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The stories about Jesus are found in the Bible. In the Bible God speaks to us. In the Old Testament of the Bible there are many prophecies about Jesus. These prophecies begin with God speaking to Adam and Eve, our first parents. Adam and Eve disobey God. This disobedience was the first sin. Then God, because of his love and mercy, promises to send them and all people a Savior. Throughout the Old Testament more prophecies about the coming Savior are given.

Finally, Jesus, the Savior, is born. This booklet tells you about the birth of Jesus. It is a story about God's love for you. God's love causes Him to send His only Son to be your Savior. It is the story of God's messengers, the angels. These angels speak to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and to Joseph about Jesus' birth. The angels also announce to some shepherds the joyful message that a Savior is born. As you read this story, your heart will be filled with joy like that of the shepherds.

As a young man, Jesus shows He is the Son of God by His preaching and His miracles. Later the people of His nation, Israel, become angry with Jesus. They put Him to death. Jesus, however, rises from the dead. He can do this because He is the Son of God. Now He lives in heaven. You can read about this in the Bible. Other booklets, like this one, also tell you about Jesus as the Son of God, His death, and His rising from the dead and return to heaven.

You will want to read more about Jesus. He is your Savior from sin, from the fear of death, and from destruction in hell forever. He is the Savior who makes it possible for you to go to heaven. There you will live with God forever.

BIBLE STORIES in PICTURES

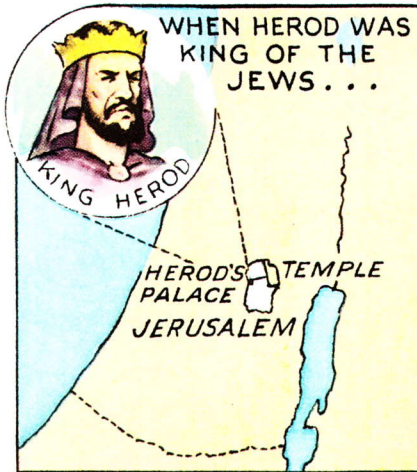
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Hill country of Judea, Temple in Jerusalem.

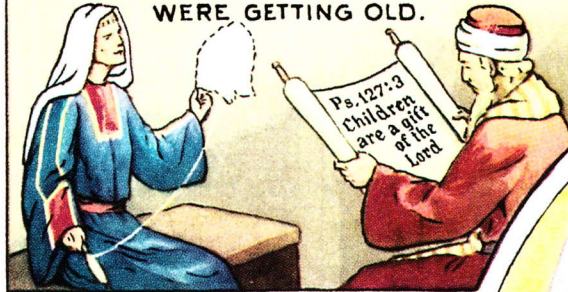
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GABRIEL COMES TO ZACHARIAS

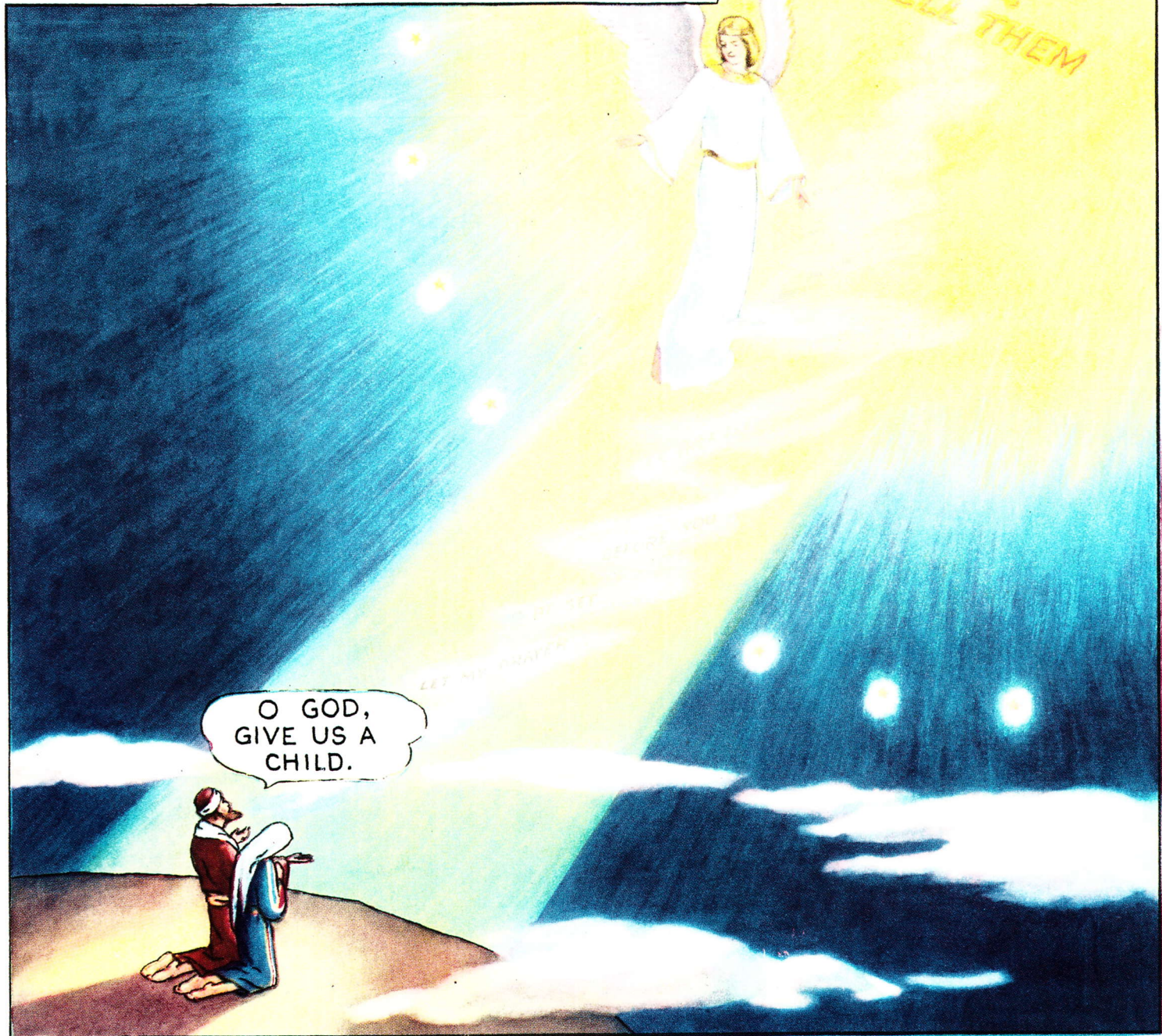
LUKE 1: 5-25



THERE WAS A PRIEST BY THE NAME OF ZACHARIAS. HIS WIFE'S NAME WAS ELIZABETH. BOTH WERE RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD AND LIVED ACCORDING TO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS. BUT ELIZABETH NEVER HAD A CHILD AND BOTH WERE GETTING OLD.



GABRIEL GO, TELL THEM



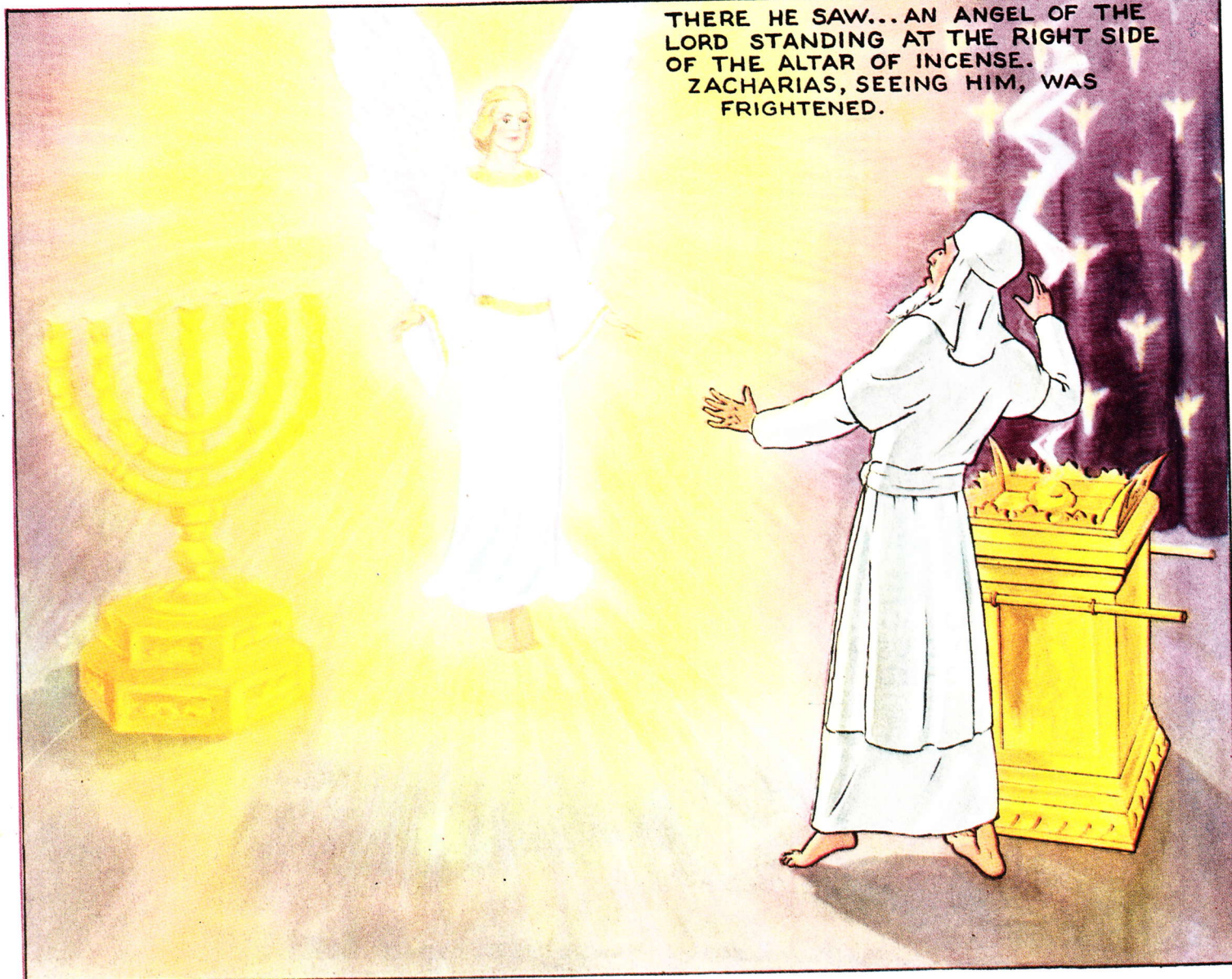
ONCE THE PRIESTS OF HIS DIVISION WERE ON DUTY, ZACHARIAS WAS SERVING AS A PRIEST BEFORE GOD. ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM OF THE PRIESTS HE WAS CHOSEN BY LOT TO GO INTO THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD TO BURN INCENSE.

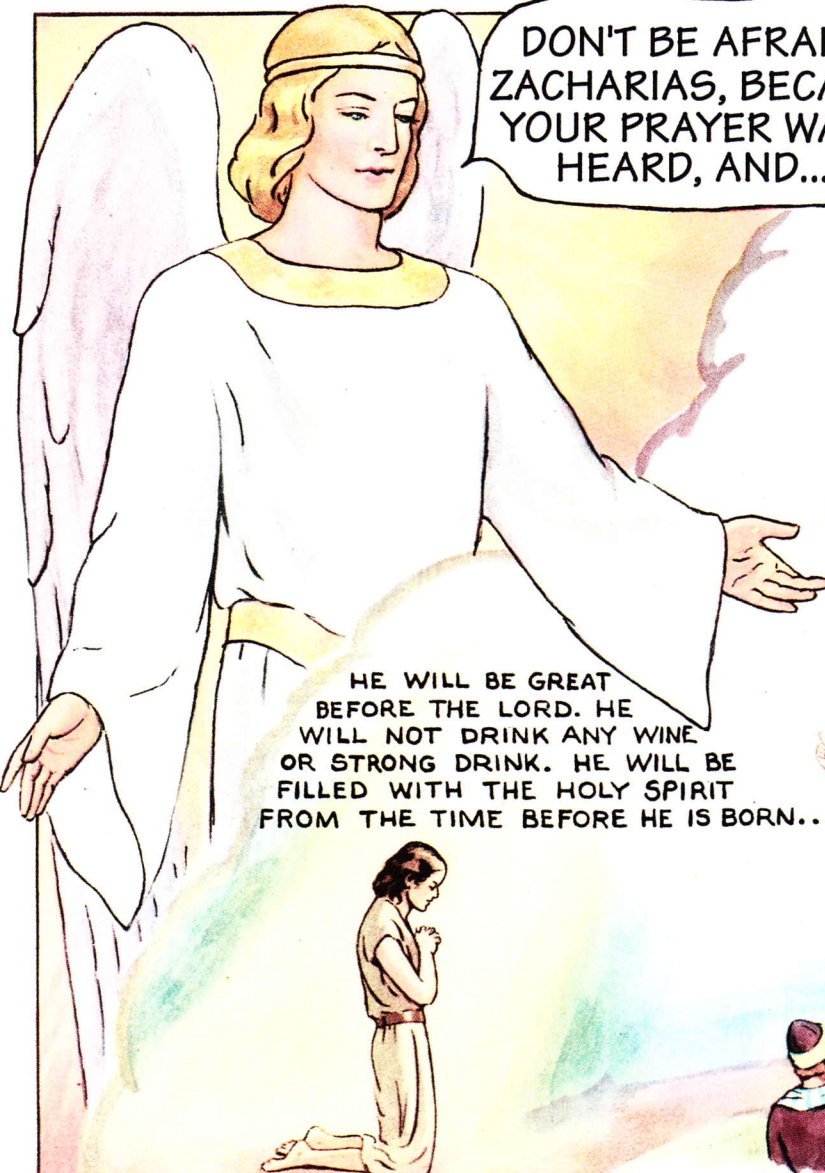


ALL THE PEOPLE WERE PRAYING OUTSIDE WHILE HE WAS BURNING INCENSE



THERE HE SAW... AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STANDING AT THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ALTAR OF INCENSE. ZACHARIAS, SEEING HIM, WAS FRIGHTENED.





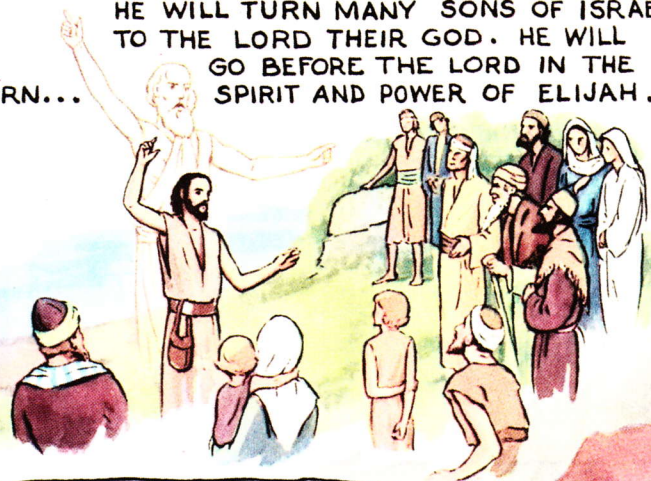
DON'T BE AFRAID,
ZACHARIAS, BECAUSE
YOUR PRAYER WAS
HEARD, AND...

