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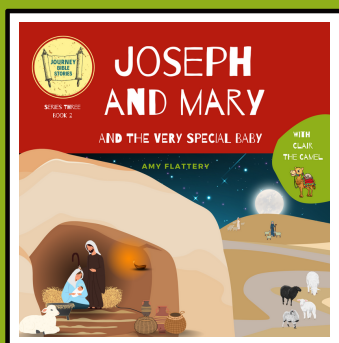
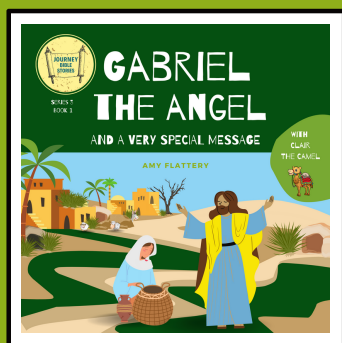


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Hi! It's me again, Clair! I'm so happy to see you!

I have been spending a lot of time in Bethlehem.
Bethlehem is in Israel!

I walked here from Nazareth with my friends
Mary and Joseph.

Mary and Joseph had a baby named Jesus!
I love babies! Do you love babies?

Jesus is God's special Son! I met baby Jesus when
he was born! He was fast asleep in a manger.

I spent a lot of time with Mary and Joseph,
but I also made new friends when I was in
Bethlehem.

You can be my friend, too, if you want!

My friends were soft and fuzzy. What kind of
animal do you think my friends were?
Have you guessed?



SHEEP! My friends were sheep!

Before I tell you about my friends, I want to show you where they lived. I also want to show you where baby Jesus was born!

If you look on the map, you will see a place called Bethlehem. My friends and baby Jesus lived in Bethlehem.

Bethlehem is in a country called Israel.

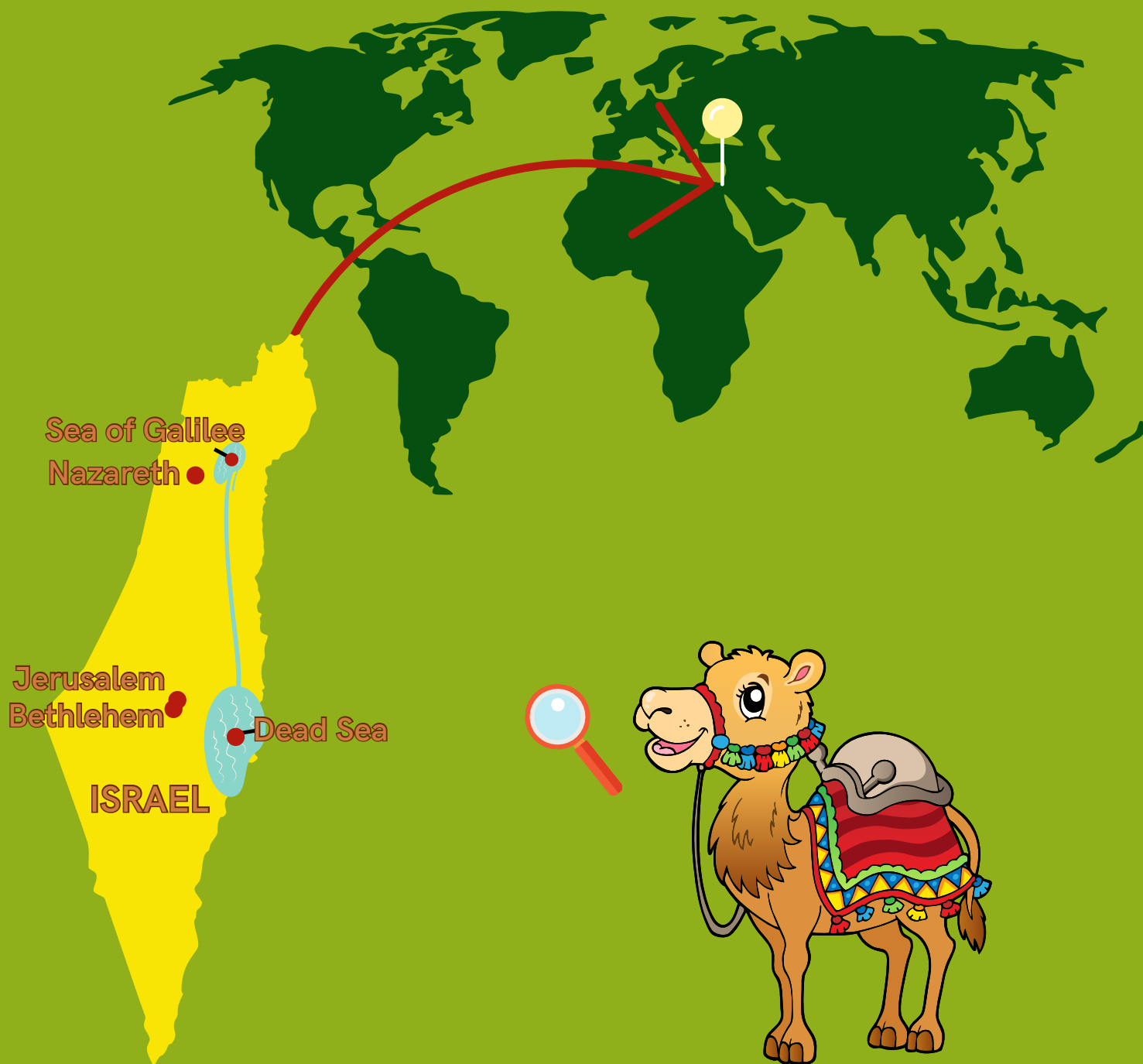
It is a nice place with kind people. A lot of Joseph's family lived in Bethlehem, too. They were kind to me. Sometimes they gave me carrots. I love carrots!

