



HOPE



PEACE

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word Adventus, which means “the coming,”

Let us prepare for the coming of Jesus and bring comfort to His home in our hearts, May the Light of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, & LOVE guide us this season to our Lord,

★ ★ JESUS ★ ★ ★

For this we pray:

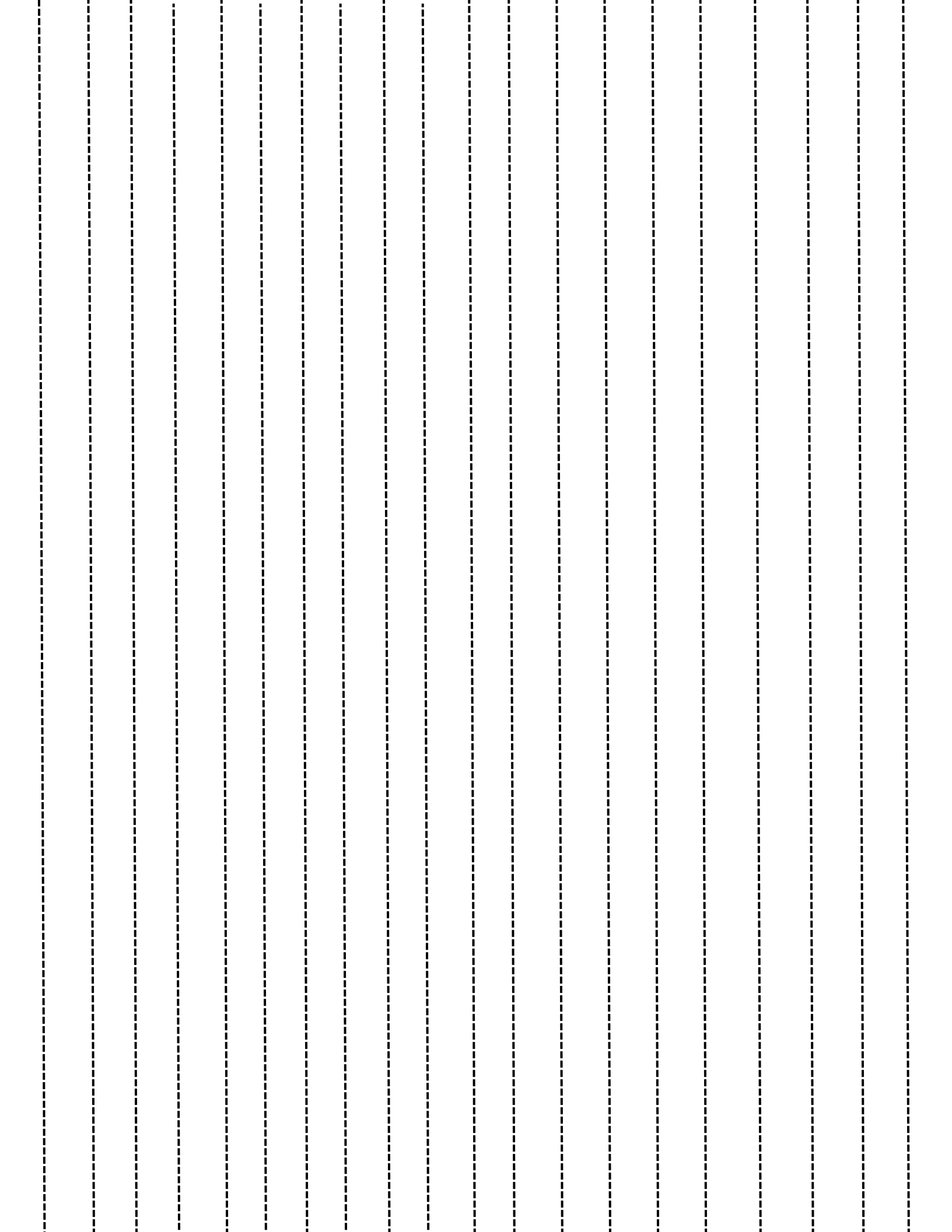
Dear God, we thank you for the gift of your son to the whole world. As the shepherds found Jesus in a manger, may we find Jesus in the love and joy that we share together. Help us, O God, to love one another. Help us to bring happiness, goodness, and peace to the world. Amen.



JOY



LOVE





Instructions:

Part 1: Create a Manger (print sheet 1)

1. **Cut** out each corner, along the dotted lines. You will be left with four small squares, one for each week of Advent.
2. **Fold** along the solid black lines so that the four sides are able to stand up.
3. **Tape** each corner to hold together the 3-D shape of your manger.
4. **Glue** your Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love squares to the sides of your manger for a reminder of each week.

Part 2: Create straw (print sheet 2)

1. **Color** the straw yellow.
2. **Cut** a piece of straw for every work of mercy, prayer, or good deed during the Advent season.
3. **Place** each piece of straw inside the manger. This is creating a warm and comforting bed for the arrival of our Lord, Jesus.

Part 3: Welcome the birth of Jesus Christ (print sheet 3)

1. **Color** the image of baby Jesus during the final week of Advent to celebrate the arrival of Christ.
2. **Cut** out, or ask a parent to help cut out the outline of baby Jesus.
3. **Place** your baby Jesus in His manger on Christmas day to rejoice in the birth of our Savior. Your Good works have built a warm place for Jesus to shine as the "Light of the World"!