

Hi everyone,
I hope this finds you safe and well and having enjoyed at least a different routine at Christmas & New Year, even if it wasn't quite the celebration we had all hoped it would be! Did you have time to look at the advent website and do some of the activities, if not please don't worry. I hope you are coping with this lockdown and the stresses it brings us all. I don't want to add to the many things I am sure you all have to do but if you fancy something different to home schooling, perhaps at half-term, you might enjoy some of these activities around Candlemas and The Transfiguration.

Best wishes
Deborah



Have you visited the benefice website, you can view the weekly newsletter and find the links to our weekly online services.

<https://yardleyhastingsbenefice.co.uk/>



Need some help explaining Coronavirus to children, take a look at this new free book illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler.

https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf

This organisation has useful advice on talking with children about bereavement

www.childbereavementuk.org



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



A CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN EVERY COMMUNITY



Candlemas

- In the Church's calendar, Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, is celebrated on February 2nd, or on the nearest Sunday. On this day, Christians remember the occasion (the fortieth day after Jesus was born) when Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to 'present him' before God (Luke 2.22-40). St. Luke relates how, after Mary and Joseph had done all that was necessary under the Law of Moses, two faithful people, Simeon and Anna, gave testimony as to who this child really was. Simeon said that Jesus would be 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel'. His words make 'light' a predominant theme for worship at Candlemas.

Activities to try at home

Watch.....

What happened when Mary & Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple.....



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1AS8RbJPYU>

Do you know where Jerusalem is?

Think.....

How did Anna & Simeon know that God had sent his son and that he would be the 'light of the World'.

