

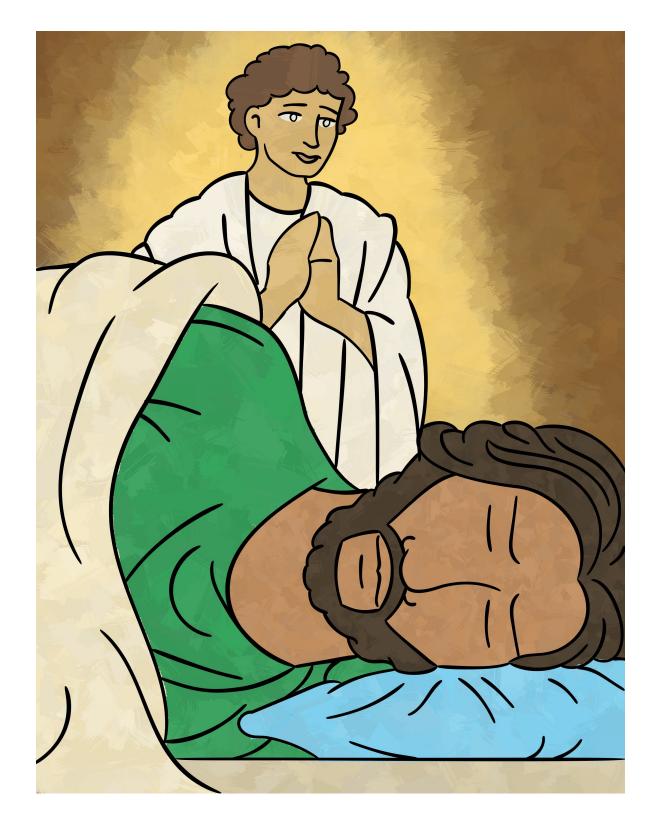


What is the nativity?

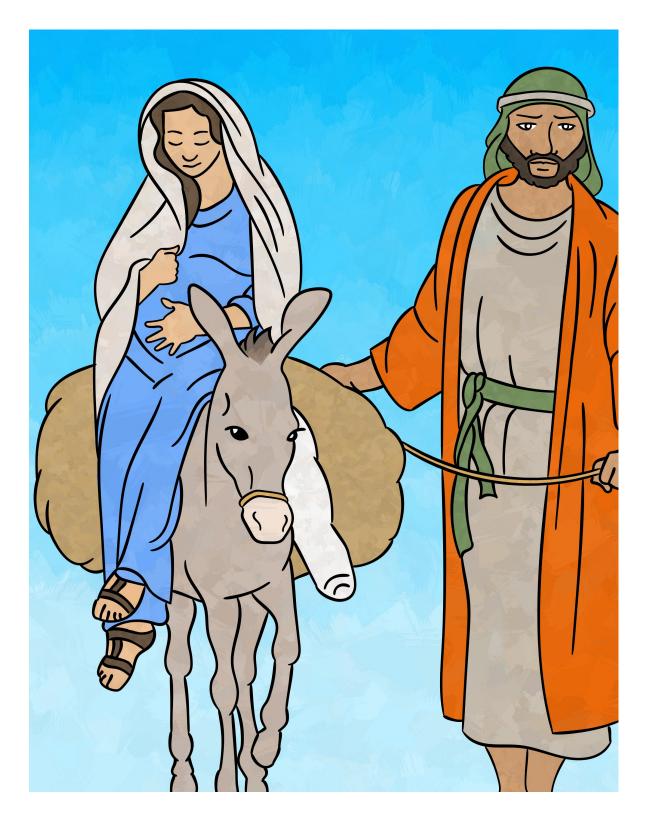
His mother was a virgin, who lived in Nazareth town. To speak to her the Father sent the angel Gabriel down. Gabriel said that Mary would have a special baby boy. She would bear the Son of God to bring all people joy. Mary was quite frightened, her heart was full of dread, But she obeyed the Father's will and trusted what he said.



She was pledged to marry Joseph and be his loving bride. Even though the baby wasn't his, he stayed right by her side. An angel had told Joseph to take Mary as his wife, Because by the Holy Spirit the child was given life.



God had chosen Bethlehem as the birthplace of his Son, That people of all nations would know he was the One. So Mary and Joseph traveled on a donkey far away. When they arrived in Bethlehem. they found no place to stay.



There in a little stable

where animals live and eat,

Mary bore a baby son

and wrapped him in a sheet.

And so God's Son came to earth

and lay upon the straw,

The baby in a manger,

the fulfillment of God's law.



To save us from our sin

Jesus came to live on earth,

Prophecy was fulfilled

through Jesus' humble birth.

The gift God gives through Jesus

is the greatest gift of all,

Coming as our Savior,

born in an animal stall.



The nativity is the scene

of our precious Savior's birth.

Jesus the Messiah

came to live upon the earth.

The humble, little baby

laying in the straw

Is the God of all the universe

we worship with great awe!

What is the Nativity?

N—N	Make sign of N
Nativity	Manger—both hands come together with the fingers locking and palms facing up
The scene of Jesus'	Make sign of Jesus
Birth	Arms like rocking a baby
N—N—Nativity	Same as above
God's Son	Arms in air
sent to Earth	Form arms into circle around head

