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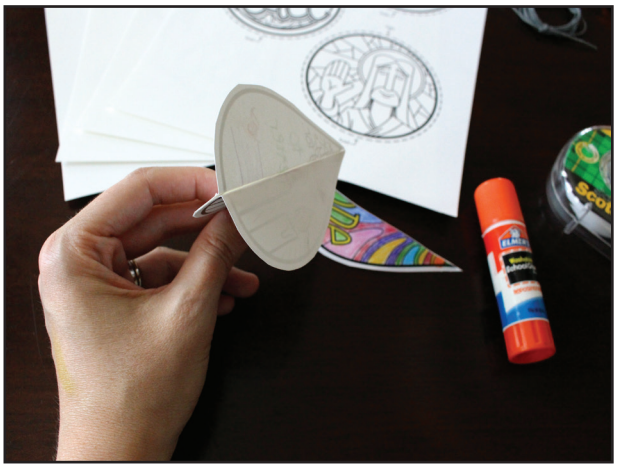

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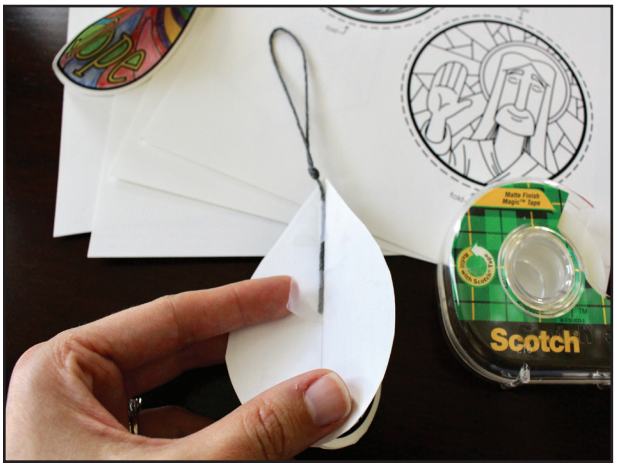

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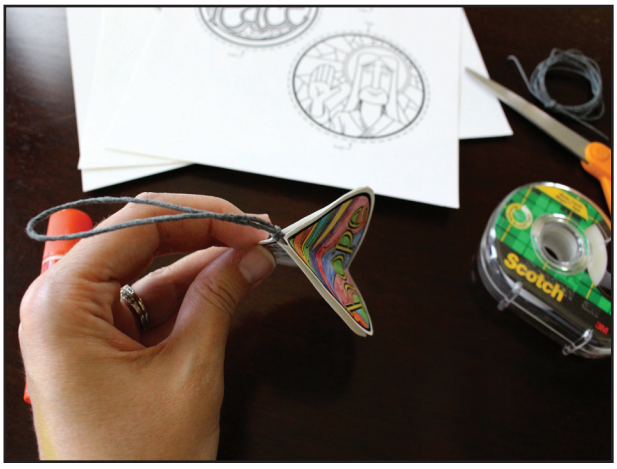

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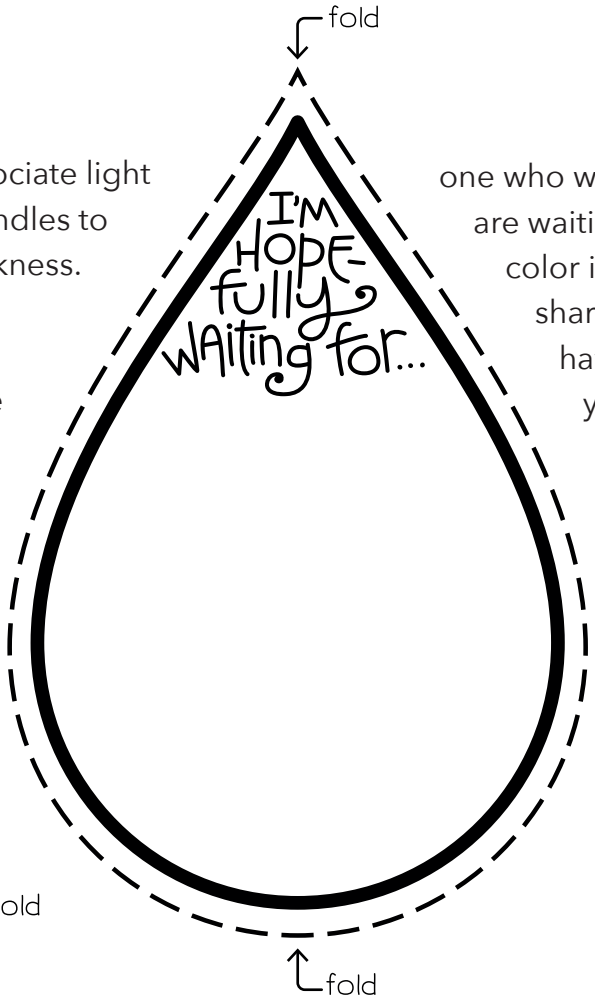
HOPE

