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**Carpenter** - wood-worker

**Village** - small town

**Census** - a counting of all people

**Bethlehem** - town where Jesus was born

**Innkeeper** - the owner of an inn

**Inn** - a place to rent rooms and to buy meals

**Stable** - a place for animals

**Manger** - a box for hay to feed animals

**Shepherds** - men who take care of sheep

**Camels** - large animals for riding in dry, sandy deserts

**Magi** - wise men who studied science

**Merry** - happy



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The Story of the first Christmas as told in the Bible

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Happy Birthday, Jesus! Merry Christmas!

Jesus is the greatest gift of all!

Christians thank God by celebrating the birth of Jesus.

On that first Christmas, Jesus was born. Each year

Good news! Jesus was born!

the Son of God and you will name him Jesus!"

Mary! Do not be afraid, you will have a baby boy. He will be

angel. Mary listened to what the angel told her. "Good News,

women in the village. One day, Mary was surprised by an

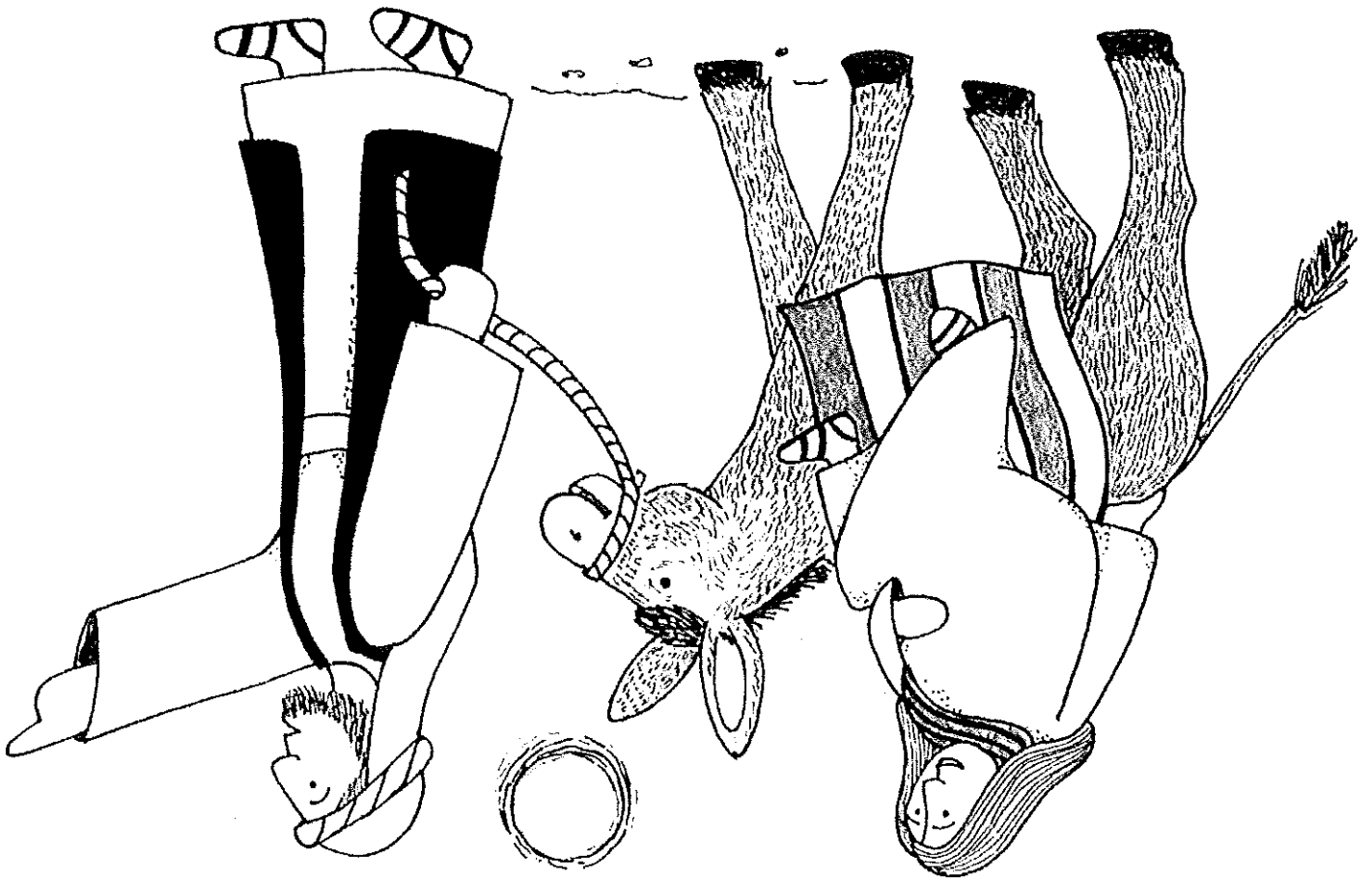
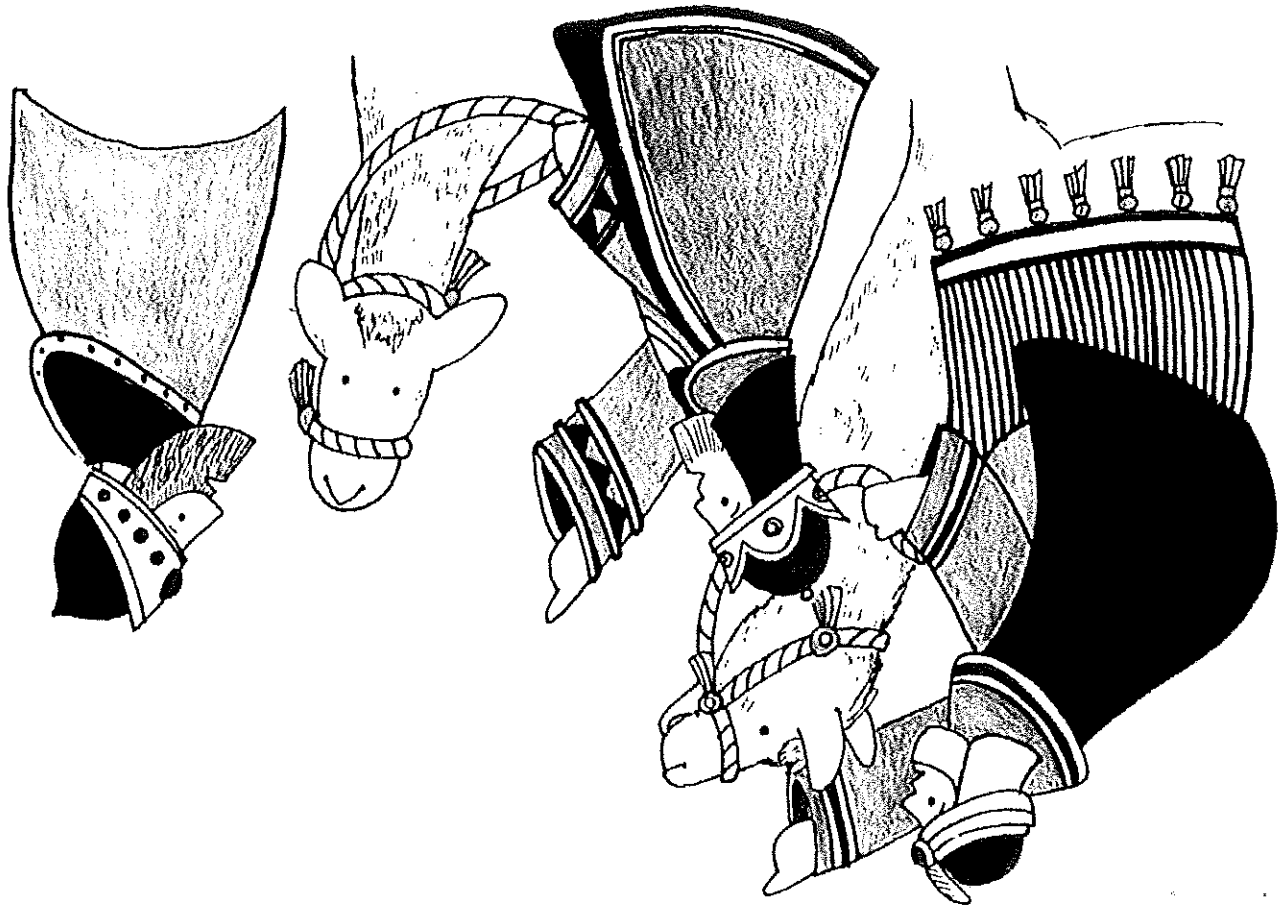
**carpenter** and Mary worked with her mom and the other

Mary, lived in the small town of Nazareth. Joseph was a

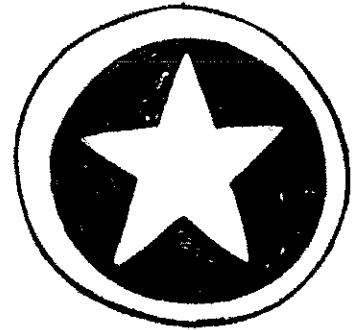
2,000 years ago, a young man and his bride, Joseph and



"Mary, I bring  
you good news!"



