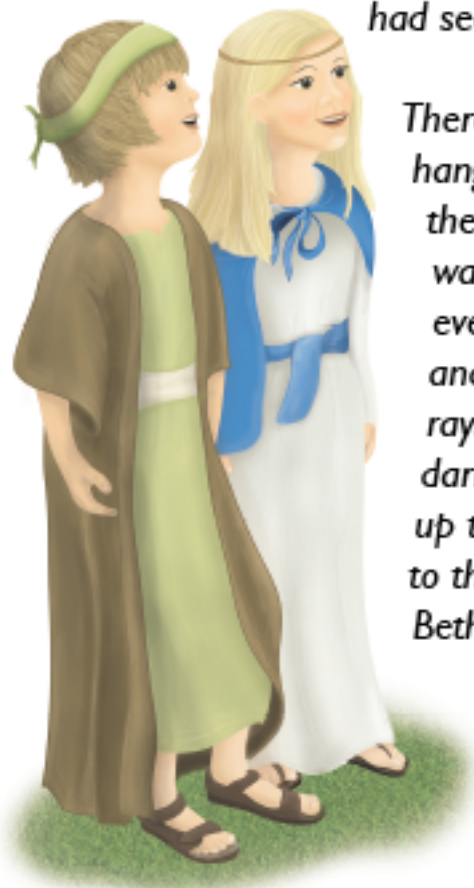


**M**y story begins on the night before The Very First Christmas Day. A good shepherd named Mr. David and his five children, Christian, the twins Tay~Tay and Paul, and the two youngest, Daniel and little Betsy, were gathered in the meadow. They were guarding their sheep as they usually did each night. Ms. Elizabeth, their beautiful mother, was home preparing hot milk and cookies to bring to the meadow.

It was a clear, cold night but this night there was something very different from all of the nights they had seen before.



There was a big, beautiful star hanging high in the night sky over the nearby town of Bethlehem. It was a star unlike any star they had ever seen. It was so big, so beautiful, and so totally awesome. Its shining rays of light reached out across the dark blue, star studded sky, straight up towards the Heavens and down to the Earth over the sleepy town of Bethlehem.

Tay~Tay turned to Paul and asked, "Have you ever seen anything so beautiful?"