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*3-D Printable
Advent Calendar
Boxes
B&W Version*

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Instructions and Recommendations

Printing:

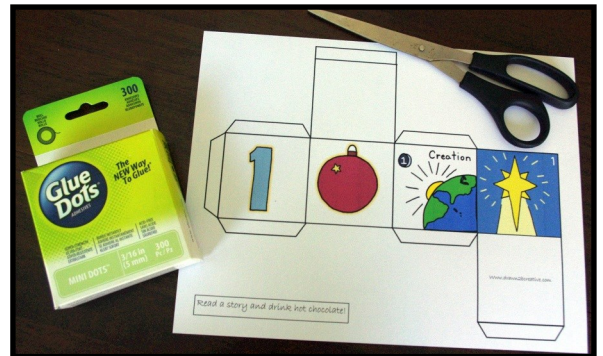
I recommend printing these on cardstock.

Print the color versions for an already finished looking project. Or print the black and white cards to color in yourself.

Assembly:

Assembling 25 boxes is no quick work- so get yourself a hot chocolate, put on your favorite movie and gather your materials. You will need:

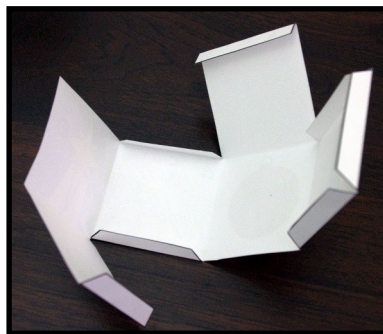
- All 25 box patterns in color OR B&W printed on cardstock
- Crayons/coloring pencils/markers if you wish to color them yourselves
- Scissors
- Glue dots (sometimes called adhesive dots)



Do NOT use glue stick or glue. Tape will work if you're in a pinch. Glue dots work really well for these boxes (and most 3d crafts!), and I highly recommend them.

- Treats (ideas listed on next page)
- Tissue paper (optional, to put inside the boxes)

Cut out around the outside of the box pattern, careful not to cut the tabs off. Crease all the solid lines (sides, top and bottom, and all the tabs). Using glue dots, fold and stick the trapezoids to form the sides and bottom to create a box. Do NOT glue down the lid though! The top needs to be able to open so you can fill the boxes with goodies, and your children can open them.



Displaying:

The 3-D Advent Calendar Boxes have 4 different pictures on the sides to give you lots of fun ways to count down the days until Christmas! The four types of pictures are:

- Block numbers
- Ornaments with stars instead of numbers
- Jesse Tree people/events
- Nativity

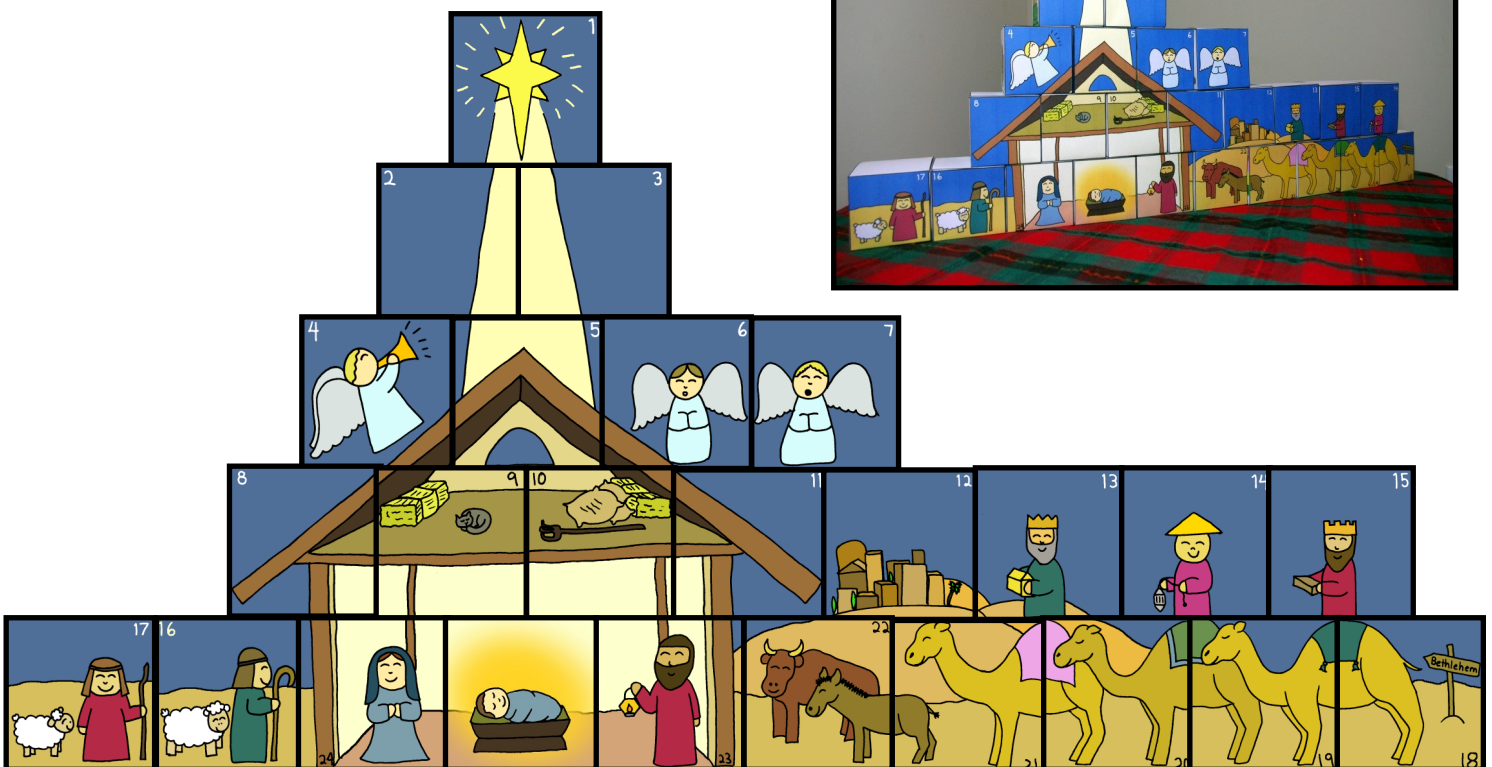
For the numbers, ornaments and Jesse Tree pictures, you can stack them or arrange them in many different ways to suit your space or wants. Line them all up along your mantel if it's long enough, or down the



middle of a dining room table. Stack them up in a pyramid like these pictures show. Or you could even have fun hiding them all throughout the house.

The Nativity shows one large picture when the blocks are arranged. Use this key and the pictures to help you set them up. It's a little like putting together a puzzle! There is still some variability in how you arrange the

shepherds and wisemen.



Filling them:

There are plenty of fun ways to fill your Advent Calendar boxes! Consider putting a small candy inside, a small toy, a clue to a place where a larger toy or book has been hidden, or strips of paper with activities to do. I went ahead and made 25 different activities on rectangles (one of each page) that you can use to fill your boxes if you desire. They are a variety of fun ideas, and works of charity. You could even make it a mixture of all of the above, filling them sometimes with candy, sometimes with an activity to do together, and sometimes with a small toy. Use whichever activity slips you like best, and in whichever order you want.

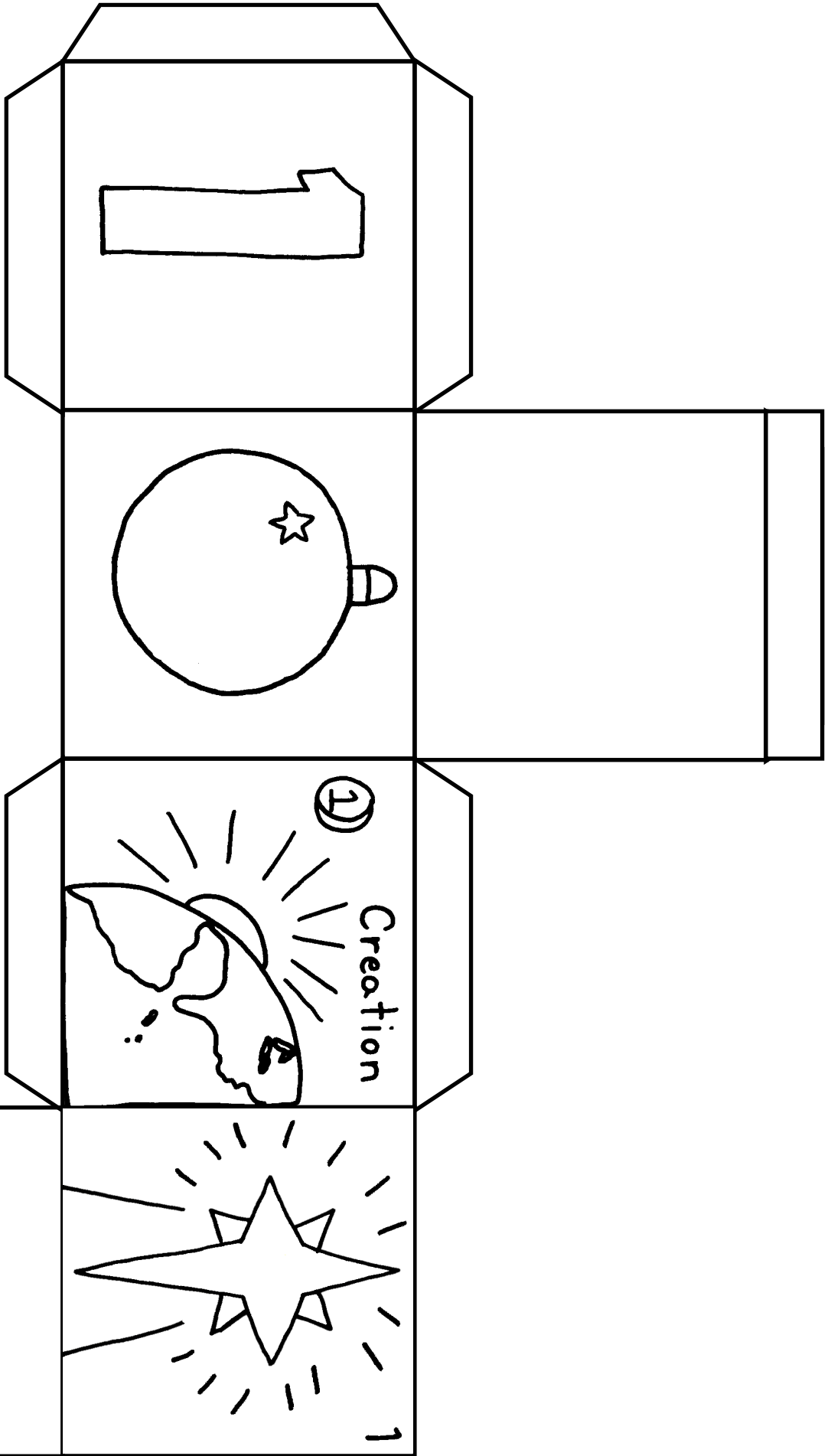


Use tissue paper to make it really nice! Once you fill it fold the top down and slide the rectangular tab into the box. If you have sneaky children, you could even secure it with a piece of tape to keep them from peeking!

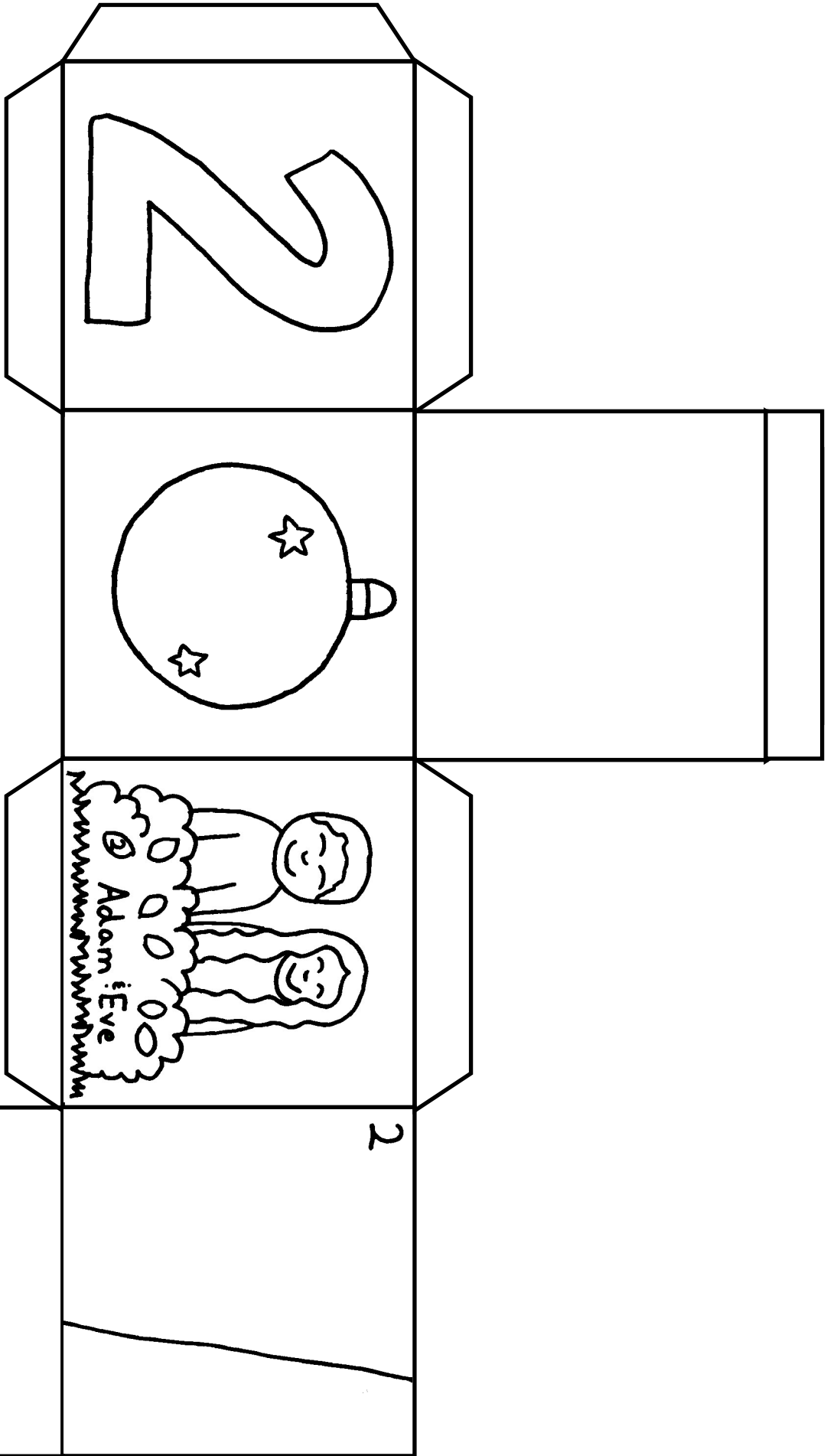
I pray that you have a blessed Advent and grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

