

GO!
Join the Church!

GROUP ACTIVITY

This activity can be used in a small group at church or even with your kids at home!

Candy Cane Relay

Say: (Hold 2 candy canes upside down for the kids to see.) Candy canes are really cool! When you hold a candy cane upside down, it looks like a "J." That reminds us of the best Christmas gift ever—Jesus. It also reminds us of the word "Joy." We're going to practice passing the joy of Jesus to the people around us.

Directions: Give everyone a candy cane and 10-15 mini-marshmallows. Have everyone line-up and place a finish line about 5 feet away. Each person will use only their candy cane to move the marshmallows across the finish line. Play multiple rounds.

Option: You can make it harder by having everyone use only their non-dominant hand or placing the candy cane between their elbows.

Say: In the game we just played, the joy of Jesus got passed from person to person. That's kind of how it is in real life. When you have the joy of knowing Jesus in your life, it's easy for the people around us to get it too.

Question: Why should the gift of Jesus make us feel joy or happiness?

Question: How can you share the joy you have for Jesus with your family and friends during Christmas?

Question: How can you make sure that the joy of Jesus doesn't get lost in your excitement for opening presents?



Lesson 5.1

HOMEGUIDE

Name _____
Date _____



draw it!

Draw a picture of yourself holding Jesus—the best gift ever.

journal it

Tell God why you think Jesus is the best gift ever.

THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

ZECHARIAH AND ELIZABETH

BIG IDEA: God is gracious, so we can find joy in the gift of His Son.

BIBLE BASIS: Luke 1:5-25

KEY VERSE: "The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."
Psalm 145:8 (Nirv)



read it

Luke 1:5-25. Draw a picture of the story or write to God about your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.



pray it

Write a prayer to God and thank Him for giving you the gift of Jesus, even though you don't deserve it.



Next Week's Lesson

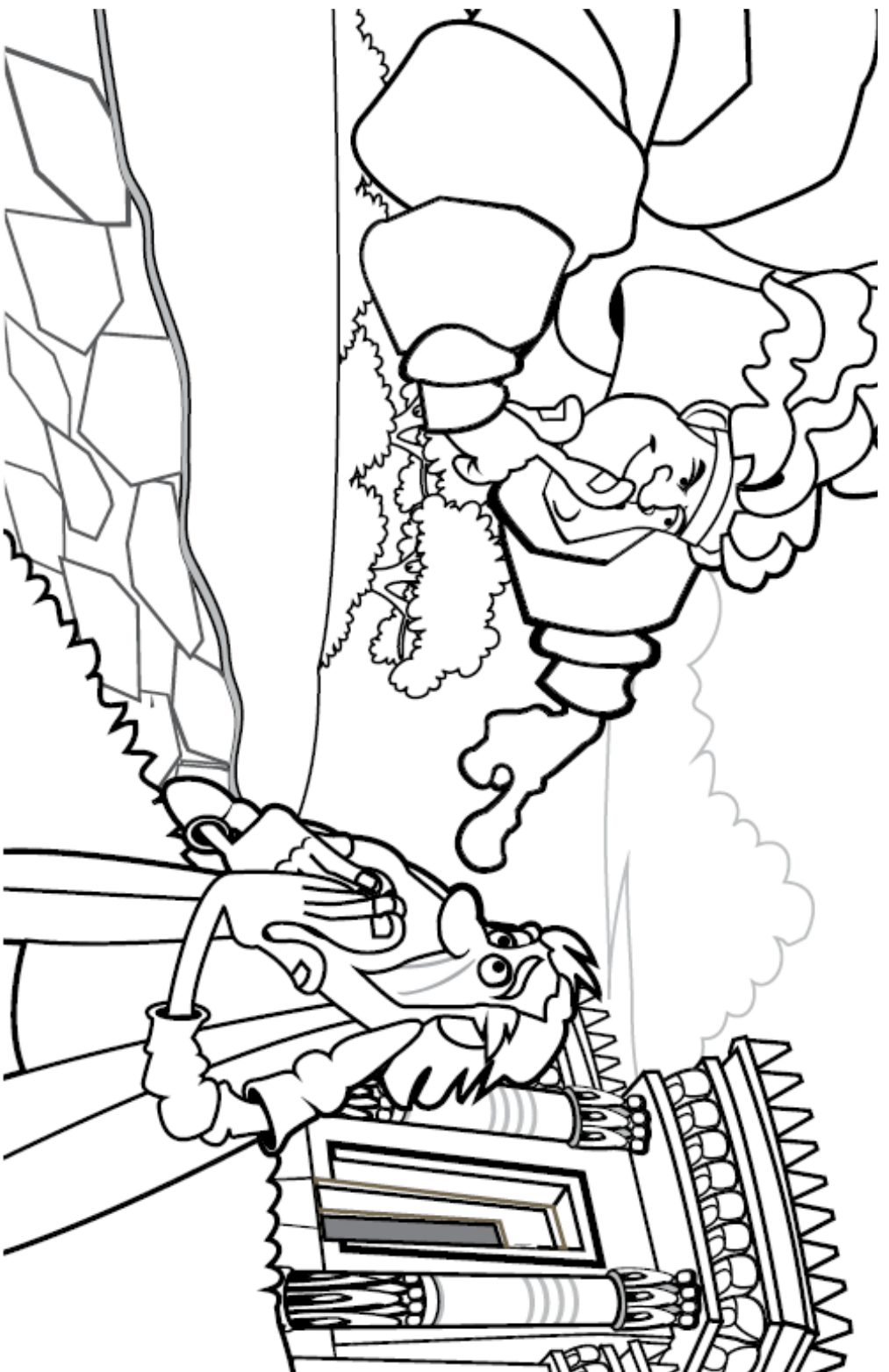
JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BORN

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas, so we can prepare our hearts for Him.

BIBLE BASIS: Luke 1:39-80

KEY VERSE: "God, create a pure heart in me. Give me a new spirit that is faithful to you."

Psalm 51:10 (NIRV)




“The LORD is gracious, kind and tender. He is slow to get angry and full of love.” Psalm 145:8 (NIR-V)

**"The LORD is gracious,
and compassionate,
slow to anger and
rich in love."**

Psalm 145:8

Light it Up





**How can we
remember the joy of
knowing Jesus this
Christmas?**