



Activity Sheets

When high in the sky HIS *star* rose o'er the globe,
wise men FROM THE EAST gathered up their long robes,
crossed deserts and mountains to find this new king.

This journey to Israel was worth everything.





At age eighty-five, DANIEL *walked among* LIONS,
and God chose to honor his steady reliance.
THE *king* TOLD HIS *kingdom* ABOUT DANIEL'S GOD.
"The Most High," he decreed, "is the One to be awed!"



TO THEIR FACES THEY FELL AND *worshipped* HIM THERE,⁸
then OPENING THEIR *treasures* GAVE *gifts* rich and rare.⁹

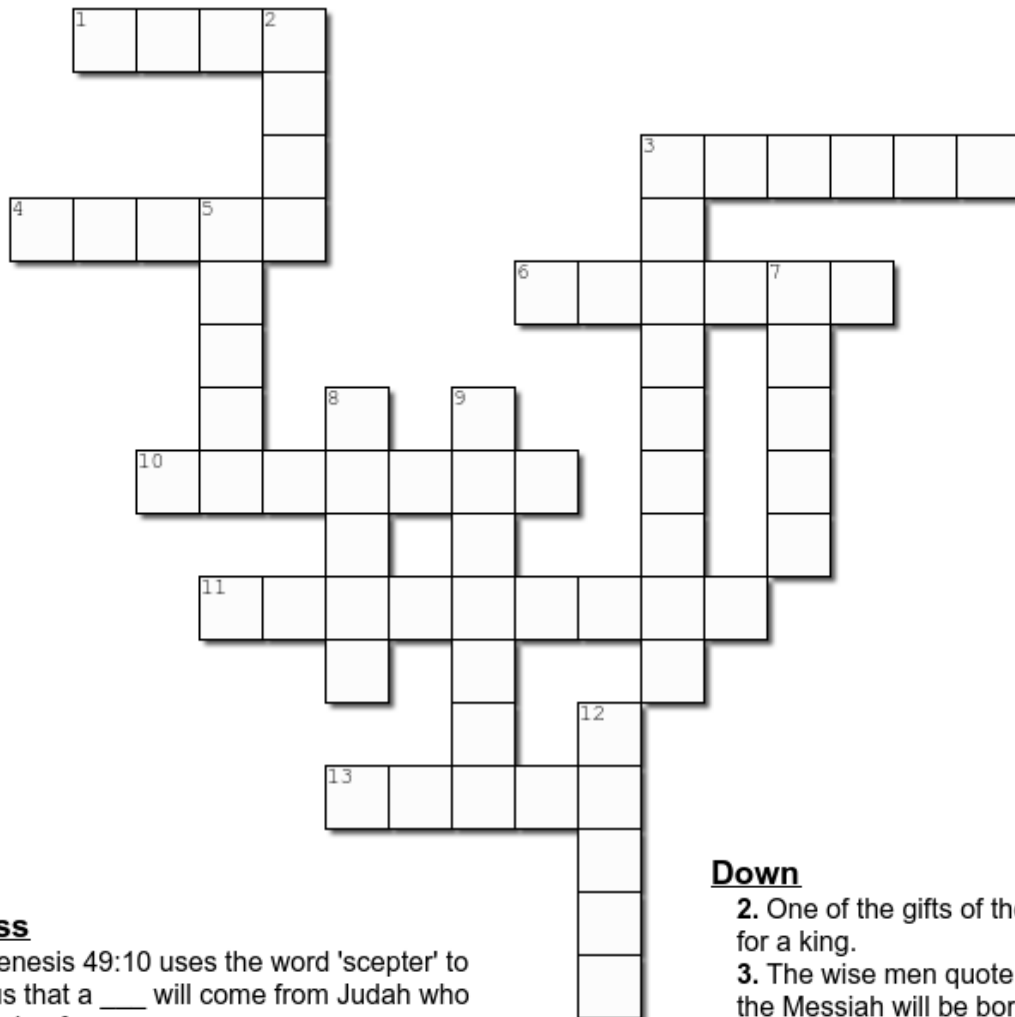
In return they found joy and deep peace beyond measure,
a fitting reward from our God, their true treasure.

Star Secrets

Complete the crossword puzzle below. You'll need your Bible!

WORD BANK

Gold King Bright Omega Bethlehem Herod Myrrh
Egypt Jacob Jerusalem Alpha Babylon Worship Father



Across

1. Genesis 49:10 uses the word 'scepter' to tell us that a ___ will come from Judah who will reign forever.
3. Revelation 22:16: Jesus is the ___ Morning Star.
4. The king who the wise men asked about the King of the Jews.
6. Isaiah 9:6: God is the Everlasting ___.
10. This country invaded Judah in 605 B.C.
11. The city where the wise men went before Bethlehem.
13. The first letter of the Greek alphabet--so it can also mean 'first' or 'beginning.'

