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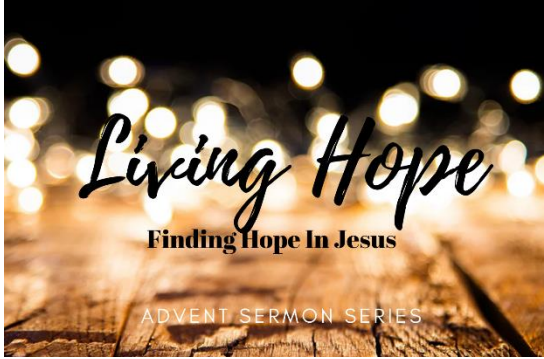

Living Hope

Matthew 1:18 – 25
Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about[a]: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. **19** Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet[b] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your
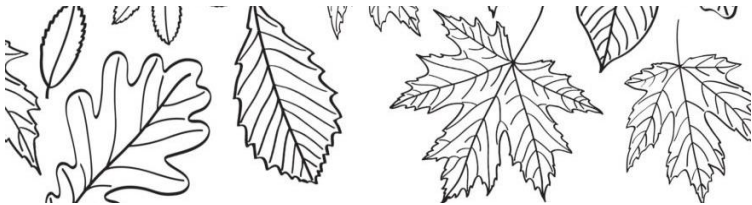
wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,[c] because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23** "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"[d] (which means "God with us").

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. **25** But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Footnotes

a. Matthew 1:18 Or *The origin of Jesus the Messiah was like this*
b. Matthew 1:19 Or *was a righteous man and*
c. Matthew 1:21 *Jesus* is the Greek form of *Joshua,* which means *the LORD saves.*
d. Matthew 1:23 Isaiah 7:14

MAIN TRUTHS:

1. _____ Hope is needed
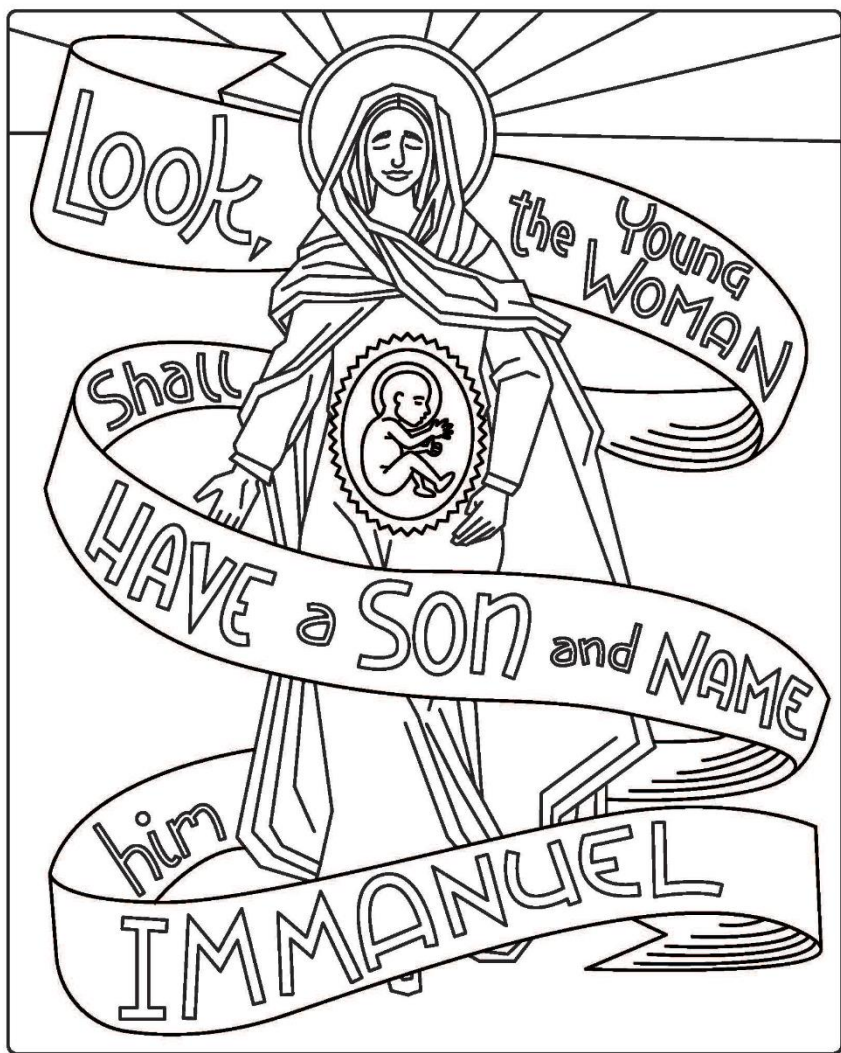
because life is messy.

2. Messy _____ may still

leave us a bit messy.

3. _____

_____ lives in a messy loving

Savior.

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Look, the young woman shall have a son and name him IMMANUEL

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways is your life a bit messy right now? Please share.

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2. Can the lives of Christians still be messy? Why or why not?

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3. What ways has Jesus entered into your mess?

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4. How does that give you real hope today?

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