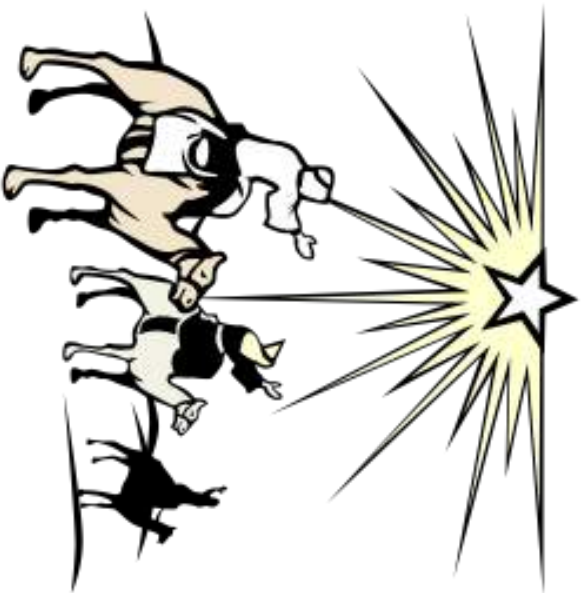
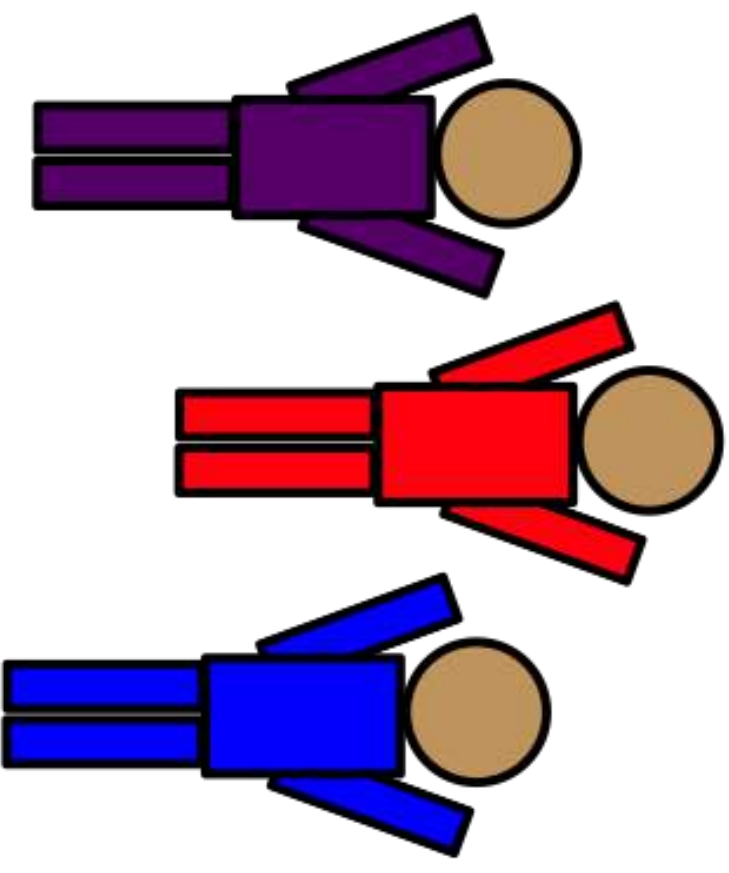