God Bless,

Kristen

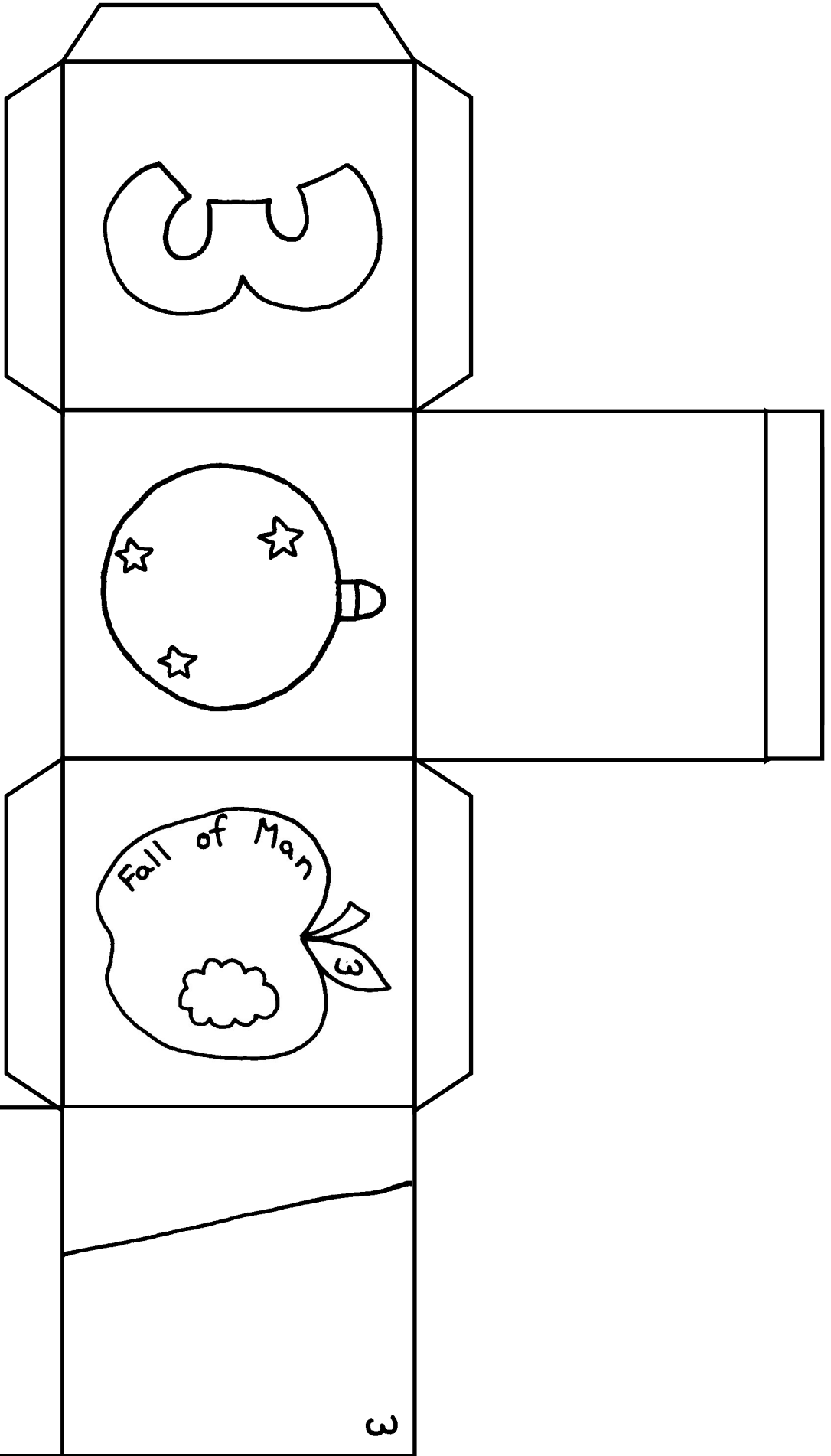


Read a story and drink hot chocolate!

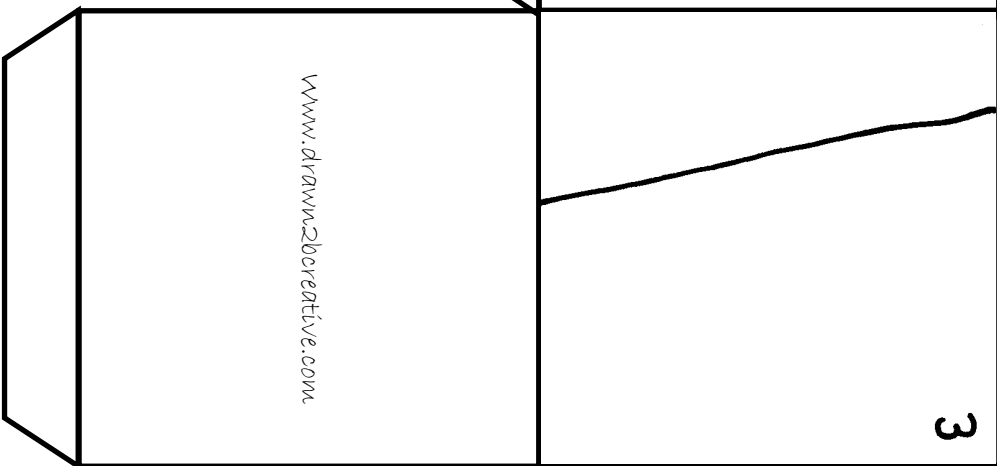


visit a sick or elderly friend!

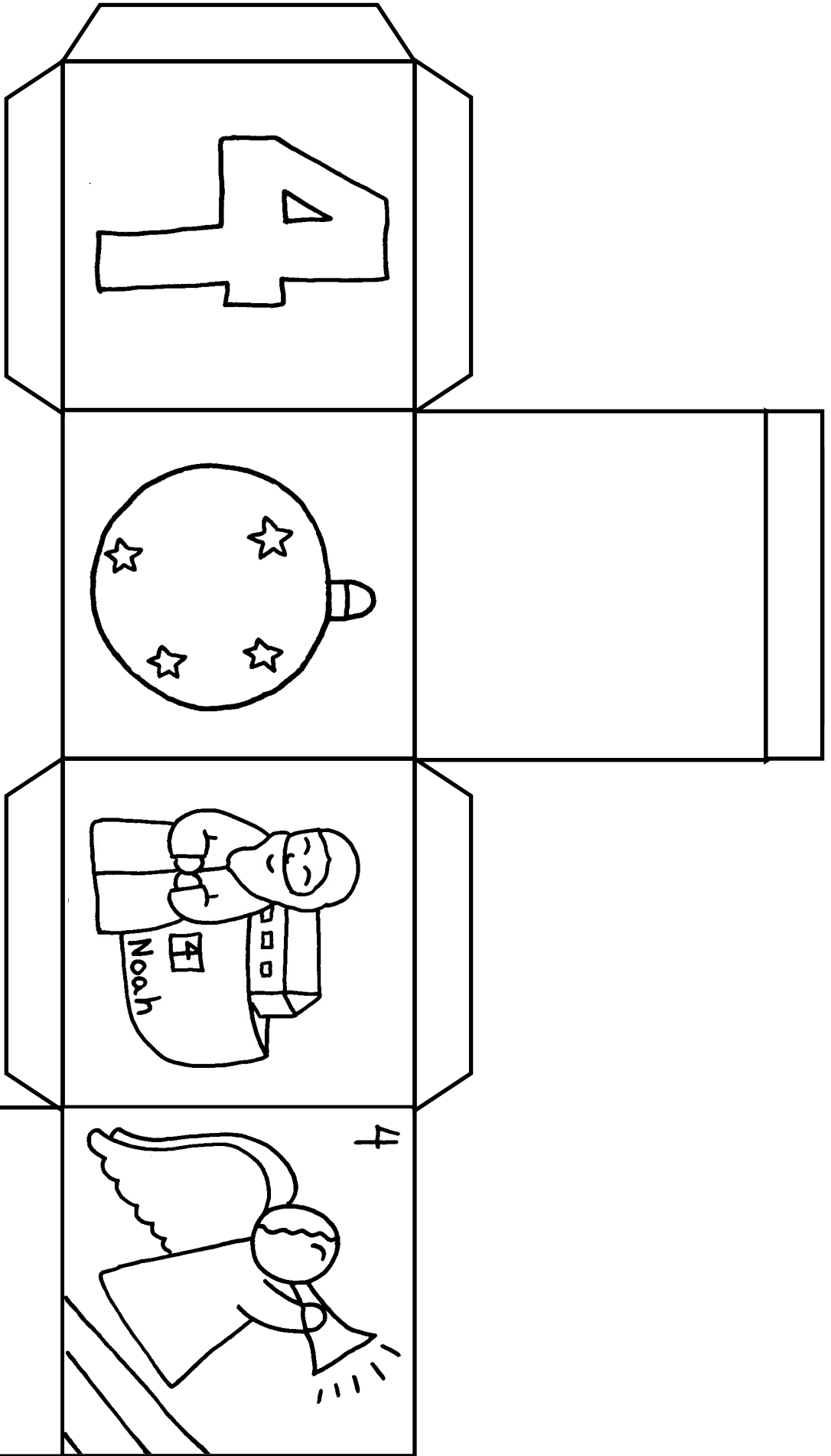
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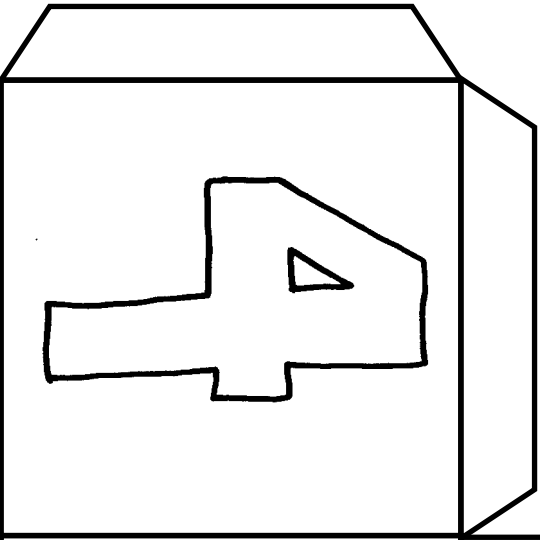
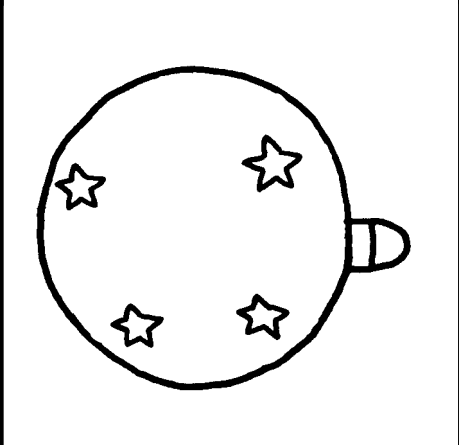
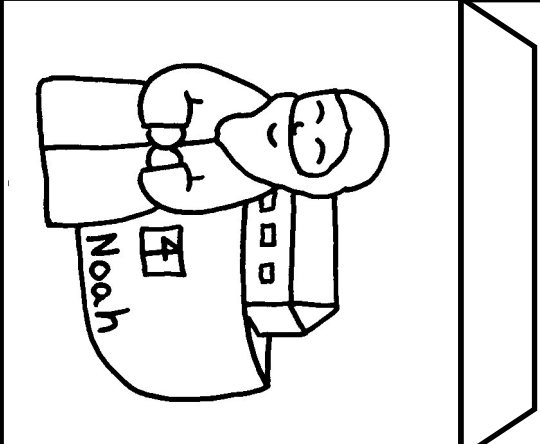
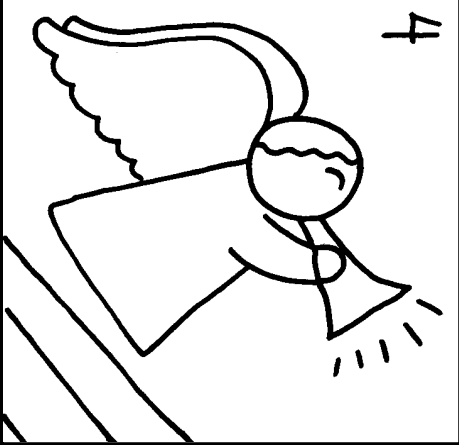
Make paper snowflakes!

