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To my amazing nieces and nephews:
Gabriela, Cristian, Jonathan, Joseph,
María Amada, and Sofía Noel—each of you
is a gift from God. May you and all the children
who read this book come to discover, welcome, and love
the greatest gift this world has ever received: **Jesus!**

*“And the Word became flesh and lived among
us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of
a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”*

John 1:14

A very long time ago, God sent the Archangel Gabriel to a young woman who lived in a small town named Nazareth. The woman's name was Mary. The angel brought a very important message from God.



Approaching her, Gabriel said, "Hail, Mary.
You are filled with grace. Do not be afraid. God
loves you and wants you to be the mother of his Son.
You will have a baby, and you will name
him Jesus. He will be great.
He will be the Son
of God."





Surprised by everything the angel had said, Mary bowed her head and asked, “How can this happen? I am not married yet.” She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph.

The Archangel Gabriel replied, “This will happen through the power of God, Mary. The Holy Spirit will come to you. For nothing is impossible for God.”

Mary raised her head and said, “I am God’s servant. Let it happen to me as you have said.”

At that moment, the Holy Spirit came upon Mary. Immediately, Jesus, God’s Son, began to grow inside his mother.





Many months passed and shortly before Mary was due to give birth, the emperor called for a census.

“Mary, the emperor has ordered all people to go to the city of their ancestors to be counted,” Joseph told his wife. “My family is from the city of Bethlehem. We will have to go there.”

“Is the city far from Nazareth?” Mary asked.

“It will be at least a five-day walk,” Joseph explained. “I know it won’t be easy for you since the baby will be born soon, but we must go. It will be a long journey, but I will help you and keep you safe. You can ride our little donkey.”

“God will be with us,” Mary said.

The next day, the couple and their donkey began the journey. It was a difficult trip, but Mary and Joseph trusted God to help them.





Families from all over Israel had traveled to Bethlehem for the census, and the city was very crowded. Although Joseph knocked on door after door, no one had room for them to stay.