



Children's Scripture Advent Adventure

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A COMPLEMENTARY INTERACTIVE ADVENT SCRIPTURE EBOOK FOR CHILDREN

This ebook is intended for your child to use with the printed family First Baptist Church Advent Guide.

The readings will coincide with the daily scriptures in the printed Advent Guide to give your child a hands-on experience using an iPad or Kindle. The graphic animations are only available for iBooks and are best used on an iPad or laptop.

The texts are mostly taken from the New International Reader's Version Bible.



DECEMBER 1

FROM THE BEGINNING JESUS WAS THE LIGHT
SHINING IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:1-5

Before the world began, there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made through him. Nothing was made without him. In him there was life. That life was light for the people of the world. The Light shines in the darkness. And the darkness has not overpowered the Light.

THE FALL BUT A PROMISE OF A DELIVERER

DECEMBER 2

GENESIS 3:8-15

Then they heard the Lord God walking in the garden. This was during the cool part of the day. And the man and his wife hid from the Lord God among the trees in the garden. But the Lord God called to the man. The Lord said, "Where are you?"

The man answered, "I heard you walking in the garden. I was afraid because I was naked. So I hid." God said to the man, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat fruit from that tree? I commanded you not to eat from that tree."

The man said, "You gave this woman to me. She gave me fruit from the tree. So I ate it." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?" She answered, "The snake tricked me. So I ate the fruit."

The Lord God said to the snake, "Because you did this, a curse will be put on you. You will be cursed more than any tame animal or wild animal. You will crawl on your stomach, and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

I will make you and the woman enemies to each other. Your descendants and her descendants will be enemies. Her child will crush your head. And you will bite his heel."

ROMANS 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



DECEMBER 3



THE HOPE OF BECOMING CHILDREN OF GOD

JOHN 1:6-13

There was a man sent from God. His name was John. He came to be a witness about that light. He was a witness so that all people might believe. John himself was not the light. He came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. The Word was in the world. And the world was made through him. But the world did not recognize him. He came to what was his own. But his own people did not accept him. Some people did accept him and did believe in his name. He gave them the right to become children of God. To be a child of God has nothing to do with human parents. Children of God are not born because of human choice or because a husband wants them to be born. They are born because of what God does.



BRANCH OF DAVID TO BRING SALVATION
JEREMIAH 33:14-16

DECEMBER 4

"The days are coming," announces the Lord. "At that time I will fulfill my good promise to my people. I made it to the people of Israel and Judah.

"Here is what I will do in those days and at that time. I will make a godly Branch grow from David's royal line. He will do what is fair and right in the land.

In those days Judah will be saved. Jerusalem will live in safety. And it will be called "The Lord Who Makes Us Right With Himself."



DECEMBER 5



THE ROYAL PRIEST WHO WILL BRING PEACE

ZECHARIAH 6:12-13

Give Joshua a message from the Lord who rules over all. He says, 'Here is the man whose name is the Branch. He will branch out and build my temple.'

That is what he will do. He will be dressed in majesty as if it were his royal robe. He will sit as king on his throne. He will also be a priest there. So he will combine the positions of king and priest in himself.'





DECEMBER 6



VIRGIN BIRTH FORETOLD: GOD WITH US

ISAIAH 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz through Isaiah again. He said, "I am the Lord your God. Ask me to give you a sign. It can be anything in the deepest grave or in the highest heaven."

But Ahaz said, "I won't ask. I won't test the Lord."

Then Isaiah said, "Listen, you members of the royal family of David! Isn't it enough for you to test the patience of human beings? Are you also going to test the patience of my God? The Lord himself will give you a sign. The virgin is going to have a baby. She will give birth to a son. And he will be called Immanuel.

