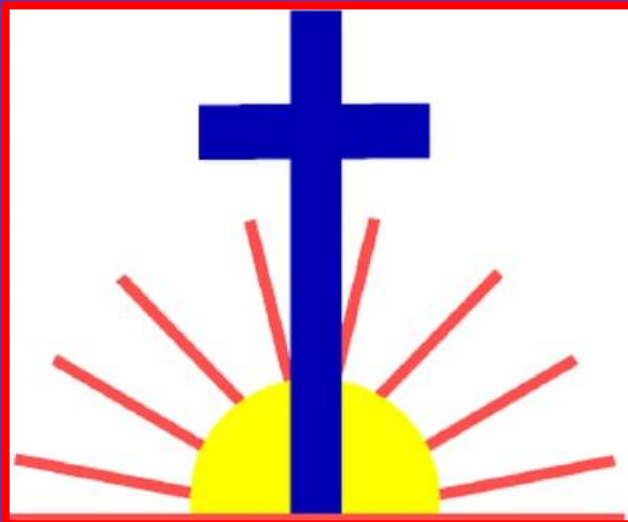


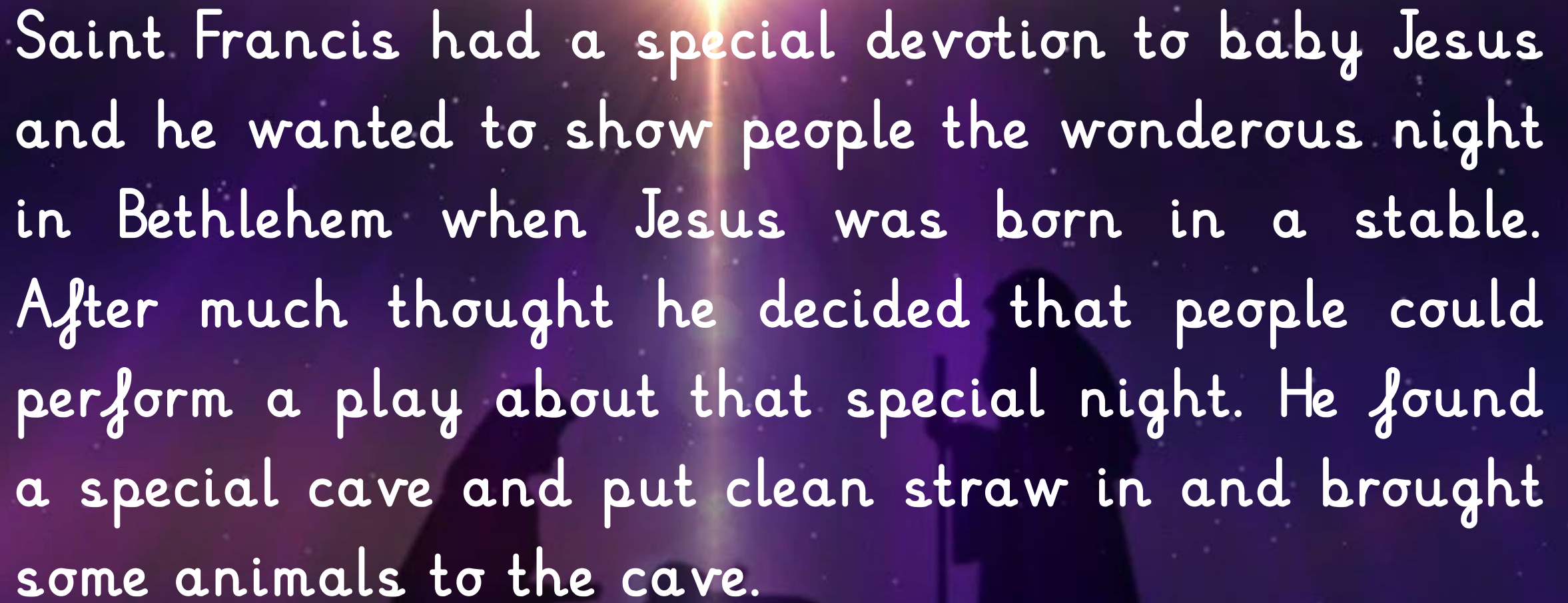
YEAR 3 RE INSPIRE WORKSHOP

To know the story of St Francis of Assisi and the first crib and to make our own crib.



