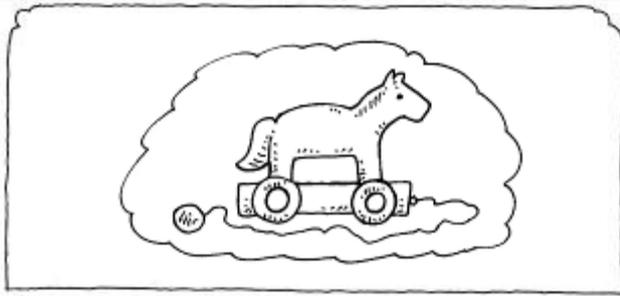


JESUS growing up

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Jesus, God's own son,
was a child like you.
We learn about Jesus
as he was growing up.



God said in the Bible he would send
his own Son to earth. People watched
and waited. When it was the right time
Jesus was born in Bethlehem.



God put Jesus in a family.
He gave him a mother called Mary and
a father called Joseph, to look after him.
At Christmas time we remember Jesus' birthday.



Jesus grew and grew.
He loved God and he loved Mary and Joseph.
They all went to church to learn about God.
Jesus loved to help at home.



Joseph made things from wood and
showed Jesus how to make things too.
He listened and obeyed.
Jesus loved to help.



It was soon time for Jesus to teach people.
He found 12 helpers, sometimes called Disciples.
Jesus made sick people better.
He told stories about God.



Little children came to see Jesus.
They loved to hear his stories about God.
He was so kind and he was fun. Jesus said,
"Everyone should love me like these children do!"



God put YOU in a family.
He wants you to grow up to know Him
and to love him too.
Jesus loves YOU!