

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 27, 2020

Psalm 148



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## INTRO

Describe some of your favorite sights, sounds, or sensations when you spend time in nature.

## QUESTIONS

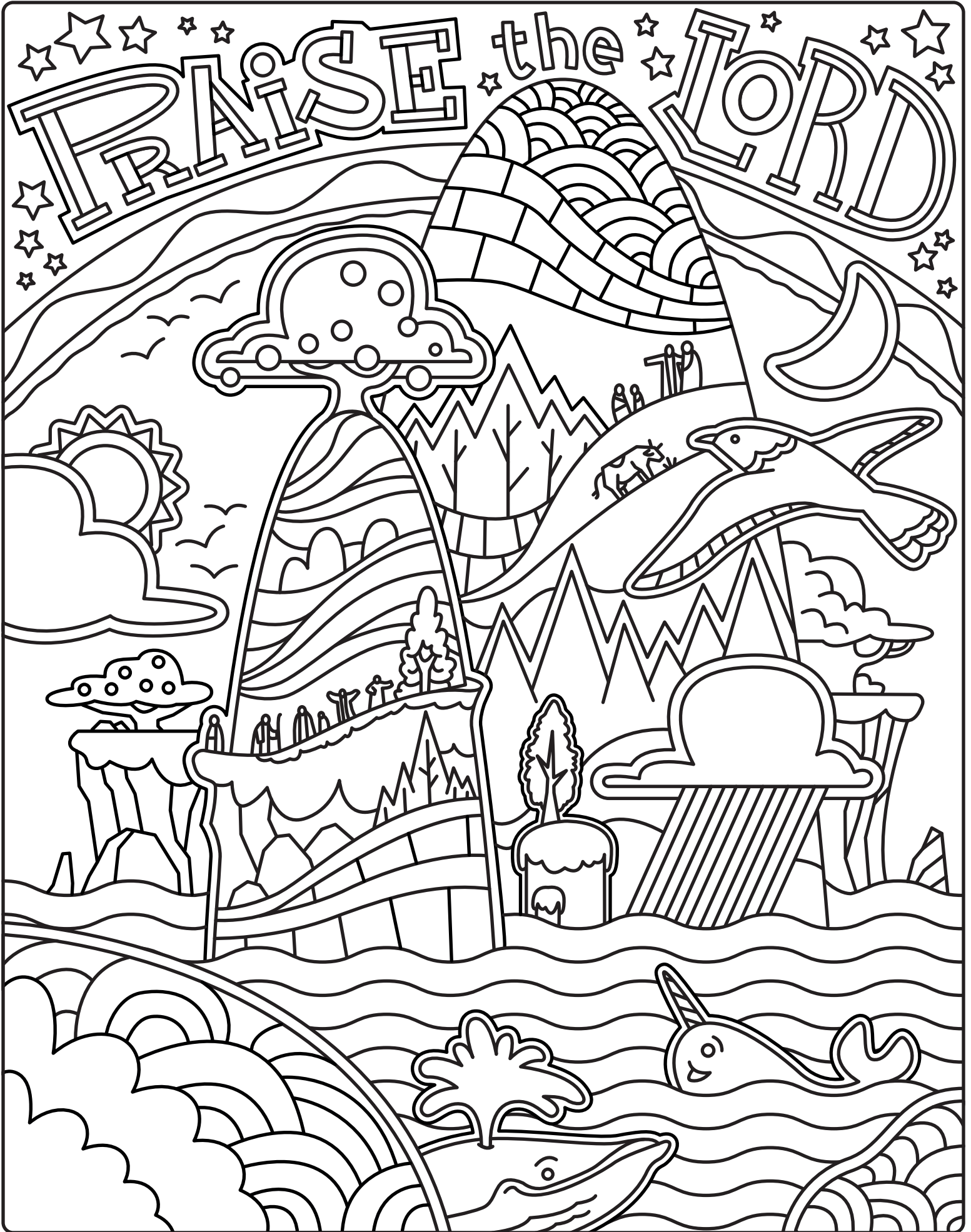
- What are some of your favorite sights, sounds, or sensations in nature?
- How do you feel when you see, hear, or sense/feel all God has created?
- How do you praise God?

