



CHRISTMAS

TODDLER CRAFT | LESSON 4

COUNT WITH ME CHRISTMAS BOOK

In this craft, the children will make a fun counting book that will help them remember different parts of the Christmas story. They will be reminded that Christmas is all about Jesus who was born to be our friend.

DIRECTIONS

PREP BEFORE SERVICE

1. Print out the Count with Me Christmas Book printable.
2. Fold the pages in half to create a book for each child and staple center fold.
3. Have crayons and printables ready for the leaders.

DURING THE SERVICE

1. Give each child a Count with Me Christmas Book to color.
2. While the kids color, discuss the talking points:
 - Acknowledge the page they are coloring. *What are you coloring? How many are there? Let's count together.*
 - *What animal do you see? What sound does it make?*
 - *Who was born on Christmas? Jesus.*
 - *Can you find Jesus in your book? There he is! Let's say, Happy Birthday Jesus!*
 - *Jesus was born to be your friend. Point to each child and say, God wants to be your friend, [child's name].*
 - Read the book with the children and count on each page together.



SUPPLIES NEEDED



Count with
Me Christmas
Book
printable



Crayons



Stapler

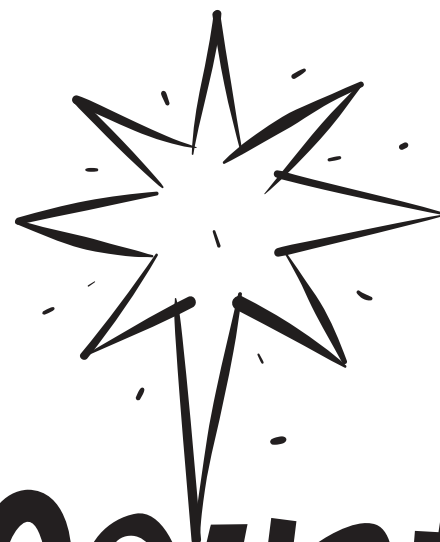
BIG IDEA

God wants to be my friend.



