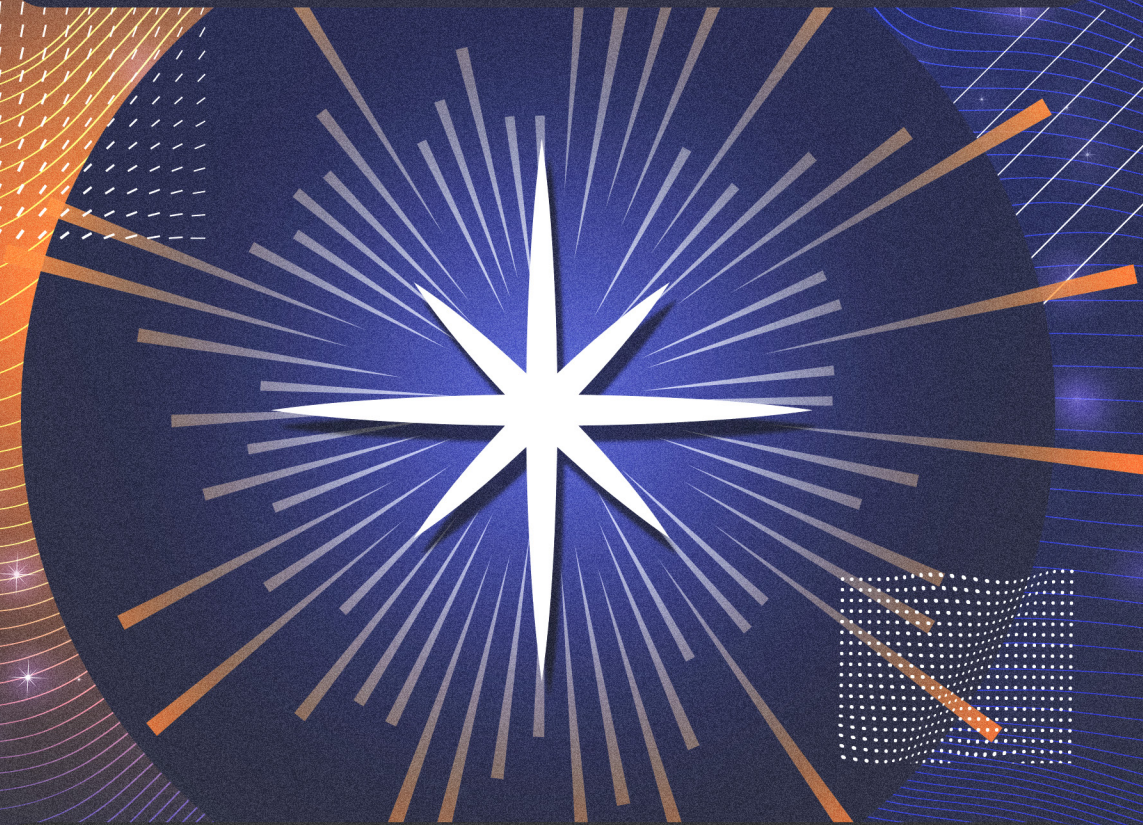


GRADES
K-6

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

Stars

Printable Lesson Kit



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LESSON OVERVIEW



STAR MIGHTY MESSAGES

This lesson on the origins of the star symbols and how we've used them will give kids some background on the Jewish (six-pointed) star, as well as the traditional Christian (five-pointed) star and the Bethlehem star, which sometimes has four points. Students will gain appreciation for Jewish history as well as our Christian faith.



How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This lesson contains many activities to help children in K-6 grade understand the subject. Feel free to fix and match activities to those that you feel will be age appropriate to your kids!



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons/Markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- White or Colored Cardstock/paper
- Pencils or pens
- NIV Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)



SCRIPTURE & LESSON

PASSAGE (NIV): VARIOUS PASSAGES ABOUT THE SYMBOL

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



Numbers 24:17—About Jesus

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth.

