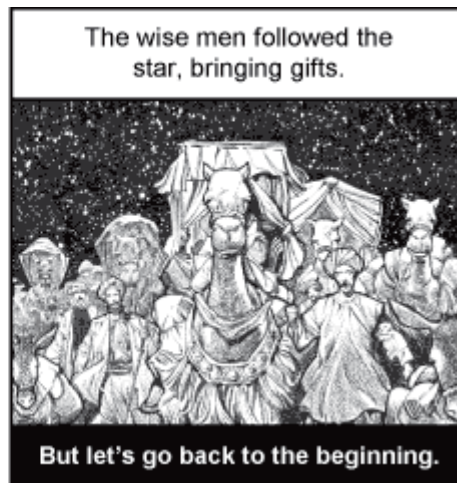
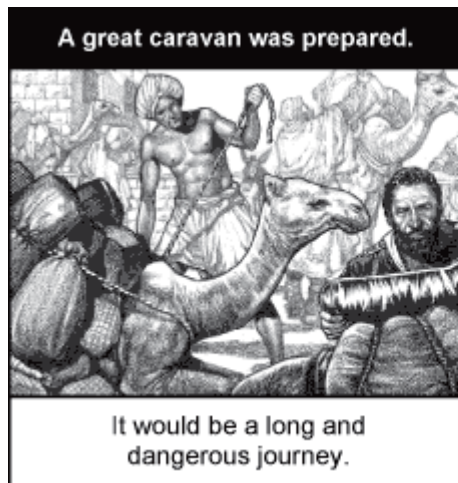


Greatest Story Ever Told



The number two person of the Godhead (The Word) created the universe.

The Bible says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:1, 3



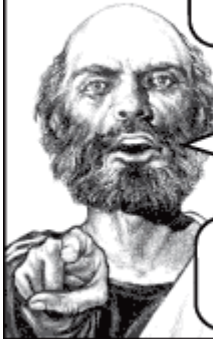
"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." John 1:14
This was the Great One the wise men were coming to see.

Around 700 B.C., the prophet Isaiah said:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign;

Behold, a *virgin* shall conceive, and bear a son...

and shall call his name Immanuel."*
Isaiah 7:14



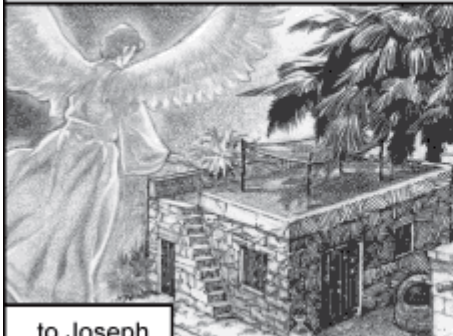
*Which means, "God with us" (Matt. 1:23).

700 years later, Jerusalem was under the control of Rome...



and the Jews begged God to send the Messiah, the Promised One.

The angel Gabriel visited a virgin named Mary, who was engaged...

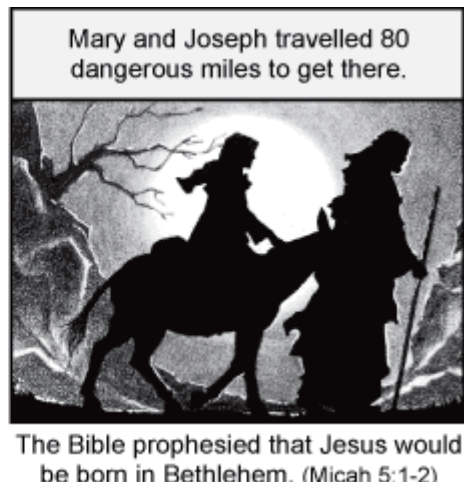
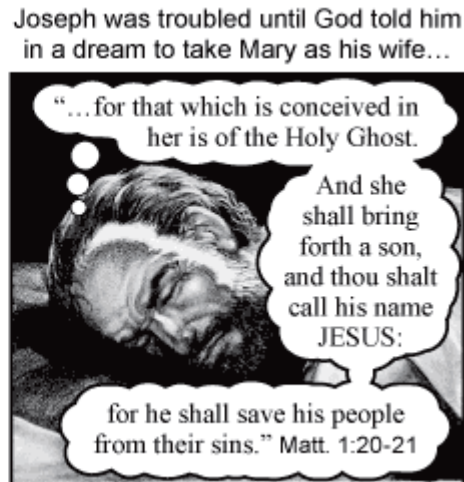
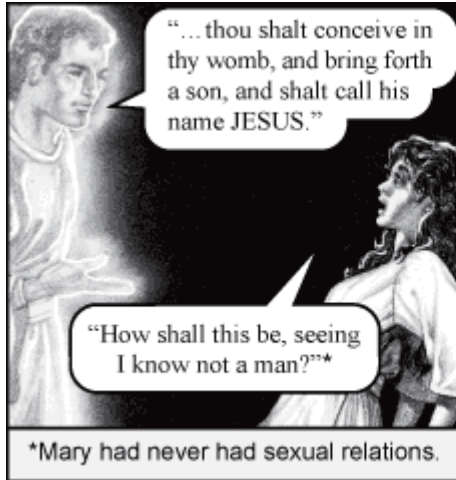


to Joseph of the house of David, and said...

"Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God."