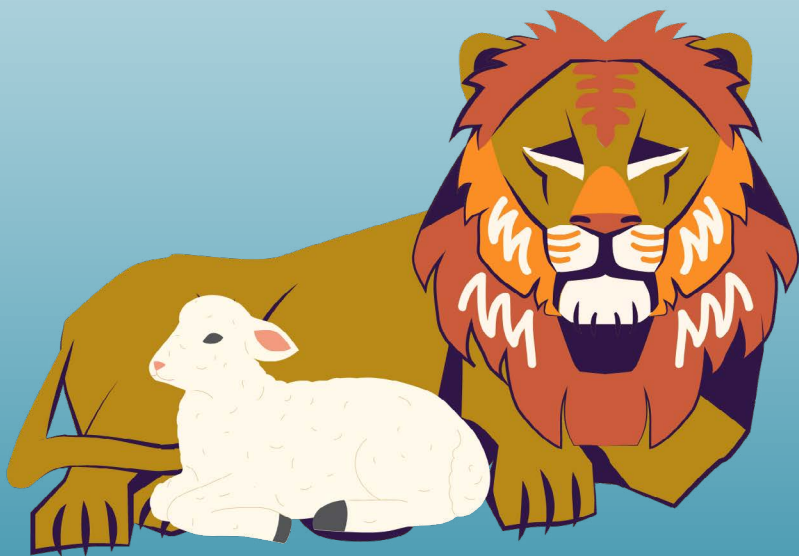
DECEMBER 7

REIGN OF THE DAVIDIC KING
FROM ISAIAH 11:1-10

The Branch of Jesse will put on godliness as if it were his belt. He'll wear faithfulness around his waist. Wolves will live with lambs. Leopards will lie down with goats. Calves and lions will eat together. And little children will lead them around. Cows will eat with bears. Their little ones will lie down together. And lions will eat straw like oxen.

None of those animals will harm or destroy anything or anyone on my holy mountain of Zion. The oceans are full of water. In the same way, the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord.

At that time, here is what the man who is called the Root of Jesse will do. He will be like a banner that brings nations together. They will come to him. And the place where he rules will be glorious.



JOHN THE BAPTIST'S MINISTRY FORETOLD:
JESUS AS SHEPHERD
FROM ISAIAH 40:1-11

DECEMBER 8

Shout it out loud. Don't be afraid.

Say to the towns of Judah, "Your God is coming!"

The Lord and King is coming with power.

He rules with a powerful arm.

He has set his people free.

He is bringing them back as his reward.

He has won the battle over their enemies.

He takes care of his flock like a shepherd.

He gathers the lambs in his arms.

He carries them close to his heart.

He gently leads those that have little ones.



DECEMBER 9

PROMISE OF GOOD TIDINGS
HERALDING SALVATION
FROM ISAIAH 52:7-10

What a beautiful sight it is to see messengers coming with good news! How beautiful to see them coming down from the mountains with a message about peace!

How wonderful it is when they bring the good news that we are saved! How wonderful when they say to Zion, "Your God rules!"

Listen! Those on guard duty are shouting out the message. With their own eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion. So they shout for joy.

Burst into songs of joy together, you broken-down buildings in Jerusalem. The Lord has comforted his people. He has set Jerusalem free.

The Lord will use the power of his holy arm to save his people. All the nations will see him do it. Everyone from one end of the earth to the other will see it.



THE BRINGER OF THE NEW COVENANT

FROM MALACHI 2:17-3:5

DECEMBER 10

The Lord who rules over all says, "I will send my messenger. He will prepare my way for me. Then suddenly the Lord you are looking for will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant will come. He is the one you long for."



DECEMBER 11

THE MESSIAH WILL TAKE ON OUR SIN
AND PUNISHMENT
FROM ISAIAH 53:1-6

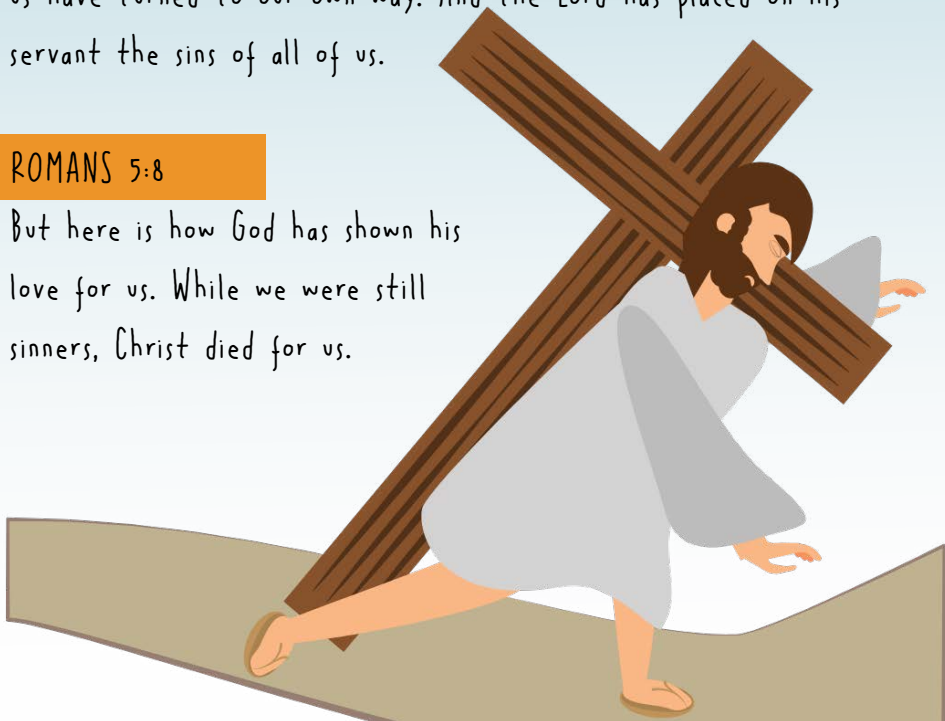
Jesus suffered the things we should have suffered. He took on himself the pain that should have been ours. But we thought God was punishing him.

