

# Jesus Gives Peace and Light

## Church Teaching

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 528, 2304

## Goals

- To learn more about John the Baptist, forerunner of Jesus
- To discover ways we can bring light to the world, be a star for others
- To seek peace and pursue it in our hearts and homes
- To recognize the dove as the symbol of peace

## Supplies

- Bible
- Crayons, markers, scissors, glue, glitter
- White pieces for dove figure
- Sheet of stars
- Discussion question sheet
- Construction sheets of various colors

## Directions for Activities

- Read John 1:6–8 and Isaiah 2:1–5.
- Use the sheet of statements to respond to how you can be a light to the world.
- Take a sheet of stars. On each star, write a way you can be a light for others. Decorate the stars, cut them out, and place them in your home.
- What does it mean to turn swords into plowshares? (Turn weapons into good use—a plowshare is a farming tool.)
- How do you work to make peace in your home?
- Cut out the sections of the dove and paste them on the colored paper in the shape of a dove.

## Discussion

Jesus is the light for the poor. Put money in the Salvation Army bucket outside a store, or...

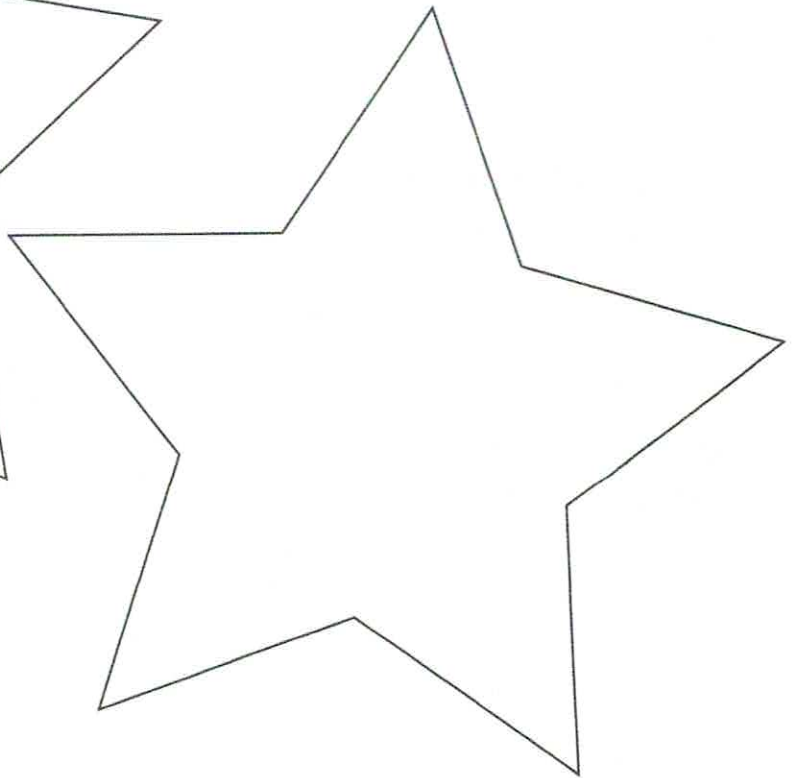
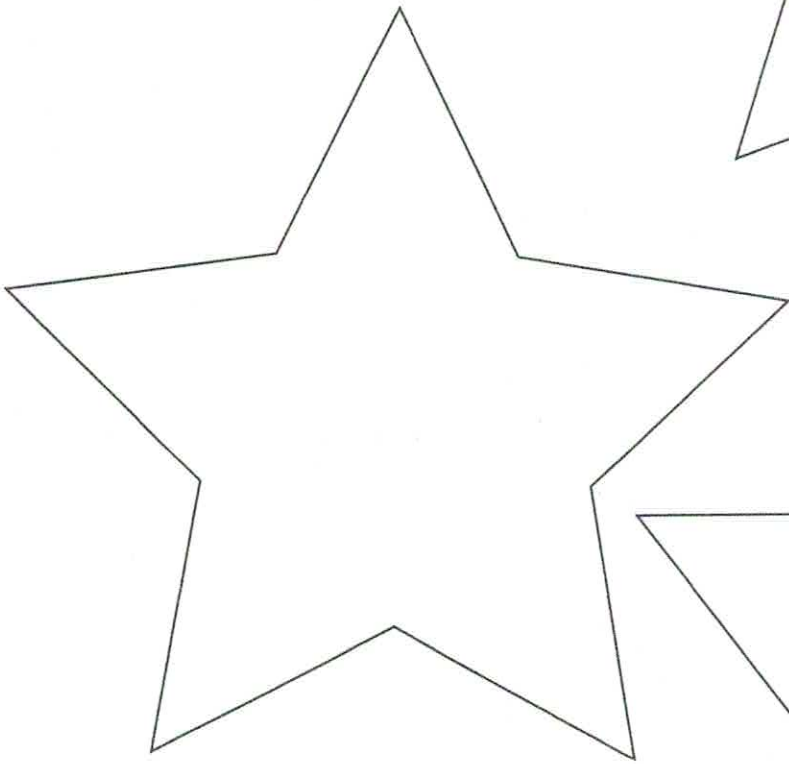
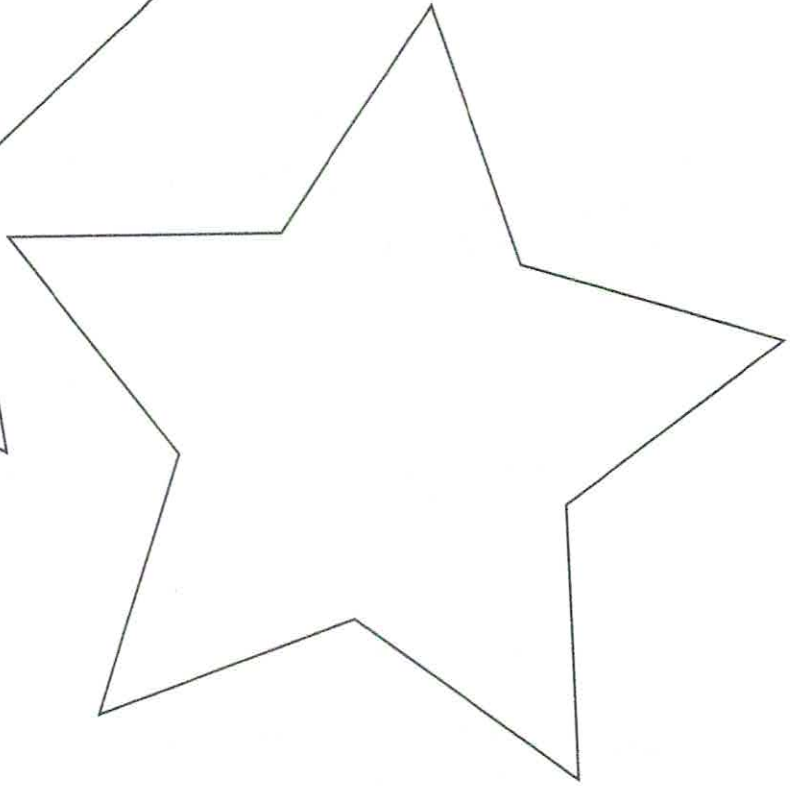
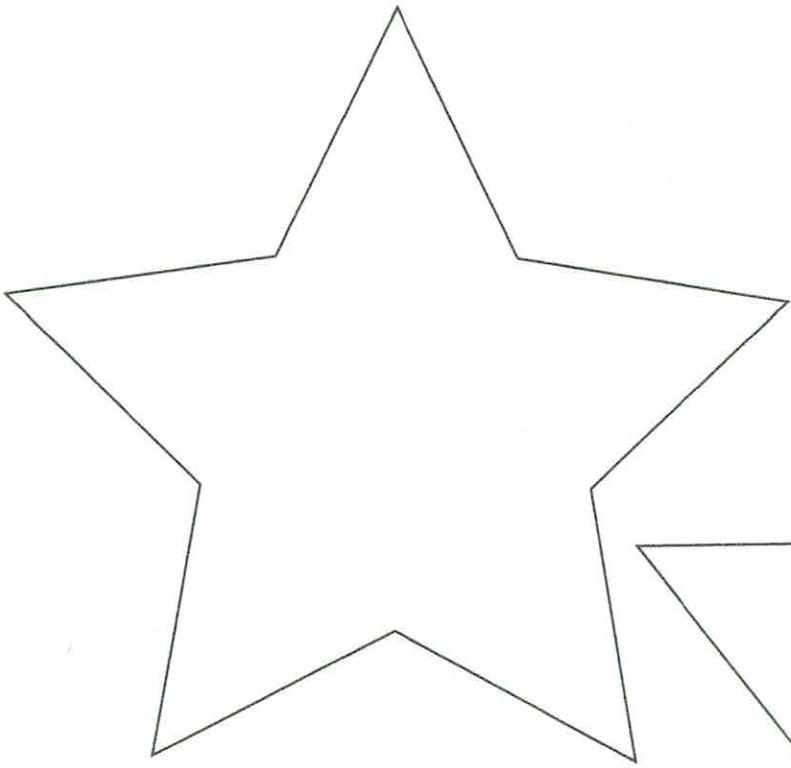
Jesus is a light for the children. Tell young children about the real story of Christmas, or...

Jesus is a light for those who are worried. Cheer up your parents when you feel they are worried about something, or...

Jesus is a light for those who are sad. Make a Christmas card for someone whose husband or wife died this year, or...

Jesus is a light for the weary. Help a neighbor by shoveling the snow in his or her driveway, clearing off the car, or...

Jesus is a light for the people of faith. Celebrate God's love with family and friends at Mass, or...



Peace

