

God's Son

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Matthew

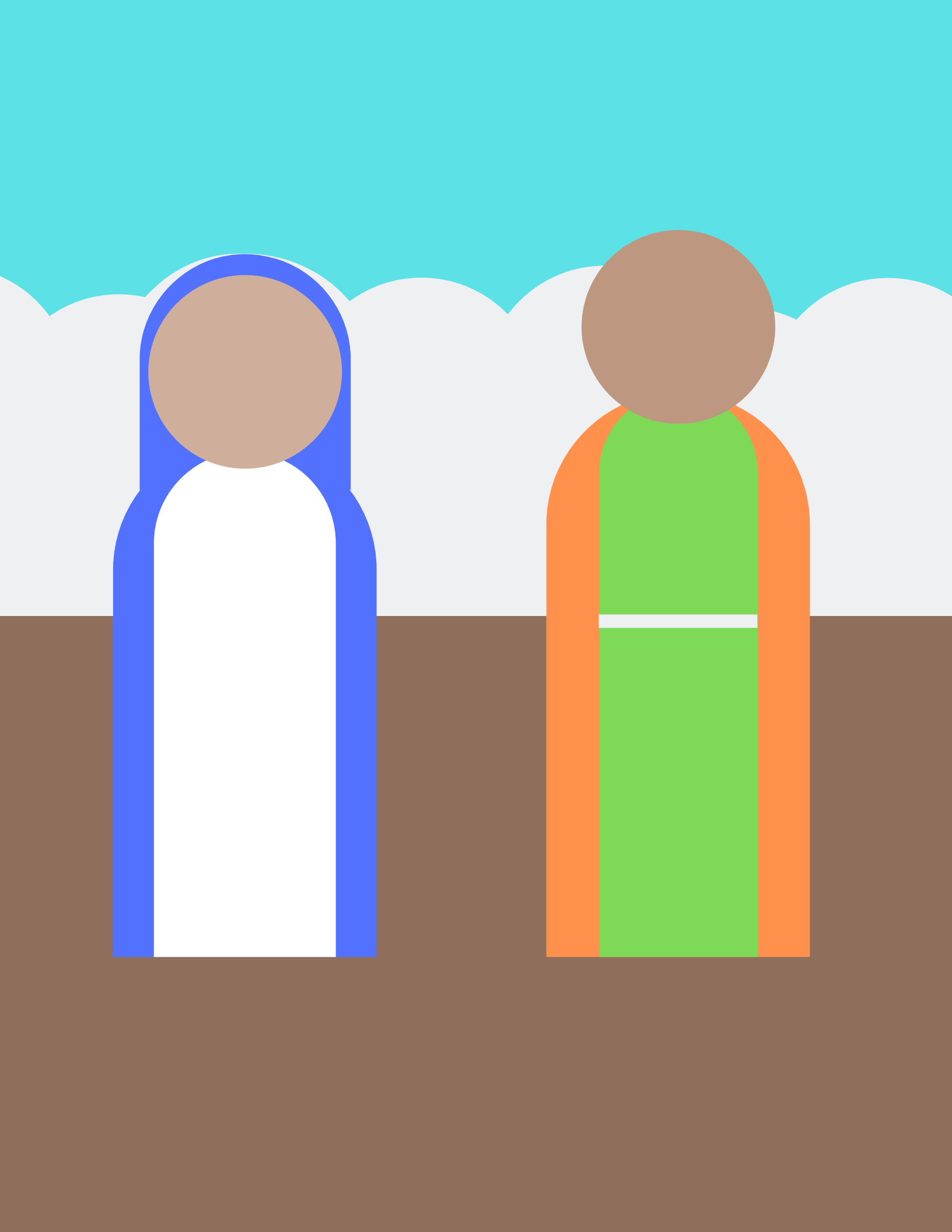
Luke

The Bible has sixty-six different books inside of it. Four of the books tell us about Jesus' life. They are called the gospels.

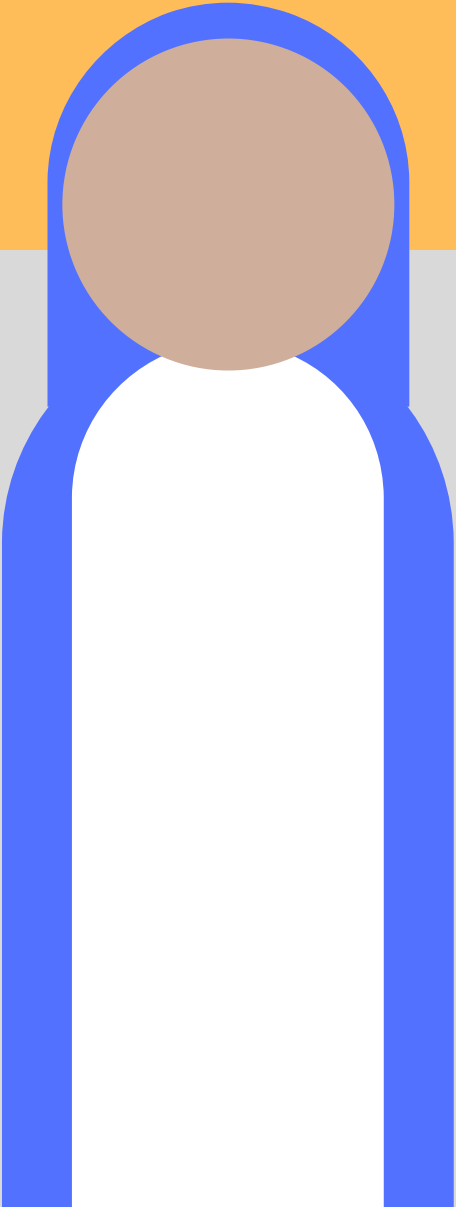
Gospel means "good news."

The way Jesus lived his life is the good news because it shows us how we should live too!

This story can be found in two of the gospels: Matthew and Luke.

