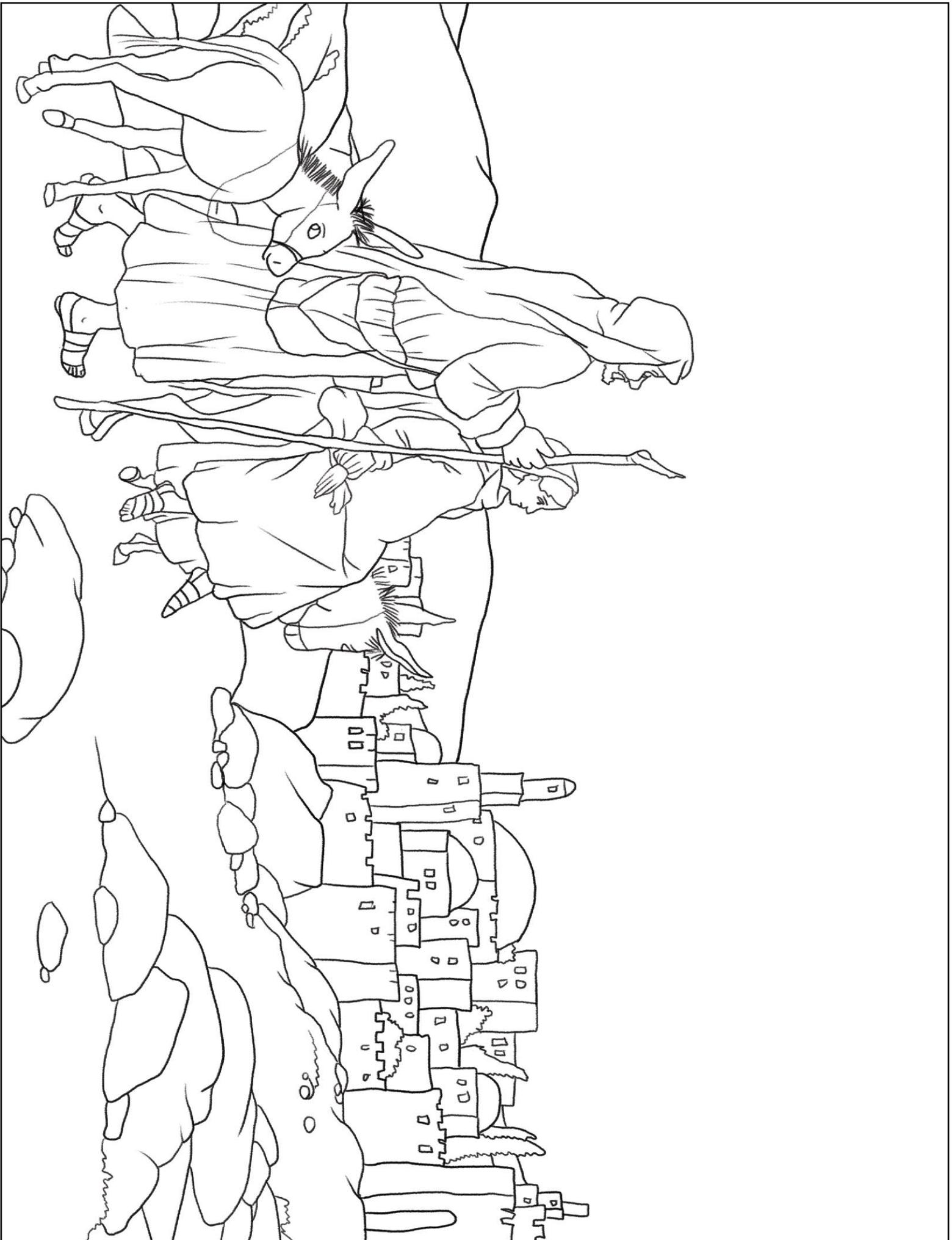


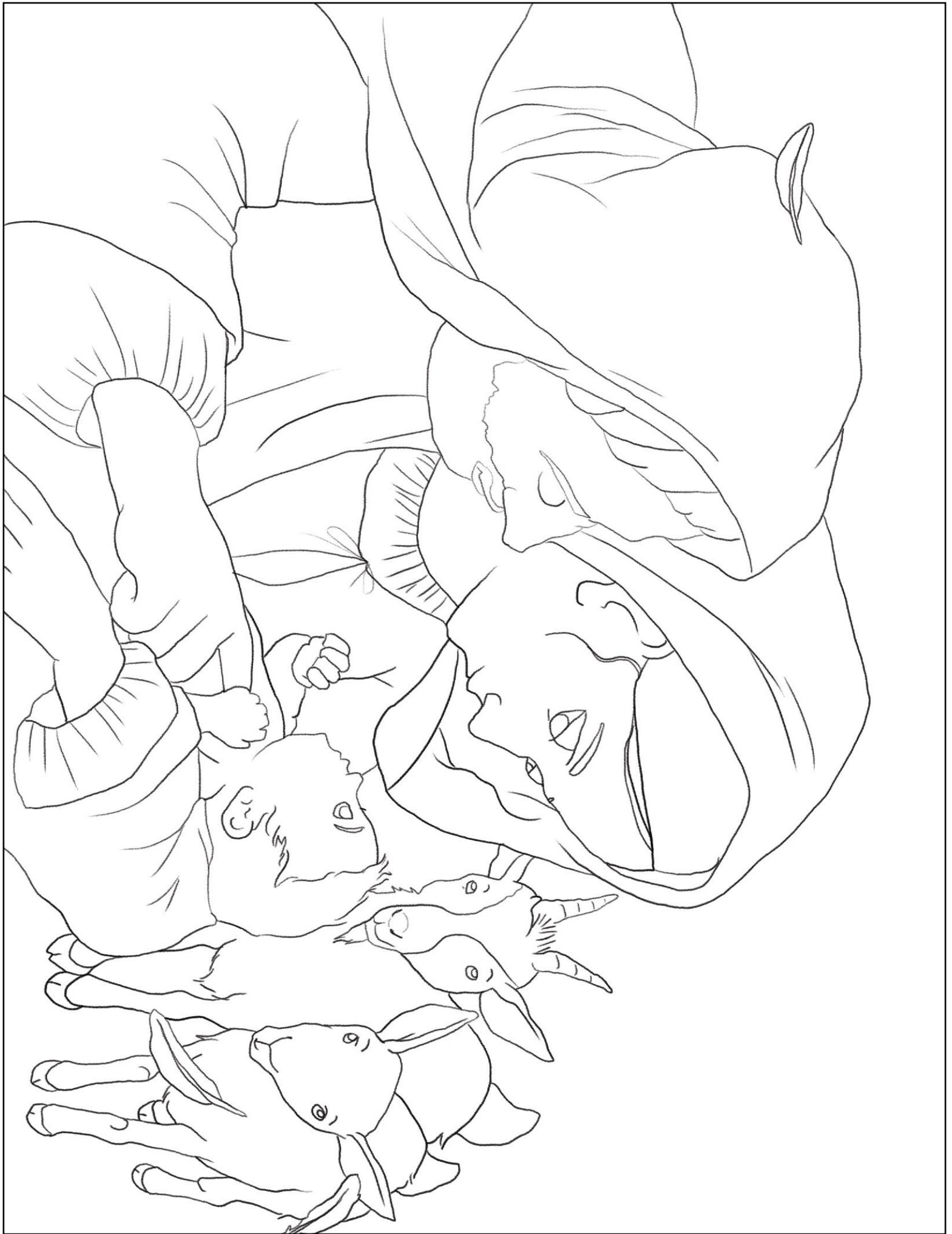
Christmas Ornaments



- Print on cardstock
- Color them in or use the pre-colored ones.
 - Cut out.
 - Punch a hole where indicated.
- Thread a ribbon through, tie & hang on the tree.