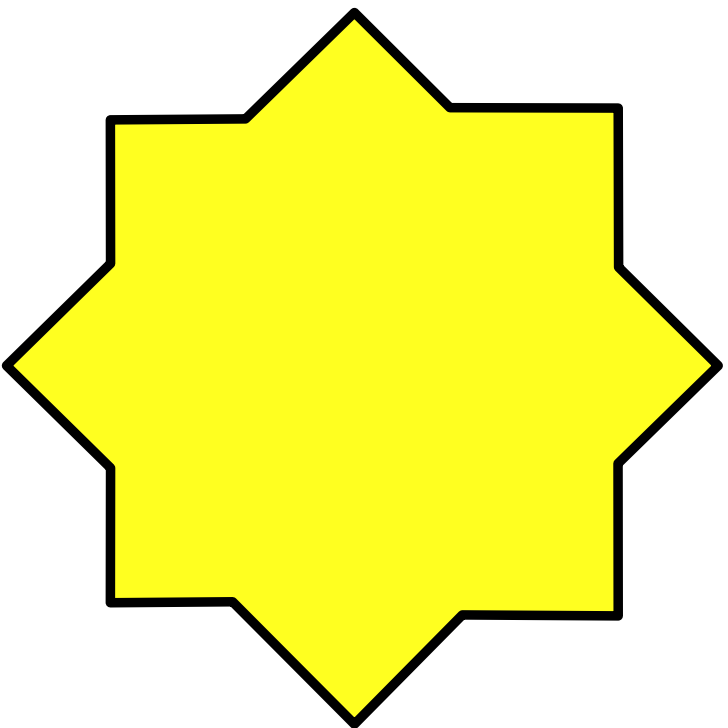
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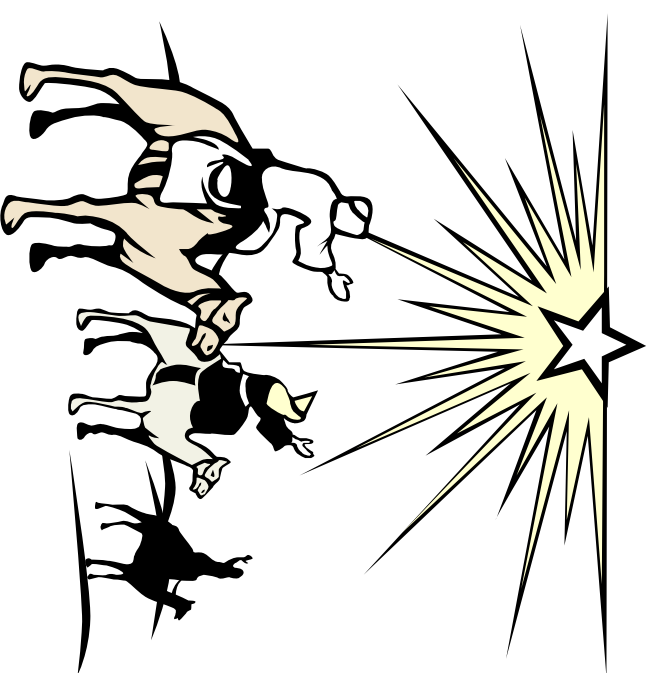
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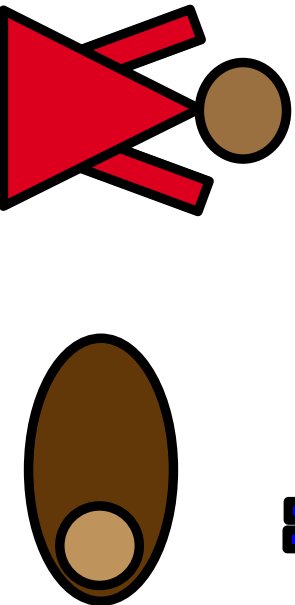
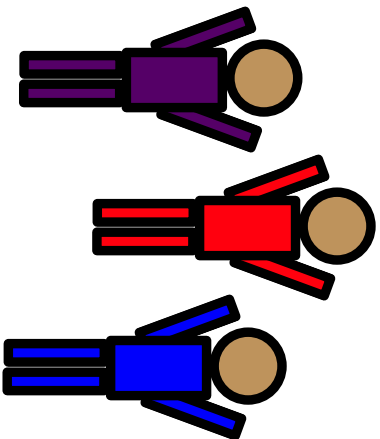
After Jesus' birth, Wise
Men from the east came to
Jerusalem.



They asked, "Where is the child who has been born to be king of the Jews? When we were in the east, we saw his star. Now we have come to worship him."



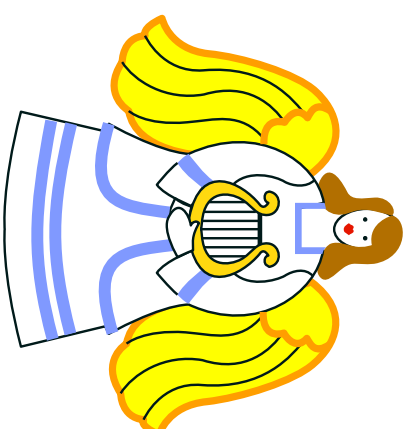
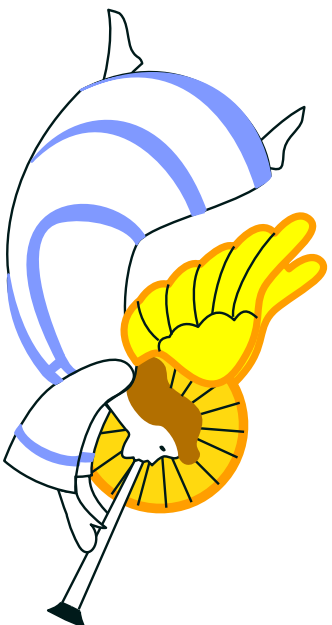
The star they had seen when they were in the east went ahead of them. It finally stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy.



