

The Birth of Jesus



Caesar Augustus issued a decree that everyone in the Roman world should be counted in a census. That meant every man had to return to his hometown to register.



Joseph took Mary back to Bethlehem because that was his hometown, and he was a part of the lineage of King David. When they arrived in Bethlehem, Joseph began to look for a place for them to stay so Mary could have her baby.

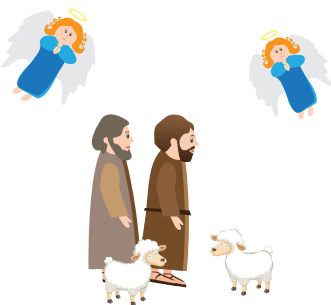


They arrived at an inn, and Joseph said to the innkeeper, **“My wife is going to have a baby. Do you have any room for us?”**

The innkeeper replied, **“No, there is no room in the inn. I have space in the stable.”** Joseph took Mary to the stable.



Mary gave birth to a son. She wrapped him up, and put him in the manger.



Nearby, there were shepherds with their sheep on a hillside. Suddenly, an angel appeared to them. **“Don't be afraid! We're here to give you good news. Tonight, in Bethlehem, a Savior has been born.”**

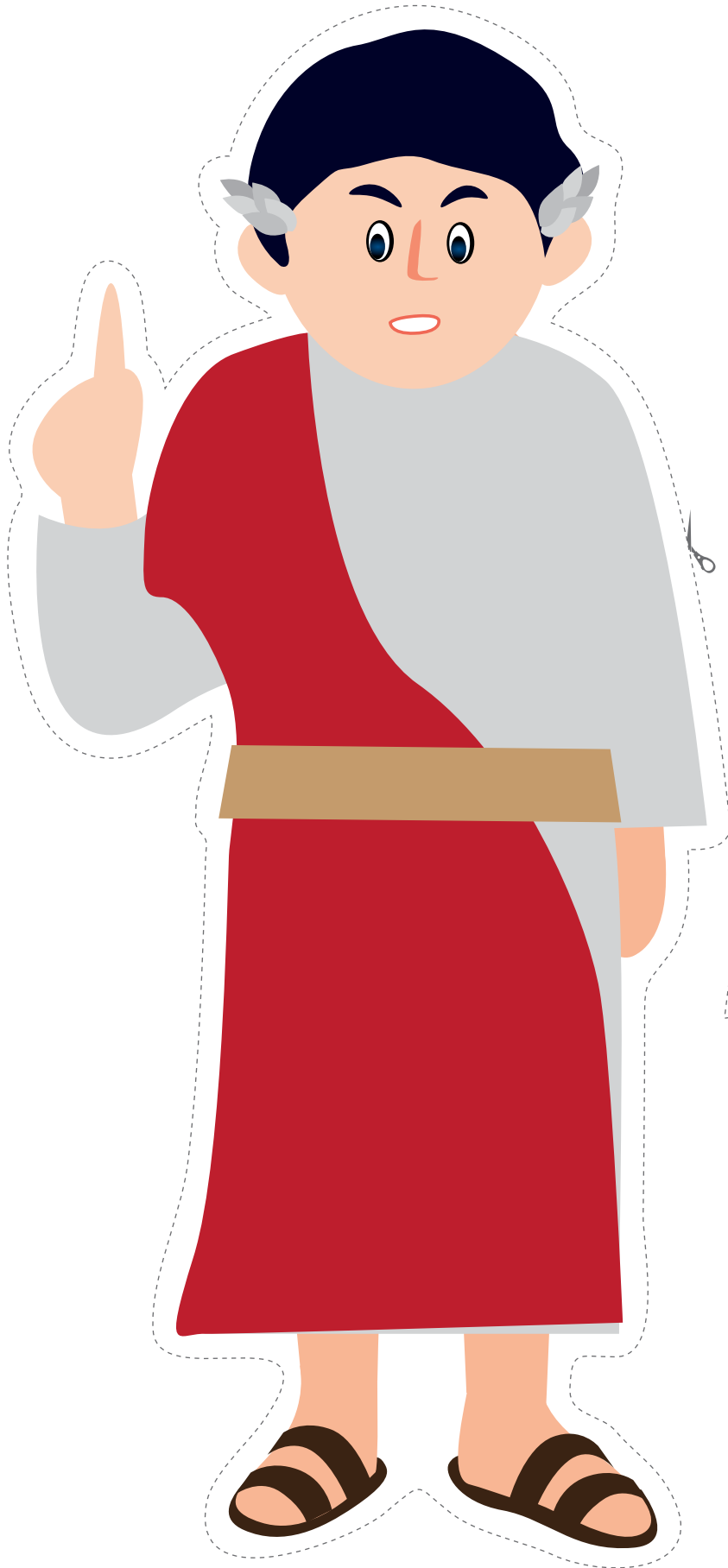
A multitude of angels appeared, singing, **“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to all men.”** The shepherds were overjoyed at the news. **“Let's follow the star. It will lead us to the place where the Messiah has been born.”**

