

The Lord is Born

Luke 2:1-20



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Long ago Mary and Joseph were traveling to the town of Bethlehem. Soon Mary was going to give birth to the special little baby, Lord Jesus.

They looked and looked, but there was nowhere for Mary and Joseph to stay. Finally they found a place to sleep. It was a stable, a place where farm animals lived.



Then the baby Jesus was born! His mother Mary wrapped him up all snugly. She gently put Him in a manger where He could sleep peacefully surrounded by the angels who come to be with all little babies.



In a nearby field, shepherds were taking care of their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, a very bright angel appeared and told them not to be afraid! He had good news that would make people very happy.

He said, "There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."(Luke 2:11)

Angels are given special jobs by the Lord. One job is to be a messenger. This angel messenger brought the message to the shepherds.



After the angel told the shepherds where they could find the Baby, a whole choir of angels appeared and sang:

“Glory to God in the highest!”



The shepherds were excited! They decided to search for the baby. So they hurried to Bethlehem. They looked and looked and then, just as the angels had said, they found Mary and Joseph with the Baby Lord. What a happy moment!



After the shepherds saw the baby, they went home. They told everyone they saw all about the angels and the new Baby Lord.



The Lord wants you to know this happy story too,
so He can fill your heart with His love for you, at
Christmas time and always.