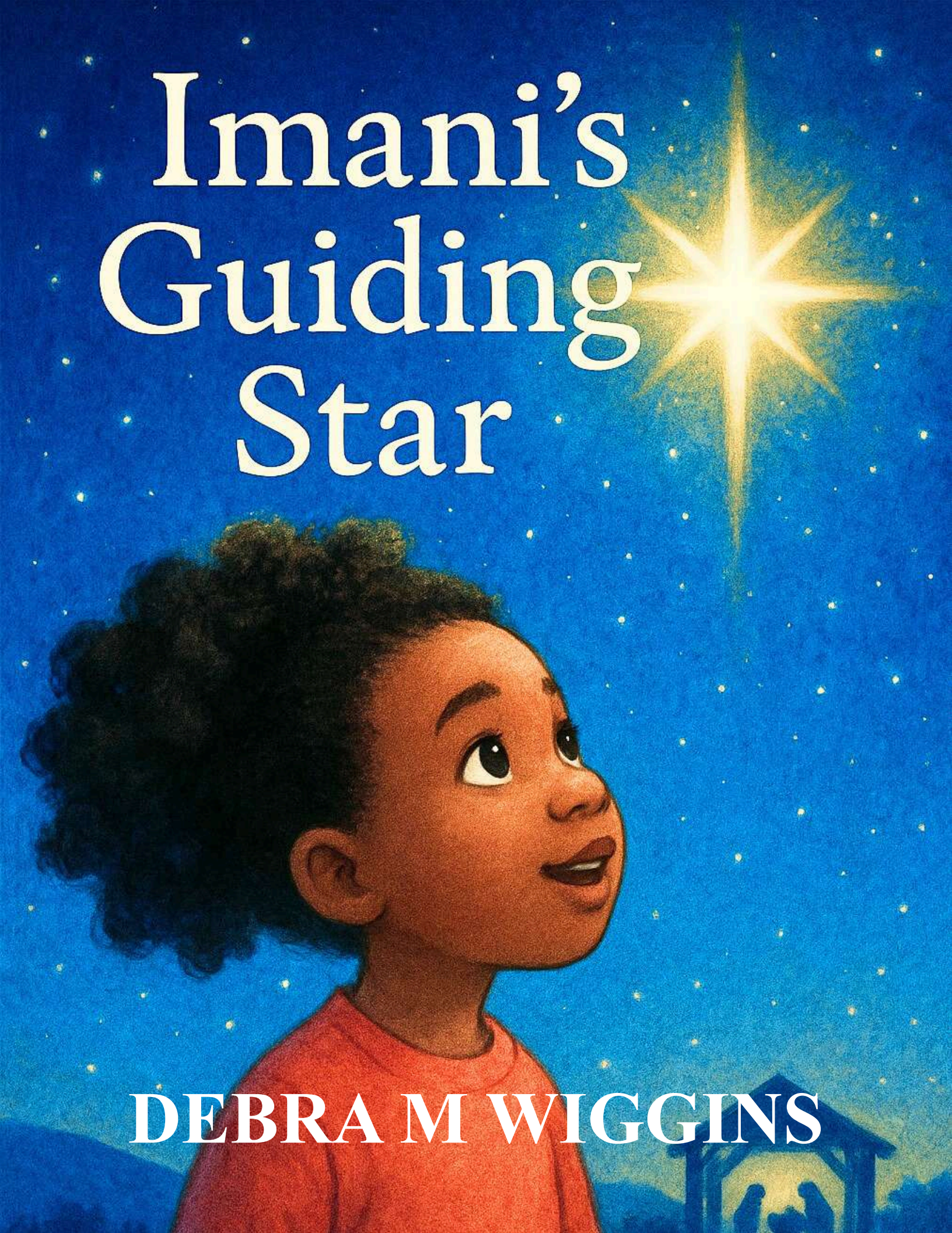


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## A Village Virtues Christmas Story

Faith • Purpose • Obedience



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My name is  
Imani.

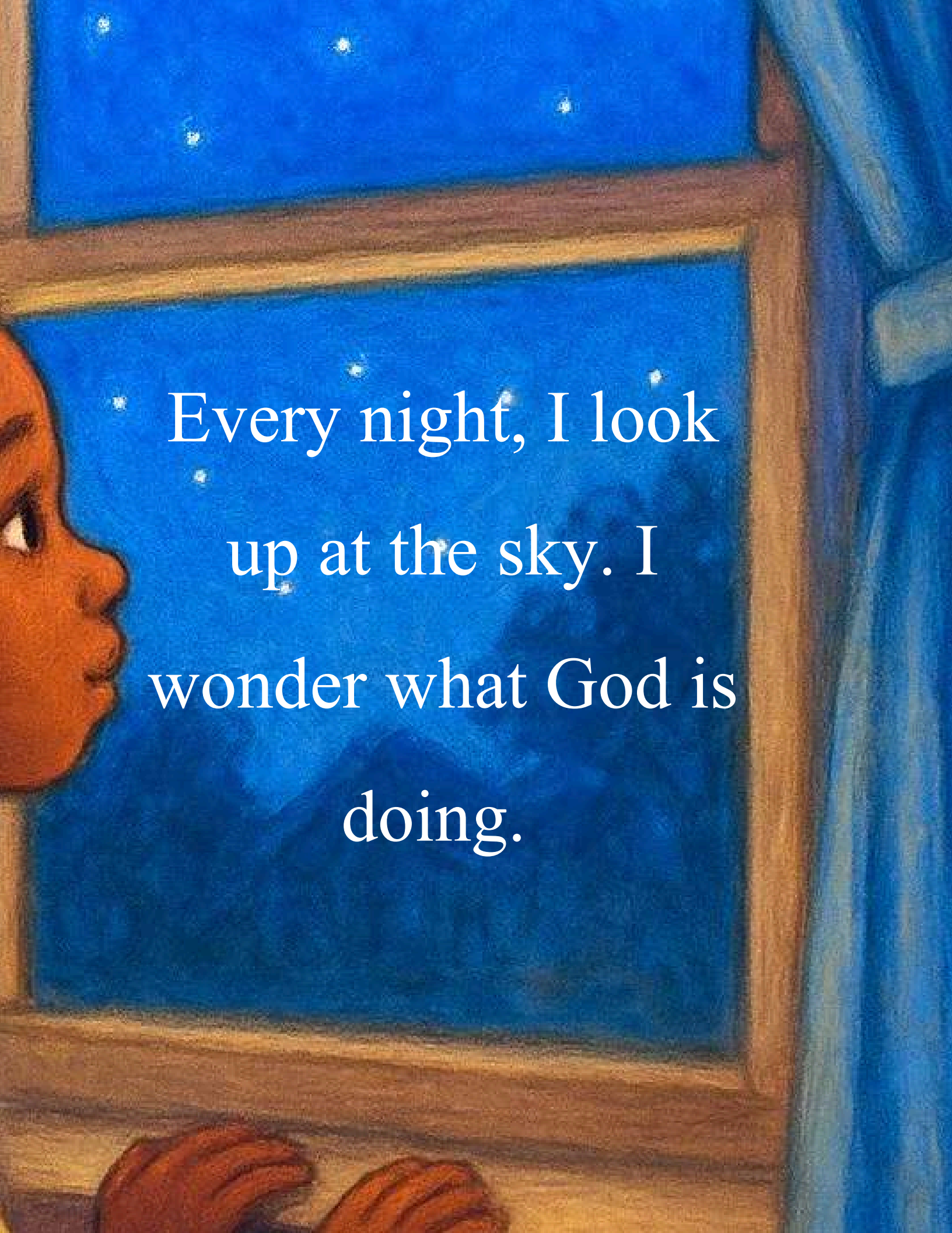
My name  
means faith.