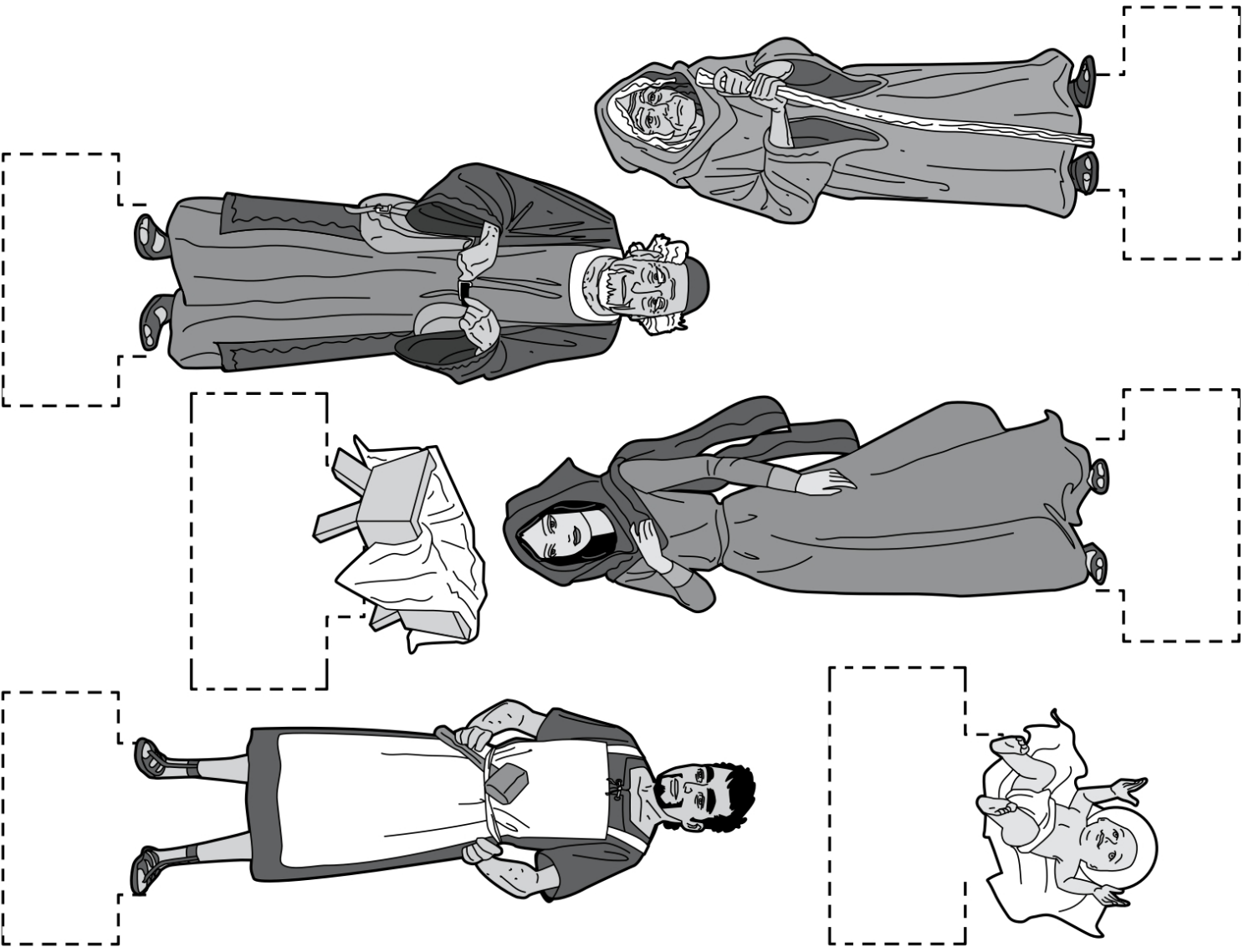


Make you own figures to re-tell the story, print out & colour

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WORSHIP AND LEARNING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

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Simeon knew that baby Jesus had been sent by God to be the 'light of the World'. Try making a nightlight holder from an orange, they smell delicious.



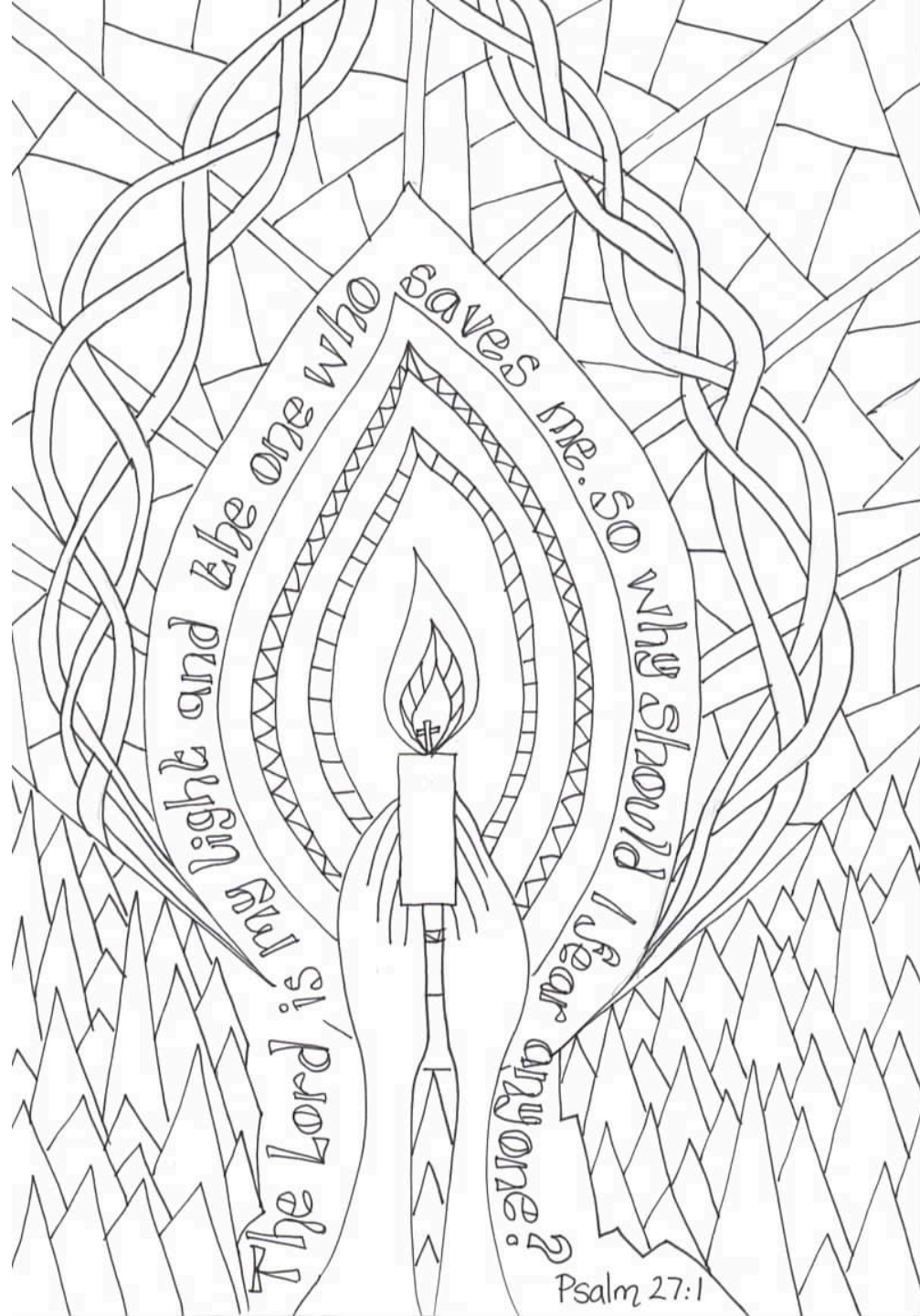
You could try making a Candlemas snack from a wafer biscuit & some icing, use a yellow or orange sweet for the flame.



