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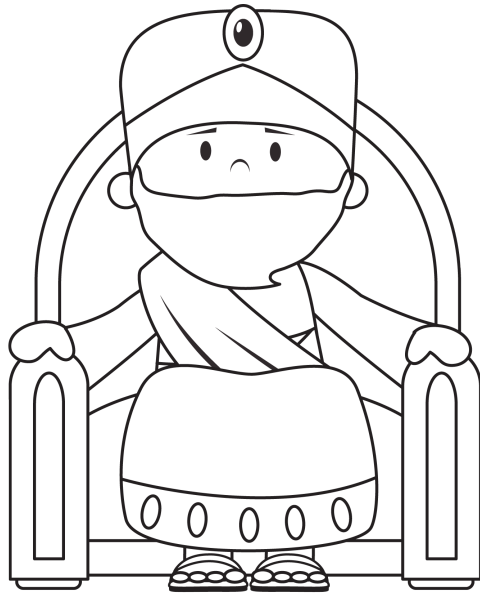


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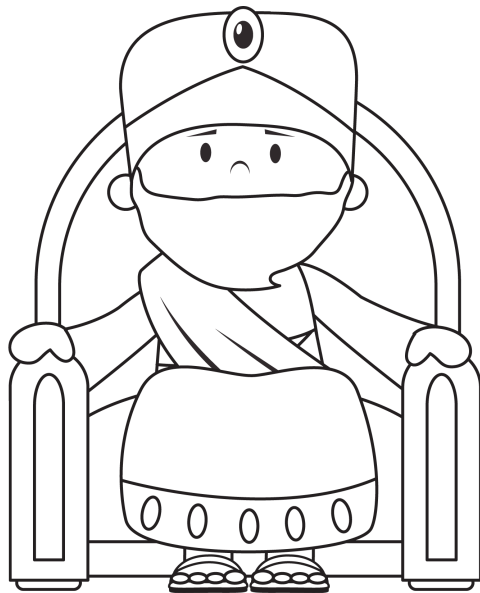
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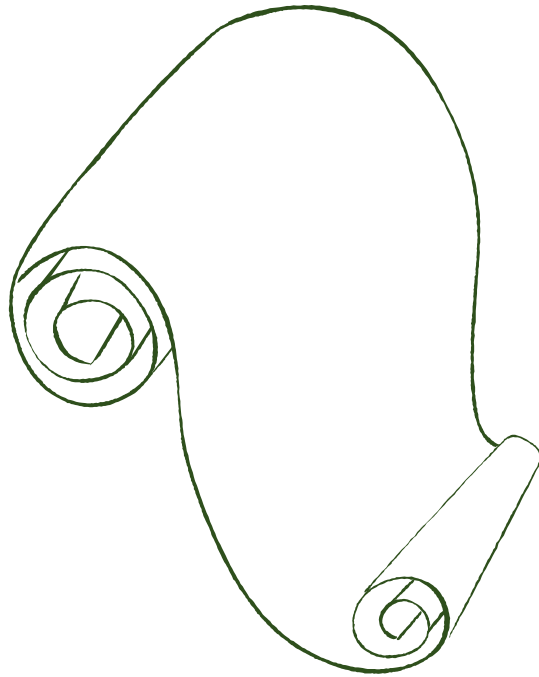
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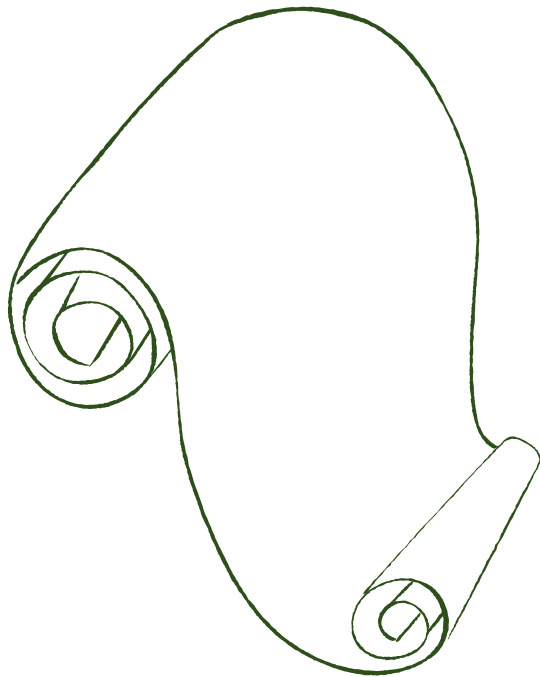
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And everyone went to his own town to register.