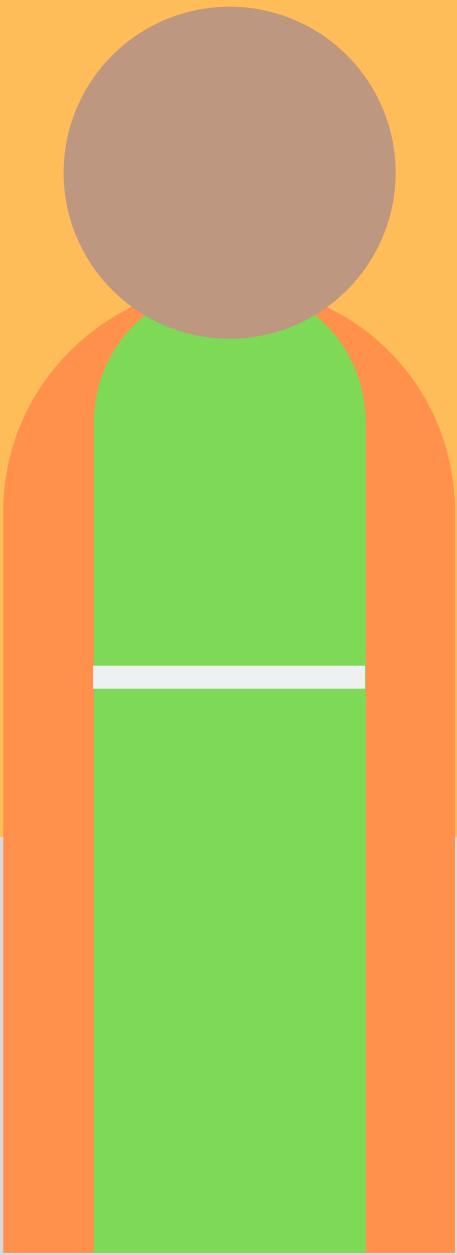


This is Mary and Joseph. They are going to get married.



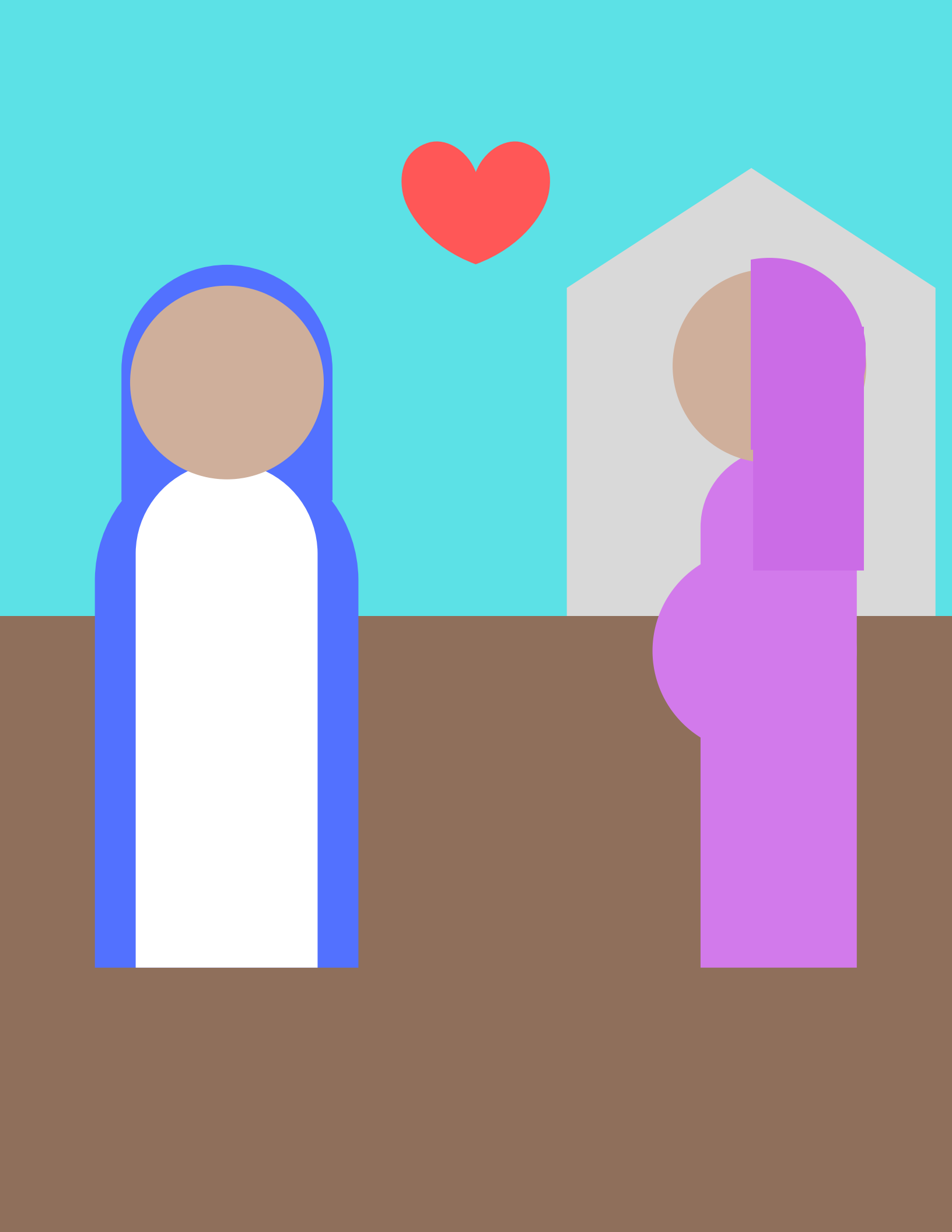
Before they are married, an angel named Gabriel visits Mary. The angel tells her that she is special to God. She will be the mother of God's Son.

Mary is excited, but also nervous.

