

Jesus is Born!



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ happened. His mother Mary was engaged to marry Joseph, but before they married, she learned she was going to have a baby by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph was a good man he did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to put her away secretly.



While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins." When Joseph woke up, he did what the Lord's angel had told him to do, and he took Mary as his wife.

And an angel also appeared to Mary, and said, "Fear not, Mary, God has found favor with you. You will have a baby boy and call his name Jesus."

At that time, the king sent an order that all people must list their names in a register. So Joseph and Mary left Nazareth and went to the town of Bethlehem. While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have the baby, and she gave birth to a baby boy. Because there were no rooms left in the inn, she wrapped the baby with pieces of cloth and laid him in a manger.

That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep, and an angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and they became very frightened. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people.

Today your Savior was born in the city of David. He is Christ, the Lord. This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a manger."

Then a host of angels from heaven joined the first angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will among men."



When the angels left them and went back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us about."

So, the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a feeding trough. When they had seen him, they told what the angels had said about this child. Everyone was amazed at what the shepherds said to them, but Mary treasured these words and kept them in her heart.





Jesus is Born! Puppet Skit

Mary and Joseph were set to be wed
Though she was with child, no vows had been said.
Joseph was going to put her away
'til an angel appeared and had something to say,

“Don’t be afraid to take Mary to wife
The Spirit of God made this holy, new life.
The child will be born and live life meek and mild
Jesus, the name you will give this good child.
So Joseph did just as the angel had said
Mary as promised he took her to wed.

When it was time for the child to arrive
Caesar Augustus decreed that all strive
To travel to town so they could be numbered
So Mary and Joseph journeyed and lumbered.

“Do you have room?” poor Joseph, he said,
“We’ve traveled so far, and we need a soft bed.”
But sadly the innkeeper turned them away
Then quickly he offered a strange place to stay

“Sir, If you don’t mind some cows and some sheep
I do have a place where you could both sleep.”
So Mary and Joseph stayed in a stable
They tried to both rest, as much as were able.

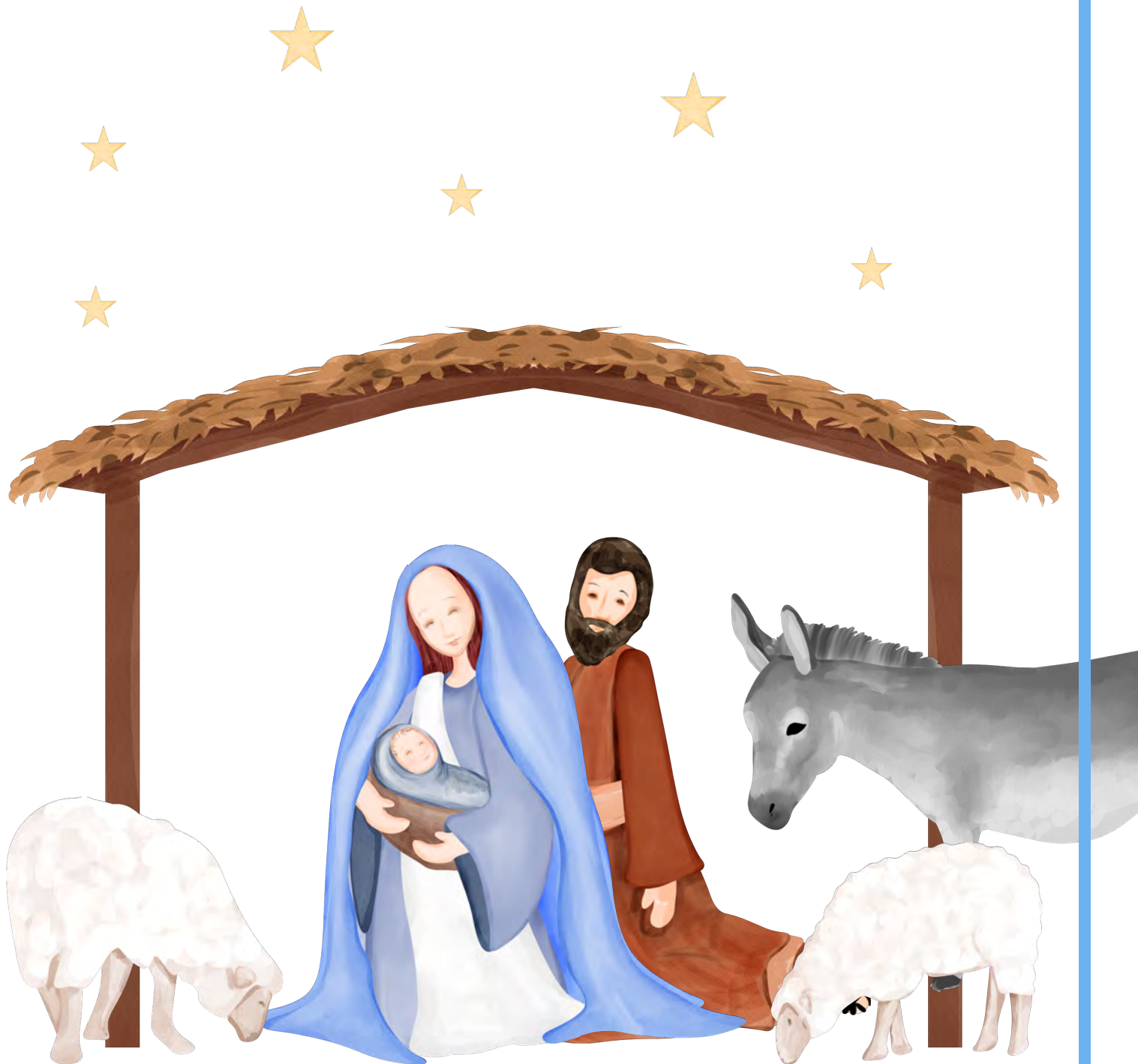
Some shepherds were watching their sheep that same night
When suddenly they saw in the sky a bright light.
An angel appeared and had something to say
“Don’t be afraid, for on this blest day,
a child will be born on a clean bed of hay.

