

Many years ago, God made the world and everything in it, including birds, animals and man and woman.

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The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God, and for punishment, God said they would die.

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However, God said He would save them from their sins and take them to heaven after they died.

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Many times in the Bible, God repeats His promise to send a Savior to be called Jesus, to save people from their sins.

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One day many years later, an angel named Gabriel appear to Mary and told her that God would give her a special baby would be the Savior that had been promised for so long.

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Mary was very happy and told Joseph, the man she was going to marry, about the angel from God coming to her.

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Several months later, Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem to be counted for tax purposes.

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They traveled for several days, Mary riding on a donkey and Joseph walking beside her.

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When they arrived at Bethlehem, there was no more room at the inn, so they found a clean stable where they could sleep, because they were very tired.

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During the night, Mary's baby boy was born and she wrapped Him in baby clothes and used a manger for His bed.

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At the same time, shepherds were in the field watching over their sheep.

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Suddenly, an angel appeared to the shepherds, and told them that the Savior had been born in Bethlehem.

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Then a large number of angels appeared, lighting the sky and singing, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.”

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When the angels were gone, the shepherds decided to come to Bethlehem to see this new baby, the Savior of the world.

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After they had seen the Baby and worshiped Him, they told others about this wonderful thing that had happened.

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At the same time, God made a special star appear in the sky in a faraway land.

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Some wisemen, who studied the stars, knew this was unusual and decided to follow it.  
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The wisemen travelled on camels and followed this star to Bethlehem.  
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They worshipped this Baby, Jesus, and gave Him valuable gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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Later, Mary and Joseph had to take the Baby Jesus to Egypt because the evil king Herod wanted to kill Him.

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After Herod was dead, God told Mary and Joseph they could now return to their home.  
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They came back to Nazareth, where Joseph was a carpenter, and Jesus grew up to manhood and became the Savior of the world.  
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Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and then rose on Easter morning. We believe in Him, and when we die, we will go to Heaven to be with Him.

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Every Christmas, we remember once more the birthday of Jesus, the Savior God promised so long ago.

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