The world would never be the same.



Mary was ready to bring forth her first born,
but Bethlehem was overflowing with people.
There was no room at the inn!



They were forced to stay in a smelly stable.



Far to the east, the
caravan was still
following the star.

THE CHILD WAS BORN!



This incredible, unlimited Spirit,
who is God, clothed Himself with
a frail human body.

Nearby, shepherds were watching
over their flocks when...

“...the angel of the Lord
came upon them, and the
glory of the Lord shone
round about them:”



And the angel said...

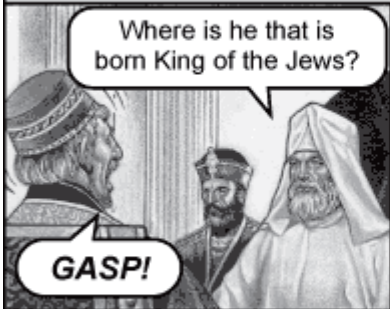
“For unto you is born
this day in the city of
David a Saviour, which
is Christ the Lord.

Ye shall find the babe
wrapped in swaddling
clothes, lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a multitude of angels appeared, saying, “Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

The shepherds went and found the child in Bethlehem. (See Luke 2)

When the caravan finally reached Jerusalem months later, the wise men visited King Herod.

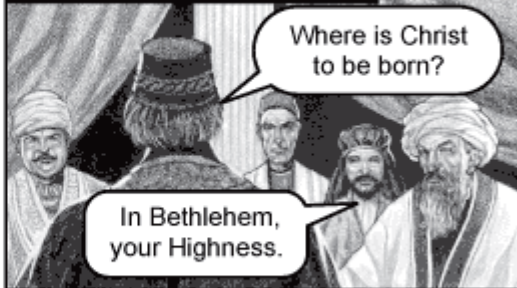


Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

GASP!

Could it be Christ was born and Herod knew nothing about it?

Herod asked his advisers:



Where is Christ to be born?

In Bethlehem, your Highness.

Herod immediately plotted to kill the Christ so he could stay in power.

When you find the child, bring me word so I can worship him also.



The star led the wise men to the house where Jesus was.

“...they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped **HIM**.”



And they brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

God told Joseph to flee to Egypt...



because Herod was furious and wanted little Jesus dead.

Herod sent soldiers to Bethlehem to kill **ALL** the babies two and under.



This satanic crime also fulfilled prophecy. (Matt. 2:18)

When Herod died, the family returned to Nazareth.

At age 12, Jesus astonished the religious leaders.

How can this child know so much about our laws?



Little did they know that they were talking to the God who gave those laws to Moses. (See John 1:10)

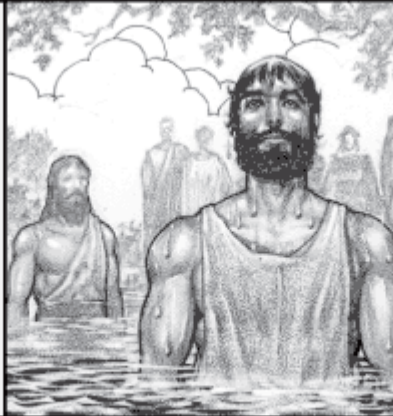
Every year, Jesus saw an innocent Passover lamb killed. Like the lamb, Jesus was pure. He NEVER sinned!*



*1 Peter 2:22
** John 1:29

Jesus knew that at age 33 He would become that Passover "lamb."**

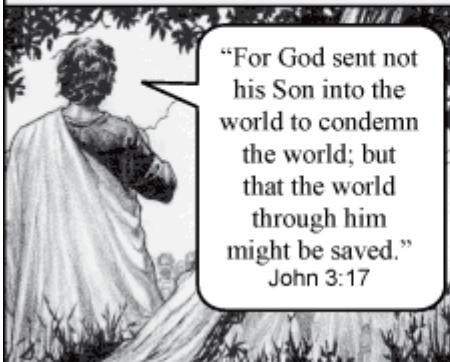
At age 30, the Lord Jesus Christ began His earthly ministry. (Luke 3:23)



"In Him (Jesus) was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." John 1:4-5

That was the greatest life ever lived!

He healed the sick, raised the dead, cast out demons, and preached repentance and forgiveness.



"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:17

Jesus told why He came to earth.



"For God so loved the world..."

that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Jesus exposed the corrupt religious leaders.

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers (snakes)..."

how can ye escape the **damnation of hell?**"

In their hatred, they fulfilled prophecy by hatching a plot to kill Him. (Isaiah 53:7-12)

Jesus shook the religious world with these words:

"I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**: no man cometh unto the Father, *but by Me.*"
John 14:6

He was falsely accused, tried by a rigged jury and sentenced to death.

The Lamb of God was sacrificed for our sins.

"Truly this was the Son of God!"

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8

Jesus was buried and three days later rose from the dead. Because of His sacrifice, **anyone** can now receive the gift of eternal life.

You can receive eternal life right now by placing your trust in Jesus Christ:

Lord, I know I'm a sinner. I repent and believe You died for me...

Please come into my heart and save me.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

If you have received Christ, you will live forever with Him in heaven.



This is the greatest story ever told.

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

**NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU.
TRUST JESUS TODAY!**

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read **The Next Step**, available at Christian bookstores or from Chick Publications.