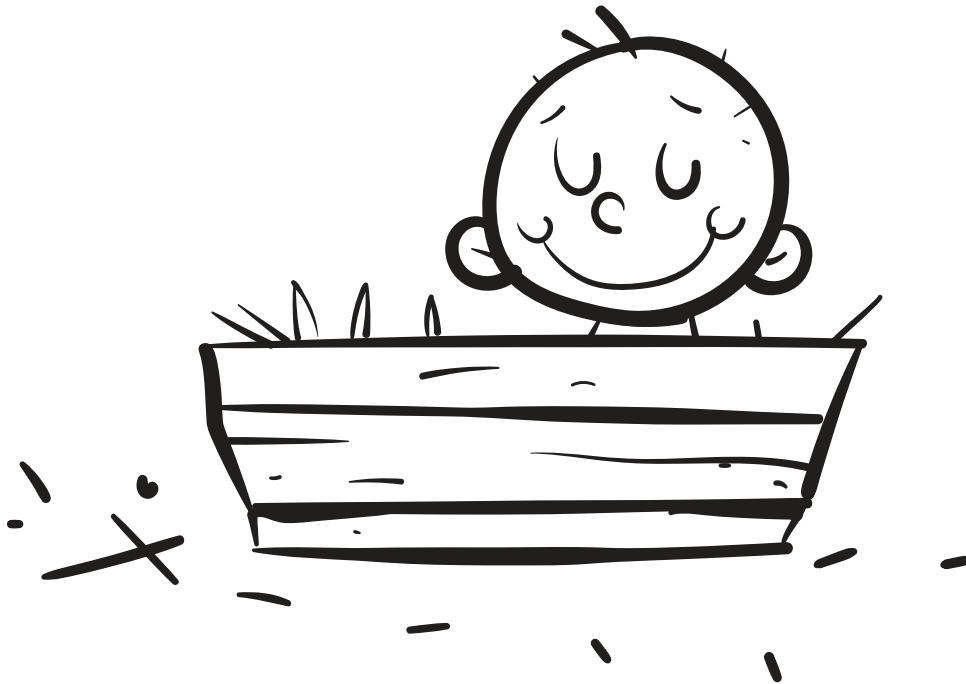
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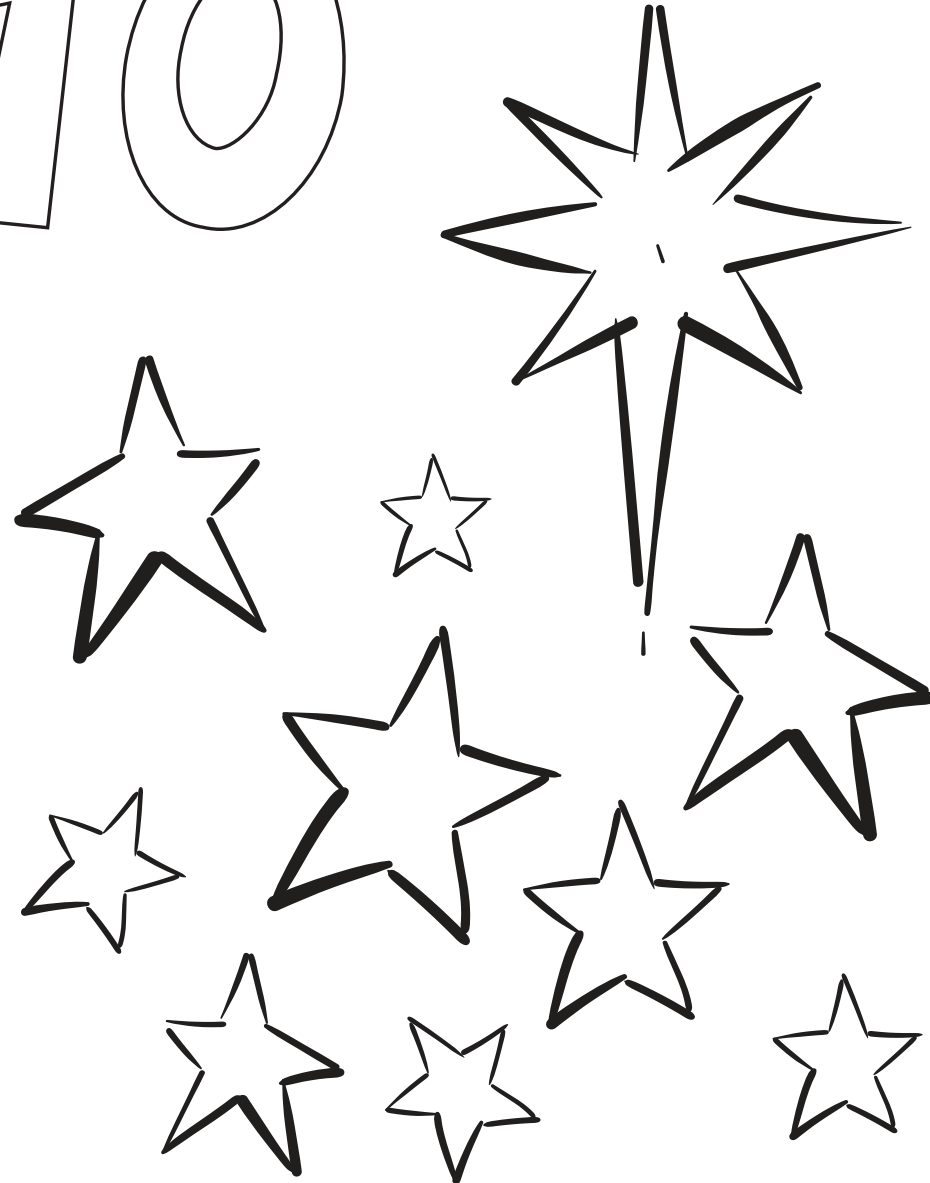
**Count
with me
Christmas**

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Baby Jesus laid in a manger

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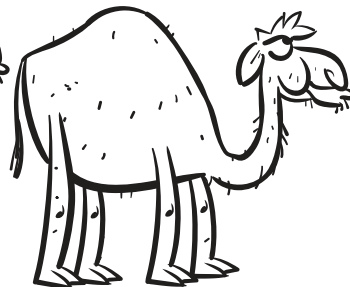
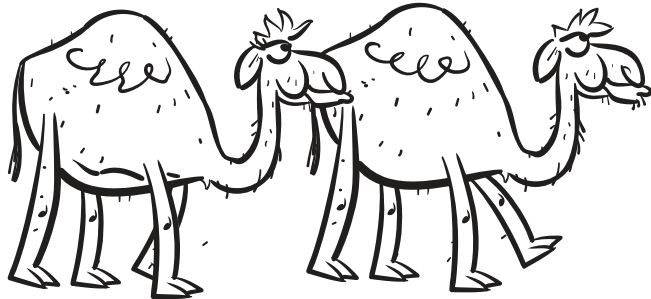
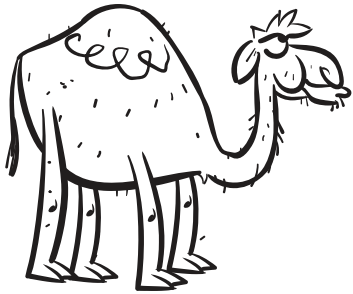
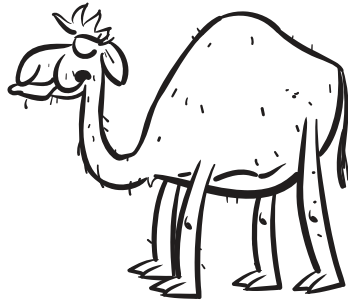


**Ten stars to light up the sky with one
to guide the wise men at night**

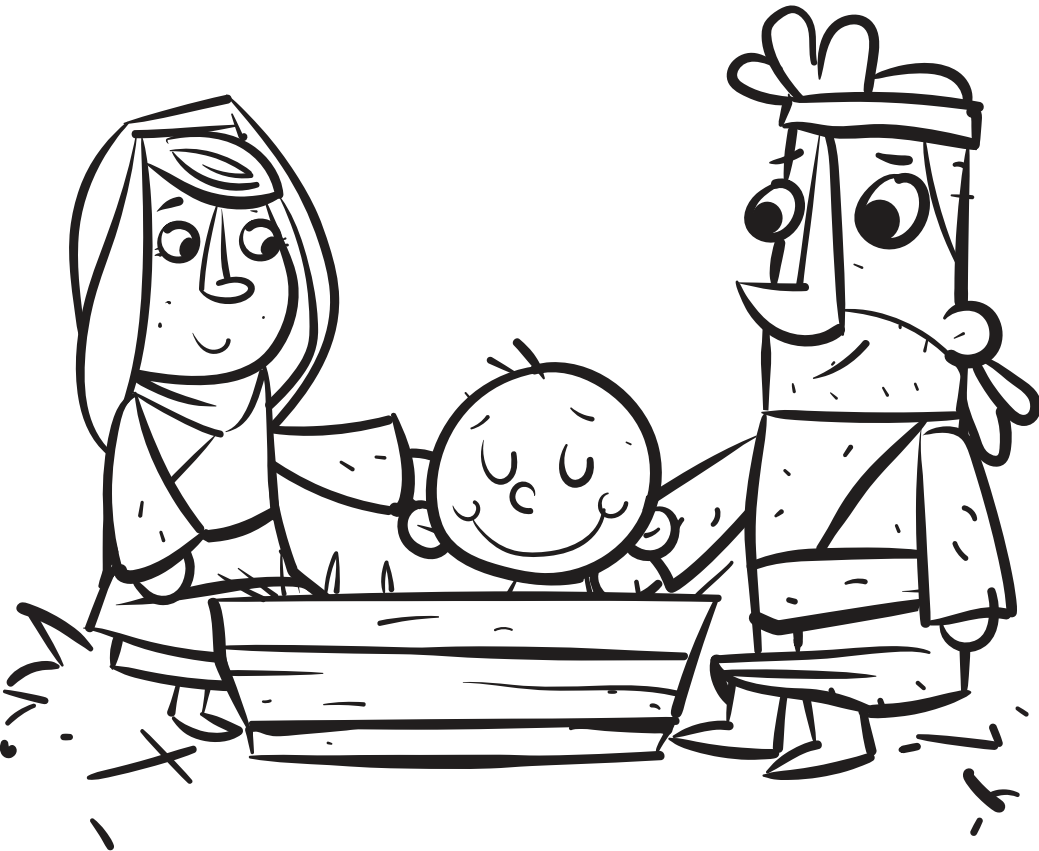
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Nine camels traveling from the east



