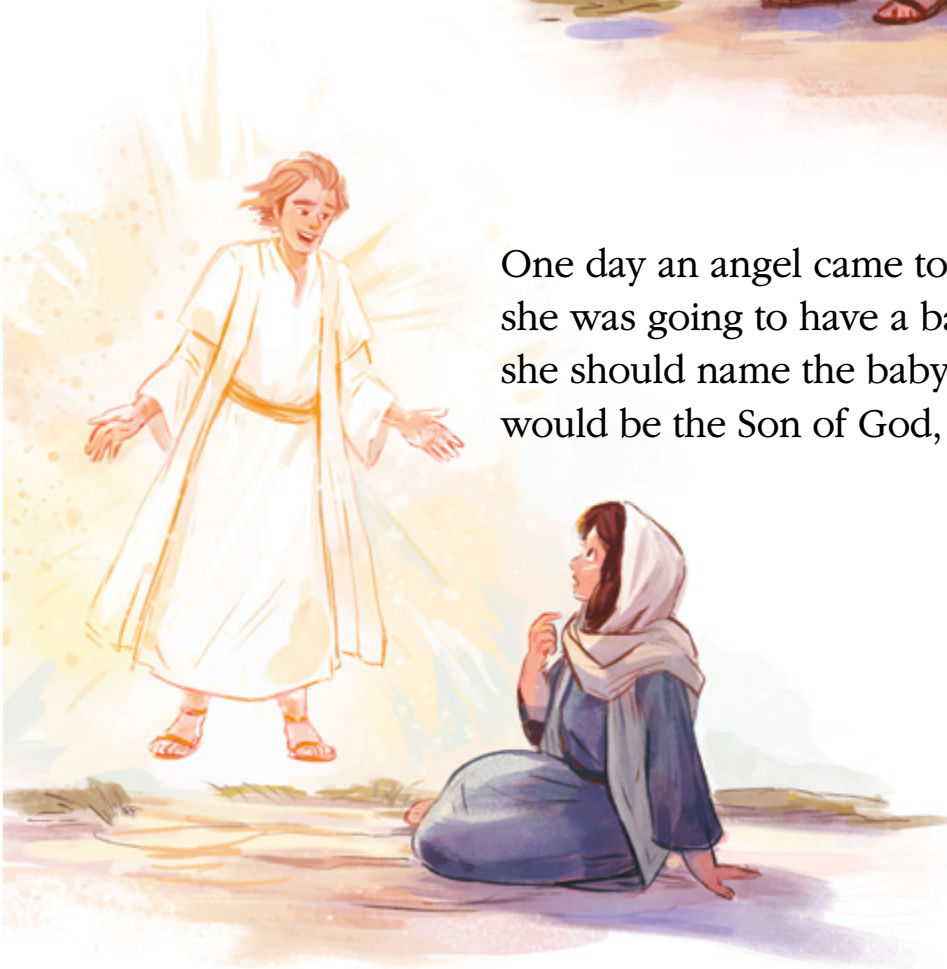
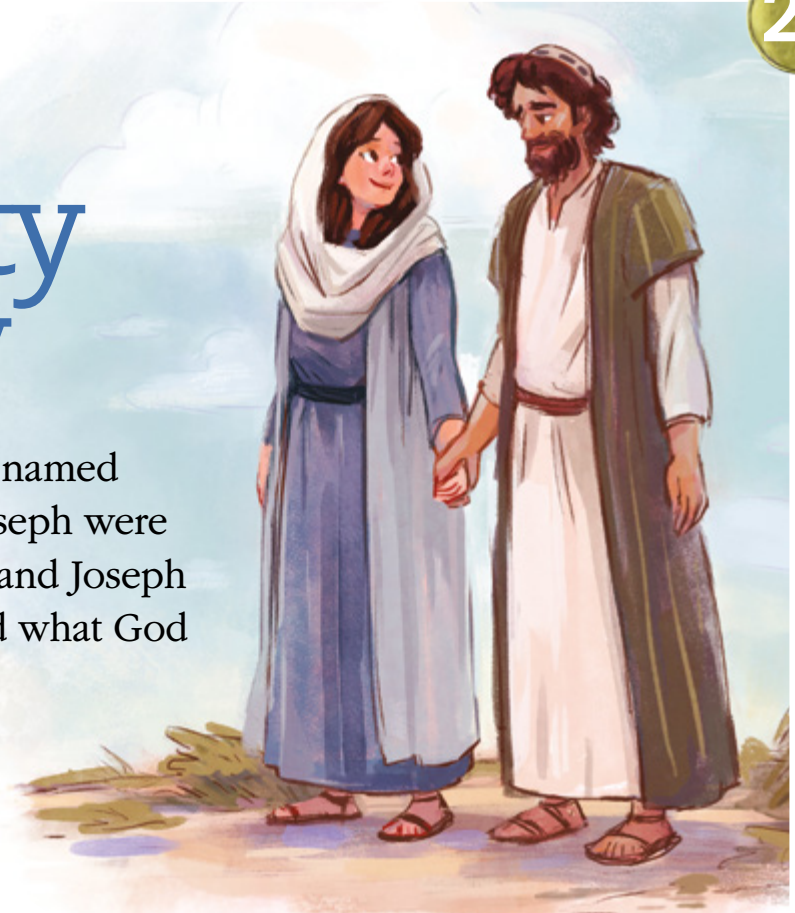