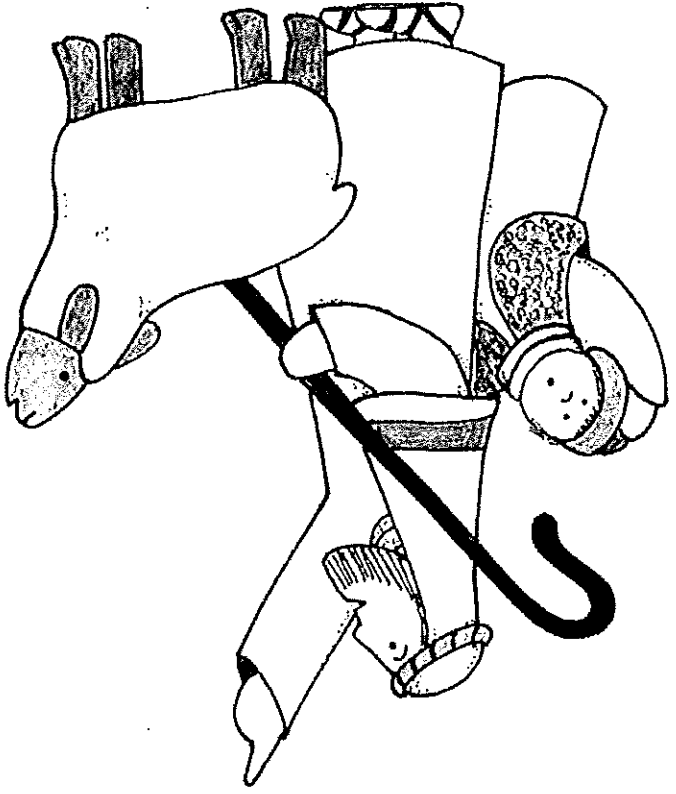
The light from a bright star showed where baby Jesus was lying in a **manger**. Three **Magi**, wise men, lived very far away. They also wanted to see the newborn king. They rode on **camels** and followed the light from the star. They went a long, long way to bring rich gifts to baby Jesus.



Later, Mary and Joseph had to leave home. The ruler of the land made everyone go to their home town to be counted in a **census**. Mary and Joseph went a long way to a little town called **Bethlehem**, where Joseph had been born. This was not good news. Mary was about to give birth.

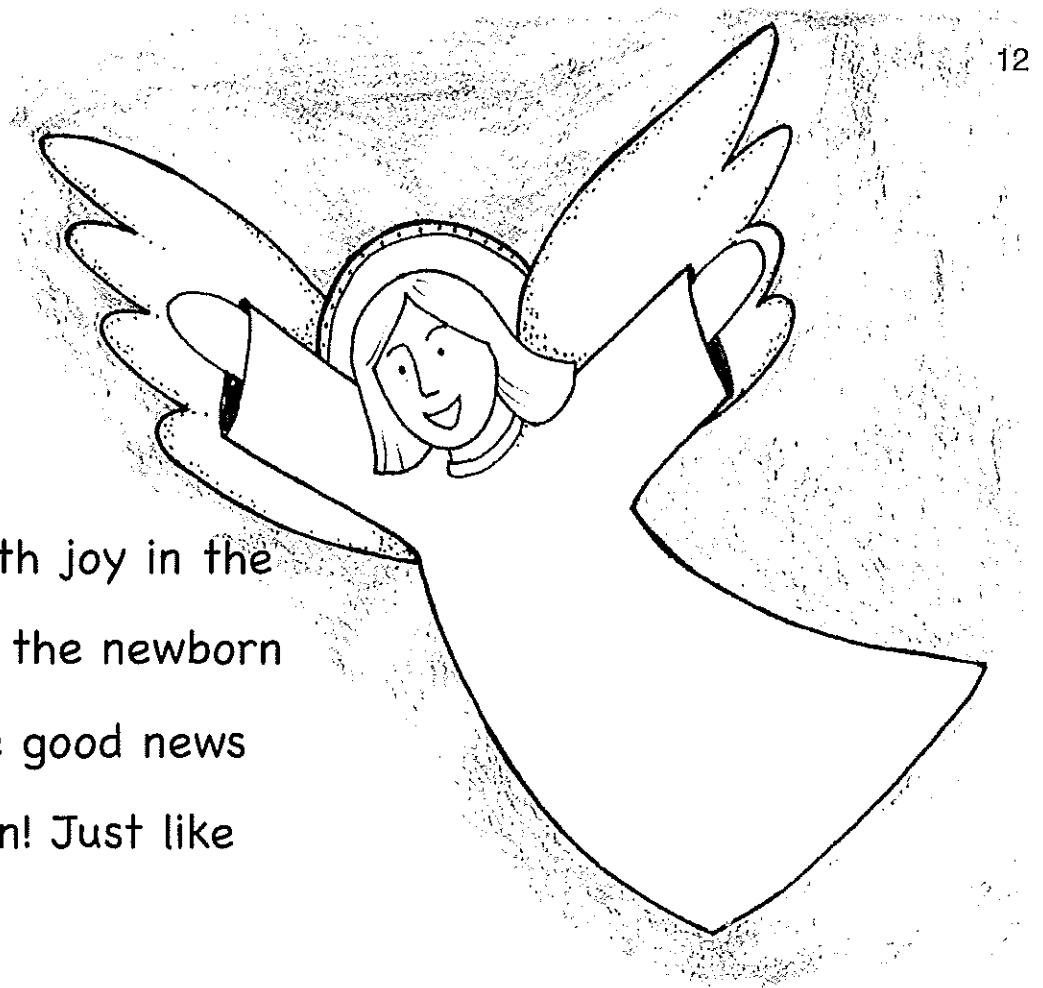
8 When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, they had more news that was not good. The town was full of people. All the **inns** were full. There was no place for them to stay. Mary was very tired.

