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B.E.S.
& Friends



B.E.S.
A wise guide



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Bravely asks questions



Pause
Likes to stop and think



Beam
An encouraging friend

STORY 1: God sends His Son, Jesus

This story is about the birth of Jesus.

Adult Guidance - Talk about new babies – where they are born, what they wear, where they sleep, etc. Using the picture, explain what a manger is. Help the children to appreciate how special Jesus' birth was – and how He was born in such unlikely surroundings.



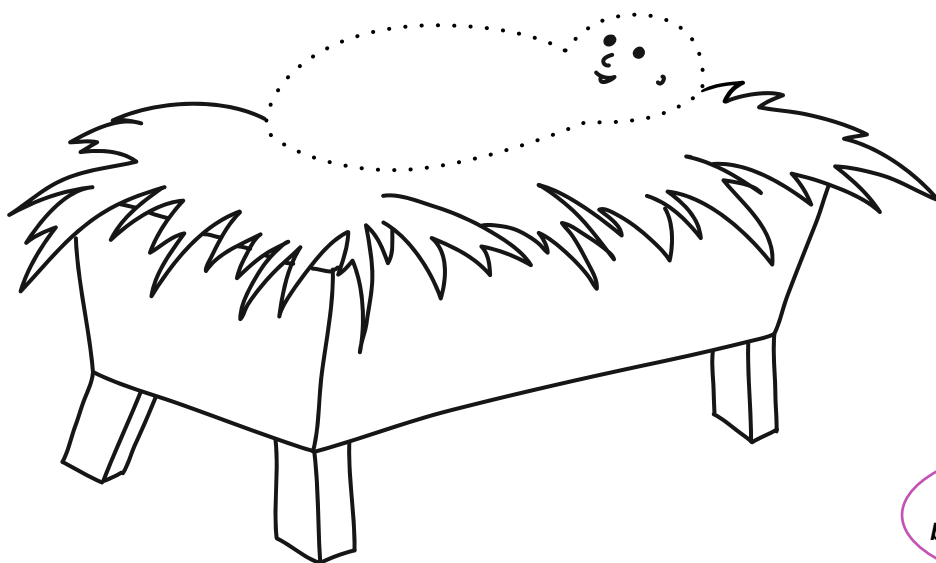
READ:
Luke 2: 1-7

Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way to Bethlehem.

While they were in Bethlehem, Mary's baby was born.

She wrapped Him in pieces of cloth and used a manger for His bed.

Join the dots and colour the picture of baby Jesus in the manger.



Do you know why Jesus was such a special baby? It's because He was God's Son!

The Bible teaches that Jesus was the most special baby ever to be born.

STORY 2: God sends Jesus the Saviour

This story is about the angels appearing to the shepherds.

Adult Guidance - Talk about the birth of a new baby and how excited everyone is to share the good news. The shepherds in today's story were terrified when the angel appeared, but their fear turned to joy when they heard about Jesus' birth.



READ:
Luke 2: 8-15

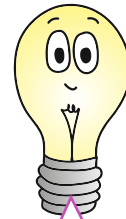
Some shepherds were looking after their sheep at nighttime.

Suddenly an angel appeared in the sky.

The angel told them not to be afraid.

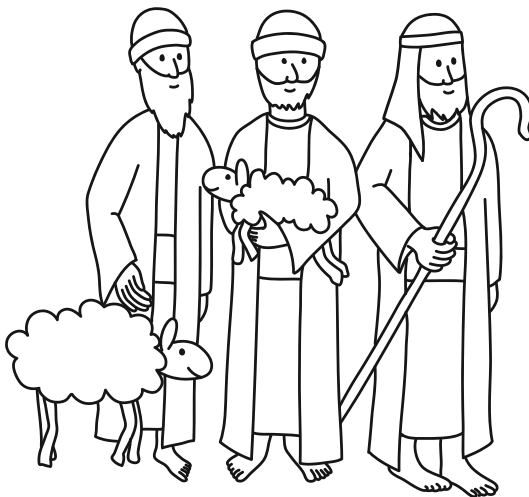
The angel's good news was that a Saviour had been born in Bethlehem.

The shepherds would find the baby in a manger.



Good News! Jesus was born! God sent Him from Heaven to save us from our sins.

Colour the pictures and complete the sentences.



The angel told the shepherds

good news.

Jesus was born.

STORY 3: The shepherds find Jesus

This story is about the baby's first visitors.

