

# Christmas Stories with Jolly

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## Shepherds Visit Jesus



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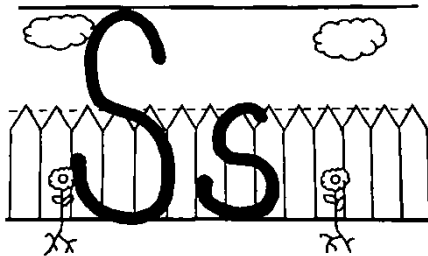
A long time ago in the city of Bethlehem, a very special baby was born. This baby had a mother named Mary. Mary was to be married to man name Joesph, but Joseph was not the baby's father. This baby's father was God. God had placed this very special baby in Mary's tummy, and he was going to save the whole world from their sins and bring them closer to God. This baby was the Messiah.

Mary and Joseph were visiting a town called Bethlehem when it was time for Mary to have her very special baby. They were traveling to pay their taxes and be counted. The city was full of other people doing the same thing. When they tried to find a room in the inn, the inn was full. They were forced to stay in a stable for the night. That very night, in the stable, Mary gave birth to her very special baby. She named her precious baby boy "Jesus". She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

While Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus were staying in the stable for the night, there were also shepherds tending their flocks nearby. While they were taking care of their sheep, something wonderful happened. They saw a bright light in the sky. When they looked up, they saw it was an angel. This scared them because they had never seen an angel before. The angel told them not to be afraid because he was coming to give them very good news. The angel told the shepherds the Messiah had just been born in Bethlehem. The shepherds had heard of the Messiah. Their people had been waiting for the Messiah for a very long time. They knew this was wonderful news.

The angel told them the baby would be wrapped in swaddling clothes and laying in a manger. Then the sky filled with lots of angels, and they started singing and praising God. The shepherds knew something very special was happening.

After the angels left, the shepherds decided to go look for the baby. They searched through Bethlehem until they found a baby lying in a manger just as the angel had said. When they found baby Jesus and his parents, they praised Him and praised God for sending him. When they left and started telling everyone about this very special baby. Then they returned to their flocks and praised God for all the wonderful things they had seen.



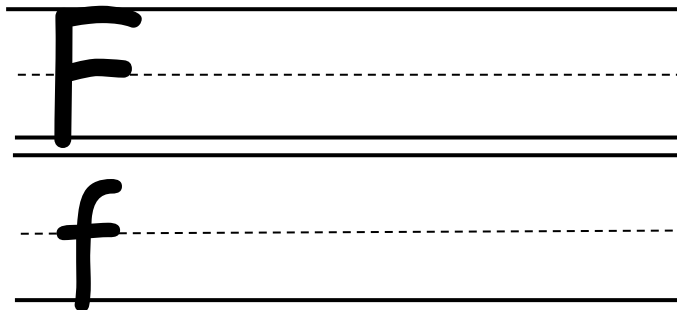
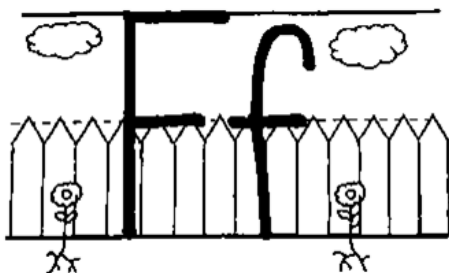
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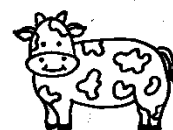
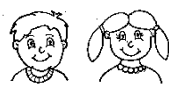


1. What town did Mary and Joseph go to so they could be counted?
2. Where did Mary and Joseph have to stay because there was no room in the inn?
3. What happened that night?
4. What was the baby's name?
5. What was so special about this baby?
6. What were the shepherds doing that night?
7. What did they see in the sky?
8. What news did the angel give them?
9. What did the shepherds do after the angels left?
10. What did the shepherds do after they visited baby Jesus?



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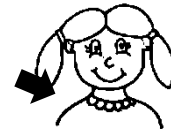
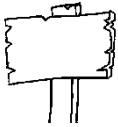
It was the shepherd's job to take care of the sheep. There are a lot of jobs where people are required to "take care" of something. Look at the pictures below. Match the person on the top with the things they "take care of" on the bottom.



Shepherd and sheep both start with the "shhhhhh" sound. The "shhhhh" sound happens when the letter s and the letter h are together. Their sounds blend to make a new sound. Trace the "sh" below. Then circle the words that start with the "sh" sound.



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Glory to God in the highest, and  
on earth peace, good will toward  
men. Luke 2:14



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- A group of sheep

The shepherds were in the fields watching their sheep when the angel came to them. In the space below, draw a sheep.

- I was in Bethlehem when the Messiah was born.
- I saw the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.
- I knew this was a special baby.
- I was the baby's mother

Who am I?

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