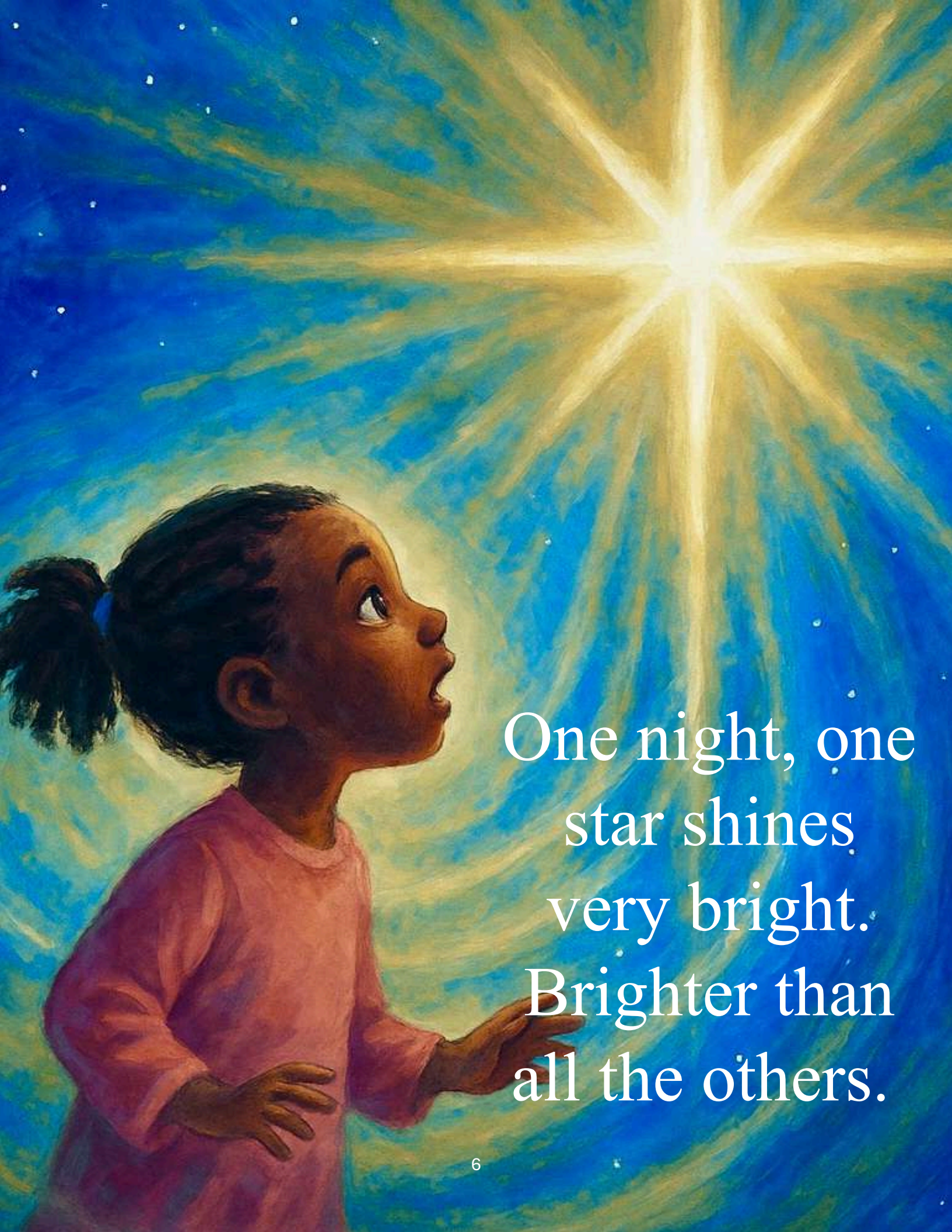
I love Christmas. I love the  
lights. I love the stars.





An illustration of a young child with dark skin looking out of a window at a night sky. The child's face is in profile on the left, looking towards the right. The window frame is made of light brown wood. Outside the window, the sky is a deep blue with several small, bright white stars. The child's hands are visible at the bottom of the frame, resting on a surface. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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

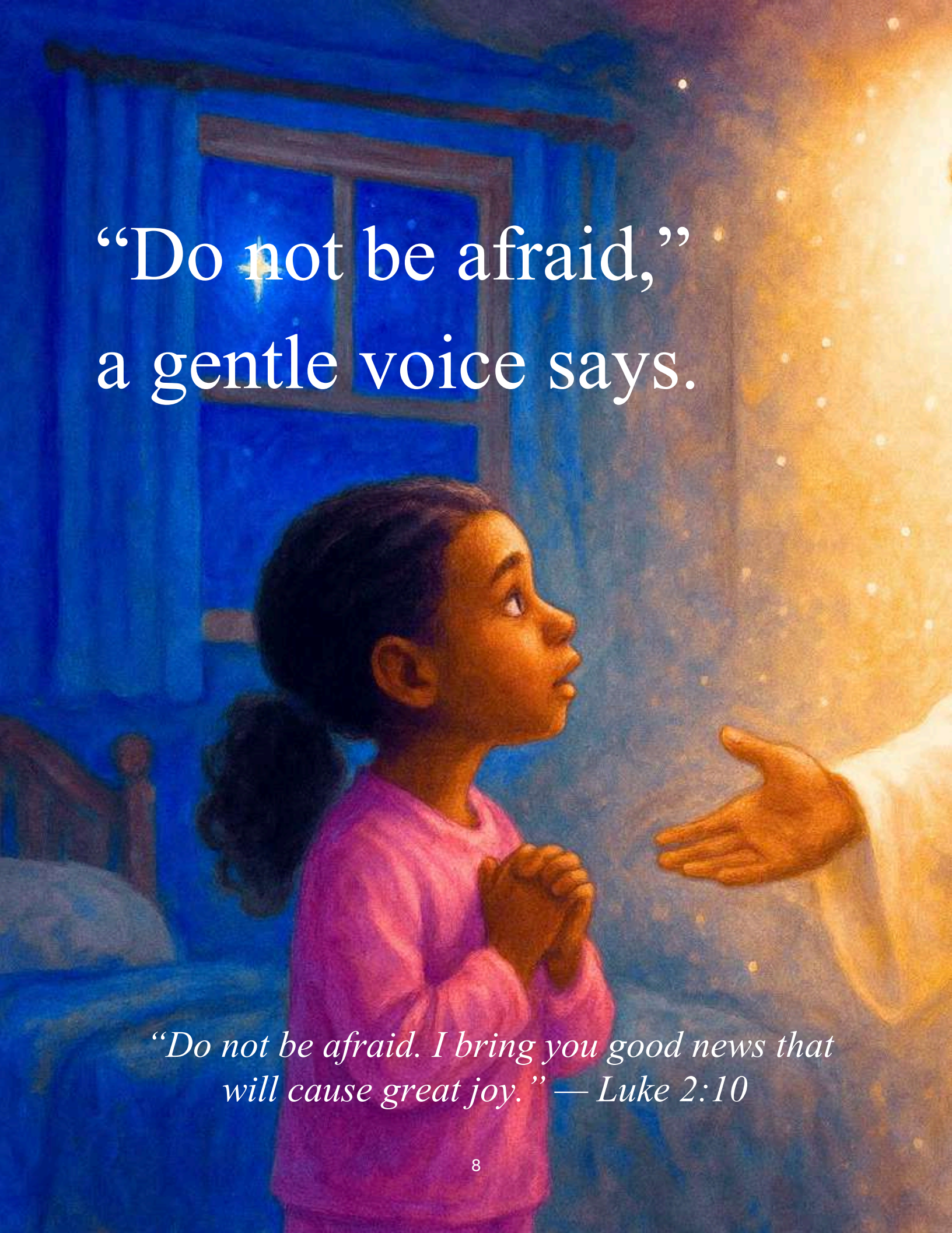


One night, one  
star shines  
very bright.  
Brighter than  
all the others.



A young child with dark skin is shown in profile, looking up with an open mouth and wide eyes, gazing at a brilliant, multi-pointed starburst of light. The light is a warm, golden-yellow color and radiates outwards, filling the upper half of the frame. The background is a deep blue with lighter, yellowish-green streaks and washes, suggesting a sky or a dreamlike atmosphere. The overall mood is one of awe and wonder.

The room fills  
with warm light.  
I feel calm.

An illustration of a young girl with dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt. She is standing in a room with blue curtains and a window, looking up with her hands clasped in prayer. A bright, golden light emanates from the right side of the frame, with a large hand reaching out towards her. The scene is set at night, with a star visible through the window.

