

Date	Day	Colour	Theme
20 December 2020	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	Purple (violet) or deep blue	Love
Bible verse: - 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 Psalm 89.1-4,19-27 Song of Mary Australian Prayer Book page 9 or 425 Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38			
<p>On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we think about love and the Mother of Jesus, Mary. Mary loved God so much that she was willing to do what she believed God was asking her to do. The thing that God asking Mary to do was to trust Him and to give birth to the baby Jesus. God trusted Mary too because as Christians we believe that God decided to come to Earth, to be born as a human and Mary was chosen by God to be the person that was best for the job. This is an amazing thought too amazing to go into here. We just need to know for now that God wanted Mary to be the mother of his Son, Jesus. God did not choose a rich woman. Mary was not rich and she was young, but she was willing to be part of God's plan for our World, not just for that first Christmas but for every Christmas after that and everyday in between Christmases, so that we now have an example of what God is like because of how Jesus lived his life and this is - loving. God wants us to be loving too. To care for others and care for ourselves, to become the very best person that we can become. The person that God made us. So, we give thanks for Mary, the great love that God has for us and that God can help us to be loving too.</p>			
<p><u>Further Activities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Watch the Children's Church video for this week. Read the stories from the Bible.</li> <li>2) Colouring sheet</li> <li>3) Have you made a prayer corner yet?</li> </ol>			

4) Keep doing the activities from the ideas below. This will help the people you care about know that you love them.

5) I'd love to see photos if you're allowed to email them in. Ask your parents to help you. The address is:-  
[families@graftoncathedral.org.au](mailto:families@graftoncathedral.org.au)

Use the hearts below. Write in the names of the people you love, that they will know God's love in their hearts too and if you know that they need something else.



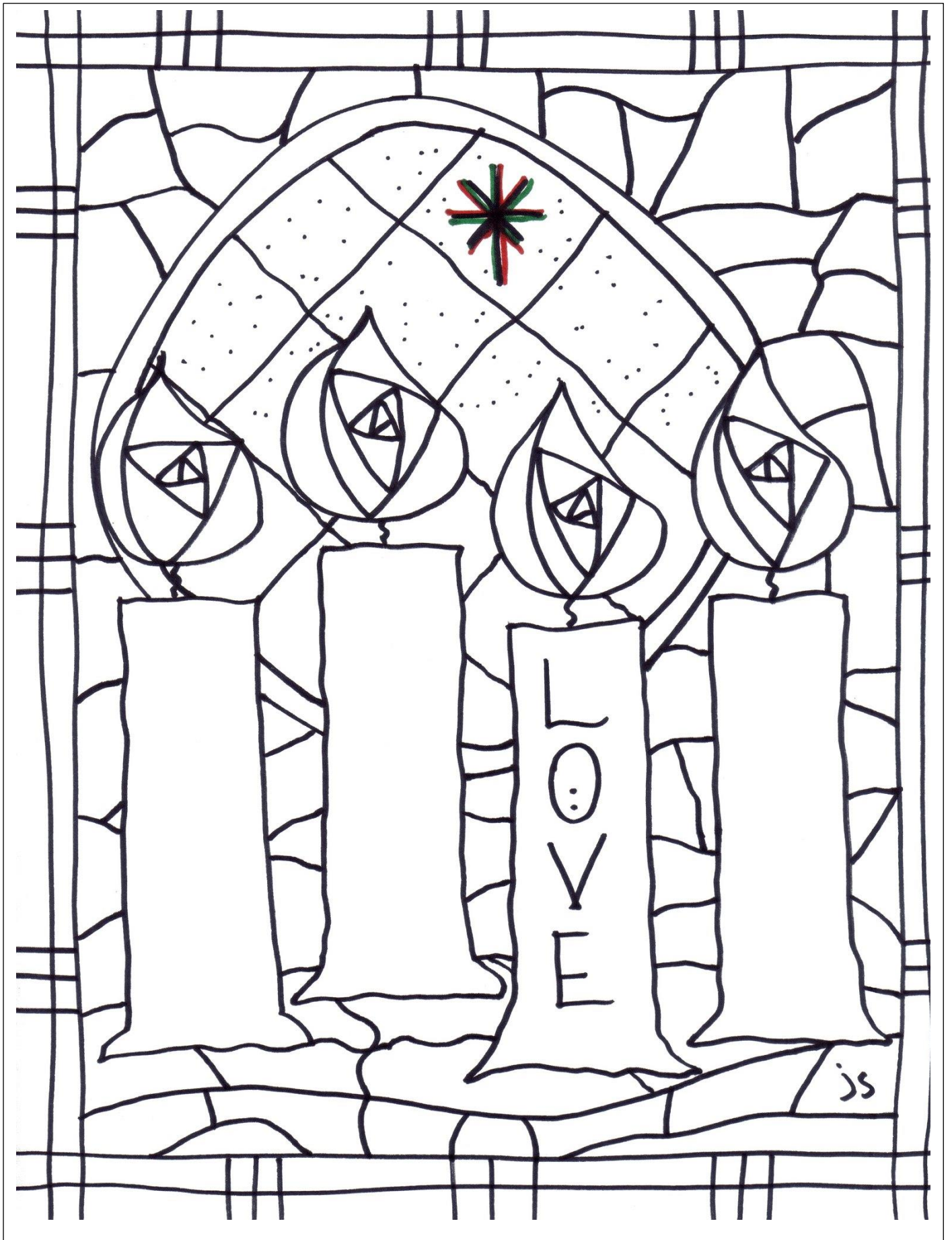
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**Love**



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Some extra activities you might like to do with your grown-ups in the lead up to Christmas.

Who can you do these activities for? Is there someone who would like a homemade Christmas decoration or biscuits?