Isaiah 14:12—About Satan

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

Matthew 2:2—About the Wise Men

...and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

2 Peter 1:19—As a Guide

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Revelation 9:1—About Angels

The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

Questions for Children

- 1. We see here scriptures that mention stars in a host of ways. In one verse, a star applies to Jesus, but in another it applies to Satan before he turned evil with “morning star”; in a third, it symbolizes an angel: A star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. You don’t give a key to something that isn’t alive and able to think and do. What could be said about the star symbol in all three of these cases?** *It symbolizes a heavenly or celestial being—full of light in darkness. Stars symbolize beings that have more power than we have.*
- 2. You all know the six-pointed Star of David, don’t you? When we see this star, what religion do we think of?** *Judaism. Christians like the Star of David also, and some wear it on jewelry or clothing. Why do people like to wear the Star of David?* *To show their belief in Old Testament history or their family traditions or support of the Nation of Israel.*
- 3. In one of these passages, instead of representing a being, the star represents guidance. Who saw the star over where Jesus was born?** *The Magi, or Wise Men. Why do you think some people like to look out their windows at stars when they are praying?* *They are a symbol of God’s guidance.*



TEACHER’S MIGHTY MESSAGE

Throughout your message, keep visible a copy of your coloring sheet, containing the symbol, which you can point to.

Stars in the Bible often symbolize spiritual beings. In some verses they symbolize Jesus. We saw one where the “morning star” symbolized Satan, Lucifer, or “the forces of darkness.” We saw one in the futuristic book, Revelation, where a star symbolized an angel who will come to bring judgment.

However, other traditions have used them, which give stars great meaning as well. The Star of David is the 6-pointed star that everyone associates with Judaism. It is on the flag of Israel. If you wear a six-pointed star or have one in your house, it is supposed to mean you are Jewish. However, Christians love the star and wear it sometimes as well.

The odd thing is, there is no Bible scripture that led to the Star of David. The symbol is newer than people realize. No one really knows who designed the two triangles, one turned upside down inside the other. But in the 17th century, the Jewish quarter of Vienna, Austria was marked with a six-pointed star, to distinguish it from the rest of the city. Around this time, the star also became part of synagogue designs around the world.

The four- and five-pointed stars are associated with the birth of Jesus. In Matthew 2 is the story of the Magi, or Wise Men, following the star to Bethlehem. That star usually has a very long point on the bottom, pointing the way to Jesus.

When you see a six-pointed star, remember it is a famous Jewish symbol of faith that Christians love also. When you see a five- or four-pointed star, that is a symbol of either spiritual beings or guidance to a special place—like the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem.





MATERIALS:

- Paper Star Craft (two pages)
- White or colored cardstock (recommended) or paper
- Coloring Utensils
- Scissors
- Glue

