

CHRISTMAS THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Mary was a young woman who lived in a town called Nazareth. Mary was planning to get married to a man called Joseph, who was a carpenter.

One day, an angel came down to visit Mary. The angel told Mary that God had chosen her to have a special child. The angel said that the child would be known as Jesus, the Son of God.

Later on, an angel spoke to Joseph the carpenter. The angel asked him to marry Mary and to look after her. The angel also asked Joseph to help Mary to make a home for Jesus and to bring him up with kindness and love. Joseph agreed.

Mary and Joseph went on a long journey to the town of Bethlehem. Mary sat on a donkey and Joseph led the way. The town of Bethlehem was very busy and bustling with lots of people. Mary and Joseph needed somewhere to stay for the night. But everywhere was full. Eventually, they found a kind innkeeper who said that they could shelter in his stable.

That night, Jesus was born in the stable. Mary wrapped baby Jesus and laid him in a manger so that he could sleep.

Outside, on the hillsides, shepherds were looking after their sheep. An angel came down and told them about Jesus. So the shepherds went to the stable to see the newborn baby.

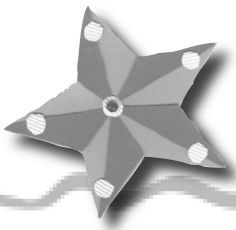
Sometime later, the Three Wise Men travelled from far away to Bethlehem especially to see the baby. They found their way by following a bright star that was shining in the night sky. They knew that the star would lead them to Jesus. When the Three Wise Men arrived at the stable, they each gave him a gift. One gift was gold, a very precious metal for a precious baby; the second gift was frankincense, a lovely smelling perfume that was also used in places of worship; and the third gift was myrrh, which could be used as a medicine to ease pain.

As the years passed, Jesus grew up into a fine young man who was loved and cared for by Mary and Joseph.

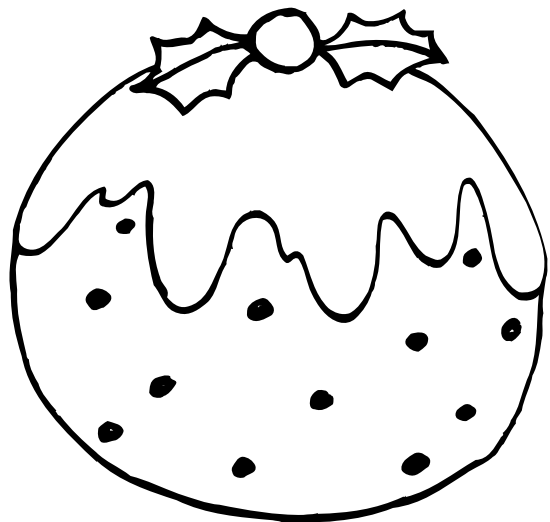
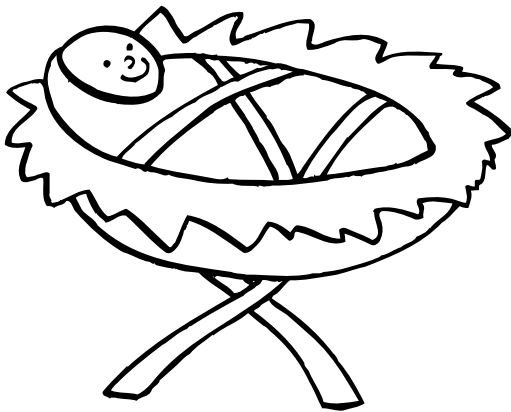
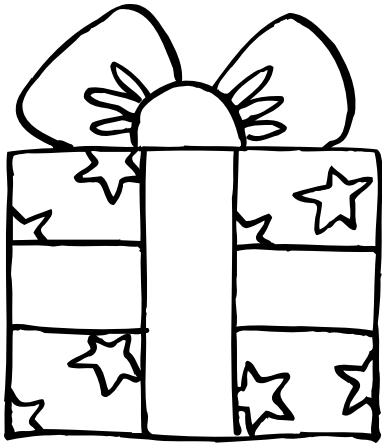
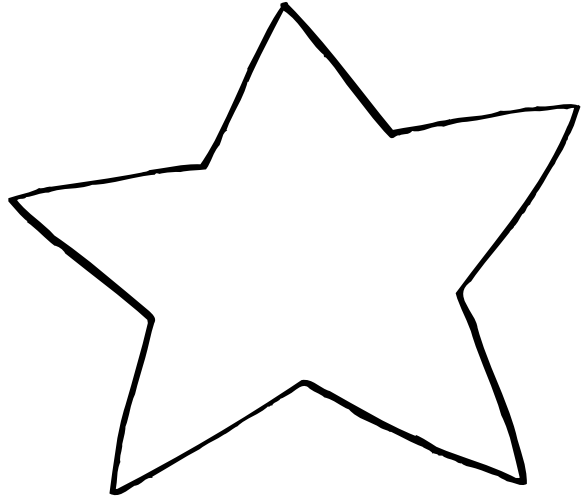
The story of Jesus' life continues in the Easter Story.