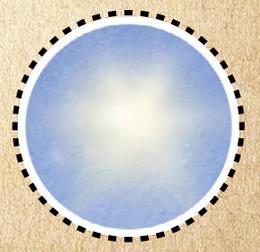






Make Your Own Nativity Scene

Cut out the pictures below and glue onto the next page to make your own Nativity scene.

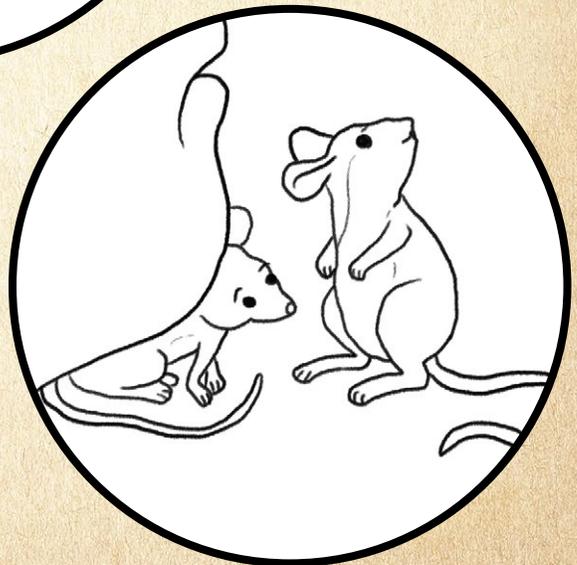
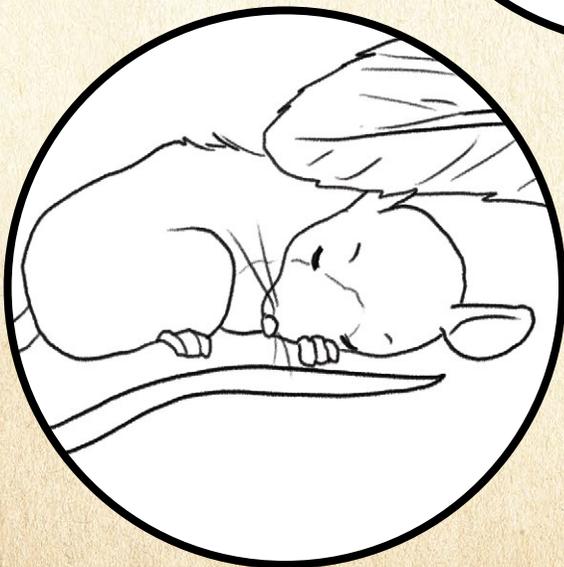




3. Find the Mice!



There are six mice hiding in the book. Can you find each one?
When you do, color them in!



