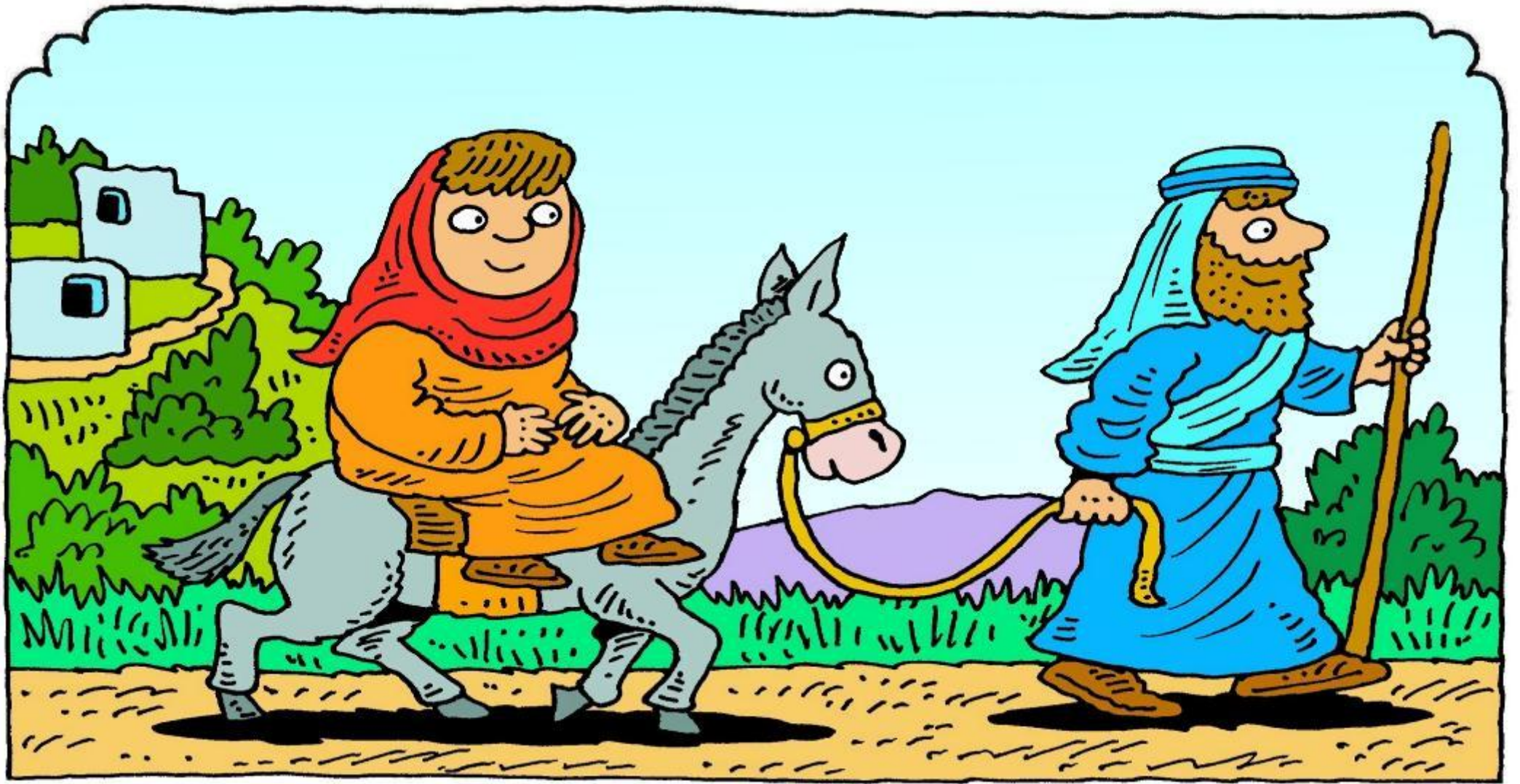


# Donkey's Special Christmas