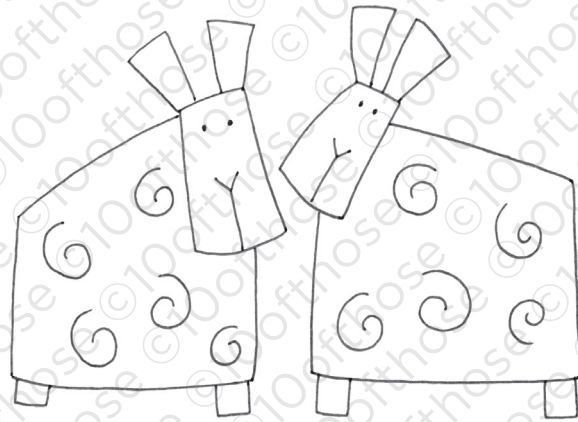


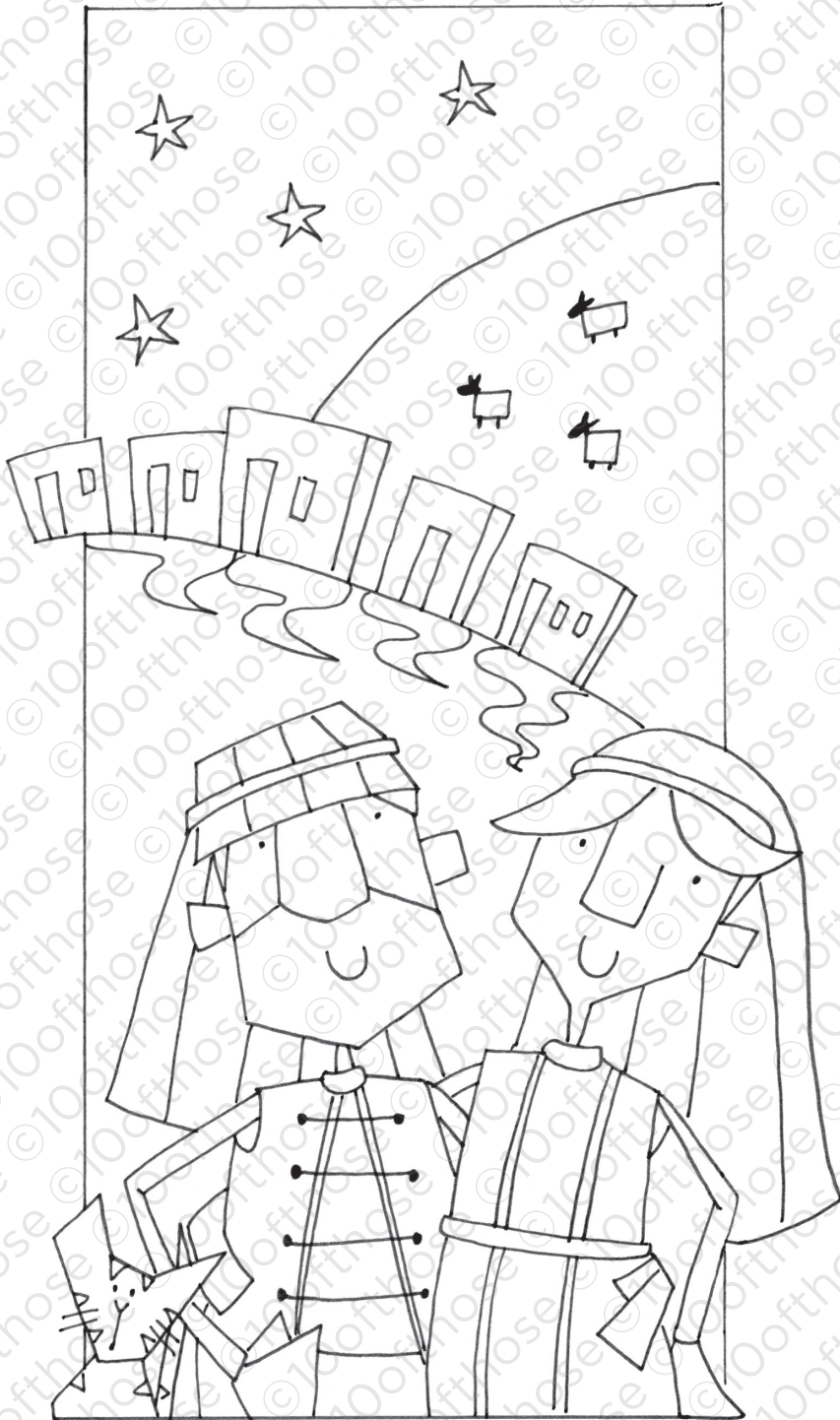
The Nativity

Colouring Book



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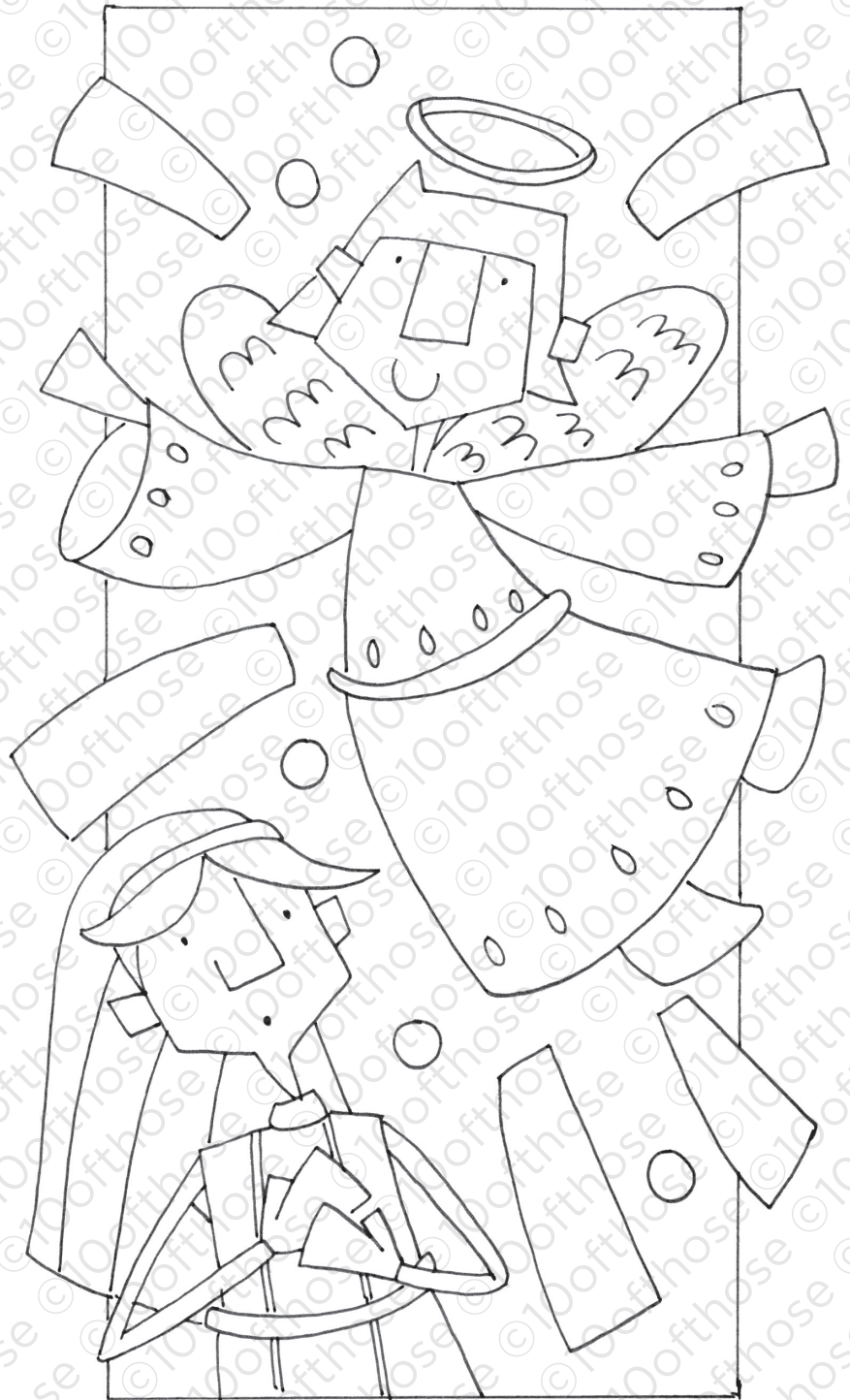


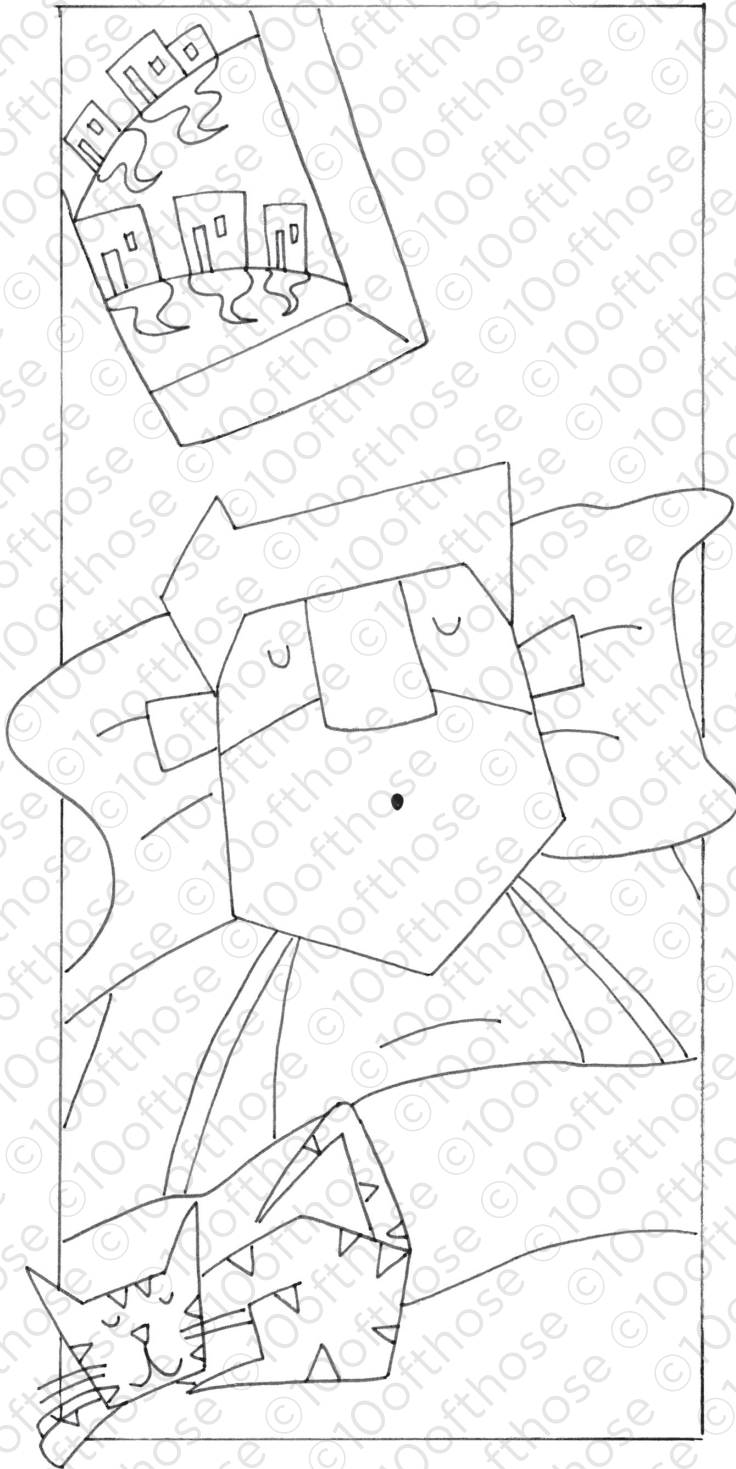
Mary and
Joseph
were
planning a
wedding,

