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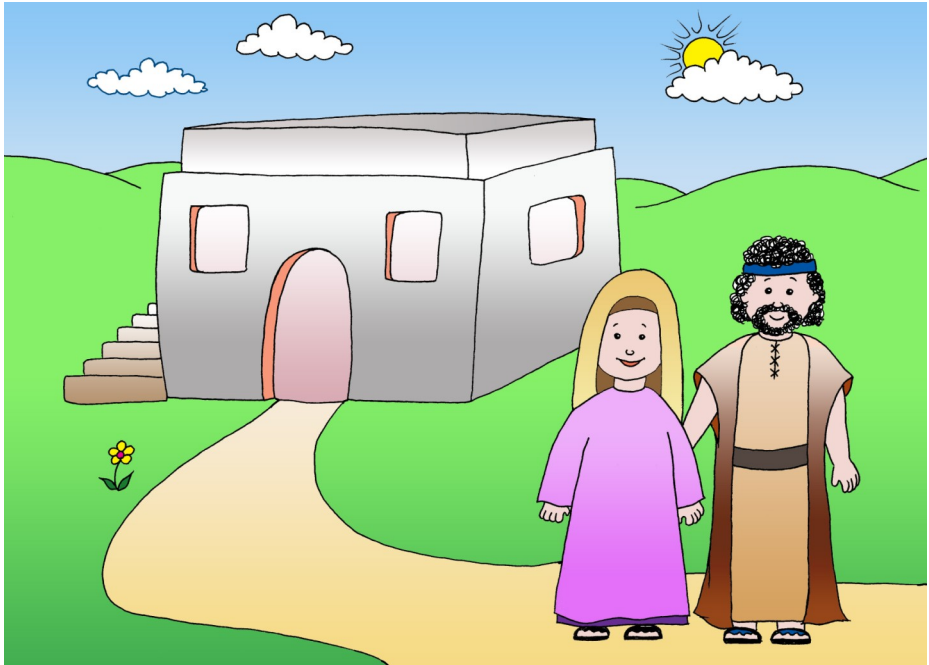
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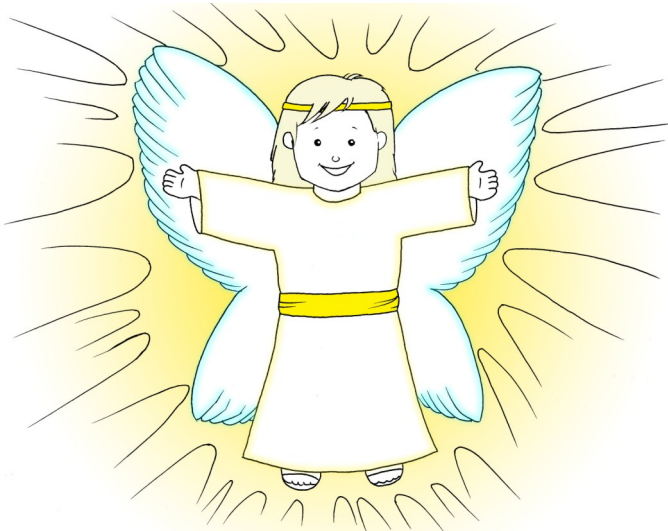
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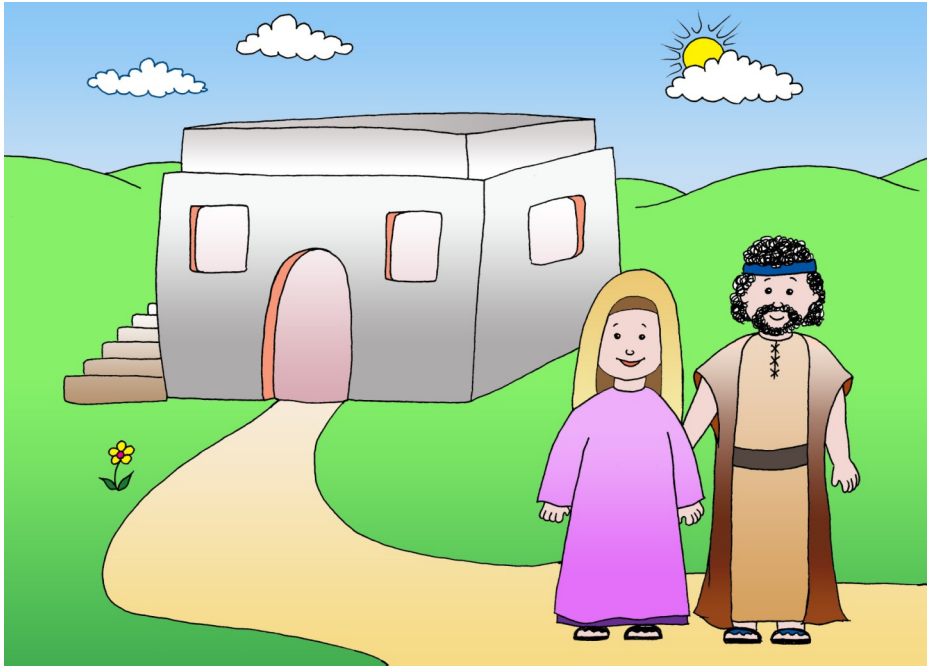
88.) Mary and the Angel

A young lady named Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of a very special child—someone who would come to Earth and show people God's love.



An important messenger was sent from God to tell Mary about the baby God was giving her.

The Archangel Gabriel told Mary that all things were possible with God, and that the baby she would have was to be called Jesus. He was God's Son. Mary believed what Gabriel told her, and said "Yes" to God's plan for her life.



Joseph, who was a carpenter, loved Mary and wanted to marry her. They lived in a place called Nazareth. Mary and Joseph would take good care of God's Son Jesus, while He was growing up on Earth.