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

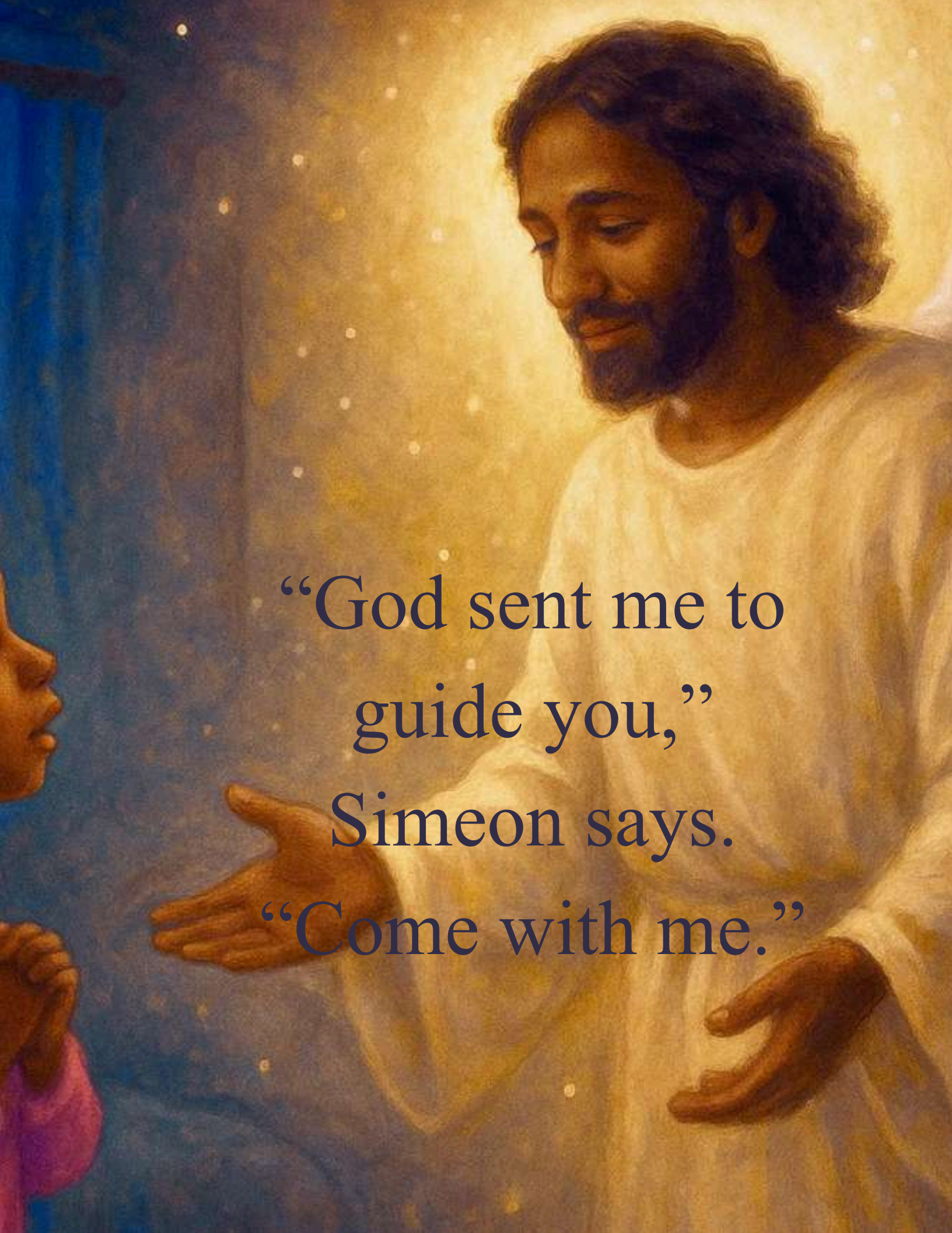
*“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that  
will cause great joy.” — Luke 2:10*





An angel appears.  
His name is Simeon.





“God sent me to  
guide you,”

Simeon says.

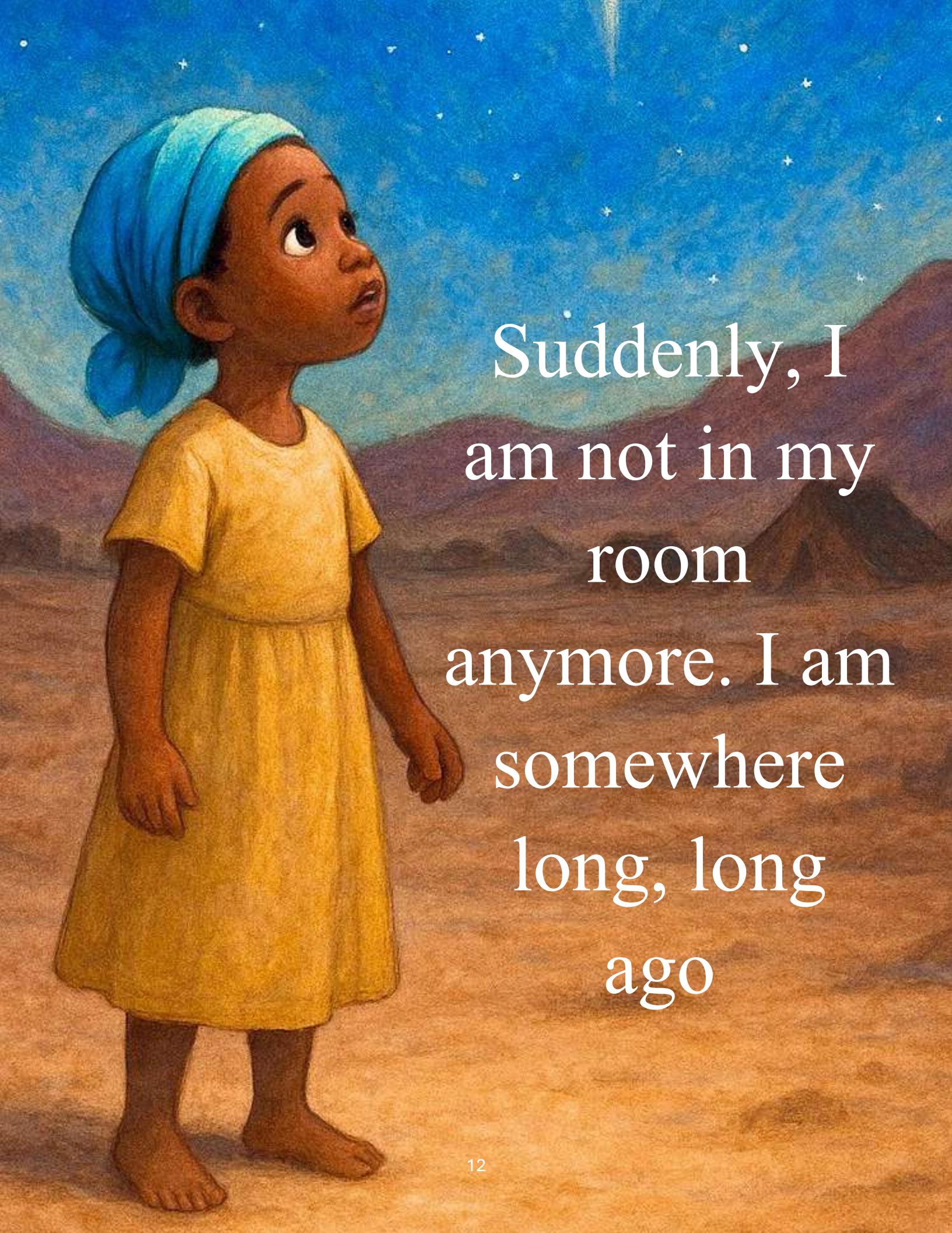
“Come with me.”



A child's face is shown in profile on the left, looking up with an open mouth in awe. The background is a vibrant sky with swirling blue and yellow clouds. A bright, glowing star is positioned at the top center, with a long, radiant beam of light extending downwards towards the child. The text is written in a white, serif font, centered in the upper half of the image.


The bright star  
grows closer.  
Everything  
sparkles!



A young girl with dark skin, wearing a yellow dress and a blue headscarf, stands barefoot on a sandy surface. She is looking up at a night sky filled with stars. In the background, there are dark, rolling hills or mountains under a deep 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 girl with dark skin and a blue headband is looking up at a bright, multi-pointed star in a deep blue night sky. The star has long, thin rays extending outwards. The girl is in the bottom left corner, looking towards the star. The sky is filled with many small, distant 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 depicting a scene from the Bible. On the left, a wise man with a dark beard and a red turban with a gold ornament looks down at a young girl. He is wearing a purple robe and holding a golden jar. On the right, a young girl with dark skin and hair, wearing a white dress, looks up at him with her hands clasped in prayer. In the background, a bright star shines in a blue night sky, and a desert landscape with pyramids is visible under a starry sky.

