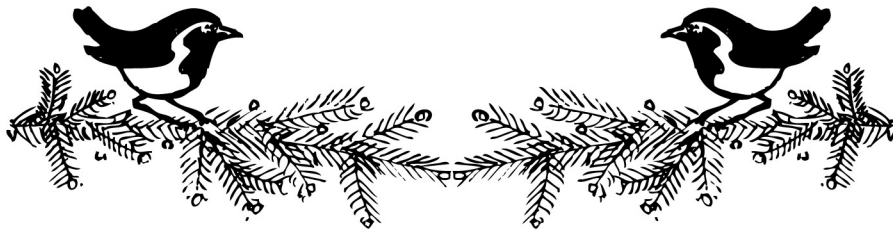


December 2016 & January 2017



Hope for a broken world



Killeshill, Ballygawley & Errigle Keerogue Group of Parishes Church of Ireland

SERVICE TIMES FOR THE MONTHS AHEAD:

<u>December</u>	Sunday 04 Dec 2016	Sunday 11 Dec 2016	Sunday 18 Dec 2016	Friday 23 Dec 2016	Saturday 24 Dec 2016	Sunday 25 Dec 2016
Killeshill 9.45am	Carol Service 7.30pm	MP2	MP2	Joint Christingle Service 7pm Errigle Keerogue	Joint HC Service 11.30pm Killeshill	Joint HC Service 9.30am Ballygawley Joint HC Service 11am Errigle Keerogue
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Ballygawley 12.15pm	HC 2	Carol Service 7.30pm	MP2			

<u>January</u>	Sunday 01 Jan 2017	Sunday 08 Jan 2017	Sunday 15 Jan 2017	Sunday 22 Jan 2017	Sunday 29 Jan 2017
Killeshill 9.45am	HC2	MP2	MP2	Joint Service 11am Errigle Keerogue	MP2
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Ballygawley 12.15pm	HC2	MP2	MP2		MP2

Rev. Broddle's contact details are:

Mobile: 07841974633

Email: ekbkrector@gmail.com

Rev. Broddle is requesting names of those requiring Christmas Communion. Please contact him and let him know.

Please remember the family of Mrs Doreen Best and keep them in your prayers.



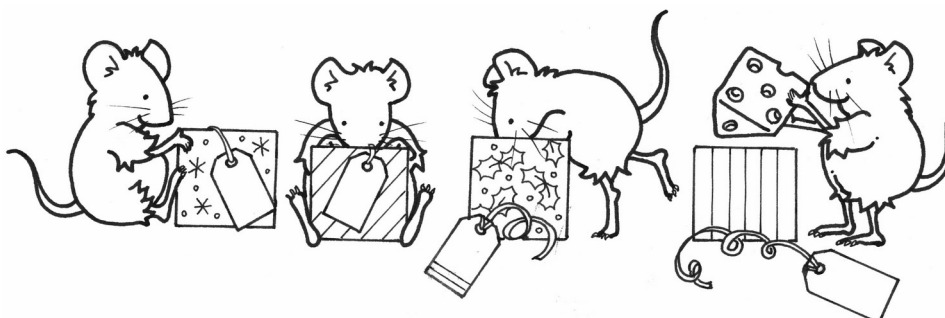
“Your word is a lamp
for my feet,
a light for my path”
Psalm 119:105

Baptisms: Congratulations on the baptism of Millie Jo, daughter of Sharon Loch and Barry Allen, on 6th November in Ballygawley Parish Church.

Sunday School Christmas Party! On Friday 16th December the joint Sunday School party will be held in Ballygawley church hall from 7pm - 8:30pm, (Can parents please see teachers regarding food requirements—thanks).

Sunday Schools will re-commence after Christmas on Sunday 15th January 2017.

Please note the inclusion, in the December service times, of the Joint Christingle Service on Friday 23rd December in Errigle Keeroque at 7pm. This service is especially for all of the children in our parishes, who will be getting involved in making something very special, but don't worry the big grown up kids are invited too! We really look forward to having our first Christingle service, and if you are still wondering what it is all about, then come along to find out more!!



