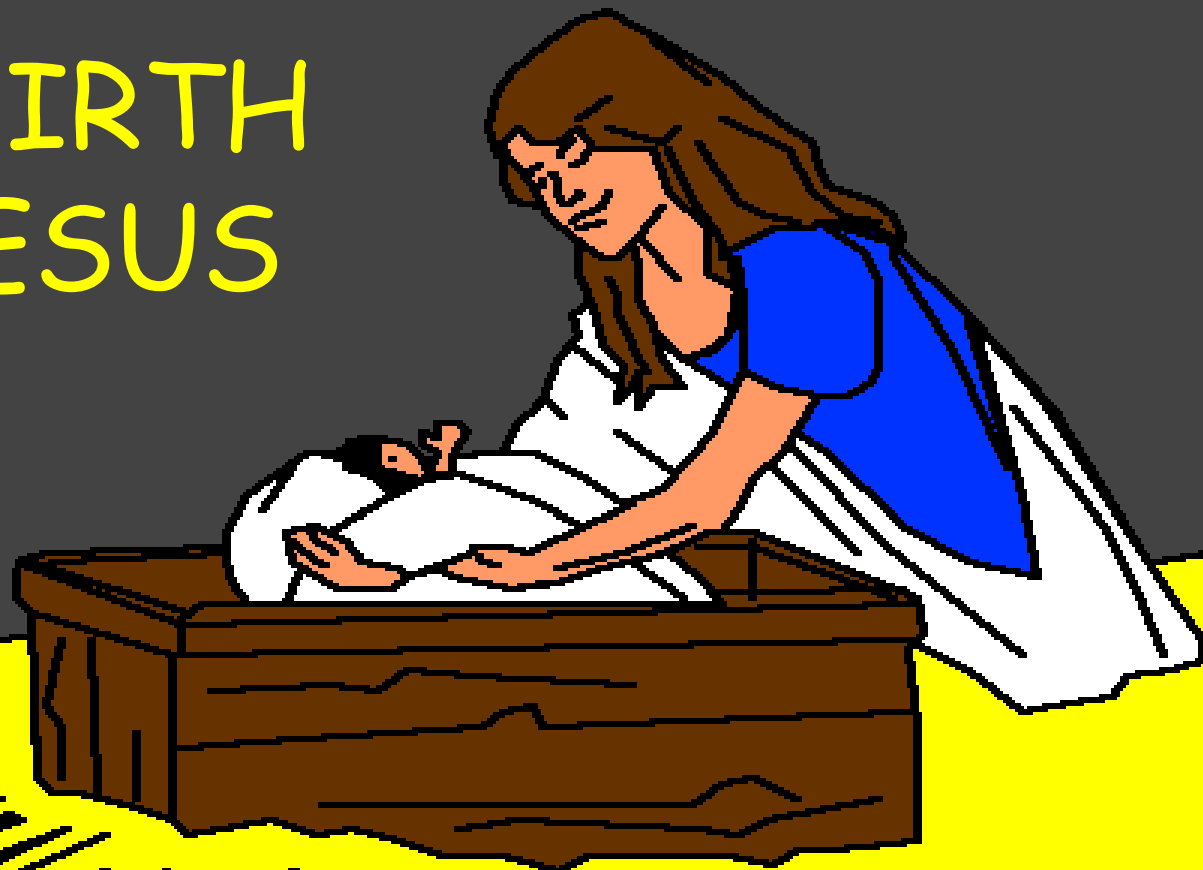


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# THE BIRTH OF JESUS



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Long ago, God sent the  
angel Gabriel to a sweet  
young Jewish maiden  
named Mary. He

told her,  
"You will  
have a  
son..."



...and call His Name  
Jesus. He will be  
called the Son of  
the Highest. He

will  
reign  
forever."



"How can this be?" the amazed girl asked. "I have not been with any man." The angel told Mary the child would come from God. There



would not be a human father.