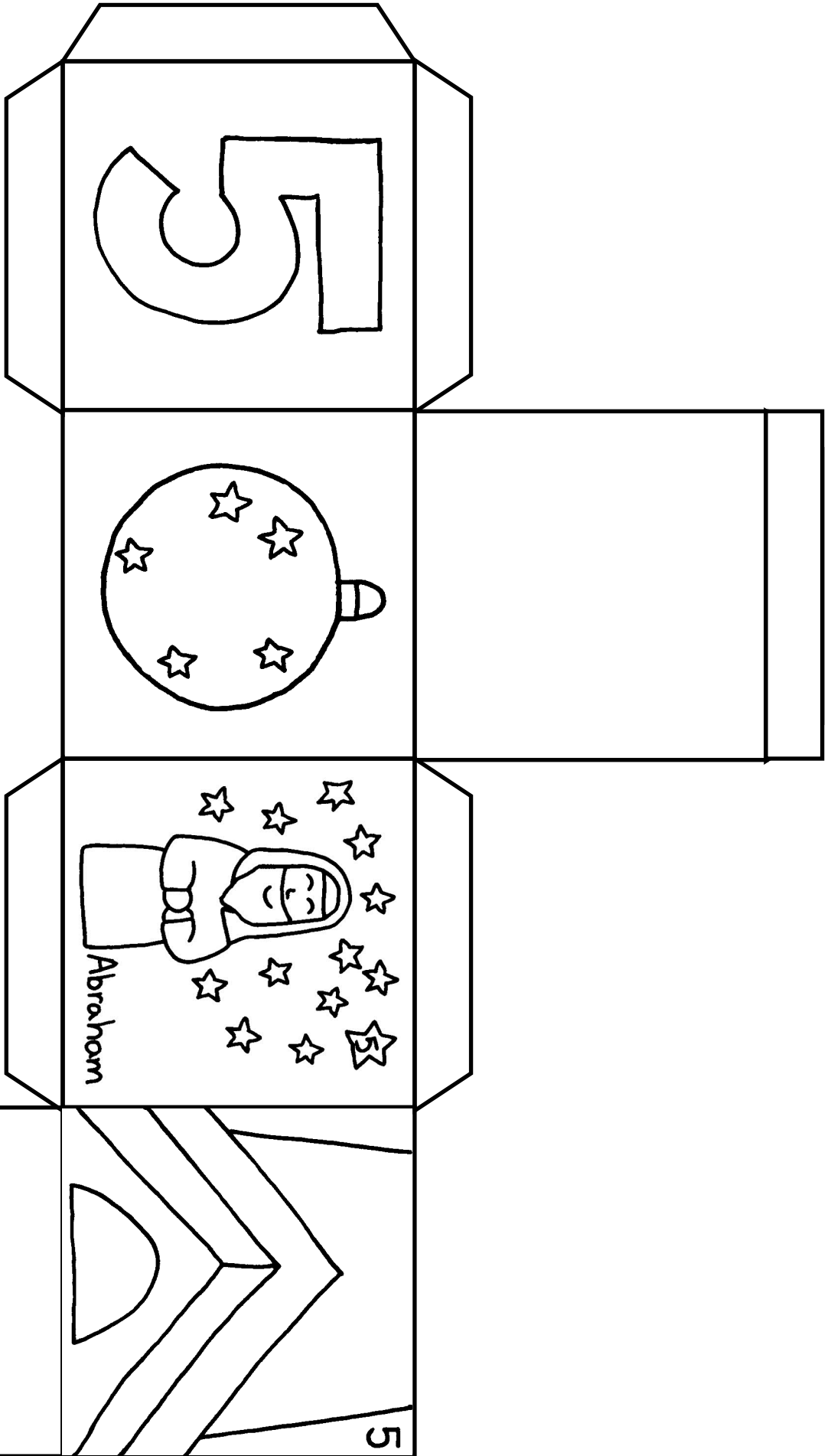


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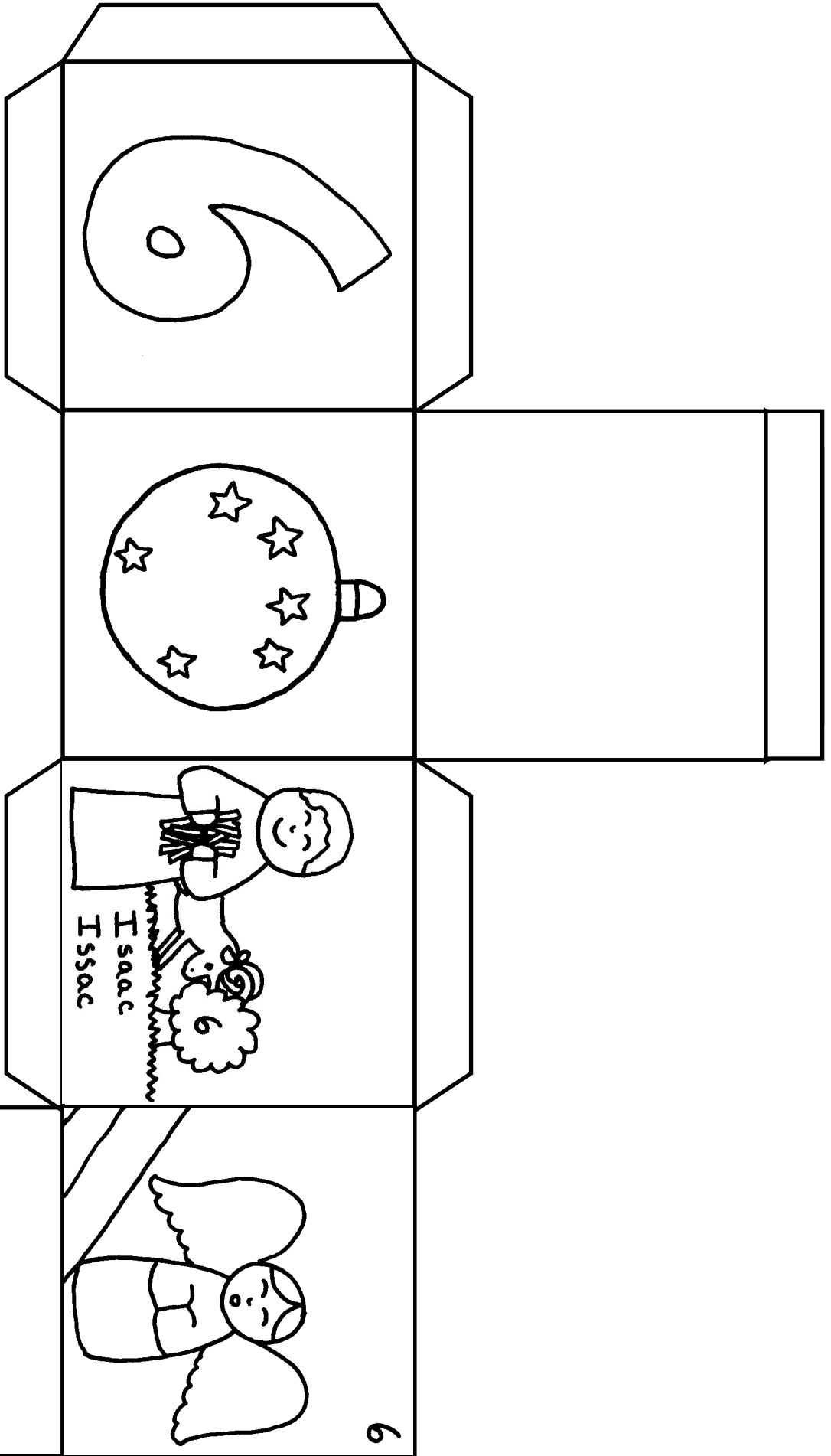


Write a letter to a friend or family member!



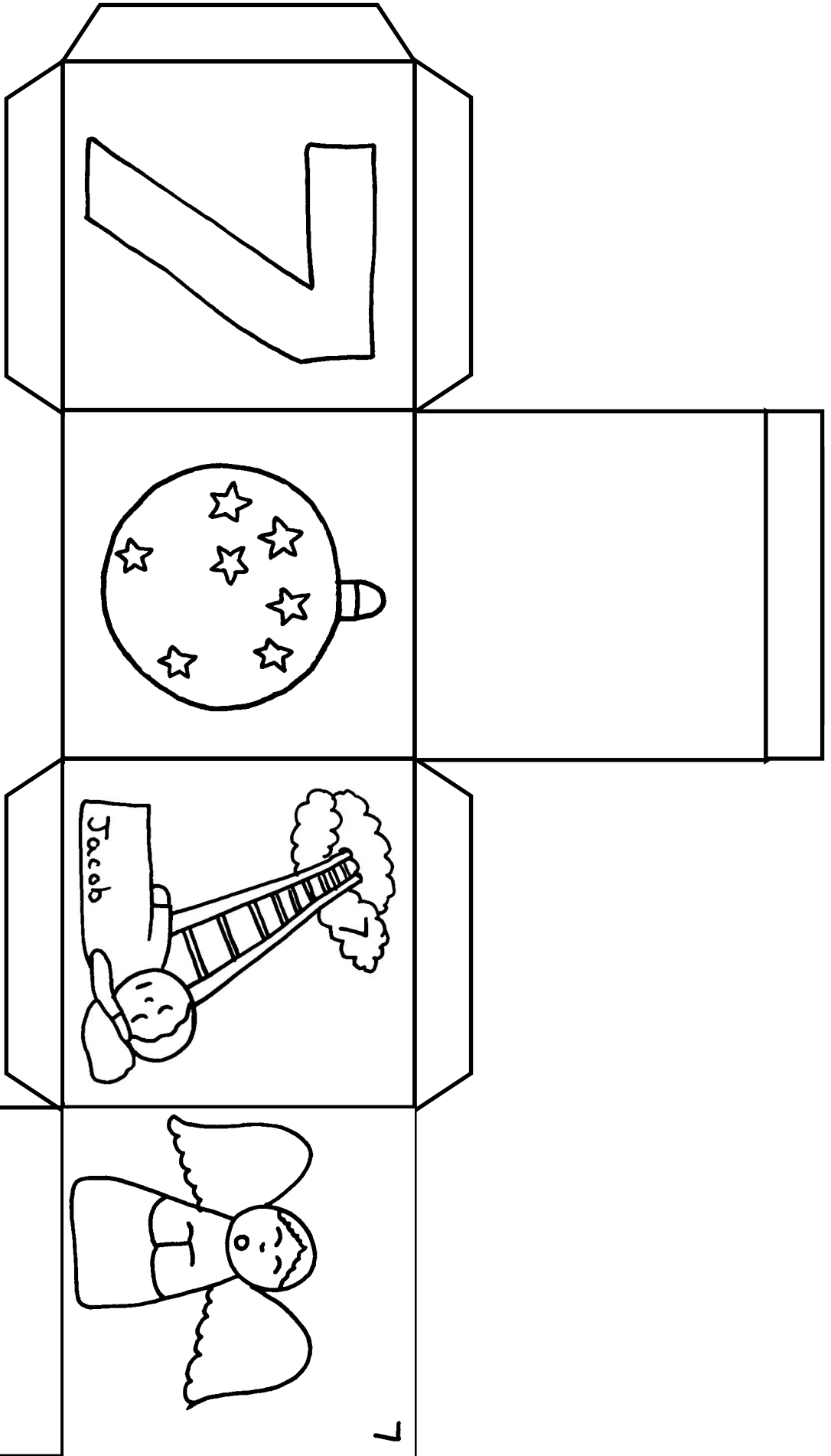


Fill a bag of groceries to donate to a charity!



Play a board game together!

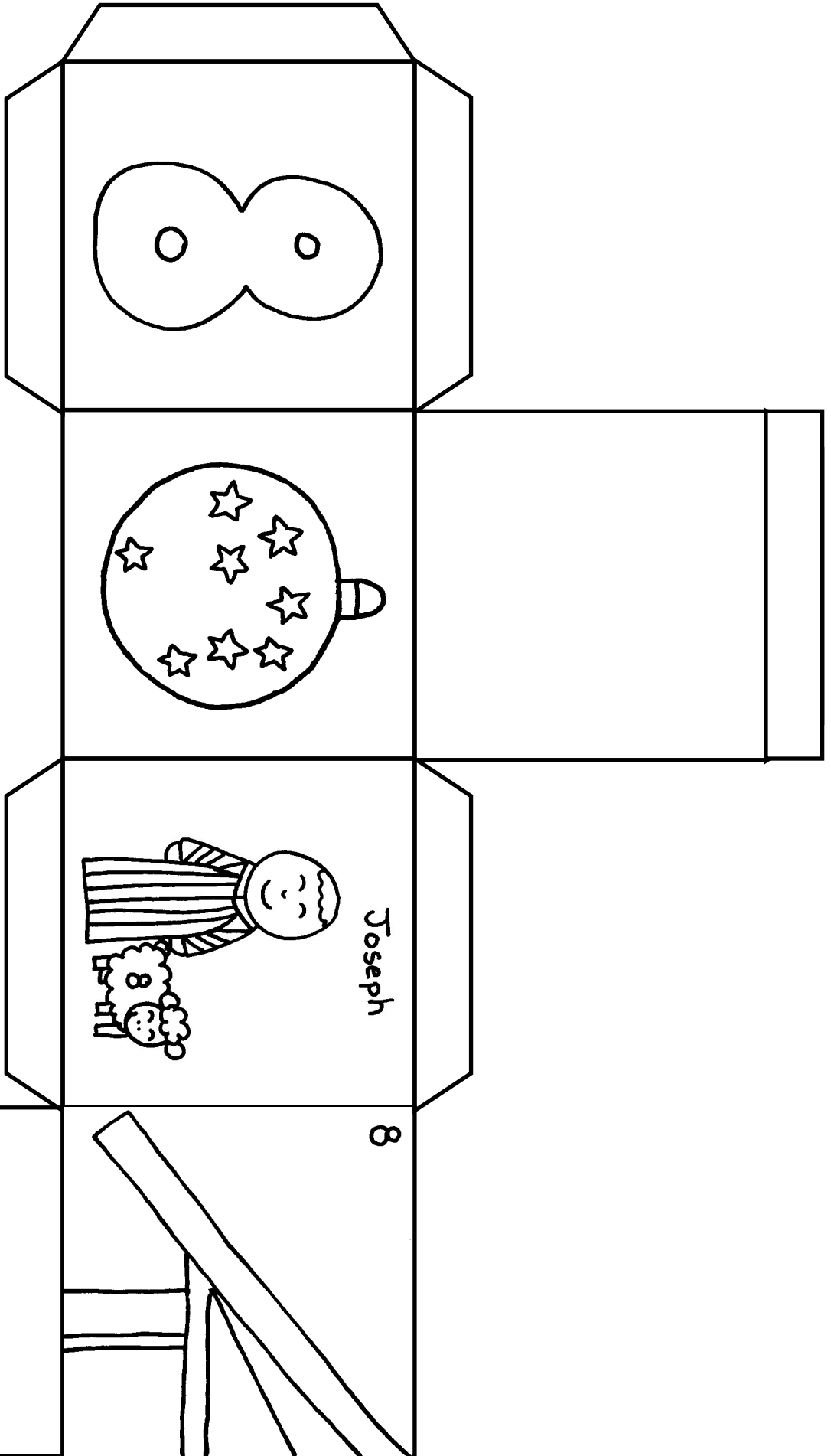
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Sing some Advent Carols!

