

JOSEPH the carpenter

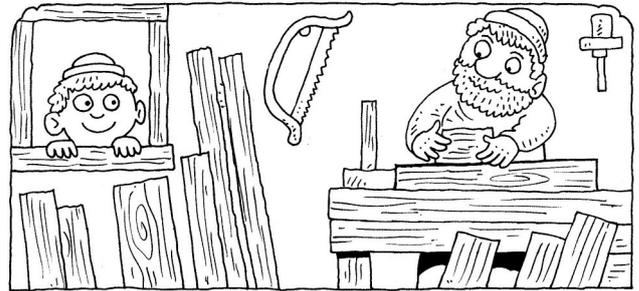
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From the book of Luke
By Jill Kemp

The Bible doesn't tell us
very much about Jesus
when he was a boy.
We do know about his family.



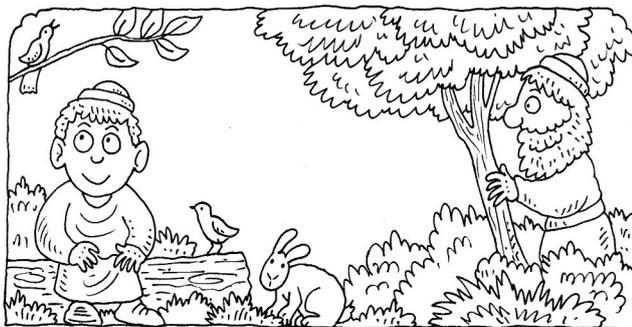
When Jesus was a boy
his family lived in the town of Nazareth.
Joseph worked as a carpenter.
He made things from wood, to sell.



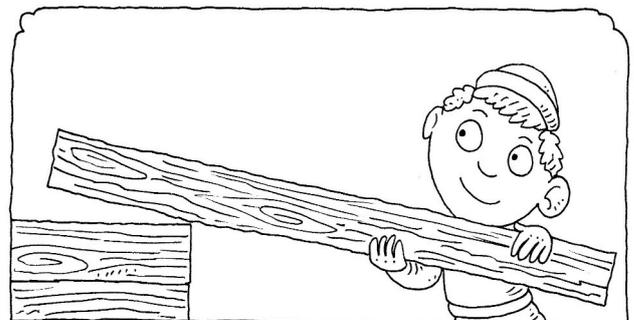
People knew that Joseph
did a good job and was honest.
He could make a table, a wheel
or fix a handle for a hoe.



Jesus helped Joseph
carry wood to the workshop.
It was hard work for a boy,
but he never complained



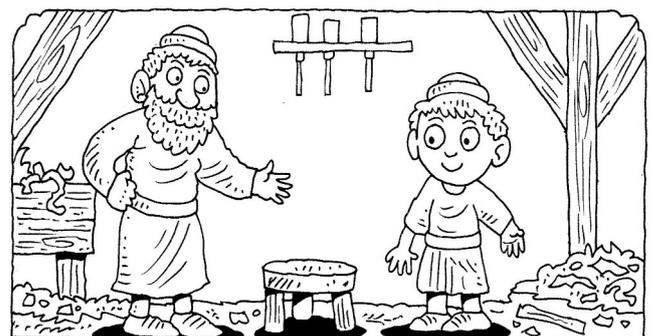
Jesus knew every tree.
He had seen it from a tiny seed.
He knew every bird that sat in it's branches.
Jesus was God's Son.



Jesus held the wood for Joseph to cut.
He listened and obeyed.
He liked to help Joseph
and it was fun being with his father.



Sometimes Jesus would sweep
up the wood shavings,
or tidy up the workshop for Joseph.
He was a good worker.



Joseph made a little stool for Jesus.
"You are a good son and I love you," he said.
"I remember when God sent you to us."
Joseph the carpenter was a good dad.