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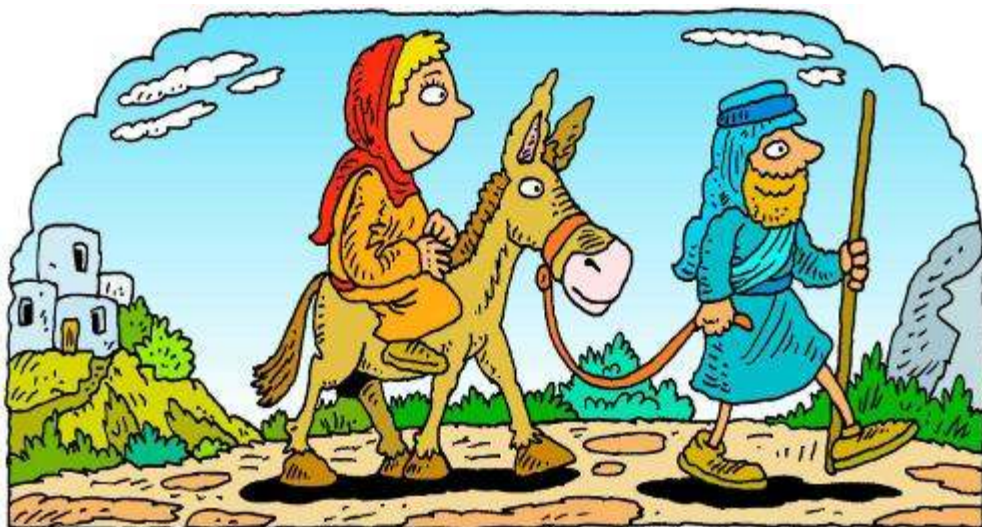
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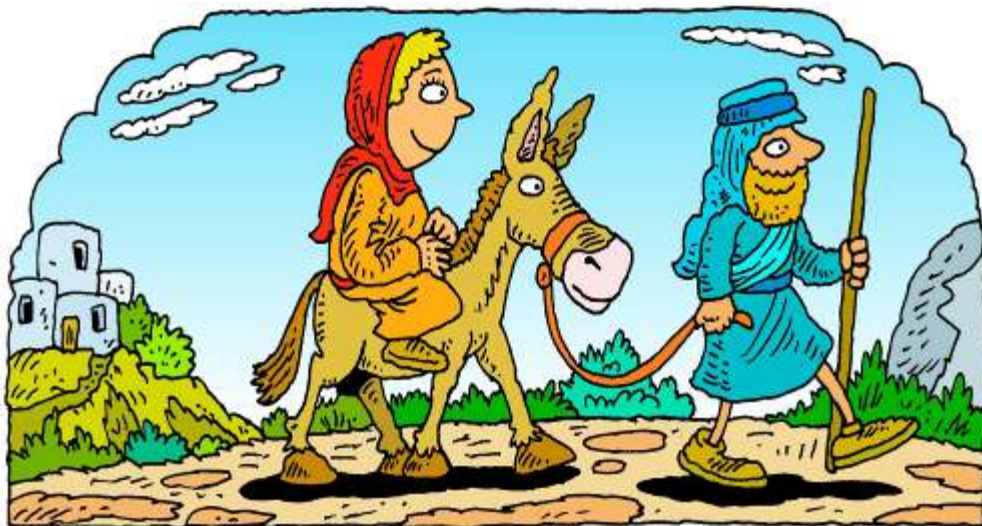
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Donkey saw many special things,
pēnei i te whetū ina te kaitā,
like the BIG star
anahera e waiata ana, ngā hepara
angels singing, shepherds
i haramai kia kite i te pēpi,
who came to see the baby
tangata miharo, mau taonga mai ma Ihu Karaiti
wise Men who gave baby Jesus presents!
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"I am glad he has a warm bed," he said.
