

❖ A WORD TO PARENTS ❖

This book was written to help parents share the wonderful story of the birth of the Savior with their children so that they, in turn, will be able to retell it to others. Though the facts are important for children to remember, it is even more important for them to understand the message of the birth of Christ, God's Son, the Savior of the world, the King of all Kings, who is most special of all.

How to Use This Book

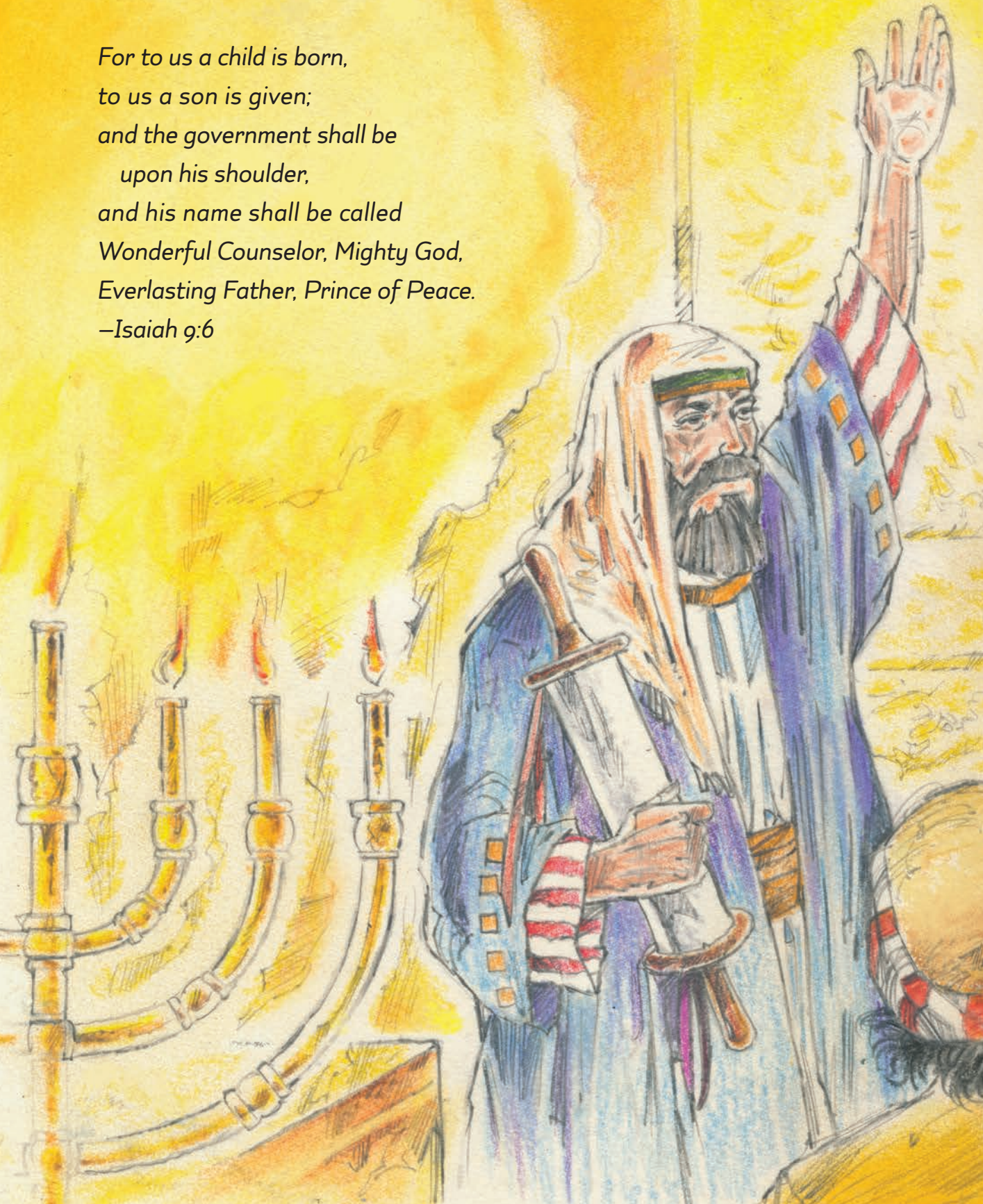
- Read the story several times to your child.
- Start with the title and main story text on each right-hand page. After you have read this section of the story with your child, use the Scripture or song quotation on the opposite page to further reinforce what you have learned, to reflect on its meaning, and to stir your heart to worship.
- Practice the story over a period of days. Read the title of each section and encourage your child to tell you the text of that section, at first with your help.
- Practice the story until your child is able to tell the story without help, or with minimal help. The story may be told using the book or using a nativity set. Each figure, in turn, can be added to the nativity set at the point in the story indicated by this symbol: ❖. A note at the bottom of each

story will indicate which figure or figures correspond with the symbol.

- Encourage your child to tell the Christmas story to the family on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day as you celebrate the birth of the Savior and the true meaning of Christmas.

This Christmas, may you and your children worship Jesus, the Savior of the world, the King of Kings, who is most special of all.

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be
upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
—Isaiah 9:6



❖ PROMISE ❖

God made a promise to His people. He would send a Savior to take the punishment for their sin.



*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*



❖ WAITING ❖

So the Jews were waiting and waiting and waiting . . . for a long, long time. Waiting for a Savior. Waiting for a King. Waiting for the “Lamb of God” to take away their sins. Waiting for . . . Jesus.

