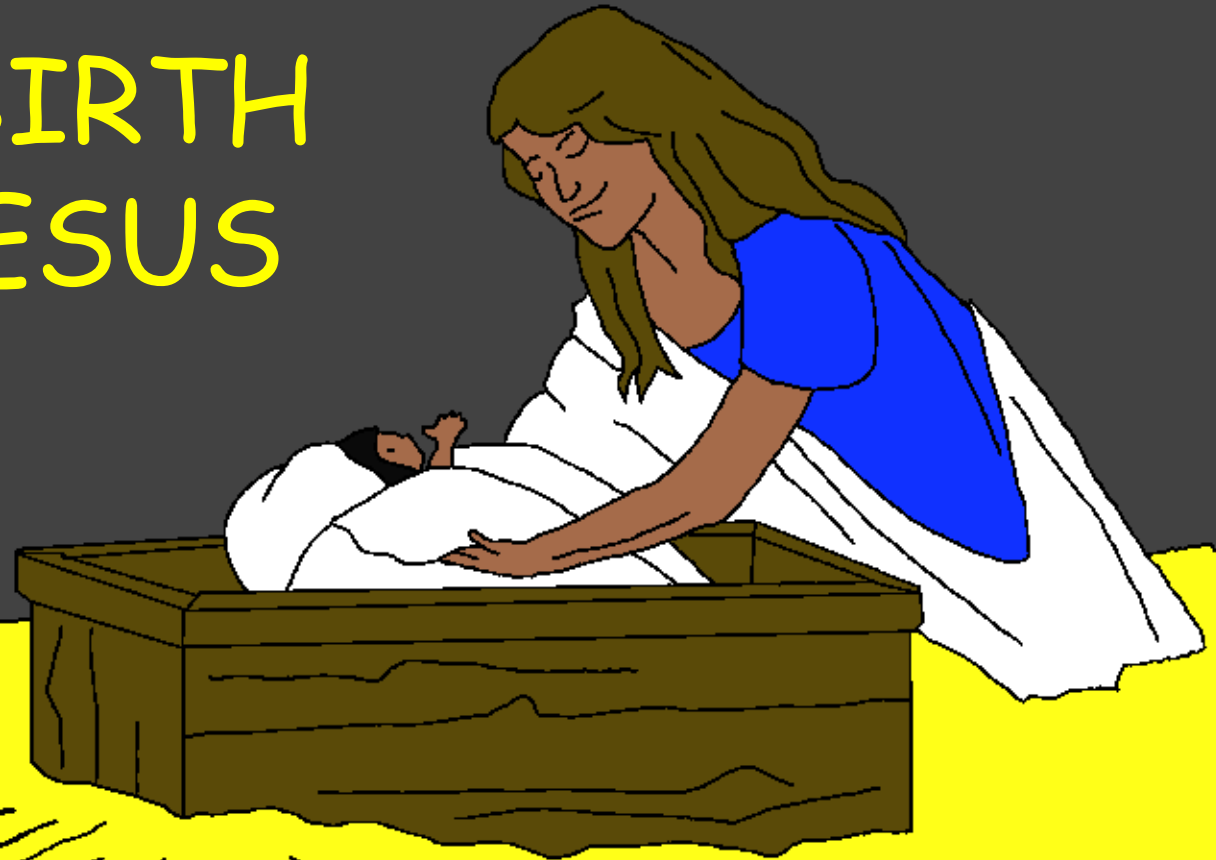


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THE BIRTH OF JESUS



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Long ago, God sent the
angel Gabriel to a sweet
young Jewish maiden
named Mary. He

told her,
"You will
have a
son..."



...and call His Name
Jesus. He will be
called the Son of
the Highest. He

will
reign
forever."



"How can this be?" the amazed girl asked. "I have not been with any man." The angel told Mary the child would come from God. There

would not be a human father.



