

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***THE BIRTH OF JESUS
AND VISIT OF THE SHEPHERDS***

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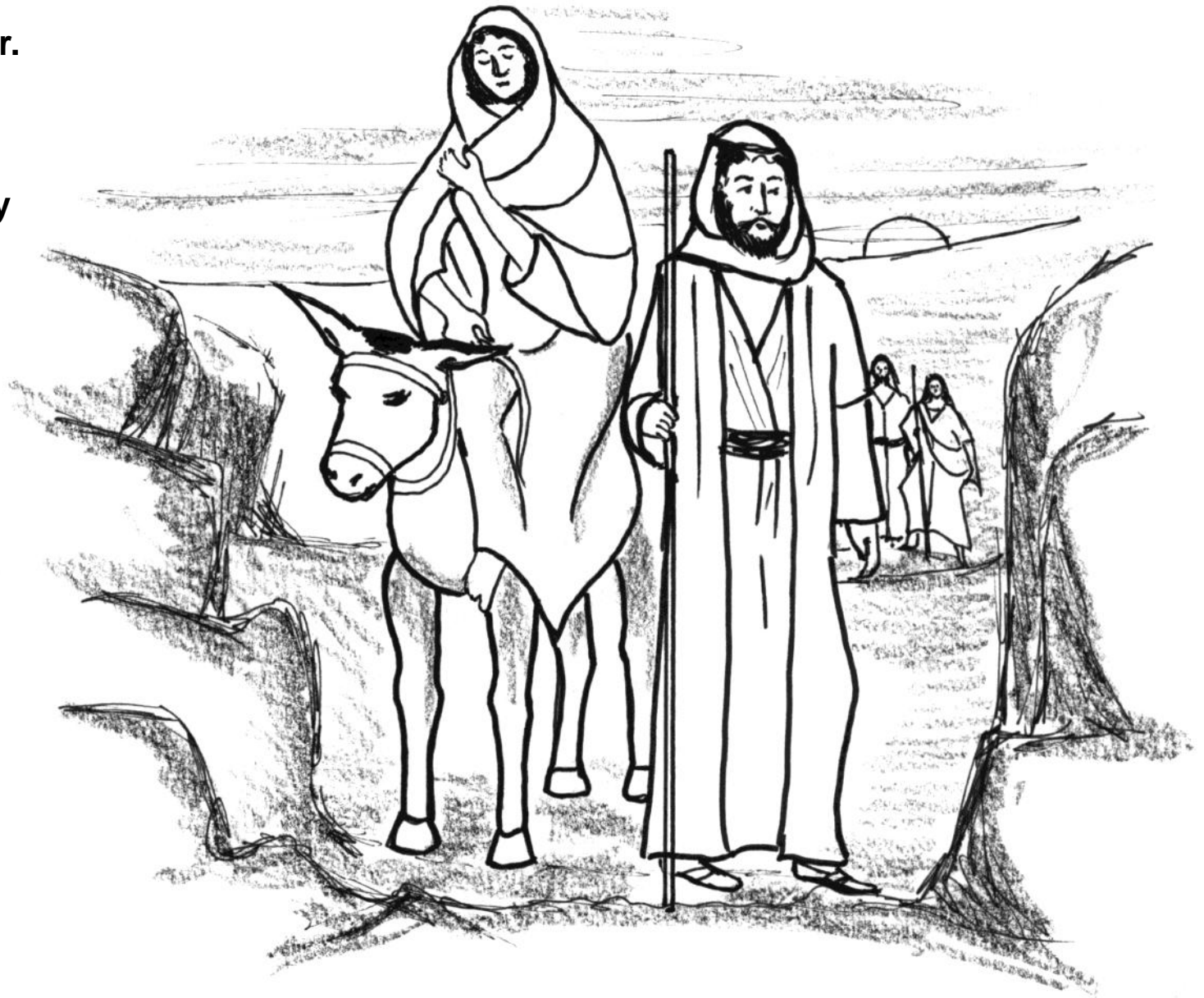
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**An angel of the Lord
came to Joseph in a dream
and said,
'Don't be afraid to take Mary
to be your wife.
The baby she will have
is God's Son.
His name is to be Jesus
for He will save His people
from their sins.'**



