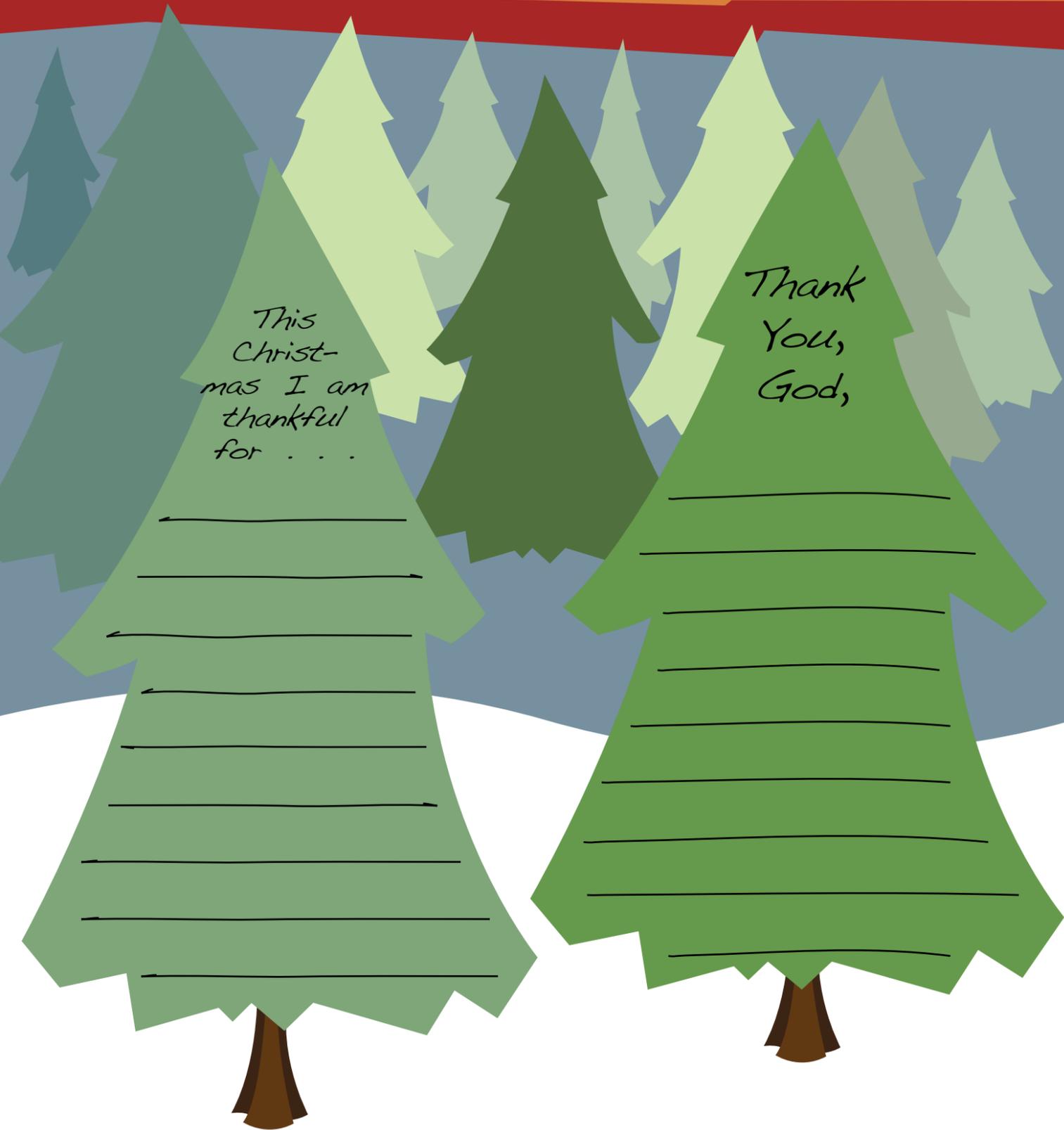


THANKFUL FOR CHRISTMAS

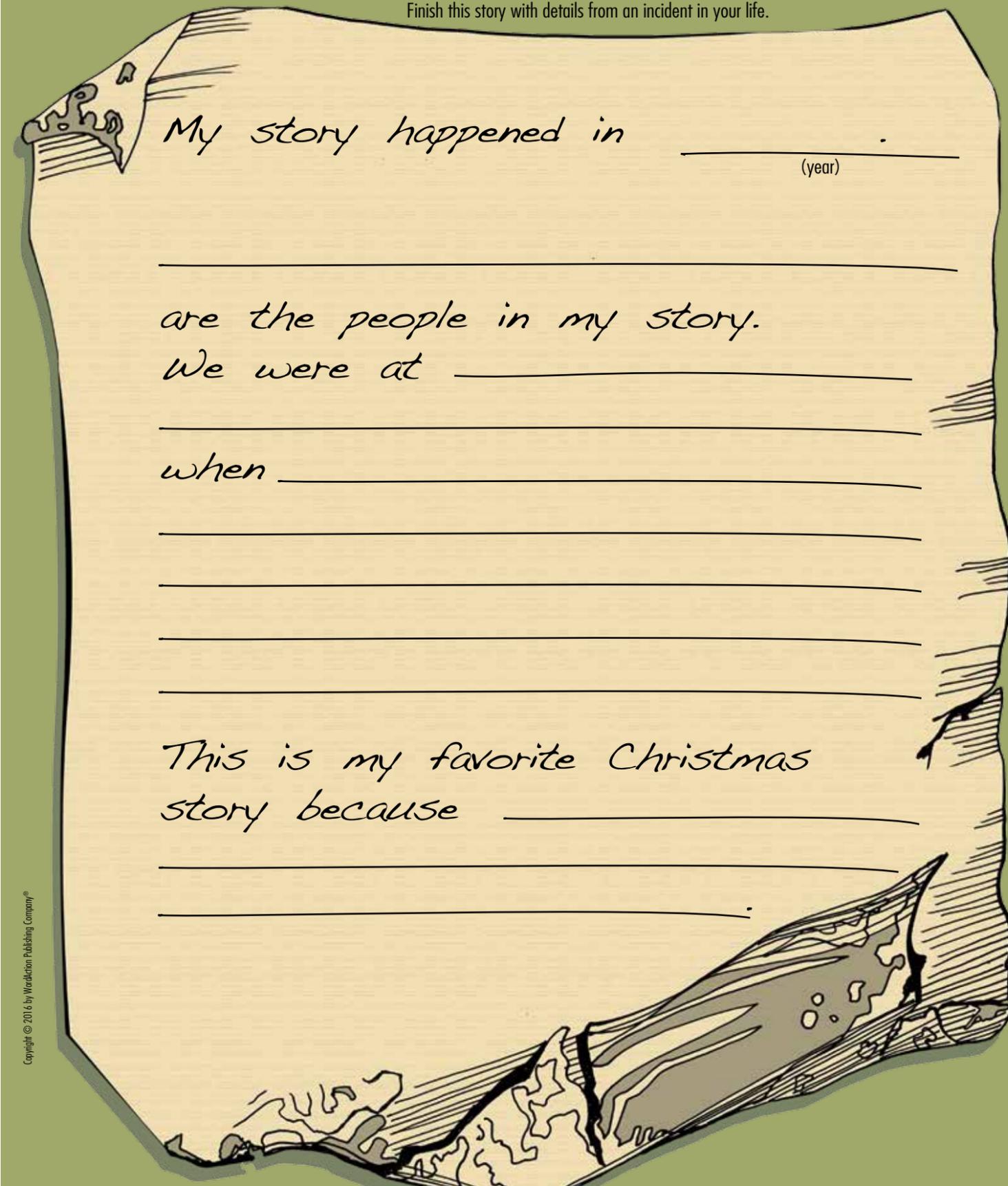
On the first tree write things you are thankful for. On the other tree write a thank-you note to God for sending Jesus to be your Savior.