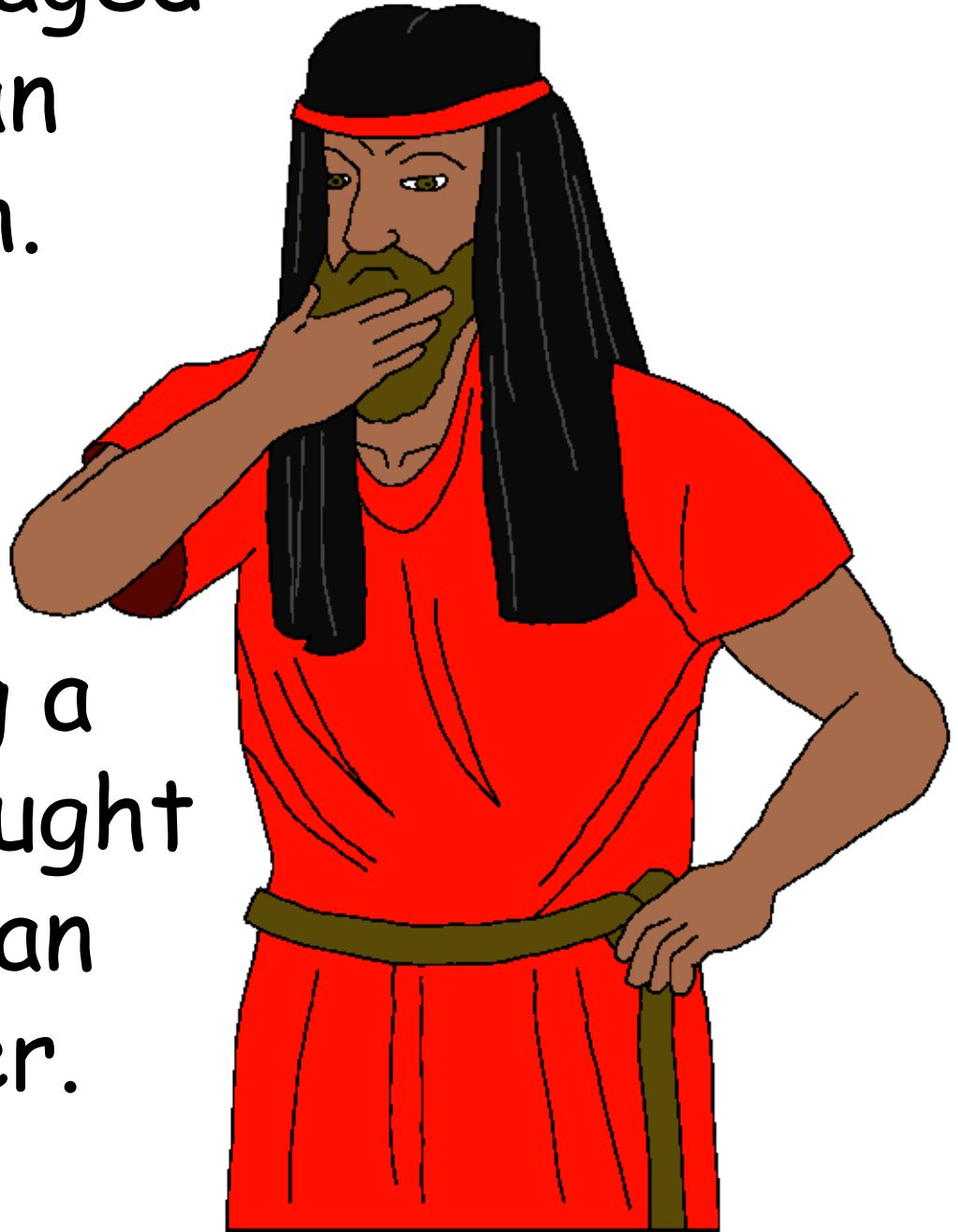
The angel then told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was having a baby in her old age.

This was a miracle, too. Soon after, Mary visited Elizabeth.



They praised God together.

Mary was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. Joseph was sad when he learned Mary was expecting a baby. He thought some other man was the father.



In a dream, God's angel told Joseph that this child was God's Son. Joseph was to help Mary look after Jesus.



Joseph trusted and obeyed God.
He also obeyed
his country's
laws.



Because of a new law, he and Mary
left for their
hometown,
Bethlehem,



to
pay their
taxes.



Mary was ready
to have her
baby.



But Joseph
could not find a
room anywhere.
All the inns
were full.



Joseph finally found a stable.
There, Baby Jesus
was born.



His mother laid Him in a manger,
a place where the
animals'
food was
usually
put.



Nearby, shepherds guarded their sleeping flocks. God's

angel appeared
and told
them

the

wonderful
news.



"There is born to you this day in the
city of David a Savior

Who is Christ
the Lord.