then they
found out
where
God's
plan was
heading.

God would
send a
baby
inside of
her tummy.

Yes, it was
true,
she would
soon be a
mummy!



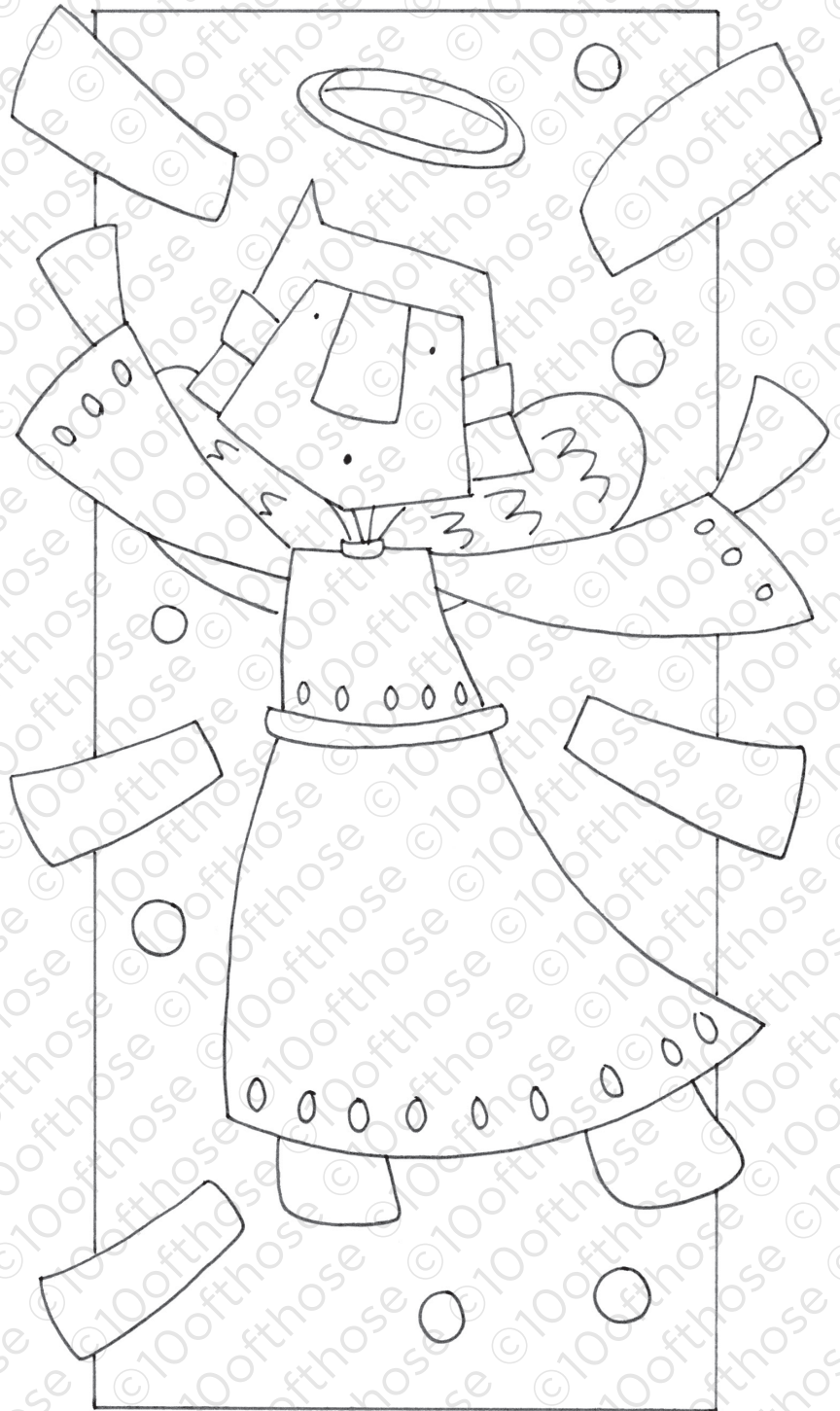


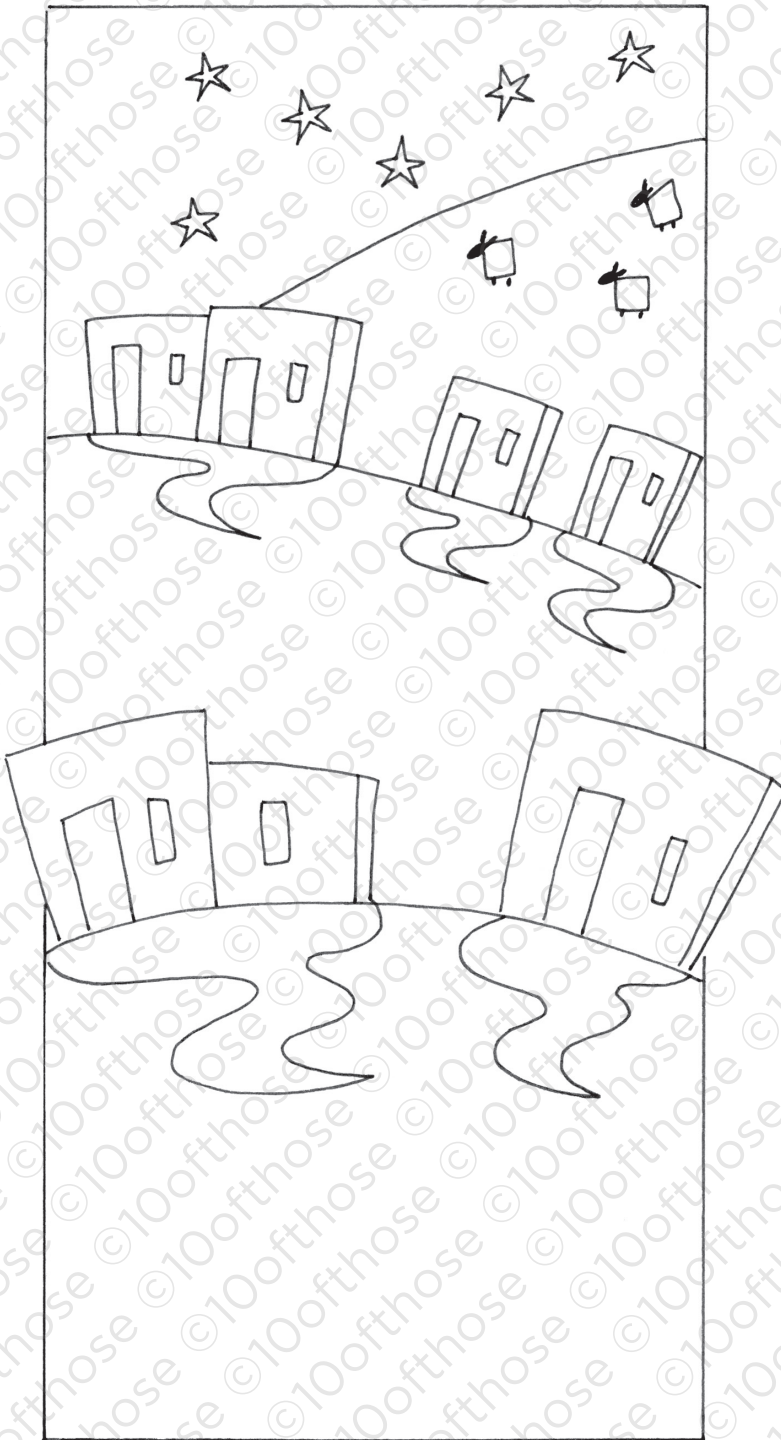
Now
Joseph was
scared.
What would
people say?

So an
angel
brought
news in his
dream
one day.

“What has
happened is
special,
you’ll
soon be
a dad.”