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to Bethlehem the town of David,  
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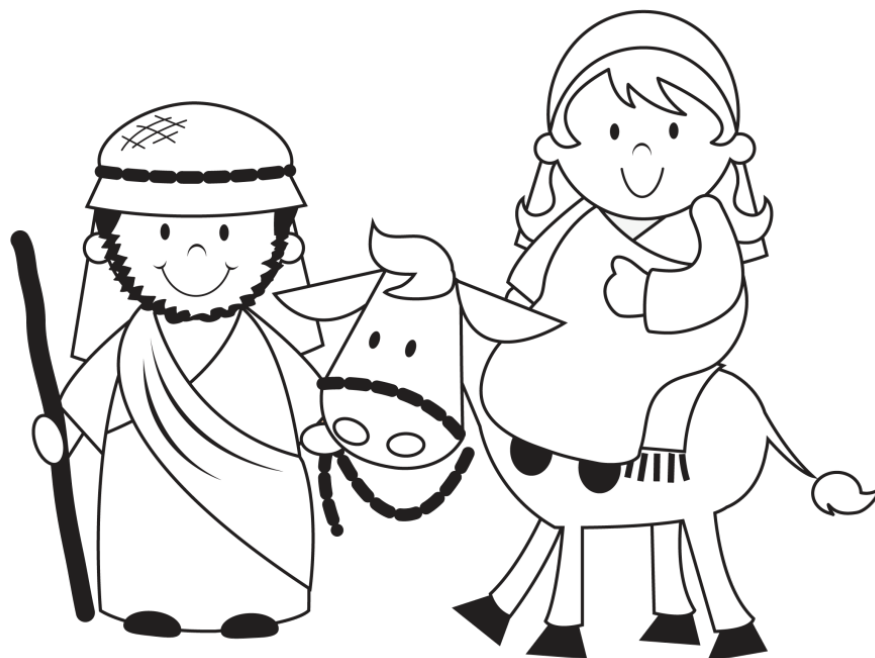
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He went there to register with Mary,  
who was pledged to be married to him  
and was expecting a child.



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While they were there,  
the time came for the baby to be born,  
and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.



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She wrapped him in cloths  
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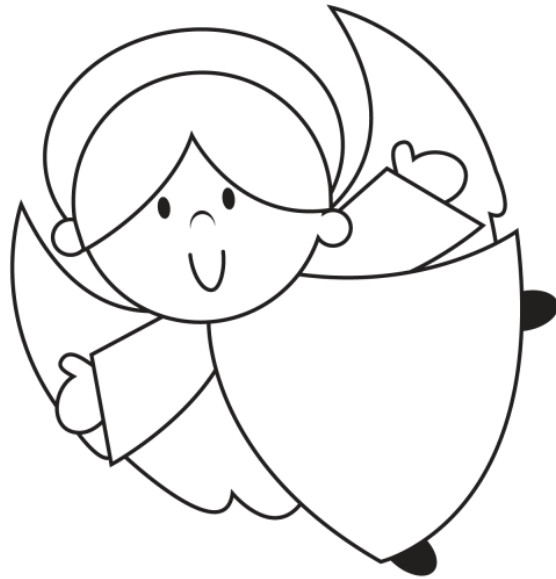