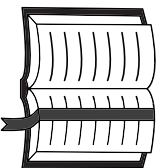
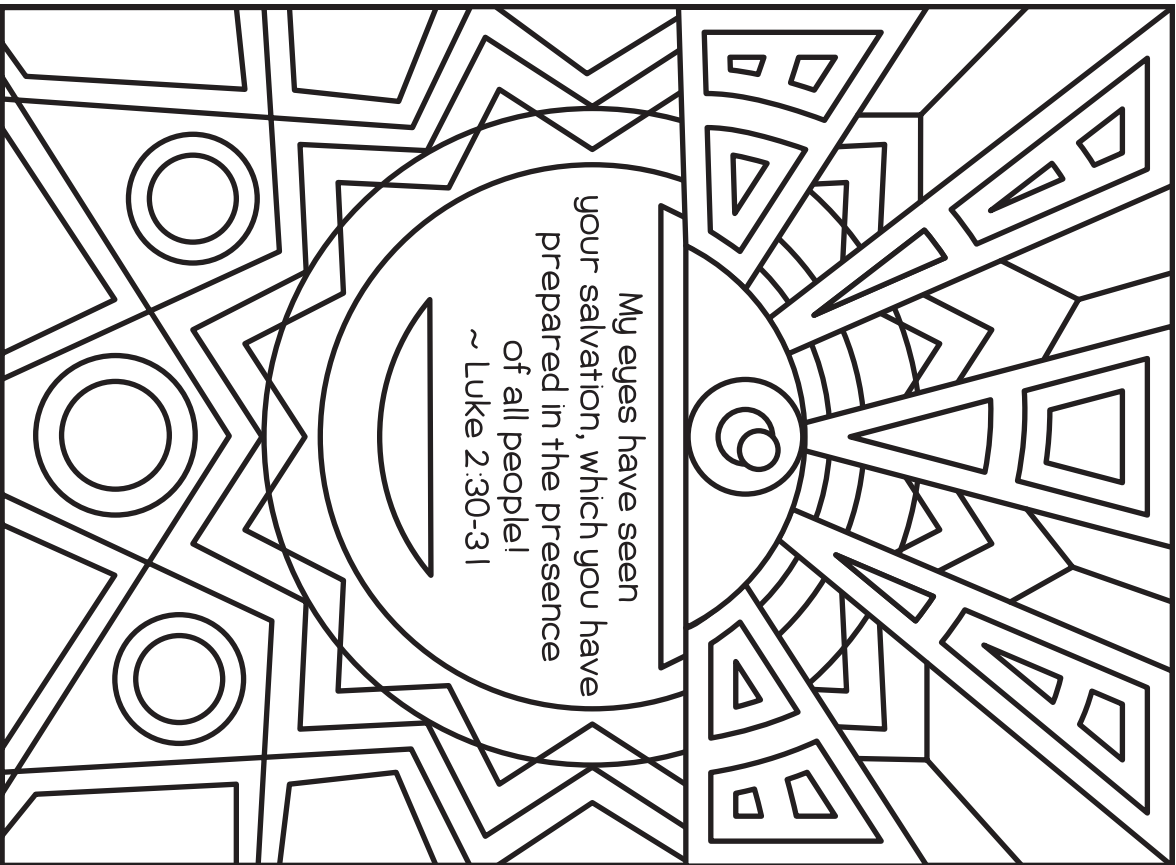
## WRAP-UP