The Nativity Story

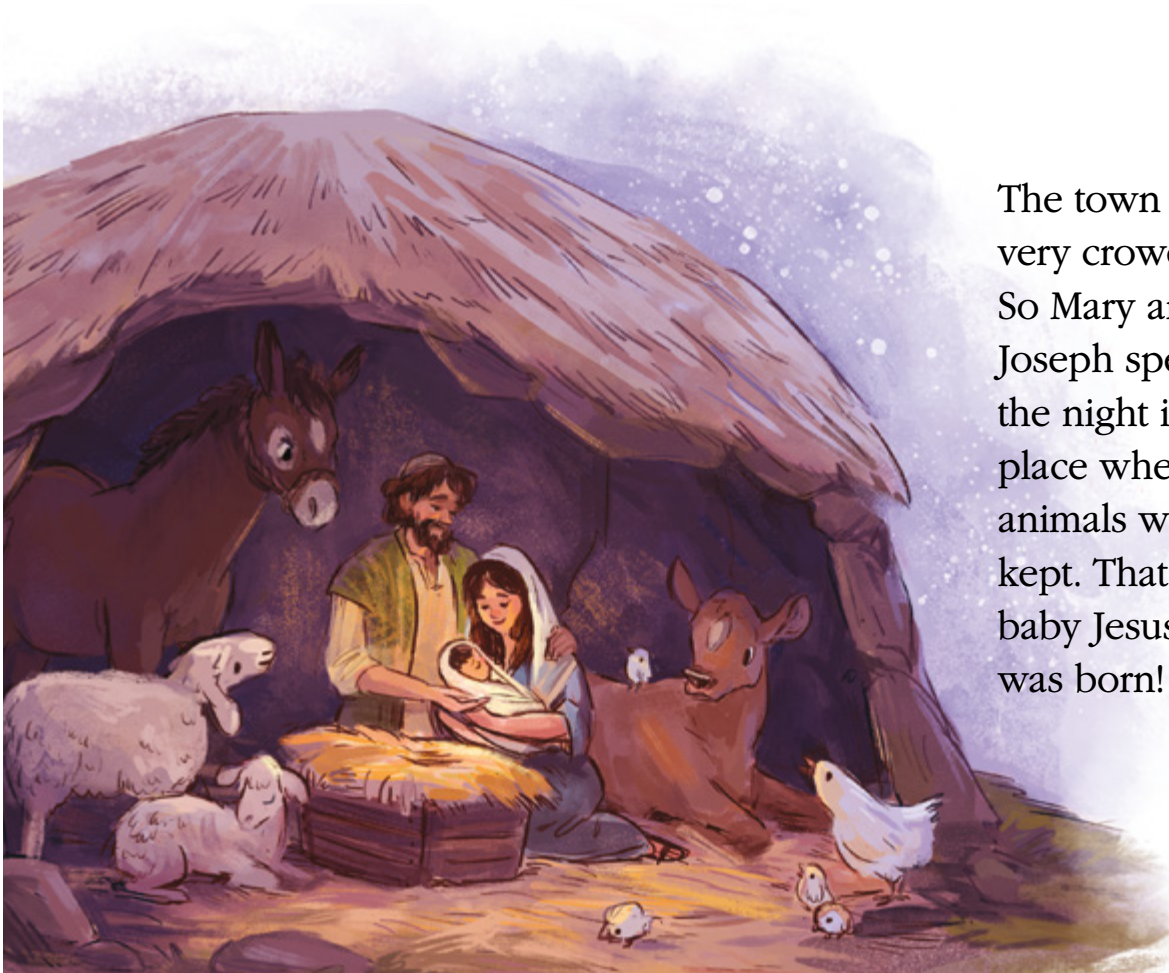
A long time ago, a woman named Mary and a man named Joseph were going to be married. Mary and Joseph were good people who did what God wanted them to do.



