

The Birth of Jesus



Some strange words you will hear...

Caesar Augustus... The man who was in charge of the whole government)

Quirinius... The man who was in charge of the area where Jesus was born)

Census... Counting everyone in the country, writing down their names and where they lived.

Manger... Food box for cows and sheep.

Set up the stable with just the animals. Have Mary and Joseph some distance off.

Baby Jesus should be out of sight. If there is a manger where Jesus will be put, that can be put into the stable too.

Today we are going to read about the night that Jesus was born. We will be reading from the Bible, so we will light a candle.

Read from the Scriptures (Luke 2:1-7)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

Move Mary and Joseph slowly towards the stable.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.

Bring out the figure of Jesus/ or place the figure in the manger.

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Extinguish candle

I wonder questions... I wonder

Why Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem?

Why Bethlehem was so crowded when they got there?

Why God's son was born in such a cold and lonely place?