

Shepherding the Light



A CHRISTMAS COLORING BOOK Story by Vince Amlin Illustrations by Ted Dawson

In the very, very beginning, God said, "Let there be light."

The light was the light

Let there



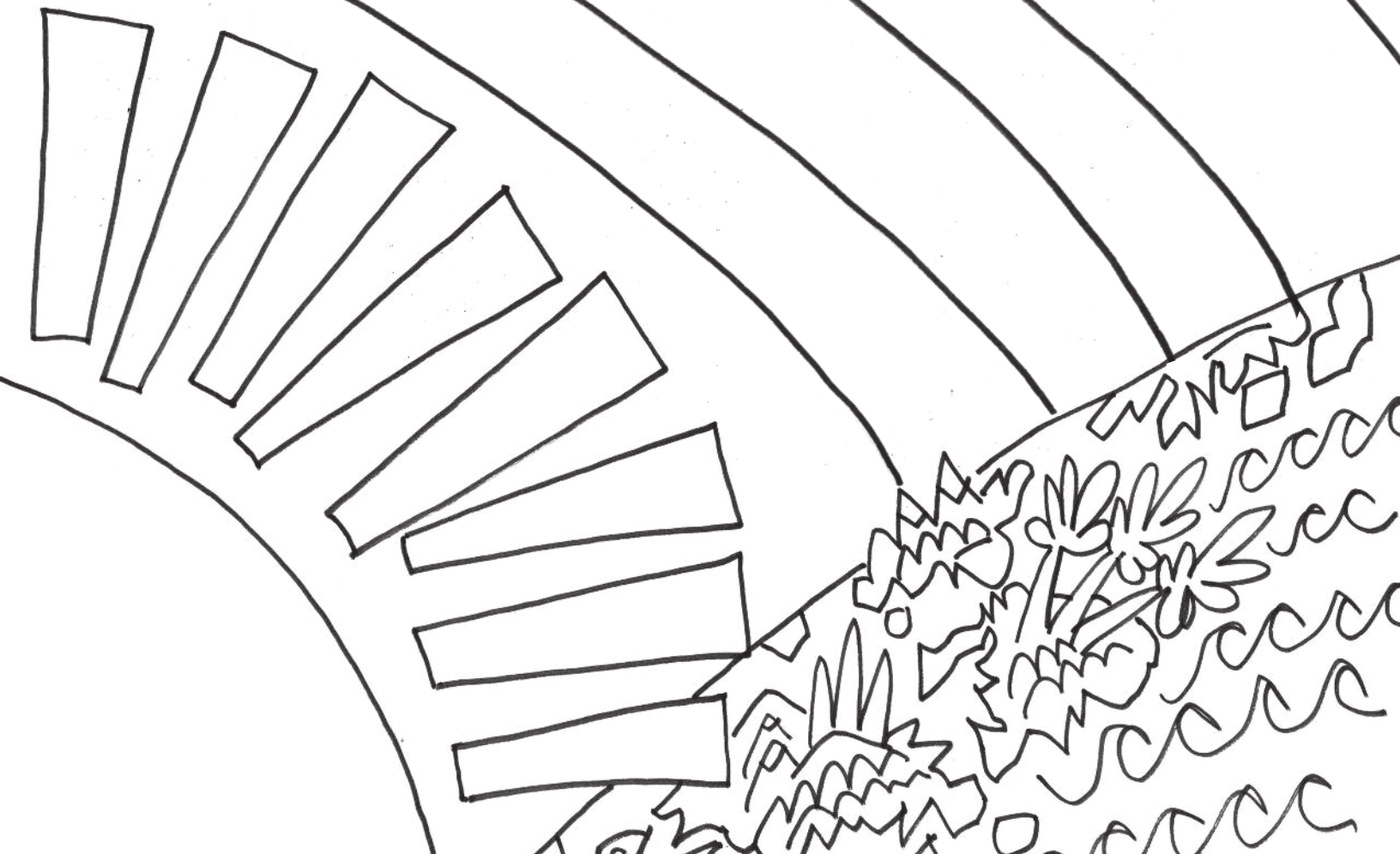
There had never been any before, but now light was shining!
of God's love for all creation.