We thought God was wounding him and making him suffer. But the servant was pierced because we had sinned. He was crushed because we had done what was evil. He was punished to make us whole again. His wounds have healed us.

All of us are like sheep. We have wandered away from God. All of us have turned to our own way. And the Lord has placed on his servant the sins of all of us.

ROMANS 5:8

But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



BETHLEHEM FORETOLD AS PLACE OF BIRTH

MICAH 5:2-4

DECEMBER 12

The Lord says, "Bethlehem, you might not be an important town in the nation of Judah. But out of you will come for me a ruler over Israel. His family line goes back to the early years of your nation. It goes all the way back to days of long ago."

The Lord will hand over his people to their enemies. That will last until the pregnant woman bears her promised son. Then the rest of his relatives in Judah will return to their land.

That promised son will stand firm and be a shepherd for his flock. The Lord will give him the strength to do it. The Lord his God will give him the authority to rule. His people will live safely. His greatness will reach from one end of the earth to the other.



DECEMBER 13

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN:
THE PRINCE OF PEACE
FROM ISAIAH 9:2-7

A child will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Adviser and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace.

There will be no limit to how great his authority is. The peace he brings will never end. He will rule on David's throne and over his kingdom. He will make the kingdom strong and secure. His rule will be based on what is fair and right. It will last forever. The Lord's great love will make sure that happens. He rules over all.



PREDICTION OF JOHN'S BIRTH
TO ZECHARIAH
FROM LUKE 1:5-17

DECEMBER 14

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah. The angel was standing at the right side of the incense altar. When Zechariah saw him, he was amazed and terrified. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will have a child. It will be a boy, and you must call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you. His birth will make many people very glad. He will be important in the sight of the Lord.

My prayer
has been
answered!

He will prepare the way for the Lord. He will have the same spirit and power that Elijah had. He will bring peace between parents and their children. He will teach people who don't obey to be wise and do what is right. In this way, he will prepare a people who are ready for the Lord."



DECEMBER 15

ANGEL'S VISIT TO MARY
FROM LUKE 1:26-38

An angel was sent to a girl who was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has blessed you in a special way. He is with you."

Mary was very upset but the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. "How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin."

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God."

"I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her.



