

New Testament

Preschool
through Grade 2

Take-Home Bible Stories

Easy-to-Make, Reproducible Mini-Books That Children Can Make and Keep!



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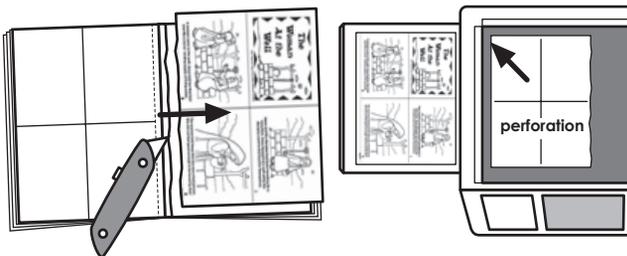
About This Book

New Testament Take-Home Bible Stories contains 62 stories for children to color and make into their very own story books! The last page of each book contains a question about the story and a Scripture reference to one of the key verses of the story. Use this reference to teach children how to locate passages in their Bibles, and then read the story to them. Reading from the Bible is an excellent way to teach the story and to enrich children's hearts and minds with the beauty and power of the Living Word. Making the take-home book is a fun and interactive way to supplement this Bible reading. (The captions in the take-home books are paraphrases rather than direct quotations from Scripture.) As you discuss the application questions, lead children to understand that the God of the Bible—the God of Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Paul—is also their God. He desires to fellowship with them, provide for them, and deliver them just as He has always done for His people. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

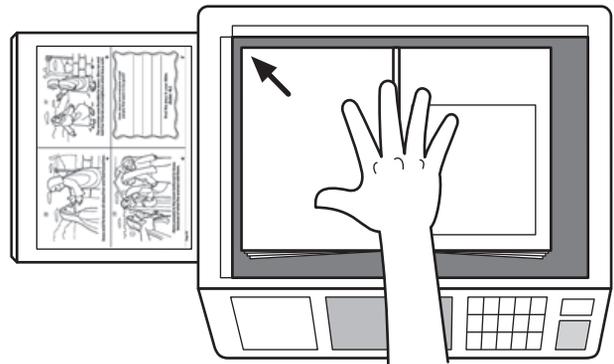
How to Make the Take-Home Books

You may choose to remove the pages (1a), or make copies directly from the book (1b).

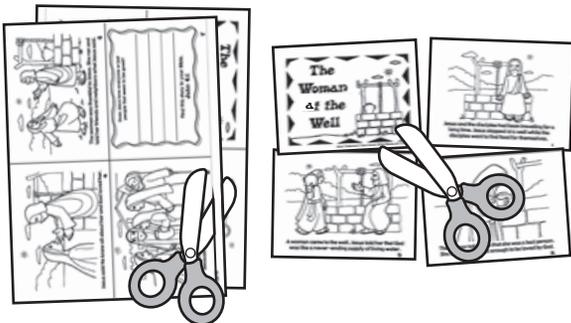
1a. To remove pages: Carefully separate the page along the perforation. To reduce the risk of tearing, score the perforation first with a craft knife or a scissors tip. Align the page with the guides on the copy machine, making sure to place the perforated side away from any edge on the machine. Make single-sided copies of the page on standard 8½" x 11" paper.



1b. To copy directly from book: Open the book and place it as flat as possible on the copy machine and make single-sided copies on standard 8½" x 11" paper.



2. Trim the edge close to where the perforation was (if following 1b). Cut apart the mini-book pages along the solid lines. Each book will have 8 pages (including the cover).



3. Put the pages in order with the cover on top. Staple the pages on the left side to make the book. (Depending on age level, it may be easier to color the illustrations before the books are assembled.)



Speechless!

