

Hosea, was one of God's prophets who wrote about it in God's scriptures long before it happened.



Joseph took Mary and Jesus back to Israel. He was planning to go back to Bethlehem, but he was scared because king Herod's son was now the new king. Then

God spoke to him in a dream. God told him not to go back to Bethlehem.

Joseph and Mary decided to live in a town called Nazareth. Other prophets of God also wrote about this long before it happened.

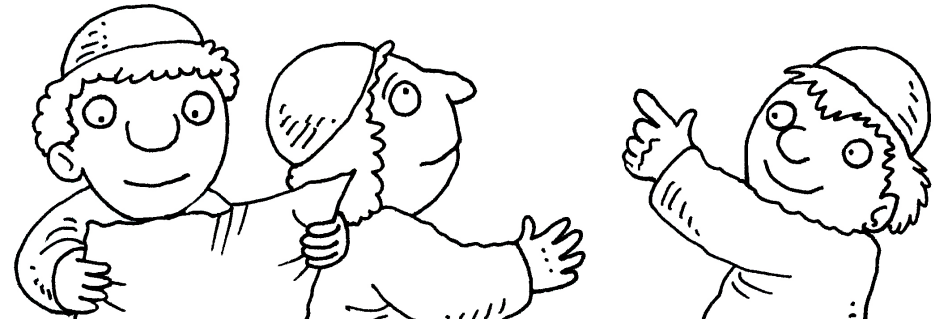
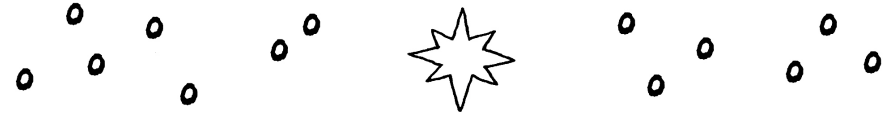
Jesus grew up and was a boy who always listened to his earthly parents. The Holy Spirit was with him. He also knew things about God which amazed his earthly parents and the priests in the temple. People really liked to be with him. But although he was so special, he was always doing what his earthly parents and teachers told him to do. He never thought that he knew better than others. He helped his earthly father with his woodwork.



Jesus was a child just like you. He also liked to play with his friends, just like you do.

You can read these stories in the Bible in Matthew 2

THE WISE MEN AND THE STAR



At the same time when Jesus was born, 3 wise men came from the East to bring gifts to Him. They were people who studied the stars and noticed there was a new star in the sky. They knew that it meant that a new king is born.



They came to Israel but they didn't know in which town Jesus was born, so they went to Jerusalem where king Herod was. He was ruling over God's people but he didn't believe in God. He didn't know anything about the new king and his men also didn't know.



But God's men knew, because they read about it in God's Scriptures. Micah, one of God's prophets, from long ago, wrote about it. God promised to send His people a good King one day. He will be born in Bethlehem.

King Herod was jealous and made plans to kill baby Jesus. So he asked the wise men to tell him all about it when they found Jesus. He lied to them, saying that he also wanted to take gifts to the new king, but he had evil plans in his heart.



The wise men left to go to Bethlehem. They saw the star again and were so happy! Then a wonderful thing happened. The star moved and they followed it until it stopped over the place Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus were. And there they found the new King. They bowed down to baby Jesus and gave Him the gifts they brought with them from the East. Gold and some very expensive spices, called myrrh and frankincense.



When the wise men left to go back home, God spoke to them in a dream. He warned them not go back to king Herod. They had to take another road to go home. And they listened to God.

God was watching over baby Jesus and His parents, to protect them. The danger was not over.

But you can read about that in the last story about Jesus' birth, called : GOD WARNS JOSEPH IN A DREAM.

You can also read this story in the Bible in Mattheew 2

5 JESUS AS A LITTLE BOY

Mary and Joseph were so proud of their little baby. They took Jesus to the temple when he was 8 days old to be blessed.



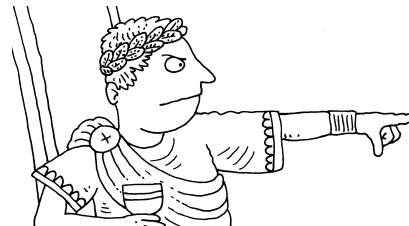
They met a man called Simeon in the temple. He loved God and was also looking forward to Jesus coming to earth. He took baby Jesus in his arms and suddenly he was so happy. It was the Holy Spirit that was making his heart so happy. He knew that baby Jesus is the Son of God. He said wonderful things about Jesus. Mary and Joseph were very surprised because Simeon have never met them before.



There was also a woman called Anna. She was a prophetess. That it someone who hears God's words and tell God's people about it. She went to the temple every day to pray. This was a special day for her too because she also met baby Jesus, She knew He is the King of kings.



This was a very wonderful day for all of them.



But soon after this day, Mary and Joseph had to flee to Egypt with baby Jesus to protect him.

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. He warned Joseph that king Herod wanted to kill baby Jesus. That is

horrible! The angel told Joseph to flee with Mary and baby Jesus to another country, called Egypt.

Joseph listened to the angel. They lived in Egypt until king Herod died. After some time an angel appeared again to Joseph in a dream. He told him it was safe to go back to Israel because king Herod was dead.