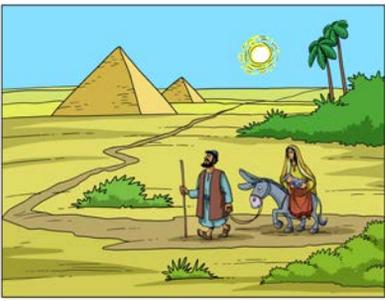


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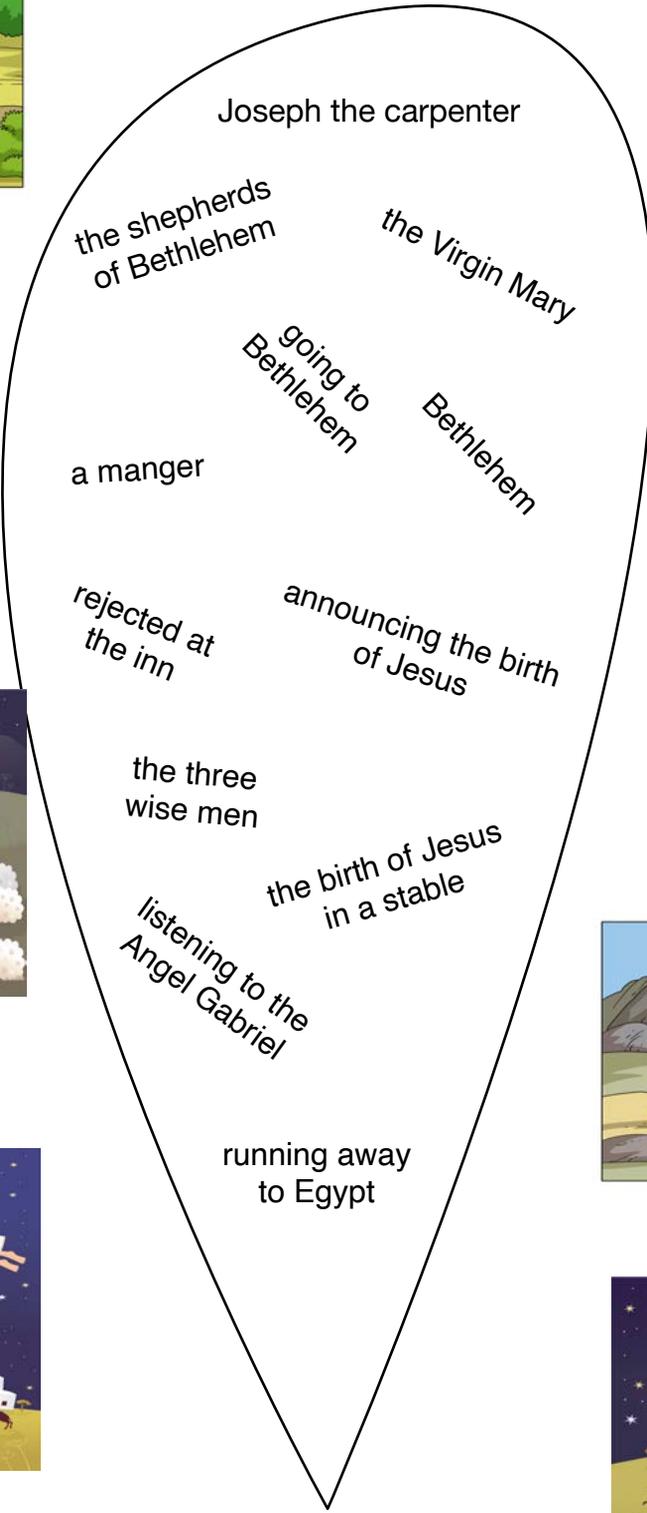
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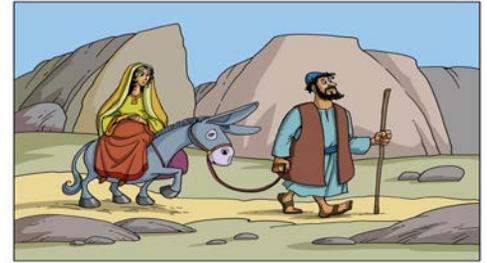
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Story of Jesus script

Mary, a young woman, was living in the village of Nazareth, and engaged to be married to Joseph, a Jewish carpenter. One day, God sent the angel Gabriel to visit Mary. The angel told Mary, that she would give birth to a child, and his name would be Jesus. Mary was a virgin, when she became pregnant.

The angel also appeared to Joseph, telling him, to take Mary as his wife. He was, to raise the boy, as his own son, and name him Jesus,

At that time, Caesar Augustus, the Roman emperor, ordered a census. Every person in the Roman world, had to return, to his or her hometown, to register. Joseph was required to go to Bethlehem to register with Mary.

When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, they went to an inn, to stay the night. Because of the census, the inn was overcrowded. Joseph and Mary were turned away from the inn, and Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable for animals . She wrapped the baby in strips of cloth, and put him in a manger, an open box, used to feed cattle.

That night, in a nearby field, an angel of the Lord, appeared to shepherds, who were tending their flocks of sheep. A bright light surrounded the angel, as it announced the birth of Jesus.

The angel told them, "Do not be afraid. I have good news, that will bring great joy to all people. Today, a Savior has been born ; he is the Messiah, the Lord" .

The shepherds, said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see the Christ-child!"

Also at this time, 3 wise men from the east, saw a great star in the sky. They followed it, and found Jesus with his mother, in Bethlehem.

The wise men bowed and worshiped him, offering treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Finally, the wise men warned, that Herod, King of Judea, wanted to kill Jesus.

So, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, fled to Egypt.