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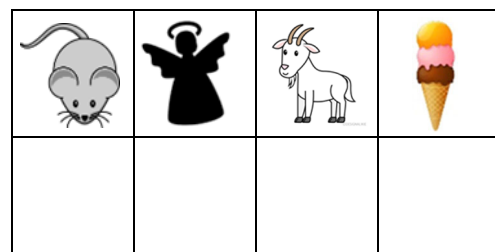
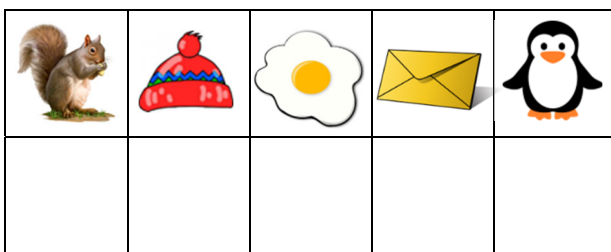
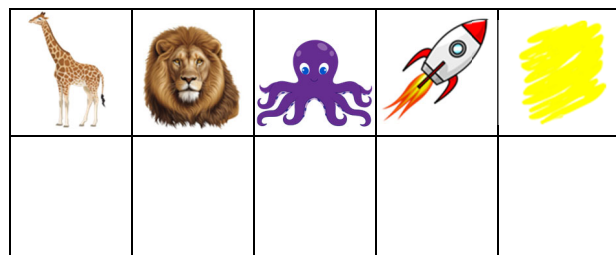
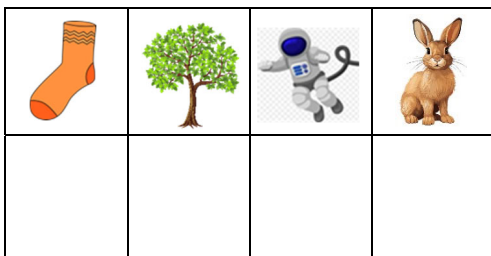
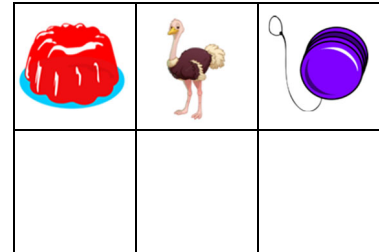
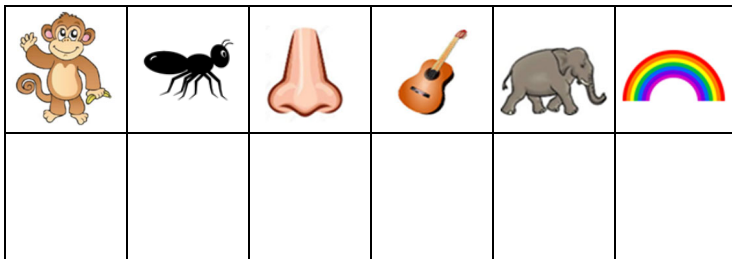


Dear God,

Thank You for the wonderful gift of sending Jesus to be born to show how much You love us. Please be especially close to Christian children, youth and families around the world this Christmas and New Year. They are attacked, hurt and even killed even more at Christmas time as they celebrate the birth of Your Son. Keep them safe at home, at work, at school and in church - everywhere they go. Stop the plans of those who want to hurt them by Your Almighty power. Speak to their attackers so that they come to believe in and follow Jesus too. Amen.



Write the first letter of each picture in the boxes underneath to make words that we find in the Bible story of Jesus' birth:





Dear Jesus,

Thank You for the great joy of the shepherds after they had seen where You were born in Bethlehem that first Christmas night. Fill your persecuted children and youth around the world with that same joy, celebration and wonder. Pour Your beautiful love into their hearts so that they can't stop smiling inside. Let them know You are right beside them and will never leave them. You will always hold them close in Your arms of love. Amen.



Dear Jesus,

Be very near to children and youth who live in fear every day and night: afraid that they and their families and homes will be attacked, afraid that their families might be killed, afraid that they will get hurt or taken away from their loved ones and will never see them again. Send Your angel armies in Your great power to surround and protect them. Give them words from the Bible to let them know You see them and You are with them. Help them trust You. Fill them with Your deep peace, truth, hope and strength and let them rest safely in the shadow of Your wings. (Psalm 36:7)



Cut out these words from Luke 2:11 and stick them in the right order.

has been born

the Lord."

to you;

a Saviour

of David

the Messiah,

"Today

he is

in the town



Dear God,

Help persecuted children and youth know that You sent Jesus as their Saviour to save them - and everybody in the world - from all the bad, terrifying and painful things they are going through. Remind them that Jesus has beaten death, fear, darkness, suffering, illness and great sadness. Help them remember that one day they will be Jesus and their loved ones in heaven where there will be never-ending love, joy, laughter and praise! Amen.



Be with all children and youth, Jesus, who have been kidnapped and taken from their families. Protect them and bring them home safely. Amen.