You will
find the

Baby
lying in a
manger."



Suddenly, many more bright
angels appeared, praising
God and saying,...



..."Glory to God in the Highest
and on earth peace, good
will toward men."



The shepherds hurried to the stable.
After seeing the Baby they told
everyone they met what the angels
had said about Jesus.





Forty days later,
Joseph and Mary
brought Jesus
to the temple
in Jerusalem.
There a man
named Simeon
praised God
for the Baby,...





...while old Anna,
another servant of
the Lord, gave
thanks. Both
knew Jesus
was God's Son,
the promised
Savior. Joseph
sacrificed two
birds.





This was the offering
God's law said
poor people
should bring
when they
presented
a newborn
child to the
Lord.



Sometime later, a special star led Wise Men from an Eastern country to Jerusalem.



"Where is He Who is born King of the Jews?" they asked. "We want to worship Him."

King Herod heard about the Wise Men. Troubled, he asked them to tell him when they found Jesus.



"I want to worship Him, too," Herod said. But he was lying. Herod wanted to kill Jesus.



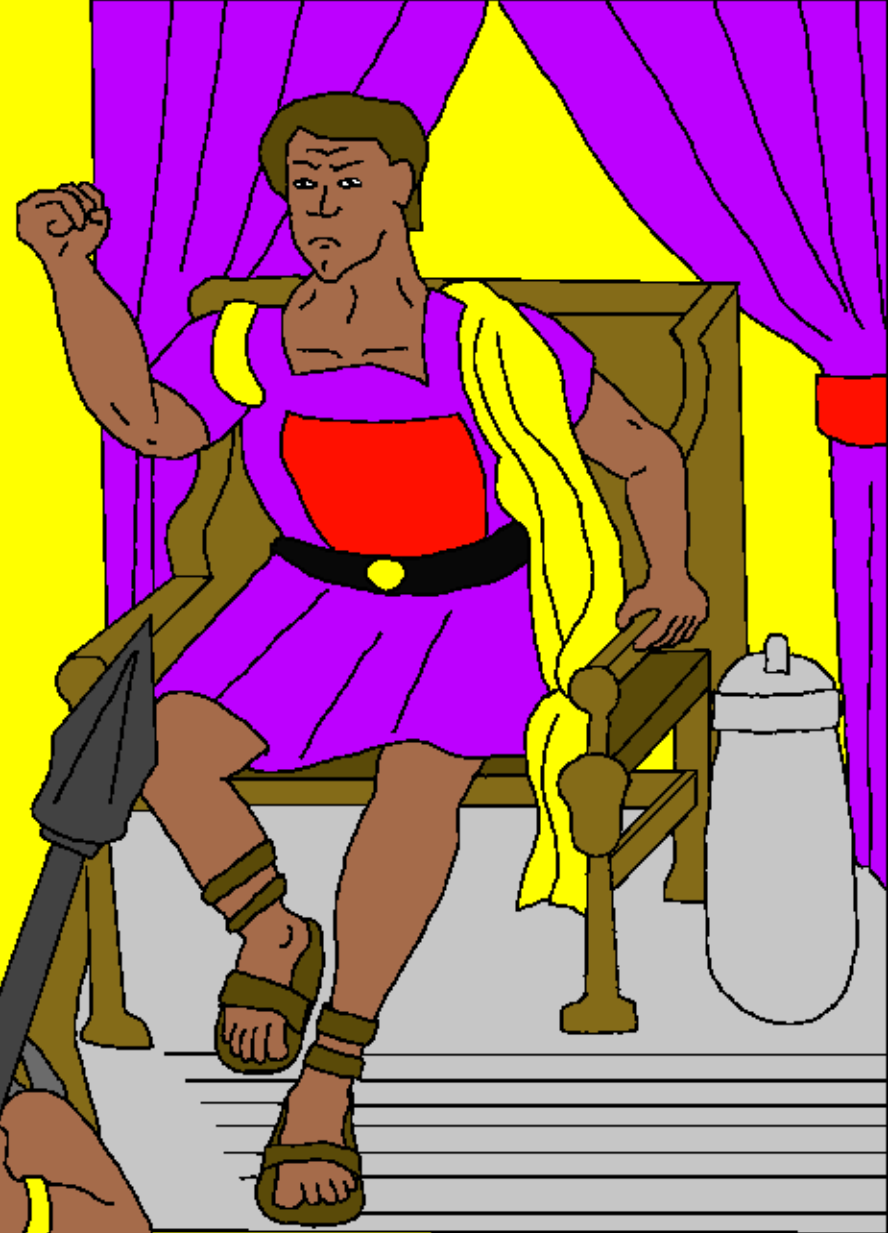
The star led the Wise Men to the exact house where Mary and Joseph lived with the young Child.