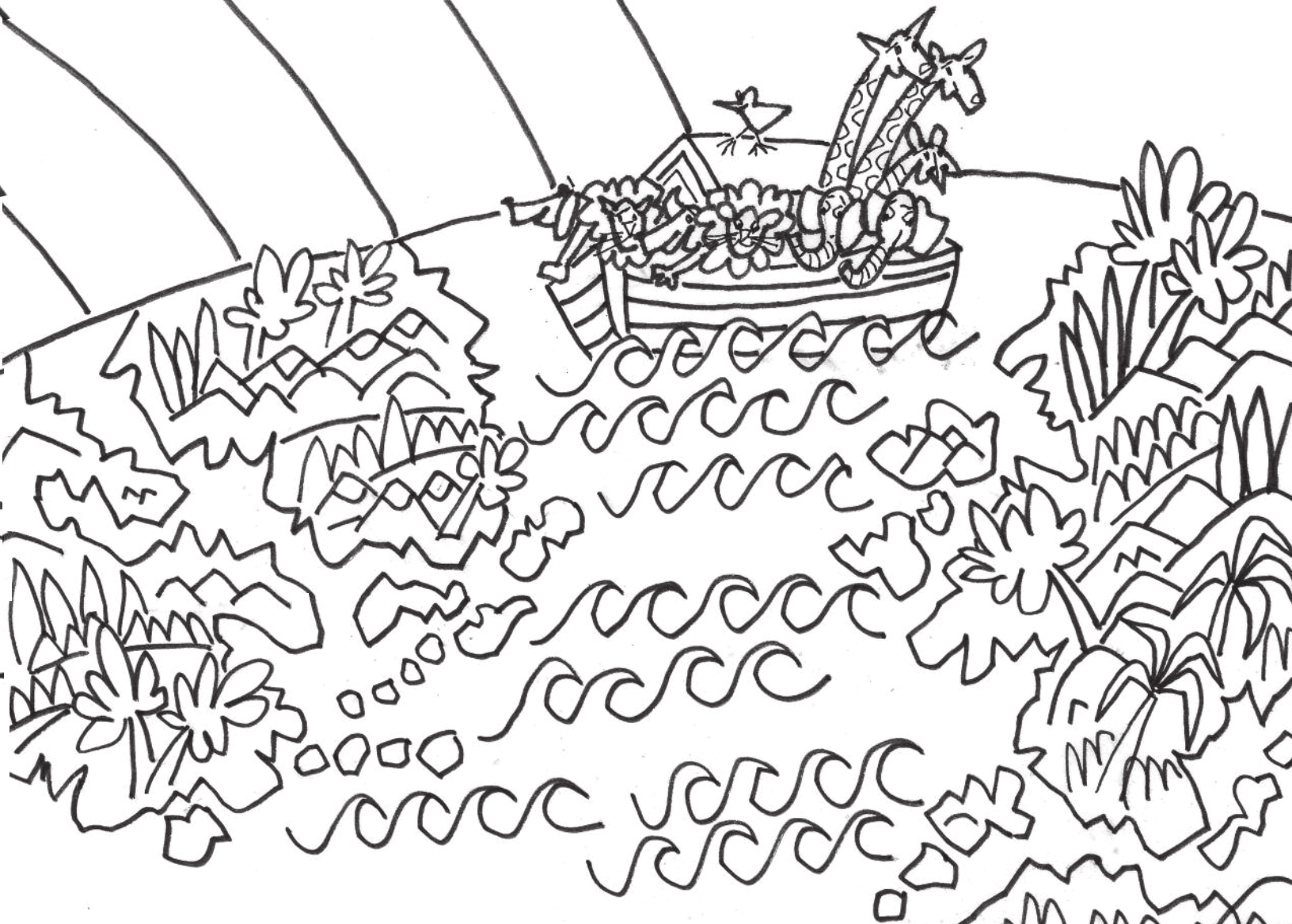
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It shined to create



new beginnings.



