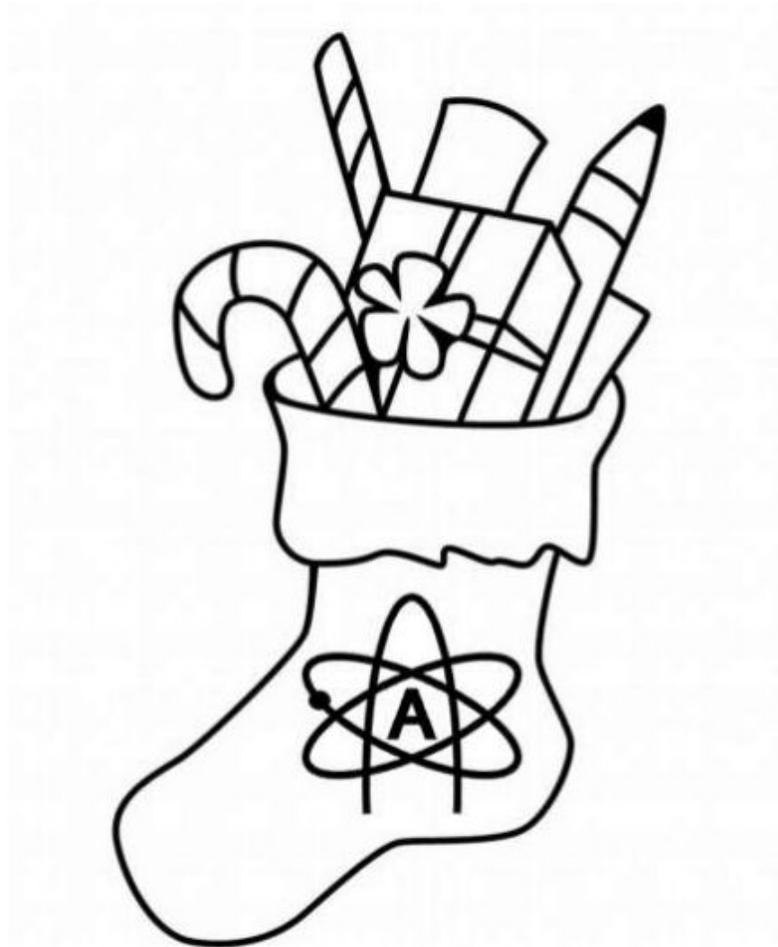
