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Once, in a town called Nazareth, there lived a girl named Mary.

> One day an angel flew down to her from heaven.

> > "I have good news," the angel said. "God has chosen you to have his baby son."

The months flew by and Mary married a carpenter named Joseph. It was almost time for the baby to be born.



Then a message came from the rulers of the land. Everybody had to go to their family's home town to be counted.

"My family came from Bethlehem,"said Joseph. "That's where we will have to go."