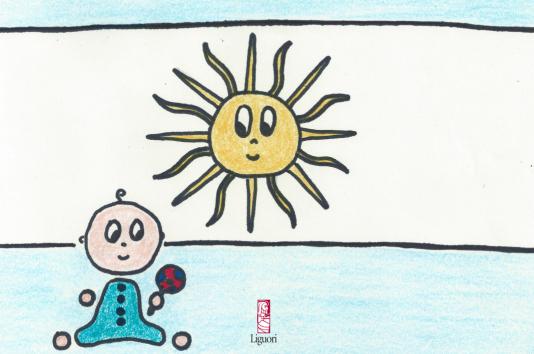
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The year was 1936.

Just a few days before Christmas,

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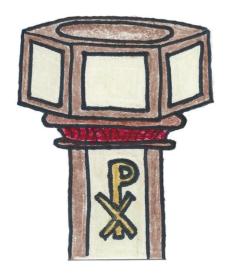




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Jorge received a very special gift that Christmas.

On the day we celebrate the Son of God becoming a baby, this baby boy became a child of God.





Jorge's Pather, Mario

Jorge was the oldest son of Mario and Regina Bergoglio.



His dad had moved from Italy to Argentina.

He worked as an accountant for the railroad.

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and his Mother, Regina

Jorge's mother was a homemaker.

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