NATIVITY PROJECT

Images, Reflections, and Prayers

Living as Disciples of Christ (Grade 7)

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STEP CLOSER TO THE MANGER THIS CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES, PRAYERS, AND CREATIVITY OF OUR STUDENTS.

- These 16 panels were designed, laser-engraved, colored, and prayed with by our Grade 7 students as a way to prepare for Christmas.
- Each image shows a person or symbol from the Nativity and is linked to the student's own reflection and short prayer-a blend of faith, art, and technology.
- You are warmly invited to pause, look, and pray with this scene.

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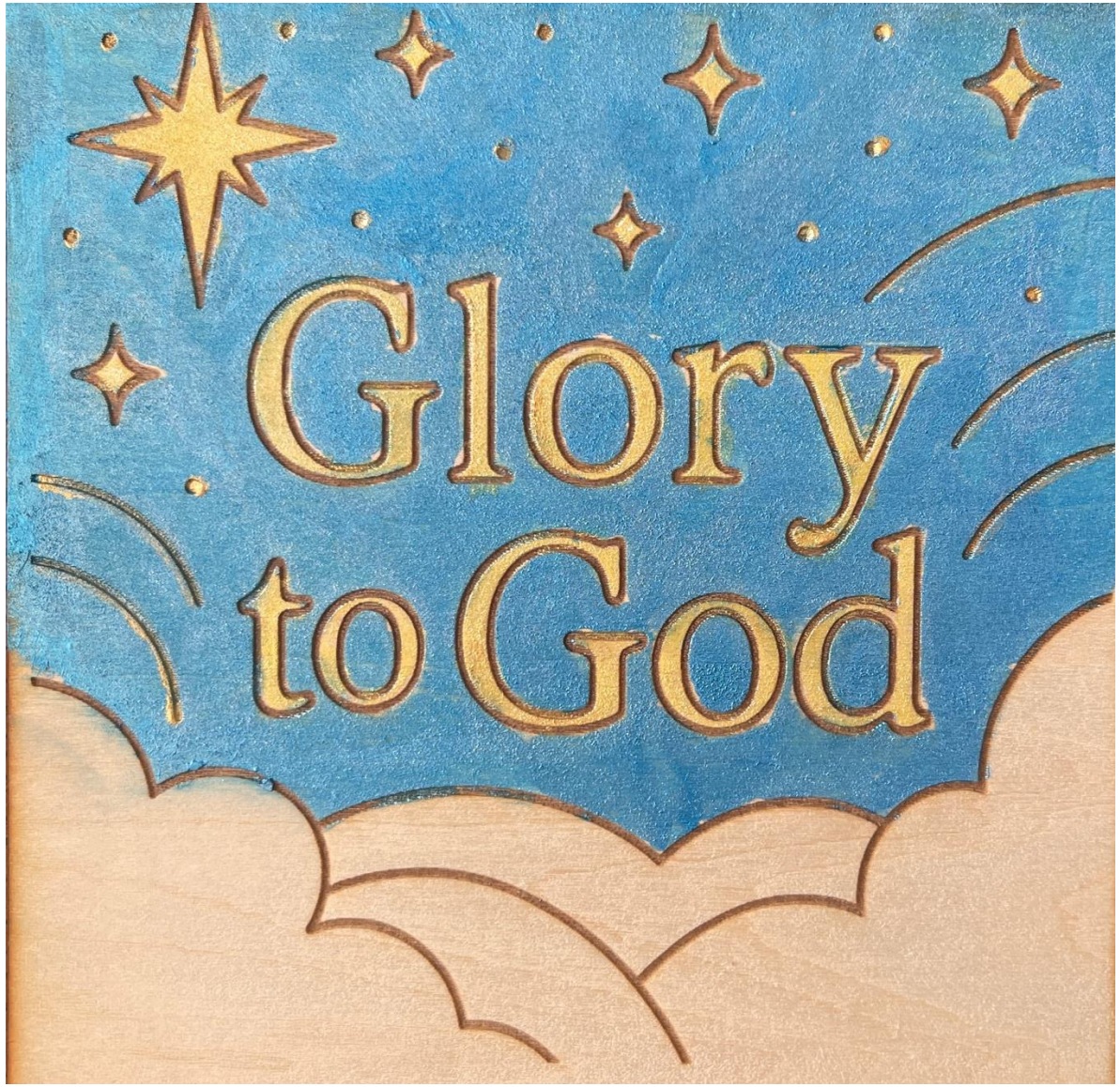