4. Match the Pictures!



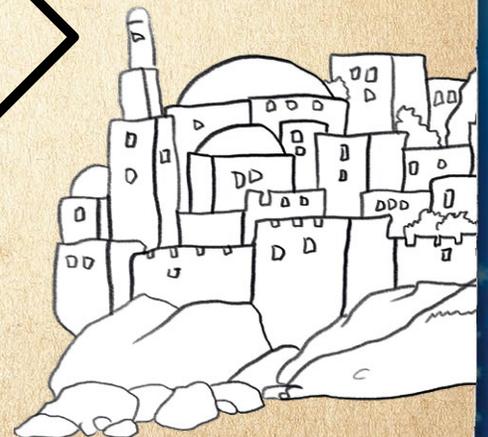
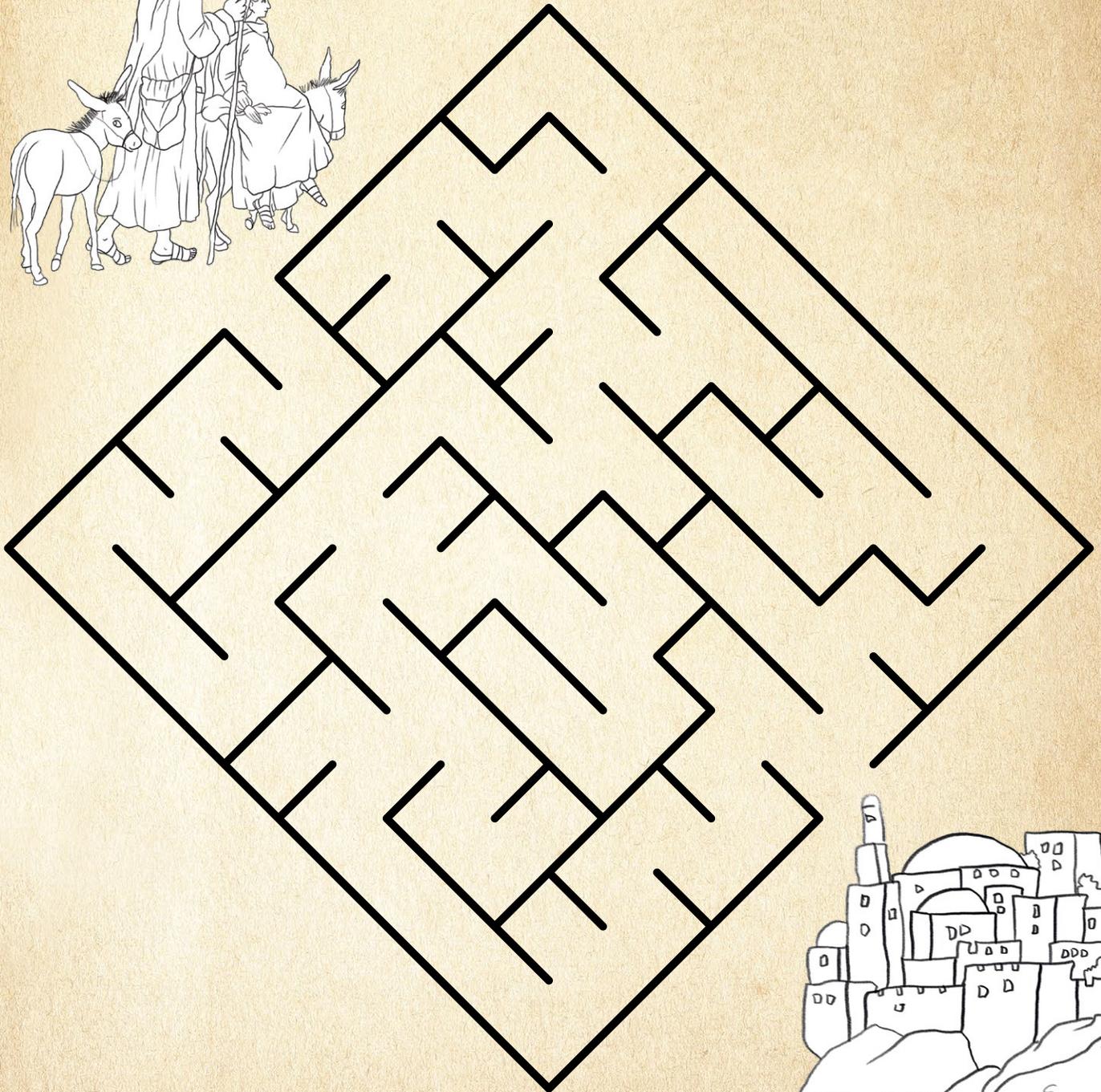
Draw a line from left to right to match the pictures.
Then draw a circle around the pictures you like the best.



