



All about

# THE STORY TO BETHLEHEM

With Church of the Holy Eucharist

# WHAT IS THE NATIVITY STORY?

The Nativity Story tells us about the first Christmas, when Jesus was born. Jesus is important to Christians because they believe he is the son of God. This story is over 2,000 years old, and it begins with Mary and Joseph.





## MARY AND THE ANGEL GABRIEL

Mary was a kind and good young woman living in a town called Nazareth. One day, an angel named Gabriel appeared to her. He told her that she would have a baby boy, and this boy would be very special - he would be the son of God.



Mary was a little scared at first, but Gabriel told her not to worry because God had chosen her for this important task. Mary was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. When Joseph found out about Mary's baby, he was unsure what to do. One night, an angel appeared to him in a dream. The angel told Joseph not to be afraid and that the baby was very special.



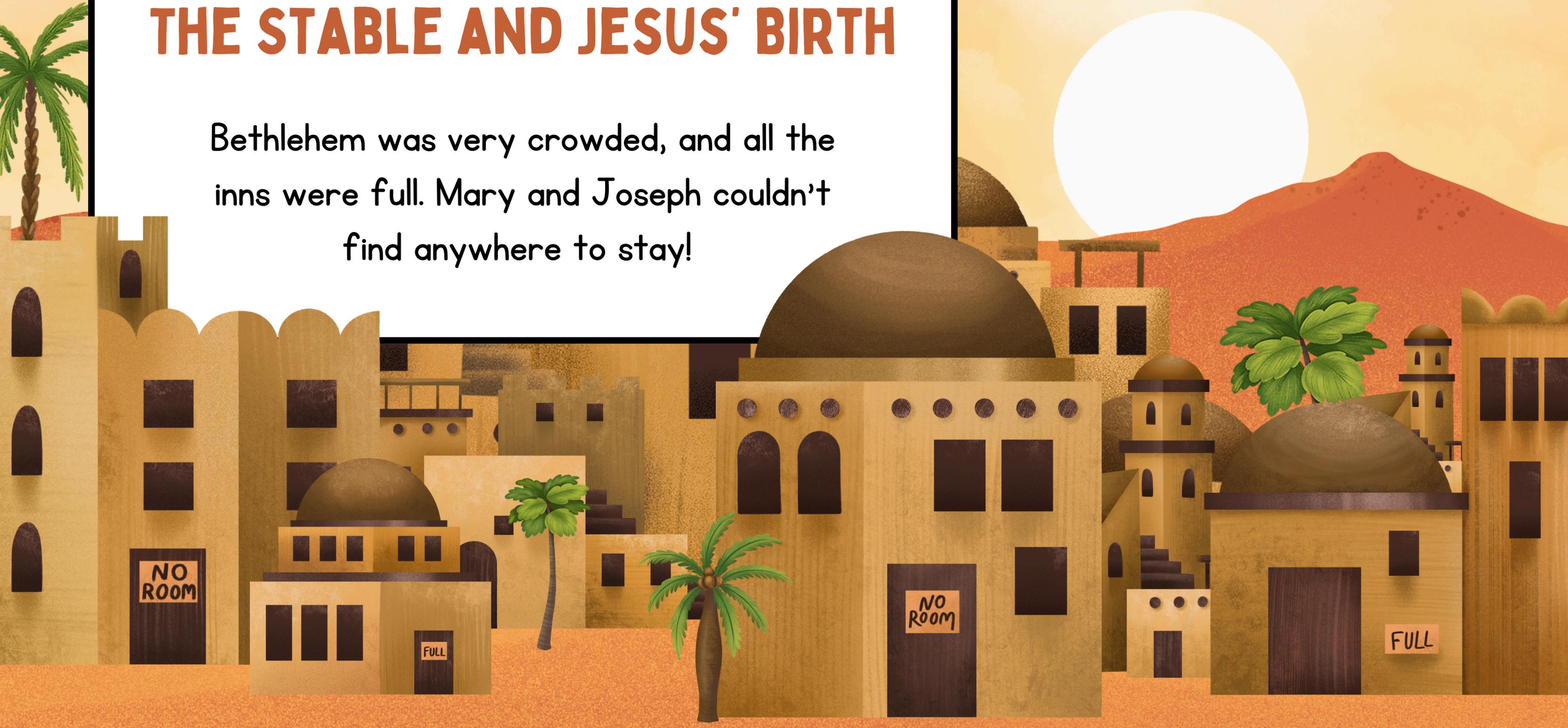
# THE LONG JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

