

THE LIFE OF FRIENDS

# CELEBRATE BABY JESUS



MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE BEEN THINKING  
ABOUT A SPECIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR,  
WHICH IS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS,  
AND THE SON OF GOD SO DEAR.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU,  
OUR VERY DEAR HUMAN FRIENDS,  
WITH HOW THE FULL STORY OF CHRISTMAS  
CAN HELP OUR WORLD TO MEND.

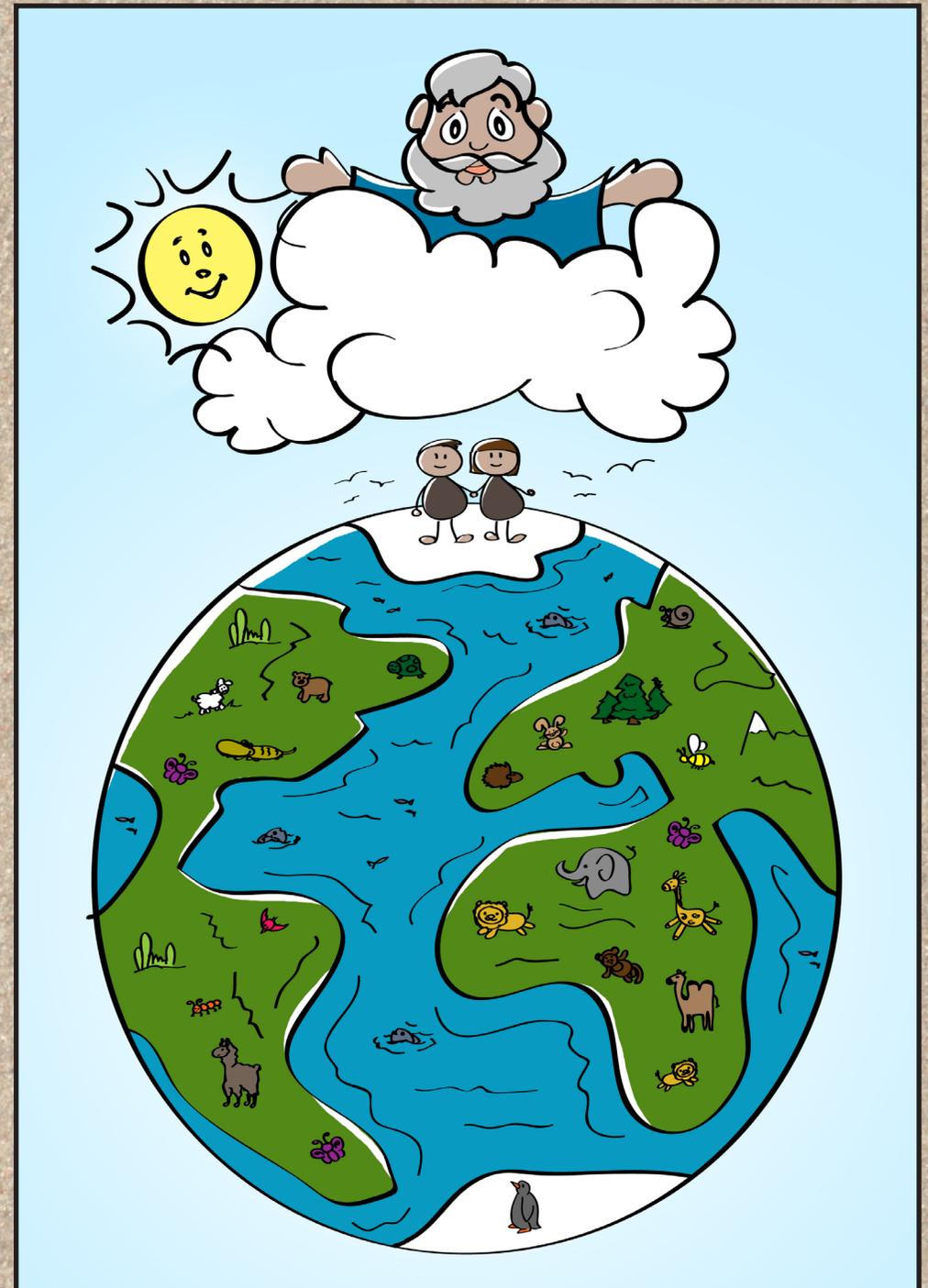




WHEN THE GOD OF HEAVEN MADE US,  
ANIMALS OF FOREST, SKY, SEA, AND LAND,  
HE WANTED US TO HAVE CARETAKERS,  
SO HE CREATED A PLAN FOR MAN.

