

INSTRUCTIONS FOR EDUCATORS

Thank you for downloading this Bible story teaching pack from Godly Pearls (www.godlypearls.com). We exist to make Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.

This Bible story teaching pack is titled “The true Christmas story I: The prophecy and birth of Jesus”. The story introduces Mary who was engaged to be married to Joseph. Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary prophesying the birth of the promised Saviour, and telling Mary she was the favoured woman to be pregnant and give birth to this special Baby. Even though Mary didn’t understand how this was going to happen or why she was chosen to fulfil this special prophecy, she trusted God and appreciated God for choosing her. Mary and Joseph later got married and travelled to Bethlehem to be counted. There, the promised Baby was born – in a manger, surrounded by animals! The angels announced his birth to shepherds, who went to see the Baby. They later announced His birth to everyone they met.

What does the story mean for kids? Kids will learn to trust God even when they don’t understand some things just like Mary trusted God. In addition, kids will learn about the faithfulness of God in keeping His promises – doing what He says He will do. All the prophecies about the birth of Jesus came true. Lastly, kids will learn to share the good news of God’s grace with everyone they meet – just like the shepherds shared the good news about the birth of Jesus.

The bible references for the story are as follows: Luke 1: 26 – 45;
Luke 2: 1-18; Matthew 1: 18 – 25.

We ask that you take the time to prayerfully read the bible references provided and study the materials too. We pray “that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him” (Ephesians 1:17)

We do not take for granted the call and ministry of training kids in a godly way – right from their childhood. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

We do not underestimate the potentials for kids to understand and store God’s word in their hearts from their early age. And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make

you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).

Ultimately, we do not underestimate the power and will of God to bring these children into an enduring relationship with Him. But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

This is our desire, hope and joy – that each child might come to experience love and grace in Jesus as they understand His words.

In this Bible story teaching pack, you have the following:

1. Story book/cards.

You will get a book or a pack of large cards depending on how you print yours. This is the section that contains the retelling of the story of the prophecy and birth of Jesus. There are words and pictures to hold the attention of the children.

2. Sequencing flashcards.

Use these cards in a group activity to assess children’s understanding of the prophecy and birth of Jesus. Cut and shuffle the cards, then, ask the group to rearrange the flashcards in the correct order. Don’t forget to cut and shuffle the cards first!

3. Conversation cards

These cards will provide some questions for you to explore with the kids. Encourage them to explore the story and lessons from the prophecy and birth of Jesus using the questions in these cards. Use these cards in a group activity. You will be amazed at what you find out.

4. Story starter cards

Each of these cards contains a story prompt or beginning sentence and a corresponding picture to help kids retell the story of the prophecy and birth of Jesus in their own words. Use these cards in a group activity. They will feel confident that they can tell the story and even go on to tell their friends and families. Are you a parent? You will enjoy listening to your child retelling this story.

5. Handwriting sheet

A handwriting sheet is provided to be used for home, class, or church assignment or to be completed immediately after the study. You get to decide.

6. Memory verse and prayer cards

Print these memory verse cards and ask the children to recite them a few times after the study. Then, ask them to take them home, so they can learn to recite the verses during the week. You can quickly ask them to recite the verse before the next study in the following week.

A prayer card is also provided – please use this only as a guide. The end goal is for each child to be able to use their own words while praying to God.

7. Quiz cards

Questions are provided in the quiz cards. The questions are related to the study; thus, you can assess their understanding in this group activity.

8. Crossword puzzle

Print the puzzle to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the puzzle sheet.

9. Maze

Print the maze to be used as assignment or solved after the study.

10. Word search

Print the word search to be used as assignment or solved after the study. The answers are included in the word search sheet.

11. Word scramble

Print the word scramble sheet and get the kids to unscramble the words. A list of words is provided to make this quick, easy, and fun. If you are using with an older kid, you might want to cut out the word-list section and get them to unscramble the words without using the wordlist.

12. Acrostic poem card

This poem card gives older children the opportunity to explore the meaning of "SAVIOUR".

13. Learn and colour

Another card aimed at emphasizing the study as kids interact with the pictures and the words.

Please note that the instructions are generic to educators, but you know your child/children best; so feel free to adapt the contents as relevant to the different age groups you are in charge of.

We hope you will find these resources useful in your homes, classes, churches, or any other location where you teach children the word of God.

We welcome any feedback you might have about using these resources. Please send an email to contact@godlypearls.com or reach out to us through our [Facebook page](#).

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THE TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY 1

The prophecy and birth of Jesus



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The true Christmas story I: The prophecy and birth of Jesus.

A title in the *Bible story teaching pack* by Godly Pearls

Bible References: Luke 1: 26 – 45; 2: 1-18; Matthew 1: 18 – 25.

- ❖ *Explain the true meaning of Christmas through the story of the prophecy and birth of Jesus from the Bible.*
- ❖ *Discuss lessons from the story and what it means for kids today. Some suggestions are provided in the main story.*

This resource was designed for parents, Sunday School teachers, Kids club teachers, Christian educators, evangelists, missionaries, etc.

Mary lived in Nazareth, a town in Galilee. She was a virgin and engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter and a descendant of King David.

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One day, Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and said to her, "Greetings, favoured woman! The Lord is with you! You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will call His name, Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. He will reign over Israel and His Kingdom will never end!"



Mary was very confused about everything Angel Gabriel said to her. “But how can this happen?”, she wondered. “The Holy Spirit will come upon you. So, the Baby will be holy. And look, your relative, Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! Nothing is impossible with God”.

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Mary then replied,
“I am the Lord’s
servant. May
everything you
have said about me
come true”.

Then, the angel
left.





A few days later, Mary hurried to Judea where Elizabeth lived. She entered Elizabeth's house and greeted her. The baby in Elizabeth's womb jumped for joy!

The two women praised the Lord joyfully with a loud voice.

Meanwhile, when Joseph knew that Mary was pregnant, he decided not to marry her anymore. But an angel appeared to Joseph and told him not to be afraid to marry her; that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. So, they got married.

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Sometime later, the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus gave an order that everyone should go and register for a census in their hometown. So, Joseph went to Bethlehem in Judea, the city of David. Mary and Joseph travelled together from Nazareth to Bethlehem.



When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, there was no room for them to stay. There were so many people in the city. But an innkeeper asked them to stay in his stable – a building where he kept animals.



While they were in the stable, the Baby was born! Mary safely wrapped up the Baby with strips of cloth and laid him in a manger which is a feeding container for animals.





That night, there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared before them. They were afraid! The angel said, “don’t be afraid. I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour has been born today in Bethlehem!”