Activities for Older Children

1. Maze!

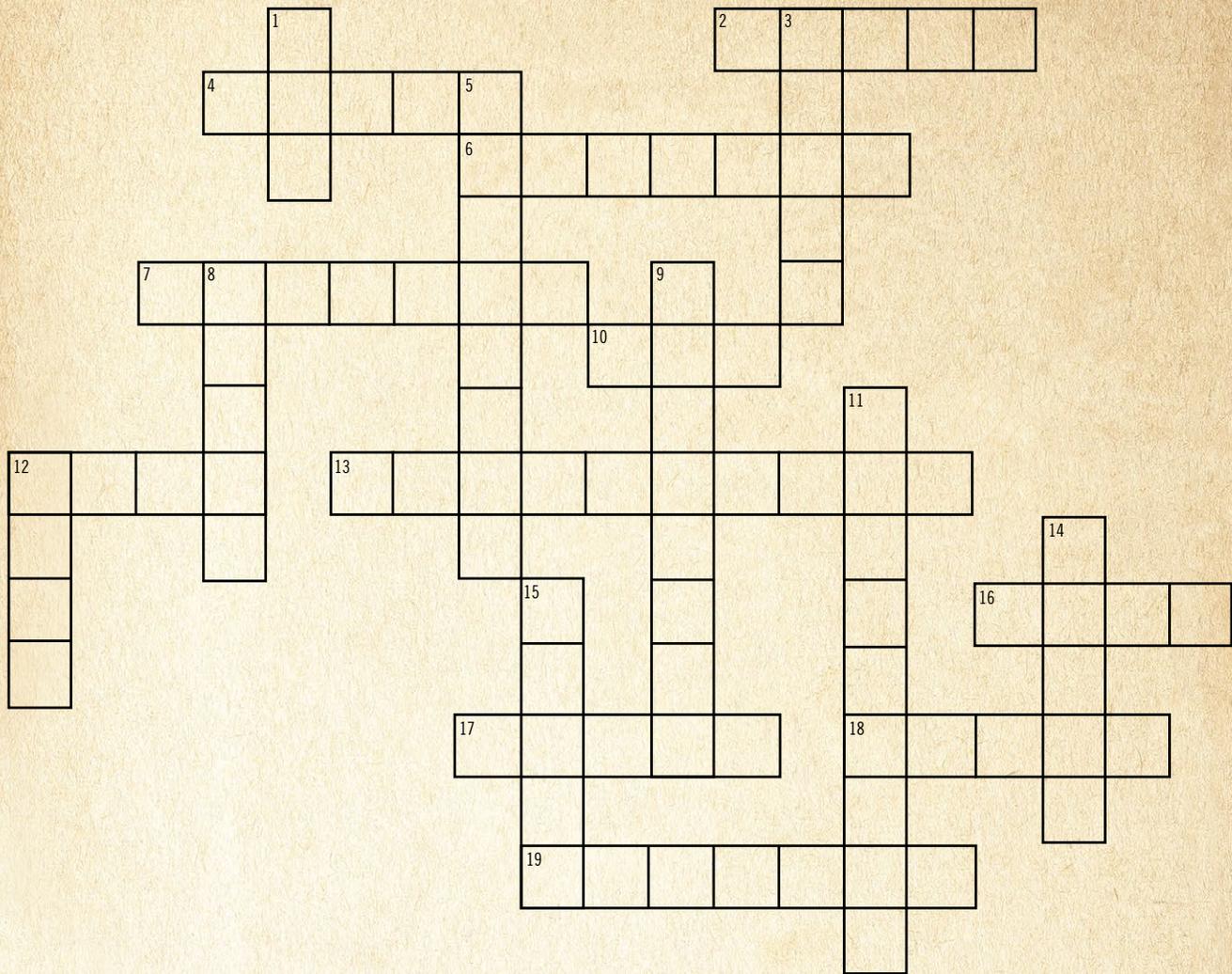
Help Mary & Joseph find their way to Bethlehem. Then color the pictures in.