Do you like carrots? They are good for you.

Other friends I met were shepherds. Are you ready for me to tell you about the shepherds and their very special news?

Turn the page, and we will begin!





When Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, God sent angels to give them a very special message. They would be parents to a baby named Jesus.

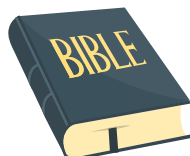
Then God sent angels to tell other people about Jesus!

In the fields close to Bethlehem, a group of shepherds were taking care of their sheep. These were very special shepherds and very special sheep.

The sheep were so special that they would one day be used in the Temple of God in Jerusalem. The Temple was where people worshiped God.

Today, we worship God everywhere!

These are the sheep who were my good friends. They were very nice! They were also a little smelly. But that's okay!



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The shepherds were special, too. Just like you are special. Shepherds were important because they made sure the sheep had all the grass they needed and were safe.

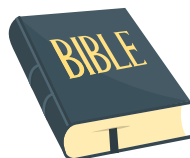
Many people we read about in the Bible were shepherds. Many of them were trained by God as shepherds before they became great leaders.

Do you want to know why?

God had his leaders begin as shepherds because they needed to learn to trust and listen to God. They needed to learn to care for sheep before God let them care for people.

One night, while the shepherds in Bethlehem were in the field, a bright light appeared all around them! Suddenly, there was an angel from Heaven standing in front of them.

The shepherds were very frightened! The angel told them not to be afraid. Do you think you would be afraid? I was afraid!



Luke 2



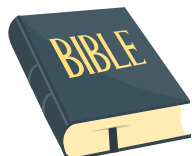


The angel told them about very special news that would bring joy to everyone!

Do you know what joy means? Joy is when you are peaceful and happy inside. You can have joy even if something is hard. Joy is when you know that God is taking care of you.

Do you know what the very special news was?

The angel told the shepherds the very special news that Jesus had just been born in Bethlehem!



Luke 2





The shepherds were told they would find Jesus wrapped up in pieces of cloth and lying in a manger.

All of a sudden, many angels from heaven joined the angel that was already there! They started to give glory to God in heaven.

To give glory means to praise God for who He is. The angels said, "let there be peace on earth to all people, everywhere."

The angels were telling the shepherds very special news!

If people listened to what the angels said, they would know that Jesus being born and knowing he is Savior would bring peace to all the world! Do you know that?!

Then, the angels left! They went back to heaven. The shepherds just looked at each other. They were so surprised!



Luke 2





The shepherds went as fast as they could to find Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. The angels were right! Baby Jesus was lying in a manger!

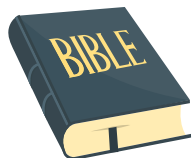
The shepherds told Mary and Joseph, and everyone there all the angels said to them. The shepherds told everyone the special news that Jesus is the Savior of the World!

If people believed this, there would be peace on earth!

The shepherds were so excited! Would you be excited?

Mary carefully thought about all that the shepherds said. She knew Jesus was special. She knew Jesus would live a very important life.

Mary knew Jesus was the Son of God.



