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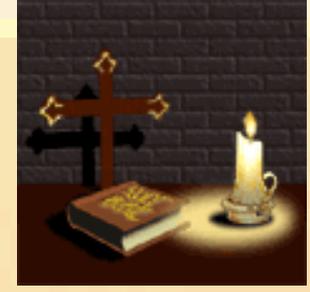
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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

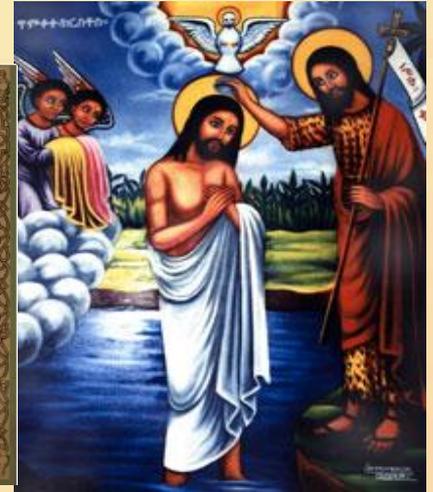
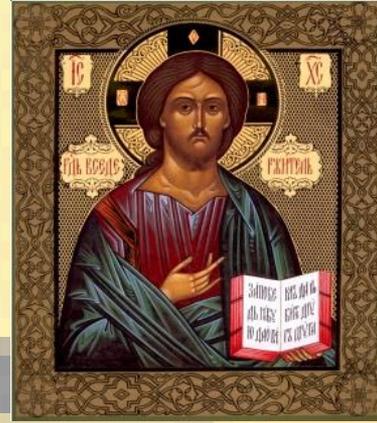
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



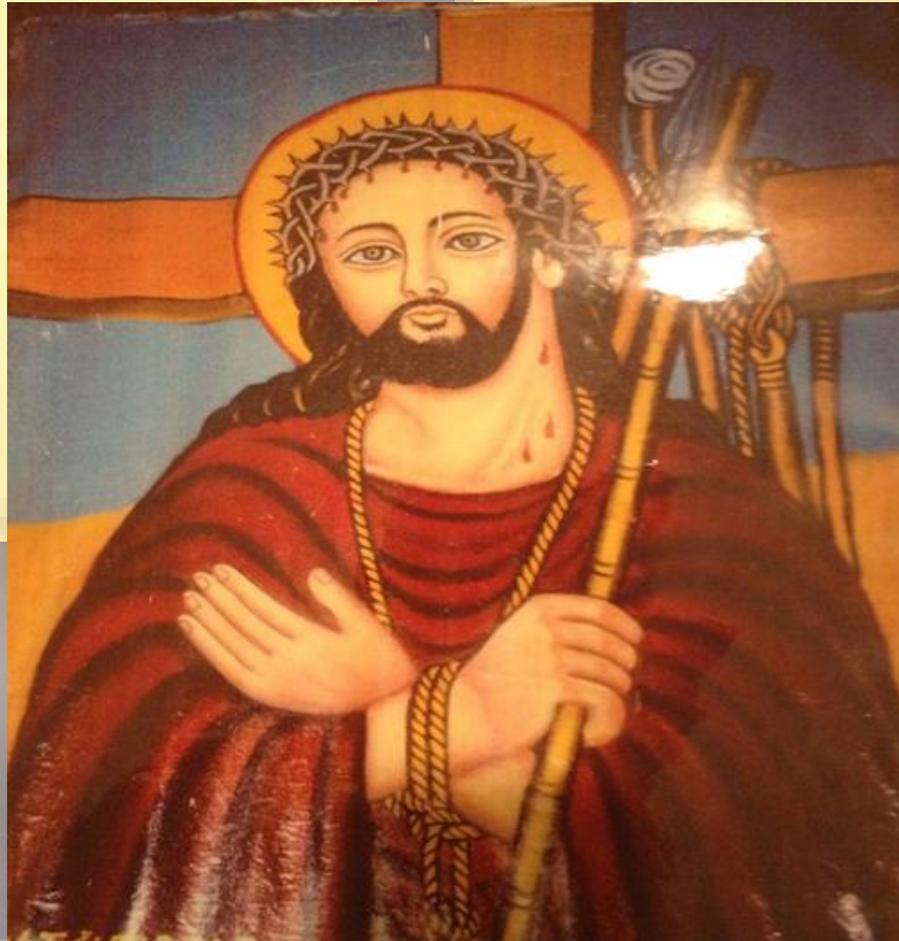
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