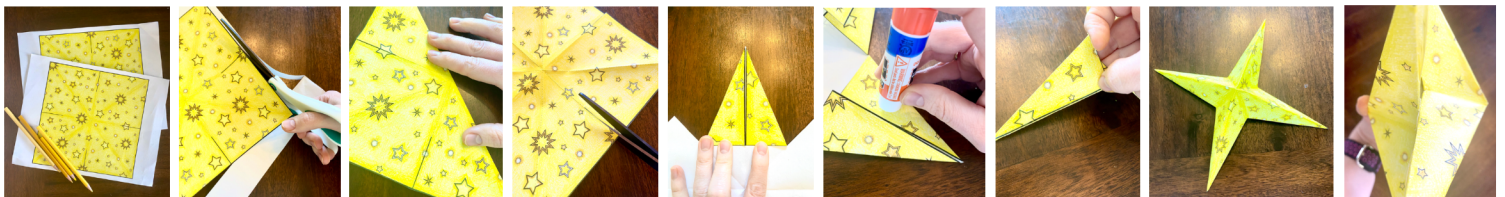


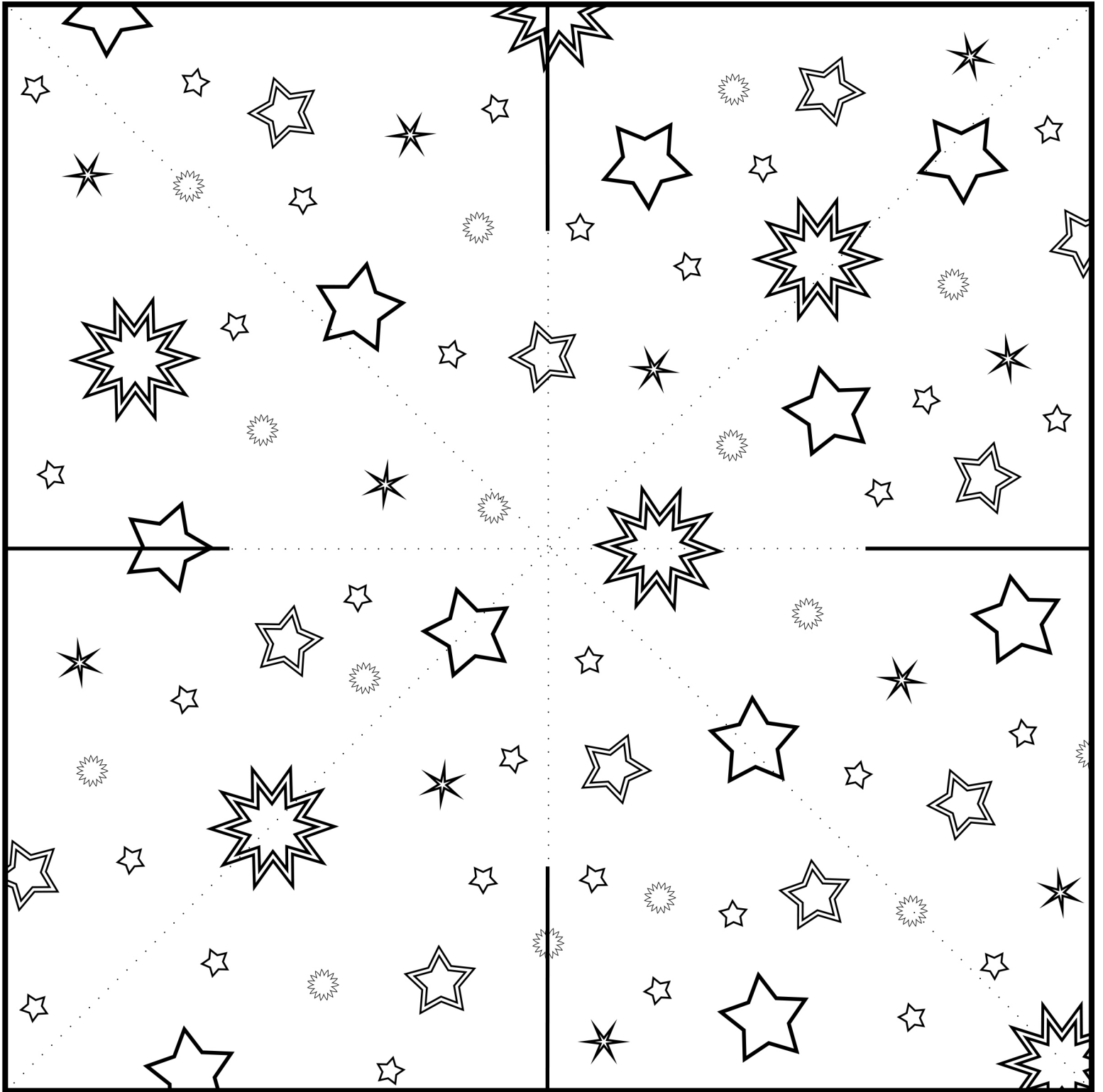
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