Later on, wise men came from the east. They were instructed by King Herod to find the baby Jesus. They followed the star until it rested over the house where Jesus lived. They brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

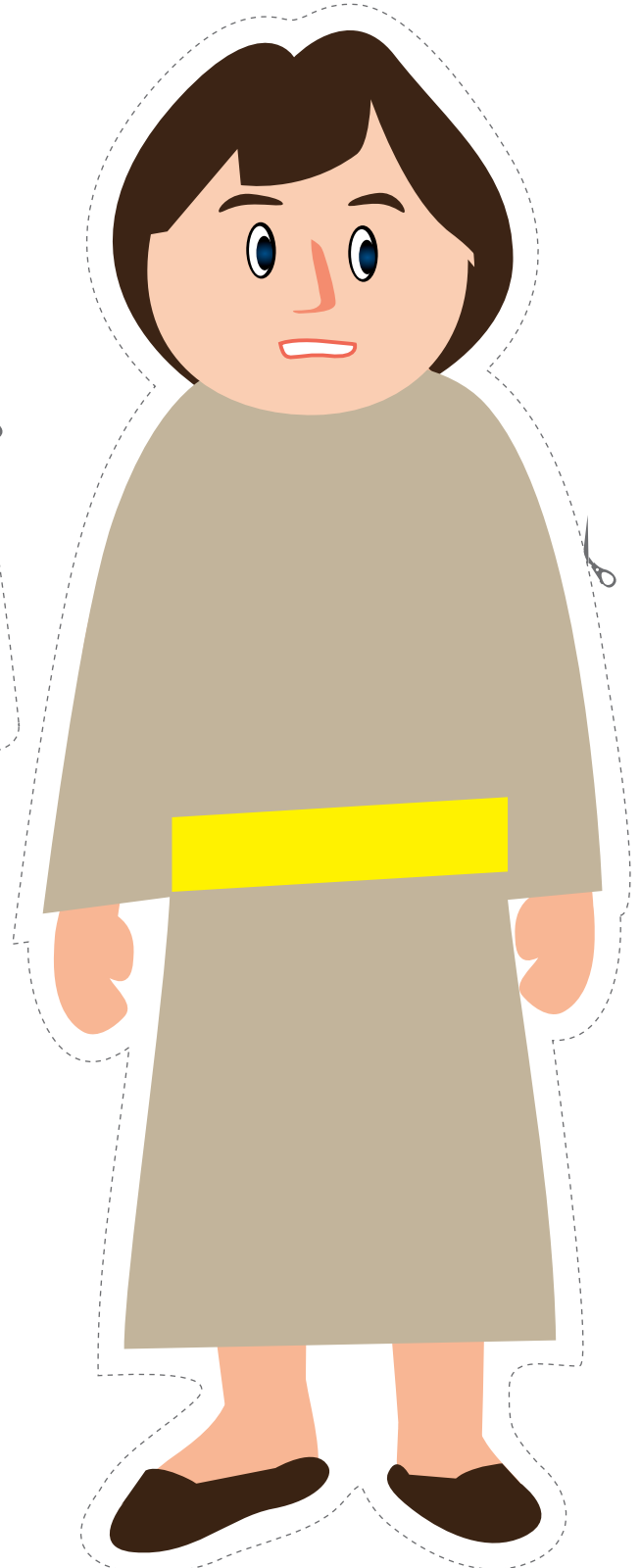


The wise men didn't know that King Herod really wanted Jesus to be killed, so an angel warned them in a dream about the King's plans. They went back a different way, to avoid having to let the King know they had found Jesus.