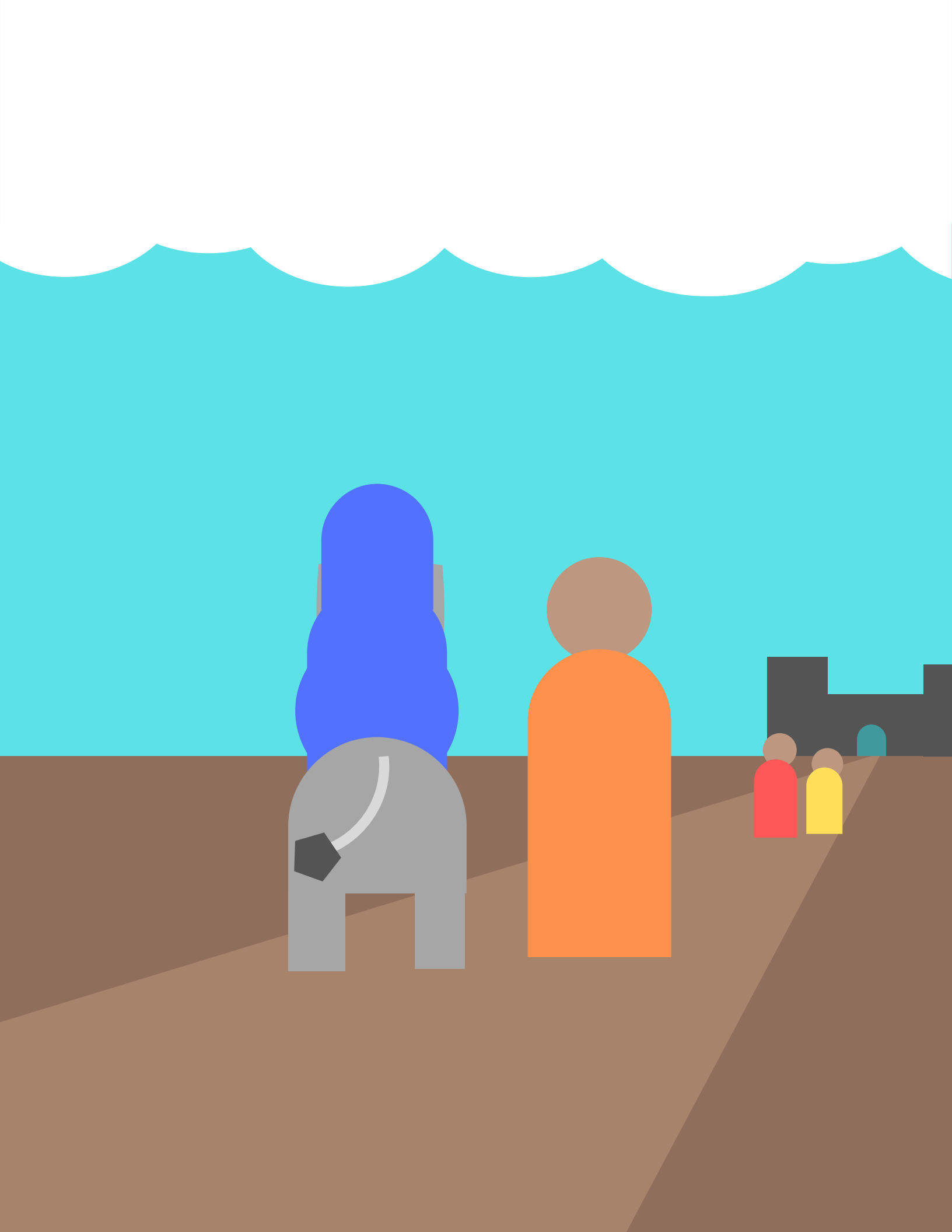


An angel also visits Joseph to tell him about God's plan for Mary and the baby. Joseph understands that the baby is God's son.

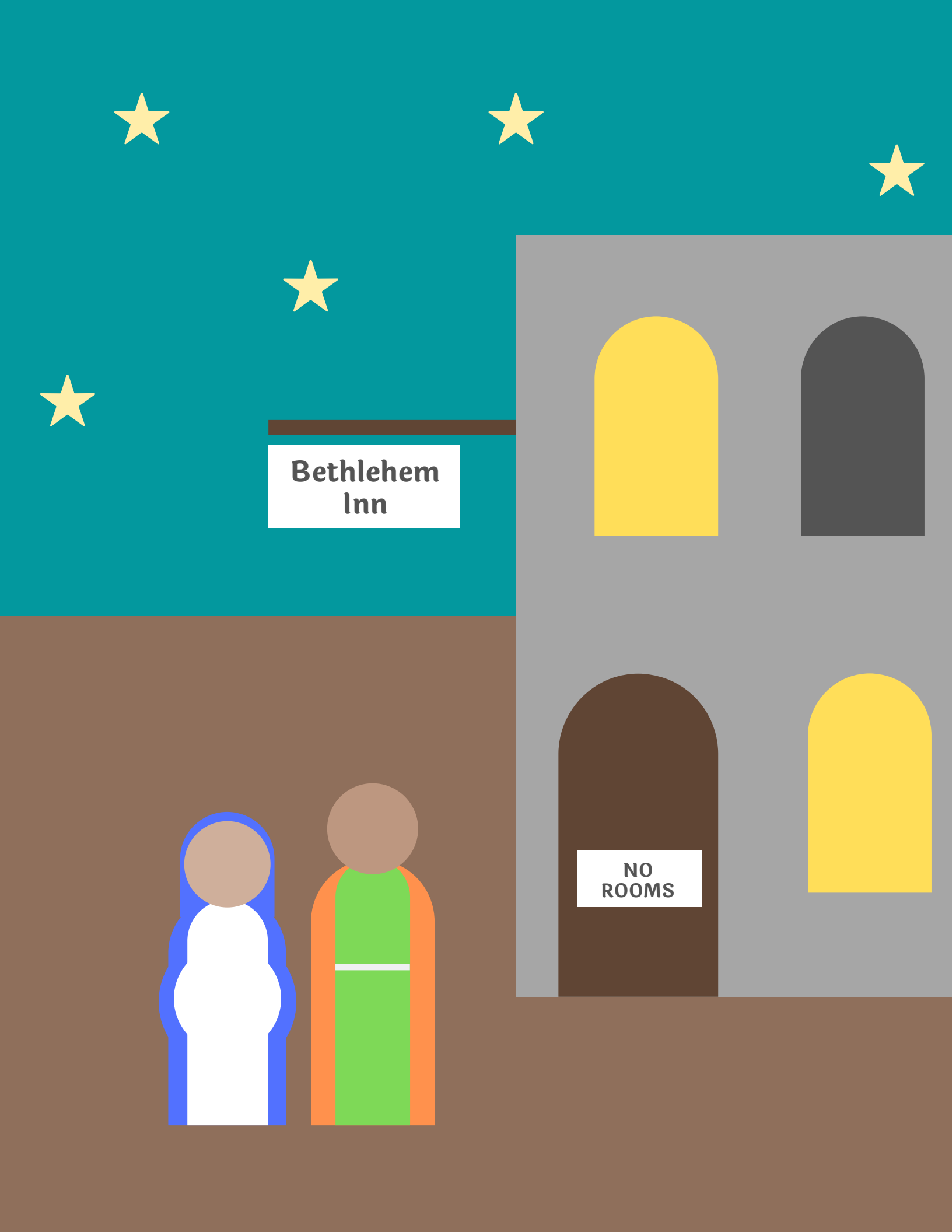
He and Mary get married!