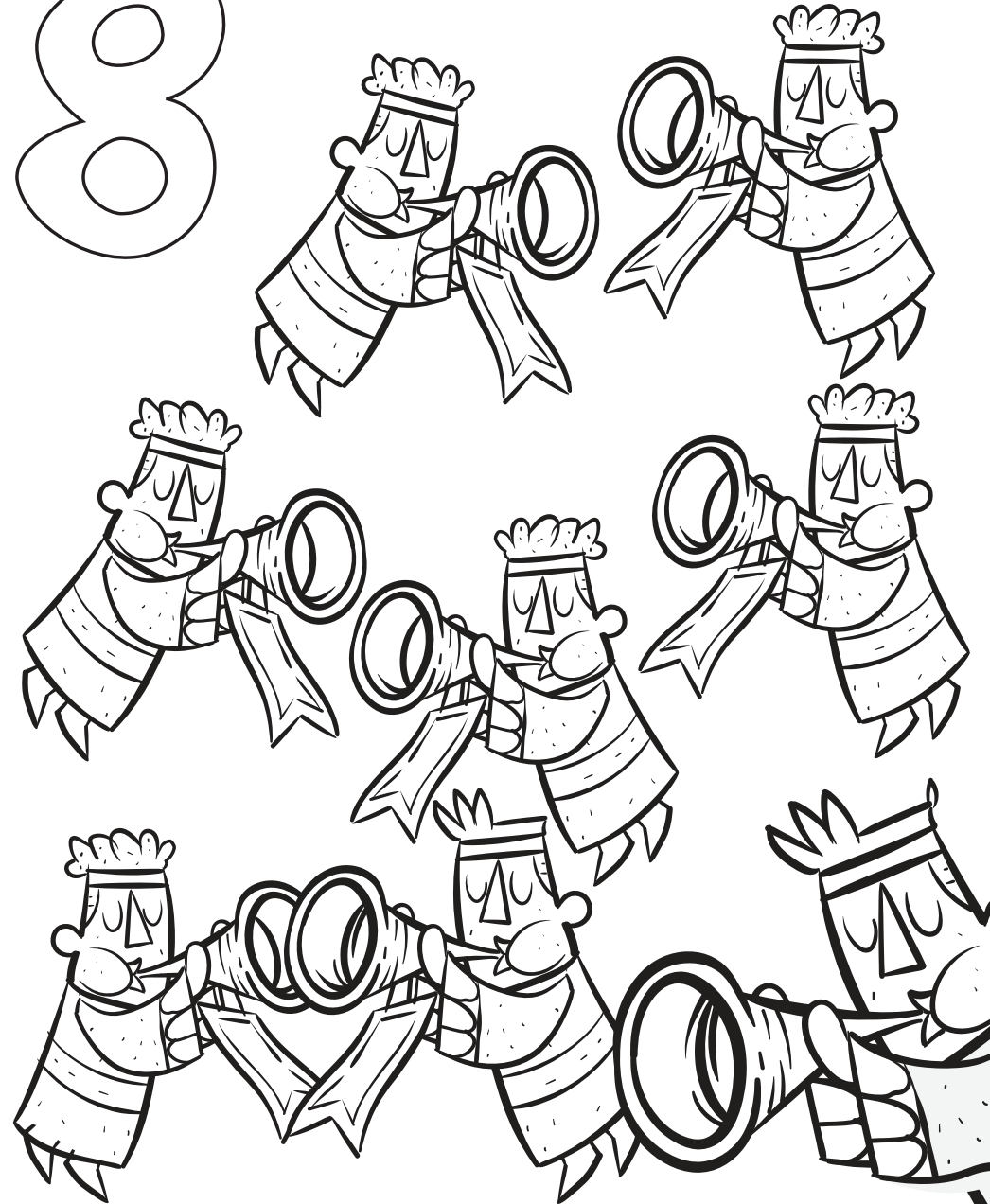
**Two earthly parents named
Mary and Joseph**