Suddenly, a multitude of the heavenly host joined the angel, praising God, and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”





When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about".

So they hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph and the Baby lying in a manger, just as the angel told them.



After the shepherds saw the Baby, they told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said about the Child. And everyone who heard the shepherds' story were greatly surprised. The shepherds later went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.



Mary trusted
God even when
she did not
understand
everything.



Everything the
angel said would
happen about the
birth of Jesus
came true.



The shepherds
were excited
and told
everyone about
Jesus.

I will tell
everyone
about Jesus



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We hope you find it impactful on you and the kids you teach the word of God. We hope this resource will enable a deeper understanding of who God is - and help develop a personal and life-long relationship with God who loves us so much.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We will be happy to help as much as we can.

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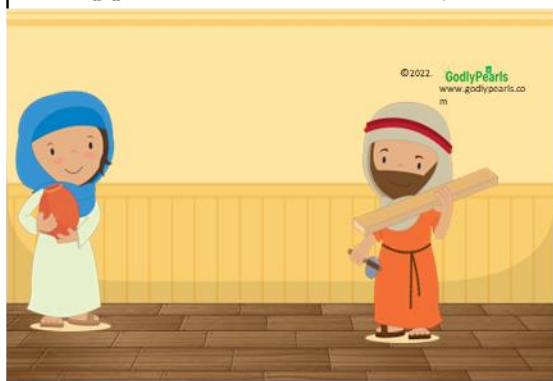
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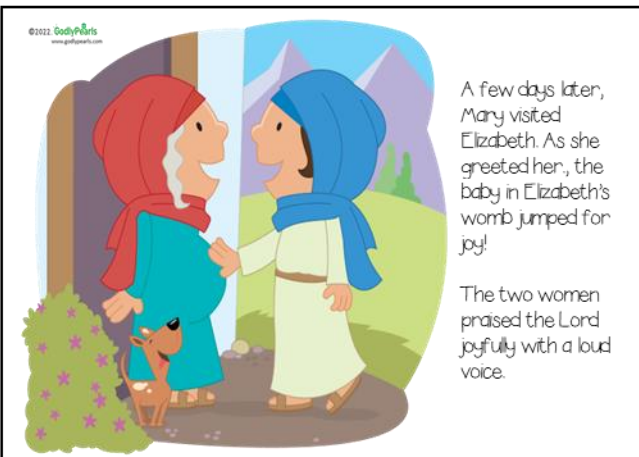
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A few days later, Mary visited Elizabeth. As she greeted her, the baby in Elizabeth's womb jumped for joy!

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Meanwhile, when Joseph knew that Mary was pregnant, he decided not to marry her anymore. But an angel appeared to Joseph and told him not to be afraid to marry her. So, they got married.



Sometime later, Mary and Joseph travelled together from Nazareth to Bethlehem to be counted.



When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, there was no room for them to stay. So they stayed in a stable.



While they were in the stable, the Baby was born!





That night, an angel of the Lord appeared before some shepherds. The angel said, "the Saviour has been born today in Bethlehem!".

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They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary, Joseph and the baby lying in a manger.

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After the shepherds saw the baby, they told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said about the Child.

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QUIZ CARDS

What was the name of the angel that appeared to Mary?

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Why did Mary and Joseph stay in a stable when they travelled to Bethlehem?

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What did the baby in Elizabeth's womb do when Mary greeted Elizabeth?

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Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem in Judea?

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Who became pregnant in her old age?

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Where did Mary put Baby Jesus when he was born?

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Why did Joseph decide not to marry Mary anymore?

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How did the shepherds find out the news that the Saviour was born?

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What did the shepherds do after they saw Baby Jesus?

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STORY STARTER CARDS

1

Mary ...

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2

One day, Angel...

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3

Mary did...

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4

Mary and Joseph...

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5

In Bethlehem...

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6

In the stable...

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7

That night...

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8

The shepherd...

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CONVERSATION CARDS

What can you do when you read the bible and don't understand?

1

Do you know God has given us other promises in the bible? Can you name some?

2

Who else did an angel visit in the bible?

3

How can you tell your friends and family about the good news of Jesus?

4



I CAN MEMORIZE

~~~~~  
"And behold, you will  
conceive in your  
womb and bring  
forth a Son, and shall  
call His name  
JESUS".

Luke 1:31

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I CAN PRAY

~~~~~  
Dear God, I thank You
for sending your son,
Jesus, the promised
Saviour to the world.
Thank You for Your
great love for me.
Amen.

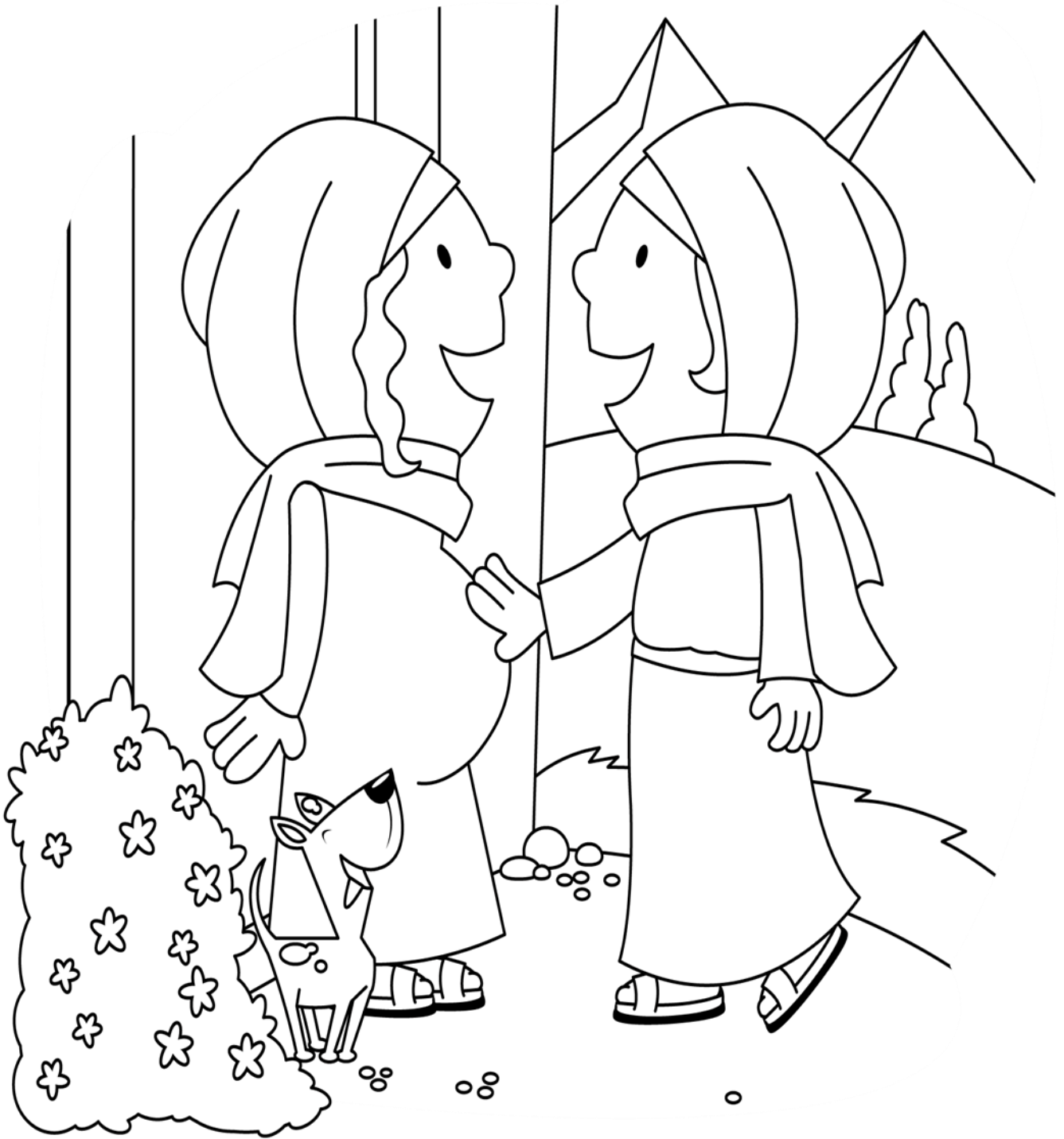
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Name:



Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her she would give birth to the promised Saviour.

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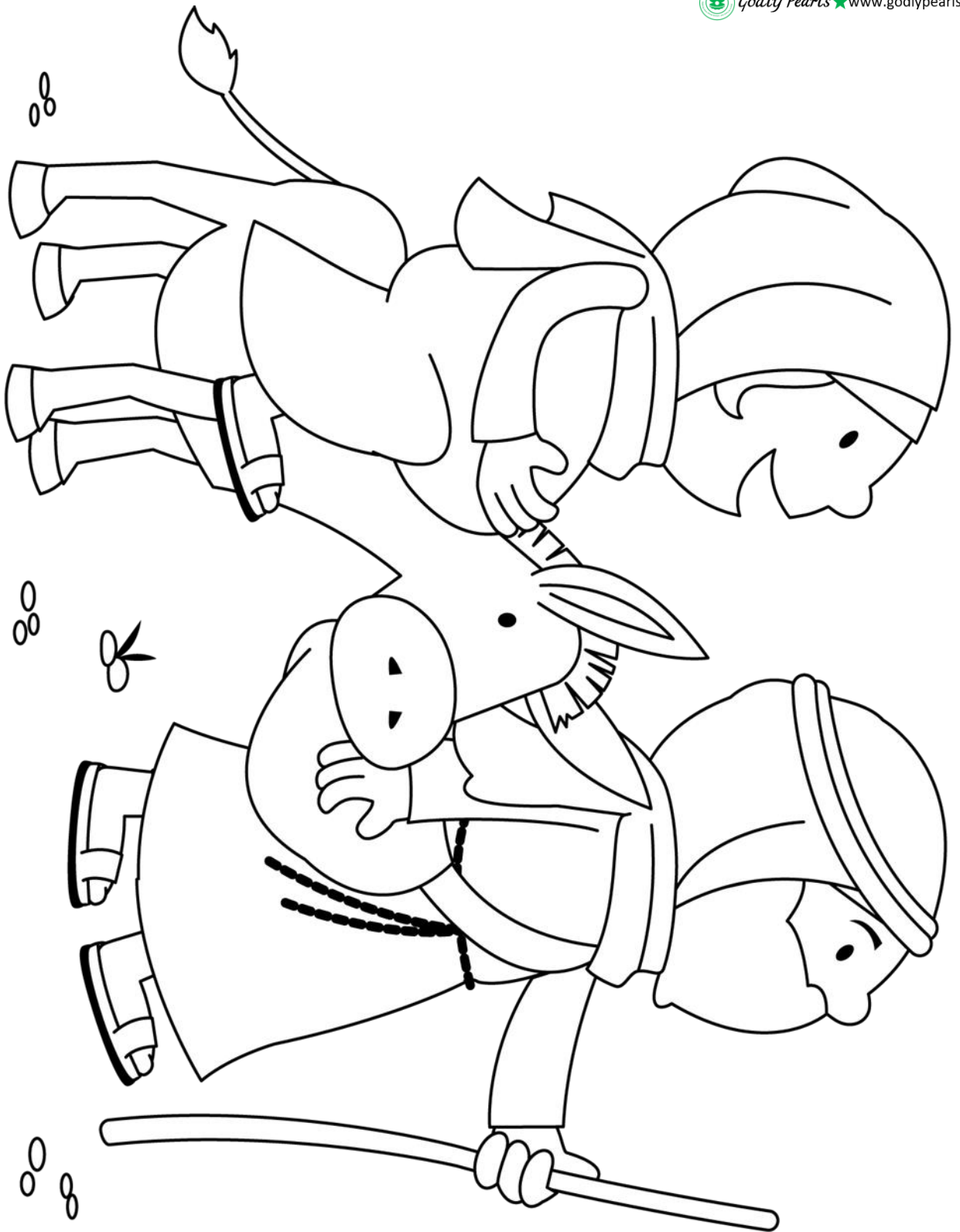
Mary visited Elizabeth, her relative, in Judea.