Or use this recipe to make some flame shaped biscuits to decorate

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/shortbread-biscuits>





Candlemas

O E G R W L B H R B A X H T M R P J N X
W T K H J L O U P M E O J V S R H O C Q
T R V U D K U R T J L F W S E A S G H D
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ANNA AND SIMON
CANDLES BLESSED
COMMEMORATING
FEAST
GOSPEL OF LUKE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
PRESENTATION
TEMPLE

CANDLEMAS
CHRISTIAN
EPIPHANY SEASON
FEBRUARY TWO
HOLYDAY
LORD JESUS
PURIFICATION
VIRGIN MARY



Thank you, Jesus, for being with us throughout this year. Sometimes we have recognised you walking with us, while at other times we may have felt that you had forgotten us.

Forgive us for these faithless thoughts.

As you moved on from your birth, throughout childhood, eventually completing your life's task at Easter, and always trusting in your Father who had sent you, so help us to move forward into our futures with God, always ready to learn from our experiences and full of confidence that we will never be left alone.

Amen.

Have you ever tried making an origami candle, a bit more difficult for older children.....



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w00dPnMTprc>

On Sunday 14th February everyone that goes to virtual Church will hear the story of the transfiguration....

Read this story & do the actions.....

One day, Jesus invited Peter, James and John (*beckon*) to climb a high mountain with him (*walk on the spot*). When they had gone up, suddenly Jesus changed, before their eyes. His face went all shiny - like the sun (*shield eyes*). His clothes were really white. There were more surprises to come. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah - who had died hundreds of years ago - were there too, talking with Jesus. It was amazing. Peter wanted to build everyone a shelter (*start building*) so they could stay together. But there was no time, because a bright cloud came (*look upwards*) and a voice said, 'This is my wonderful son. Listen to him.' The disciples were so afraid, they fell to the ground (*lie on the ground*). But Jesus touched them and they were not afraid any more. When they looked up, Jesus was alone again, looking like he always did (*get up*).

As they went down the mountain (*walk*), Jesus told them to keep it all a secret for the moment (*sshh!*). It was a day they would never forget.

Watch the story here.....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D302i8nPnGs>

Think.....

Peter, James and John must have been a scared & amazed. Can you think of anytime in your life when you have just said 'WOW'?