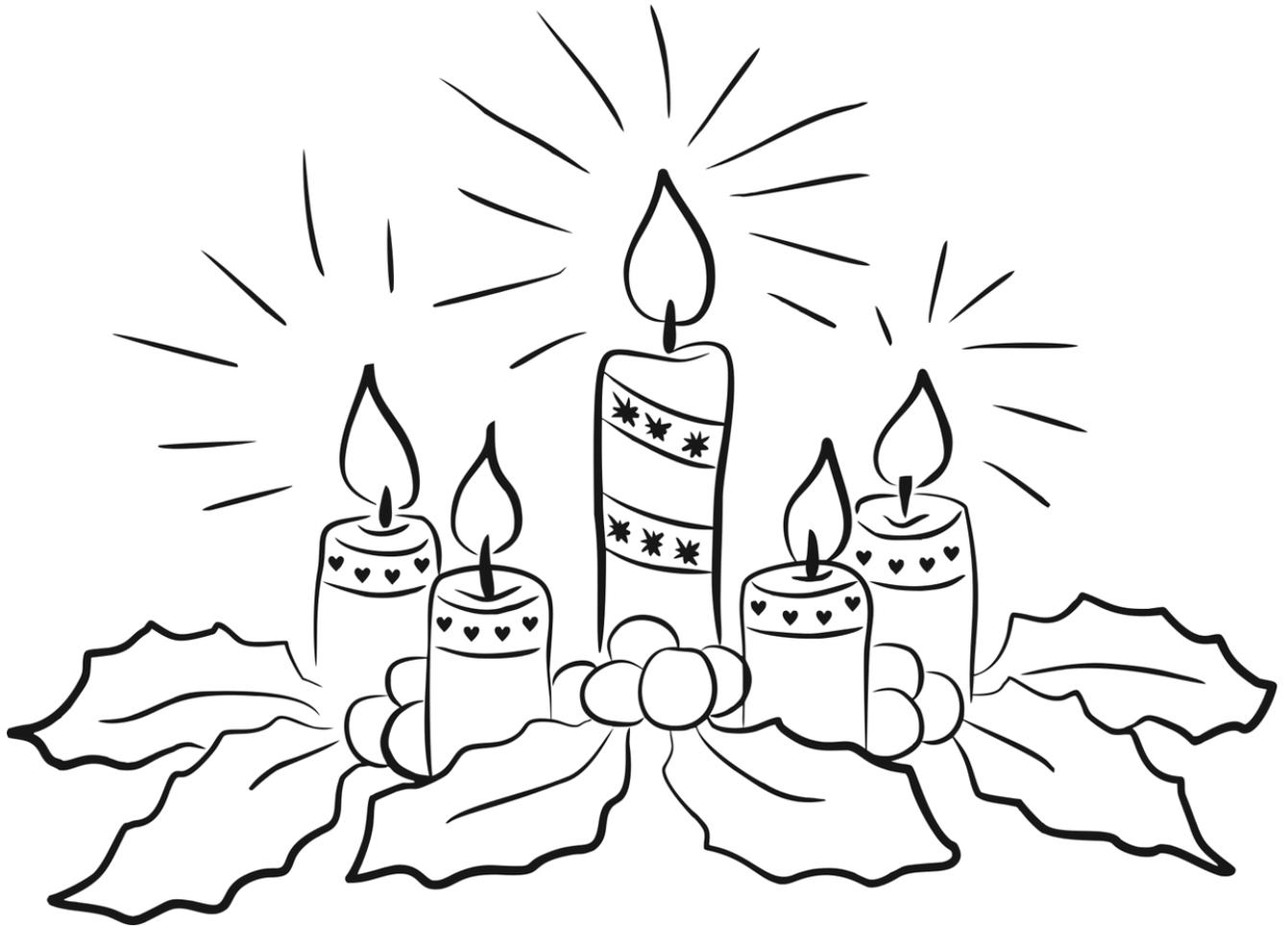