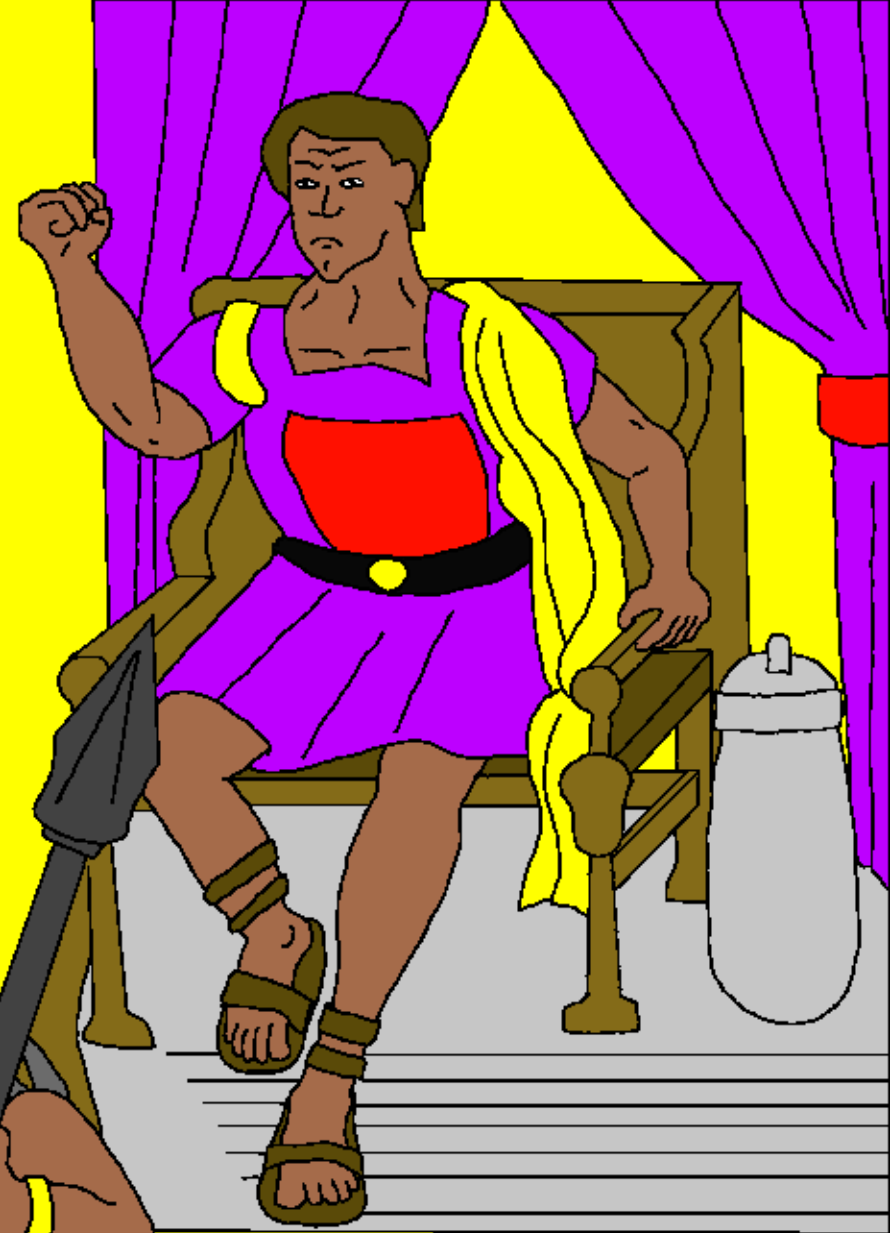
Kneeling in worship, the travelers
gave Jesus rich
gifts of gold
and perfume.



God warned the
Wise Men to return
home secretly.
Herod was furious.



Determined to
destroy Jesus, the
wicked ruler killed
all boy babies in
Bethlehem.