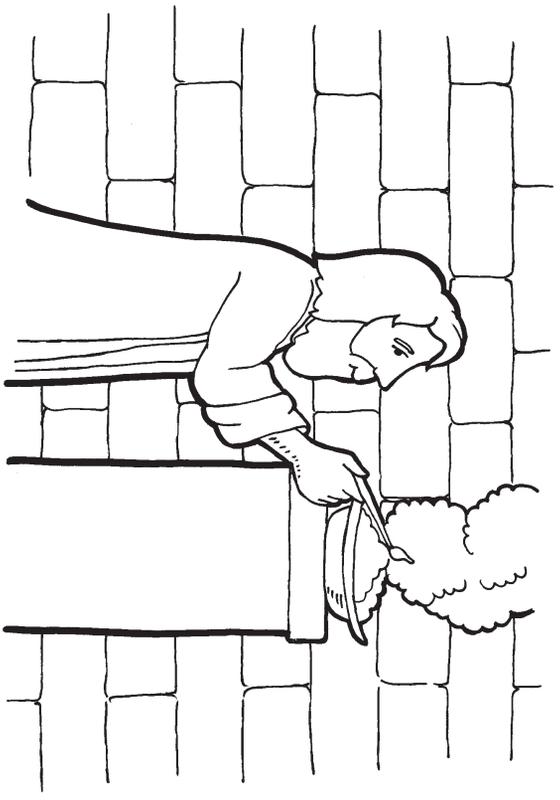


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Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth was going to have a baby named John. He would grow up and tell everyone that Jesus was coming.

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Zechariah was serving in the temple, when suddenly—the angel Gabriel appeared!

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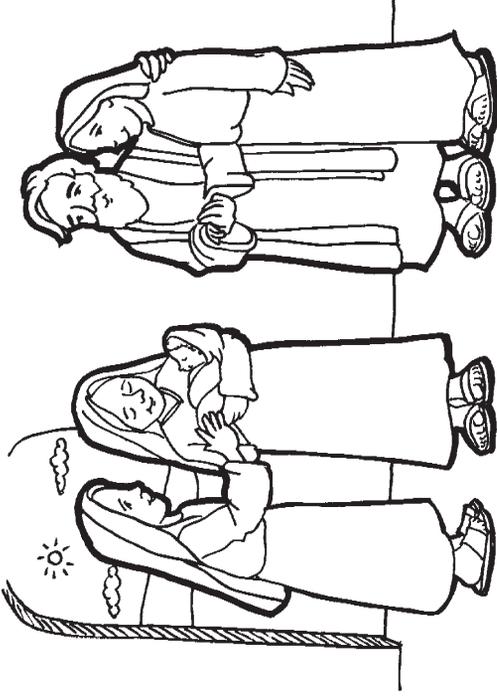
Zechariah was amazed. He asked Gabriel how he could be sure it would happen.

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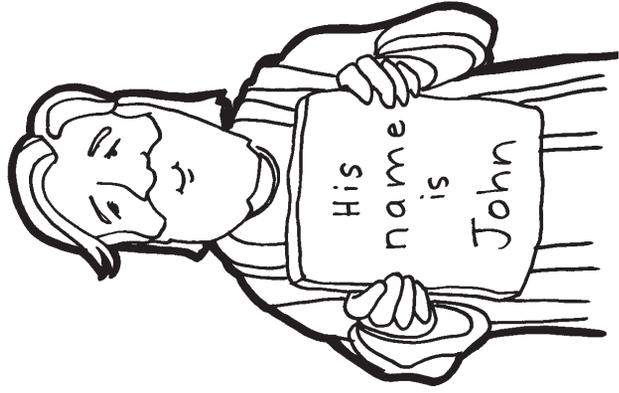
Gabriel silenced Zechariah and told him he wouldn't speak until after the baby was born. Speechless, Zechariah went home to see Elizabeth.

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Many months later everyone took turns holding Elizabeth's new baby boy. "What will you name him?" they asked.

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Zechariah wrote on a tablet, "His name is John."