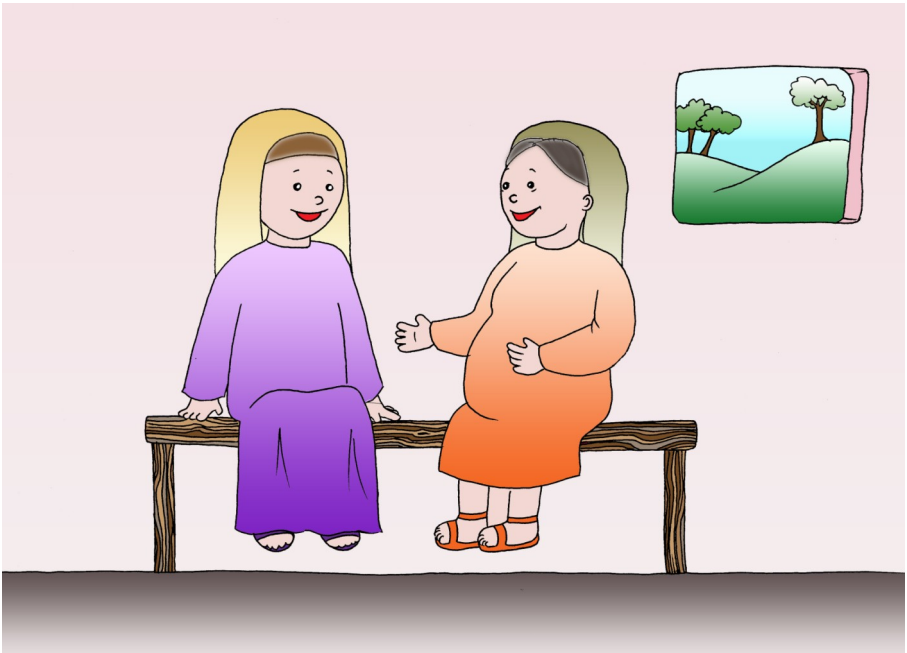


89.) Baby John

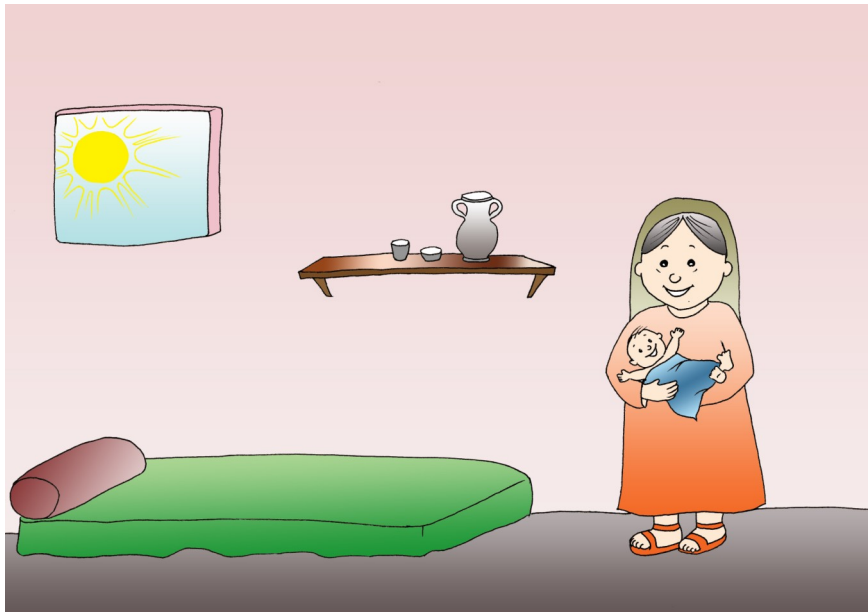
The Archangel Gabriel appeared to a priest called Zacharias when he was praying, and told him that he and his wife Elizabeth would finally have a baby, and he would be named John.



They were both very old and had no children. Even though they were elderly, God would do the miracle of giving them a baby. Zacharias was very surprised to see the angel, and amazed to hear the message from him.



Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When Elizabeth's baby heard Mary saying hello, he jumped and wiggled around inside his mother. The baby was so excited to hear the voice of the mother of God's Son.



Soon Zacharias and Elizabeth's baby was born, and they called him John, just as the angel had said. When John grew up, his job would be to tell people about Jesus, God's Son. He would tell the people to prepare for the wonderful event of Jesus' arrival.



90.) A Dream and a Trip

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. He explained that the new baby Mary had inside of her was God's Son, Jesus. He told Joseph to take good care of Mary and the baby.

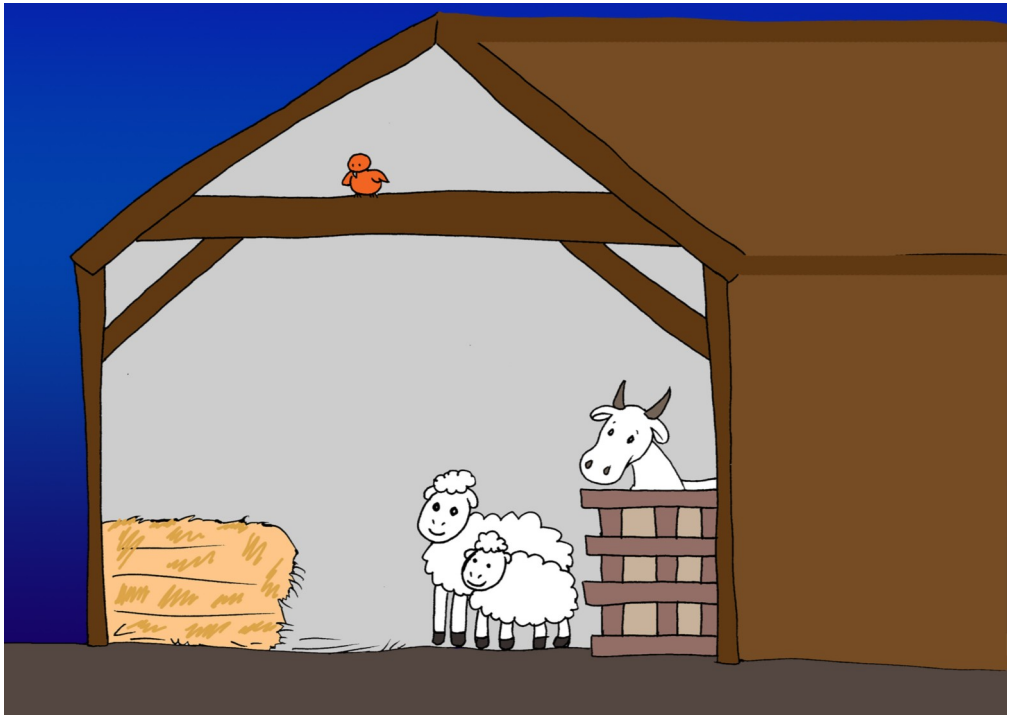


Around the time when Baby Jesus would be born, a law was made that everyone was to return to their home town to pay taxes and be counted.