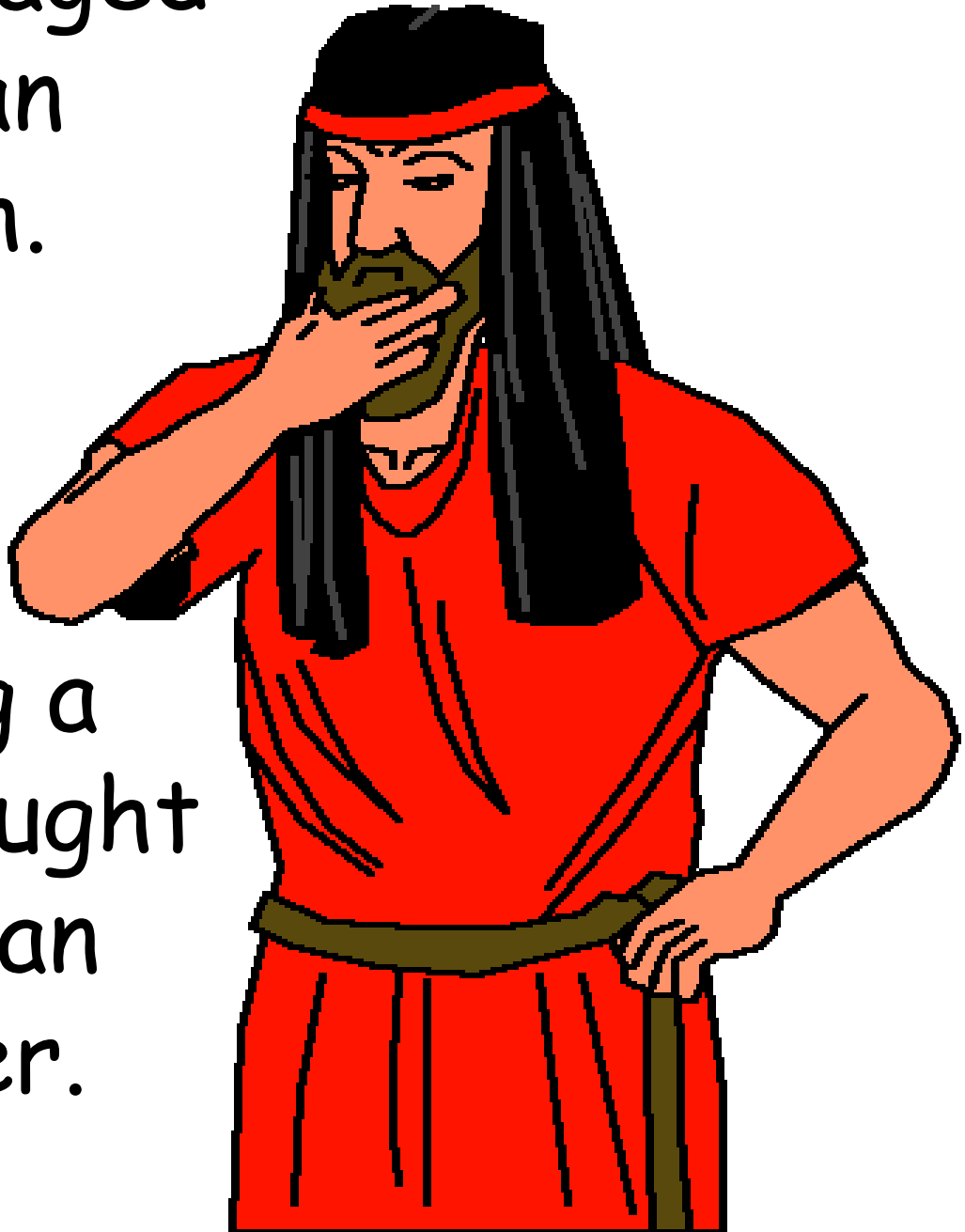
The angel then told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was having a baby in her old age.

This was a miracle, too. Soon after, Mary visited Elizabeth.



They praised God together.

Mary was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. Joseph was sad when he learned Mary was expecting a baby. He thought some other man was the father.



In a dream, God's angel told Joseph that this child was God's Son. Joseph was to help Mary look after Jesus.





Joseph trusted and obeyed God.  
He also obeyed  
his country's  
laws.



Because of a new law, he and Mary  
left for their  
hometown,  
Bethlehem,



to  
pay their  
taxes.



Mary was ready  
to have her  
baby.



But Joseph  
could not find a  
room anywhere.  
All the inns  
were full.



Joseph finally found a stable.  
There, Baby Jesus  
was born.



His mother laid Him in a manger,  
a place where the  
animals'  
food was  
usually  
put.



