

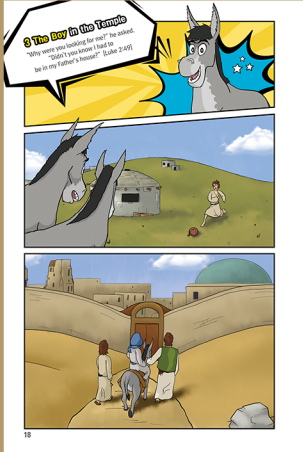


3rd Story

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Dave the Donkey Hi there kids! Do you remember me?! I belong to Mary and Joseph! My name is Dave. I'm the one who carried Mary to Bethlehem when she was pregnant with baby Jesus. Oh wow. That was so tiring, but I was the only one who could help out. I carried all of the bags, and Mary rode me the whole way, with Jesus!

Sonny So how long ago did that happen, dad?

Dave the Donkey Well, Jesus is 14 now, son. I remember all of that well though.

Sonny I know that dad... you've told me..

Dave Right. Did I ever tell you about what happened with him before you were born?

Sonny What do you mean?

Dave Well, you know that three times a year we all travel to Jerusalem for the feasts.

Sonny Yes.

Dave Well, not too long before you were born, we did just that. We left for Jerusalem. Jesus was twelve then, and he had just as much energy then as he does now. Maybe even more. He was always running along beside me as we went. He didn't want to ride.

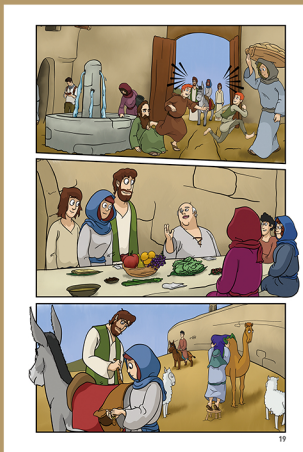
Feast person Hey, Joseph is here!

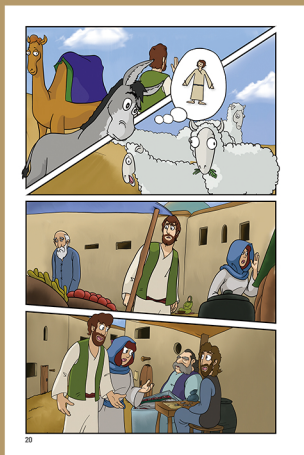
Feast group Joseph! Mary!

Feast person 2 Hey, and Jesus is here too.

Dave They ate and talked to people like always, and after the feast was over, Joseph and Mary packed up to leave with a group of people to go back to Galilee. We left and traveled the whole day. We were far from Jerusalem, and in the middle of nowhere. Mary finished making dinner and called Jesus, but they couldn't find him. We couldn't find him. He just wasn't there.

When I heard his parents calling his name, I thought I'd get up and go search too. While they went around to all the people we were traveling with, I went around to all the animals we were traveling with.





Dave Hey guys, excuse me, um...I was wondering if you have happened to see a boy around here alone.

Sheep baah....baah....baah.

Dave Um....right.....I don't speak sheep. Yeah, thanks for your help...

Sheep baah....baah.

Dave Hi there, I was wondering if you've seen a lost boy running around?

Carmike the camel You talk quite funny.

Dave Excuse me?

Carmike I said, the way you speak is most interesting.

Dave Okay. Well, since you understand me, could you answer my question?

Carmike Very well. What was it again?

Dave Have you seen Jesus?

Carmike the camel Jesus?

Dave The boy.

Carmike the camel Ah. Well, what does he look like?

Dave Well, he's short. He's got brown hair

Carmike No. I'm afraid I've seen no such thoroughly described creature around here.

Joseph and Mary Jesus! Jesus! Where are you?

Dave Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus anywhere in the group of people we were traveling with. They didn't know what else to do but go all the way back to Jerusalem and hope that he was there. So, we left the rest of the group going to Galilee and went back to Jerusalem.

Mary Jesus! My goodness! We had no idea where you were!

Joseph What have you been doing? Why didn't you tell us?

Jesus Why were you looking for me? Don't you know that I need to be in my Father's house?

Joseph and MaryHuh?

Sonny Huh?

Dave Yeah, I'm not so sure myself. Mary and Joseph didn't understand what Jesus meant when he told him that he needed to be in his Father's house. His father's house was in Galilee where they were going, but he was alone in Jerusalem!

Mary It's time to go home now, Jesus.

Jesus Okay, mom.

Sonny So, he went with them? Not arguing?



Dave

No arguing. Jesus joined his parents, and together, the four of us traveled back to Galilee. When we got home, Jesus did not disobey his parents, and he did all he was told to do.

“And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”

Luke 2:49 ESV