

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 ways 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. They had to go to the city of their family. 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.

There were so many people in Bethlehem that no room in the inn or hotel was found for Joseph and Mary. 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.

That same night Jesus was born, an angel came to shepherds who were watching their sheep in the field. The angel said, "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.

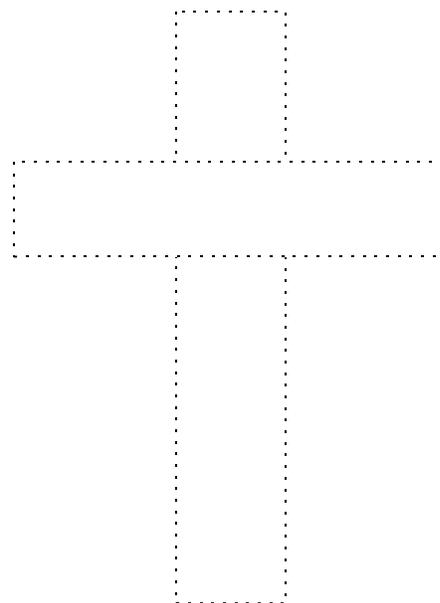
Jesus our Savior is born.

Rejoice, your Savior is born!

Activity One - If the following sentences are correct, write YES in the blank. If they are not correct, write NO in the blank.

1. _____ Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem.
2. _____ They got to stay at a fancy hotel.
3. _____ Jesus was born in a hospital.
4. _____ The shepherds were watching their sheep.
5. _____ The angels told them that Jesus was born!
6. _____ The shepherds went to see Jesus after a few days.
7. _____ The shepherds kept Jesus' birth a secret.
8. _____ Mary knew that Jesus was very special.

Activity Two - Many people give gifts at Christmas, but God gave us a Christmas present that is more special than any that we have ever been given. Trace over the dots and then color the symbol meaning that gift.



Passage - Fill in the blanks of this passage with the words from the box.

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"For there is _____ to _____ this _____
in the _____ of David, a _____, who is
_____ the _____." Luke 2:11

Prayer/Hymn - TLH #85 v. 2, 13

"This is the Christ, our God and Lord,
Who in all need shall aid afford;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen.