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SCENE 1

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SCENE 4

Printout 2A

CHARACTERS

- Narrator (leader)
- Joseph
- Mary
- Baby Jesus (represented by a doll wrapped in cloth and placed in the manger)
- Angel
- Additional angels (All students could be used)
- Shepherds (suggested 2-5 students)
- Sheep (optional actors or props to represent the flocks of sheep the shepherds are guarding)
- Innkeeper (optional character)
- Scene change assistant (optional)

SCENE 1: THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Narrator: “At that time, the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria. All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census.”

(Joseph leads a donkey with Mary sitting on it, looking weary but serene. They move slowly across the stage.)

Narrator: “And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.”

The actors freeze in position as the scene transitions. (Consider having a scene change assistant walk through with paper marked with the scene number.)

SCENE 2: THE BIRTH IN THE MANGER

Narrator: “And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.”

(Mary is seen holding the baby Jesus, wrapped in cloth, and gently placing him in the manger. Joseph stands protectively beside her, looking down at the baby in awe.)

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SCENE 3: THE SHEPHERDS IN THE FIELD

Narrator: “That night, there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. ‘Don’t be afraid!’ he said. ‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.’”

(The shepherds are startled and look up in amazement as the angel appears, a bright light shining down. The angel stands with arms raised, delivering the message.)

Narrator: “Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.’”

(The stage fills with more angels, all raising their hands in praise and looking upwards.)

SCENE 4: THE SHEPHERDS VISIT THE MANGER

Narrator: “When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.”

(The shepherds move excitedly towards the stable, kneeling before the manger where Mary and Joseph stand with baby Jesus. They look at the child with wonder and reverence.)

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Narrator: “After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.”

(The shepherds stand and begin to move back to their original positions, still expressing joy and praise. Mary looks down at baby Jesus, a thoughtful expression on her face, as Joseph stands beside her.)

Ask students to have a seat.

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"I'm sorry for what I did.
It was wrong."

"You're not good enough."

"I'm very sorry for what I said."

"You can't do anything right."

"I should have handled
things differently."

"This is all your fault."

"I want you to know that I'm
committed to improving and
making our relationship better."

"I understand where
you're coming from."

"I understand your perspective
and why this upset you."

"You're overreacting. You
shouldn't feel that way."

