

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

Luke 1:46-55



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## INTRO

Share a story or song that has been passed down in your family or among your friends.

## QUESTIONS

- Are there any stories or songs that have been passed down or shared with you?
- Why do you think we share stories with one another?
- Stories and songs can help us remember what is important to our families or friends. What is something important you learned by listening to a song or hearing a story?

## WRAP-UP

Explain to the children that today's scripture comes from the Gospel of Luke. It is a song Mary sings after she learns she will be Jesus' mother. Mary's song is similar to another song she had heard before. Her parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and so on, taught her the song of Hannah, a woman who lived in ancient Israel. Like Hannah, Mary sang her thanks and praise to God. Show the children today's illustration and point out the words, "My soul magnifies the Lord...from generation to generation." Parents taught Hannah's song to their children, who then passed the song on to their children until Mary heard it and sang a similar song. Mary's song has now been passed down all the way to us today! Ask the children why it is important for us to keep singing these songs. Both Hannah's song and Mary's song praise God for bringing down the rich and lifting up the poor, feeding the hungry and sending the rich away empty. Explain how these songs tell us that some rich people were greedy, taking more food and resources than they needed, while other people were starving and poor, not getting enough of what they needed to live. But these songs also celebrate God's justice. Tell the children that while justice is a big word, it simply means God is fixing the problem! God's justice makes sure that no one has too much, and no one has too little. Everyone will have what they need to live and grow. While we wait for Jesus this Advent, it's important we help bring justice into the world, too. One way to do this is by sharing what we have and receiving what others give to us, so everyone can have what they need.

## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for the stories and songs we hear when we read from the Bible. Thank you for Mary's song that helps us remember you are a God who wants justice. **Amen.**