Nearby, shepherds guarded their sleeping flocks. God's

angel appeared and told

them

the

wonderful

news.



"There is born to you this day in the  
city of David a Savior

Who is Christ

the Lord.

You will  
find the

Baby  
lying in a  
manger."





Suddenly, many more bright  
angels appeared, praising  
God and saying,...



..."Glory to God in the Highest  
and on earth peace, good  
will toward men."



The shepherds hurried to the stable.



After seeing the Baby they told everyone they met what the angels had said about Jesus.





Forty days later,  
Joseph and Mary  
brought Jesus  
to the temple  
in Jerusalem.  
There a man  
named Simeon  
praised God  
for the Baby,...





...while old Anna,  
another servant of  
the Lord, gave  
thanks. Both  
knew Jesus  
was God's Son,  
the promised  
Savior. Joseph  
sacrificed two  
birds.





This was the offering  
God's law said  
poor people  
should bring  
when they  
presented  
a newborn  
child to the  
Lord.



Sometime later, a special star led Wise Men from an Eastern country to Jerusalem.



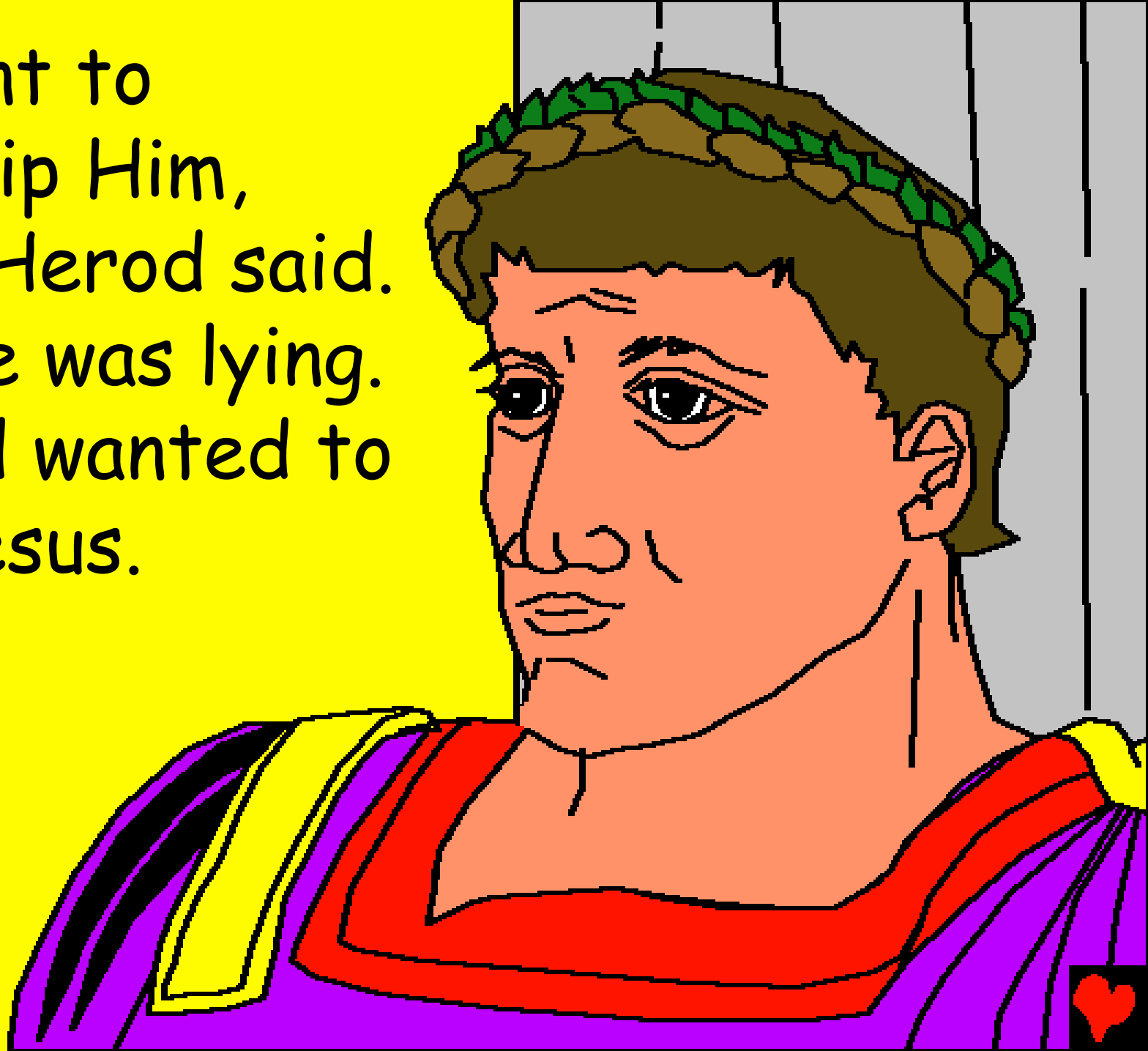
"Where is He Who is born King of the Jews?" they asked. "We want to worship Him."



