Merry Christmas

Family Christmas Fun Page

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ANGELS
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CHRISTMAS
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MIRACLE
NATIVITY
PROPHECY
SAVIOR
SHEPHERDS
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After you've circled all the words, write down every letter in the puzzle that's *not* been used. All the unused letters together form a hidden message:

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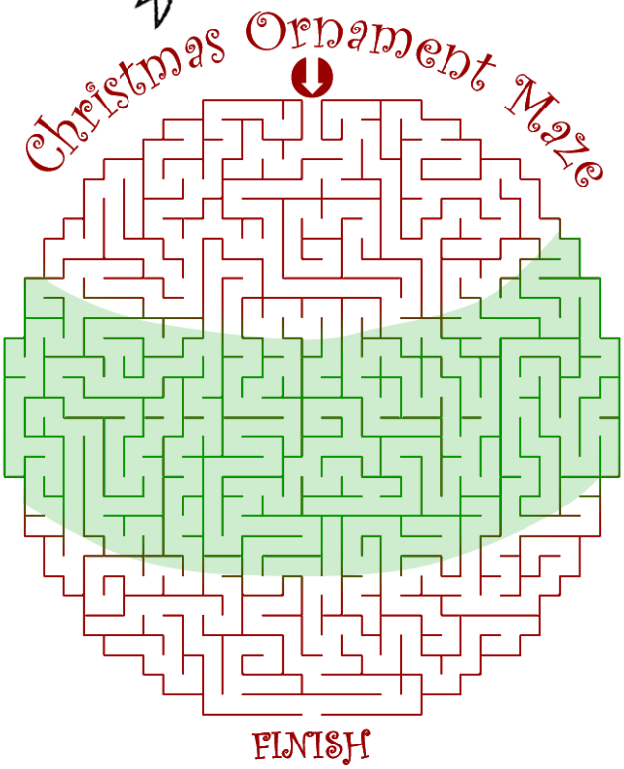

A Meaningful Christmas

Sitting down to a great meal with your loved ones, enjoying the warmth of a crackling fire, hanging stockings, decorating the tree… these are the things that make Christmas meaningful for so many people. Nothing beats snuggling into a comfy chair with a cup of hot chocolate, looking at the twinkling lights, and listening to the old familiar carols…

Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled…"

The Christmas season is the time of year set aside by Christians to celebrate the birth of Jesus. You've heard the story… a virgin was visited by God's angel and told she would become miraculously pregnant with God's one and only Son...

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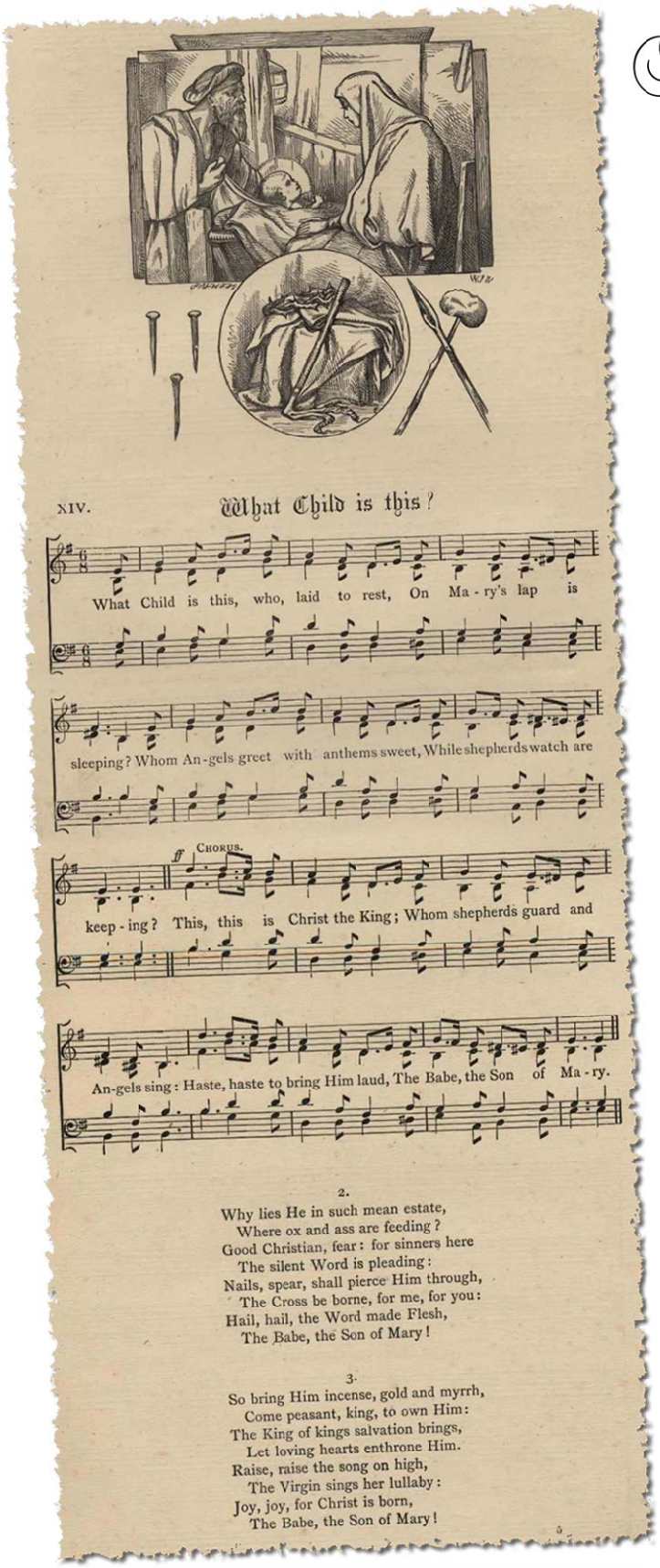

