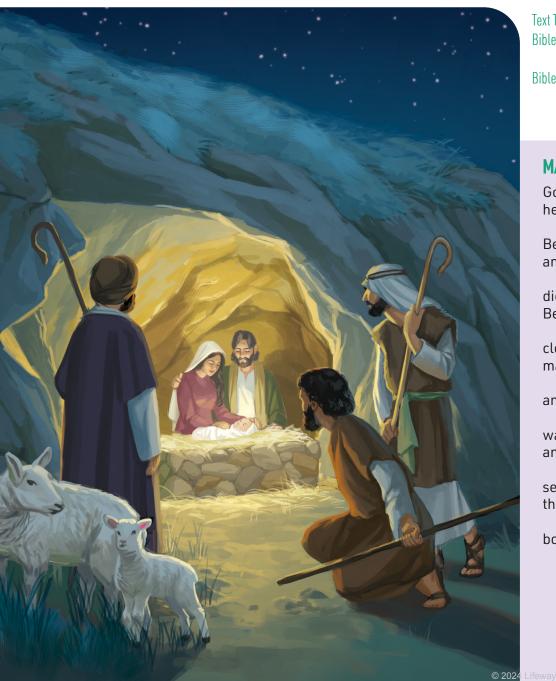
GOD'S SON IS BORN



Text Truth: God's Son, Jesus, was born in Bethlehem. Bible Verse: Good news of great joy for all people. A Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah. Luke 2:10-11 Bible Verse Paraphrase: Good news! Jesus the Messiah was born for you. Luke 2:10-11

MATTHEW 1:24-25; LUKE 2:1-20

God wanted Joseph to be married to Mary and take care of her. Mary would have a special baby—Jesus, God's Son.

After Joseph and Mary were married, they had to go to Bethlehem to be counted with others in Joseph's family. Joseph and Mary walked and walked until they reached the city.

The inns (hotels) in Bethlehem were full, and Mary and Joseph did not have a place to rest after traveling. Joseph looked around Bethlehem and found a stable where he and Mary could rest.

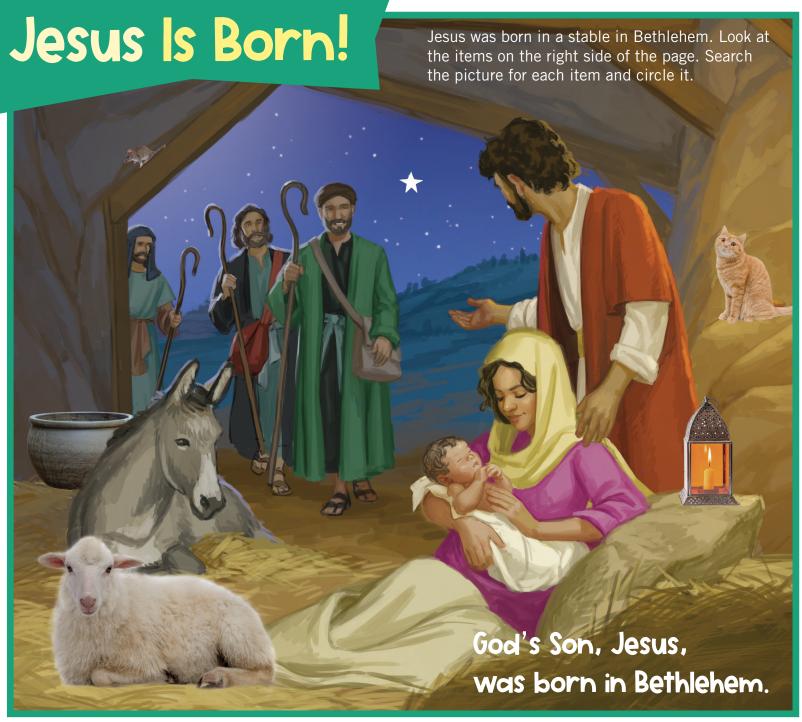
Soon the baby was born. Mary gently wrapped the baby in soft cloths to keep Him warm and comfortable. Mary laid the baby in a manger bed. Joseph named the baby Jesus.

Shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem heard many angels. The angels told the shepherds that Jesus had been born.

"I proclaim good news of great joy for all people. Today, a Savior was born for you," an angel said. Then all the angels praised God and said, "Glory to God, and peace on earth."

The angels left. Then the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see Jesus. They thanked God for the special baby, God's own Son, the Messiah.

Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds were happy that Jesus was born.















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