The Ruler wanted to know how many people lived in the country. So Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem.

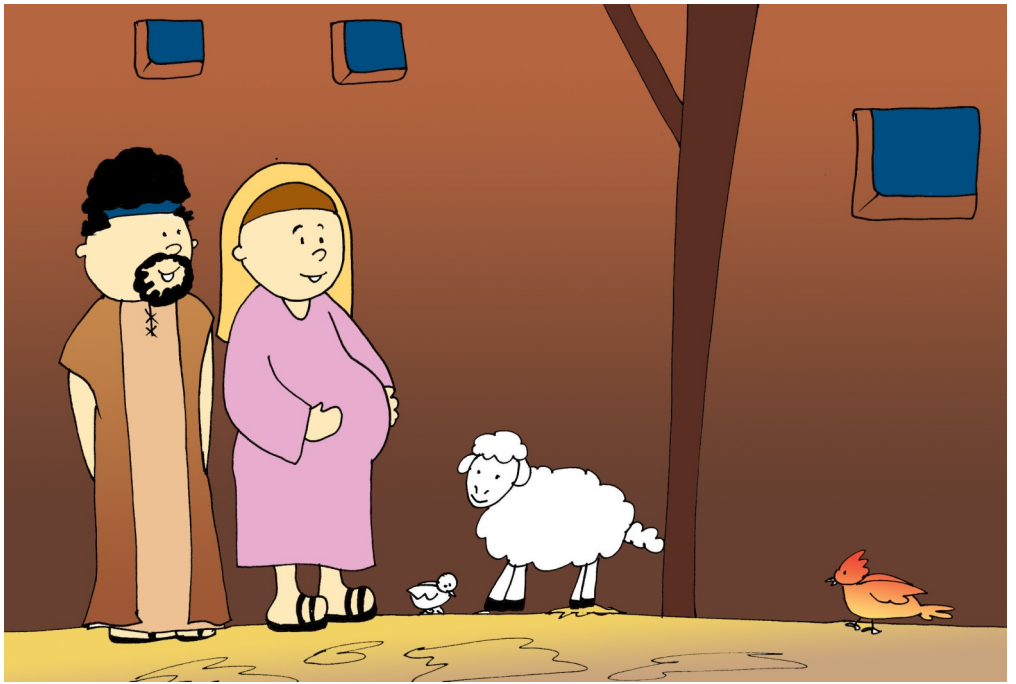


When they arrived in Bethlehem they tried to find a place to sleep, but all the rooms at the inn were full. The only place for them to stay was in a stable—the place where animals were kept at night.



91.) Jesus Is Born

Joseph and Mary were glad to at least have somewhere to be, and it was just what God had planned—a humble place for His Son to be born.



Even though Baby Jesus wasn't going to be born in a fancy palace, God was taking good care of His Son and watching over this humble family that loved and obeyed Him.



Jesus was born in the stable, and Joseph did his best to help Mary and the new baby feel comfortable. He took good care of them, and made a little bed of straw in the manger for Baby Jesus to rest in.



Jesus was God's Christmas gift to everyone—a baby who would grow up to be an example of God's love to everyone. The night Baby Jesus was born was the very first Christmas ever!



92.) Shepherds and Angels

The angels from Heaven had planned a show and a song, to announce the great news that Jesus had been born. Some shepherds on a hillside near the town of Bethlehem had a great surprise!



An angel of the Lord appeared to them and told them the great news—that God's Son had been born in a stable, and was sleeping in a manger.



Then many angels also appeared and sang, "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on Earth to men of good will!" The shepherds were so happy to hear the good news, and when the angels disappeared, they went to find Baby Jesus.



They knelt down by Baby Jesus, giving Him respect and honour, and praised God for sending His Son to the world. Then the shepherds told people all around that Jesus had been born! Everyone was amazed to hear about it.



93.) A Star and Gifts

Far away, there were wise kings who were studying the stars. One day, they noticed a special star that meant that a new king—a special king—had been born.



These kings wanted to show their respect to the best King of all, and chose the best gifts they could find. They packed up and left everything else behind to go on a long journey to find the Baby King Jesus.



They were determined to find where Jesus was, and so on and on they travelled to find Him. The special star in the sky led them to the right place. The star appeared above the place where Mary and Joseph and young Jesus were living.



The kings rejoiced to see it! They had at last found Jesus. The wise kings entered the house and knelt down to honour God's Son.

