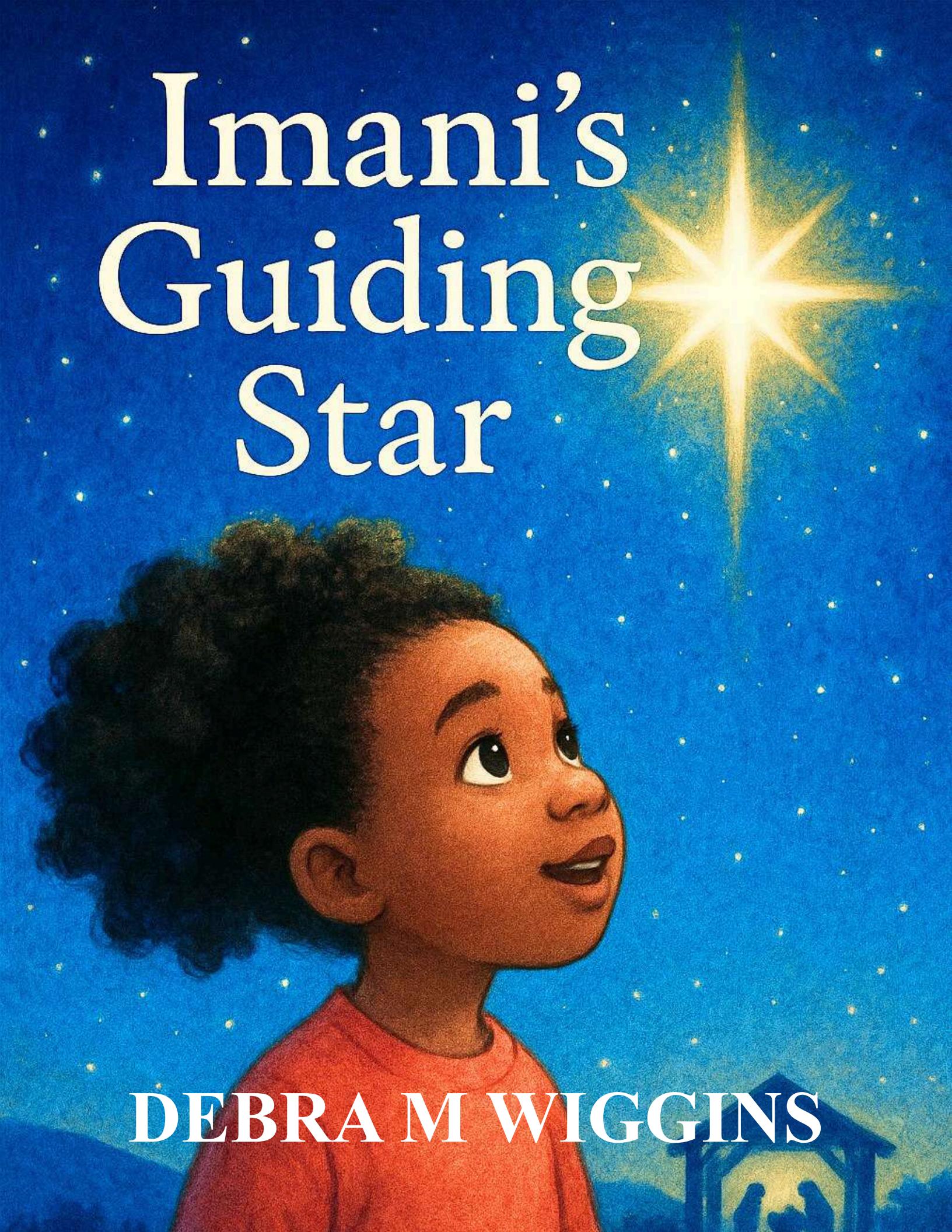


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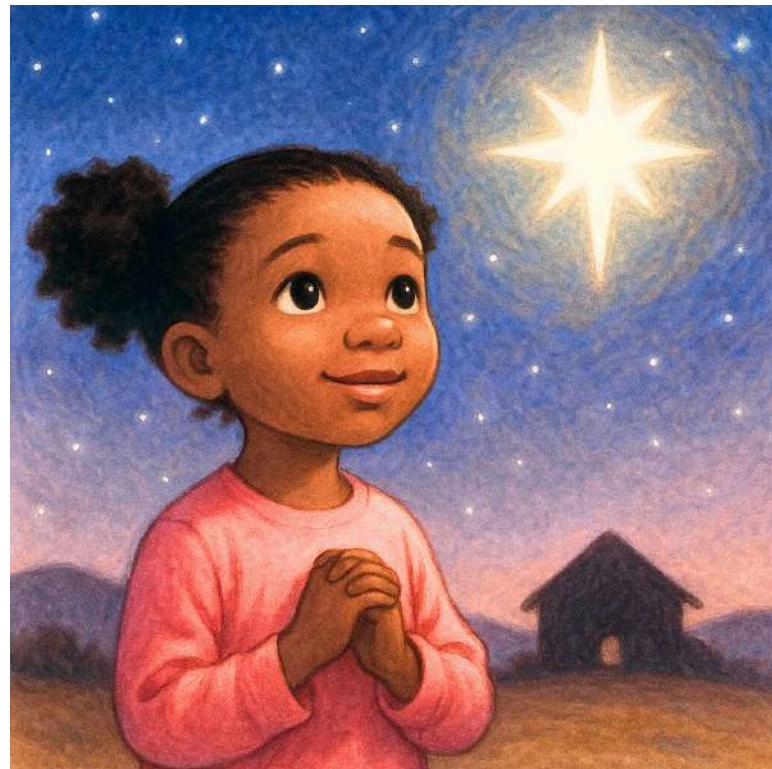


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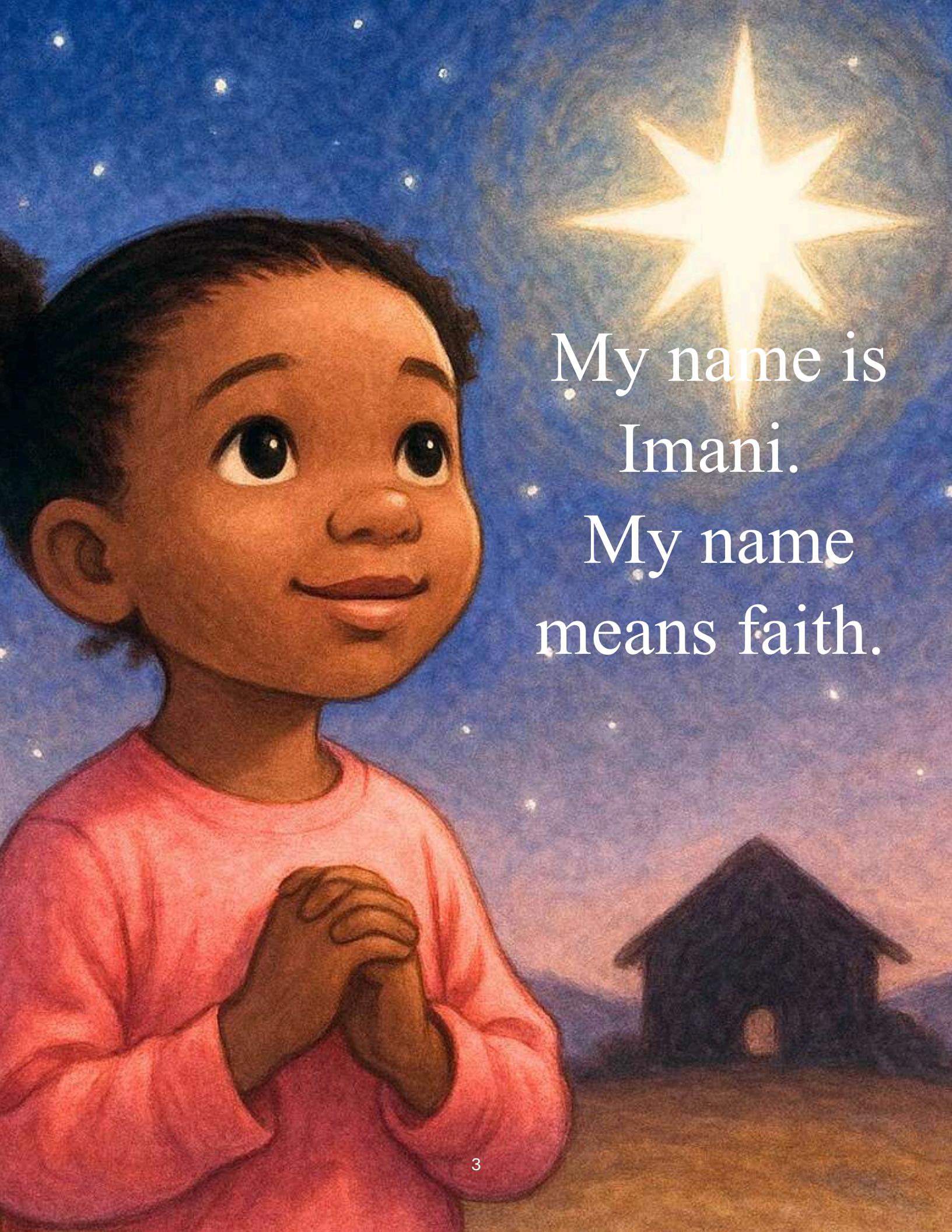
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A Village Virtues Christmas Story