YOUR WIFE WILL HAVE A SON.
YOU WILL CALL HIM JOHN. YOU
WILL HAVE JOY AND DELIGHT. MANY
WILL BE MADE HAPPY BY HIS BIRTH...



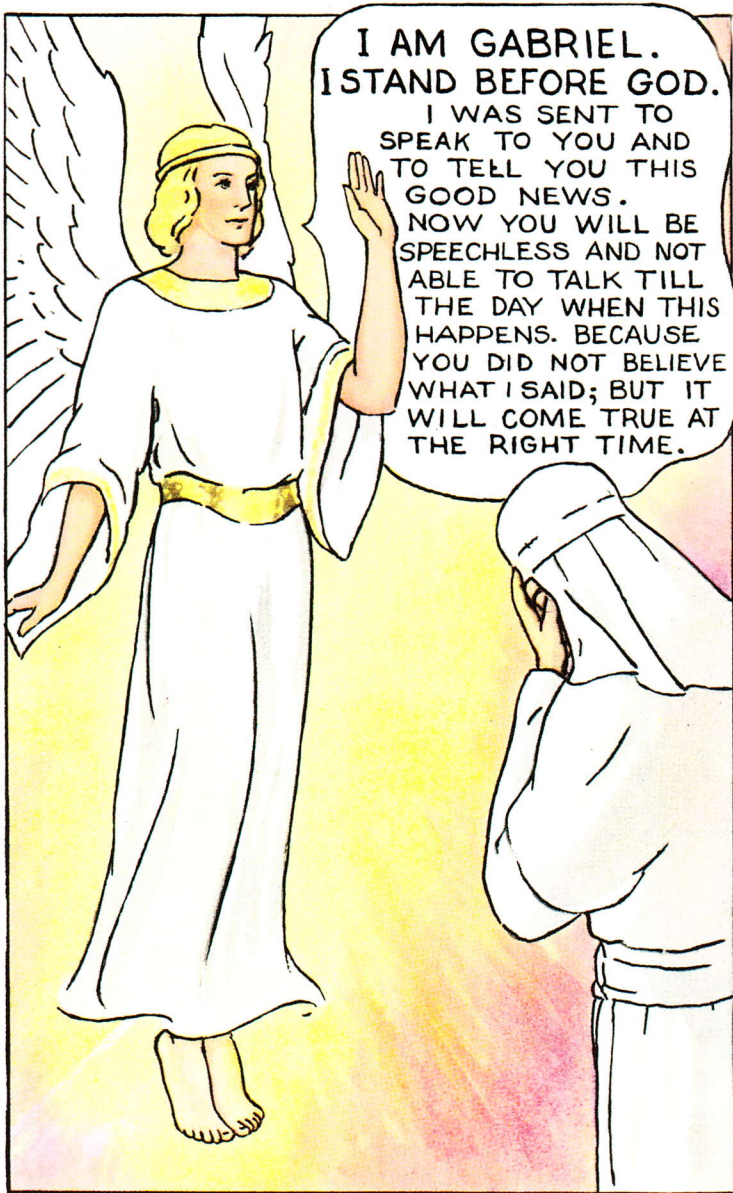
HE WILL BE GREAT
BEFORE THE LORD. HE
WILL NOT DRINK ANY WINE
OR STRONG DRINK. HE WILL BE
FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
FROM THE TIME BEFORE HE IS BORN...

HE WILL TURN MANY SONS OF ISRAEL
TO THE LORD THEIR GOD. HE WILL
GO BEFORE THE LORD IN THE
SPIRIT AND POWER OF ELIJAH...



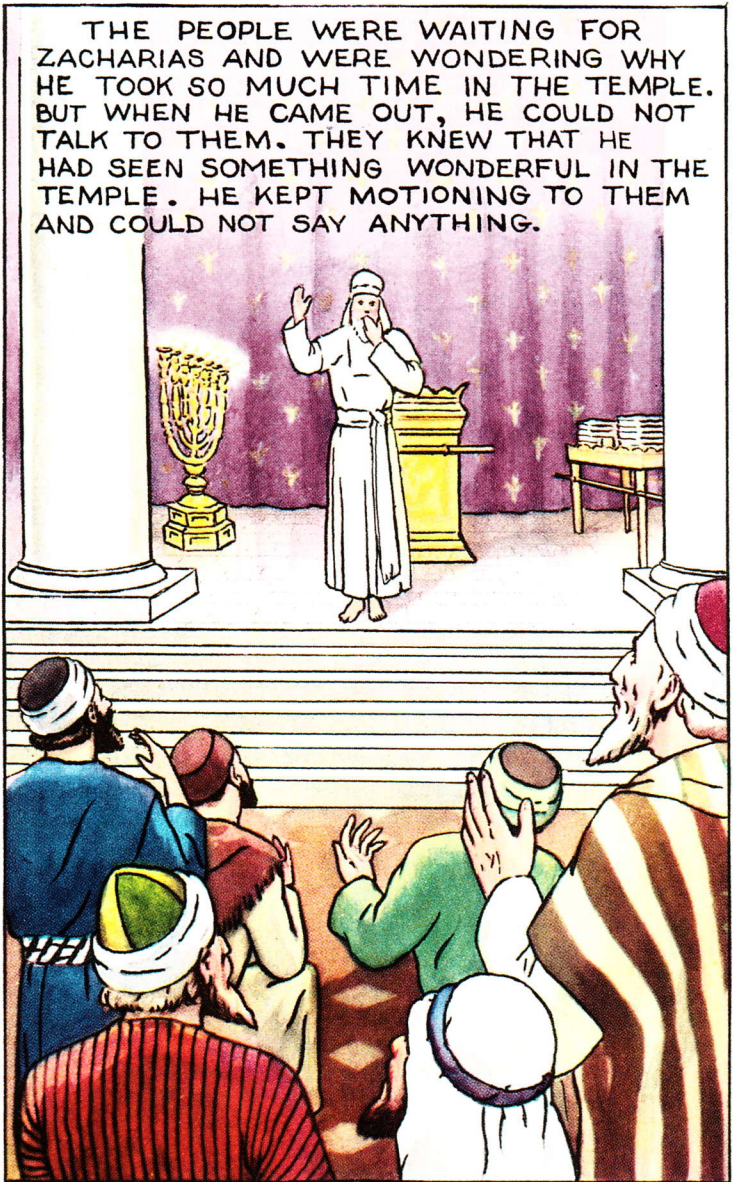
HOW SHOULD I KNOW
THIS, BECAUSE I AM
AN OLD MAN AND MY
WIFE ALSO IS OLD ?





I AM GABRIEL.
I STAND BEFORE GOD.

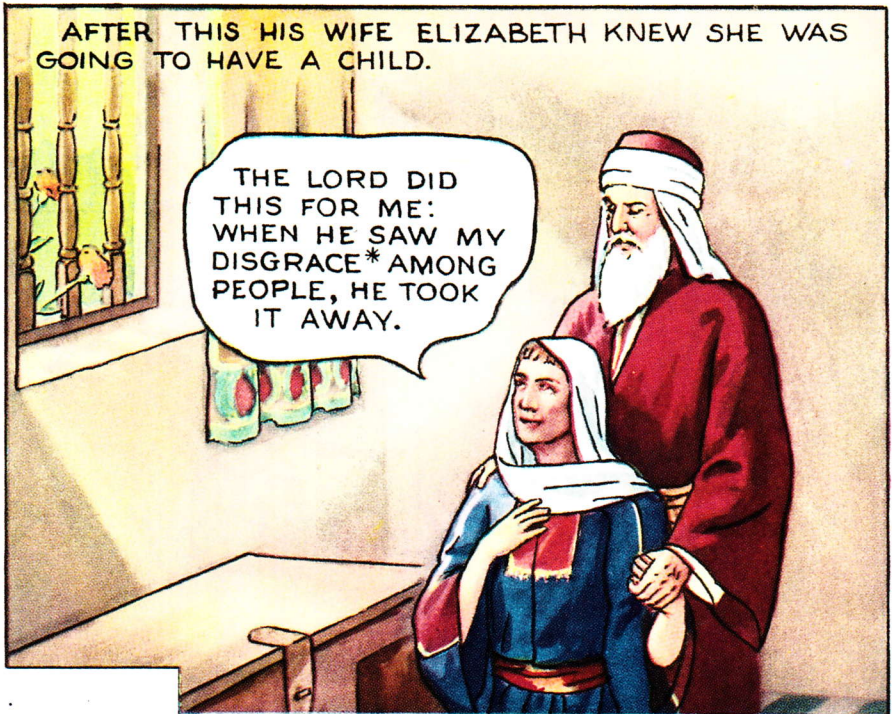
I WAS SENT TO
SPEAK TO YOU AND
TO TELL YOU THIS
GOOD NEWS.
NOW YOU WILL BE
SPEECHLESS AND NOT
ABLE TO TALK TILL
THE DAY WHEN THIS
HAPPENS. BECAUSE
YOU DID NOT BELIEVE
WHAT I SAID; BUT IT
WILL COME TRUE AT
THE RIGHT TIME.



THE PEOPLE WERE WAITING FOR
ZACHARIAS AND WERE WONDERING WHY
HE TOOK SO MUCH TIME IN THE TEMPLE.
BUT WHEN HE CAME OUT, HE COULD NOT
TALK TO THEM. THEY KNEW THAT HE
HAD SEEN SOMETHING WONDERFUL IN THE
TEMPLE. HE KEPT MOTIONING TO THEM
AND COULD NOT SAY ANYTHING.



WHEN THE DAYS OF HIS
SERVICE WERE OVER, HE WENT
BACK HOME.



AFTER THIS HIS WIFE ELIZABETH KNEW SHE WAS
GOING TO HAVE A CHILD.

THE LORD DID
THIS FOR ME:
WHEN HE SAW MY
DISGRACE* AMONG
PEOPLE, HE TOOK
IT AWAY.

In the next story read about Mary.
She is the mother of your Savior.

* Elizabeth had felt it was a disgrace not to have a child.

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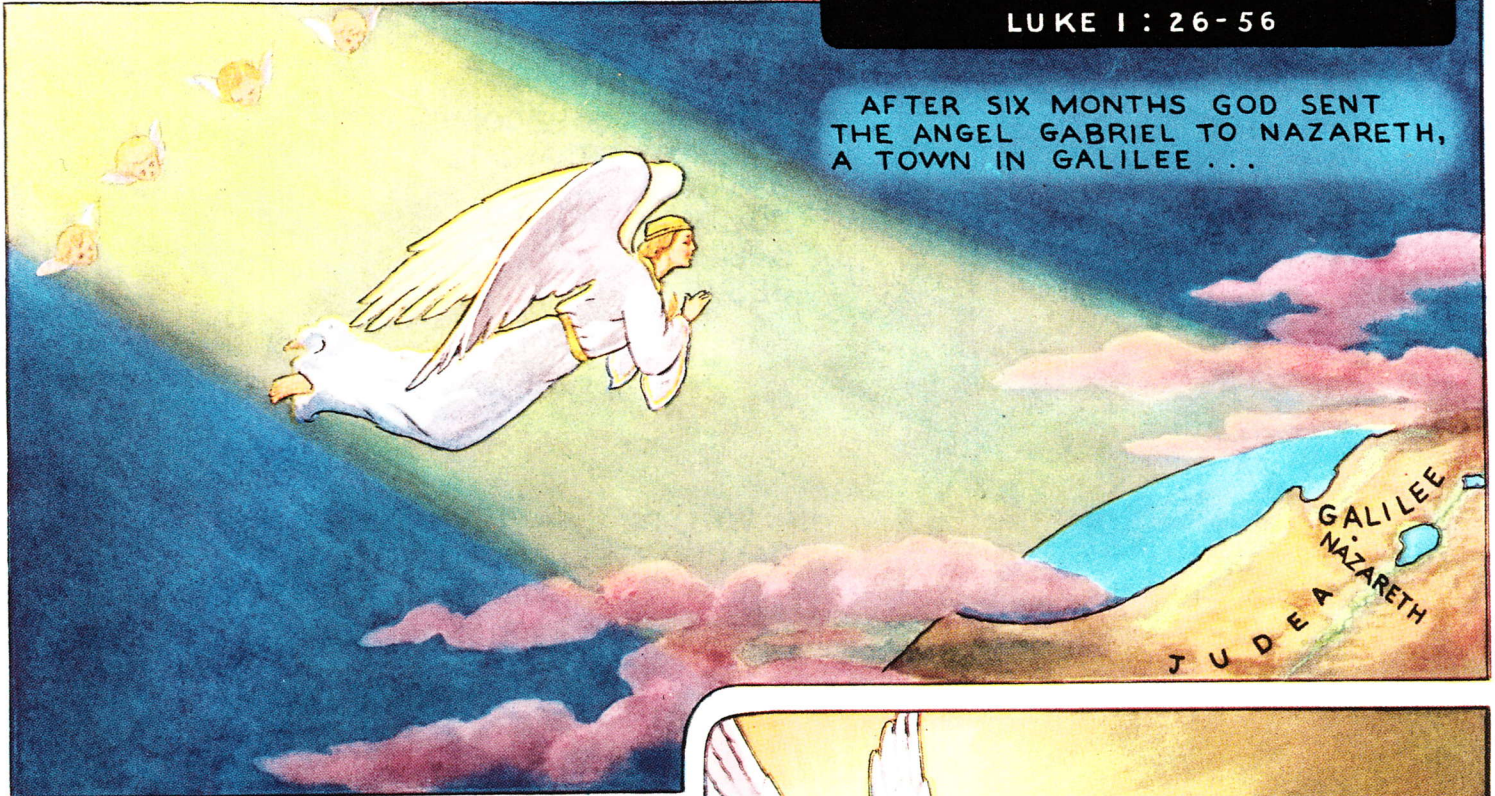
Nazareth

March, 5 B.C.

GABRIEL Comes to MARY

LUKE 1 : 26 - 56

AFTER SIX MONTHS GOD SENT THE ANGEL GABRIEL TO NAZARETH, A TOWN IN GALILEE...



TO A VIRGIN WHOSE NAME WAS MARY. SHE WAS ENGAGED TO A MAN BY THE NAME OF JOSEPH.



JOSEPH WAS A DESCENDANT OF DAVID.

King David was the father of
King Solomon.
He was the
father of
King Hezekiah. He
was the father of . . . Joseph.



PEACE BE WITH YOU, YOU BLESSED ONE. THE LORD IS WITH YOU.

WHAT KIND OF GREETING IS THIS?