Eleanor Donnelly

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

- The Star of Bethlehem guides people by showing them the right way to go. Just as it led the shepherds to the manger where Jesus was born, it guides others to meet their Savior. God has also led me through challenging times by helping me see which decisions are right and bringing me closer to Him.
- *Dear God, I pray that you will guide me through my troubles and lead me to my Savior, just as you led the shepherds by the star to find Jesus. Help me to listen to your guidance and show me the way. Amen.*





Mason Murphy

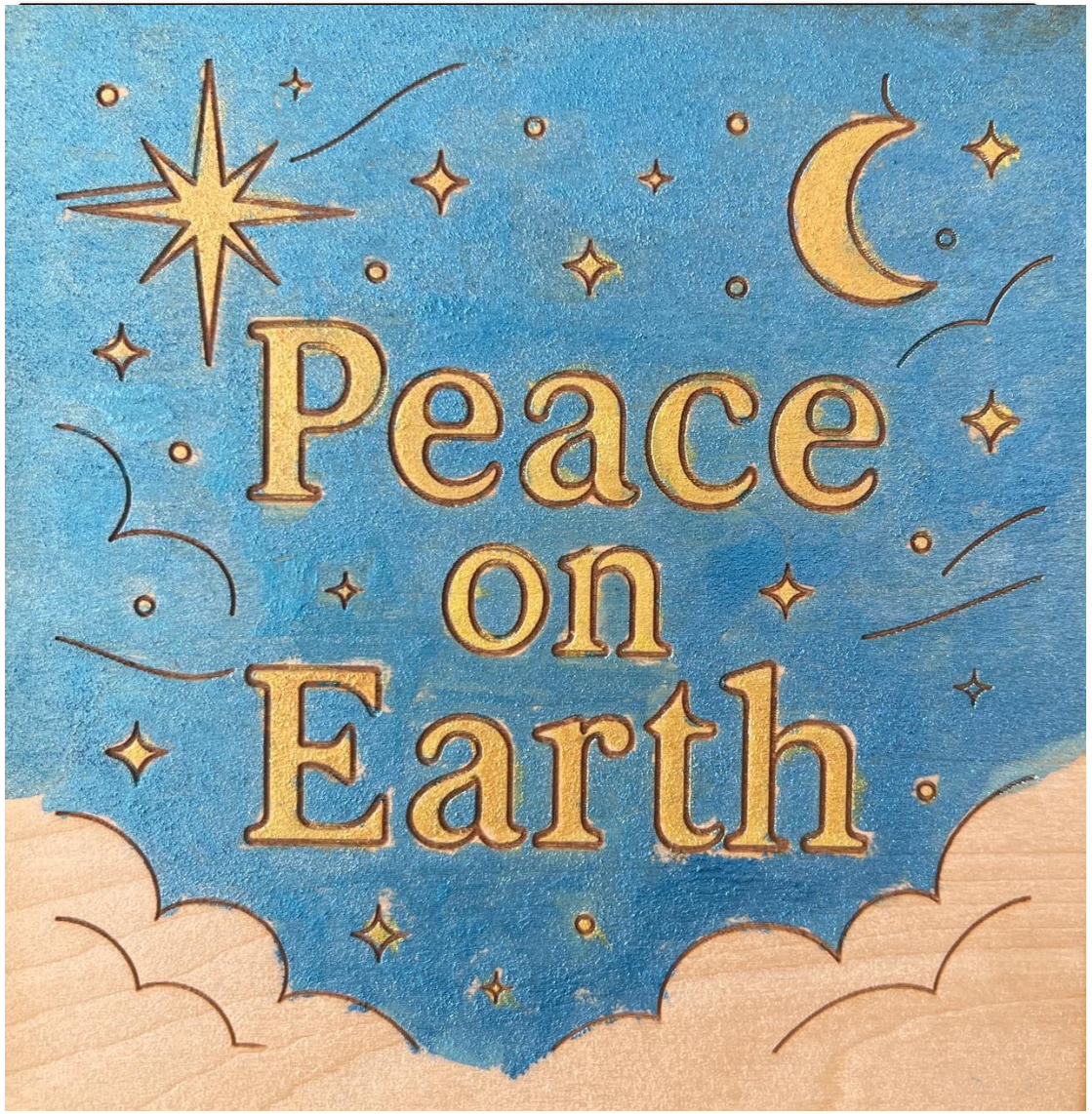
GLORY TO GOD

- Have you ever wondered how to get closer to God? One way is to worship and praise Him and recognize His greatness, especially at Christmas. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine: He is like us in every way except sin, but He is also God, able to perform miracles and save us. Giving "glory to God" is not just saying the words; it means offering your whole life to Him and trusting that He will always love, guide, and protect you no matter what.
- *Glory to God in the highest. Dear God, let this prayer reach you. Devil, be gone-may God rise and help the poor and the sick become healthy. Please forgive our sins, save us from evil, and help us rejoice with others and be known for our kindness. Amen.*

Avery Vanisky

PEACE ON EARTH

- The kind of peace that Jesus brings to a noisy, conflicted world is a peace that wants everyone to be truly happy in God. If there was war or fighting, He would try to "build bridges," sending signs and graces to bring people closer together. Jesus brings spiritual peace to the world. I need Christ's peace right now in my friendships because there are some ups and downs-good and bad moments-in my friends' relationships. I believe Jesus can bring peace into my friendships and help me know how to handle these situations with kindness.
- *Jesus, please help me bring and find peace in this beautiful world you have created. Some people need help finding peace, and I want to help them. Please come and help me as I try to help others. You have saved us from sin, and I want to help protect other people from harm. Amen.*





