

Unwrapping Christmas

Lesson 3: A Journey to Bethlehem



Decoder Puzzle

The Gift of Love

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45 (NIV)



Complete the activity.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 5-12-9-26-1-2-5-20-8 _____
- 13-1-18-25 _____
- 12-5-1-16-5-4 _____
- 2-1-2-25 _____
- 2-12-5-19-19-5-4 _____
- 16-18-15-13-9-19-5-19 _____
- 10-15-25 _____
- 13-15-20-8-5-18 _____
- 23-15-13-5-14 _____
- 6-21-12-6-9-12-12 _____

ELIZABETH
PROMISES

MARY
JOY

LEAPED
MOTHER

BABY
WOMEN

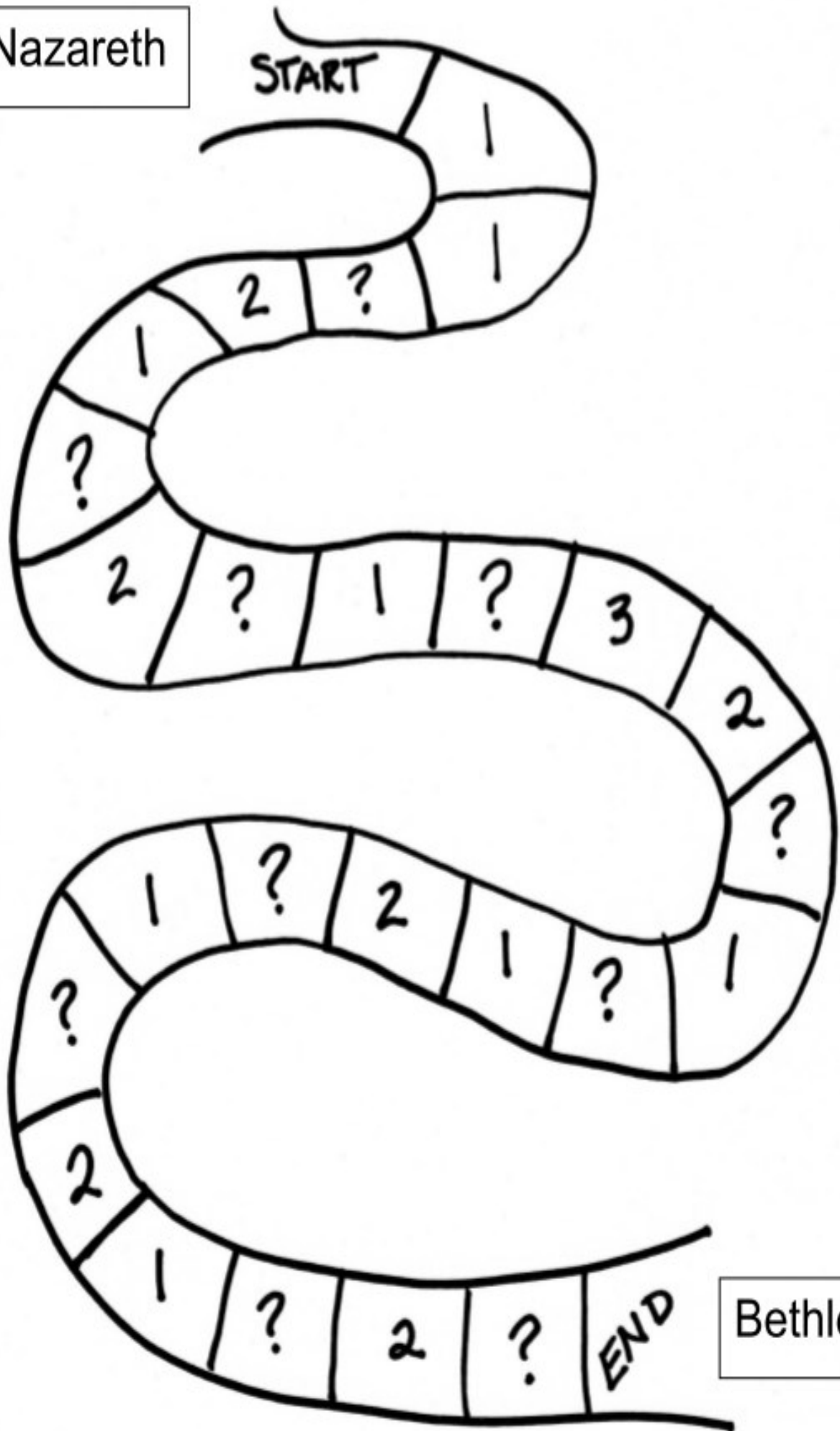
BLESSED
FULFILL

Make your own Board Game

Cards and Numbers for the "Got to Get to Bethlehem" Game – Cut apart, shuffle and place cards and numbers face down in two separate piles. (Find Gameboard on next page.)

Ask Directions. Go back 2 squares.	1	Remember God is with you! Go forward 3 squares.
Donkey has a flat tire Go back 1 square.	2	Jesus is to be born in Bethlehem! Go forward 2 squares.
No Service. Maps won't work. Go back 2 squares.	1	Mary smiles because her baby is the Son of God. Go forward 2 squares.
No Room in the Inn! Go directly to Stable! You win!	2	Joseph leads the donkey well. Go forward 2 squares.
Donkey sits down. Go back 3 squares.	1	Kind people help along the way. Go forward 1 square.
Rest stop! Go back 1 square.	2	The donkey is sure-footed. Go forward 2 squares.
Lunch break. Go back 1 square.	3	Mary and Joseph pray together. Go forward 3 squares.
Stop early for the night. Go back 1 square.	3	Arrive in Bethlehem! You win!

Nazareth



Bethlehem