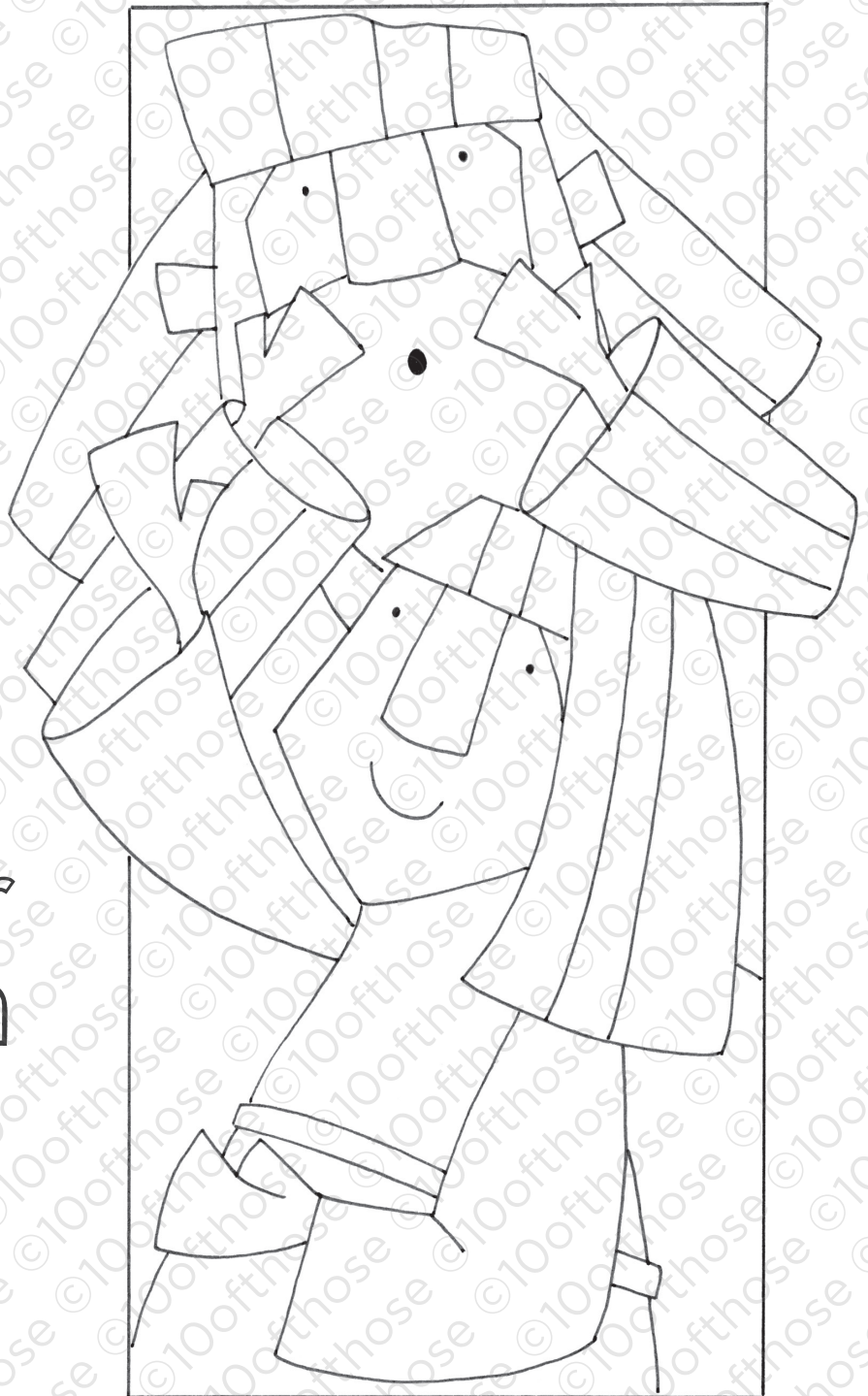
And Joseph
then
trusted
it wouldn’t
be **bad.**

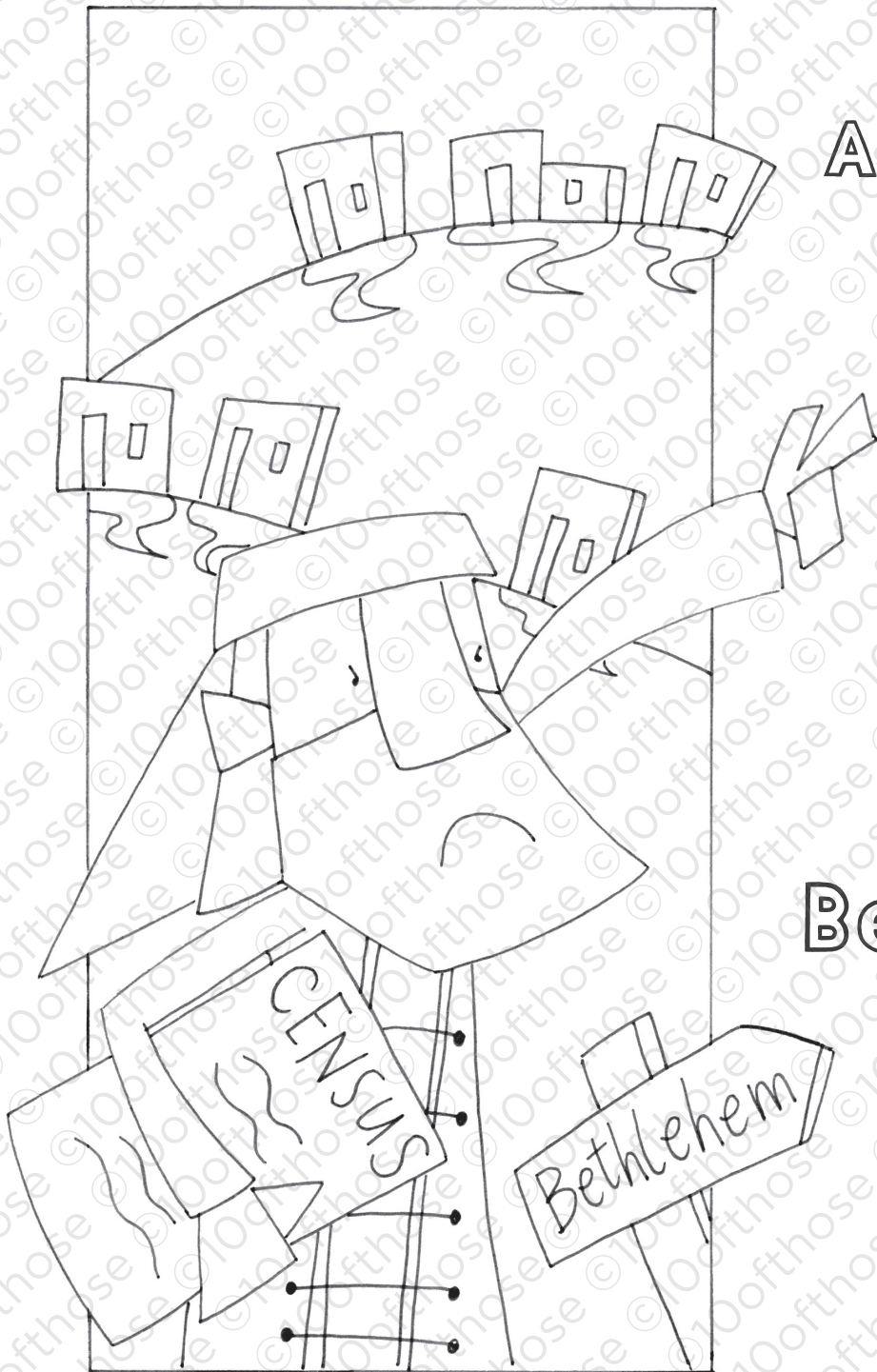




Mary's
cousin
Elizabeth
was really
quite old,
too old
for a
baby is
what she
was **told.**

But God
made it so
she could
have a
child too,
to prepare
the way for
God's son
to come
through.

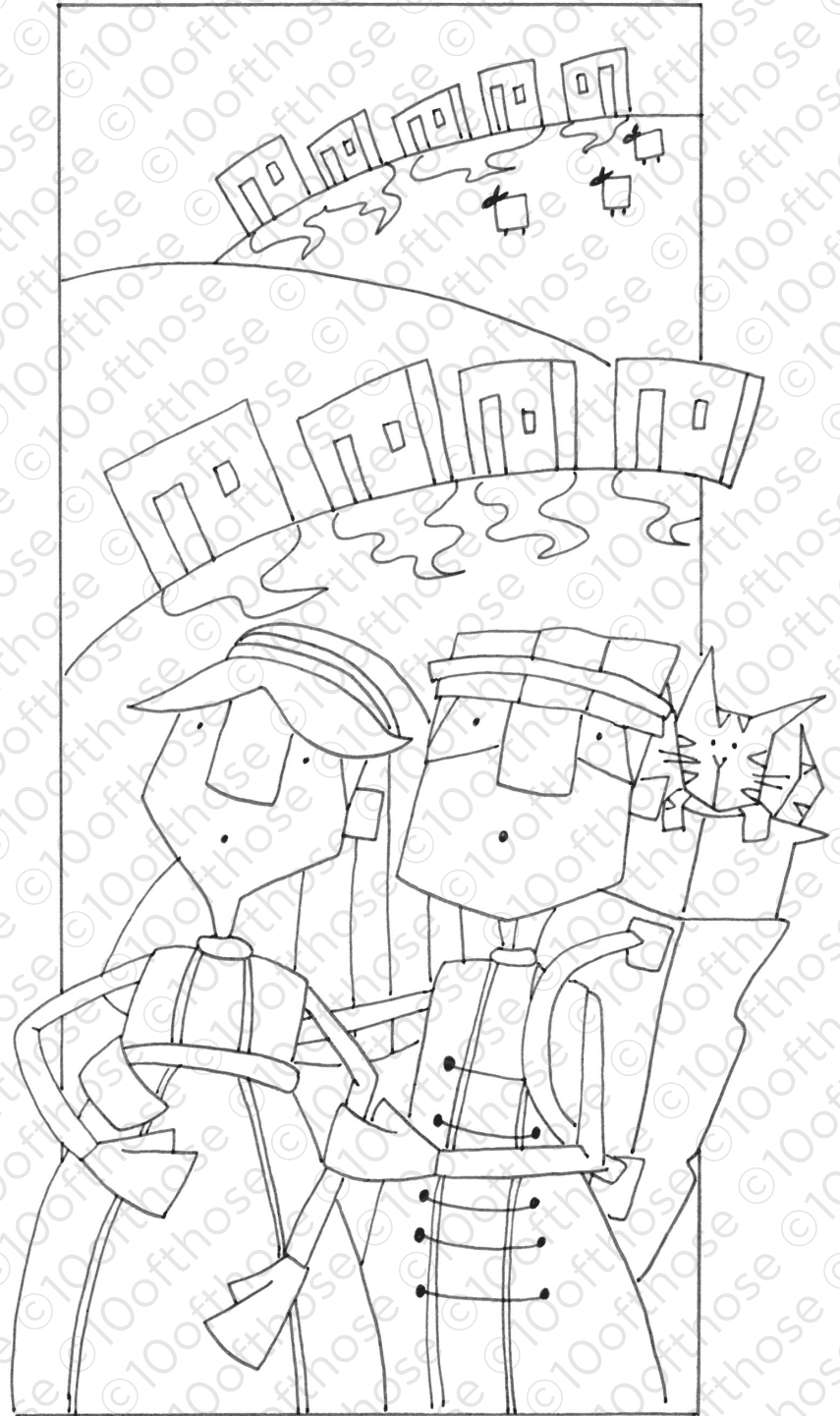




A census
was
ordered,
you
couldn't
say no,
to
Bethlehem,
Mary and
Joseph
must go.