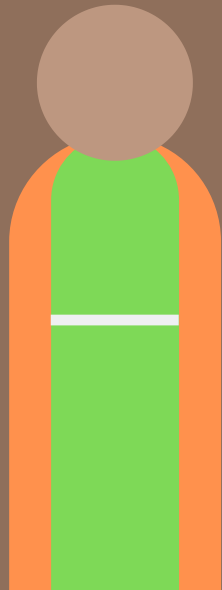
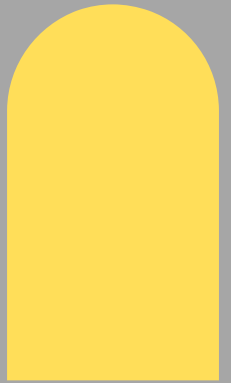
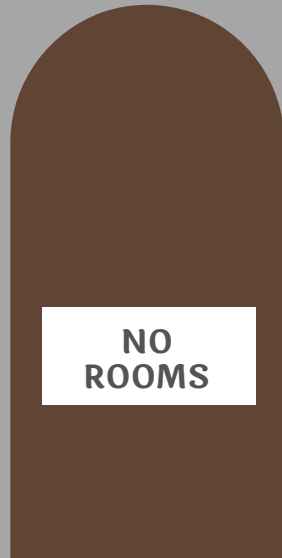
Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, who is also going to have a baby. Elizabeth also knows that Mary's baby is special.



While Mary is pregnant, she and Joseph travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census.



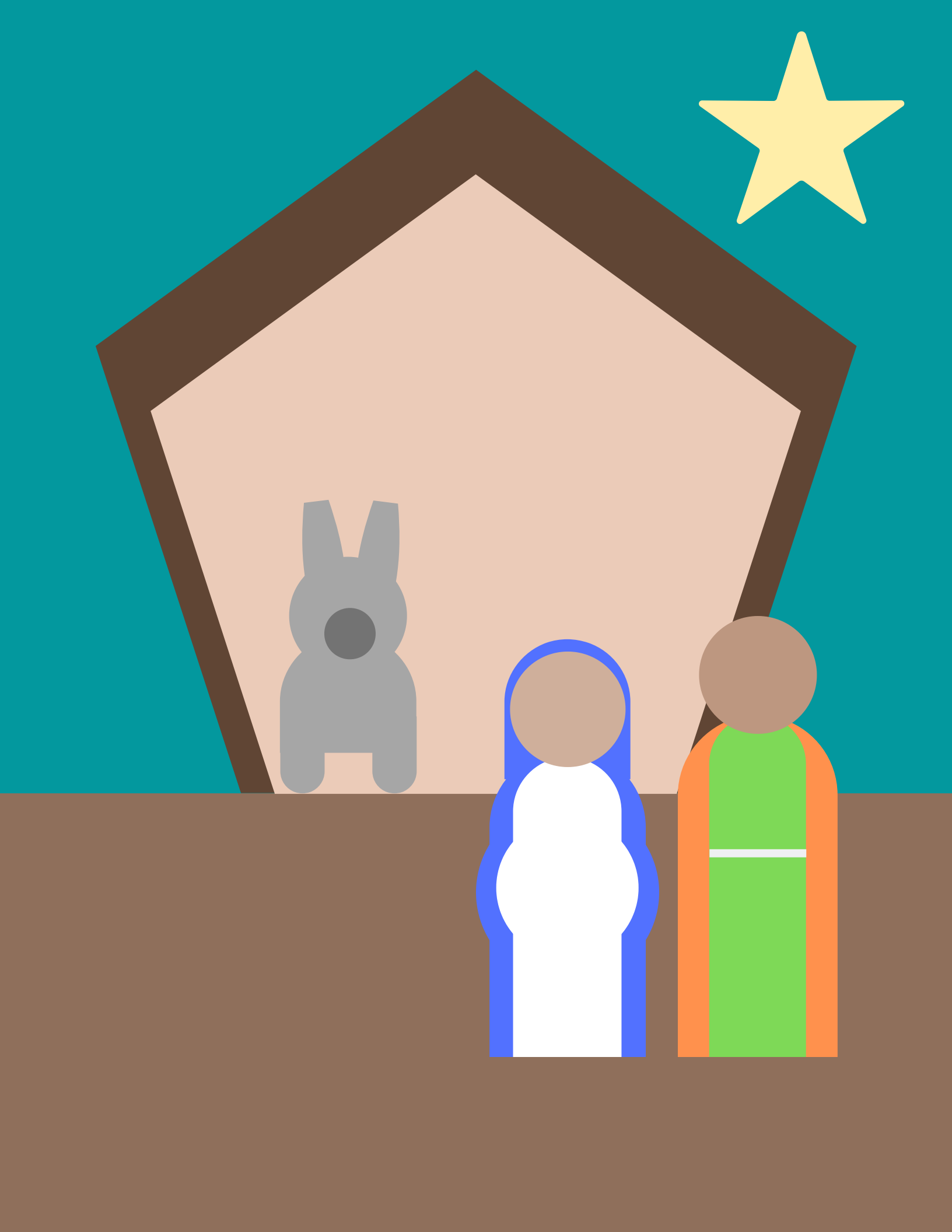
**Bethlehem
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Mary and Joseph look for a place to stay,
but everywhere is full.

The baby is on his way!



A kind innkeeper offers them a place in his stable.