Night

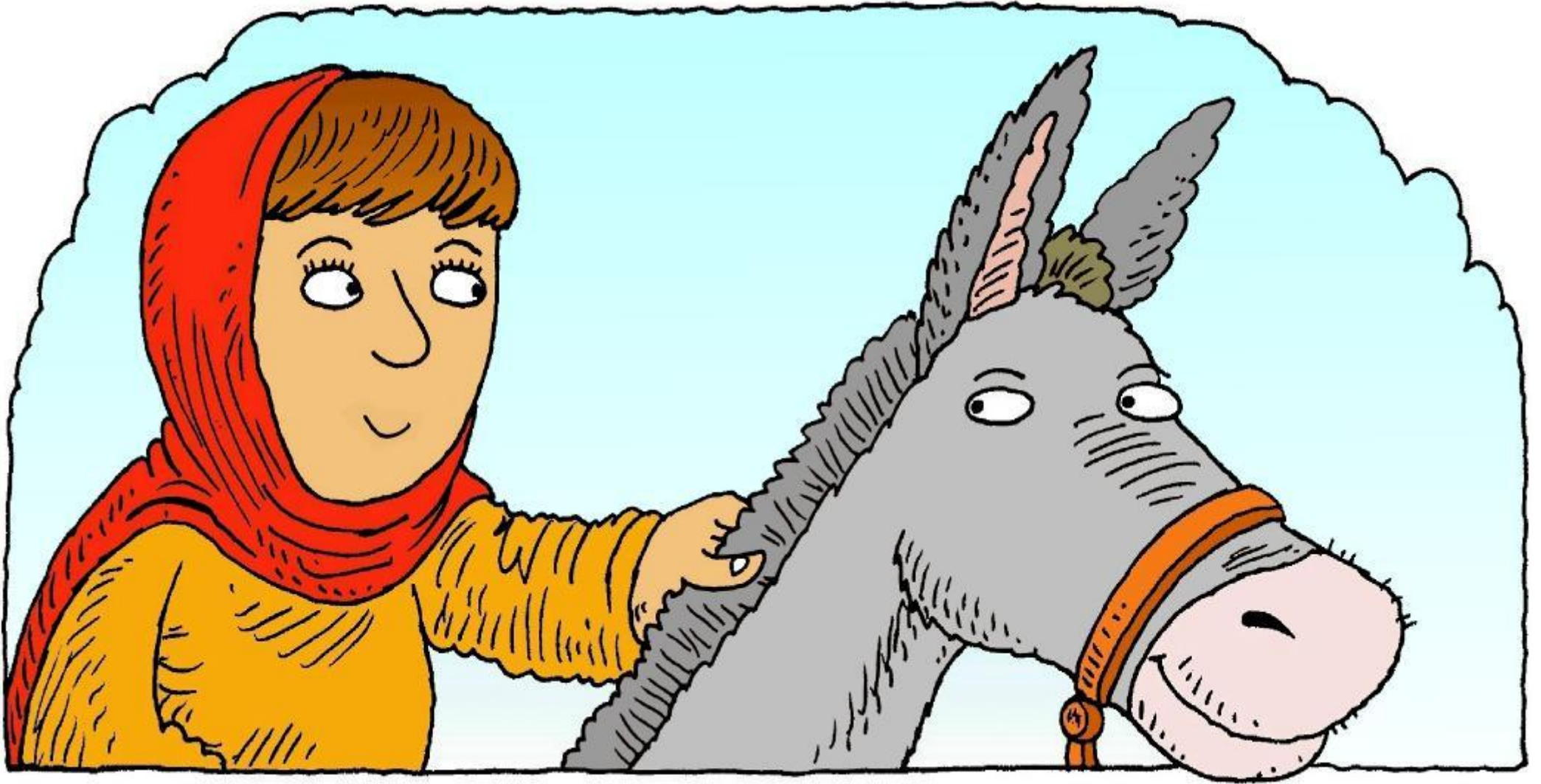