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An angel told the virgin's fiancé, "You shall name the baby Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

But what does this really mean? Sure, none of us are perfect, but do we really need someone to "save" us from our sins? To find out, we need to check our lives against God's Holy Law—The Ten Commandments.

Have you ever told a lie? Here's the ugly truth… if you've told lies, that makes you a "liar" in the eyes of God. Have you ever stolen anything? (Think hard, and be honest… regardless of the item's value, have you *ever* taken something that didn't belong to you?) If you have, God sees you as a "thief." Have you ever used God's name in vain (such as exclaiming, "Oh my G-d!")? If so, you're a "blasphemer." Have you ever felt hatred toward someone? According to God's word, anyone who hates is considered a "murderer" (1 John 3:15). And Jesus said that anyone who even *looks* at another person with lust (sexual desire) is considered by God to be an "adulterer at heart" (Matthew 5:28).

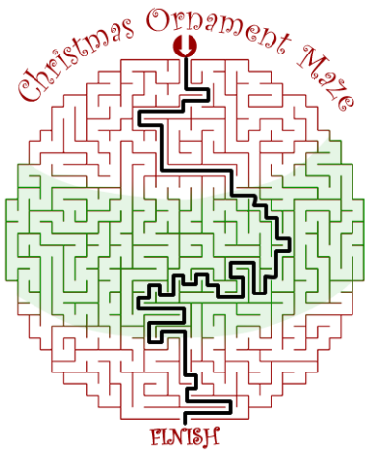
We've only looked at five out of The Ten Commandments, but if God judges you by that standard, will you be innocent or guilty? Many people say, "Guilty… but God is good, he'll forgive me." The truth is that God is *so* good he must see that justice is done in the same way that a "good" human judge could not let a guilty criminal go.

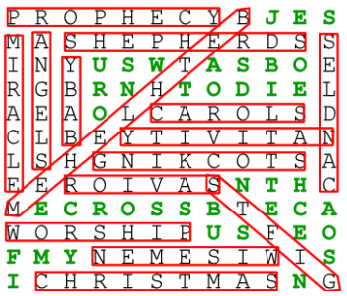
Knowing you're guilty, do you think you'd go to Heaven or Hell? Most people still hope for Heaven. But God gives us a list of these kinds of sins in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, then he adds this word of warning, "don't be deceived... these will **not** enter the Kingdom of God." In fact, in Revelation 21:8 God tells us that, "...all liars, shall have their place in the lake of fire..." So even if lying was the only sin you'd ever committed, God says that "*all* liars" are sentenced to spend eternity in Hell.

That's why Christmas is such a meaningful time for Christians. Christmas is amazing because you and I stand guilty before God, and even though we clearly deserve Hell, God sent his own perfect and sinless Son to die on a cross in payment of our sins. Then Jesus rose again, defeating death forever. In the Christmas story, that's what the angel meant when he said that Jesus would "save his people from their sins."

God's word says that if you will repent of your sins (feel sorrow for, and turn away from all the things you know are wrong) and put your faith in Jesus Christ, then God will wipe out the record of your sins, and give you the gift of eternal life. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross will be counted as the payment for your sins, and you won't have to pay for your own sins in Hell. There is no other choice. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. *No one* comes to the Father *except through me*," (John 14:6). Don't wait. Repent and put your faith in Christ today.

For more information on Christ see NeedGod.com.





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BETHLEHEM(9,1,SW)
CANDLES(12,8,N)
CAROLS(6,5,E)
CHRISTMAS(2,12,E)
GIFTS(12,12,NW)
MIRACLE(1,2,S)
NATIVITY(12,6,W)
PROPHECY(1,1,E)
SAVIOR(8,8,W)
SHEPHERDS(3,2,E)
STOCKING(11,7,W)
WISEMEN(10,11,W)
WORSHIP(1,10,E)

Jesus was born to die on the cross because of my sin.

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