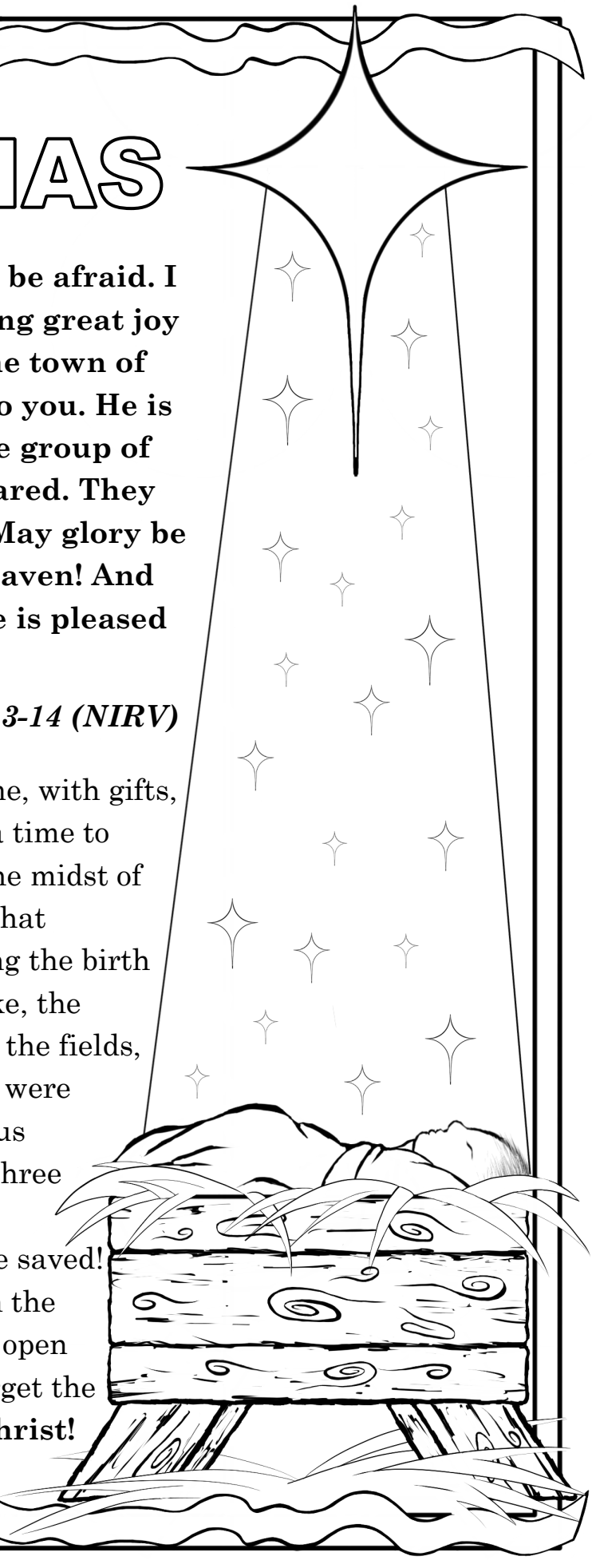
CHRISTMAS

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah...Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said, "May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those He is pleased with on earth!"

Luke 2:10-11; 13-14 (NIRV)

Christmas can be a very exciting time, with gifts, bright lights, and parties. It is also a time to gather with family and friends. In the midst of the busy season, it's easy to forget what Christmas is <u>really</u> about: celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ! In the Gospel of Luke, the angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields, and sang praises to God. The angels were glorifying God because someday Jesus would die on a cross and rise again three days later. Because of this ultimate sacrifice, all who believe in Jesus are saved! He is the greatest gift God has given the world! This Christmas season as we open gifts and sing carols, let us never forget the true reason for the season: **Jesus Christ!**