Down

2. One of the gifts of the wise men--a gift fit for a king.
3. The wise men quote Micah 5:2, saying the Messiah will be born in ___.
5. The last letter of the Greek alphabet--so it can also mean 'end'.
7. Hosea 11:1 prophesies that God's Son will go to this country--which He did, after the wise men came.
8. One of the gifts of the wise men: It was used to preserve bodies after burial.
9. Herod lied and told the wise men he wanted to ___ the newborn king, too.
12. Numbers 24:17: A star shall come out of ___.

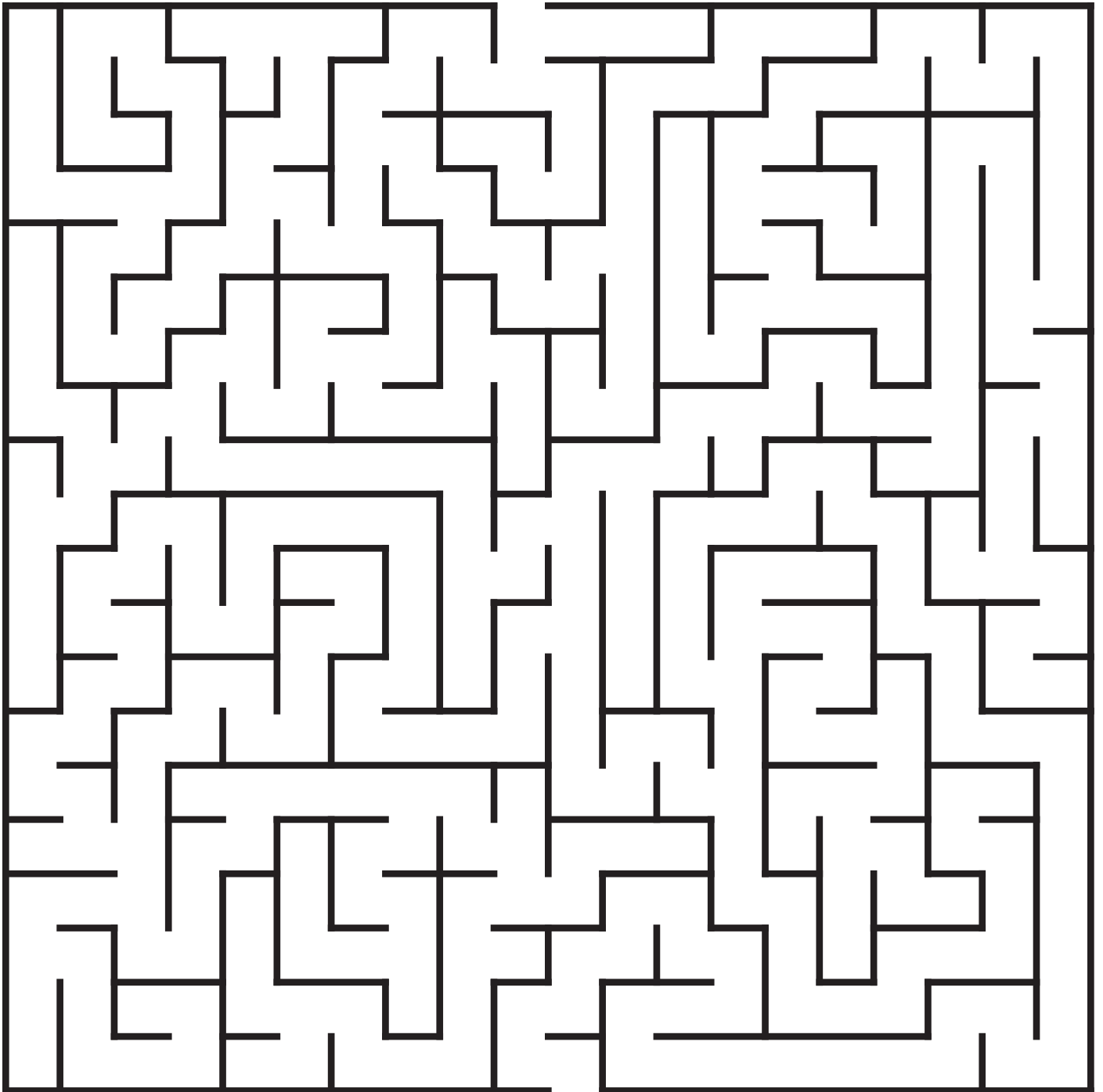
Star Search

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TRAVEL
