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- **A 13–15-year-old Jewish virgin is pregnant with God’s baby.**
- **The baby will be born in a manger surrounded by barn animals in Bethlehem.**
- **Rome, one of the world’s most abusive and hedonistic empires, is in power. They care little for non-citizens.**
- **Herod, Israel’s evil pseudo-king, is committed to protecting his throne.**
- **Jesus’s young family must flee to a foreign country (Egypt) for sanctuary from Herod.**

How can the Christmas story help me with my problems?

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⁶By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. **Psalms 33:6** (NIV)

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In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was already with God in the beginning. ³ Everything came into existence through him. Not one thing that exists was made without him... ¹⁴ The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his glory. It was the glory that the Father shares with his only Son, a glory full of kindness and truth. **John 1:1-3, 14** (GW)

⁶... yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. **1 Corinthians 8:6** (NIV)

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along

the ground.” ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **Genesis 1:16-27** (NIV)

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If it was _____ then Jesus was _____.

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All right then, the Lord Himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a Child! She will give birth to a Son and will call Him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). **Isaiah 9:6** (NLT)

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Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; One will come from you to be ruler over Israel for Me. His origin is from antiquity, from eternity. **Micah 5:2** (HCSV)

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⁴⁴“In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. **Daniel 2:44-45** (NIV)

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A voice rises from Ramah— mourning and bitter weeping are heard day and night. The voice is Rachel’s; she’s weeping for her children. She will not be comforted, for her children are no more. **Jeremiah 31:15** (VOICE)

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When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. **Hosea 11:1** (NIV)

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²¹“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” **Matthew 1:21** (NIV)

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **Luke 2:8-11** (NIV)