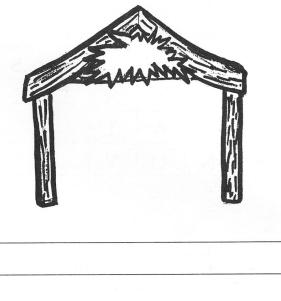
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"Red Boots For Christmas" Word Find

Find important people, places, and things from the story. Words may go forward, backward, diagonally, up, or down.

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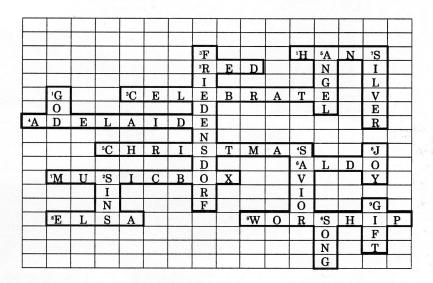
star stable special Nativity church **New Friends** Do you think Adelaide and Elsa became friends? Write and illustrate a new story about the fun they might have playing together. Do you think they will visit Hans and Aldo?

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle, Word Find, and Word Scramble

Answers to Crossword Puzzle page 7



Answers to Word Find page 15

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Answers to Word Scramble page 10 "We give to others because God has given us the greatest Gift of all."

"A Savior, Christ the Lord, is the real gift for me and for everyone."

"Christmas gifts are a symbol of God's great Gift to us—His Son, Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem to be Savior of the world."



ACTIVITY BOOK

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Bring "Red Boots for Christmas" to life for children ages 4-8 with this activity book. Re-create the message of "Red Boots for Christmas" through games, creative projects, and word puzzles. Incorporate these activities into your family's celebration of God's Gift to us—His Son our Savior.

