

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE WISE MEN WORSHIP JESUS

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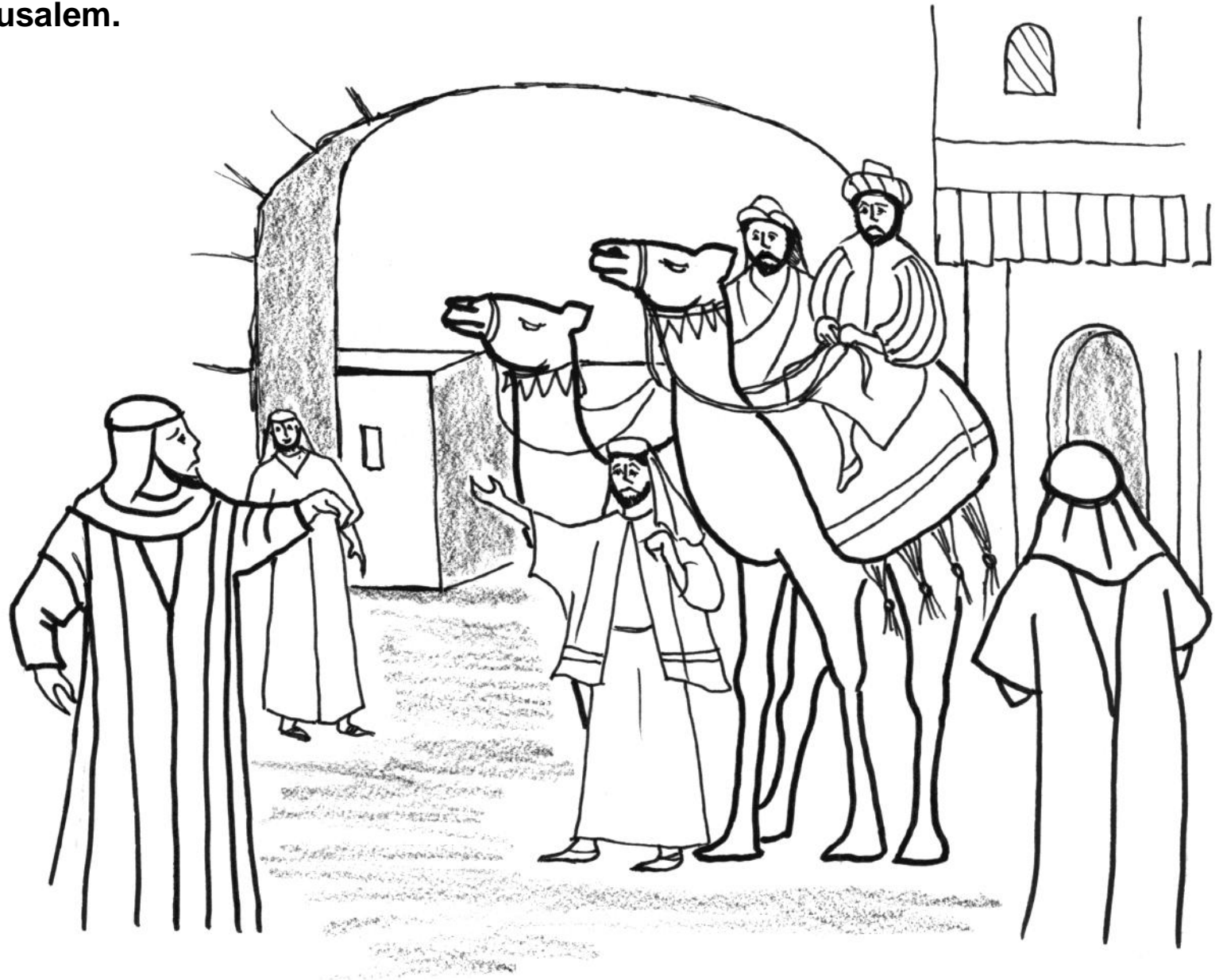
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**When the wise men from the East
saw a star in the sky they said,
'A new king must be born.
I wonder where?'**



