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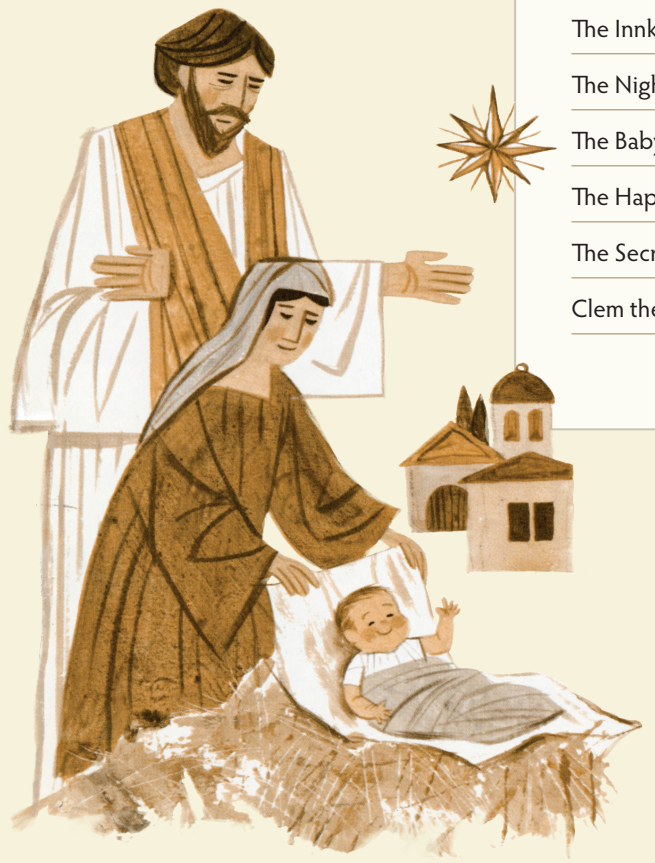