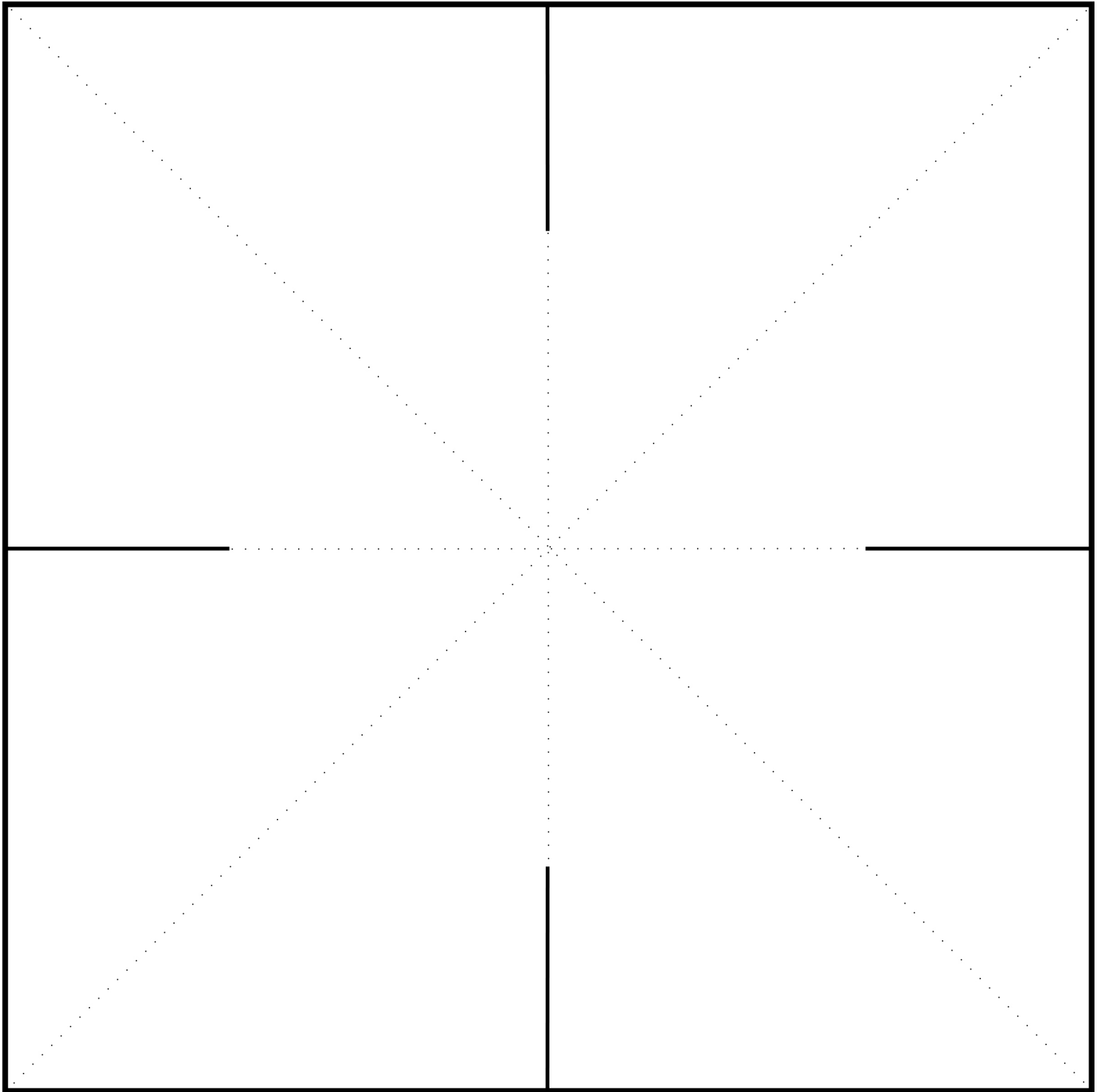
- Print two copies of Star Craft file for each student