Atheist Christmas Coloring Book



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It is a custom as old as a custom can be,
Even for atheists like you and me.



On the longest, darkest night of the year,
We gather to share joy, gifts, and cheer.



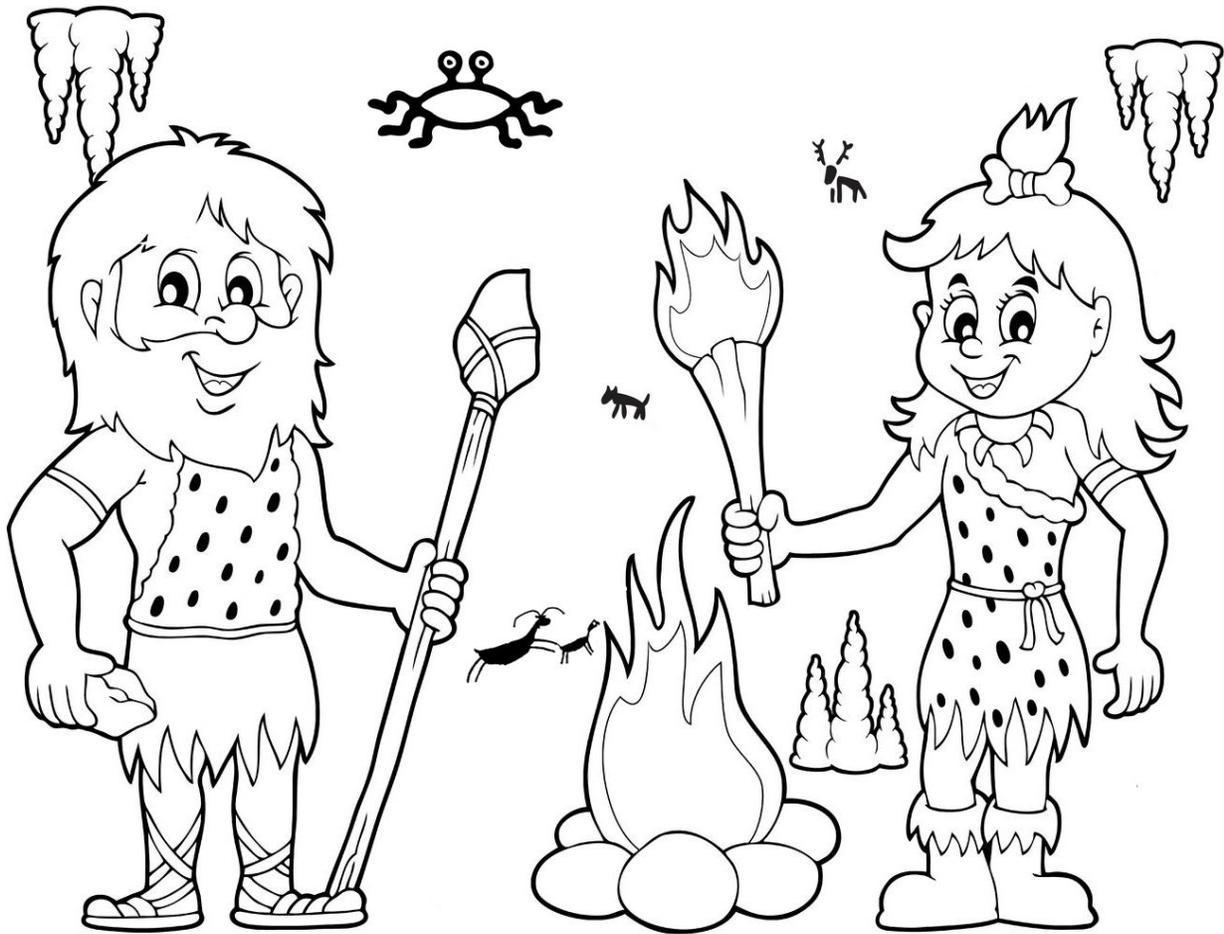
No fables or myths are needed to say:
Celebrate peace and love for a day.



Christmas is a rich, secular celebration,
built upon wide and diverse inspiration.



Baby Jesus was born away in a manger?
Listen closely as things only get stranger.