Ella Dulac

ANGEL

- The angels are messengers from God who bring us important news. The angel told the shepherds, "Do not be afraid," and shared the good news of Jesus' arrival. That makes me think about times when I've been scared or unsure about what to do. Sometimes I feel a small nudge inside telling me to stay calm or to make the right choice even when it's hard. I believe that God is encouraging me, just like He encouraged the shepherds through an angel. The angel's message shows that God doesn't want us to live in fear; He wants us to trust Him and share hope with others. When I remember this, it helps me feel braver and more willing to be kind and do what's right.
- *Dear God, thank you for sending your messages of hope, just like the angel in the middle of the night. Jesus was born and brought light into this world. Please help me to listen to your voice and not be afraid when things get difficult. Give me courage to make good choices and to share your love and hope with the people around me. Amen*

Charlotte Aldrich

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS

- The Mother of God is a beautiful example of how to follow God. We need to listen to what He is saying to us and follow it through. Mary was called to be the mother of God's only Son. She didn't completely understand that, but she listened to His word and carried out what He had planned. She struggled through her pregnancy-leaving Nazareth, being denied a place in the inn, and having to give birth in a stable-yet she trusted that the outcome would be greater and that the Son she brought into the world would do great good. There are times when God asks us to do something too. Recently, I had the opportunity to join a team that had been through a lot and needed someone loyal. I believe God gave me this chance to help them, even though it meant a big commitment and missing some important things. In the end, I listened to God, and it worked out for the best-I love the team.
- *O Blessed Mother, we pray that you guide us toward the Father and help us listen to His word. Help us follow in your footsteps, trusting in the journey and the process, and believing even when we do not know what will happen next. Amen.*



