

The Terrible Lie

Adam & Eve lived happily together
in their beautiful new home.
And everything was perfect.
...for a while

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God had a horrible enemy.
His name was Satan...
He wanted to stop God's plan,
stop this love story, right there.
So he disguised himself as a snake and
waited in the garden.

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“Does God really love you?”
the serpent whispered.
“If he does, why won't he let you eat
the nice, juicy, delicious fruit?
Poor you, perhaps God doesn't
want you to be happy.”

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Eve picked the fruit and ate some.
And Adam ate some, too.

A terrible pain came into God's heart...
they had broken their
wonderful relationship with him.
And now he knew everything else
would break. God's creation would start
to unravel, and come undone, and go wrong.

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Sin had come into God's perfect world.
And it would never leave.

God's children would be
always running away from him and hiding
in the dark. Their hearts would break now,
and never work properly again.

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Well, in another story, it would all be over
and that would have been...
The end.

But not in this story.

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One day, he would get his children back.
You see, in spite of everything,
God would love his children -
with a Never Stopping, Never Giving Up,
Unbreaking, Always & Forever Love.

One day, God himself would come.

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Dear Little Flock, you're all wandering
away from me, like sheep in an open field.
You have always been running away
from me & now you're lost.
You can't find your way back.

But I can't stop loving you.
I will come find you.

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A little baby will be born. A Royal Son.
His mommy will be a young girl who doesn't
have a husband.
His name will be Emmanuel, which means
"God has come to live with us."

He is one of king david's
children's children's children.
The Prince of Peace.

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He will be a King!
But he won't live in a palace.
And he won't have lots of money.
He will be poor.
And he will be a servant.

But this King will heal the whole world.

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He will be a hero!
He will fight for his people,
and rescue them from their enemies.
But he won't have big armies,
and he won't fight with swords.
He will make the blind see.
he will make the lame leap like deer!

He will make everything the way
it was always meant to be.

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But people will hate him,
and they won't listen to him.
He will be like a lamb—he will suffer and die.

It's the secret rescue plan we made –
from before the beginning of the world!
It's the only way to get you back.

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But he won't stay dead -
I will make him alive again!

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And one day,
when he comes back to rule forever,
the mountains & trees will dance
and sing for joy!
The earth will shout out loud!
His fame will fill the whole earth -
as the waters cover the sea!

Everything sad will come untrue.

He's Here!

One morning, Mary was minding her own
business when, suddenly,
a great warrior of light appeared -
right there, in her bedroom.

He was Garbiel and he was an angel,
a special messenger from heaven.

He's Here

“Mary, you’re going to have a baby.
a little boy.
you will call him Jesus.

He is God’s own son.
He is the one!
He’s the Rescuer!

He's Here!

“How can it be true?”
“Is anything too wonderful for God?”
Gabriel asked

So Mary trusted God
more than what her eyes could see.
and she believed.

“I am God’s servant,” she said.
“Whatever God says, I will do.

He's Here!

Now, Mary & Joseph had to take a trip
to Bethlehem, the town King David was from.

But when they reached the little town
they found every room was full.
Every bed was taken.

He's Here

Where would they stay?
Soon Mary's baby would come.

They couldn't find anywhere
except an old, tumbledown stable.
So they stayed where the cows
and the donkeys and the horses stayed.

He's Here!

And there, in the stable, amongst the
chickens and the donkeys and the cows,
in the quiet of the night,
God gave the world his wonderful gift.

The baby that would
change the world was born.
His baby son.

He's Here!

Mary and Joseph name him Jesus.
"Emmanuel" -
which means "God has come to live with us."

Because, of course, he had.

The Light of the Whale World

That same night, in amongst the other stars,
suddenly a bright new star appeared.
Of all the stars in the dark vaulted heavens,
this one shone clearer.
It blazed in the night and made
the other stars look pale beside it.

The Light of the Whale World

God put it there
when his baby son was born
to be like a spotlight.
Shinning on him.
Lighting up the darkness.
Showing people the way to him.

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And now he was going to
send a big choir of angels
to sing his happy song to the world:

He's here! He's come!
Go and see him. My little boy.

The Light of the Whole World

He sent all those angels to sing for
a raggedy old bunch of shepherds
watching their sheep outside Bethlehem.

The Light of the Whole World

“I haven’t come to hurt you. I’ve come to
bring you happy news
for everyone everywhere.
Today in David’s town, in Bethlehem,
God’s son has been born!
You can go and see him.
He is sleeping in a manger.”

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Behind the angel they saw a strange
glowing cloud- except it wasn’t a cloud,
it was angels...troops and troops of angels,
armed with light!
And they were singing a beautiful song:
“Glory to God! To God be Fame and Honor
and all our Hoorays!”

*The Light of the
Whole World*

This baby would be like that bright star
shining in the sky that night.
A Light to light up the whole world.
Chasing away darkness.
Helping people to see.