Though he will be like a new lamb, meek and mild
The Prince of all Peace will be this good child.
The shepherds then heard quite a wonderful sound
Angels were singing with joy all around.

“Glory to God!” they sang of his birth,
“Good will to men, and Peace on this earth!”
Then suddenly the host disappeared in the night
And with them did go the glorious light (light goes off)



Then quickly the shepherds, their hearts filled with joy,
Searched high and low for the special young boy.
At last they did find on a bed made of hay
The King of all Kings, in a manger he lay.
Jesus, our Lord, came to earth just this way!



“Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem” Song
To the tune of “Sing Hallelujah to the Lord”

Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
A stable was where he lay
A manger of soft clean hay
Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

Shepherds were tending sheep nearby
Shepherds were tending sheep nearby
The angel said, “Be not afraid.”
“We’ll lead you to where He’s laid.
Shepherds were tending sheep nearby.

The shepherds they rushed to Jesus side
The shepherds they rushed to Jesus side
Found baby Jesus where He lay
They left rejoicing all the way
The shepherds they rushed to Jesus side.

We love and worship Jesus Christ
We love and worship Jesus
Christ
Jesus gave his life for love
And now He lives with God
above
We love and worship Jesus
Christ.



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Memory Verse

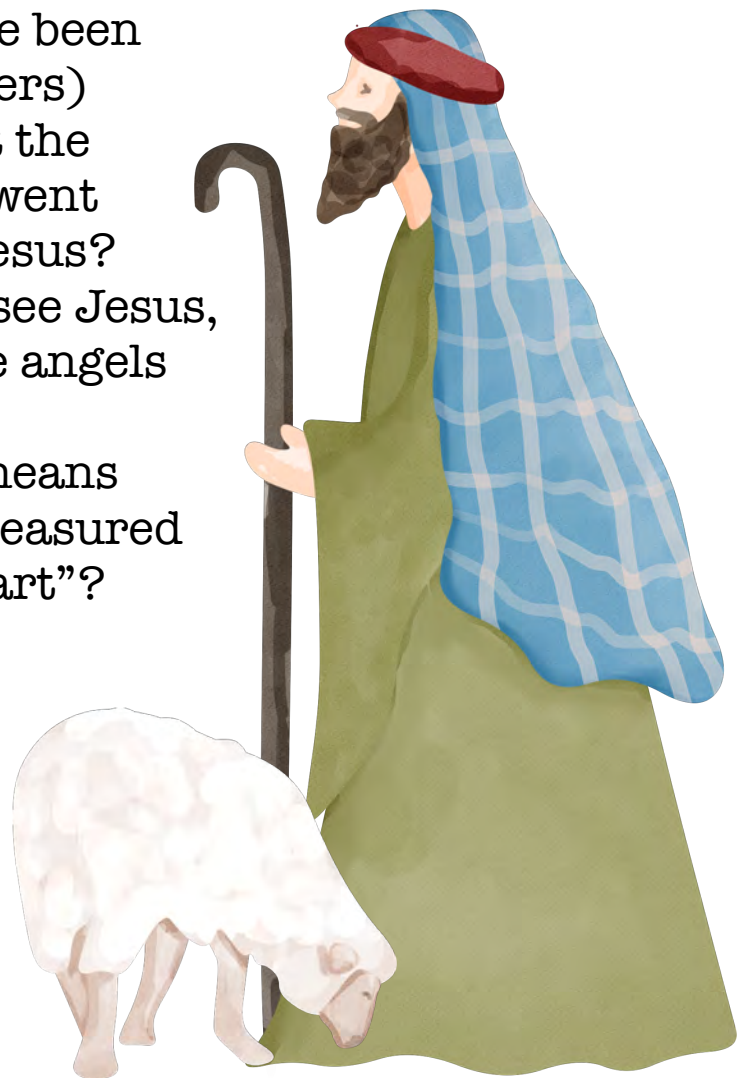


“For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord.”
Luke 2:11

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Application Questions

