

Nativity



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Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. She was about to have her baby. She gave birth in a stable because there was no room in the inn. She placed the baby in a manger. Welcome Baby Jesus! (Luke 2: 1-20)

Angels and Shepherds Praise



Give glory to Jesus,
our Savior.



For many, many years God's people waited for the Savior of the world to be born. Finally it happened! This is how it came about.

The Roman ruler named Augustus commanded everyone to go to the hometown of their family to be counted and taxed. So Joseph and Mary left their home in Nazareth to go to Bethlehem, where David had lived many years before. Here in Bethlehem, they looked and looked for a place to stay. There was no room in the inn, so they stayed that night in a stable. Mary gave birth to a little boy. He was born among animals because there was no other place to stay. Mary wrapped her baby in cloths and laid Him in His first bed, an animals' feedbox called a manger.

In the hills outside of Bethlehem, shepherds watched their sheep. It was nighttime. Suddenly an angel appeared in the sky. The angel announced, "Don't be afraid. I have great news! The Savior has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David; He is Christ the Lord. You will find Him wrapped in cloths lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was filled with angels. The angels praised God. They said, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace!"

The shepherds said, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." They hurried to see the newborn Savior. Then they told everyone the Good News. The Savior of the world has come!

Parents: Show your child several boxes, such as a cereal box, a jewelry box, a gift-wrapped box, and an empty box. Then say that the best box of all was the manger—a food box for animals in a barn. Baby Jesus slept in that box at Christmas. The Bible, in 1 Timothy 1:15, tells why it is so important that Jesus, true God, was born: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Together with your child, sing a favorite Christmas song.