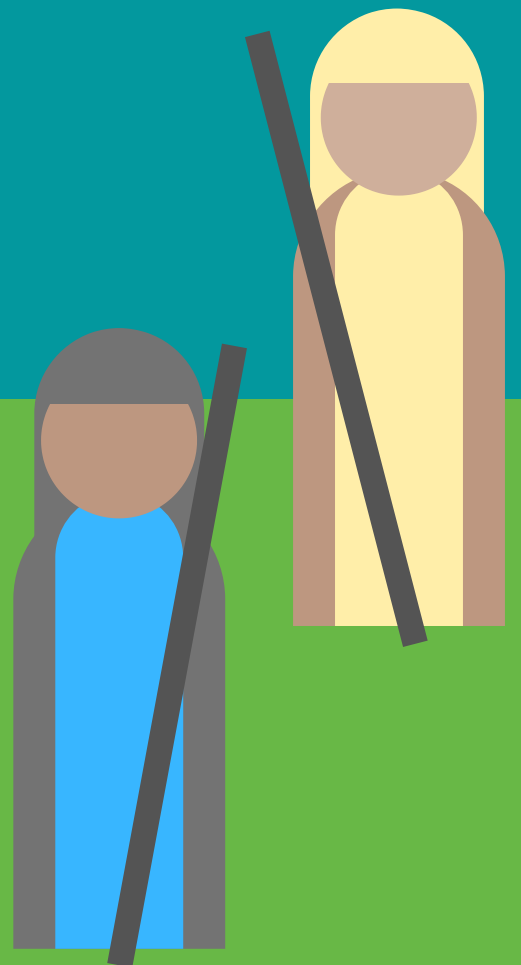
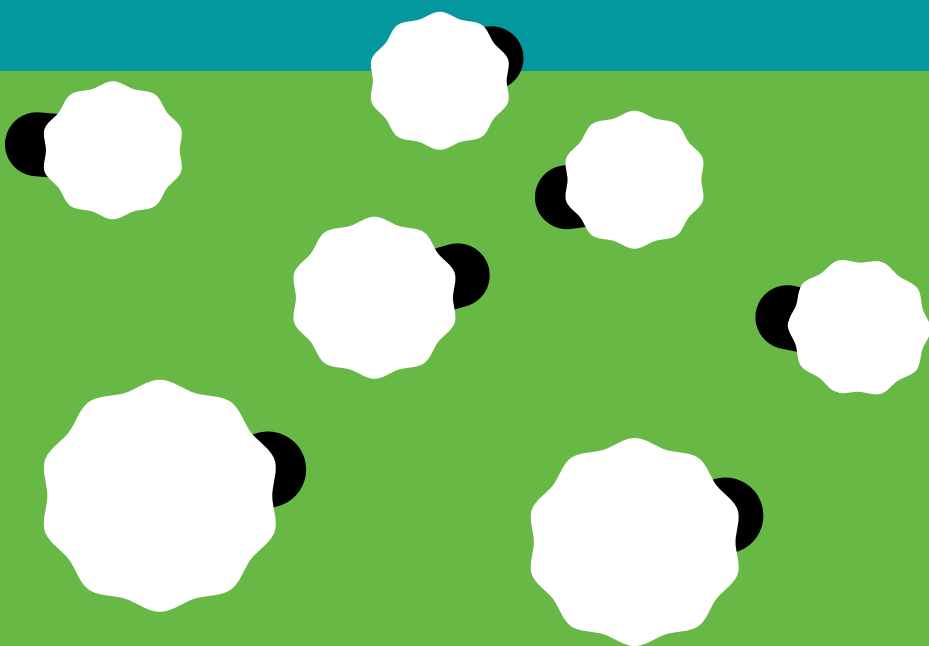
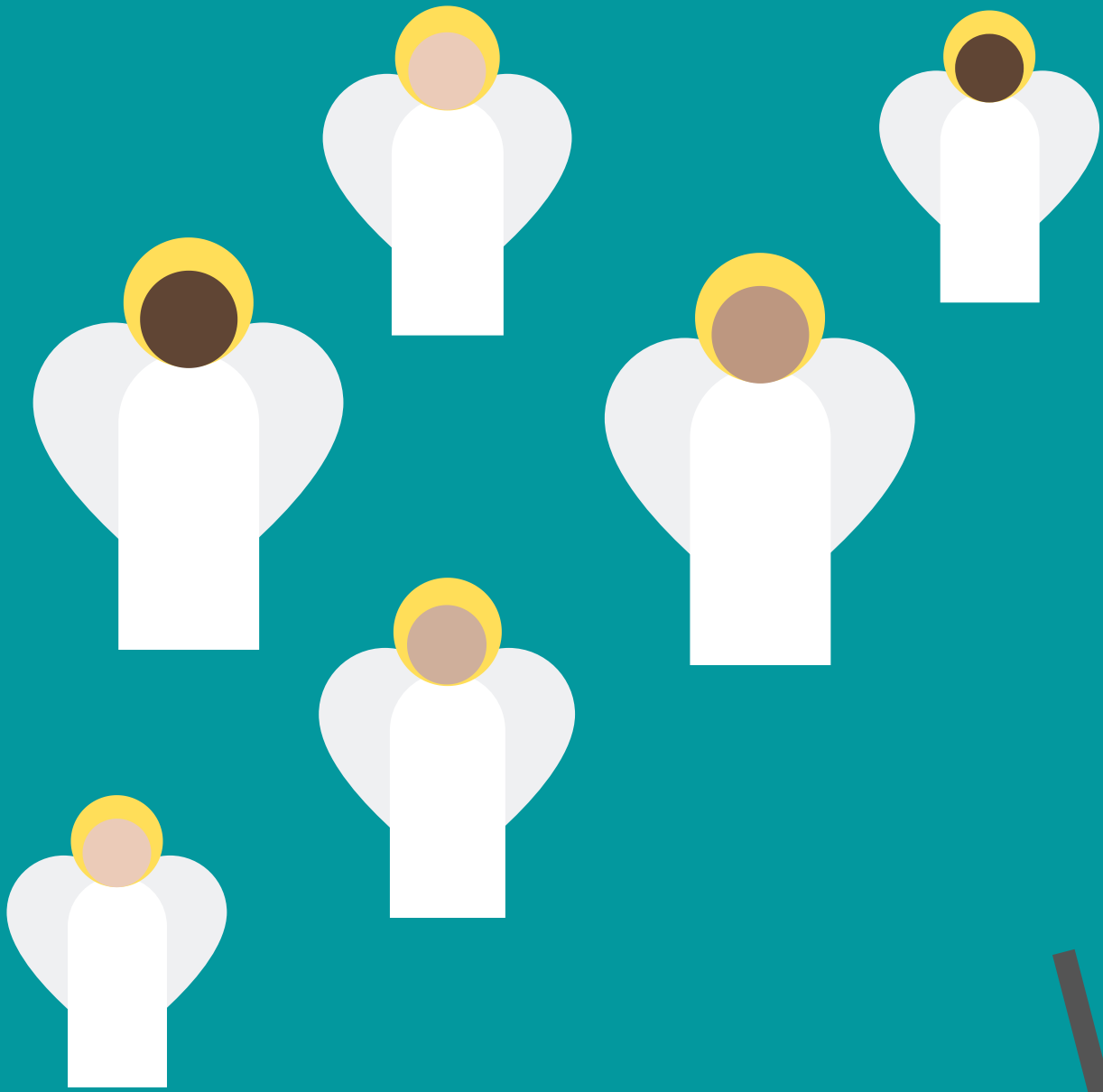
Mary and Joseph know that the baby will arrive soon.



