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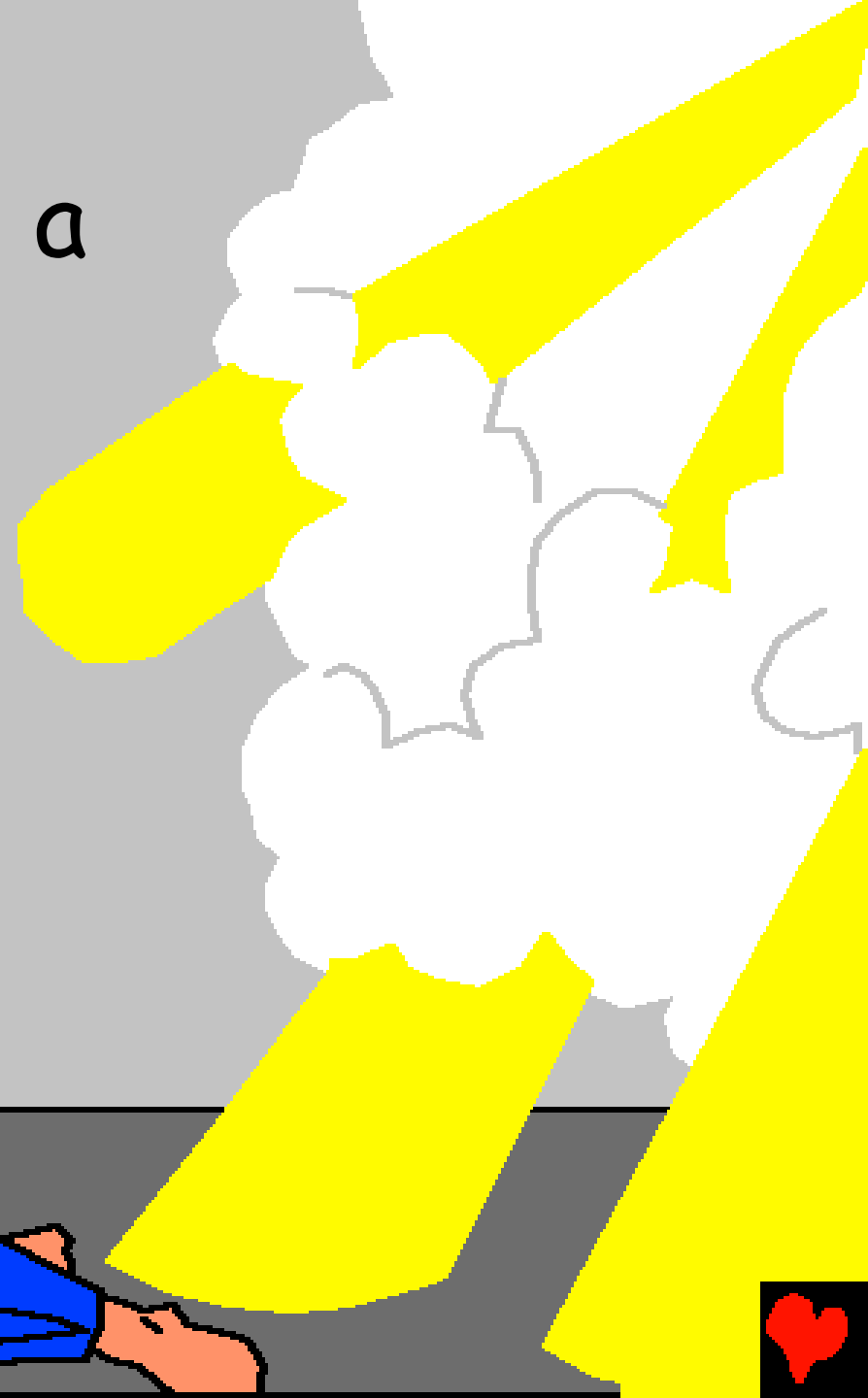
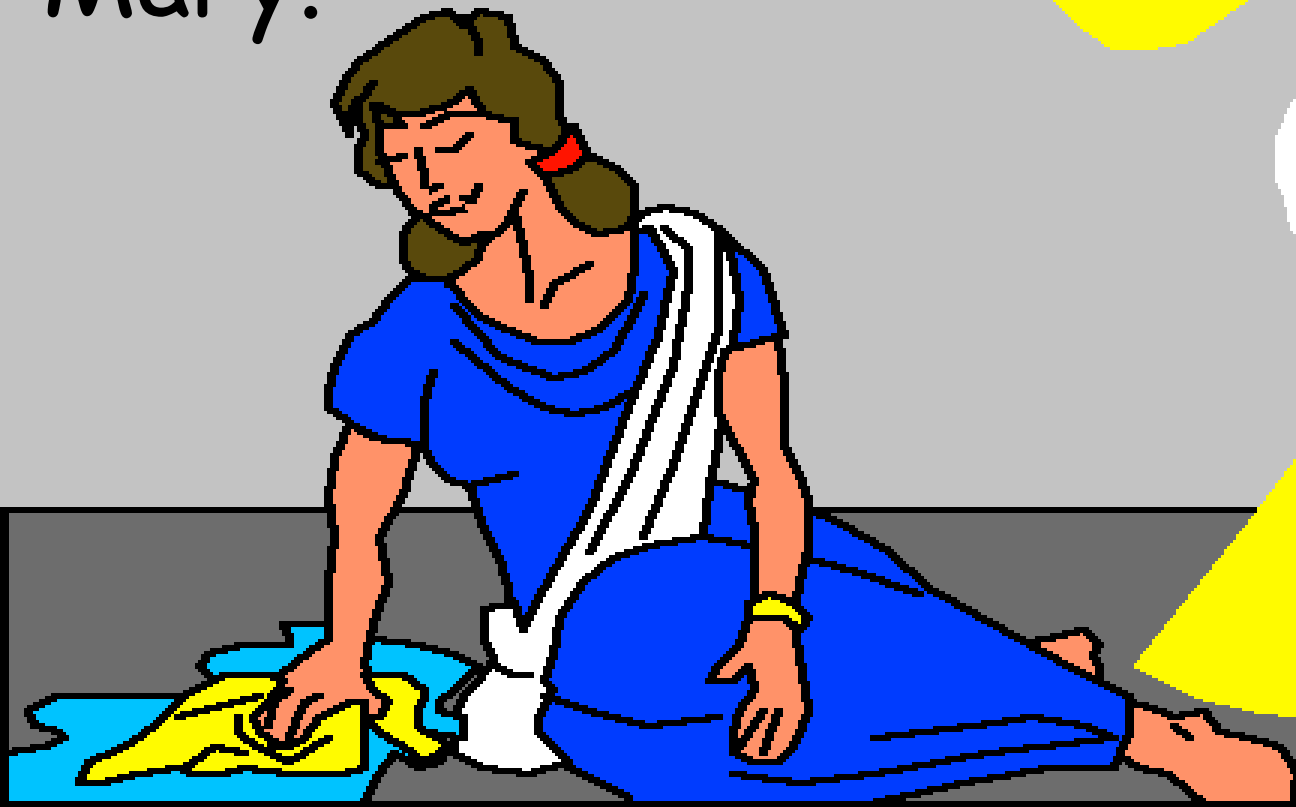
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Long ago, God sent
the angel Gabriel to a
sweet young Jewish
maiden named
Mary.