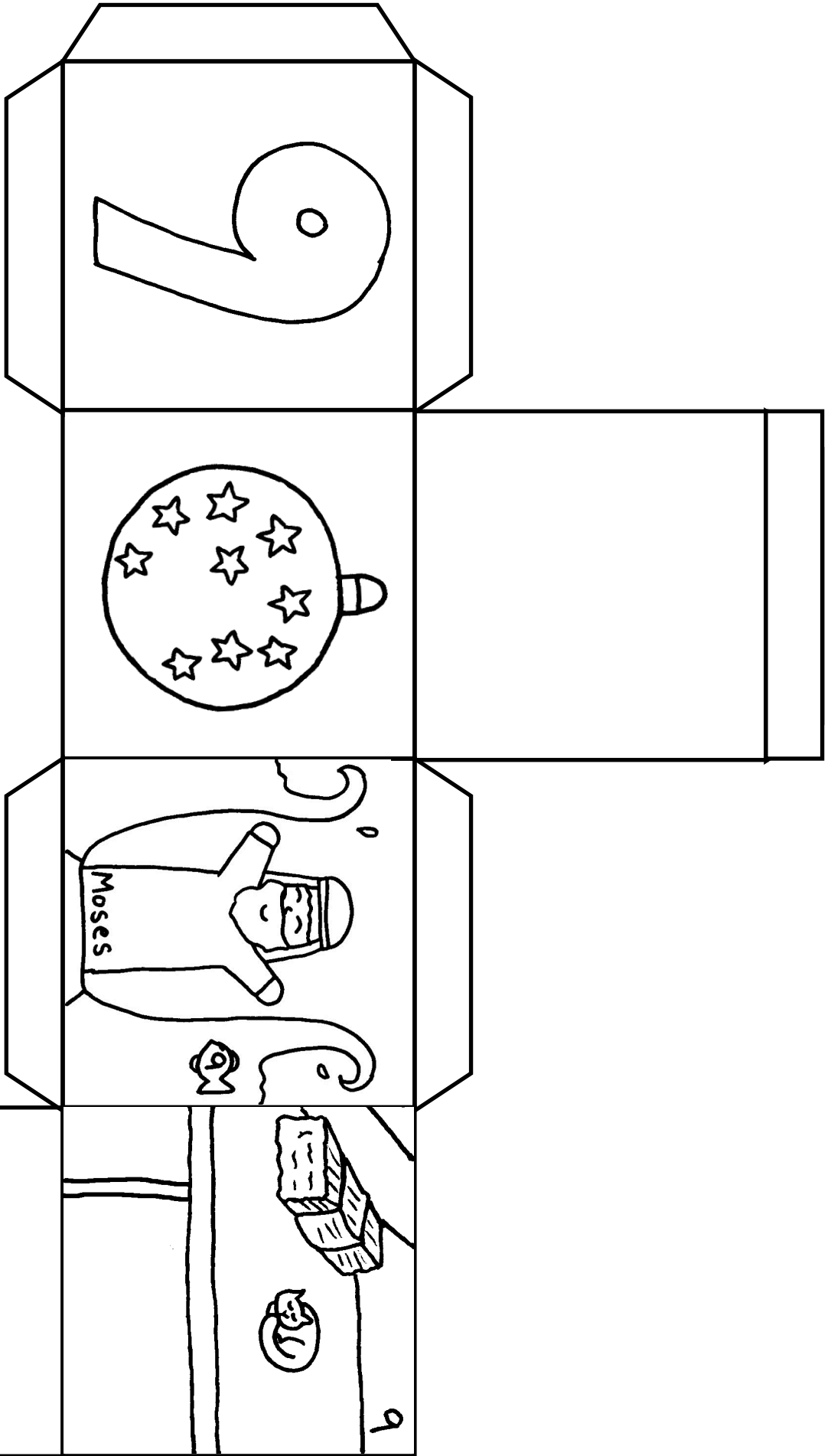
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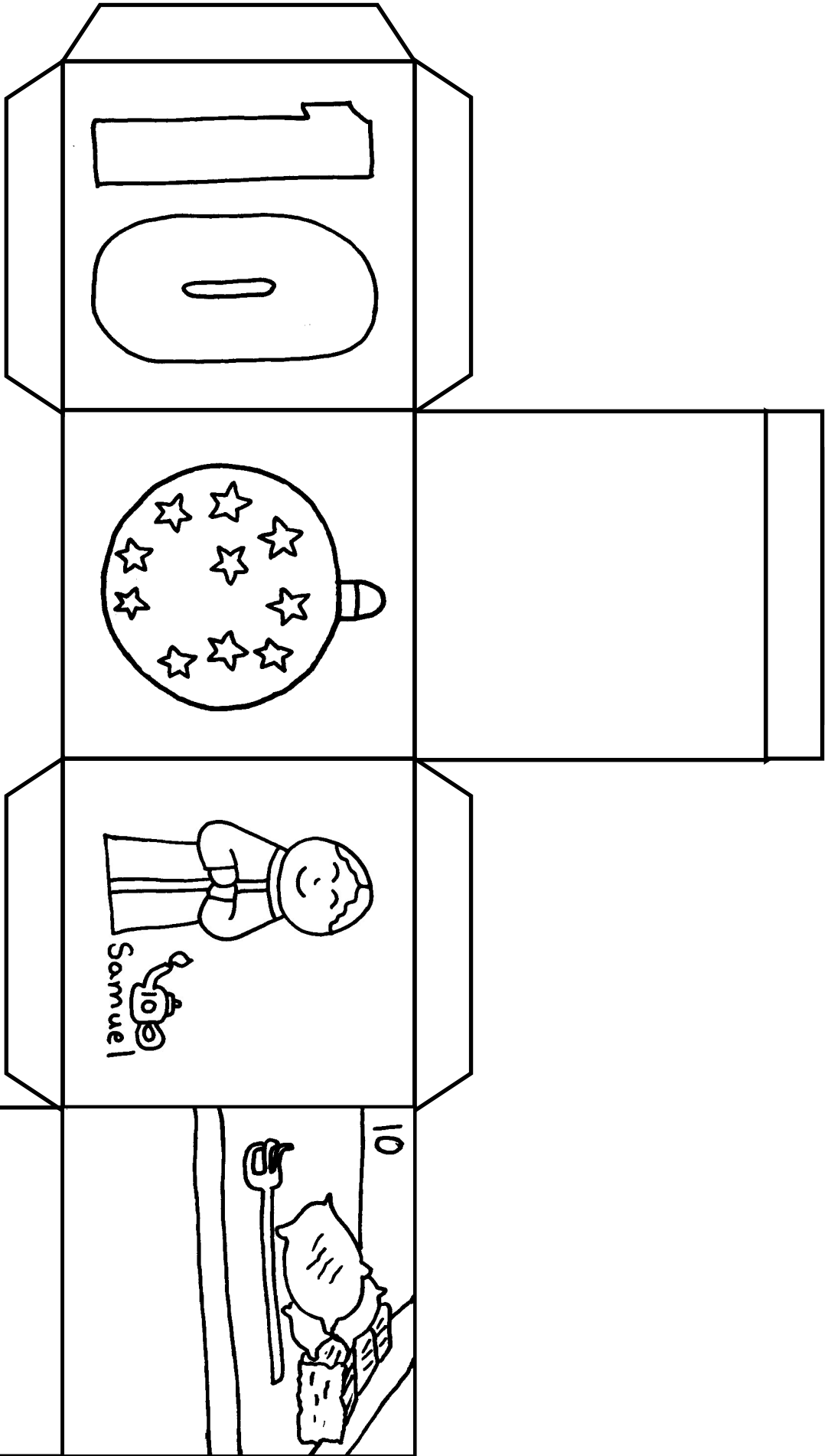
Bake cookies for a neighbor!

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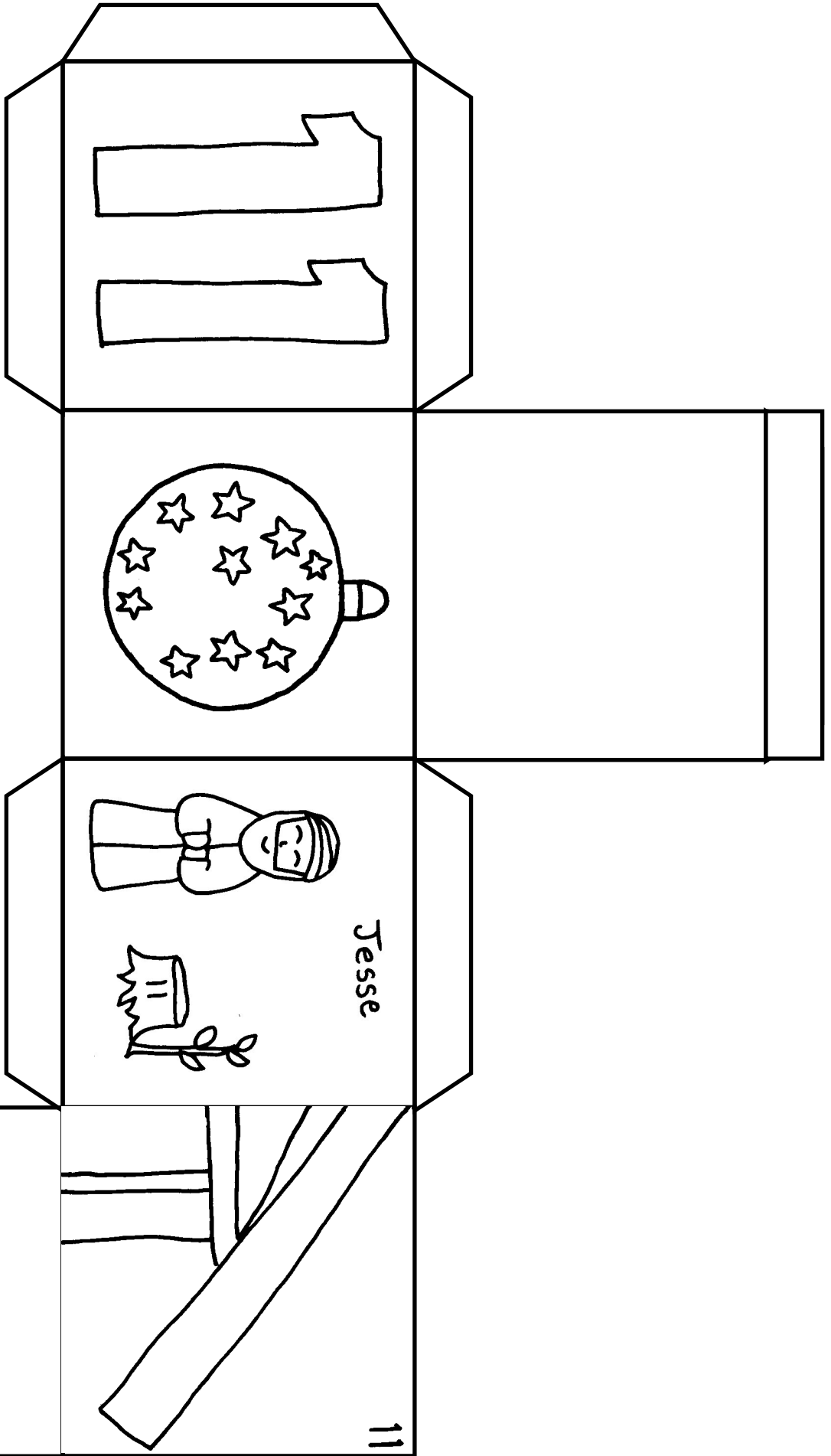


Drive around to look at Christmas lights!