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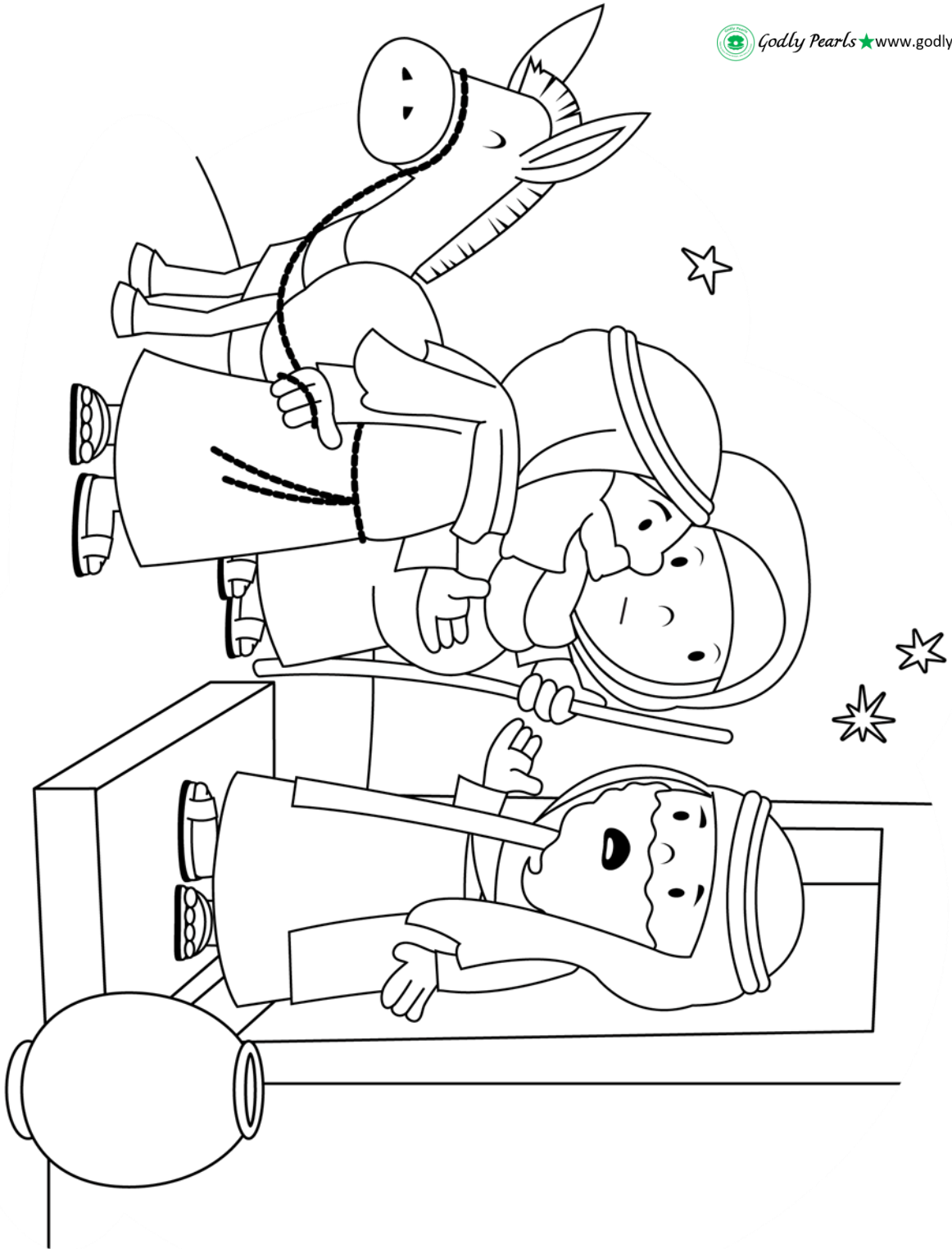
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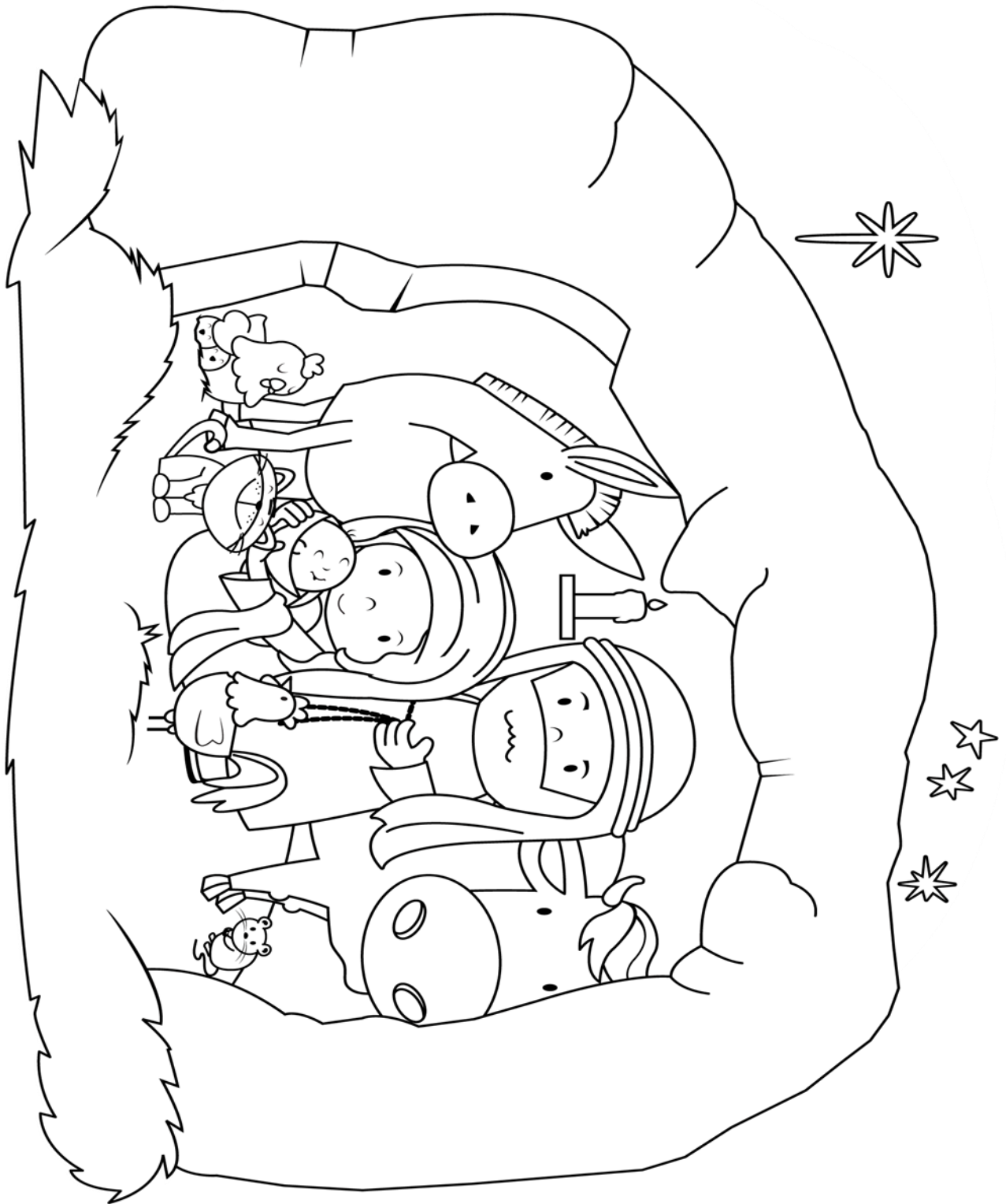
Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem in Judea to be counted.