That night God's son is born!

They name him Jesus.

Mary and Joseph are very happy.



There are shepherds in a field watching their sheep. A group of angels appear to them.

"Don't be afraid. We bring you good news. A savior is born this day! He is Christ the Lord," says an angel. "Glory to God and peace on earth."



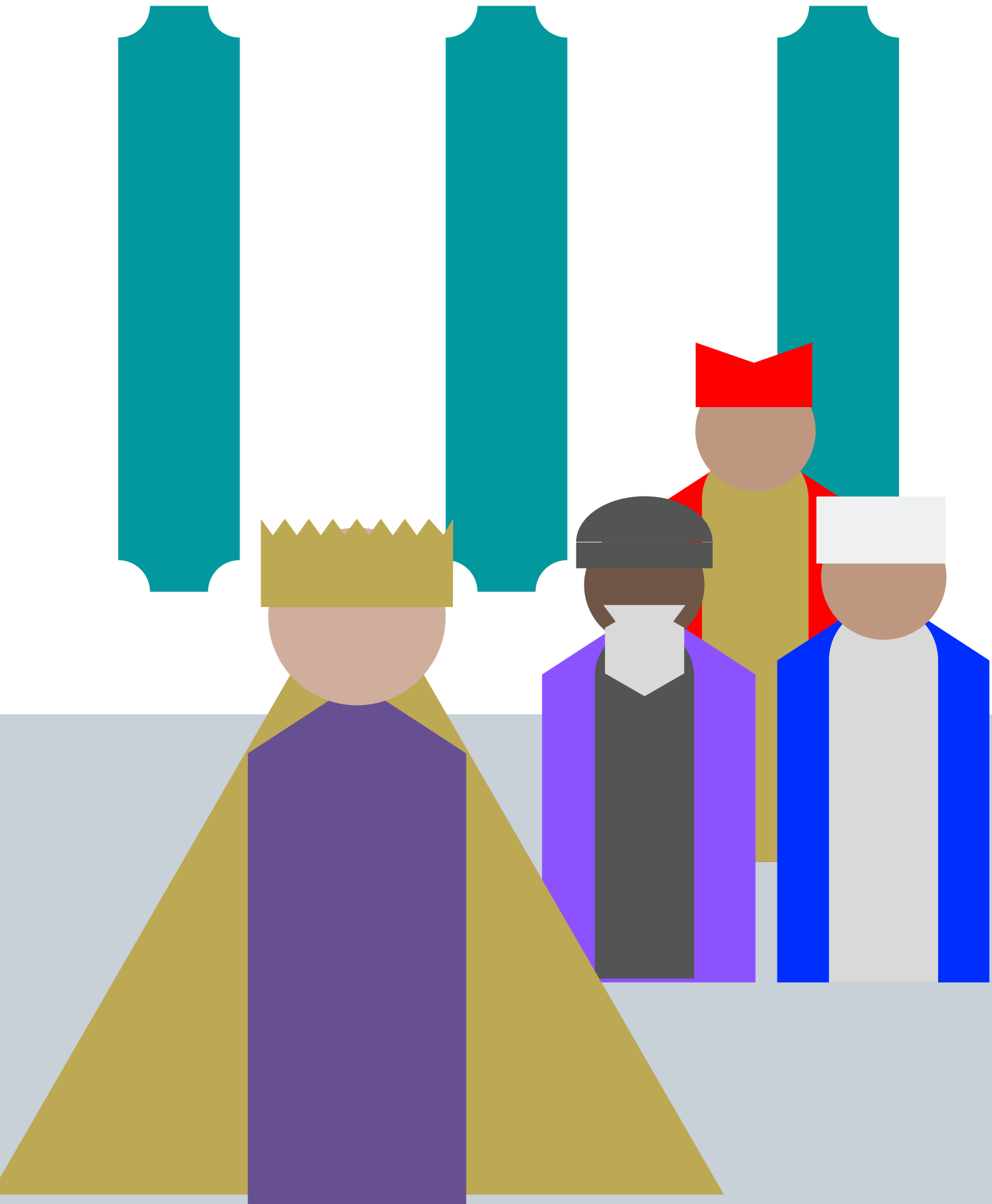
When the angels return to heaven, the shepherds decide to look for the savior that the angels told them about.

Who do you think the savior is?



Some time after Jesus was born, three wise men, or magi, travel to Jerusalem from the East.