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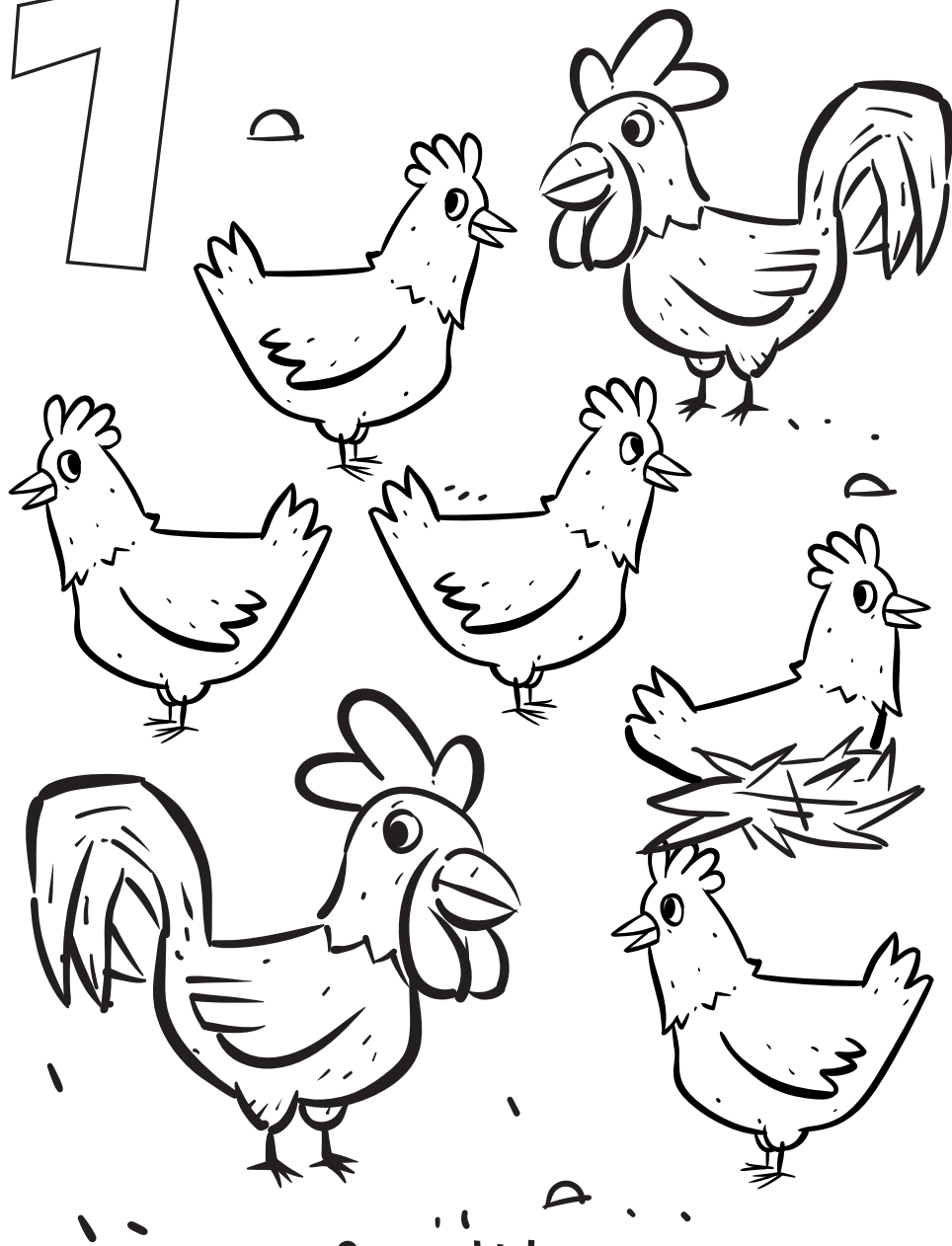
Three wise men traveled
by following a star

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Eight angels to sing songs
to God and light up the sky

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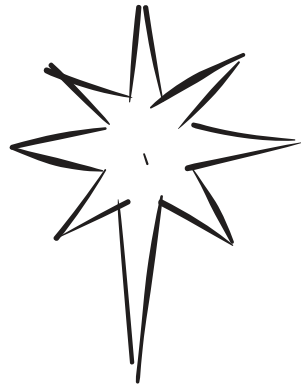
Seven chickens go
cluck-cluck in the night