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.



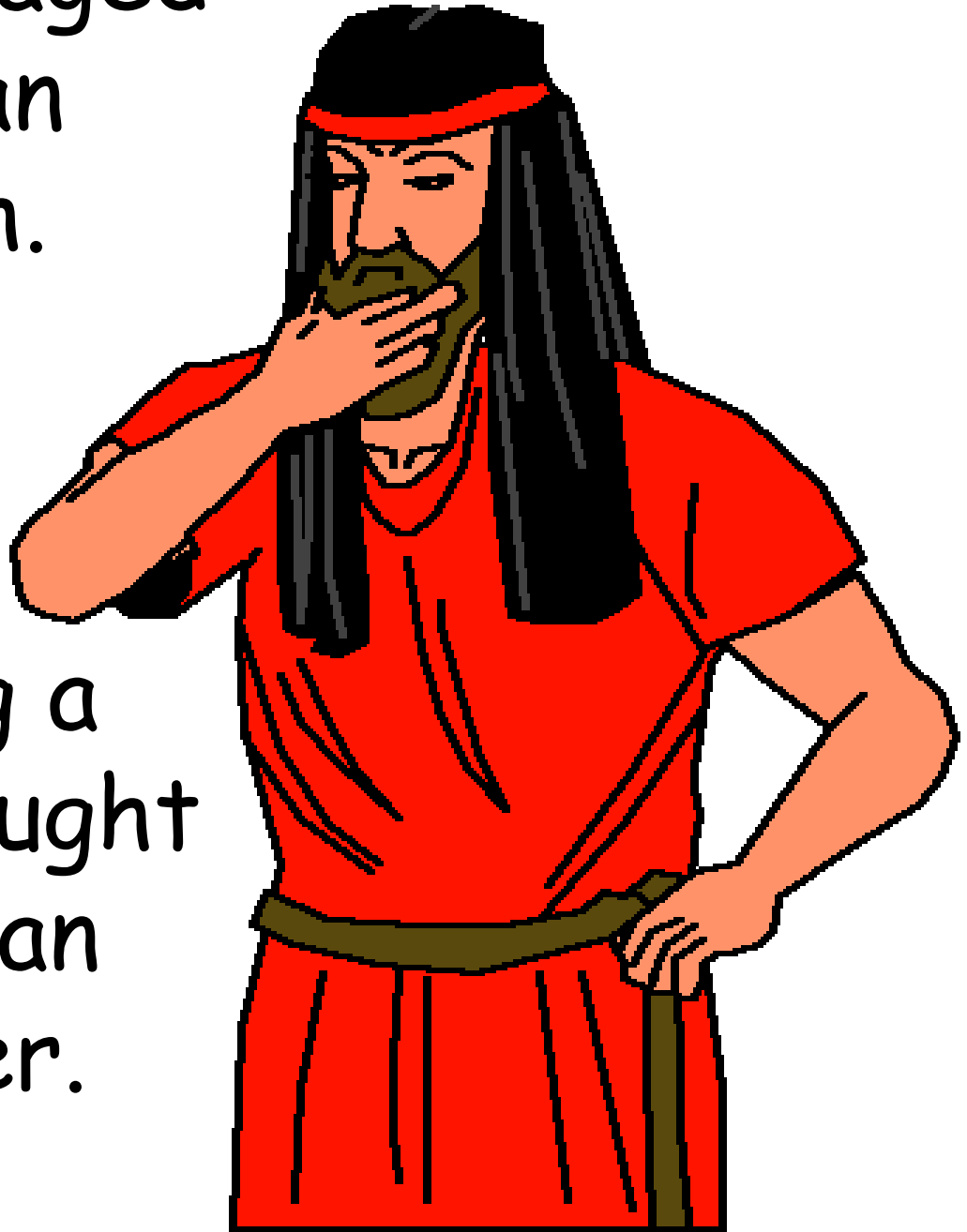
The angel then told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was having a baby in her old age.

