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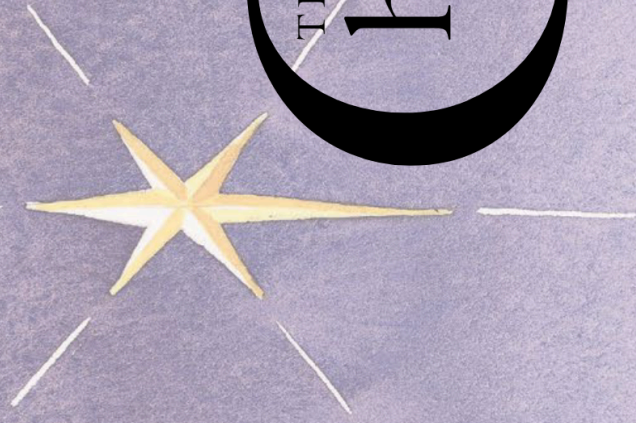
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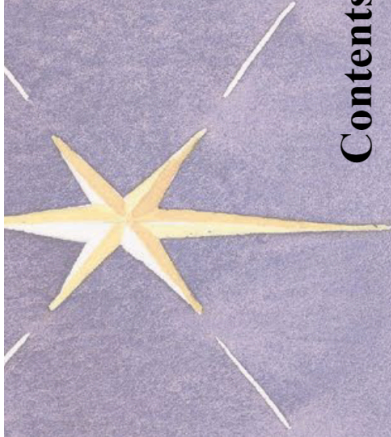
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Long, long ago, in the town of Nazareth in Galilee, there lived a young woman called Mary. She was engaged to be married to the local carpenter, Joseph. One day, when Mary was busy with her daily chores, the room was filled with light and the angel Gabriel appeared before her. Mary felt very afraid.

“Don’t be frightened, Mary,” the angel said. “This is a happy day. For God has chosen you to have a baby. A very special baby who will become the saviour of the world. And his name will be Jesus.”

“I will do as God wishes,” Mary said, bowing her head.

When she looked up, the angel had gone. Later he visited Joseph to bless his marriage to Mary.