The Poppy and the Cornflower: The Story of the Somme

This exhibition of wartime memorabilia took place over the weekend of 4-6 November in Errigle Keerogue. While the parishioners told of their stories connected to war through memorabilia and displays in the church we welcomed Lisbellaw & South Fermanagh World War One Society & Friends of the Somme, Dungannon who also contributed to the event with their extensive display of uniforms and weaponry in the Parish Hall. We were delighted to welcome Alan Clarke to talk about his great aunt Bella Dickson who served as a nurse in Serbia during WWI and Drew Robinson who recounted many stories of his book *Ballygawley War Dead*. The weekend was interspersed with musical items: Jack Rainey who entertained with the flute; Sarah Stockdale sang wartime songs; Loughans Accordion Band played and everyone had an opportunity to join in an old-tyme sing song on the Saturday evening. The weekend concluded with a special 1916 Service of Remembrance on the Sunday evening. A huge thank you and congratulations to all who took part and helped in any way.

Find photos of the event on the Churches Facebook page - search for [@ekbkchurches](#)



Amazing how quickly our new Parish Reader has settled in lol!!



"Of all the cheek! Rides up on his sleigh in his flashy red suit, pushes to the front of the queue to the stable shouting 'Ho! Ho! Ho!'... who DOES he think he is?!"

crops.

To receive a Present Aid gift card by post in time for Christmas, orders must be placed by 14 December. Present Aid, has raised in excess of £17 million for Christian Aid's work with poor communities across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Present Aid launches new ethical charity Christmas gifts

Present Aid

(www.presentaid.org/2016),

Christian Aid's ethical gift shop, has launched 18 new charity gifts for Christmas 2016. The new gifts will support some of the 65 million displaced people around the world, who have been victims of violence, conflict and unpredictability.

There are 10 gifts available for £20 or less, so your gift could provide a much-needed toilet (£8) for a community in South Sudan; provide new boots (£10) to help a vulnerable child in Eastern Europe; or help send Malawian farmers a daily local weather forecast (£8) via text message so they know when it is best to plant seeds and harvest

Is there anything you would like included in future Parish

Magazines? Please let Jill Eagleson know - call, text or email

028 8556 7339 / 07731 850 978 /

erriglekeerogue@hotmail.co.uk Many thanks.

Have you 'liked' the Churches' Facebook page yet? Search for 'Errigle Keerogue, Ballygawley and Killeshill Churches' or @ekbkchurches and like the page to stay up to date with what's happening and to see lots of photos from events!

If you want anything posted on the Churches' Facebook please let me know! Thanks. Jill

Contact details for the Prayer Coordinators are Stephen McKeown, Errigle Keerogue, 07811959866, Avril Hughes, Ballygawley, 028 8554 8311 and Ivan Gillespie, Killeshill, 07870534482. Prayer cards remain in each church. If you would like a prayer said at a meeting simply write as

much or as little detail as you wish onto the prayer card and place it in the box provided. These requests will be brought forward at the next prayer meeting.

- **December's prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th in Ballygawley Hall at 8.30pm.**
- **January's meeting will be on Wednesday 11th in Killeshill Hall at 8.30pm.**

The Challenges of Christmas

Christmas is a great time of year, but it's not without its challenges! One household had 250,000 Christmas lights, but could not boil a kettle for fear of blowing the system!

The challenge of over-indulging: We all remember the episode of the Vicar of Dibley, where she had to consume four Christmas dinners! Christmas is a time when we usually eat and drink far too much, the average person gaining 6 pounds in weight. But Christmas is not simply about gaining weight, but losing what weighs us down. *'Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.'* (1 Peter 5:7). Whatever your concerns or worries this Christmas, bring them to God.

The challenge of overspending: In the rush to buy Christmas cards, a woman bought a pack of 50 identical cards. Without reading the verse, she hastily signed and sent them off, but for one. A few days later she read the message: *'This card is just to say a little gift is on the way.'* Christmas is not about getting into debt, but God getting us out of debt. He spent exactly what was needed on the first Christmas night: *'You are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.'* (Matthew 1:21).

The challenge of over too quickly: Christmas doesn't last very long, yet the effect of the first Christmas is long-lasting. *'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* (John 3:16). Jesus has come to bring us life in all its fullness, both for now and all eternity.

How do we face the challenges of Christmas?
'Yet what I can, I give Him - give my heart'.





Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Ballygawley Mothers' Union Info....

November Meeting: Mr Geoffrey Simpson gave a very informative and entertaining talk on antiques at our November meeting.

MU Christmas Tree display: This year again, the MU decorated a Christmas tree for the Cancer Research Christmas Tree Festival in the Tyrone GAA Centre, Garvaghey. Thank you again to the committee for taking the time at this busy period to do this for a very worthy cause.

Christmas Dinner: Looking forward to the MU Christmas Dinner on Monday night 5th December, in Aughnacloy Golf Club. A great way to start the festive season!