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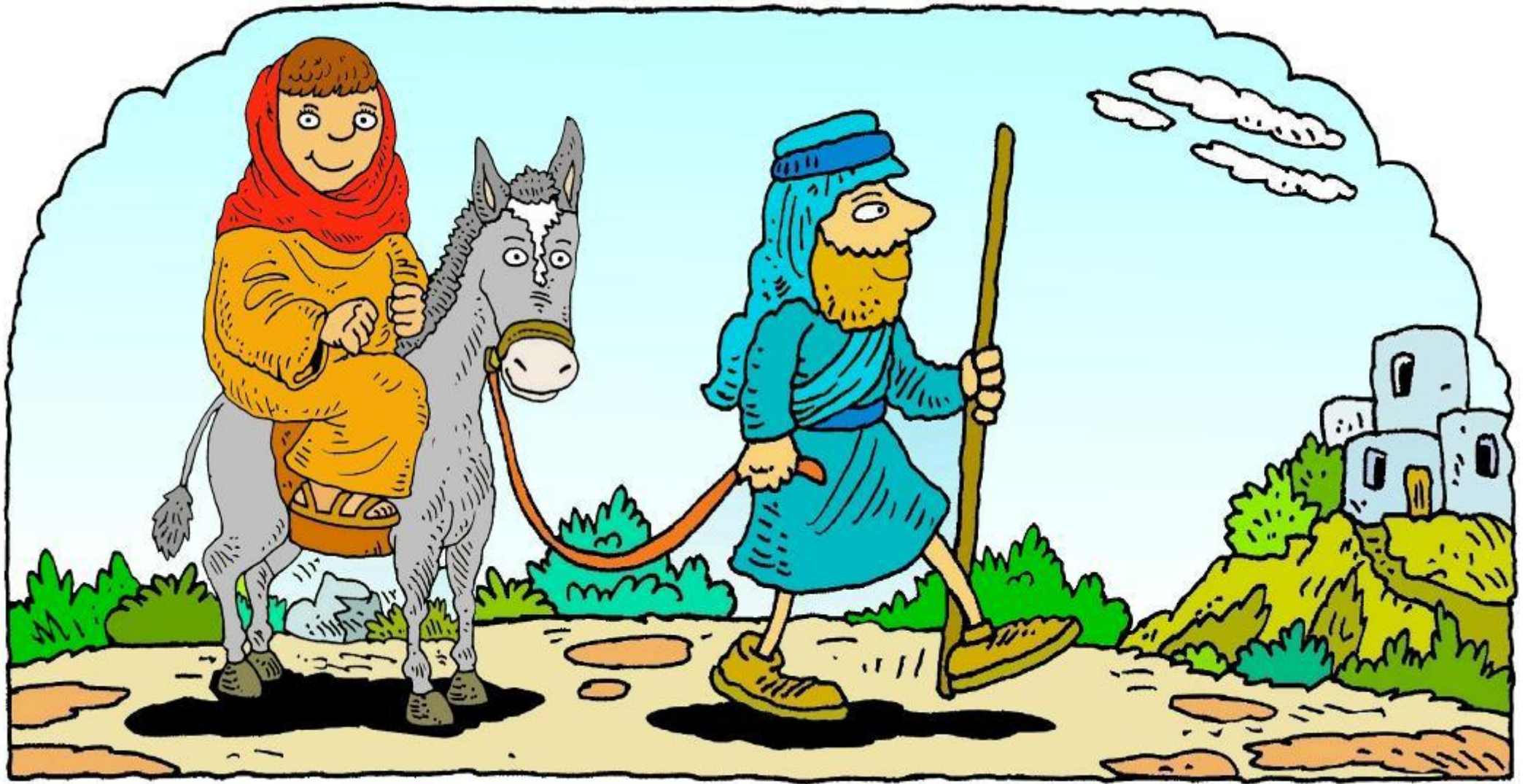