During Advent, we associate light with Hope. We light candles to bring light into the darkness. They remind us that we are waiting. But we are waiting with HOPE. The one we are waiting for is someone great! Someone who is wonderful, mighty, everlasting, and one who will bring peace. We are waiting for Jesus. As you color in these ornaments, share about what you have hope for and how you hope-fully wait for it.

I'm hope-fully waiting for…



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PEACE

As we prepare for Christmas, we are called to prepare for the promise of Jesus. One of the ways we can be ready for Jesus is to practice being peacemakers in a world that so often resists acts of peace.

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As you color in these ornaments, share about times you have seen someone make peace: maybe at your school, your neighborhood, or your church. Share stories about how you create and work toward peace.

I create peace when…

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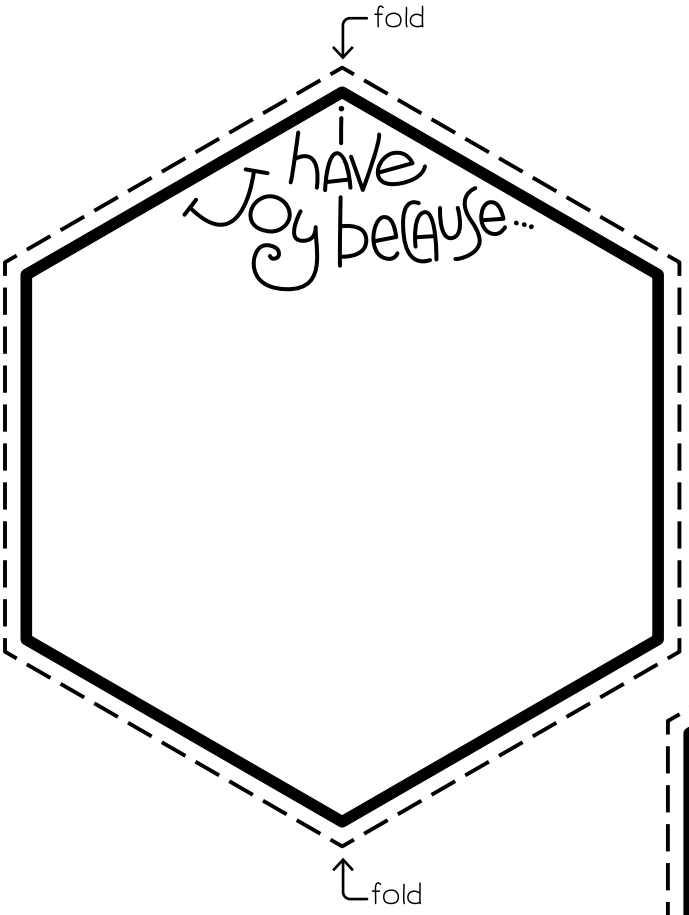
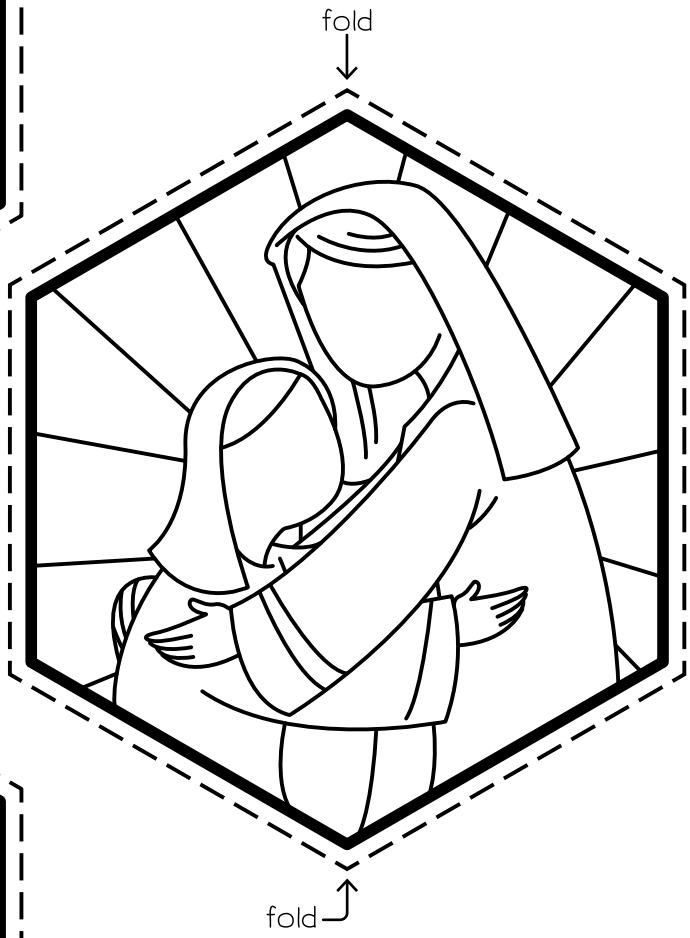