1. What do you think Joseph thought when the angel appeared to him in a dream? (surprised, happy, etc.)
2. What does it say about Joseph that he obeyed the angel and took Mary as his wife? (he loved God and trusted him)
3. The angel told Mary to “fear not”! Why do you think Mary might have been afraid? (various answers)
4. What does it say about the shepherds that they “went quickly” to see baby Jesus? (they were excited to see Jesus, they believed what the angels said, etc.)
5. What do you think it means when it says, “Mary treasured these things in her heart”? (various answers)
6. If you had been living at this time, would you have been excited to see Baby Jesus? (various answers)



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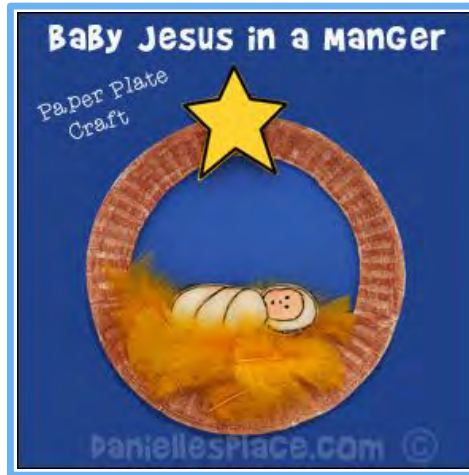


Jesus is Born! Crafts



Adore this thumb print painted manger scene!
So easy and fun!!!

<https://mamaofmanyblessings.com/easy-jesus-birth-crafts.html>



This is super cute paper plate manger! I love it!!!

<https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/christmas-crafts-bible-2.html>



Another really sweet and easy handprint idea!!!

<https://mamaofmanyblessings.com/easy-jesus-birth-crafts.html>



Beautiful but simple Mary and baby Jesus using fan folded paper!
So pretty!!!

<https://mommymadethat.com/mary-baby-jesus-craft-kids/>



A super adorable baby Jesus in the manger using popsicle sticks! Save it for your Christmas tree!

<http://www.housingaforests.com/popsicle-stick-manger-craft/>



Made with just cut up paper and a paper plate bowl, this manger turned out soooo cute!

<https://kidscraftroom.com/baby-jesus-in-a-manger-craft/>