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“As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, so is he who gets riches, but not by right; it will leave him in the midst of his days, and at the end a fool.” Jeremiah 17:11

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Summary: The birth of Jesus Christ from an imaginary perspective of the animals present at the manger.

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## APPRECIATION

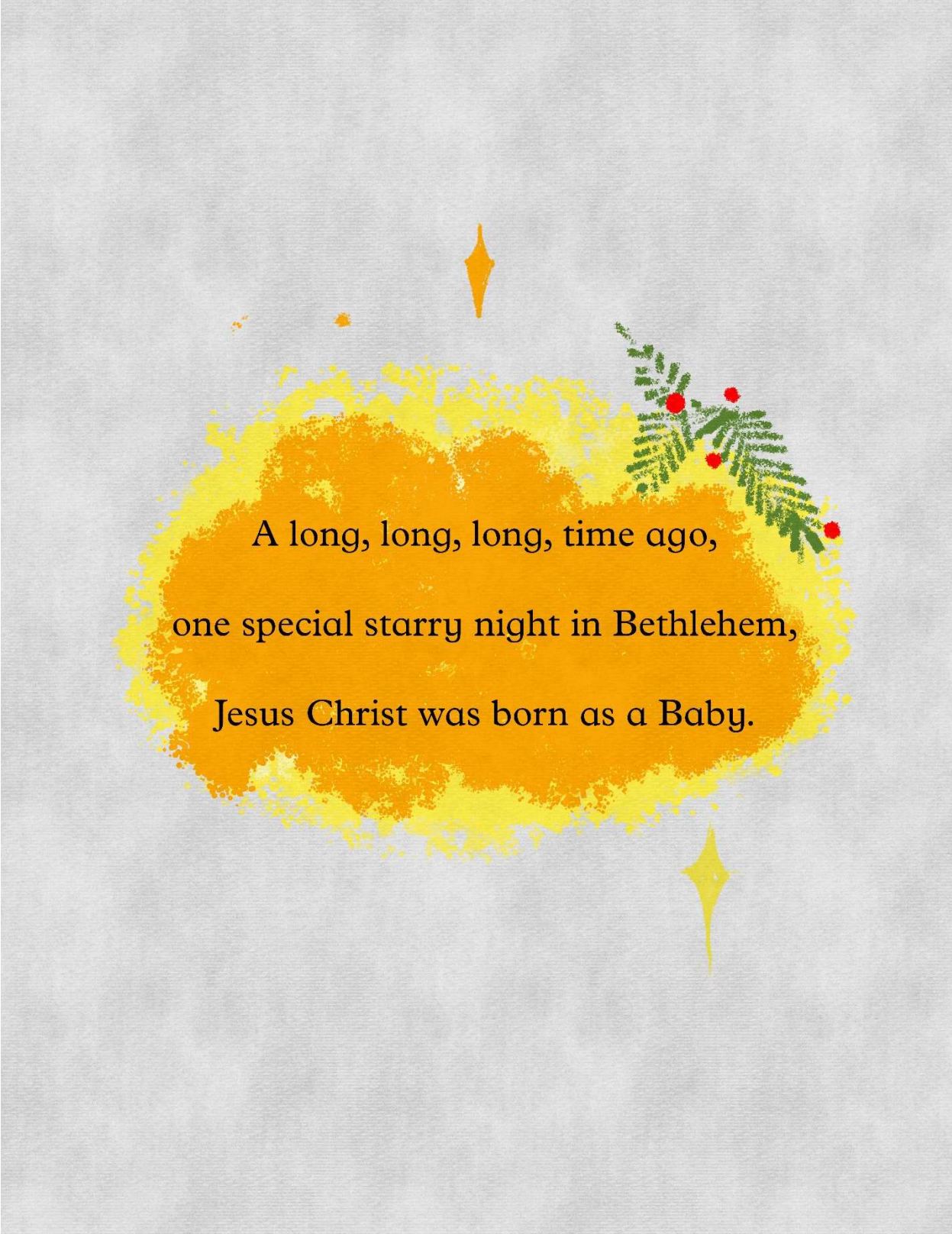
This is to thank God, Our Almighty Father, for His enablement to write this book. May He be glorified forever and ever!