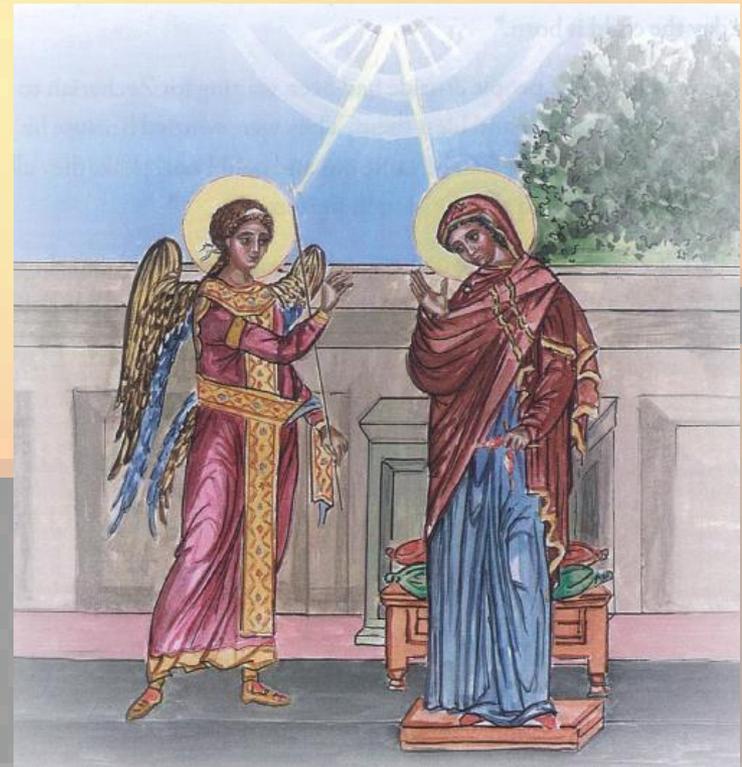
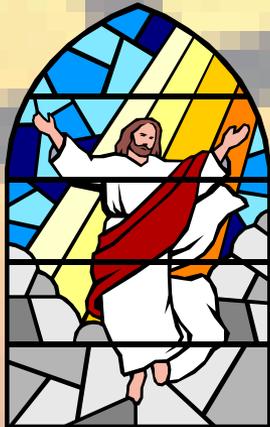


MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

**“Blessed are you among women” .
(Luke 1:28)**



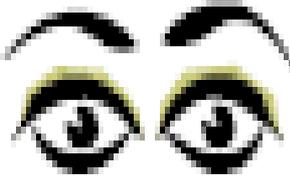
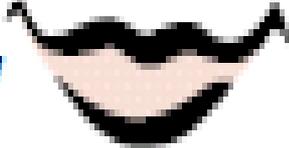


Review



1. What is the name of the angel who visited Mary?
2. What did the Angel tell Saint Mary?
3. Whose son is Jesus?
4. What is Jesus means?
5. Is Jesus a King?
6. Why do you think the baby leaped in Elizabeth's womb when she heard Mary greetings?

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

The Birth of Jesus



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Memorize today's Verse

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.

(Luke 2:11)