WELCOME



A dark purple and blue night sky filled with small white stars. A bright, glowing star is positioned at the top center, casting a vertical beam of light. In the lower half of the image, there are dark silhouettes of figures, including what appears to be a person holding a staff and a horse, set against the starry background.

Saint Francis had a special devotion to baby Jesus and he wanted to show people the wonderful night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born in a stable. After much thought he decided that people could perform a play about that special night. He found a special cave and put clean straw in and brought some animals to the cave.

On Christmas Eve, the people gathered for the service with their torch lights to look upon the scene. The ox, the donkey, and the empty manger were all in the cave. With many people crowded around the cave Francis told the story of Jesus' birth.



Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake, xx be ready. xx

You do not know the hour
when the Lord is coming.

Stay awake. xx Be ready. xx

The Lord is coming soon.

Alleluia, Alleluia, the Lord is coming soon.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

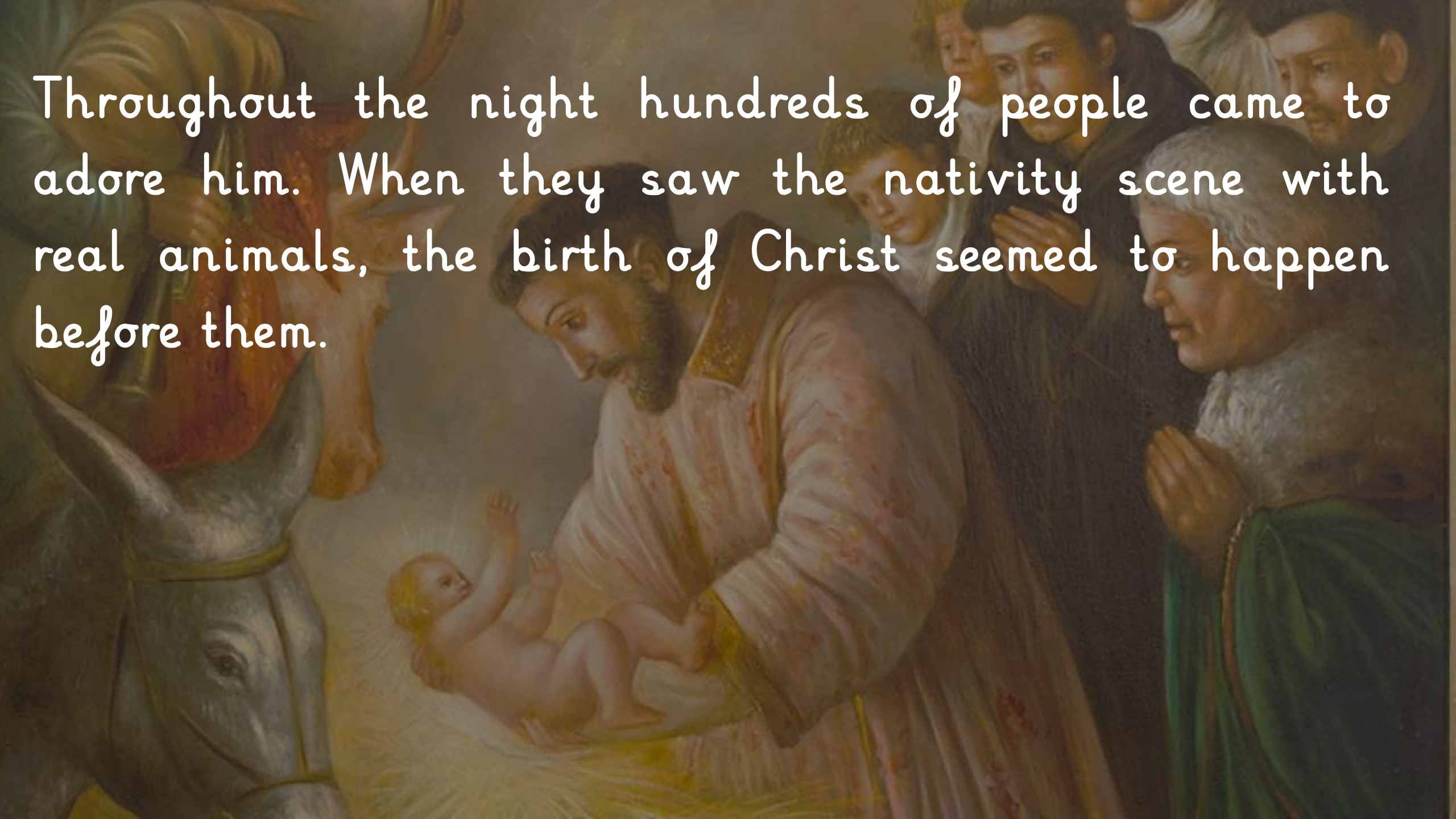
Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. Mary gave birth to her first born Son and wrapped him carefully in cloths and laid him in a manger.'

