

# Brown Baby Jesus

written by DORENA WILLIAMSON • illustrated by RONIQUÉ ELLIS



**SNEAK  
PEEK**



**SAMPLE  
ONLY**

**UNCORRECTED  
PROOF**

MATTHEW 1:18-25



THE ANGEL SPEAKS TO JOSEPH IN A DREAM

LUKE 2:6-7



JESUS IS BORN

LUKE 2:21-38



JESUS PRESENTED AT THE TEMPLE

MATTHEW 2:1-12



THE MAGI BRING GIFTS

LUKE 1:39-66



MARY VISITS HER COUSIN ELIZABETH

THE CHRISTMAS STORY



LUKE 2:1-20

MATTHEW 2:13-18



THE FAMILY FLEES TO EGYPT

LUKE 1:26-38



THE ANGEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY

MATTHEW 2:19-23



THE RETURN TO NAZARETH

In memory of my in-laws, Harold and Betty Williamson, who were full of faith,  
determination, and love. Your legacy will continue for generations to come.

—D.W.

\* \* \*

For Eugennie, Patrice, Tonii-Ann, and Camryn,  
you are the stars that help light my life.

—R.E.



BROWN BABY JESUS

All Scripture quotations are taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide. (www.zondervan.com). The “NIV” and “New International Version” are trademarks registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Biblica Inc.™

Text copyright © 2022 by Dorena Williamson

Cover art and interior illustrations copyright © 2022 by Ronique Ellis

All rights reserved.

Published in the United States by WaterBrook, an imprint of Random House, a division of Penguin Random House LLC.

WATERBROOK® and its deer colophon are registered trademarks of Penguin Random House LLC.

ISBN 978-0-593-23638-3

Ebook ISBN 978-0-593-23639-0

The Library of Congress catalog record is available at <https://lccn.loc.gov/2021035836>.

Printed in the United States of America

waterbrookmultnomah.com

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

First Edition

Book and cover design by Annalisa Sheldahl

SPECIAL SALES Most WaterBrook books are available at special quantity discounts when purchased in bulk by corporations, organizations, and special-interest groups. Custom imprinting or excerpting can also be done to fit special needs. For information, please email [specialmarketscms@penguinrandomhouse.com](mailto:specialmarketscms@penguinrandomhouse.com).

# Brown Baby Jesus



written by  
Dorena Williamson



WATERBROOK

illustrated by  
Ronique Ellis

Mary and Joseph made their way through the Egyptian marketplace with their brown baby Jesus in tow.

Jesus's eyes took in the traders from near and far.  
His little nose filled with the scents of fruit, bread, and spices.  
His face lit up at the sight of children threading colorful clay beads.



SING TO GOD, YOU KINGDOMS OF THE EARTH, SING PRAISE TO THE LORD.  
—PSALM 68:32

Just weeks before, Magi from the east had visited the family in Bethlehem, bringing gold, frankincense, and myrrh to honor Jesus as the **king of the Jews**.

THEY BOWED DOWN AND WORSHIPED HIM. THEN THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES AND PRESENTED HIM WITH GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH. —MATTHEW 2:11



After the Magi left, an angel warned Joseph in a dream that King Herod was angry about their visit and wanted to kill Jesus.



While the family fled to Egypt, jealous Herod sent his soldiers to kill all the baby boys two years and younger.



"Look, Abba. Soldier!" Jesus exclaimed.

Seeing the soldiers reminded Joseph of the angel's warning.



NATIONS WILL COME TO YOUR LIGHT, AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR DAWN. —ISAIAH 60:3



Mary thought about when they took Jesus to the temple. A man named Simeon said that Jesus would reveal **God's light** to people all over the world, but he also said that Mary's heart would feel sorrow because some would want to hurt Jesus.



Resting her chin on His bushy hair, Mary held her son close and prayed for God's peace.