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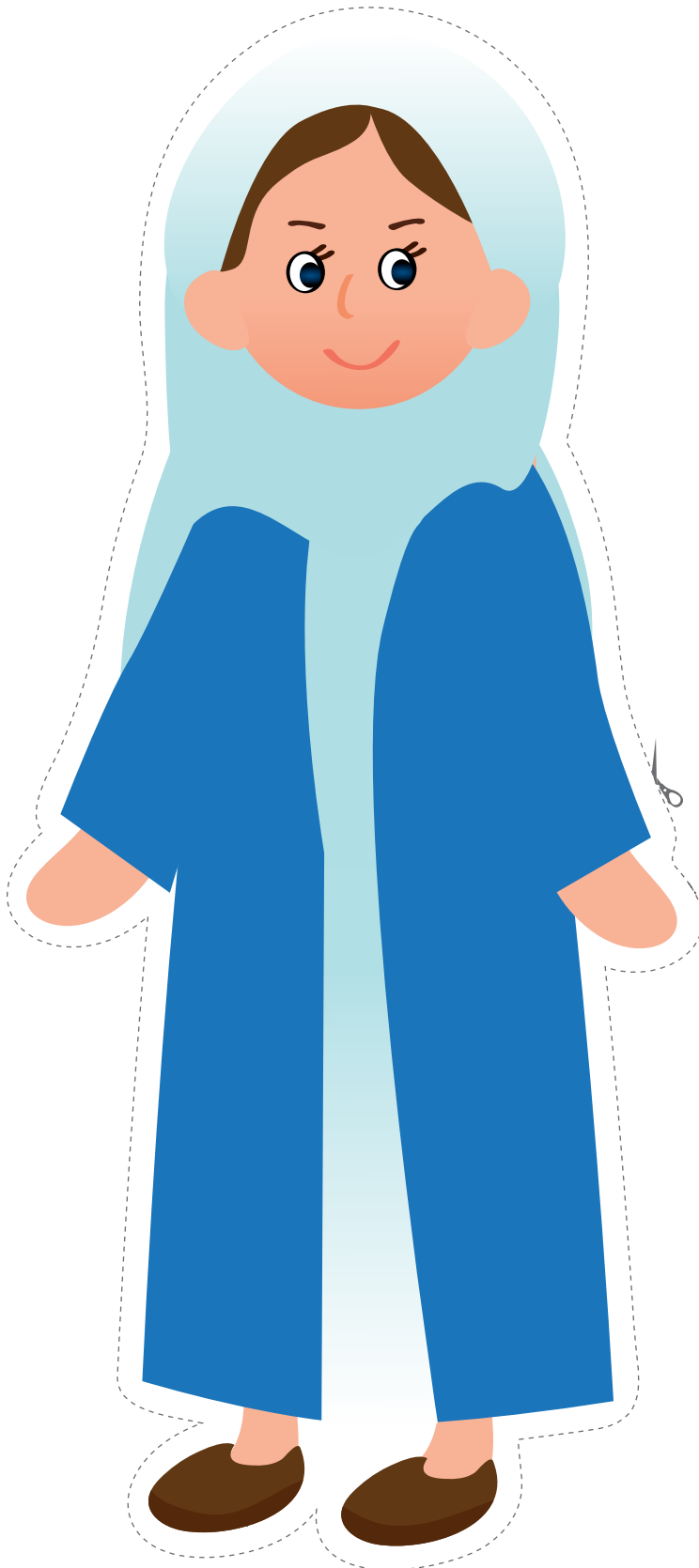


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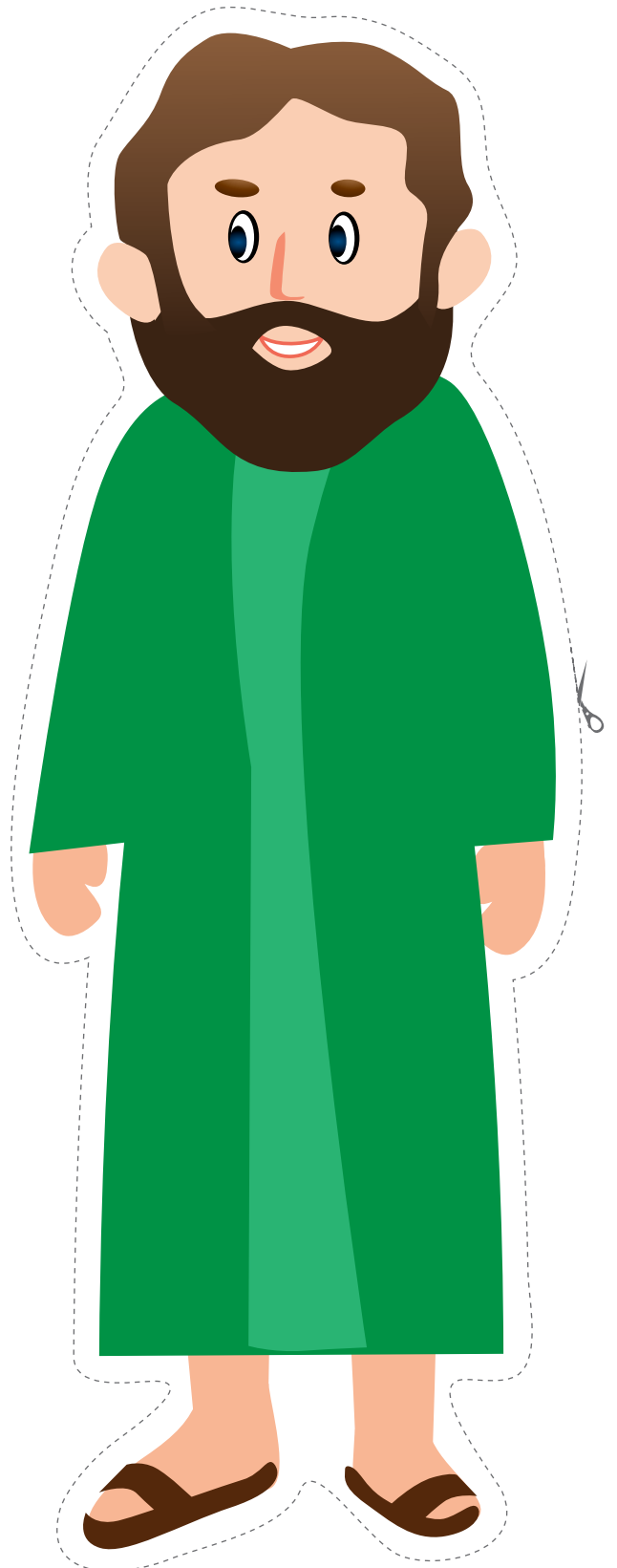