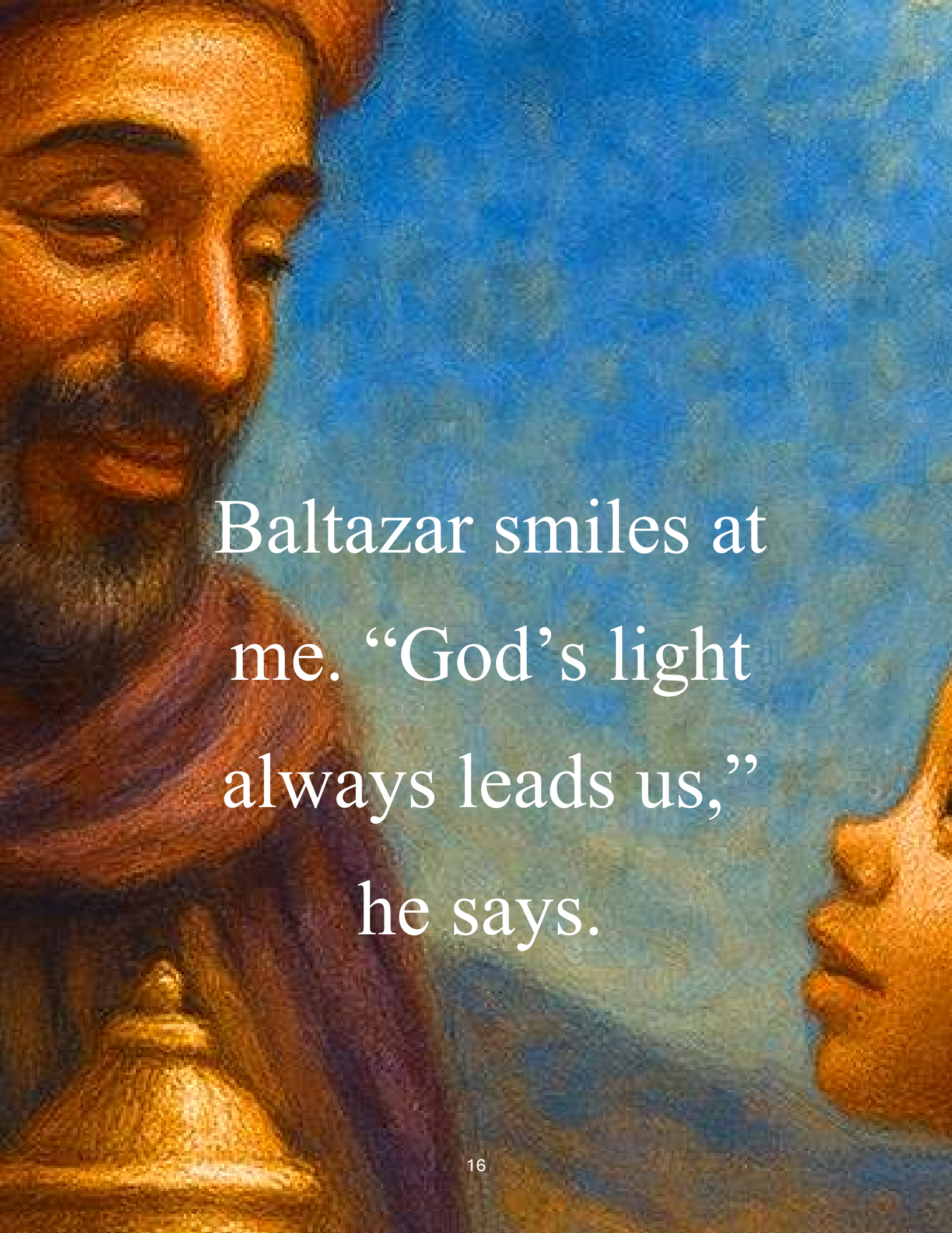
A wise man  
stands nearby.  
His skin is  
dark and  
beautiful. His  
eyes are kind.



A detailed painting of the Three Kings. In the foreground, a king with a dark beard and a red turban with a gold ornament holds a golden, ornate vessel. He is looking down at it with a gentle expression. He wears a purple robe. To his right, the profile of another king is visible, looking up. The background is a deep blue sky with a bright star in the upper right corner. The overall style is classical, with soft lighting and visible brushstrokes.

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






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



A young girl with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a headband, looks up at a large, bright star in a deep blue night sky. The star has long, thin rays extending across the sky. The girl is positioned in the lower right, looking towards the upper left. The background is a vast, dark blue sky with many small stars. The overall mood is one of wonder and guidance.

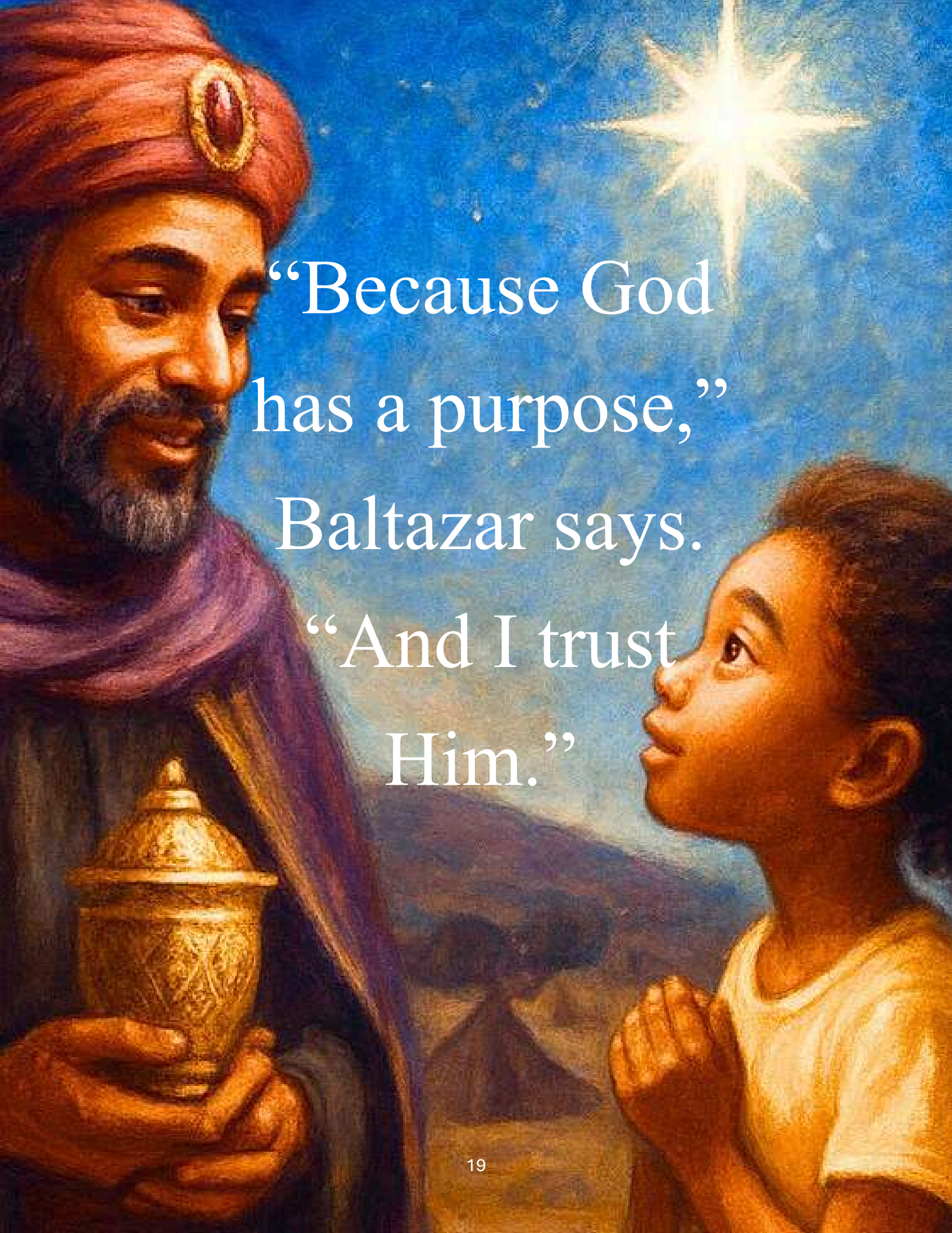
We walk together.  
The star shows us  
the way.



