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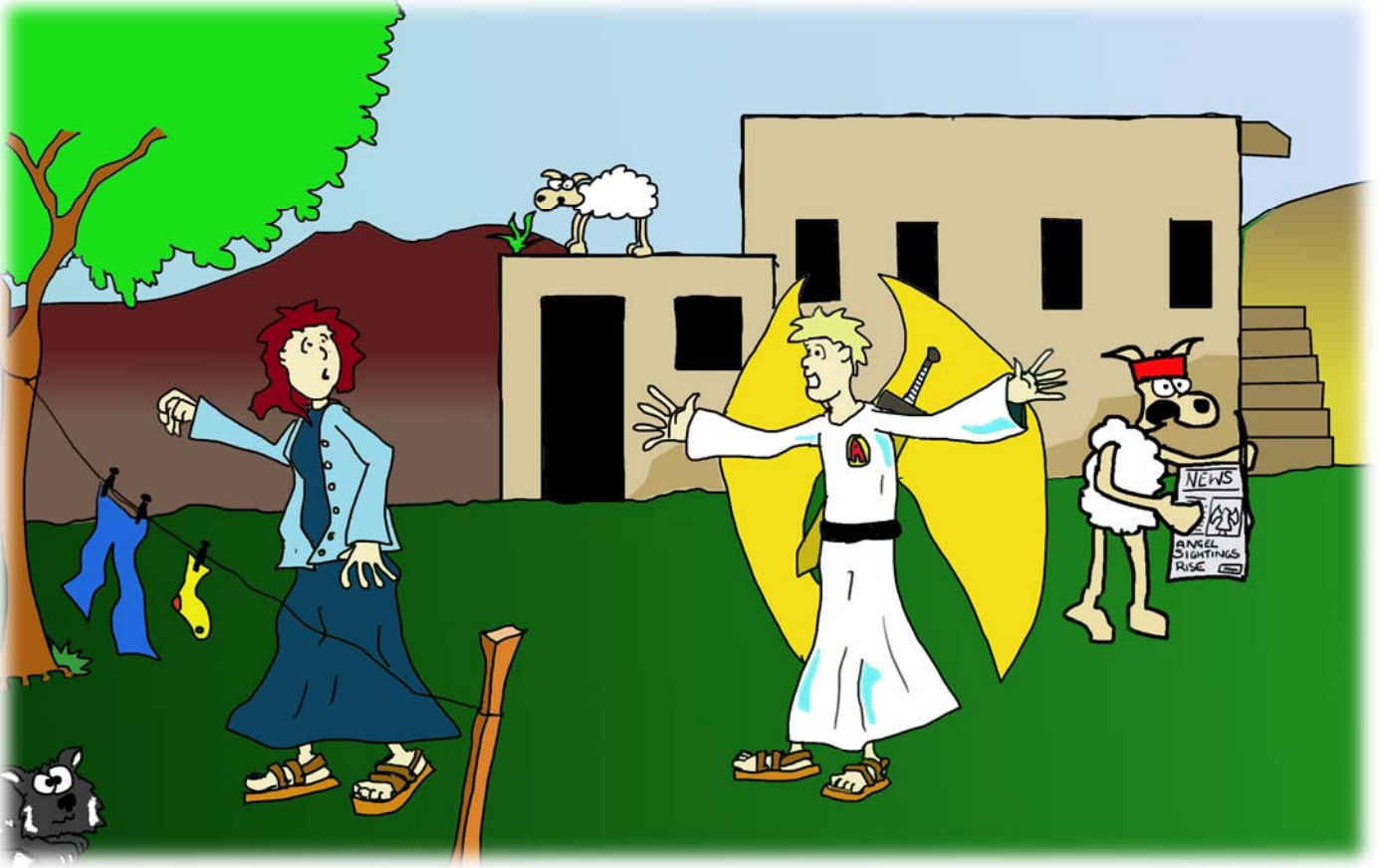
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In the town of Nazareth, a young woman named Mary was engaged to a man named Joseph.