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Dear Parents,

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

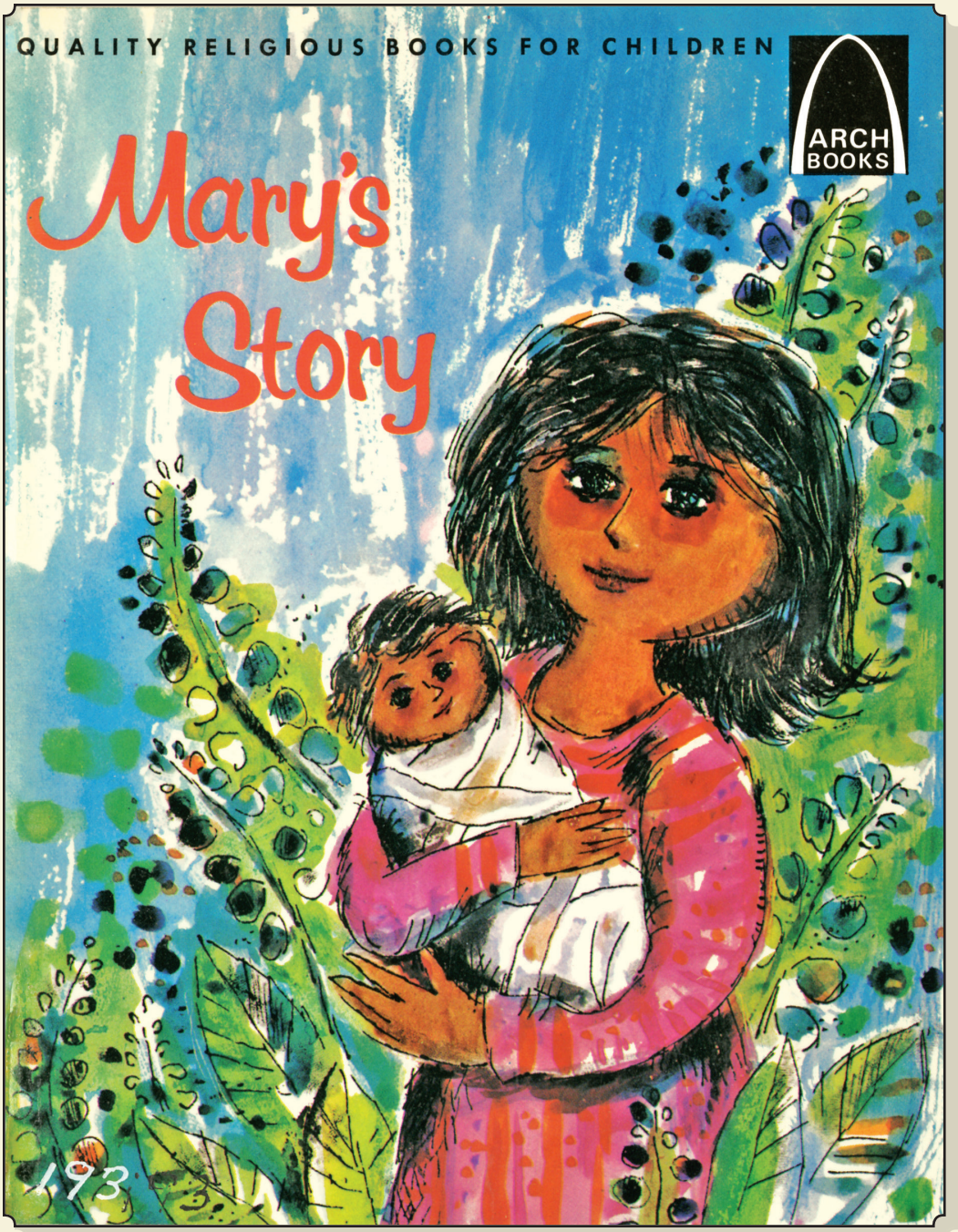
John 3:16

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To God be the glory!

The Editor


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One day as Mary washed her clothes,
she had a sudden scare.
And how she jumped! She was surprised
to see an angel there.

Before she had a chance to speak,
the angel said, "Don't fear.
I have important news for you.
Our God has sent me here.

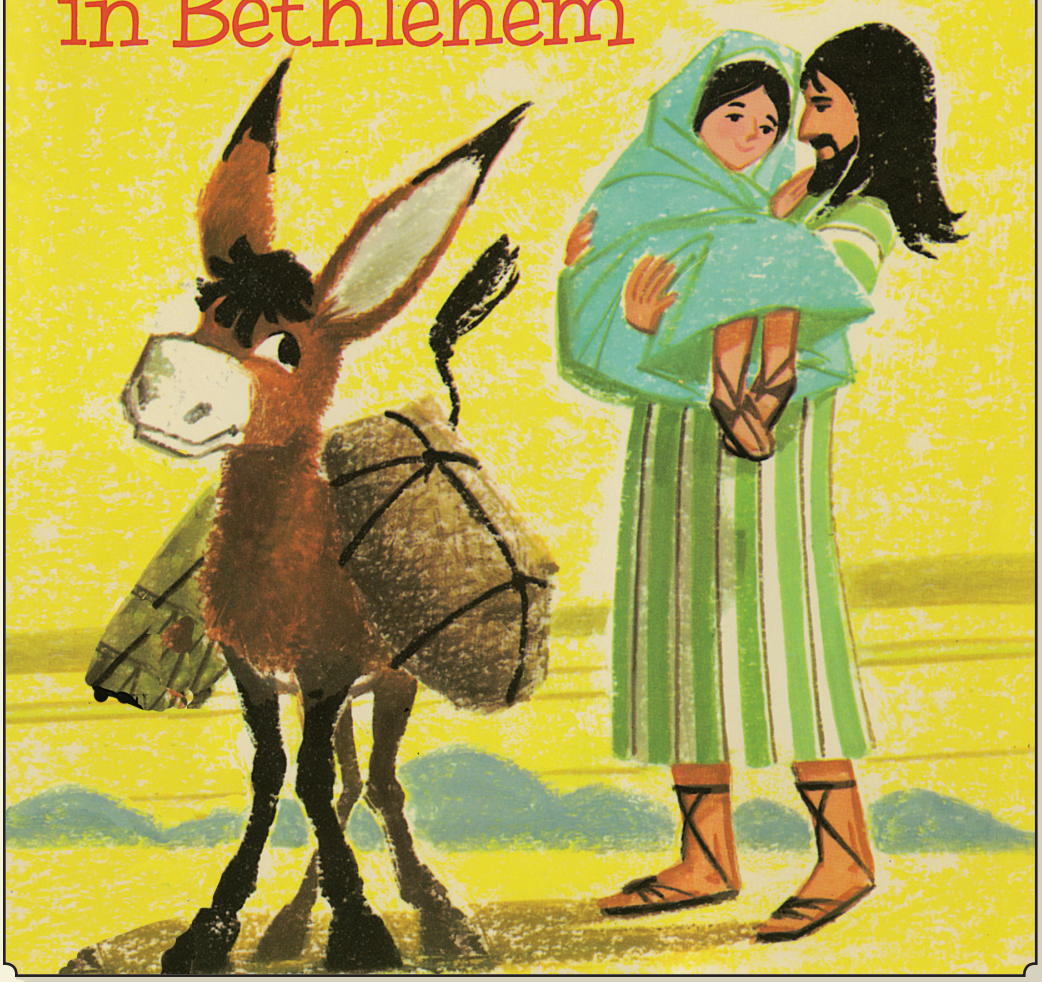
"For you will have a baby soon,
and He will be God's Son.
His name is Jesus. He will come
in love for everyone."

