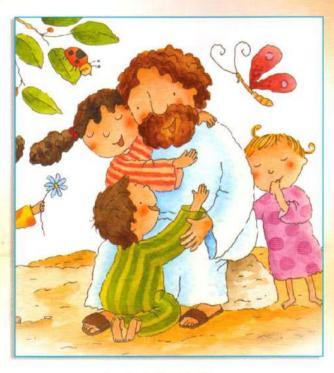




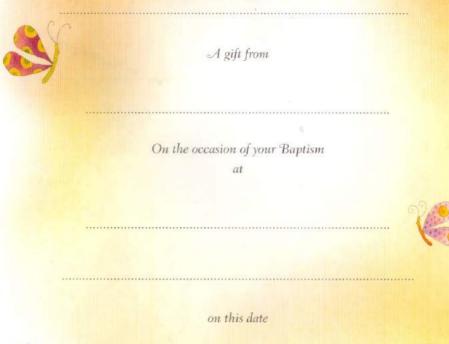
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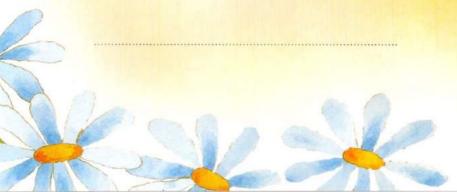
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Father, Creator of all that is good,
thank you for the gift of this precious child,
the miracle of this special baby,
the wonder of new life,
and the mystery of human love.

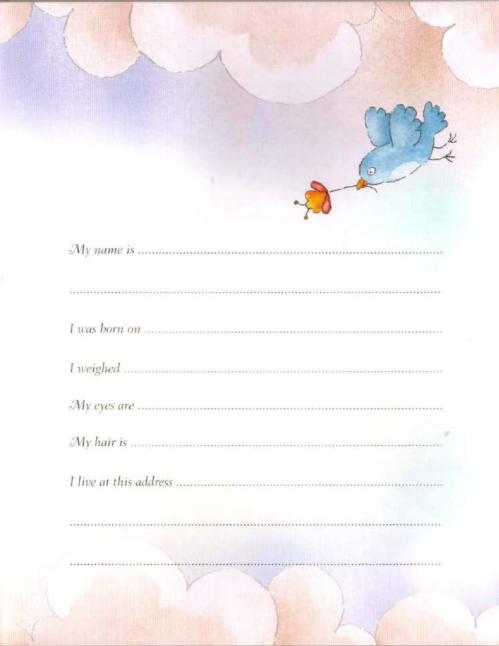


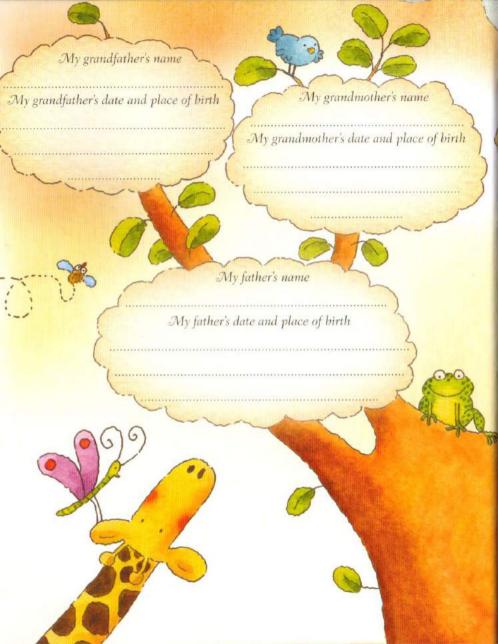


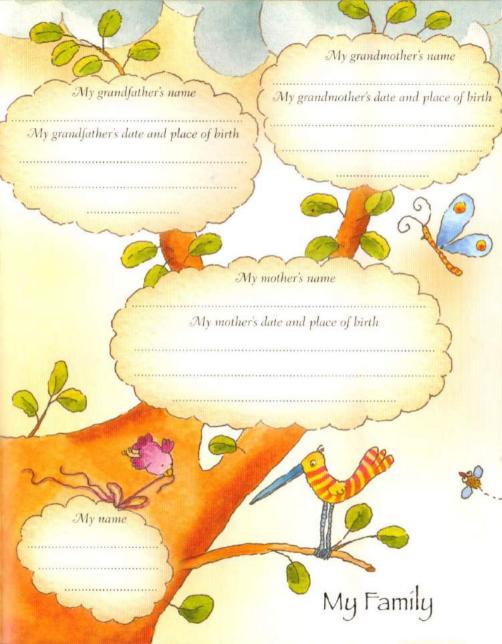


Children are blessings from the Lord. cf. Psalm 127:3











## God Made the World



Long ago, at the beginning of time, God said, "Let there be light," and bright light shone in the darkness.

God said, "Let there be land and sea," and land filled with mountains appeared, surrounded by deep water.

God said, "Let there be trees and plants, sun, moon, and stars," and the plants produced fruit in the sunshine and were cool under the moon and stars.



God said, "Let there be fish and winged creatures," and the sea swam with fish and the sky was filled with birds and butterflies.



God said, "Let there be all kinds of animals," and tigers padded and antelope galloped over the land.

God said, "Let there be people to look after my beautiful world," and there were, male and female.

God saw that his world was good and he rested.



## A Long Way to Bethlehem



The angel Gabriel told Joseph, the village carpenter, to marry Mary and take care of her and her baby. The baby grew inside Mary and soon the time came for her little son to be born.

But the Romans wanted to count all the people in the empire. Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way to Bethlehem. When they reached the town, it was very busy.

"No room here!" they were told when they looked for somewhere to stay. "But ... you can rest in the stable, if you like."

That night, Mary's baby was born, Jesus, the Son of God. Mary wrapped him up warmly and made a bed for him in the manger where the animals fed.





## My First Prayers

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### HAIL MARY

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.





Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

