



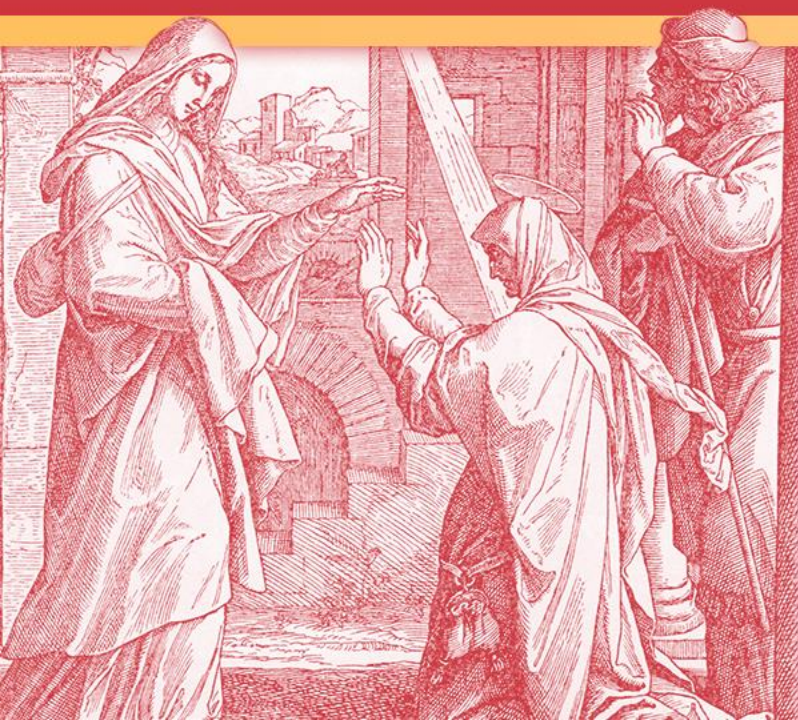
**Children's Story  
About a Horse &  
a Man Who Gave Up  
on Christmas**





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# CHRISTMAS & PEOPLE LIKE US





In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7 (ESV)

# God Became Truly Like Us

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Luke 2:6-7



# God Became Truly Like Us So That We Could Become Like Him

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

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God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

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Galatians 2:20 - “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

Galatians 3:27 - Those “baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Romans 8:29 - “conformed to the image of his Son.”

1 John 3:2 - “...we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”

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"*You are the light of the world...* let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16