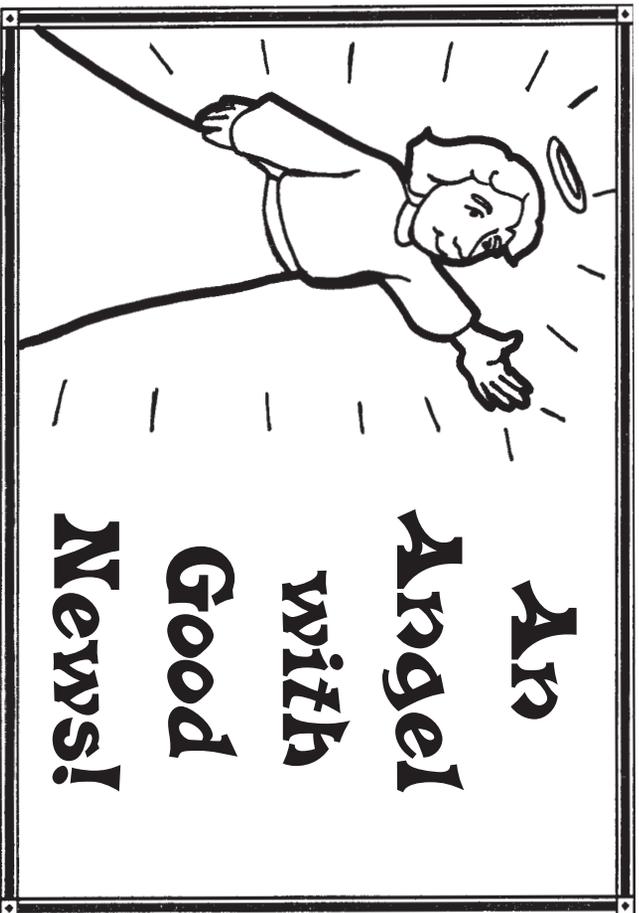
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How do you think Zechariah shared his amazing news with his wife without being able to speak?

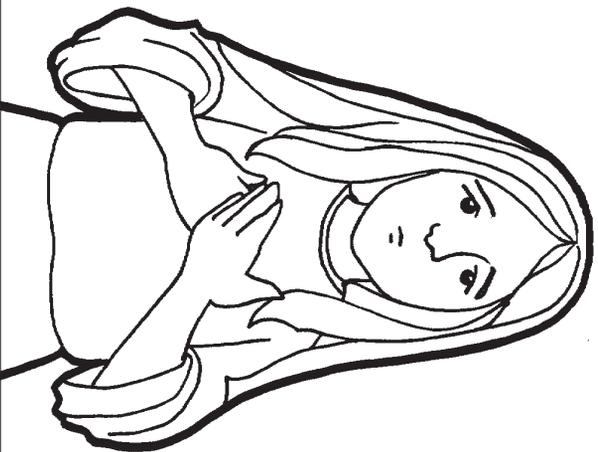
Find this story in your Bible.

Luke 1:5

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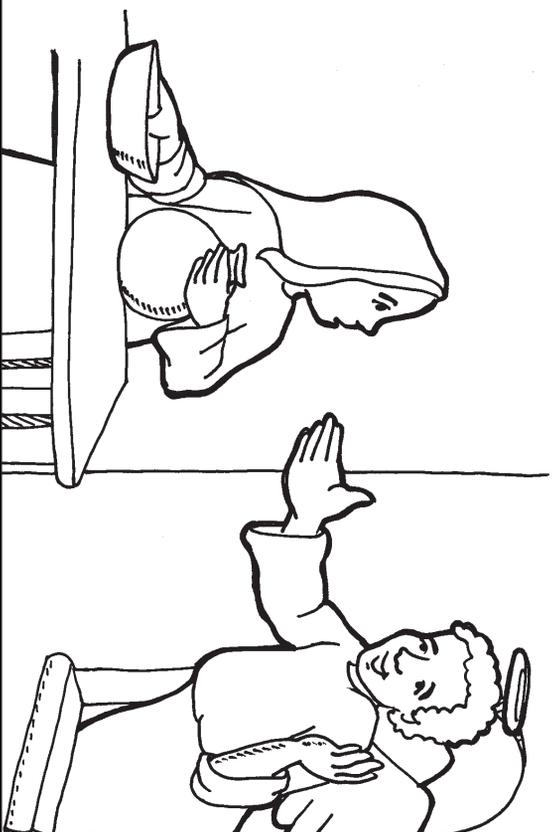