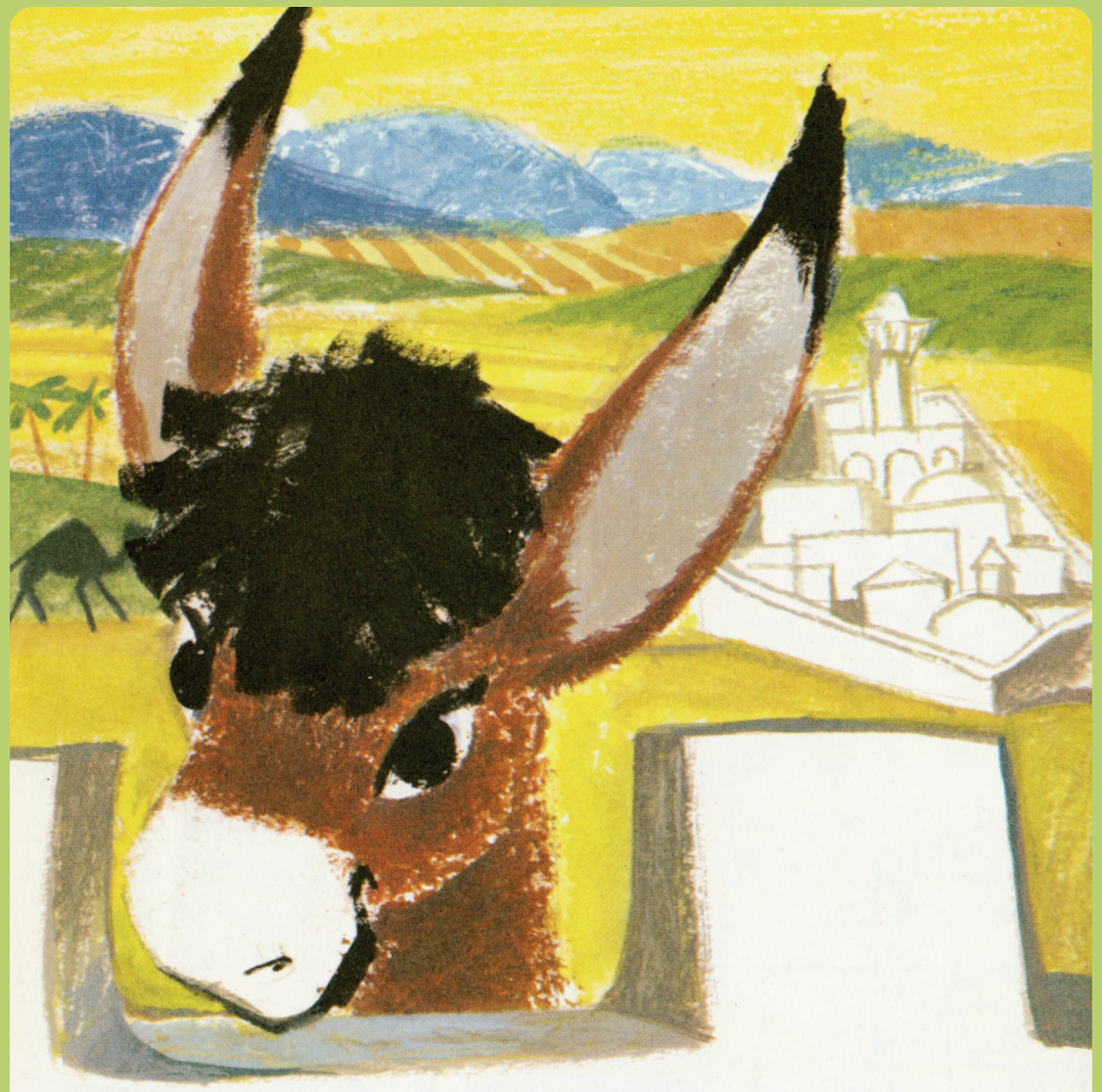
"But I'm not married yet," she said.
"So how can this be true?"
"That isn't hard for God," he said.
"There's nothing He can't do.