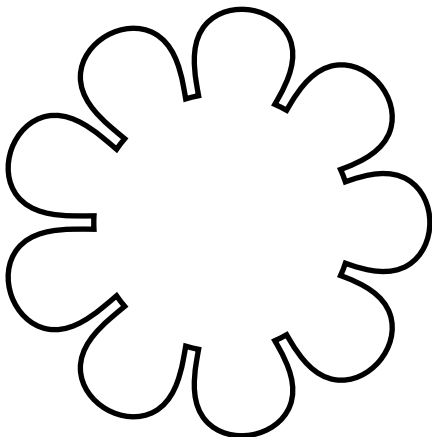
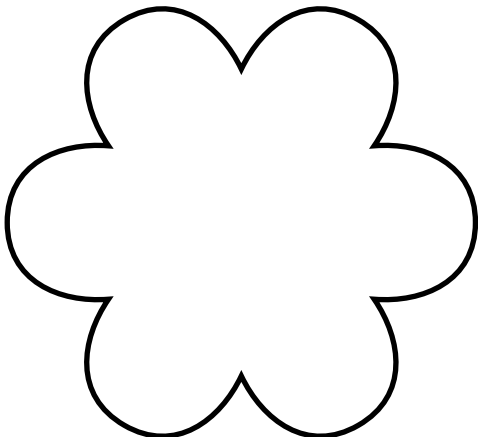
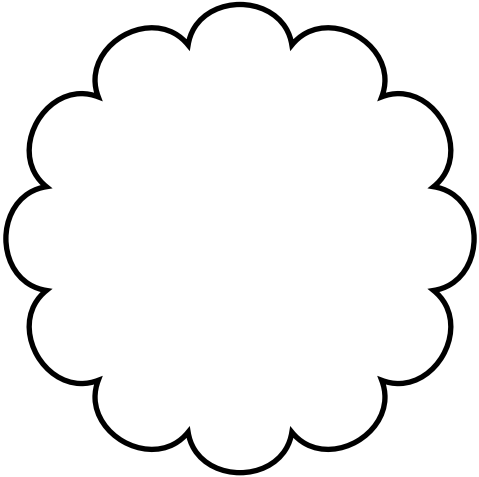
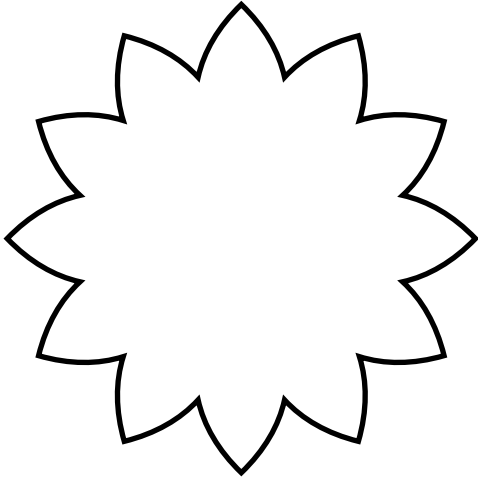
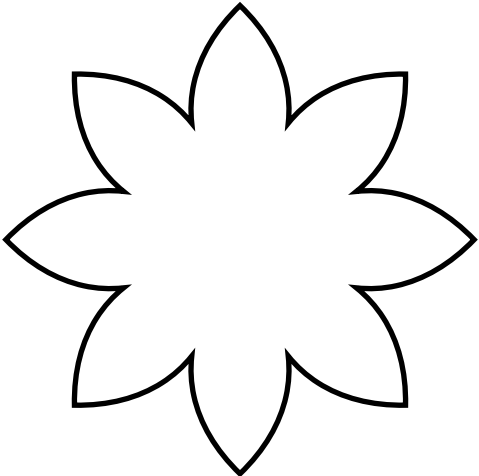
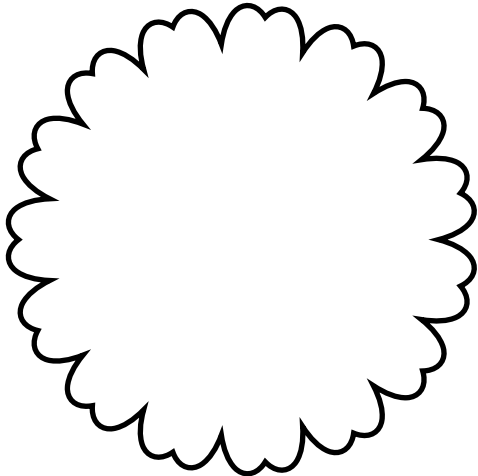
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big deal, but now I see it is."

"I didn't mean to upset you,
and I'm sorry that I did."