The Wise Men went to the house. There they saw the child with his mother Mary.

They bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures. They gave him gold, incense and myrrh.

The Shepherds' Visit

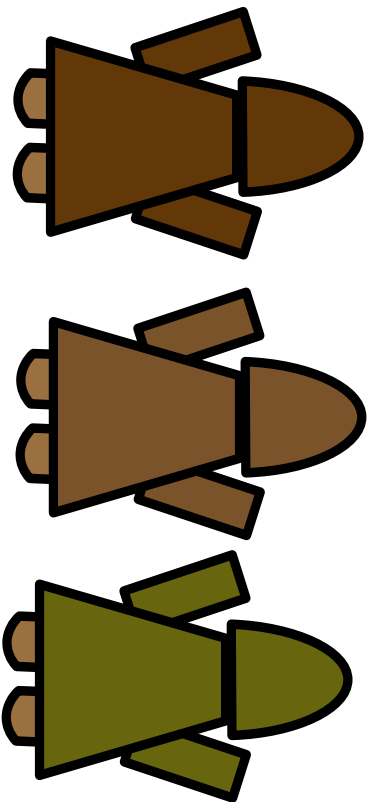
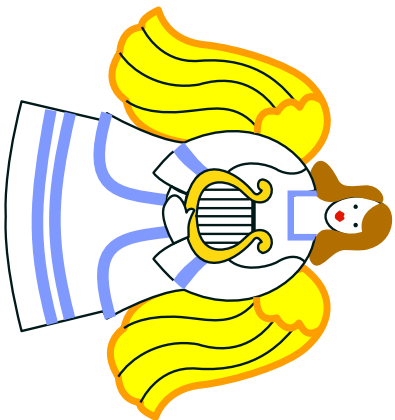


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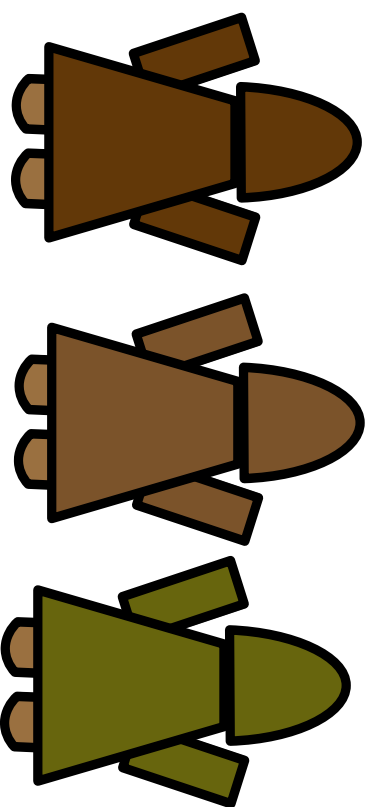
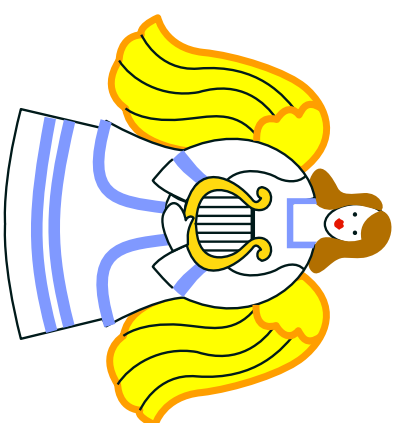
There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were looking after their sheep.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified.