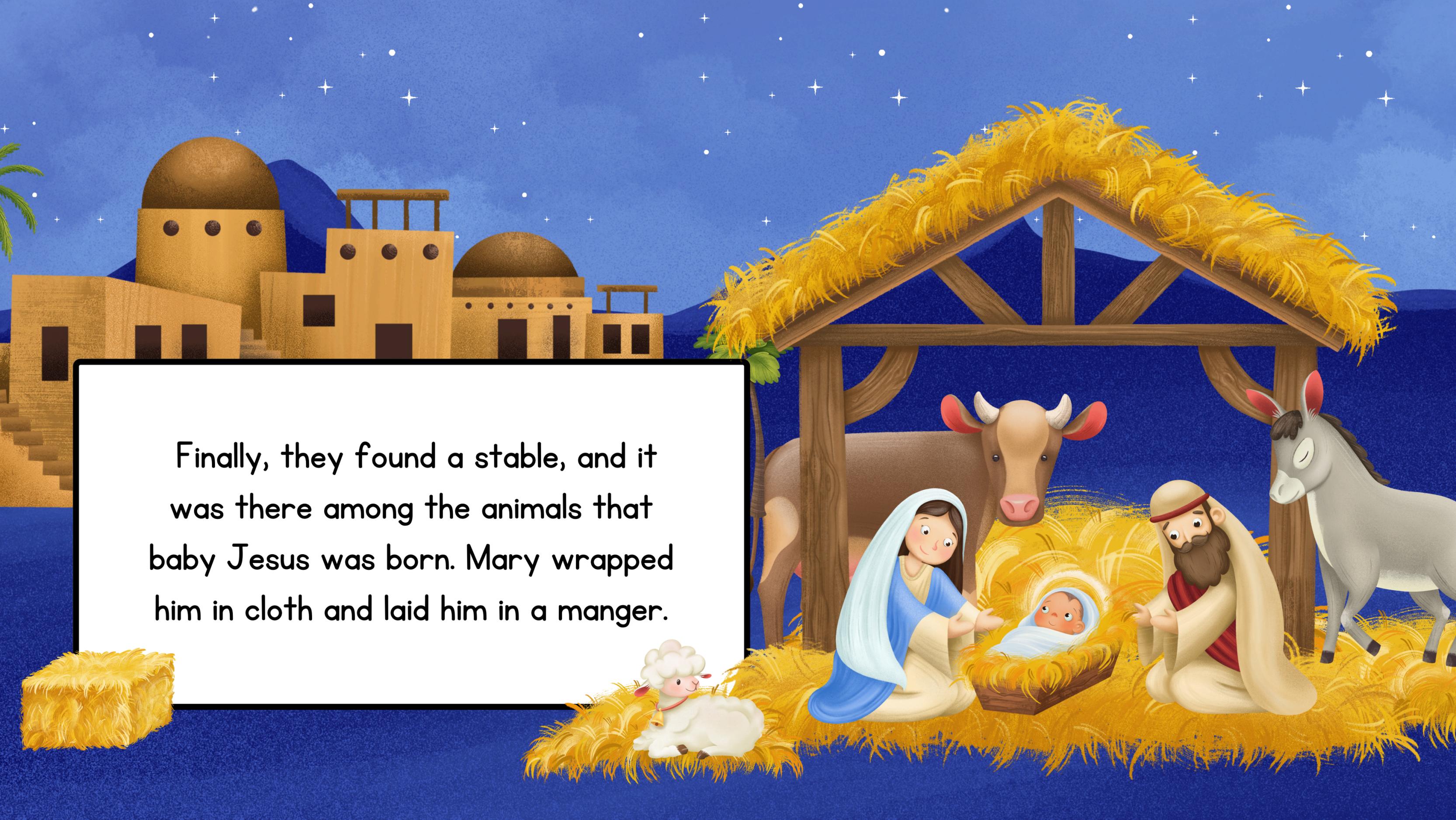
When Mary was almost ready to have the baby, she and Joseph had to travel a long way to a town called Bethlehem. They were going there because the Roman emperor wanted to count everyone in the country. The trip to Bethlehem was about 70 miles, and they couldn't use cars or buses - Mary had to ride all the way on a donkey!