The word of the Lord.

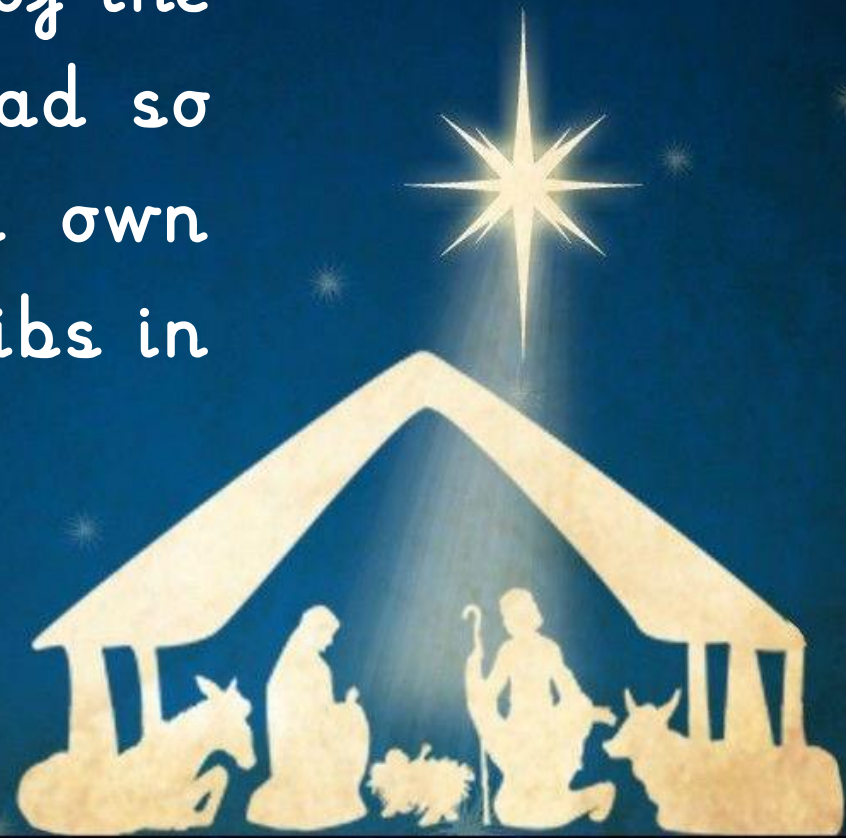
At that moment, Francis laid a figure of baby Jesus in the manger bed. The crowd was still. The child seemed to be surrounded by a brilliant light.