**So they packed their camels
and travelled to Jerusalem.**

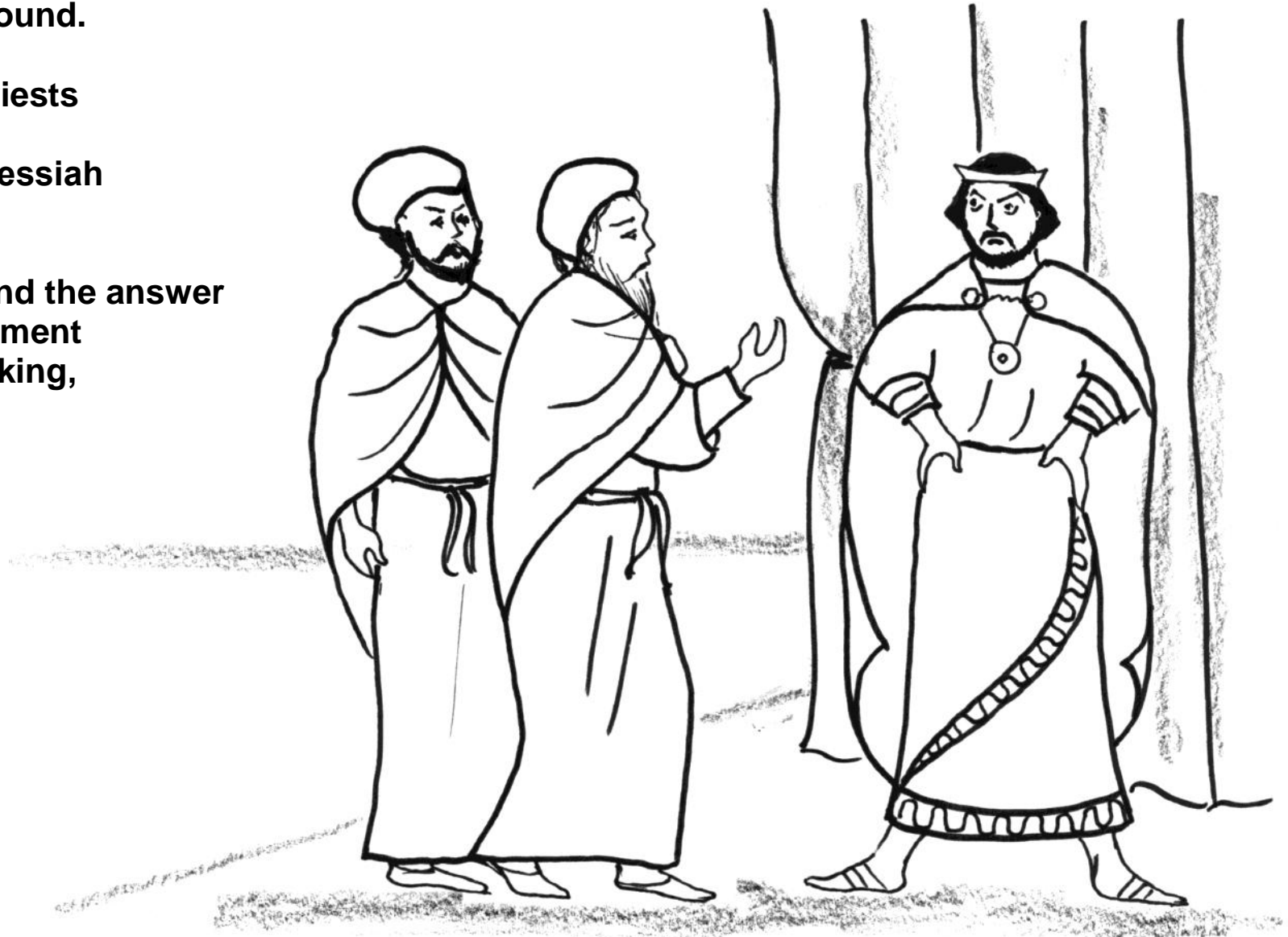
**They asked people,
'Where is the baby,
the One born to be
king of the Jews?'**



**In Jerusalem,
Herod was the king.
He did not want
another king around.**

**He called the priests
and asked,
'Where is the Messiah
to be born?'**

**The Priests found the answer
in the Old Testament
and said to the king,
'He will be born
in Bethlehem.'**



So Herod called in the
wise men and asked,
'How long ago
did you see the star?'

Then he said,
'Go and find this child,
and come back and tell me.'

He pretended
that he wanted to worship
the king/Messiah.