# THE STABLE AND JESUS' BIRTH

Bethlehem was very crowded, and all the inns were full. Mary and Joseph couldn't find anywhere to stay!

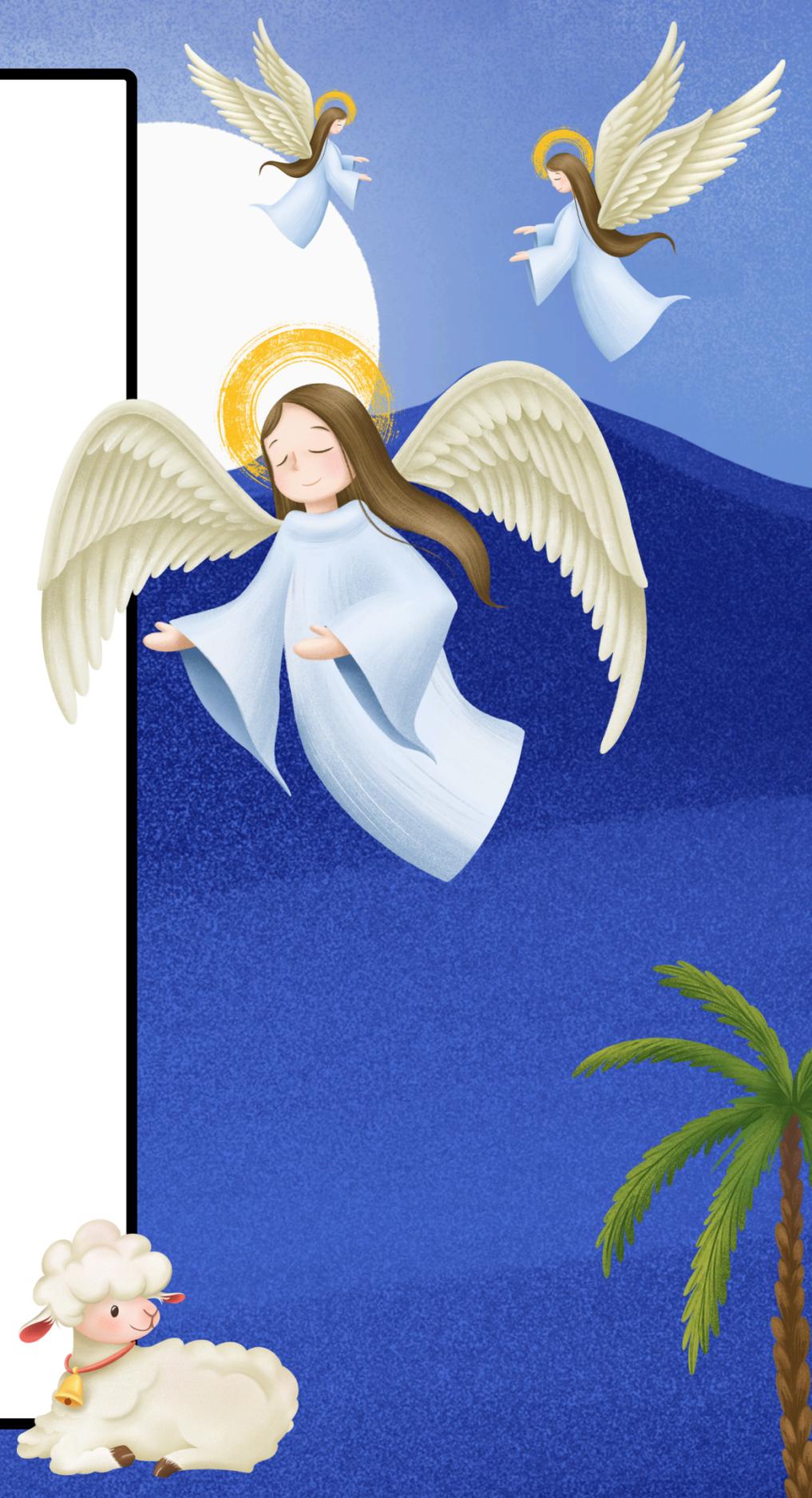


A colorful illustration of the Nativity scene. In the center, Mary, wearing a blue and white robe, kneels on the left, looking at baby Jesus who is wrapped in a white cloth and lying in a wooden manger filled with yellow straw. Joseph, with a beard and wearing a red and white robe, kneels on the right, also looking at the baby. A brown cow with red-tipped ears stands behind the manger, and a grey donkey stands to the right. A small white sheep with a red collar is lying on the straw in the foreground. The scene