A young girl with dark skin and hair is shown in profile, looking up towards a bright, multi-pointed star in a deep blue sky. The star has a long, vertical trail of light behind it. The girl's face is illuminated by a warm, golden light, and her expression is one of wonder and curiosity. The background is a textured, painterly blue sky with some lighter, hazy areas near the horizon.

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

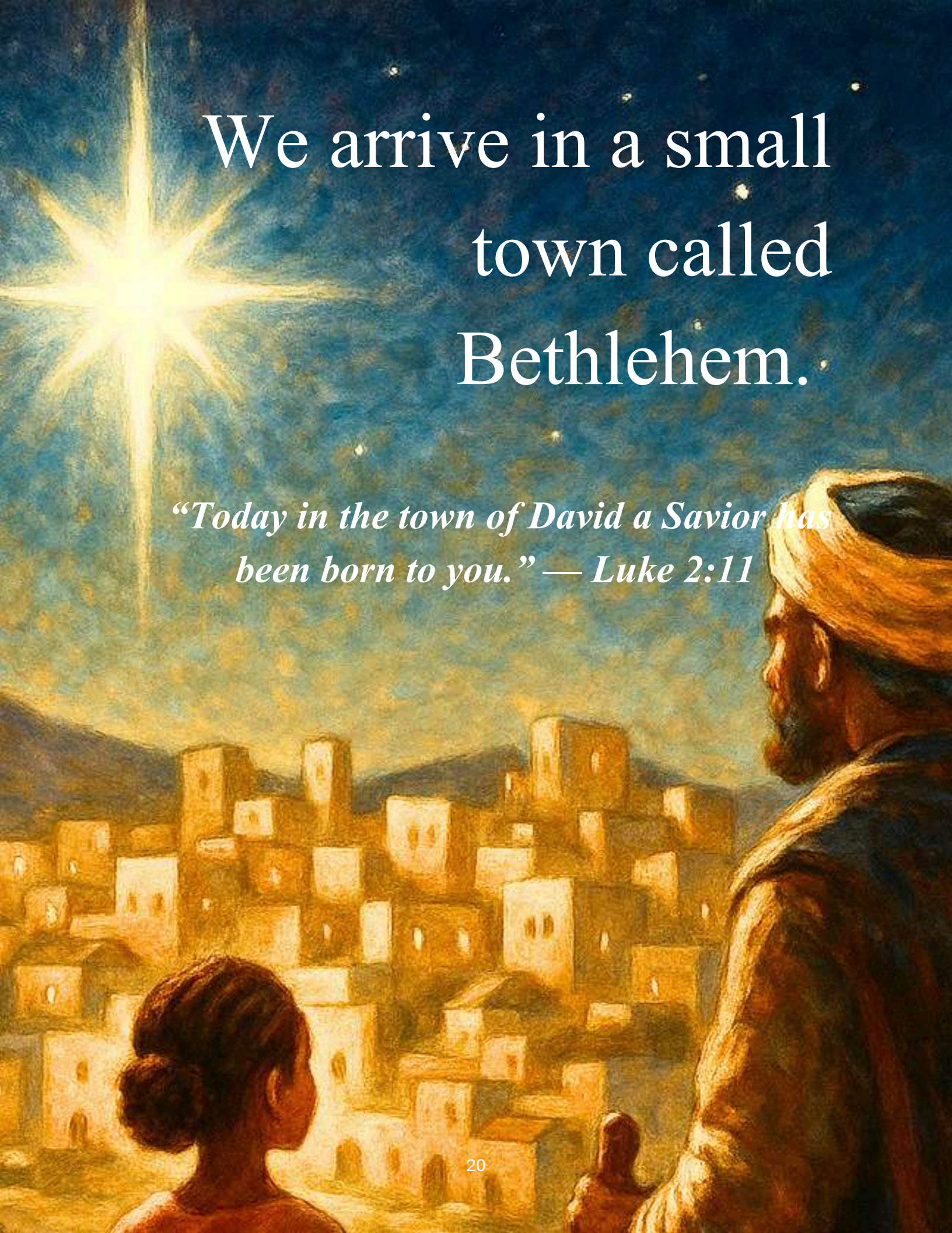




“Because God  
has a purpose,”  
Baltazar says.

“And I trust  
Him.”



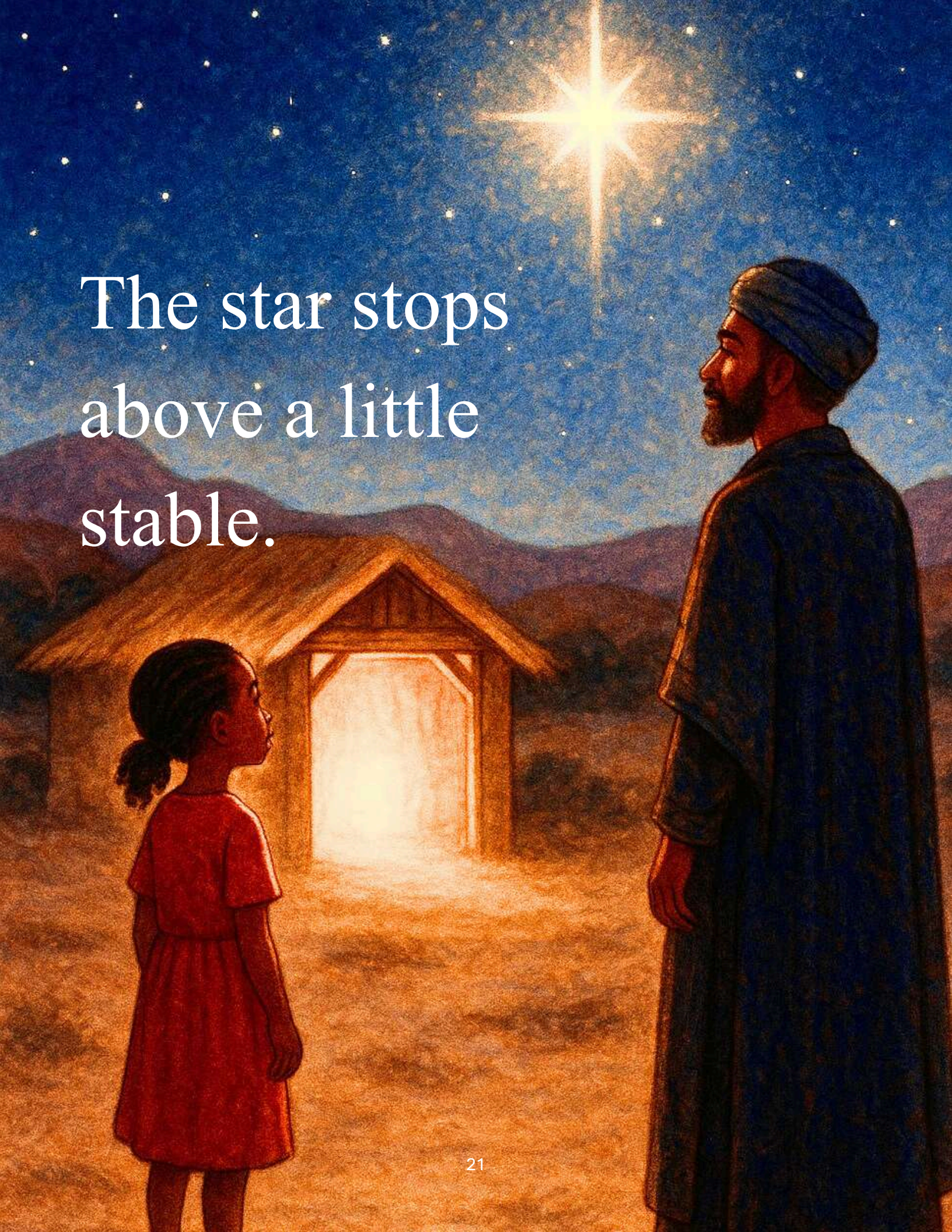


We arrive in a small  
town called  
Bethlehem.

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



The star stops  
above a little  
stable.