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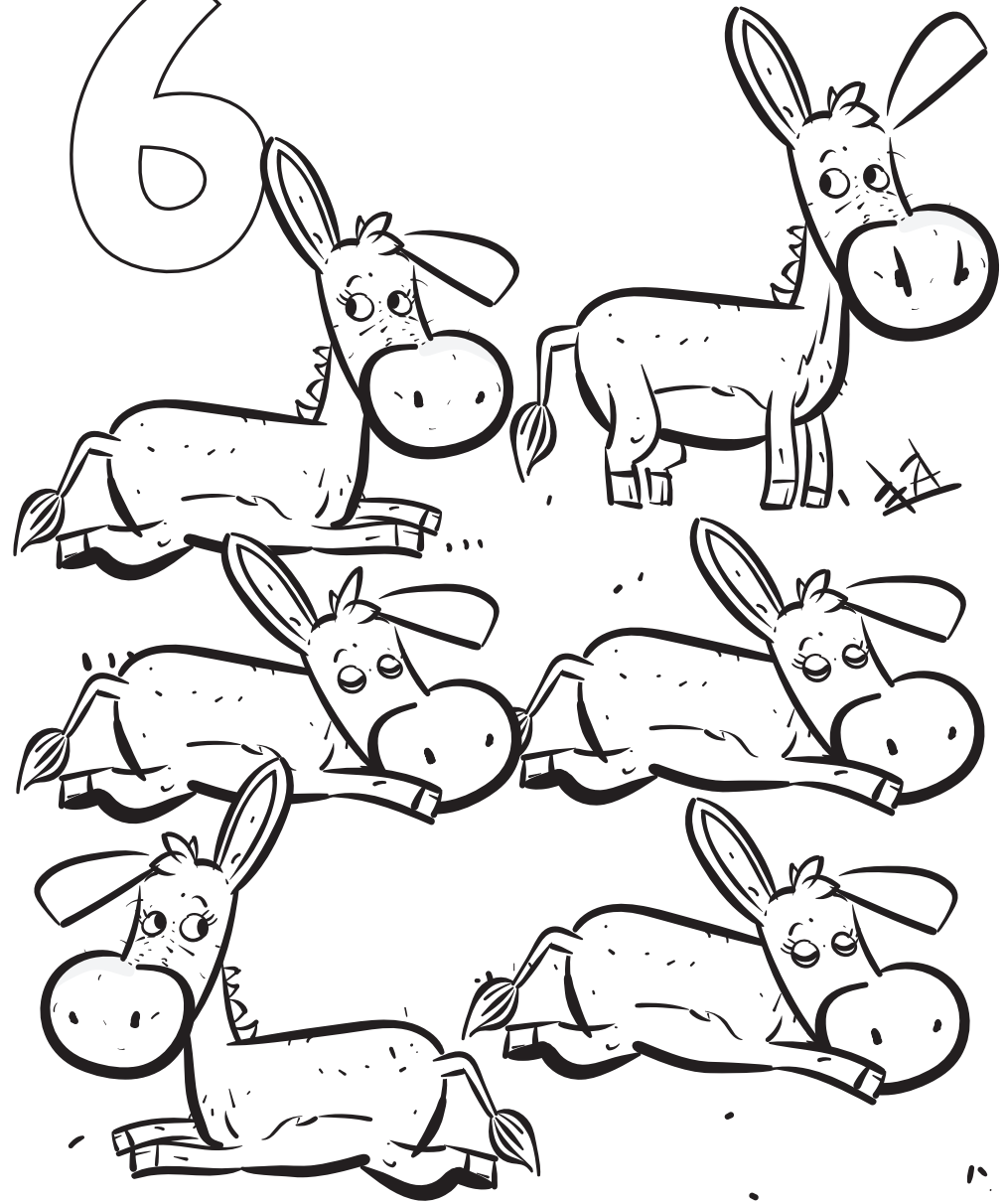
Four shepherds to watch
their sheep in a field nearby

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Five sheep to sleep by their
shepherds during the night

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Six donkeys to rest in the barn