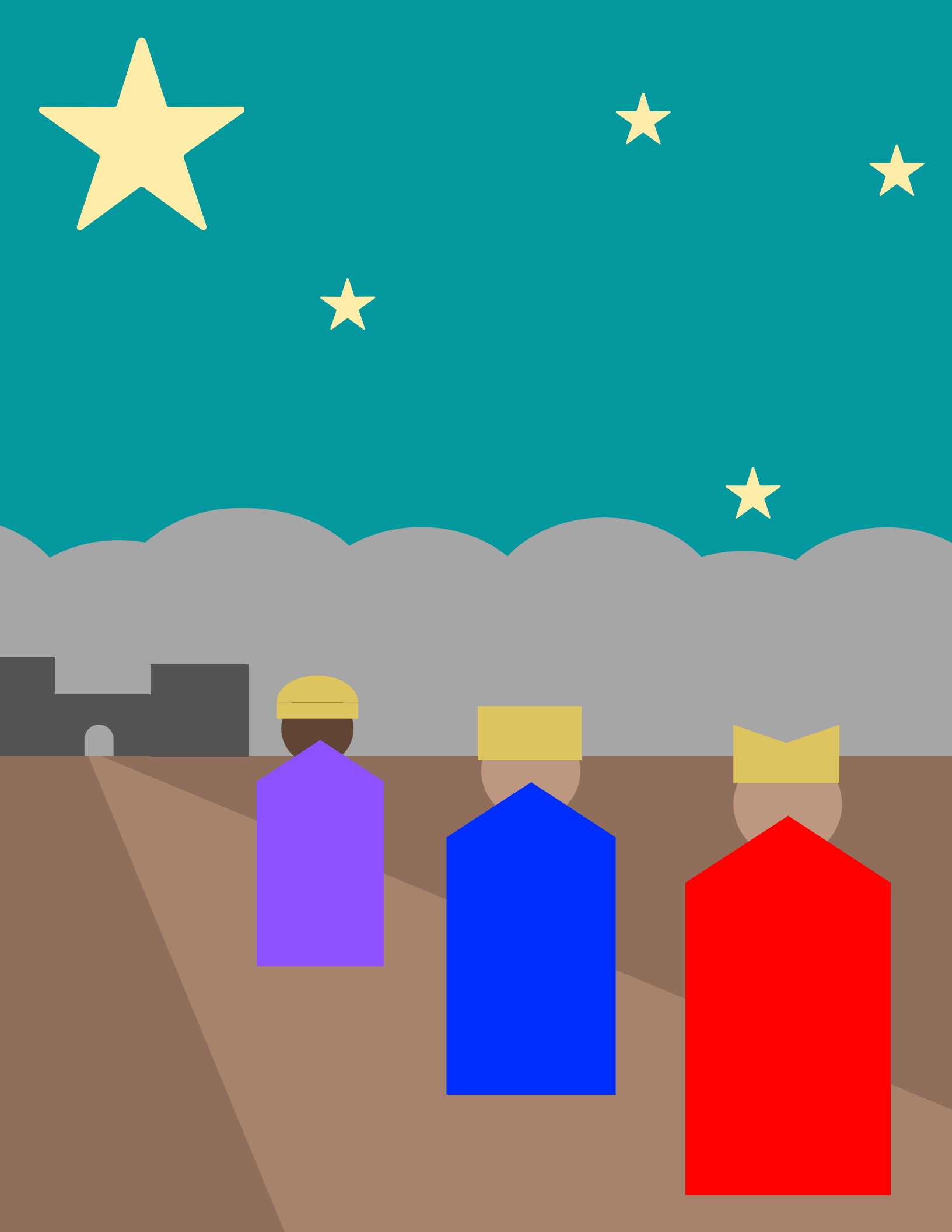
They know a special child was born nearby. They want to visit Jesus.



King Herod learns that the wise men are in Jerusalem.

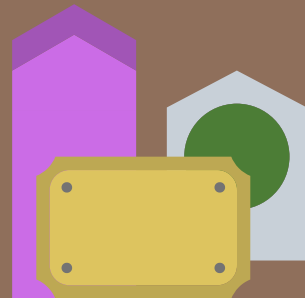
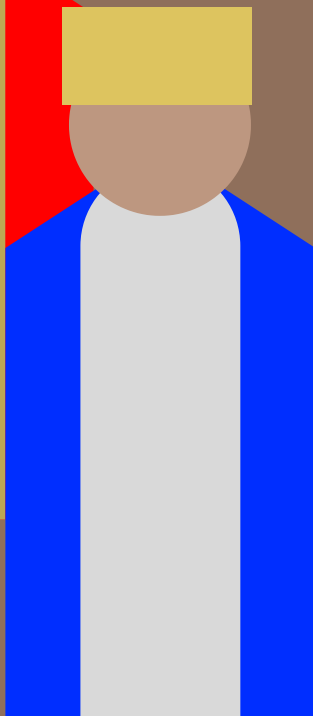
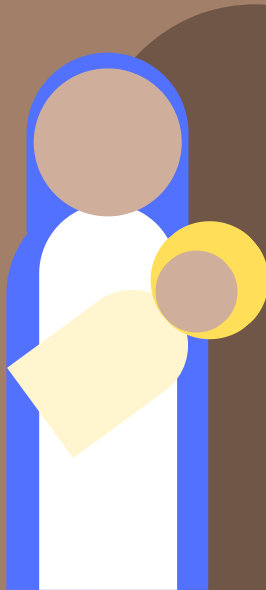
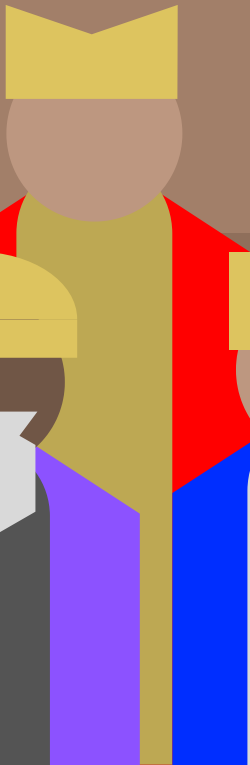
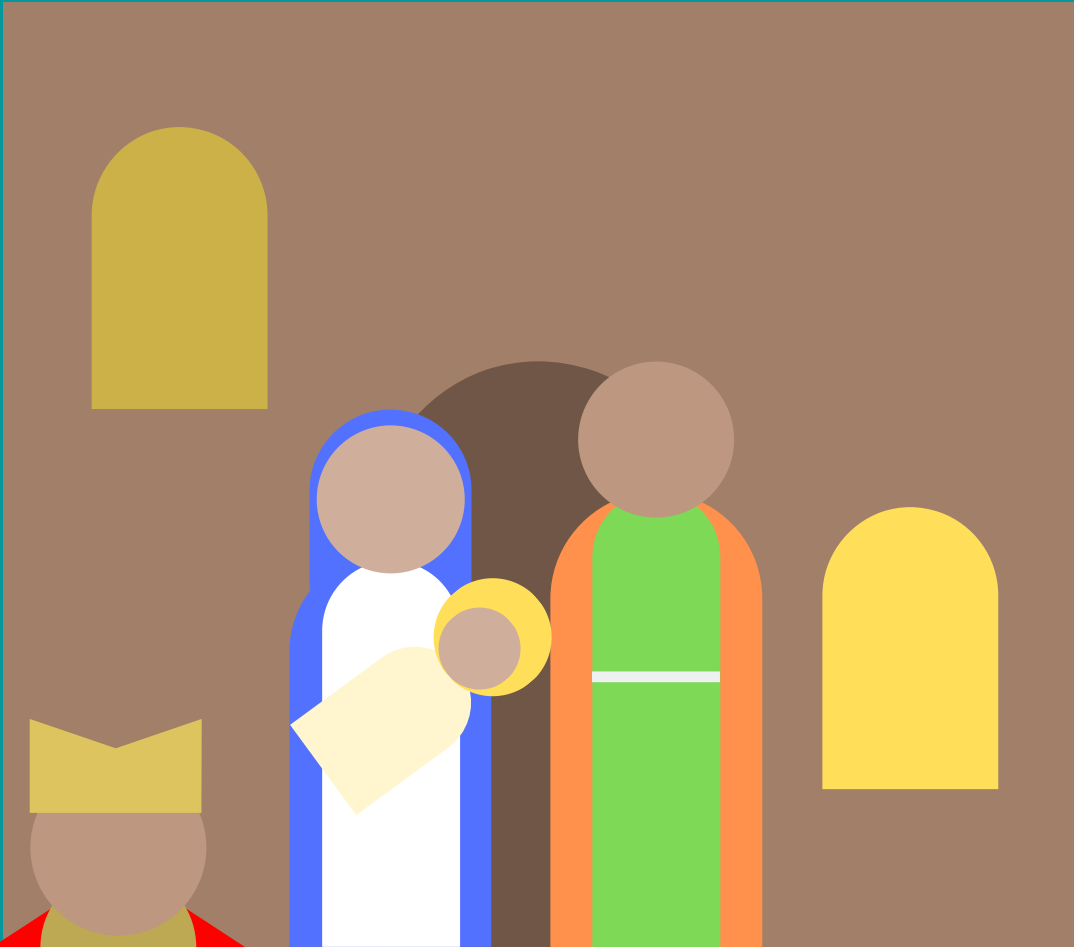
Herod does not like that people are saying Jesus will one day be king. Herod is king!