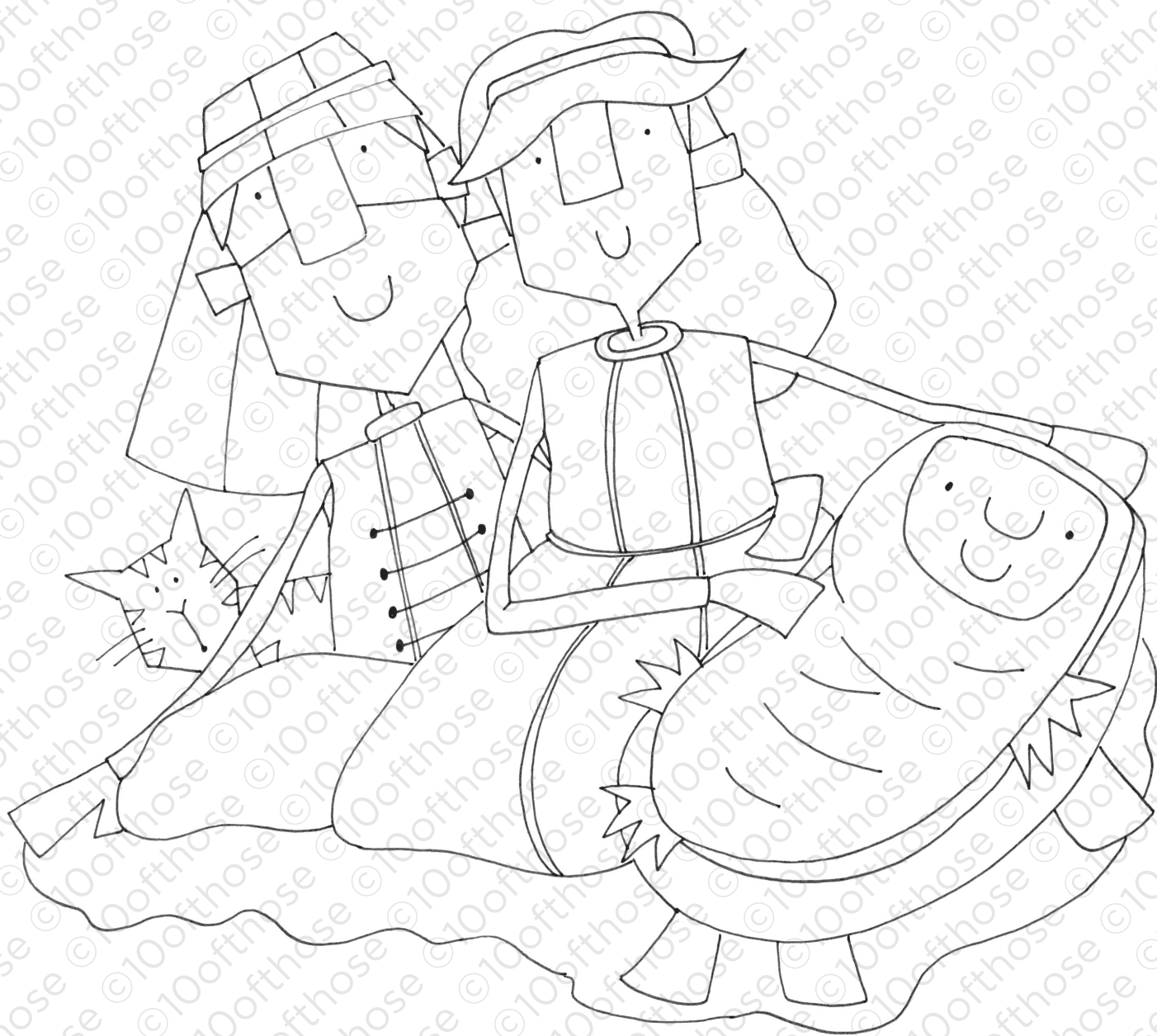
So Mary
and Joseph
set off
for the
town,

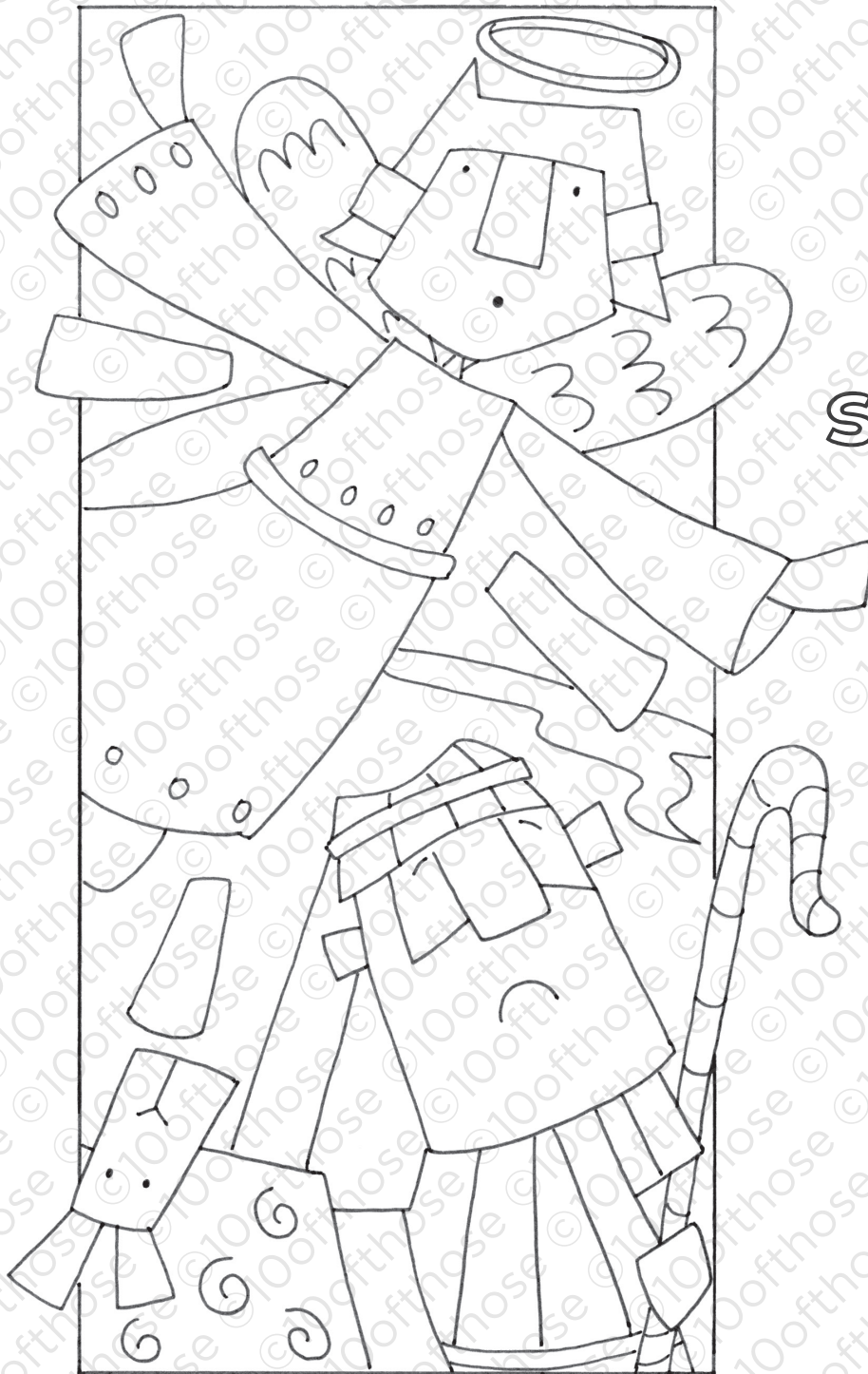
where the
family of
Joseph
would be
written
down.



The rooms were all full
when they needed a bed,
and Jesus was born
where the animals fed.