## DEDICATION

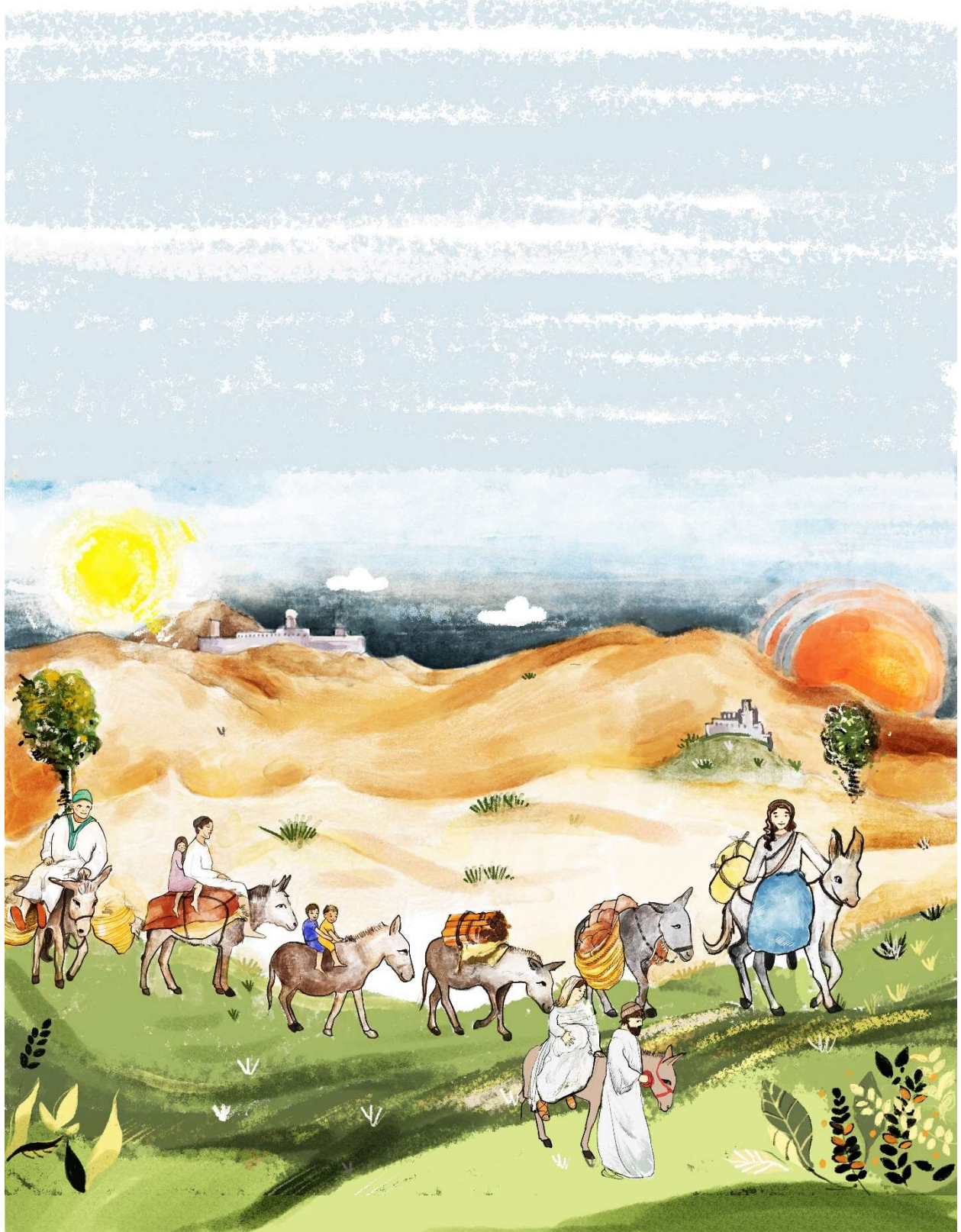
This book is dedicated to the souls of all  