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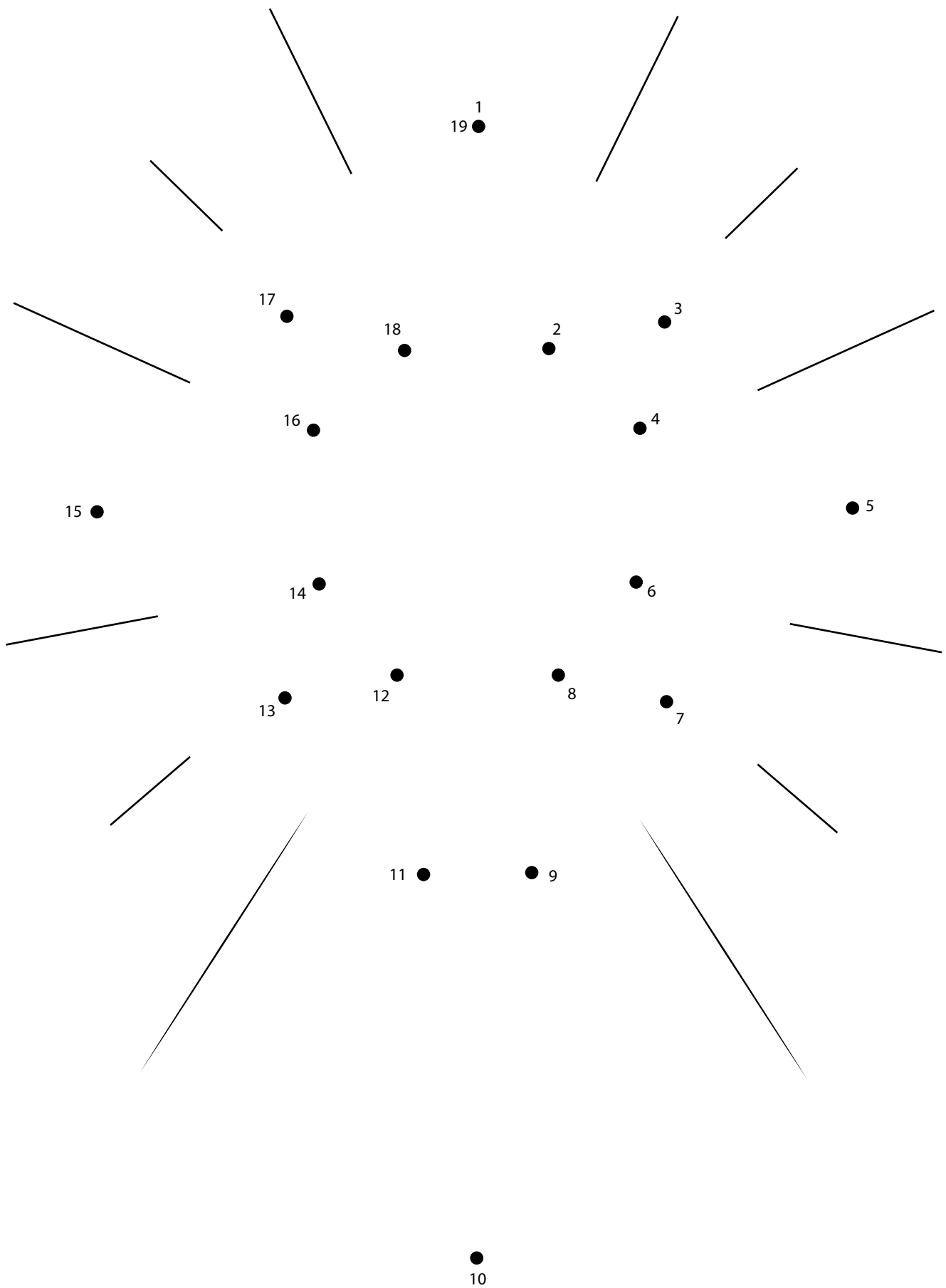
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GIFTS
MYRRH
BETHLEHEM
PROPHECY
BOW
FOLLOW
OMEGA
FATHER

EAST
GOLD
HEROD
MATTHEW
NUMBERS
MESSIAH
RISE
BRIGHT
DANIEL



Help the wisemen
find the star!







TRY THIS
EASY DRIED-CLAY

Star Garland!

We love the clay star garland featured at lilyardor.com! Form these stars using a clay it's easy to make in your kitchen—then cut them out using a star cookie cutter (punch holes with a coffee straw or sharpened pencil, if you'd like). Then connect them using a spool of thin wire (around 24 gauge) or twine.