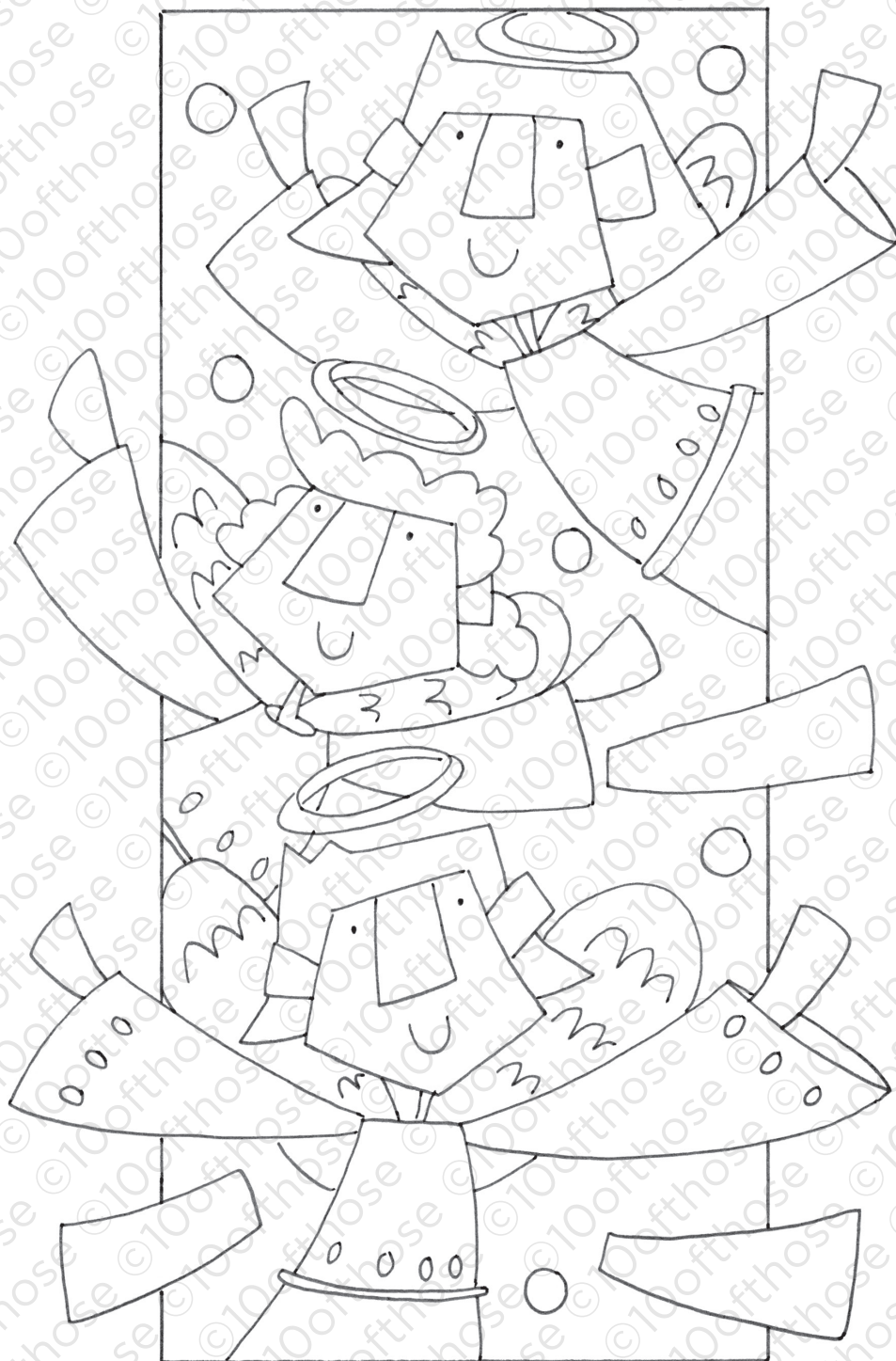
“You will call him Jesus,”
the angel had told her,
“and he will save all of the
world when he’s older!”

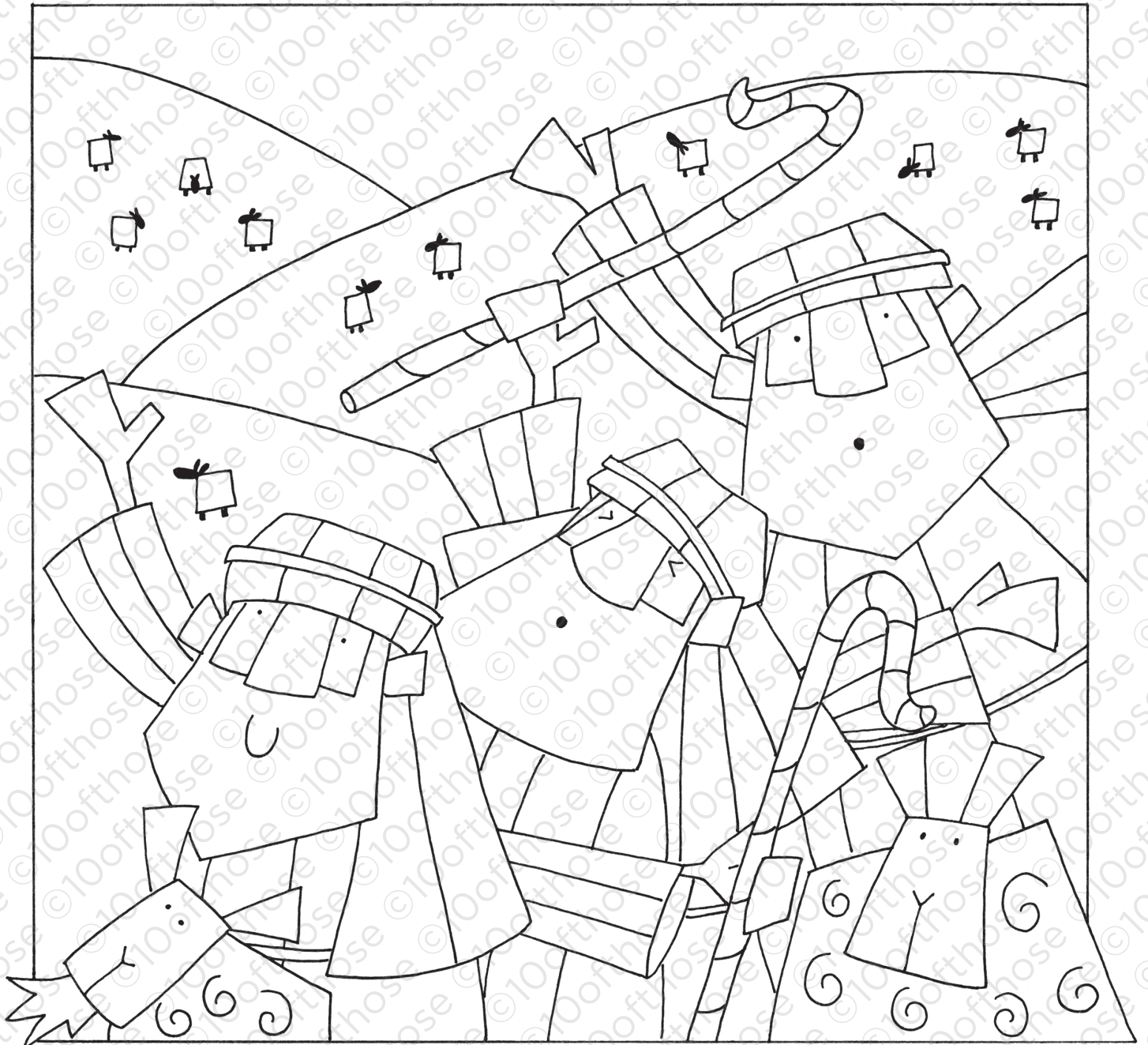




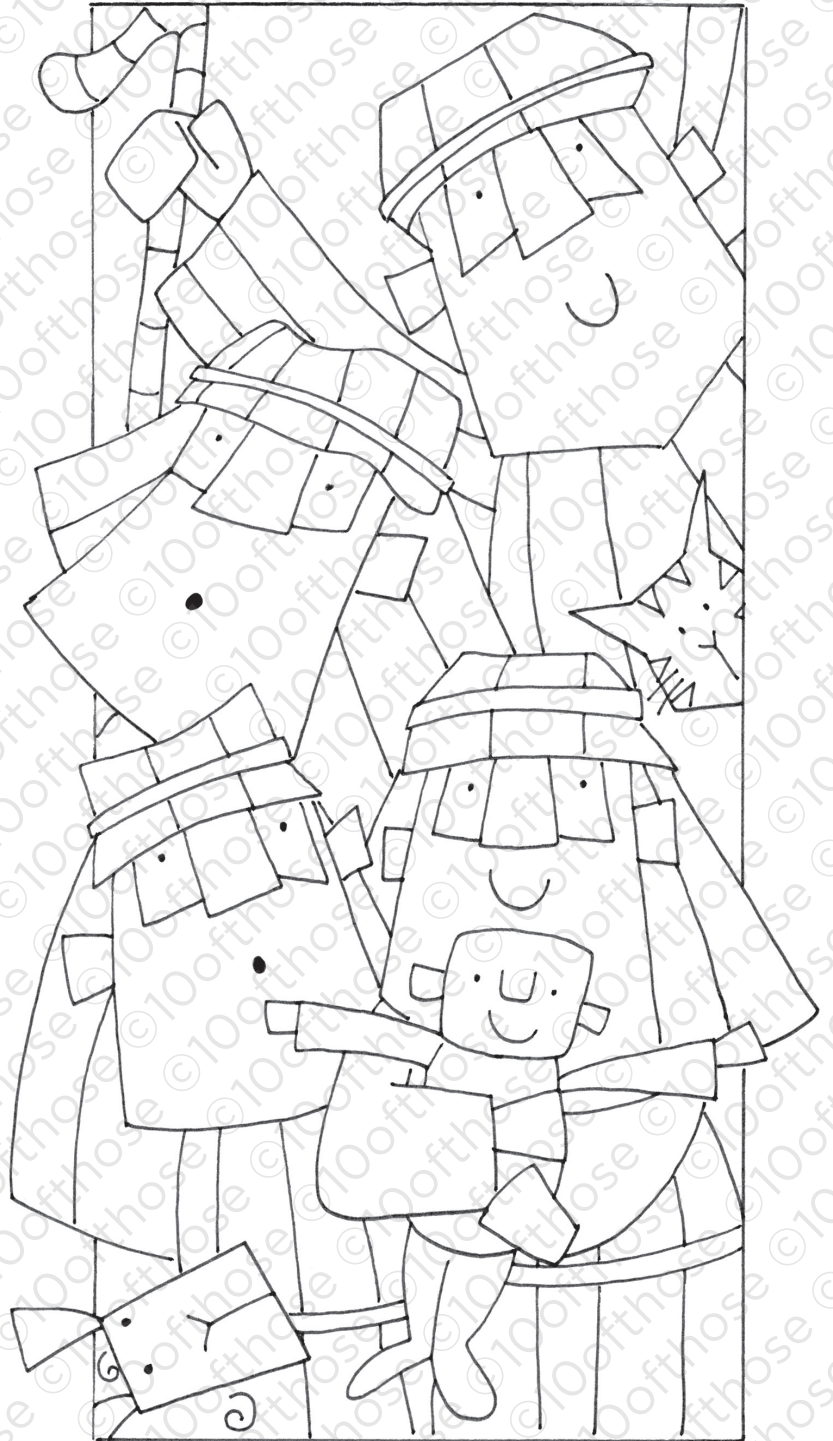
Some
shepherds
were
watching
their
sheep
near to
town,