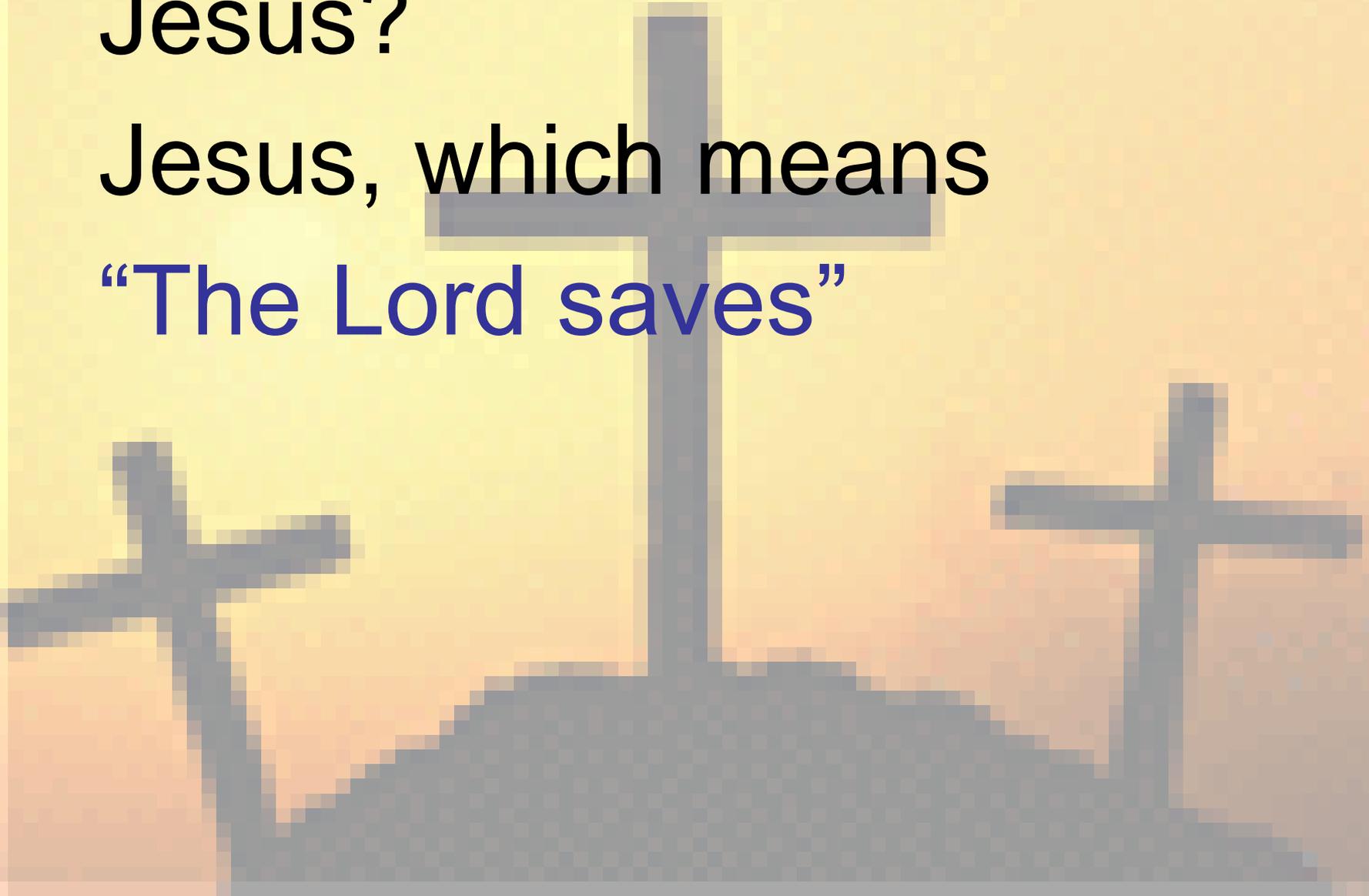
Practice this verse again during the week.



- What is the meaning of Jesus?