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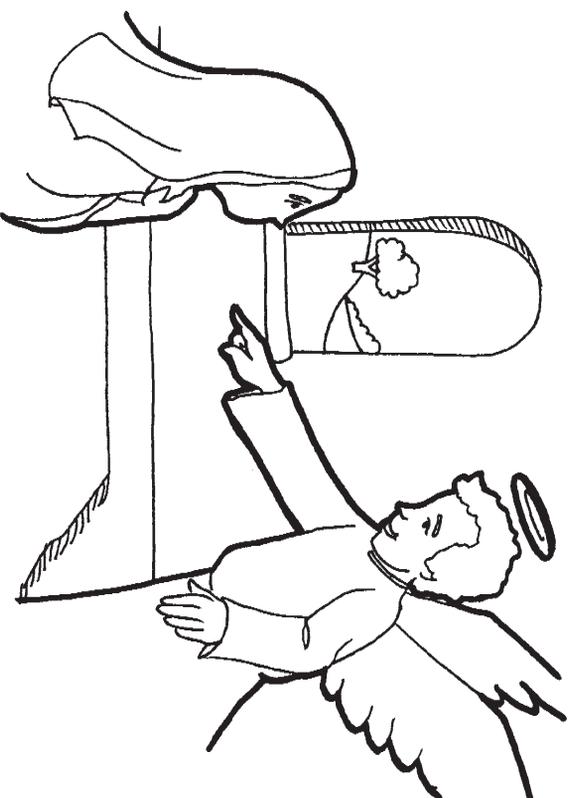
“But I’m just a young woman.
What news could God have for me?”

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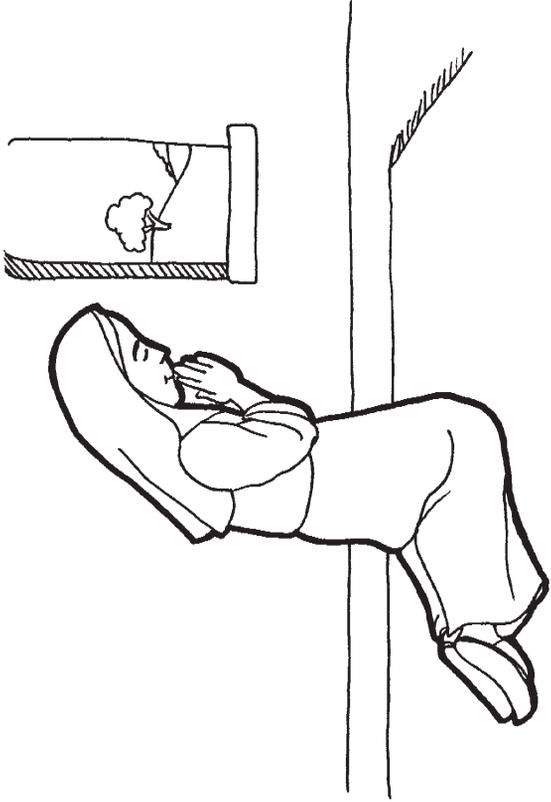
The angel Gabriel visited Mary at her house.
He told her he had big news for her.

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Gabriel told her that God was going to make
her the mother of a special child who
would grow up and save God’s people.

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Mary believed Gabriel and told him she would do whatever God asked.

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Gabriel told Mary she was blessed.

