



THE BIRTH OF A KING!

LUKE 2:1-20

There was a young girl named Mary, who made great choices in the eyes of God. He saw her amazing heart and he knew how much she loved and obeyed His commandments. God chose her for his special miracle and sent the angel Gabriel to give her the message. When Mary was busy doing her work one day, she looked up and saw a bright shining light. It was the angel Gabriel who spoke, telling her not to be afraid. "God is happy with you," he told her. "Mary, you are going to have a baby boy, God's own son, and you will call him Jesus, which means the Savior. He is the one Who God promised would come rescue people from their sins.

Mary was shocked and didn't understand everything that was happening. But, with a grateful heart, she said, "I am God's servant and I will do whatever God wants!" and, sure enough, nine months later, her baby was ready to be born.

Now Mary and Joseph had to take a trip to Bethlehem, which was a long and difficult journey. And the pregnant Mary had to ride on a donkey, which wasn't very comfortable. They were so tired as they checked at every hotel in Bethlehem, but no one had any available rooms. However, one hotel owner told them they could stay in his stable where his animals lived. So, there in that dirty, smelly place, with all the animals around, wondering what was happening, Jesus was born. In the stable, there was no bed or cradle, only one option—a manger! A manger is a feed box for animals. Mary put some fresh, soft hay in the box and wrapped baby Jesus in some blanket cloths and placed him there.

On the other side of town on a hill were shepherds watching their sheep. Suddenly, a bright light and a whole choir of angels filled the sky. They started singing about how Jesus, the King, was born. Then, an angel spoke to the shepherds, telling them to go and find the baby, sleeping in a manger! So, the shepherds ran as fast as they could and when they found the Holy baby, they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then, they ran through the streets telling everyone the good news!

At the same time far, far away in another country, three wise men saw a strange star in the sky. It was a new star and they realized it meant a King had been born. They planned a long journey across desert and mountains to find the newborn King. They packed gifts to bring to the King—expensive presents to honor Jesus. The gifts were Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh oil. When they finally arrived at the capital city of Jerusalem, they asked King Herod if he could give them directions, but that made King Herod really angry. King Herod didn't want to have any other Kings around. He wanted to make sure he killed this new King, so he told the Wise Men to report back to him later, but God sent an angel in a dream warning the wise men, so they returned to their home country by another way.

JOHN 3:16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) There was once a young girl named Mary. She loved God and obeyed His commandments. God chose her for a special miracle.
- 2) An angel came to Mary and told her she would have a baby. This baby would be God's own Son. "You will call Him Jesus," the angel said, "which means Savior."
- 3) Mary did not understand everything that was happening, but she said, "I am God's servant. I will do whatever He wants."
- 4) Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem. They needed a place to stay, but every hotel was full. Because of this, they stayed in a stable where the animals lived. Jesus was born there. He was placed in a manger, which is the feed box for the animals.
- 5) There were some shepherds on a nearby hill, watching their sheep. An angel spoke to them, telling them to go find the baby. They bowed and worshiped Jesus.
- 6) In a faraway country, some wise men saw a new star in the sky and knew it meant a King had been born. King Herod wanted them to report back to him when they found Jesus. But an angel spoke to the wise men in a dream, warning them that King Herod wanted to kill Jesus. After they saw the baby, they went back home a different way.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Who was chosen for God's special miracle?
- 2) What did the angel tell Mary?
- 3) What town did Mary and Joseph go to?
- 4) Where was Jesus born?
- 5) Who did the angel speak to on a nearby hill?
- 6) Why did King Herod ask the wise men to tell him where the baby Jesus was?

ANSWERS:

- 1) A young girl named Mary, who loved and obeyed God, was chosen for His special miracle.
- 2) The angel told Mary she would have a baby. The baby would be God's Son and she should name Him Jesus.
- 3) Mary and Joseph needed to go to the town of Bethlehem.
- 4) Jesus was born in a stable, where the animals lived.
- 5) The angel spoke to the shepherds, telling them to go find the baby.
- 6) King Herod wanted to kill Jesus.

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