Suddenly, Mary's life was turned upside down!

An angel came to Mary from God and said: "Mary, do not be afraid! You have been chosen by God, to give birth to a son. His name will be Jesus."



"I am not married! That can't be right?" Mary questioned.

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and this baby will be God's own Son. Nothing is impossible for God," the angel said.

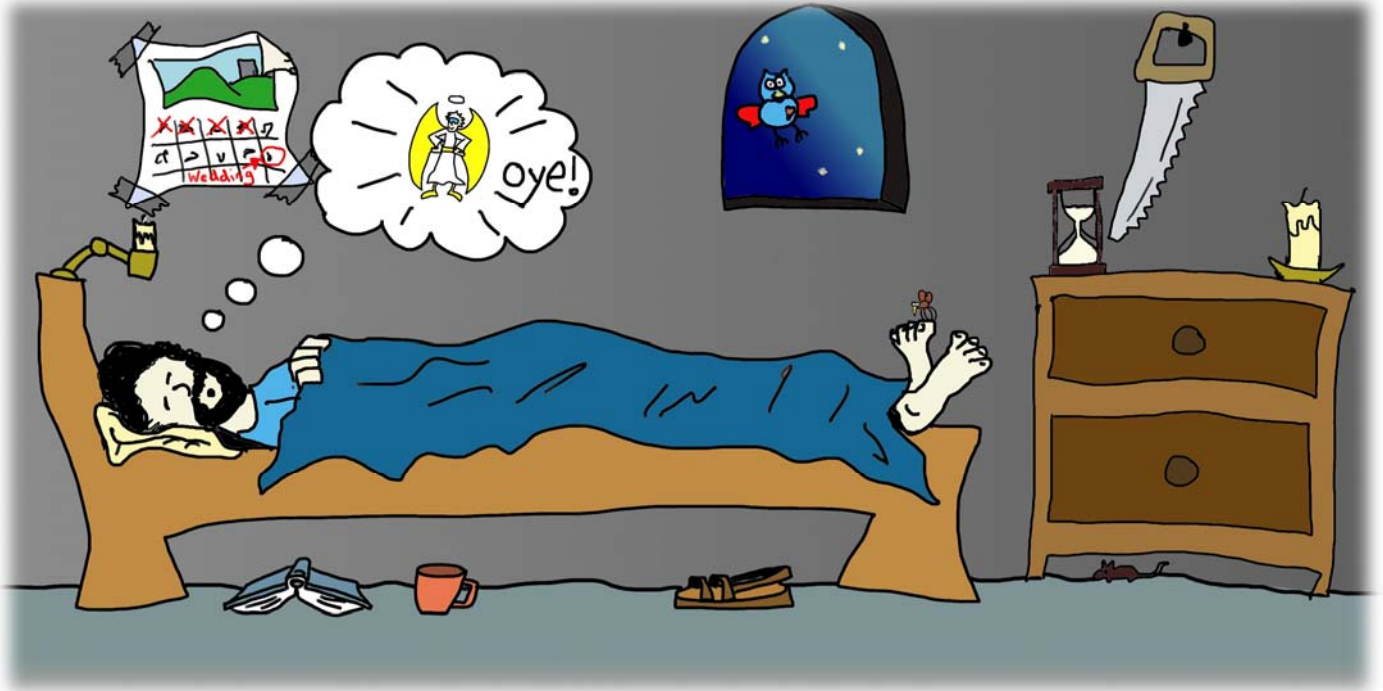


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Luke 1:26-38

When Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant, he planned to break off their engagement quietly. However God sent an angel to him in a dream.

“Joseph, do not be afraid to get married,” the angel said. “Mary is pregnant because the Holy Spirit has come on her. She will have a baby boy. Call him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”



Meanwhile, Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the entire Roman Empire.



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Matt 1:18-20 & Luke 2:1-2



The officials were given their orders and went out immediately to do as Caesar commanded.

This meant that everyone had to travel to their hometown to be counted.

As descendants of King David, Joseph and Mary travelled to Bethlehem, even though Mary was pregnant.