Joseph lived in Nazareth.  
He had to go to Bethlehem  
to write his name in the King's book.  
It was the new rule. Mary went too.



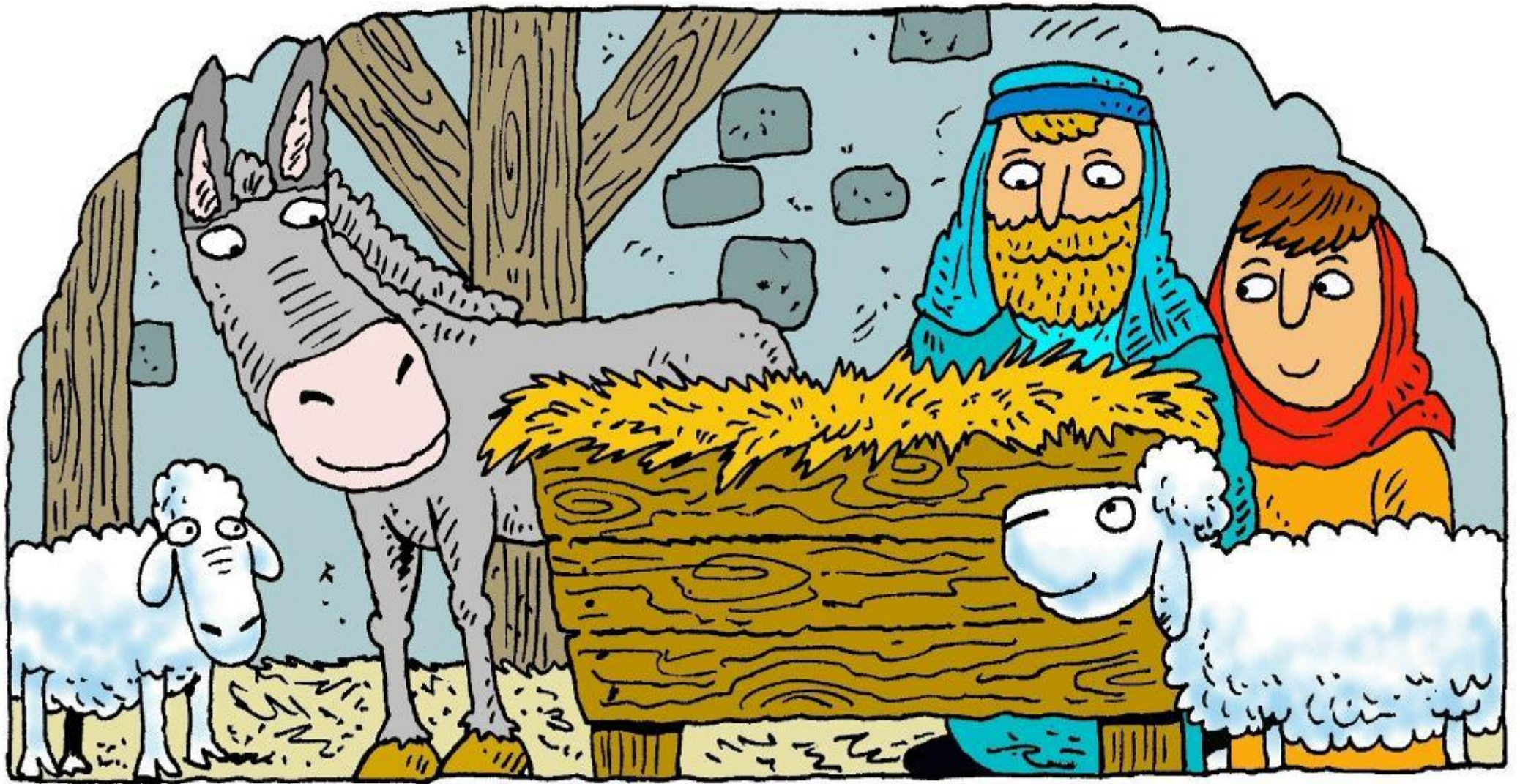
Donkey heard Joseph and Mary say that they had seen an angel who told them that Mary would have a baby boy. He was the promised Son of God!



