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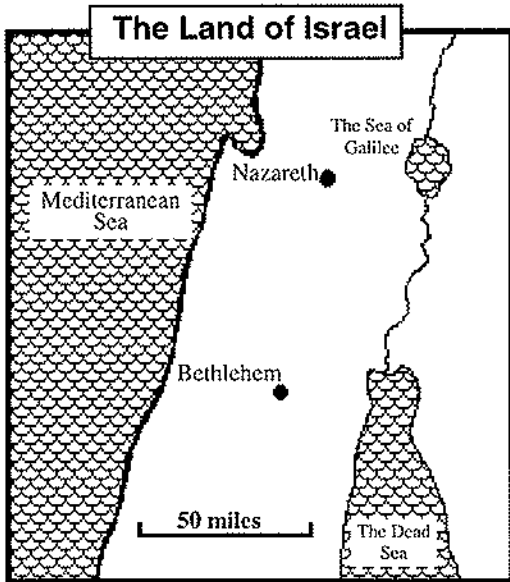
Lesson No. 3 The First Christmas - In Bethlehem



Luke 2: 1-20



Luke 2: 11



Going on a journey is often fun, but if you are not feeling too well, it can be very hard. Mary wasn't ill, but the time had come for her to have her baby. She and Joseph had to travel to another town about 70 miles away. Remember there were no trains or cars. The roads were rough and sometimes very dangerous.

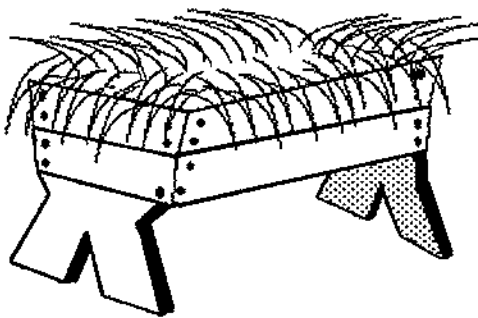
Look again at verses 1 to 4 and write IN YOUR OWN WORDS why Mary and Joseph had to go to Bethlehem.

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Draw a straight line from each question to the correct answer.

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| Who was governor of Syria? | Nazareth | |
| Where did Mary and Joseph live? | the inn | |
| Where had King David been born? | Quirinius (Cyrenius) | |
| Where was there no room? | Bethlehem | 4 |

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What did Mary use as a cradle for her Baby?

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In what did Mary wrap her Baby?

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Who were in the fields looking after sheep?

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Shade in the correct words that are found in the angel's message.

Good News
(Tidings)

Wonderful
Hope

Much
Love

Great
Joy

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Write out the Key Verse.

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Rearrange the words to discover what the angels said. Write your answer on the line.

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Answer TRUE or FALSE to the following:-

The shepherds:

Decided to investigate the matter in the morning.

Went to Bethlehem and found the Baby lying in a manger.

Told no one their wonderful news.

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Look at the end of the Bible Reading. In the spaces provided write the number of the verse which tells what (a) Mary did and (b) the shepherds did.



(a)
Verse:

Mary



(b)
Verse:

A shepherd

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What is **your** reaction to what happened at Bethlehem? Isn't it incredible to think that the Son of God became a helpless baby! The One who created the world, once lay in a manger!

Have you ever wondered why?

If you look up and read **John 3: 16**, you will find the answer. God so loved us that He gave us a precious gift, His only Son.

*Thank You, God, for sending Jesus;
Thank You, Jesus, that You came;
Holy Spirit, won't You teach us
More about His wondrous Name?*

At Christmas we gladly receive gifts and say, "Thank you". Have you received the Lord Jesus into your life as your Saviour and thanked God for His wonderful Gift?

For teacher's remarks

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