A BABY IN BETHLEHEM

TEXT TRUTH: The birth of Jesus was good news.

BIBLE VERSE: I proclaim good news of great joy for all people. Today a Savior was born, the Messiah. Luke 2:10-11

BIBLE VERSE PARAPHRASE: Good news! Today, a Savior was born for you! Luke 2:10-11

FOR KIDS & PARENTS

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

Mary was going to have a special baby—Jesus, God's Son. An angel told Joseph that God wanted Joseph to be married to Mary and take care of her.

Joseph obeyed God. Joseph went to get Mary and make her his wife.

During this time, Joseph and Mary had to go to Bethlehem to be counted with others in Joseph's family. Joseph and Mary left Nazareth and walked many days until they reached Bethlehem. The inns (hotels) were full, though, and Mary and Joseph did not have a place to rest.

Joseph found a stable where he and Mary could rest. Soon the special Baby Jesus would be born.

Later that night, Mary's baby, God's Son, was born. Mary gently wrapped the baby in soft cloths to keep Him warm and comfortable. Mary laid Jesus in a stone bed.

Shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem saw an angel before them. The sky became bright. The angel told the shepherds that Jesus had been born.

"Today, a Savior was born for you," the angel said. "You will find the baby wrapped snugly in cloth and resting in a feeding trough."

Then all the angels praised God and said, "Glory to God. Peace on earth."

When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem to see Jesus. They thanked God for the special baby.

Go to Bethlehem

While Mary and Joseph waited for God's Son to be born, they had to go to Bethlehem to be counted with Joseph's family. Help Joseph and Mary make their way to Bethlehem.
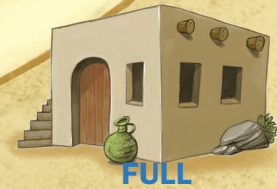

Joseph and Mary leave Nazareth.

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Joseph and Mary arrive in Bethlehem.

There was no place in Bethlehem for Joseph and Mary to rest. But Joseph found a stable. Mary rested in the stable and waited for the baby to be born.