**As the wise men started
going towards Bethlehem
the star appeared again.
It guided them
all the way to where Jesus was.**

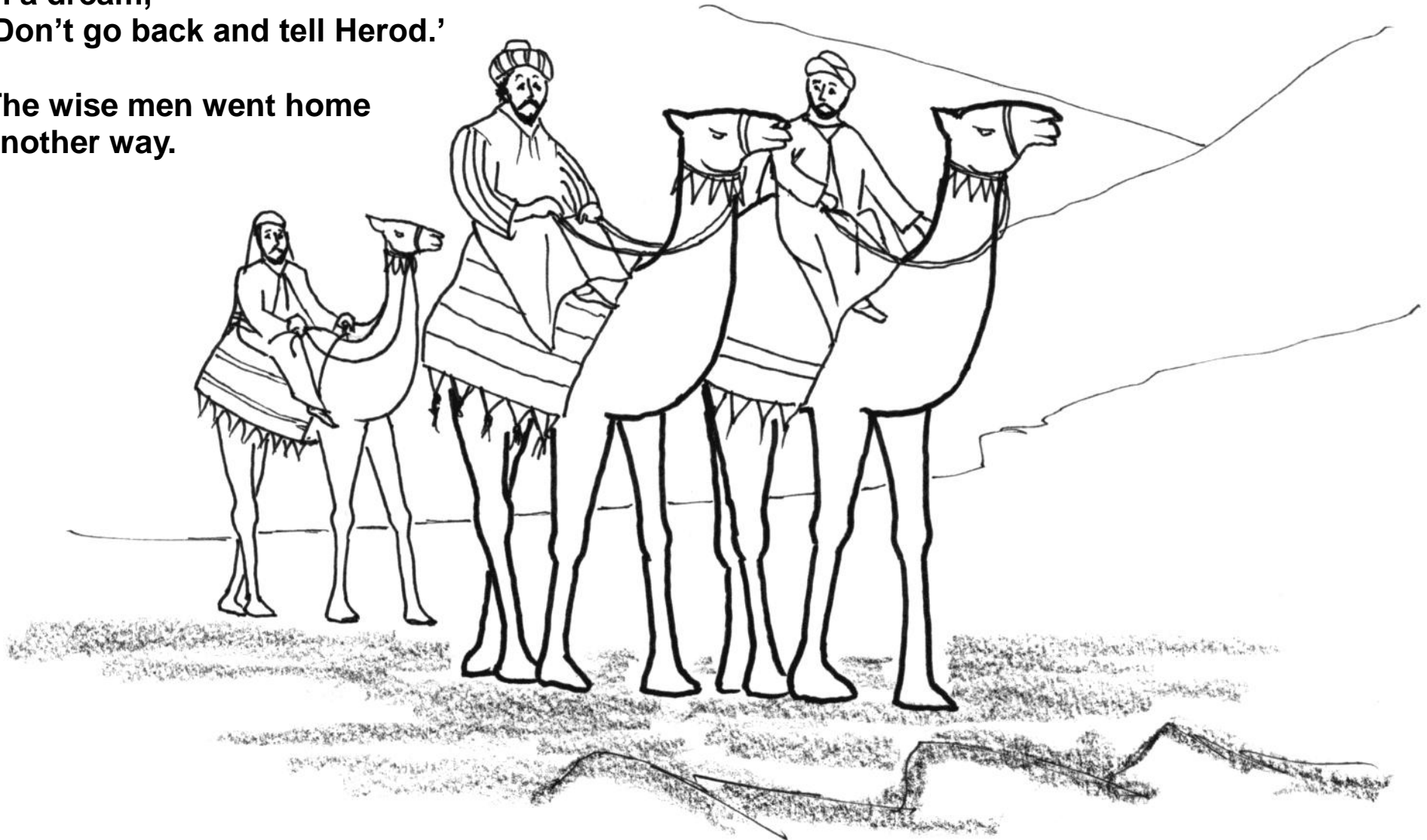
**When the wise men saw Jesus
they worshipped Him
and gave Him gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh.**