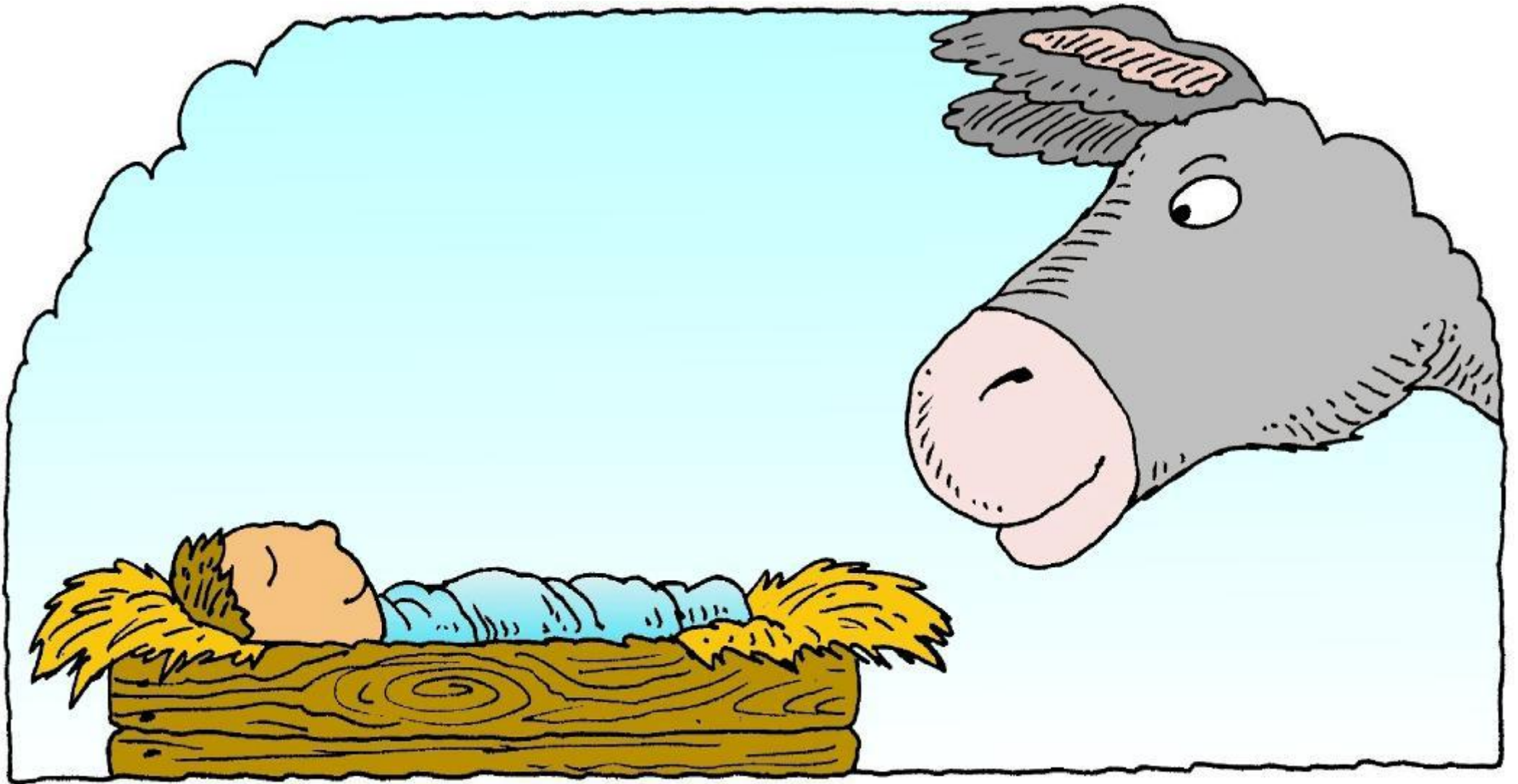
They could see the town on top of the hill  
“Hurry, Donkey,” Joseph said,  
“Mary’s baby will be born tonight.  
We need to get to Bethlehem.”



They looked for a place to sleep,  
but there was no room anywhere.  
A kind Inn Keeper gave them  
a place to rest, in the stable.



The stable was warm and dry. Donkey saw some hay in a manger box to eat! Joseph said, "We will need a bed for baby. This manger box of hay will be just right."



That night baby Jesus was born in the stable!  
Donkey looked in the manger box of hay  
and saw the little baby fast asleep!  
“I am glad he has a warm bed,” thought Donkey.



Donkey saw many special things -  
a BIG star, angels singing, shepherds  
and he never forgot the special  
night when Jesus was born.