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Luke 2:3-5



Bethlehem was full!

There was no room anywhere.

The best the inn keeper could offer was his stable.

While they were in Bethlehem, it was time for Mary to have the baby.

She gave birth to a son. She wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in the manger.



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Luke 2:6-7



That same night, as some shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep, an angel suddenly appeared to them.

They were terrified!

“Don’t be afraid”, the angel said, “I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. Right now, a Saviour has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord. You will find him wrapped in a strips of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly, a huge crowd of angels appeared singing, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours.”



The Shepherds looked at each other and said, “What are we waiting for? Let’s go and see what the Lord has revealed to us.”

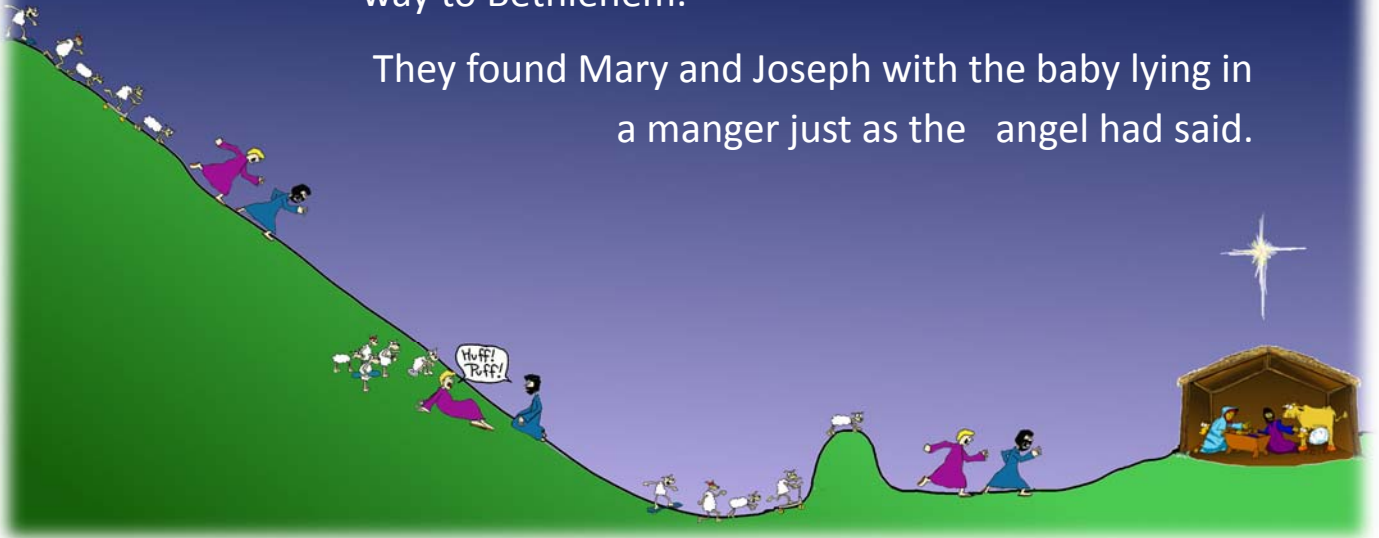


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Luke 2:8-15

They ran and ran and ran all the way to Bethlehem.