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Color pages as desired.
2. Carefully cut out square
3. Fold square on dotted lines, horizontally, vertically, and along both diagonals
4. Cut solid lines into square, careful to go no further than indicated
5. Turn square over, backside facing up. Starting with one corner, fold left sides in to meet in the middle, making a triangle shape. Repeat for other corners.
6. With the triangle in one corner, apply glue to one of the sides and carefully overlap the other side so that the edges are aligned and the corner comes to a point. Repeat for the other corners
7. You should end up with a four-pointed 3D Star. Repeat with second all directions for second Star.
8. Glue flat sides of 3D Stars together, aligning at a 45 degree angle. The back side of each star is not be perfectly flat so glue liberally where two shapes meet and allow for longer drying period.











WORD SEARCH

Instructions: All different sorts of symbols for stars exist in our Bible. Find some of them in the word search.

I	D	O	L	A	T	R	Y	A	O	P	T
X	Q	W	O	R	M	W	O	O	D	N	F
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F	A	L	L	I	N	G	Q	O	T	S	I
B	R	Z	R	G	U	I	D	A	N	C	E

Words to Find:

GOD
JESUS
LUCIFER
ANGELS

JUDGMENT
FALLING
SPECTER
ISRAEL

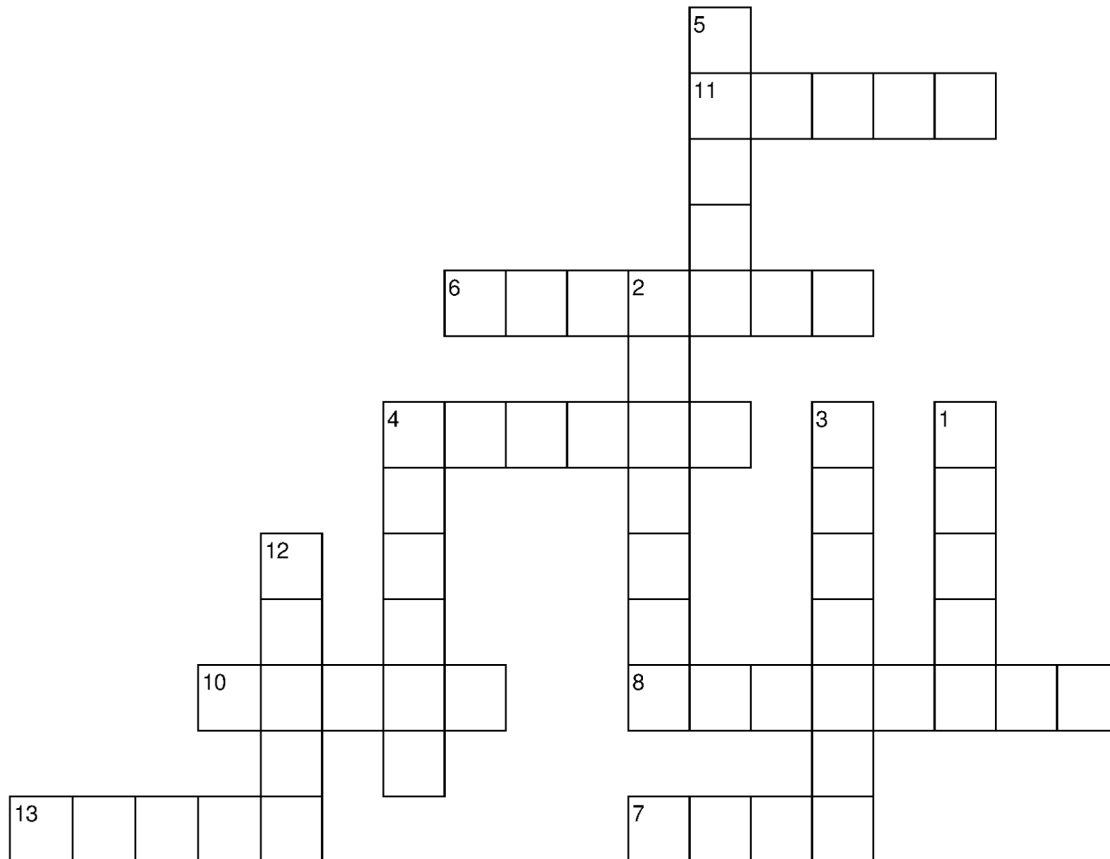
IDOLATRY
WORSHIP
SPLENDOR
GUIDANCE

PROPHECY
WORMWOOD
DEATH
LIFE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance Sheet, Famous Scriptures Relating to Stars, to complete the answers to the crossword puzzle below.



