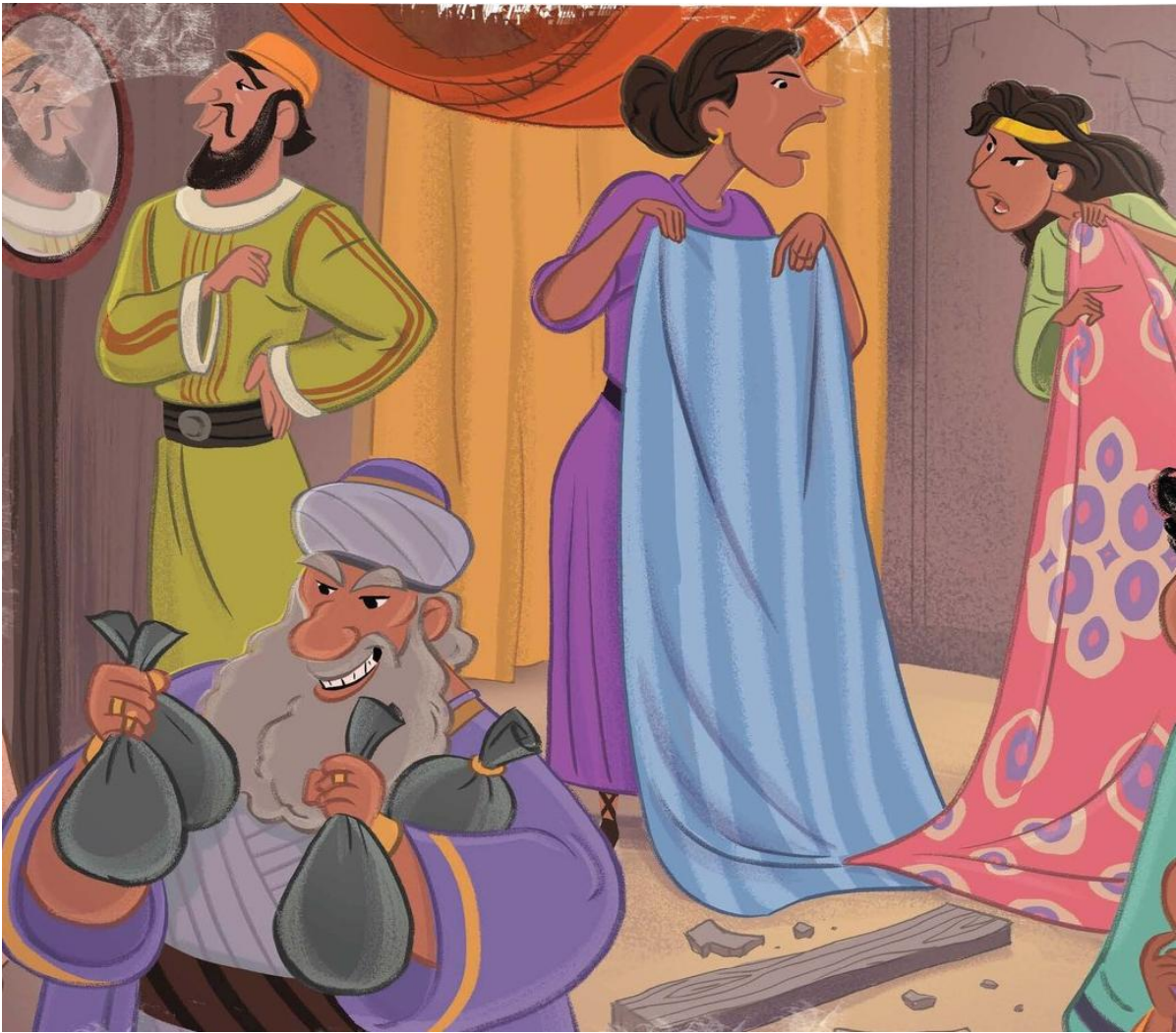


**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Isaiah's Plea**

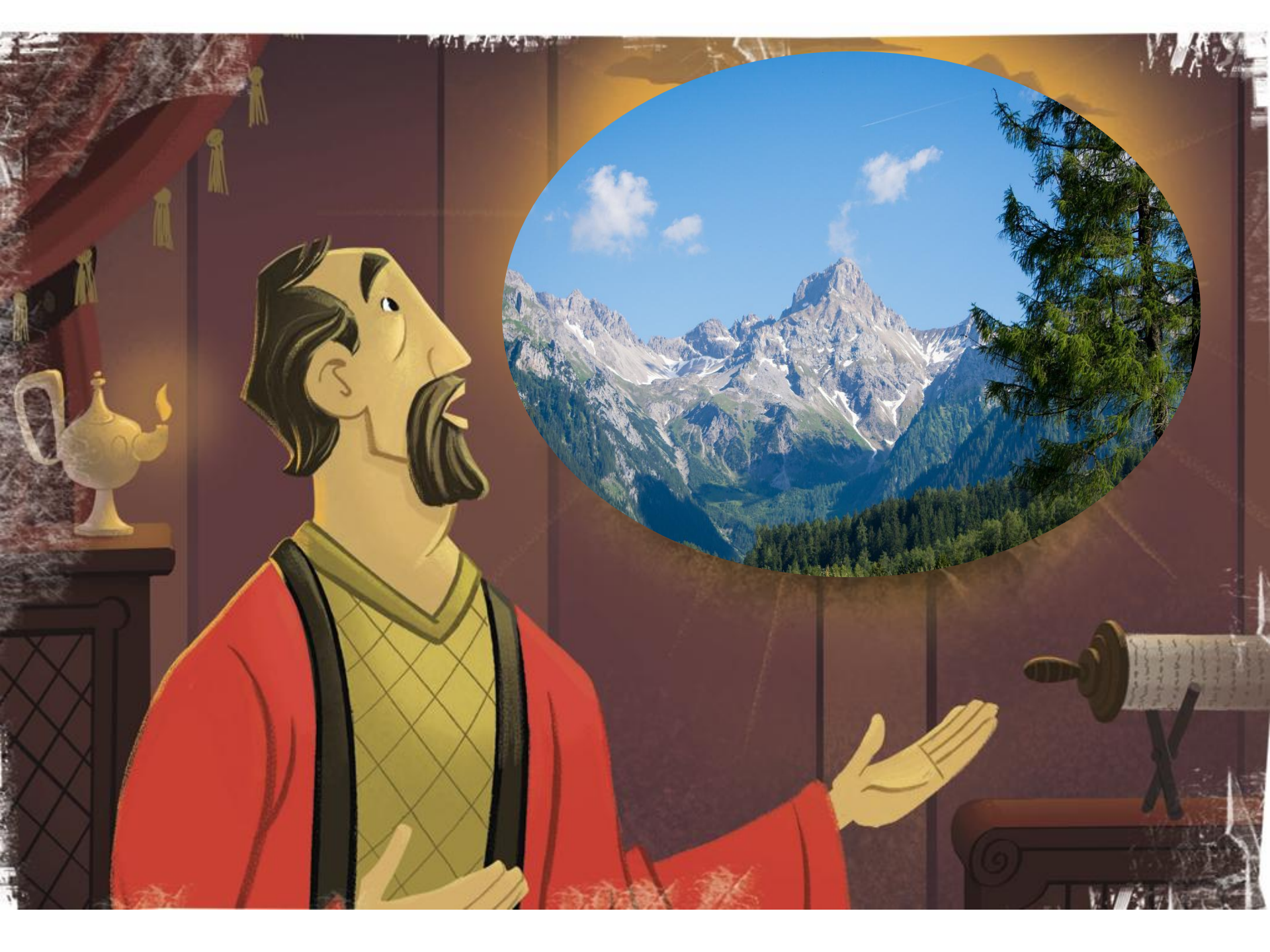


Isaiah was a prophet in the Old Testament. This meant Isaiah got special messages from God that he shared with God's people.



God's people were sinning; they were disobeying God's commands. This made Isaiah upset. Sin hurts God and people. He cried out to God asking Him to make Himself known to the people on Earth.





God is powerful! Isaiah talked about how mountains quake and tremble in God's presence. Isaiah also tells of how God is unlike other gods- God loves His people and doesn't abandon them. But sin makes God angry.





Even though the people sinned, Isaiah also reminded them that God is powerful and their loving Father in Heaven. Isaiah tells the people that God is like a potter, and we are like the clay. The potter shapes us and makes us. We are God's creation!



Isaiah gave hope to the people by telling them a son was going to be born and would save them. He said the son will be called: “Wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” This son was Jesus!







Isaiah begged God to open the heavens and come down to save the people, and that's just what He did when Jesus came down from heaven to us on Christmas!

1. **What was Isaiah's job?** (prophet)
2. **What happened to the mountains when they were before God** (they trembled and shook)
3. **God is like the \_\_\_\_\_ and we are like the \_\_\_\_\_** (potter, clay)
4. **How did Isaiah give the people hope?** (said Jesus was coming)
5. ***How is Jesus the perfect Messiah? Jesus perfectly revealed God and answers what the prophets said***

**December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Mary's Praise**



One day, God sent an angel named Gabriel to city called Nazareth. The angel went to visit a young woman named Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph.