Faith • Purpose • Obedience

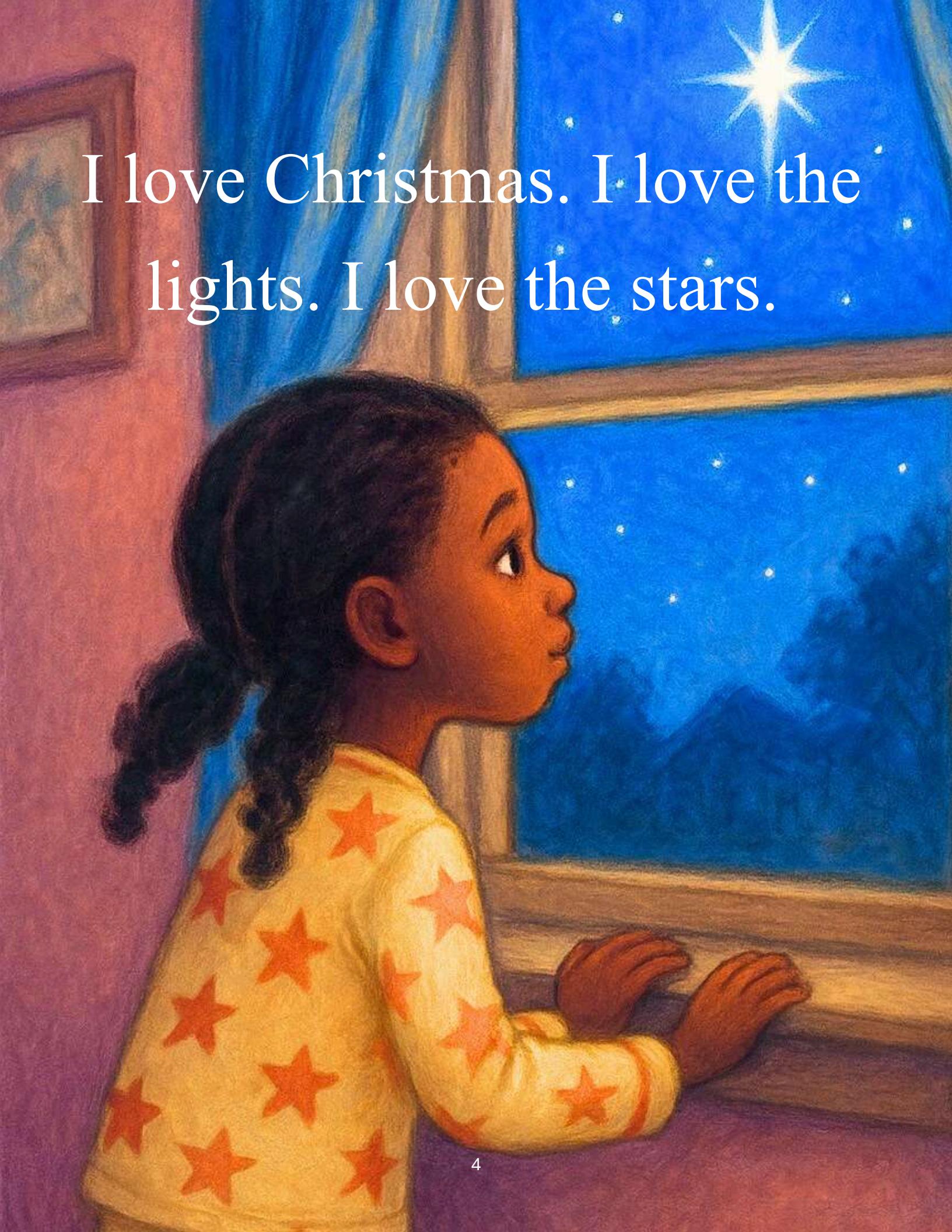


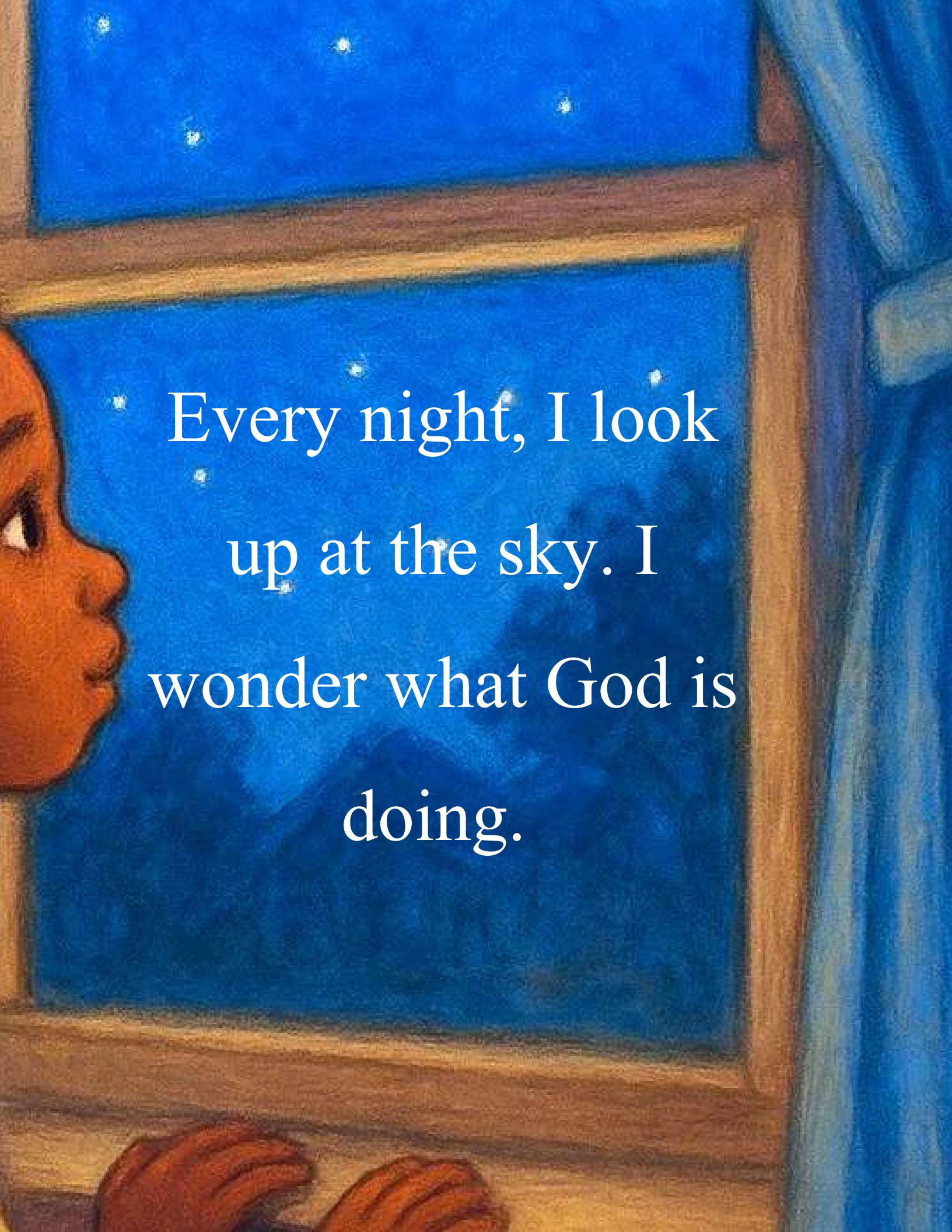
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My name is  
Imani.  
My name  
means faith.

I love Christmas. I love the  
lights. I love the stars.

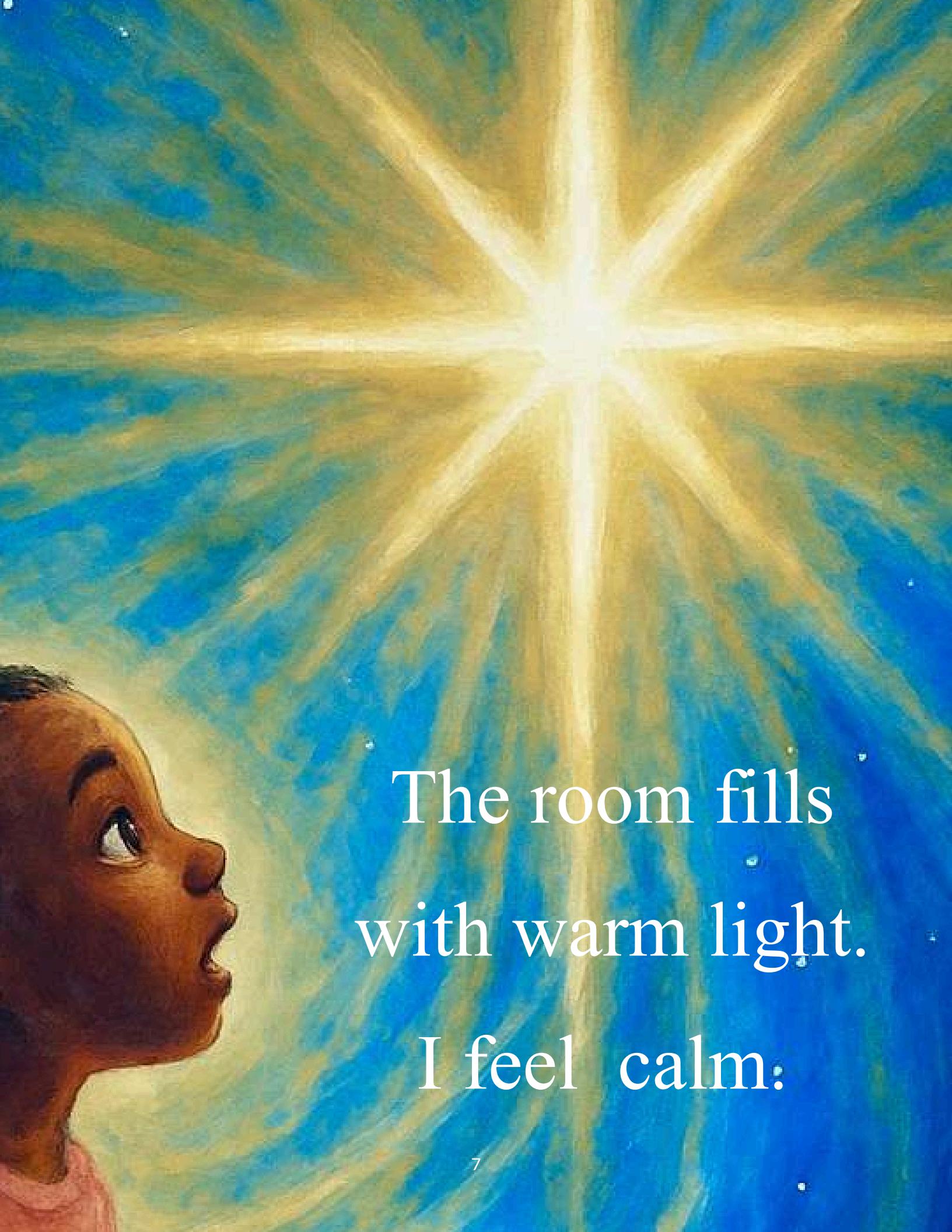




Every night, I look  
up at the sky. I  
wonder what God is  
doing.



One night, one  
star shines  
very bright.  
Brighter than  
all the others.

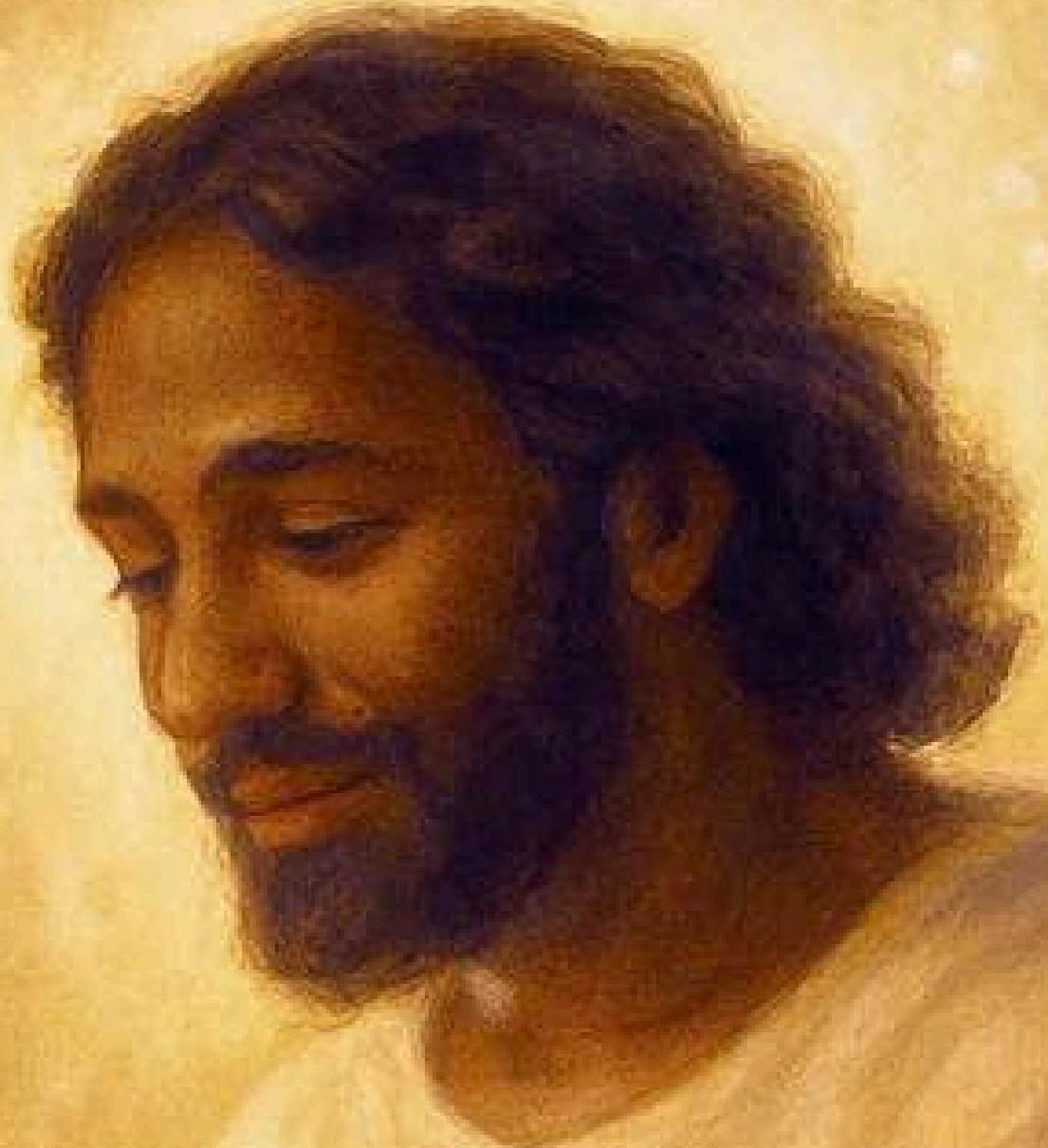


The room fills  
with warm light.