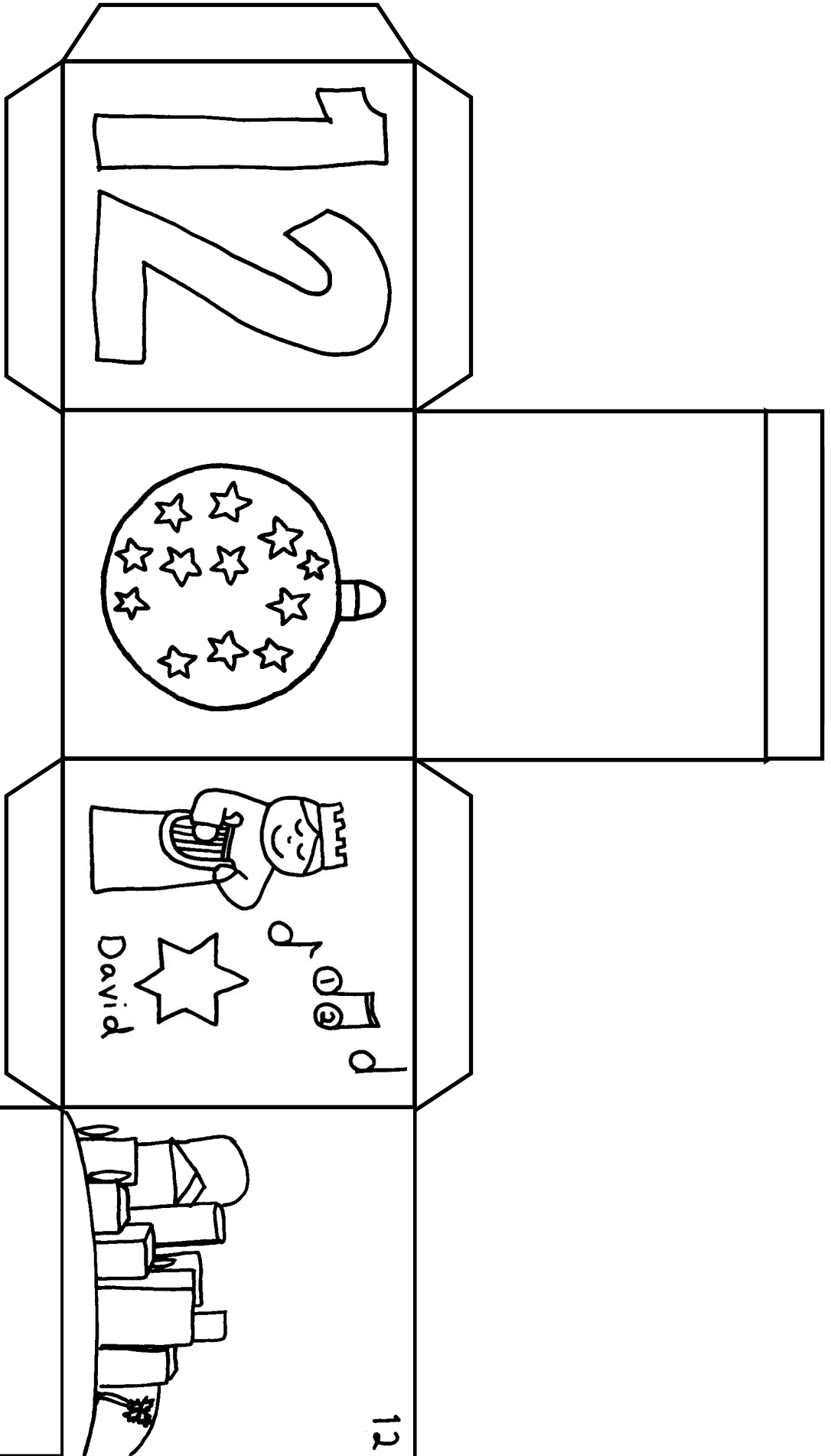
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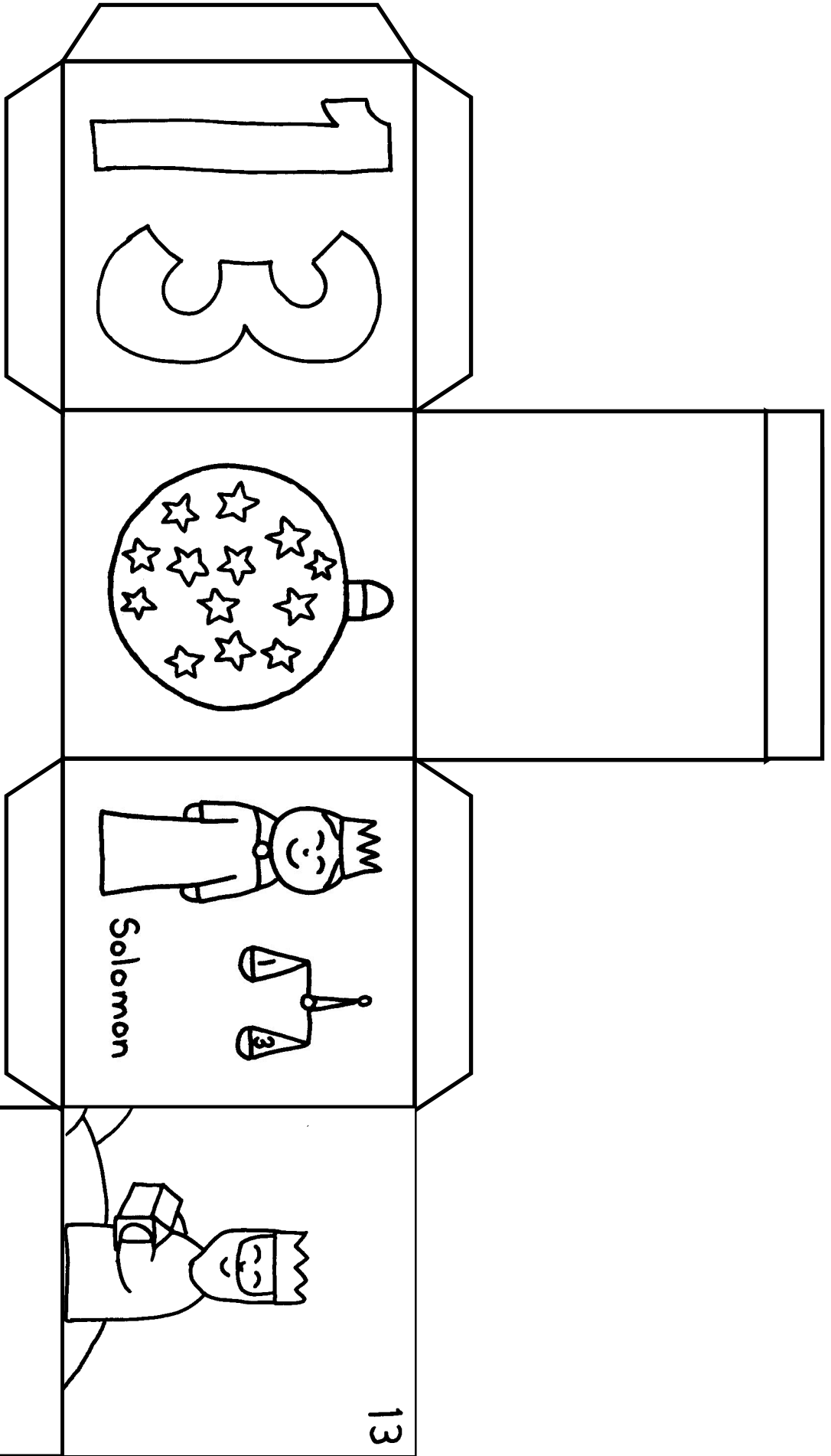
Bundle up and go for a nature walk!



Collect old towels to donate to an animal shelter!

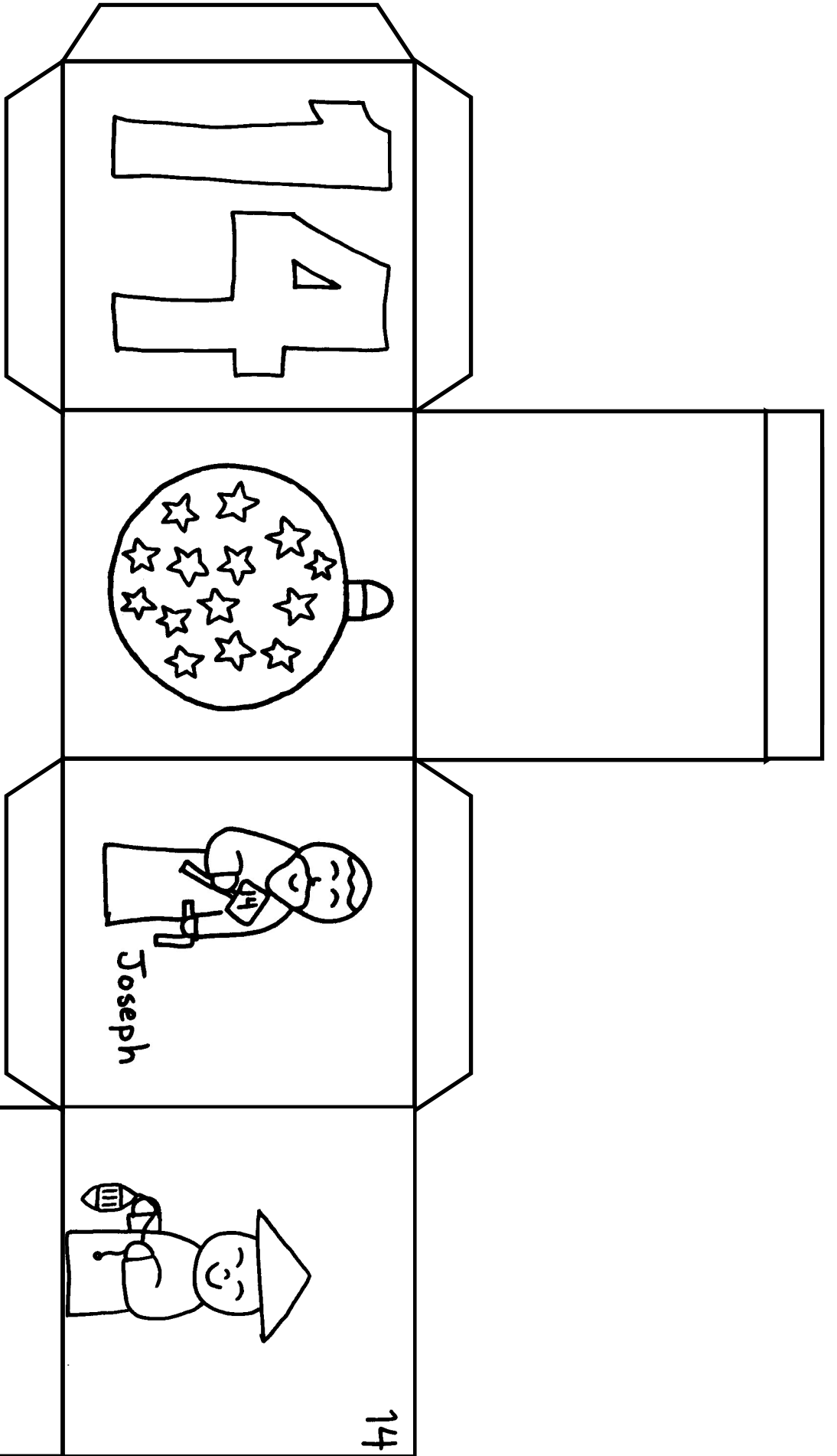


Choose some toys to donate!

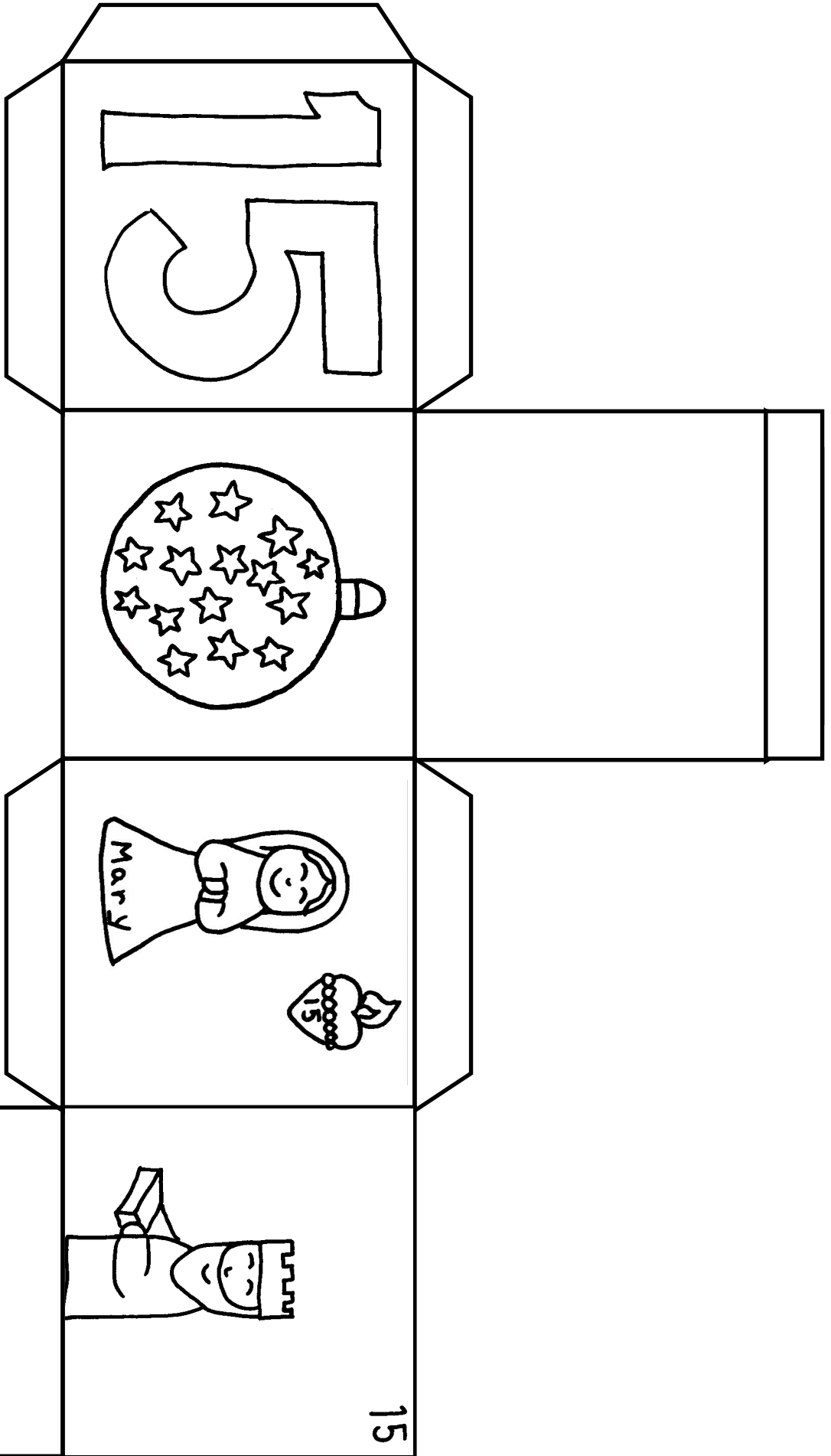


Adopt an angel from a local Angel Tree!

