



Christianity

Activity - Ages 10-11 - Piece 2

The birth of Jesus: Luke 2: 1-20

² In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”* ¹¹ *Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.* ¹² *This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”*

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”*

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, *“Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”*

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