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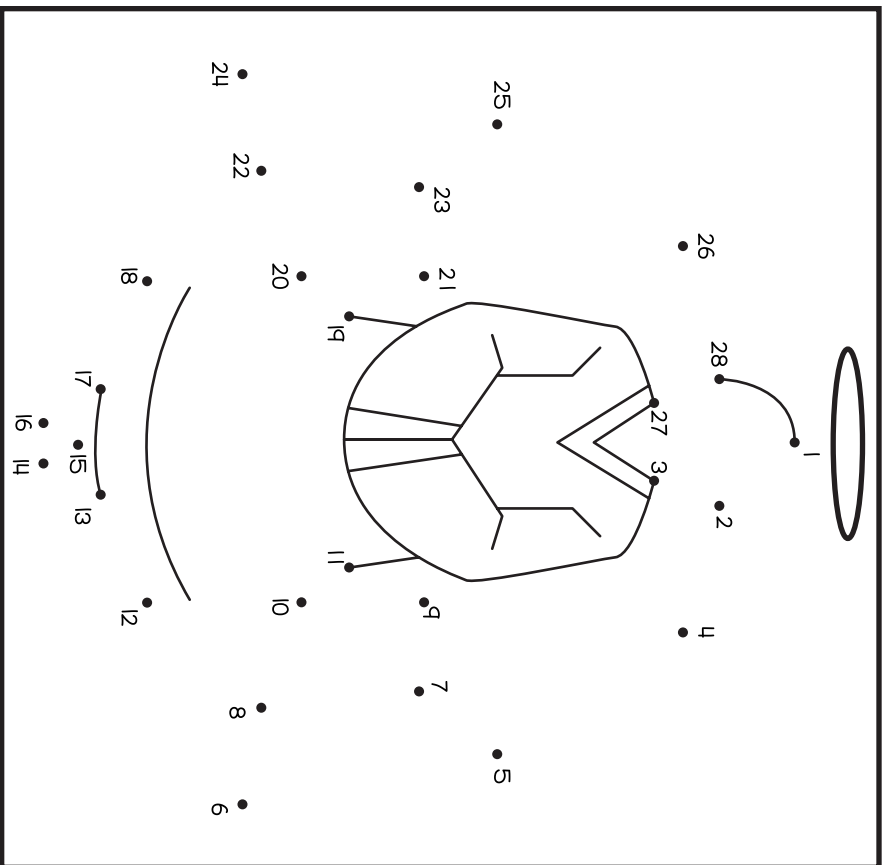
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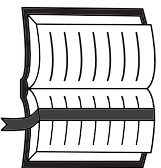
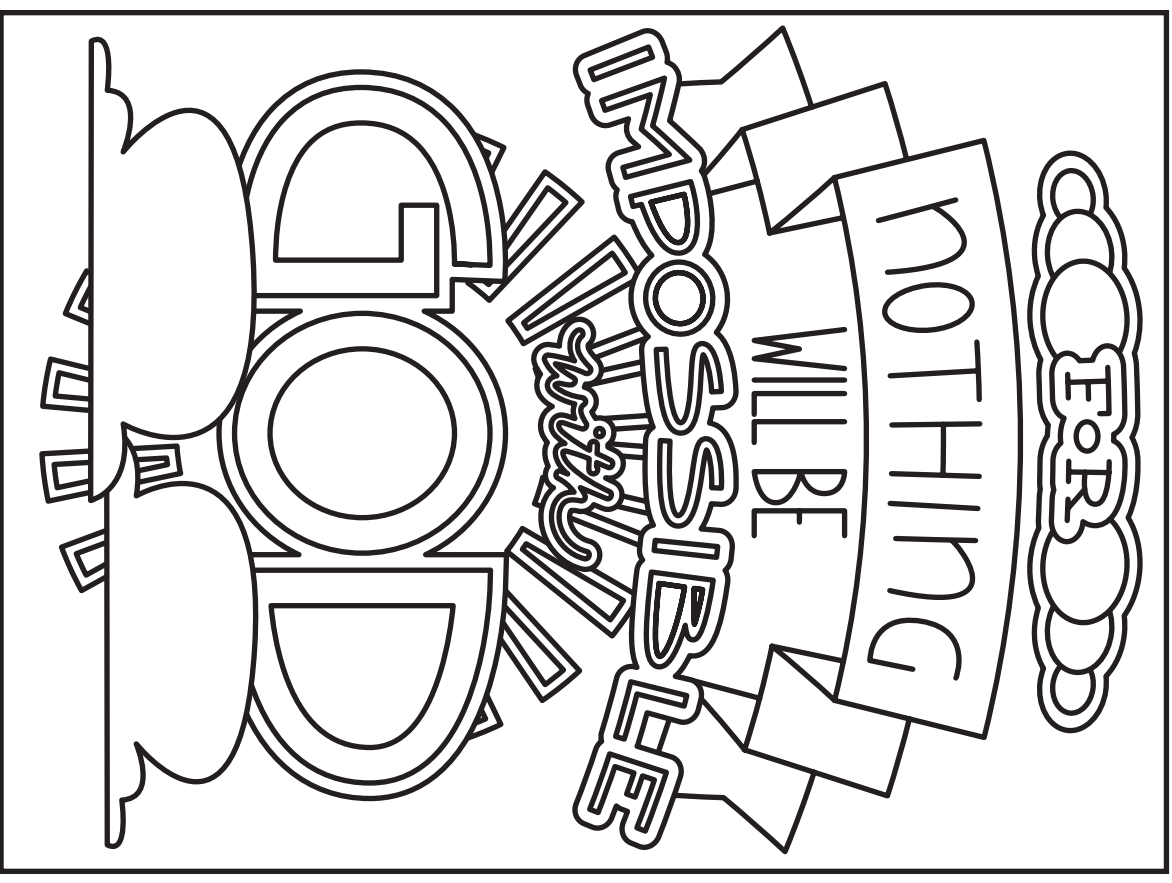
# CONNECT the DOTS

Connect the dots to form an angel - the one who told Mary that nothing is impossible with God. Around the angel, write or draw some amazing things God has done.



# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:26-38.



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# DRAW IT

Luke 1:26-38 shares the amazing experience Mary had when the angel, Gabriel, came to tell her she would be Jesus' mother! Draw what you imagine this looked like.

# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from 2 Samuel 7 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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