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DONKEY DANIEL in Bethlehem

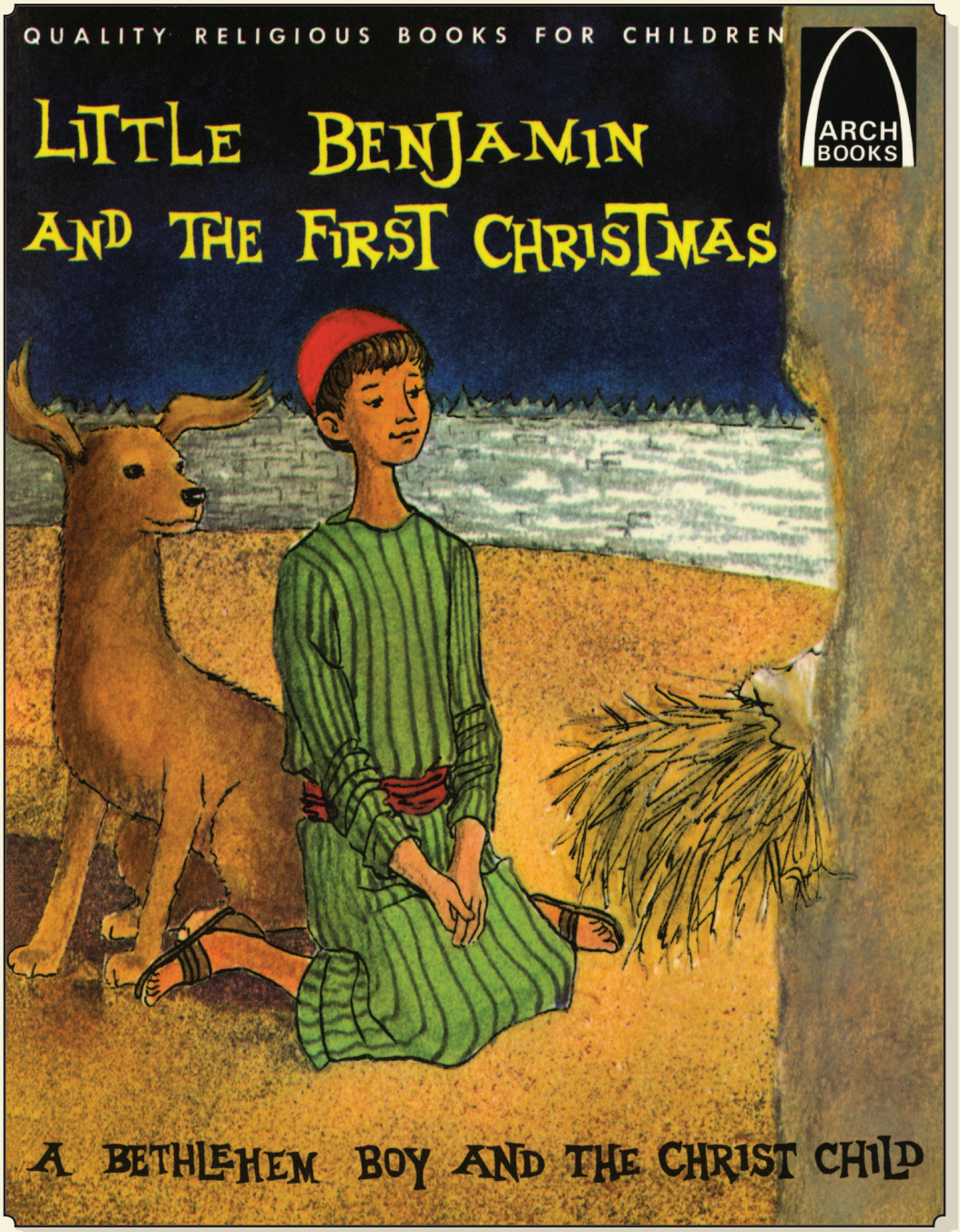




Nearby the town of Nazareth,
a long, long time ago,
there lived a little donkey
with a nose as white as snow.