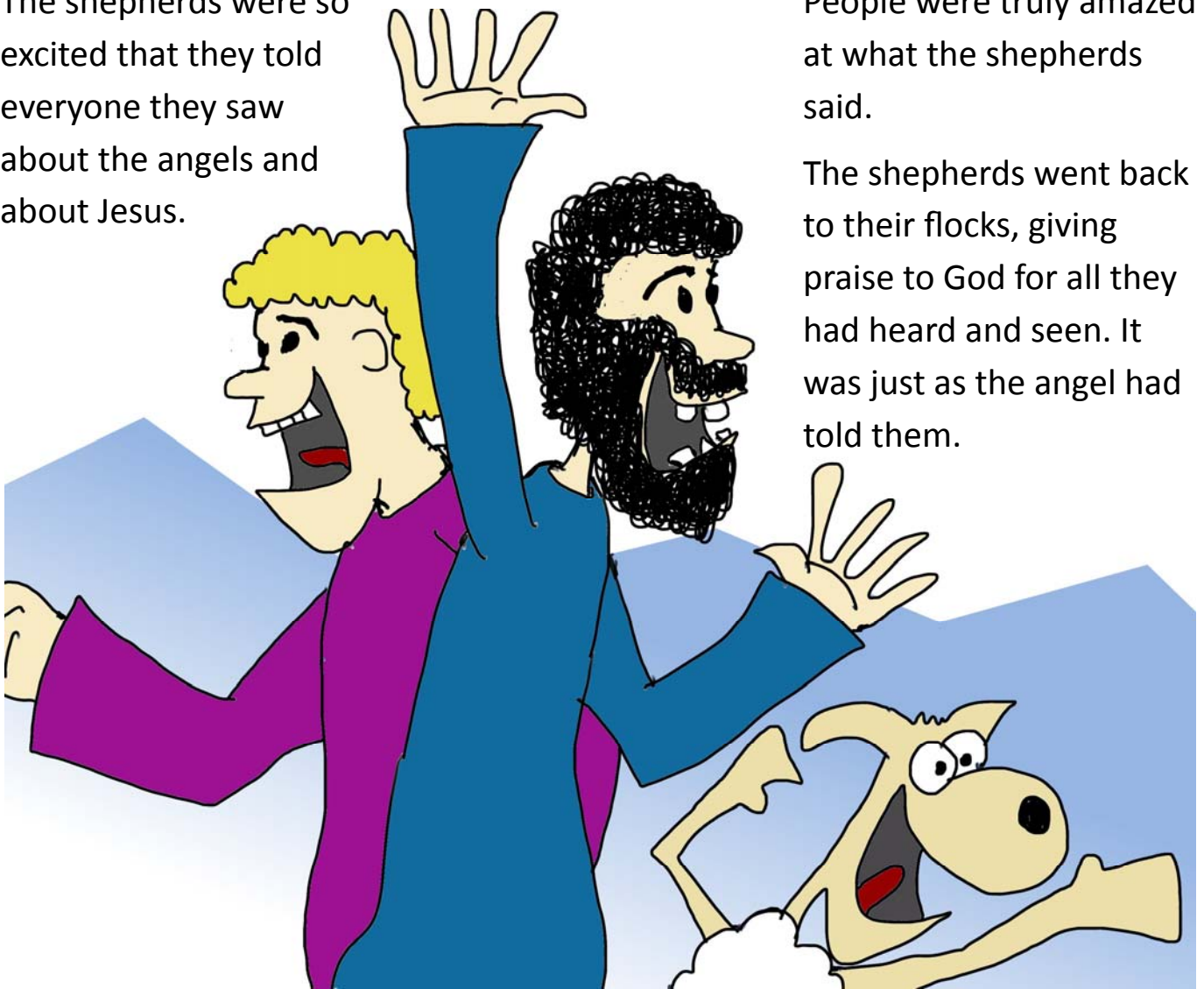
They found Mary and Joseph with the baby lying in a manger just as the angel had said.



The shepherds were so excited that they told everyone they saw about the angels and about Jesus.

People were truly amazed at what the shepherds said.

The shepherds went back to their flocks, giving praise to God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.



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Luke 2:16-20

# The Birth of Jesus in the bible

The following chapters and verses are where the amazing story of Jesus' birth takes place. You can read the story, as presented in this book, in the following passages in the bible.

## Luke 1:26-38

- God sends an angel to tell Mary she will have a baby.

## Matthew 1:18-20

- God sends an angel to Joseph to confirm that his was indeed God's Son.

## Luke 2:1-20

- Caesar Augustus orders a census to be taken and each person must return to their home land to be counted.
- Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem and Mary gives birth to Jesus there.
- Angels visit the shepherds to tell them of the good news and where they can find baby Jesus.



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