Invitations: Castlecaulfield and Donaghmore MU invite you to their visitors' night on Tuesday 13th December at 8pm in the Parish Hall, Castlecaulfield. The speaker will be Mrs Janice Barr who will give an update on the work of the charity "Charlene's Project" in Uganda. The aim of this charity is the advancement of education for children in Uganda and the relief of poverty, hardship and distress.

Ballygawley P.W invite you to their visitors' night on Monday 9th January 2017 at 8pm in the Smyth Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Eva Baxter, who will dress in period costume and tell us the life story of John Wesley's mother Susanna, in word and song.

2017:The first MU meeting of 2017 will be on Monday 6th February. Please bring any missionary money you may have.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas & a healthy and peaceful New Year!



Update From Sarah



My first few months with SUNI (Scripture Union NI) have been very busy. I have been in many schools throughout Fermanagh, and also some in Tyrone. I have been involved in primary and post

primary assemblies, RE lessons and SU groups. Within some of these assemblies I have been practising my puppeteering skills!!

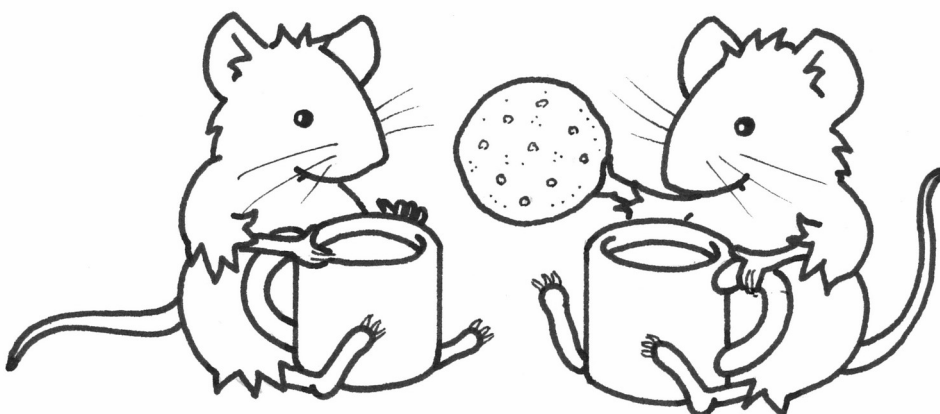


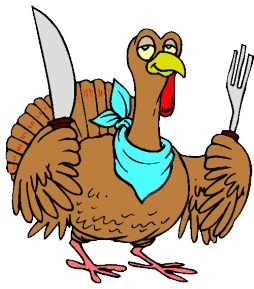
As well as work within schools, one of the highlights so far has been the "Making Your Mark" weekend which is a leadership training weekend for post primary pupils involved in the SU groups. Having gone to "Making Your Mark" as a teenager, it was great to go back and encourage the pupils

who are living out their faith within their schools.

I would like to thank everyone for their support so far, both prayerfully and financially. I would love if you could continue to pray for the work of SU in Northern Ireland, and in particular, the west of the province.

If you would like to know more about Sarah's work or would like to be involved in her sponsorship for the coming year, please contact Sarah: 07596534094 , Sarah_stockdale@hotmail.co.uk





Boxing Day 2016
"Turkey Buster" Walk

At 2pm

Meeting at Knockmany forest lower car
park

Bring some refreshments

Contact Rowena Bailey if you require
further information

Tel: 028 8556 8915

Mulled Wine Walk

This is a charity walk, £5 donation for charity, on Sunday
18th December at 12.30pm. Meet in the bottom car park at
Knockmany Forest Park. Bring your own mulled wine and
nibbles. For further details contact Rowena Bailey on 028
8556 8915.

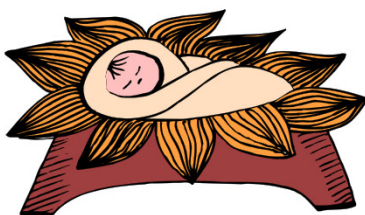
Everyone is very welcome to come along.



NATIVITY PLAY

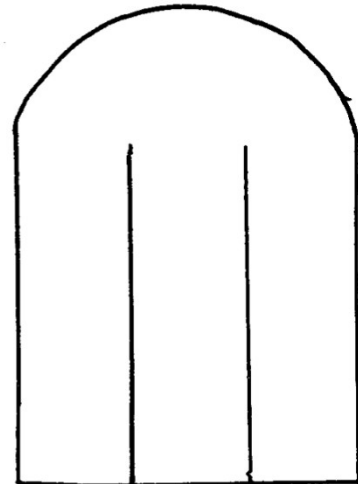
To see the story of the first Christmas through the eyes of little children makes it fresh and new. I like the story of the little boy who so wanted to be Joseph but was picked as the inn keeper instead. All went well until the nativity play started and Mary and Joseph arrived at the inn. The boy playing the innkeeper greeted them with 'Come in Mary love, there's plenty of room for you, but Joseph can get lost!'

