

A Man Named Jesus

Chapter 2: Jesus Is Born

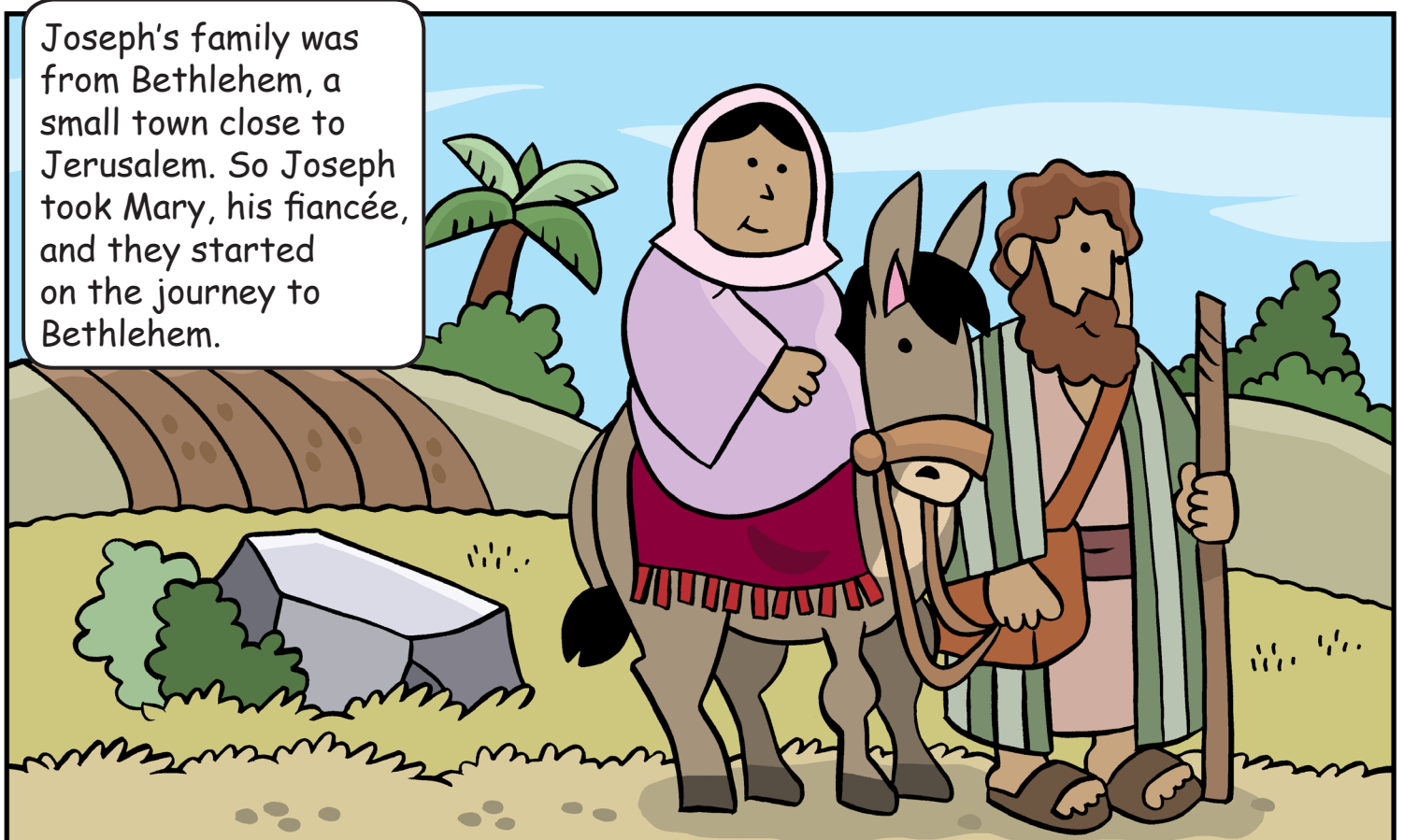