The angel said to Mary, “Rejoice! You have found favor with God. He is with you.” Mary was very afraid and puzzled. Why would God find favor with her? She had done nothing special. The angel told Mary to not be afraid and that she was going to have a very special baby.



The baby would call the baby Jesus, which means, “the Lord saves.” The angel explained that the baby would be great - He would be God’s Son! He would even be a king - the King God had promised would come.





Mary asked the angel, “How can this happen? I am not married yet.” The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come, and a miracle will happen. Nothing will be impossible with God!” The angel said her relative Elizabeth was pregnant, and Mary hurried to her house. When she arrived, the baby inside Elizabeth leaped for joy!



Mary was so happy. She praised God with a song about how great God is. She said “My soul magnifies the Lord”. She knew God was powerful and mighty. Mary knew God was going to do great things through Jesus!

- 1. Who appeared to Mary? (Gabriel the angel)*
- 2. What did the angel tell Mary? (She would give birth to Jesus)*
- 3. Who was Jesus? (Jesus was God’s son, the promised King!)*
- 4. What did Mary do? (she praised God)*
- 5. How is Jesus the perfect Messiah? Jesus perfectly revealed God and answers what the prophets said*



**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Angels' and Shepherds' Praise**



Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem and stayed in a place where animals were kept. Mary gave birth to Jesus. He was the Messiah, the special King God promised.





That night, some shepherds were watching over their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem. Suddenly, an angel stood before them. The angel told them good news and said, “Today a Savior, who is the Messiah, was born for you in the city of David.” Then the angel said, “You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger.”



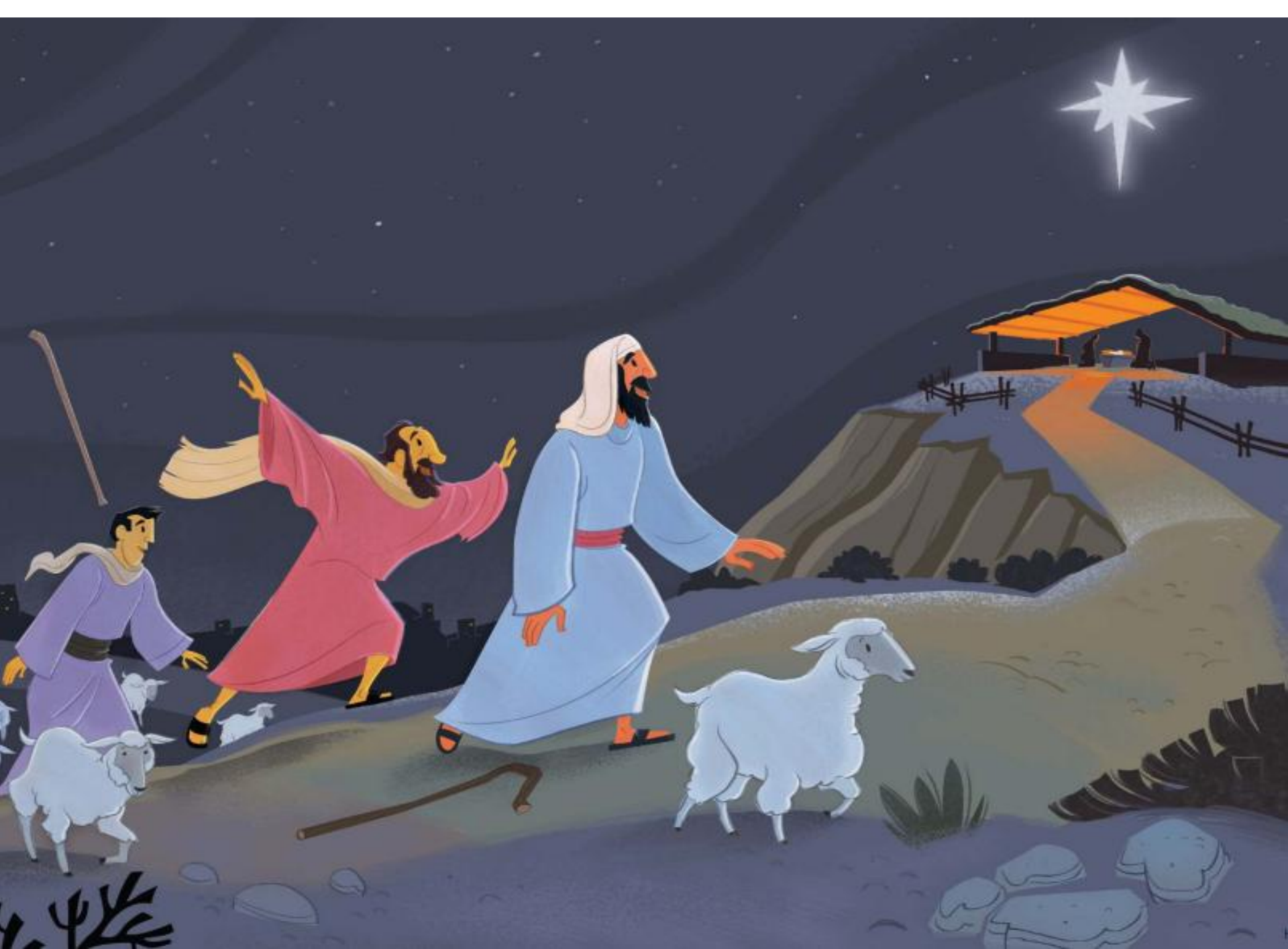
Suddenly, a whole army of angels appeared,  
praising God. The angels all said “Glory to God in  
the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people  
He favors!”







The shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough, just as the angel had told them.



The shepherds were amazed! They returned to the town telling everyone about Jesus' birth. They then went back to their fields, praising God because everything had happened just as the angel had said.

1. **Who were the first people to know Jesus was born?** (*The shepherds*)
2. **Where were the shepherds?** (*They were out in the fields watching over their flocks of sheep*)
3. **What did the Shepherds do after they saw baby Jesus?** (They left praising God and went to tell others about Jesus)
4. **How is Jesus the perfect Messiah?** *Jesus perfectly revealed God and answers what the prophets said*

**December 21st**

**Our Praise – Jesus is born!**





Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth. During the time Mary was pregnant, the ruler of Rome announced that everyone needed to be registered in their hometown. Joseph and Mary traveled to a city called Bethlehem.



While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary and Joseph looked for a safe place to stay. All the houses were full. There was no place to stay.







Mary and Joseph continued to look. Mary was going to have the baby soon! They finally found a place where animals were kept, and that is where Mary had her baby. Joseph named Him Jesus.



That night, lots of angels appeared to shepherds who were watching their sheep in the fields near Bethlehem. The glory of the Lord shone in the sky and the angels told the shepherds that the Messiah, Jesus, was born! The angels praised God, and the shepherds went and worshiped Jesus.



Remember when we learned about Isaiah the prophet.  
He talked about how everything was created by God,  
both the visible and the invisible.





Jesus being born was a visible sign of God's love for us. God sent His son, Jesus, to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to save people from their sins and to be their King.

1. What town was Jesus born in? (Bethlehem)
2. Why did Jesus come to earth? (Because God loves us)
3. What are somethings that are visible? (flowers, trees, & people)
4. What are something that are invisible? (wind, breath, & sound)
5. Did God make visible or invisible things? (both!)
6. *How is Jesus the perfect Messiah? Jesus perfectly revealed God and answers what the prophets said*

**December 28th**

**The Wisemen**







Long ago, God promised to send a king to save His people from their enemies. The people waited a long time for their king, and the time had finally come! God's Son, Jesus, was born in Bethlehem. He was the king God had promised.



At this time, there was another king who ruled over the land of Judea. His name was Herod, and he was a bad king. He was mean to the people. Herod was not the king God promised.







The Wisemen saw a star in sky. It was a sign that Jesus had been born. They came to King Herod and asked where Jesus, the king of the Jews was. They wanted to worship Him.



King Herod was very angry. A new king? Herod was king! Herod asked the priests and scribes where Jesus was to be born. “In Bethlehem, just as the prophet said,” they replied.





Herod spoke to the Wisemen in secret. “Go find this child. When you find Him, come tell me where He is so I can worship Him as king, too.” But Herod was lying. Herod didn’t want to worship the new king; he wanted to kill Him!



The Wisemen followed the star to Jesus. The Wisemen fell to their knees and worshiped Jesus. Then they gave Jesus gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts helped Jesus, Mary, and Joseph travel to Egypt. Jesus is the true King who is worthy of all our worship.

1. ***Who was the King God promised? (Jesus)***
2. ***What lead the wise men to Jesus? (The star)***
3. ***What gifts did the wise men give Jesus? (gold, frankincense, and myrrh)***
4. ***How is Jesus the perfect Messiah? Jesus perfectly revealed God and answers what the prophets said***