2. Crossword!



Use the book to help solve the puzzle.



ACROSS

- 2 A shepherd is holding one.
- 4 What two baby animals are peeking over Mary's shoulder at the end of the book?
- 6 Who were 'nestled all snug in their beds'?
- 7 The pattern on Joseph's headdress.
- 10 The number of angels.
- 12 What the mice did when they saw the donkey.
- 13 How the shepherds felt when they saw the angels.
- 16 Who heard Mary whisper at the end of the book?
- 17 You'll find this creature sitting on a cow's head.
- 18 How many sheep are looking up through the angels' wings?
- 19 What the animals did to Jesus' fingers and feet.

DOWN

- 1 What Jesus' bed was made from.
- 3 All the kings are wearing these.
- 5 The adjective used to describe the three kings.
- 8 How Mary and Joseph felt when they reached the town.
- 9 You'll find these on almost every page.
- 11 The name of the town where Jesus was born.
- 12 'And high in the heavens, God whispered, 'My Son, you'll bring _____ to the world and love everyone.'
- 14 The last word in the book.
- 15 The color of Jesus' eyes.



3. Animal Scramble!

Unscramble the letters to find eight animals featured in the book. Then take all the letters in bold and unscramble them to find some hidden animals.

Clue: You'd find them in a stable, but they're not featured in the book.

YEONDK _____

NGIOEP _____

EPHSE _____

EVOD _____

XENO _____

OCW _____

SEOMU _____

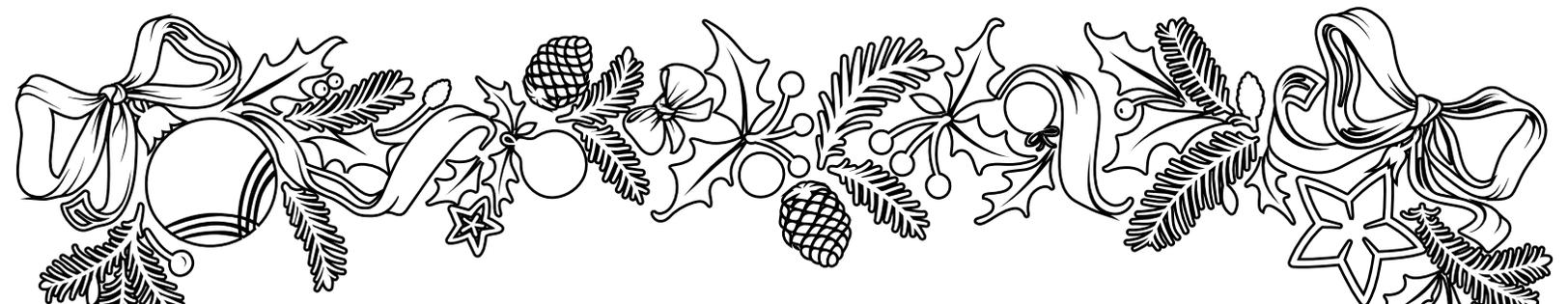
EMALC _____

The hidden animals are: _____

Challenge: Can you number the animals 1-8 in alphabetical order?

*Answer key at the end





4. Poetry Fun!

'Twas the Evening of Christmas is written in a similar style to Clement C Moore's classic, *The Night Before Christmas*. Read his poem and compare it to *'Twas the Evening of Christmas*. Can you find any words or phrases that are similar? Underline them, then color the border.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas by Clement C. Moore