Broderick Tasto

JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

- Joseph, the husband of Mary, teaches us obedience, protection, and quiet courage. Even when things were confusing or scary, he trusted God and took care of Mary and Jesus. Joseph reminds us that sometimes being brave doesn't mean doing something big or loud–it means doing the right thing even when no one notices. Through him, we see that God works through ordinary people who are willing to listen and follow His plan. When I think about Joseph, I think about the people in my life who protect and support me, like my parents, grandparents, teachers, and friends. They help guide me and look out for me, just as Joseph did. His example makes me want to be more responsible and to help others when they need it. I know I'm not perfect, but I can try to be more patient, trustworthy, and brave in everyday situations, especially when things get stressful or uncertain
- *Dear Jesus, please help me be more like Joseph and have courage even when I'm unsure. Lord God, thank you for the people who protect and guide me. Help me be responsible and caring toward others, the way Joseph cared for Mary and Jesus. Amen..*



Finn Bakunas

BABY JESUS

- God chose to come into the world as a baby so He could relate to us and experience what we go through. This shows that He is truly human and one of us. Seeing Jesus as a close and gentle baby changes the way I see my own struggles, because it makes me feel normal and reminds me that He understands what I'm going through.
- *Thank you, Jesus, for becoming human and sharing in our struggles. Please always stay close to us and thank you for saving us from our sins. Amen.*



Rubi Yeghiazarians

BOY WITNESS

- The boy witness shows a little boy praying. It reminds us that God listens to all of our prayers and the thoughts we share with Him. The boy looks like he trusts God and Jesus completely. He is an example we could all follow. When I look at this picture, I think of my own life. Sometimes life can be stressful for all of us. This picture teaches me that I can talk to God about anything and He will listen, just like He listens to the boy. You just have to be honest and open with God. The boy inspires me to pray more and to remember that God is always with me.
- *Dear God, please help me talk to you about anything when I'm worried or need help. Thank you for always listening and being with me. Amen.*



Sydney Veneziano

MELCHIOR: MAGUS WITH GOLD

- The wise man Melchior brought gold to Jesus when He was just a baby. This shows that Jesus is the true King of the Magi and of us. Even though He is only a baby in the manger, He is still the most important person there. I can show that Jesus is truly King in my life by following in His footsteps. He showed kindness, peace, and love even when people showed Him hatred. At school, if I get bullied, I could reply kindly, and if I see someone else being bullied, I could help them instead of just walking by without a care. I can try to be a leader like Jesus, who taught kindness and love.
- *Dear Jesus, Lamb of God and my true King, help me use my gifts, time, and talents to honor you as you would wish. Please reign in my heart and lead me along the path of God and you. Use your influence on me to teach me right and wrong, and help me to help those around me as you would want. Amen.*



Miles Sutton

BALTHAZAR: MAGUS WITH MYRRH

- Myrrh was a surprising gift for baby Jesus because it was used to prepare bodies for burial, showing that Jesus would one day suffer and die for others. It also reminds us that Jesus is the greatest prophet, who told God's truth even when people didn't want to hear it, and this would lead to his death on the cross. I can follow Jesus by standing up for the truth and doing what's right, whether I'm at school, in my town, or playing sports, showing others what it means to be a prophet of Christ.
- *Dear Jesus, our true Prophet, thank you for Your message of truth and Your unfathomable love for us. Thank you for being willing to suffer for our sake, so that we might have eternal life. Help us to be brave and honest in our words and choices, even when it is difficult or unpopular. Amen.*



George Minogue

CASPAR: MAGUS WITH FRANKINCENSE

- Caspar was one of the wise men who came through the desert and overcame many obstacles just to see baby Jesus. This shows that we can persevere to learn about God and know Him more fully. Caspar's gift to baby Jesus was frankincense, a precious incense burned in worship. It reminds us that Jesus is truly God and our great High Priest, the One who brings our prayers to the Father. Personally, I think that the way Caspar traveled so far just to see Jesus shows great respect. I can try to persevere and go through hardships to stay close to God. Life is full of trials and suffering, but if I can persevere and power through them, I can be with God in His Kingdom of Heaven..
- *Dear Jesus, I thank you for all you have done for me and for all mankind. You carried our sins so that we may be cleansed of our wrongdoing. I ask you to guide me through the hardships of life and help me reach Heaven with God and with you. Amen.*



