



**Jesus is  
Born!**



**A long time ago, in the land of Israel, a lady named, Mary, was about to give birth to God's Son, Jesus Christ. This was a miracle because, though she was engaged to be married, she had never been with a man. An angel of the Lord came and told Joseph that, though Mary was pregnant, she had done nothing wrong and they should still get married.**

**When the time was drawing near for Mary to give birth to her baby, Mary and Joseph were traveling, because it was the law that they had to travel to Bethlehem to pay their taxes.**



**When they arrived on Bethlehem, they found that the town was very busy, and there was no vacant room for them to stay in at the inn. So, they made a place for themselves for the night in the stable. That night, among the animals in the barn, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, was born into the world.**



Nearby, there were some shepherds in a field, taking care of their sheep. God decided to announce the birth of His Son to these men.

Suddenly, the glory of a bright angel lightened the sky and said, “Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord; And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” Then, suddenly, there was a whole host of angels praising God saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”



**The shepherds talked it over for a minute, and then, they decided to go to Bethlehem and see if they could find the baby, Christ. They hurried over to Bethlehem to look for the baby.**



When they got there, they found the little baby lying in a manger just like the angel had told them. They met Mary and Joseph, and then they went all around town, telling people about the angels and what they had told them that night. Everyone was curious about what the shepherds were saying, including Mary, who thought about everything that had happened for a long time.

(Luke 2: 1-20)



**Also, there were some wise men that came from the East to see the Christ that had been born. They stopped first in Jerusalem, the capitol of Israel, and asked. “Where is He that is born King of the Jews. For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship him.**

**When King Herod heard this, he was very upset. He gathered together the priests (the men in charge of the temple) and the scribes (the men in charge of studying and copying the Old testament) and asked them where Christ should be born. They told him, in Bethlehem of Judah.**



**King Herod, secretly, called the wise men and asked them what time the star appeared at night. Then, he told them to go to Bethlehem and find the child. Then, he asked them to come back and tell him where the child was, so that he could come and worship him, also.**





**So, they left, and the star went in front of them and led them, until it stopped over the house where Jesus was.**



**When the wise men came into the house, they found Jesus with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, they presented Him with gifts, gold, Frankensence, and Myrrh.**

**Later, God warned the wise men in a dream not to return to Herod. So, they went back to their own country another way.**



**An angel, also, came and warned Joseph in a dream saying, “Arise, and take the young Child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”**



**So, Joseph arose and took the young child and Mary, his mother, by night into Egypt. Then, they lived there until the death of Herod the king.**

**When Herod realized the wise men had gone back to their own country without telling him where the baby was, he was very angry, and he had every baby killed in and around Bethlehem from two years old and younger.**



**When Herod was dead, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph, again in a dream, and told him that it was safe for him to return to Israel.**

**So, Joseph brought Mary and Jesus back to Israel and they lived in Nazareth, so a prophecy was fulfilled that Jesus would be called a Nazarene.**

**See Mathew 2:1-23**



**When Jesus was twelve years old, He and His parents traveled to Jerusalem to the feast as they did year to year. When they left, Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. They traveled for a day without noticing He was gone.**



**At the end of the day, they looked and asked around among their friends and family that were traveling with them, trying to find Him. When they discovered He was nowhere around. They turned back to Jerusalem.**



**Then, after three days of looking for Him, they found Him in the temple talking with the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone around was amazed at Jesus's understanding and His answers.**





**Upset, Mary asked Jesus, “Son, why hast Thou thus death with us? Behold, thy father and I have sought thee, sorrowing.”**

**Jesus answered, “How is it that ye sought Me? Wist ye not that I must be about My Father’s business.”**

**They didn’t understand that He was talking to them about God, His Father, and that His Father’s business was to teach people about God, how God expected them to live, and most importantly, how they could accept God’s gift and go to heaven some day. Jesus went back with them, and He increased in wisdom and height and in favor with God and man. See Luke 2:40-52.**