He asks the wise men to report back to him after they find Jesus. He tells them that he wants to visit Jesus, too.



The wise men continue their journey to Bethlehem.

They follow the same star that was in the sky the night that Jesus was born.



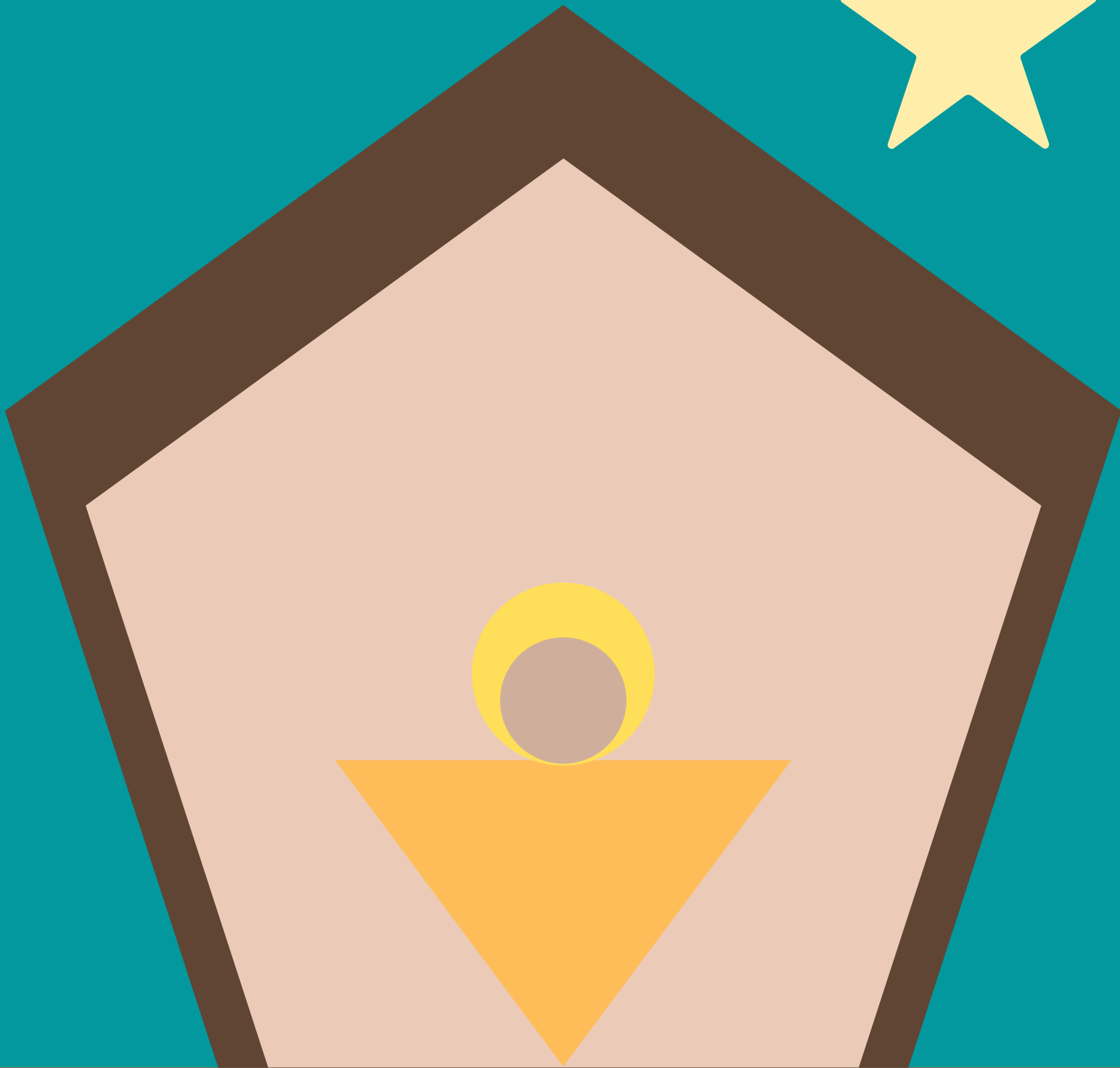
The wise men find Jesus!

They know that he is special. They give him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

What gifts would you bring to Jesus?



When the wise men leave Bethlehem, they do not return to Jerusalem. They know that King Herod will not be kind to Jesus if he finds him.



Jesus will grow up to do amazing things.
He will teach others to live life with love.
We can learn from Jesus' life and live our
lives with love, too!

It all started with one special baby.

Jesus, God's son.

Questions to ask.

How did Mary and Joseph feel when the angel visited them?

Where was Jesus born?

Who visited Jesus after he was born?

Why was Herod angry about Jesus?

Why do you think the wise men did not return to Herod?

Christmas is all about celebrating Jesus' birth. How do you celebrate?

What do we learn about God from this story?

What do we learn about Jesus from this story?

What do we learn about ourselves from this story?



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