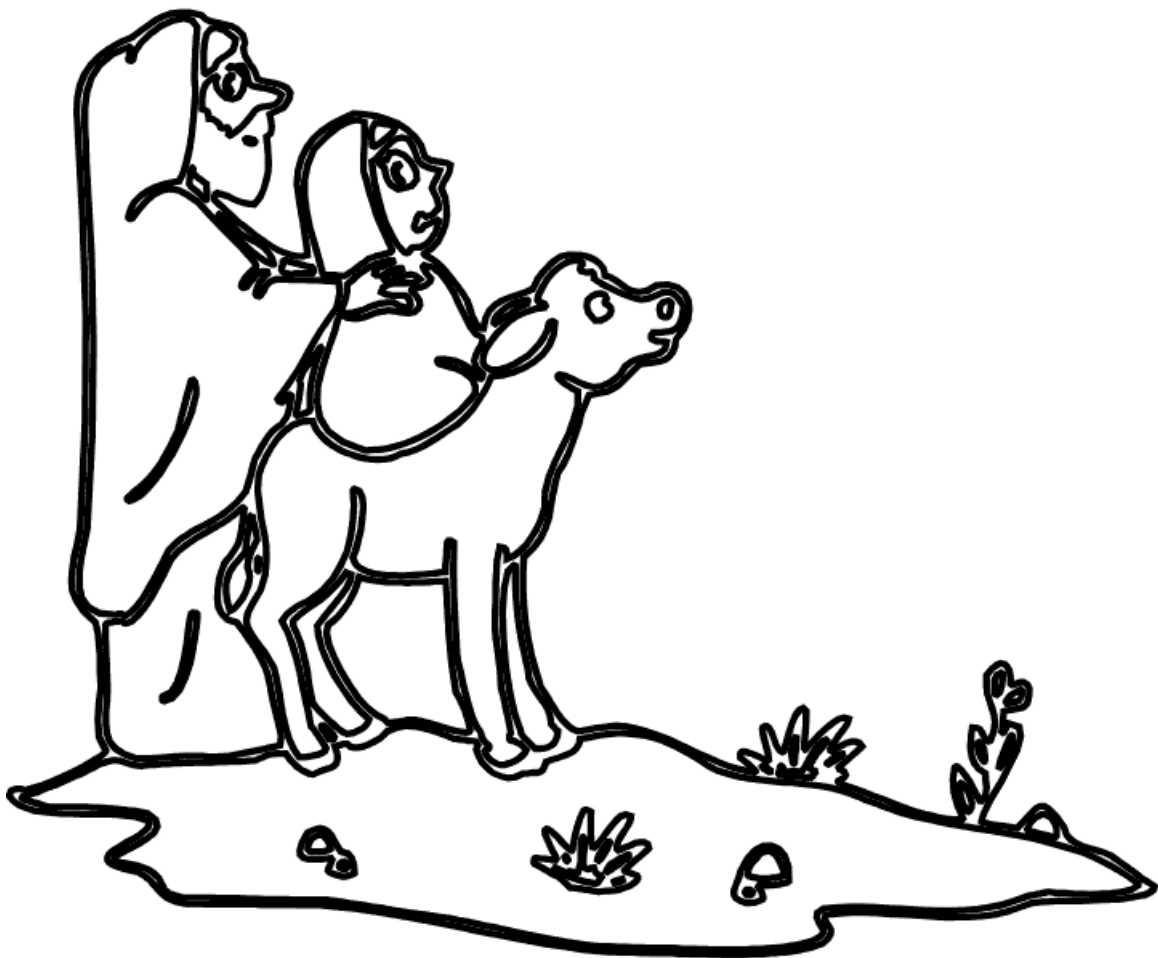


Sunday, December 19, 2004 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

This Week's Readings: [Is 7:10-14](#), [Rom 1:1-7](#), [Mt 1:18-24](#)



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Our Advent journey to Jesus is almost complete as we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent this week, in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We light the last purple candle on our Advent Wreath, we open the last few doors on our Advent Calendars, and we pray and seek the sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. In this week's Gospel from the book of Matthew, we hear that Joseph learns in a dream the he will have an important role to play in the life of the Savior. An angel comes to Joseph in a dream and tells him not to worry and to take Mary as his wife and welcome her into his home. He learns that Mary will bear a son, and that His name will be Emmanuel, which means "God is with us". Joseph answered God's call and said "yes" to the job of knowing, loving and raising Jesus. Let's do the same this week, by looking around us and saying "yes" when we are given the chance to be the light of Jesus to others!

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