

## ***The Story* — Chapter 22**

### **The Birth of the King**

### **Hidden Words Puzzle**

Determine the answer for each of the twenty-three clues below. All answers are found in Chapter 22 or in the Genealogy of Jesus that follows Chapter 22 (on pages 262-263). Then locate those words in the “story” on the next page.

1. The promised Messiah and Son of God
2. The father of Boaz
3. The father of Solomon
  
4. How the three wise men were warned not to return to Herod
5. The father of Rehoboam
6. It means “Good News”
  
7. The Caesar who issued a decree that a census should be taken of the Roman Empire
8. The mother of Obed
9. The father of Josiah
  
10. The father of Amminadab
11. One of two older saints who greeted Jesus and his family at the temple when Jesus was 40 days old (this is the male saint)
12. This name means “God With Us”
  
13. Jesus was called this; Handel composed an oratorio by this name.
14. The mother of Jesus
15. Another name for the three wise men
  
16. The name of the king who ordered all the boys two years and younger, who lived in Bethlehem and the surrounding area, to be killed
17. The father of Eleazar
18. The father of Eliud
  
19. One of the gifts of the three wise men (4 letters)
20. Jesus’ adoptive father who married Mary
21. One of two older saints who greeted Jesus and his family at the temple when Jesus was 40 days old (this is the female saint)
  
22. The father of Jesse
23. This city was captured by King Cyrus of Persia in 539 BC (this word is found on page 263 of *The Story*)

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## Answer Key

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| Jesus    | 1. The promised Messiah and Son of God   |
| Salmon   | 2. The father of Boaz  |
| David    | 3. The father of Solomon   |
| Dream    | 4. How the three wise men were warned not to return to Herod   |
| Solomon  | 5. The father of Rehoboam  |
| Gospel   | 6. It means "Good News"  |
| Augustus | 7. The Caesar who issued a decree that a census should be taken of the Roman Empire  |
| Ruth     | 8. The mother of Obed  |
| Amon     | 9. The father of Josiah  |
| Ram      | 10. The father of Amminadab  |
| Simeon   | 11. One of two older saints who greeted Jesus and his family at the temple when Jesus was 40 days old (this is the male saint)         |
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| Mary     | 14. The mother of Jesus  |
| Magi     | 15. Another name for the three wise men  |
| Herod    | 16. The name of the king who ordered all the boys two years and younger, who lived in Bethlehem and the surrounding area, to be killed |
| Eliud    | 17. The father of Eleazar  |
| Akim     | 18. The father of Eliud  |
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| Joseph   | 20. Jesus' adoptive father who married Mary  |
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| Babylon  | 23. This city was captured by King Cyrus of Persia in 539 BC (this word is found on page 263 of <i>The Story</i> )                     |

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