MY CHRISTMAS STORY

DECEMBER 4, 2016 CELEBRATE WITH THE PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS

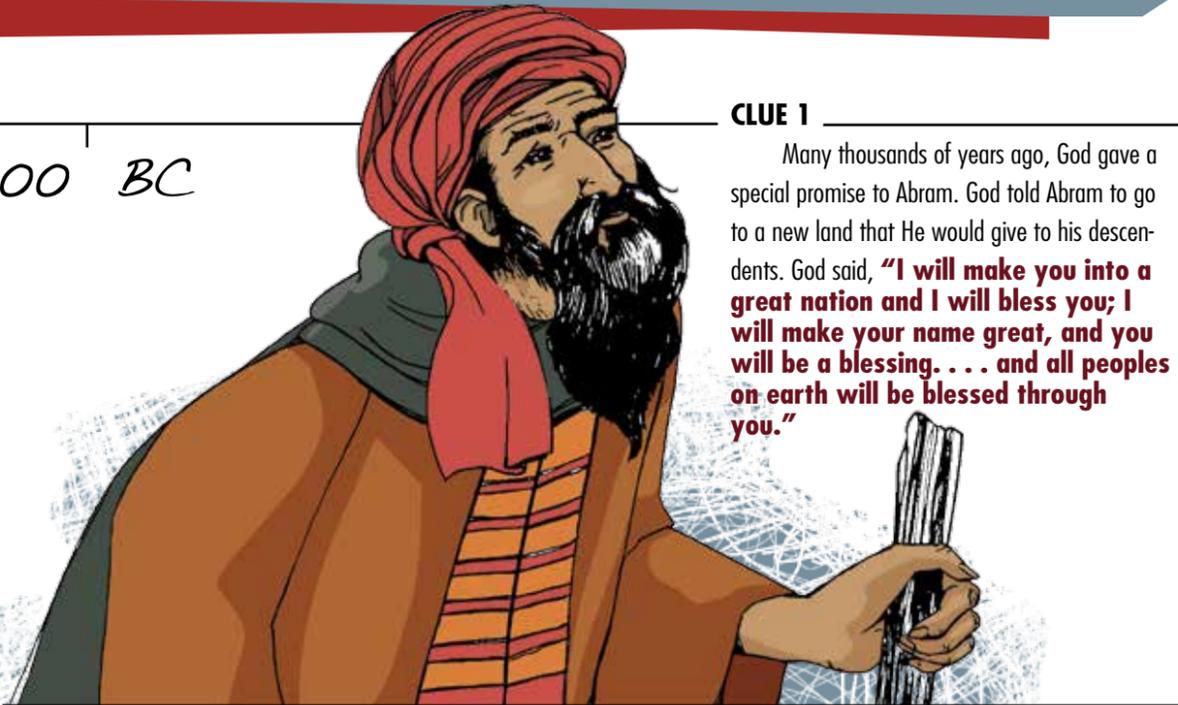
Finish this story with details from an incident in your life.