The Transfiguration of Jesus

(Mark 9: 2 - 10)



Peter
James
John
Mountain
Garments
White
Elijah
Moses
Booths
Afraid
Cloud
Voice
Son



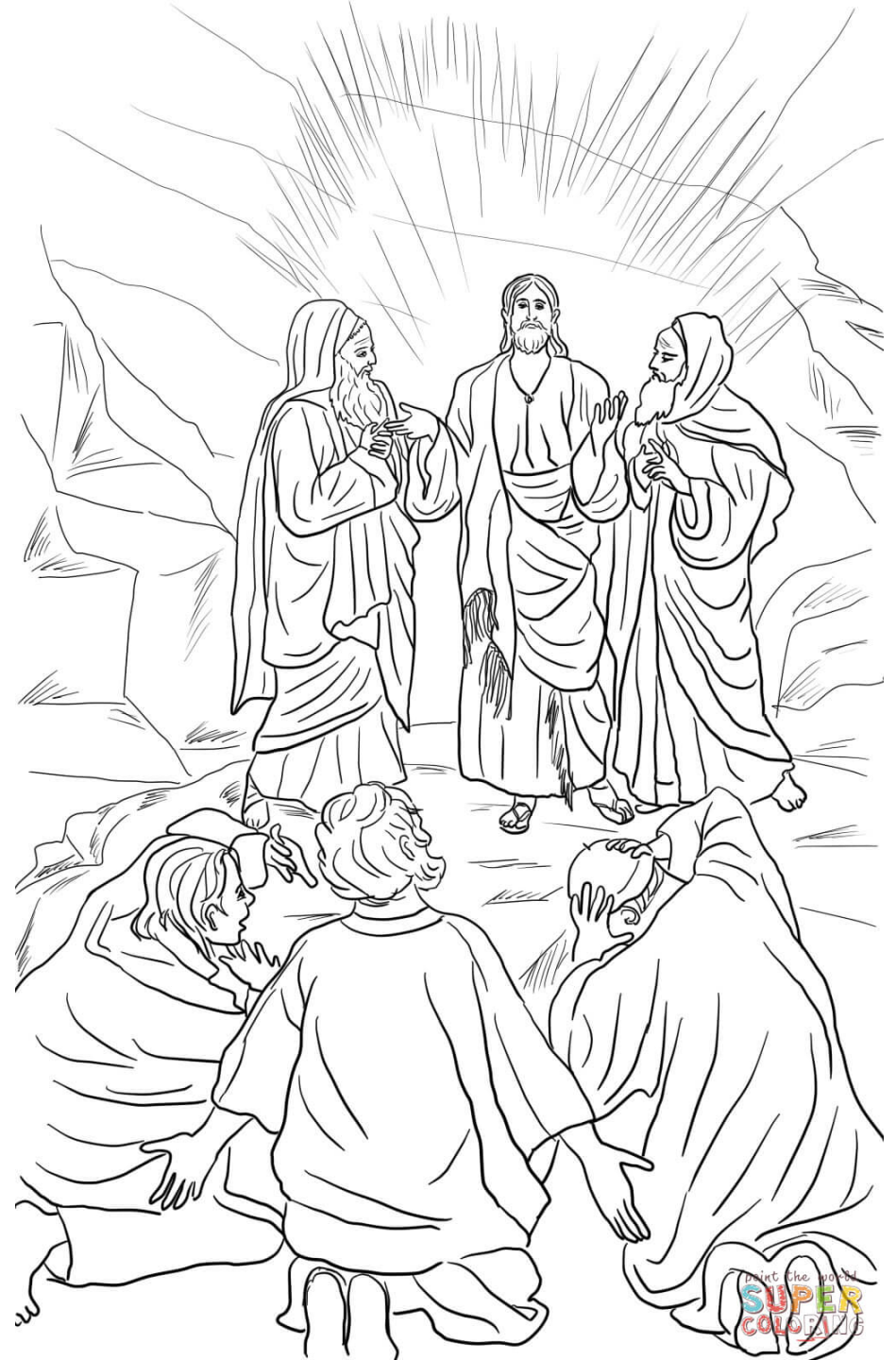
Find these hidden words and circle them in the puzzle below.