Name:



When Mary and Joseph got to Jerusalem, there was no room for them to stay. But an innkeeper asked them to stay in his stable.

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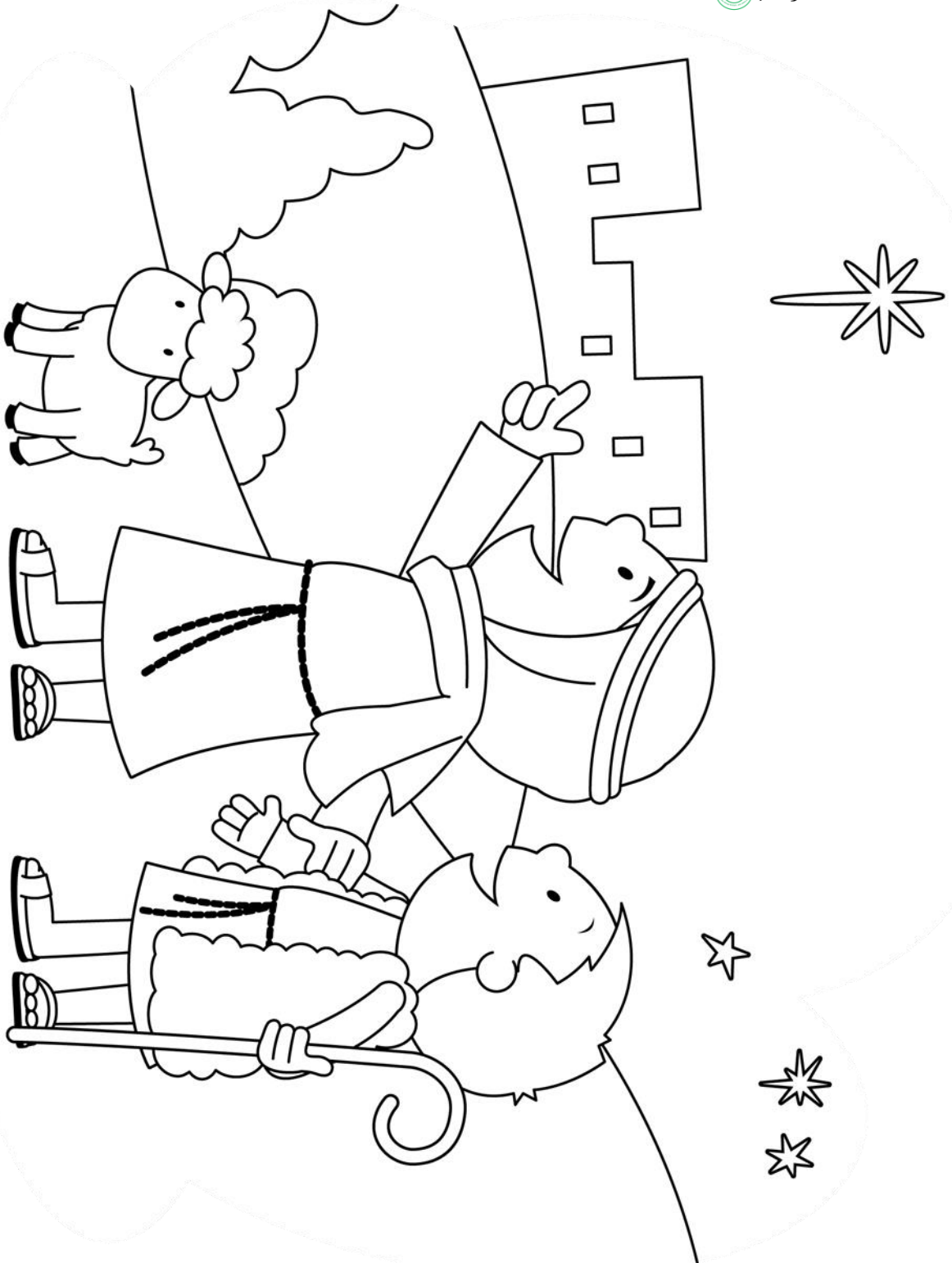
While Mary and Joseph were in the stable, the Baby, Jesus was born. Mary laid him in a manger.

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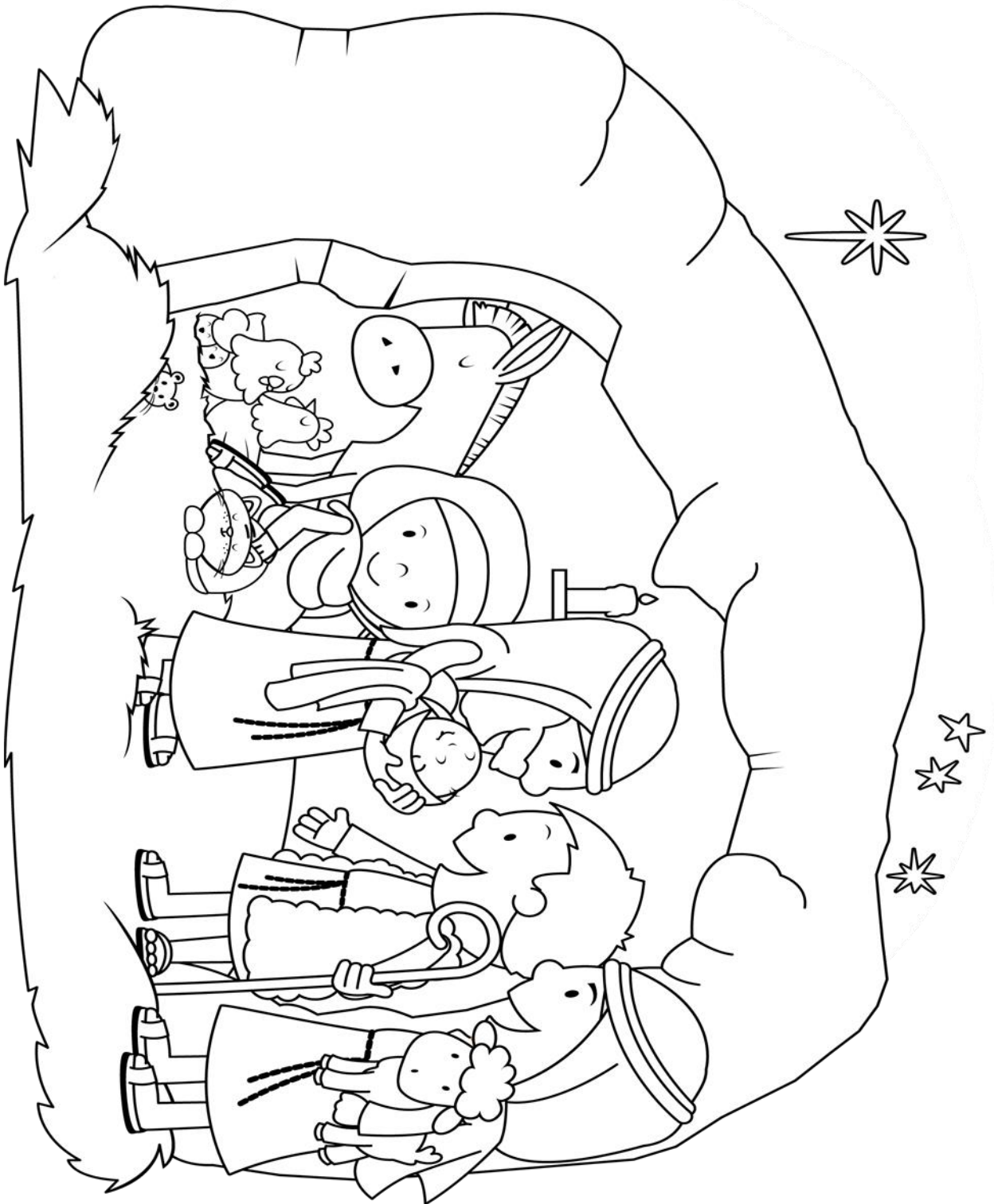
An angel of the Lord appeared to some shepherds at night and told them that the Saviour had been born.