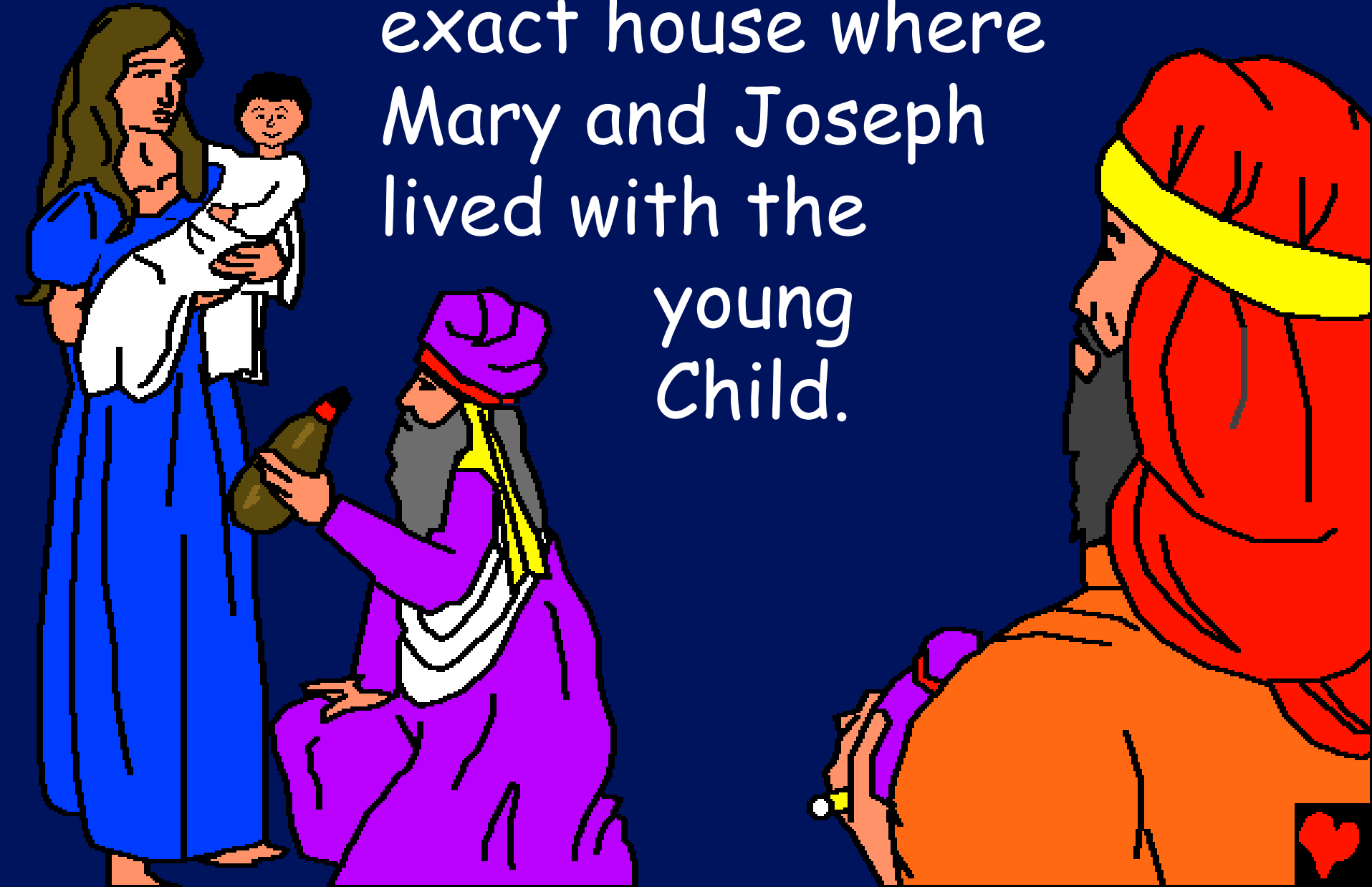
King Herod heard about the Wise Men. Troubled, he asked them to tell him when they found Jesus.



