

CHILDREN'S PACK

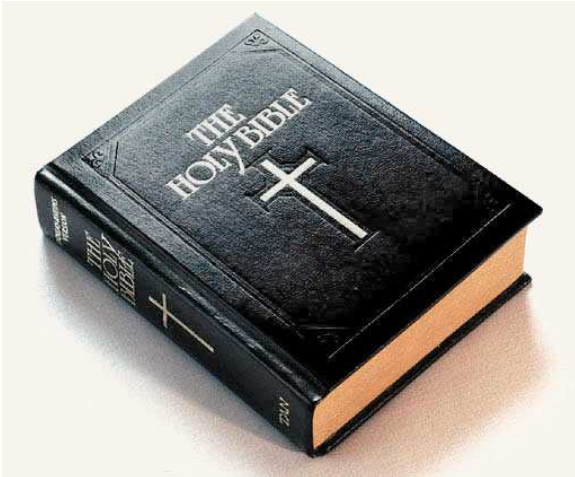
TWO SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS

“ ... you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12

One day, Mary and Joseph had to travel to **Bethlehem**. They looked and looked for a place to stay, but every inn was full and no one took them in. So they had to stay in a stable, a place where animals were kept.

That is where Jesus was born. Since Mary had no cradle for him, she laid him in a **manger**. A manger is a wooden box used to hold food for animals. The son of God, our saviour, came here to earth as a poor, tiny, helpless baby.

THE BIBLE STORY (LUKE 2:1-5)



The Birth of Our Lord

And it happened that in those days there went out an order from the Emperor, Caesar Augustus, that the whole world should be enrolled. This census was first made by Cyrenus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be register, every one into his own city. And Joseph also

went from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David, to be registered with Mary his espoused wife, who was pregnant.

ANOTHER BIBLE STORY (MATTHEW 25:31-40)

When the Son of **man** comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he **will** take his seat on his **throne** of glory. All nations **will** be assembled before him and he **will** separate people one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He **will** place the sheep on his **right** hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King **will** say to those on his **right** hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the **foundation** of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, lacking clothes and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Then the upright **will** say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome, lacking clothes and clothe you? When did we find you sick or in prison and go to see you?"

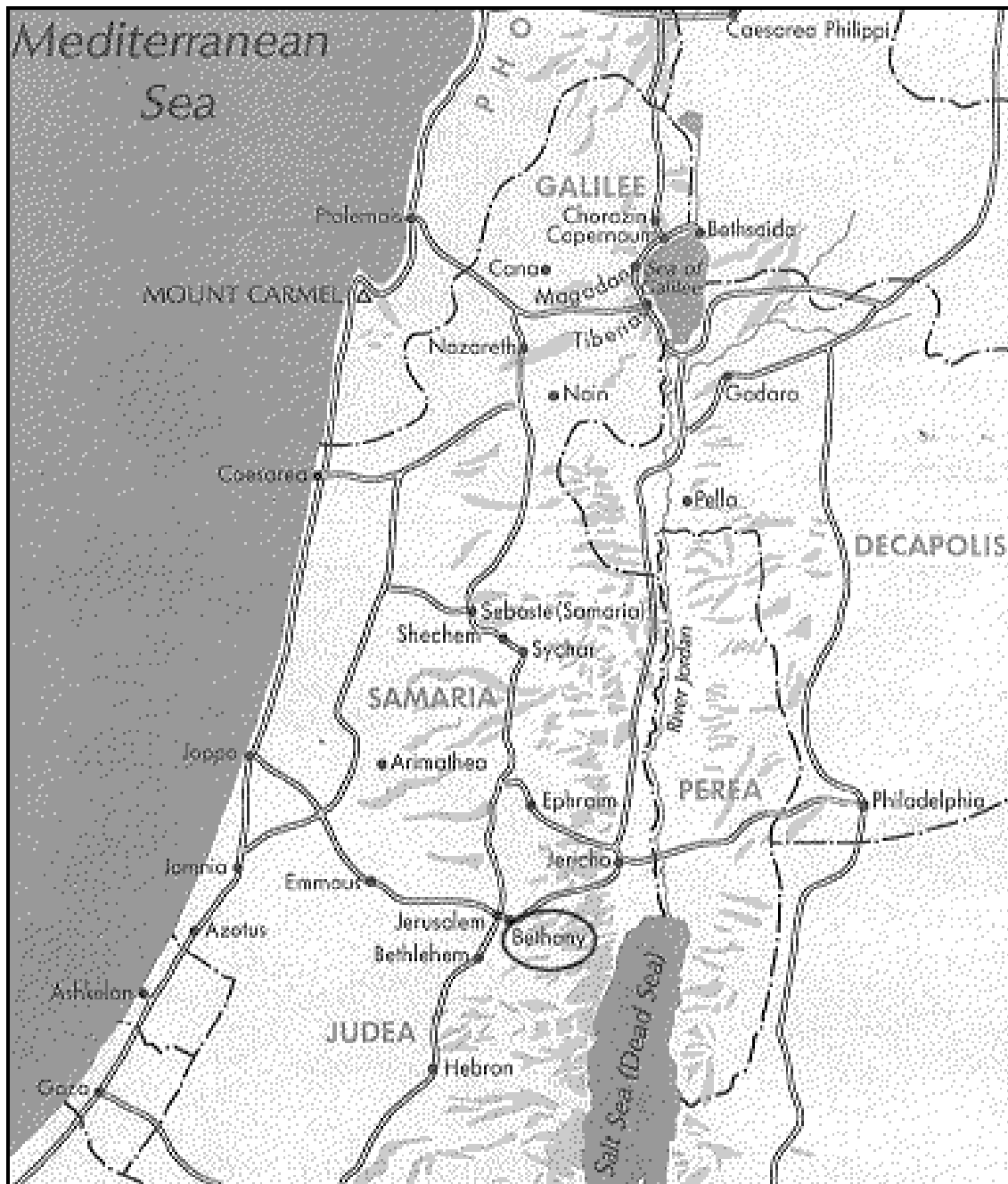
And the King **will** answer, "In **truth** I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

CATECHISM QUESTION 22 & 23

Q. 22	<i>Where was Jesus Christ born?</i> Jesus Christ was born in a stable in Bethlehem, and was placed in a manger. <i>(Catechism of the Catholic Church 525; Luke 2:7)</i>
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THE HOLY LAND

On this map of the Holy Land, colour the land brown and the water blue. Then draw a star on the city where Jesus was born.



AWAY IN A MANGER

**Away in a manger,
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head**

**The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay**

**The cattle are lowing
The poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes**

**I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side,
'Til morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray**

**Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And take us to heaven
To live with Thee there**