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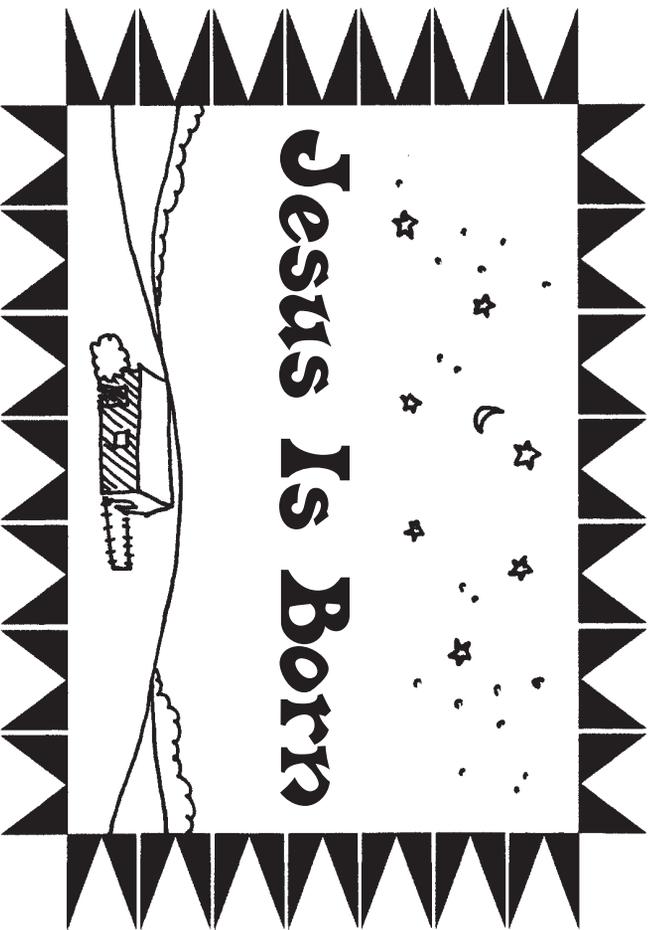
Soon Mary found out that she was about to have a baby.

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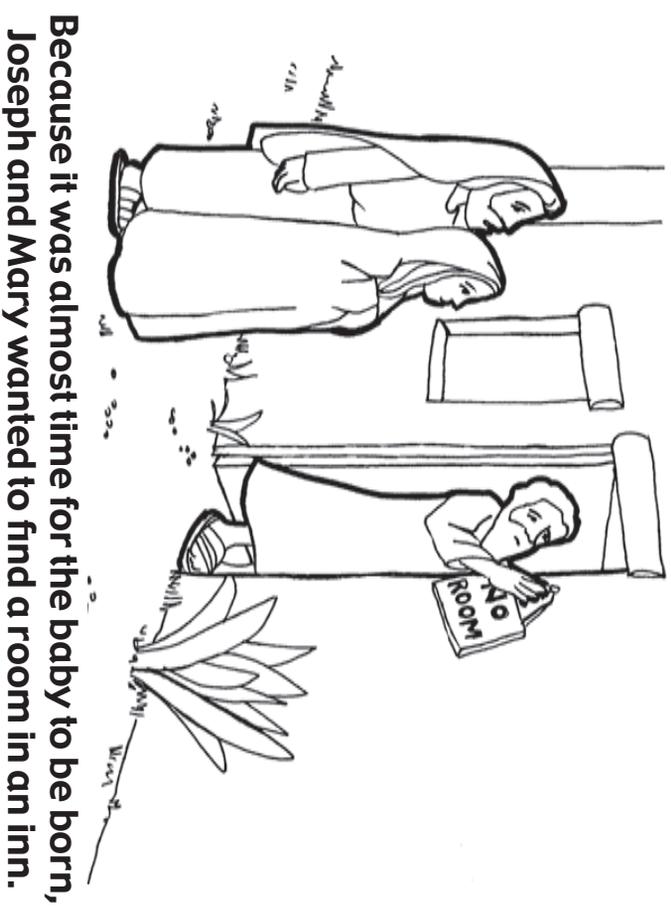
What do you think Mary named her baby?

Find this story in your Bible.
Luke 1:26

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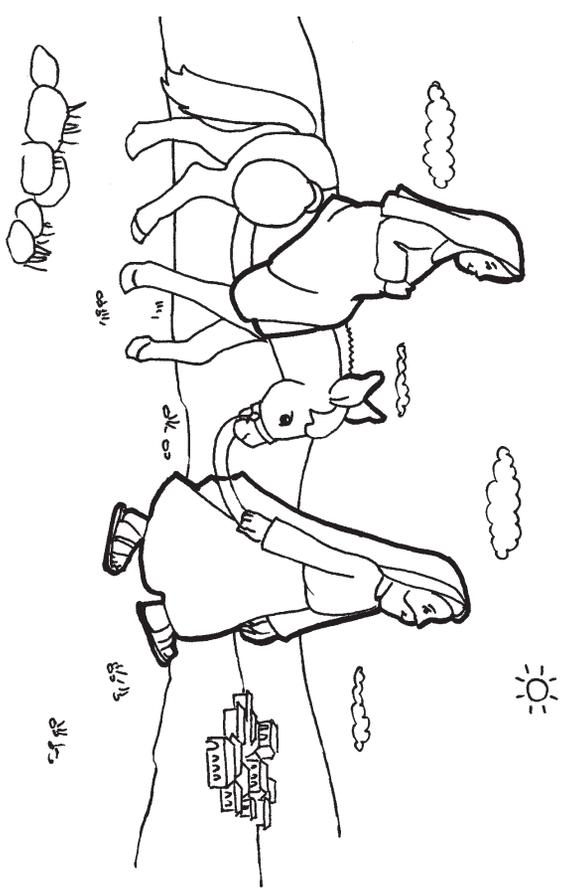