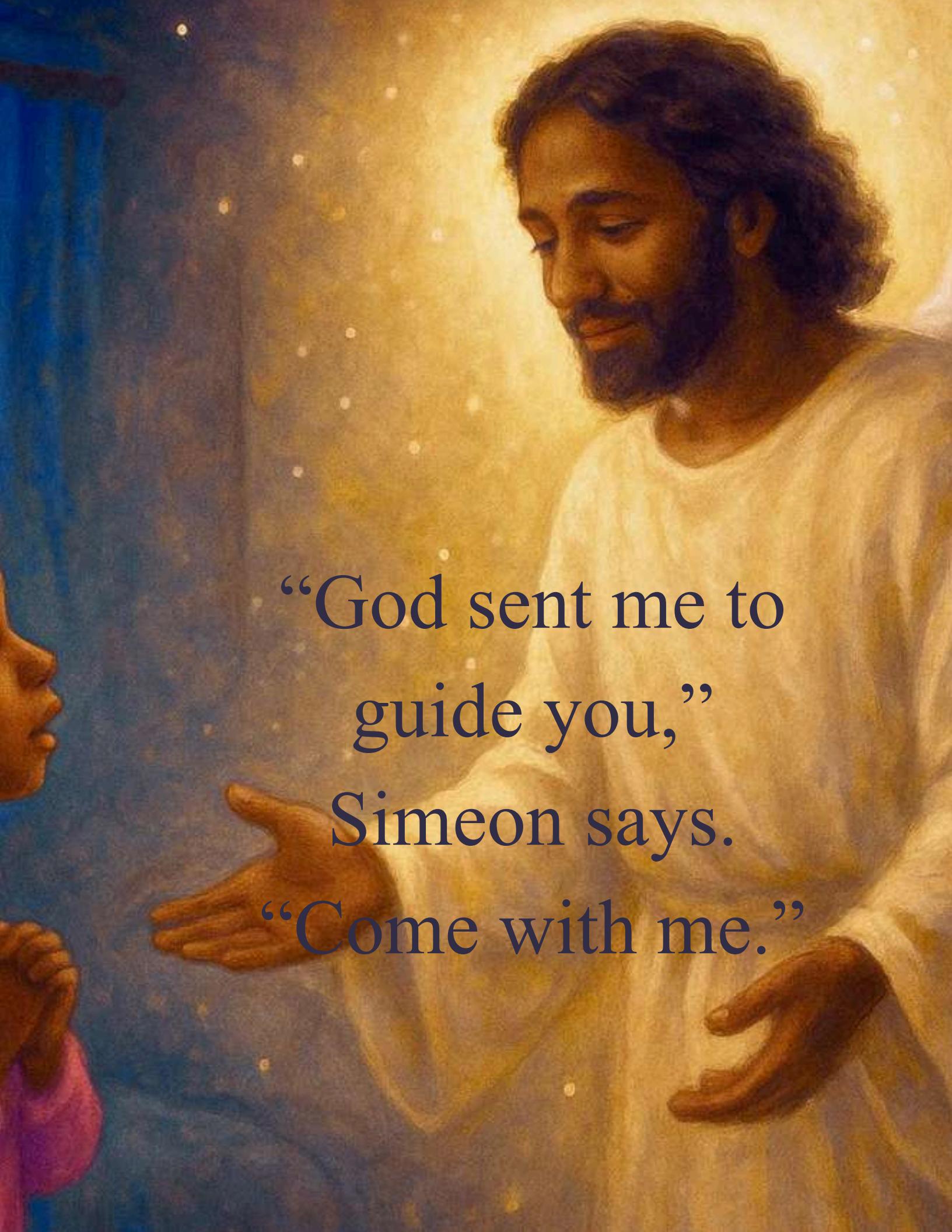
I feel calm.

“Do not be afraid,”  
a gentle voice says.

*“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy.” — Luke 2:10*



An angel appears.  
His name is Simeon.

A painting of a man with a beard and a woman's profile. The man is in the center, looking down with a gentle expression. He has dark hair and a full beard. The woman's profile is on the left, facing the man. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color with some blue and purple tones on the left. The overall mood is peaceful and intimate.

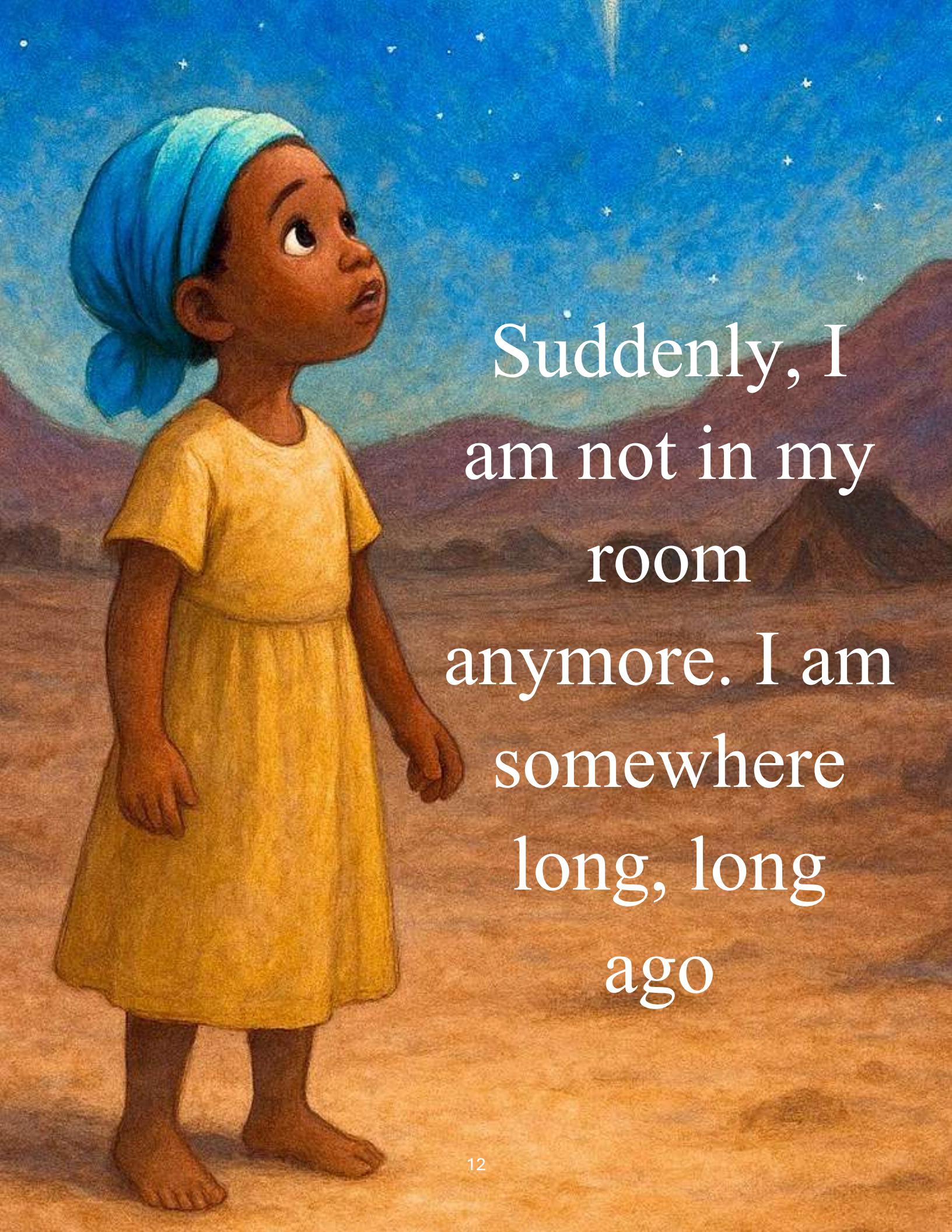
“God sent me to  
guide you,”

Simeon says.

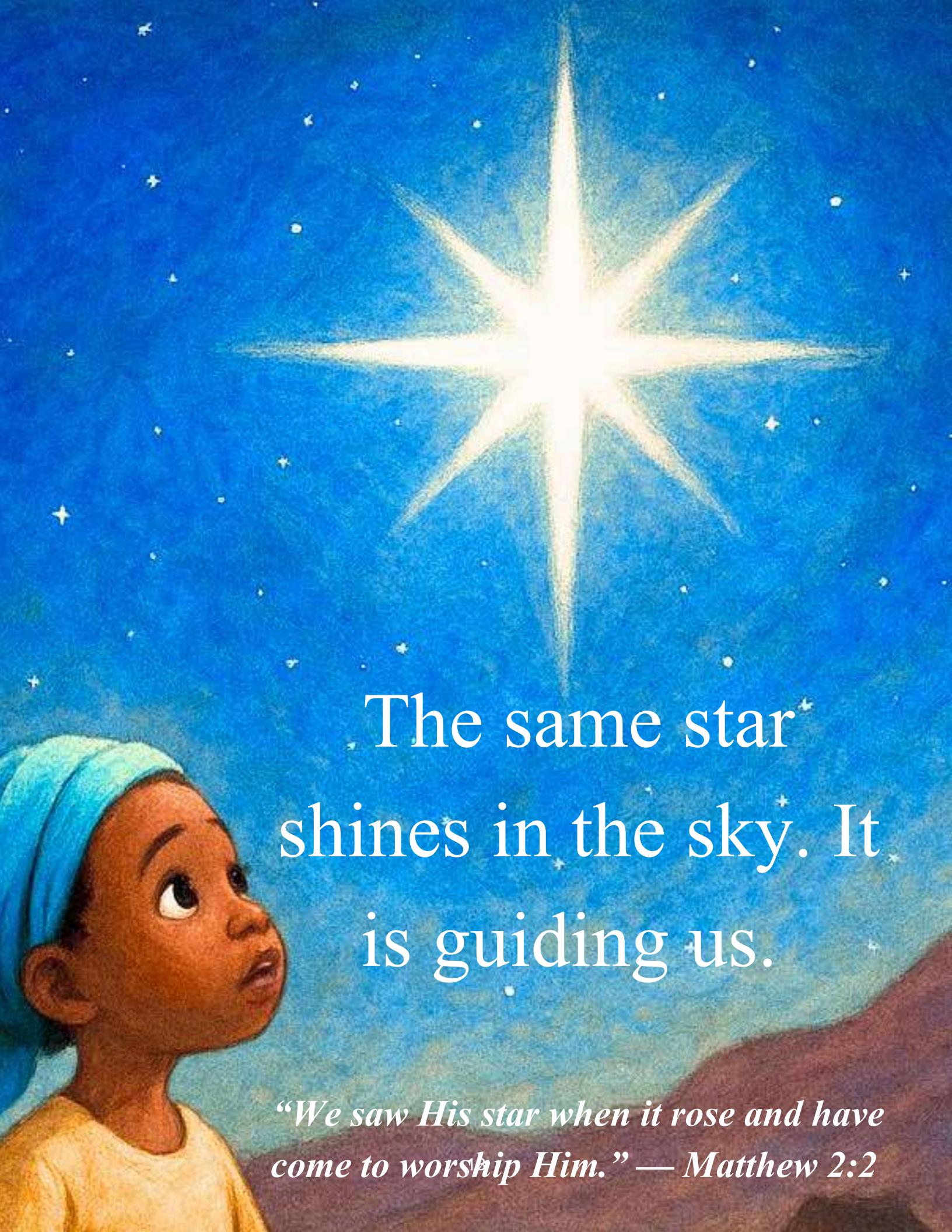
“Come with me.”