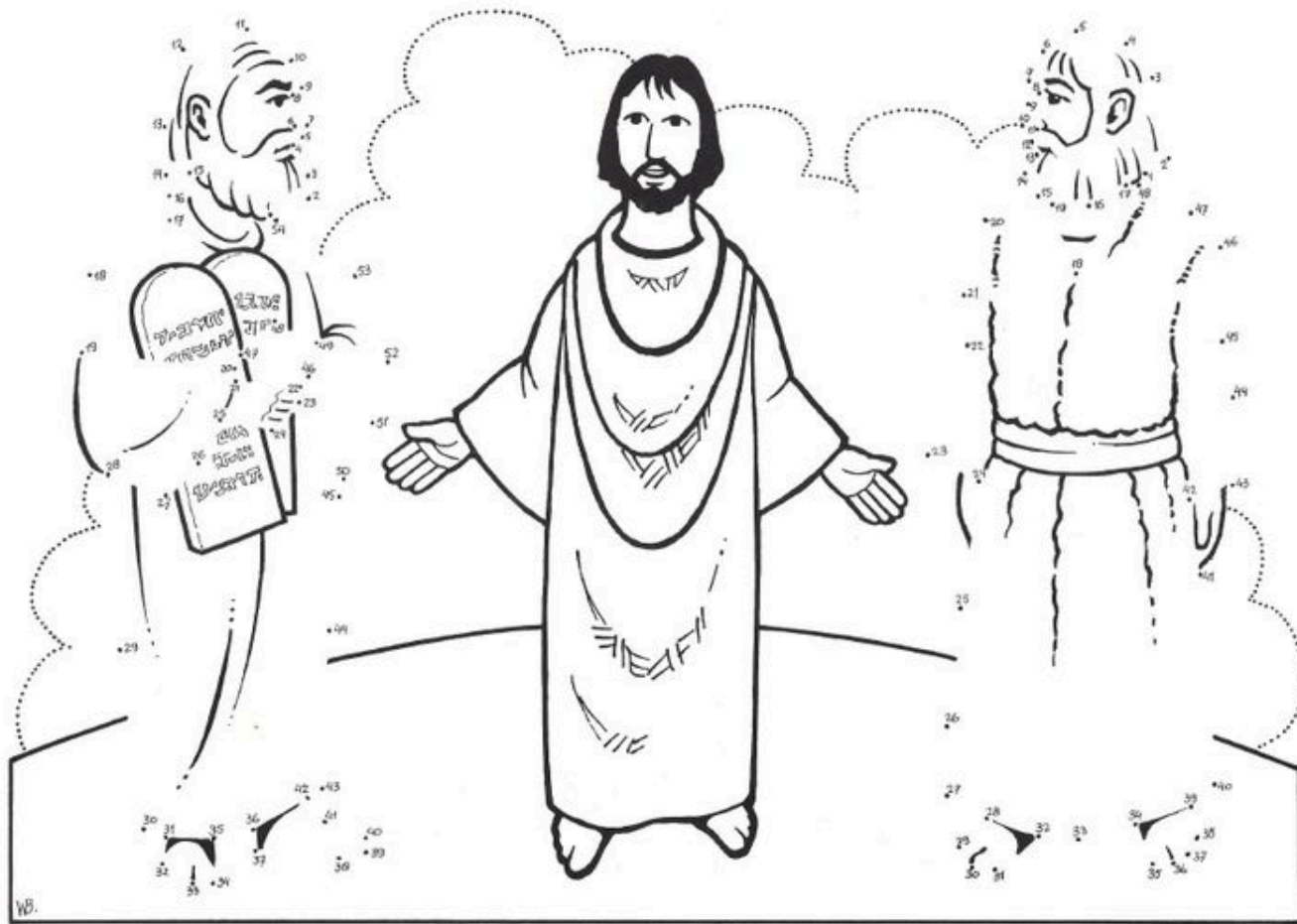


and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them (Mark 9: 3)