One day an angel came to Mary and told her she was going to have a baby! The angel said she should name the baby Jesus. The baby would be the Son of God, the Savior.



Mary and Joseph had to travel to a town called Bethlehem to pay taxes.

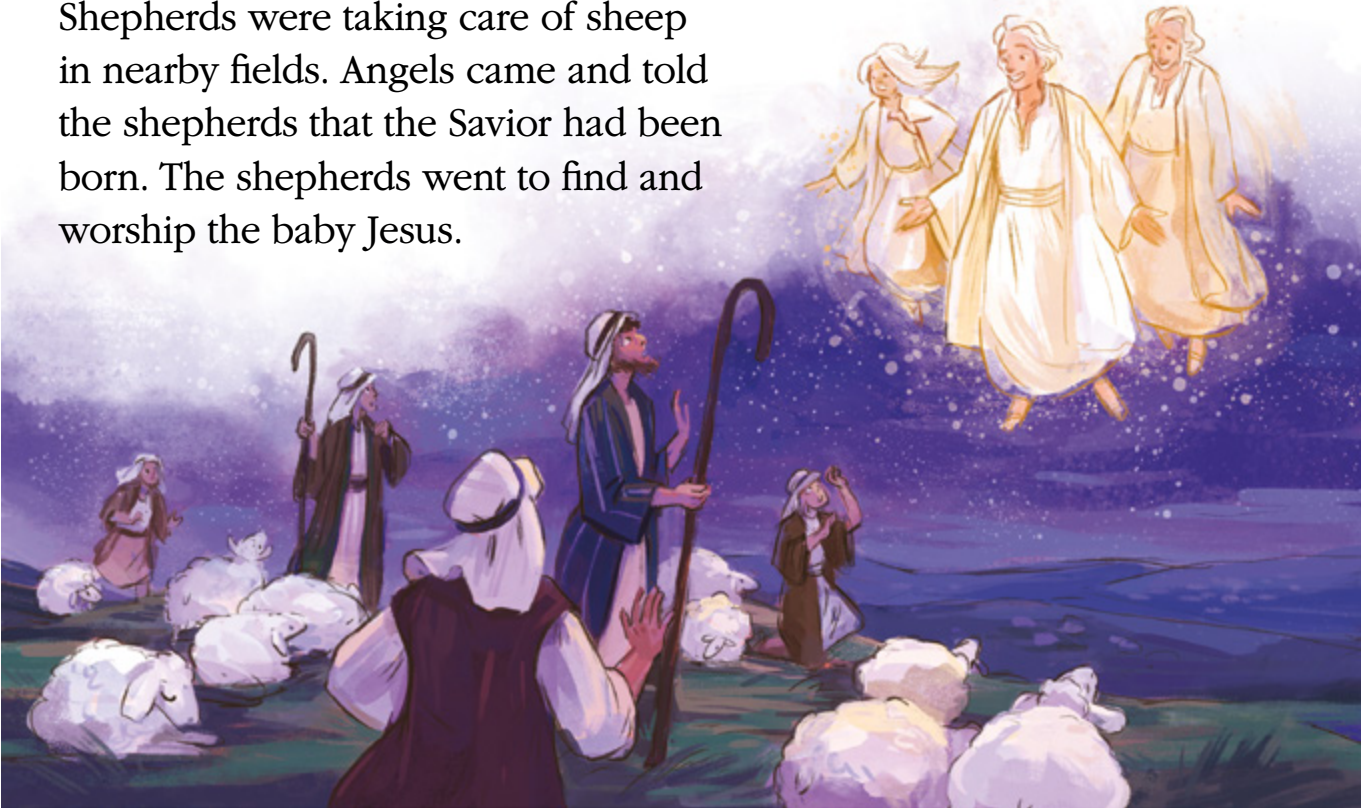


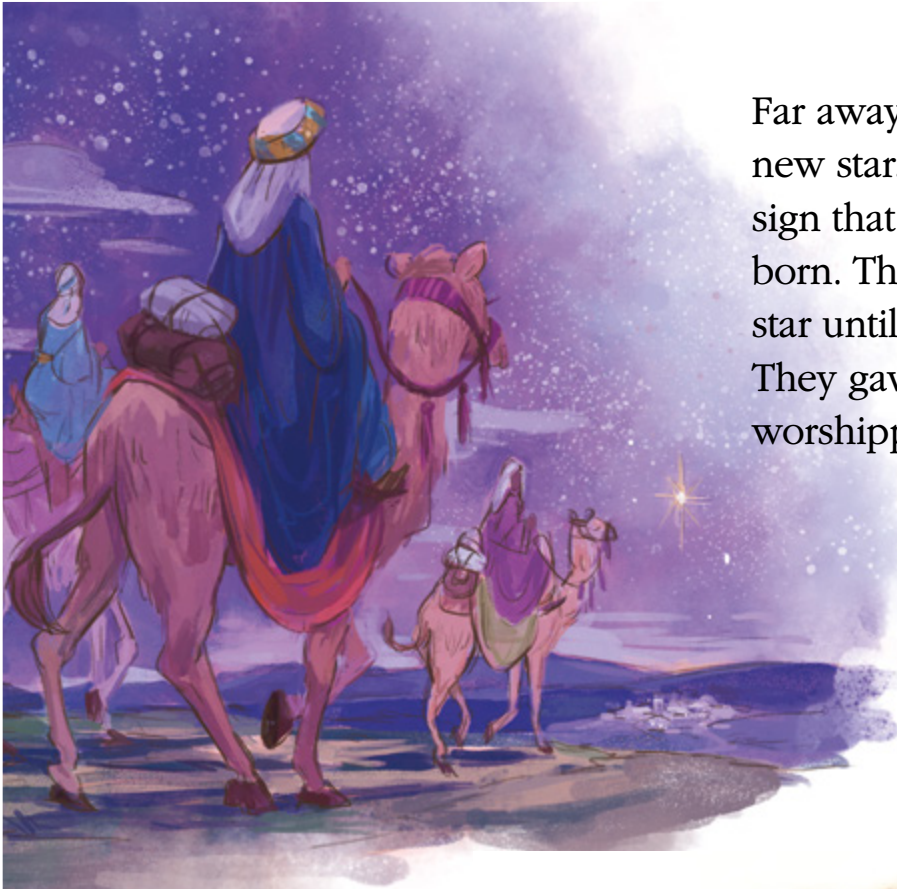
The town was very crowded. So Mary and Joseph spent the night in a place where animals were kept. That night baby Jesus was born!



A new star appeared in the sky.

Shepherds were taking care of sheep in nearby fields. Angels came and told the shepherds that the Savior had been born. The shepherds went to find and worship the baby Jesus.





Far away, Wise Men saw the new star. They knew it was a sign that the Savior had been born. They followed the star until they found Jesus. They gave Him presents and worshipped Him.

Jesus grew up in a town called Nazareth. He learned to be helpful, kind, and obedient. He learned everything that He needed to learn to be our Savior. He always followed God's plan for Him. ◆



I Can Follow Jesus



At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Point to the pictures of these people, who were part of the Nativity story.

We can be like **Mary and Joseph** by doing what God wants us to do.

We can be like the **shepherds** and **Wise Men** by following Jesus Christ.

We can be like the **angels** by telling others the real story of Christmas.

And we can be like **Jesus** by following His example!