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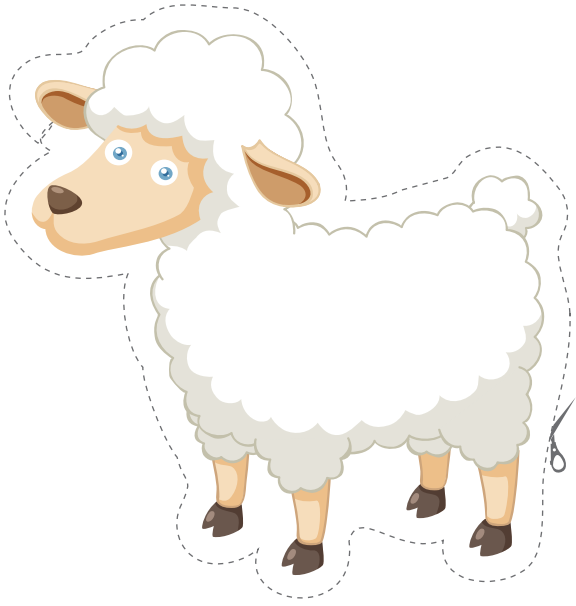
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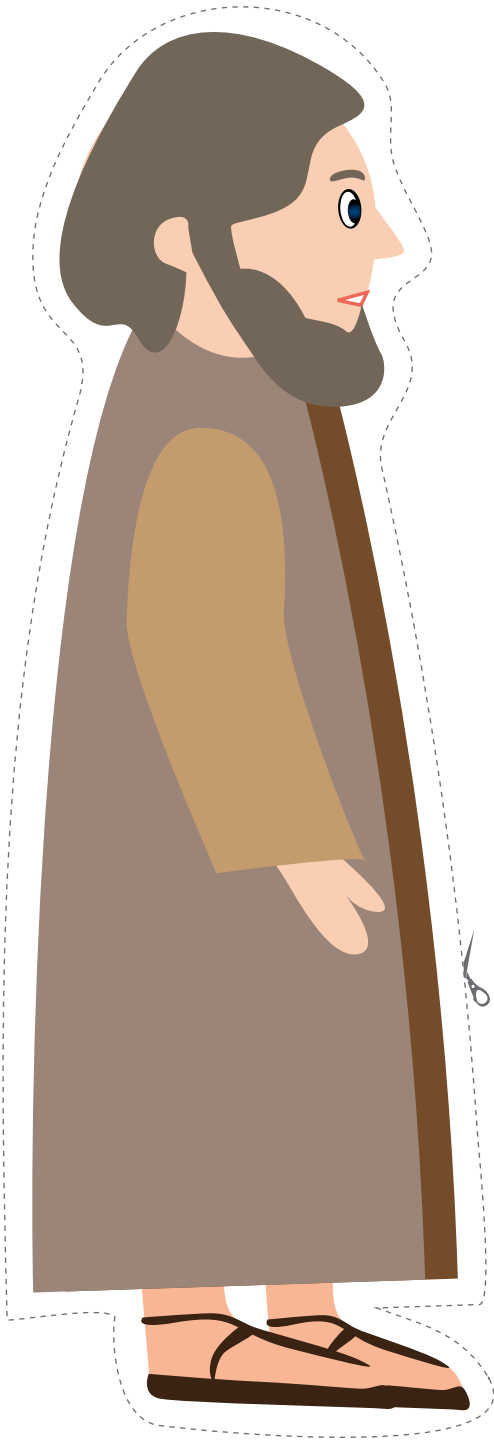