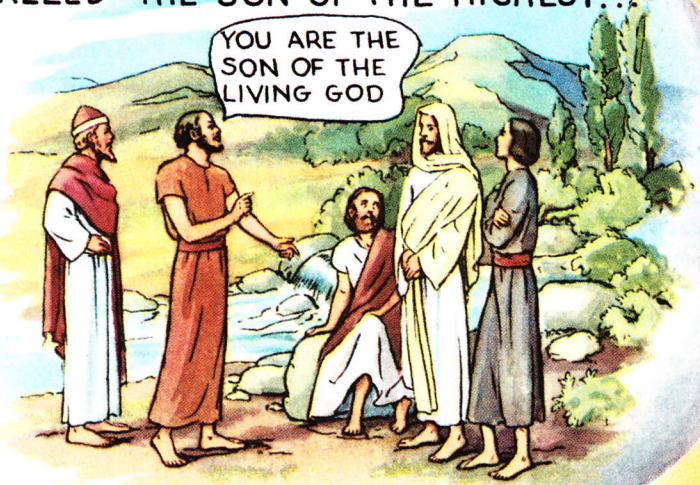
DON'T BE AFRAID, MARY, GOD IS GOOD TO YOU . . .

YOU ARE GOING TO BECOME A MOTHER. YOU WILL HAVE A BOY. YOU WILL CALL HIM JESUS . . .

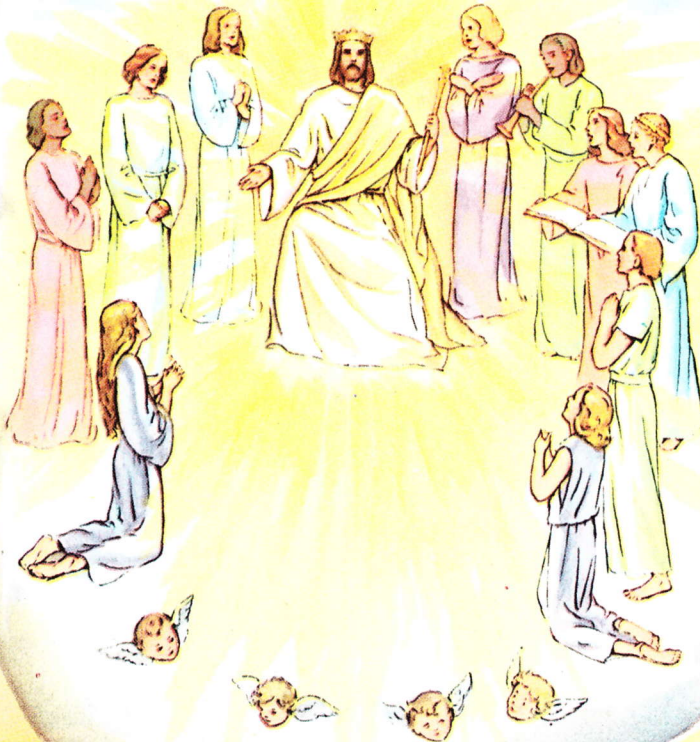


HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED 'THE SON OF THE HIGHEST'.

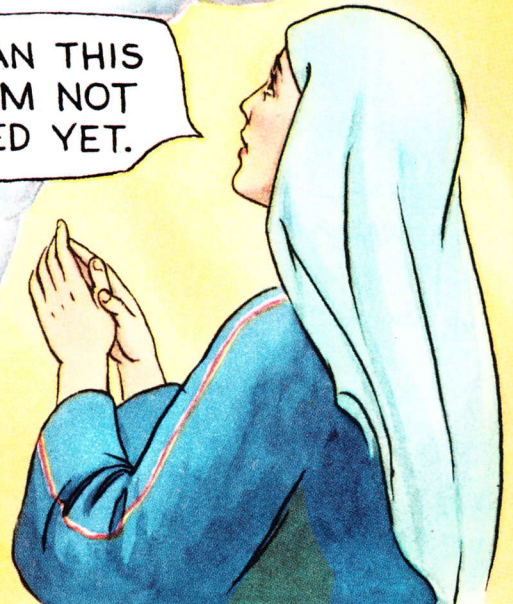
YOU ARE THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD



THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID. HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END.



HOW CAN THIS BE? I AM NOT MARRIED YET.



THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME OVER YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST WILL OVERSHADOW YOU: THEREFORE THAT WHICH IS BORN WILL BE CALLED "HOLY," "THE SON OF GOD"...



THERE IS ALSO YOUR RELATIVE ELIZABETH. SHE IS OLD, BUT SHE, TOO, IS GOING TO HAVE A SON. FOR THERE IS NOTHING WHICH GOD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO.



I AM THE SERVANT OF THE LORD. LET IT BE DONE TO ME AS YOU SAID



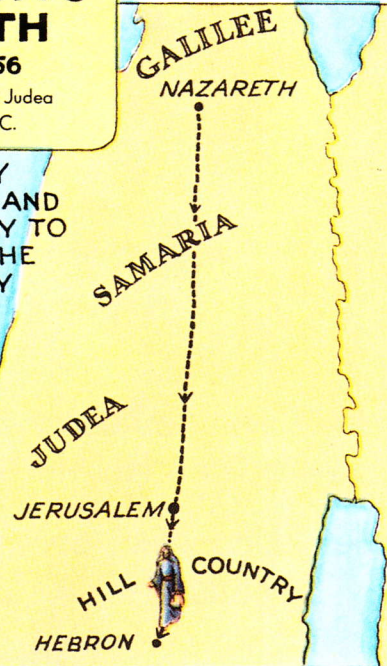
AND THE ANGEL WENT AWAY FROM HER.

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

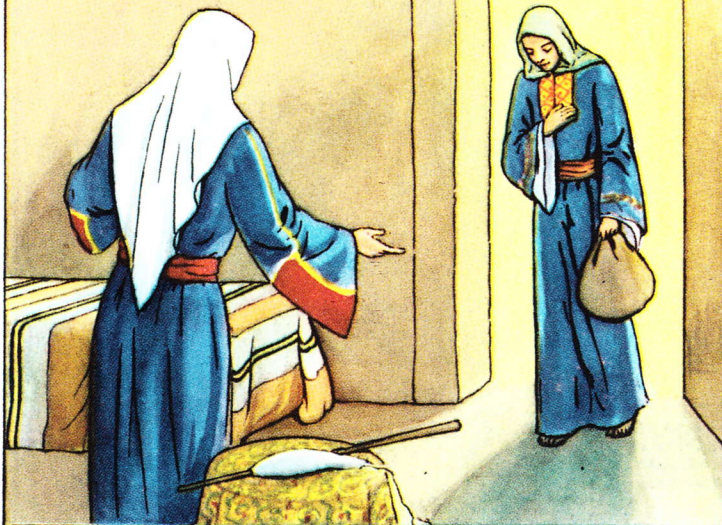
LUKE 1:39-56

Nazareth - Hill Country of Judea
March - June, 5 B.C.

THEN MARY STARTED OUT AND WENT QUICKLY TO A TOWN IN THE HILL COUNTRY OF JUDEA.

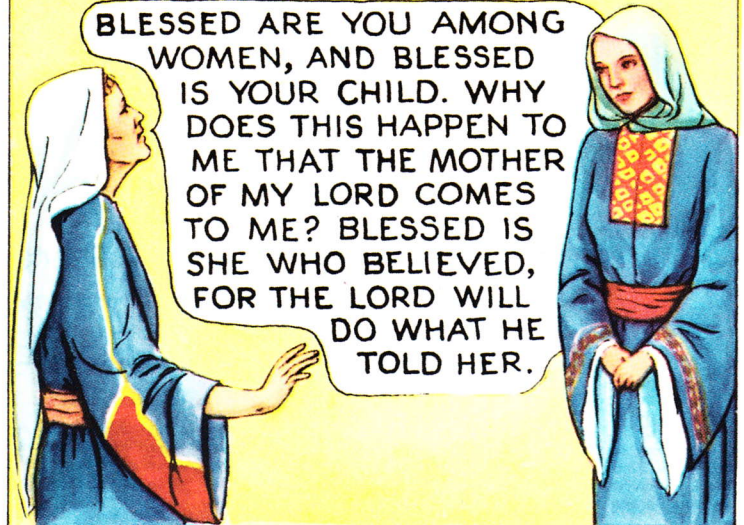


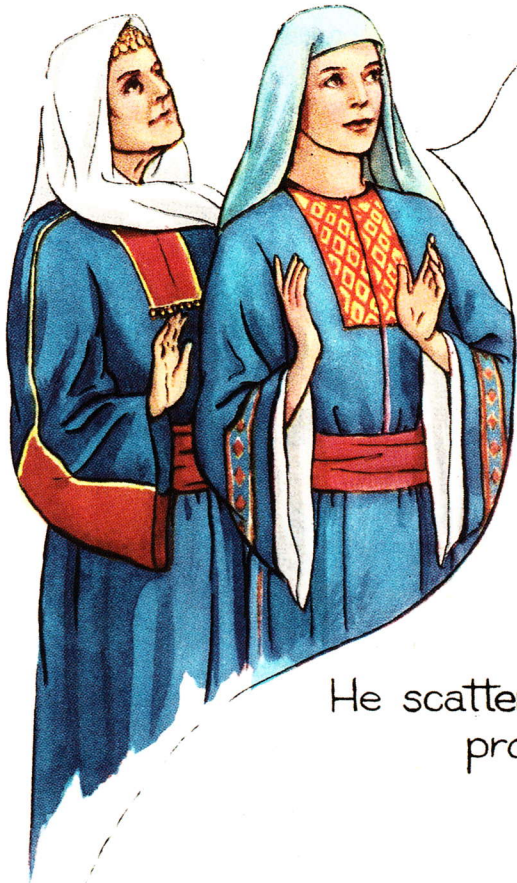
SHE WENT INTO THE HOME OF ZACHARIAS AND GREETED ELIZABETH.



THEN ELIZABETH WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND SHE CALLED OUT ALOUD-

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS YOUR CHILD. WHY DOES THIS HAPPEN TO ME THAT THE MOTHER OF MY LORD COMES TO ME? BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED, FOR THE LORD WILL DO WHAT HE TOLD HER.





My soul praises the Lord,
And my spirit delights in God, my Savior,
For He looked at the lowliness of His servant,
And from now on all people will call me blessed.

For He did great things to me —
He who is mighty,
And whose name is holy,
And whose mercy is always with
those who fear Him.

He did mighty deeds with His arm:

He scattered those who think
proudly in their hearts.



He put down the mighty
from their thrones



And lifted up the lowly.

He filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich He sent away empty.

He helped His servant Israel
Because He would remember

His Mercy



Which He promised to our fathers
And which He gave to Abraham,
and to His children **FOREVER.**

Soon John, the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth, is to be born.

MARY STAYED WITH HER
ABOUT THREE MONTHS, AND THEN
WENT BACK TO HER HOME.



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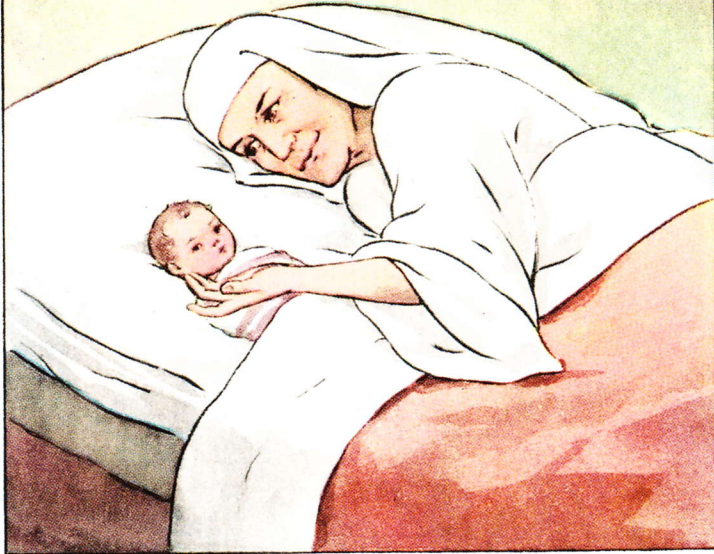
Hill country of Judea

June, 5 B.C.

JOHN IS BORN

LUKE 1:57-79

THEN THE TIME CAME FOR ELIZABETH TO BECOME A MOTHER. SHE HAD A BABY BOY.



HER NEIGHBORS AND RELATIVES HEARD THAT THE LORD HAD BEEN VERY KIND TO HER. THEY WERE HAPPY WITH HER.



ON THE 8TH DAY THEY CAME TO CIRCUMCISE* THE BABY.

LET US CALL HIM ZACHARIAS LIKE HIS FATHER.



*circumcision a cut made with a knife to mark the child as belonging to God. Today we baptize a child.

NO, HE WILL BE CALLED JOHN.

THERE IS NO ONE AMONG YOUR RELATIVES WHO HAS THAT NAME.



THEN THEY MOTIONED TO HIS FATHER TO SEE WHAT HE WOULD WANT HIM CALLED.



HE ASKED FOR A WRITING TABLET, AND HE WROTE —



THEY WERE ALL SURPRISED. JUST THEN HIS MOUTH AND TONGUE WERE OPENED, AND HE BEGAN TO SPEAK AND TO PRAISE GOD.

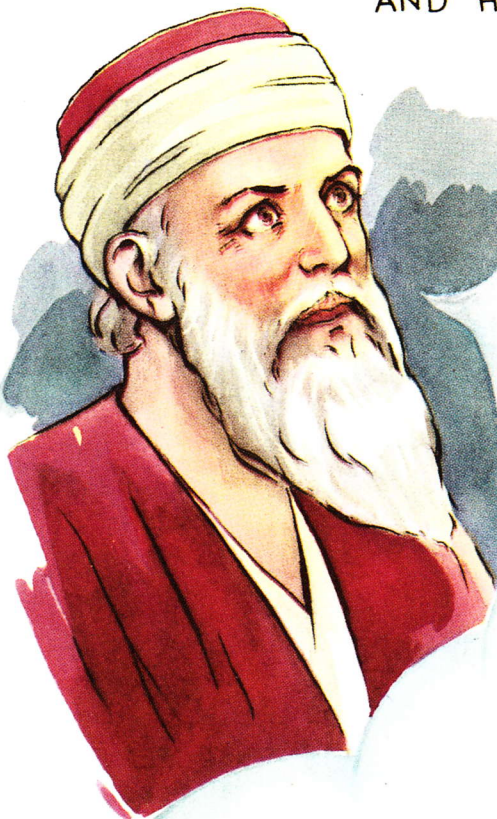
FEAR CAME ON ALL WHO LIVED AROUND THEM. THE PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE HILL COUNTRY OF JUDEA WERE TALKING ABOUT THESE THINGS. ALL WHO HEARD THEM WERE DEEPLY TOUCHED.



