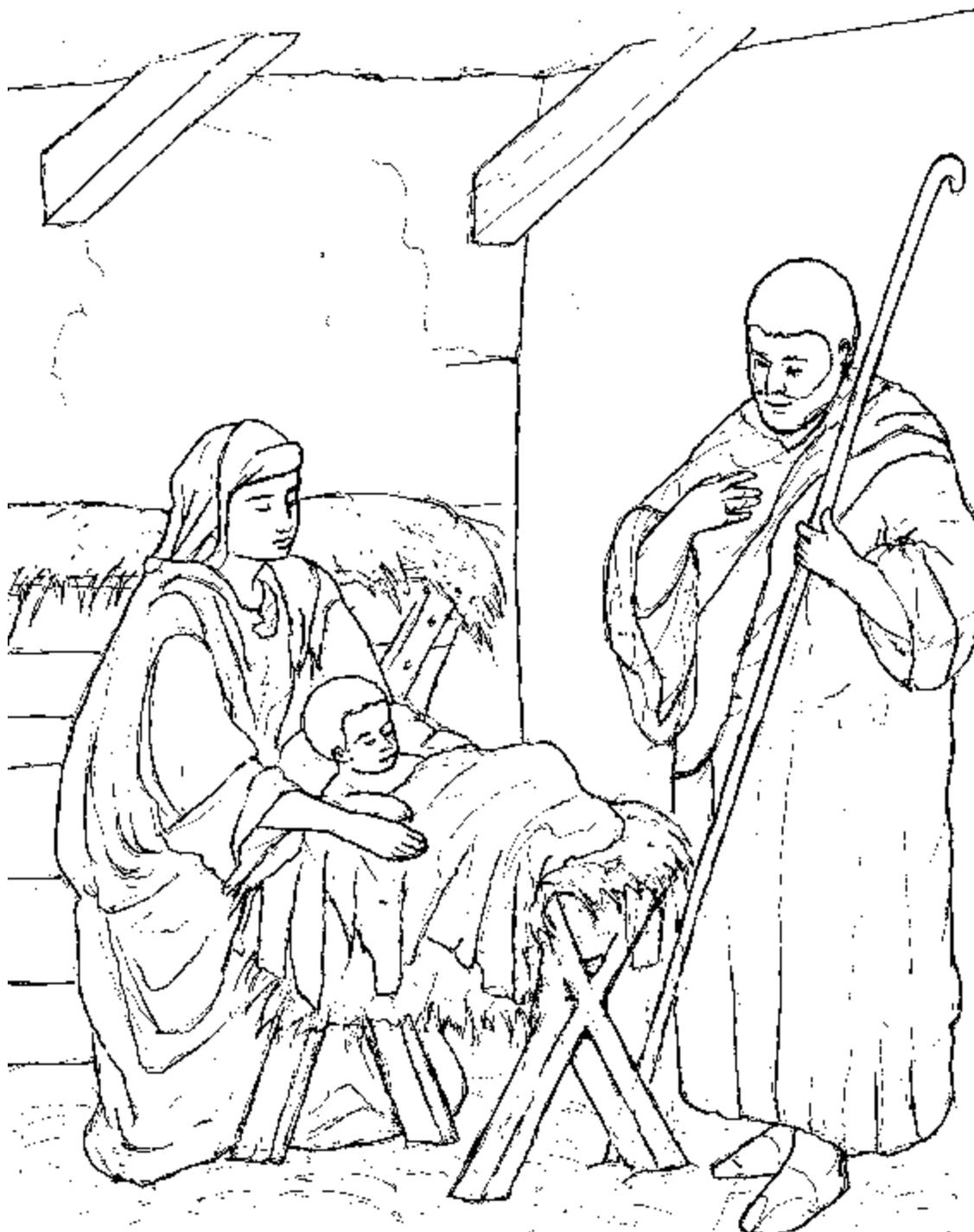


The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20



The Story

The time came for Jesus to be born on the earth. The Bible told that He would be born in Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph lived a long way away in Nazareth. What would happen? Listen to the Bible lesson from Luke 2.

The king wanted his people to pay taxes and be counted. People had to go to the city their family came from. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because they were from King David's family. Mary was about to have a Baby, but she needed to go also.

When Joseph and Mary got to Bethlehem, they couldn't find any room in the inn or hotel because there were so many people in the town. They had to stay where animals were kept. The time came for Jesus to be born. He was born in Bethlehem. Mary wrapped Jesus in strips of cloth and placed Him in a manger where hay for the animals was laid.

During the same night that Jesus was born, an angel came to shepherds. They were watching their sheep in the field. The angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be

afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy. Today in Bethlehem a Savior, Christ the Lord, was born. You will find the Baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was full of angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Then the angels went away.

The shepherds said to each other, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this Baby."

So they hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby Jesus Who was lying in the manger. There they worshiped the Savior of all people.

After they had seen Jesus they returned to their sheep. They gave praise to God for sending the Savior Jesus. They also told other people about the wonderful Child they had seen. Those that heard it were surprised at what they had been told.

Mary thought about all that had happened and remembered it again and again.

Jesus our Savior is born.

Rejoice, your Savior is born!

Activity One - Cut out the pictures from the bottom of page 4 and glue them next to the sentence(s) that tells about the picture.

1. The king wanted to count his people. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem.
2. Many other people had come to Bethlehem. The only place to stay was where the animals stayed.
3. While they were staying there Mary had her Baby. Jesus was born! The only bed they had for Him was a manger.
4. The angels sang songs to the shepherds telling them about God's Son, our Savior.
5. The shepherds went to see the Baby Jesus. They found Him just as the angels told them. They worshiped Him.
6. After the shepherds saw Jesus they praised God and told the people they met about Jesus!

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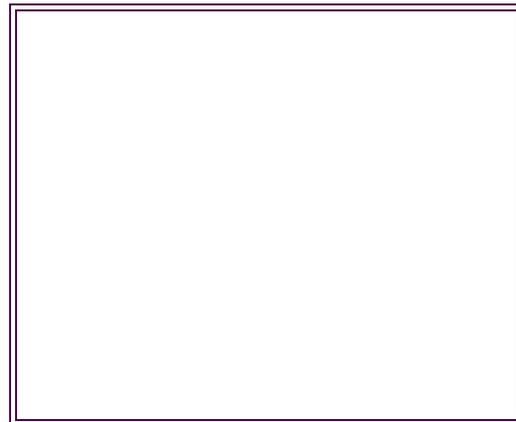
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Activity Two - Draw a picture of yourself in the box to make the sentence complete.



Jesus came to earth for everyone! Each one of us is precious to Him.
He wants us all to believe in Him so we can someday live with Him in heaven.

**“For there is born to you (_____ (your name))
this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”
Luke 2:11**

Prayer

Dear God, Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be my Savior. Amen.