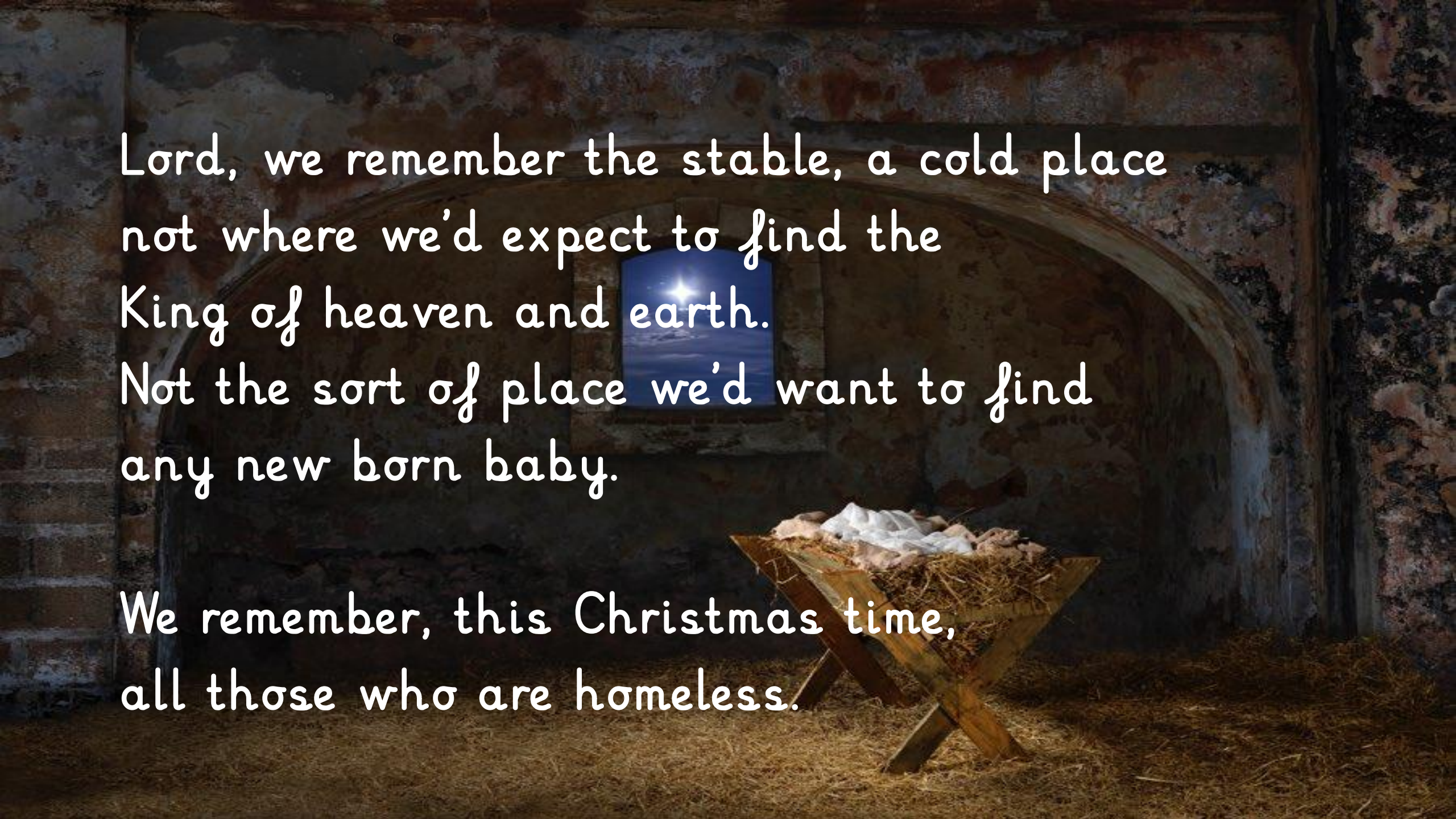


Throughout the night hundreds of people came to adore him. When they saw the nativity scene with real animals, the birth of Christ seemed to happen before them.



The people who crowded into the cave for the first performance were so impressed that they wanted to see it again. Later, a craftsman made a miniature version of the manger scene and the tradition spread so that every Church in Italy had its own nativity scene. People began to put cribs in their homes.