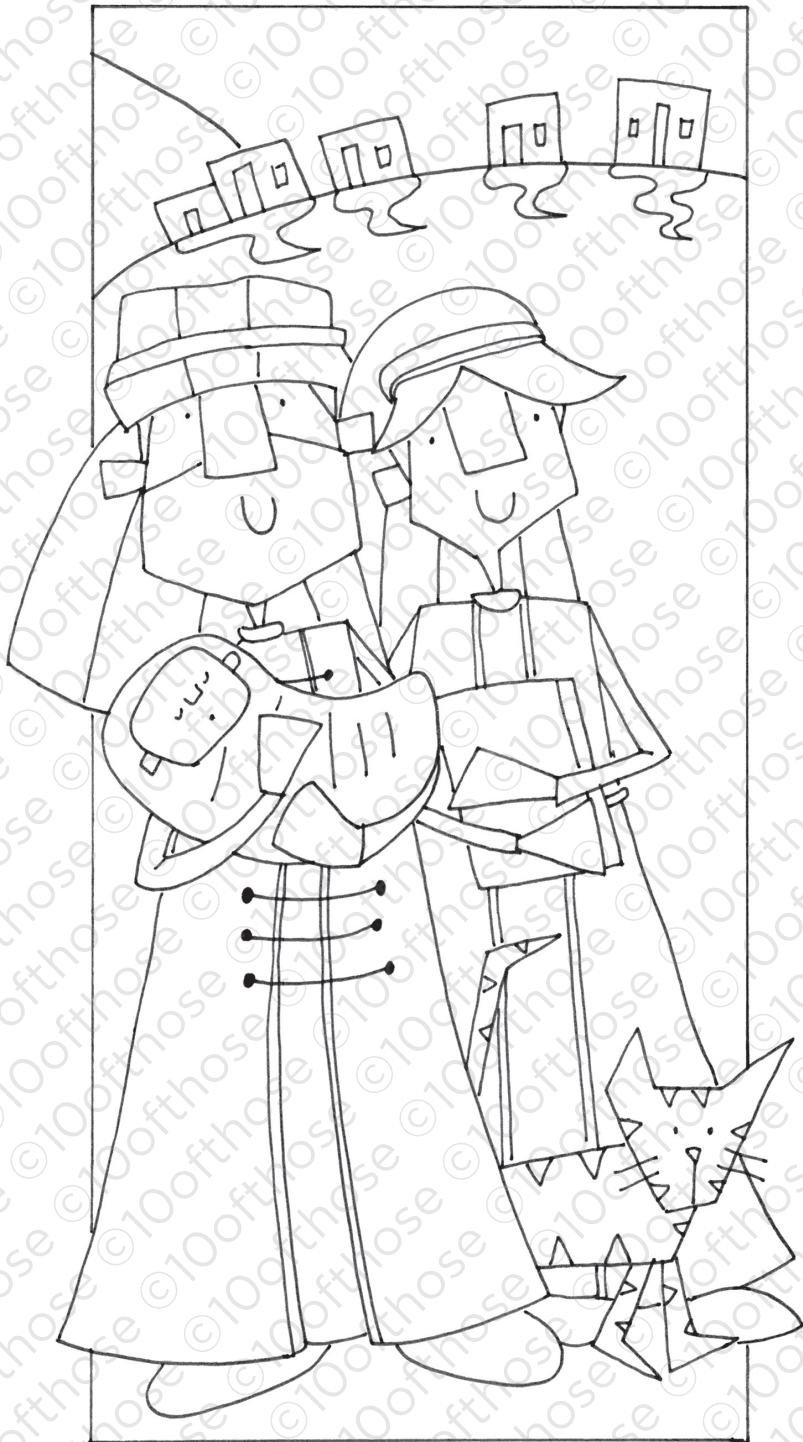
when
suddenly
angels
appeared
all
around.





“Let’s go
to see Him,”
the
shepherds
declared,
and found
him in
Bethlehem,
just like
they’d heard.





40 days
later a
visit was
planned.

To go
to the
temple,
the law
did
demand.

Anna and
Simeon

saw

Jesus

and knew,

that he

would bring

hope to

the world

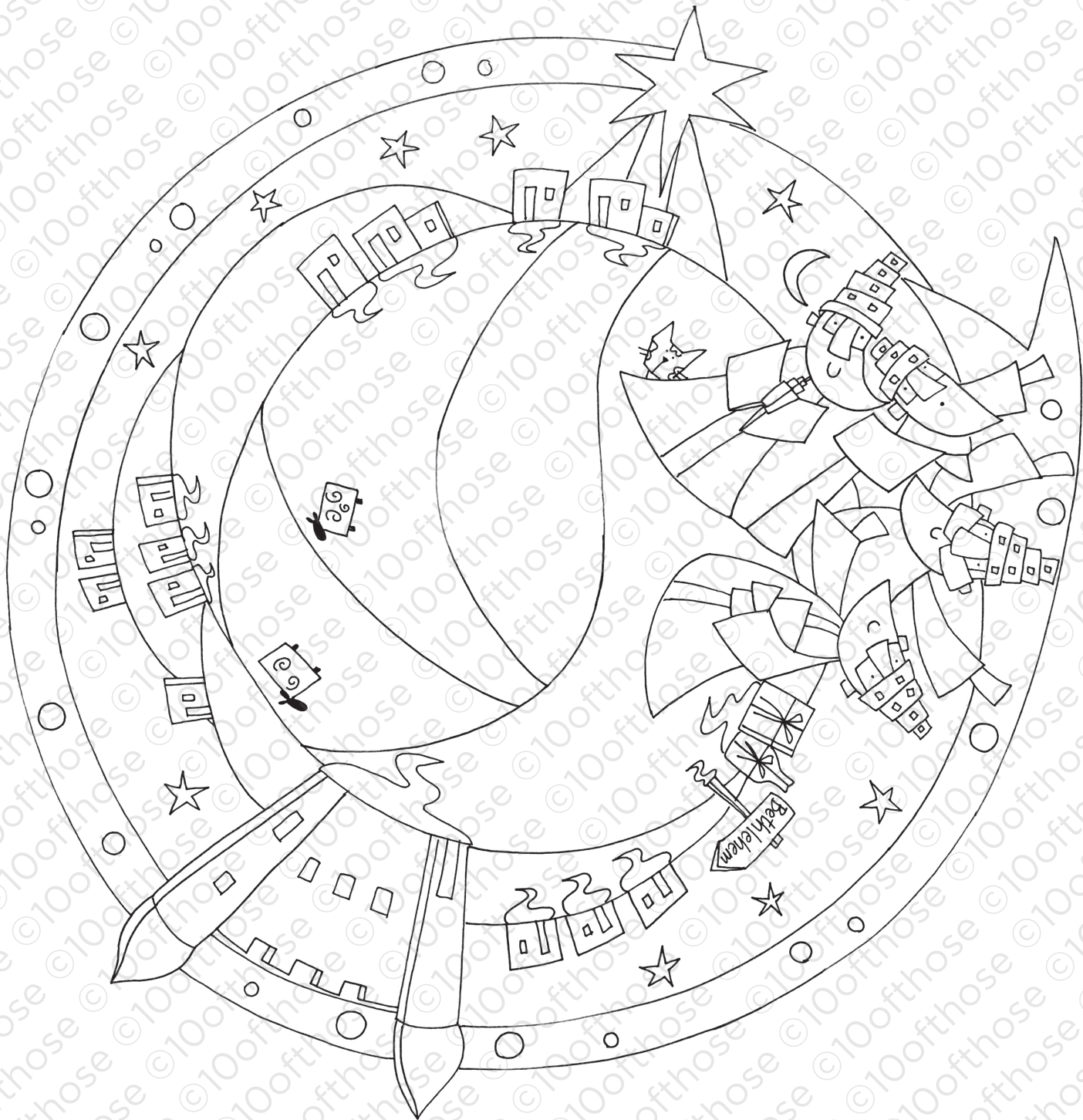
when

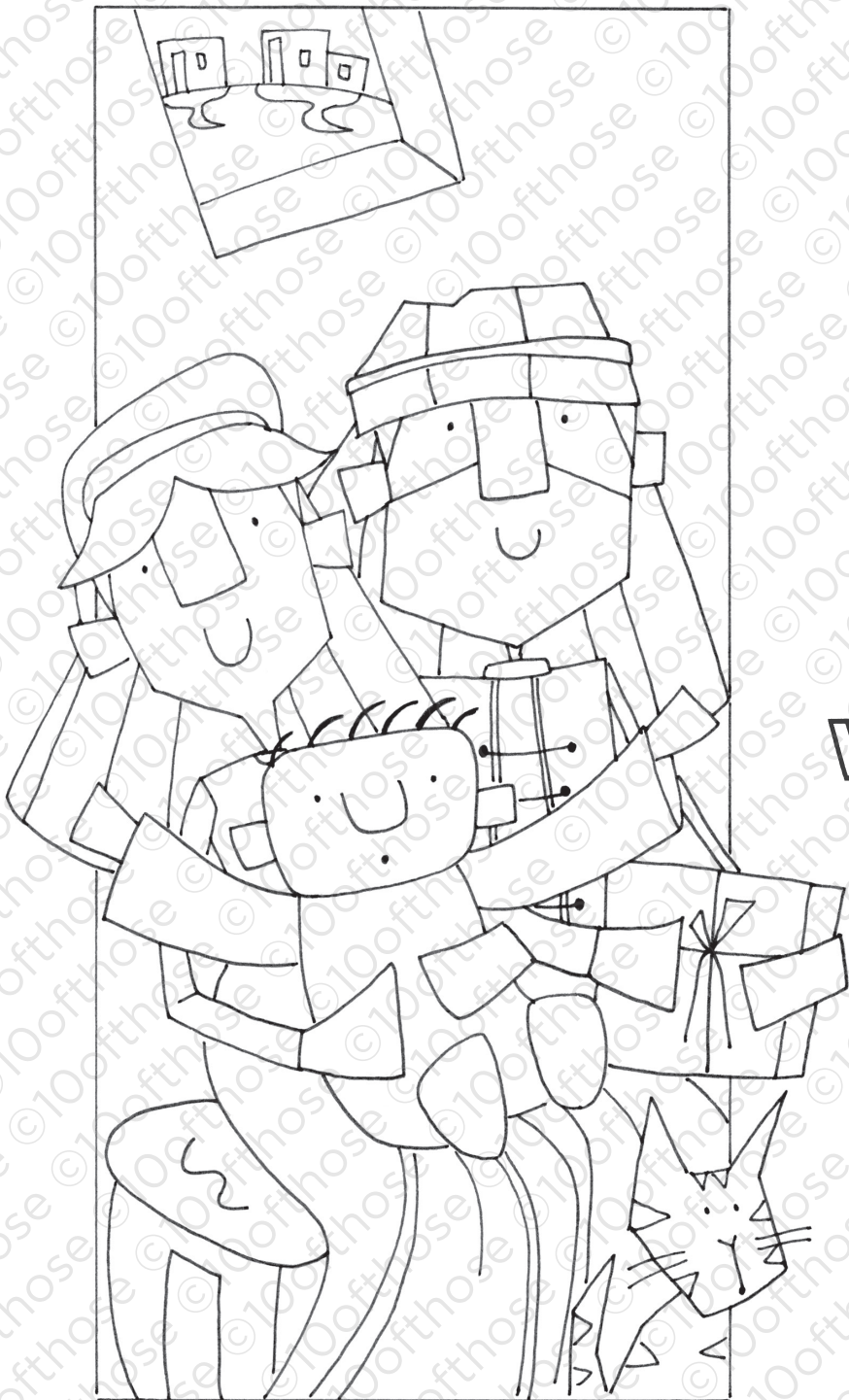
he grew.



