

Christmas Stories with Jolly

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Jesus is
Born



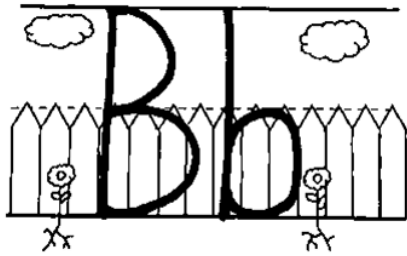
Preschool
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Jesus is Born

There once was a girl named Mary. Mary lived in Nazareth, and she was to be married to a man named Joseph. One day an angel came to Mary and told her she was going to have a very special baby. Joseph was not going to be this baby's father. God was this baby's father. This baby would be the Messiah. He would save the world and bring people closer to God. God also sent an angel to Joseph to tell him that getting married to Mary was also part of God's plan.

One day when it was getting very close to the time for Mary to have her very special baby, Caesar Augustus made a rule that everyone had to go to their hometown to pay taxes and be counted. Caesar Augustus was the ruler of Rome, so everyone had to do what he told them to do. Mary and Joseph had to go all the way to a town called Bethlehem. Bethlehem was very far from Nazareth. They had to travel by walking or riding donkeys, so it took them several days to get there.

While they were in Bethlehem, they looked for a place to stay but there was no room available at the inn. Mary and Joseph had no choice but to stay in a stable for the night. A stable is like a cave that is used as a barn to keep animals. That night, Mary gave birth to her very special baby. There was no hospital, no doctor, no baby bed, but that night her very special baby was born. They named him Jesus. Mary took baby Jesus and wrapped him up in clothes. Then she used the animal's feeding trough, called a manger, for his bed. This night was the very first Christmas, and this very special baby is why we still celebrate.

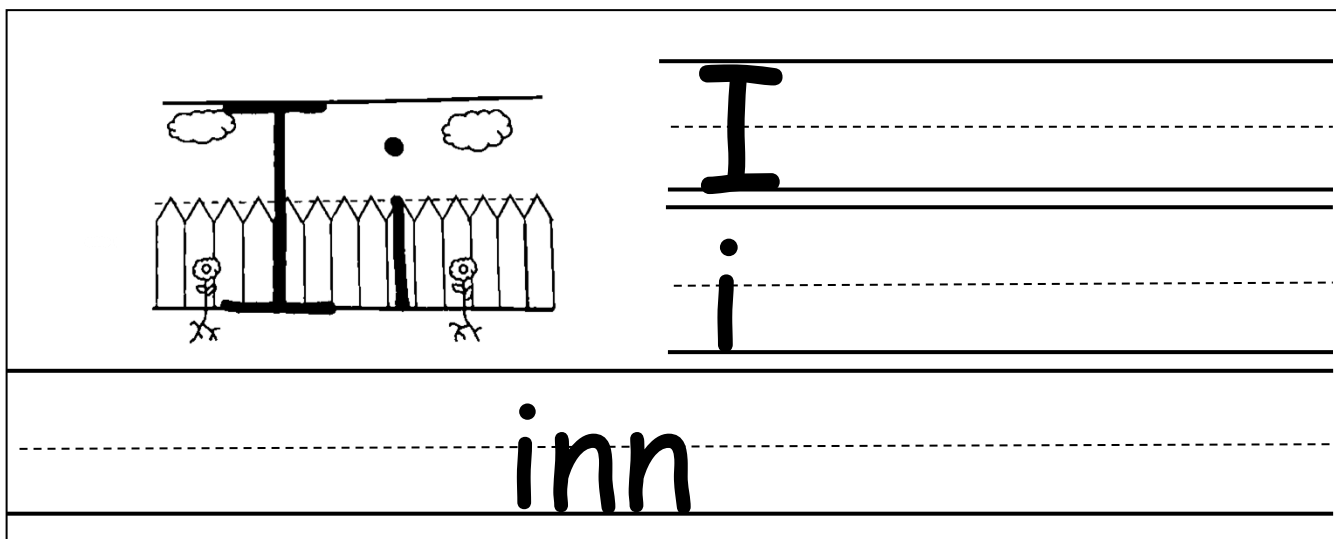


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Bethlehem

1. Where did Mary and Joseph live?
2. What was special about the baby in Mary's tummy?
3. Who told Mary she was going to have a baby?
4. Why did Mary and Joseph have to go to Bethlehem?
5. How did they get to Bethlehem?
6. Why didn't Mary and Joseph stay at the inn?
7. Where did they have to sleep?
8. What happened while they were staying in the stable?
9. What did Mary name her baby boy?
10. What did Mary use for a bed for baby Jesus?



Stables were used in the same way that a barn would be used. Many different animals may have been born in stables, but it was a very strange place for a human to have a baby. Look at the pictures below. Match the baby animal name to the picture of the momma animal.



kitten

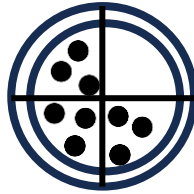
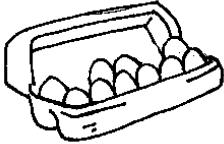
kid

lamb

calf

puppy

Mary and Joseph couldn't stay in the inn because it was full. Look at the pictures below and figure out how many more of each item you would need to make it full.



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2

3

And she brought forth her firstborn son,
and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and
laid him in a manger; because there was no
room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

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Inn

– Like a hotel

When Jesus was born, Mary laid him in a manger. In the space below draw a manger.

- I was from Nazareth.
- I was visited by an angel.
- I had to go to Bethlehem to be counted and pay taxes.
- There was no room for me to sleep in the inn.
- I had to sleep in a stable.
- I wrapped baby Jesus in clothes.

Who am I?

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