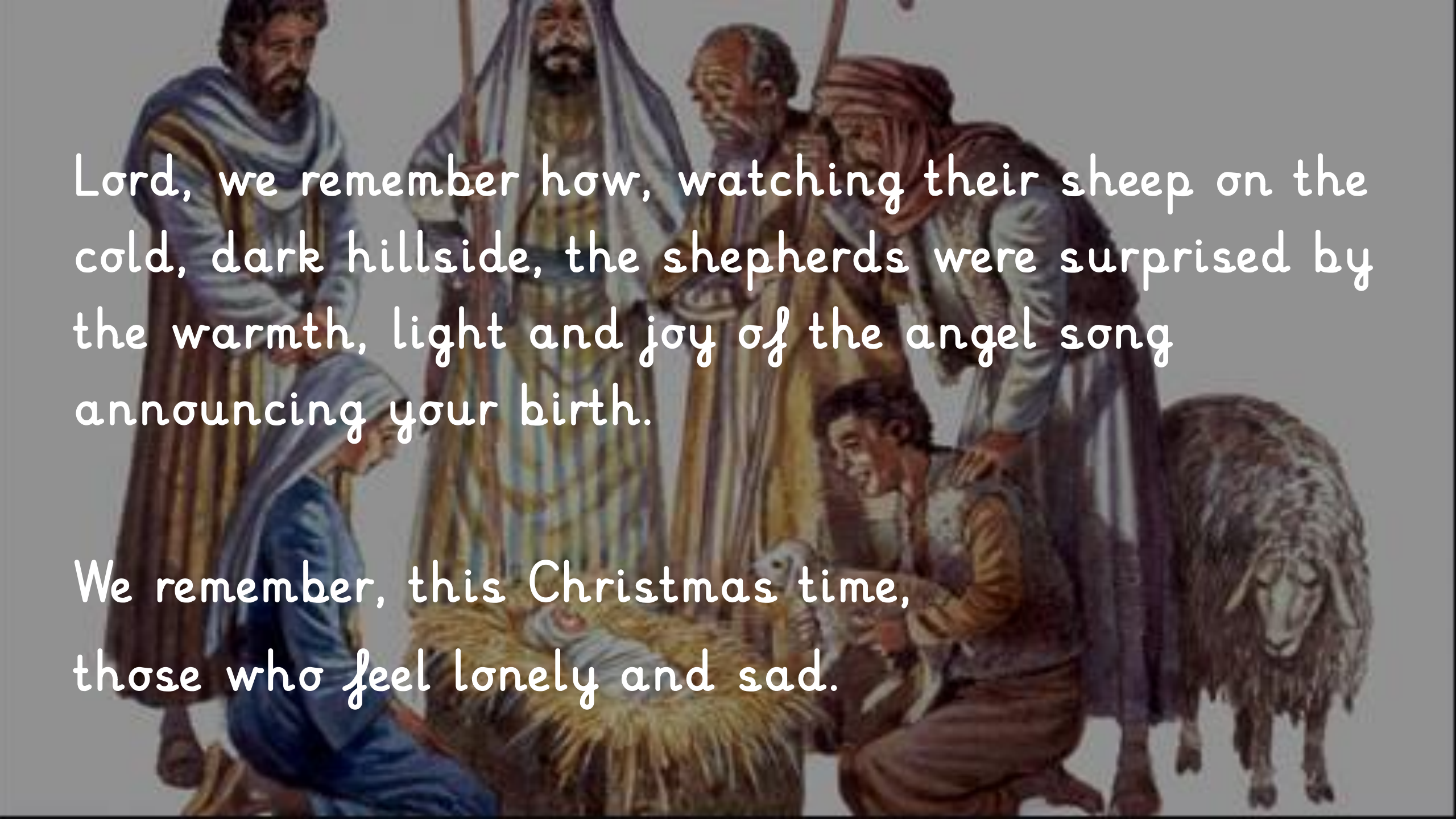
Lord, we remember the stable, a cold place
not where we'd expect to find the
King of heaven and earth.
Not the sort of place we'd want to find
any new born baby.

We remember, this Christmas time,
all those who are homeless.

A photograph of a nativity scene. Mary is seated on the left, holding the infant Jesus wrapped in white swaddling clothes. Joseph is kneeling on the right, looking at the baby. They are in a manger filled with straw, with a stone wall in the background.