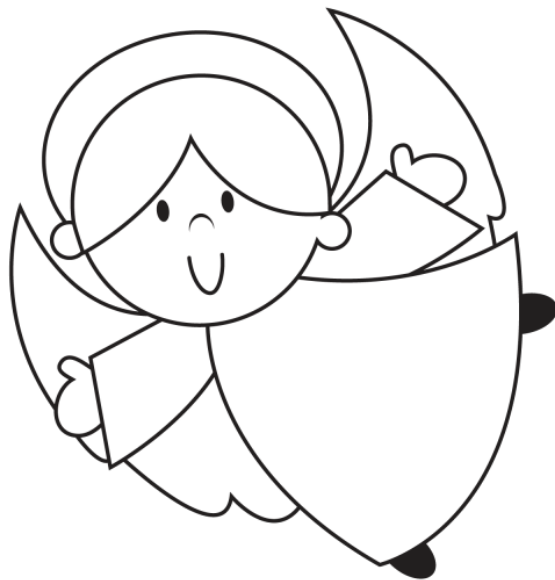
And there were shepherds  
living out in the fields nearby,  
keeping watch over their flocks at night.



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An angel of the Lord appeared to them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone around them,  
and they were terrified.



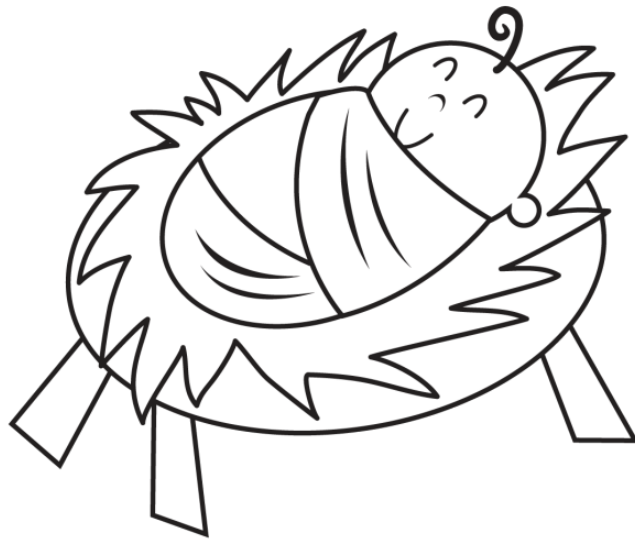
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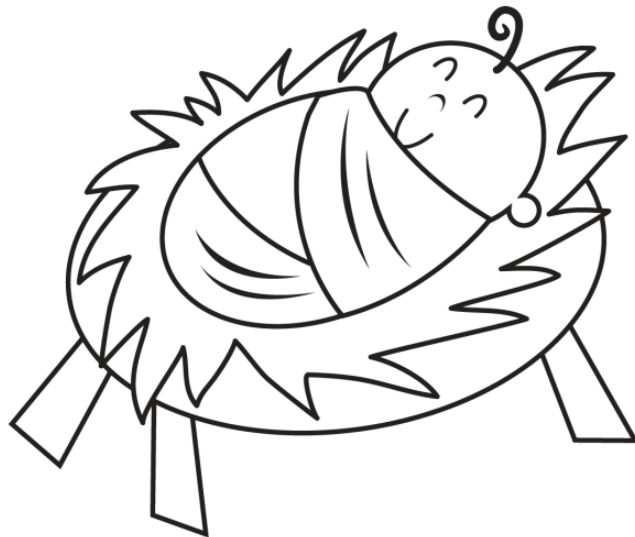
But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid.  
I bring you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.