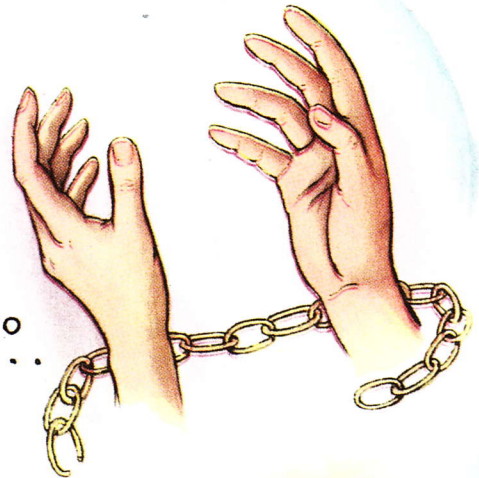
WHAT IS THIS CHILD GOING TO BE?

THE LORD IS WITH HIM.

HIS FATHER ZACHARIAS WAS
FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
AND HE PROPHESED —



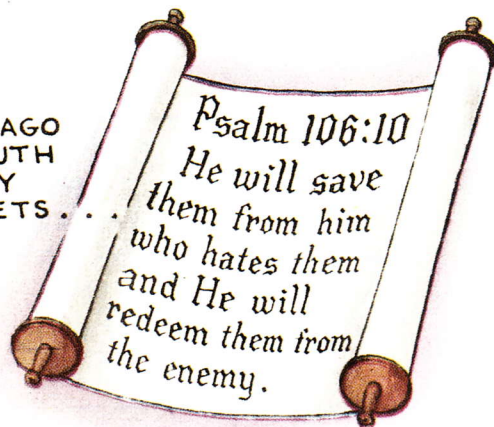
BLESSED BE THE
LORD, THE GOD OF
ISRAEL, BECAUSE
HE HAS VISITED
HIS PEOPLE AND
PREPARED A WAY TO
SET THEM FREE . . .



AND HAS RAISED
UP A MIGHTY SAVIOR
FOR US AMONG THE
DESCENDANTS OF HIS
SERVANT DAVID . . .



AS HE
SAID LONG AGO
BY THE MOUTH
OF HIS HOLY
PROPHETS . . .



BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BE MERCIFUL TO OUR FATHERS AND TO
KEEP IN MIND HIS HOLY COVENANT, THE OATH WHICH HE SWORE
TO OUR FATHER ABRAHAM
TO DELIVER US OUT OF THE HAND
OF OUR ENEMIES AND TO LET US
SERVE HIM WITHOUT FEAR IN
HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS
BEFORE HIM ALL OUR LIFE.



I
HAVE
SWORN
BY MYSELF

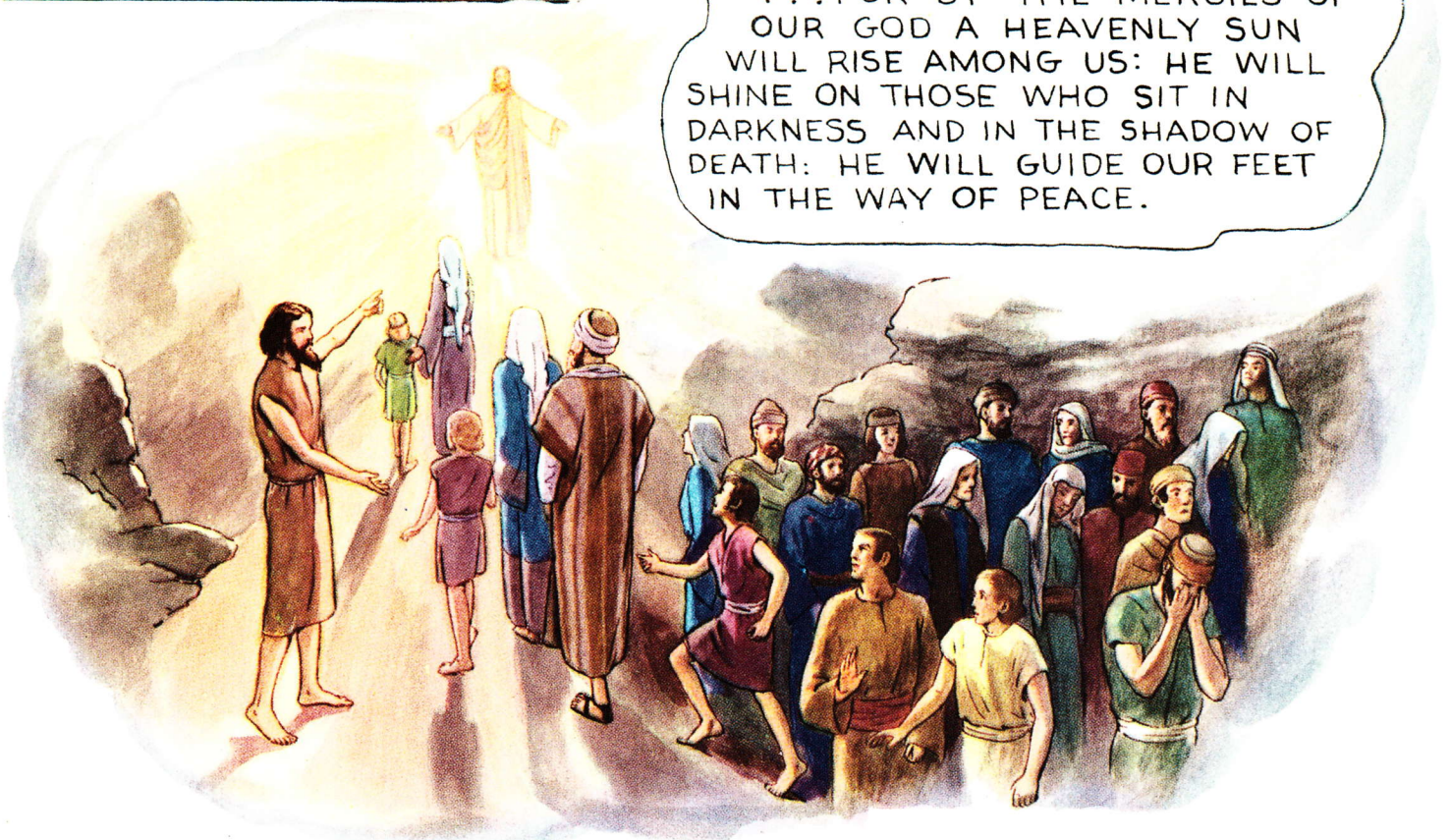


AND YOU, CHILD, WILL BE CALLED THE PROPHET OF THE HIGHEST ...

... FOR YOU WILL GO BEFORE THE LORD TO MAKE READY HIS WAYS, TO TELL HIS PEOPLE THERE IS SALVATION FOR THEM IN THE FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS...



... FOR BY THE MERCIES OF OUR GOD A HEAVENLY SUN WILL RISE AMONG US: HE WILL SHINE ON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND IN THE SHADOW OF DEATH: HE WILL GUIDE OUR FEET IN THE WAY OF PEACE.



It is now time for Jesus to be born.

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Nazareth to Bethlehem

Summer and December 25, 5 B.C.

JESUS IS BORN

MATT. 1: 18-25 : LUKE 2: 1-7

THIS IS HOW JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN HIS MOTHER MARY WAS ENGAGED TO JOSEPH.



... BUT BEFORE THEY LIVED TOGETHER, IT WAS FOUND THAT SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE A CHILD FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. BUT JOSEPH, HER HUSBAND WAS RIGHTEOUS AND DID NOT WANT TO DISGRACE HER; SO HE DECIDED TO DIVORCE HER SECRETLY.

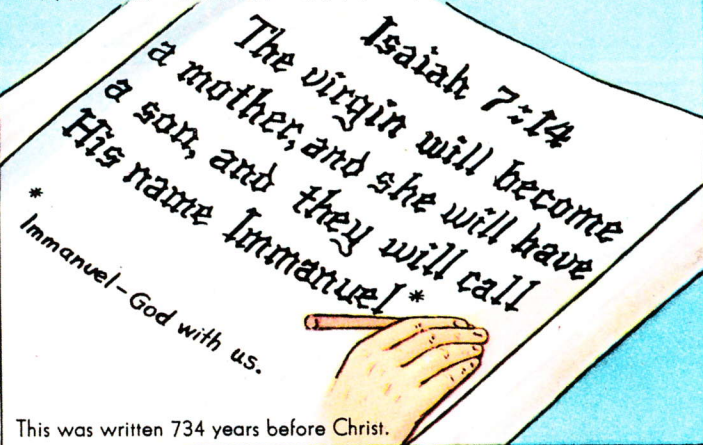


WHEN HE HAD THOUGHT THESE THINGS OVER, HE SAW AN ANGEL OF THE LORD IN A DREAM.

JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID, DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE MARY, YOUR WIFE, HOME WITH YOU BECAUSE THE CHILD IS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT. SHE WILL HAVE A SON. YOU WILL CALL HIM JESUS, BECAUSE HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.



ALL THIS HAPPENED THAT THE WORDS WHICH THE LORD SPOKE THROUGH THE PROPHET MIGHT COME TRUE.



Isaiah 7:14
The virgin will become a mother, and she will have a son, and they will call His name Immanuel!
* Immanuel - God with us.

This was written 734 years before Christ.

JOSEPH AWOKE FROM SLEEP AND DID WHAT THE ANGEL OF THE LORD HAD COMMANDED HIM...



HE TOOK HIS WIFE HOME WITH HIM.



CAESAR AUGUSTUS
DECREES THAT THE
WHOLE WORLD SHOULD
BE REGISTERED.

THIS REGISTRATION WAS THE
FIRST AND WAS MADE WHILE
QUIRINIUS WAS RULING SYRIA.



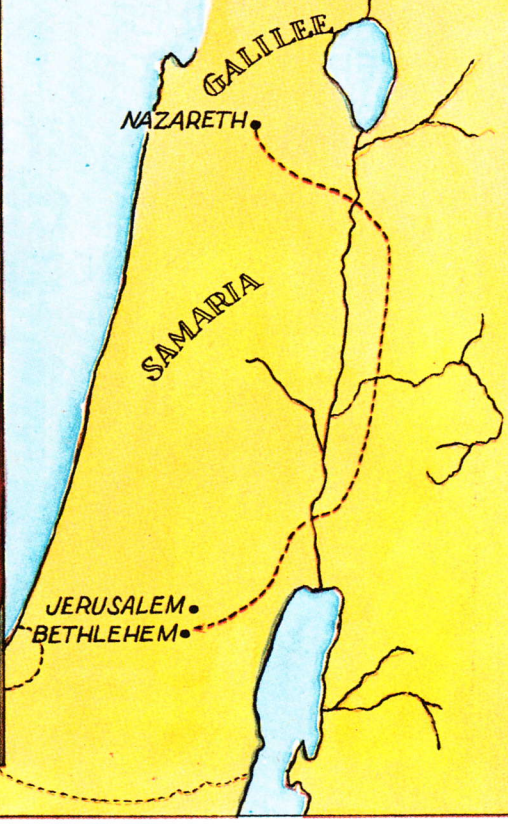
ALL WENT TO REGISTER, EACH ONE TO HIS OWN TOWN.



JOSEPH ALSO WENT UP FROM THE TOWN OF NAZARETH IN GALILEE TO JUDEA TO A TOWN OF DAVID, CALLED BETHLEHEM...



BECAUSE HE WAS ONE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF DAVID.



TO REGISTER WITH MARY, HIS WIFE, WHO WAS GOING TO HAVE A CHILD.



NOW, WHILE THEY WERE THERE, THE TIME CAME FOR HER TO BECOME A MOTHER. SHE HAD HER FIRST SON. SHE WRAPPED HIM UP AND LAID HIM IN A MANGER BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN.



An angel from God tells shepherds Jesus is born.

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Field to Bethlehem

December 25, 5 B.C.

THE ANGEL TELLS THE SHEPHERDS

LUKE 2 : 8-20

THERE WERE SHEPHERDS IN THE SAME COUNTRY, LIVING IN THE FIELD AND WATCHING OVER THEIR FLOCK AT NIGHT. AN ANGEL OF THE LORD STOOD BY THEM, THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM, AND THEY WERE TERRIBLY FRIGHTENED.



FEAR NOT: FOR, BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHICH IS CHRIST, THE LORD. THIS SHALL BE A SIGN UNTO YOU; YE SHALL FIND THE BABE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES, LYING IN A MANGER.



SUDDENLY THERE WAS WITH THE ANGEL A GREAT NUMBER OF THE HEAVENLY ARMY. THEY WERE PRAISING GOD.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST
AND ON EARTH PEACE
GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

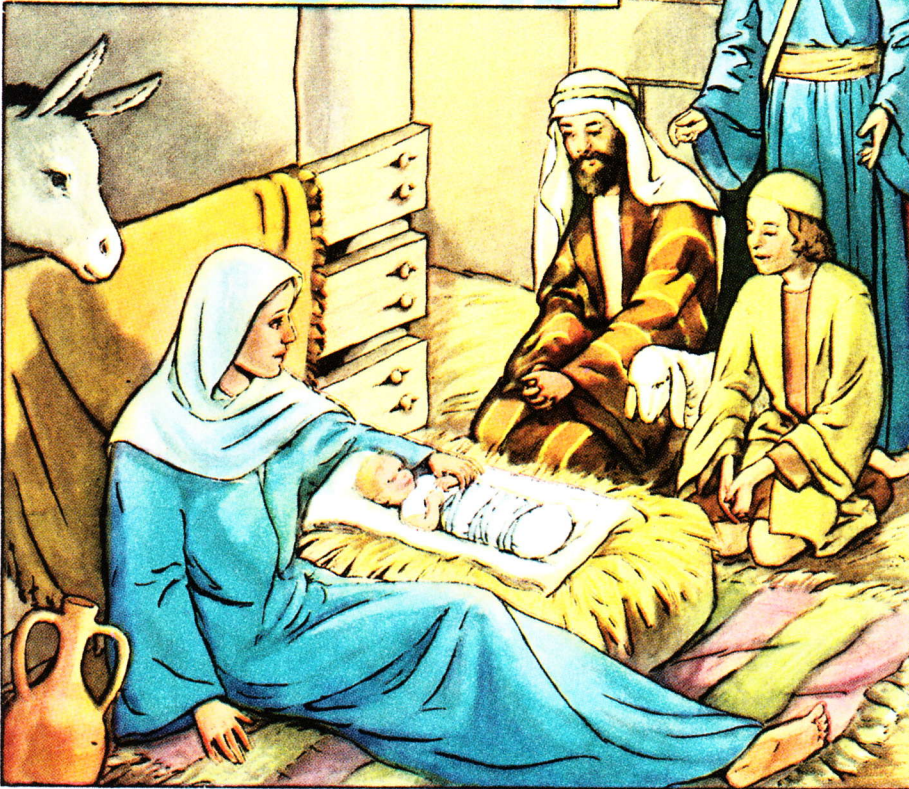


THEN THE ANGELS LEFT THEM AND WENT TO HEAVEN.

LET US THEN GO OVER TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE WHAT HAS HAPPENED THERE, AS THE LORD TOLD US.



