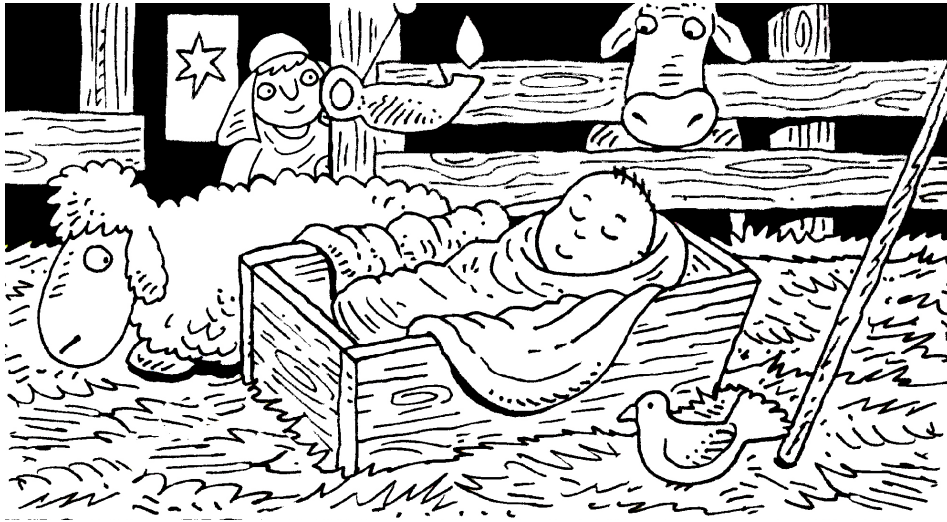


Then suddenly the angels left and went back to heaven.

The shepherds were amazed and they looked at each other with big eyes. They knew that it was God who sent them this special message. They were so happy and their hearts felt so calm.



They went to Bethlehem and they found baby Jesus and his parents just like the angel told them.

The shepherds told Mary and Joseph all about the angel's message. And then they told everybody else too about this wonderful thing which happened and all the people were very, very happy.

You can read about the other amazing thing which happened when Jesus was born in the next story called :

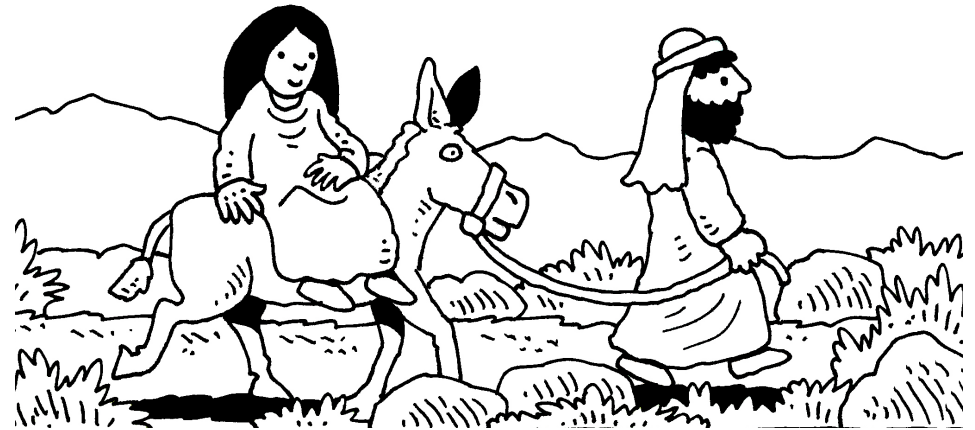
*THE WISE MEN AND THE STAR

* JESUS AS A LITTLE BOY

You can also read more about Angels in the story called ANGELS ARE REAL!

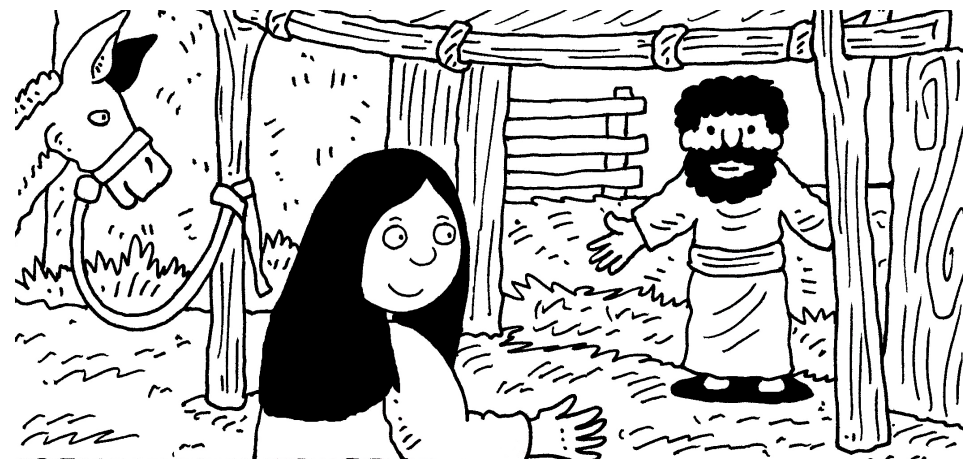
You can read this whole story in the Bible in Luke 2.