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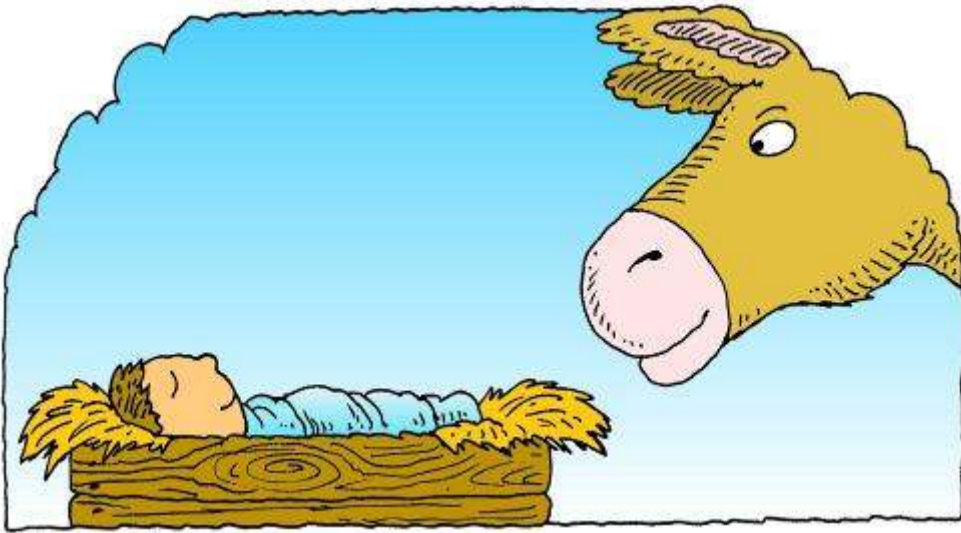
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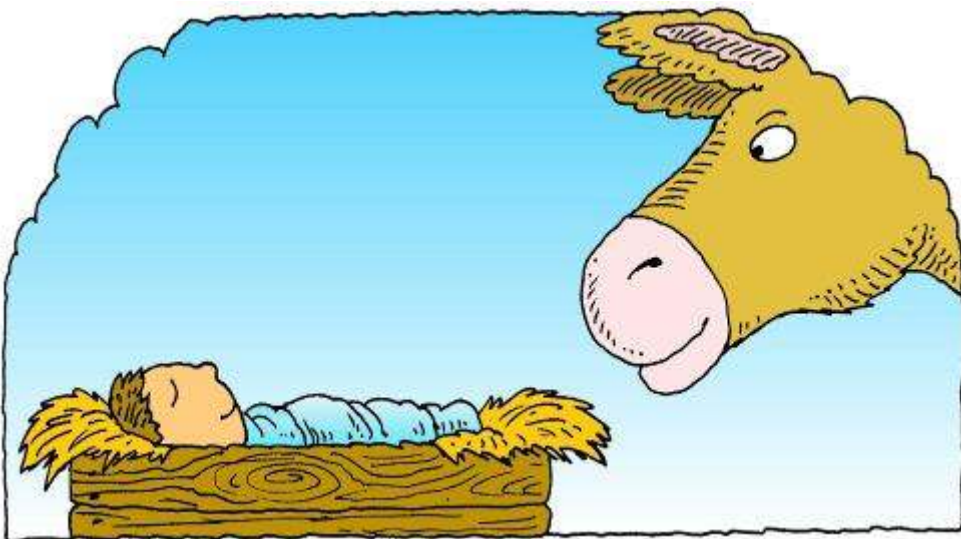
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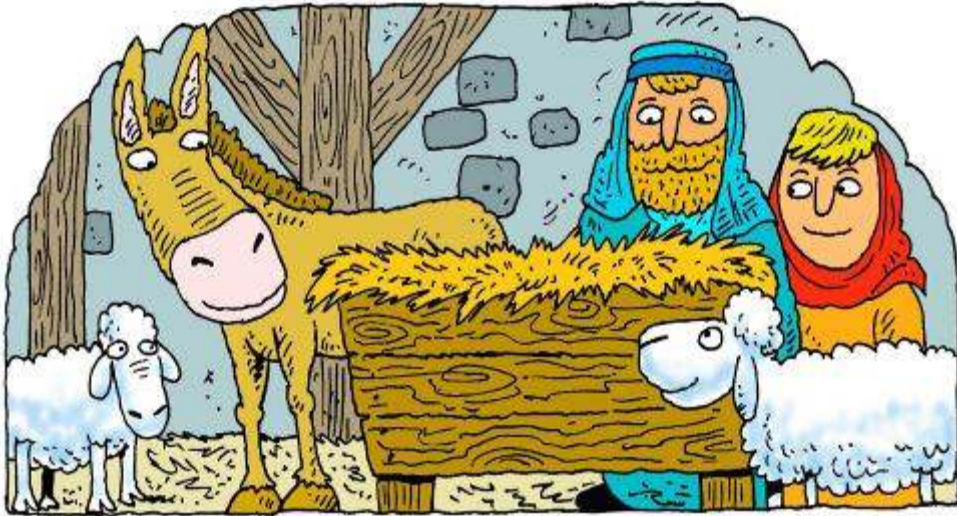
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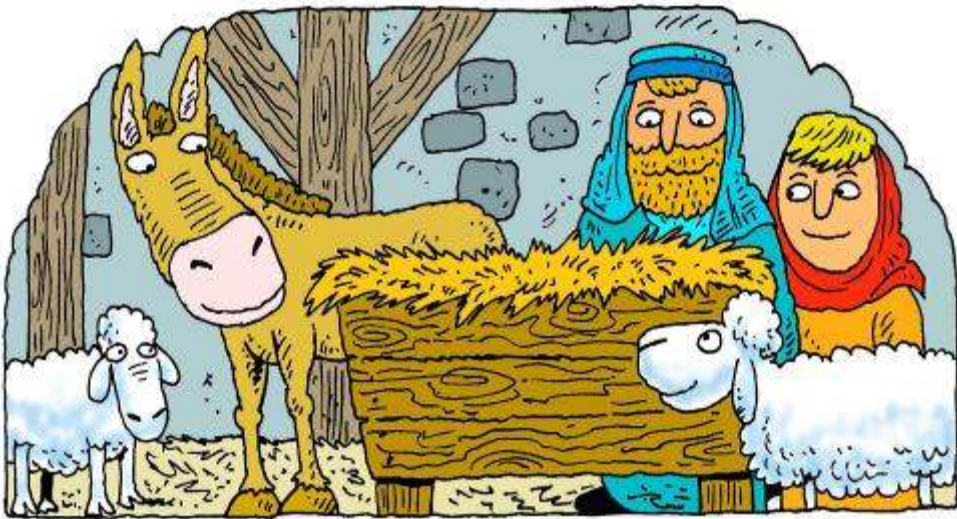