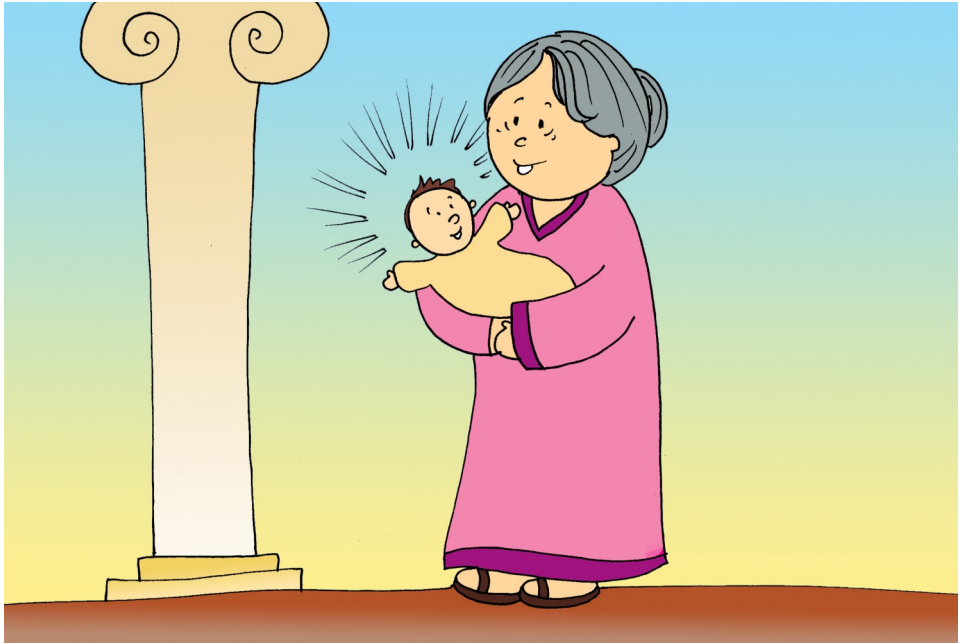


They presented Him with the gifts they had brought: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



94.) Simeon and Anna

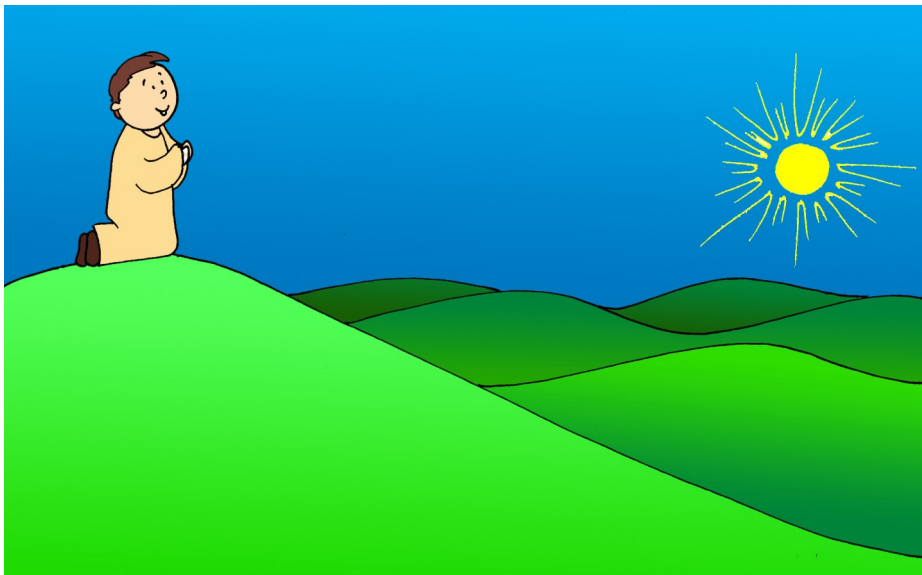
Have you ever had to wait for something that you wanted? There was a man called Simeon who had been waiting for a long time for Baby Jesus to come to Earth. One day at the temple, when Mary and Joseph were visiting and holding Baby Jesus, Simeon finally got to see Him! Simeon was so glad!



God's gift of love had at last been sent to the world. There was also a woman called Anna who loved and served God every day. She prayed, and listened to Him. On that same day, God let her see Baby Jesus also.

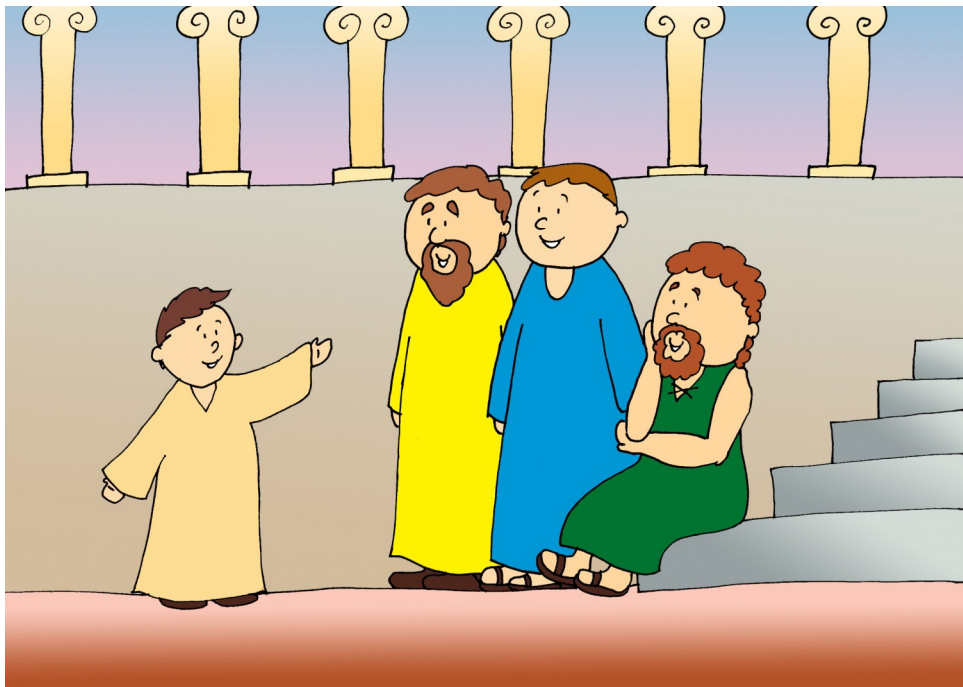


It was a very special time for both of these faithful people. They had waited so long for Jesus to bring God's love to Earth, and at last He had come.



95.) Travel and Temple Talk

Joseph worked hard as a carpenter and took good care of Mary and Baby Jesus. Jesus learned many things while He grew up. Jesus would have a big job to do when He was grown. He prepared for it by helping His family, obeying His parents, being patient, and talking with His Father in Heaven.



One time, when Jesus was twelve years old, His family took a trip to Jerusalem. The men in the temple were amazed at the wisdom that Jesus had, and the words He spoke. Jesus stayed at the temple for three days, talking and listening.



At first His parents didn't know where He was, but then at last they found Him there in the temple. Jesus went home with His family and would wait until He was much older to begin His job of teaching, preaching, and healing.



