

# The Birth of Jesus

Luke 2:1-20

## The Story

Parents: Review this lesson with your child.

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 along.

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 laid Him in a manger where hay for the animals was placed.

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!**

## Passage

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Lk. 2:11

## Hymn WS 709 v. 1, 3

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation:  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;  
He sent forth Jesus and set me free.  
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

## Prayer

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



**Classroom Activity** - Cut out the pictures from the top of page 3 and have the children glue them next to the sentence(s) that you read to them.

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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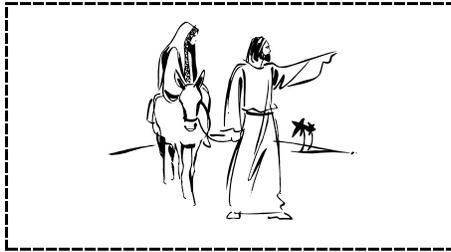
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**Classroom Activity** - Find an inexpensive nativity set for the children to arrange and use the time to discuss the people and items in the set. You may need to tell about the wise men and animals that may be included.

**Classroom Art Activity** - Color and decorate the nativity scene on page 4. Cut it out and glue it to a piece of dark construction paper. (You may choose to keep it whole and glue the popsicle sticks to page 4.) Glue 4 popsicle sticks over the scene as shown and glue the star above in the sky or make a glitter glue star.

