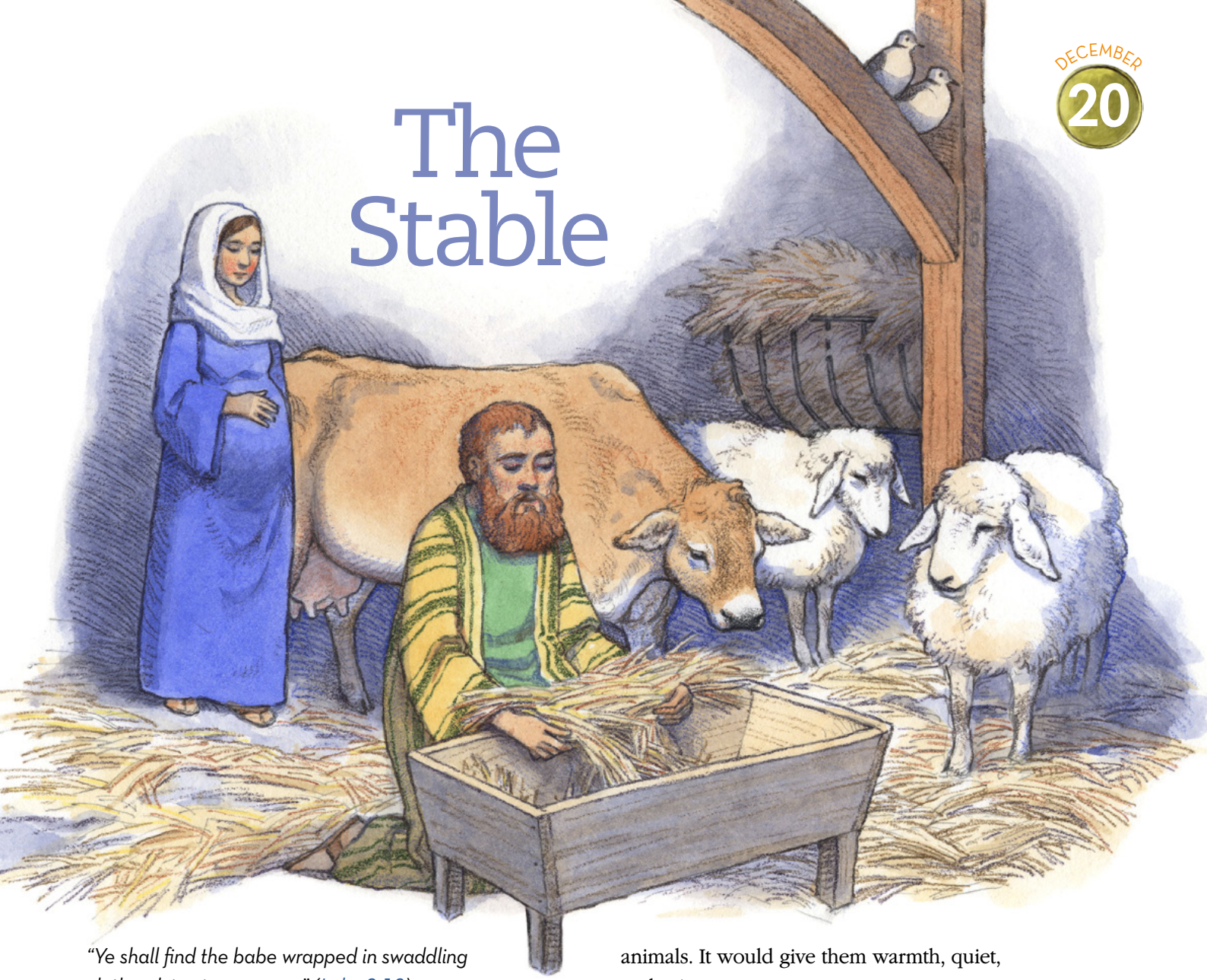


The Stable



“Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger” (Luke 2:12).

The stable was warm and quiet. A cow twitched its tail, shooing away a bug. A bell around a sheep’s neck jingled softly. A donkey—perhaps Joseph’s—watched bright-eyed as Joseph helped Mary get comfortable. The animals around them added warmth to the cool night.

People in Bethlehem often brought their animals into a front room to help heat the house. An inn might have had a bigger area to keep the travelers’ animals in. On this night in Bethlehem, all of the rooms for travelers were full. Someone suggested that Joseph and Mary could stay in the area with the

animals. It would give them warmth, quiet, and privacy.

Joseph filled a **manger** with clean, soft hay. Everything was ready for a special baby to be born.

a feed box for animals



SHARE THE LIGHT

In some parts of the world, Christmas comes when it’s cold. Then people keep warm with blankets, sweaters, and hot cocoa! But what keeps you warm *inside*? Maybe it’s feeling your family’s love, or singing a favorite Primary song, or feeling the Holy Ghost. Knowing that Heavenly Father and Jesus love you will help keep your spirit warm on the coldest night. How can you help others feel this love too?