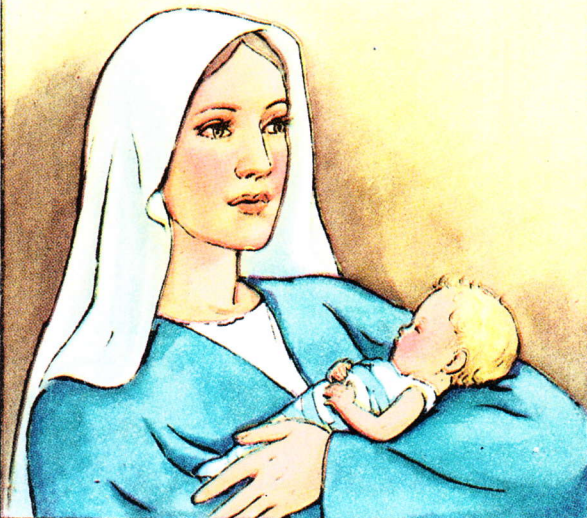
THEY WENT QUICKLY AND FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE BABY LYING IN THE MANGER.



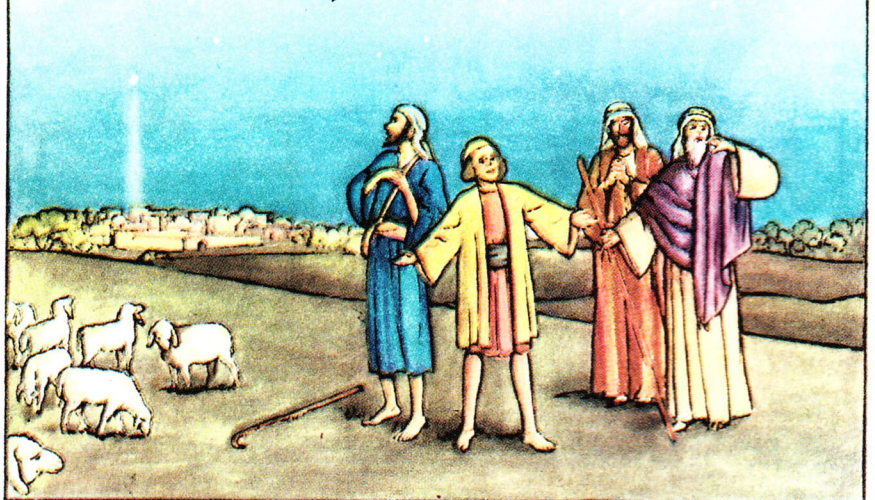
WHEN THEY HAD SEEN IT, THEY TOLD OTHERS WHAT HAD BEEN SAID TO THEM ABOUT THIS CHILD. ALL WHO HEARD THEM WERE SURPRISED AT THE STORY WHICH THE SHEPHERDS TOLD THEM.



BUT MARY KEPT ALL THIS AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT IN HER HEART.



THE SHEPHERDS WENT BACK, GIVING GLORY AND PRAISE TO GOD FOR ALL THEY HAD HEARD AND SEEN, JUST AS THEY HAD BEEN TOLD.



JESUS IS BROUGHT TO THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:21-39

MATT. 1:24-25

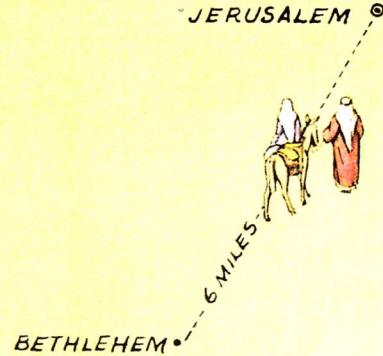
Bethlehem to Jerusalem

January 1 and February 4 B.C.

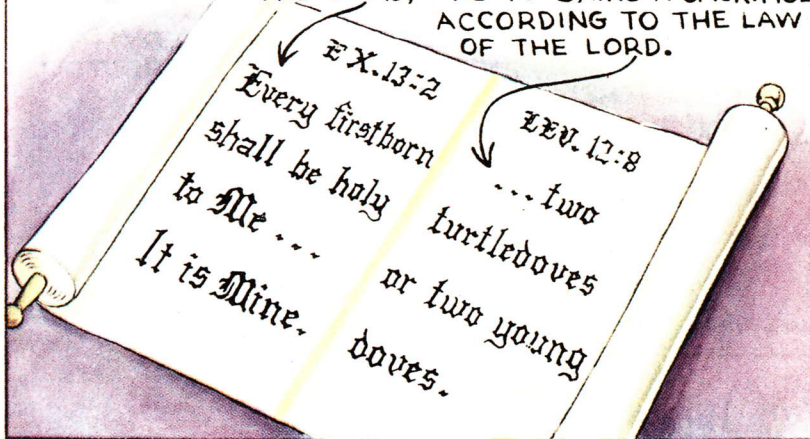
ON THE EIGHTH DAY THE TIME HAD COME TO CIRCUMCISE HIM. JOSEPH CALLED HIM JESUS, THE NAME WHICH THE ANGEL HAD GIVEN HIM.



WHEN THE DAYS OF THEIR CLEANSING ACCORDING TO WHAT THE LAW REQUIRED WERE OVER, THEY BROUGHT HIM UP TO JERUSALEM.



TO PRESENT HIM TO THE LORD, AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND TO BRING A SACRIFICE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF THE LORD.



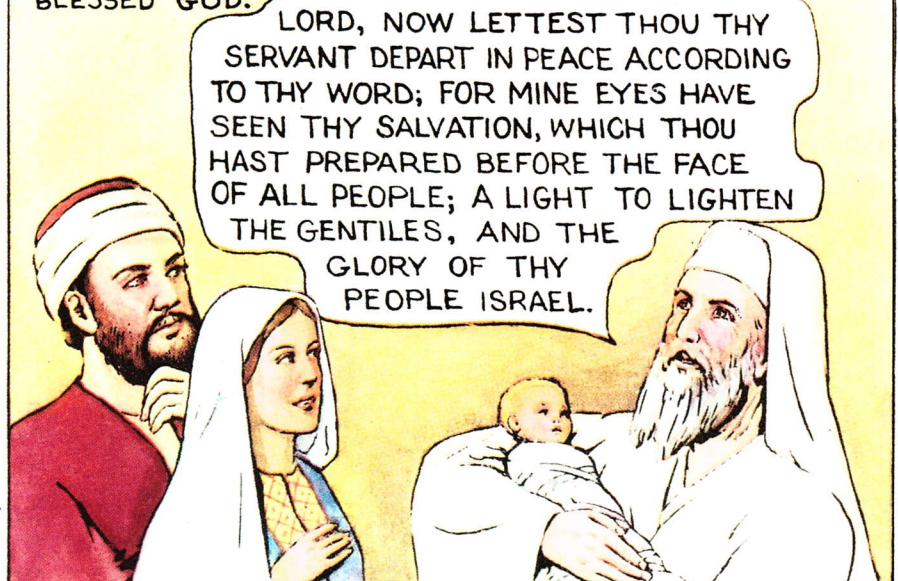
NOW THERE WAS A MAN IN JERUSALEM WHOSE NAME WAS SIMEON. THIS MAN WAS RIGHTEOUS AND GOD-FEARING, WAITING FOR THE COMFORT OF ISRAEL. THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS UPON HIM. THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD SEE THE LORD'S CHRIST BEFORE HE WOULD DIE.



THE SPIRIT MOVED HIM TO GO INTO THE TEMPLE.



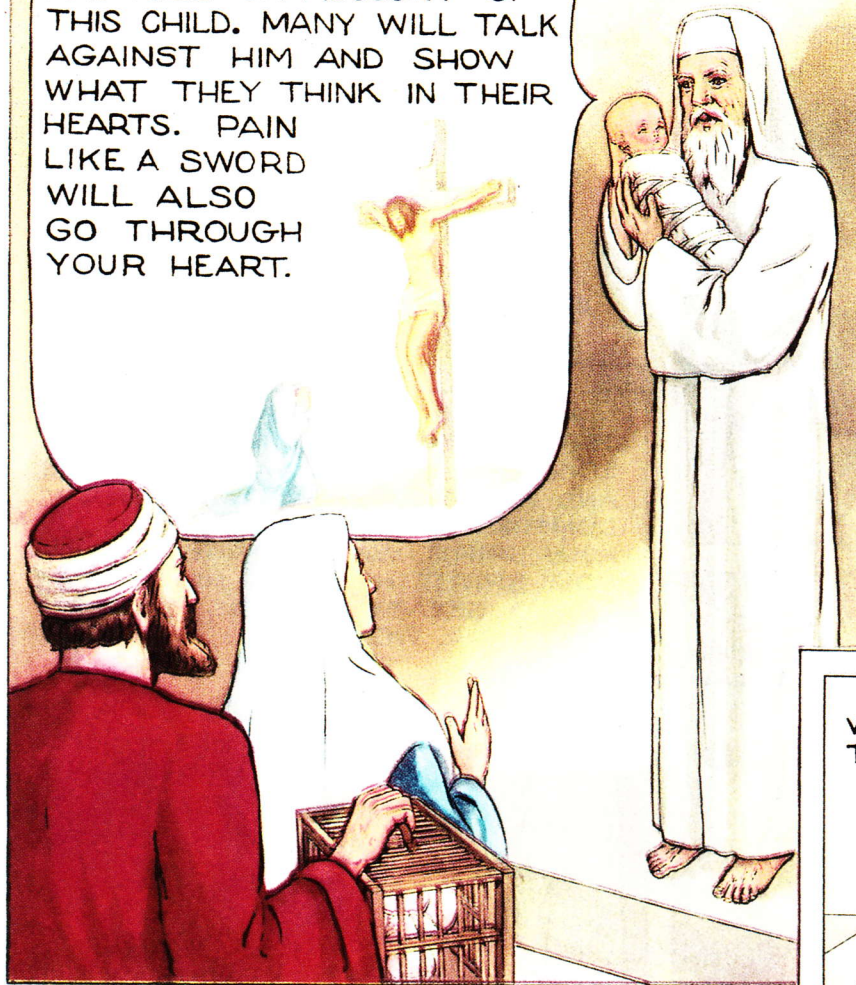
WHEN THE PARENTS BROUGHT IN THE CHILD JESUS TO DO FOR HIM ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM OF THE LAW, SIMEON TOOK HIM INTO HIS ARMS AND BLESSED GOD.



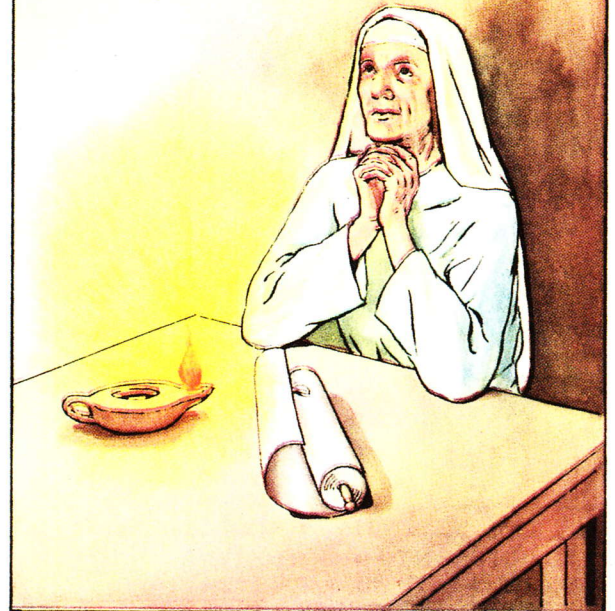
LORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE ACCORDING TO THY WORD; FOR MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THY SALVATION, WHICH THOU HAST PREPARED BEFORE THE FACE OF ALL PEOPLE; A LIGHT TO LIGHTEN THE GENTILES, AND THE GLORY OF THY PEOPLE ISRAEL.

JOSEPH AND MARY WERE WONDERING AT WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT JESUS, THEN SIMEON BLESSED THEM.

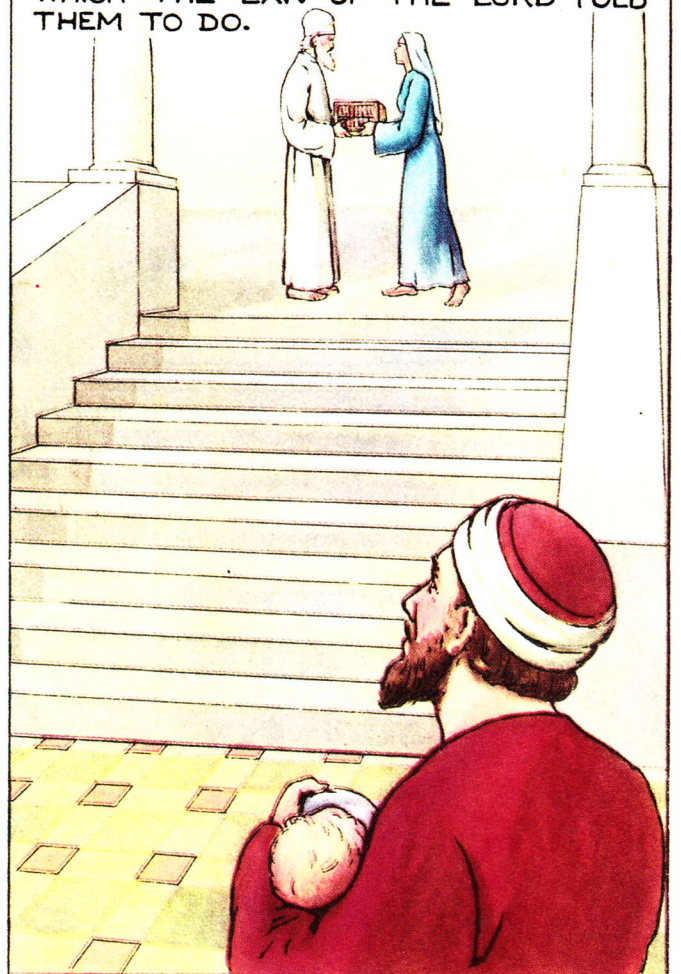
MANY IN ISRAEL WILL FALL AND RISE ON ACCOUNT OF THIS CHILD. MANY WILL TALK AGAINST HIM AND SHOW WHAT THEY THINK IN THEIR HEARTS. PAIN LIKE A SWORD WILL ALSO GO THROUGH YOUR HEART.