HE GAVE YOU BOTH INTELLIGENCE  
AND OBSERVATION SKILLS TO USE,  
SO YOU COULD OVERSEE THIS WORLD  
THROUGH HIS LOVE, THERE'S NOTHING TO LOSE.

AND SO YOU, OUR DEAR HUMAN FRIENDS,  
WERE GIVEN US AS A TASK.  
HE TOLD YOU HE WOULD WORK THROUGH YOU.  
"JUST WALK WITH GOD," HE ASKED.





BUT WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT HUMANS  
FELT TOO SMART TO NEED OUR GOD.  
THEY INSTEAD DID THINGS THEIR OWN WAY,  
BARELY GIVING THE CREATOR A NOD.

AS HUMANS WENT THEIR OWN WAY  
OUR WORLD BEGAN TO FAIL.  
ALL CREATION SUFFERED;  
IT WAS ALL IN GREAT TRAVAIL.



SO THE ONE WHO MADE US  
DECIDED IT WAS TIME  
TO ENTER INTO OUR WORLD  
AND BECOME ONE OF MANKIND.

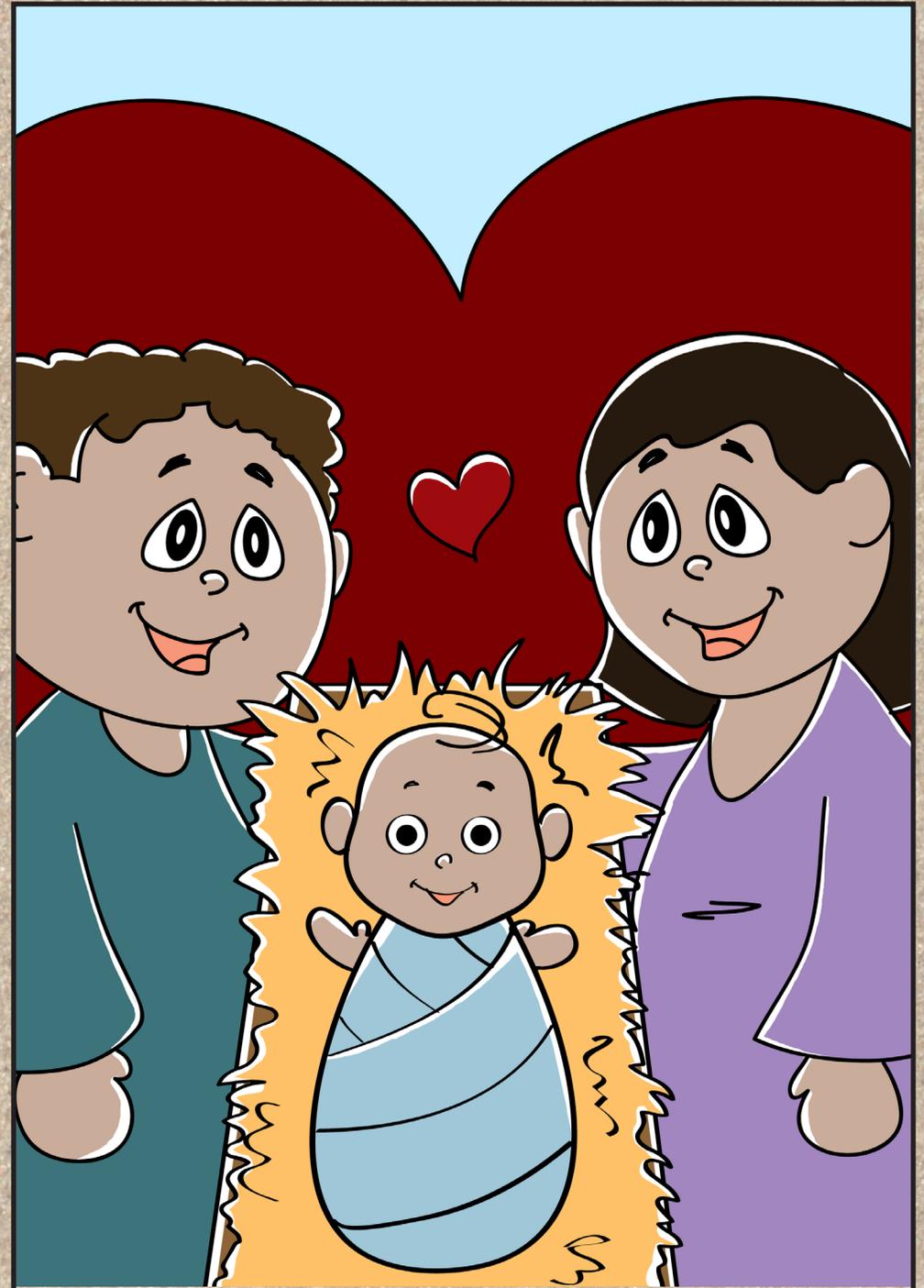




GOD THE FATHER PREPARED THE WAY.  
A VIRGIN HE DID FIND  
TO BEAR HIS SON, JESUS.  
INTO HUMANITY GOD WOULD CLIMB.

THE BABY JESUS WAS BROUGHT TO US  
BY GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT TOO.  
THEN MARY AND HER HUSBAND JOSEPH  
CARED FOR THE BABE WITH LOVE SO TRUE.

BY GOD BEING BORN AS A MAN,  
HE ENTERED INTO OUR REALM,  
SO YOU COULD SEE HE'S WITH YOU  
AND YOU WOULD KNOW HE'D UNDERSTAND.



