

### Luke 2:1-20

**1** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And all went to be registered, each to his own town. **4** And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, **5** to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **6** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**8** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. **10** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. **11** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. **12** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, **14** "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

**15** When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." **16** And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. **17** And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. **18** And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **20** And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Q: Why did Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem? V1-5

Q: Why was Jesus born in a stable? V6-7

Q: Why do you think the Shepherds were first afraid of the angels? V8-9

Q: Why did the angels tell the Shepherds to not be afraid? V10-11

Q: How did the Shepherds know where to find Jesus? v12-16

Q: What's so special about Jesus? v11

Q: How do we need to respond to this great news of Jesus? v19-20



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# Merry Christmas

## From Heartland Baptist

We pray that this Christmas finds your family doing well and seeking Jesus together. A cherished family tradition is gathering by the tree to read the classic poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas." This poem is a fun and well written piece about Santa, but we encourage you to use the enclosed version to focus on Jesus. We also encourage you to use the family devotion from Luke 2:1-20 to consider the significance of the birth of Jesus. God Bless!

# 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

## *A Visit from Christ*

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'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the earth,  
Every creature was stirring, awaiting a birth.  
The time for Messiah was certainly near,  
The prophets foretold it; the Bible was clear.  
From the book of beginnings, the very first sin,  
God's word made it clear how His grace entered in.  
Born of a virgin, He'd come as a man.  
The Creator among us, the time was at hand.  
The stars were arranged to show marvelous things,  
Setting Wise Men to journey and find the true King.  
Shepherds in Bethlehem gazed on the sky,  
Longing to see him, their Lord the Most High.  
How could they know that the very next night  
An angel of God would speak words of delight?  
How the Savior was born, it was news of great joy.  
In a cloth and a manger they'd find the dear boy.

And a heavenly host would soon join to sing  
Of the glory of God and of wonderful things.  
He entered creation, set position aside  
To show us how deeply his love did abide.  
Sin sent us away from our almighty Lord.  
He became one of us that we might be restored.  
He's the Prince of our Peace; He's the one who makes whole.  
He is Wisdom Incarnate, a Shepherd of Souls.  
He's the Author of Life; He's the Ruler of All.  
He can offer salvation, on His name we call.  
The shepherds and Wise Men would bow to adore  
Holy God among men, our greatest reward.  
All glory and honor is due to this King.  
Let all join in worship; let every tongue sing.  
Jesus is Lord, all creation proclaims.  
He's the first and last, He is always the same.  
History turned on the first Christmas day,  
When God became man in a humble display.  
As we think of the manger in which He was laid,  
Let our hearts welcome Him to the world He made.