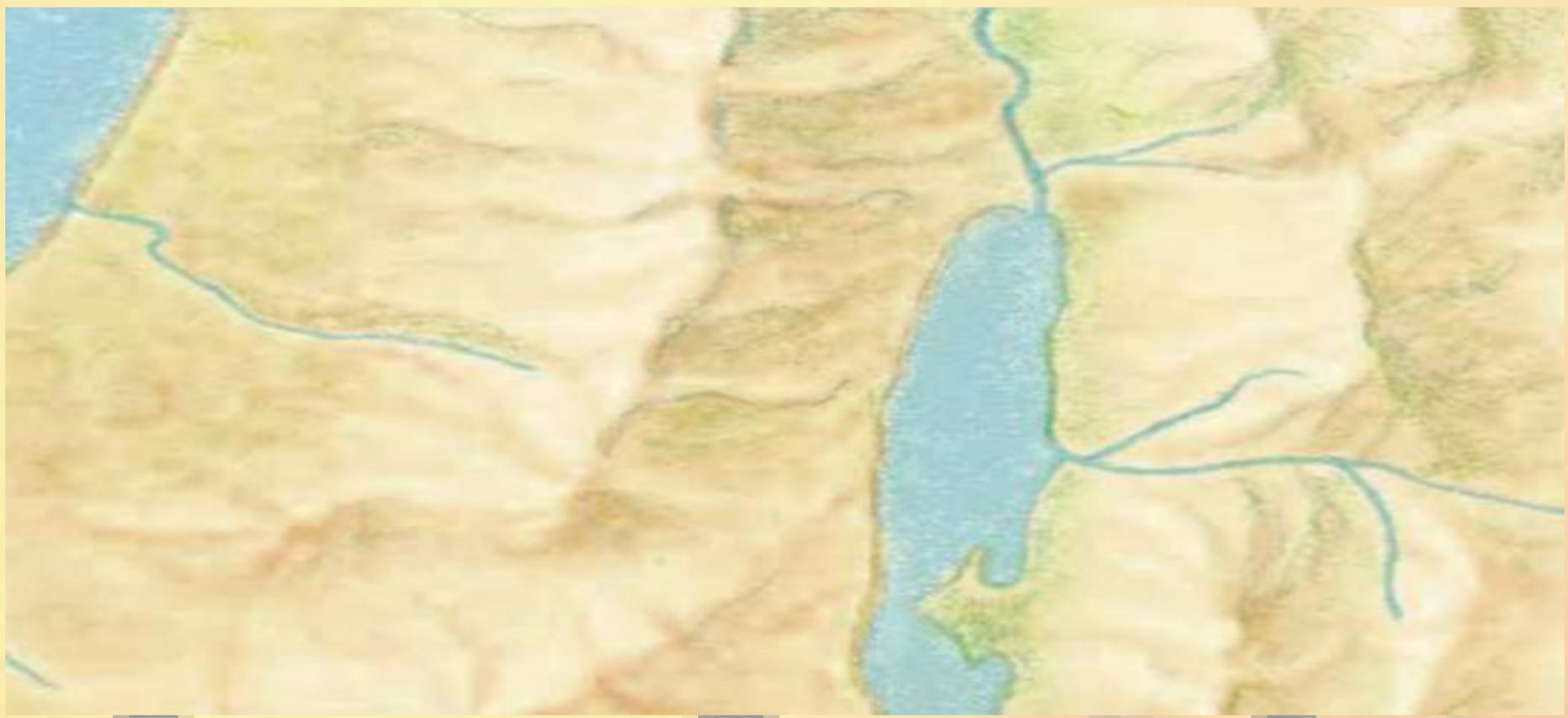
Jesus, which means

“The Lord saves”





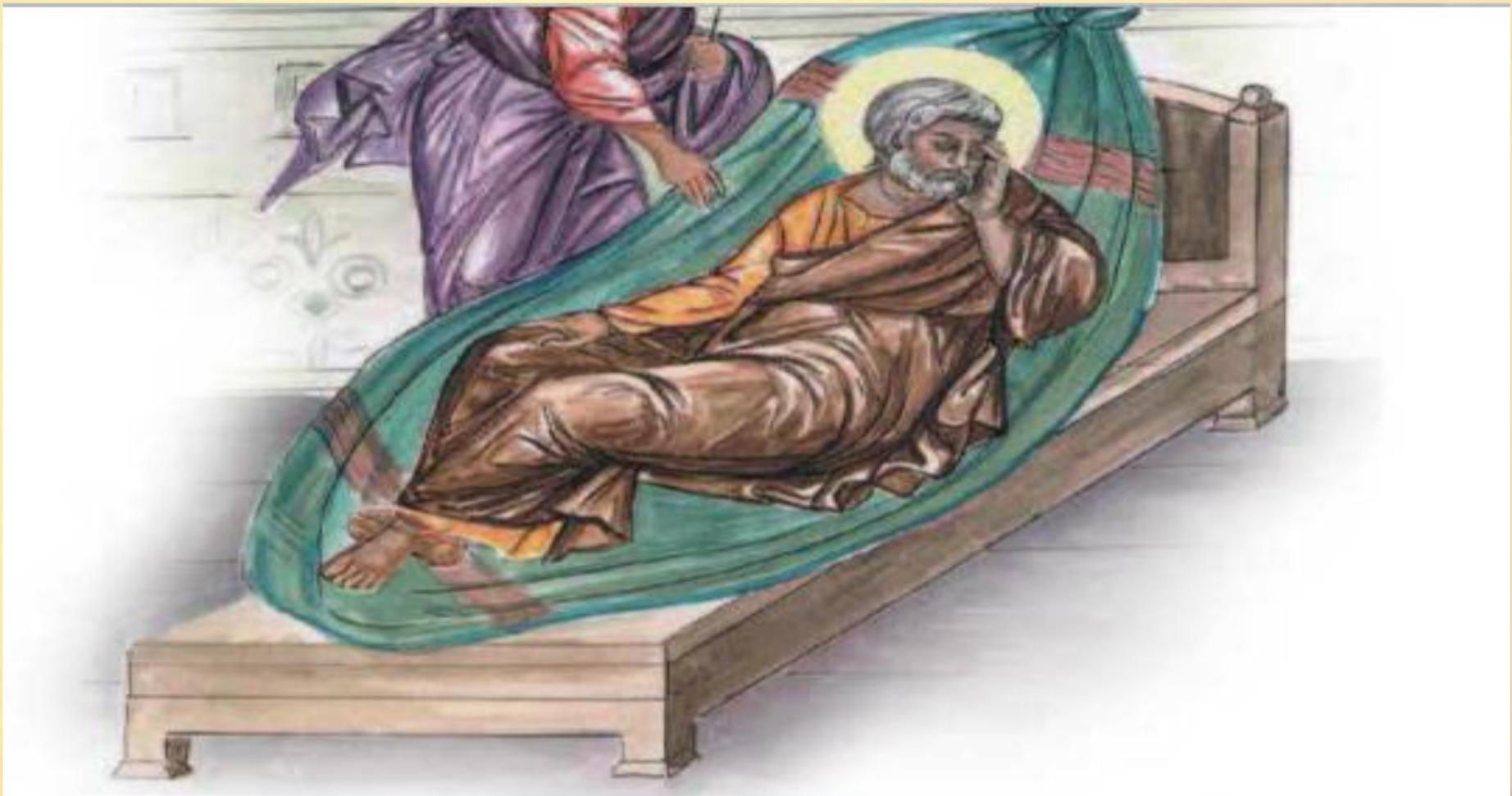
In those days the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus ordered, “Everyone in my empire must have his name written down. It is called a census.