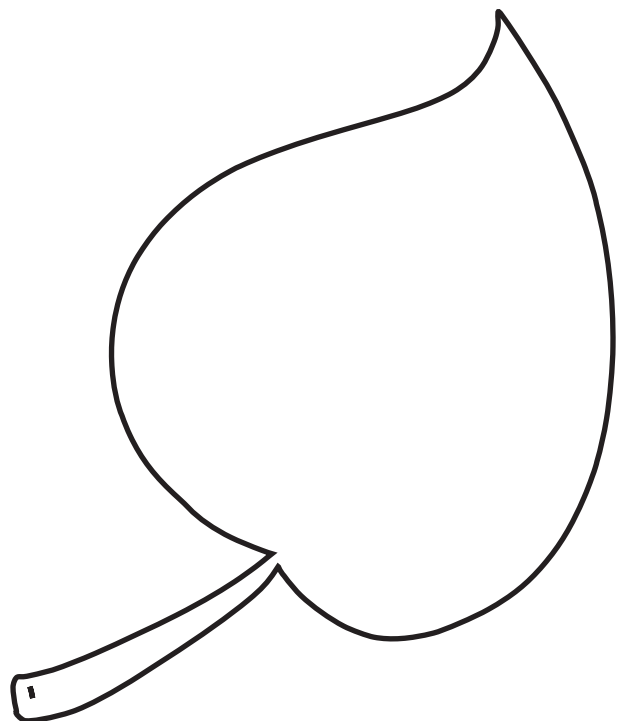
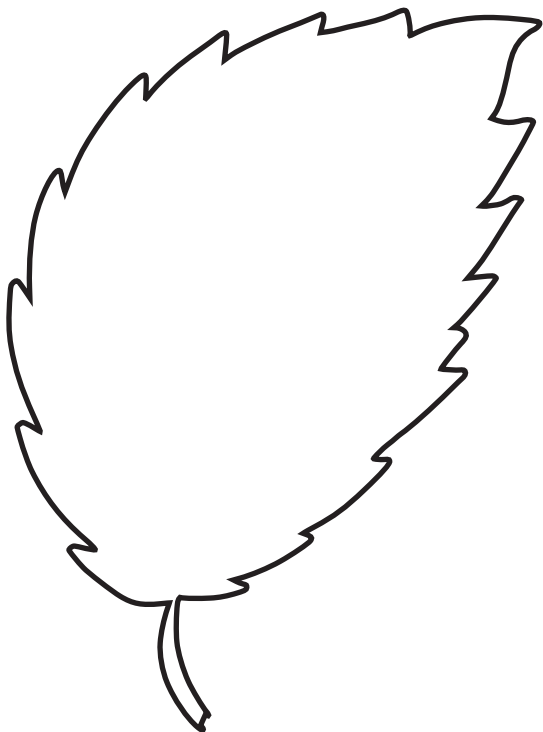
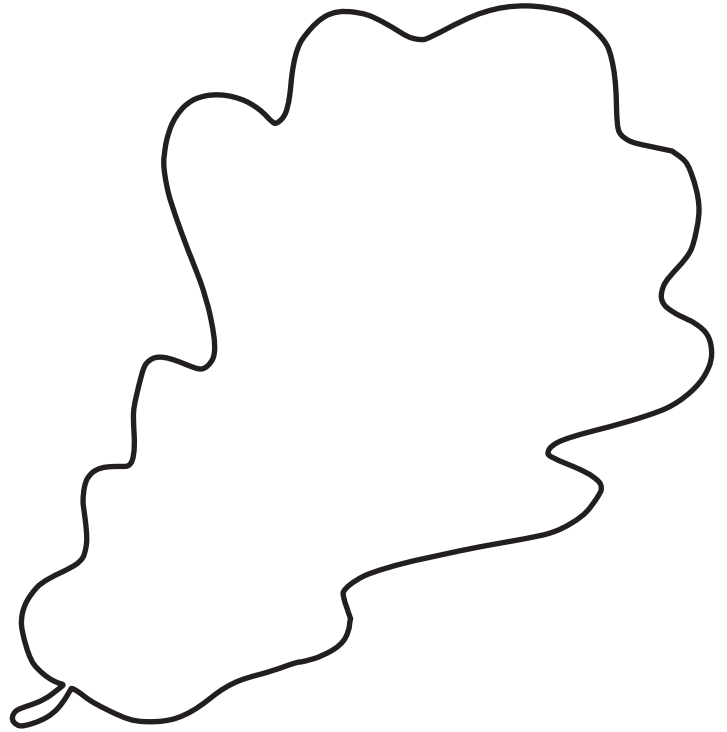
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"What can I do to
make this right?"

