



SAINT LUCIA DAY

Tradition kit for families

1. *The Story of Saint Lucia.* Share this story with your children while the oldest daughter passes out hot cocoa and baked goods.
2. *The Watercolor Portrait.* Place the Portrait on the table while reading the story.
3. *Candlelit Crown Wreath.* Cut out the crown and wear as part of the ceremonial clothing.
4. *The Service Star.* Use the service star to serve others from December 13-25th.
5. *My Gift to the Savior.* This is a time capsule and goal page where you can write about yourself, goals for next year and how you want to become Christlike for the new year.
6. *Traditional Coloring Page.* Let your kids enjoy the celebration by coloring traditional items.
7. *Joy to the World Print* Enjoy a fun Christmas print for your home.



THE STORY OF SAINT LUCIA DAY

December 13th

The legend of Saint Lucia is traced back all the way to the 4th century. Lucia of Italy was a Christian woman who brought food to other Christians hiding in Roman catacombs because of religious persecution. She announced her coming with a candlelit wreath placed upon her head so she could use both hands to carry food. She was eventually caught and put to death for her belief in Christ and his teachings to *“Love one another as I have loved you.”* She dedicated her life and death to serving others.

The Tradition

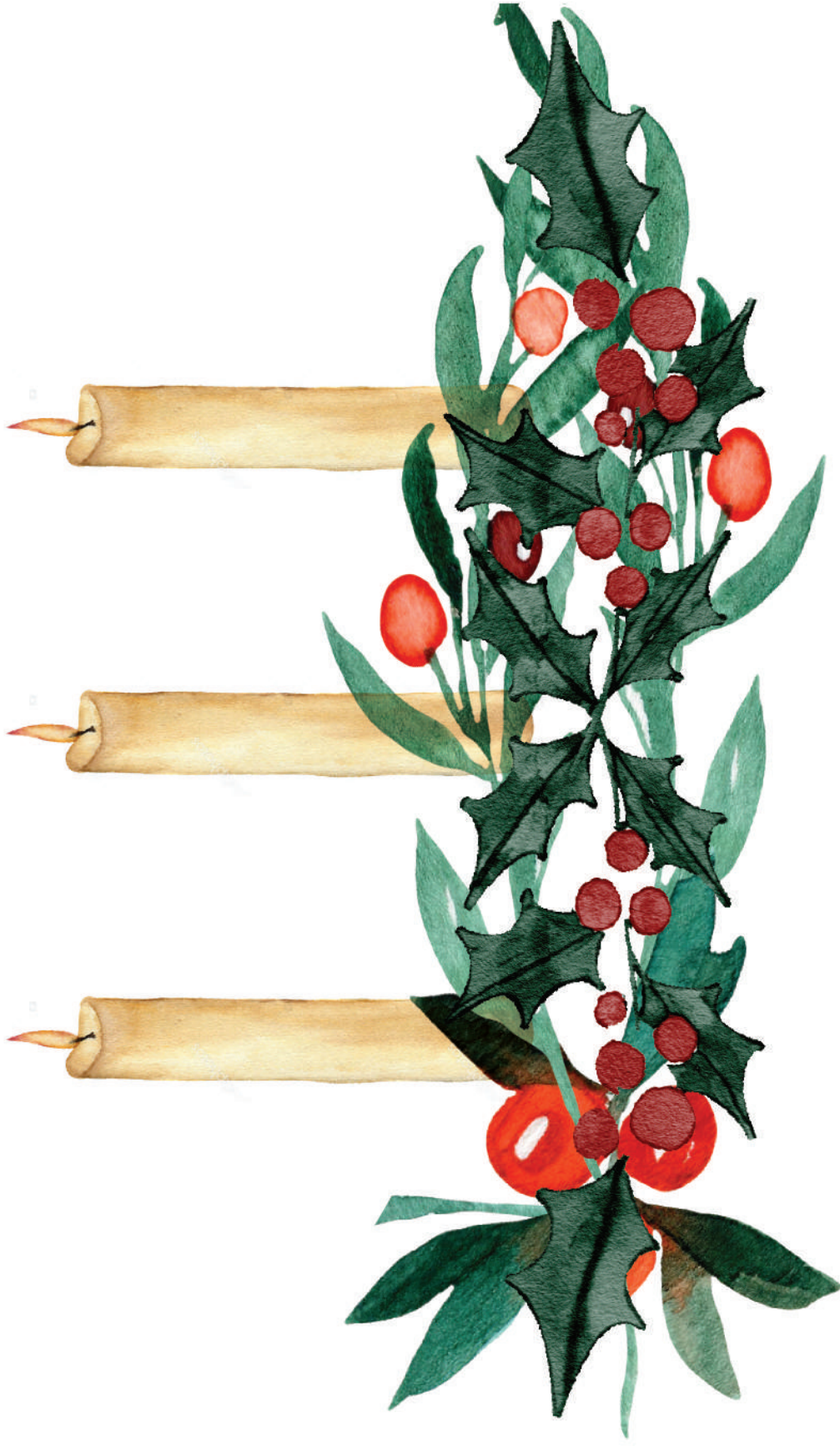
In Sweden and other European countries, St. Lucia’s Day marks the beginning of the Christmas celebration on December 13th. On that day the eldest daughter of the family traditionally dresses in a white robe with a red bow on her waist and wears a crown of an evergreen studded with seven candles.