Across

- 4. Satan fell like a star from this place
- 6. The Wise Men saw a predicted star and followed it to do this
- 7. According to the Wise Men, Jesus was born having this royal status
- 8. Our prophetic message is something completely...
- 10. This angel in Revelation sounded a trumpet and a star tumbled to earth
- 11. An angel in Revelation was given the key to this awful place
- 13. Jesus calls himself the Root and the Offspring of this great king

Down

- 1. A star will come out of the descendants of this grandson of Abraham
- 2. This symbol of royalty will rise and crush two kingdoms
- 3. Good and bad things are symbolized by a star of this type
- 4. Until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your...
- 5. Satan was cast down from heaven to this place
- 12. This angel in Revelation sounded a trumpet, and one-third of the rivers and springs turned bitter



AT A GLANCE: FAMOUS SCRIPTURES RELATING TO THE STARS

Below are the scriptures from your lesson on the star symbols plus several other famous ones. They show ways the symbol is used. Sometimes stars symbolize good things, and some bad. Mark with an X anything that is not good.

NUMBERS 24:17

About Jesus

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth.

ISAIAH 14:12

About Satan

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!

MATTHEW 2:2

About the Wise Men

...and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

2 PETER 1:19

As a Guide

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

REVELATION 9:1

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REVELATION 8:10-11

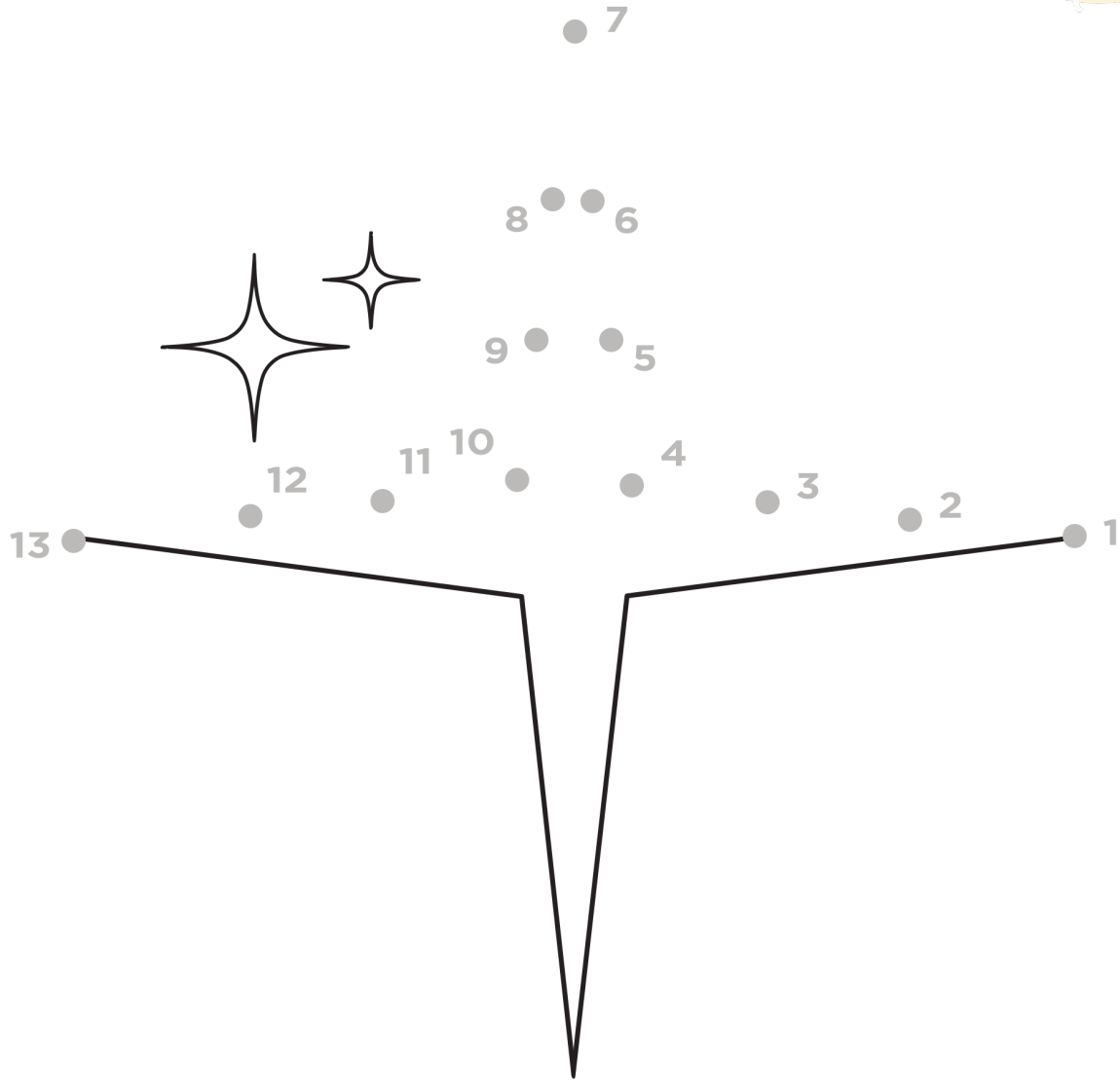
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The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