The bright star  
grows closer.  
Everything  
sparkles!

A young girl with dark skin, a blue headwrap, and a yellow dress stands on a sandy ground, looking up at a starry blue sky. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Suddenly, I  
am not in my  
room  
anymore. I am  
somewhere  
long, long  
ago

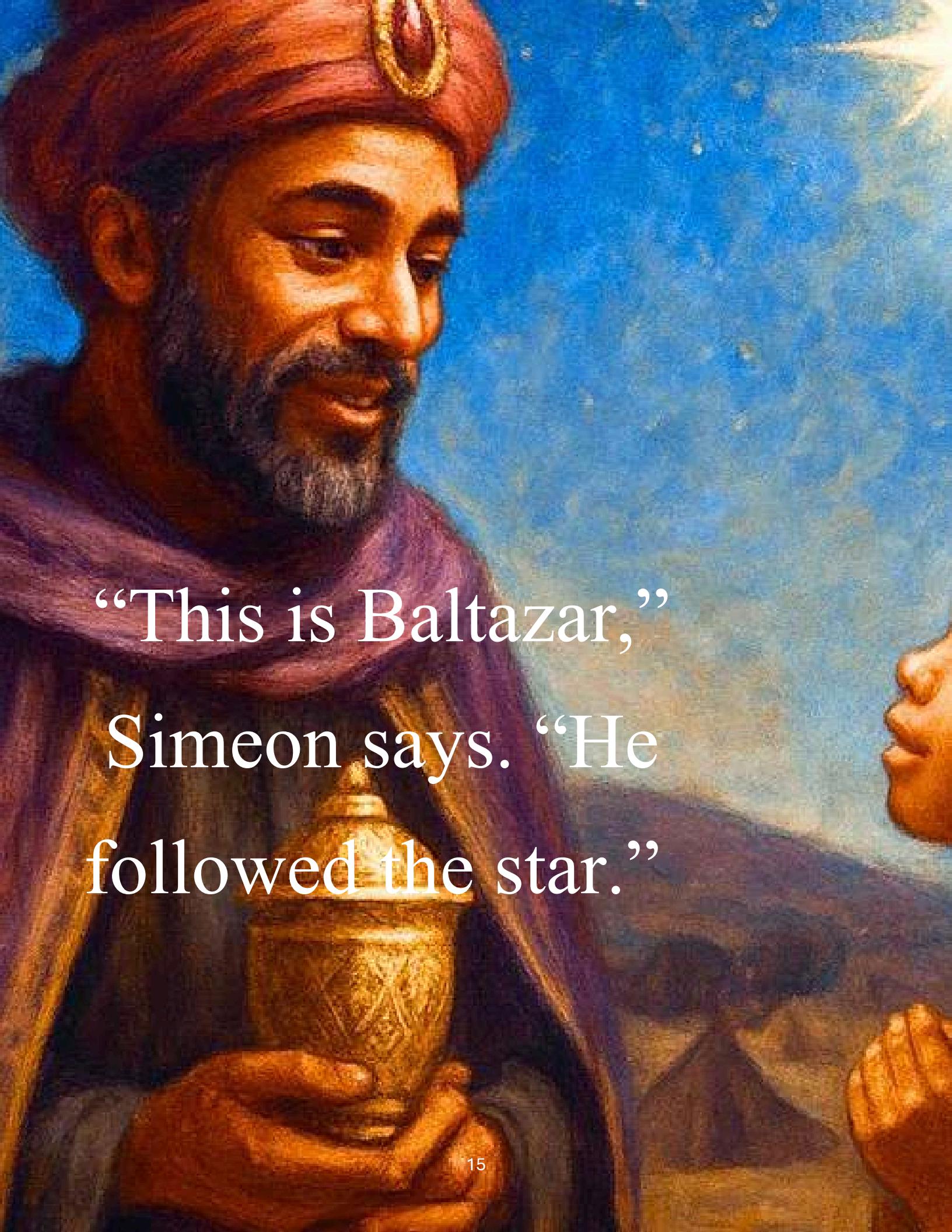
A young child with dark skin and a blue headband is looking up at a large, bright star in a blue night sky. The star has many rays of light emanating from it. The background is a dark blue with small white stars.

The same star  
shines in the sky. It  
is guiding us.

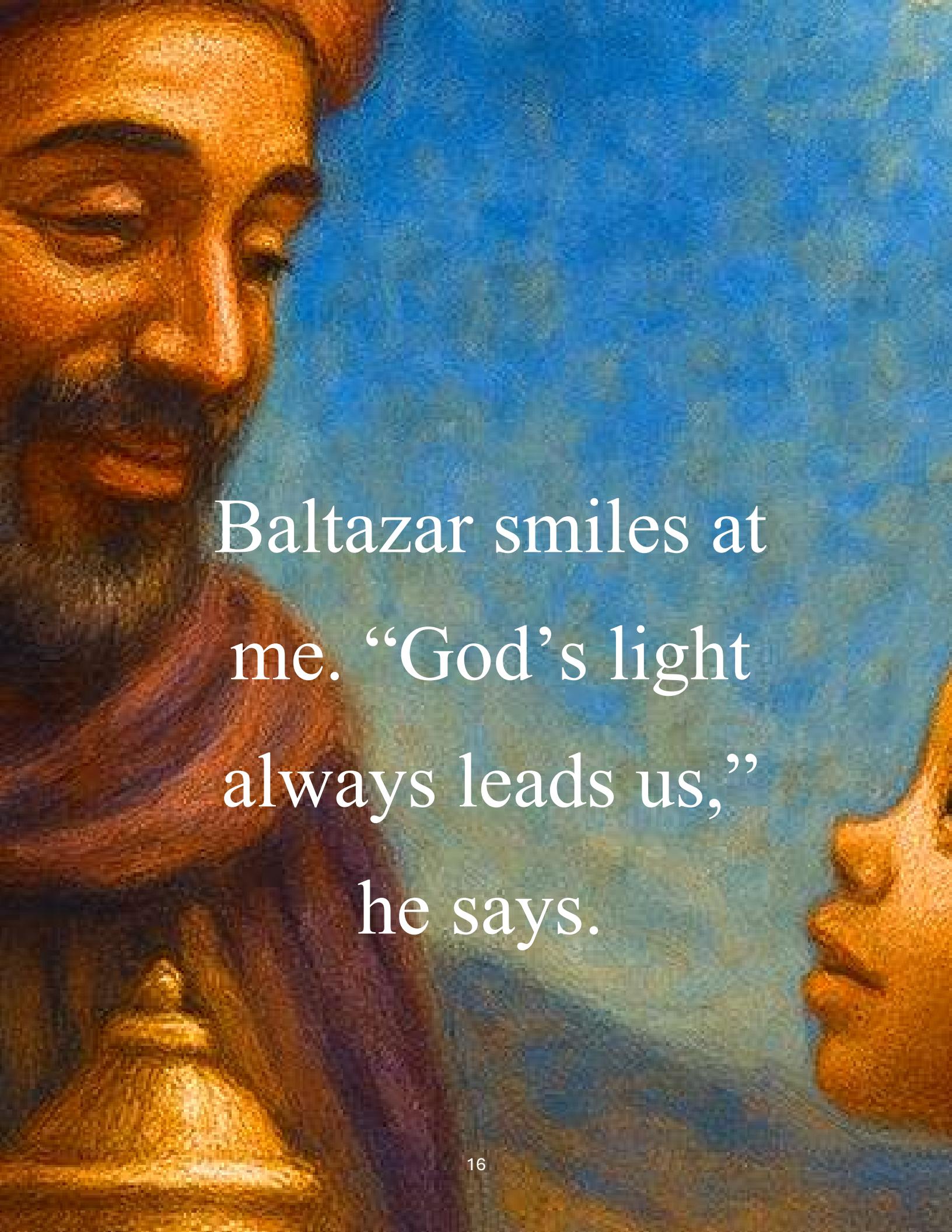
*“We saw His star when it rose and have  
come to worship Him.” — Matthew 2:2*

A painting of a wise man with a beard and a red turban, holding a gold cup, and a young child looking up at a bright star in the sky. The background is a blue and yellow gradient.

A wise man  
stands nearby.  
His skin is  
dark and  
beautiful. His  
eyes are kind.



“This is Baltazar,”  
Simeon says. “He  
followed the star.”



Baltazar smiles at  
me. “God’s light  
always leads us,”  
he says.