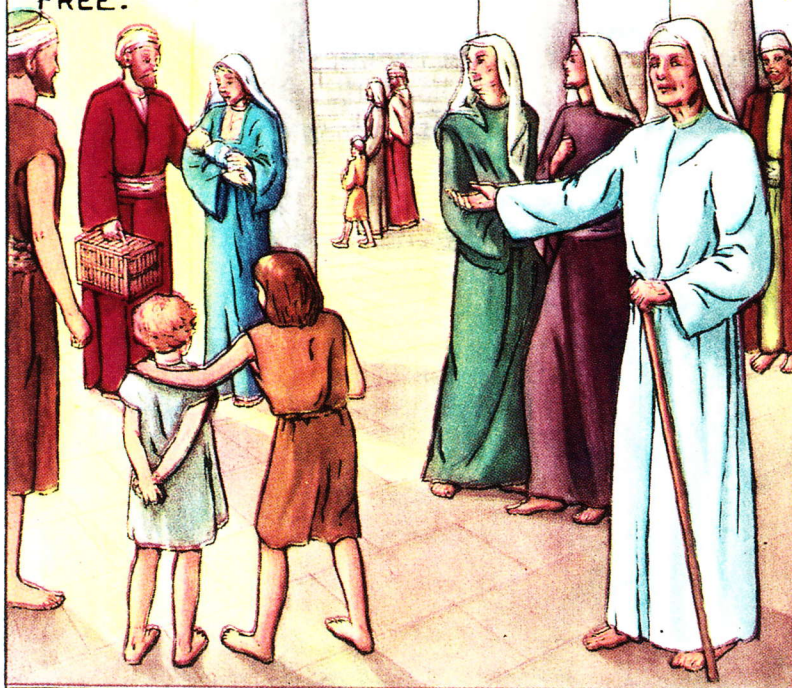
THERE WAS ALSO ANNA, A PROPHETESS. SHE WAS 84 YEARS OLD. SHE DID NOT GO AWAY FROM THE TEMPLE, BUT WORSHIPED BY FASTING AND PRAYING DAY AND NIGHT.



THE PARENTS DID EVERYTHING WHICH THE LAW OF THE LORD TOLD THEM TO DO.



SHE STEPPED UP JUST THEN, THANKED GOD, AND SPOKE ABOUT JESUS TO ALL WHO WERE WAITING FOR JERUSALEM TO BE SET FREE.



Others, non-Jews, come to worship Jesus.

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The WISE MEN

MATT. 2 ; LUKE 2:39

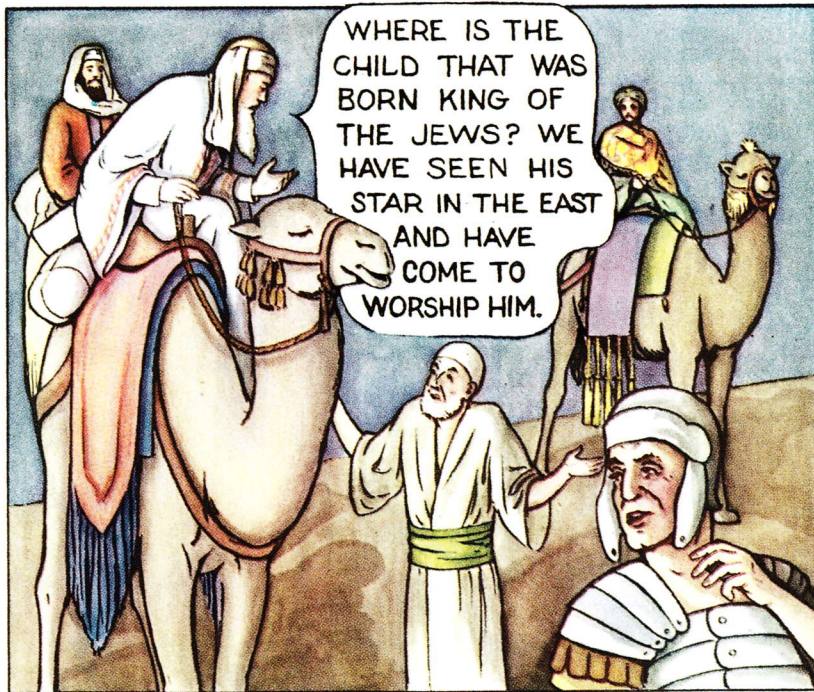
East, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Egypt, Nazareth

February, 4 B.C., or later

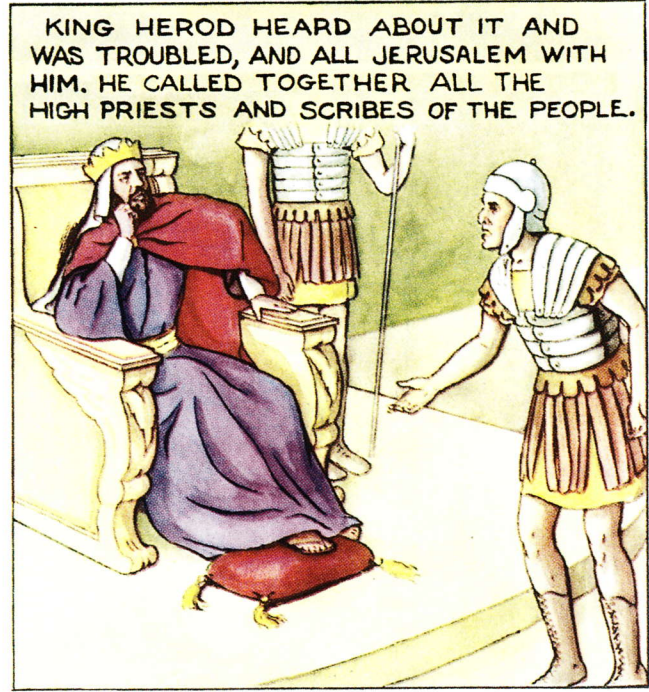
JESUS WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA WHEN HEROD WAS KING. THEN WISE MEN FROM THE EAST CAME TO JERUSALEM.



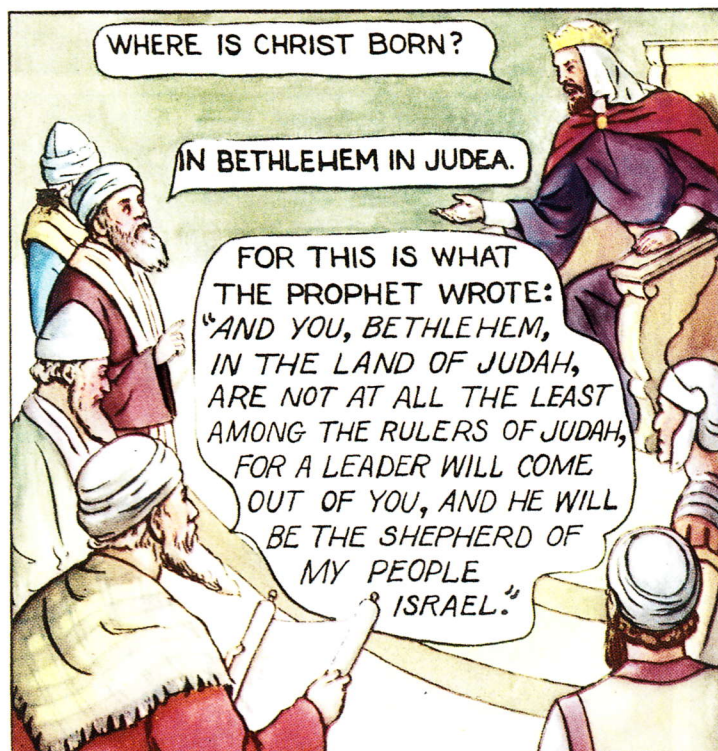
THE EAST



WHERE IS THE CHILD THAT WAS BORN KING OF THE JEWS? WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.



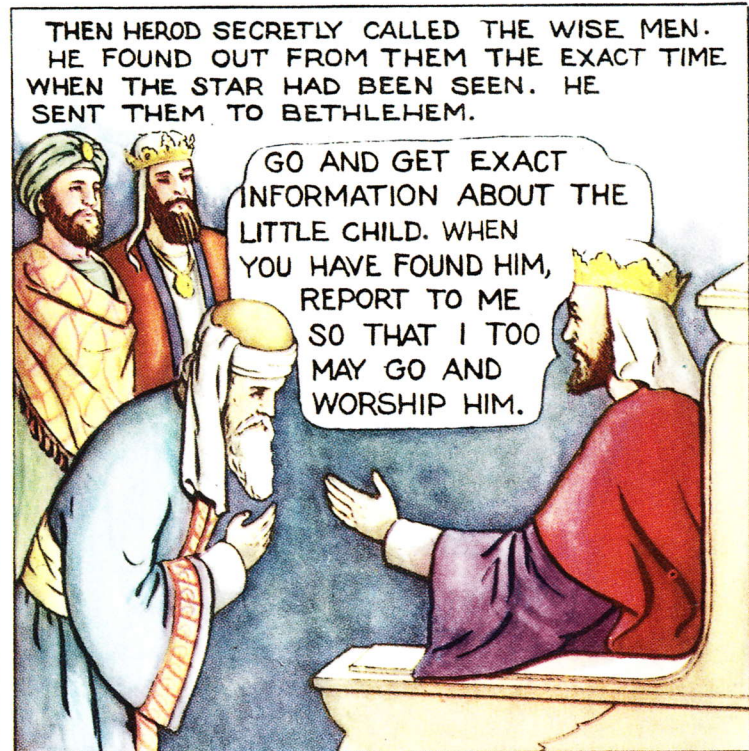
KING HEROD HEARD ABOUT IT AND WAS TROUBLED, AND ALL JERUSALEM WITH HIM. HE CALLED TOGETHER ALL THE HIGH PRIESTS AND SCRIBES OF THE PEOPLE.



WHERE IS CHRIST BORN?

IN BETHLEHEM IN JUDEA.

FOR THIS IS WHAT THE PROPHET WROTE: "AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH, ARE NOT AT ALL THE LEAST AMONG THE RULERS OF JUDAH, FOR A LEADER WILL COME OUT OF YOU, AND HE WILL BE THE SHEPHERD OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL."



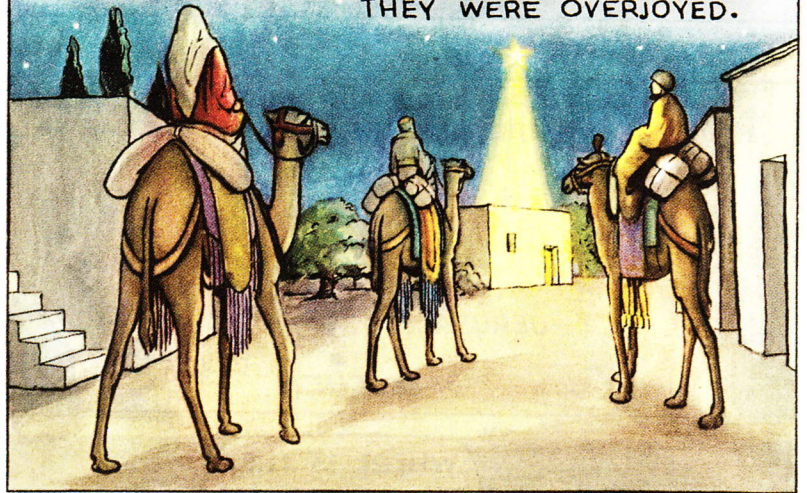
THEN HEROD SECRETLY CALLED THE WISE MEN. HE FOUND OUT FROM THEM THE EXACT TIME WHEN THE STAR HAD BEEN SEEN. HE SENT THEM TO BETHLEHEM.

GO AND GET EXACT INFORMATION ABOUT THE LITTLE CHILD. WHEN YOU HAVE FOUND HIM, REPORT TO ME SO THAT I TOO MAY GO AND WORSHIP HIM.

THEY LISTENED TO THE KING AND WENT AWAY. THERE WAS THE STAR WHICH THEY HAD SEEN IN THE EAST. IT WENT BEFORE THEM . . .



TILL IT STAYED OVER THE PLACE WHERE THE CHILD WAS. WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR, THEY WERE OVERJOYED.



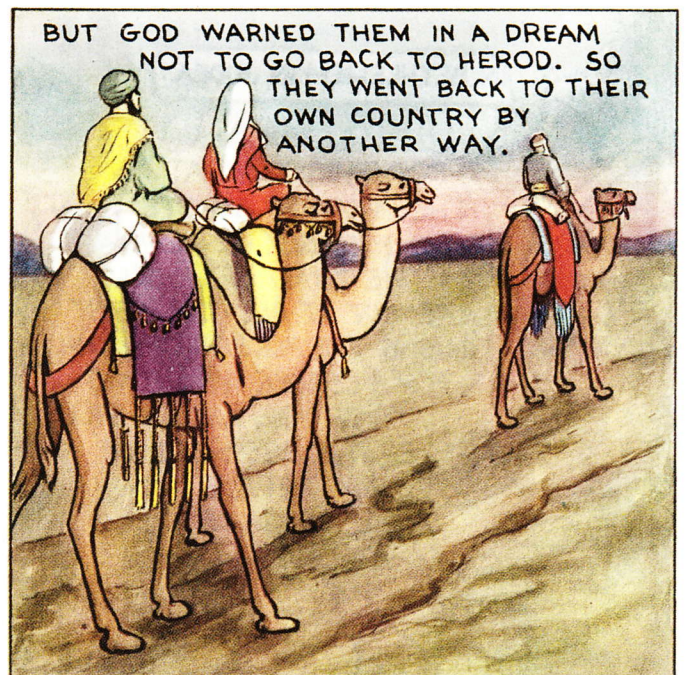
THEY WENT INTO THE HOUSE AND SAW THE LITTLE CHILD WITH HIS MOTHER MARY. THEY FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPED HIM.



OPENING THEIR TREASURE BOXES, THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS; GOLD AND FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

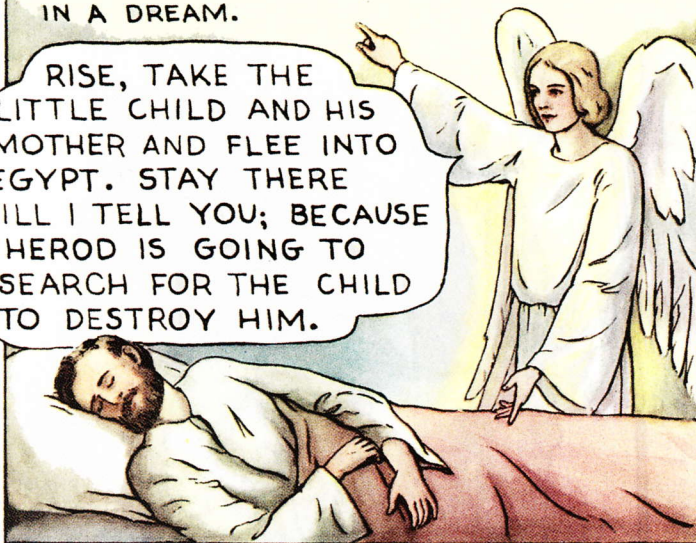


BUT GOD WARNED THEM IN A DREAM NOT TO GO BACK TO HEROD. SO THEY WENT BACK TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY BY ANOTHER WAY.

