

Lesson 8

Micah Tells About Baby Jesus

Bible Reference: Micah 5:2

Memory Verse: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour" (Luke 2:11)

In the Old Testament there were several writers who told about Jesus. Moses talked about Him. Abraham was promised by God that through his family all people would be blessed. This blessing was to come when Jesus came to earth. The prophets also told about Jesus.

The prophet Micah told the people of Israel about the place where Jesus would be born. He said that even though Bethlehem in Judah was a small city, a ruler would be born there. He would rule over all of God's people.

Many years after Micah told the people this good news, an angel came to a young lady named Mary. The angel told Mary she would be blessed above all women. Mary was afraid because she did not understand. Then the angel told her, "You have found favor in God's sight." (Luke 1:30). A baby would be born to Mary and his name would be Jesus. He would be called the "Son of God."

Mary was soon to be married to a man named Joseph. An angel also spoke to Joseph and assured him that Mary would have a special baby. The baby would be a gift from God.

Later Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem. People from all around came here to be taxed.

After the long trip, they tried to find a place to sleep. All they could find was an animal shelter.

On that same night, the baby was born. God's gift was here at last! Mary wrapped Baby Jesus in soft clothes. She placed him in the hay in a manger.

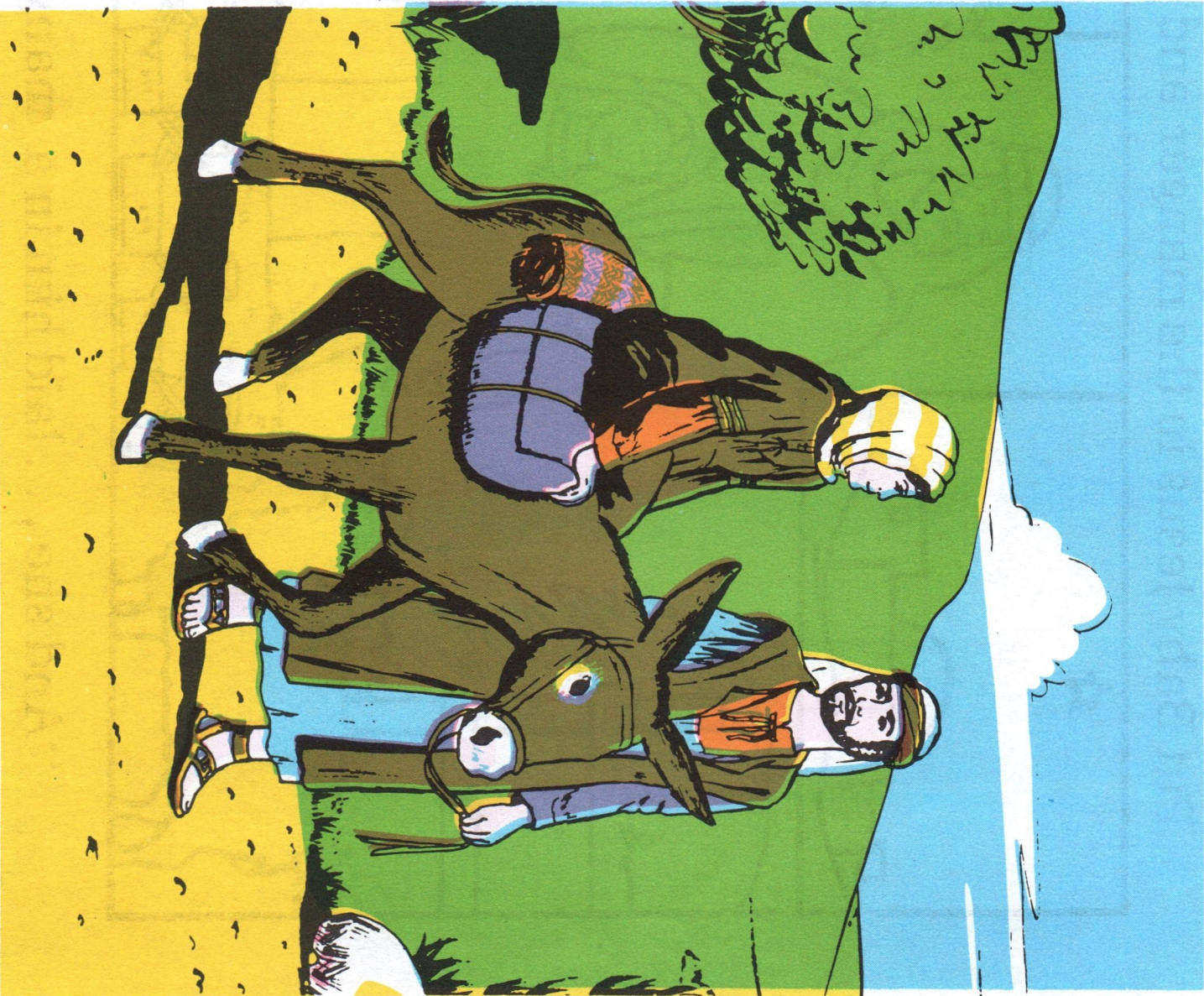
Near Bethlehem, an angel appeared to some shepherds out in a field. The angel told them the wonderful news about Baby Jesus. Now all men everywhere had a Saviour! After this angel appeared, the shepherds saw many more angels praising God for His great gift to the world.