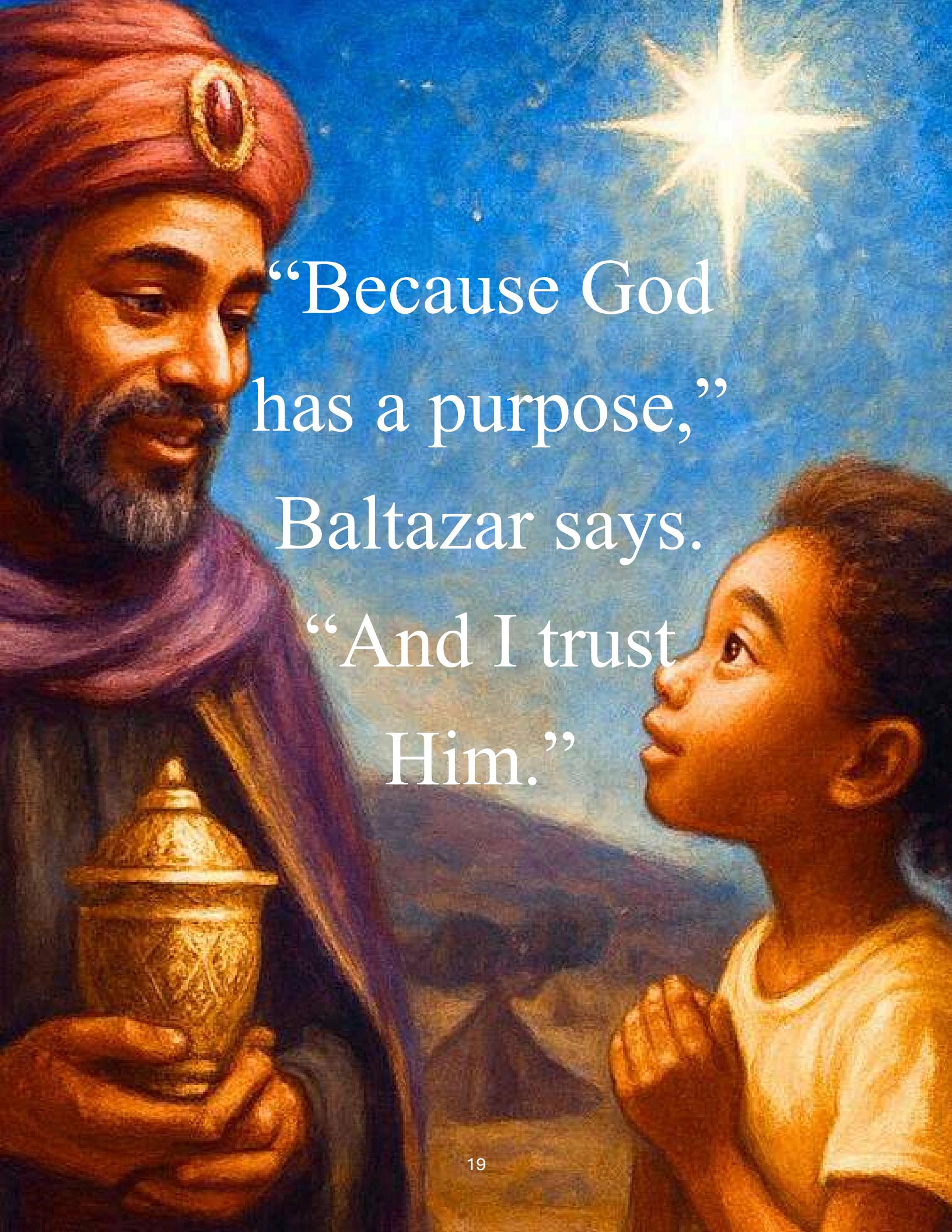


We walk together.

The star shows us  
the way.

A painting of a young boy with dark hair and a serious expression, looking upwards and to the right. He is set against a background of a blue sky with a bright, glowing star or light source at the top. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting his face and the star.

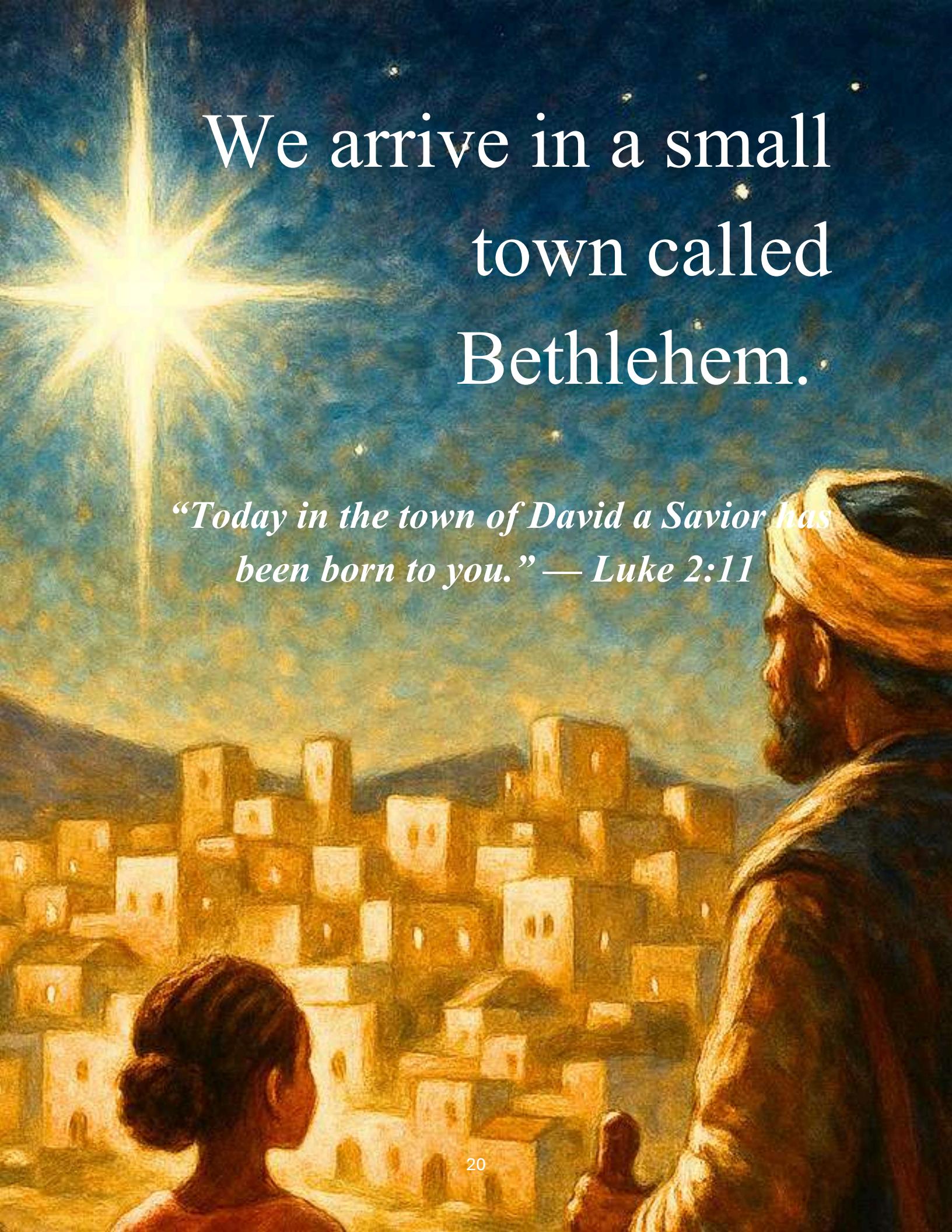
“Why do you  
follow the  
star?” I ask.



“Because God  
has a purpose,”

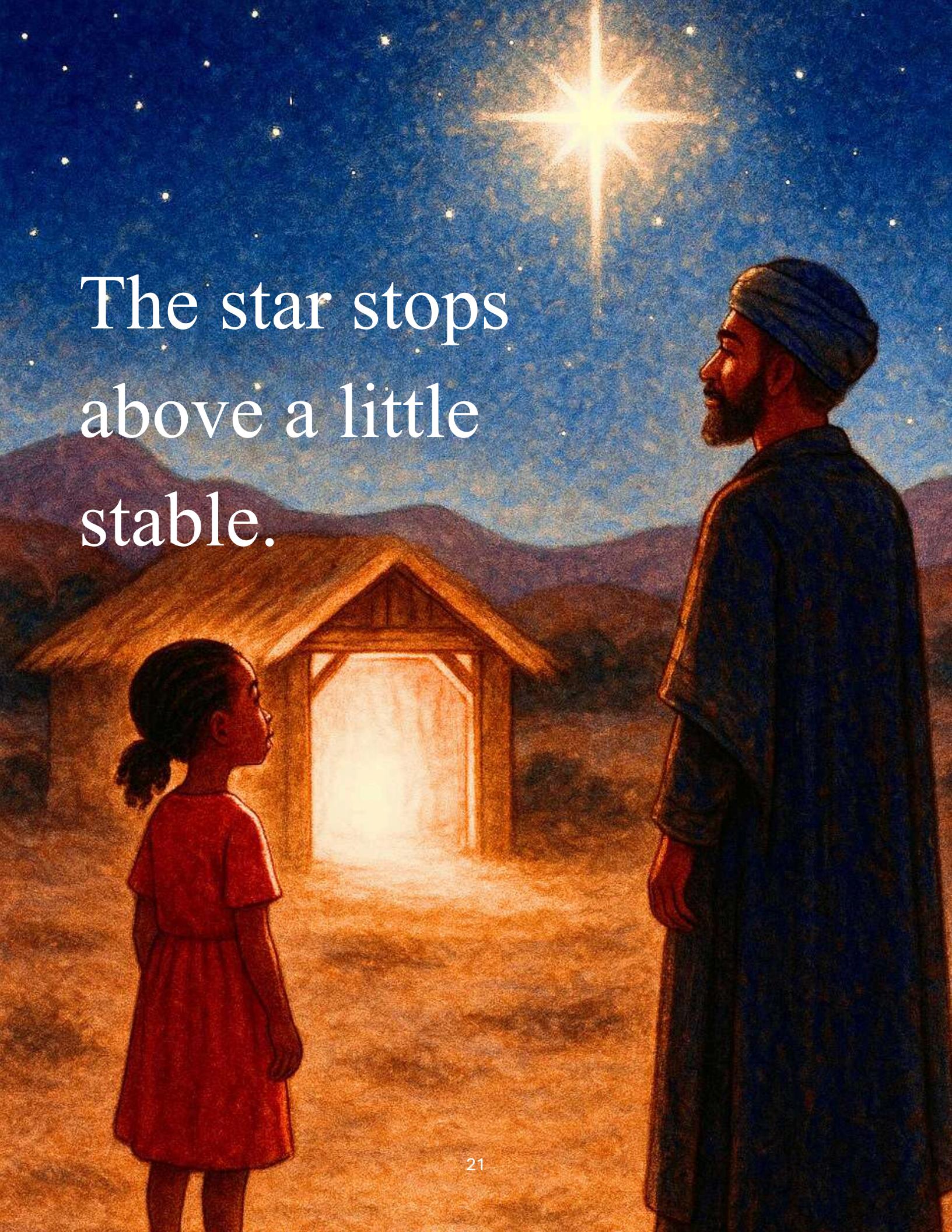
Baltazar says.

“And I trust  
Him.”