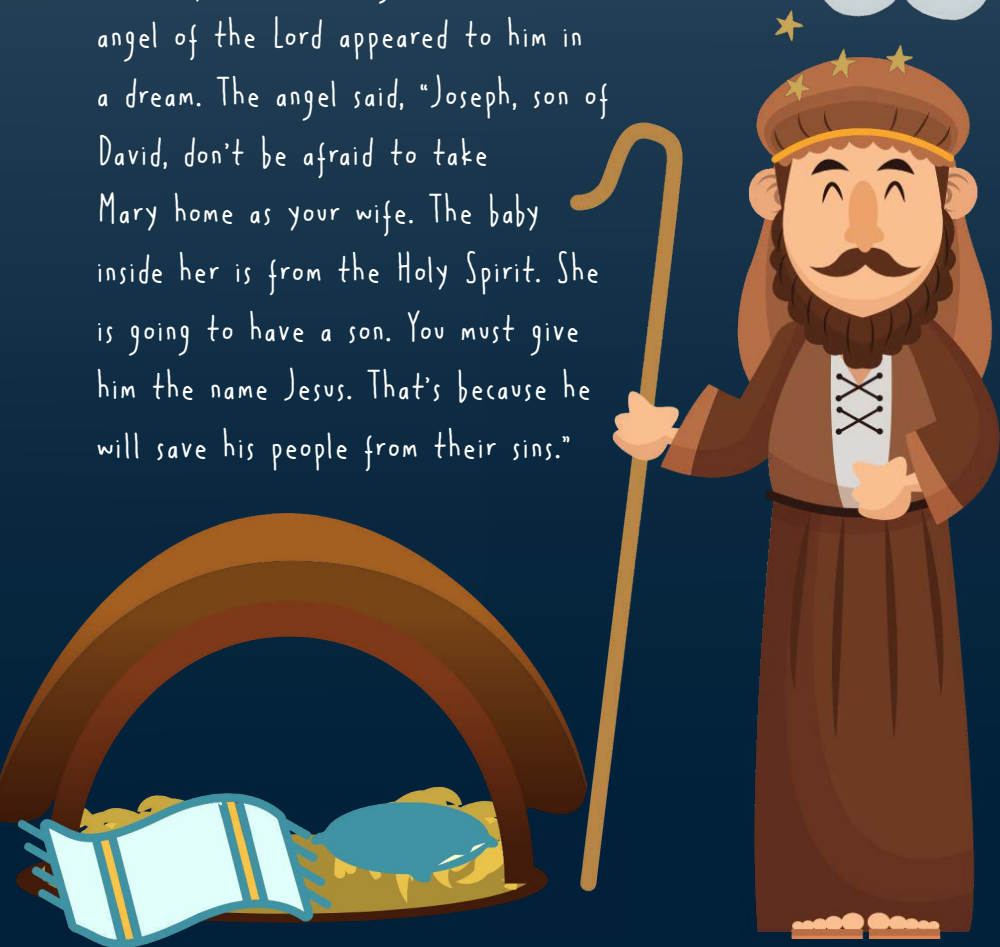
JOSEPH'S DILEMMA

FROM MATTHEW 1:18-25

DECEMBER 16

Mary and Joseph had promised to get married. Before they started to live together, she became pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph was faithful to the law. But he did not want to put her to shame in public. So he planned to divorce her quietly.

As Joseph was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary home as your wife. The baby inside her is from the Holy Spirit. She is going to have a son. You must give him the name Jesus. That's because he will save his people from their sins."

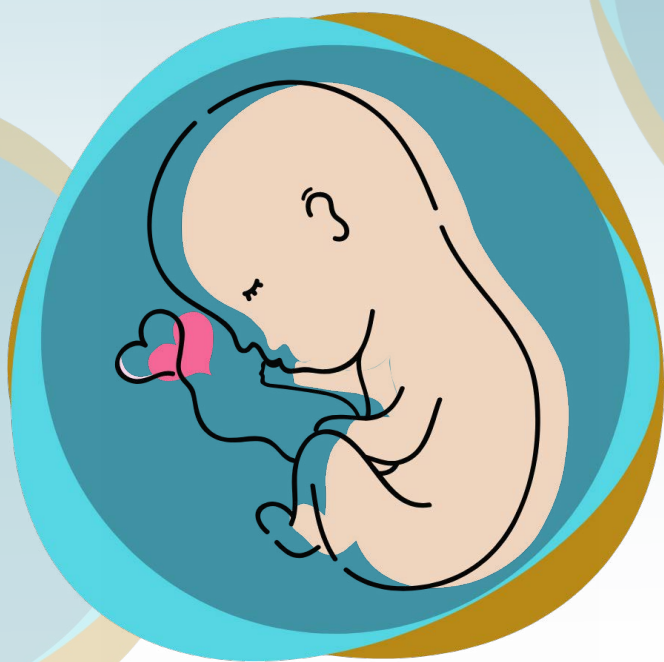


DECEMBER 17

MARY'S VISIT TO ELIZABETH

LUKE 1:39-45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in Judea's hill country. There she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby inside her jumped. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she called out, "God has blessed you more than other women. And blessed is the child you will have! But why is God so kind to me? Why has the mother of my Lord come to me? As soon as I heard the sound of your voice, the baby inside me jumped for joy. You are a woman God has blessed. You have believed that the Lord would keep his promises to you!"



MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE

LUKE 1:46-56

DECEMBER 18

Mary said, "My soul gives glory to the Lord.
My spirit delights in God my Savior.
He has taken note of me even though I am not considered
important. From now on all people will call me blessed.
The Mighty One has done great things for me. His name is holy.
He shows his mercy to those who have respect for him,
from parent to child down through the years.
He has done mighty things with his powerful arm.
He has scattered those who are proud in their
deepest thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones.
But he has lifted up people who are not
considered important.
He has filled with good things those who
are hungry.
But he has sent away empty those who are rich.
He has helped the people of Israel, who serve him.
He has always remembered to be kind to Abraham
and his children down through the years.
He has done it just as he promised to our people
of long ago."



DECEMBER 19

ZECHARIAH'S PROPHECY AFTER
JOHN'S BIRTH

FROM LUKE 1:67-80

John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit. He prophesied, "Give praise to the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to his people and purchased their freedom. He has acted with great power and has saved us.

And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God. You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare the way for him. You will tell his people how they can be saved. You will tell them that their sins can be forgiven."

The child grew up, and his spirit became strong. He lived in the desert until he appeared openly to Israel.



This is the beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. Long ago Isaiah the prophet wrote, "I will send my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare your way." (Malachi 3:1) "A messenger is calling out in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight paths for him.'" (Isaiah 40:3)

And so John the Baptist appeared in the desert. He preached that people should be baptized and turn away from their sins. Then God would forgive them. John baptized them in the Jordan River. John wore clothes made out of camel's hair. He had a leather belt around his waist. And he ate locusts and wild honey.

John was preaching. "After me, there is someone coming who is more powerful than I am. I'm not good enough to bend down and untie his sandals. I baptize you with water. But he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



DECEMBER 21

THE HUMILITY AND INCARNATION
OF JESUS

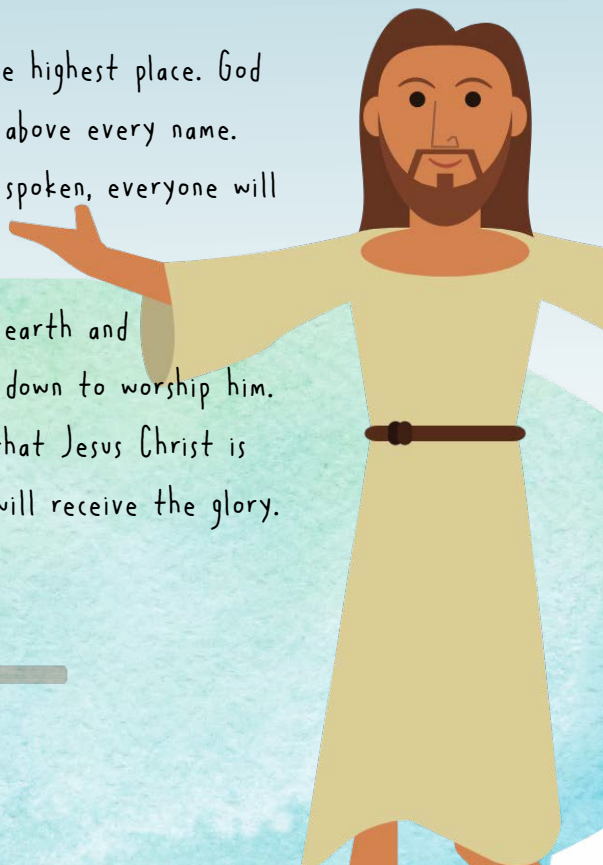
FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

As you deal with one another, you should think and act as Jesus did. In his very nature he was God. Jesus was equal with God. But Jesus didn't take advantage of that fact. Instead, he made himself nothing. He did this by taking on the nature of a servant. He was made just like human beings.

He appeared as a man. He was humble and obeyed God completely. He did this even though it led to his death. Even worse, he died on a cross!

So God lifted him up to the highest place. God gave him the name that is above every name. When the name of Jesus is spoken, everyone will kneel down to worship him.

Everyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth will kneel down to worship him. Everyone's mouth will say that Jesus Christ is Lord. And God the Father will receive the glory.