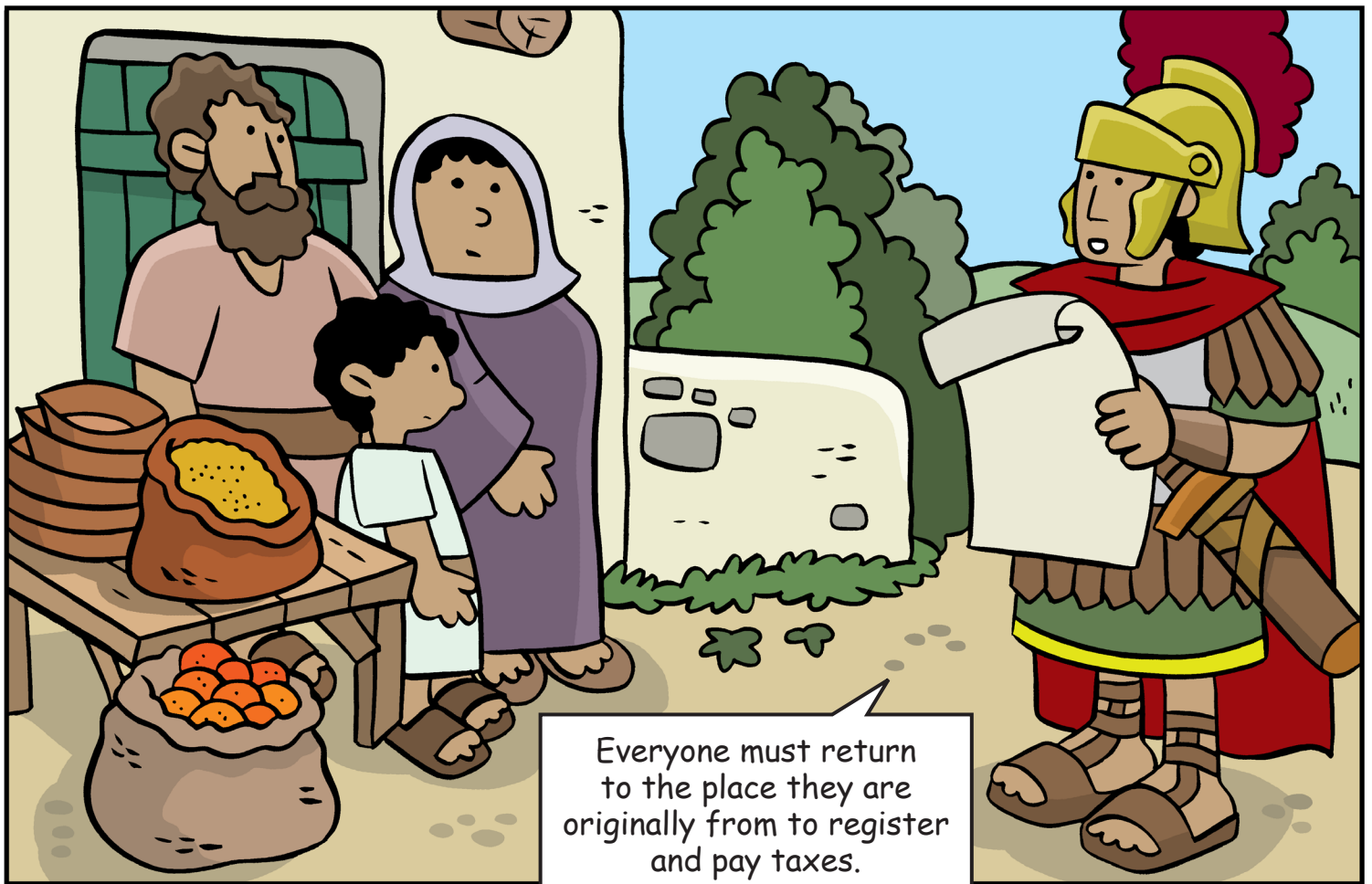
Based on Luke 2:1-20.