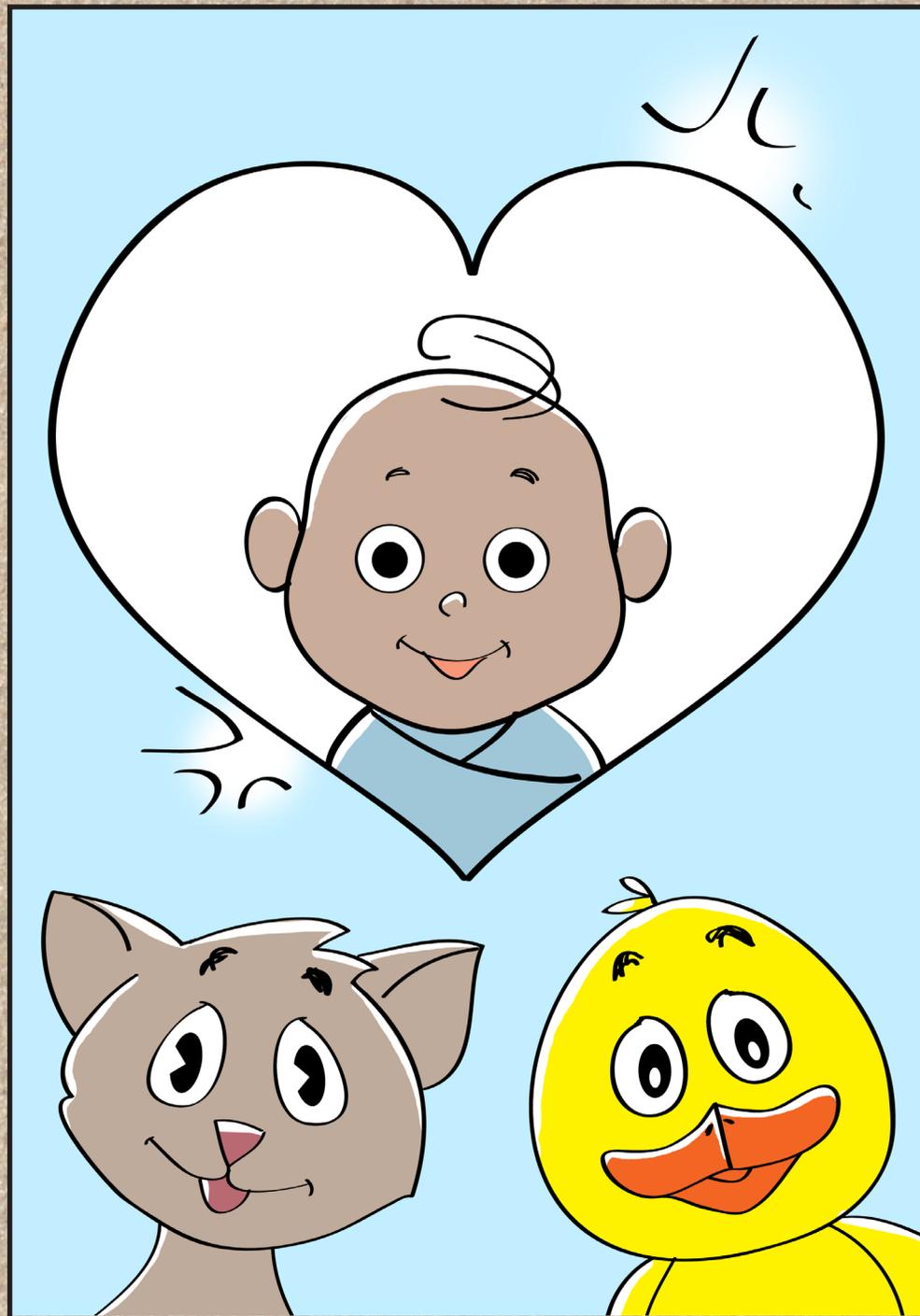


GOD, WHO IS IN THREE PERSONS,  
FATHER, THE SPIRIT, AND SON,  
ENJOYS WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU  
TO HELP YOU CARE FOR HIS CREATION.



SO WHY DO WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS?  
WHY DO WE CARE FOR THIS INFANT,  
ONE WHO APPEARS SO SMALL AND WEAK,  
WHO CAME DURING A TIME SO DISTANT?

BECAUSE WITHIN THE SMALL CHILD JESUS,  
GOD BECAME ALSO A MAN.  
HE DIDN'T LEAVE YOU ALL ALONE  
TO OVERSEE US, HIS CREATION, HIS PLAN.