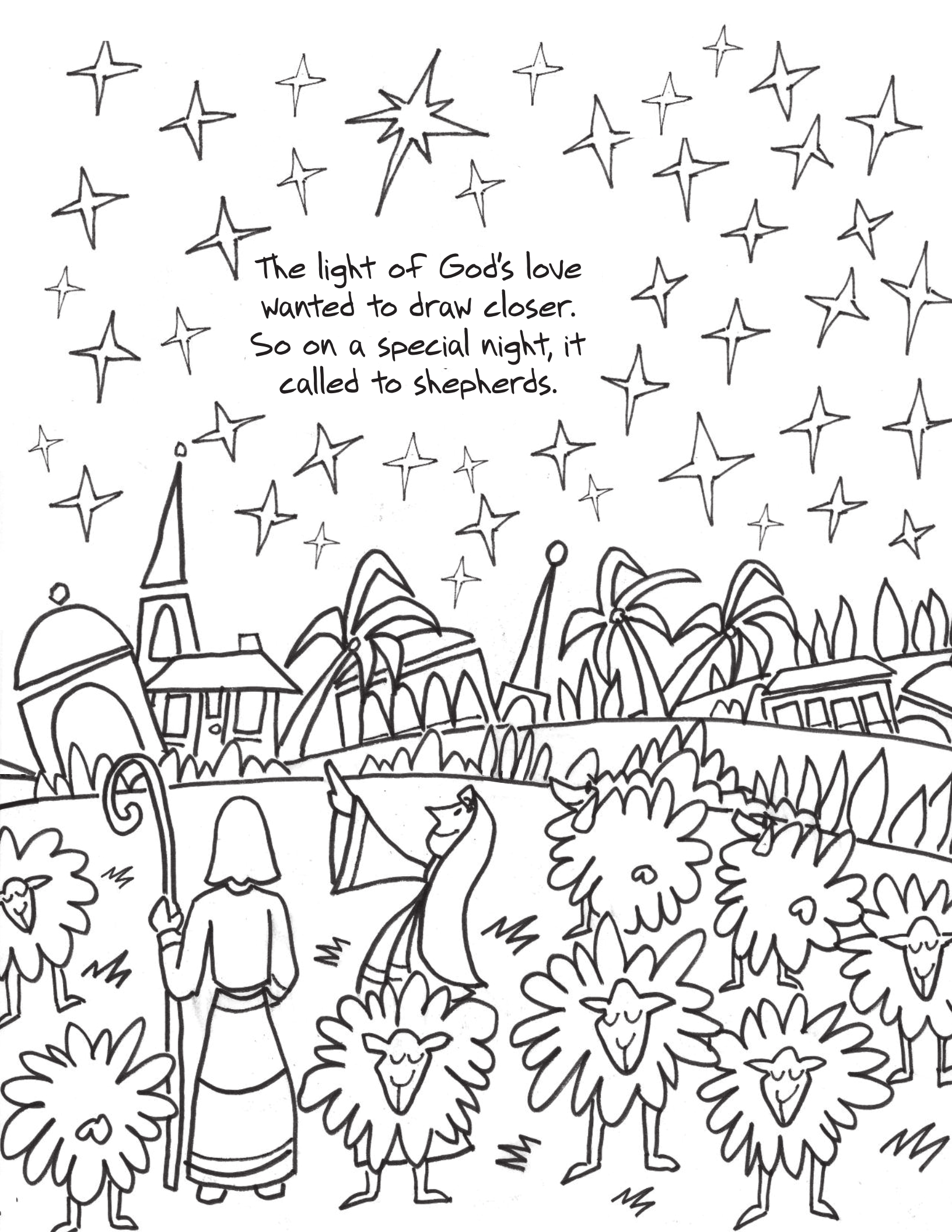


It shined to give people purpose.

People loved the light.
They told stories and sang songs about it.







The light of God's love
wanted to draw closer.
So on a special night, it
called to shepherds.



It called to wise people.





And it came to earth in a little baby called Jesus.

Jesus showed us how to shine love's light
by comforting people who are sad,





sharing with people who have less,



and speaking up for justice for everyone.

You can shine love's light by giving to
the Christmas Fund.



Giving to the
Christmas Fund
helps ministers
and others who
serve the church
get things like
medicine and
groceries.



