

# Christmas



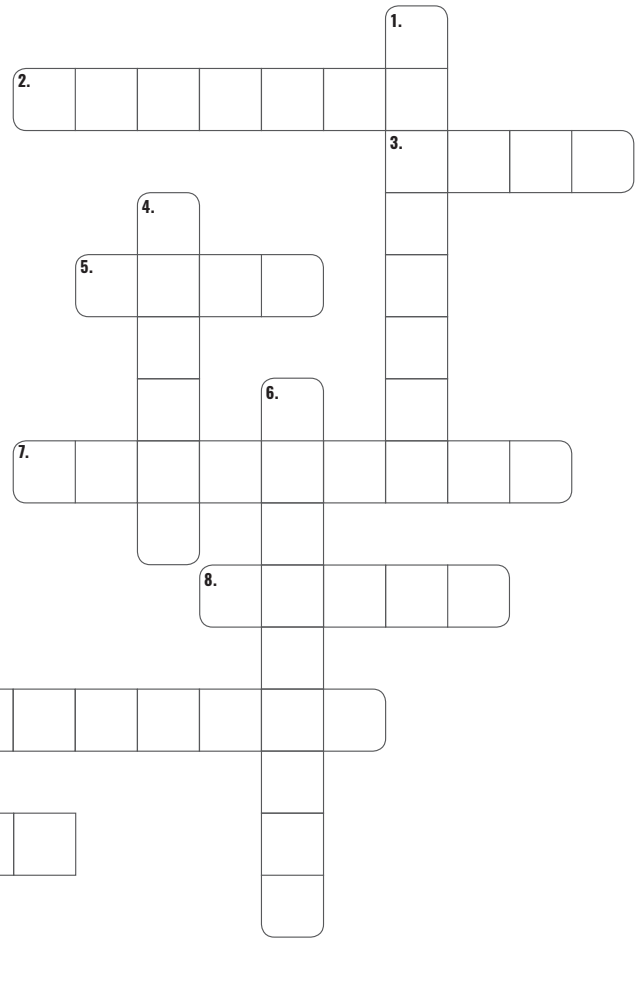
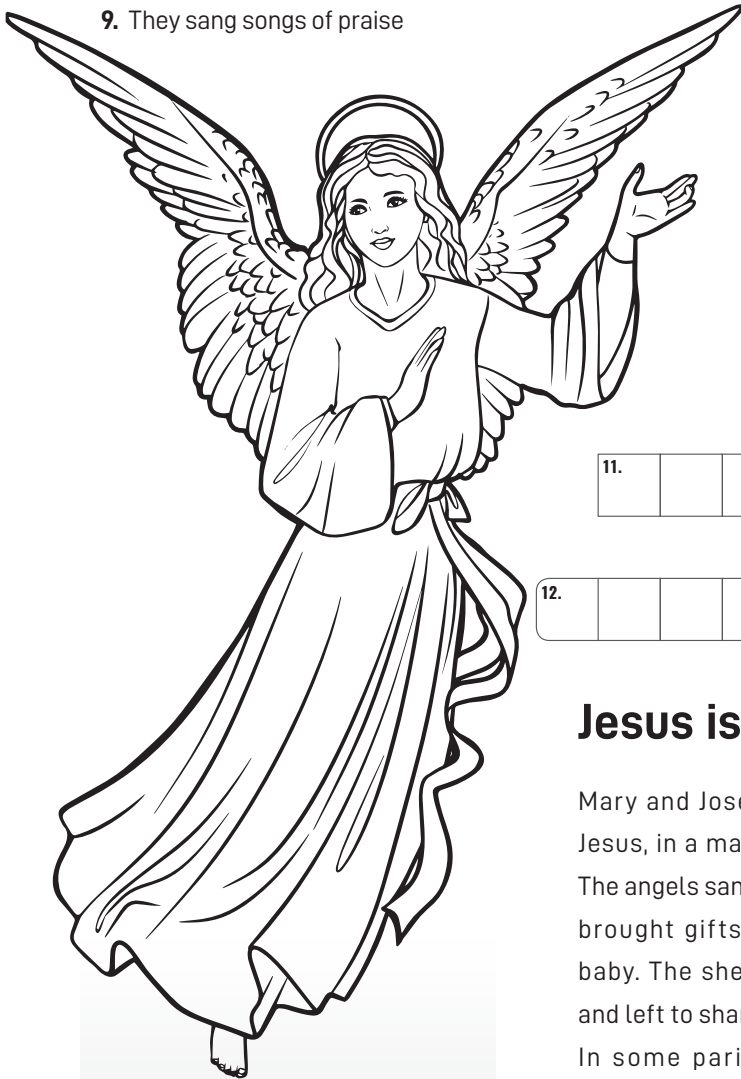
This month we are busy getting ready for Christmas. The shops are full of Christmas decorations and we are listening to Christmas carols. You might be preparing for a Christmas show or carol service in school. Sometimes in all the rushing around we can forget about the real meaning of Christmas so it's important to take a pause. We need to remember who Christmas is all about.

## ACROSS

2. Building Jesus was born in
3. You find this in a church showing the Nativity scene
5. Mother of Jesus
7. Visitors to see the baby
8. The Three Wise Men brought these for the baby
10. The birth of Jesus
11. Father of Jesus
12. Name of the baby born on 25 December

## DOWN

1. Last month of the year
4. Where Mary and Joseph laid their baby
6. The season we are celebrating
9. They sang songs of praise



## Jesus is the reason for the season.

Mary and Joseph laid their son, Jesus, in a manger in the stable. The angels sang and the wise men brought gifts for this newborn baby. The shepherds saw Jesus and left to share the good news. In some parishes at mass on Christmas Day people gather in front of the crib to sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. It's a day to thank God for sending us a child to remind us that we are loved. Love has come down from heaven. Love has been born in this child, Jesus.

Christmas is a time for peace, hope and love. I hope this Christmas you can take the opportunity to tell the special people in your life how much they mean to you – draw them a picture, give them a gift, write or make them a card, give them a hug or find another way to show you care about them. I hope your Christmas will be blessed with everything wonderful and your new year filled with joy. God bless,

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