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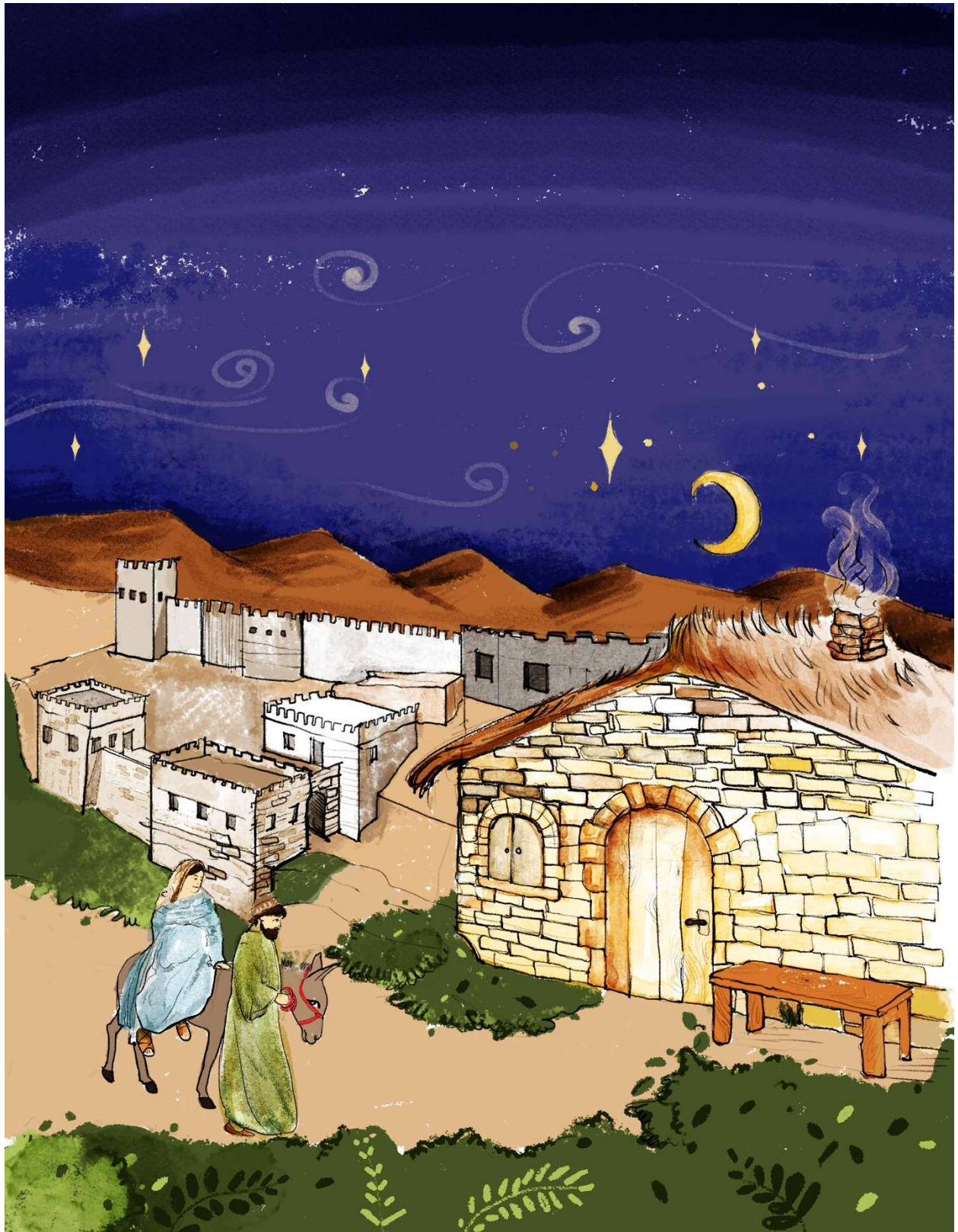