96.) John and Jesus

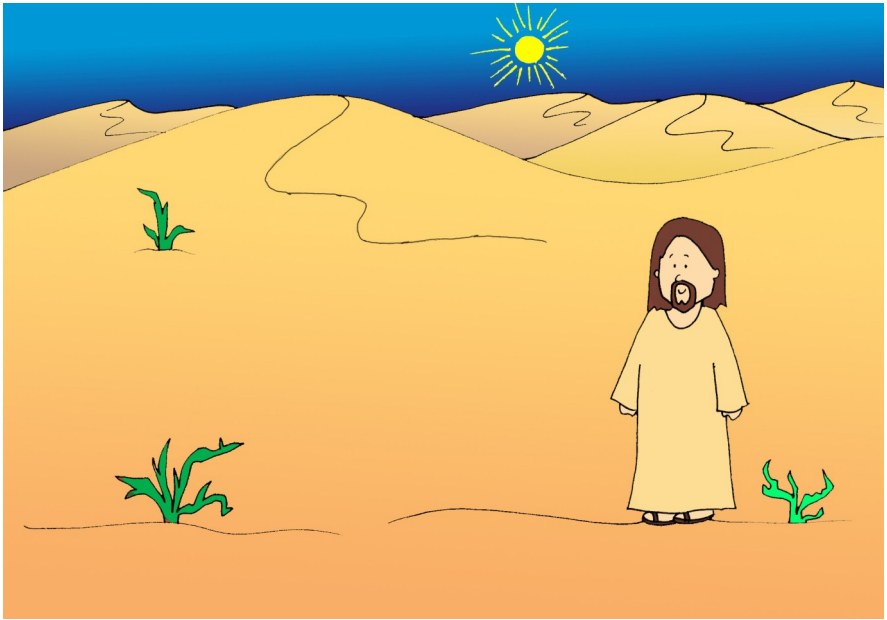
When John the Baptist was ready to start his job for God, he went to live in the wilderness near the Jordan River. He told everyone that it was time to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



He talked with them about the right way they should be living and the kind way they should be acting. He baptised people in the river. And when Jesus came to the river He asked John to baptise Him as well.



Then God sent His Holy Spirit to help Jesus with His mission of telling people God's Words, and healing many. He sent a dove to show them that the Holy Spirit was there, and spoke in a loud voice and said, "This is My Son!"



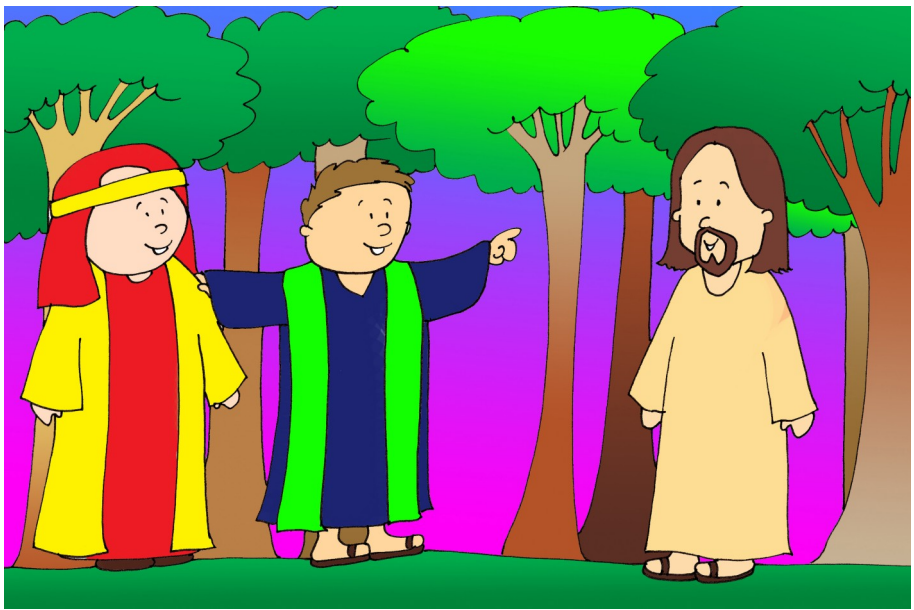
Jesus then went into the wilderness for awhile, for extra prayer time in order to get ready for His big job ahead. He listened to His Heavenly Father, and chose to obey and do what He needed to. Afterwards, angels came to encourage Jesus there.



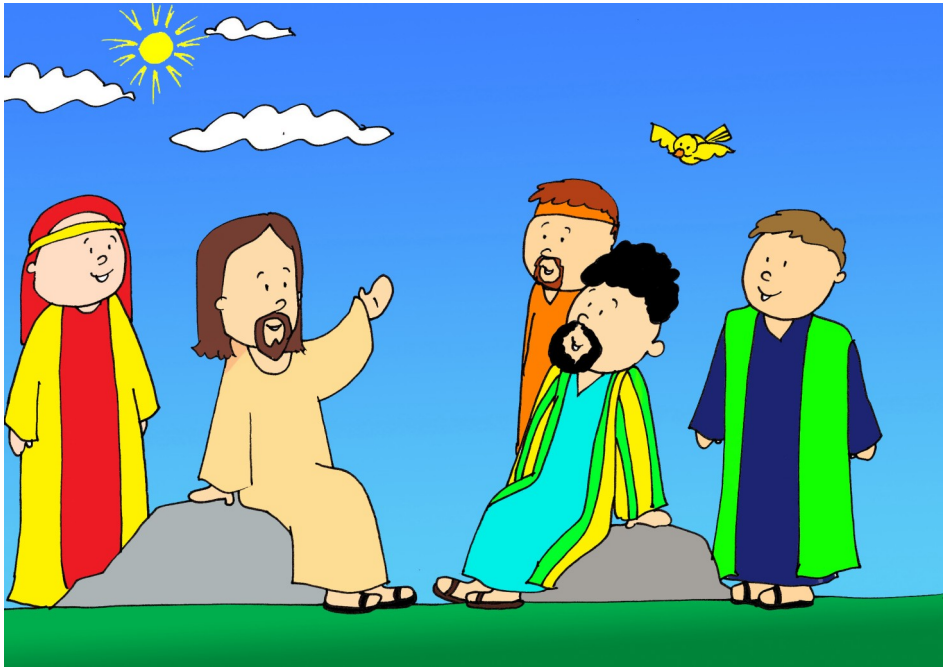
97.) First Followers

When John the Baptist told Andrew and John that Jesus was the Saviour, they wanted to talk with Jesus and become His followers.