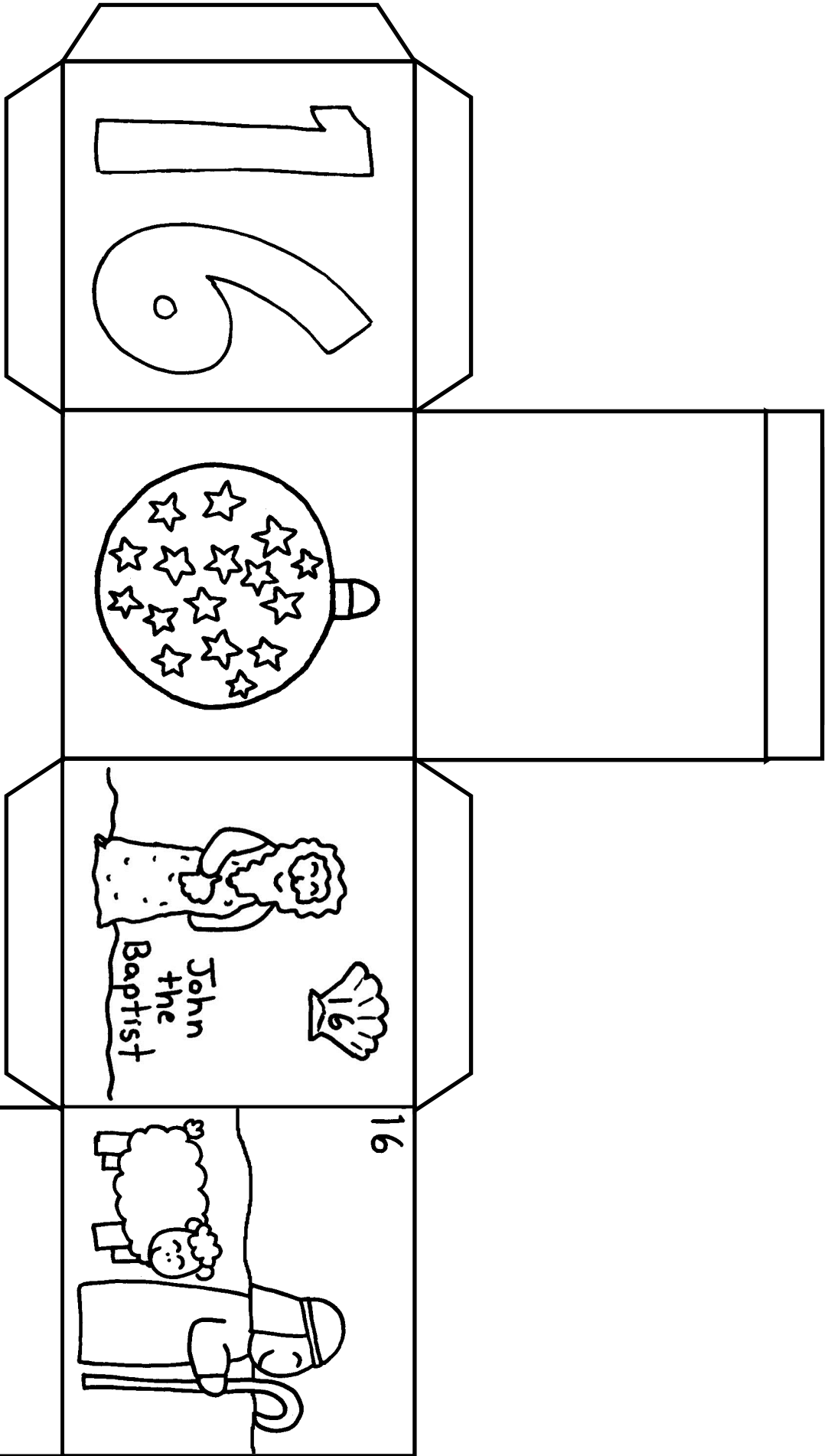
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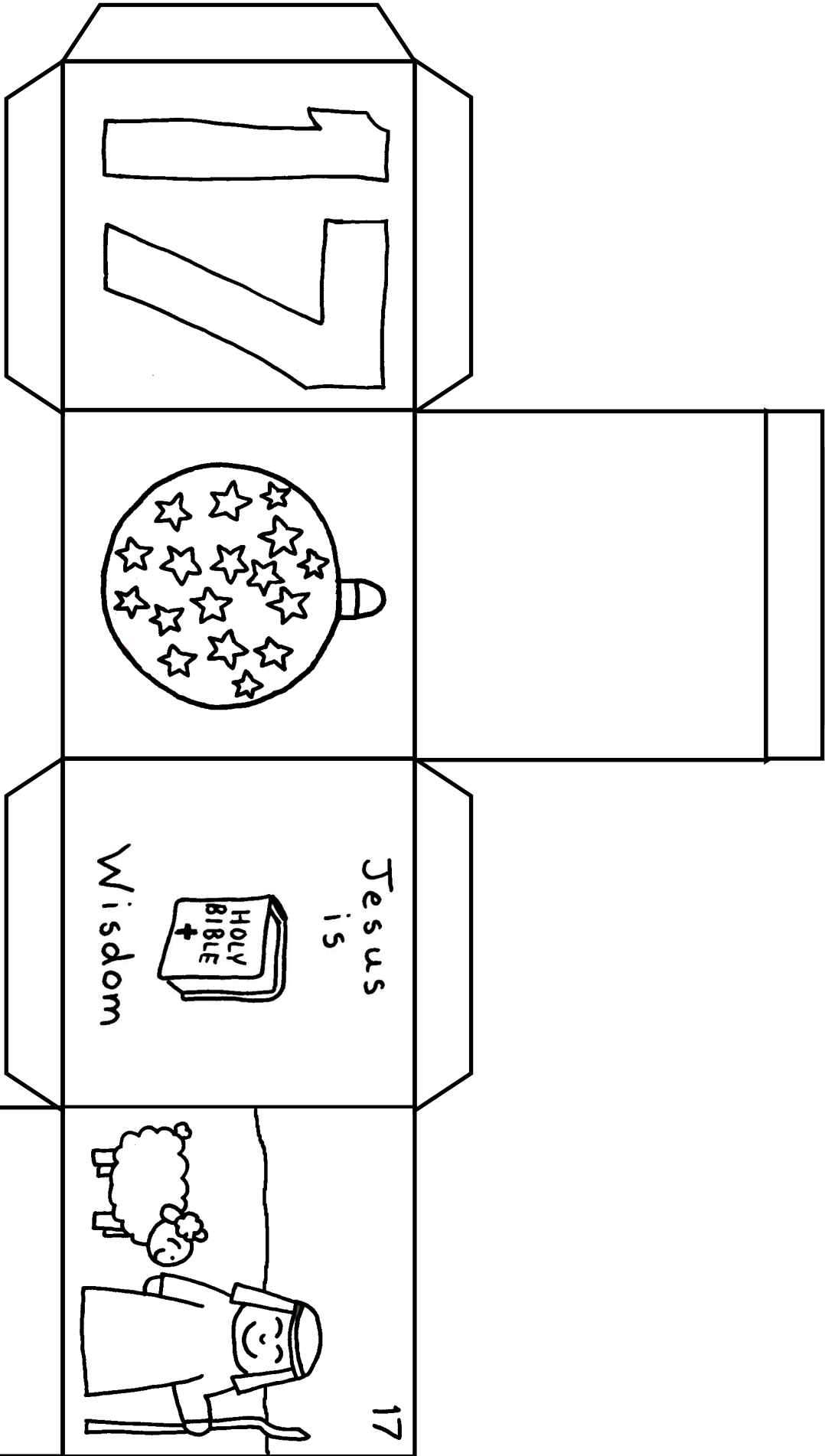
Fill a box for Operation Christmas Child!



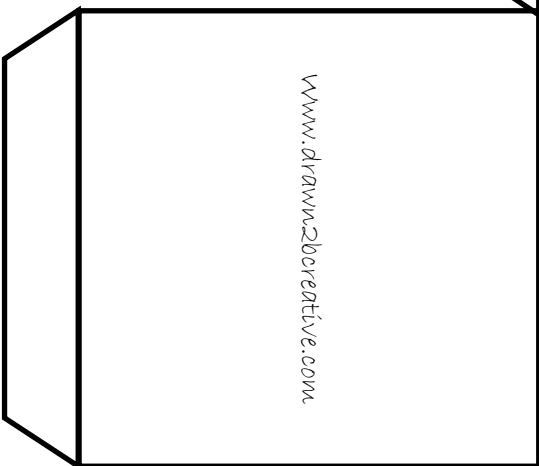
Make a gift for Jesus to put under the tree!

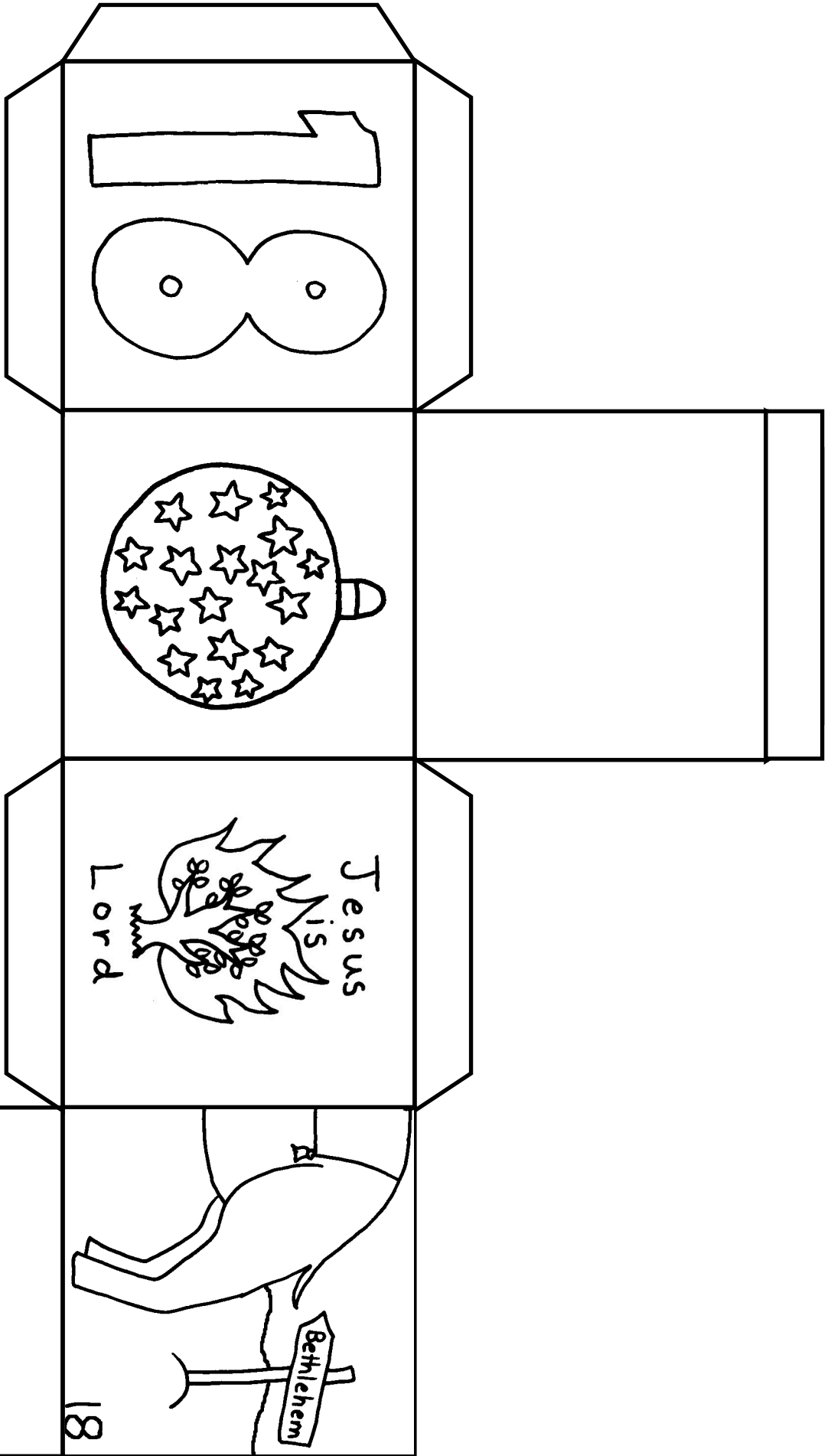


Make a list of what you are grateful for!

