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The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) It seems hard that the Lord was born in a manger, and of course it wasn't easy. But the Lord wanted it to happen because a manger is where horses feed. And horses, which are beautiful animals, stand for something special in us—our ability to understand the Lord's Word.
- b) Note that most pictures have cattle and sheep in the stable, but the Writings say that the spiritual sense is based on the fact that horses feed there. Of course, it doesn't matter if other animals are there too.
- c) Swaddling cloths were wrapped around babies in those days to keep them safe from injury.



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The Lord Is Born on Our Earth as a Baby

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out an order from the ruler that all the people who lived in the country should have their names written down and be numbered.

And everyone went to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was from the family of David.

He went to be written down with Mary, his promised wife, who was expecting a baby soon. And it came to pass that while they were there in Bethlehem that Mary had her baby.

And she had her firstborn Son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger in a stable because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2