She proceeds to serve coffee or hot chocolate and baked goods, such as saffron bread (lussekatter) and ginger biscuits, to the members of her family.

This Christmas Celebration is meant to bring hope and light during the darkest time of the year.

Saint Lucia



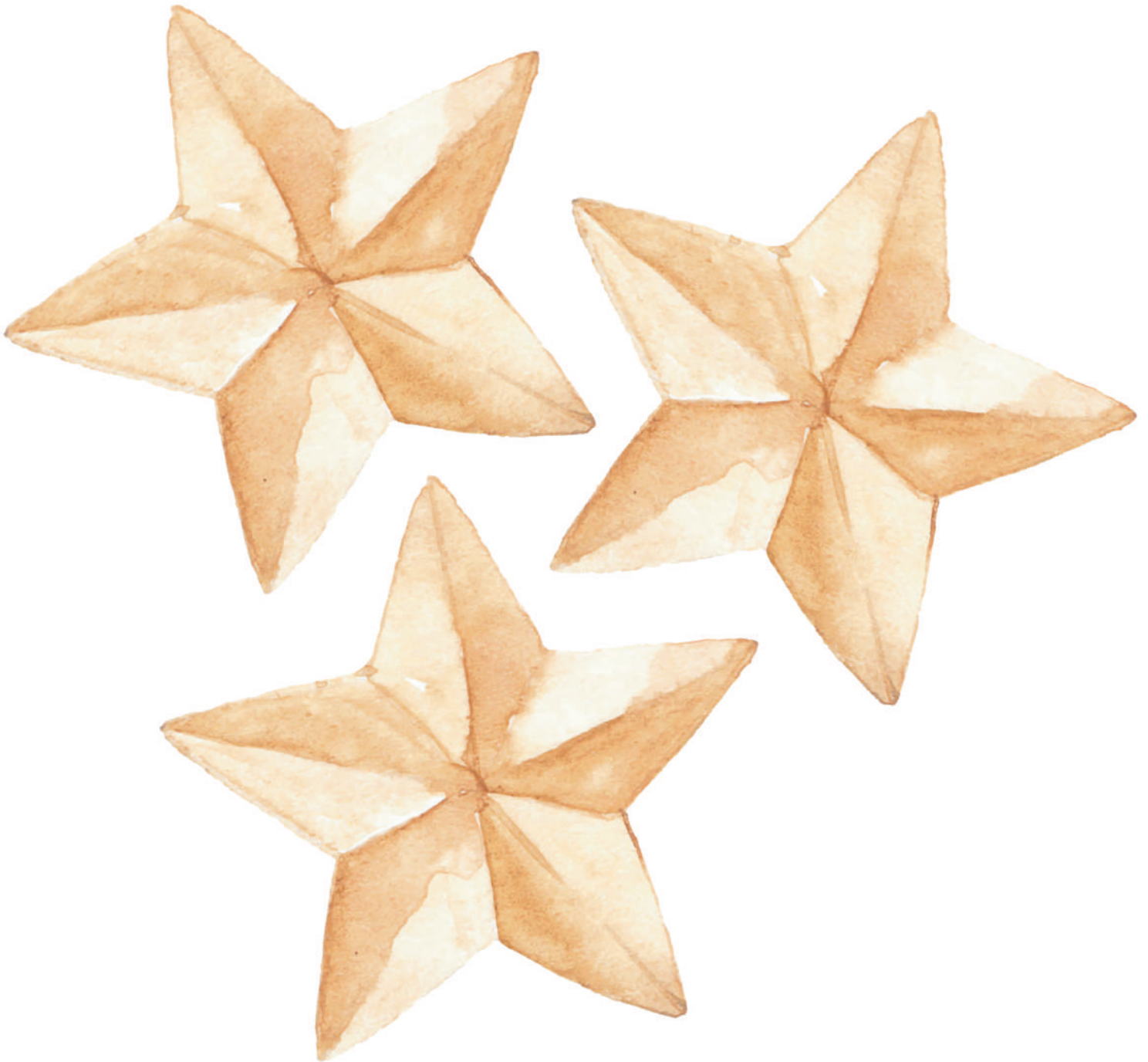


Print and cut out the crown and fit it to your child's head with the green strip.

THE SERVICE STAR

Cut out the golden stars and give one to each member of the family. The star represents the star that was seen in the sky on the night of Christ's birth.

Leave your gold star in the location of your act of service. When you see a gold star it is your turn to pay it forward and do service for someone else. Use this service star from the 13th-25th of December.





My gift to the Savior
2023

My name is: _____

Something I love about myself is: _____

What I want to learn this year: _____

Something good I did last year was: _____

I'm going to be more like Christ this year by doing: _____

MERRY CHRISTMAS