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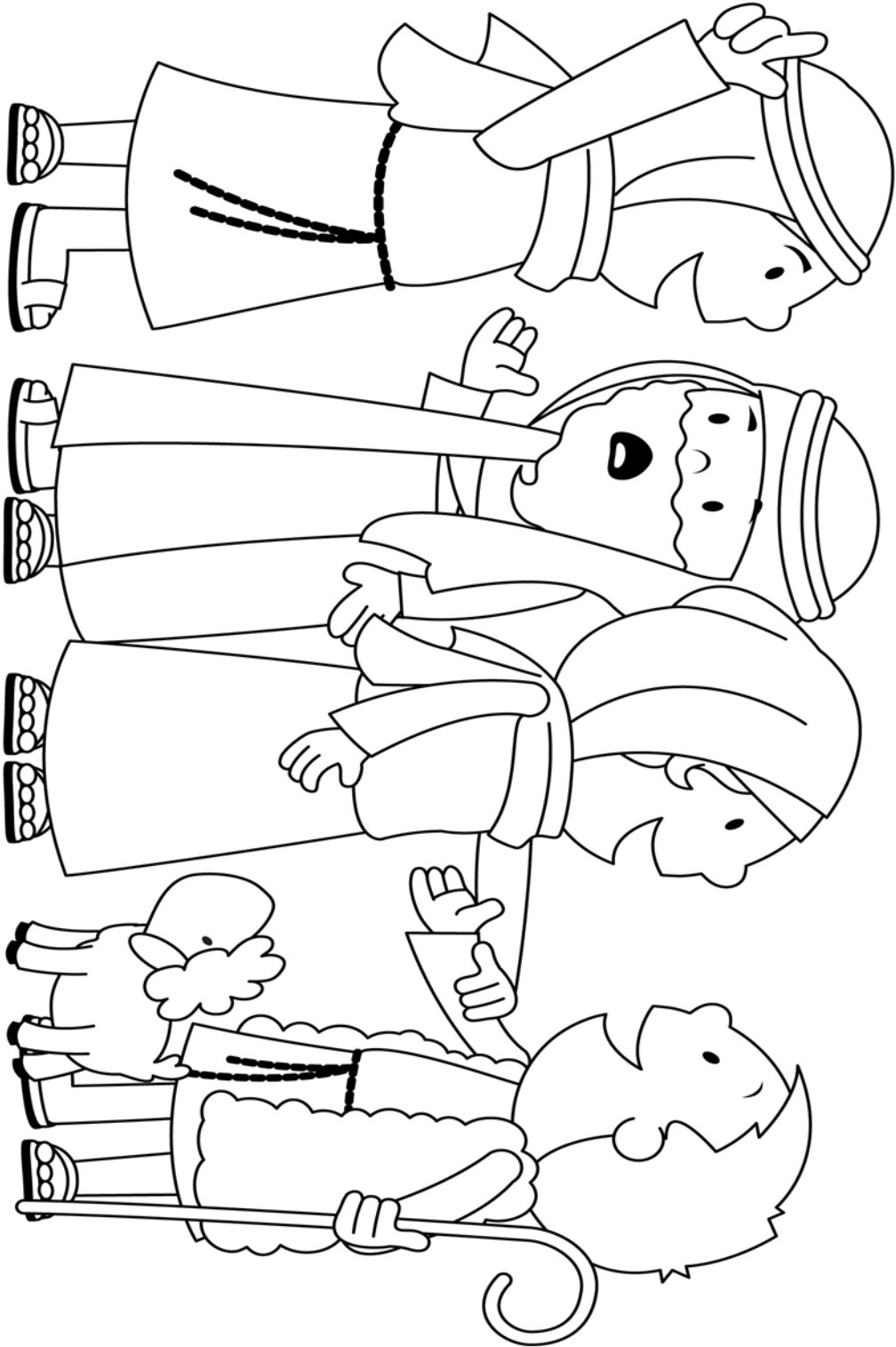
The shepherds were on their way to Bethlehem to see the new born Saviour.

Name:



When the shepherds got to Bethlehem, they found Mary, Joseph and the Baby, just as the angel told them.

Name:



After the shepherds left the Baby, they told everyone what happened and what the angel had said about the Child, Jesus.



THE TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY 1

The prophecy and birth of Jesus

Read out and trace the sentences below

Name.....

Jesus came to

save us from

our sins.