"I want to worship Him, too," Herod said. But he was lying. Herod wanted to kill Jesus.



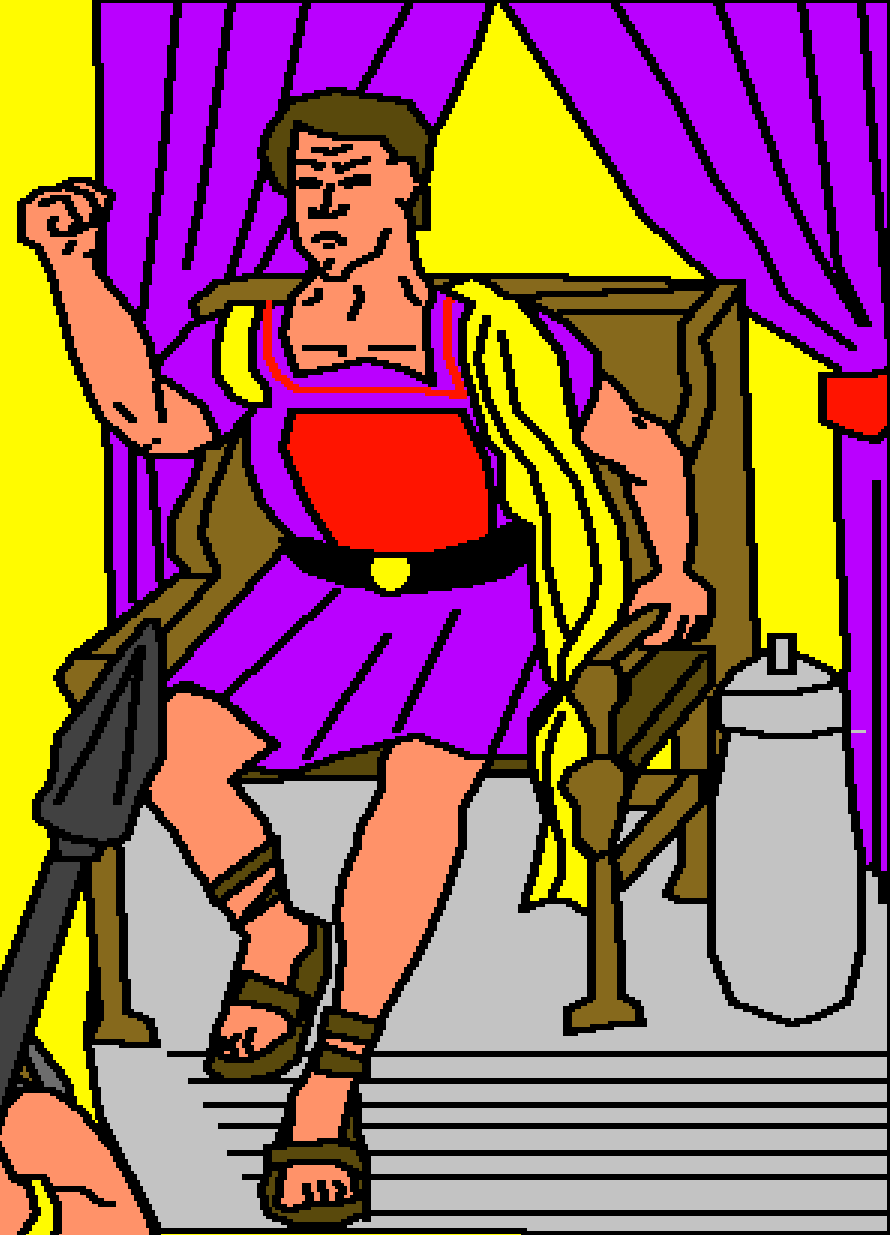
The star led the Wise Men to the exact house where Mary and Joseph lived with the young Child.