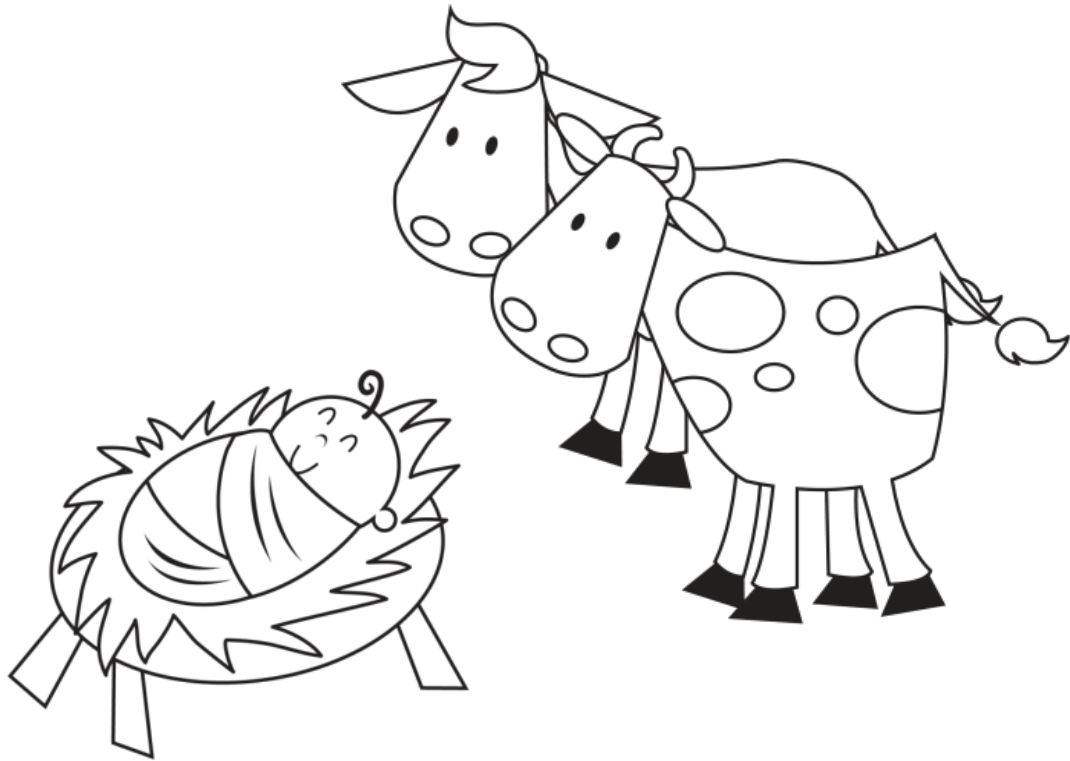
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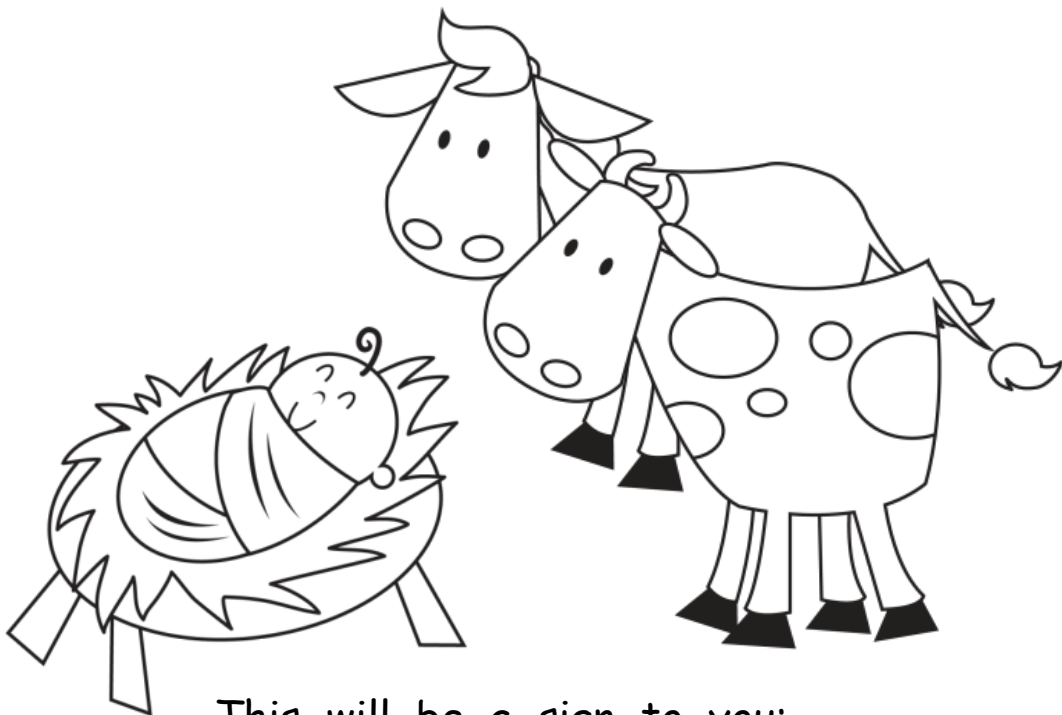
Today in the town of David  
a Savior has been born to you.  
He is Christ the Lord.