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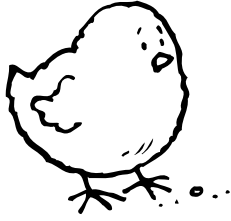
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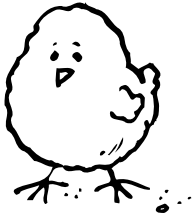
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Five Easter chicks



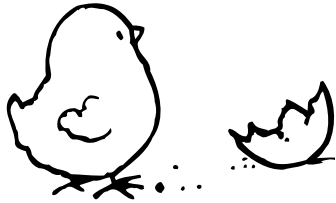
(Sung to the tune of 'Five Little Ducks')

Five Easter chicks went searching one day,
For an Easter egg to give away.
They found an egg that was big and fat,
But only four Easter chicks helped carry it back!



Four Easter chicks...
Three Easter chicks...
Two Easter chicks...

One Easter chick went searching one day,
For an Easter egg to give away.

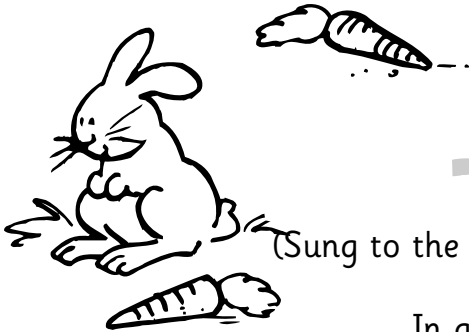


He found an egg that was big and fat,
But no Easter chicks helped carry it back!

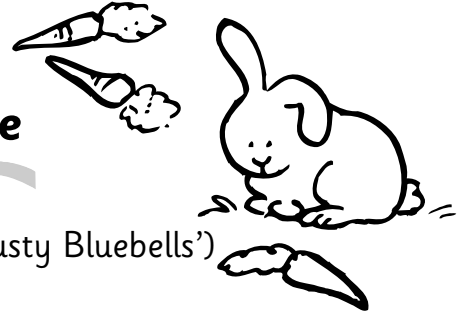


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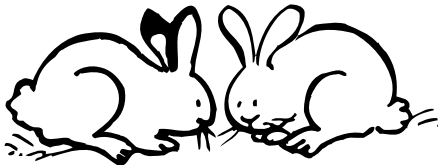
Hip, hop, wriggle



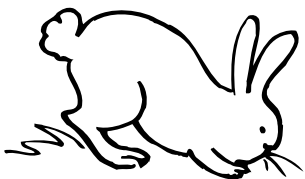
(Sung to the tune of 'In and Out the Dusty Bluebells')



In and out jumps the Easter bunny,
In and out jumps the Easter bunny,
In and out jumps the Easter bunny,
Let's all jump together.



Hip, hop, hip, hop, wriggle my tail,
Hip, hop, hip, hop, wriggle my tail,
Hip, hop, hip, hop, wriggle my tail,
Let's all jump together.



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