

Mary Says Yes to God



A long time ago, in a town called Nazareth, lived a young woman named Mary. She was very good and very holy. She loved God very much. One day, God sent an angel to visit her. The angel had an important message for her. The angel said,

“God has chosen you to be the mother of his Son. You will give birth to a baby and name him Jesus.”

He will be called the Son of God. He will be the king of a kingdom that will never end!”

Mary said, “Yes! I am the servant of the Lord. May this happen to me, just as you have told me.”

And the angel left.

Based on **Luke 1:30-33, 38**

The Angel Gabriel

Color this picture of the angel Gabriel.



Jesus Is Born



A long time ago, an emperor named Caesar Augustus wanted to count all the people in his kingdom, so Joseph and Mary had to travel to Bethlehem, which was Joseph's hometown.

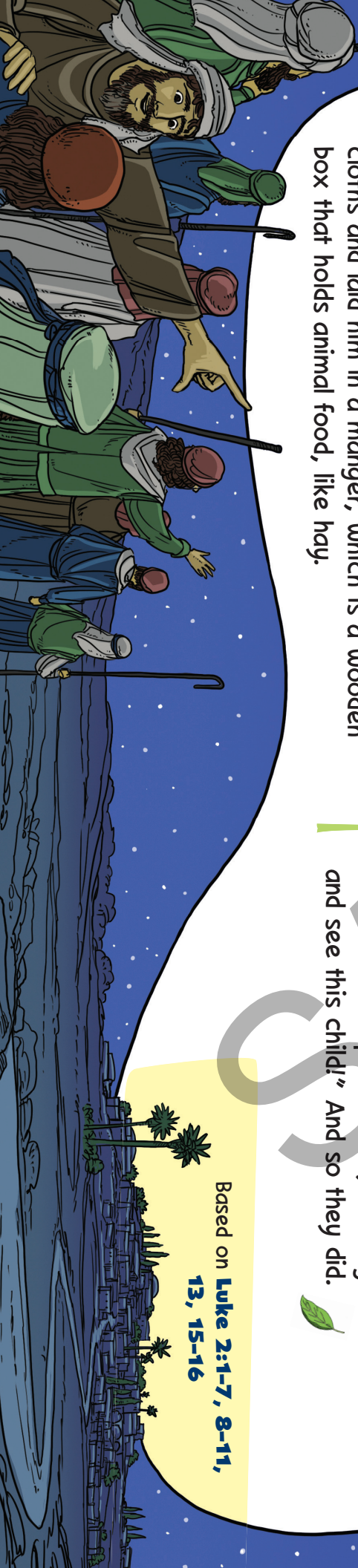
Mary was about to give birth to Jesus, so Mary and Joseph looked for a place to stay in Bethlehem. No rooms were available, but an innkeeper offered them a stable, where animals are kept. And there, in the stable, Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him in clean cloths and laid him in a manger, which is a wooden box that holds animal food, like hay.

Meanwhile, shepherds were watching their sheep by night. An angel appeared to the shepherds. They were very afraid at first! But the angel said to them: "Don't be afraid! I have good news! It will bring joy to all people! This very day, in Bethlehem, Christ the Lord is born!"

Suddenly the sky filled with angels, all singing praises to God.

One of the shepherds said, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this child!" And so they did.

Based on **Luke 2:1-7, 8-11,**
13, 15-16



The Story of Jesus' Birth

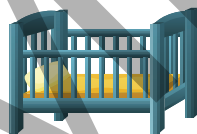
1. Circle the way Joseph and Mary might have traveled to Bethlehem.



2. Circle the person who helped Mary and Joseph find a place to stay.



3. Circle the place where Jesus was laid.



4. Circle the group who heard the news of Jesus' birth first.



5. Circle the group who sang praises to God.



Answers: 1. donkey; 2. innkeeper; 3. manger; 4. shepherds; 5. angels