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This will be a sign to you:  
You will find a baby wrapped in cloths  
and lying in a manger."



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Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,



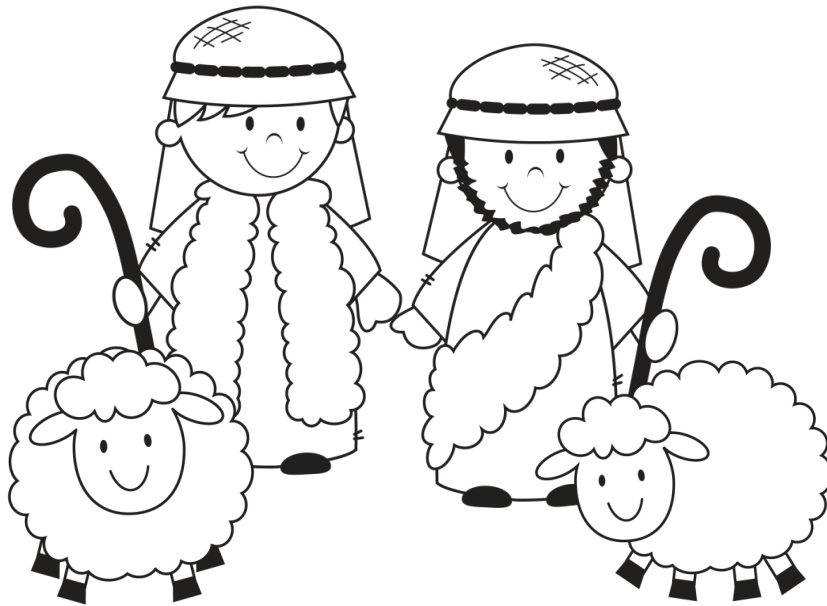
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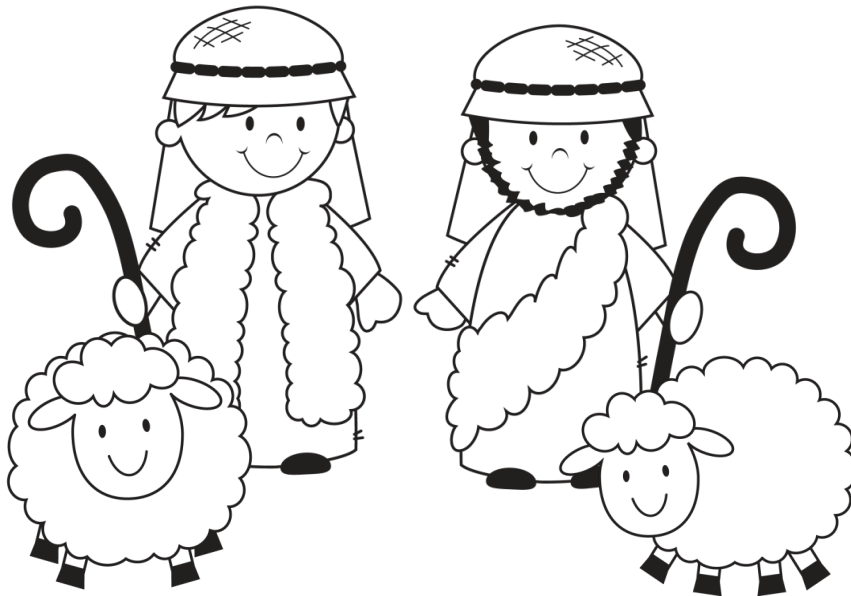
"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men  
on whom his favor rests."