I, Caesar Augustus, emperor of Rome, order that everyone in the empire must register his name and property.



Around the time when Jesus was to be born, the Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, ordered a census¹ to be taken throughout the Roman Empire.

¹ census: a count by a government of people living in a certain area



The Birth of Jesus

Journey to Bethlehem



Mediterranean Sea



Nazareth

Sea of Galilee



Jordan River

Jerusalem

Bethlehem



Dead Sea

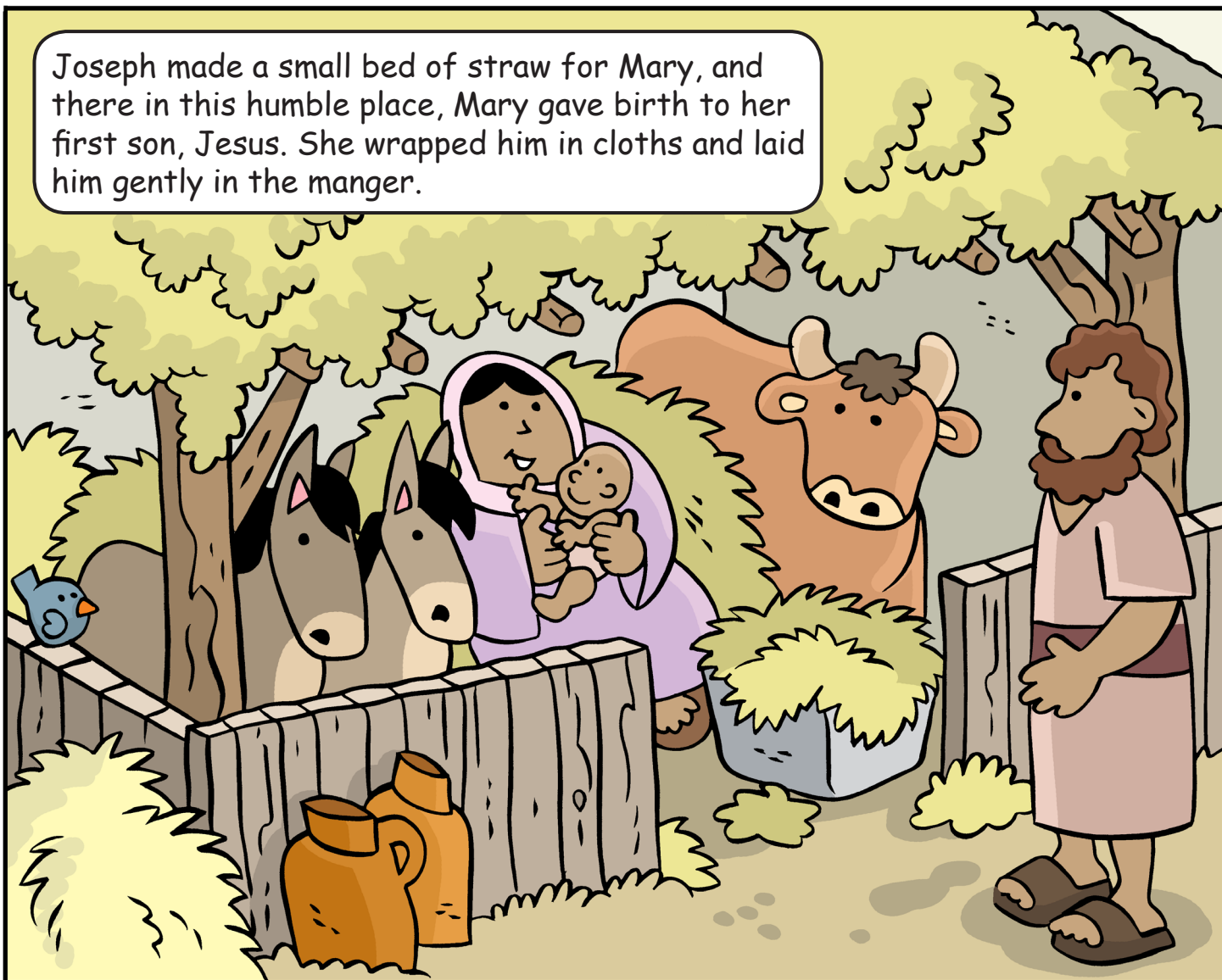
It was a long and tiring voyage, and Mary was soon to give birth to the baby. Day after day they walked on, until they finally arrived in Bethlehem.







Joseph made a small bed of straw for Mary, and there in this humble place, Mary gave birth to her first son, Jesus. She wrapped him in cloths and laid him gently in the manger.



There, my little baby, rest now.



That same night, not too far away from the town, shepherds were watching their sheep on the hills.

Is all well, Ishmael?