is set under a dark blue night sky with white stars. In the background, there are tan buildings with domes and a palm tree on the left. A large white text box with a black border is overlaid on the left side of the scene.

Finally, they found a stable, and it was there among the animals that baby Jesus was born. Mary wrapped him in cloth and laid him in a manger.

# THE SHEPHERDS

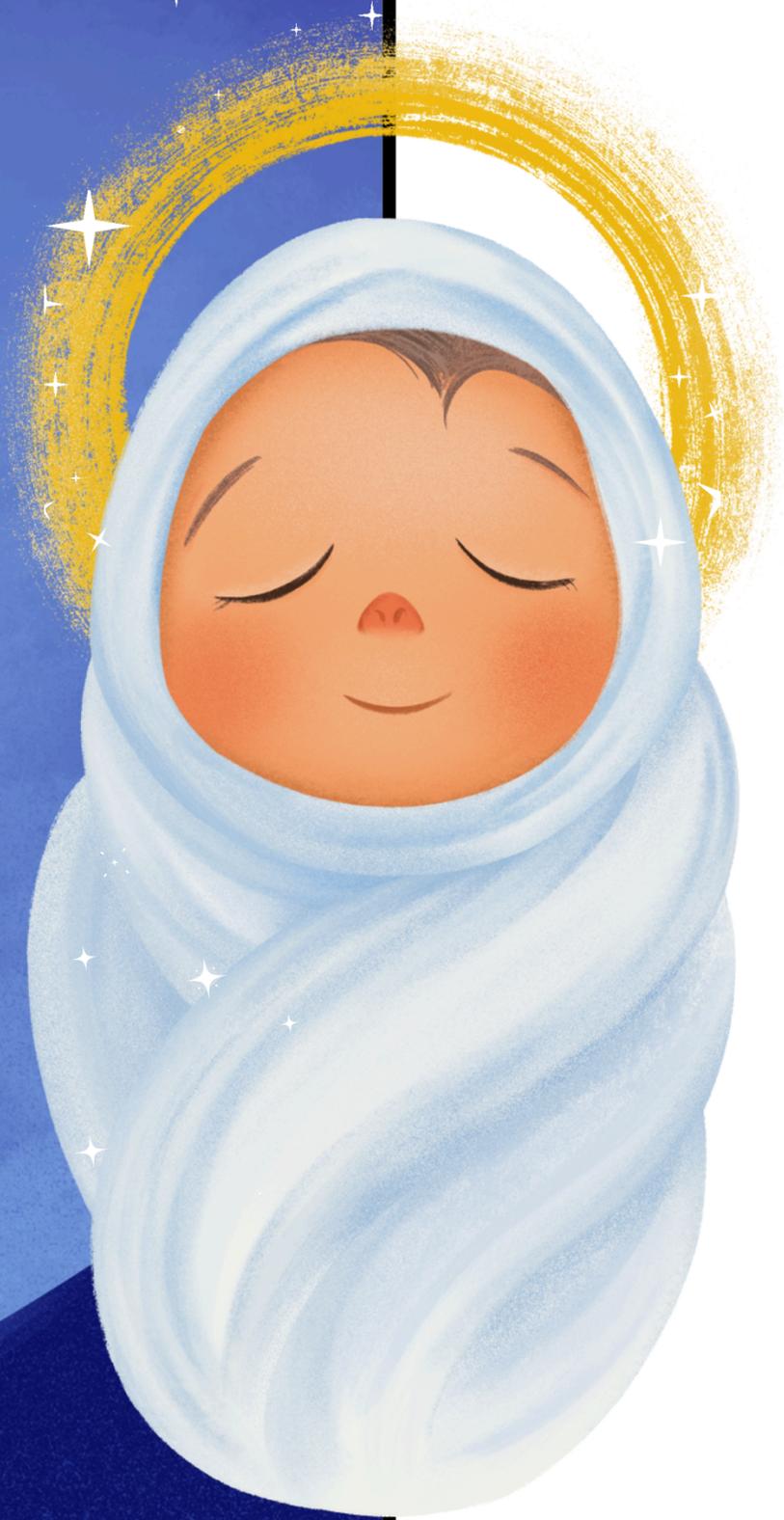
Nearby, some shepherds were watching their sheep during the night. Suddenly, a bright light appeared, and angels filled the sky! The angels told the shepherds that a saviour had been born. The shepherds were amazed, and they hurried to Bethlehem to find the baby.