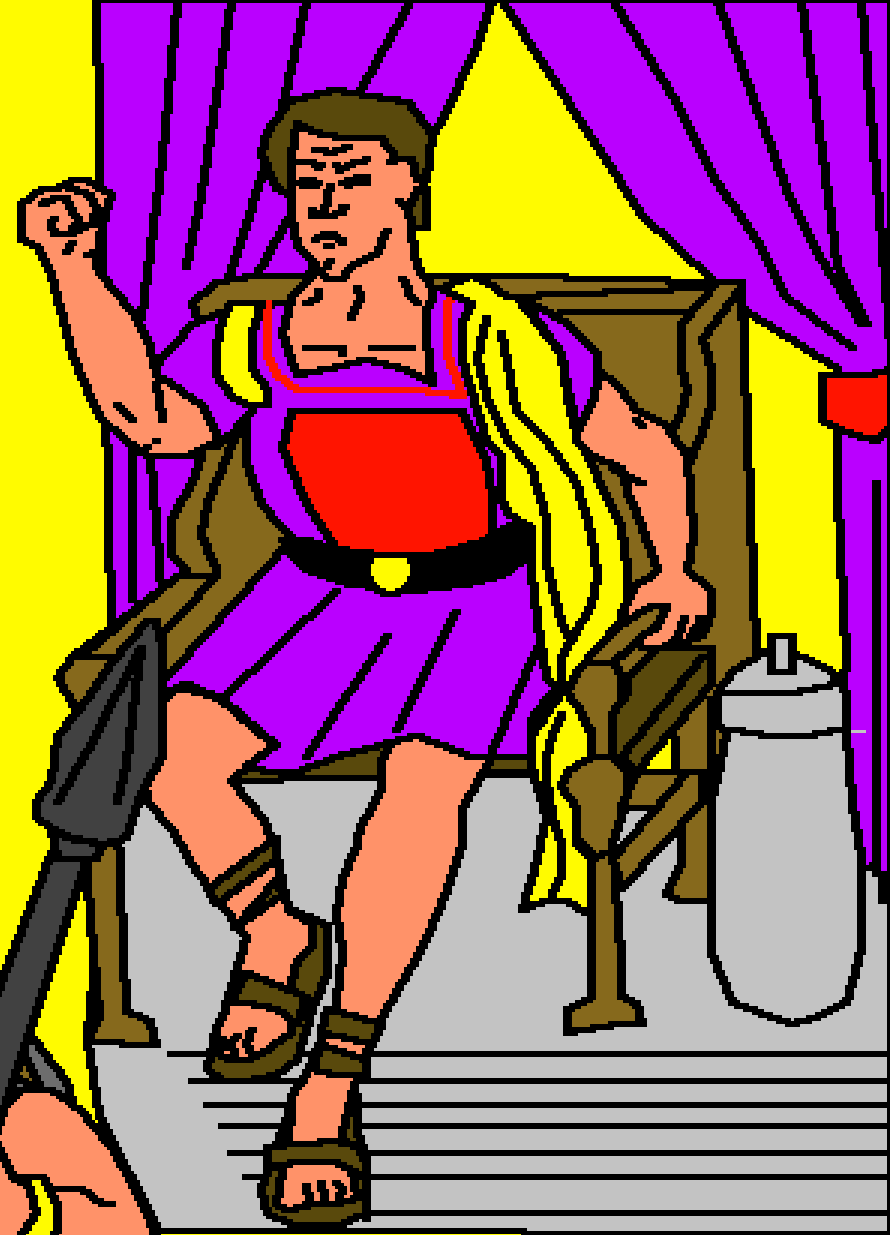
Kneeling in worship, the travelers  
gave Jesus rich  
gifts of gold  
and perfume.



God warned the  
Wise Men to return  
home secretly.  
Herod was furious.



Determined to  
destroy Jesus, the  
wicked ruler killed  
all boy babies in  
Bethlehem.



But Herod could not harm God's Son!  
Warned in a dream,  
Joseph took Mary and Jesus to safety in Egypt.





When Herod died Joseph brought Mary and Jesus back from Egypt.







They lived in  
the little town of  
Nazareth, near the sea of Galilee.



# The Birth of Jesus

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.



If you want to turn from your sins,  
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me  
and now lives again. Please come into my  
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have  
new life now, and one day go to be with You  
forever. Help me to live for You as Your  
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every  
day! John 3:16