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

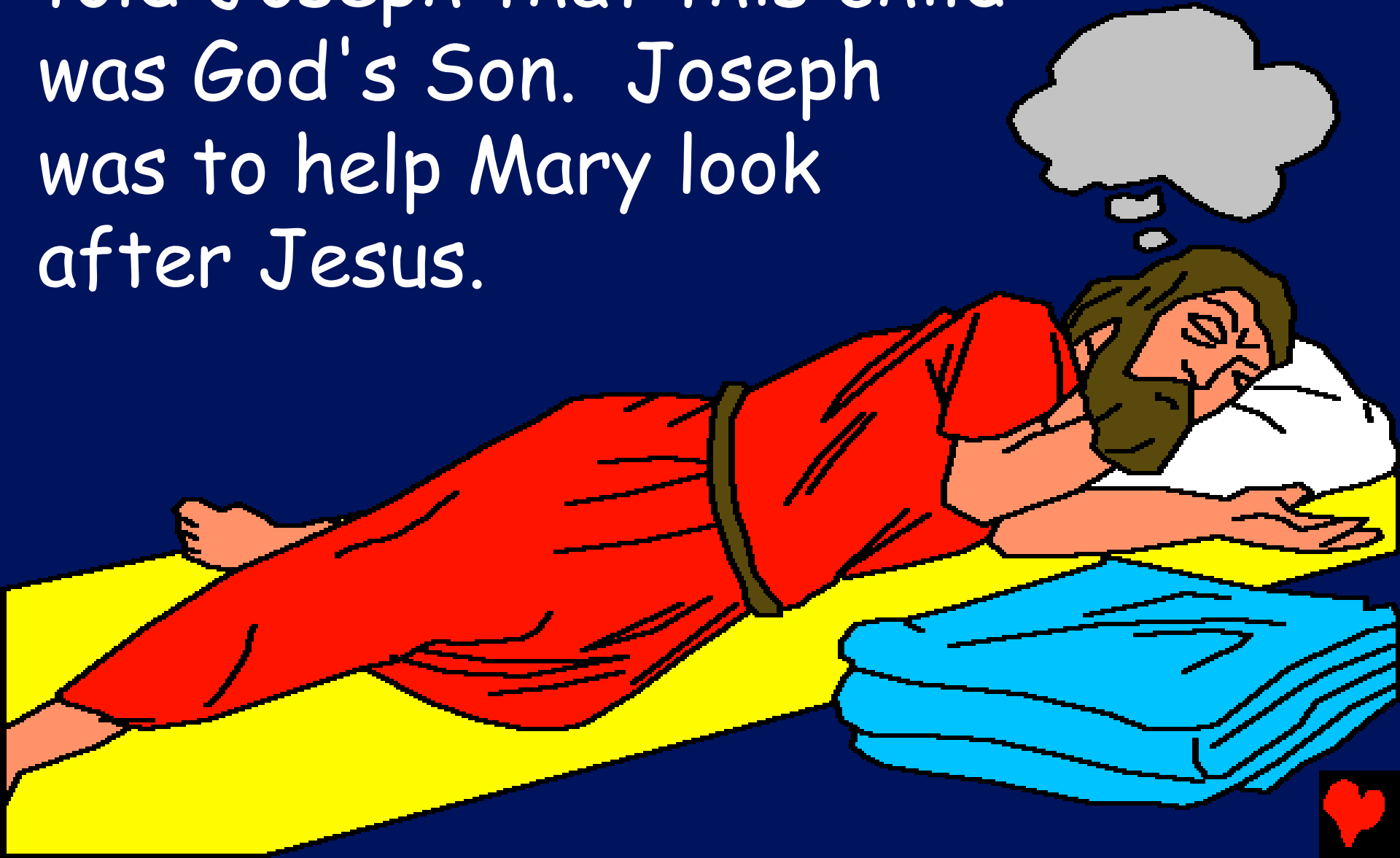


They praised God together.

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.