When more time had
passed, some **wise**
men stopped by.

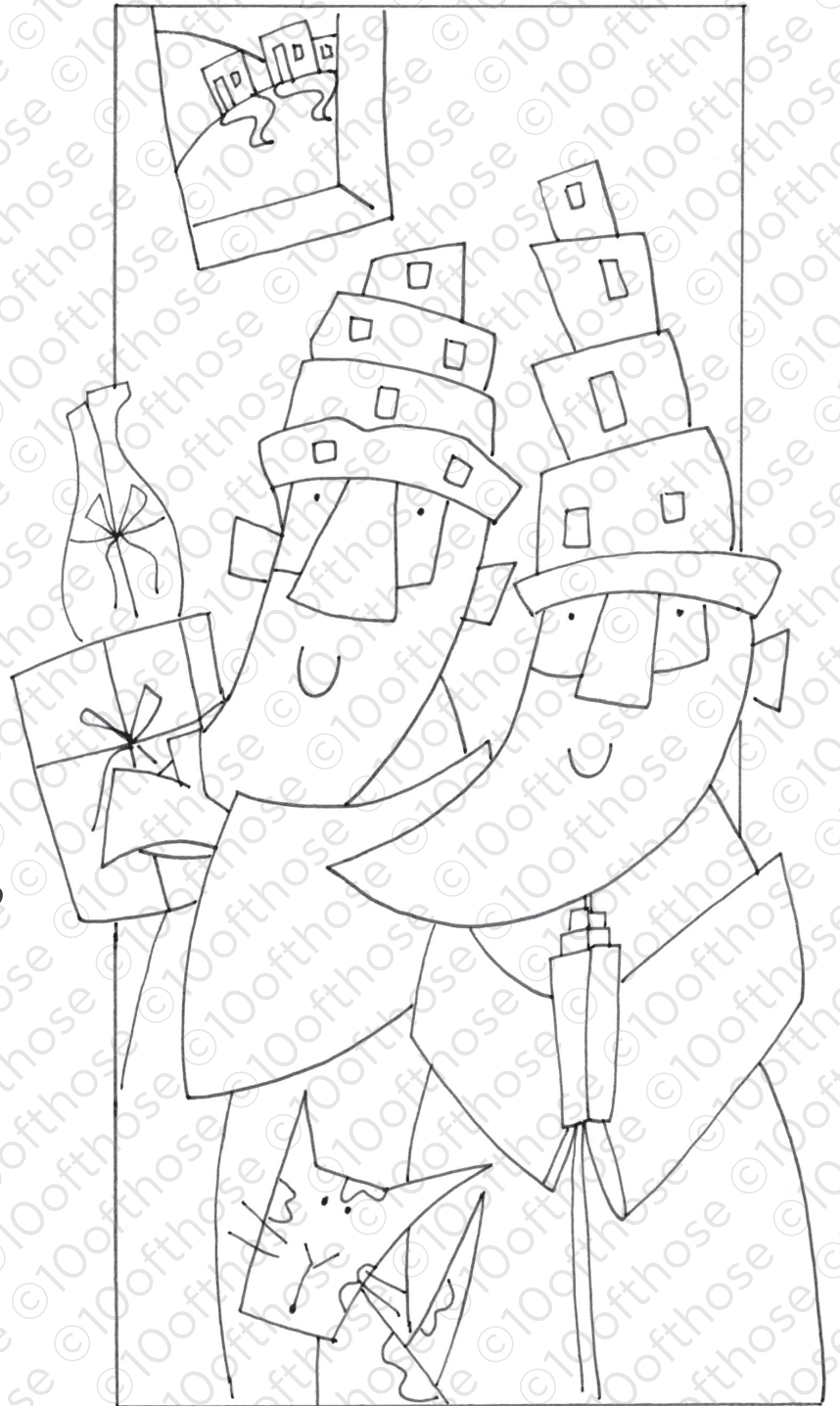
They'd followed a
star they had seen
in the **sky**.

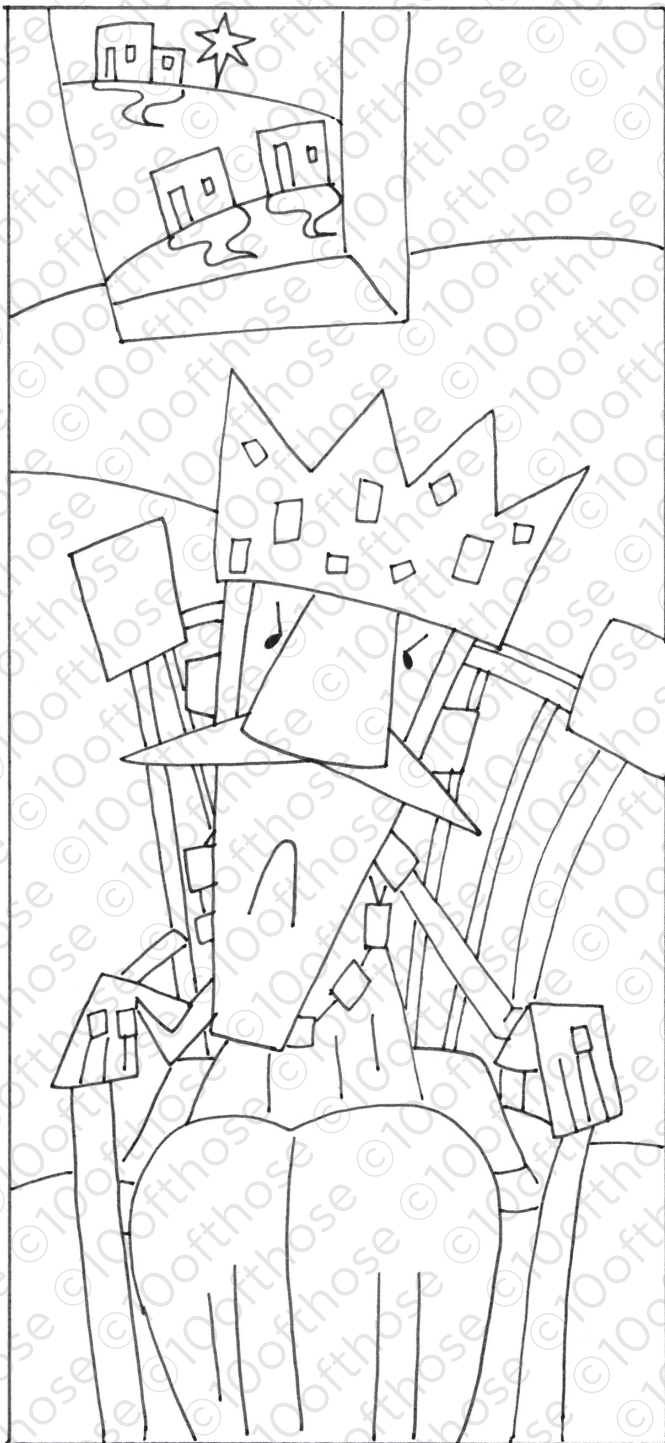




We don't
know how
many
wise men
were
there,

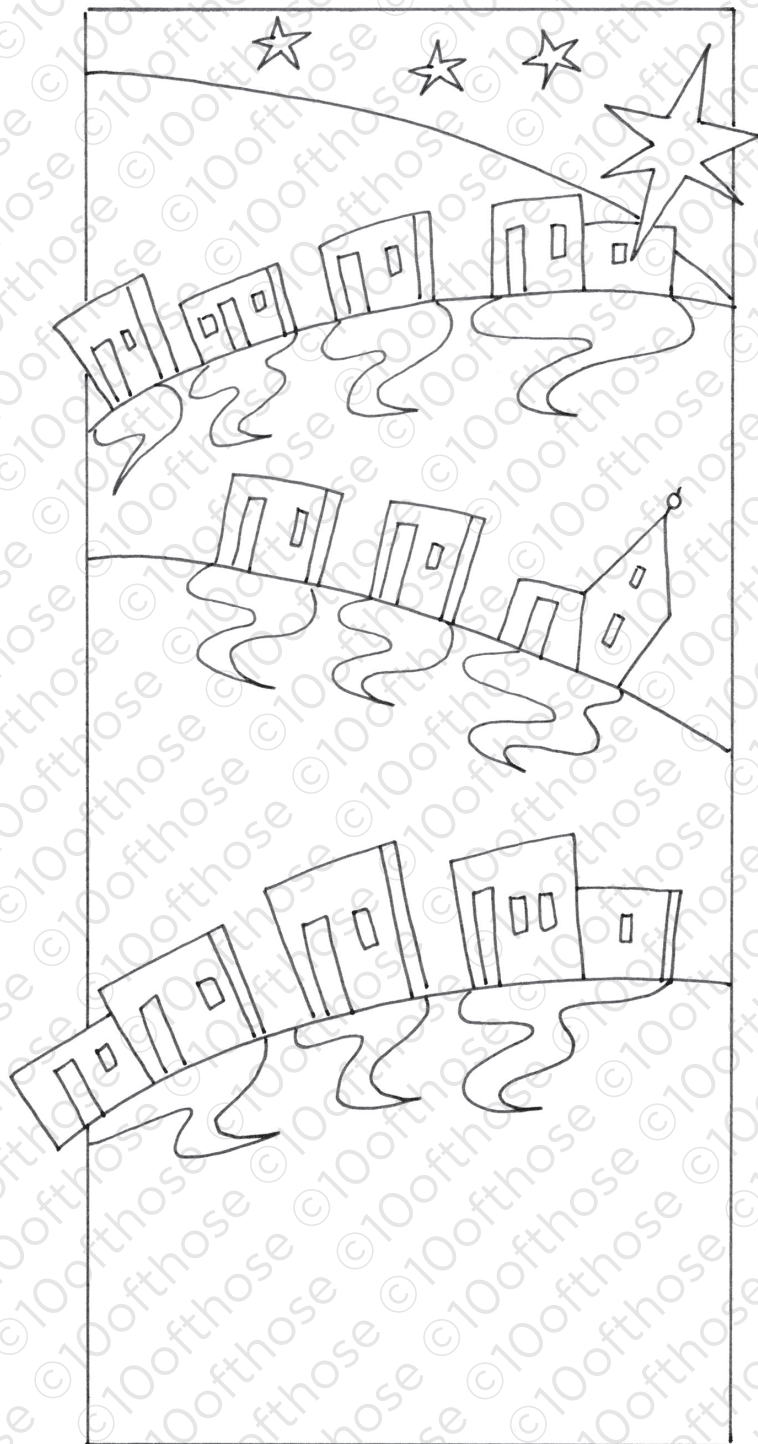
but **three**
gifts they
brought:
gold,
frankincense,
myrrh.