**Before Jesus was born,
Mary and Joseph had to
go to Bethlehem to put
their names on a register.
Other people
had to go there too.**

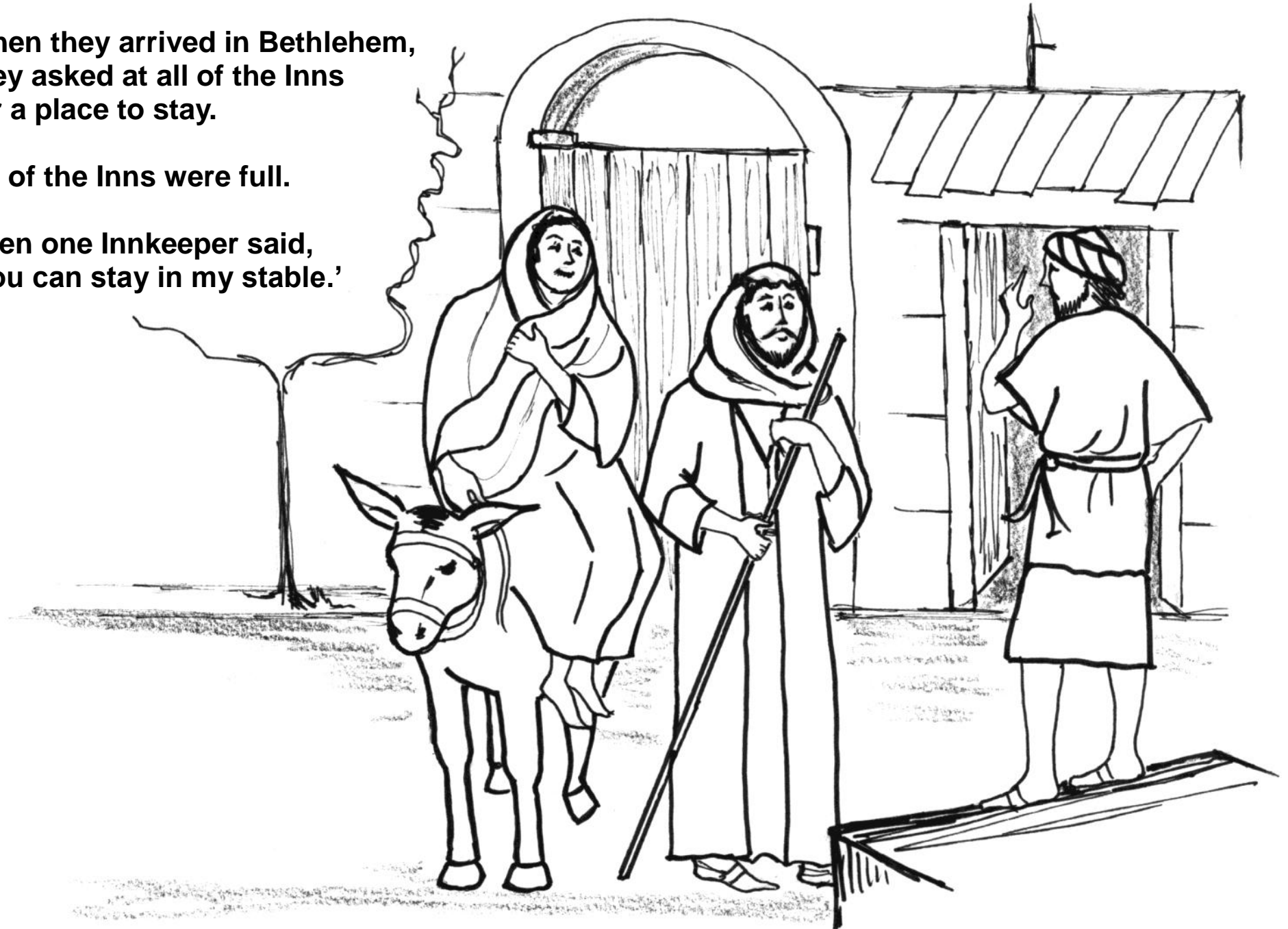
**Mary rode on the donkey
and Joseph walked.**



**When they arrived in Bethlehem,
they asked at all of the Inns
for a place to stay.**

All of the Inns were full.