CHRISTMAS CLUES NEWS

Genesis 12:1-3; Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7; Micah 5:2

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CLUE 1

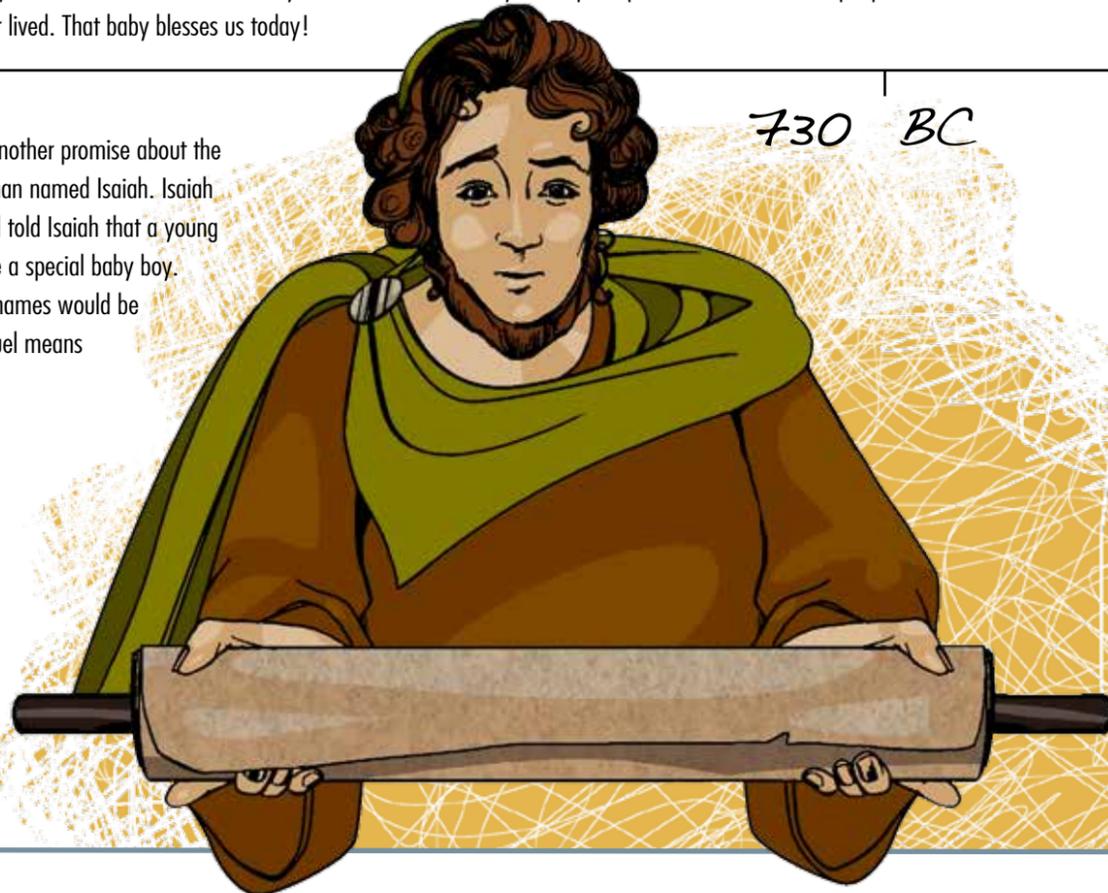
Many thousands of years ago, God gave a special promise to Abram. God told Abram to go to a new land that He would give to his descendants. God said, **“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. . . . and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”**

CLUE 2

Abram became the father of the nation of Israel. He was also their first leader, chosen by God. Time passed. God made another covenant with Abram. God changed his name to Abraham. Thousands of years later, a special baby was born in Israel. That baby was born into Abraham’s family tree. God sent this baby to keep His promise to bless all the people on the earth who ever lived. That baby blesses us today!

CLUE 3

God gave another promise about the special baby to a man named Isaiah. Isaiah was a prophet. God told Isaiah that a young woman would have a special baby boy. One of the baby’s names would be Immanuel. Immanuel means “God is with us.”



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CLUE 4

Isaiah lived in the city of Jerusalem in Judah. Judah’s enemies planned to hurt them. Isaiah spoke God’s promise, which gave the people hope for salvation. They could look forward to God keeping His promise! One day the people would be able to say, **“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”** God promised that this baby would become the King.

CLUE 5

God promised the prophet Micah that the baby would be born in Bethlehem. Bethlehem was a small town, but it would be very special because God’s promised Son would be born there. Do you know the name of this special baby?

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Words in color are from Genesis 12:2-3; Isaiah 9:6.

FAITH WORDS:

PROPHECY : A message from God to people. A **prophecy** can tell people of future events.

PROPHET : Someone who delivers God’s message to people. A **prophet** is one who speaks for God.

SAVIOR : Someone who rescues another from difficulty, danger, or harm. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our **Savior**. Jesus died for the sins of all people. When we trust Him as our **Savior**, He rescues us from the harm and punishment of sin.