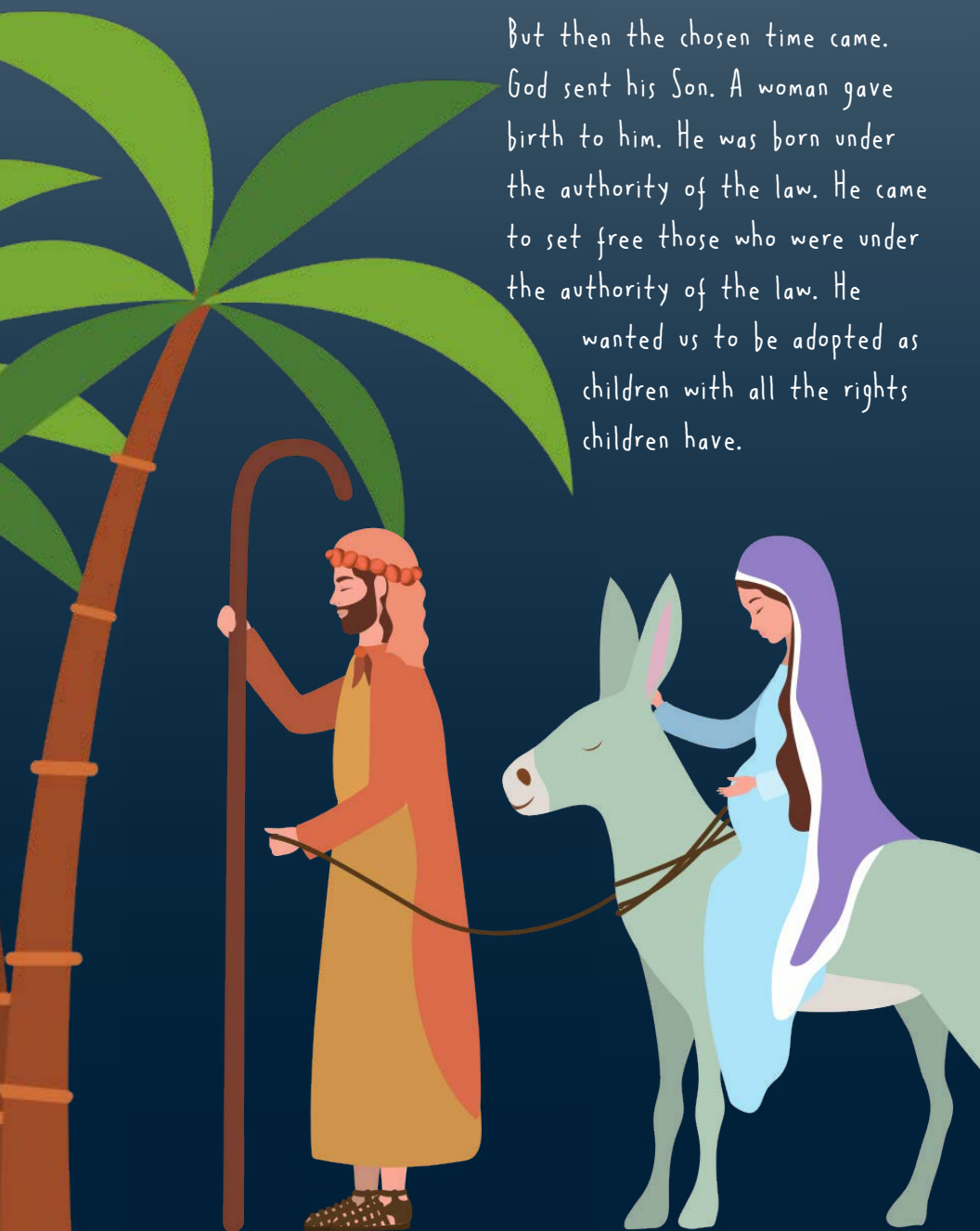


JESUS CAME AT THE APPOINTED TIME

GALATIANS 4:4-5

DECEMBER 22

But then the chosen time came. God sent his Son. A woman gave birth to him. He was born under the authority of the law. He came to set free those who were under the authority of the law. He wanted us to be adopted as children with all the rights children have.



DECEMBER 23

GOD'S GIFT

JOHN 3:16-17

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world. He sent his Son to save the world through him.

Romans 6:23

When you sin, the pay you get is death. But God gives you the gift of eternal life. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done.



Christmas Eve

READ LUKE 2:1-20

DECEMBER 24



DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

WISE MEN SEEK THE KING

FROM MATTHEW 2:1-12

King Herod secretly called for the Wise Men. He found out from them exactly when the star had appeared and sent them to Bethlehem. He said, "Go and search for the child. As soon as you find him, report it to me. Then I can go and worship him too."

The Wise Men went on their way. They saw the star and they were filled with joy. There they saw the child with his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, frankincense and myrrh. But God warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod. So they returned to their country on a different road.

Romans 10:13

Scripture says,
"Everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord
will be saved."
(Joel 2:32)