**Then one Innkeeper said,
'You can stay in my stable.'**



**Mary and Joseph were very tired,
and they were glad to rest in the stable.**

**Then the time came
and Mary's baby was born.
She wrapped Him snugly
and laid Him in the manger.**



**That night,
God sent an angel
to tell some shepherds,
that His Son had been born.**

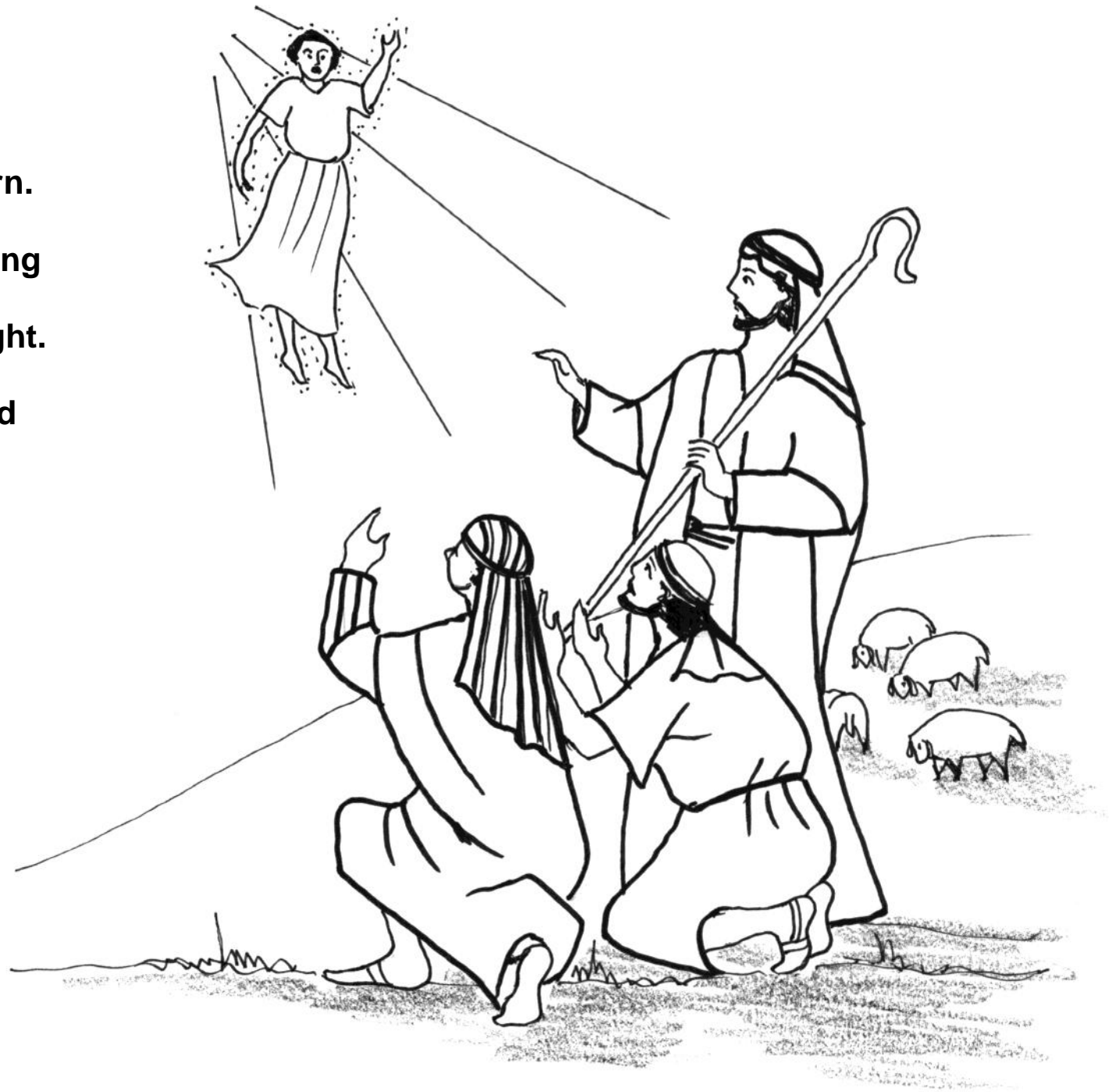
**The shepherds were looking
after their sheep
when they saw a bright light.**