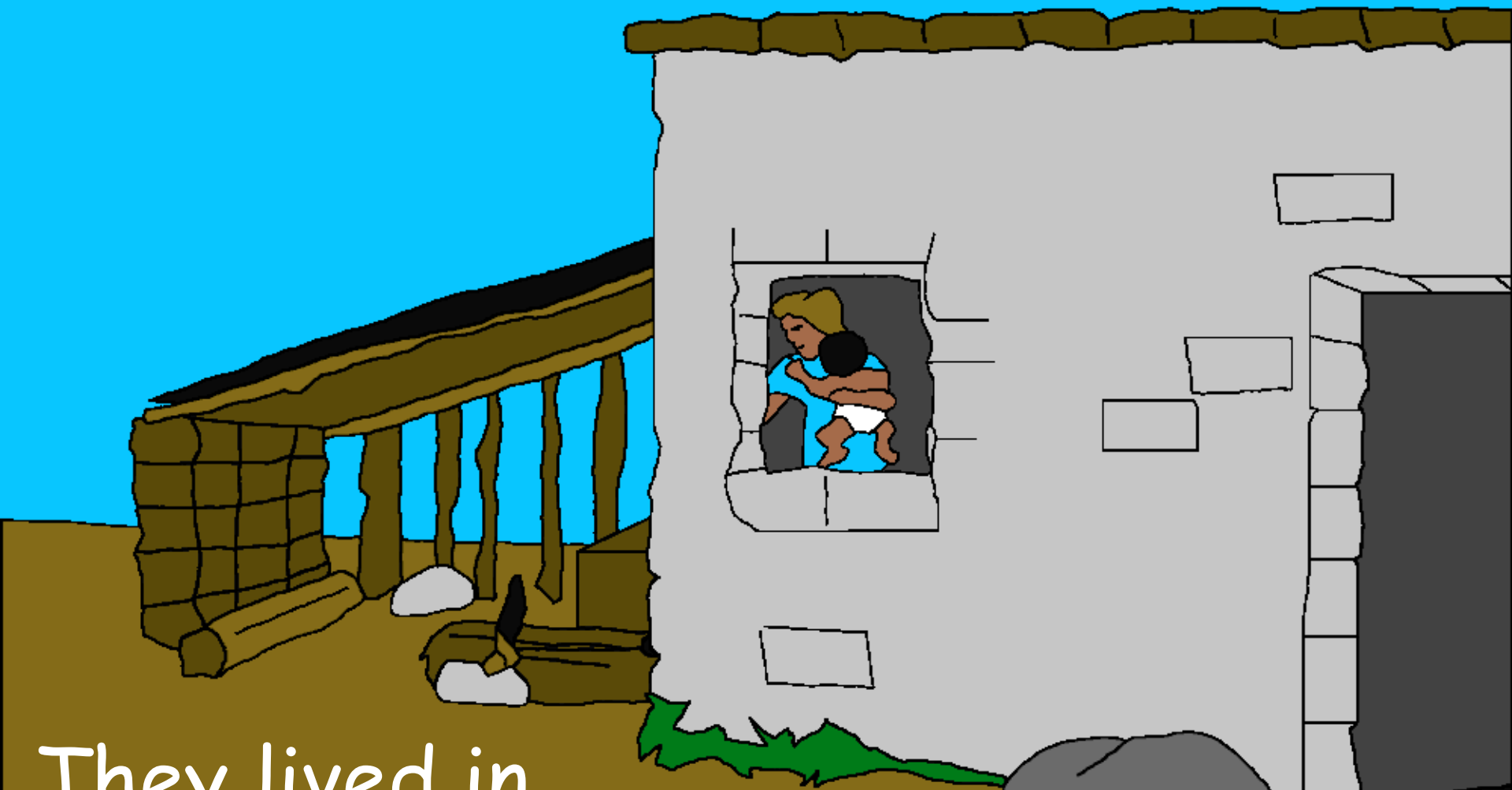
But Herod could not
harm God's Son!
Warned in a dream,
Joseph took Mary
and Jesus to
safety in Egypt.





When Herod died Joseph brought Mary and Jesus back from Egypt.





They lived in
the little town of
Nazareth, near the sea of Galilee.



The Birth of Jesus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me
and now lives again. Please come into my
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have
new life now, and one day go to be with You
forever. Help me to live for You as Your
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every
day! John 3:16

