Jesus Is Born

Bible passages: Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

The Story

Before Jesus was born, Mary was pledged to marry Joseph. She was expecting a baby through the power of the Holy Ghost. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and explained that this child was from God. The angel told Joseph to name the baby Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. Joseph obeyed God and took Mary as his wife.

During this time, the Roman ruler, Caesar Augustus, ordered people to be registered for taxation. People traveled to their own cities to be registered. Joseph went from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judaea. Bethlehem was called the city of David, and Joseph belonged to the family of King David, who had lived long before.

Mary traveled with Joseph while she was expecting her baby. While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to give birth. Her firstborn son, Jesus, was born.

Mary wrapped Him in swaddling clothes - cloths wrapped around a baby - and laid Him in a manger, a feeding place for animals. She laid Him there because there was no room for them in the inn.

The baby lying in the manger was the One the angel had told Joseph about. Jesus had come to save His people from their sins. His birth fulfilled God’s promise of Emmanuel, which means “God with us.”

God's Word - KJV

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:7**

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **Matthew 1:21**

Talk About It

1. Why did Joseph travel to Bethlehem, and where did Mary lay Jesus after He was born?

2. What did the angel tell Joseph that Jesus would do?

3. Emmanuel means “God with us.” How can remembering that help you when you feel alone or afraid?

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