**It was the glory of the Lord
shining around them.**

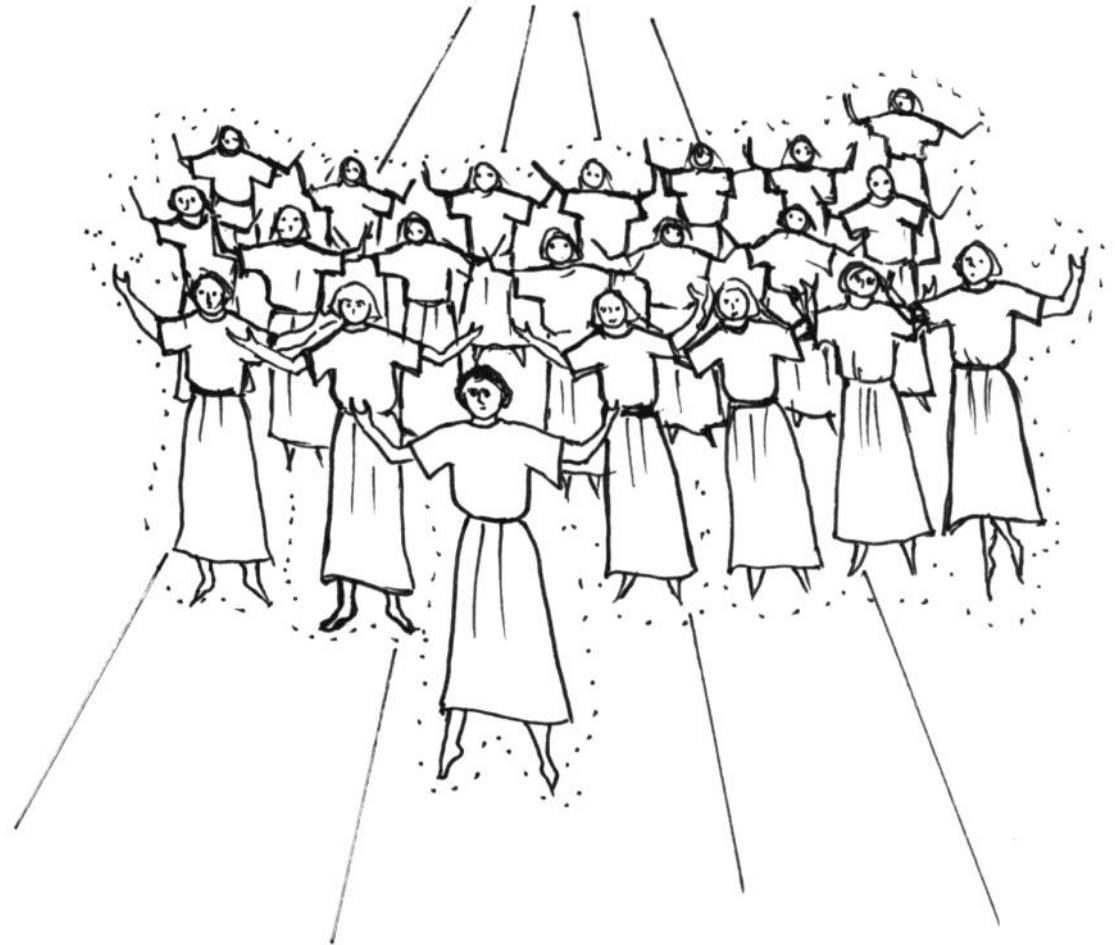
**At first the shepherds
were afraid.**

**Then the angel spoke
to them saying,
'Don't be afraid.
Today your Saviour
was born in David's town.
He is Christ, the Lord.**