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When the angels had left them and gone into heaven,  
the shepherds said to one another,  
"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,  
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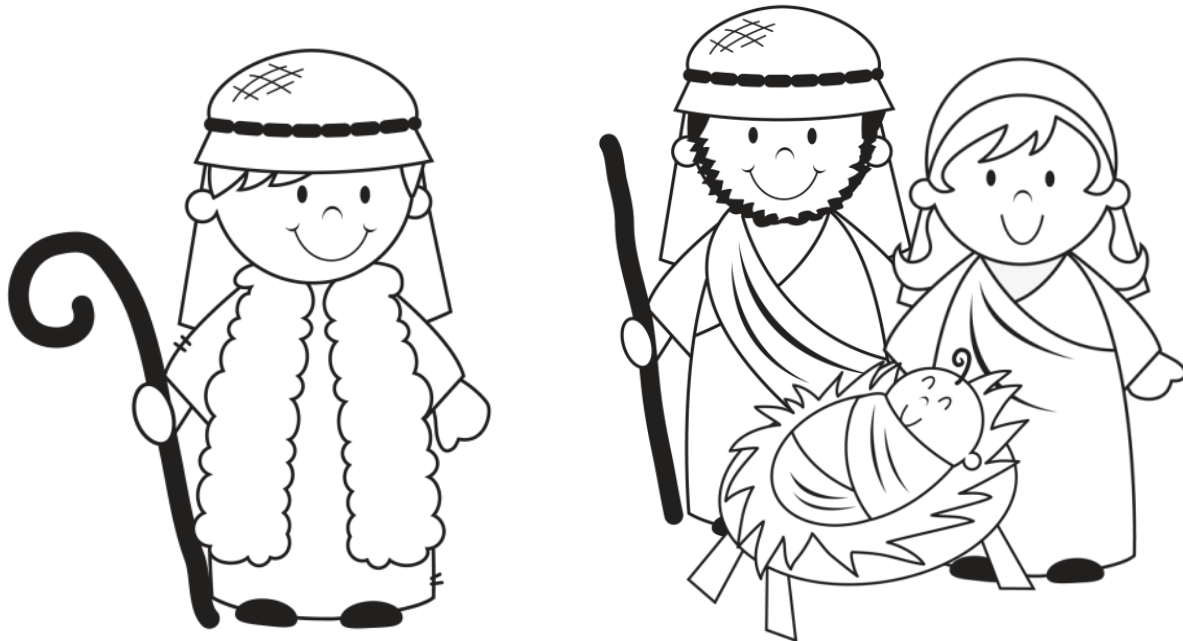




So they hurried off  
and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby, who was lying in the manger.



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When they had seen him, they spread the word  
concerning what had been told them about this child,  
and all who heard it were amazed  
at what the shepherds said to them.