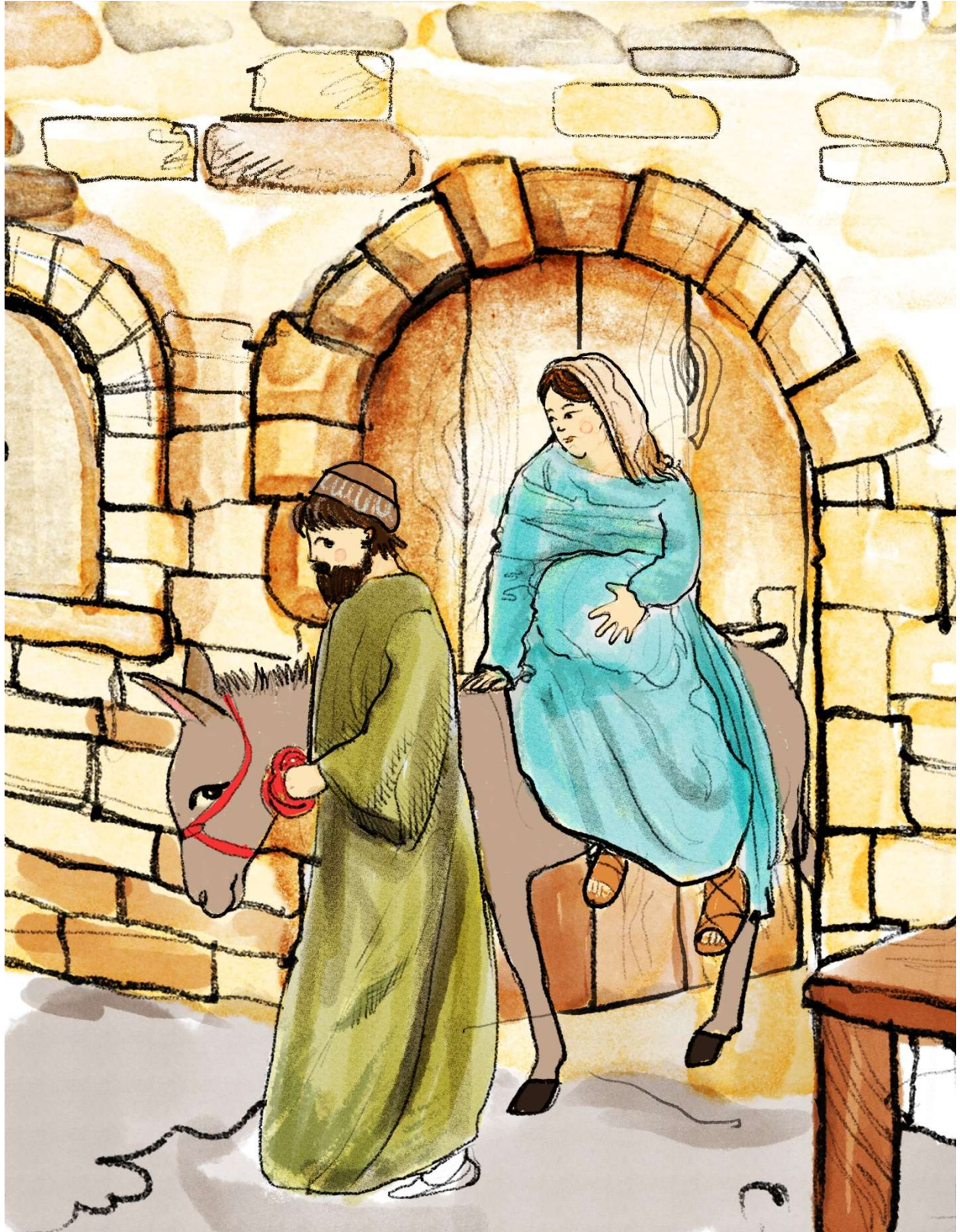
A long, long, long, time ago,  
one special starry night in Bethlehem,  
Jesus Christ was born as a Baby.



