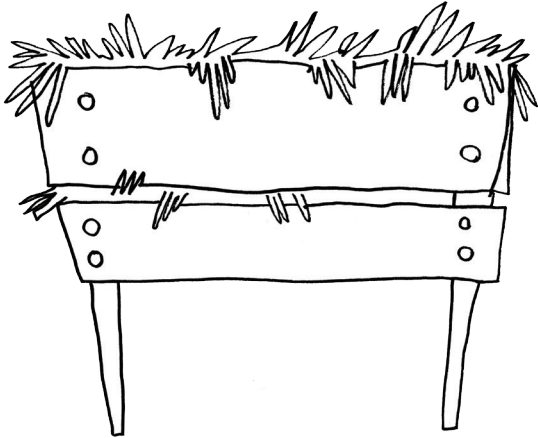


# Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:1-20

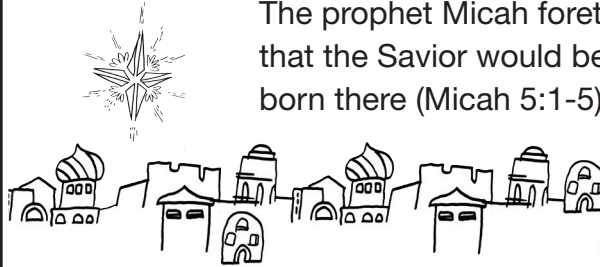


Responding to the call for a census, Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem to be registered. While there, Mary gave birth to Jesus and laid him in a manger. An angel surprised the shepherds, announcing the birth of God's Son. The sky erupted as a choir of angels sang praises to God, and the shepherds rushed to meet the new baby.

## Take a Look

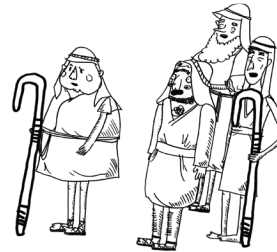
Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?

**Bethlehem** is the city where Jesus was born. The prophet Micah foretold that the Savior would be born there (Micah 5:1-5).



## Shepherds

were considered ceremonially unclean and banned from synagogues and temples. The angels' appearance to them revealed the depths of God's grace.



## Angels

were powerful messengers who were usually feared by God's people. Their first words to humans were, "Do not be afraid!"

## About the Video

After much anticipation, Jesus was finally born. Joseph and Mary had taken a long journey and had not found very good accommodations, but the angels and shepherds celebrated anyway. Our Savior was born as an innocent baby.

- What was one thing that surprised you in this story?
- What was the purpose of the angel choirs in the sky?
- How do you think you would have responded if you were the shepherds?

## Try This!

Throw a birthday party for Jesus, complete with cake and streamers. Invite your friends over to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior!

## Prayer

O God, Immanuel, we are amazed at the good news we see in Jesus, the light of the world. Help us to celebrate with the shepherds by glorifying and praising you for all we have heard and seen. Amen!