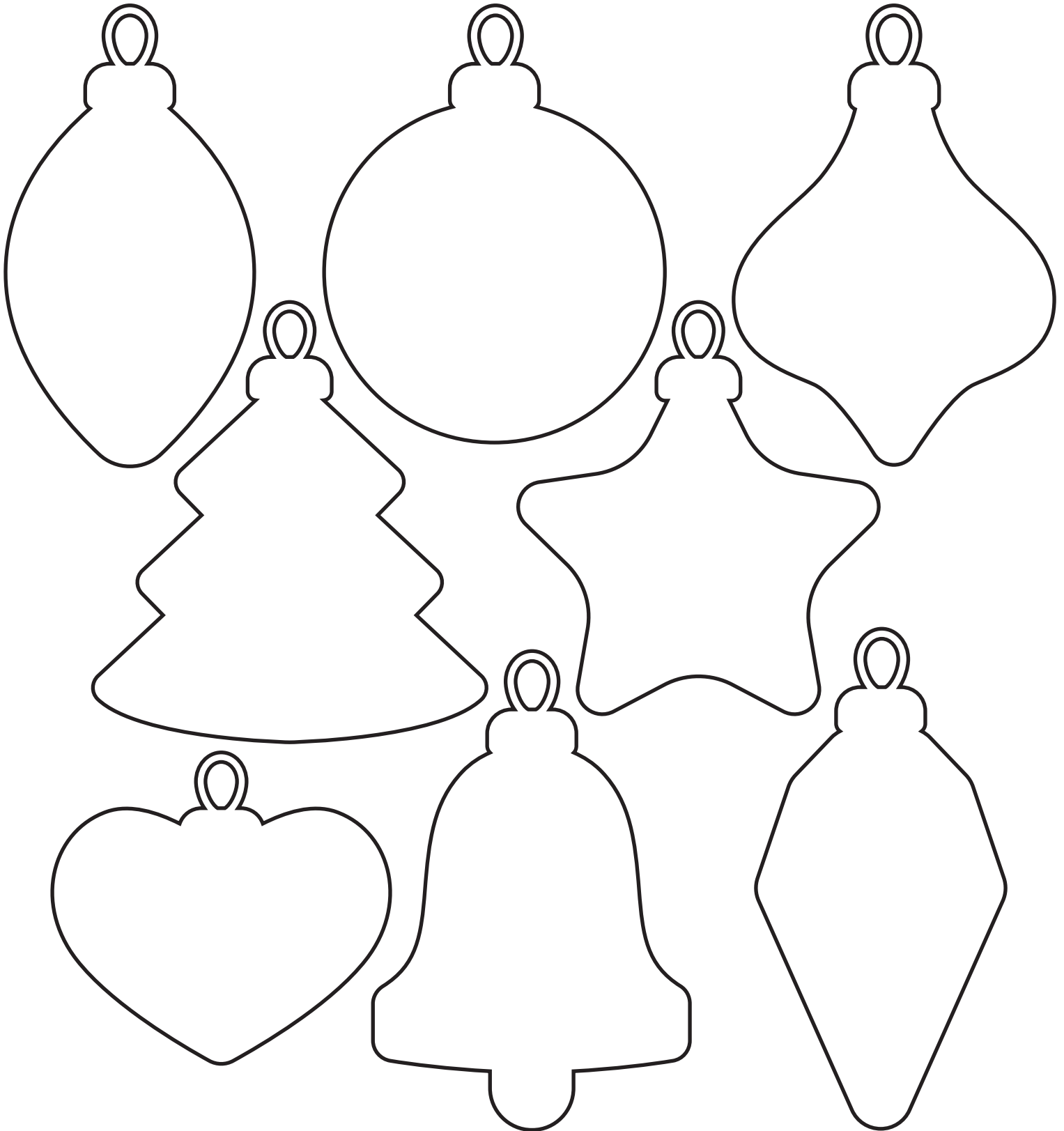
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PEACE

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What is the first thing the angel said to the shepherds when he appeared to them? Why did he say that?	"Don't be afraid!"
When the angels appeared to the shepherds, what kind of message did they bring?	"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."
Who was the message for?	All people
What was the angel's message about?	"The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today..."
What was the sign for the shepherds to recognize the baby?	"You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."
What did the group of angels do when they all appeared before the shepherds?	Praised God
As the angels praised God, what did they say was offered to those on earth?	"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Memory Verse Cards

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