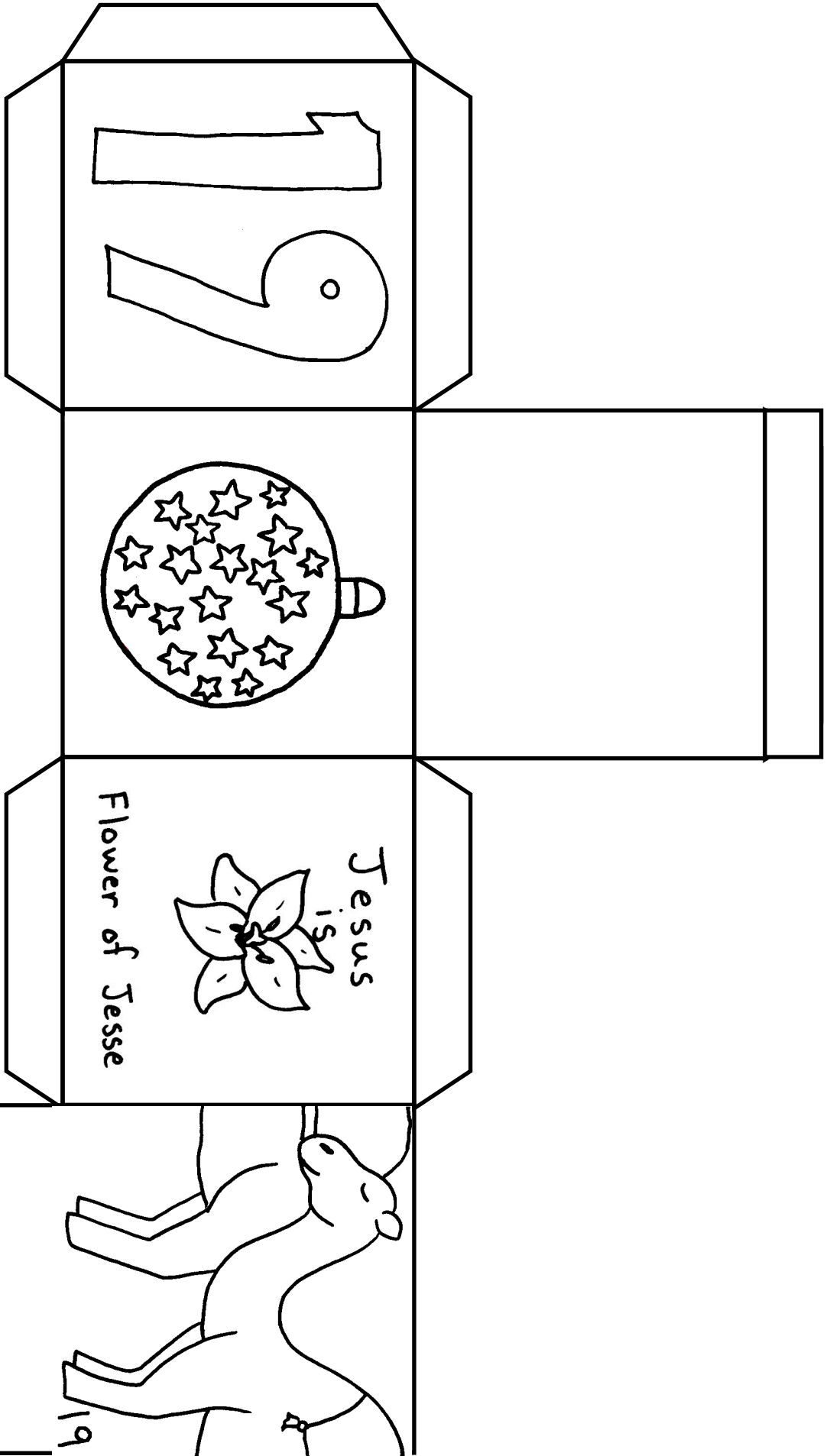


Pray for families who are struggling during this time of year!

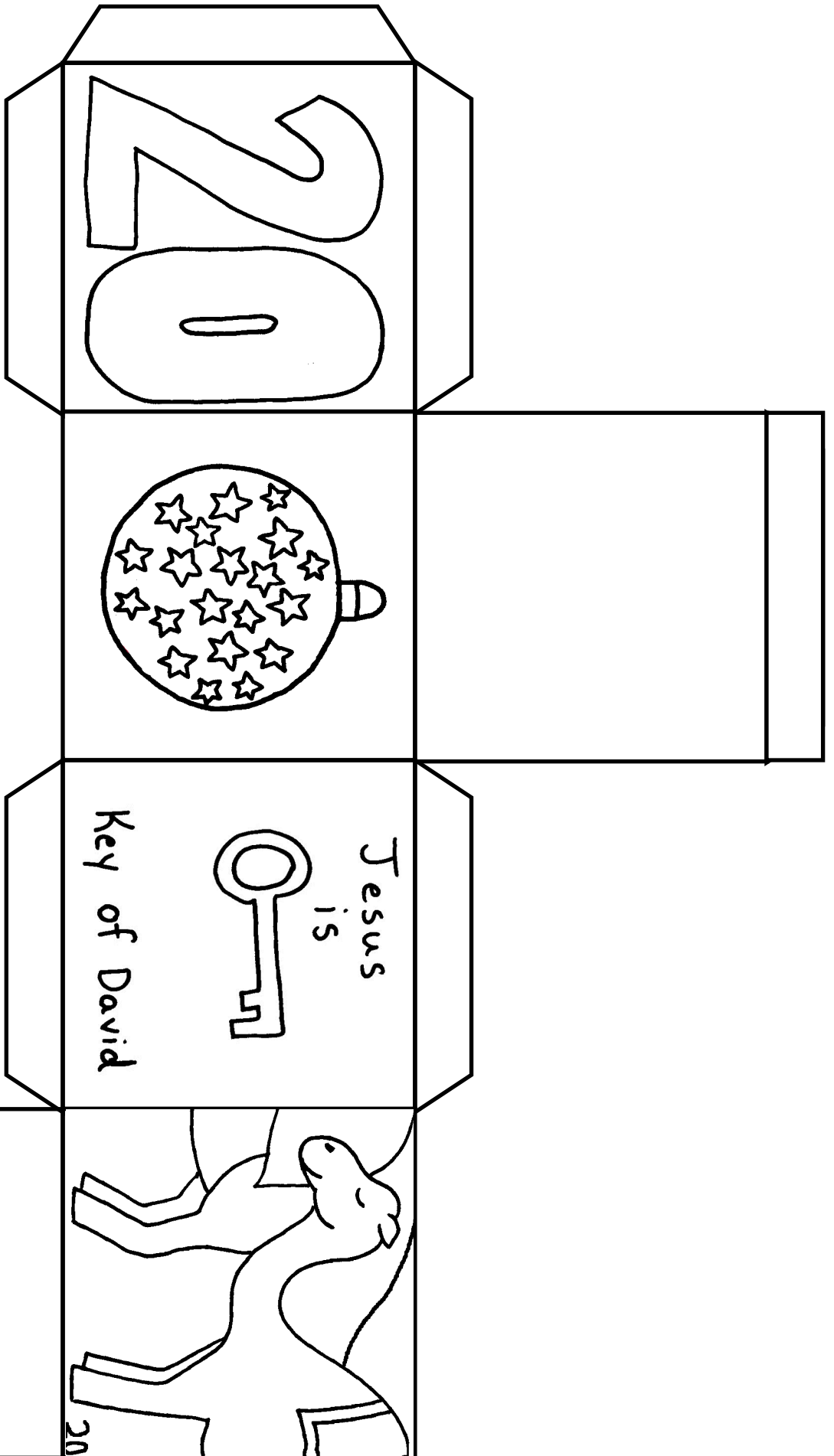




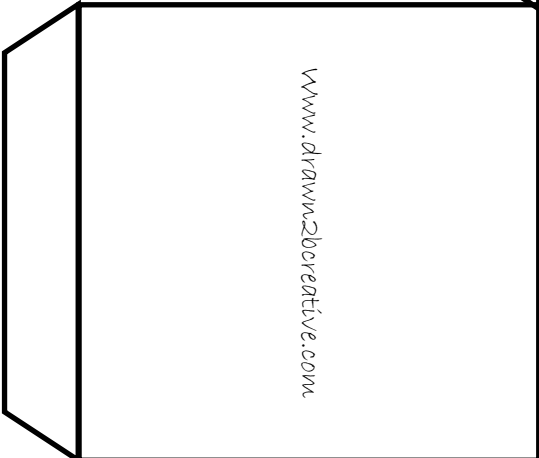
Pray for all the children who are in hospitals during this season!

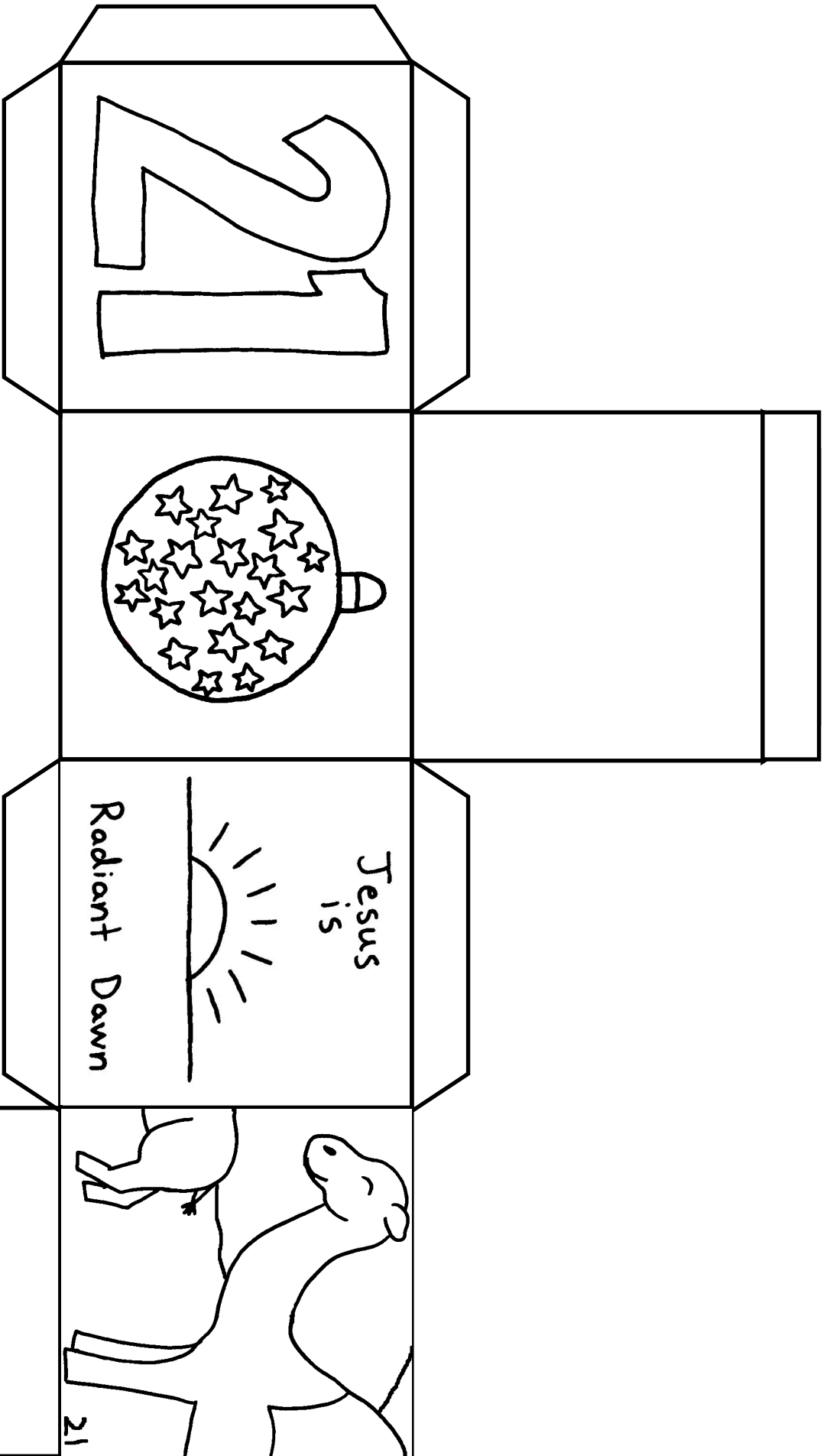


Visit a nursing home!

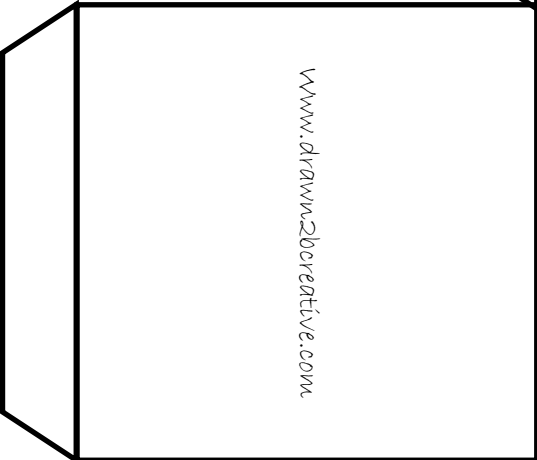


Make a gift or write a card to your mail man/lady!



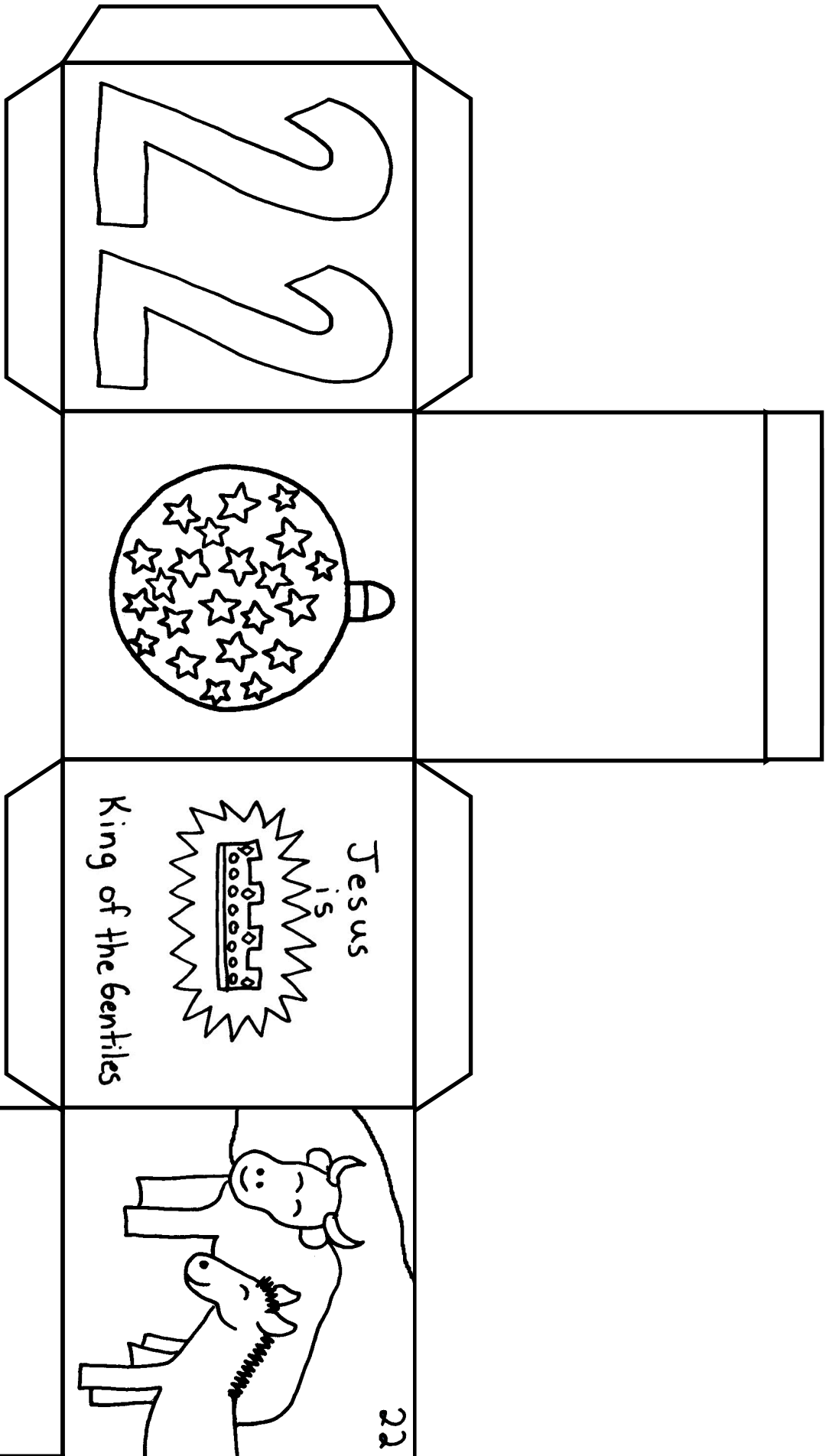


Watch the sunset and thank God for the beautiful world he created!

