

## This weeks **MEMORY VERSE!**

To learn it well, **READ** it, or **WRITE** it **EACH DAY** after your lesson! Then say it to someone you know!

**Luke 2:11**

**For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Savior, who  
is Christ the Lord.**

Who was to be born in the city of David? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the Savior going to be called? \_\_\_\_\_



Circle the correct answer .

1. Mary and Joseph had to go to (*Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth*) to pay their taxes.
2. Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger because (*Mary and Joseph were poor, there was no room in the inn, Mary and Joseph enjoyed the animals*).
3. The shepherds (*glorified God, were sad, praised God, didn't tell anyone*) when they returned to their sheep.



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**God the Son Comes to Earth**

**Luke 2:1-20**



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After Mary and Joseph were married, they lived in the little village of Nazareth in Galilee. About 700 years earlier the prophet Micah said that Jesus was going to be born in Bethlehem in the land of Judea. Bethlehem was about sixty miles away from Nazareth. God's prophecy in Micah 5:2 said that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem. What would make Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem?

What God says in His Word is perfectly true and will always happen just as He says. In those days the Roman emperor ruled much of the world. God, who is in control of all things, caused the Roman emperor to send out an order saying that everybody had to go back to the place where his family had come from to be registered. Then they would be told how much tax they would have to pay to the Roman government.

Both Mary and Joseph belonged to the kingly family of David. David was from Bethlehem. Now Mary and Joseph had a reason to go there. In fact, they would have to go there. So, Mary and Joseph began the long journey to Bethlehem to register for the tax.

When Mary and Joseph finally arrived in Bethlehem, it was already full of people who had also come to register for the tax. Joseph looked for a place for Mary to rest. But the inn was already full. There was no place to go. Finally, they found a stable where they could lie down on some hay and rest.

Soon after they arrived Mary gave birth to the baby Jesus right there in that stable. Mary wrapped Him in clean linen cloth and laid him in a manger. A manger was a feeding trough for the animals. What a strange place for the Son of God to be laid!

On the night when Jesus was born there were shepherds taking care of their sheep on the hillsides outside of town. They did not know what had just happened in the stable. As they began to settle down for the night, suddenly, a blinding light appeared in the sky above them. Then an angel appeared! The shepherds were absolutely terrified!

The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I have brought you good news that is for everyone." Then the angel said to them "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." What an unusual way to announce the birth of a baby! But this was no ordinary baby! But this was God's Son. The angel told the shepherds that they would find the baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

Suddenly a great number of angels came to join the one who had made the announcement. They all joined together to praise God. They said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Then the angels went away as suddenly as they had come. The light was gone, and the shepherds found themselves alone with their sheep.

The shepherds didn't waste any time in doing what the angel said. They left their sheep and went as quickly as possible into Bethlehem to find the baby. The angels had told them what to look for, a baby wrapped tightly in cloths and lying in a manger. They found Jesus with His mother, Mary, and her husband, Joseph.

After the shepherds saw the baby Jesus, they left the stable and started back to the fields where they had left their sheep. But they did not keep this wonderful news to themselves. They stopped everyone they met to tell about the angel's message and the baby in the manger.

The people they talked with were amazed and wondered about it. The Bible does not tell us if any of them went to the stable to see for themselves or to worship the newborn Savior. But the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God for all that they had seen and heard. They never forgot that night and the message of the angel. God had kept His promise! Christ the Lord, the long-awaited Messiah, had come.