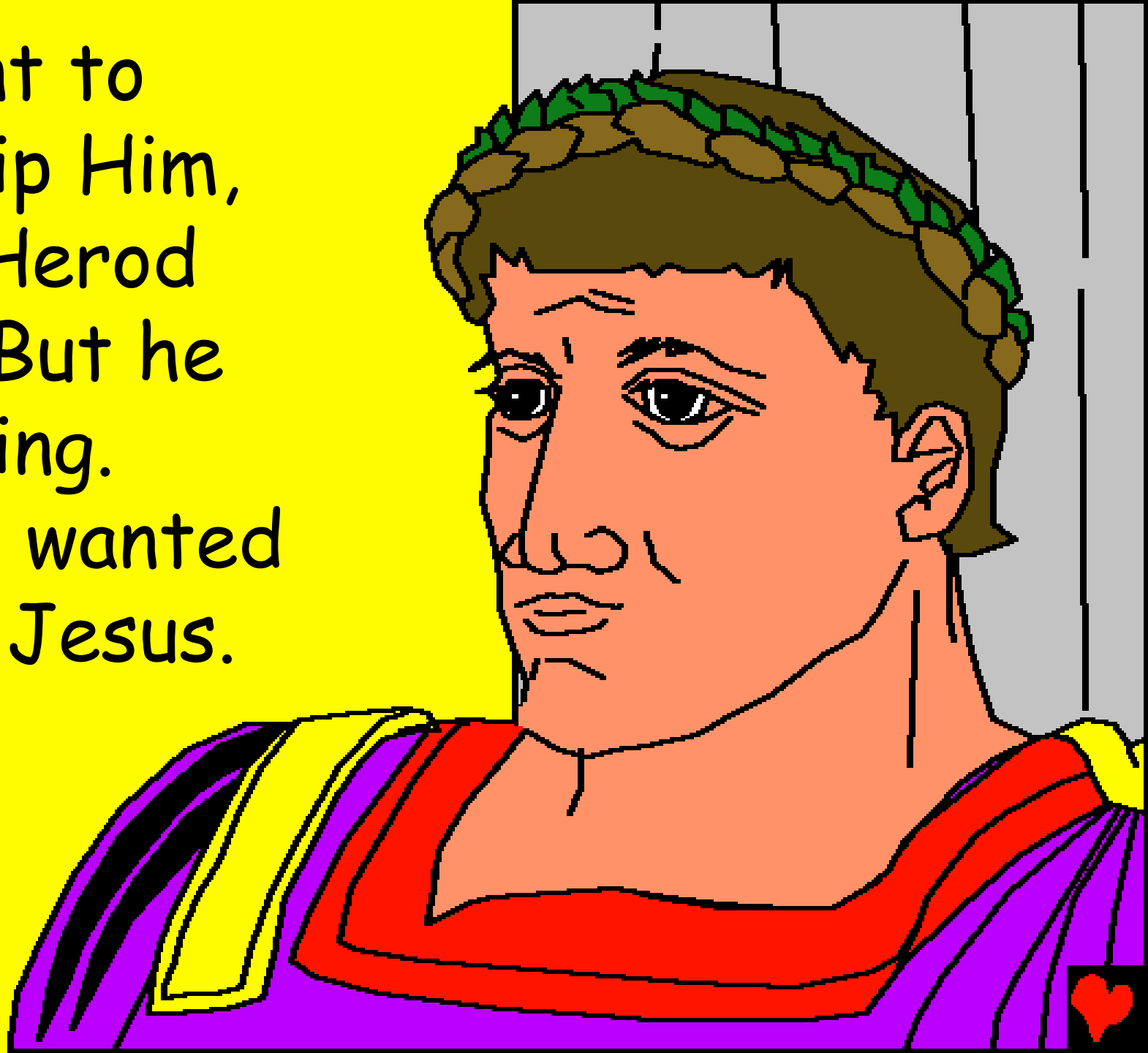


"Where is He Who is born King of the Jews?" they asked. "We want to worship Him."

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



