

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

Mary was sitting in the sun outside her house. It was a normal day; she cooked something for her and for her husband. She was cleaning the house. She was sitting near the front door, when suddenly an angel appeared.



- "Are you Mary?" he asked.
 - "Yes, who are you?" the girl replied.
 - "I'm an angel from God, and I have a surprise for you. You're going to have a baby."
- Mary raised her hand to her mouth.
- "It's a surprise, I'm not married."

The angel knew that Mary was going to marry Joseph. He explained the details:

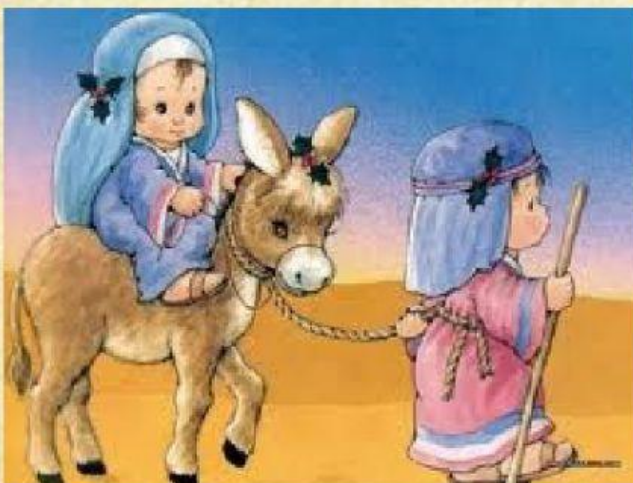
- "Your child will be the Son of God. He will be known all over the world for thousands of years." (Mary thought she was dreaming).

- "It is hard to understand," she said.

- "His name will be Jesus," the angel answered. "Now I must fly to heaven"

Mary sat for a long time in silent. She thought about what the angel said, and she prayed to God.

- "Jesus," she thought. "That's a nice name."



Mary married Joseph, and they went to Bethlehem, a small town near Jerusalem.

They had to travel a long way, so Mary rode on a donkey while Joseph walked beside her.

They arrived in the town at night, and Joseph asked if there was somewhere to stay because his wife was going to have a baby.

They walked through the quiet streets. Joseph was worried about his wife, Mary was feeling more and more tired.

They arrived to Bethlehem.

—"Here we are," said Joseph. He told Mary to wait him while he went to look for a place to stay.

Later, Joseph came back very sad.

- "There's no room at the inn."

The couple left the inn, and found a stable to sleep in.

During the night Mary had her baby, and said to Joseph:

- "We are going to call him Jesus." Joseph nodded.

- "Jesus... It's a nice name," he said.



Near the place, there were some shepherds looking after their sheep. The angel suddenly appeared, and the shepherds looked surprised. The angel said: -"Don't worry. I've come to tell you some happy news. The son of God is born in Bethlehem tonight, go and see him."

- "Let's go and have a look." said one of the shepherds.

They found Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus at the stable. There were a donkey and a cow too. The baby was sleeping in a manger, with warm clothes to cover him.



In those days there was a King called Herod. He heard that Three Wise Men were following a very bright star in the night sky. They told him about Jesus, and they said that this baby will be the "King of Jews". When Herod heard about Jesus, he was very worried.



- "King of the Jews!, I am the only King in this country!", he thought.

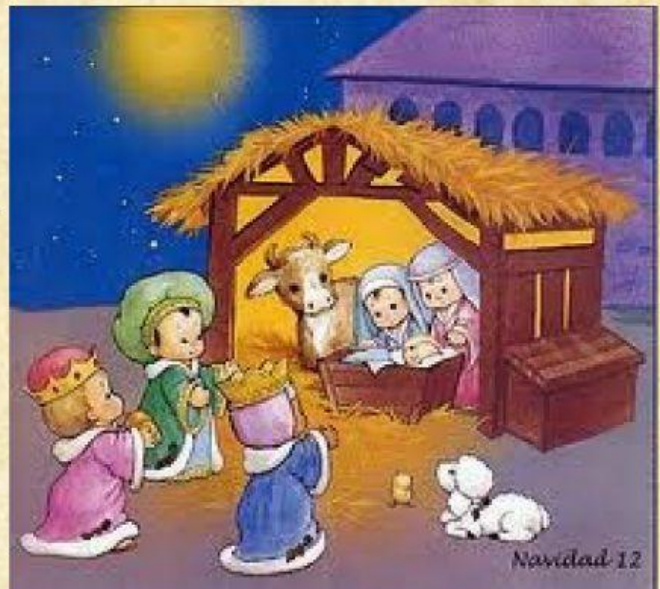
- "Go and find where he is," Herod said to the Three Wise Men.

- "I want to see him..."

(Herod wanted to kill Baby Jesus. He was a very bad man)

The bright star stopped over the stable.

The three wise men travelled at night, following the bright star. Finally they arrived, and gave Baby Jesus lots of presents. They gave him gold, incense and myrrh - to make him smell nice.



Finally, they went back to their countries in a different way, and Herod never found out where Jesus was.



1.- LOOK UP ON THE DICTIONARY :

outside:	front door:	husband:	suddenly:
to appear:	to ask:	to reply:	to have a baby:
surprise:	to be known:	details:	I'm not married:
thought: (past of to think):		Son of God:	said (past of to say):
I must fly:	to pray:	for a long time:	
rode (past of to ride):		donkey:	to arrive:
somewhere:		to stay:	wife:
to feel tired:		while:	to look for:
inn:	stable:	found (past of to find):	
nodded (past of to nod):		Mary had her baby:	
sheep:	shepherds:	manger:	warm clothes:
heard (past of to hear):		The Three Wise Men:	
night sky:		told (past of to tell):	
king of Jews:		to kill:	over:
followed (past of to follow):		travelled (past of to travel):	
gave (past of to give):		incense:	myrrh:

2.- DRAG THE CHARACTERS WITH THEIR DESCRIPTIONS:

1.- A king of the Jews in times of Jesus.



2.- People who take care of sheep.



3.- Son of Mary and Joseph.



4.- Mary's husband.



5.- Baby Jesus' mother.



6.- They gave some presents to Baby Jesus.



7.- Who told Mary a message of God.

