

A Different Kind of Christmas Tree

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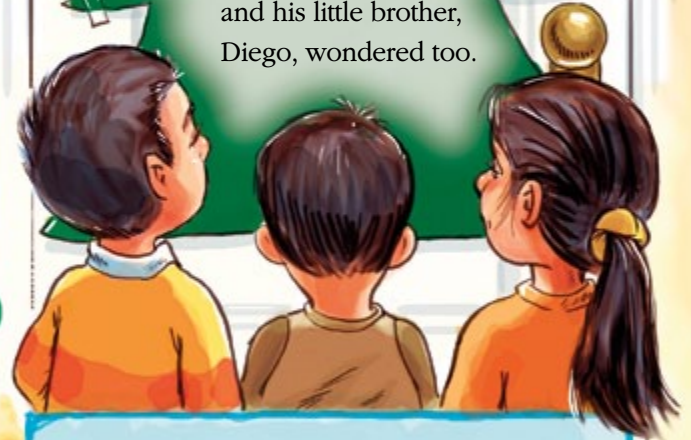
(Based on a true story)

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me
(Matthew 11:29).

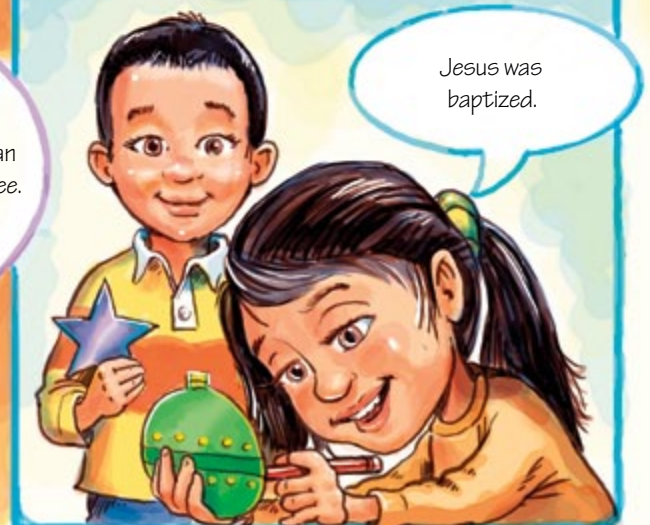
1. Carlos was excited for Christmas. This year there was something different in his home. A large tree made of shiny green paper was attached to the door.



2. Carlos wondered what would be different. His sister, Araceli, and his little brother, Diego, wondered too.



4. Carlos liked that idea. Araceli ran to the ornaments and grabbed a red pencil.



That's a good one. Can I write that Jesus did many miracles?

That would be perfect. You both have great ideas!

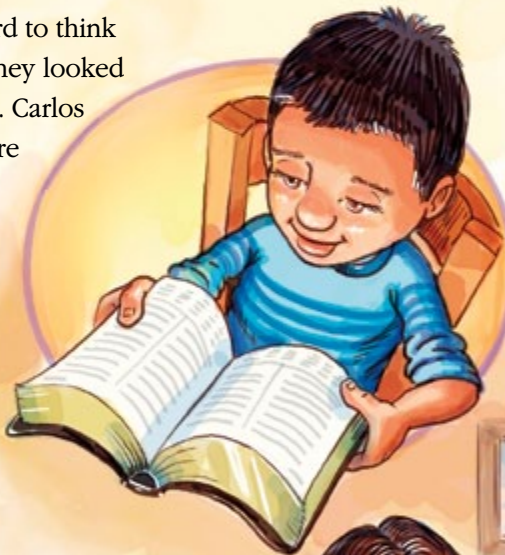
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6. Every night after dinner, Araceli and Carlos made another ornament and put it on the tree. Diego helped by saying, "I love Jesus!"



7. When it was hard to think of more ideas, they looked in the scriptures. Carlos didn't know there were so many verses about Jesus!



8. On Christmas Eve the whole family sang songs and read the ornaments they had put on the tree. Carlos was happy to know so much about Jesus. He was all ready for Christmas.



FIND THE DIFFERENCES

These children are acting out things that happened when Jesus was born. See if you can find the nine differences between the two drawings.



THE CHRISTMAS STORY



Helps for Parents

Read the story of the first Christmas in Luke 2. As you read, help your child listen for events that are shown in the two pictures. Let your children color the pictures.