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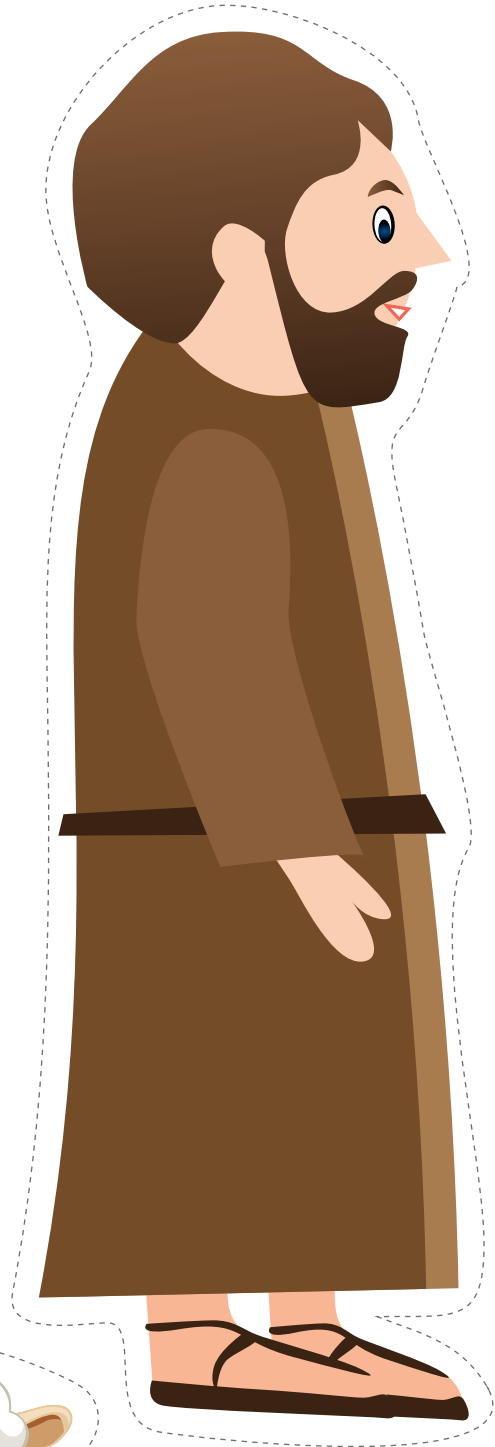


MARY & BABY JESUS

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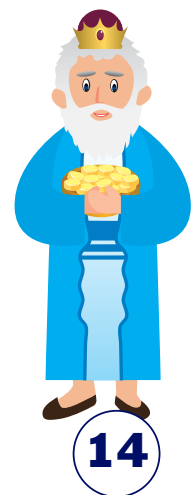
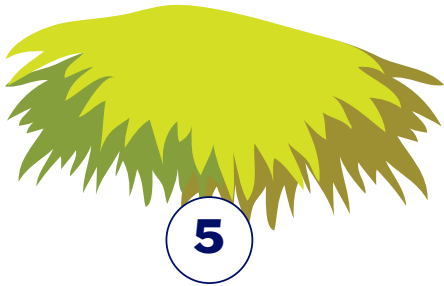
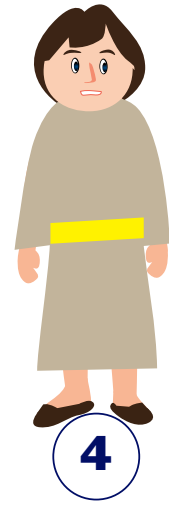
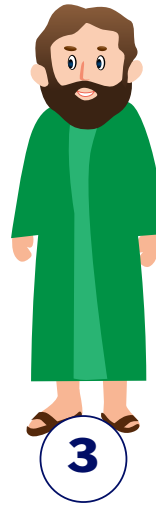
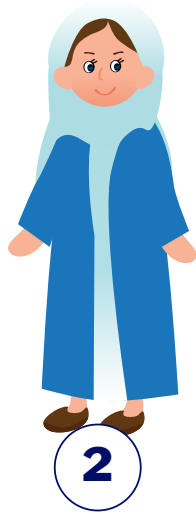


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