Tell the children today's scripture comes from Psalm 148, a poem that tells us all creation (not only humankind) praises God! Show today's illustration to the children and read the words, "Praise the Lord!" Then ask the children to name the different parts of God's creation they see in the illustration. There are so many! Ask the children how all these things they've noticed might praise God. For example, you may want to point out that the sun praises God by lighting up the sky and warming the earth, or the sea creatures praise God by swimming in the deepest, darkest part of the ocean. How might trees praise God? What about fish, mountains, or caterpillars? Affirm the children's responses and share with them the good news that we humans are not alone in praising God! Even though Christmas Day has come and gone, we in the church are still celebrating Christmas and praising God that Jesus has been born. The Christmas season in our church calendar lasts for twelve days—from Christmas day on December 25th until Epiphany on January 6th. Think back to the story of Jesus' birth. Angels and shepherds praised God the night Jesus was born, but so did the animals near the manger and the bright star that appeared in the night sky over Bethlehem. All creation was praising God on the night Jesus was born!

## PRAYER

Dear God, when we see, hear, or feel our favorite sights, sounds, and sensations in the world you have created, remind us that the whole earth praises you and celebrates Jesus' being born. **Amen.**



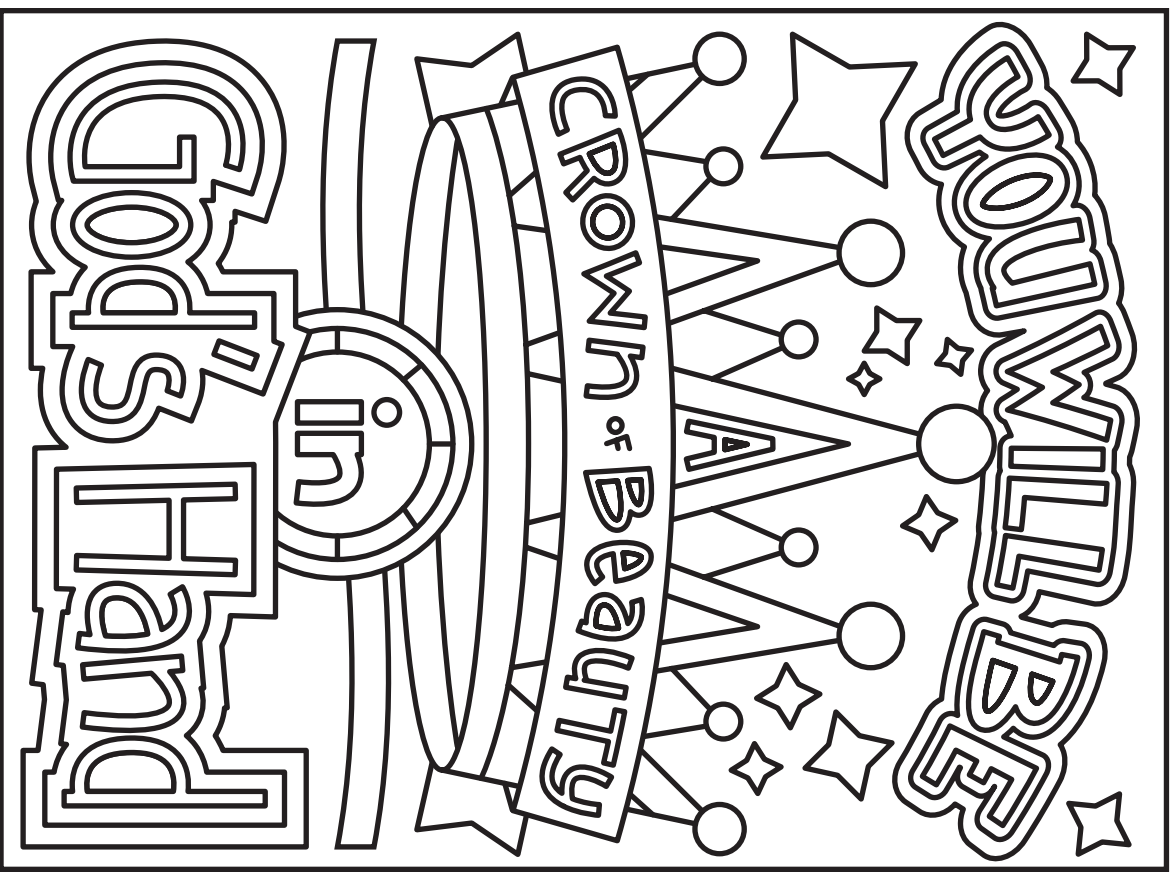


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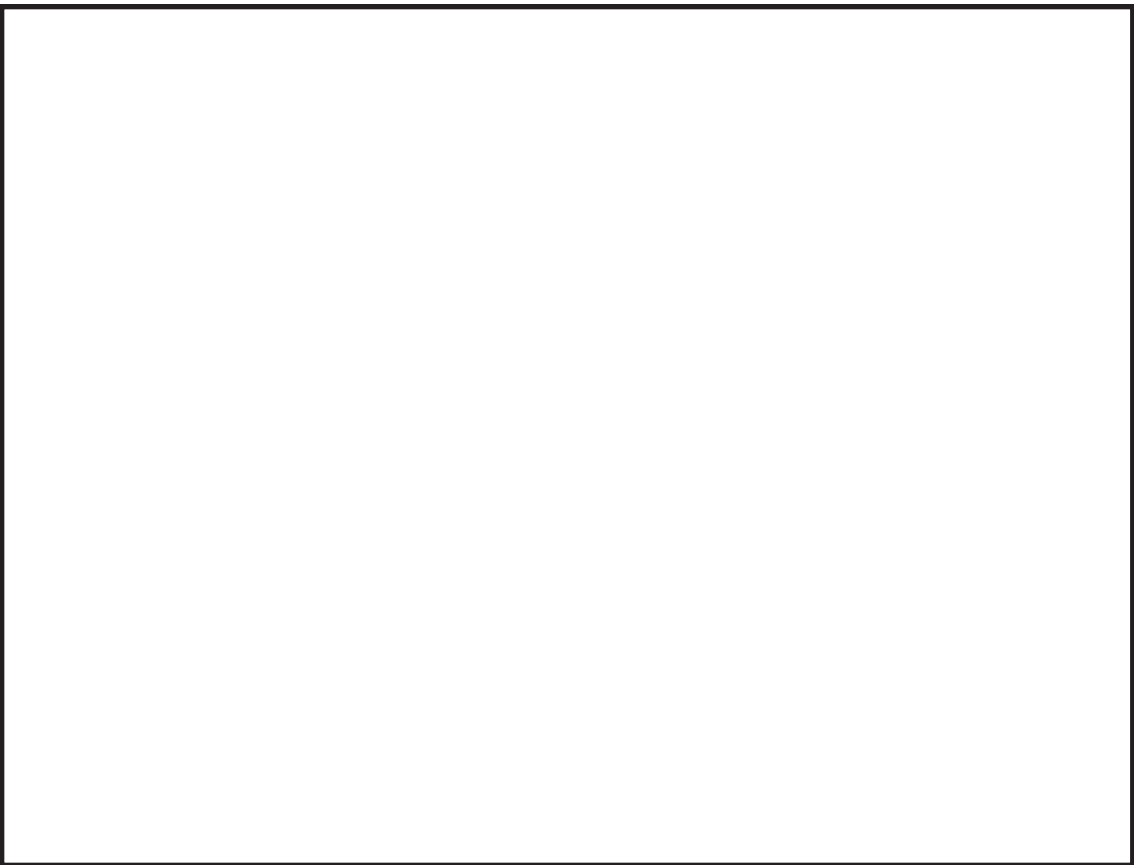
Activities based on Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Luke 2:22-40.





# DRAW IT

Psalm 148 tells all of creation to praise the Lord! The angels, earth, sun, moon, stars, water, animals, snow, fire, trees, mountains, and more! Draw a picture of all creation praising and thanking God!



# SOLVE (the) MAZE

Luke 2 tells the story of Jesus' parents bringing him to the temple to be dedicated to God. Help Mary and Joseph find their way!

