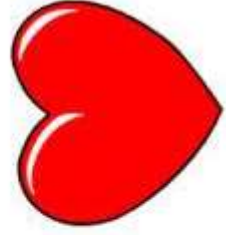
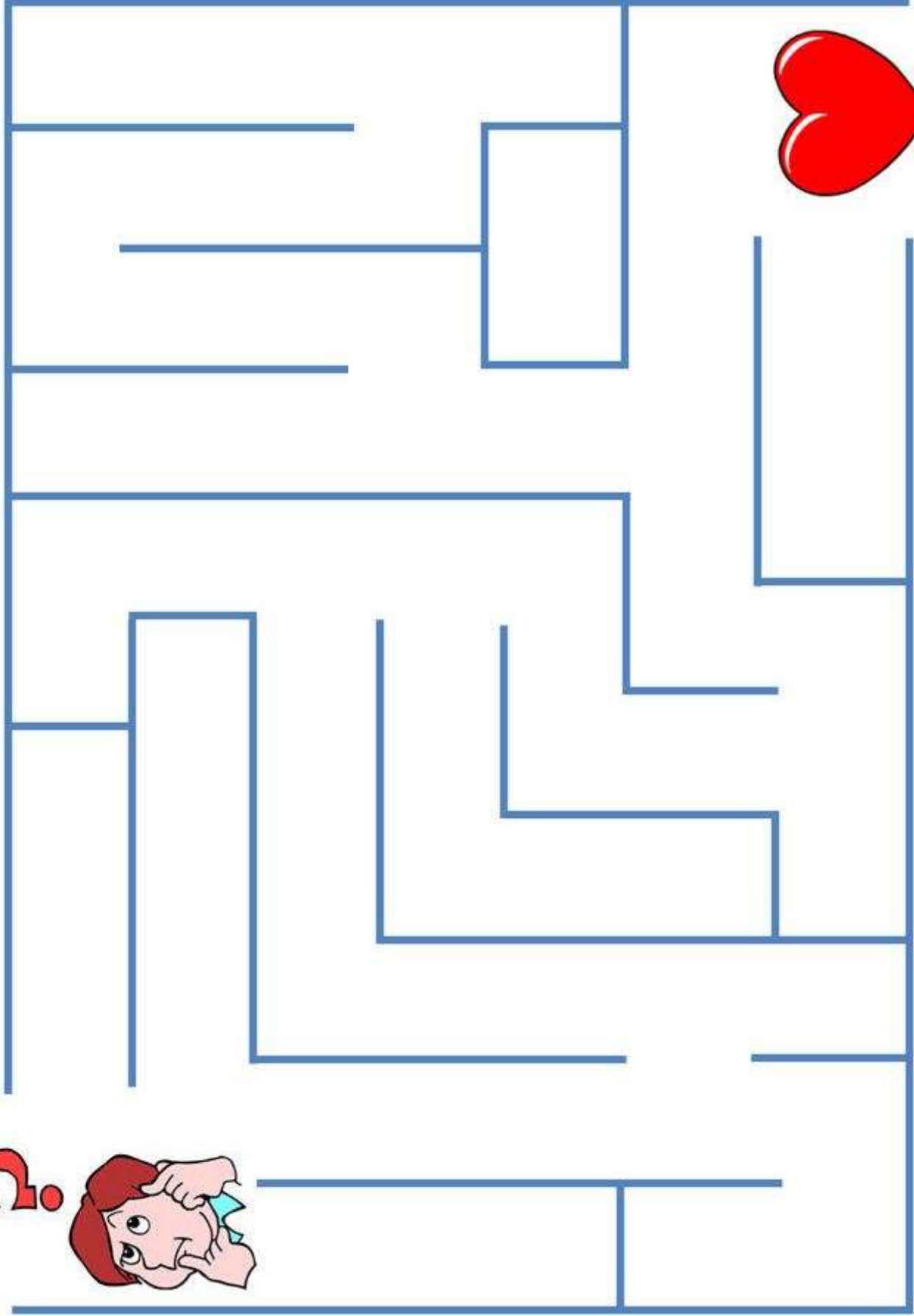


Head to Heart

Name: _____



HEAD TO HEART ☆

A simple puzzle helps young children connect head knowledge with the heart when learning about Jesus.

by Lauren Shelnett

TOPICS:

Just for Fun, Knowledge

MATERIALS:

Activity page [PDF] [Click here](#) [Solution](#)
Pencils

DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

PREPARATION:

Print a copy of the puzzle for each child.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

It is important that we make sure our heads and hearts are working together when we learn about Jesus. Can you draw a line from the child's head to his heart without hitting any lines? Try to solve this puzzle without making any mistakes.



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HEROD AND THE TEACHER



“When Herod had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.”

Matthew 2:4 NIV

THE CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS

LESSON 3: THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS ☆

Lessons in this series: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [Overview](#)

In this lesson, the children will learn about the Religious Leaders who were too busy to notice that Jesus had been born. We will talk about the difference between having a head full of knowledge and a heart full of knowledge during the Christmas season.

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TOPICS

Birth of Jesus, Christmas, Honor God, Knowing God, Pleasing God

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

Head to Heart (Activity) [Click here](#)

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

Further info? [Click here](#)

BIBLE VERSE (5 MINUTES)

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7 NIV

Hop To It (Game) [Click here](#)

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Introduction:

It's time for our Bible story! Today we are going to continue talking about some of the people that were part of the Christmas story. The Christmas story is all about the birth of Jesus Christ and it is one of the most important stories in the Bible! When we read from the book of Matthew, he tells us details about some Religious leaders and how they were part of the story of Jesus' birth. King Herod of Jerusalem wanted to know where Jesus, the Messiah, was supposed to be born so he called for these religious leaders. The religious leaders studied scripture daily and knew exactly where God's Word said that the Messiah would be born. Let's listen to the story unfold.

Read Matthew 2:1-8. Ask the children to listen for details about the religious leaders and what they said to Herod.

Discussion Questions:

1. What upset King Herod about the arrival of the Magi and the new star in the sky? (*The new star was in honor of a new ruler.*)
2. Why do you think a new ruler being born might upset the king? (*He could be replaced! Herod wanted to be the only king.*)
3. Who did Herod send for to help answer the Magi's question? (*The people's chief priests and teachers of the law.*)
4. According to these religious leaders where was the Messiah to be born? (*In Bethlehem.*)
5. Where were Herod and the religious leaders living? (*Jerusalem.*)
6. Did Herod or the religious teachers go to see Jesus after they found out where he was? (*No, they did not.*)

FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)

Working Together Race (Game) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (15 MINUTES)

Head to Heart Tag (Game) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

Further info? [Click here](#)

Have regular pretzels as snack and allow children to decorate them with red icing if time allows. Discuss how these are shaped as a heart to remind us we need to love Jesus with our hearts!

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5 MINUTES)

Herod and the Teacher (Coloring Page) [Click here](#)

NEXT WEEK

We will continue in our series the Characters of Christmas and discuss "The Shepherds."

TAKE HOME PAGE

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. [Click here](#)

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