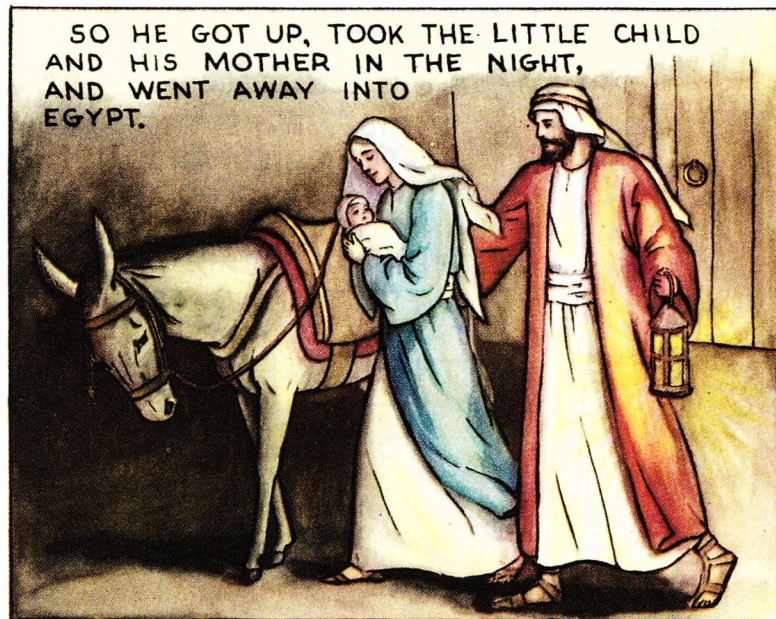


AFTER THE WISE MEN HAD GONE,
JOSEPH SAW AN ANGEL OF THE LORD
IN A DREAM.

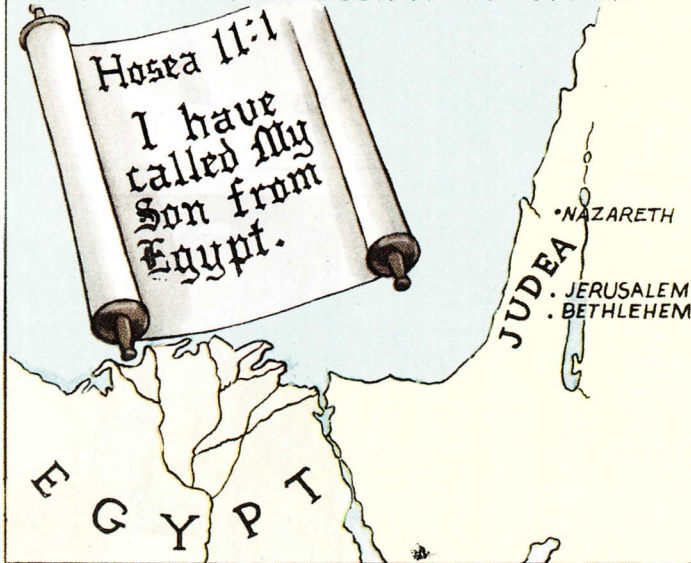
RISE, TAKE THE
LITTLE CHILD AND HIS
MOTHER AND FLEE INTO
EGYPT. STAY THERE
TILL I TELL YOU; BECAUSE
HEROD IS GOING TO
SEARCH FOR THE CHILD
TO DESTROY HIM.



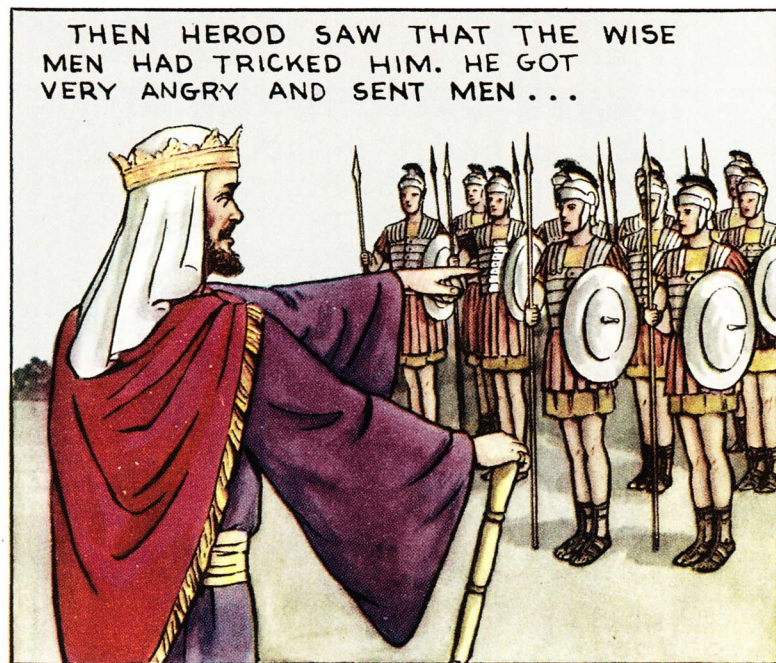
SO HE GOT UP, TOOK THE LITTLE CHILD
AND HIS MOTHER IN THE NIGHT,
AND WENT AWAY INTO
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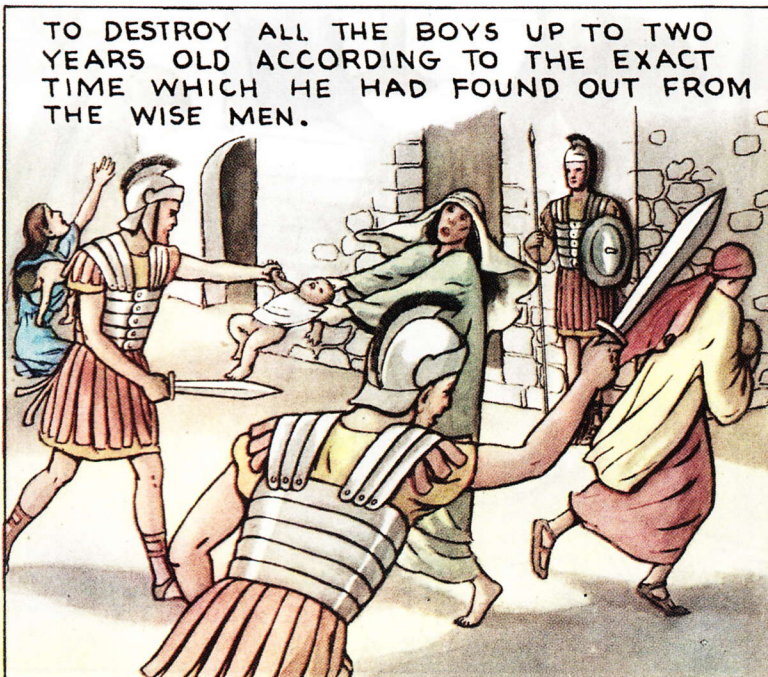
HE WAS THERE TILL HEROD
DIED—TO FULFIL WHAT THE LORD
HAD SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHET.



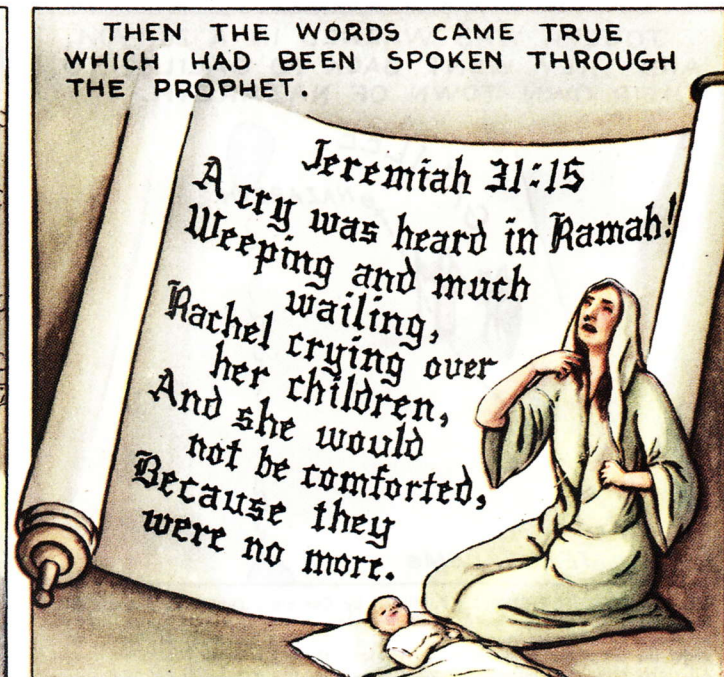
THEN HEROD SAW THAT THE WISE
MEN HAD TRICKED HIM. HE GOT
VERY ANGRY AND SENT MEN ...



TO DESTROY ALL THE BOYS UP TO TWO
YEARS OLD ACCORDING TO THE EXACT
TIME WHICH HE HAD FOUND OUT FROM
THE WISE MEN.

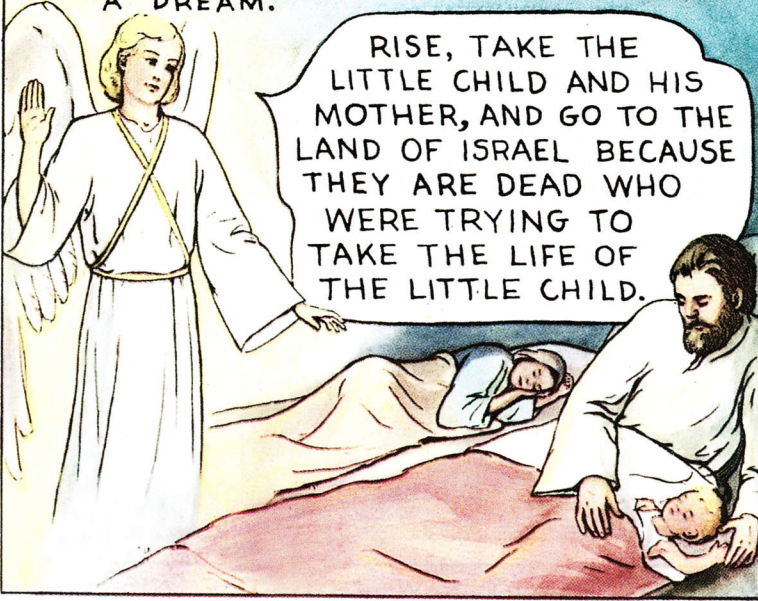


THEN THE WORDS CAME TRUE
WHICH HAD BEEN SPOKEN THROUGH
THE PROPHET.



BUT WHEN HEROD HAD DIED, JOSEPH IN EGYPT SAW AN ANGEL OF THE LORD IN A DREAM.

RISE, TAKE THE LITTLE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER, AND GO TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL BECAUSE THEY ARE DEAD WHO WERE TRYING TO TAKE THE LIFE OF THE LITTLE CHILD.

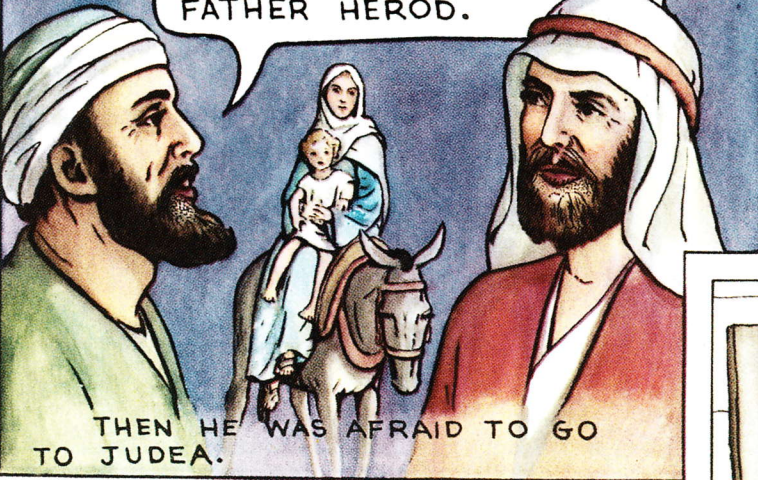


THEN HE GOT UP AND TOOK THE LITTLE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER AND WENT TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL.



BUT JOSEPH HEARD

ARCHELAUS IS RULING JUDEA INSTEAD OF HIS FATHER HEROD.

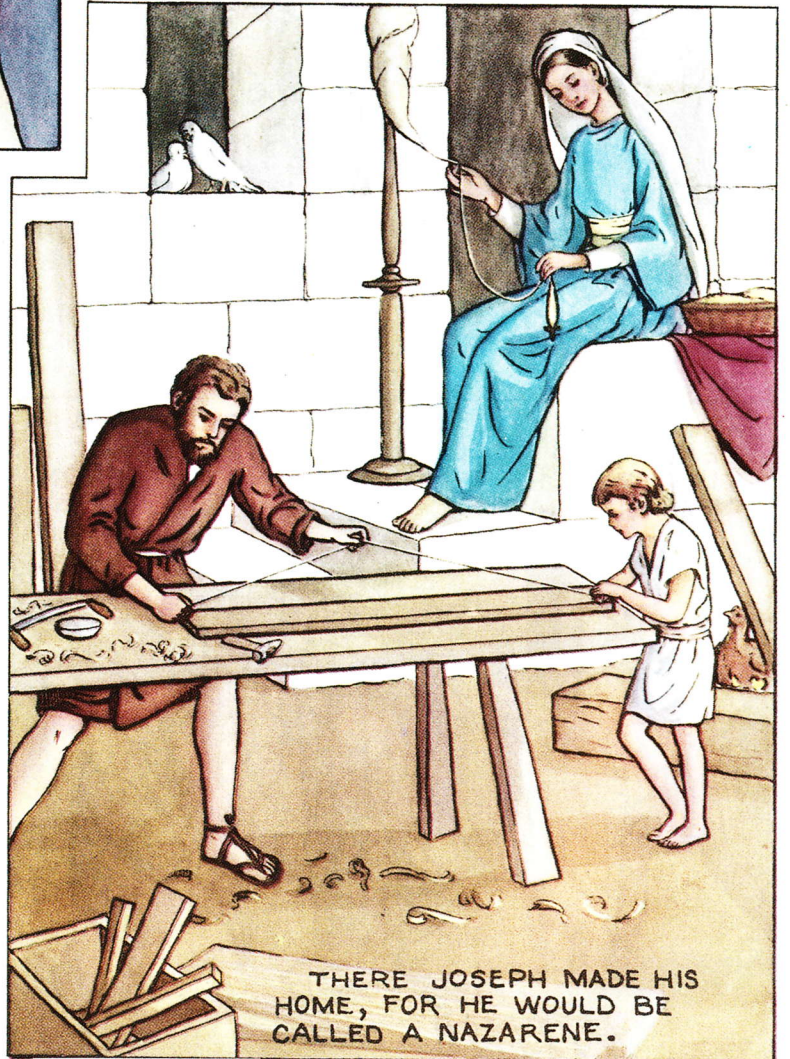
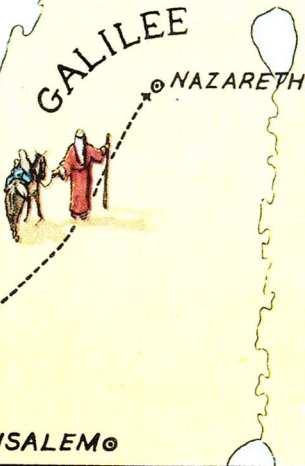


THEN HE WAS AFRAID TO GO TO JUDEA.

JOSEPH WAS WARNED IN A DREAM, AND THEY WENT BACK TO GALILEE TO THEIR OWN TOWN OF NAZARETH.