All the names must be on a list so that taxes can be collected. Everyone must go to his home town to register.



God uses earthly rulers (kings, prime ministers or presidents) to fulfil His will. This census enabled Christ to be born in Bethlehem, because it was told in the old Testament as a prophecy (Micah 5:1) .



So Joseph had to go to Bethlehem, the city of David, because he was from the family of King David.



He and Mary started on their long journey. When they got to Bethlehem there was no room for them to stay at the inn.



The small town was very crowded. They finally found a space in a stable. That night Mary gave birth to her Child, a boy. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger.



There were some shepherds nearby, living out in the fields and taking care of their sheep.



Suddenly, a light shone around them and an angel appeared before them. The shepherds were frightened but the angel told them, “Do not be afraid! I bring you good news. The Lord has sent a Savior he promised to you – and he is Christ, the Lord.



He was born today in Bethlehem. This will be the sign for you to recognize Him:



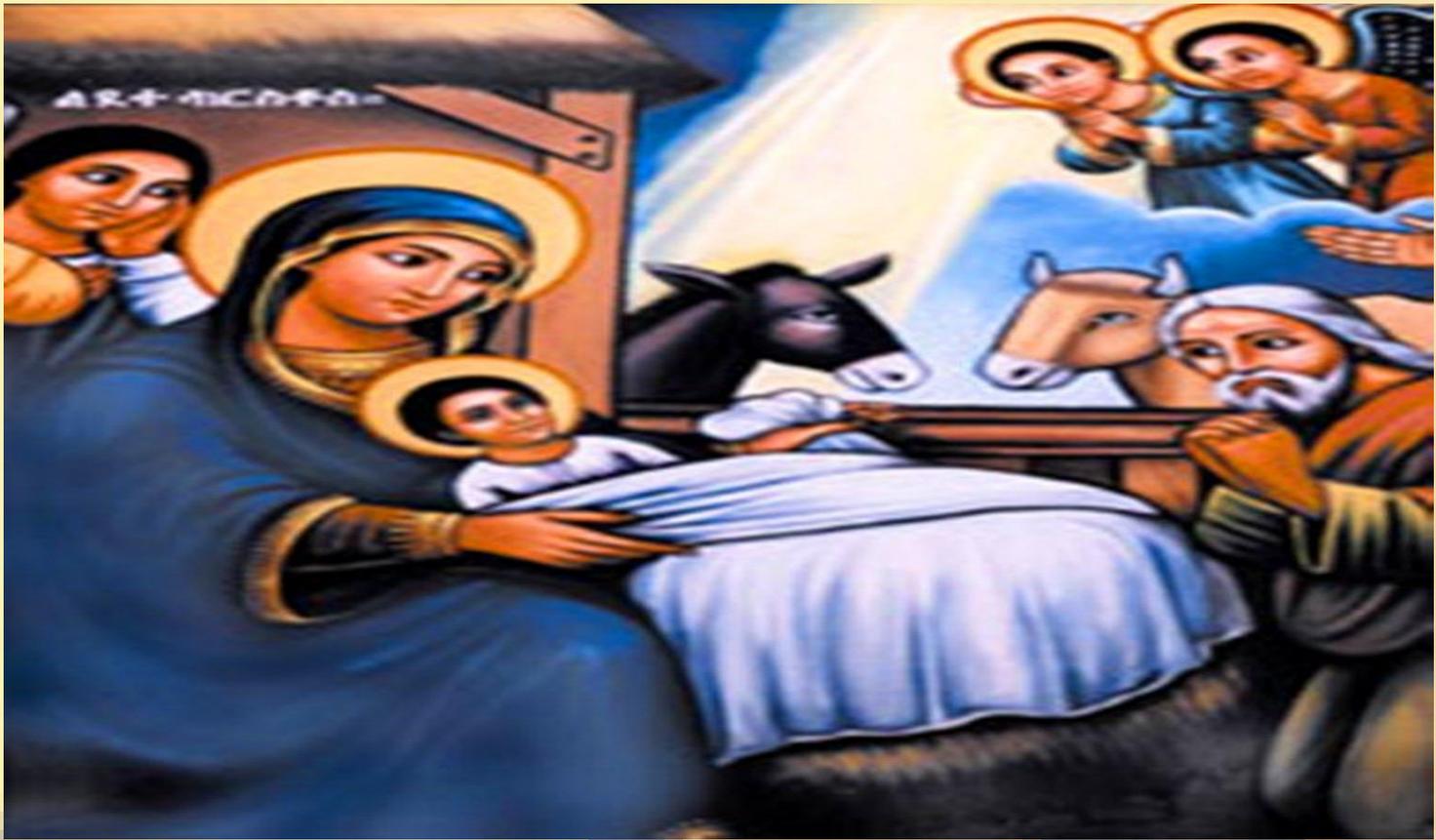
You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly, a great company of angels appeared, praising God and saying “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.”



