



# Jesus Born in Bethlehem

Matthew 1:18~2:23, Luke 2:1~39



Mary and Joseph promised each other for marriage. One day, an angel of the Lord appeared and said to Mary, “You will have a Baby boy under God's authority. You shall call His name JESUS.”

Just as the angel said, Mary soon after became pregnant. Joseph did not want to proceed with their marriage because Mary was carrying a Baby before their marriage. However, an angel soon appeared to Joseph and said to him, “Mary, who is engaged to you, carries a Baby under God's power.” Joseph believed the angel, married Mary, and gave thanks to God.



Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. Because no rooms were vacant at the inn, they had to sleep in a stable. That night, Baby Jesus was born in the stable. While the shepherds were taking care of their sheep, the angels appeared and said to them, [“We are here to deliver the good news. Now the Savior is born to the world.”](#) The shepherds went to see the Baby Jesus and glorified His birth with delight.

A big star sparkled in the sky. The wise men from the East saw the star and shouted, [“The star is telling us a new king is born.”](#) The wise men followed the star to meet the new King. They arrived at the palace in Jerusalem and asked, [“Where is the new King?”](#) Herod, the king of Jerusalem, was shocked to hear that a new king was born when he was already king. King Herod thought of killing the Baby. The wise men from the East left the palace, followed the big star, and arrived at where Baby Jesus resided. As soon as they saw Him, they fell down, worshiped Him, and presented valuable gifts to Him.

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.(Matthew 1:21)



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King Herod gave a frightening order: “Execute any two-year old baby boy in Bethlehem.” An angel of the Lord appeared in Joseph's dream and said to him, “In a hurry, take Baby Jesus and flee to Egypt.” Joseph and Mary took Baby Jesus and went to Egypt. They resided in Egypt until King Herod died.





# Today's Study

1. When Jesus was born, how did people react? Match the picture to the corresponding people.



The wise men  
from the East

King Herod

The shepherds

2. What does JESUS mean? Search the scriptures and write below.

(Matthew 1:21)

(Matthew 1:23)

3. Find the verse and fill in the blank. Replace the word in the parenthesis with your name.

For there is born to  this day in the city of David a \*Savior, who is   
the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

\*Savior: He saves His people from their sins



## Today's Lesson

### Why did Jesus come into the world?

Read the story below and think about it.



Amy was very sick. However, she could not go to the hospital because her parents were so poor. Then one day, a doctor who was very good at curing illnesses visited Amy after he heard of her difficult situation. "Amy! I will treat you free of charge." Amy was so happy that she thanked the doctor.

? Why did the doctor visit Amy?

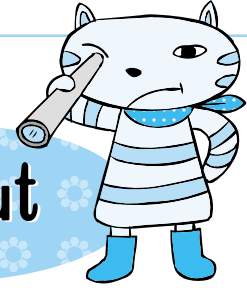
? What did Amy think of the doctor?

? Why did Jesus come into the world?

? Why do we rejoice at Jesus' birth?

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. (1 Timothy 1:15)

# Let's Find out



## The Origin of Christmas

It is written in the dictionary that Jesus was born on Christmas. However, the date of Jesus' birth is not written in the Bible. Then, why do people think December 25th is Christmas?

Christmas originated from a festival when Romans celebrated the sun god on December 25th. In A.D. 350, the Roman bishop designated that day as the birth of Jesus Christ.

However, according to the scriptures, it is written that at the time when Jesus was born, there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Therefore, the weather at that time wasn't cold like it is in December.

So many people rejoice on Christmas Day, but the most important thing is the day when Jesus entered our hearts and not when Jesus came into the world.

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