Andrew told his brother Simon that Jesus was the one they had been waiting for, the one God had sent to Earth. They were so excited!



When Jesus talked with Simon, He gave him a new name—Peter. Simon Peter believed and followed Jesus too. Next, a man called Philip met Jesus and wanted to be His follower too. He ran to tell his friend Nathanael about Jesus and when Nathanael met Jesus, he also believed.

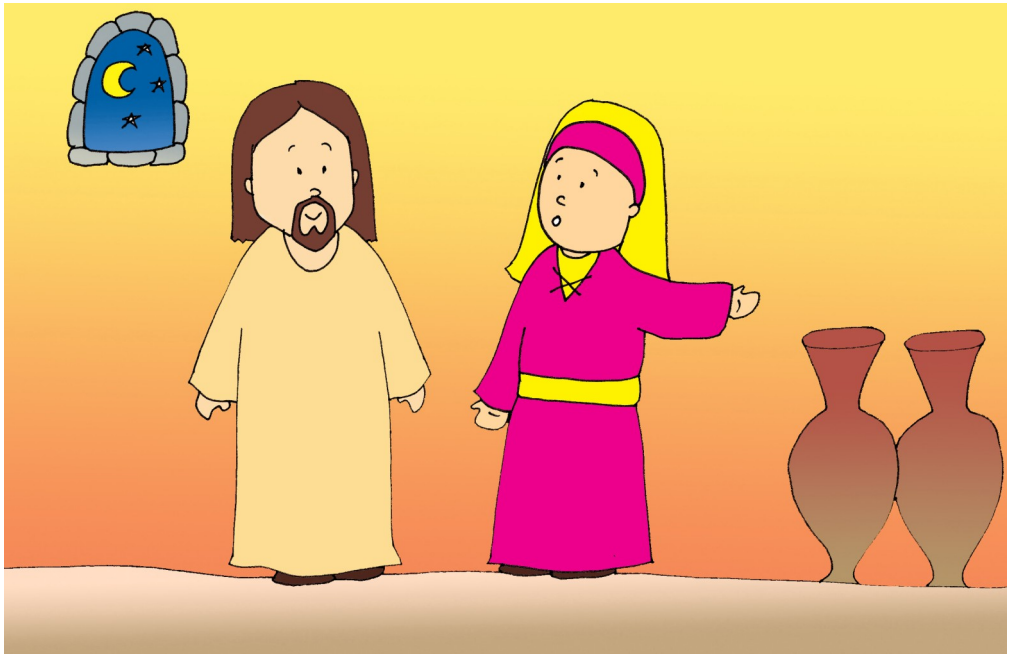


These men were very happy that Jesus was there. They wanted to know all about God, follow Jesus, and hear His Words. These were some of Jesus' first disciples and followers.



98.) The Wedding Surprise

Jesus and His disciples, as well as His mother Mary, were invited to a wedding. At the party, wine was served as part of the treats for the adults.



Jesus' mother Mary noticed that all the wine was finished and that the guests needed some more to drink at the wedding. So Mary asked Jesus to help, and told the servants to obey whatever Jesus told them to do.



There were six big empty jars that Jesus told the servants to fill with water. Then He said to scoop some out and serve it to the man in charge of the party. When he did, by a miracle, the water had turned into wine! What a fun surprise!

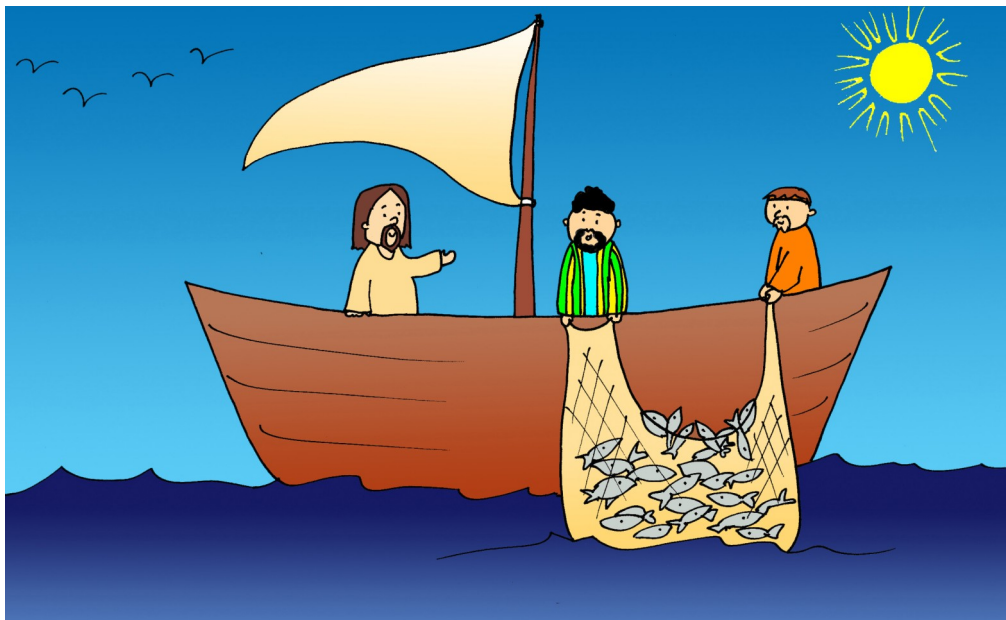


Jesus did this special miracle with the power of God. It was the best-tasting wine they ever had! It showed God's love, and made people happy. Jesus really likes us to be happy, and He can give us whatever we need and even what we want, if we ask Him.



