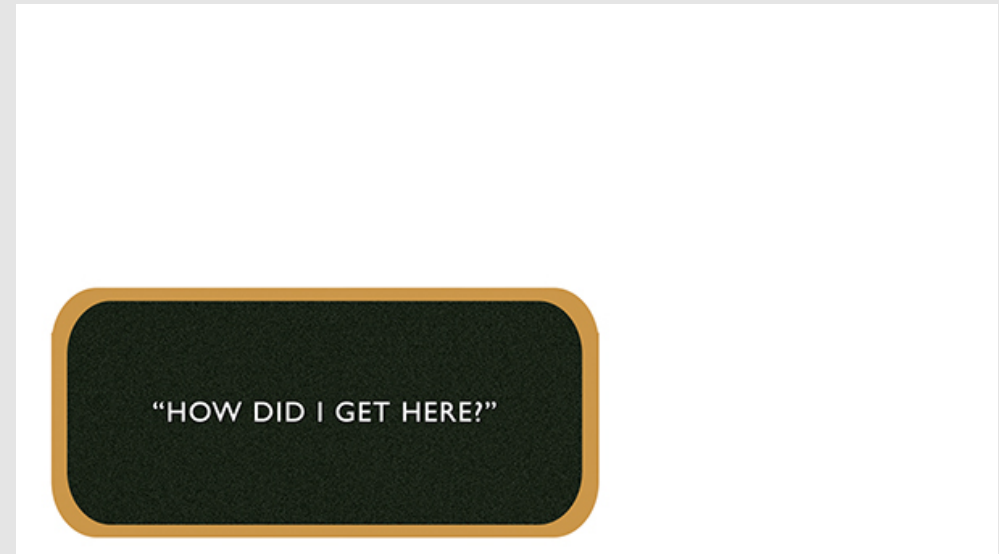
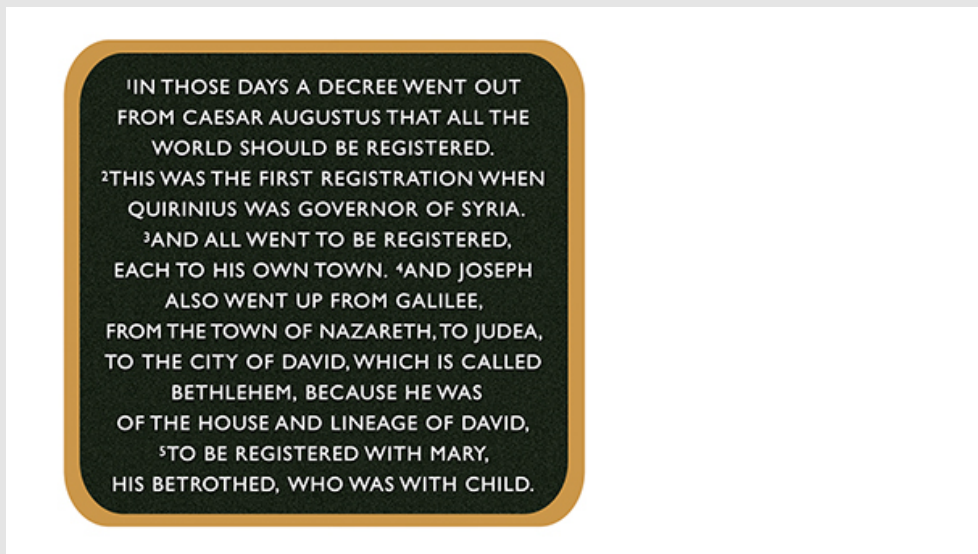