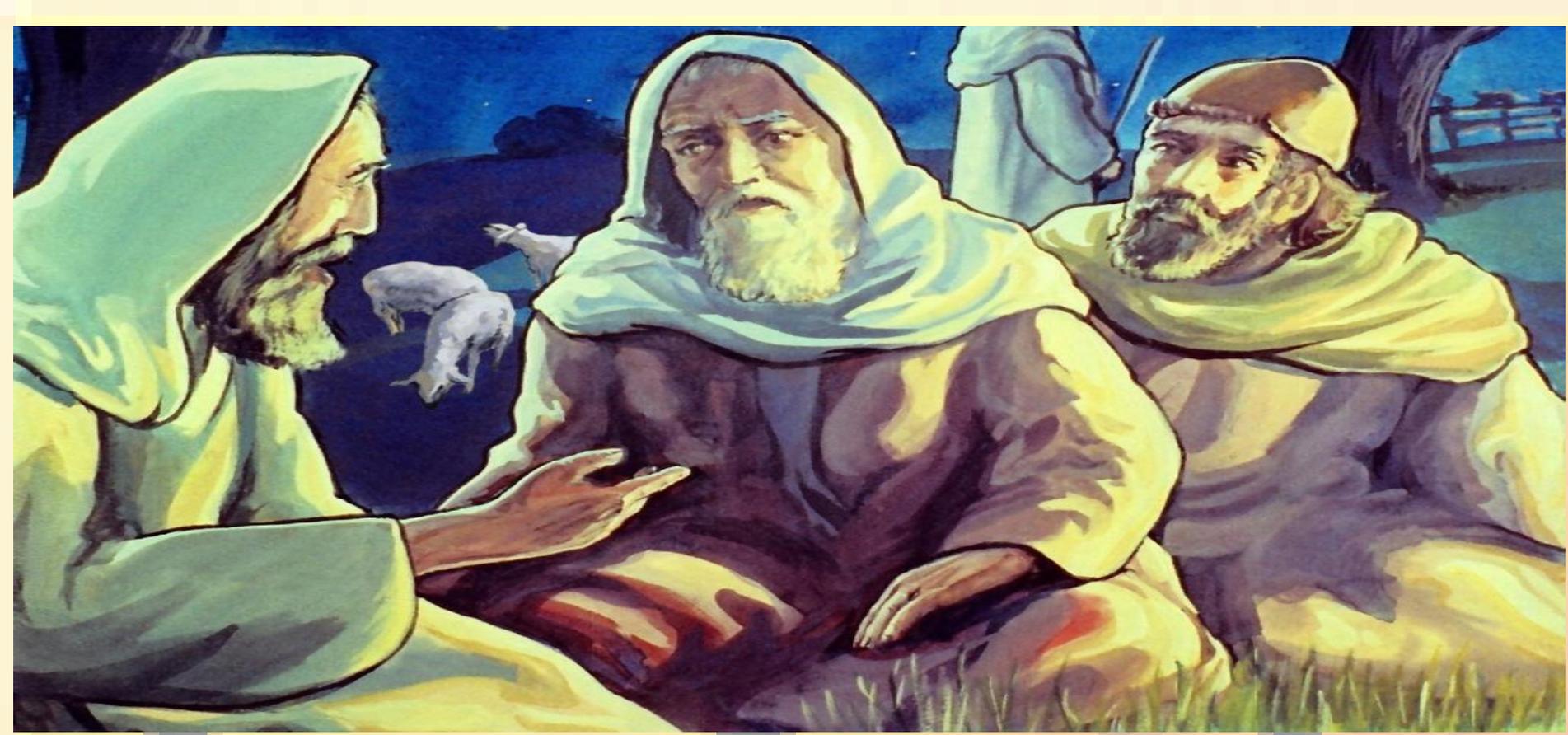
Shepherds are chosen to hear the first announcement of the birth of Christ, as they are **symbol of Christ, the Good Shepherd (John 10:11). The shepherds had a good heart and a simple faith.**



The shepherds ran to Bethlehem. There they found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.