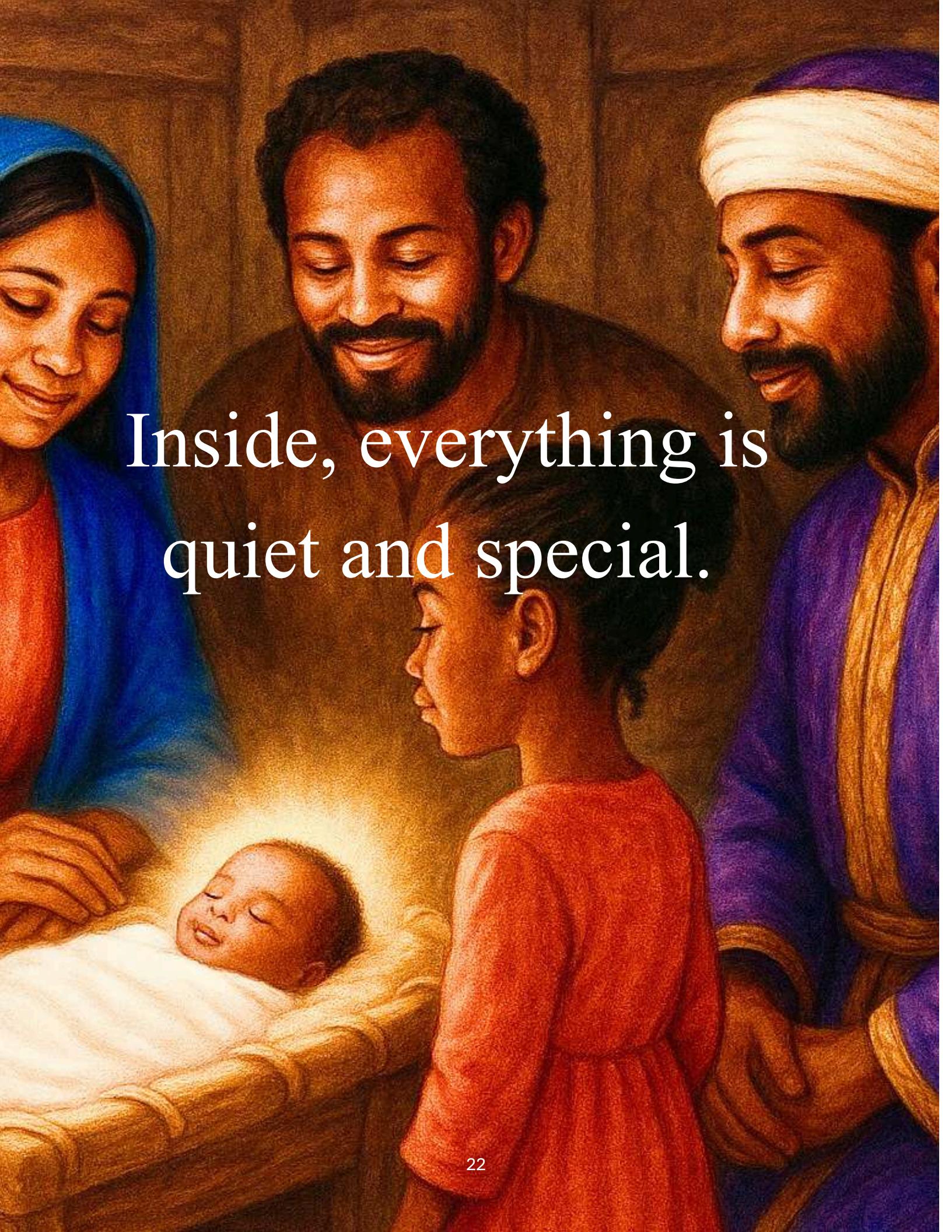
A painting depicting the Star of Bethlehem. A bright, multi-pointed star in the upper left corner emits rays of light that illuminate a town of stone buildings in the background. In the foreground, a man with a beard and a woman with dark hair are looking up at the star. The sky is dark with visible stars.

We arrive in a small  
town called  
Bethlehem.

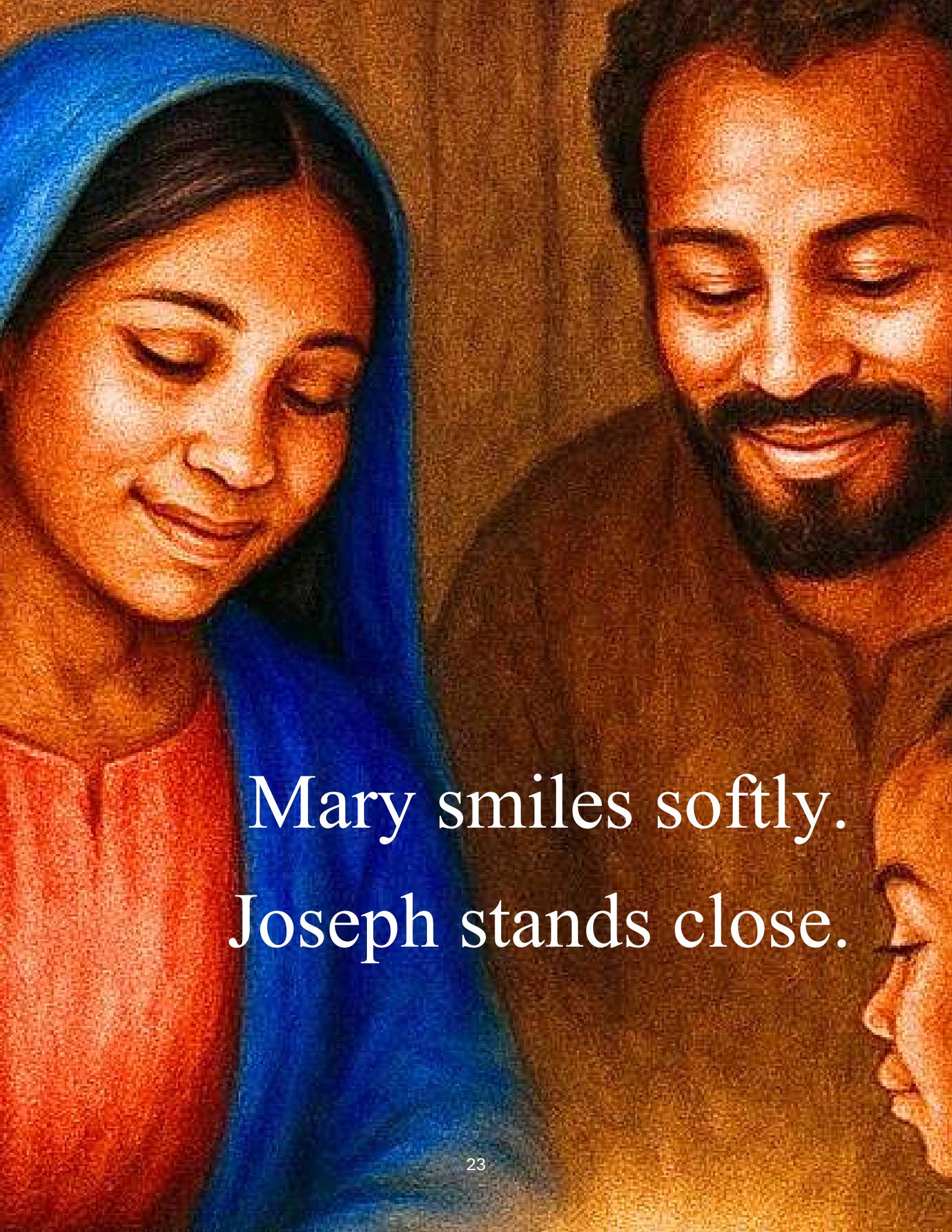
*“Today in the town of David a Savior has  
been born to you.” — Luke 2:11*

A painting depicting the Star of Bethlehem. A bright, star-shaped light in the upper right corner of a dark blue, star-filled sky. Below it, a stable with a thatched roof is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. A man with a beard and a blue turban stands on the right, looking up at the star. A young girl with dark hair tied back in a ponytail stands on the left, also looking up. The background shows rolling hills under the starry sky.

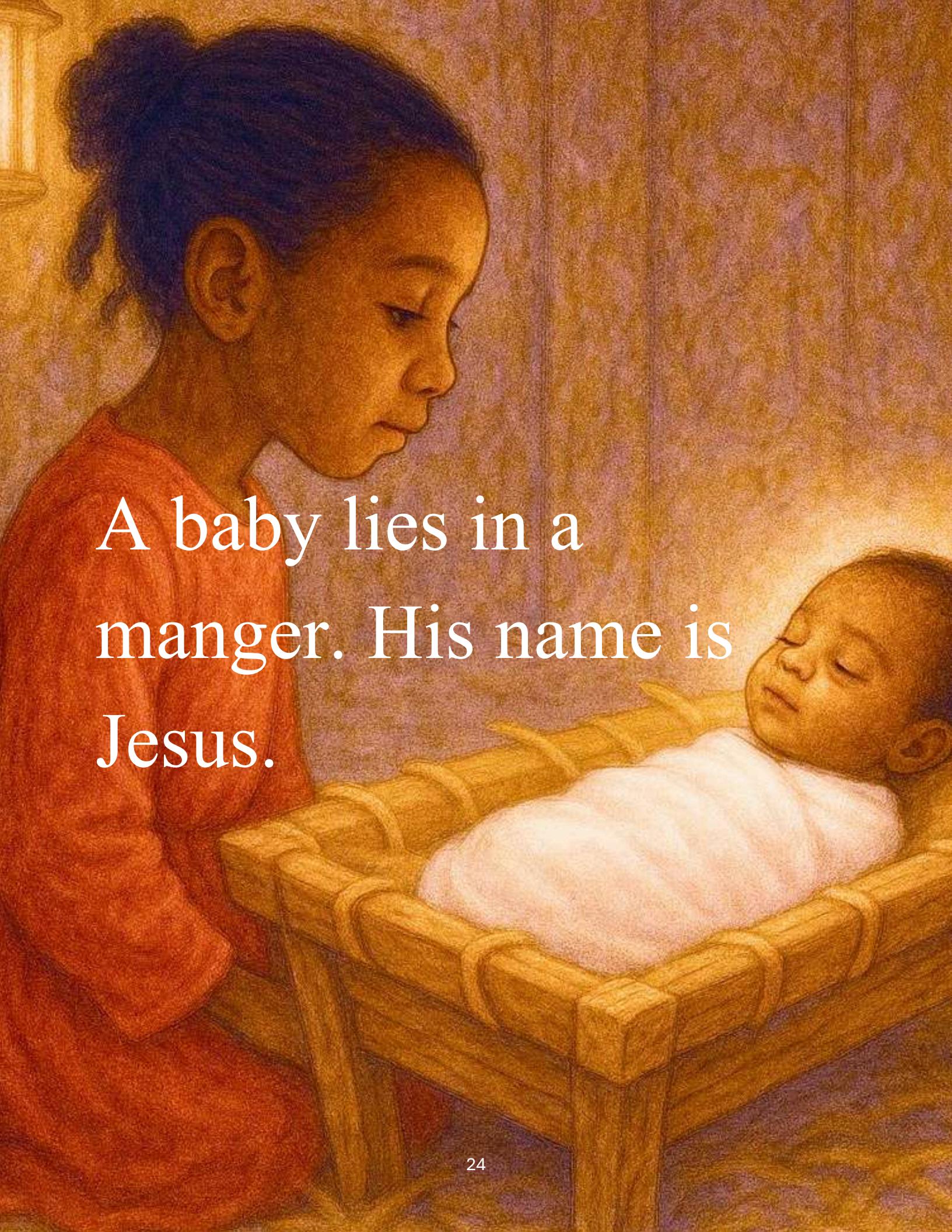
The star stops  
above a little  
stable.