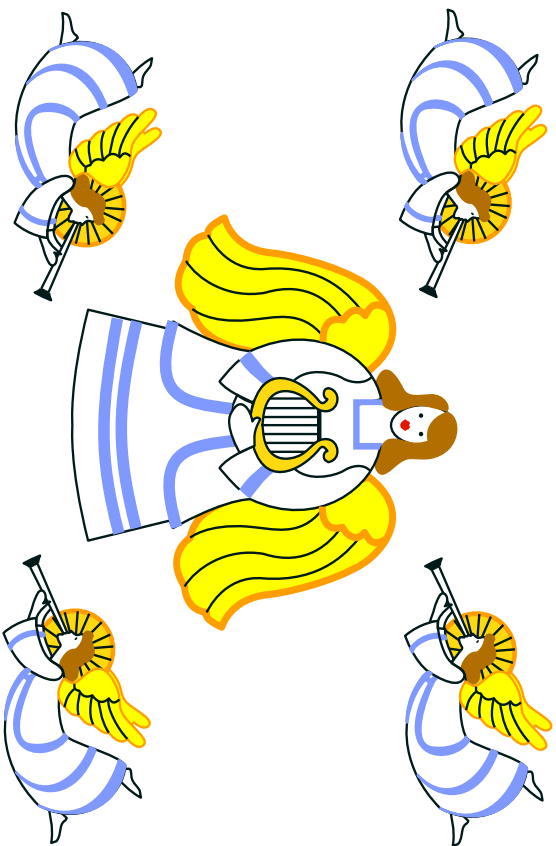


But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy. It is for all the people.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you."

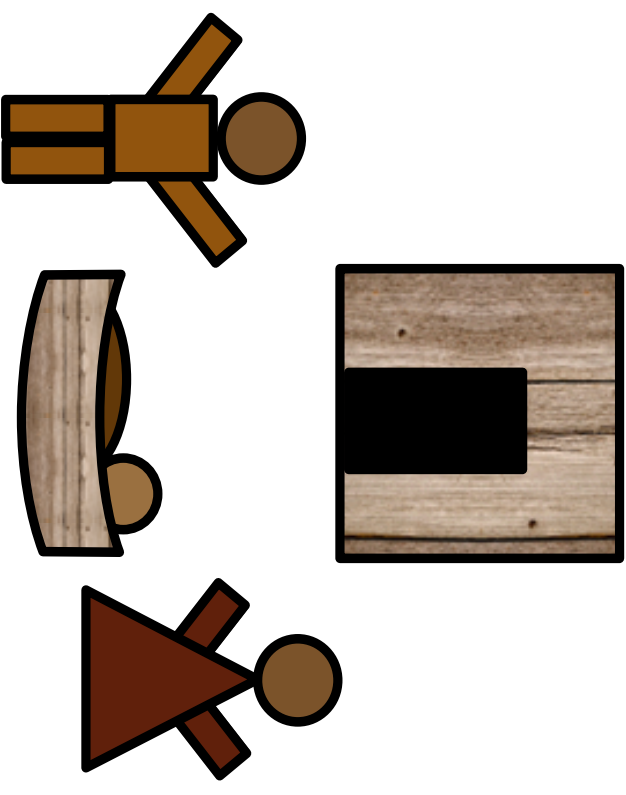


He is Christ the Lord. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."



Suddenly a large group of angels from heaven also appeared. They were praising God. They said,

"May glory be given to God in the highest heaven! And may peace be given to those he is pleased with on earth!"



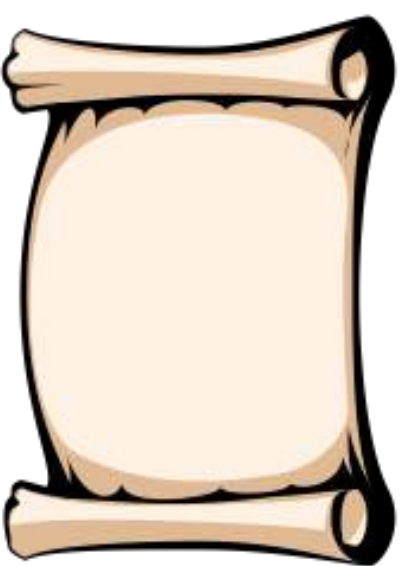
The angels left and went into heaven. Then the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby. The baby was lying in the manger.