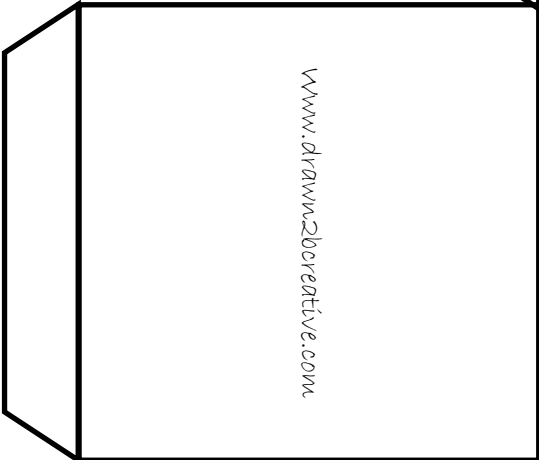


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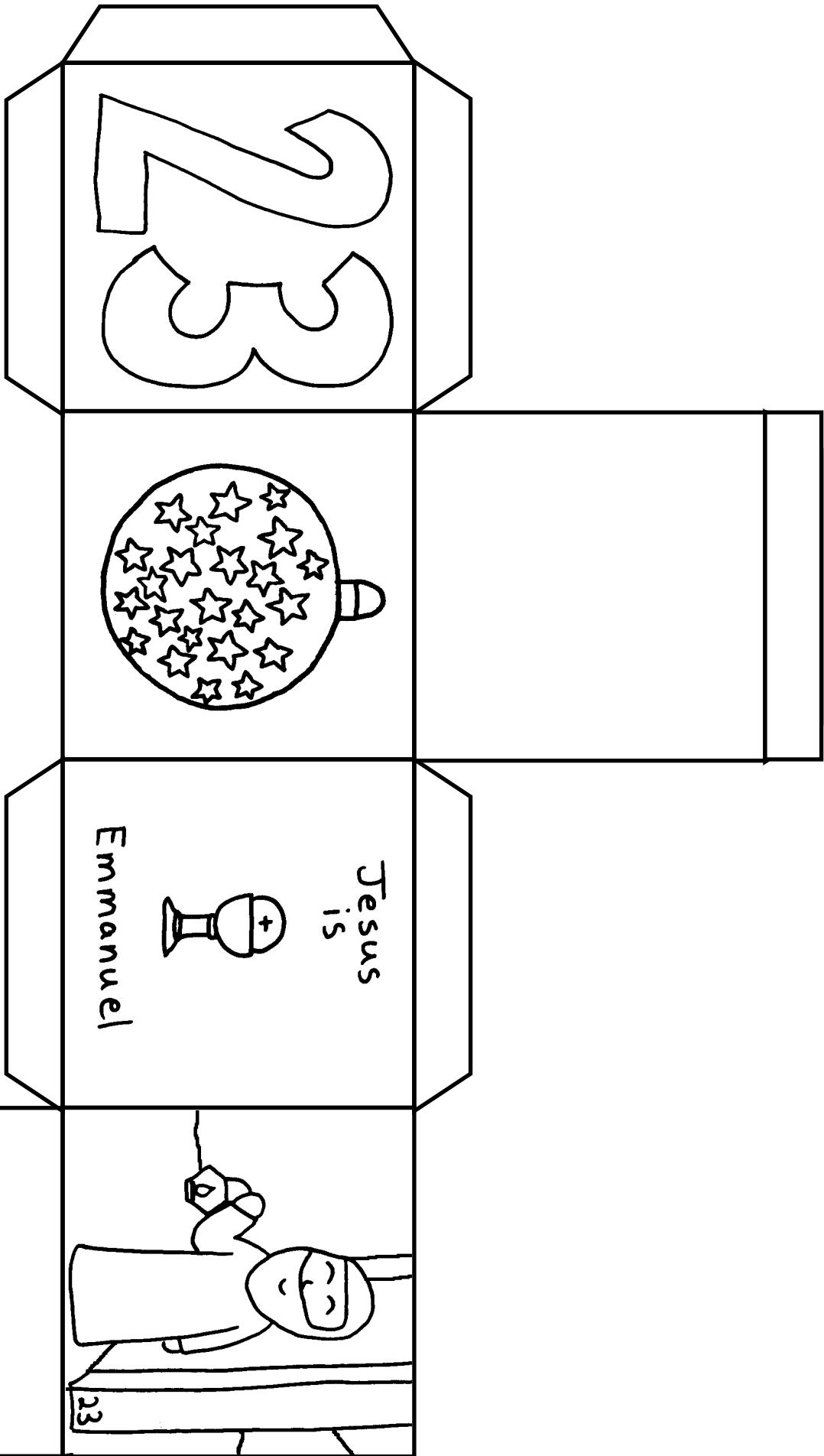
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Make your own nativity scene using rocks and twigs!

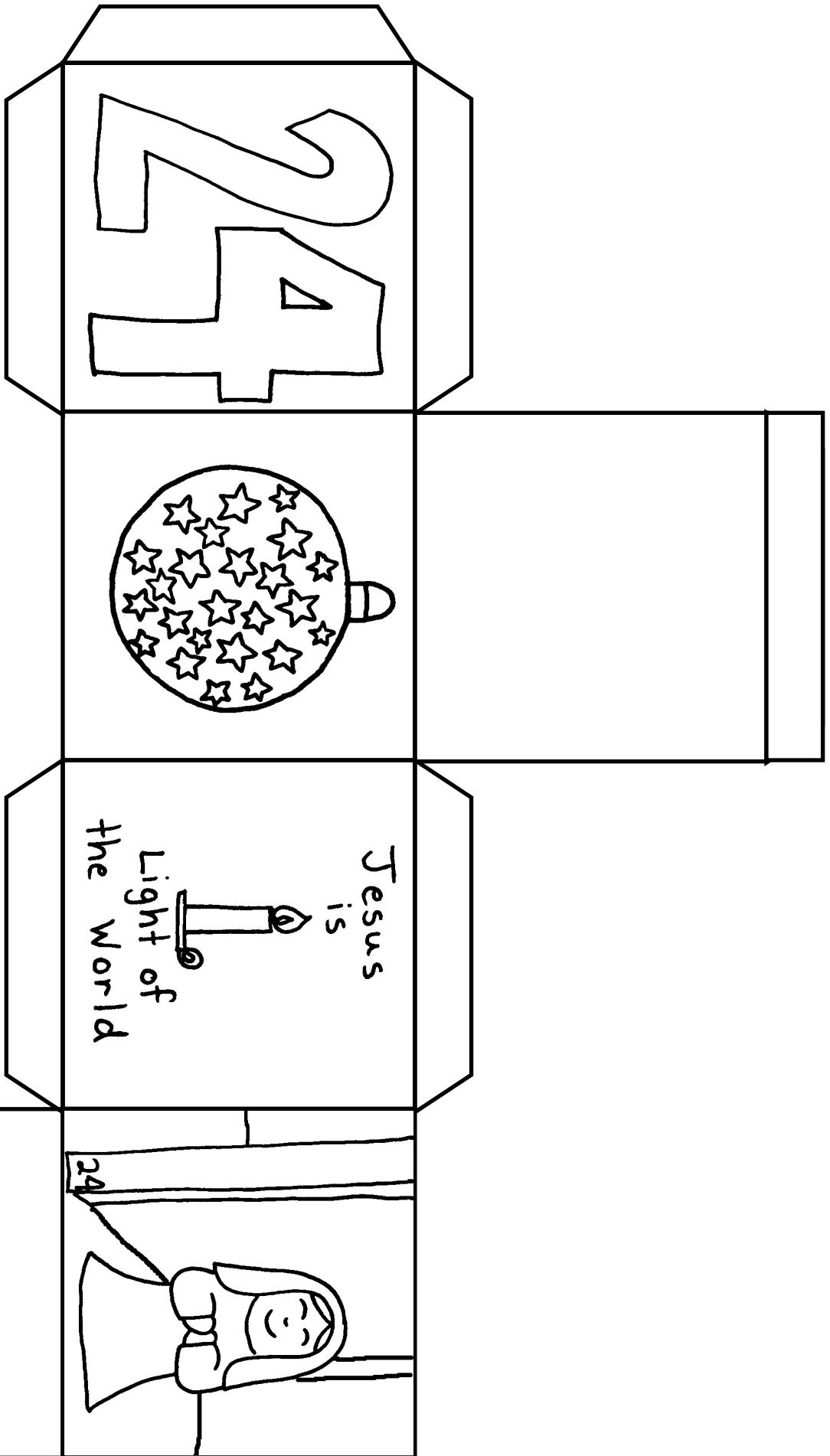


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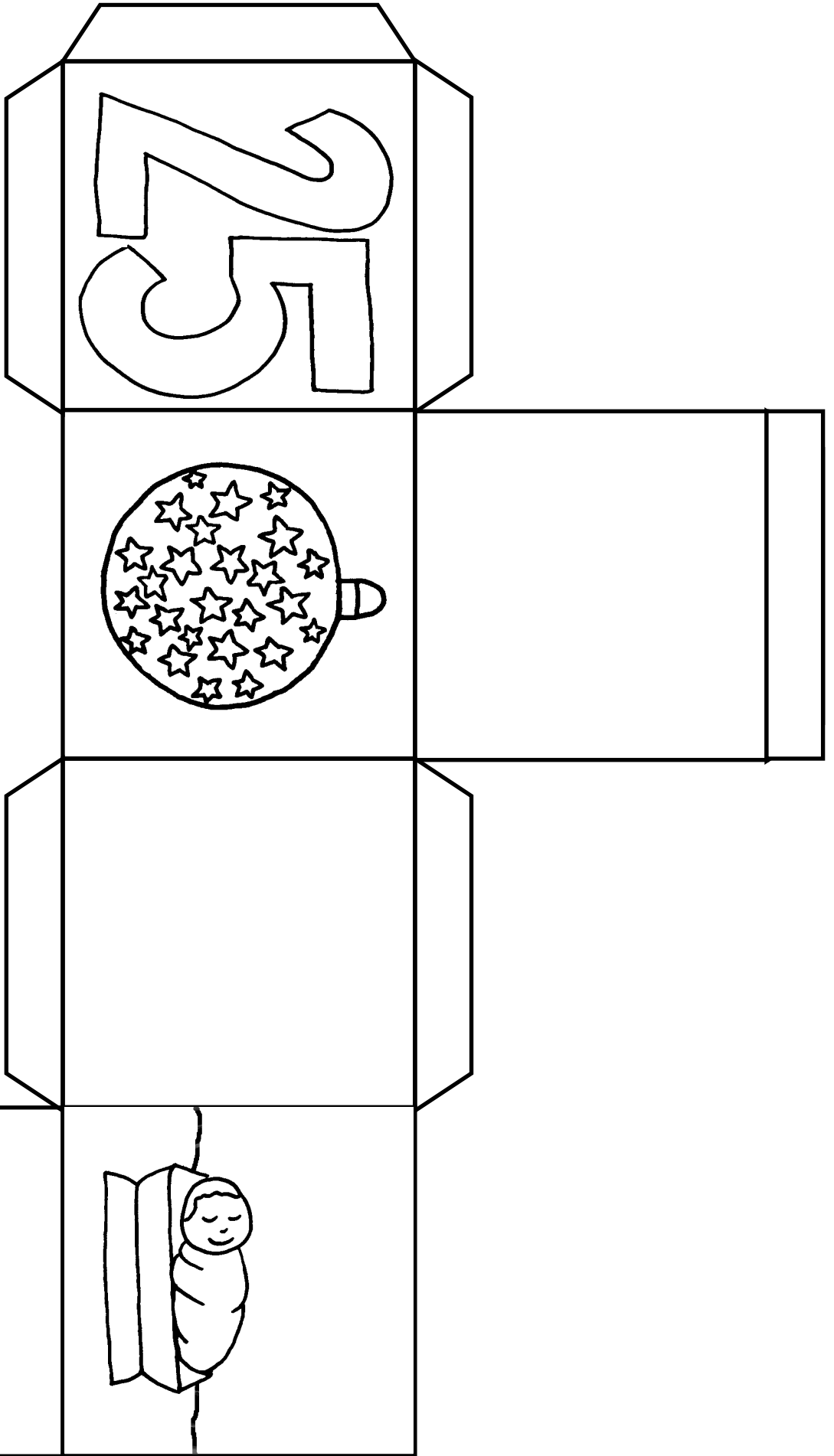


Make dinner together tonight!

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Do something nice for someone and don't tell them who did it!



Read the Christmas story together!