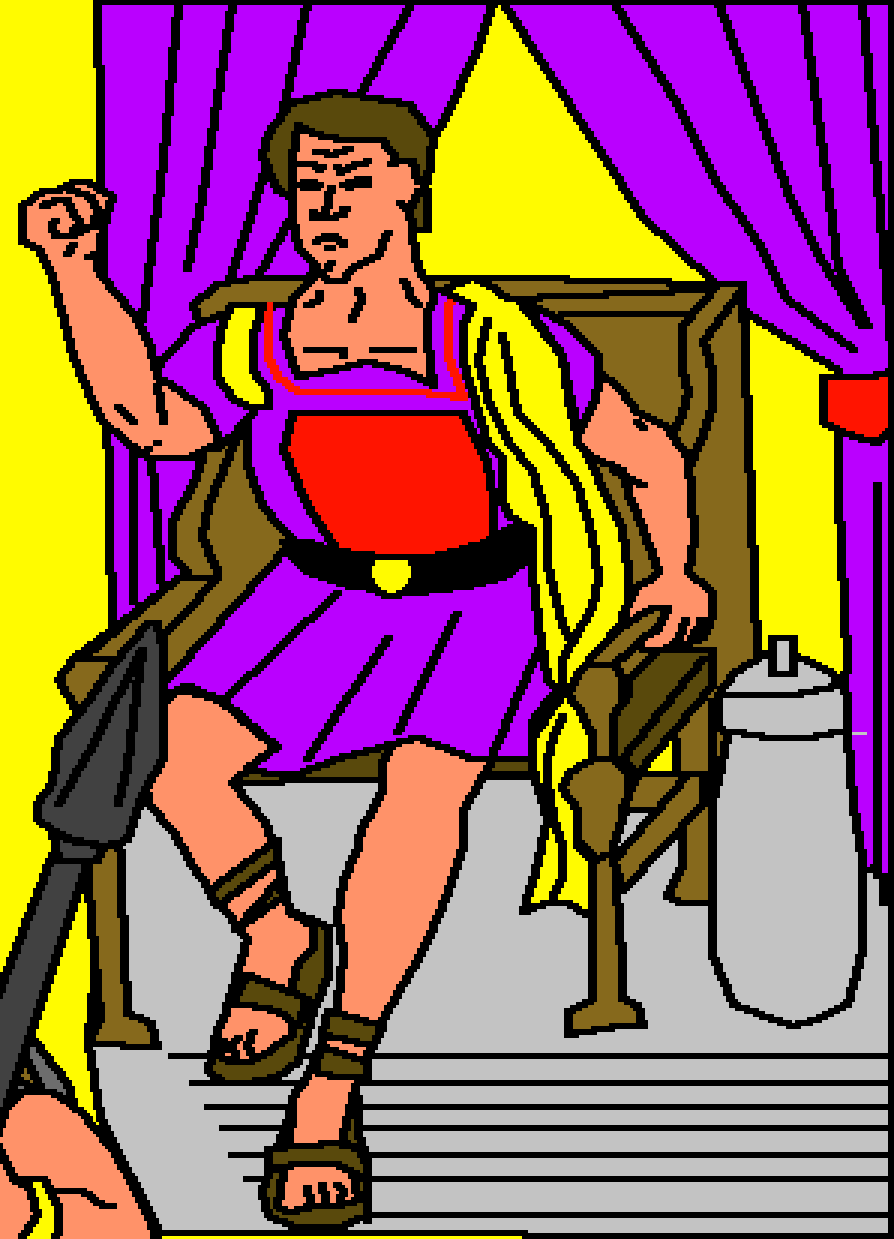
"I want to worship Him, too," Herod said. But he was lying. Herod wanted to kill Jesus.