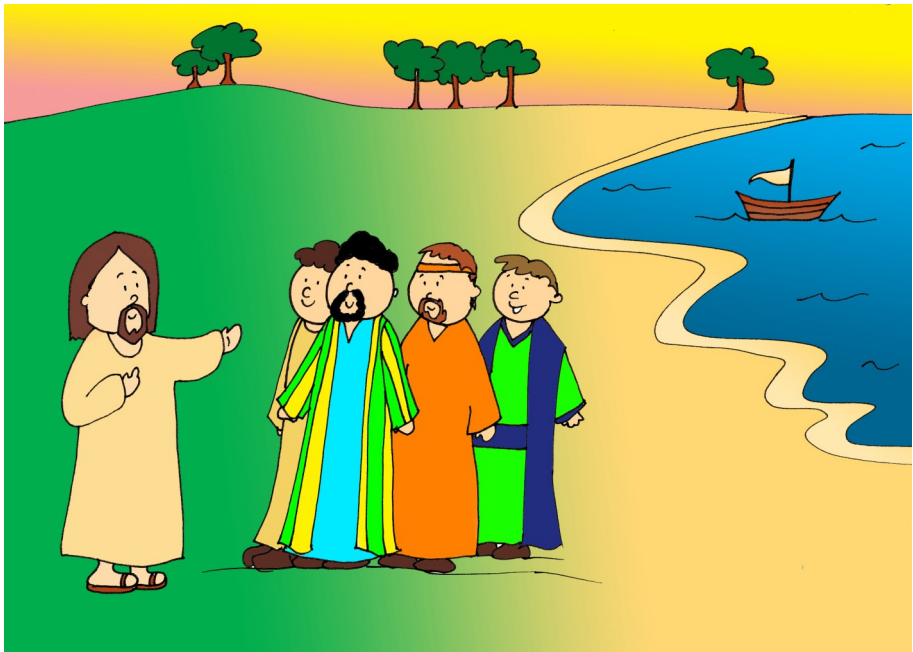
99.) Fishermen

Jesus asked Simon Peter if He could use his boat for a while, so He could sit in it and talk to the people who were on the shore. Afterwards, Jesus asked if the fishermen had caught any fish that night. They hadn't.

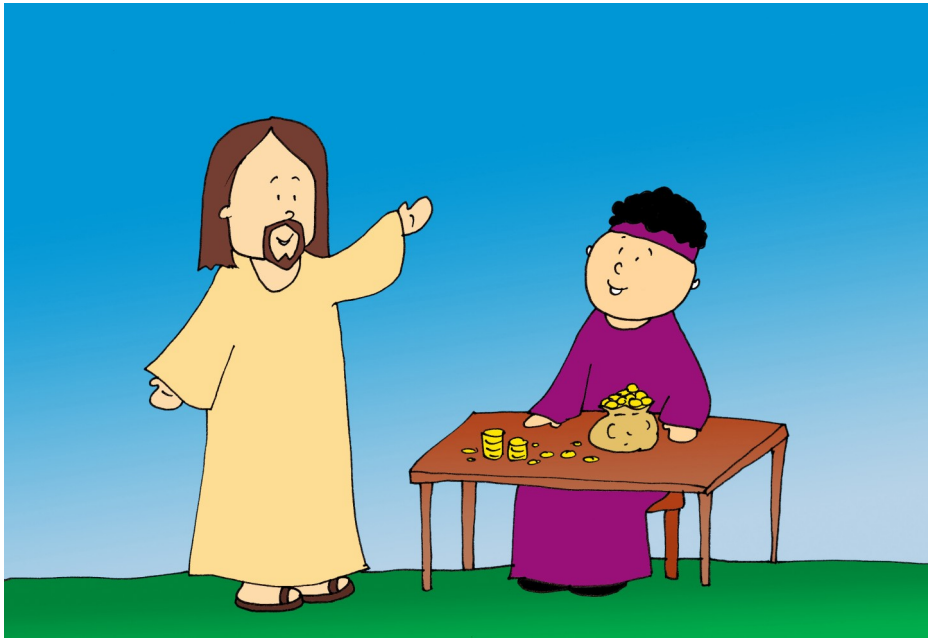


Jesus told them to take the boat out again to catch some fish. They obeyed, and lowered a net. Then all of a sudden the net was very full of fish!

Those in the boat had to call for their friends in another boat to come and help them bring the fish in!



Then Jesus called the fishermen to come and follow Him. Jesus had a new job for them to do. Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, James and his brother John, were the fishermen that chose to follow Jesus and be His disciples.



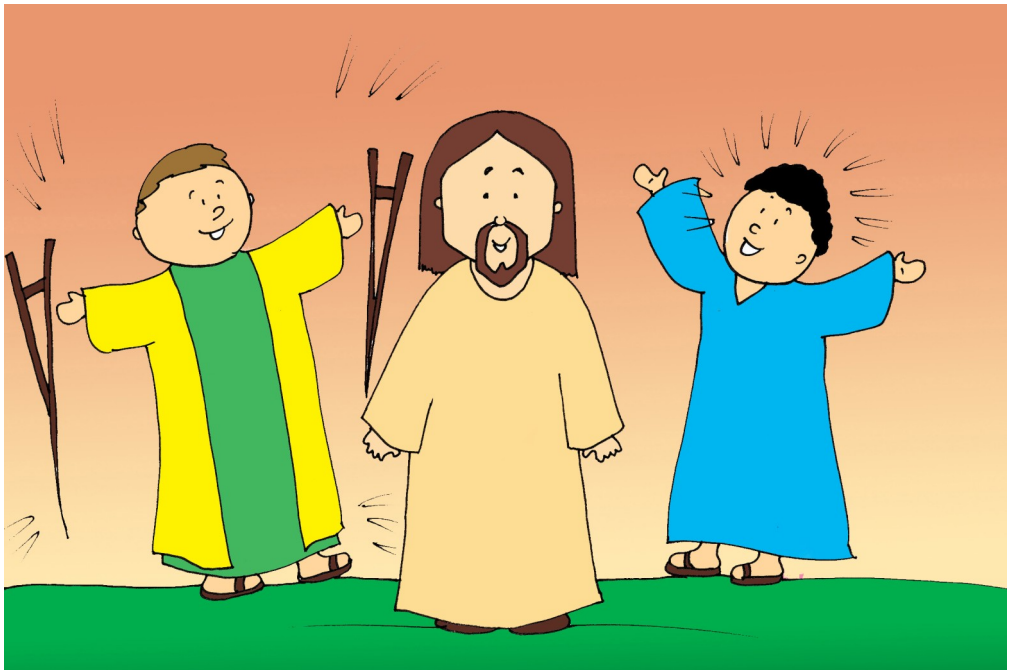
Later they met a man named Matthew, whose job was to collect money for the government.