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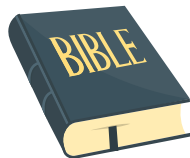




The shepherds walked back to the field where their sheep were.

On their way, the shepherds also told everyone they saw about Jesus and what the angel said to them. Everyone was amazed by what the shepherds said. Amazed means surprised!

They were so happy. They were so joyful! They always remembered that very special night when they learned the very special news of the birth of Jesus.



Luke 2





The shepherds praised God. They also thanked God for everything they saw and heard.

In all the world, the shepherds were the very first people to share the very special news that the Savior, Jesus, was born!

Just like the shepherds and the angels, you can also share the very special news that Jesus was born and is the Savior of the world!

Glory to God in heaven! And, on earth, because of Jesus, let there be peace for all people everywhere.



Luke 2





BABY JESUS



COLOR BABY JESUS



MEMORY VERSE

WHEN THE SHEPHERDS SAW JESUS,
THEY TOLD EVERYONE THEY SAW, AND
EVERYONE WAS AMAZED!

(TAKEN FROM LUKE 2:17)

PRAY WITH CLAIR

DEAR GOD, THANK YOU FOR SENDING JESUS
AS A BABY. HELP ME TO TELL EVERYONE
ABOUT YOU!
AMEN.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

WHO APPEARED TO THE SHEPHERDS?

WHAT DID THE ANGEL TELL THE
SHEPHERDS?

WHERE DID THE SHEPHERDS FIND BABY
JESUS?

DID THE SHEPHERDS TELL OTHER PEOPLE
ABOUT JESUS?

DO YOU KNOW YOU CAN TELL OTHER
PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS, TOO?

HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU SEE BABY
JESUS IN THIS BOOK?



Wait a second! Did you think the story was finished?

NOPE! There is always more to tell! Don't worry. I did not forget about the wise men who were also called Magi.

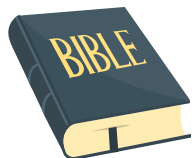
A few years after Jesus was born, there were people called Magi who went to Bethlehem to give gifts to Jesus.

They lived far away from Bethlehem. When Jesus was born, the wise men saw a star in the sky. They knew a special baby had been born.

The wise men gathered together special gifts and packed their bags. They traveled a very long time to find Jesus.

When they finally found Jesus, they bowed down and worshiped him. They gave Jesus special gifts.

After they met Jesus, they also had special news to tell! And you can tell it, too!



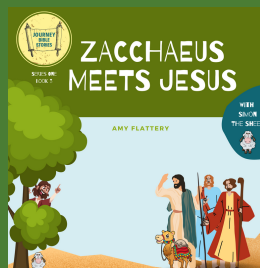
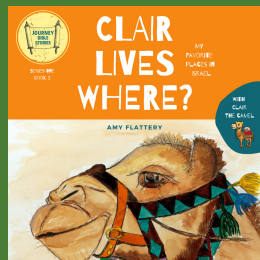
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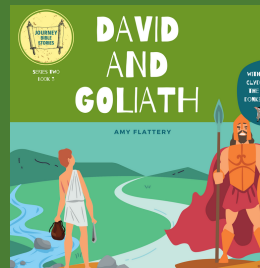
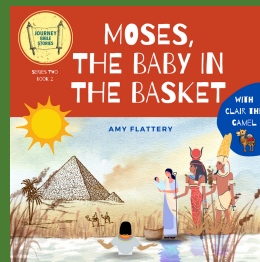
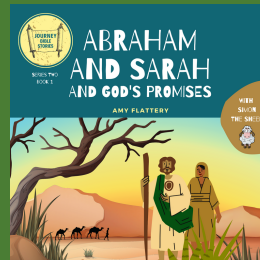




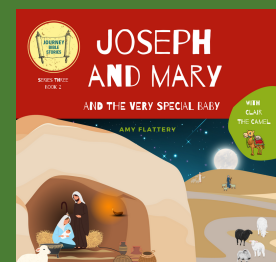
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FOR THE READER

Luke 2:14

I love recalling the song the shepherds sang: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people with whom he is pleased!"

What is their song saying?

Give God glory! Peace! And love and care for humanity. All of humanity is made in the image of God. We all have value.

Jesus displayed peace, love, and compassion while He was on earth. His birth represented the very message of the song the angels sang.

Jesus lived a life teaching us what makes for peace. We can sum it up in the two greatest commandments: "Love God with all your heart, soul, and might" equates to "glory to God," and "love your neighbor as yourself" equates to "peace and goodwill to all of humankind."



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