One **innkeeper** was kind and felt sorry for Mary. He let them stay in the **stable** for his animals. This was good news. The **stable** gave Mary and Joseph a place to rest.

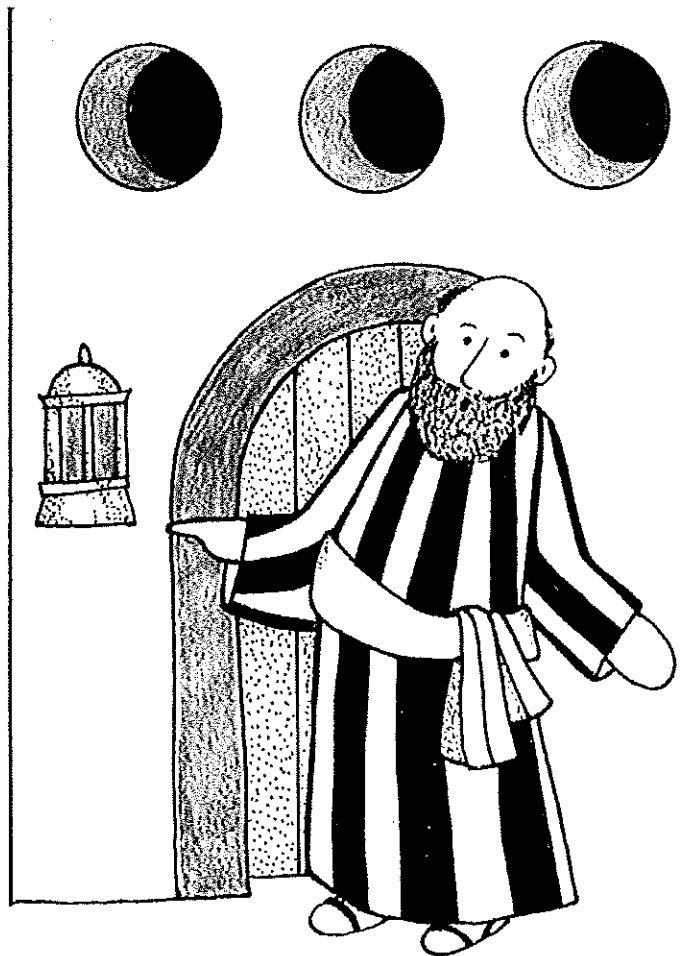
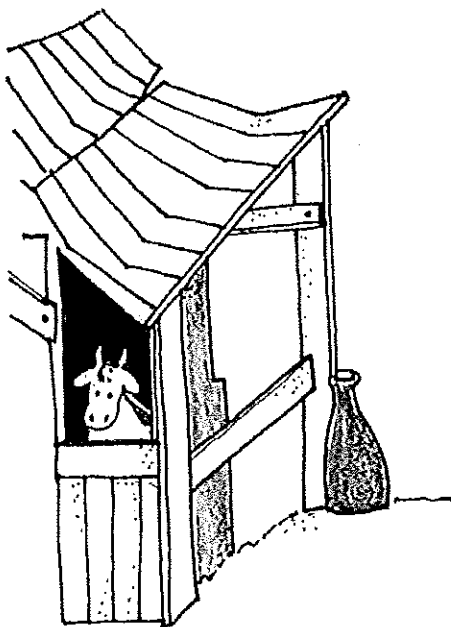


**Shepherds** in the fields heard the good news from the angels. They took their sheep and went to find baby Jesus.





Angels sang with joy in the night sky. "Glory to the newborn King!" They told the good news that Jesus was born! Just like God had promised.



Good news! Joyful news! Baby Jesus was born.  
 A bright star shone down on the stable. Mary was glad!  
 Joseph was happy! The animals were all there  
 when Jesus was born. Jesus' bed was a manger filled  
 with hay.

