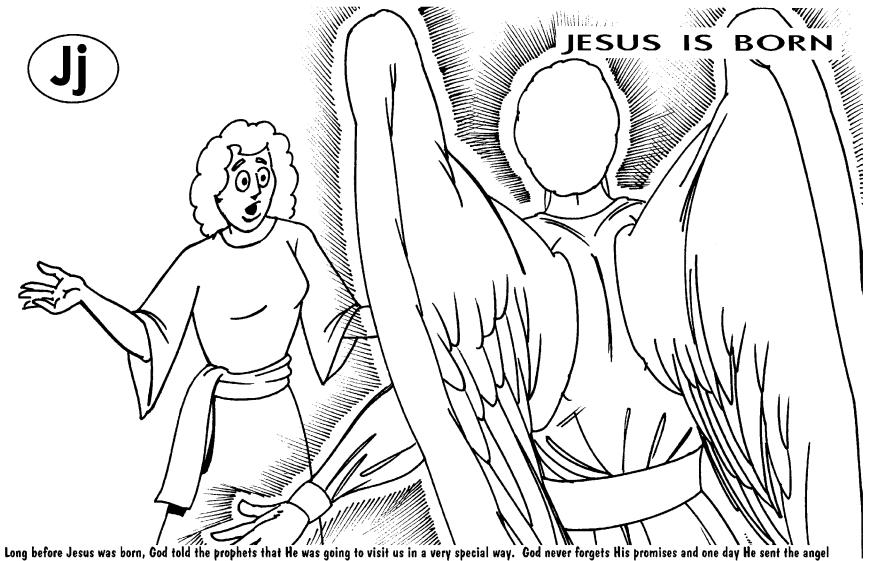
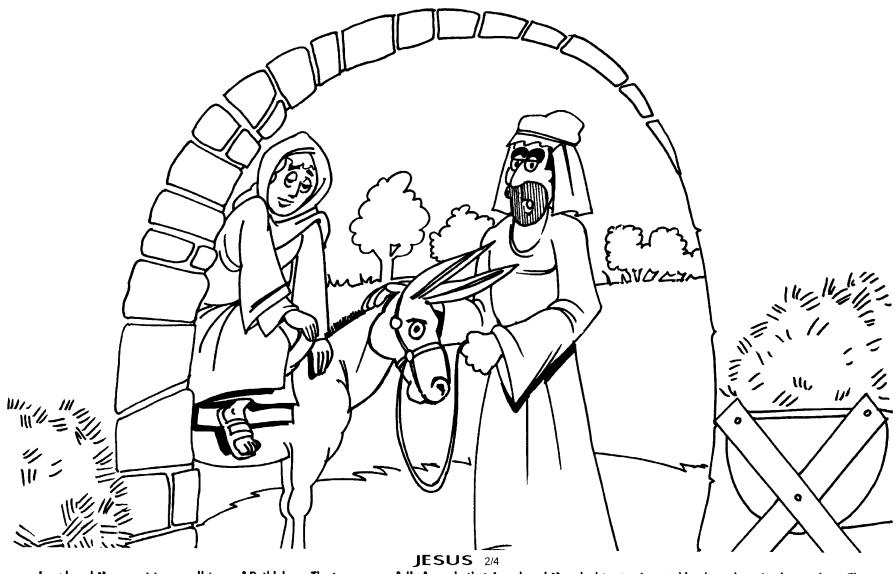
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Long before Jesus was born, God told the prophets that He was going to visit us in a very special way. God never forgets His promises and one day He sent the angel Gabriel to tell a young woman called Mary, that she was going to have a baby. The baby's father would not be the man Joseph that she was getting ready to marry. This very special Child would come by the Holy Spirit. Mary was a wonderful woman and she believed God. The angel of the Lord also told Joseph that the virgin Mary was going to have this most special child. He was to be called JESUS and He would save His people from their sins.



Joseph and Mary went to a small town of Bethlehem. The town was so full of people that Joseph and Mary had to stay in a stable where the animals were kept. There our Lord and Saviour, Jesus was born. They wrapped Jesus up and made a bed for him in a manger.



Outside that glorious night, where the shepherds were looking after their sheep, the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and the glory of the Lord shone round about them. He told them the good news of Jesus. Then, a host of angels appeared and praised God saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."



When the angels left, the excited shepherds went to the stable where they found the Baby and they thanked and praised God. The Almighty God had come to be with