THE STABLE



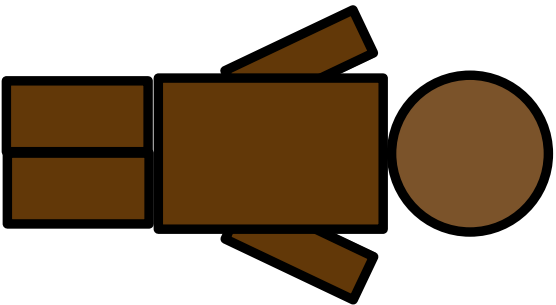
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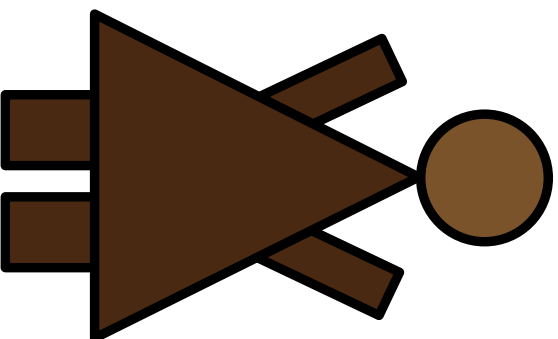
In those days, Caesar Augustus made a law. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world.

All went to their own towns to be listed.

Joseph



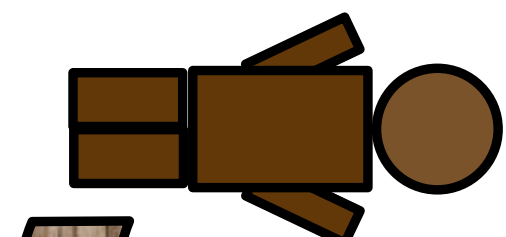
Mary



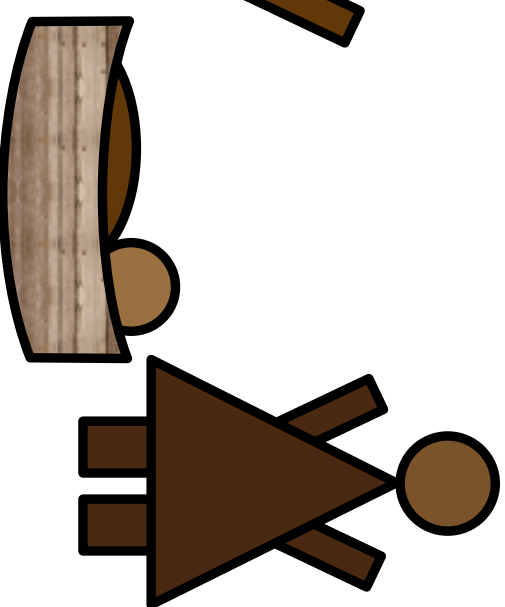
So Joseph went also. He went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of David.

He went there with Mary to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby.

Joseph



Mary



While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born.

She gave birth to her first baby. It was a boy. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a manger.

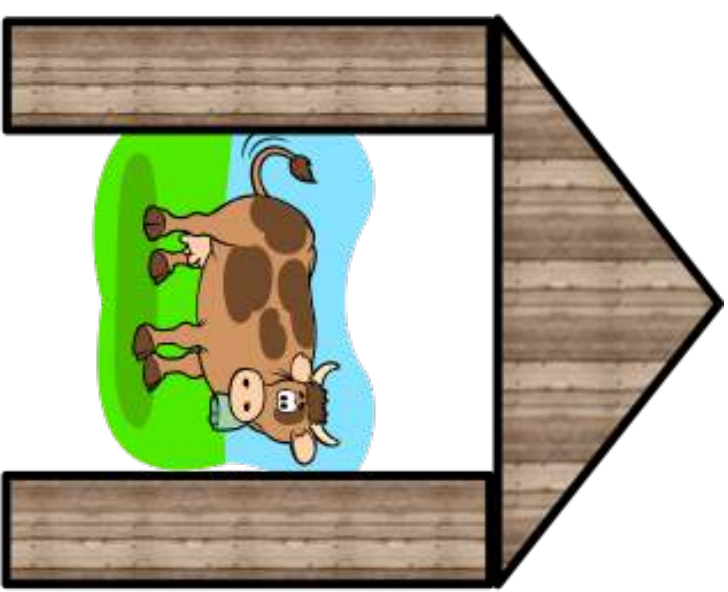
There was no room for them in the inn.