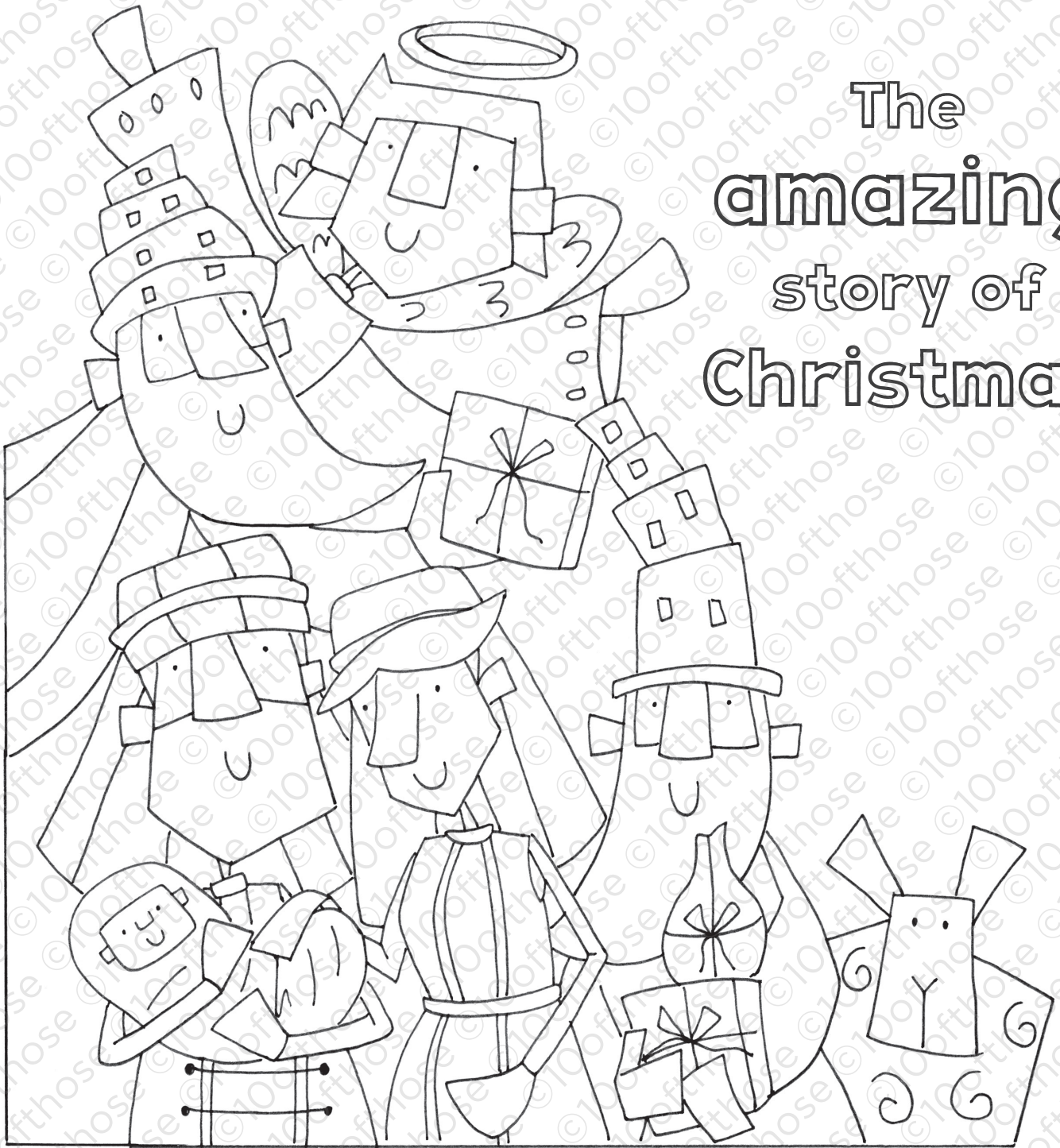


Herod was
angry a
new king
was born,
and God
sent an
angel to
Joseph to
warn,

that they
must go
quickly
to Egypt
to **hide**,
so there they
stayed
until Herod
had **died**.



The
amazing
story of
Christmas

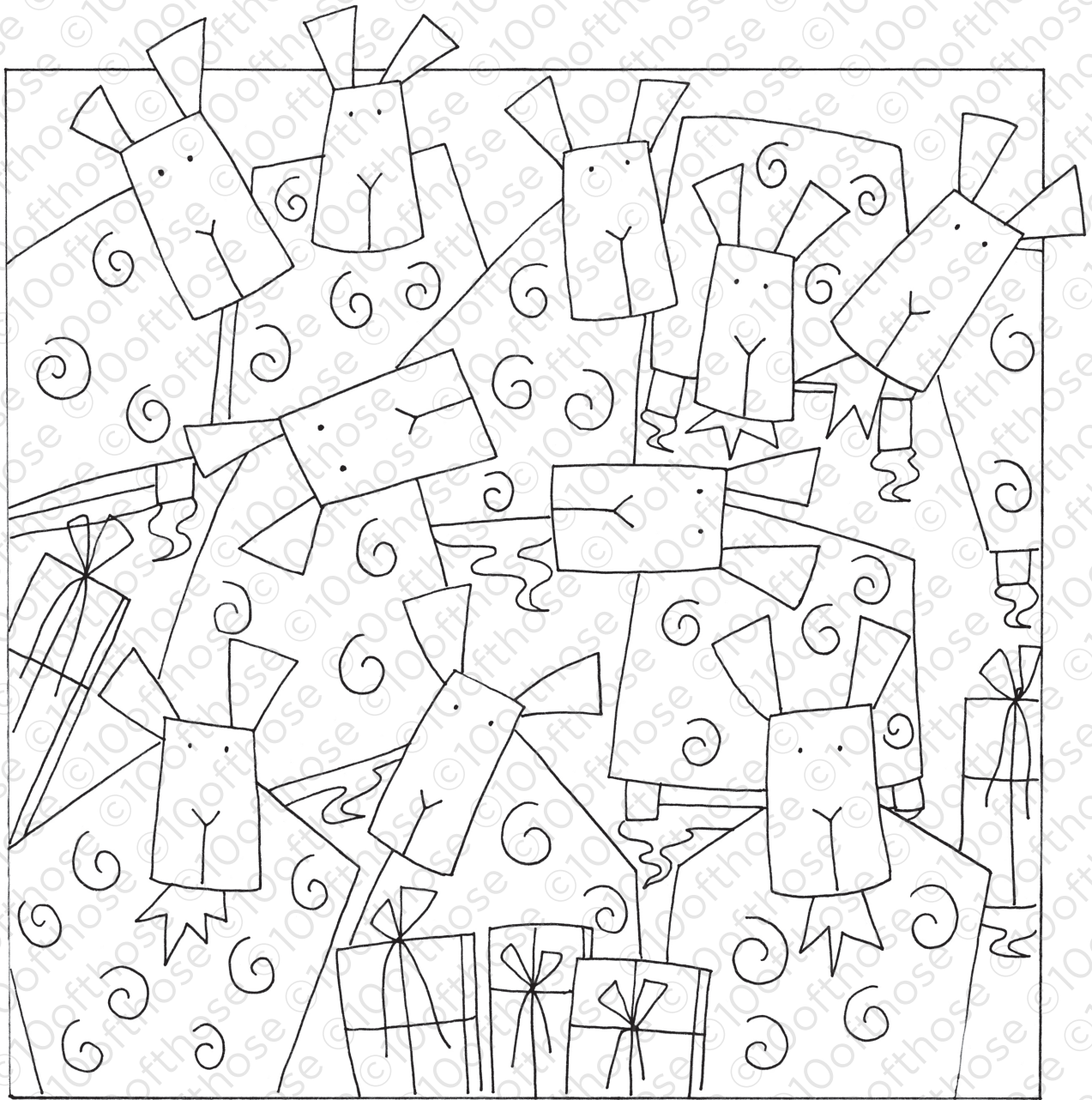


doesn't stop
there. It
was just the
beginning.

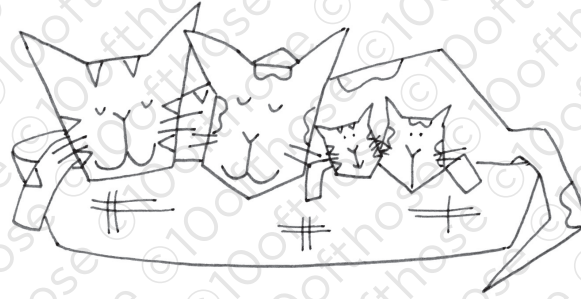


Just like at the **first**
Christmas, God wants
everyone, rich or poor, to
hear about his **wonderful**
son, Jesus, and to worship him.

We may not have **gold**,
frankincense or **myrrh**
to **bring** to him, but we can
give him our **hearts**
and **lives** today.



If you want to read the story of the nativity for yourself, you can find it at the start of both Matthew's and Luke's gospels in the Bible.



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