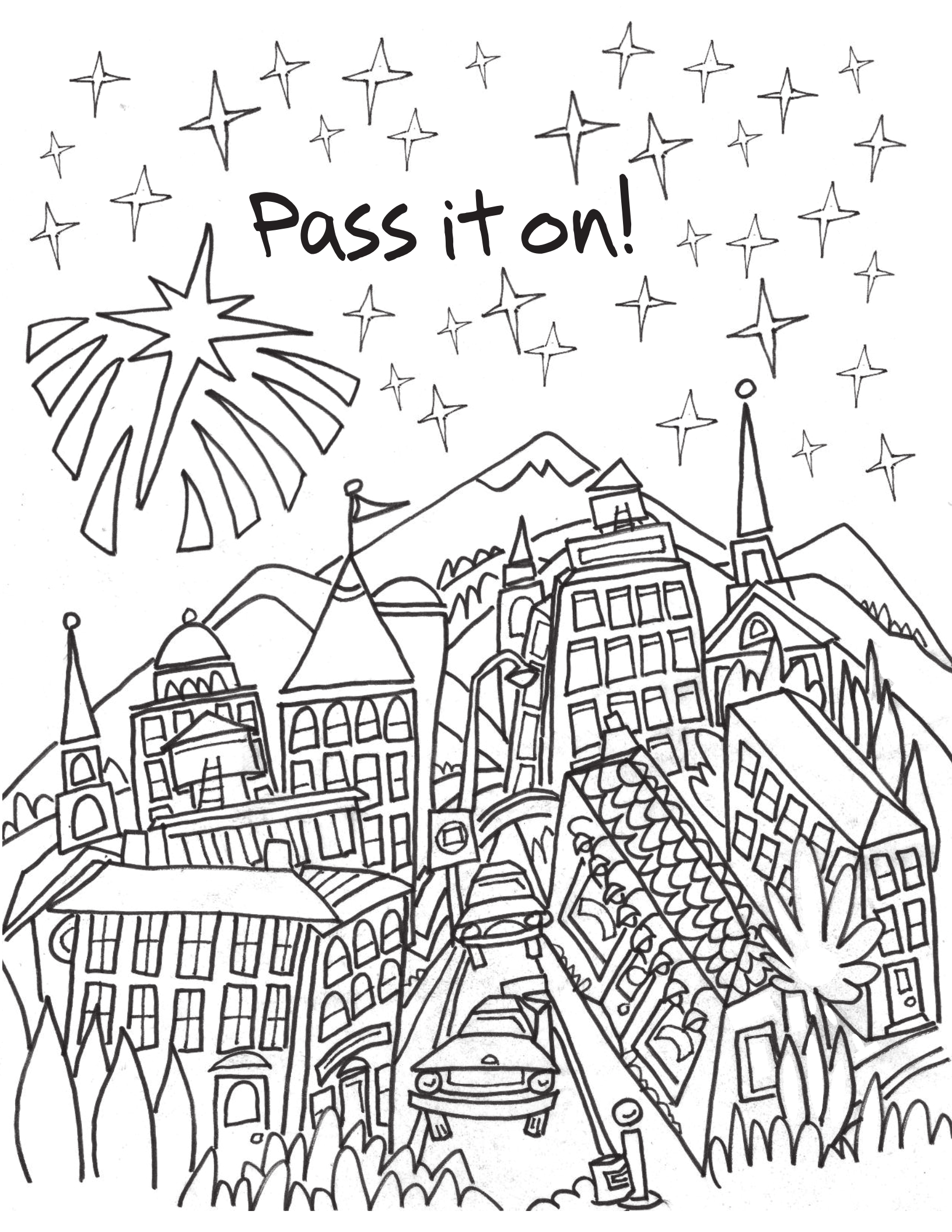


The light of God's love
is shining in you.

Shepherd the light.



Pass it on!





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The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a tangible expression of God's love and light in the world for over 115 years. One of the four Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ, the Christmas Fund provides UCC congregations and members an opportunity to reach out in kindness to those who have faithfully shepherded our Church and who now find themselves facing worrisome financial needs. The Pension Boards, on behalf of the whole church, passes on this direct support so that real needs may be met and support may be felt. Through your gifts to the Christmas Fund, you, too, can embody *Shepherding the Light* and pass on God's love.

The Christmas Fund has developed this coloring book to help United Church of Christ congregations tell the story of the light of God moving throughout time and creation and how we can be active in *Shepherding the Light* today. Illustrations were created by Ted Dawson, a member of Judson Memorial Church in New York City, and the story was written by the Rev. Vince Amlin, co-pastor of Bethany United Church of Christ and Gilead Church, in Chicago.

Additional copies of the *Shepherding the Light Coloring Book* can be downloaded for free at www.christmasfund.org or purchased at www.uccresources.com.



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