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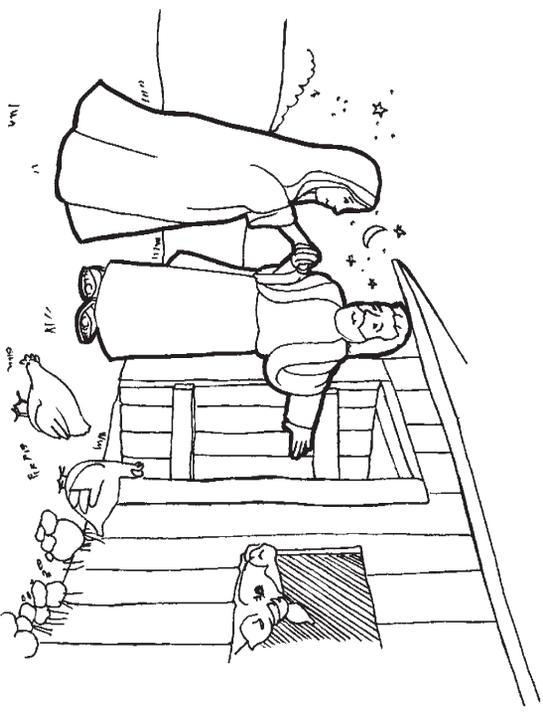
Because it was almost time for the baby to be born, Joseph and Mary wanted to find a room in an inn.

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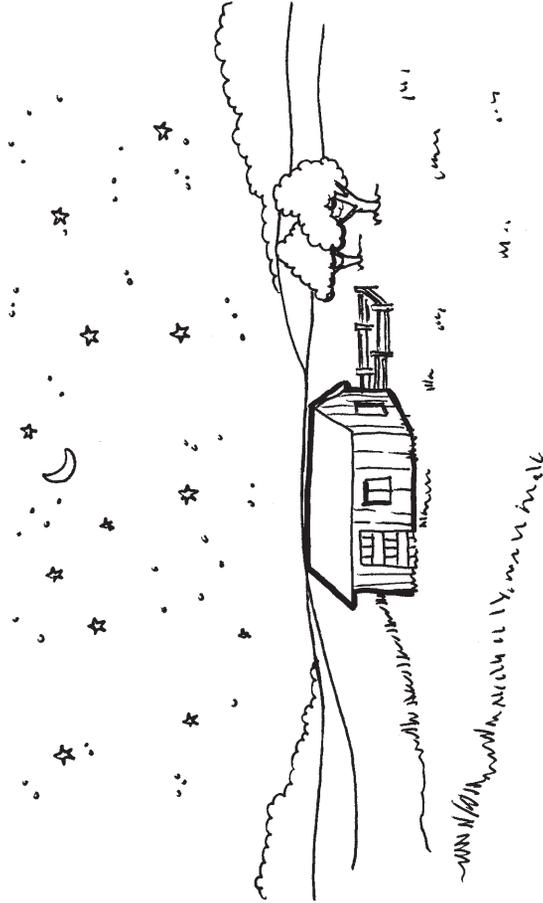
Joseph and Mary had important business in Bethlehem.