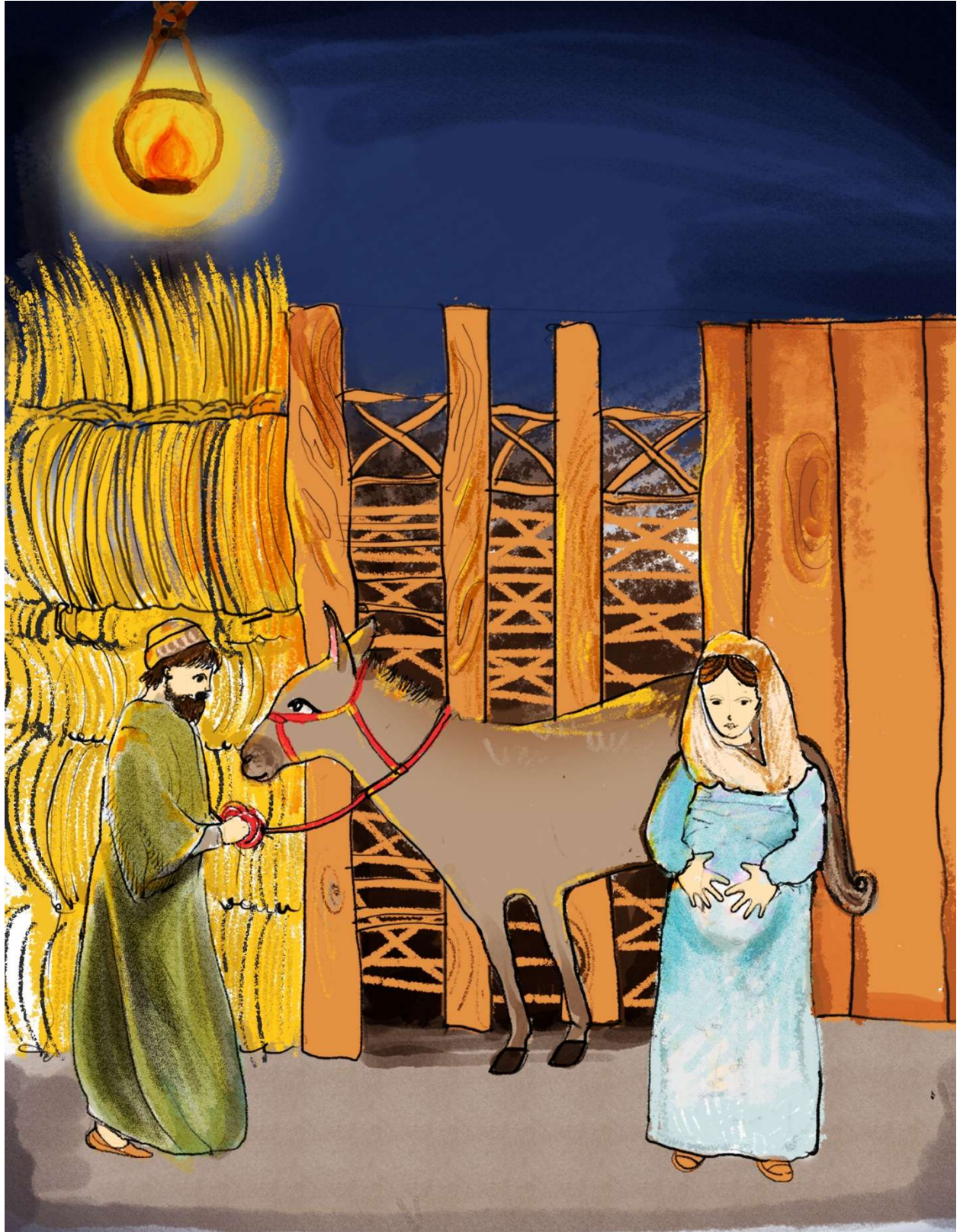
Earlier in the day, things in the town were quite unusual. From sunrise to sunset, donkeys of different shades of color and sizes, were streaming into Bethlehem. Donkeys were everywhere. Some carried women. Some carried children. Some carried men. Some carried loads. Some carried a mix of all the above. All the donkeys I saw had someone or something on its back. Not a single donkey came to town empty.