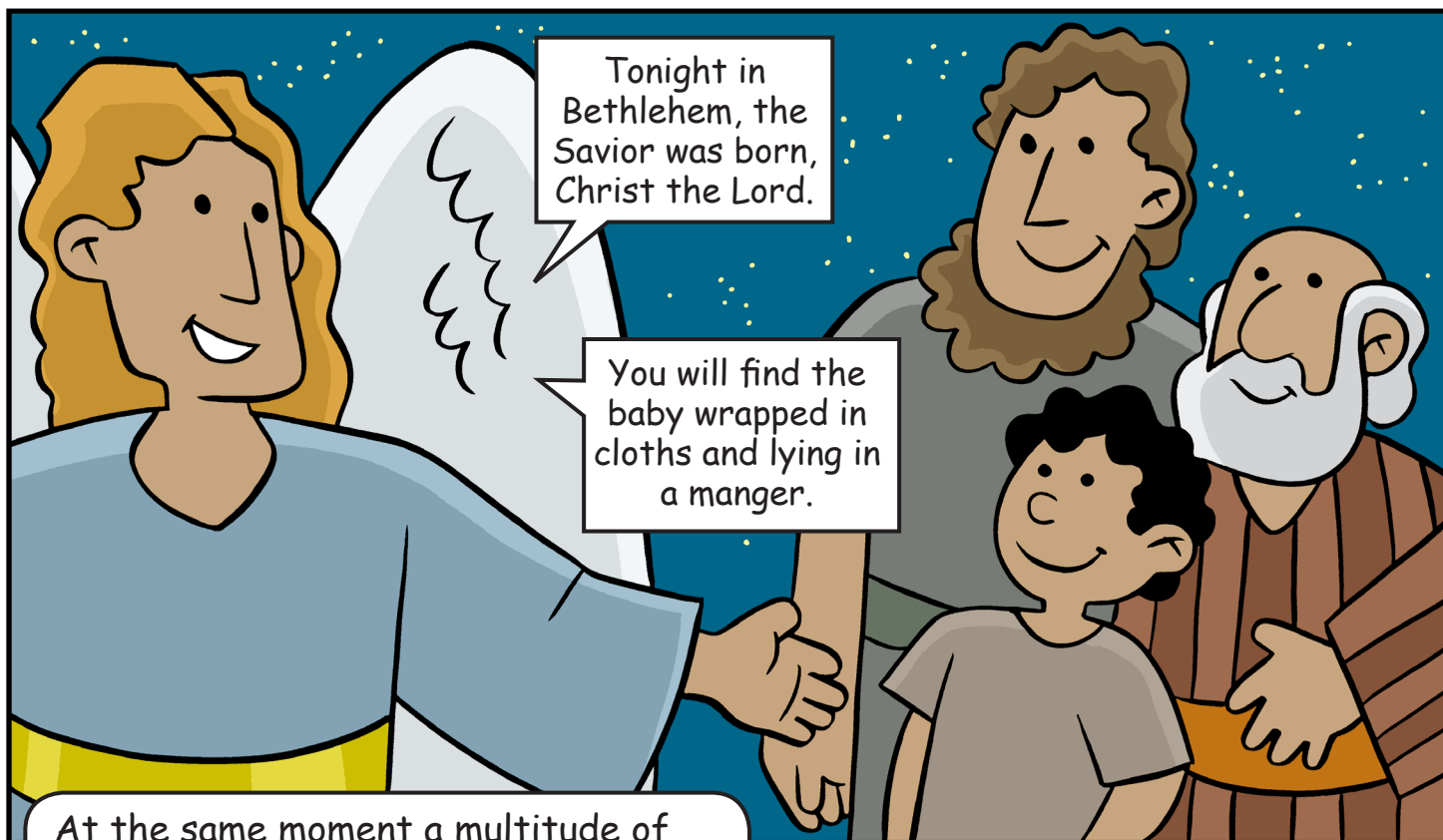
Yes, the sheep are resting. It's such a beautiful night.



Suddenly, an angel appeared. The shepherds were afraid.

Don't be afraid!
I bring you
good news.





At the same moment a multitude of angels appeared in the sky singing praises to God: "Glory to God in heaven, and peace on earth to all men."





Soon they found and entered the stable, where they saw Mary, Joseph, and the baby, just as the angels had told them.