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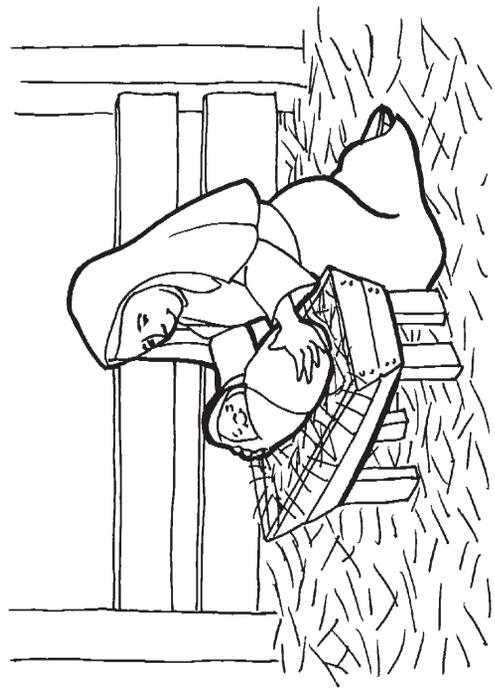
So did thousands of other people. Joseph and Mary might have stayed in a stable since all the inns were full.

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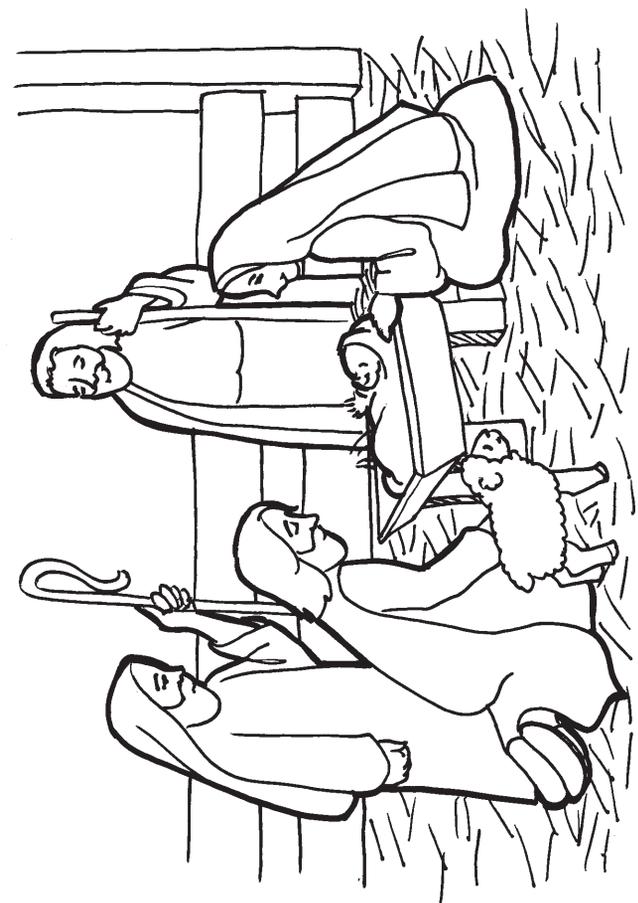
There, under a starry sky,
Mary gave birth to her child.

4



She wrapped Him in warm cloths
and put Him in a manger.

5



Shepherds came to visit the Holy Family.

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What are stables normally used for?

Find this story in your Bible.
Luke 2:1

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Angels and Shepherds



On a night just like any other, shepherds sat watching over their flocks.

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An angel appeared and said, "Don't be afraid, I have great news! A Savior has been born in Bethlehem."

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Just then, other angels appeared and said, "Glory to God in the highest!"