Mount Tabor

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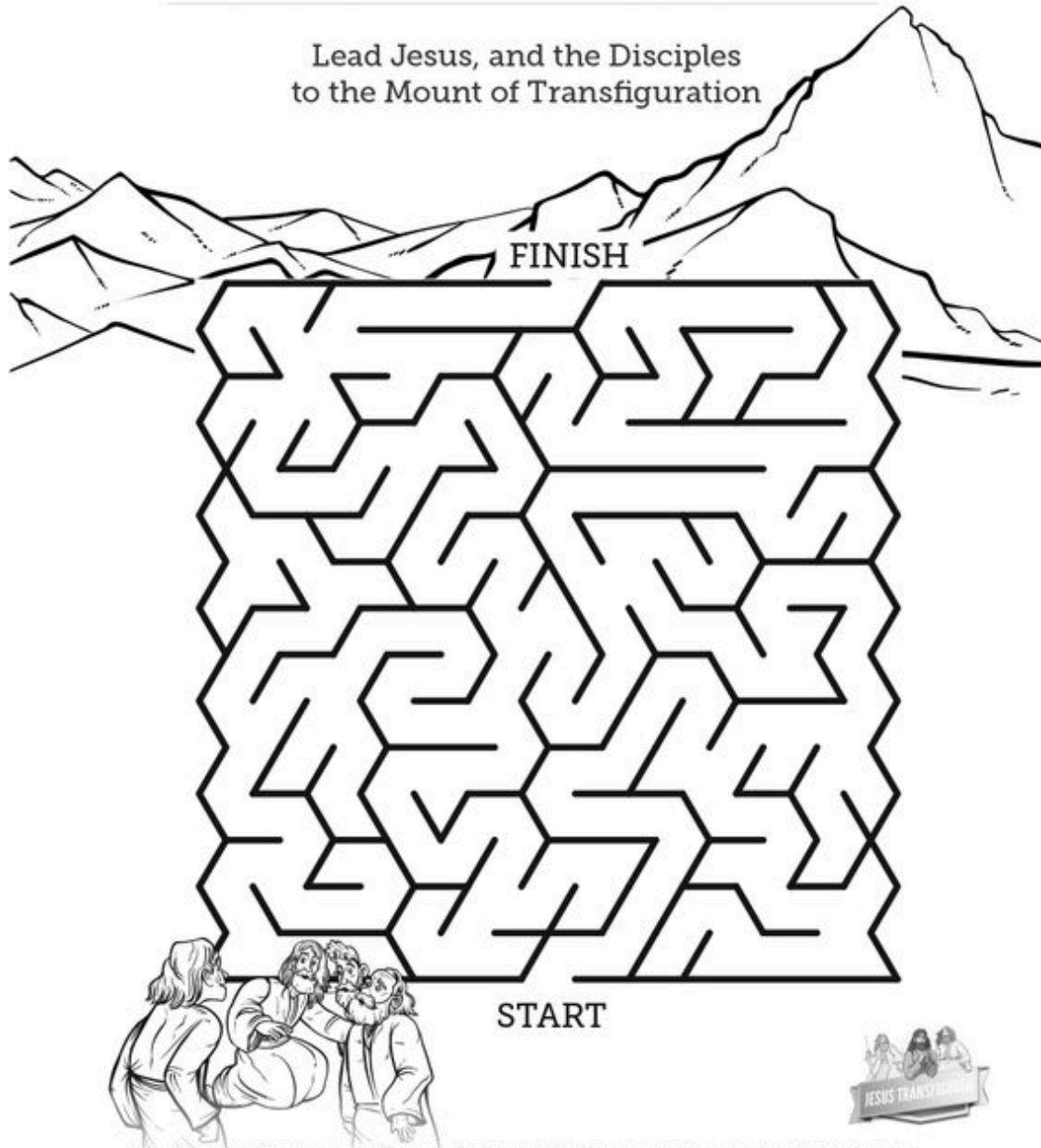
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Why not make some rice krispie cakes and shape them into mountains to remind you of the story of the Transfiguration



