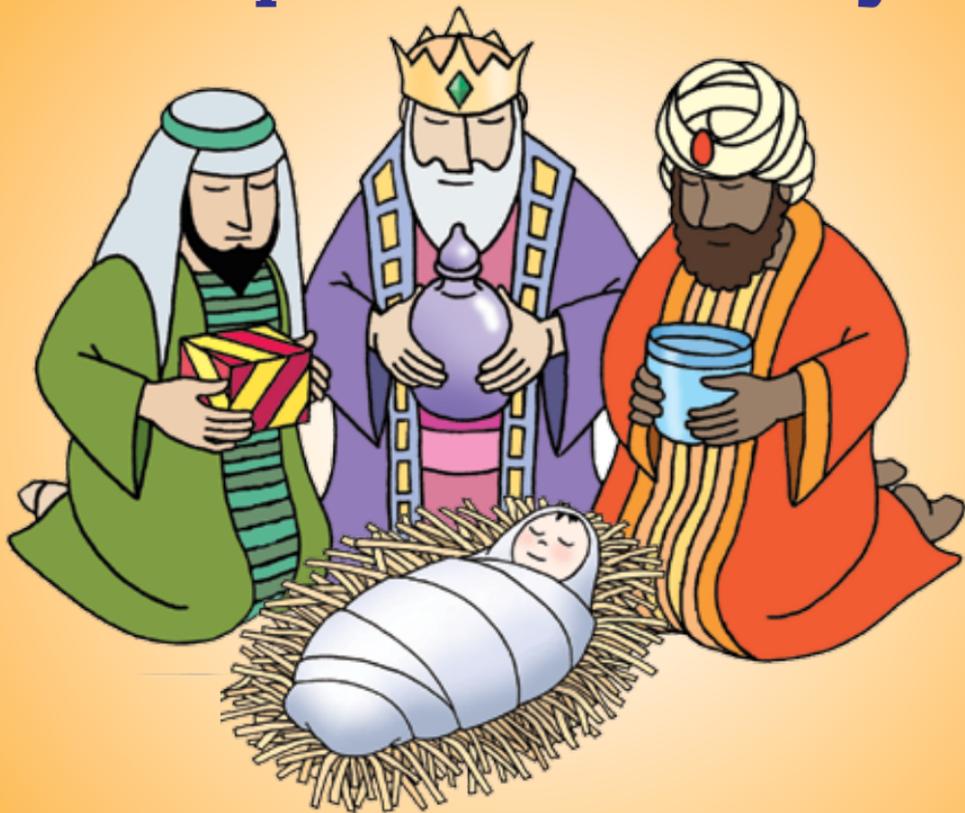


# A Special Baby



About 2,000 years ago, in a little town called Bethlehem, a very special baby was born.



Those who studied the Bible knew the baby would be special.

Hundreds of years before he was born, it was written about the baby, 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son, and will call him Immanuel, which means "God with us"'.

An angel told some shepherds that this baby was the Saviour of the world.

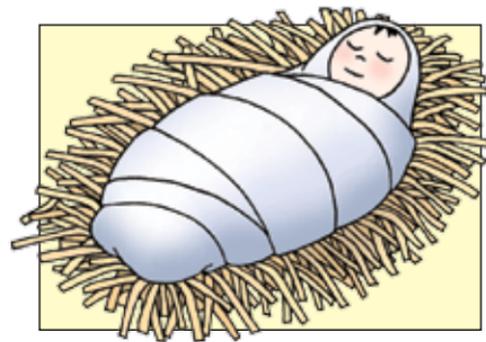
Suddenly a multitude of angels appeared from heaven giving thanks to God for his birth.



Even wise men from far away heard of this special baby. They followed a bright star that led them to him. They worshipped him and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

King Herod was so afraid and jealous of this new baby that he tried to kill him. He ordered his guards to kill all the young boys in the area that were under two years old.

But God protected the special baby by sending him safely to Egypt.



**This special baby was Jesus.**

He grew up and did many wonderful things. And finally, one day, he died on a cross and rose again from the dead so we can be saved from our sin and be friends with God.

So every year at Christmas time his birth is celebrated all over the world.



The Bible tells us we have all done and said wrong things which displease God.

This is called sin and it separates us from God.

This special baby, Jesus, was born to save us from our sin. If we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, God will forgive us so we can be friends with him.

The Bible says, 'Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.' 1 Timothy 1:15

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