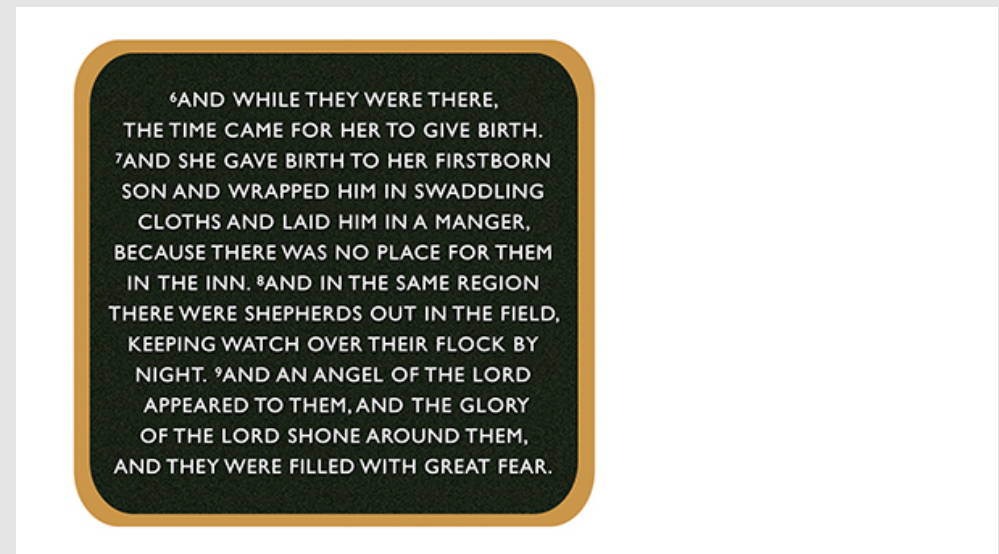
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¹⁰AND THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM,
 "FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD, I BRING YOU
 GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY THAT WILL BE
 FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. ¹¹FOR UNTO YOU
 IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID
 A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD.
¹²AND THIS WILL BE A SIGN FOR YOU:
 YOU WILL FIND A BABY WRAPPED
 IN SWADDLING CLOTHS AND LYING
 IN A MANGER." ¹³AND SUDDENLY THERE
 WAS WITH THE ANGEL A MULTITUDE OF
 THE HEAVENLY HOST PRAISING GOD AND
 SAYING, ¹⁴"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,
 AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG THOSE
 WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED!"

f.005.tiff

¹⁵WHEN THE ANGELS WENT AWAY FROM
 THEM INTO HEAVEN, THE SHEPHERDS SAID
 TO ONE ANOTHER, "LET US GO OVER TO
 BETHLEHEM AND SEE THIS THING THAT HAS
 HAPPENED, WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE
 KNOWN TO US." ¹⁶AND THEY WENT WITH
 HASTE AND FOUND MARY AND JOSEPH,
 AND THE BABY LYING IN A MANGER.

—LUKE 2:1-16

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I. THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
 WAS HARD

f.007.tiff

"THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM WAS NOT
 A JOURNEY MARY WANTED TO TAKE.
 IT WAS NOT THE WAY SHE IMAGINED IT
 WOULD BE. AND, OF COURSE, THIS WAS NOT
 TO BE THE LAST OF MARY'S UNWANTED
 JOURNEYS. A SHORT TIME AFTER JESUS'
 BIRTH, HEROD WOULD TRY TO KILL THE
 CHILD, AND SHE AND JOSEPH WOULD TAKE
 THE INFANT JESUS AND FLEE TO EGYPT AS
 REFUGEES. THIRTY THREE YEARS LATER,
 THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER JOURNEY SHE
 WOULD TAKE WITH HER SON,
 THIS TIME DOWN THE VIA DOLOROSA AS
 SHE FOLLOWED HIM TO CALVARY."

f.008.tiff

2. THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM WAS HOLY

f.009.tiff

BUT YOU, O BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH,
WHO ARE TOO LITTLE TO BE AMONG THE
CLANS OF JUDAH, FROM YOU SHALL COME
FORTH FOR ME ONE WHO IS TO BE RULER
IN ISRAEL, WHOSE COMING FORTH IS FROM
OF OLD, FROM ANCIENT DAYS. —MICAH 5:2

f.010.tiff

¹IN THOSE DAYS A DECREE WENT OUT
FROM CAESAR AUGUSTUS THAT
ALL THE WORLD SHOULD BE REGISTERED.
²THIS WAS THE FIRST REGISTRATION
WHEN QUIRINIUS WAS GOVERNOR OF
SYRIA. ³AND ALL WENT TO BE REGISTERED,
EACH TO HIS OWN TOWN. ⁴AND JOSEPH
ALSO WENT UP FROM GALILEE,
FROM THE TOWN OF NAZARETH, TO JUDEA,
TO THE CITY OF DAVID, WHICH IS
CALLED BETHLEHEM... ⁵TO BE REGISTERED
WITH MARY, HIS BETROTHED, WHO WAS
WITH CHILD. —LUKE 2:1-4a, 5

f.011.tiff

⁵HAVE THIS MIND AMONG YOURSELVES,
WHICH IS YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS,
⁶WHO, THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM
OF GOD, DID NOT COUNT EQUALITY
WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED,
⁷BUT EMPTIED HIMSELF,
BY TAKING THE FORM OF A SERVANT,
BEING BORN IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN.
⁸AND BEING FOUND IN HUMAN FORM,
HE HUMBLIED HIMSELF BY BECOMING
OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH,
EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.
—PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

f.012.tiff

¹⁰CONCERNING THIS SALVATION, THE PROPHETS WHO PROPHESED ABOUT THE GRACE THAT WAS TO BE YOURS SEARCHED AND INQUIRED CAREFULLY, ¹¹INQUIRING WHAT PERSON OR TIME THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST IN THEM WAS INDICATING WHEN HE PREDICTED THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST AND THE SUBSEQUENT GLORIES. ¹²IT WAS REVEALED TO THEM THAT THEY WERE SERVING NOT THEMSELVES BUT YOU, IN THE THINGS THAT HAVE NOW BEEN ANNOUNCED TO YOU THROUGH THOSE WHO PREACHED THE GOOD NEWS TO YOU BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SENT FROM HEAVEN, THINGS INTO WHICH ANGELS LONG TO LOOK...