Mary may insist that her teddy is the Baby Jesus, the angels may trip over their robes made from sheets, but every nativity play shows the wonder of the story of the first Christmas when the son of God was born a baby, like us. Tea towels used as shepherd's headdresses and angels' haloes made from wire coat hangers only serve to underline the humanity of it all. A baby born in a stable – a simple story that changes the world.



LOTS OF LOVE

Time to make some Christmas decorations? Cut out two shapes like the pattern below, one in red card, one in green card. Don't forget to cut the slits.



Interlock the 2 shapes by weaving the strips under and over their opposite



colour. This will give you a heart shape. Use a little glue to hold them together if needed. Punch a hole in the top at the centre and thread with cord to hang your decoration. You can make lots in different colours and decorate them with sequins or stickers too. Nice symbols of love to decorate your Christmas.

The Cat's Christmas Hymns:

Oh, Come All Ye Fishful
Silent Mice
Joy to the Curled
The First Meow

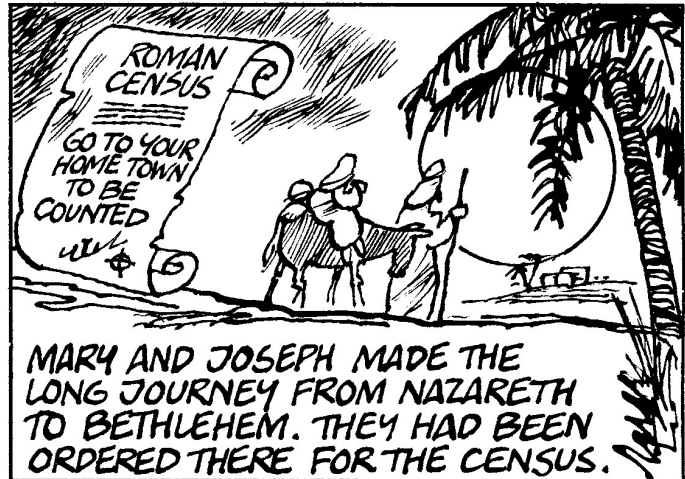


A Very Special Baby

JESUS WAS BORN ABOUT 2,000 YEARS AGO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, NEAR JERUSALEM.



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD MARY SHE WOULD HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BABY.



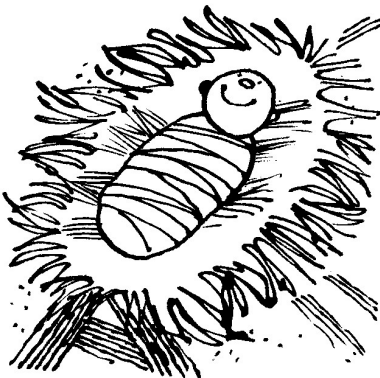
MARY AND JOSEPH MADE THE LONG JOURNEY FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM. THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED THERE FOR THE CENSUS.

BUT THE TOWN WAS FULL



THE ONLY SHELTER THEY COULD FIND WAS A STABLE...

...WHICH IS WHERE JESUS WAS BORN.



SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS NEARBY RACED TO SEE THE BABY



AN ANGEL HAD TOLD THEM WHERE JESUS HAD BEEN BORN.

WISE MEN CAME FROM THE EAST. THEY TOO WANTED TO SEE JESUS. THEY HAD BEEN GUIDED BY A STAR.

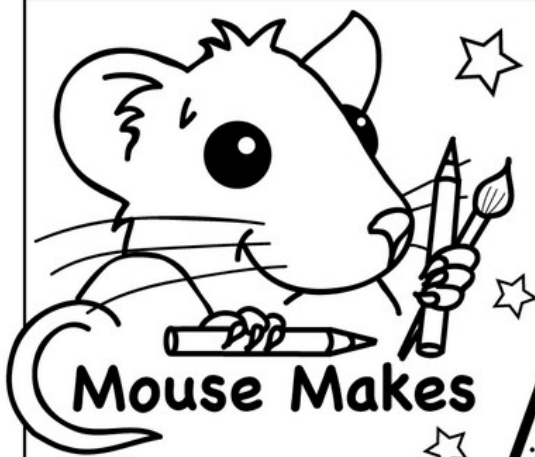


THEY BROUGHT GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

BUT MARY, JOSEPH AND BABY JESUS SOON HAD TO ESCAPE TO EGYPT...