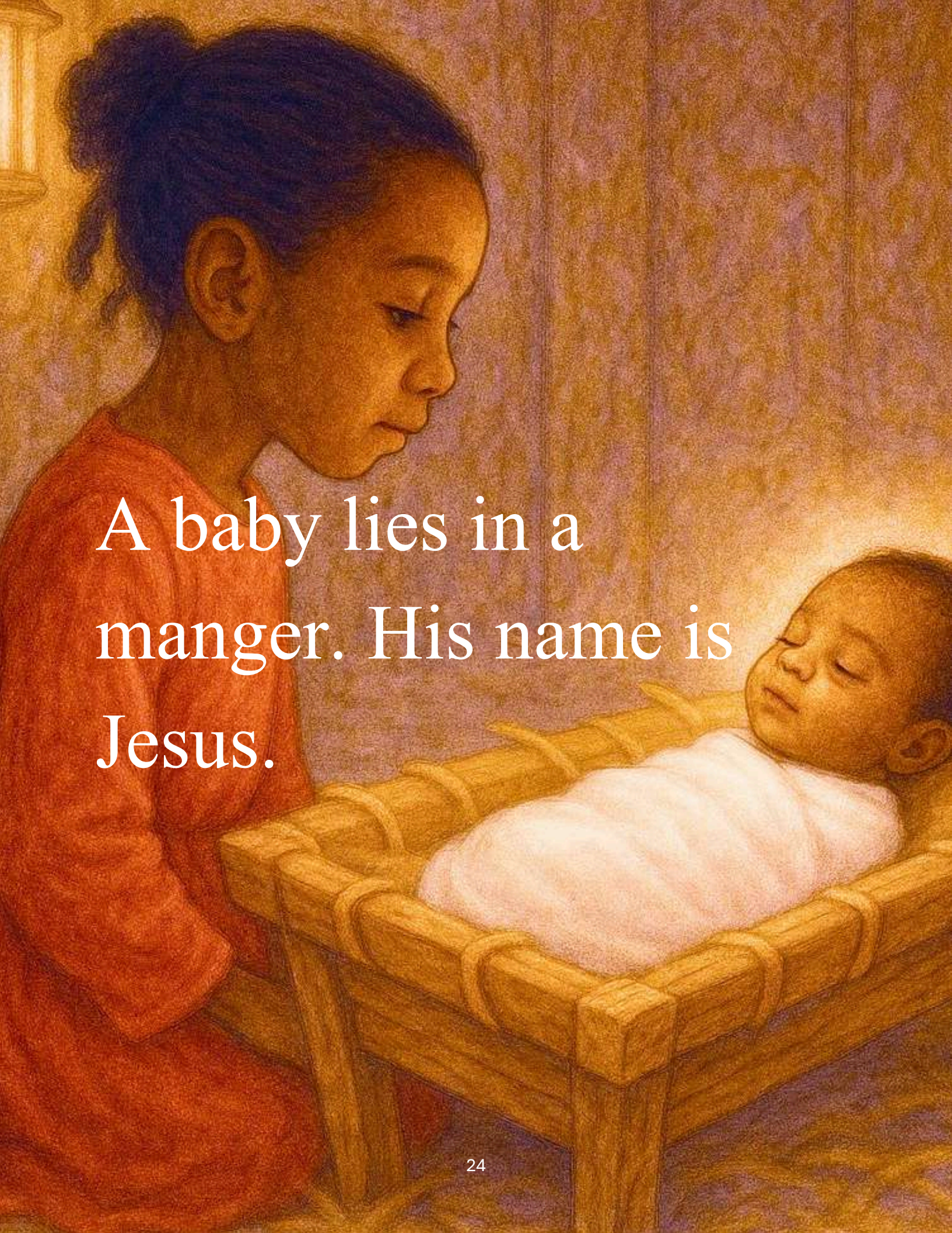
Inside, everything is  
quiet and special.





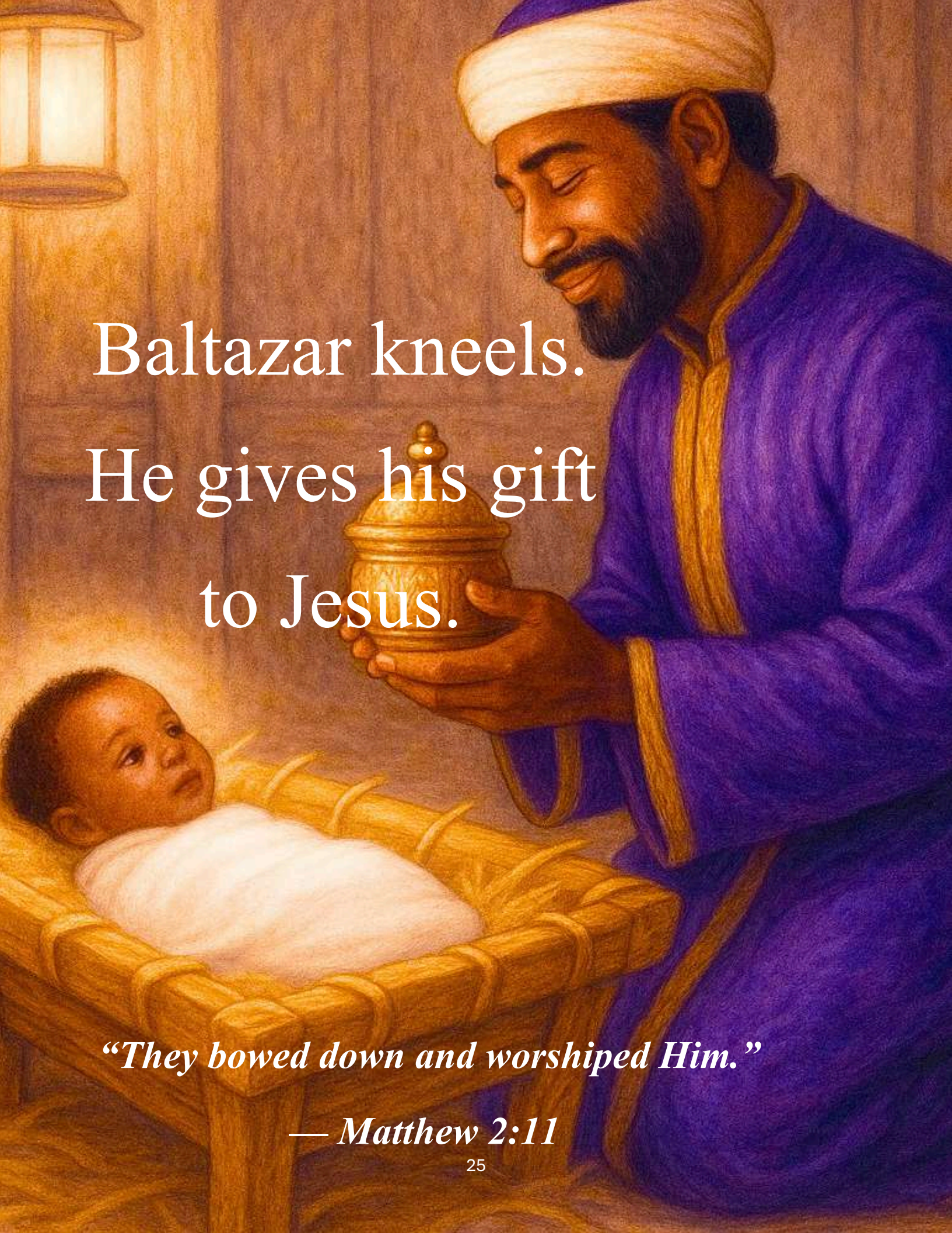
Mary smiles softly.  
Joseph stands close.



A soft, painterly illustration in warm tones. On the left, a woman with dark skin and hair tied back in a bun, wearing a red robe, is shown in profile, looking down with a gentle expression. On the right, a baby lies in a simple wooden manger, wrapped in a white cloth. The baby's face is visible, and a soft, golden light emanates from behind the baby's head. The background consists of vertical wooden planks.

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





Baltazar kneels.  
He gives his gift  
to Jesus.