**God knew that Herod wanted
to kill His Son.**

**So He said to the wise men
in a dream,
'Don't go back and tell Herod.'**

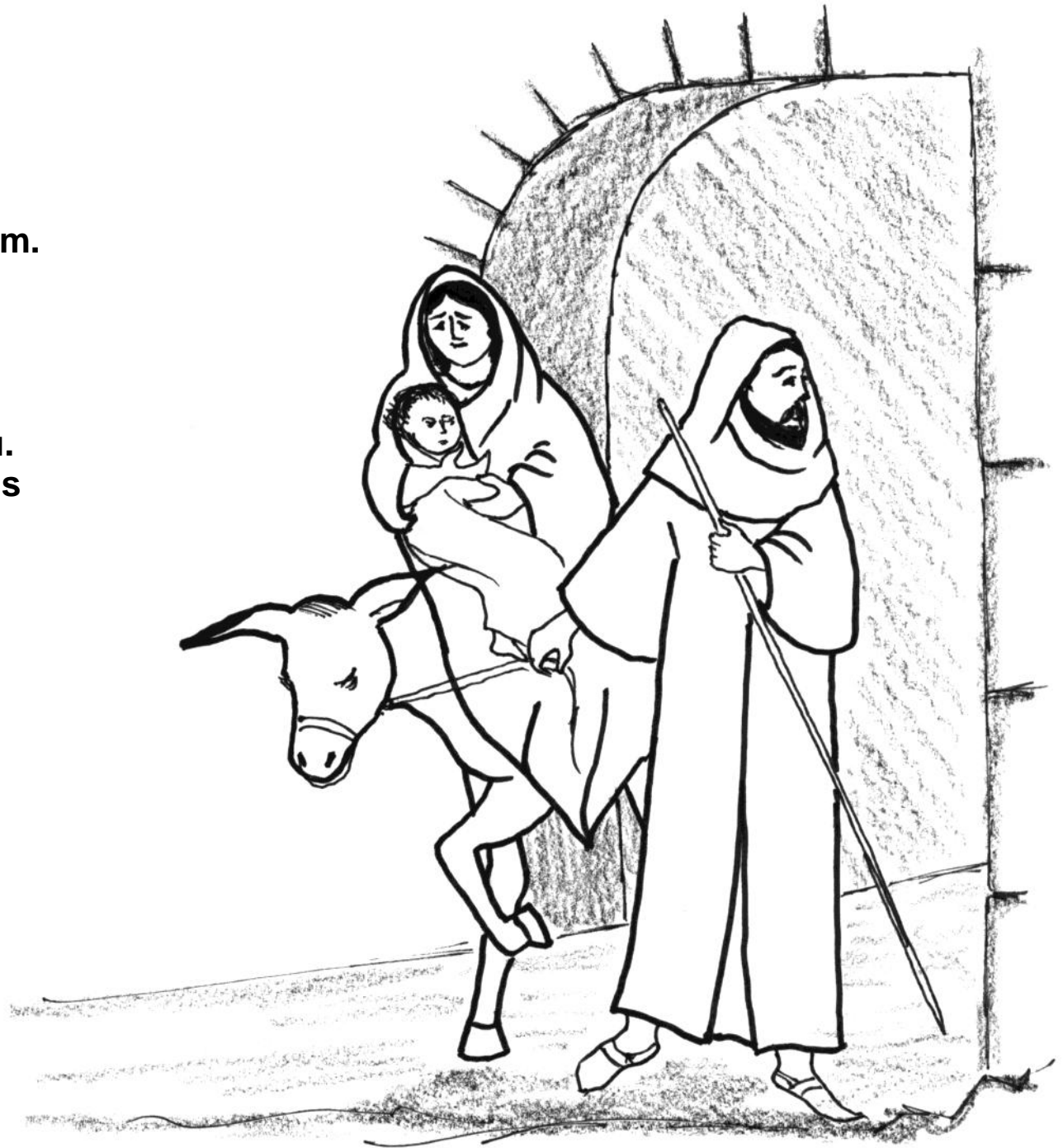
**The wise men went home
another way.**



That night, Joseph had a dream.

**God said to him,
'Get up and go straight away
to Egypt.
Take Jesus and Mary with you.
Herod will be looking for Jesus
so that he can kill Him.
Stay away until I tell you
to come back.'**

**So in the middle of the night
they got up
and set out for Egypt.**



**When Herod realised
that the wise men
had tricked him,
he was angry.**

**He gave an order
for all the children
less than two years old
to be killed.**



**After Herod died,
the Lord came to Joseph
in a dream and said,
'Take Jesus and His mother
back to the land of Israel.
Those who wanted to kill Him
have died.'**

**Joseph took Mary and Jesus
back to Israel
and God lead him to Nazareth
and they lived there.**

