

Matthew's story of the wise men

(based on Matthew 2: 1-12)

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a town in Judea, in the time of King Herod. Some wise men came from the East to Jerusalem asking, "Where is the baby who will be King of the Jews?"

We have seen his star in the sky and have come to worship him."

King Herod was very confused when he heard this question, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.

He called the priests and teachers to him and asked them what they knew about it.

They said: "A long time ago a prophet said: "A baby will be born in Bethlehem. He will be a great leader. He will look after God's people."

King Herod said to the wise men, "Go to Bethlehem and find the baby.

Then come back and tell me where he is. I will also go and worship him."

So they went on their way.

The star which they had seen led them until it stopped over the place where the baby was.

They were filled with joy.

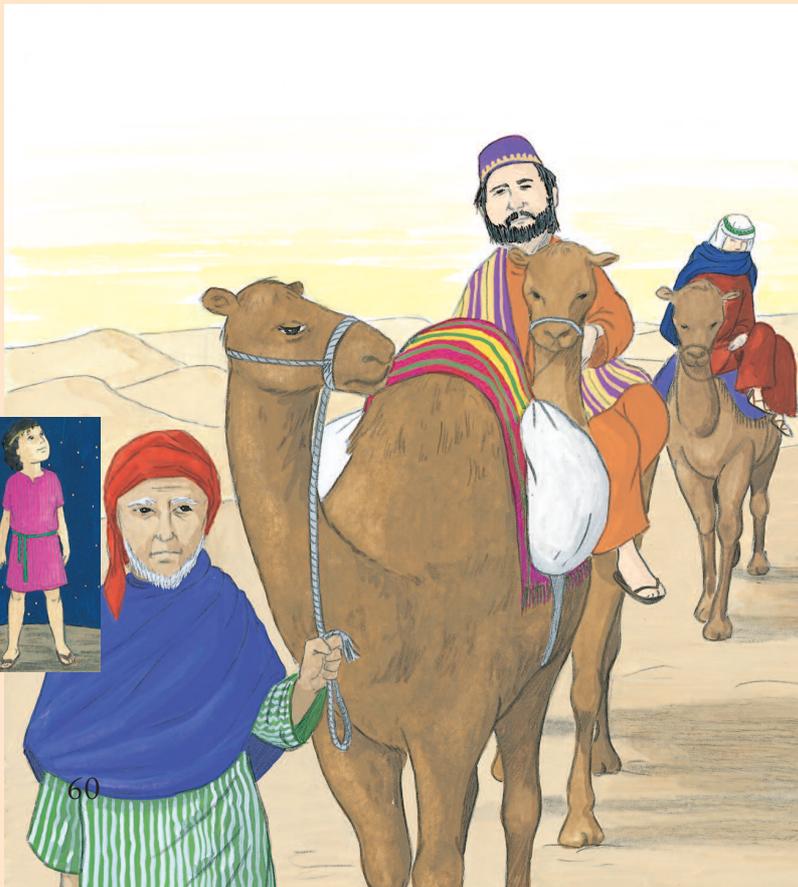
They went into the house and found the baby with his mother Mary.

They knelt down and worshipped him.

They opened their treasures and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

God told them in a dream not to go back to King Herod,

So they went back to their own country by a different way.



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