# THE THREE WISE MEN

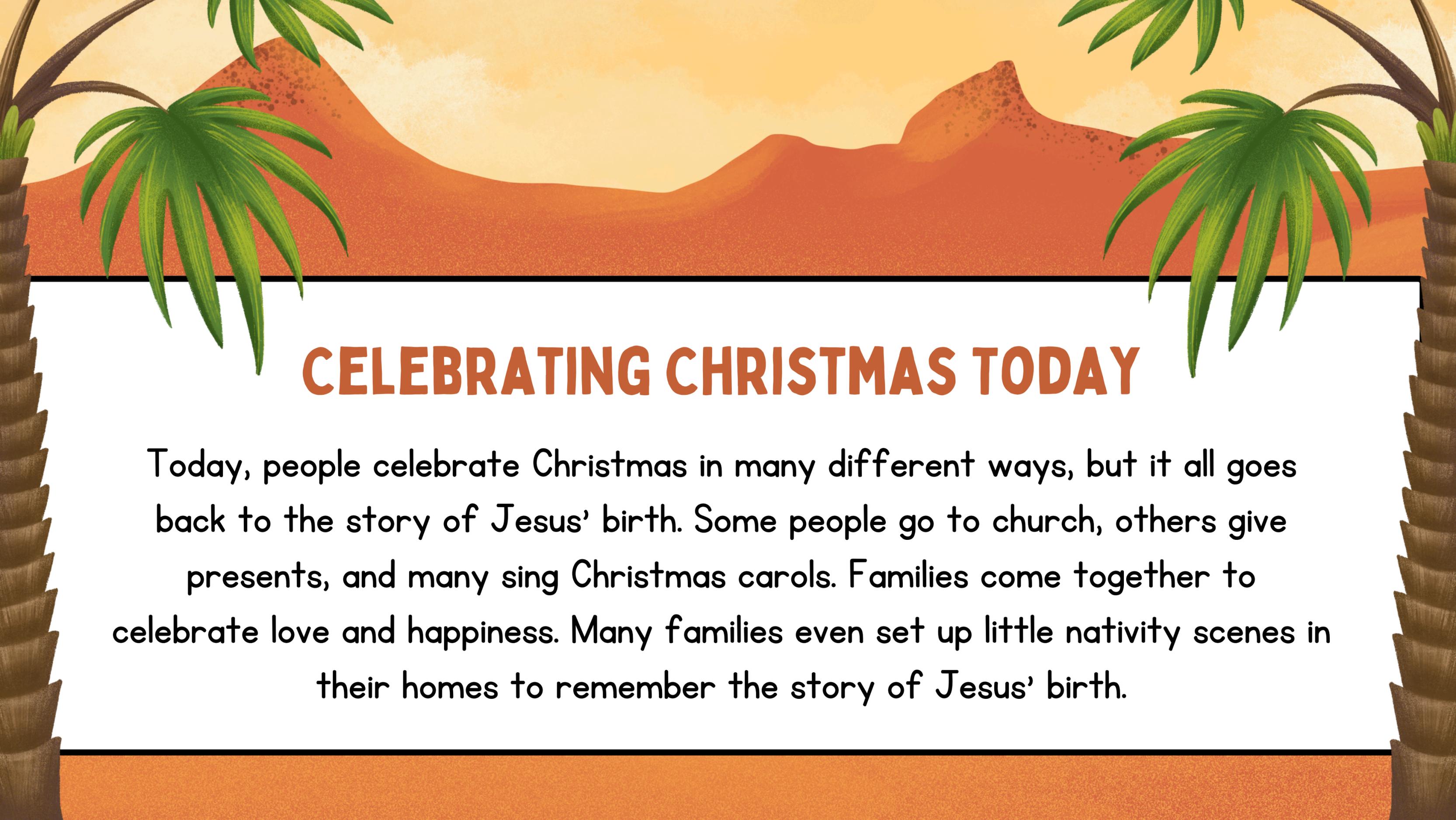
Far away in the East, three wise men saw a new, bright star in the sky. They knew this star was a sign that a great king had been born. They followed the star all the way to Bethlehem, bringing special gifts for the baby. The wise men brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were gifts fit for a king.





# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIVITY STORY

The Nativity Story is important because it tells us about the birth of Jesus, who Christians believe is the son of God. Jesus came to bring love, hope, and peace to the world. The story reminds people to be kind, generous, and loving to others. This is why Christmas is a special time for Christians – to celebrate Jesus and share joy with others



## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS TODAY

Today, people celebrate Christmas in many different ways, but it all goes back to the story of Jesus' birth. Some people go to church, others give presents, and many sing Christmas carols. Families come together to celebrate love and happiness. Many families even set up little nativity scenes in their homes to remember the story of Jesus' birth.

A tropical night scene with palm trees and a yellow banner reading "QUIZ TIME!". The background is a dark blue sky with a few white stars. The foreground is a dark blue ground with two palm trees on either side. A yellow banner with a wavy, ribbon-like shape is centered in the image. The text "QUIZ TIME!" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font on the banner.

**QUIZ TIME!**



**QUESTION ONE**

How did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?

on the bus

they walked

on a donkey

**ANSWER ONE**

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## QUESTION TWO

What gifts did the three wise men bring for the baby Jesus?



**ANSWER TWO**

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh





## QUESTION THREE

True or false:

Mary was visited by the Angel Gladys.