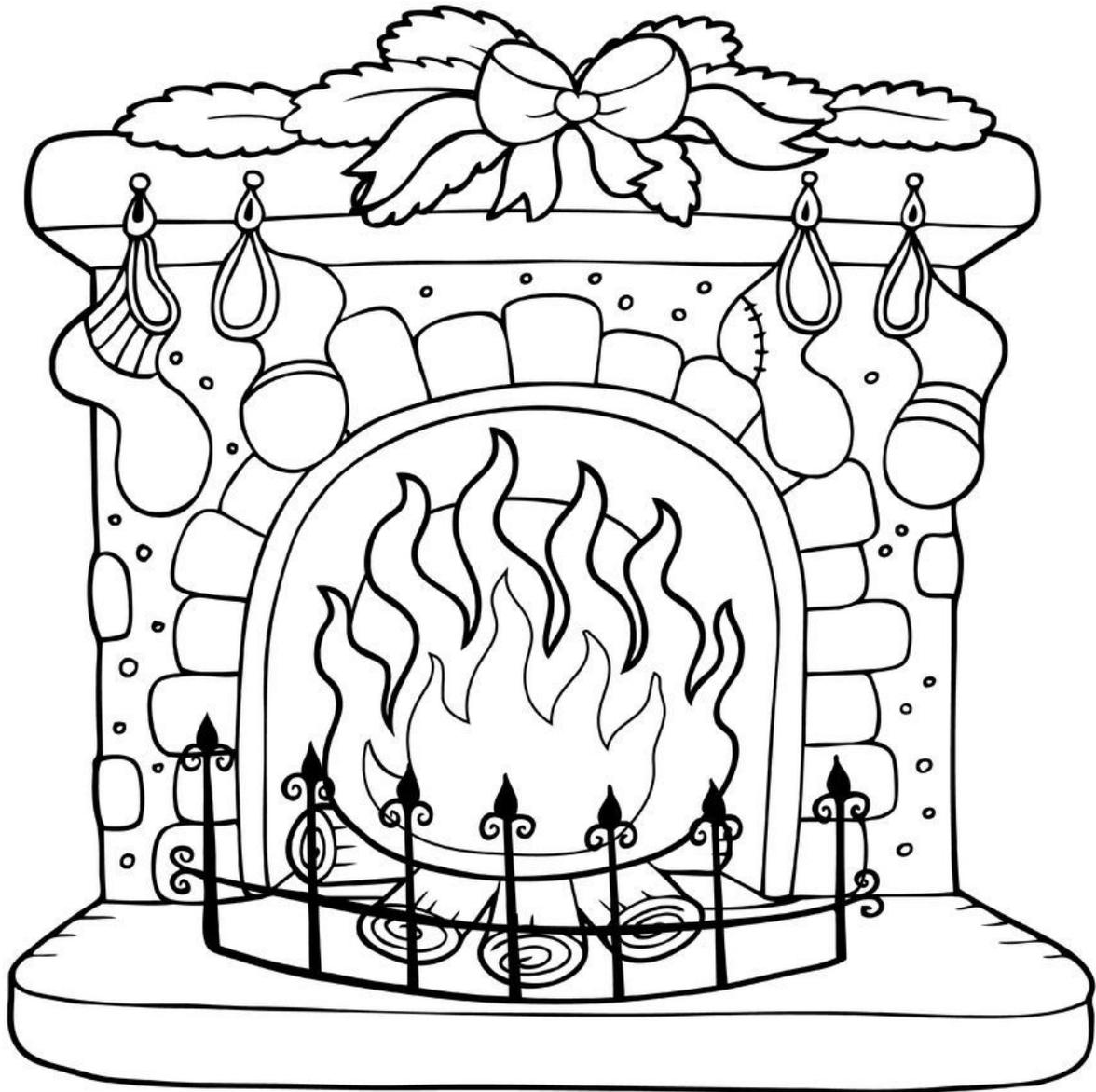
Christmas today is a modern invention.
Evolved from prehistoric tribal convention.



Some customs date from the Neolithic, like the horned god Krampus, quite horrific.



Winter Solstice is due to Earth's axial tilt,
Mapped by the ancients in temples they built.



The Jews deserve credit for lights and leafs.
The Norse the Yule log, Pagans the wreaths.



On Roman Saturnalia one did as he pleases.
Then in 300 A.D., the Pope added Jesus.



Over 2,000 years, things added and changed.
North Pole, Flying deer, Elves! Very strange!



Saint Nick was dragged West in 1087,
to scare kids to sleep by half til eleven.



Christmas carols are musical stories,
From oral traditions and allegories.



No angels, no demons, no heaven or hell, but if Bigfoot were real he'd think Xmas was swell.



Without Jesus or faith then why should we care? Because Christmas is rational when it's stripped bare.



A season for Love, Joy and Goodwill,
Celebrate them without religion to shill.