Isabelle Shovrin

GIRL WITNESS

- In her heart, the girl could be saying that she loves Jesus. She could also be saying that He is our Lord and Savior and that she will follow all He does. Jesus invites me personally by keeping me healthy and happy and always staying by my side. When I look at this picture, I think about how I want to follow Jesus too and thank Him for all the good things He has given me.
- *Dear Jesus, please guide me through this season. Forgive me when I have sinned, as you take away the sins of the world. You are our Lord and Savior; you have done great things for us, and I want to follow you and thank you. Thank you for keeping me safe, happy, and healthy. Amen.*



Abby Harrington

SHEPHERD

- The shepherd takes care of his sheep. He makes sure they are healthy and well cared for. Shepherds play a big role in the world: they keep their sheep safe, and it is a very hard job. They pray to God and ask for many things, even if not all of them come true. When Jesus was born, He chose simple shepherds to see His birth.
- *Dear God, you are amazing for all that you do. Please let the shepherds' sheep be healthy, and please keep the shepherds healthy too, because they cannot do their job if they are sick. This is not only about shepherds–it is about everyone: parents who care for their children, friends who care about their friends, and shopkeepers who care about their customers. Everyone needs that desire in their daily lives; without it, everything falls apart. Please help everyone to have that desire to love and care for others each day. We trust in your goodness. Amen.*



Joe Weaver

LAMB

- Unlike the repeated animal sacrifices in the Old Testament that only temporarily covered sin, Jesus became the final and perfect Passover Lamb, whose blood gives us permanent protection from sin. In my own life, I might be called to be gentle, patient, or sacrificial for others by caring for the sick, helping younger people learn, or serving in jobs like healthcare or social work. In these ways I can try to reflect the love and sacrifice of Jesus, the Lamb of God.
- *Lord Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace, the gentle Shepherd who carries us close to your heart. I ask that you take care of my heart now. It can be quick to anger, easily impatient, and sometimes hardened by the ways of the world. Lord our God, please forgive us our sins and make my heart more like yours-gentle, patient, and loving. Amen.*



Kristina Mamakos

DONKEY

- A donkey is an animal that helps people travel. In the stories we tell about Jesus' life, the donkey is an essential animal. It carries Mary safely and peacefully as she travels, and it helps the Holy Family on their journeys, like when they escape from Herod and go to Egypt. Later, Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The donkey is a humble but valuable animal that carries people and burdens. For a donkey-or any creature-it is an honor to help Jesus travel through His land and carry Him on His way.
- *Dear God, please protect the donkeys around the world and all the animals that help people reach their destinations, because they can get hurt. Help them heal and keep them safe so they can continue to help people travel. I pray for the donkeys that helped Jesus throughout His journey and for the ones that help us as well. Amen..*



Catalina Sabilian

HUMBLE WOMAN OF BETHLEHEM

- The woman of Bethlehem might have felt deep happiness and joy at the new arrival. She stood under the night sky, the wind blowing in her face, able to find her way by the brightest star shining among all the dimmer ones. She probably smelled the stable with the animals and the people gathered around Jesus in the manger. She may also have felt a hint of sadness when she remembered how others had rejected Mary and Joseph when they needed help. Maybe she wished she could bring a gift like the kings did, but she didn't have enough money. So, she simply gave Jesus her presence, which was enough for Him. The happiness in the air made her want to jump up and down with joy.
- *Dear God, please help us notice Jesus in our daily lives and help all those in need. Help us respond with faith and humility, like the humble woman of Bethlehem did when she witnessed the birth of your Son, Jesus. To you be glory forever. Amen.*