RECIPE:

- 1 cup Baking Soda
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 3/4 cup water

Stir the ingredients and bring to a boil. Once bubbling, reduce heat to medium until the mixture turns thick and hard to mix (5-6 minutes). Let cool. Because it dries quickly, cover the remainder of the dough while rolling out stars.

Alternatively, you might love applesauce-cinnamon-scented stars. They're made with 2 cups applesauce and 2 cups cinnamon mixed together, rolled out, and cut into stars—though these take 3-4 days to dry.

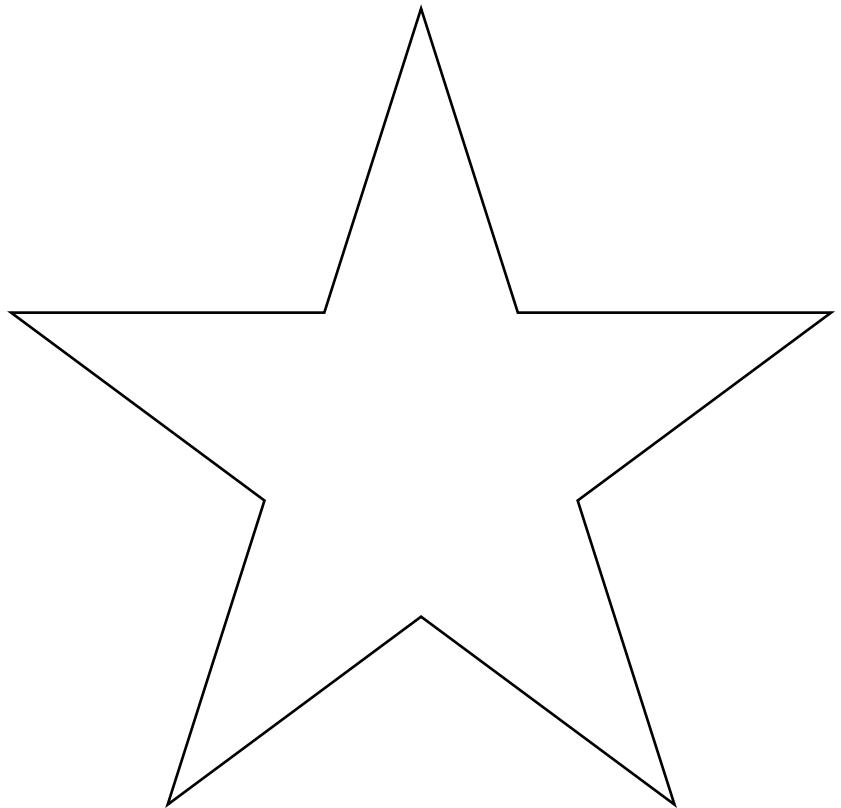
MAKE STAR-SHAPED STRING ORNAMENTS

These make great gifts! (Tip: You can also make a star—or the frame described below—with 5 twigs, using twine or string to hold the ends together.)

You'll need

- String or twine
- A cork bulletin board
- Thumbtacks or pushpins
- All-purpose glue
- A paper plate or small plastic container
- Newspaper or other scrap paper
- Star template (below)

1. Print out the star shape below, or make your own; no need to cut it out. (The borders of the paper will help keep your bulletin board clean.)
2. Spread newspaper over a a small cork bulletin board you can lay on the table.
3. Using thumbtacks, attach each of the star's points to the board. (Using the edge of the bulletin board may work best).
4. Pour glue on a paper plate. Add a few drops of water to make it more of a liquid.
5. Lay string in the glue mixture; you'll need enough to wrap around the inside and outside of the star twice. Use your fingers to smooth the glue down the whole string.
6. Wrap the gluey string around the inside and outside of the star. Let it dry; it will be hard. This will be your frame for the rest of the ornament.
7. Soak more string in glue. Gently wrap string over and around your frame. It doesn't need to be neat or parallel. Wrap them as densely or loosely as you'd like.
8. With a parent's permission, you could add beads, glitter, or other small decorations.
9. Let dry. Your star is ready to be hung by more (non-gluey) string as an ornament or part of a garland!





RECIPE:

- 1 cup softened butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla

Beat these together well with mixer.

Add:

- 3 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Mix well.

1. Wrap in waxed paper or plastic wrap and chill at least one hour.
2. Roll on a lightly floured or powdered sugared board or cloth to 1/8 to ¼ in thick
3. Cut with star shaped cookie cutters
4. Bake at 350 to 375 (about 8 minutes, but watch carefully, till barely golden on the edges.)
5. Frost or sprinkle with fancy sugars if desired.