The shepherds told them what the angel had said about the child. Mary kept all these words in her heart and thought deeply about them.



The shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God for everything they had seen and heard.

Mary and Joseph named the child Jesus, as the angel had told them.

Conclusion

It is wonderful that God's Son, Jesus, was born as a baby who would grow up to save God's people from their sins.

We can thank and praise God for loving us so much that he sent his very own Son from heaven to earth to be our Savior.

We can tell others the good news, as the shepherds did.

Conclusion

Jesus Christ was born to save us from sin. Our relationship with God had been affected by sin but now because of Jesus we have a direct relationship with Him as long as we obey His commandments. There is no higher commandment than to Love God and to love our neighbors.

Let us say these Bible words together—

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

John 20:31



Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.

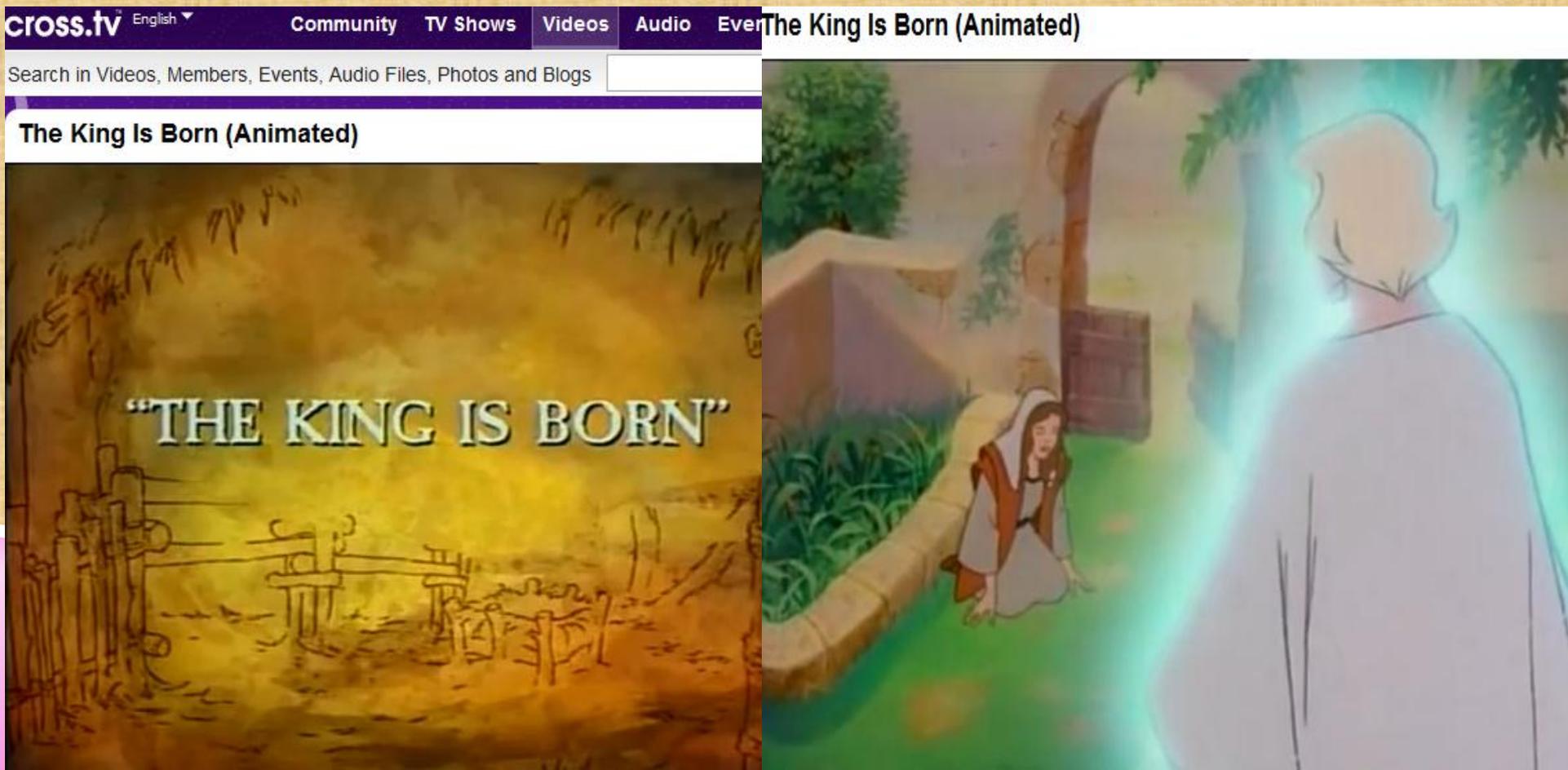
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Pop Quiz