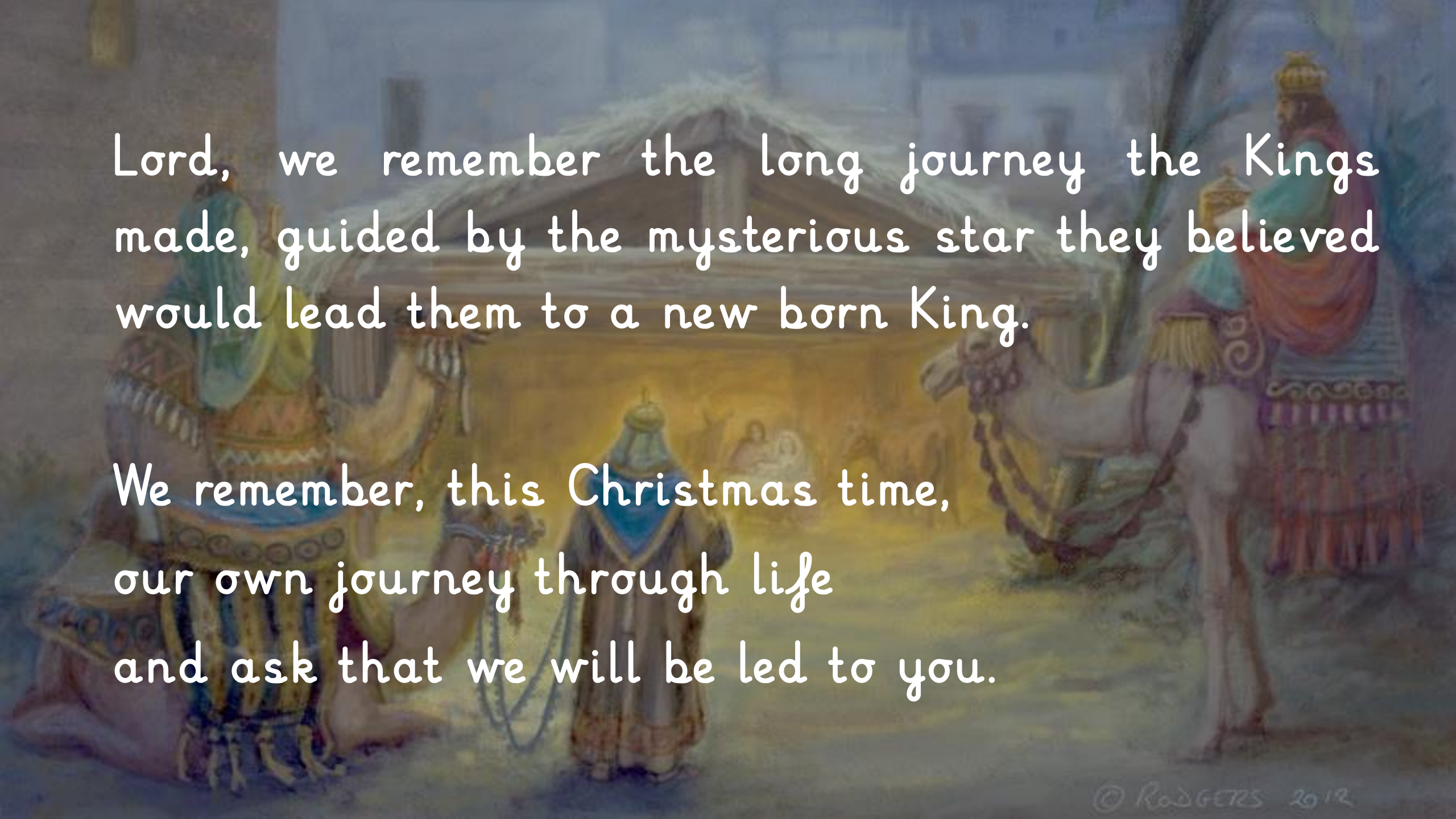
Lord, we remember Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem, their worry at finding no room at the inn; the excitement at the forthcoming birth; their hopeful longing for your coming.

We remember, this Christmas time, those who are anxious, who long for your hope to come into their lives.




Lord, we remember how, watching their sheep on the cold, dark hillside, the shepherds were surprised by the warmth, light and joy of the angel song announcing your birth.

We remember, this Christmas time, those who feel lonely and sad.

A painting depicting the Three Kings on camels following the Star of Bethlehem to the manger. The scene is set in a desert landscape with a simple wooden manger in the background. The Kings are dressed in ornate, colorful robes and crowns. The Star of Bethlehem is visible in the sky, shining brightly. The overall tone is soft and reverent.

Lord, we remember the long journey the Kings made, guided by the mysterious star they believed would lead them to a new born King.

We remember, this Christmas time, our own journey through life and ask that we will be led to you.

A newborn baby is lying in a bed of straw, wrapped in white cloth. The baby's face is visible, and they appear to be sleeping peacefully. The background is dark, making the white cloth and straw stand out.


Lord, we remember your coming into our world as a tiny, helpless child. We thank you that you came to share our joys and sorrows.

We remember, this Christmas time, all the children of our world, in need of love, food, and freedom.

LOVE SHONE DOWN


I had a dream that I was standing on a hillside
And all the lights of the town were shining far below
When up in the air beautiful voices
Sing a new song let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys
Oh love shone down over the world.*



Somebody spoke to me I knew it was an angel.
He said, "There's something that I think you ought to know."
Then he just smiled, said don't be afraid now
Sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys
Oh love shone down over the world.*



And then he told me all about the baby Jesus,
how to find him where exactly I should go.
Then he was joined by millions of others
sing a new song, let everyone know.

*Oh and love shone down over the hills and over the valleys
Oh love shone down over the world.*

A blue-toned illustration of a nativity scene. In the center, a wooden manger is silhouetted against a bright blue light. A figure kneels before the manger, and another figure stands to the right holding a staff. To the left, a donkey stands, and to the right, an ox stands. In the background, several camels are visible. The sky is dark blue with a bright, multi-pointed star and a comet-like streak. Palm trees are silhouetted on the left and right sides. The text "ENJOY MAKING YOUR OWN NATIVITY SCENE" is written in white, uppercase letters across the middle of the scene.

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