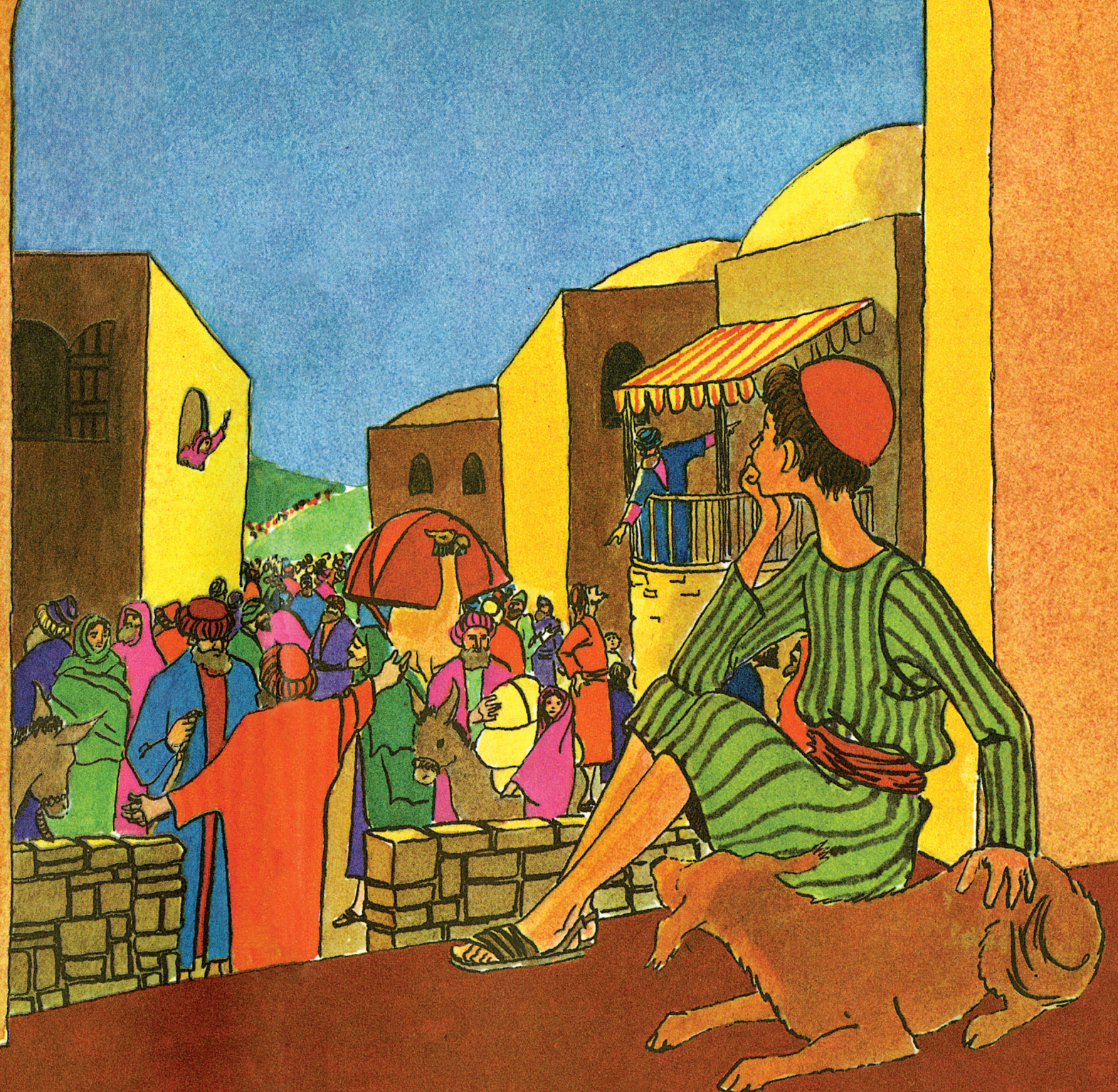
His name was Donkey Daniel.
He was very strong indeed;
why, he could carry anything
that anyone might need.