'Twas The Night

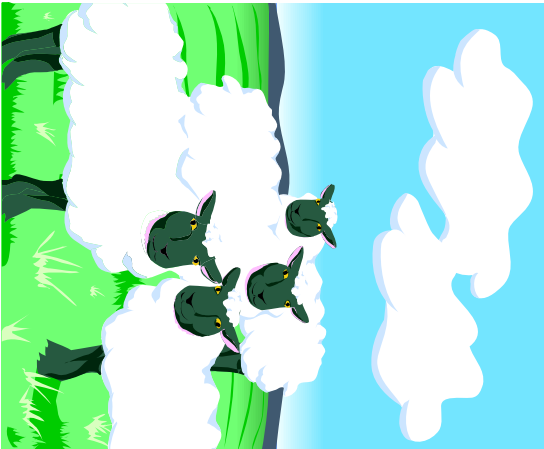


Of Jesus' Birth

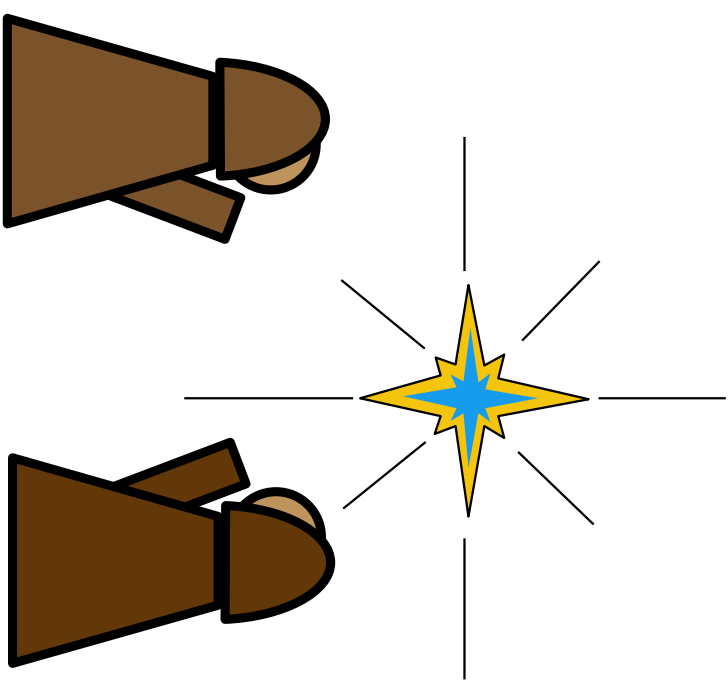
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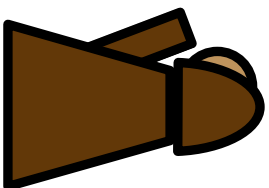
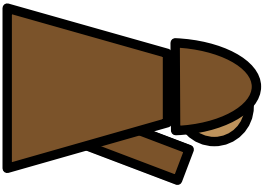
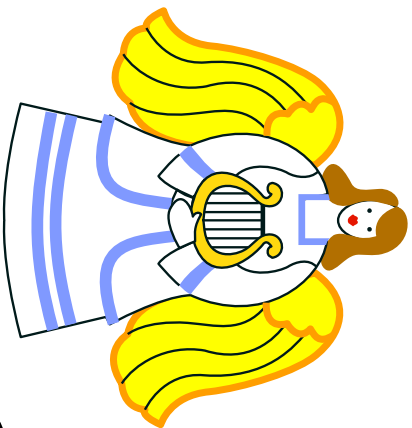
*'Twas the night of Jesus' birth,
when all through the town
Not a creature was stirring,
not even a cow
The animals were munching
in their stable where
They hoped that the Savior
would soon be there.*



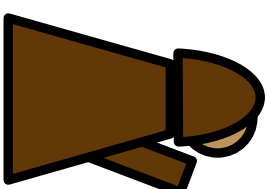
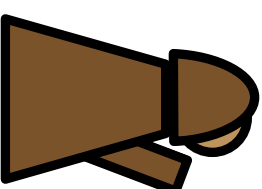
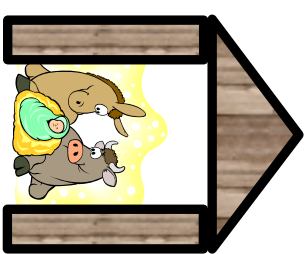
*The sheep were all nestled
down for the night
While the shepherds made sure
that all was just right
Everyone thought that
it was just the same
As every other boring Bethlehem day*