In the manger, beside an Inn, by the town gate,  
that starry night a donkey carried a beautiful  
lady, named Mary. She was expecting a Baby.  
Joseph, her husband, dropped the donkey off in  
the manger where the Cow family, the Goat family  
and I lived.



About an hour later, Joseph and Mary came out.  
There were no room in the Inn for the them. All  
the rooms had been taken up.



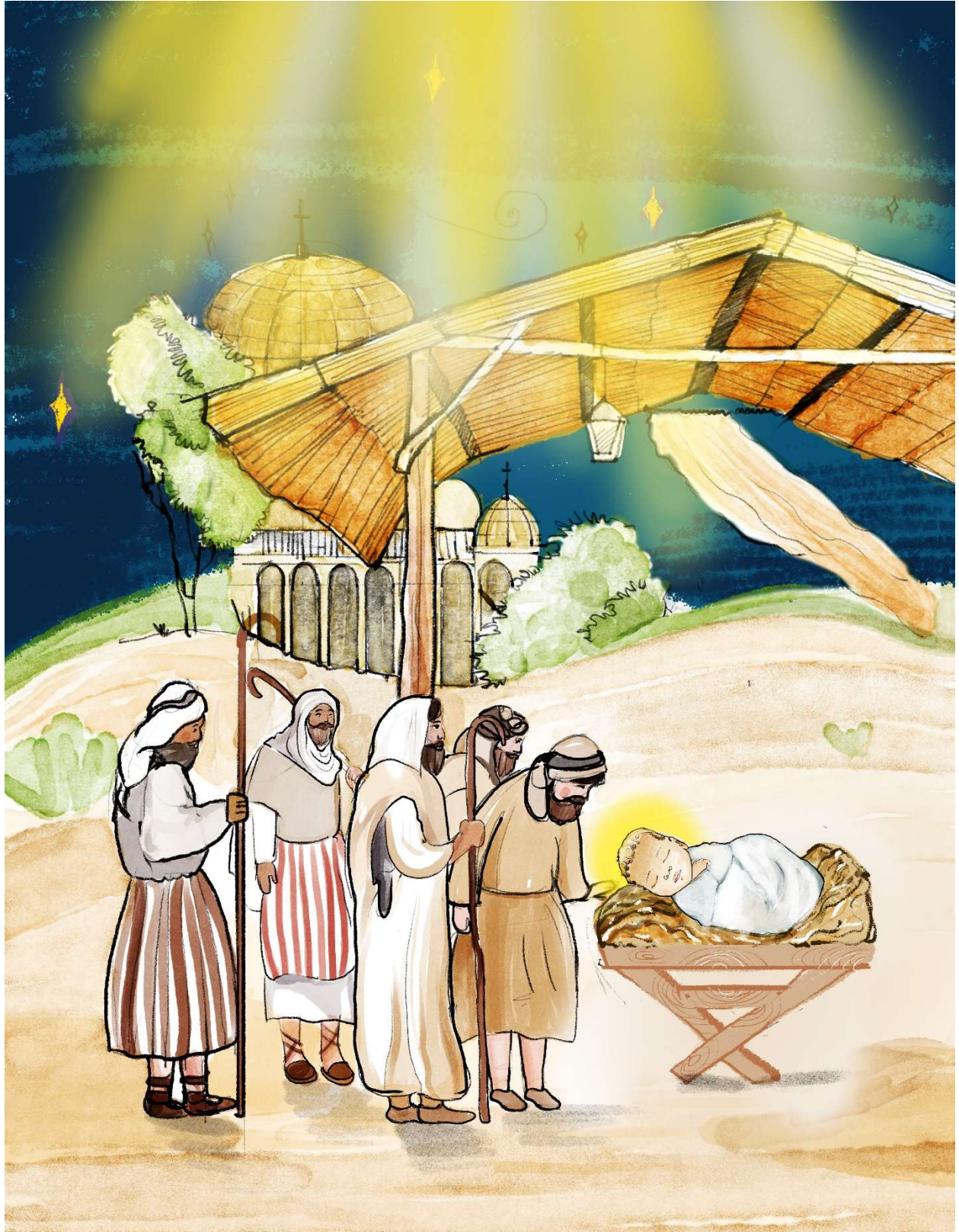
As Joseph loosened the donkey, for them to  
leave. Mary said, "Oh My dear Baby Jesus! Baby  
Jesus! He is coming out!"