*“They bowed down and worshiped Him.”*

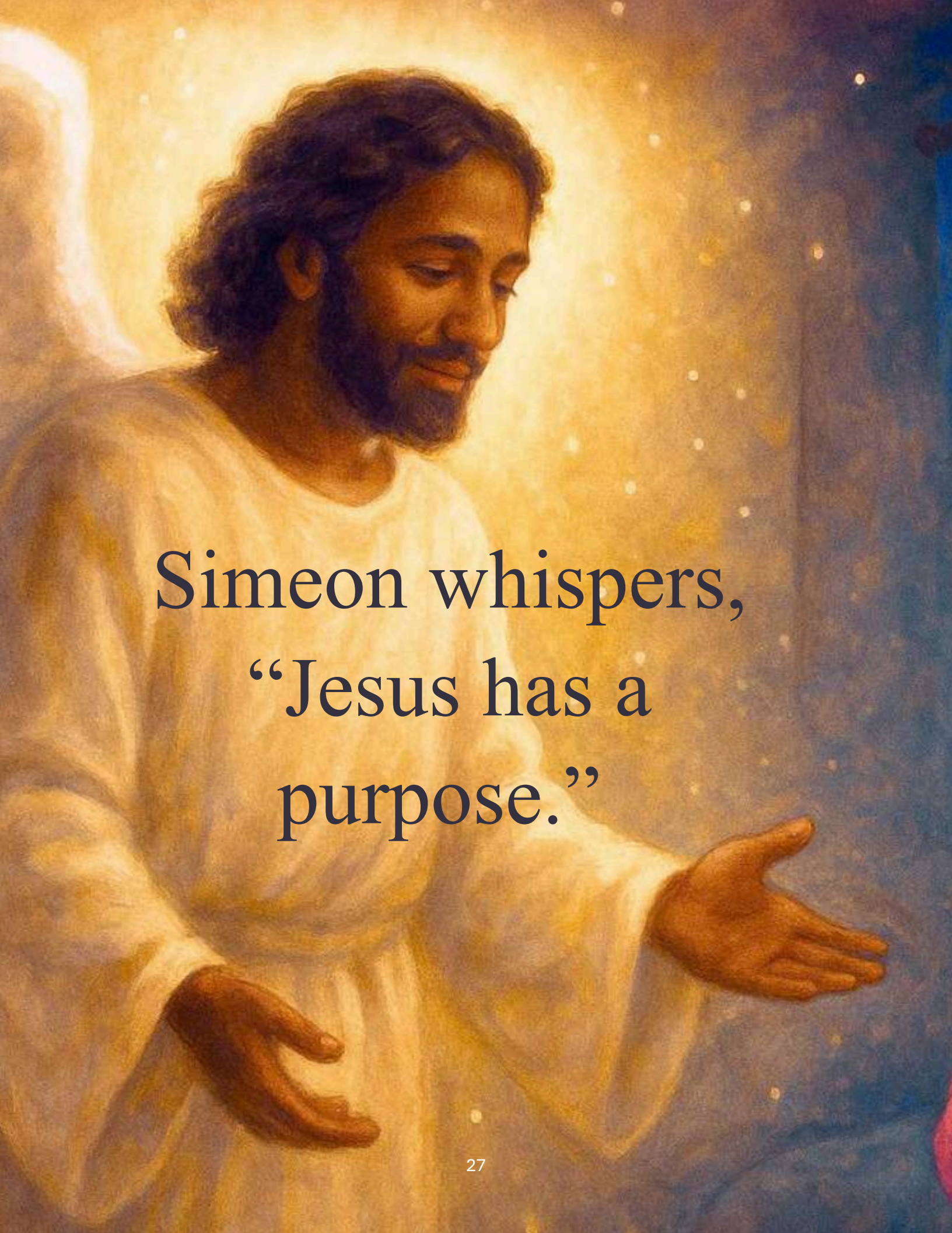
— *Matthew 2:11*



A painting with a warm, golden-brown color palette. In the upper left, a woman's face is shown in profile, looking down with a gentle expression. In the lower right, a baby is sleeping peacefully in a wooden cradle, wearing a white onesie. The background is a textured, mottled gold and brown. The text "I feel happy. I feel full of faith." is written in a white, serif font across the center.

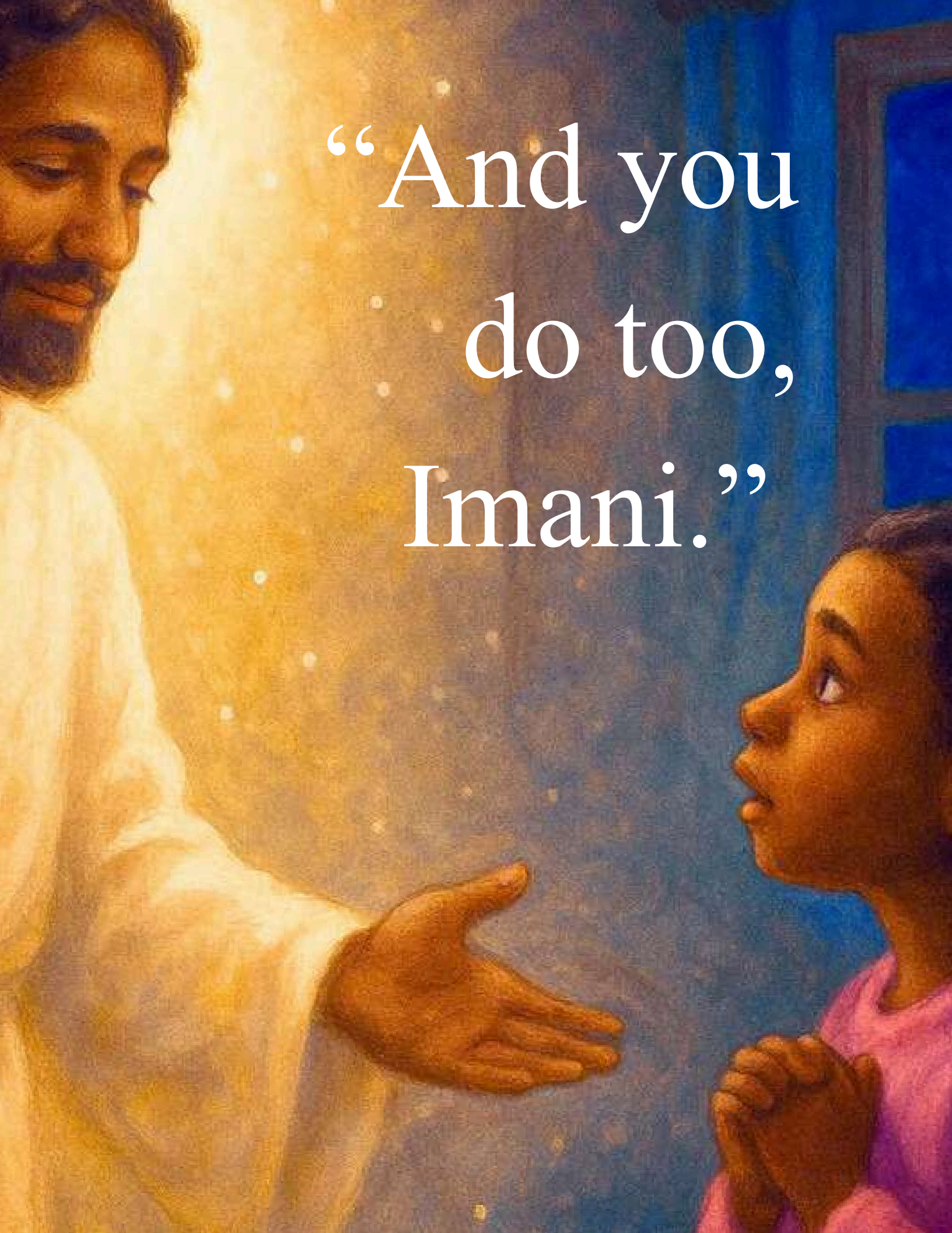
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full of faith.



A painting of the Angel Simeon, depicted with a halo and long curly hair, holding the infant Jesus. The background is a soft, golden light. The text "Simeon whispers, 'Jesus has a purpose.'" is overlaid in the center.

Simeon whispers,  
“Jesus has a  
purpose.”





“And you  
do too,  
Imani.”



A young girl with dark hair is shown in profile, looking up at a bright, multi-pointed star in a dark night sky. The star has a long, vertical beam of light extending downwards. In the background, the silhouettes of city buildings are visible, with some windows glowing with light. The overall scene is a peaceful night scene.


The star  
shines  
bright again!



A young girl with dark hair in a bun, wearing a red dress, stands by a window looking out at a night sky. The window is divided into four panes. The top-left pane shows a large, bright, multi-pointed star. The other panes show a dark blue sky with several smaller stars. The bottom-left pane shows a view of distant mountains. The girl's hands are resting on the windowsill. The scene is warmly lit, suggesting an indoor light source.