GALILEE
NAZARETH

JERUSALEM



THERE JOSEPH MADE HIS HOME, FOR HE WOULD BE CALLED A NAZARENE.

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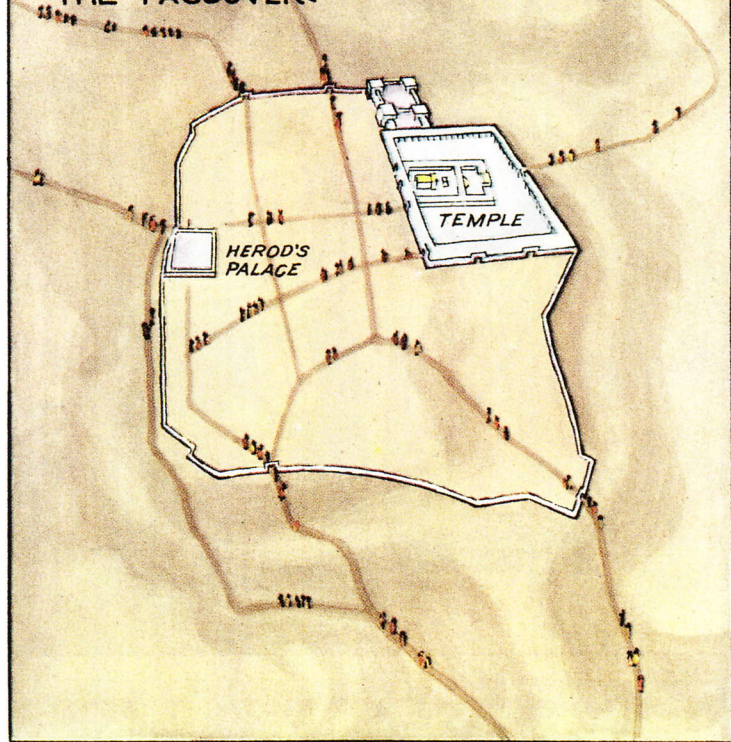
JESUS at TWELVE

LUKE 2:40-52

THE LITTLE CHILD GREW. HE BECAME STRONG AND WISE. THE LOVE OF GOD WAS WITH HIM.



EVERY YEAR HIS PARENTS WOULD GO UP TO JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE THE PASSOVER.



WHEN HE WAS 12 YEARS OLD, THEY WENT UP AS THEY USED TO DO...



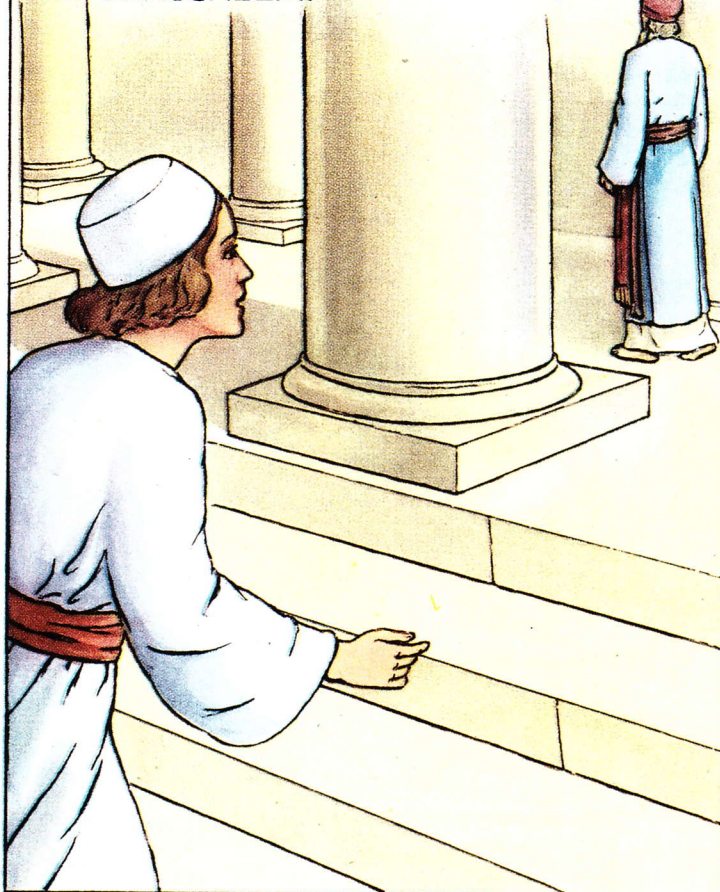
FOR THE FESTIVAL.



WHEN THE DAYS HAD PASSED
AND THEY WERE COMING BACK...



THE BOY JESUS STAYED BEHIND
IN JERUSALEM.



HIS PARENTS DID NOT KNOW IT, BUT
THEY THOUGHT HE WAS WITH THEIR
FELLOW TRAVELERS. THEY BEGAN
TO LOOK FOR HIM AMONG THEIR
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.



WHEN THEY DID NOT FIND HIM, THEY
WENT BACK TO JERUSALEM, SEARCHING
FOR HIM.



AFTER THREE DAYS THEY FOUND HIM IN THE TEMPLE, SITTING AMONG THE TEACHERS, LISTENING TO THEM AND ASKING THEM QUESTIONS.

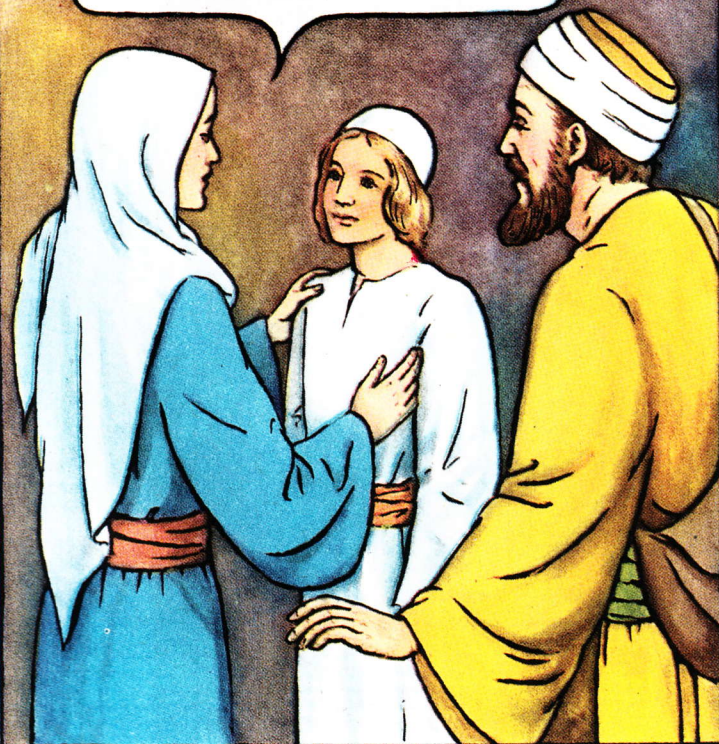


ALL WHO HEARD HIM WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS UNDERSTANDING AND HIS ANSWERS.



WHEN HIS PARENTS SAW HIM, THEY WERE AMAZED.

CHILD, WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO US? HERE YOUR FATHER AND I WERE ANXIOUSLY SEARCHING FOR YOU.

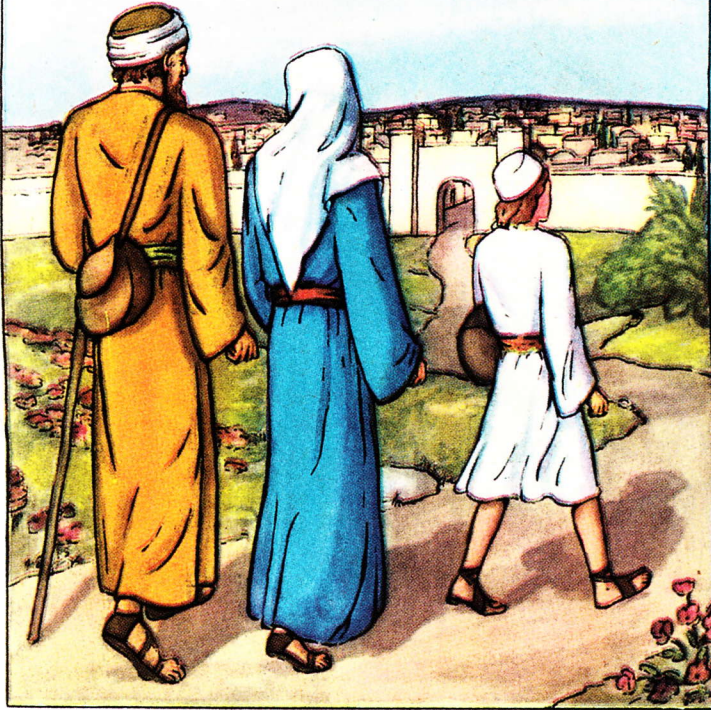


WHY DID YOU LOOK FOR ME? DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS?

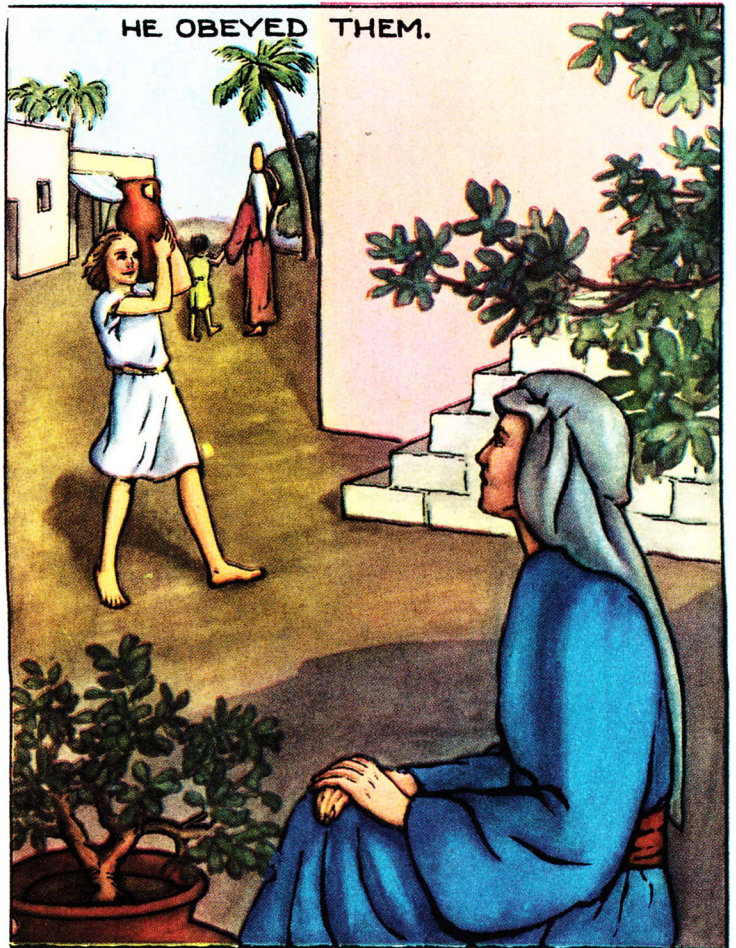


BUT THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HE TOLD THEM.

THEN HE WENT DOWN WITH THEM
AND CAME TO NAZARETH.



HE OBEYED THEM.



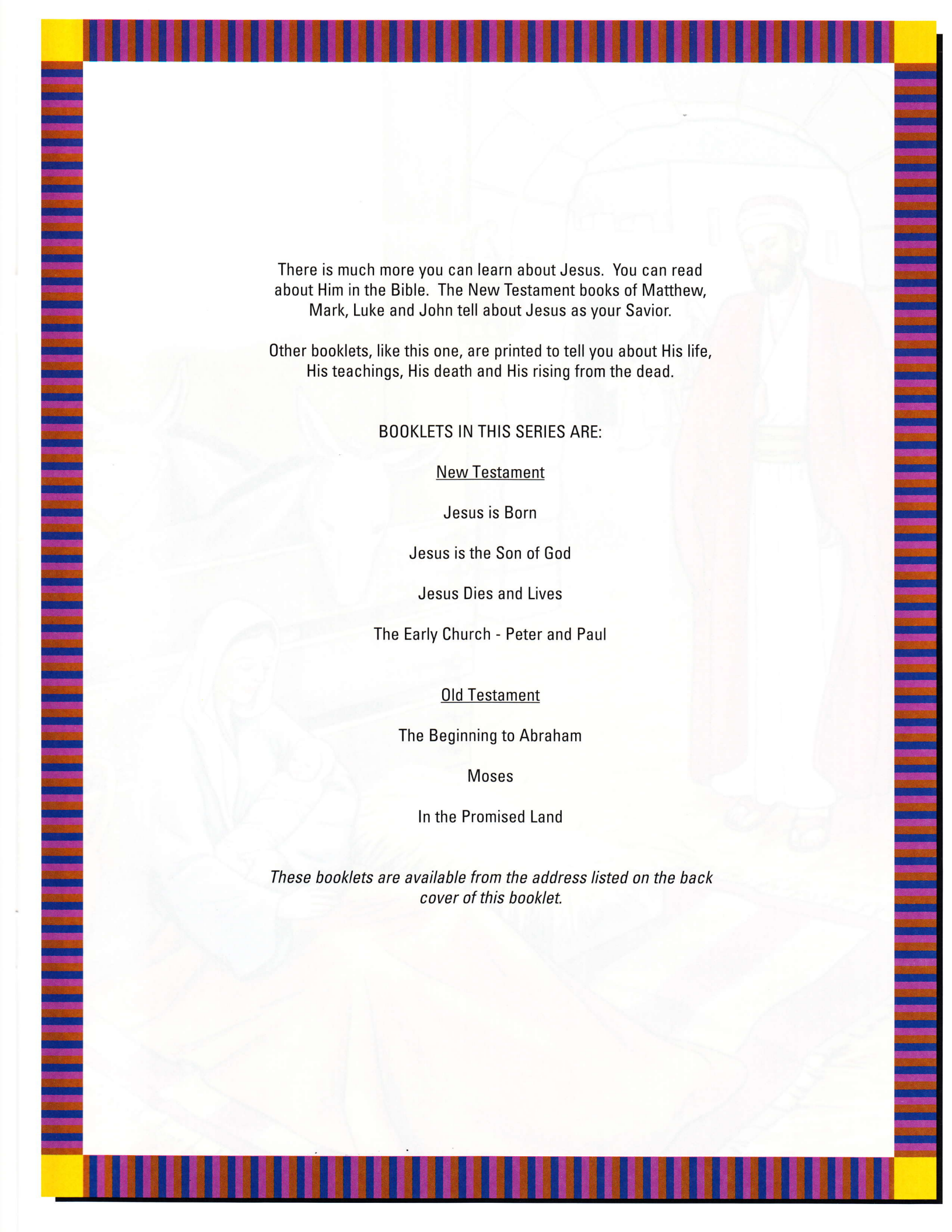
HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE
THINGS IN HER HEART . . .



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AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MEN.



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