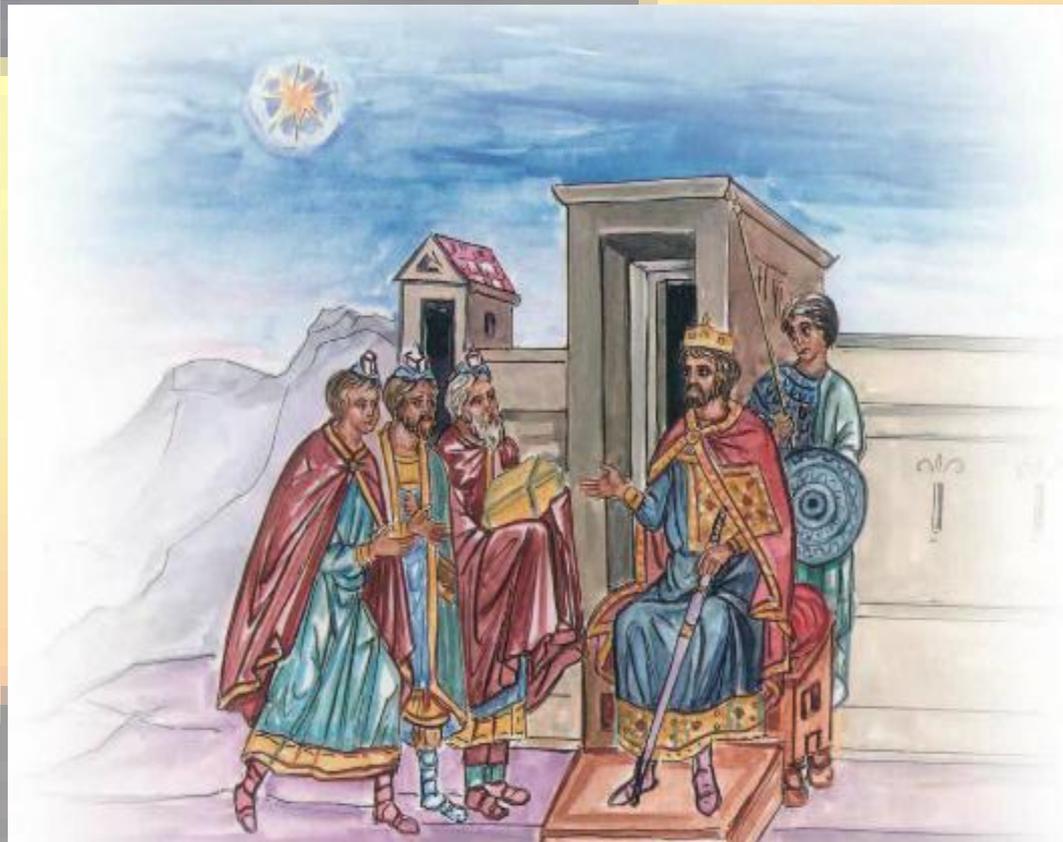
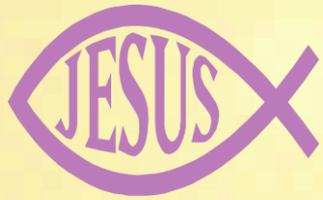


1. Who is the Savior?
(Jesus Christ the Lord; God's Son)
2. How did God keep his promise to send a Savior?
(He sent his own Son as a baby, born to Saint Virgin Mary in Bethlehem.)
3. Why did Jesus come to earth as a baby?
(To be our Savior)
4. How was Jesus like other babies?
(Jesus needed a mother to take care of him. He needed to be kept warm, fed, held and so on, just like any other baby.)
5. How was Jesus different from other babies?
(He was also God's Son; Jesus was born without any sin in His heart.)

The End

Next Week

We will learn about
three wise men.





May the love of God the **Father** and the grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