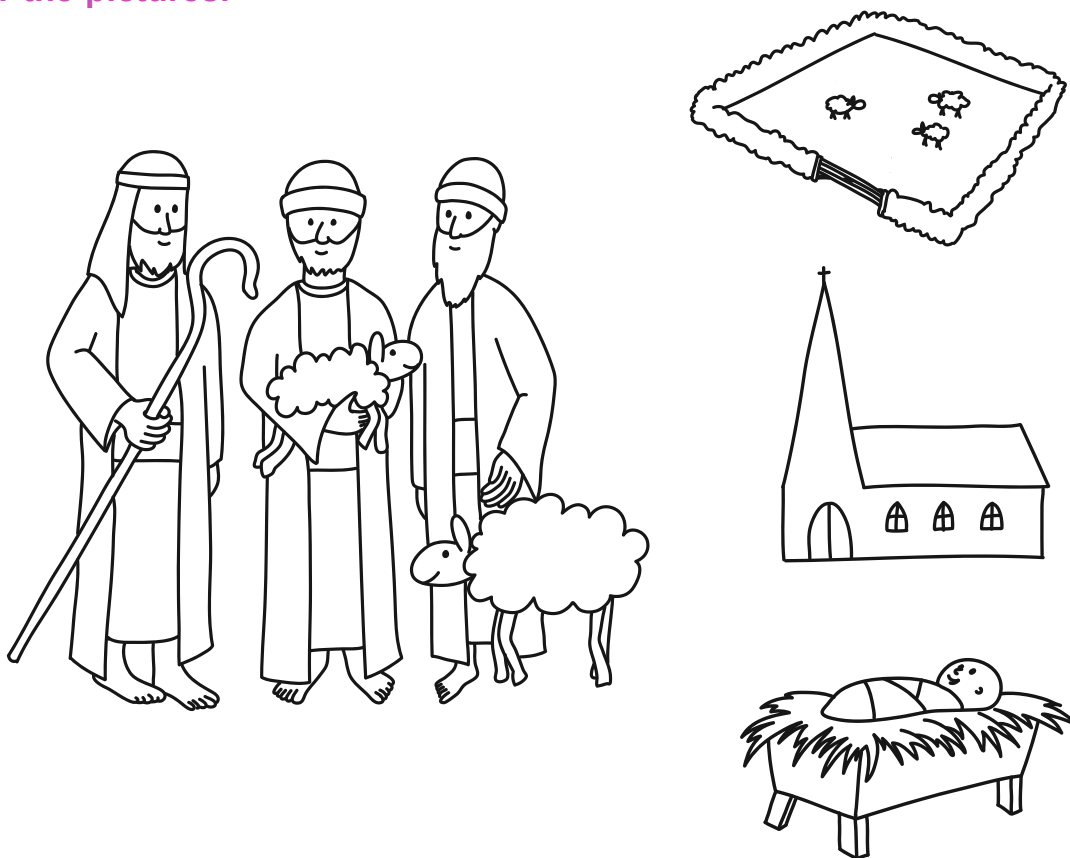
Adult Guidance - Review Story 2 and talk about how you feel if you hear good news – try to choose a specific example. Link this to the shepherds' response, both when they heard the news and after they saw Jesus. Use the story to convey the real meaning of Christmas – a time of joy as we remember Jesus' birth.



READ:
Luke 2: 16-20

The shepherds set off at once to find the new baby.

**Draw a line from the shepherds to show where they had to go.
Colour the pictures.**



The shepherds found the baby. They knew He was the Saviour whom God had sent.

They were so happy. They told other people the good news and then went back to their sheep, praising God.



The Bible says that God sent Jesus to be our Saviour. This means that we can be very happy too!

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STORY 4: John baptises Jesus

This story is about Jesus at the River Jordan.



READ:
Mark 1: 1-11

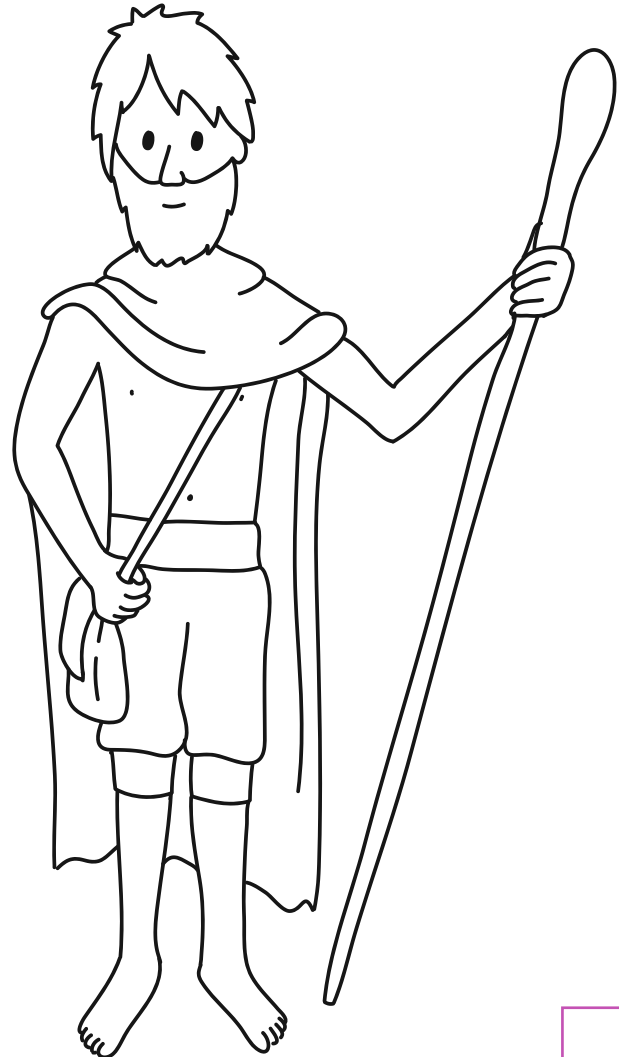
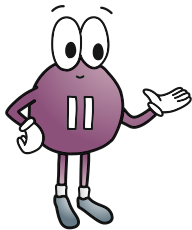
Adult Guidance - Explain that Jesus had grown up and it was now time for Him to start doing His work. Ask the children if they have ever been to an adult baptism. Keep the explanation very simple e.g. it is a way of showing love and obedience to God. You could add that Jesus was perfect in every way, not like us. He pleased His Father completely.

John was a special messenger sent by God.

John told the people that Jesus was coming to begin His work.

John told them how powerful Jesus is.

Colour the picture of John the Baptist. Use brown for his cloak and his leather belt.



When Jesus came, John baptised Him in the river.

God spoke from Heaven and said that He was pleased with Jesus.

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Marks (to be entered by leader)

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