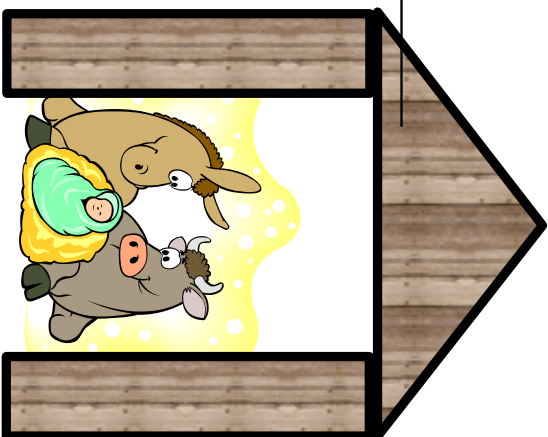
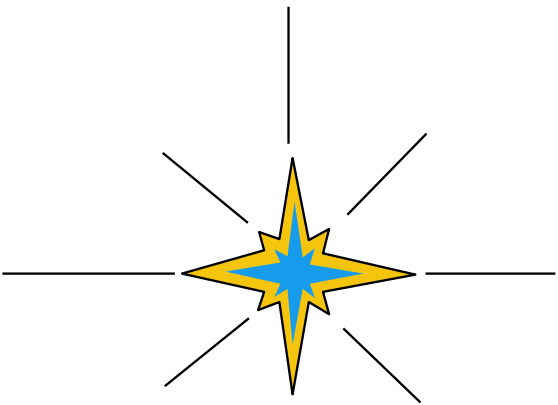
*When out in the sky
there arose such a light
The shepherds couldn't look
'cause it was so bright
There was a beautiful angel
up in the sky
The shepherds just couldn't
figure out why*



*The shepherds were scared
and they covered their eyes
The angel told them
in a manger there lies
A baby - the Savior -
was born tonight
In the town of David
which was nearby*



*The shepherds went off
to where the baby lay
They knew they would see
the Savior this day
More rapid than eagles,
they ran so fast
To see the Savior--
they didn't want to be last*



Now Peace!

Now Joy!

Now Everlasting Life!

On Goodness!

On Love!

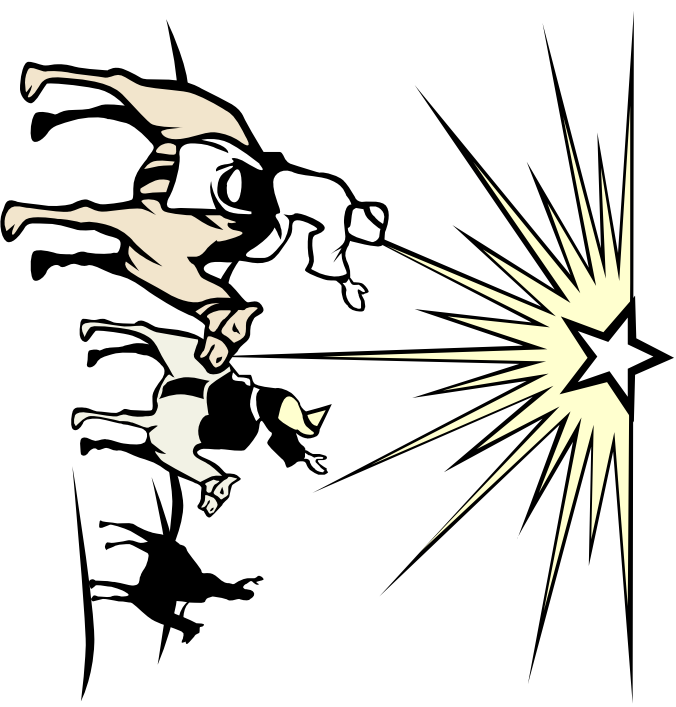
God's One and Only Son!

To the city of Bethlehem!

To the door of the stable!

Let's hurry now and be on our way!