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

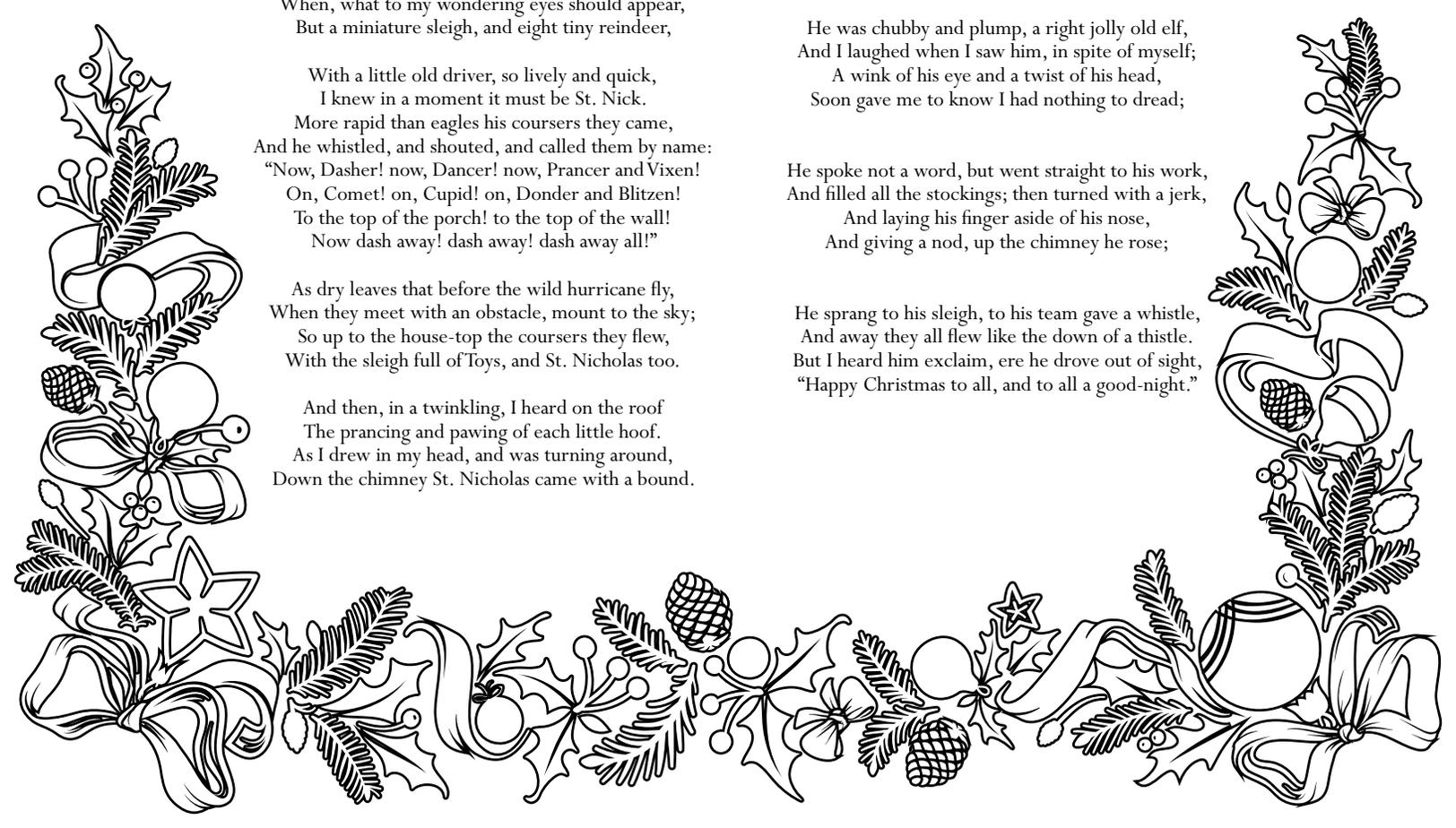
His eyes--how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."



Answer Key



Animal Scramble

YEONDK Donkey 3

NGIOEP Pigeon 7

EPHSE Sheep 8

EVOD Dove 4

XENO Oxen 6

OCW Cow 2

SEOMU Mouse 5

EMALC Camel 1

The hidden animals are: Chickens