REVELATION 22:16

About Jesus

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."



Write out the following important scripture for this symbol: Revelation 22:16



**LEARNING
LOOKUPS**



**CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS
Stars**

Lookup: Numbers 24:17 and write it down.

Lookup: Revelation 22:16 and write it down.

Question: Both of these statements with star symbols are about Jesus. One was written 3,500 years ago, and the other is about the end of time. How are they the same?

Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask God to make Jesus shine so brightly in your heart that it is like a sun-star's light. Use your own words:



Instructions: Use your At-A-Glance Sheet to fill in the scripture verses below that have to do with the star symbols in our faith

STARS IN THE BIBLE

Numbers 24:17—About Jesus

“I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of _____; a scepter will rise out of _____. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the people of Sheth.

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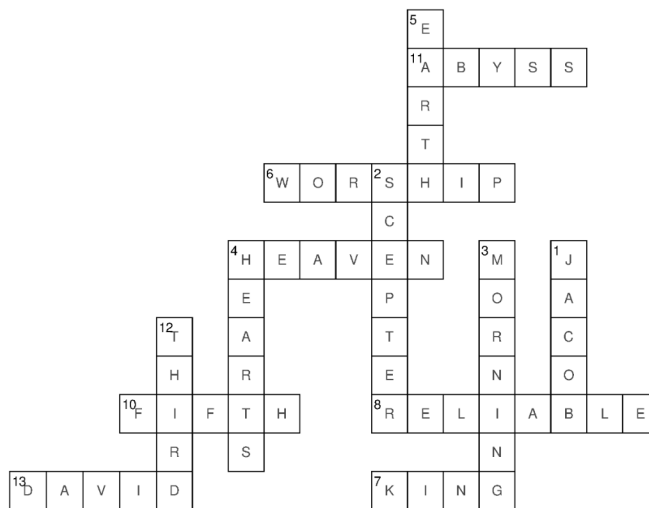
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ANSWER KEY

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S	W	B	F	H	E	M	V	D	Y	(J)	H
H	C	Y	R	E	H	L	E	E	M	E	E
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(F)	A	L	L	I	N	G	Q	O	T	S	I
B	R	Z	R	(G)	U	I	D	A	N	C	E



Teacher's QUIZ ANSWERS in order:

- 1) Jacob
- 2) Israel
- 3) heaven
- 4) earth
- 5) Jews
- 6) worship
- 7) message
- 8) hearts
- 9) trumpet
- 10) torch
- 11) Wormwood
- 12) Root
- 13) Offspring



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