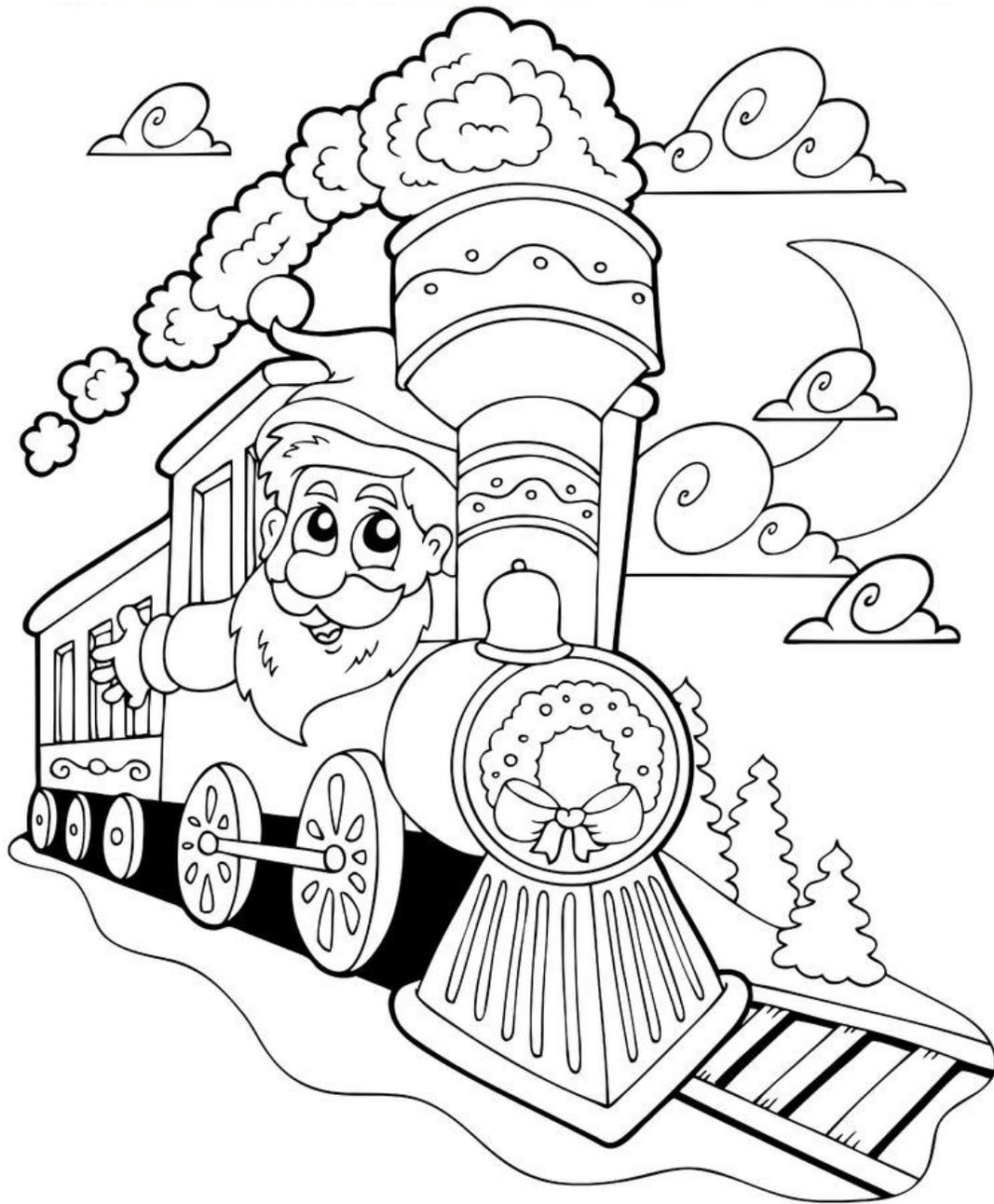
Feast, share, bond, and be merry,
Christmas is timeless, not prayer-y.



Look past the myths and absurd superstitions,
Start your own atheist Christmas traditions.



Wrap up a tree in electric lights, to show how
Science tamed chaos and night.



This season is about love and joy for mankind,
and enjoying the bounty you've earned with
your mind.

Christmas for Atheists?!?

No one religion or culture has a monopoly on sharing, caring, peace and joy. Before and after the birth of Christ, wintertime “*Christmas*” traditions existed independently of Christianity. God doesn't control the tilt of the Earth!

Christmas is part of our Western tradition. Over the centuries, local customs were adapted to bring Christmas to everyone, regardless of their faith, or lack of it.

It has always been a special time of year across diverse cultures, and has spread far beyond the West to all corners of the globe. Christmas need not be dedicated to mysticism and supernatural nonsense.

Atheists can embrace Christmas as a mid-winter celebration with friends and family. It is a wonderful time to share family traditions and discuss the rational roots that keep your family strong. No need to eschew Christmas just because of tangential religious connections. We celebrate Thursday without worshipping Thor!

Find out more at AtheistChristmas.org

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