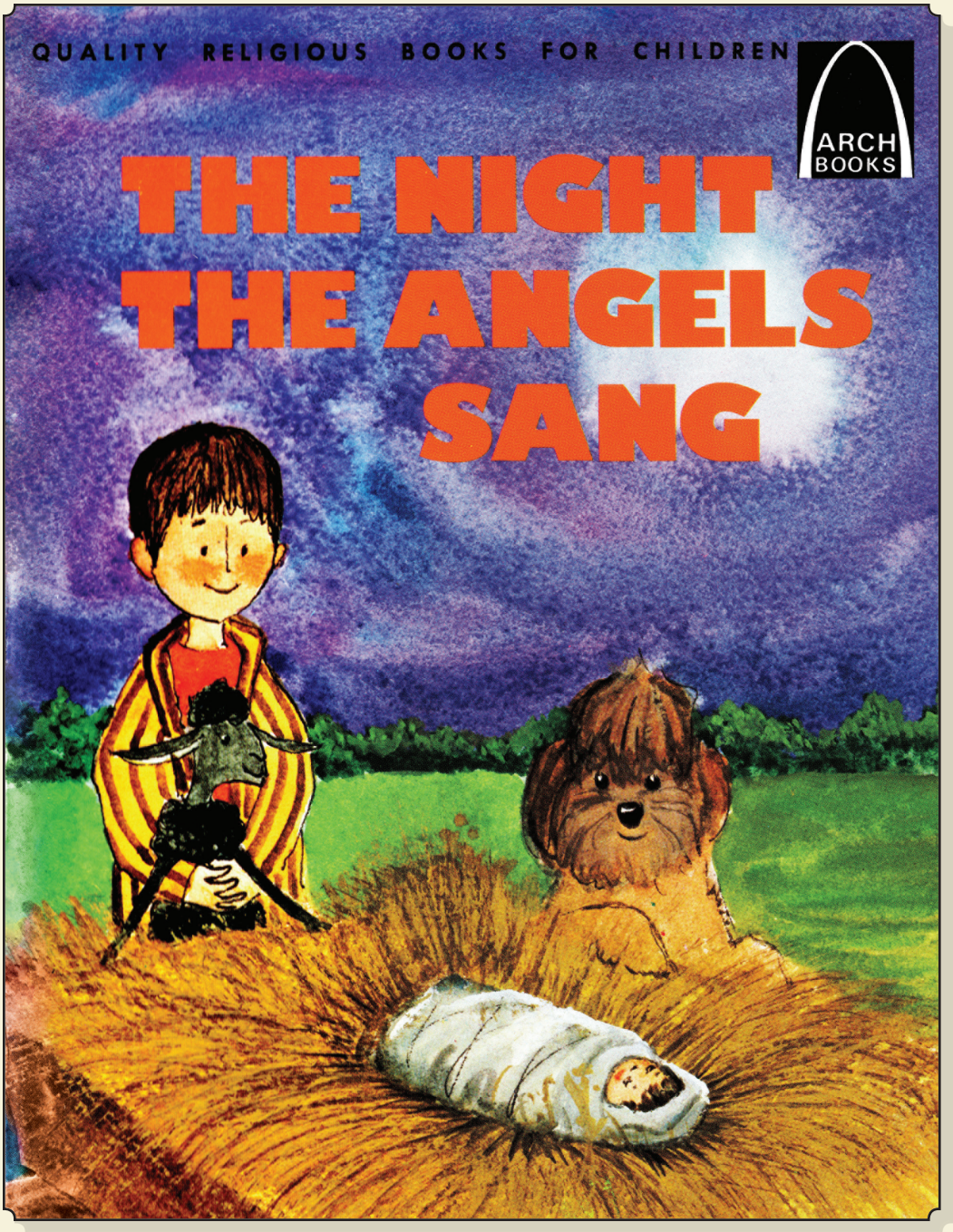

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LITTLE BENJAMIN AND THE FIRST CHRISTMAS
A BETHLEHEM BOY AND THE CHRIST CHILD

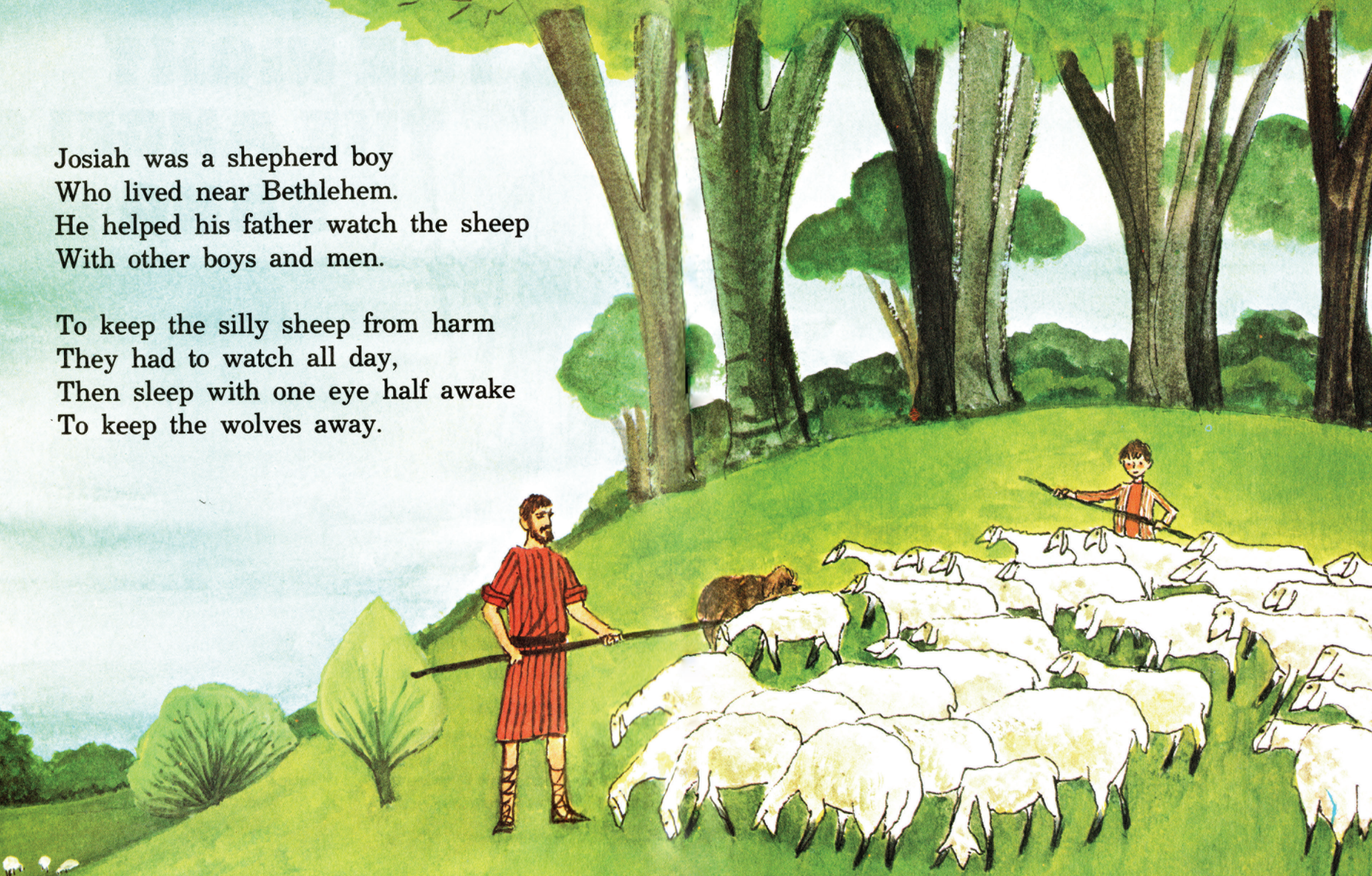
Benjamin watched the people coming into Bethlehem. What a lot of people there were! The king had ordered them to come to Bethlehem to be counted.