How excited and happy the shepherds were! They traveled to Bethlehem. There they found Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus in the stable.

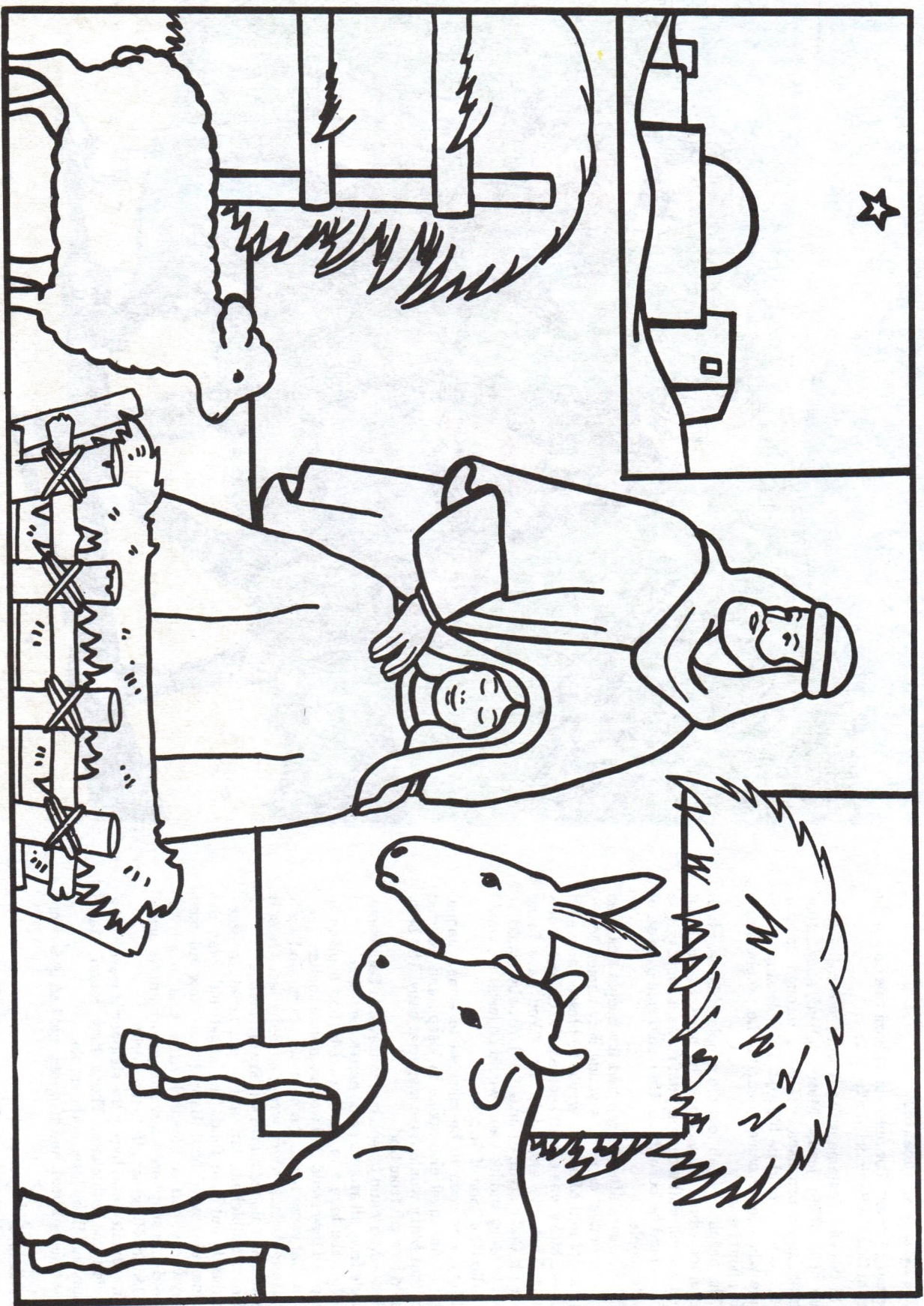
Everything Micah had said long ago had now come true.

Questions:

1. Where did Micah say Jesus would be born?
2. What did the angel say to Mary?
3. Jesus was to be called the "Son of _____."
4. Where was Jesus born?



Put Baby Jesus in the manger and color the picture.



“And she . . . laid him in a manger . . .” Luke 2:7