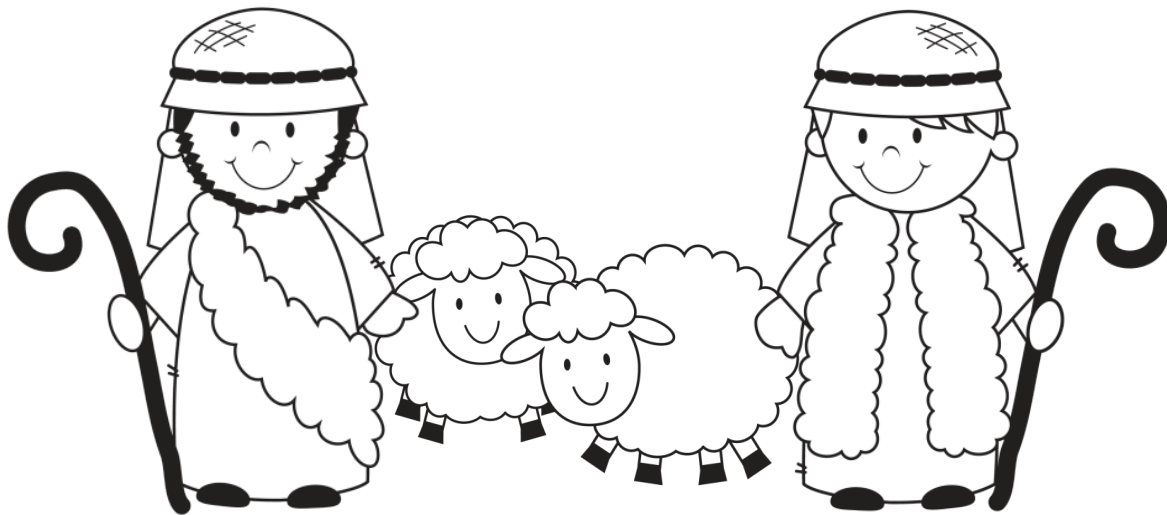
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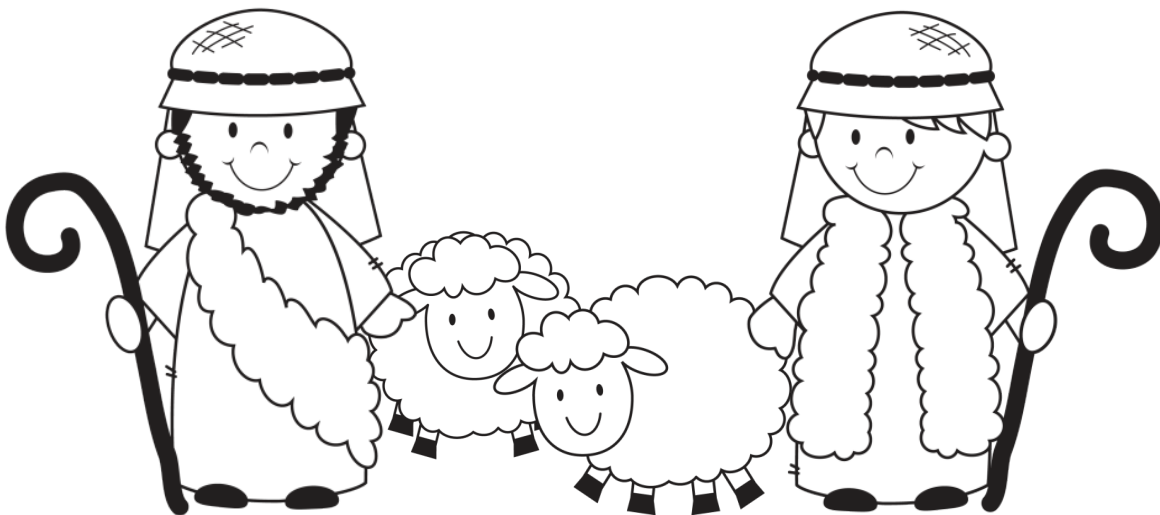
But Mary treasured up all these things  
and pondered them in her heart.



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The shepherds returned,  
glorifying and praising God  
for all the things they had heard and seen,  
which were just as they had been told.



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