**'You will find the baby
wrapped in cloth
and lying in a manger.'**

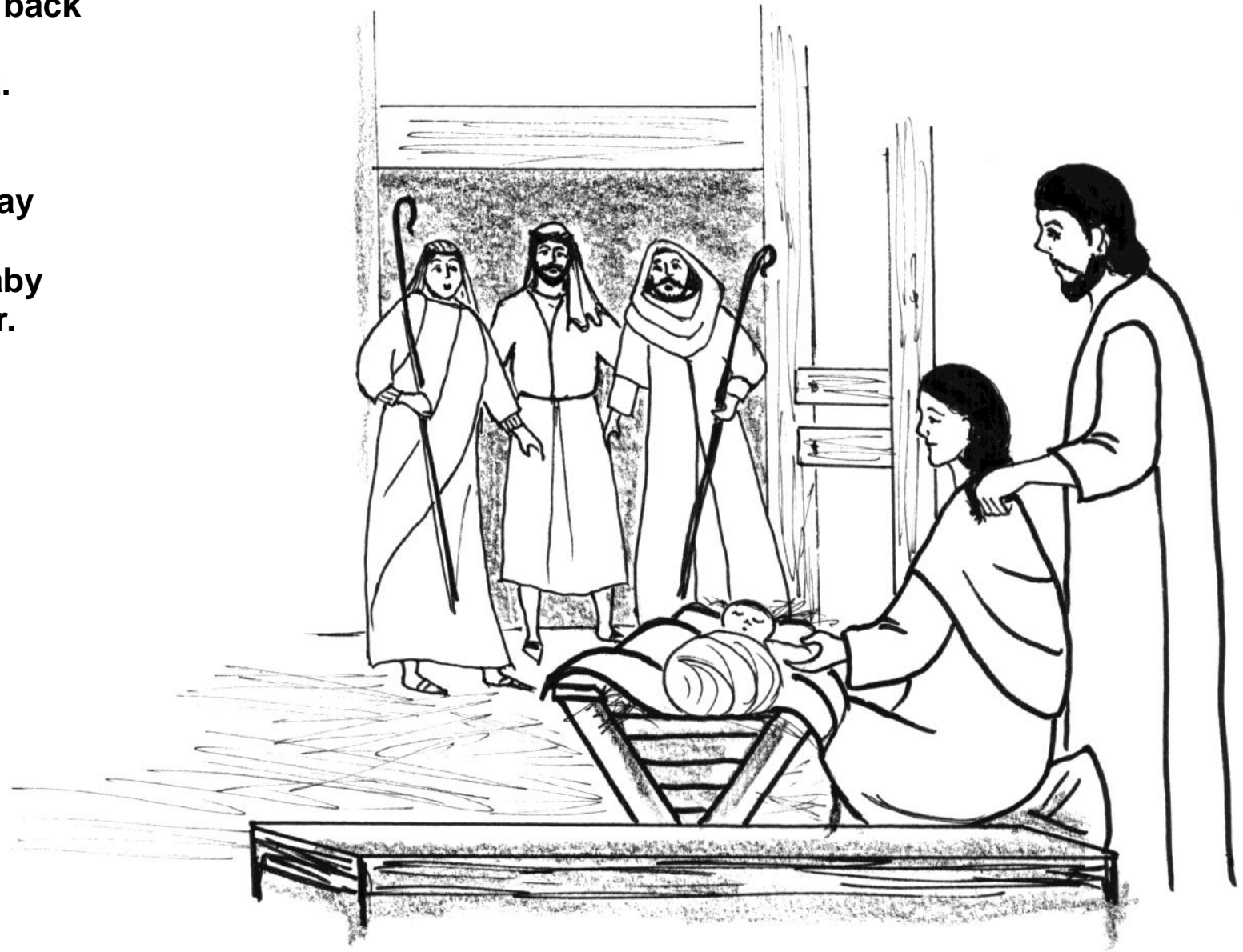


**Then a large group of angels sang
and praised God, saying,
'Glory to God in heaven,
and on earth
let there be peace to the people
who please God.'**



**The angels went back
to heaven
and all was quiet.**

**The shepherds
went straight away
to Bethlehem
and found the baby
lying in a manger.**



**On their way back to their sheep
the shepherds praised God,
and thanked Him
for sending His Son.**