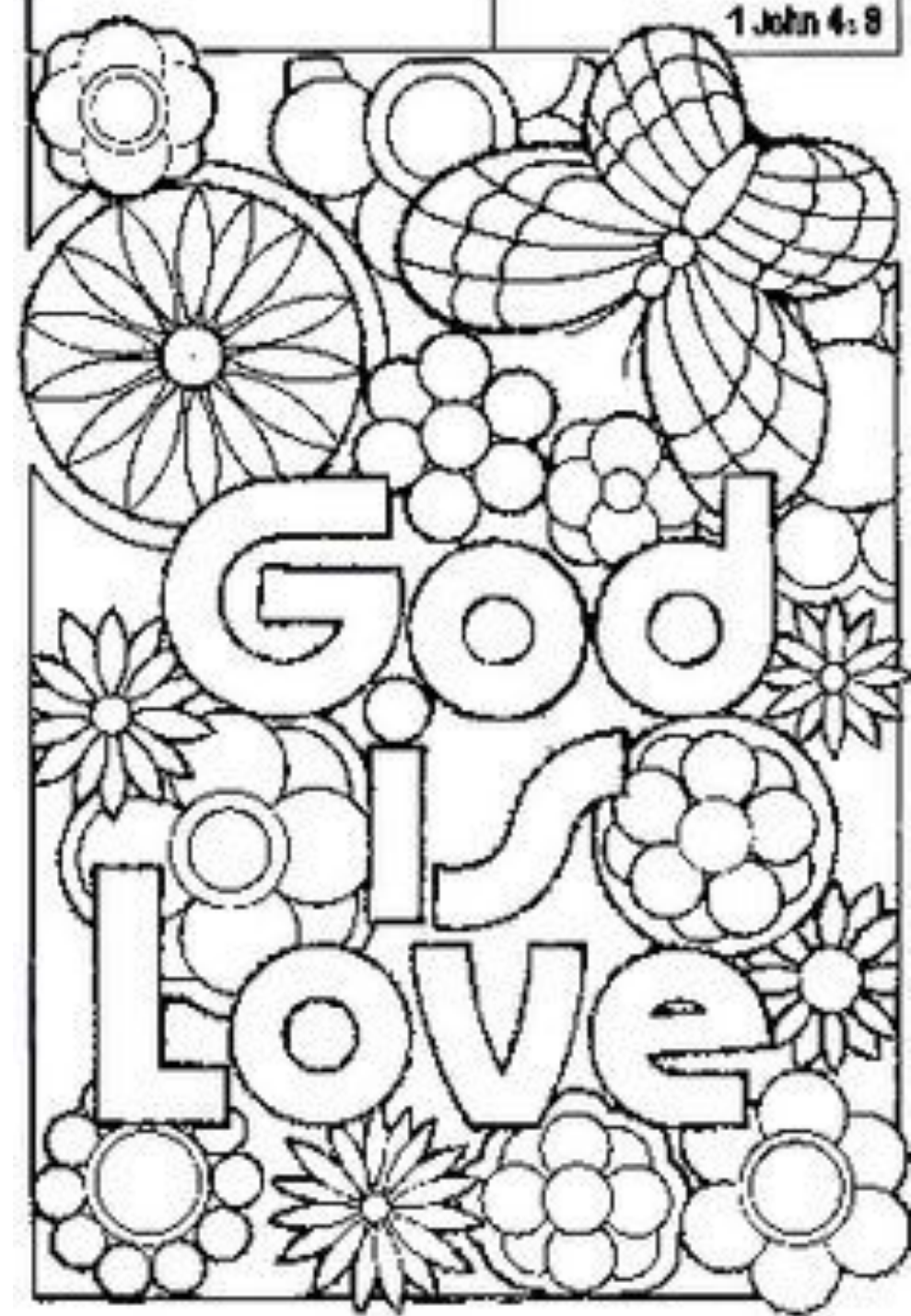
JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples
to the Mount of Transfiguration



Draw a picture of Jesus, roll it up and put a torch inside, when you turn on the torch Jesus' clothes will turn really white.

Sunday 14th February is also Valentines Day, always remember God loves you very much.....



If you have any Haribo sweets see if there is a heart shaped one in the packet, this will remind you that God loves you very much.