Some of them stayed in Benjamin's father's inn. Soon all the rooms were taken.

The inn was full of noise and excitement. "Here, boy, bring some hay for our donkeys!" they called out to Benjamin.

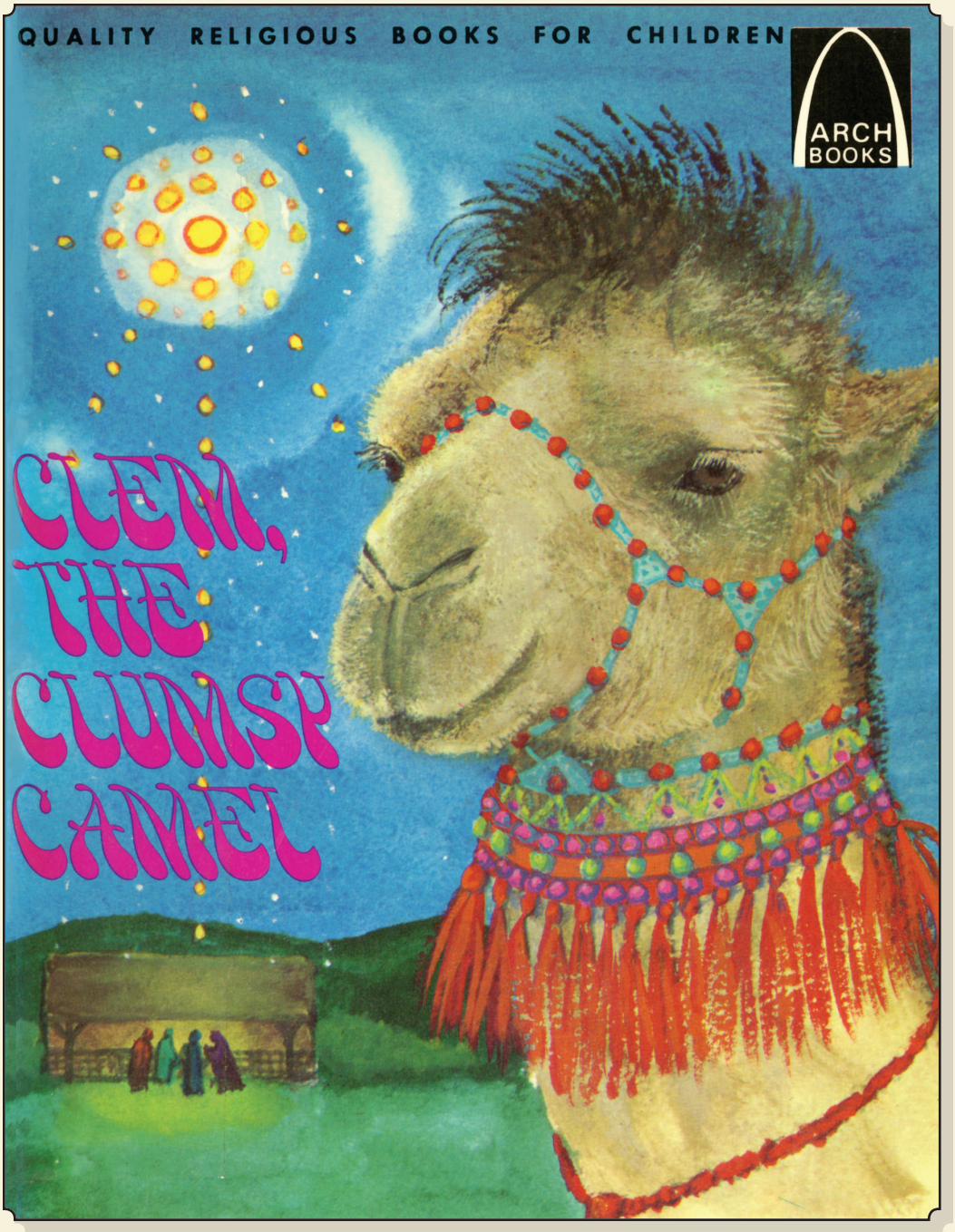


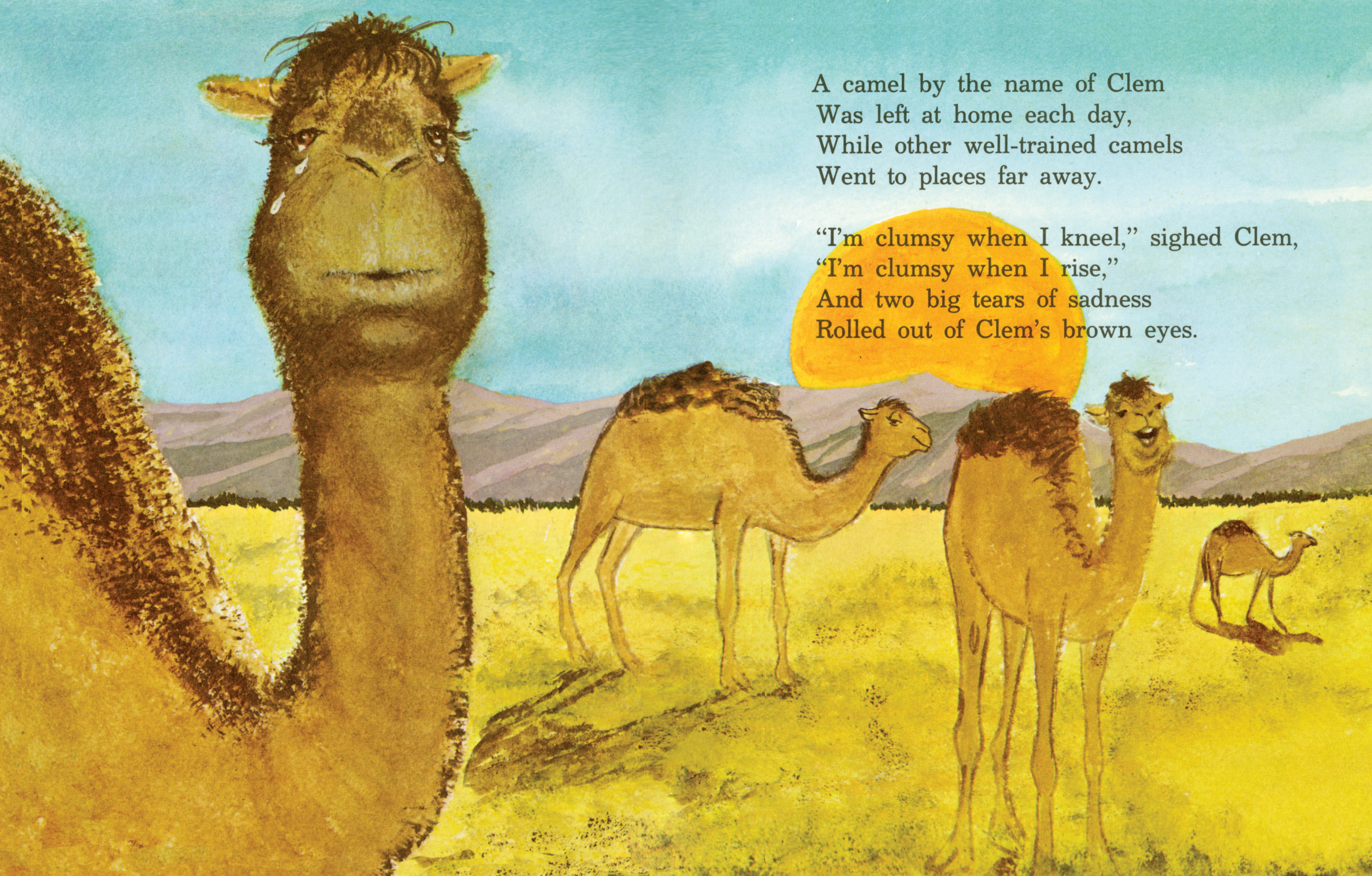

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THE NIGHT THE ANGELS SANG



Josiah was a shepherd boy
Who lived near Bethlehem.
He helped his father watch the sheep
With other boys and men.

To keep the silly sheep from harm
They had to watch all day,
Then sleep with one eye half awake
To keep the wolves away.


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CLEM, THE CLUMSY CAMEL



A camel by the name of Clem
Was left at home each day,
While other well-trained camels
Went to places far away.

"I'm clumsy when I kneel," sighed Clem,
"I'm clumsy when I rise,"
And two big tears of sadness
Rolled out of Clem's brown eyes.