

## Star of Time

Lisa and Lia, two sisters who were only two years apart, really love spending time together. Some of their favorite activities include watching TV, reading chapter books, and time travelling. They have visited incredible places like Egypt during the Israelites' escape from slavery. They also saw Moses crossing the Red Sea. And this winter they decided to travel to the first Christmas.

When the girls decided to travel back in time, they were sitting on their couch.

"I'm bored," complained Lisa.

"Me too," her sister also complained.

The girls tried doing their favorite things over and over, but it didn't cheer them up. Then they tried telling jokes, but none of them made the girls laugh. They tried almost everything, but they were still bored.

"What should we do?" asked Lia. The girls went into deep thinking.

"Let's ask our mom," said Lia, jumping up from the couch.

"Great idea, Let's ask her," exclaimed Lisa, full of excitement. So they ran to their mom.

"Mom, we're bored and we don't know what to do," said Lisa.

"Well, you can imagine that you are in a different world," answered Mom.

"That's it! Follow me, Lia," said Lisa. Following each other, they reach the living room. "We'll time travel!" said Lisa excitedly. They started jumping up and down.

“Let’s say the magic words,” said Lisa. “Ready, set, go! I wish I was there,” they said together.

As soon as they said the magic words, a portal appeared in front of them. The girls jumped through it and landed one day BC.

“Where are we?” asked Lisa.

“I don’t know,” said Lia. They were clueless until...

“I think we are in Bethlehem,” said Lisa. “See the bright star up there?” she said, pointing up. They started walking through the streets looking around curiously. “This place is crowded. Look how many people are looking for a place to stay!” Lisa exclaimed. “Look! It’s a pregnant woman riding a donkey, and a man is going with her,” she added. “It must be Mary.”

They followed Mary to a stable, where she gave birth. Then, that night Jesus was born. The sisters entered the stable at that moment. Joseph and Mary were full of joy; even the animals were happy! They were allowed to get closer to the manger where baby Jesus was and touched him. A few minutes later, three shepherds came and spoke about angels and the good news. At two in the morning, three wise men arrived, bringing gifts for baby Jesus. They spent the whole night together, full of happiness.

After that, Lisa whispered to Lia, “We have to go home, but how do we get back? The wise men, they surely know.” The two of them ran off looking for the wise men. “There they are!” Lia screamed. “Excuse me, do you know the way to return to our home?” she said. “The key is always in the manger,” the wise men asserted at the same time.

The girls ran to the stable and looked around the manger. They started lifting baby Jesus carefully and looked inside the manger, all over, until they realized that they key

was Jesus himself. "Follow me, Lia! I know what the key is!", Lisa stated while running. The sisters started to run after each other.

"Are you ready?" Lisa asked. "I am," her sister declared. "Okay, ready, set, go! John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life," they repeated together.

"Are we home yet?" Lisa whispered. "I think we are," Lia replied. Soon they heard their mother's voice, "Girls, it is bedtime!" "I guess we are home. Let's go to bed. I can't wait for tomorrow. Coming, Mom!" said Lisa while rushing to meet her mother.

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