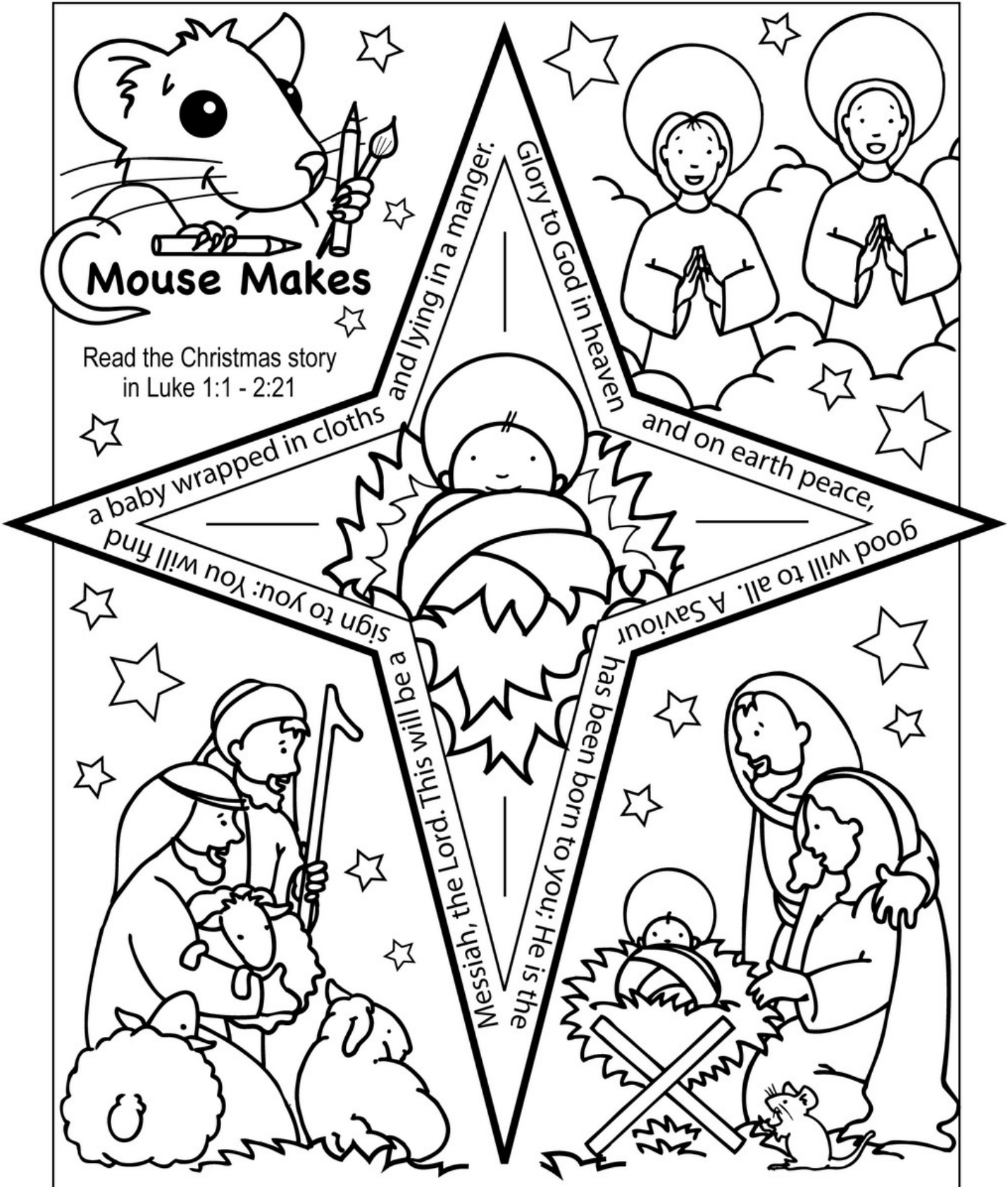


...AS KING HEROD WANTED JESUS DEAD!!



Mouse Makes

Read the Christmas story
in Luke 1:1 - 2:21



★ Eastern star, white and bright, ★
In the darkness a shining light, ★
★ Points to Jesus, God's precious Son, ★
★ Our Lord and King, our Saviour has come! ★

★ Shepherds hear the Angels sing; ★
★ "Glory to the heavenly King, ★
★ Peace on earth, good will to all." ★
★ Come to Jesus the Saviour of all. ★