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From the dry desert sand,

the magi they came

Following a star,

they didn't know it's name

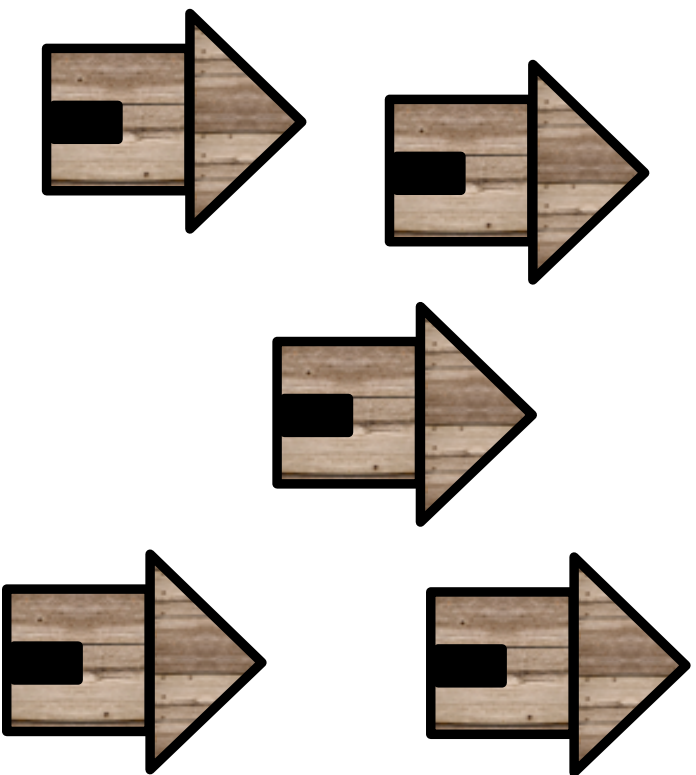
So over the dunes

they came from the east

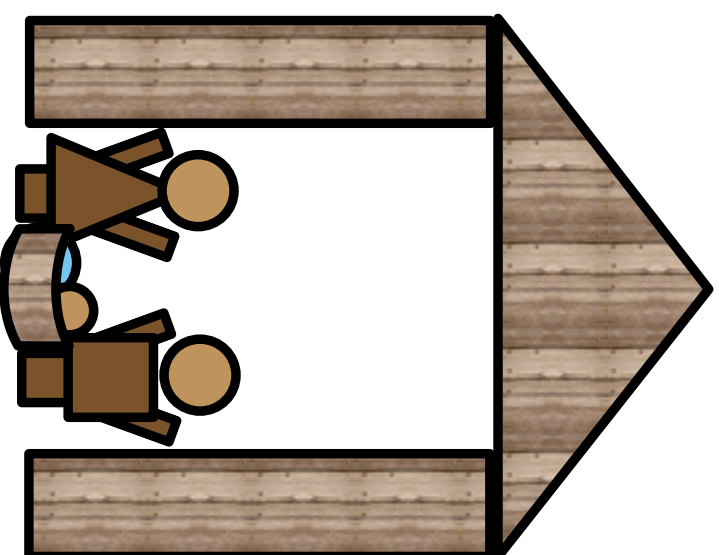
This long journey

they didn't mind in the least!

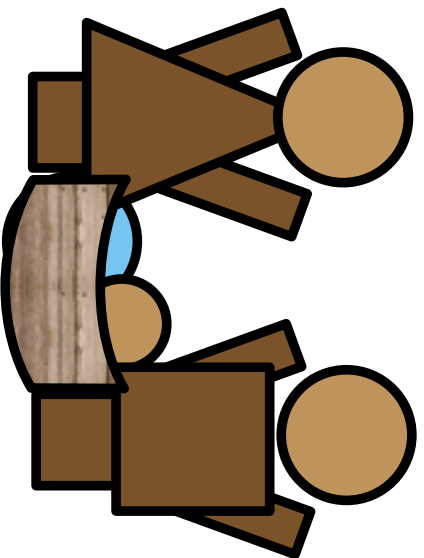
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*And then in a twinkling,
the star just stopped
So in each door they simply popped
To wonder about the Christ child
born today
In the city of Bethlehem,
so far away*



*They saw His mother
sitting by his bed
With Joseph softly rubbing
His sweet head
Their hearts were both
filled with great joy
Of the birth of
this very special boy.*



His eyes---how they twinkled!

His dimples--how merry!

His cheeks were like roses,

His nose like a cherry!

As his visitors awed - He simply laid

On His mouth there developed a smile

As though He wanted them to stay

awhile

He had a sweet face and a little round

tummy

He kept looking up and smiling at His

mommy



It truly was a "Silent Night"

in that stable

And they laughed to themselves,

whoever was able

Each couldn't believe where he was

This is so much better

than meeting Santa Clause



*They spoke not a word,
but wanted to give more*

*Than what they had,
but they could only adore*

*The wisemen gave gold, frankincense &
myrrh*

*And the animals warmed Him with their
fur*

*As they all left that place - so holy and
mild*

*They couldn't do anything but smile
They had just seen the Savior -
the Christ child*



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And to all

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