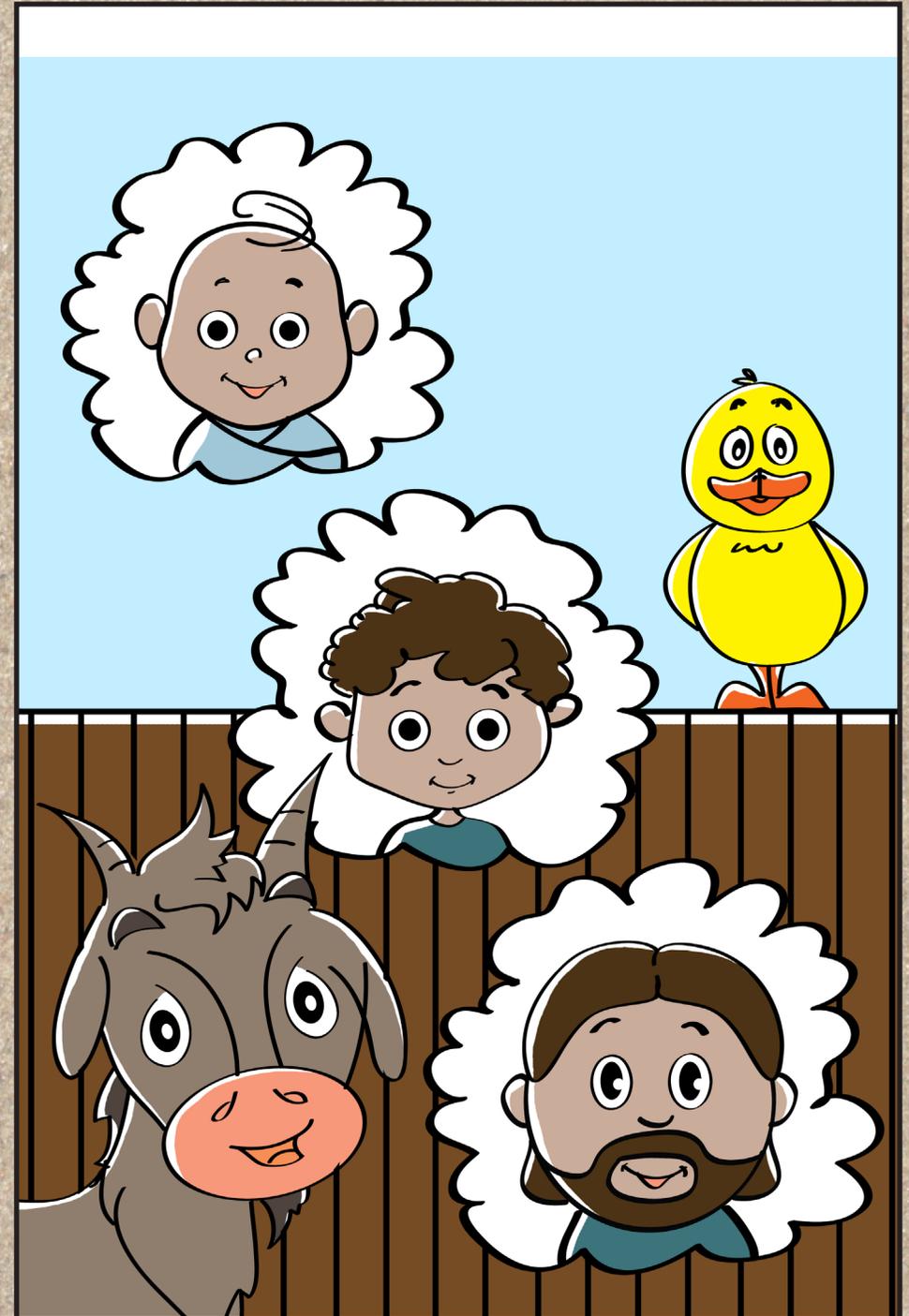


GOD DIDN'T TAKE OVER YOUR JOB.  
HE HASN'T INTERFERED WITH THE TASK.  
HE IS STILL EAGER TO WORK THROUGH YOU;  
TO LOVINGLY CARE FOR US IS WHAT HE ASKS.

BUT HE ALSO WANTED YOU TO KNOW  
THAT HE PERSONALLY UNDERSTANDS  
NOT ONLY WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ALMIGHTY GOD  
BUT TO BE WEAK AS A CHILD AND AS A MAN.



SO, OUR DEAR HUMAN FRIENDS,  
WE ARE HAPPY TO KNOW  
THAT THE SON OF GOD WAS GIVEN  
AS A BABE FOR GOD TO SHOW





THAT NONE OF US ON EARTH  
ARE ALONE WITHOUT HIS CARE.  
GOD IS RIGHT HERE WITH US,  
AND HE'LL WORK THROUGH YOU IF YOU DARE.

FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT  
WILL GIVE YOU ALL YOU NEED  
TO CARE FOR US, HIS CREATION.  
JUST LOOK TO JESUS--YOU WILL SEE.

FOR YOU ARE NOT ALONE  
IN THIS TASK THAT SEEMS TOO GRAND.  
YOU CAN MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE.  
YOU ARE PART OF GOD'S GREAT PLAN.





CELEBRATE NOW WITH US  
THE DEAR SON OF GOD SO SMALL.  
HE ENTERED EARTH TO LIVE AMONGST YOU,  
TO BE THERE FOR YOU WHEN YOU CALL.

THIS BABE SO SMALL AND BEAUTIFUL  
WHO CAME TO EARTH FOR ALL TO KNOW.  
THE SON OF GOD IS GIVEN  
FOR PEACE ON EARTH TO FLOW!