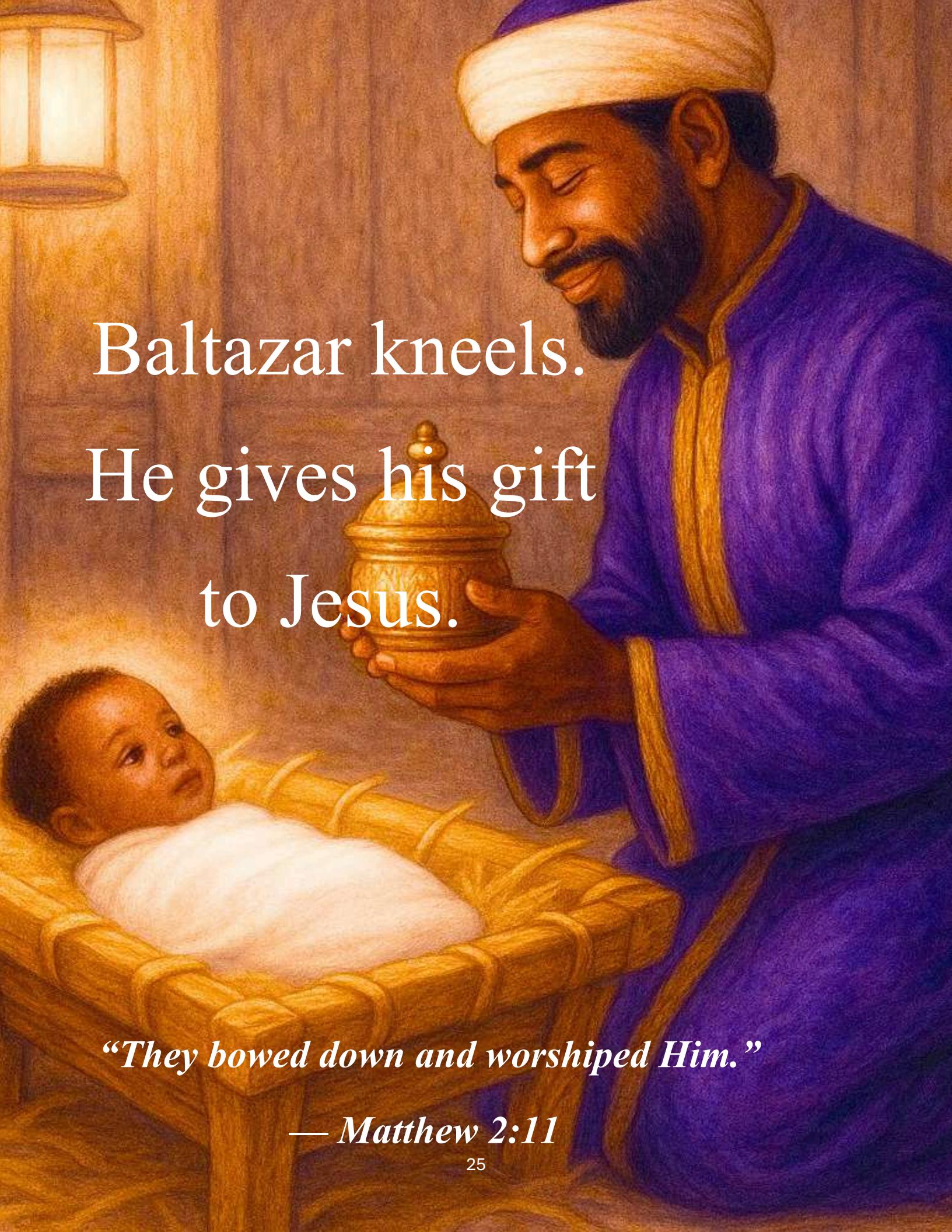
Inside, everything is  
quiet and special.



Mary smiles softly.  
Joseph stands close.

A woman with dark hair and a red dress is looking down at a baby lying in a manger. The baby is wrapped in a white blanket. The background is a warm, golden color.

A baby lies in a  
manger. His name is  
Jesus.

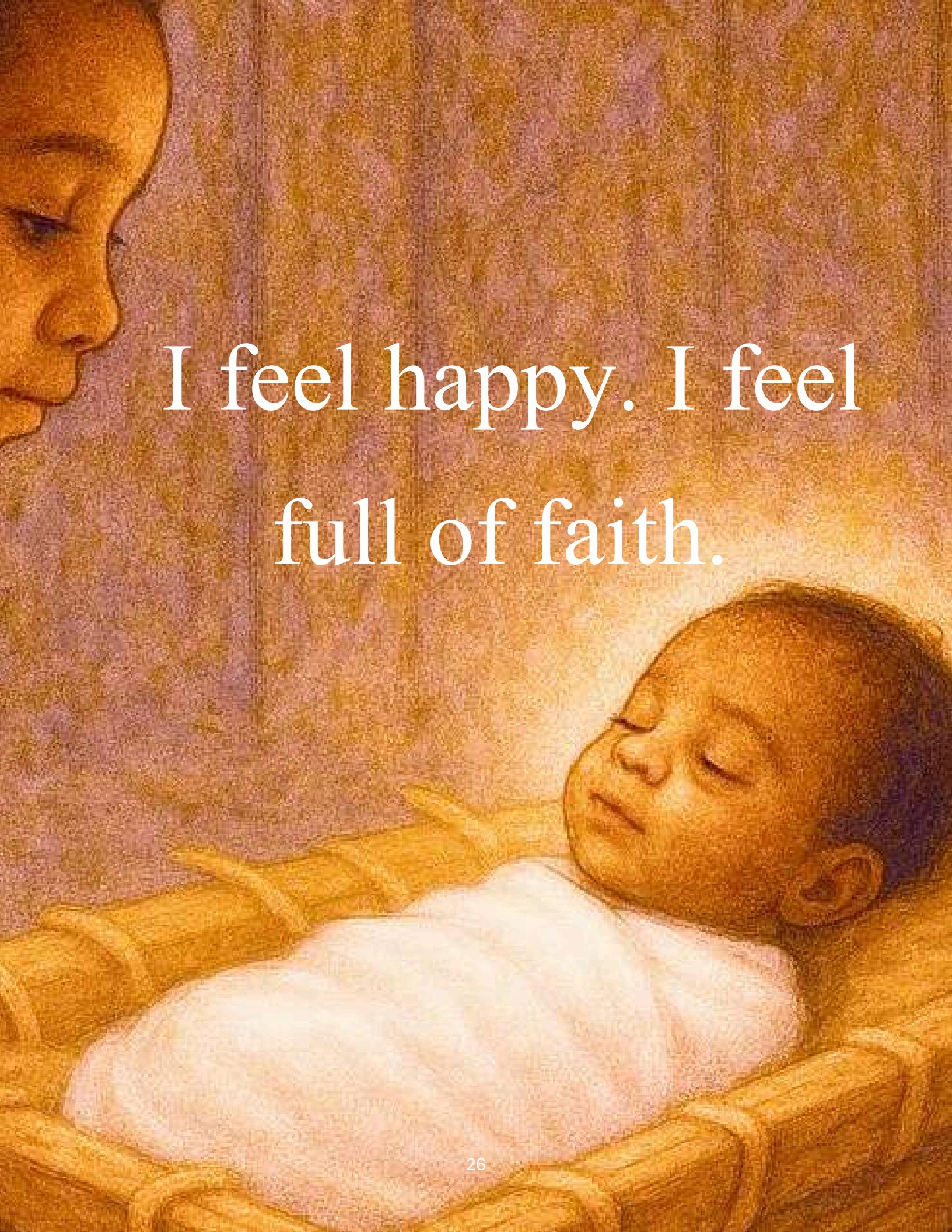


Baltazar kneels.

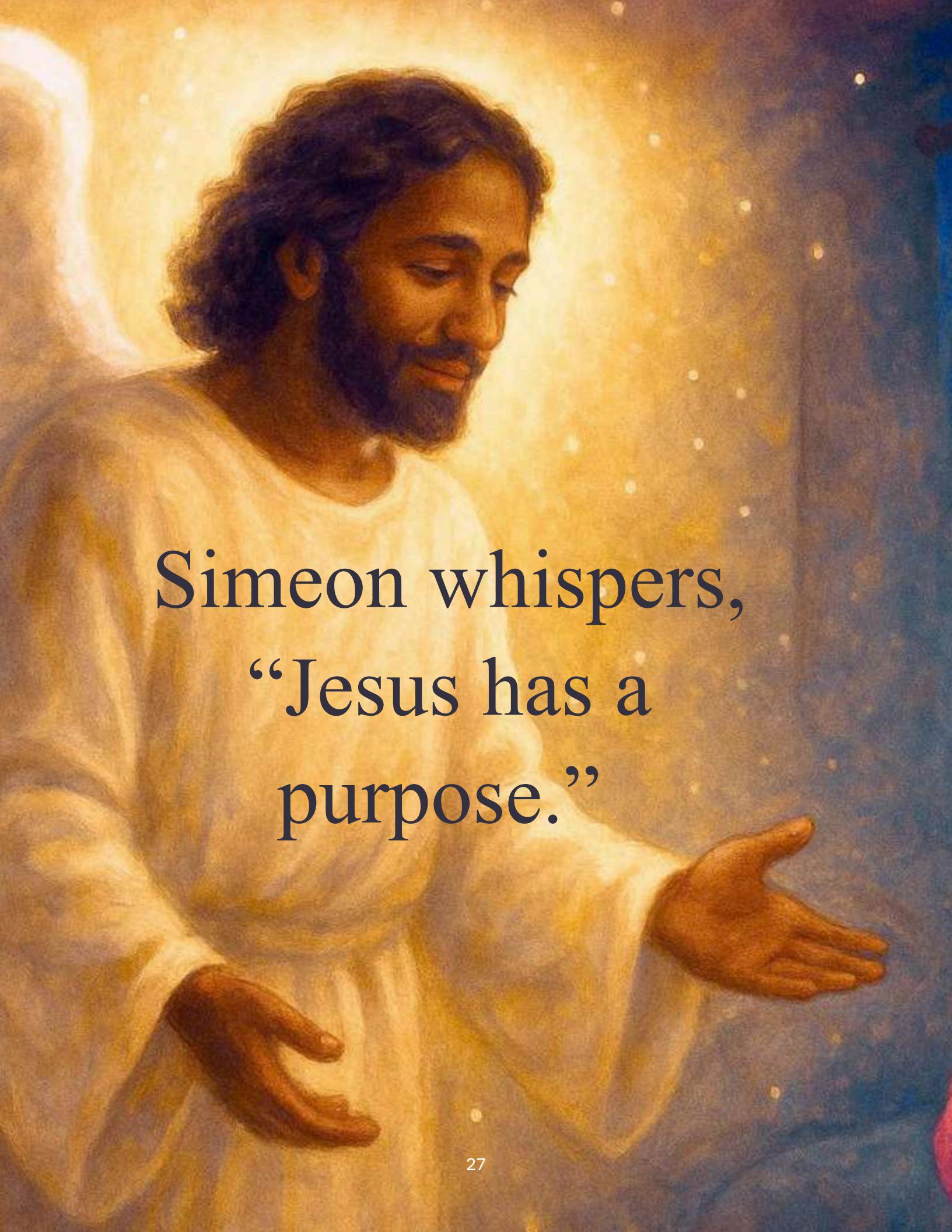
He gives his gift  
to Jesus.