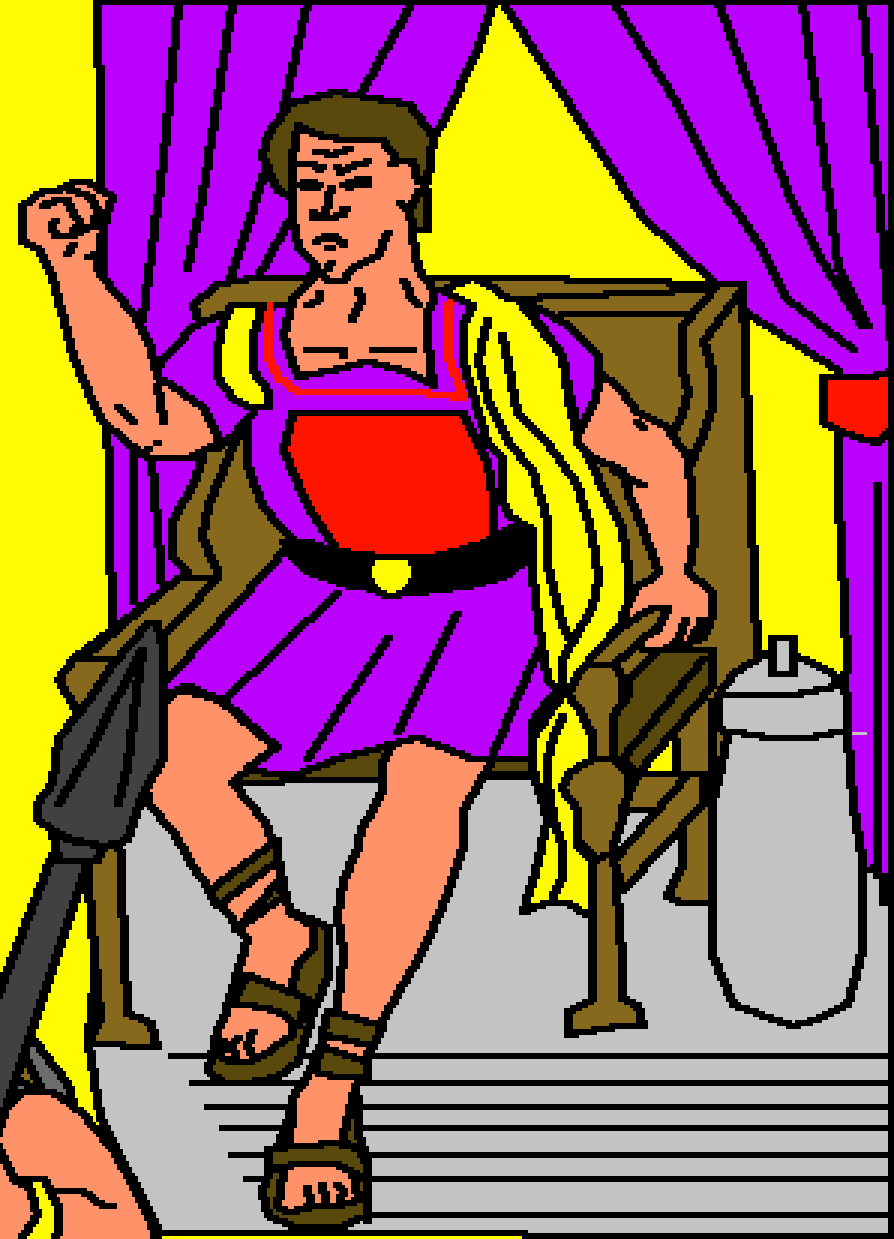
The star led the Wise Men to the exact house where Mary and Joseph lived with the young Child. Kneeling in worship, the travelers gave Jesus rich gifts of gold and perfume.



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



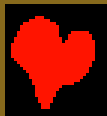
Determined to
destroy Jesus, the
wicked ruler killed
all boy babies in
Bethlehem.





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 Words 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

