

THE CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS

LUKE 2:1-18

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The Star and the Magi: God will _____ me.

But I'll take the hand of those who don't know the way, who can't see where they're going. I'll be a personal guide to them, directing them through unknown country. I'll be right there to show them what roads to take, make sure they don't fall into the ditch. These are the things I'll be doing for them— sticking with them, not leaving them for a minute."

Isaiah 42:16 (The Message)

The Stable: God _____ me.

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses since he had the same temptations we do, though he never once gave way to them and sinned. So let us come boldly to the very throne of God and stay there to receive his mercy and to find grace to help us in our times of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16 (TLB)

The Angels and Shepherds: God knows _____ I am.

If I were to climb up to the highest heavens, you would be there. If I were to dig down to the world of the dead you would also be there. Suppose I had wings like the dawning day and flew across the ocean. Even then your powerful arm would guide and protect me.

Psalms 139:8-10 (CEV)

The Manger: God does the _____ through the ordinary.

Each time he said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NLT)

Joseph and Mary: God has a _____ for me.

I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

Jeremiah 29:11 (The Message)

Jesus: God can _____ me.

She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21 (NCV)