Low and behold Mary delivered Baby Jesus! Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes.



All the families – the Cows, the Goats, and my family were all fascinated. We all kept peeking to see Baby Jesus.



Few hours past midnight, my former owner Mr. Shepherd came in joyfully with four others. Mr. Shepherd told Mary and Joseph an angel had told them that a Savior has been born. He is the Messiah. The Baby is wrapped in swaddling clothes. Lying in a manger. Lots and lots of heavenly hosts with the Angel were praising God and saying,



“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”

Shortly after they left in search of the Baby.



With this good news, we were charged with excitement! We older ones were dancing. Our little ones were galloping. We were immeasurably joyful.

As everything calmed down, I remembered the stories Mr. Shepherd sang as he played his harp. One such story was about the Messiah who will come and set people free from the influence of evil.

From what I have seen and heard; I went to Mr. & Mrs. Cow to discuss this thing that has astounded our little community.

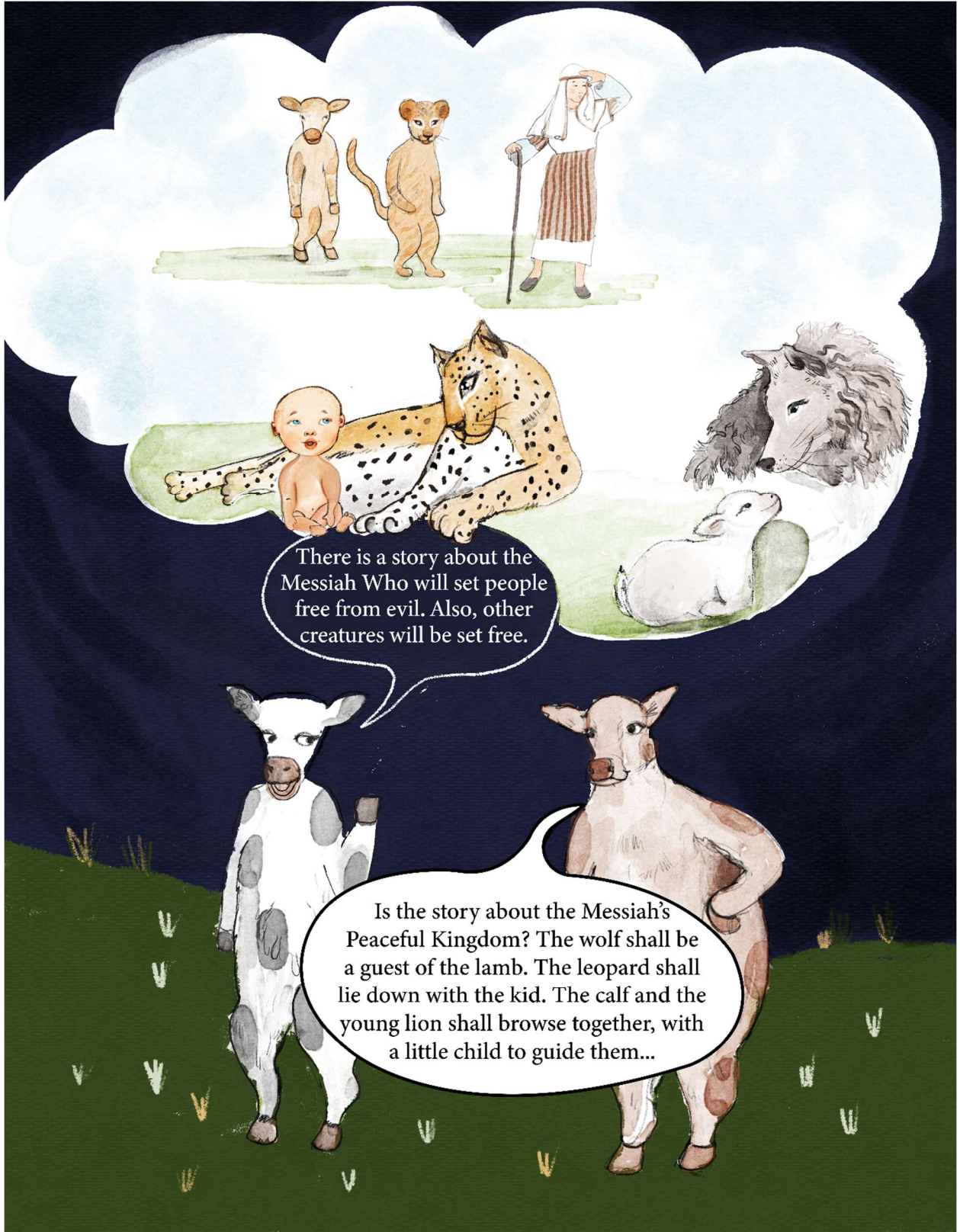


Mr. & Mrs. Cow, please, do you remember the songs and the stories Mr. Shepherd sang to calm us down anytime the wolves or bear came after us?

I remember some of them.


Really, I want to know.

Oh! Yes, we are all ears!



There is a story about the Messiah Who will set people free from evil. Also, other creatures will be set free.

Is the story about the Messiah's Peaceful Kingdom? The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb. The leopard shall lie down with the kid. The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them...