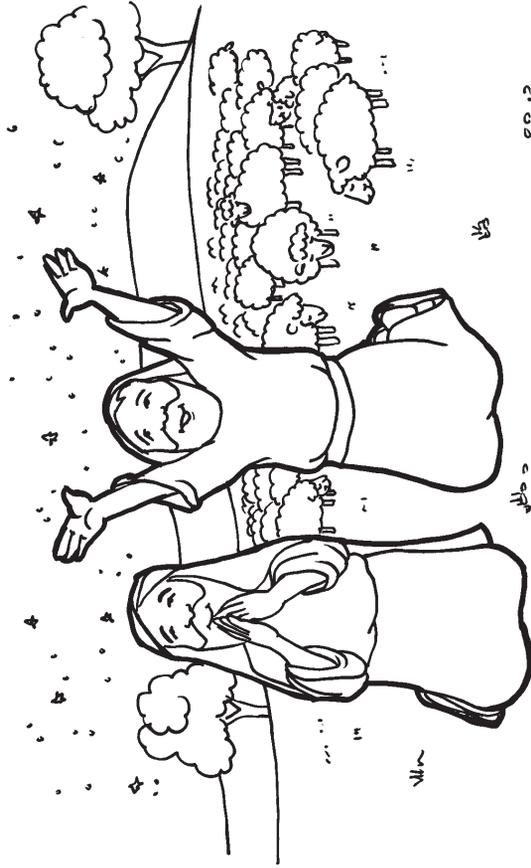
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The shepherds were curious. They wanted to see this Savior, so they traveled to Bethlehem. **4**



In the stable they found the baby Jesus being watched over by Joseph and Mary. **5**



They were so excited that they told everyone they saw about the baby. When they returned to their fields, they praised God, just like the angels did. **6**

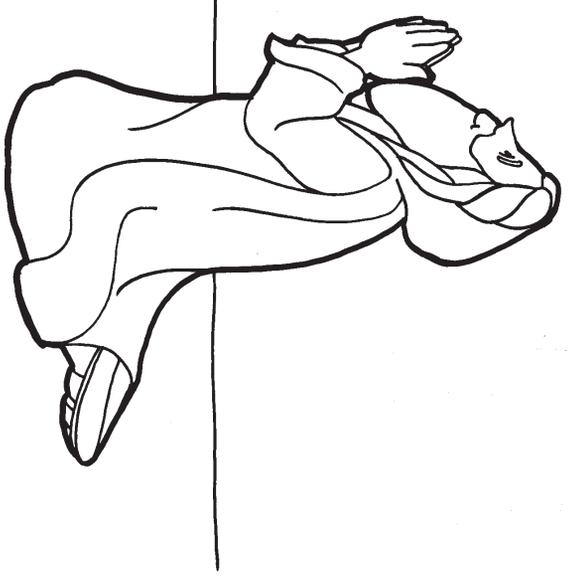
Why were the shepherds excited to tell everyone about the baby?

Find this story in your Bible.
Luke 2:8



Simeon's Prayer

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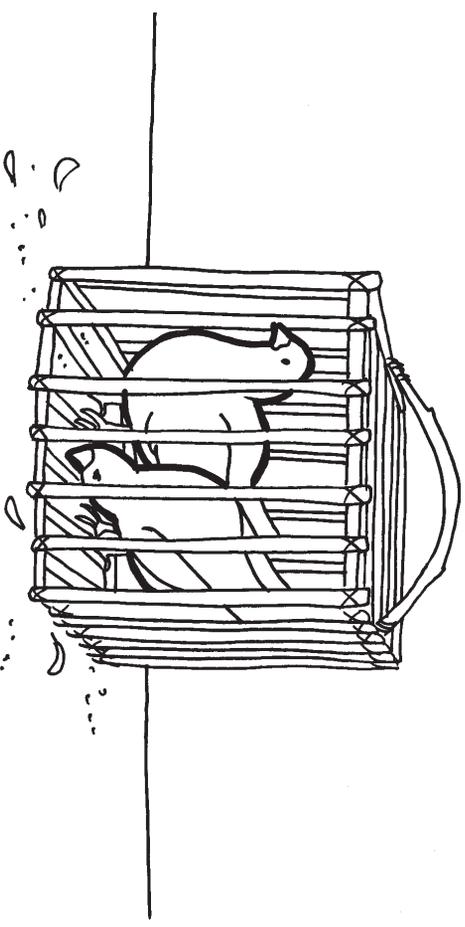
Simeon prayed to God to let him live long enough
to see the Savior that God said would come.

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One day while Simeon was in the temple, Joseph
and Mary came in with the newborn baby Jesus.

2



Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the temple to present
Him to God and to offer the sacrifice the Law required.

3