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Word Search

Find and circle the words below

Name:

U H L Z A X X B P B C Z G U C V H
H V A Y U Z J T X N E U G P H H F
C Y K I L M E C P K A J W U V S O
Y O G C B A I B F K C K T G U J M
V R B R E K Y V J I W W F S P J K
B S I G H A A E D N C Q N I H C I
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N H L L B Z A R E M A T G P O R D
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D M K E E X A N I C B D F P S T D
V B O C U V R L C S V I R G I N W
U D Q N B L E S S E D Y H R B L P
F X L F V E T D U O J C O B L D C
O G V M V B H E N H I A N G E L Z
J J T R Y G L Q O A R I X Z X T N

Nazareth
Virgin
Angel
Kingdom
Elizabeth



Impossible
Greeting
Blessed
Believed
Census

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Word Search - Answers

Find and circle the words below

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B S I G H A A E D N C Q N I H C I
B K V F Y E R V C G R E E T I N G
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V B O C U V R L C S V I R G I N W
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O G V M V B H E N H I A N G E L Z
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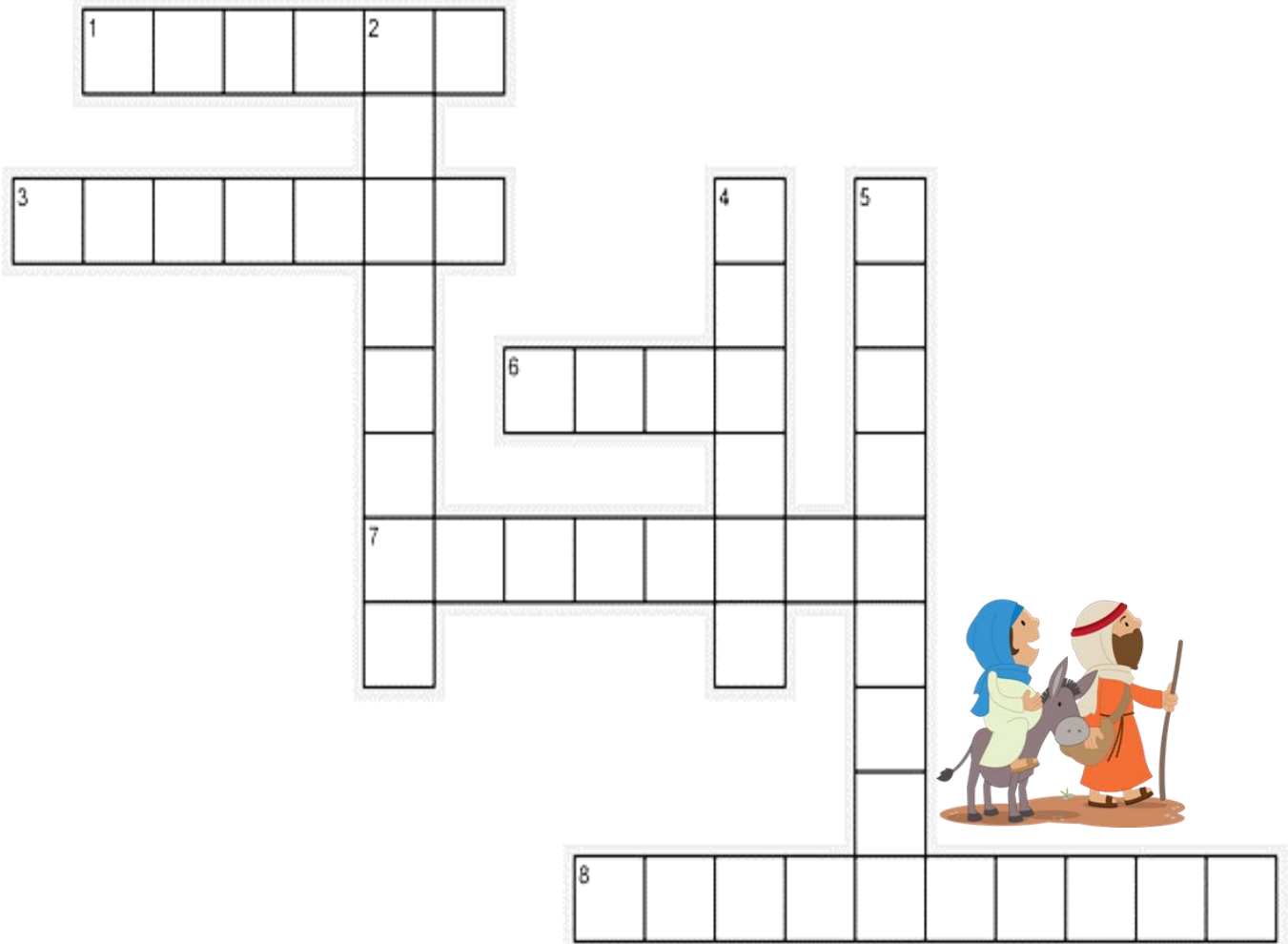
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Crossword Puzzle

Read each clue. Then, write the missing word in the puzzle.

Name:



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Across

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3. The angel ... appeared to Mary and told her she would give birth to a Child (7)
6. When Mary and Joseph got to Bethlehem, there was no for them to stay (4)
7. Mary and Joseph travelled fromto Bethlehem to be counted (8)
8. Angel Gabriel told Mary, "Nothing is with God (10)