AN ANGEL AND THE SHEPHERDS.



Just before Jesus was born, something very unusual happened. In those days the Ruler of the world ordered that everybody's names had to be written down. To do this, people had to go to the town where your family came from. Joseph's people came from Bethlehem, so they had to go there. In those days there were no cars, buses or planes. And only the rich people had horses and chariots to ride in.

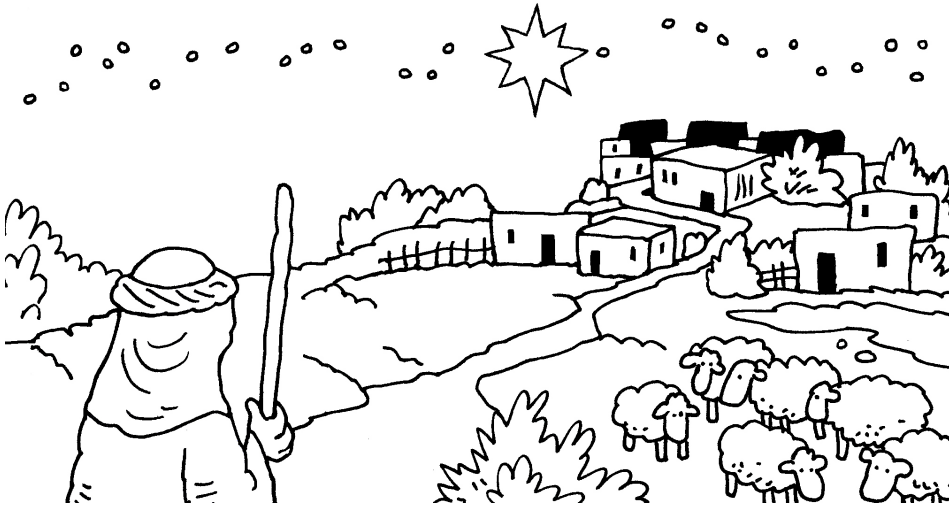
Joseph and Mary were not rich, so he put Mary on a donkey so that she did not have to walk all the way.



When they arrived in Bethlehem, they couldn't find a place to stay, because all the places were full. So they stayed in a stable.



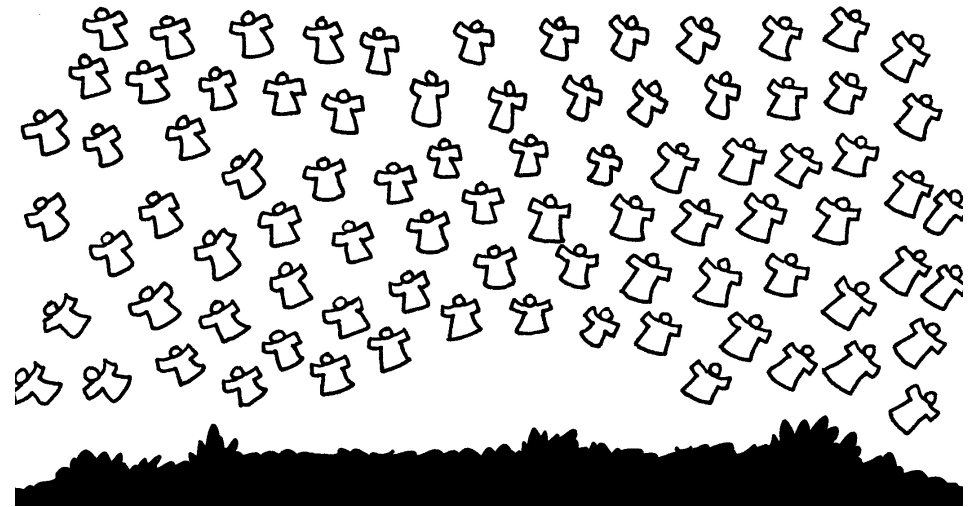
That night baby Jesus was born and Mary wrapped him in cloths and put him in the manger. It is where the animals' food is kept. They were so happy about their beautiful son Jesus.



The same night some shepherds were looking after their sheep in the open field.



Suddenly they saw a huge, bright angel. They were quite scared but the angel said : "Don't be scared. I'm bringing you a wonderful message from God. It will make people very, very happy. Tonight the Saviour of the world was born. And this will be the sign. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths, sleeping in a manger."



All of a sudden the night sky were full of bright angels! They were singing this lovely song :

"Glory to God in the highest heaven. Peace of earth and love to all people on earth."