JOY

Joy is a gift that comes from being connected to God and others. When you are connected to others that love you, you can feel joy in your body like a warm hug, even if you might



be having a bad day. As you color in these ornaments, talk about how joy is something we can practice and experience together through family conversations, worship services, or helping others, and share times you have experienced joy.

I have joy because…

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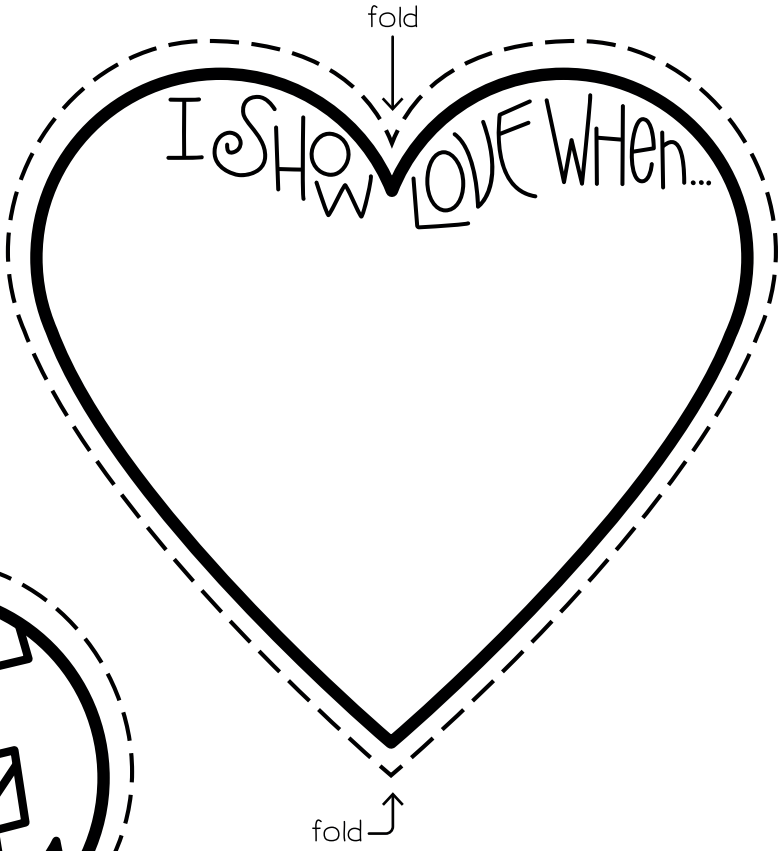
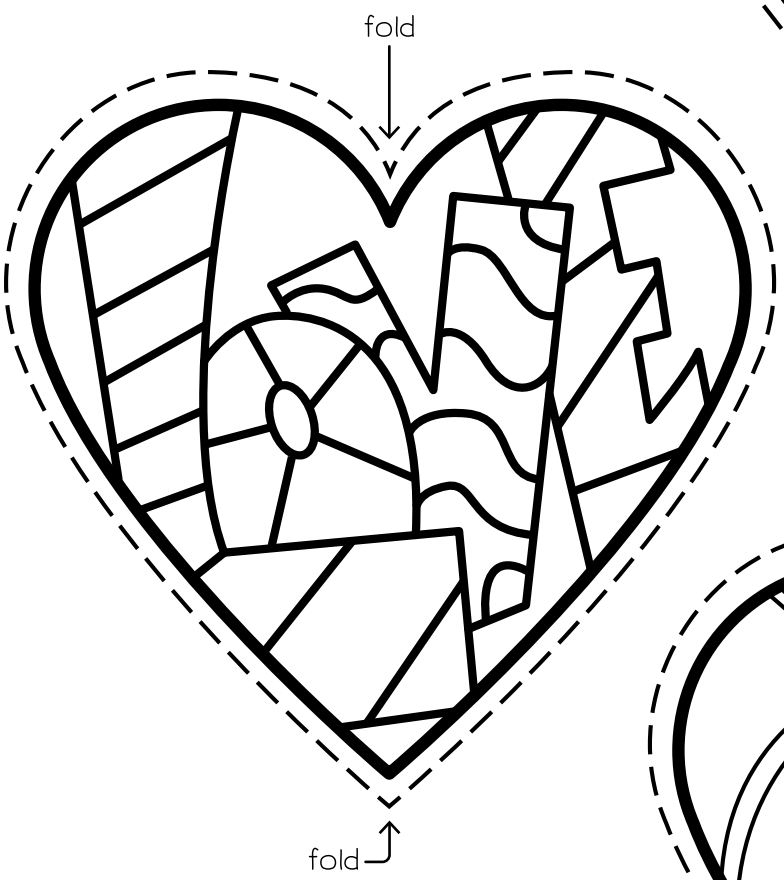
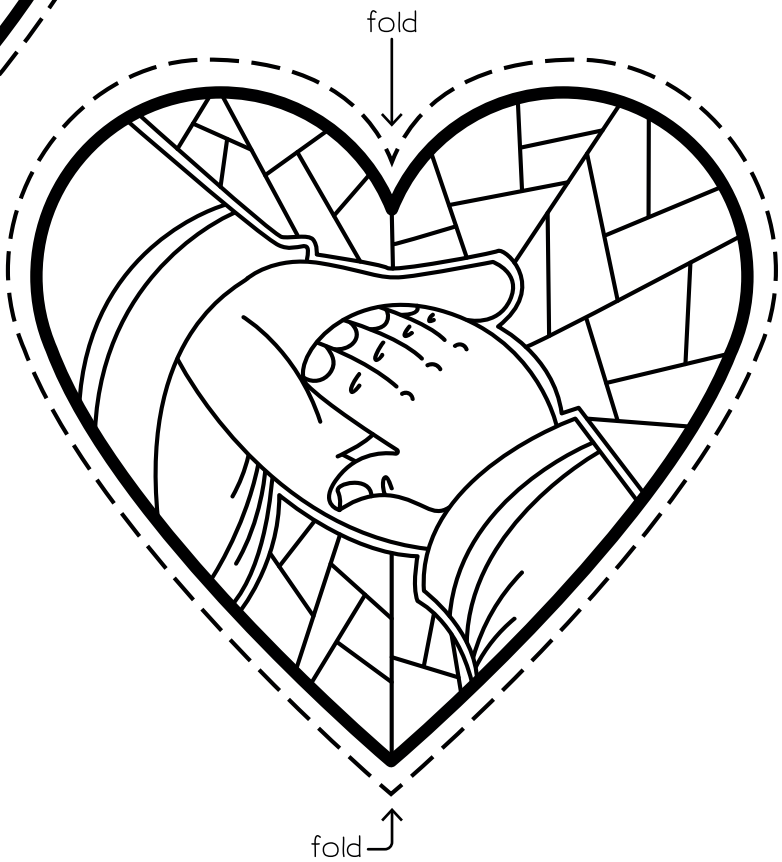
LOVE

There are so many ways to show love. Sometimes loving others means paying attention to them and listening to them. Other times, we love others when we respond to them so that they know we heard them, we believe them and







we care about them. As you color in these ornaments, share about times you showed love by listening, paying attention to, and believing someone who had a story to tell.

I show love when…

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I welcome Jesus when...

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GOD WITH US

It's strange, isn't it, that we wait for Jesus even though Jesus has already come? Each year we mark Jesus' arrival as a baby all over again – even though that's not how we mark any other "birthdays." Somehow our ancestors in faith decided that it's important to remember, year after year, that God comes to us small, and in need of care, and counting on us. Jesus counts on our welcome and our compassion. As you color in these ornaments, share about the ways you celebrate Jesus at Christmas time.

I welcome Jesus when…

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