Jesus also called Matthew to come and follow Him. Matthew was so glad to be a disciple of Jesus instead of just collecting money.

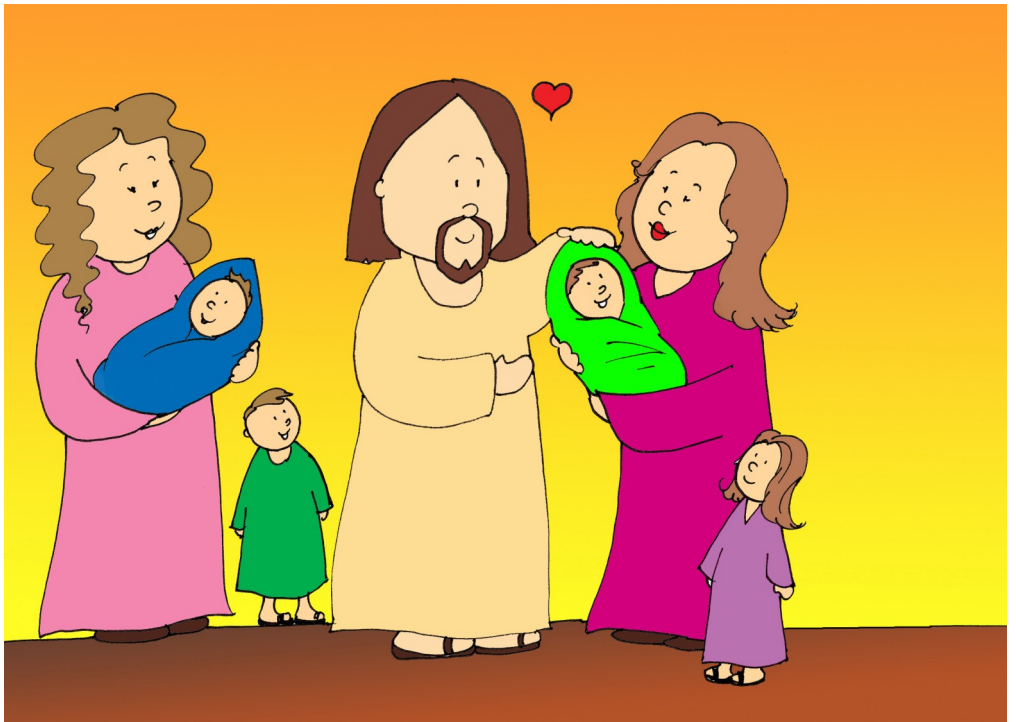


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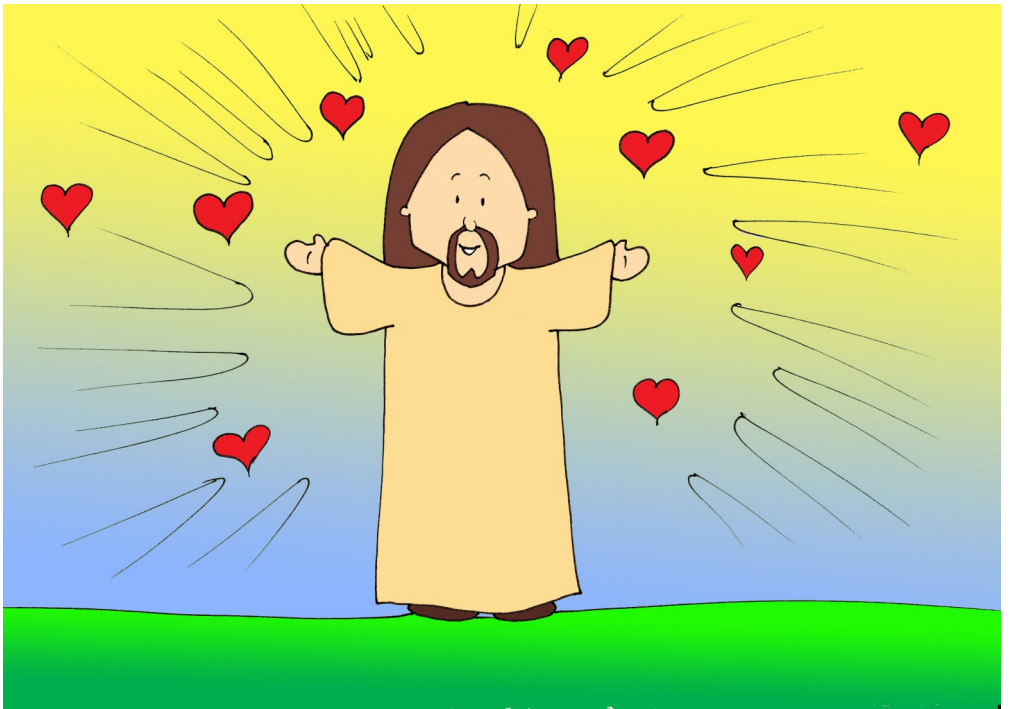
Jesus went all over the countryside and into villages telling and teaching people about God's love, and sharing the words and messages He came to bring them from Heaven.



People were healed from of all kinds of sicknesses and diseases. Lame people were healed and could walk. He made blind people able to see. Many people travelled long distances just to see Jesus and to receive healing from Him.



People brought their loved ones and children to Jesus, and He healed them and helped them all. Jesus told people the truth and preached to many crowds.



Jesus loved them all, no matter who they were or what mistakes they had made. He came to Earth to give forgiveness to those who loved and believed in Him, and to show God's love to all.

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