f.013.tiff

¹⁸KNOWING THAT YOU WERE RANSOMED FROM THE FUTILE WAYS INHERITED FROM YOUR FOREFATHERS, NOT WITH PERISHABLE THINGS SUCH AS SILVER OR GOLD, ¹⁹BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, LIKE THAT OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH OR SPOT. ²⁰HE WAS FOREKNOWN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD BUT WAS MADE MANIFEST IN THE LAST TIMES FOR THE SAKE OF YOU ²¹WHO THROUGH HIM ARE BELIEVERS IN GOD, WHO RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD AND GAVE HIM GLORY, SO THAT YOUR FAITH AND HOPE ARE IN GOD.

—1 PETER 1:10-12, 18-21

f.014.tiff

... ⁹WHO SAVED US AND CALLED US TO A HOLY CALLING, NOT BECAUSE OF OUR WORKS BUT BECAUSE OF HIS OWN PURPOSE AND GRACE, WHICH HE GAVE US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE AGES BEGAN, ¹⁰AND WHICH NOW HAS BEEN MANIFESTED THROUGH THE APPEARING OF OUR SAVIOR CHRIST JESUS, WHO ABOLISHED DEATH AND BROUGHT LIFE AND IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT THROUGH THE GOSPEL.

—2 TIMOTHY 1:9-10

f.015.tiff

3. THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM
GIVES US HOPE!

f.016.tiff

¹⁸FOR I CONSIDER THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTH COMPARING WITH THE GLORY THAT IS TO BE REVEALED TO US... ²⁸AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. ²⁹FOR THOSE WHOM HE FOREKNEW HE ALSO PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE THE FIRSTBORN AMONG MANY BROTHERS. ³⁰AND THOSE WHOM HE PREDESTINED HE ALSO CALLED, AND THOSE WHOM HE CALLED HE ALSO JUSTIFIED, AND THOSE WHOM HE JUSTIFIED HE ALSO GLORIFIED. —ROMANS 8:18, 28-30

f.017.tiff

FIRST TIME JESUS CAME TO EARTH,
A FEW WISEMEN BOWED BEFORE HIM.
WHEN JESUS COMES BACK AGAIN,
EVERY KNEE WILL BOW BEFORE HIM.

FIRST TIME JESUS CAME TO EARTH,
A FEW PEOPLE IN A TOWN CALLED
BETHLEHEM KNEW ABOUT IT. WHEN JESUS
COMES BACK AGAIN, EVERY TRIBE, TONGUE,
AND NATION WILL KNOW ABOUT IT.

FIRST TIME JESUS CAME TO EARTH,
HE PAID FOR SIN.
WHEN JESUS COMES BACK AGAIN,
HE WILL DO AWAY WITH SIN.

f.018.tiff

FIRST TIME JESUS CAME TO EARTH,
HE CAME TO MAKE PEACE BETWEEN GOD
AND MANKIND. WHEN JESUS COMES BACK
AGAIN, HE IS COMING TO MAKE WAR
AGAINST ALL OF THOSE THAT OPPOSE GOD.

FIRST TIME JESUS CAME TO EARTH,
HE CHOSE TO RECEIVE A BEATING.
WHEN JESUS COMES BACK AGAIN,
HE IS COMING TO GIVE A BEATING.

FIRST TIME JESUS CAME TO EARTH, IT WAS
BECAUSE HE LOVES YOU. WHEN JESUS
COMES BACK AGAIN, IT WILL BE BECAUSE
HE LOVES YOU. —SHANE PRUITT

f.019.tiff

¹"LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED.
BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME.
²IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS.
IF IT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU
THAT I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU?
³AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR
YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN AND WILL TAKE
YOU TO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM YOU MAY
BE ALSO. ⁴AND YOU KNOW THE WAY
TO WHERE I AM GOING." THOMAS SAID
TO HIM, "LORD, WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE
YOU ARE GOING. HOW CAN WE KNOW
THE WAY?" ⁵JESUS SAID TO HIM,
"I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND
THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME. —JOHN 14:1-6

f.020.tiff