*“They bowed down and worshiped Him.”*

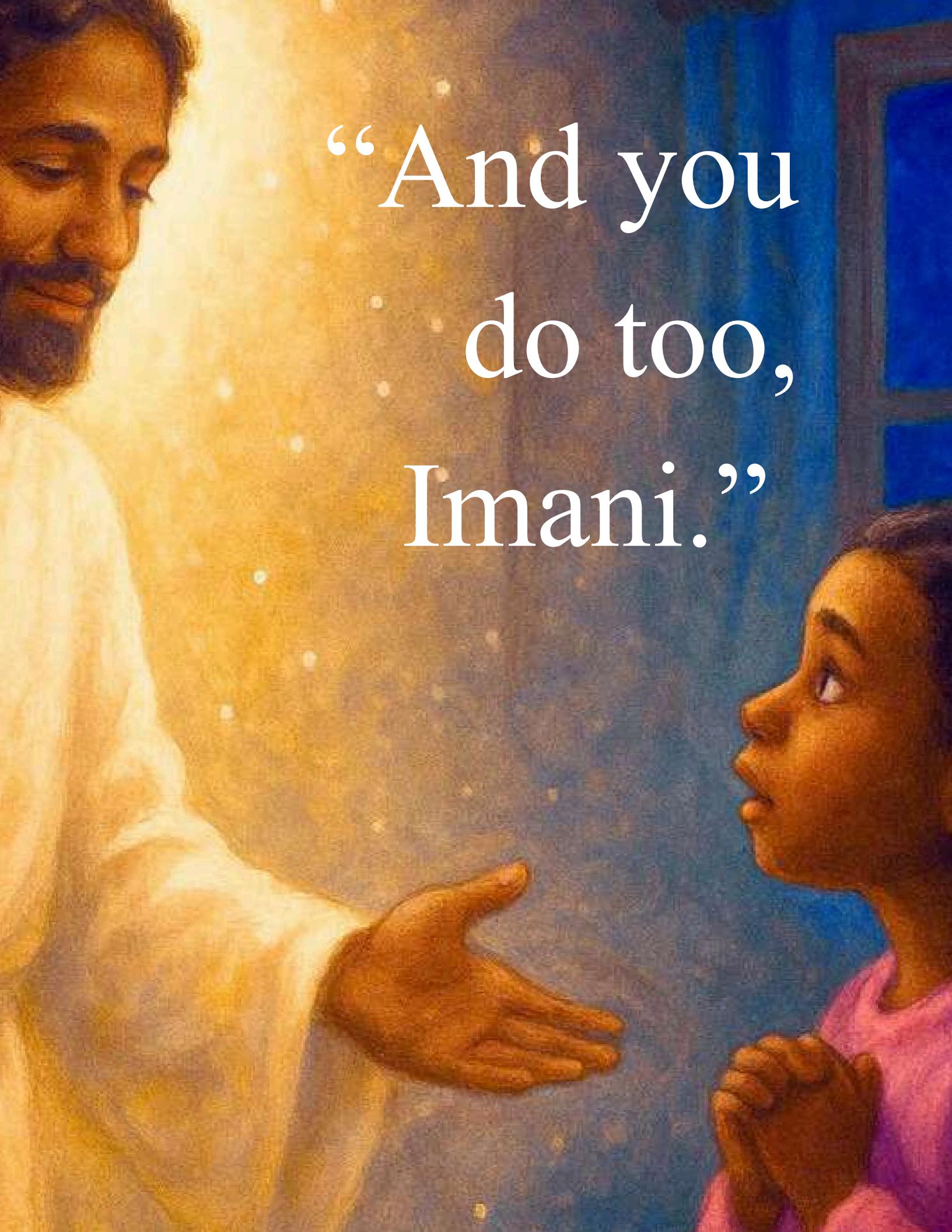
— *Matthew 2:11*



I feel happy. I feel  
full of faith.



Simeon whispers,  
“Jesus has a  
purpose.”

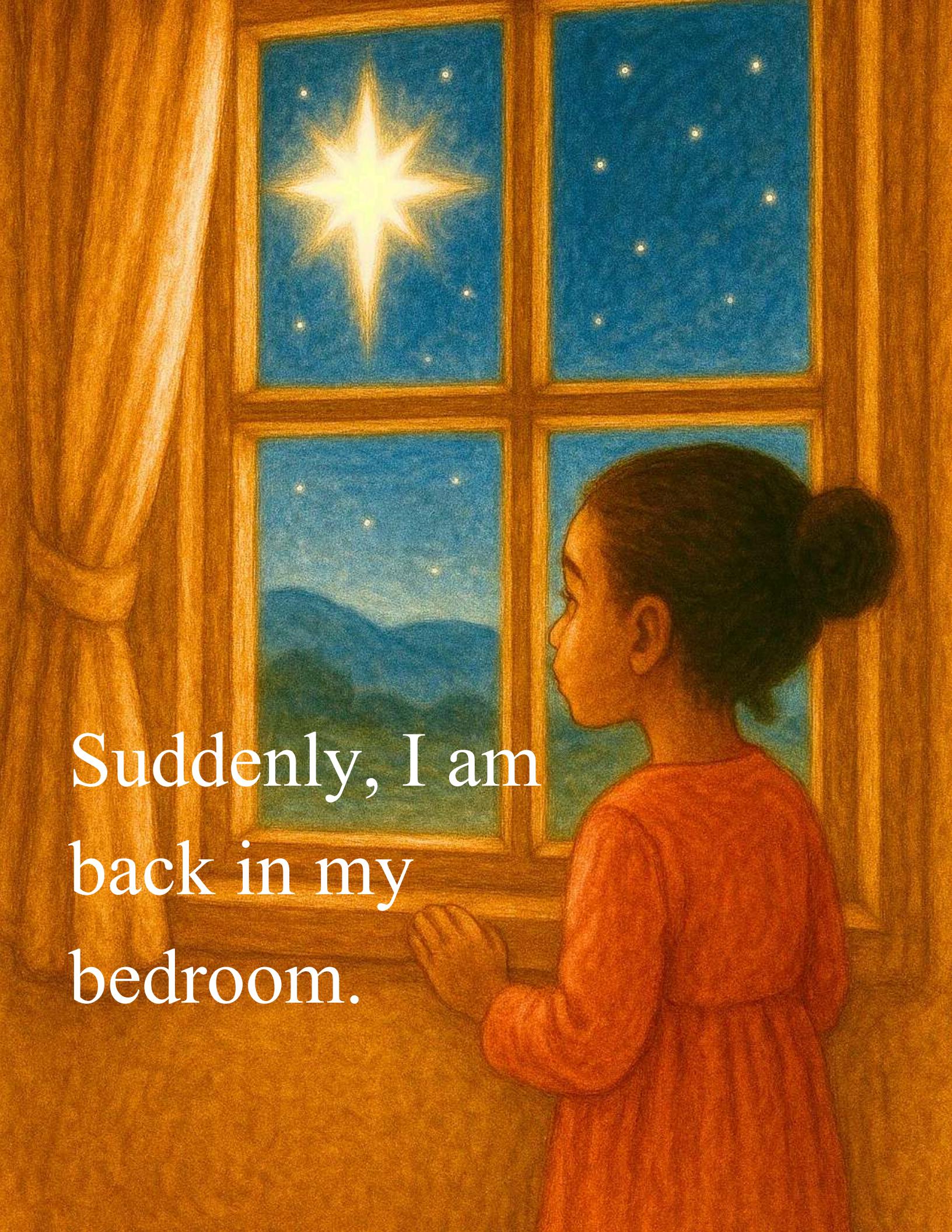
A close-up, warm-toned photograph of a man and a young girl. The man, on the left, has a beard and is looking down at the girl. The girl, on the right, is looking up at him. They are both smiling. The background is a soft, glowing yellow and orange, suggesting a sunset or a warm indoor light. The overall mood is intimate and joyful.

“And you  
do too,  
Imani.”

A woman with long, dark hair is shown in profile, looking upwards with a contemplative expression. The background is a dark, textured sky with a single, bright, star-like light source at the top center, casting a warm glow. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.

The star  
shines  
bright again!

Suddenly, I am  
back in my  
bedroom.





The star  
still shines  
outside my  
window.

A young girl with dark hair tied back, wearing a red dress, looks up at a bright, star-like light in a blue sky. The background shows a landscape with rolling hills and a distant horizon.

I know  
it was  
real.  
God was  
teaching  
me.

A woman with dark hair and a light-colored shirt is shown in profile, looking upwards with her eyes closed. Above her, a bright, multi-pointed starburst or light source is visible against a blue and orange gradient background.

Faith means  
trusting God.  
Purpose means  
following His  
light.



Thank You, Lord,  
I pray. I will  
follow You.  
Amen



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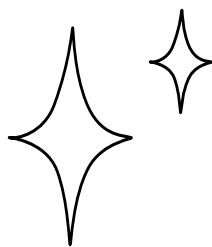
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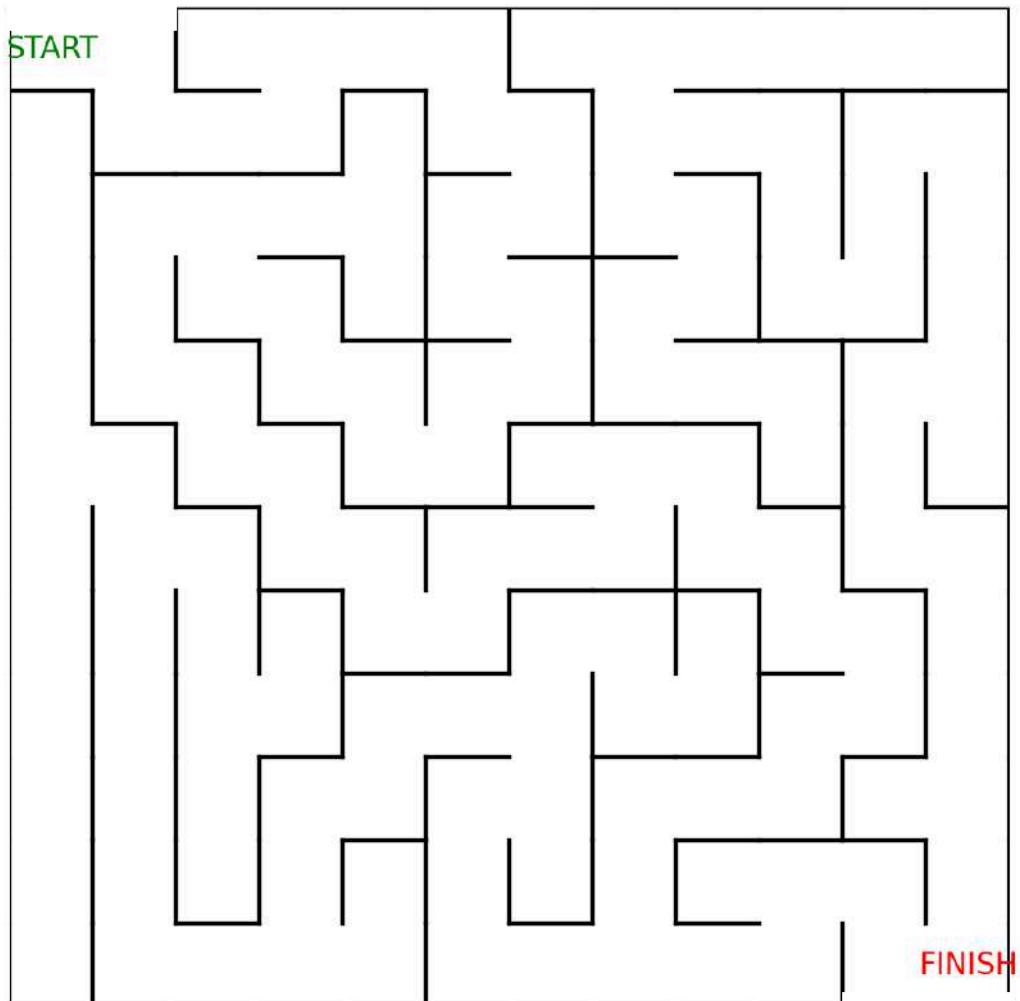
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STAR	BALTAZAR
FAITH	JESUS
GOD	MARY
LIGHT	HOPE
ANGEL	JOY





## FOLLOW THE GUIDING STAR



Help Imani follow the guiding star.  
Choose the path of faith, not fear!

 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”  
—Psalm 119:105