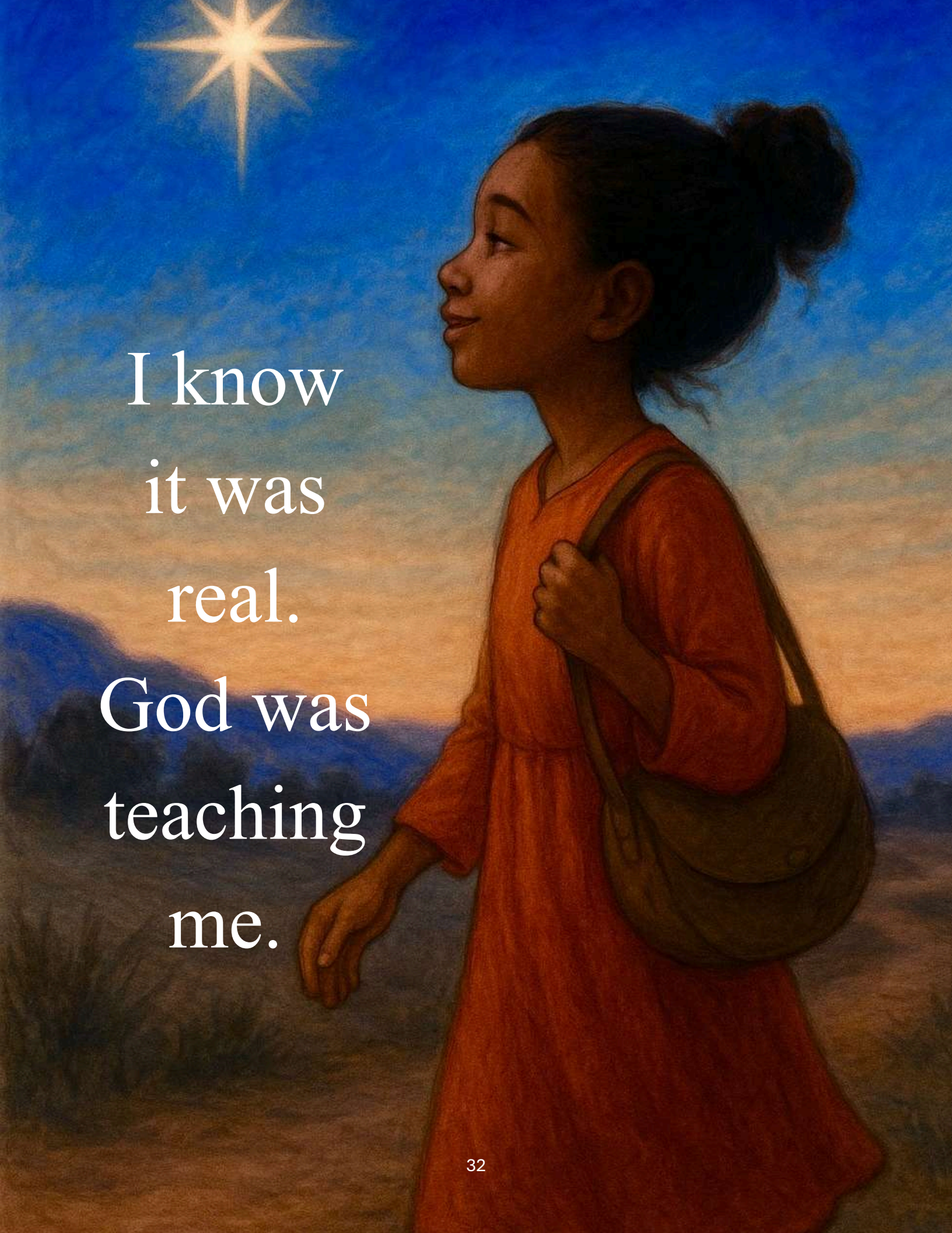
Suddenly, I am  
back in my  
bedroom.



A child's profile is visible in the bottom right corner, looking out a window. The window is divided into four panes. The top-left pane shows a large, bright, multi-pointed star with a long vertical beam of light extending downwards. The other panes show a dark blue night sky with several smaller, distant stars. The window frame is made of light-colored wood.


The star  
still shines  
outside my  
window.



A young girl with dark hair in a bun, wearing a red dress and a green bag, is shown in profile, looking up at a bright, multi-pointed star in a deep blue sky. The background features a soft, hazy landscape with rolling hills under a twilight sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.


I know  
it was  
real.  
God was  
teaching  
me.



A young girl with dark skin is shown in profile, looking upwards towards a bright, multi-pointed star in a deep blue sky. The star has a warm, golden glow. The background transitions from blue at the top to a lighter, hazy blue and then to a warm orange and yellow at the bottom, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The girl is wearing an orange garment.

Faith means  
trusting God.  
Purpose means  
following His  
light.





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





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# IMANI'S GUIDING STAR

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

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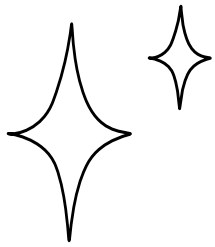
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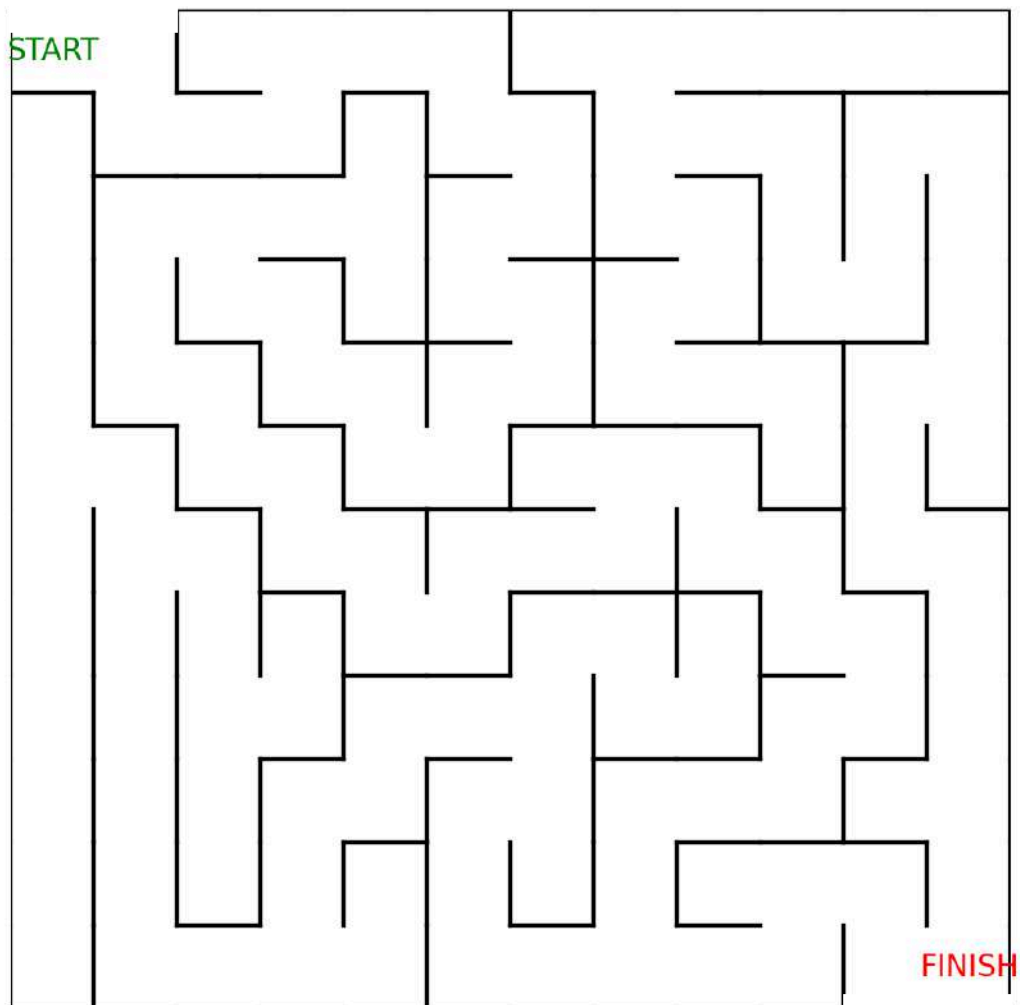
JOY







## 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