Down

2. Joseph decided not to marry Mary anymore when he found out she was (8)
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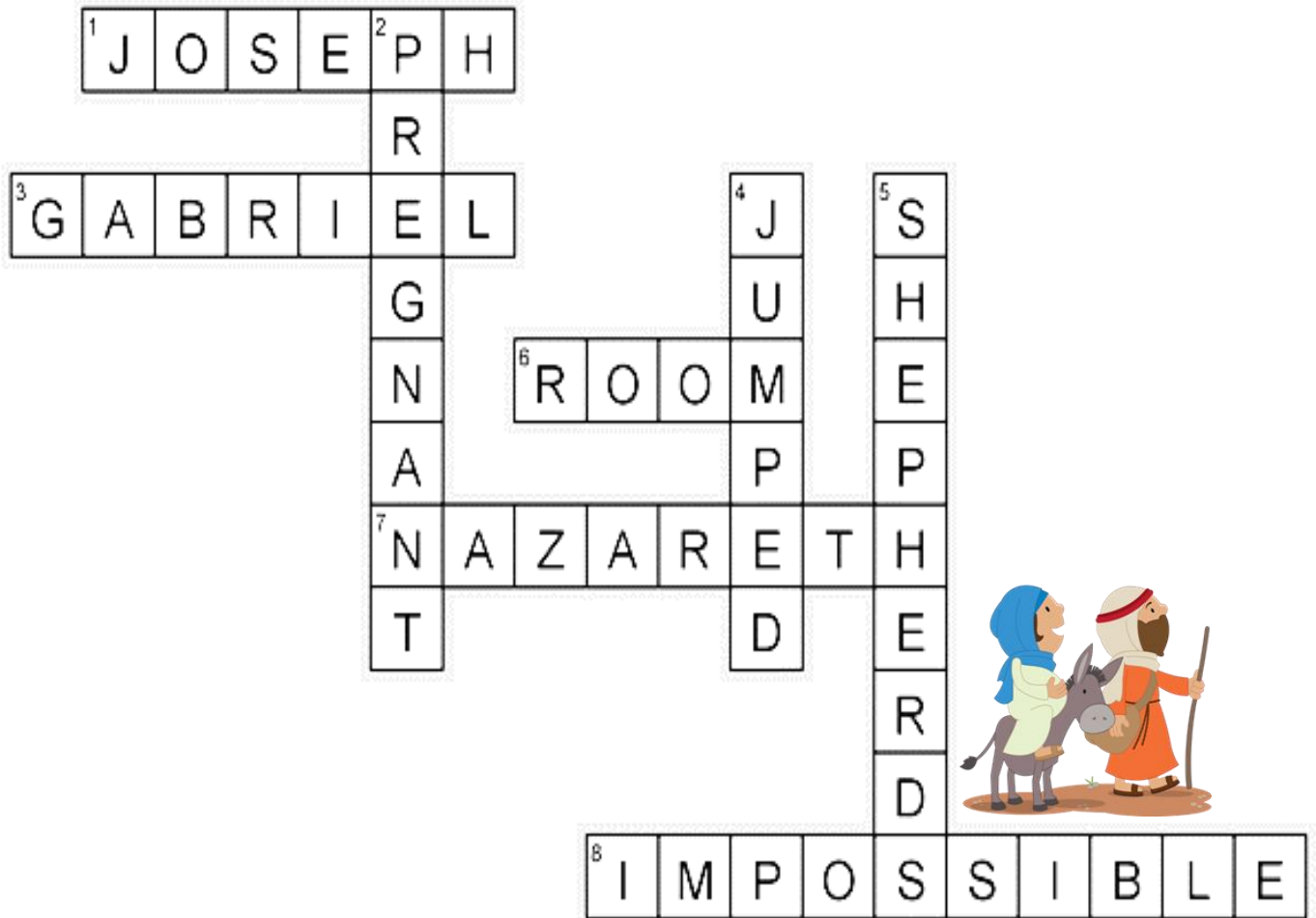
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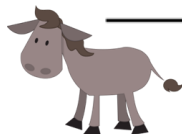
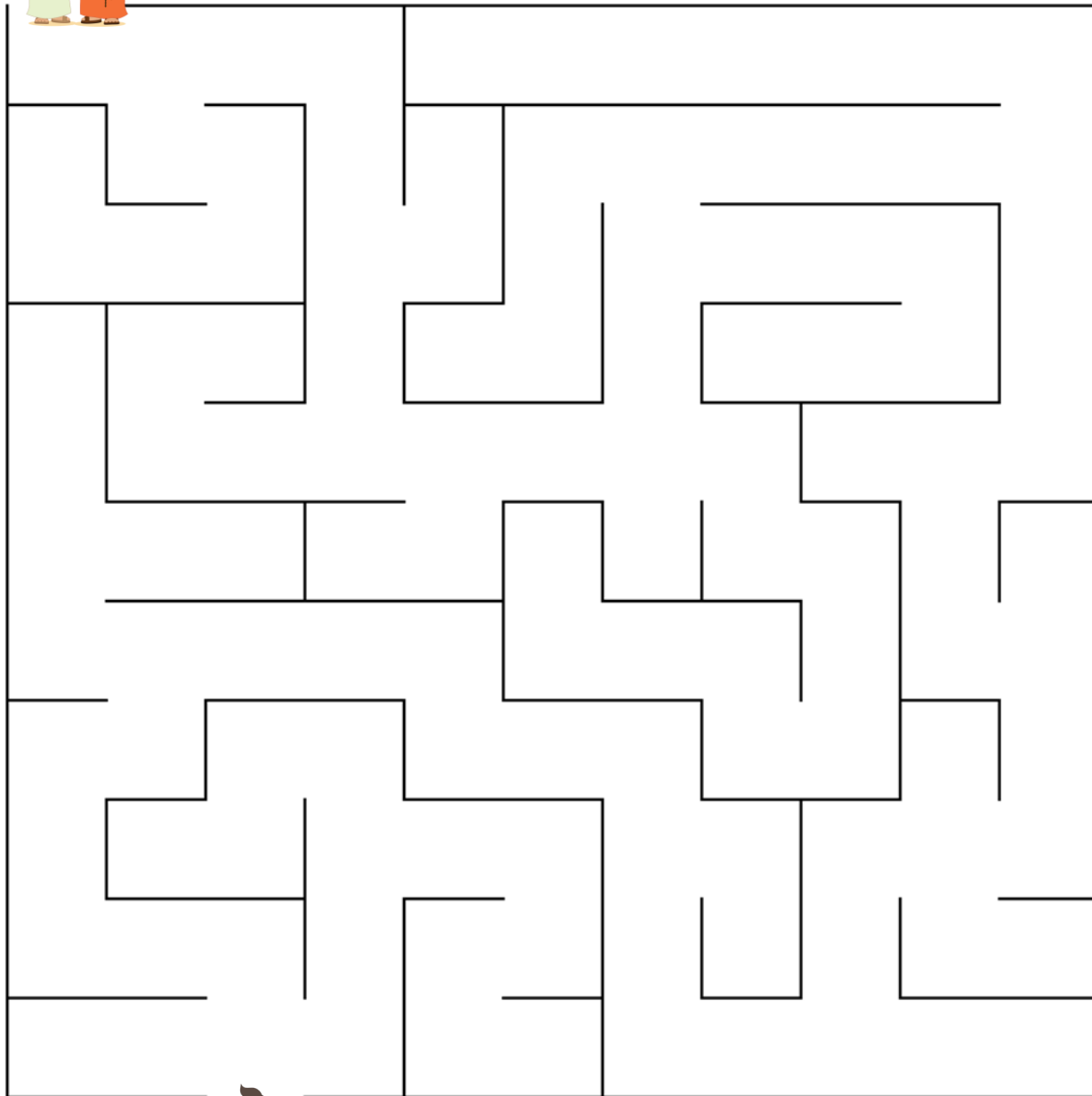
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Puzzle sheet

Help Mary and Joseph get to the donkey. They need to go to Jerusalem soon!

Name:



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Word Scramble

Instruction: Unscramble the words below using clues from the word list

Name:

ETEBHLMHE

MNARGE

HHDEPRSE

LCKOF

RLOYG

HNEVEA

UJSES

RPHPTOE

Word list

Shepherd
Glory
Prophet
Jesus



Manger
Flock
Heaven
Bethlehem





THE PROPHECY AND BIRTH OF JESUS



INSTRUCTION: Use the first letter of the word below to write a thought or story about Jesus, our SAVIOUR.

Name:

S-

A-

V-

I-

O-

U-

R-