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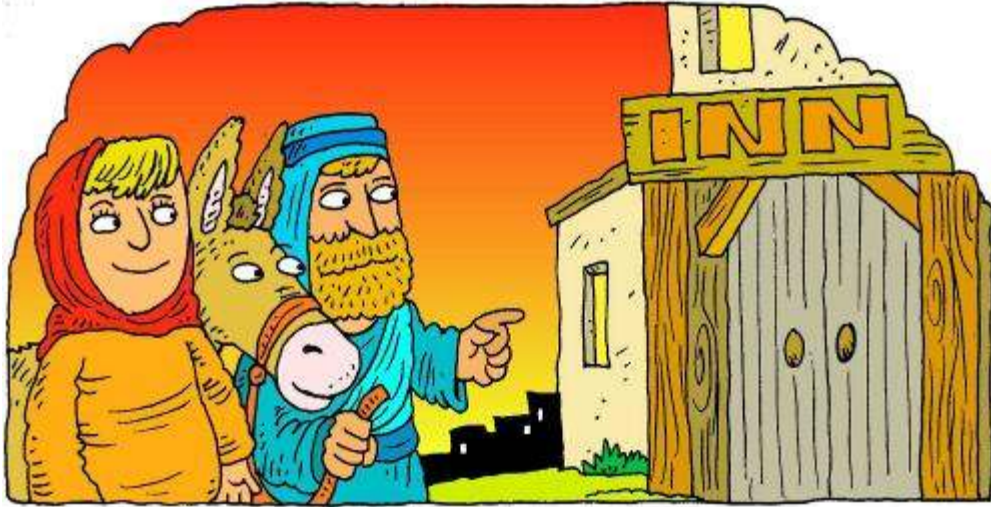
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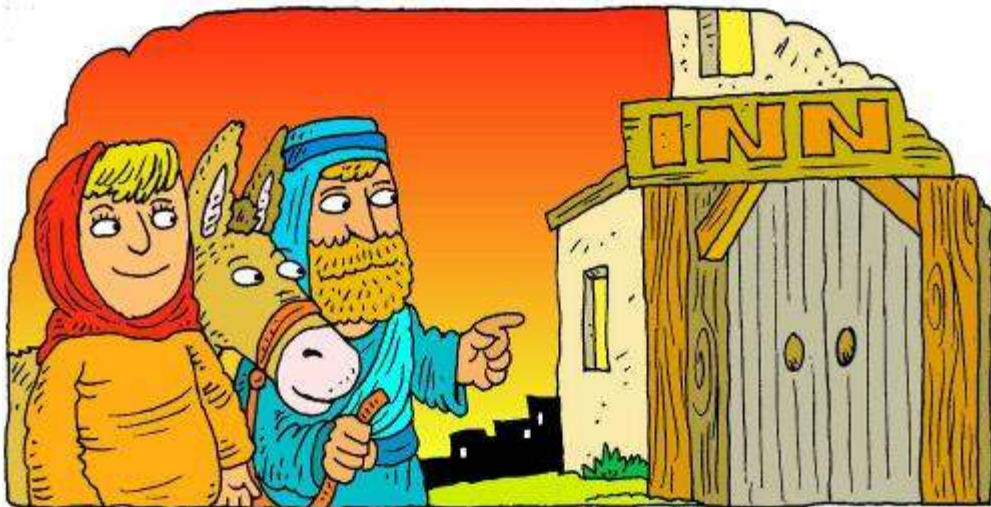


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But there was not one room!
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