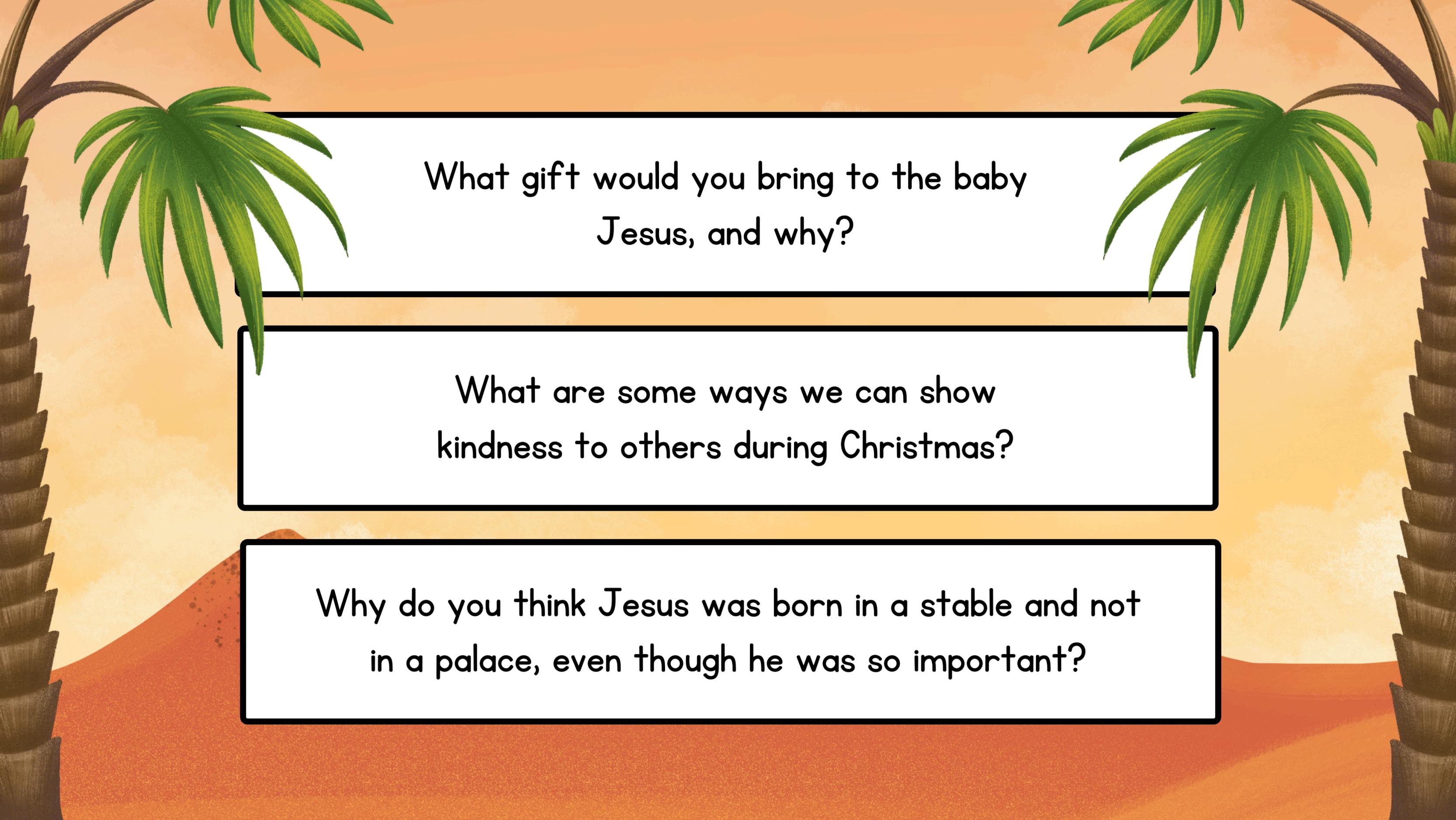
**ANSWER THREE**

False!

Can you remember the angel's name?

A tropical landscape illustration. On the left, a palm tree trunk and green fronds are visible. A large, yellow, wavy banner with a 3D effect is positioned across the middle. The banner contains the text "DISCUSSION TIME!" in bold, blue, uppercase letters. Below the banner are rolling hills in shades of orange and red. The sky is a light orange color with soft, white, fluffy clouds.

**DISCUSSION TIME!**



What gift would you bring to the baby Jesus, and why?

What are some ways we can show kindness to others during Christmas?

Why do you think Jesus was born in a stable and not in a palace, even though he was so important?