Yes, however, the Messiah's Peaceful Kingdom will be at His second coming, not now. His Birth now is to give His life to destroy the power of evil in the hearts and minds of people. If people believe in Him, they are able to see things from God's point of view and able to do His will.

How did they get into this mess?



I heard the first human beings - Adam & Eve disobeyed God, the authority they had went to the devil they obeyed.


Please, tell me. What is going on in the hearts and minds of people we so much admire?



Well, remember what I said before the disobedience of the first human beings - Adam and Eve sin - evil entered human race.

Things like greed, hatred, prejudice, racism et cetera started popping up in their hearts and minds.

Mama you know what? If anyone thinks he or she is better than others where is the person going?




My dear, I know what you mean. If they cannot stand one another here. Can they stand one another in Heaven? They are just eliminating themselves from being part of the Messiah's Kingdom, when He returns. We pray they will begin to stand one another - love one another here.

If anyone believes in the Messiah, the person has the power to live a good life in the Messiah. The person is able to love and live the Truth. Their conscience will be a witness.




Yes, dear.

M-m—m, from what Mr. Cow said before about us, the wolves, the lions will not chase us to eat us up. Instead we all will hang out together.



Yes, my dear, never ever again will we be afraid of them chasing us.



Wow, Wow, Wow! I can not wait, I can not wait, it is marvelous.

Let us give thanks and praise to God. He has a wonderful plan for us! Wow, wow, wow, wow, wow, wow, wow! As people know the heart and mind of God there will be no fear, jealousy, envy or hatred. There is room for everyone.



**The End**